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## Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

### Laurel Cyn, Yellow Sub? - Far Out!

**NILSSON SCHMILSSON**

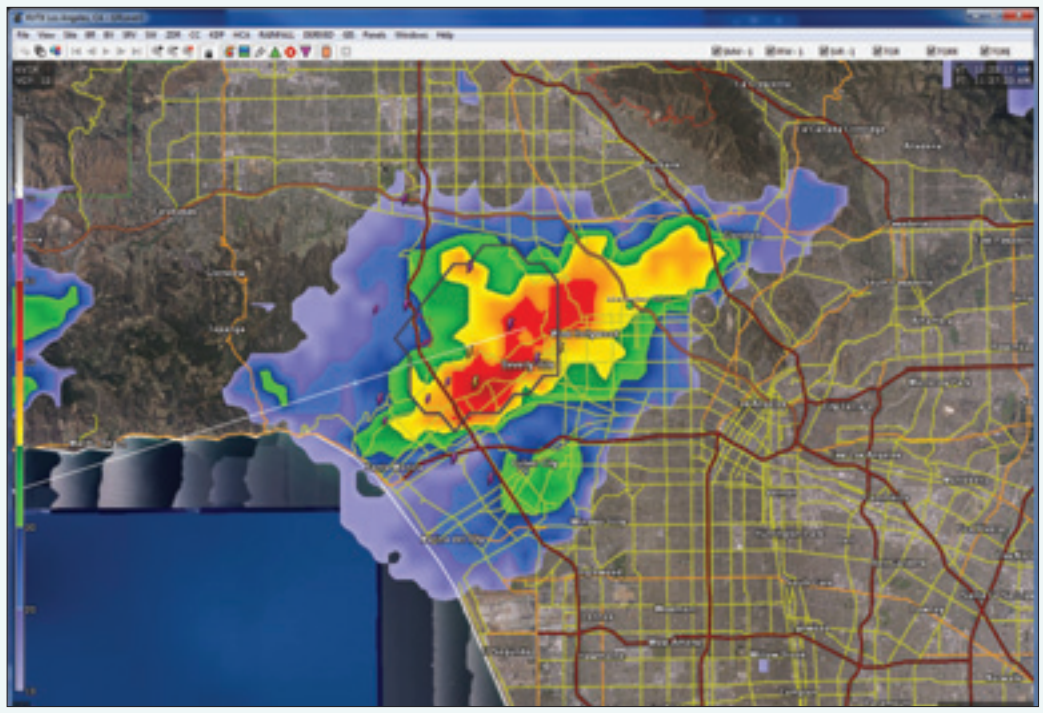
Having written that song when he was barely 30, I guess he got his wish. You likely either adore Nilsson or never heard of him. When asked at a Beatles press conference who their favorite American group was, John Lennon immediately answered, "Nilsson!" The two subsequently became close friends and notorious drinking buddies.

I think I discovered him when he made an album in 1970 of songs by Randy Newman, a favorite of mine. (I interviewed Newman at the University of New Mexico a couple of years later when he toured with Ry Cooder, alternating solo sets. He started off by warning me that I might want to reconsider, because "I'm a pretty boring interview. I'm no rock star. I'm just a regular guy in his 30s who lives in the suburbs in LA with his wife and kids and mows his own lawn." Turns out he was right. I had trouble coaxing any of the wonderfully twisted personae of his songs out of his own mouth. I was particularly eager to find something out about his completely unexpected speed blues vocal on "Gone Dead Train," which opens the amazing "Performance" soundtrack, but he had nothing. No idea about the sessions or any of the other artists. "I just recorded my track separately. Never even met [producer] Jack Nitzsche. Can't tell you a thing. Sorry.")

Nilsson had an amazing voice, with a range of three and a half octaves. His lyric perspective ranged from the banal to the childish (loved "The Point") to the extreme, often quite touching and sentimental. (When I heard his "You're Breaking My Heart" for the

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# Brief lightning storm triggers beach evacuations



Courtesy of the National Weather Service

**STORM: Lighting was seen in the nearby area during a few minutes of rain yesterday prompting the closure of several local beaches**

Associated Press

Thunderstorms moving across Los Angeles County triggered an evacuation warning for Santa Monica Beach yesterday. Beaches were also closed in Malibu as the storm moved north.

The city of Santa Monica posted on twitter that lightning was reported in the area late Wednesday morning and people should evacuate all beach and ocean areas. Anyone on the

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# Reward boosted in Malibu Creek State Park killing

Associated Press

A reward for information that solves the fatal shooting of a camper in Southern California's Malibu Creek State Park has grown to $15,000.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors added $10,000 on Tuesday.

"We are determined to identify whoever is responsible for the tragic death of Tristan Beaudette, the man who was shot and killed while camping with his two young daughters in Malibu Creek State Park," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. "Our hope is that this reward will help identify those responsible."

The city of Malibu previously posted a $5,000 reward in the case of 35-year-old Tristan Thomas Beaudette, who was shot in the head June 22 while camping with his two young daughters. The pharmaceutical scientist was inside a tent at the time.

The park sprawls over a large area of wilderness in the Santa Monica Mountains north of the city of Malibu. A spate of unsolved shootings have occurred in the area dating back to 2016.

## Culture Watch

By Sarah A. Spitz

### Beaton: Finding The Beauty

**"LOVE, CECIL" CAPTURES THE** essence and aesthetics of Cecil Beaton's life; it opens at the Nuart on Friday, July 20. A Renaissance man of the 20th century, he was a costume designer, writer, photographer and painter.

He shot Hollywood celebrities, the British Royal Family, brought his artist's eye to war as well as fashion photography, won two Oscars for design ("My Fair Lady;" "Gigi"), and was a chronicler of his own life and times with his numerous published diaries, scrapbooks and illustrated magazine articles.

We follow his life from his earliest days, photographing his sisters whom he dressed up and posed in unusual ways. Escapism and fantasy mark his work; he wanted to transform the world into what he wanted to see. And he always sought out beauty.

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## The Re-View

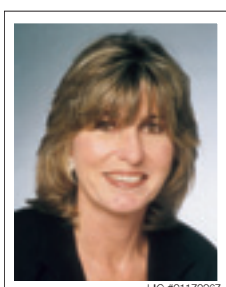
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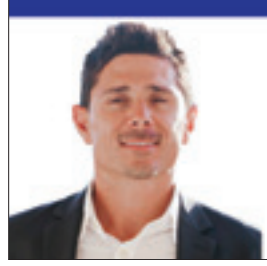
### I Had A Dream About Shrimp

**DID YOU EVER DREAM ABOUT** shrimp? Did you know there are at least 32 kinds of shrimp in the shrimp family? There are probably even more ways than that to cook shrimp.

Looking back on a recent Sunday afternoon, it seems like a dream. Looking for some shrimp for lunch, I landed at Bubba Shrimp on the Santa Monica pier. I wasn't the only one. There were

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Thursday, July 19

### Beach Eats

Beach Eats is a weekly food truck gathering at Marina "Mother's" Beach on summer Thursdays through September 27, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. New this year, enjoy live music from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. while you picnic by the sea! Bring your own beach chair and enjoy the free show. Visitmarinadelrey.com/beacheats; 424-526-7900.

### Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St). 7:30 p.m.

### Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor. 4:30 p.m.

### Where in The Globe Do You Want To Go?

Kids can test their trivia and play Around the World Board Game. Learn about a place that you want to visit, and make a souvenir keychain! Limited space. 3 – 4:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

### Abbit The Average

Join for an afternoon of comedy, magic and juggling with this one-of-a-kind entertainer. Tickets are free and available the day of the program. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

### Santa Monica: A Look Back to 1902 from Today

Meet author Michael Murphy as he presents his newly published book of photographs, with a slide show comparing the views of familiar places in Santa Monica as they looked in 1902 and the present. A book sale and signing will follow. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6 – 7 p.m.

## Friday, July 20

### Free screening of "On Golden Pond"

This week, Mind Over Movies screens the Oscar winning comedy "On Golden Pond," a witty and clear-eyed examination of aging. Film features Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda and Katharine Hepburn. Screening followed by roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

### Music with Andrew & Polly: Summer Activity Program

Andrew & Polly bring their new brand of thoughtful, imaginative and playful children's music to the Fairview Branch for a summer reading concert! Space is limited. Free tickets available 30 minutes before each event. Ages 4 - 11. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

### Out of the Blue: Diorama Building with Molly Allis

Join artist Molly Allis in a free diorama-making workshop, open to kids 5+. Allis is creating a sculpture that utilizes the diorama format to tell an episodic story. Bring a take out container, shoe or cake box; scissors, glue, pencils and crayons provided. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. http://annenberg-beachhouse.com/beachculture

### Craft Supply Swap

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library each Friday to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SANTA ANA

## Investor sentenced to prison for $12M real estate scam

Federal prosecutors say a Southern California real estate investor has been sentenced to six years in prison for running a $12 million Ponzi scheme.

Francisco Plascencia Esparza pleaded guilty last year to wire fraud. The 46-year-old was sentenced in Orange County on Tuesday and ordered to pay restitution to his victims.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says Esparza duped about 70 hopeful investors by falsely promising to use their funds to acquire real estate. Prosecutors say instead of investing, he used the money to pay off prior investments. They say he also bought a home and luxury cars and paid for vacations and a wedding.

Officials say some of the victims lost retirement funds.

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REDLANDS

## Alleged flasher arrested after being stabbed by his victim

A week after a Southern California woman was arrested on suspicion of stabbing a man who she said exposed himself to her, police say they have arrested the alleged flasher.

Authorities in Redlands say 28-year-old Ryan Brewer was taken into custody Tuesday at his apartment on suspicion of indecent exposure, a misdemeanor. It wasn't immediately known if he has an attorney.

Fifty-one-year-old Cynthia Molina told investigators that Brewer exposed himself July 10 at Jennie Davis Park in Redlands. Officials say Molina followed Brewer, the two argued and then she stabbed him in the arm and lower back with a pocketknife.

The Los Angeles Times reports Molina pleaded guilty Monday to assault with a deadly weapon.

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LOS ANGELES

## Defendant in LA hammer attack ruled insane by judge

A judge has determined a man charged with beating a woman with a hammer in Los Angeles was insane at the time of the crime.

City News Service reports the judge made the ruling Tuesday after Jae Yang pleaded both no contest and not guilty by reason of insanity in connection with the March 2017 attack.

The 22-year-old Korean national is charged with attempted murder as a hate crime.

Police say the victim was standing in a shopping center in the Koreatown neighborhood when Yang walked up to her and asked if she was Korean.

After she confirmed she was Korean, police say the man walked away. Surveillance video showed the man returned moments later and repeatedly struck the woman in the head with a hammer.

She was seriously injured.

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BIG SUR

## Scenic California highway near Big Sur reopens after slide

A scenic stretch of Highway 1 in a popular tourist area along the California coast reopened to traffic Wednesday, more than a year after it was blocked by a massive landslide, officials said.

The newly built, two-lane stretch of road in Big Sur opened two days ahead of schedule, the California Department of Transportation said.

Big Sur, with miles of rugged coast, cliffs and wilderness about 150 miles south of San Francisco, features spectacular views of the ocean and accommodations at high-end resorts.

The slide along the highway linking Northern and Southern California has stymied visitors and hurt businesses, including Ragged Point Inn and Resort, which saw business cut in half.

"We are beside ourselves," resort spokesman Rori Cosma said about the highway reopening. "We're extremely happy and desperate to hire people."

Cosma said the parking lot was packed Wednesday with drivers circling for a spot. And after more than a year of disappointing foreign tourists with news that the highway was closed, he said he was thrilled to tell visitors of the early reopening.

Highway 1 has been dogged by slides since late 2016. But the one that hit Mud Creek near Ragged Point in Big Sur in May 2017 was monumental. Millions of tons of earth moved, displacing 75 acres (30 hectares) of land.

The slide buried the highway perched on the slope of mountains rising dramatically from the Pacific Ocean.

The debris slid well out into the ocean, creating 15 acres (6 hectares) of new coastline about 9 miles (14.5 kilometers) north of the Monterey-San Luis Obispo county line.

The transportation department posted a photogram on Twitter that shows the new road and said it's now "OPEN for business."

Construction workers made good progress and officials decided to reopen it ahead of a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for Friday.

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SACRAMENTO

## Court blocks measure asking voters to split California in 3

A measure that would divide California into three parts won't appear on the ballot in November, the state Supreme Court decided Wednesday.

The justices ordered the secretary of state not to put the ballot initiative before voters, saying significant questions have been raised about its validity. The court will now consider the merits of a challenge brought by an environmental group.

The Planning and Conservation League argues that dividing the nation's most populous state into three would drastically change California's government structure beyond what can be accomplished through a ballot initiative.

Venture capitalist Tim Draper, who has spent more than $1.7 million supporting the initiative, has said it would be inappropriate for the court to block it from going before voters.

Neither side immediately responded to requests for comment on the court's ruling.

The initiative, which could appear on a future ballot if the court ultimately rules in its favor, seeks to divide the state into Northern California, California and Southern California. Its supporters argue the state has become ungovernable because of its size, wealth disparities and geographic diversity.

Northern California would comprise the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, Sacramento and counties north of the state capital. California would be a strip of land along the coast stretching from Los Angeles to Monterey. Southern California would include Fresno and the surrounding farming communities, reaching all the way to San Diego and the Mexican border.

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SACRAMENTO

## California bill requires free postage for mail ballots

California is requiring counties to provide free postage for vote-by-mail ballots statewide.

Gov. Jerry Brown announced Wednesday that he signed the bill requiring that return ballot envelopes have prepaid postage.

Currently, 10 of the state's 58 counties plan to provide postage ballots for the November election. Counties would bear the cost but they may be able to claim reimbursement from the state.

It would have cost $5.5 million had the law been in place for the 2016 general election. The measure affects elections starting next year.

Democratic Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher of San Diego says the bill eliminates a barrier that disproportionately discouraged voting by young adults because they are less likely to regularly use the postal system.

She says postage can cost up to $1 per ballot.

The bill is AB216.

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By Oscar De La Torre

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# School Board Member Issues Energy-Saving Challenge

**EDUCATION DOESN'T STOP WHEN SCHOOL** doors close for the summer. During the summer months away from the classroom, our children are continuing to learn through their experiences and by watching our examples. This summer vacation, let's focus on helping them learn energy management skills — skills that will give them the tools and knowledge to save energy in their homes and develop good long-term energy usage habits. If learned at an early age, these will become lifelong skills that will benefit them individually and in their families, with the bonus of helping us reach California's long-term energy goals.

As a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education and the founder of the Pico Youth & Family Center in Santa Monica, I'm teaming up with Energy Upgrade California® to invite our students and their parents to develop these skills this summer by joining the Do Your Thing™ energy-saving movement.

Energy Upgrade California is a statewide initiative that is committed to helping Californians save energy by reducing demand on the energy grid and making informed energy usage choices at home and in the workplace. Its prime focus is education and motivation—helping all of us, including our students, learn how our day-to-day actions can add up to big energy savings.

I'd like to challenge our students to join the Do Your Thing movement. One by one, they can do their part to learn how to manage their family's household energy use, and follow through by using their knowledge to develop energy-efficient actions and habits that will last a lifetime.

My three-fold challenge to our students and their families for these summer months when more people are home during the day includes the following:

First, toss the bad energy-usage habits and develop some new ones. In the summer, watch for things like closing the door when the AC is running, setting the thermostat a few degrees higher, and turning off the lights when leaving the room. It might be taking shorter showers, or learning to fix a dripping faucet. All these simple things will make a significant difference in the family's energy consumption and help save money.

Second, say no to phantom load. Phantom load is the power used while electronics and appliances are plugged in but not in use. This is an easy fix. Phones, tablets, and gaming devices draw power even when they aren't connected to a device. Just unplug chargers and electronics, or use a surge protector and switch off the power strip when not in use.

And third, become savvy energy savers. This means learning energy-usage tricks, like reversing the direction on ceiling fans in the summer to counter-clockwise, which forces hot air to rise; or mastering smart home technology like a programmable thermostat; or switching old light bulbs to LEDs.

Students and parents — while you are home for the summer, it's the perfect time to take on the Do Your Thing™ challenge. These manageable changes can help save energy dollars in the home and help us build a cleaner, healthier environment for all of California.

However, it's not just about getting through the summer. We are building a new generation of energy-conscious California citizens. As they gain knowledge that will lead them into the future, let's make sure being good energy managers is part of their skillset. The values and practices we support at home will help California meet its energy saving goals now and into the future.

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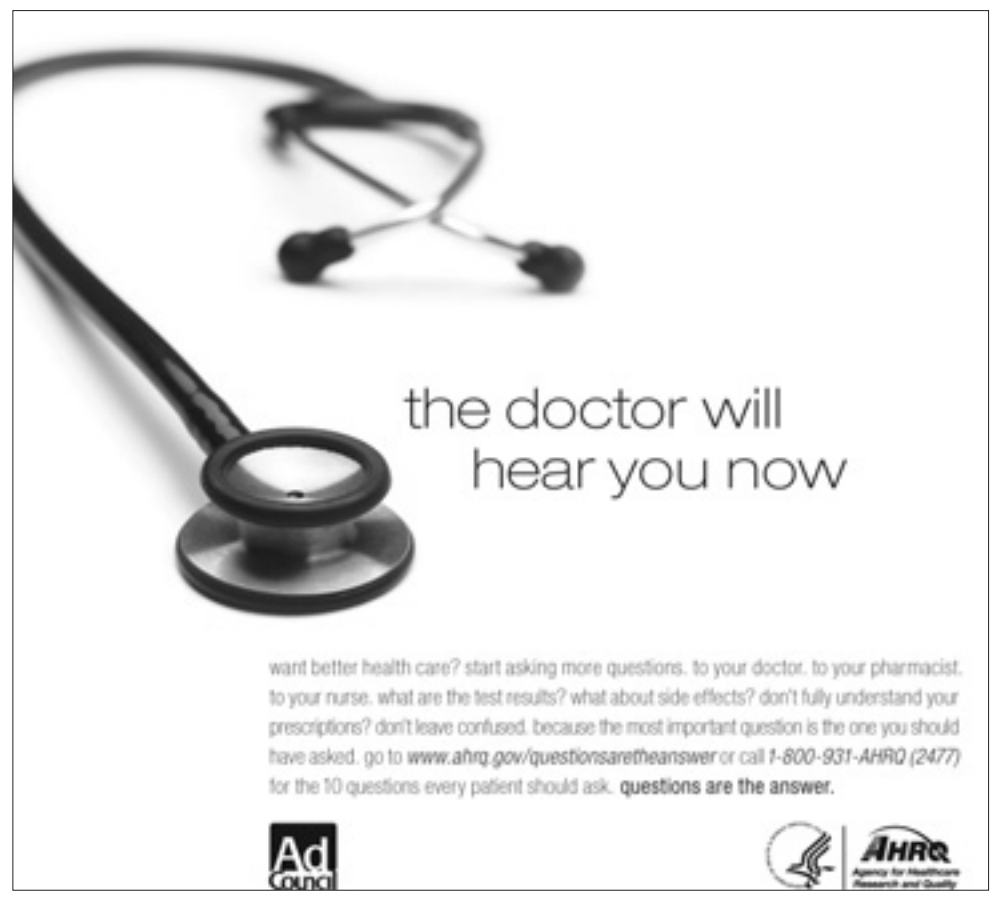
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## MUSIC

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first time, on the radio in LA, I literally almost went off the road. Never heard THAT on the radio before!) His commercial success was limited, mostly to just a handful of songs, but he was very respected among musicians.

He never toured and rarely performed live. After his close friend John Lennon's assassination in 1980, Nilsson withdrew from music. His extremely dissolute lifestyle in his younger days probably contributed to his death at 52 from a heart attack, at his home in Agoura Hills.

He was a fascinating artist and the best insight into his life comes from Santa Monica's own award-winning writer-producer-director and UCLA music prof, David Leaf. His 2006 doc "Who Is Harry Nilsson (And Why Is Everybody Talkin' About Him)?" is a delight. I will probably mention Leaf again soon because he has an upcoming "gig" at McCabe's.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:**

YELLOW SUBMARINE (50th anniversary, new 4K restoration), midnight Fri, Nuart Theater, West LA, $12.

6th annual LAUREL CANYON LOVE STREET FESTIVAL with Love co-founder JOHNNY ECHOLS, Doors JOHN DENSMORE and ROBBY KRIEGER, LILI HAYDN, WILSON PHILLIPS and MAMA MICHELLE, Monkey MICKEY DOLENZ, CHRIS STILLS and many more (well, doesn't this sound like fun?! how did I miss the first five? — celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Doors'"Love Street" album and the music wonderland that Laurel Canyon was in the '60s and '70s when so many creative musicians congregated and lived there and Zappa had his famous log cabin and treehouse and the GTOs, this is a fundraiser to stop development in the canyon, free but $25 donation suggested, with pet adoptions, pizza, wine, coffee, arts and crafts, yoga, bounce house, organic Canyon lemonade, bacon-wrapped hot dogs, meditation, baked goods from Wonderland moms and supporters — groovey, man) Sun 8 a.m.-8 p.m., 2100 Laurel Canyon Blvd, LA, no cover but donation asked.

**RECOMMENDED:**

X, MIKE WATT (great pairing, the iconic LA quartet X are always a rip-it-up show not to be mIssed, and the indefatigable San Pedro rocker Watt, founder of the Minutemen, Dos and Firehose and slamming bass for the Stooges for a decade, just keeps rolling, but you will have to drive a ways for this one), Sat 7 p.m., the Canyon, Santa Clarita, $24-$48.

(Anytime you see half a dozen bands listed at the tiny country music hangout you can bet you'll hear some good stuff so gamble a free admission and just go), Sun 5 p.m., the Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

MASON SUMMIT, others (if you've caught the considerable vocal/songwriting talents of local performer Mason Summit at any of the monthly Library Girl shows at the Ruskin Theatre here and you don't want to wait a month, trip on over to Silverlake tonight), Mon 8 p.m., Silverlake Lounge, no cover.

ROGER MCGUINN and CHRIS HILLMAN, plus MARTY STUART & HIS FABULOUS SUPERLATIVES (a small flock of Byrds with originals McGuinn and Hillman, this is nonetheless a rare sighting with great promise, Stuart is worth seeing all on his lonesome), Tues 8 p.m., the Theatre at Ace Hotel, downtown LA, $49.50-$95.

BAND NAMES OF THE WEEK: Thirty Seconds to Mars, Walk the Moon, Forest of Tongue, Hollow Legs, Car Seat Headrest, X, Trippie Redd, Ski Mask the Slump God, Courteous Tone, the Psychedelic Furs, Pedestrian Deposit, Leftover Crack, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Furnace Girl, Mango Napalm, Paddy's Pig, My Bloody Valentine, the Bonedaddys, Amps for Christ, Go Ask Alice.

**LYRIC OF THE WEEK:**

"I'd rather be dead — I'd rather be dead, I'd rather be dead than wet my bed, I'd rather be dead — I'd rather be dead, I said dead than wet my bed.

Oh, I'd rather be gone — than carry on, I'd rather go away — than feel this way.

Oh, I'd rather be there—where you haven't got a care, and you're better off dead — though it doesn't seem fair.

(Ladies) I'd rather keep my health — and dress myself, but you're better off dead than sitting on a shelf.

[Men] I'll tie my tie 'till the day I die but if I have to be fed then I'd rather be dead.

And when he takes my hand on the very last day, I will understand because it's better that way.

Oh! It's nice to be alive—when the dream comes true, you'll be better off dead — it could happen to you.

Oh! I'd rather be dead — I'd rather be dead, I'd rather be dead than wet my bed.

I'd rather be dead — I'd rather be dead, I'd rather be dead than wet than wet my bed." — Harry Nilsson (from "Son of Schmilsson," 1972)

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #19.04.ES - DSA#03-118985 Santa Monica High School – Utility Building Alterations Project at Santa Monica High School**. This scope of work is estimated to be between **$140,000 - $175,000** and includes the internal demolition of two bathrooms in the Utility building, closing up the external doors and roller door on the one side of the building, with reinforced concrete and creating new openings in the existing reinforced concrete wall, to the same space on the opposite side of the building. Also included is all mechanical, electrical, fire alarm, plumbing and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be filed in the Districts Purchasing Office located at 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 on or before 8/15/18 no later than 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 7/25/18 at 11:00 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

**Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:**
All applications are due no later than 8/1/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx..

**Mandatory Job Walk:**
Wednesday, 7/25/18 at 11:00 AM

**Job Walk location:**
Santa Monica High School located in Santa Monica, CA – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the 4th Street pedestrian gate, adjacent to the Double Tree Hotel, opposite the Civic Center parking structure. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location**.

**Bid Opening:**
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# CULTURE

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He was intent upon climbing the social ladder and to be part of fashionable society. But he lacked confidence that he belonged because he was not from the upper class. He caught a break when he met his first patron, Stephen Tennant, who brought him into his circle of privileged Bright Young Things. Their wealthy, leisurely lives allowed them to spend most of their time playing games, dressing up and being beautiful.

Beaton had affairs with many men (it was illegal to be gay in England; his butler says he was discreet behind closed doors) and one allegedly with none other than Greta Garbo, whom he photographed and even asked to marry. He never found his one lifelong love.

### VAST AMBITION

Lisa Immordino Vreeland, whose documentaries include "Diana Vreeland: The Eye Has to Travel" and "Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict," has found in Beaton someone whose personal insecurities drove him. He writes in his diary, narrated by Rupert Everett, "I had no talent but vast ambition. I exposed thousands of rolls of film, wrote hundreds of thousands of words, all in a futile attempt to seize the fleeting moment."

By 1929 he came to New York and immediately set off a controversy, comparing American women to English women, not favorably. In New York, he began shooting street photos and launched his fashion photography career with Vogue Magazine, experimenting early on with surrealism and German expressionist styles.

Heading to Hollywood, he captured extraordinary images of the stars of his day; returning to England by 1939 he was photographing the Royals, the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth II, even the disgraced abdicated King Edward and his equally scandalous wife, the American Wallis Simpson.

### THE WAR YEARS

By 1940 his images of post-Blitz London still sought out beauty in the heart of the destruction, and working for the Ministry of Information, he traveled to such fronts as Egypt, Burma and China taking 7,000 photographs and publishing 8 books. His memorable image of a child, injured in the bombing, who stares out at his camera from her hospital bed was published on the cover of Time magazine in 1940, enlisting sympathy from America for the British war effort.

Meanwhile his father died, his brother Reggie committed suicide, and Cecil began caring for his mother. He established two beloved homes in the country; Ashcombe where he lived for 15 years, and Reddish House, where he lived from 1948 until his death.

Beaton was highly influenced both by classical Russian ballet, exemplified by ballerina Anna Pavlova, and by Diaghilev, the great contemporary impresario who brought Stravinsky's groundbreaking "Rite of Spring" to life. Beaton was, without a doubt, considered a "dandy," whose love for Edwardian grandeur and bravura marked his personal and professional styles.

In turn he had a major influence on many other artists including fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi and painter/photographer/art experimenter David Hockney. There is so much of his work to be seen in this film and the visuals are outstanding. Among the interviews, Hockney, Mick Jagger, Penelope Tree (one of his former models) and many experts provide cogent and revelatory commentary.

The award-winning "Love, Cecil" opens at The Nuart in West L.A. tomorrow through July 25.

### THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: SUMMER TRADITION

There's nothing quite like outdoor summer theatre under the trees and stars in Topanga Canyon at Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum. This summer, a pair of Santa Monica twins will appear onstage in Shakespeare's "Coriolanus."

Twelve-year old Severn and Esme Urbaniak, whose father is actor James Urbaniak, perform as Roman citizens; it's their first professional production. And, they just happen to share a birthday with the Bard!

Onstage they've acted in Theatricum's Youth Drama Camp. Esme played Hecate in "Macbeth," Grumio in "Taming of the Shrew," and Marullus in Julius Caesar. Severn appeared as Young Cato and Lucius in "Julius Caesar," and a Weird Sister and Macduff's son in "Macbeth."

The two appeared with their dad in a music video, "Pierce the Morning Rain," by Dinosaur Jr., and in the indie flick "A Closer Walk with Thee," with their mom, Julie Anderson.

This fall they'll enter 7th grade at John Adams Middle School. Although they're "on the fence about what they want to be when they grow up," their experience will surely give them a great head start.

In addition to Coriolanus, Theatricum Botanicum is also staging "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Chalk Garden." Find out more at (310) 455-3723 or click www.theatricum.com.


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## EVACUATION

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famed Santa Monica Pier was urged to seek cover indoors.

In 2014, a rare lightning strike on nearby Venice Beach killed a college student and injured a dozen other people.

Wednesday's surprise cell moved rapidly out of the inland region and through Los Angeles, hurling lightning bolts and dropping rain. The threat continues today.

"A surge of monsoonal moisture will bring a threat of thunderstorms to portions of Southwest California Wednesday into Thursday," said the National Weather Service in a weather alert. "The best chance of thunderstorms will occur during the afternoon and evening hours across the mountains and Antelope Valley, but there is a slight chance of storms of drifting into coastal and valley areas including nocturnal activity. Any storms that do develop will be capable of producing brief heavy downpours with isolated flash flooding possible. In addition, strong and erratic wind gusts will be possible near thunderstorms."

An urban and small stream flood was advisory for San Bernardino and Riverside counties early Wednesday morning and was canceled around 4:30 a.m. when the threat of flooding ended.

The National Weather Service said a chance of afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms would continue into Thursday, mostly for the mountains, deserts and inland valleys.

Weather Friday and Saturday is expected to be a little drier, followed by warming as high pressure expands into Southern California.

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## SANTA MONICA FORECAST

**Thursday**
Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Light southwest wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

**Thursday Night**
Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday**
Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night**
Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

**Saturday**
Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

**Saturday Night**
Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

**Sunday**
Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

**Sunday Night**
Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

**Monday**
Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

**Monday Night**
Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Tuesday**
Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 81.

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# Tourism Talks

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# Hospitality Industry Events Up the Cool Factor in Santa Monica this Summer

**THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO BE** during the summer than by the beach, experiencing what Santa Monica has to offer. As residents of this seaside city, we are fortunate to be close to iconic sights that many from around the world vacation to see, including our long stretch of coastline, farmer's markets and wellness offerings, and of course, our beloved Santa Monica Pier.

Summer in Santa Monica has become synonymous with sunny beach days, endless outdoor entertainment options, and long balmy nights – all of which will be an inevitable part of the summer of 2018.

Many of you may find yourselves traveling during the months of July and August, but if you're not, there's no need to experience the fear of missing out as there's plenty to do here. These summer events in Santa Monica give you a good reason to stay home and invite friends and family to experience the best the season has to offer while supporting local businesses.

## Summer Events

**Sunset Swims at The Annenberg Beach House**
July 13, August 10 and September 14, 2018
Take a splash and watch the sun go down at one of our Sunset Swim pool nights for adults (18+).

**Montana Avenue Art Walk**
July 28, 2018
MAMA (Montana Avenue Merchants Association) is proud to once again host the annual Art Walk. For those of you who were not there last year, the Art Walk was a great success with many stores participating, hosting & promoting their own special events for the evening.

**13th Annual Jazz on the Lawn**
Sundays in August
Grab friends, family and dancing shoes for free concerts in the park. A sampling of genres curated through the jazz lens, free dance lessons, intermission performances (on select dates), and some of the area's finest food trucks will be presented in Gandara Park.

**National Night Out**
August 7, 2018
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

**Cardboard Yacht Regatta at The Annenberg Beach House**
August 25, 2018
Have you ever dreamed of setting sail across the waters in your very own yacht? Now you can build your own cardboard yacht and test its seaworthiness in a race across the Beach House pool!

**Buy Local Health & Fitness Festival**
September 8, 2018
This community event will feature music, pop-up shops, and interactive classes, Bike Rodeo, and lots of opportunities to get to know your City. Local businesses will provide expertise, advice, health screenings, and free product samples to promote a healthy and happy lifestyle for the entire Santa Monica community.

For a full list of Summer events, discounts and offerings by Santa Monica's hotel industry, please visit santamonica.com/summer-specials/.




# CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

**ON JULY 5, AT ABOUT 3:23 P.M.**
Officers responded to a radio call for service in the 2100 block of Ocean Park Blvd regarding an assault and battery that just occurred. Officers determined the victim and suspect got into a dispute over the suspect's car blocking a gate at an apartment complex. The victim knocked on the suspect's door and asked him to move his car. The victim walked to the parking lot awaiting the suspect to move the car. The suspect walked to the parking lot. As the suspect walked past the victim, a verbal dispute began. The suspect then head butted the victim causing him to fall to the ground. The suspect proceeded to punch the victim several more times in the face. The victim was able to push the suspect away. The suspect was taken into custody. Michael Keith Prindle, 29 from Santa Monica was issued a citation for assault and battery.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 395 Calls For Service On July 17.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Auto burglary 1100 block Franklin 12:25 a.m.
Battery Ocean/Arizona 12:30 a.m.
Indecent exposure 7th/Olympic 1:40 a.m.
Animal related incident 1900 block 6th 1:48 a.m.
Battery Franklin/Santa Monica 2:12 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block Ocean 3:10 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block The Beach 5:07 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block The Beach 6:46 a.m.
Fight 1000 block 11th 7:12 a.m.
Vandalism 2000 block 4th 8:08 a.m.
Battery 1500 block Palisades 8:33 a.m.
Encampment 2200 block Olympic 9:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 300 block Olympic 9:54 a.m.
Grand theft 1500 block Ocean 9:54 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2000 block Cloverfield 10:22 a.m.
Battery 1100 block Pico 10:27 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 10:27 a.m.
Person down 3100 block Neilson 11:09 a.m.
Battery 600 block Santa Monica 11:18 a.m.
Drinking in public 1800 block 9th 11:47 a.m.
Attempt auto theft 1100 block Centinela 11:49 a.m.
Person w/a gun 1600 block Ocean Front 12:04 p.m.
Critical missing person 1900 block Pico 12:07 p.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 2600 block Highland 12:30 p.m.
Rape 1200 block 16th 12:31 p.m.
Burglary 3000 block Wilshire 12:32 p.m.
Encampment 1200 block Interstate 10 12:34 p.m.
Animal related incident 3000 block Lincoln 1 p.m.
Person down 1700 block 20th 1:03 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1500 block Montana 1:39 p.m.
Bike theft 2600 block Expo Line 1:49 p.m.
Person down 20th/Olympic 1:49 p.m.
Lewd activity 1300 block 2nd 2:09 p.m.
Arson 2400 block Wilshire 2:48 p.m.
Assault 1100 block Pico 3:23 p.m.
Grand theft auto 600 block Santa Monica 3:33 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Santa Monica 3:48 p.m.
Animal related incident 2000 block Santa Monica 3:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block Pacific Coast 4:22 p.m.
Drinking in public 1200 block 7th 4:25 p.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Wilshire 4:42 p.m.
Illegal weapon 1700 block Ocean Front 4:46 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1400 block Lincoln 5:18 p.m.
Battery 2700 block Pico 5:25 p.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 5:29 p.m.
Drinking in public 1800 block 9th 5:39 p.m.
Assault 1300 block 3rd 6 p.m.
Grand theft 1200 block 11th 6:01 p.m.
Vandalism 1400 block 6th 6:08 p.m.
Overdose 800 block 4th 6:34 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 7:03 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 7:35 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 7:45 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 900 block Ozone 8:20 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 34 Calls For Service On July 17.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Request fire Ocean/Arizona 12:34 a.m.
Request fire Ocean/Arizona 12:39 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service Ocean/Santa Monica 12:48 a.m.
EMS Franklin/Santa Monica 2:16 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean 6:03 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 6th 6:30 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1900 block 6th 7:27 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 8:54 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 11:08 a.m.
EMS 3100 block Neilson 11:09 a.m.
EMS 1700 block 20th 1:03 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block Ocean Park 1:19 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 2:33 p.m.
Misc. outside fire 2400 block Wilshire 2:48 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 3:36 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 25th/Carlyle 4:23 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 4:25 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Kansas 4:56 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Montana 5:21 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 6:10 p.m.
EMS 800 block 4th 6:34 p.m.
EMS 3400 block Ocean Park 6:55 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 6:48 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 6:52 p.m.
Wires down 200 block Bay 7:53 p.m.
EMS 500 block 10th 7:59 p.m.
EMS 400 block San Vicente 8:06 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 8:30 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Montana 9:06 p.m.
Structure fire 500 block 21st 9:25 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 9:43 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 14th 9:48 p.m.
EMS 9th/Pico 11:17 p.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 11:33 p.m.

## DAILY LOTTERY

**POWERBALL**
Draw Date: 7/14
22 41 42 49 67
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 110M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 7/17
40 41 61 66 67
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 422M

**SUPER LOTTO**
Draw Date: 7/14
5 12 24 26 37
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 15M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 7/17
13 16 20 33 39

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 7/18
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Draw Date: 7/17
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**DAILY DERBY**
Draw Date: 7/17
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:41.82

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## WORD UP!

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1. Prosody. a word or expression whose only function is to fill a metrical gap in a verse or to balance a sentence.

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■ A smoker who consumes a pack a day for 20 years will smoke 146,100 cigarettes or 7,305 packs in that time period, according to the American Cancer Society cigarette calculator. On average, the lifespan of the average smoker is a decade shorter than that of a non-smoker.

### Stories for the Waiting Room

■ If you're curious about the health of the place you live, check out the new City Health Dashboard online. Developed by New York University and the Robert Wood Foundation, it collates dozens of health-related statistics, from housing costs to premature birth rates, for 500 cities in the United States.

## MYSTERY PHOTO

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### SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

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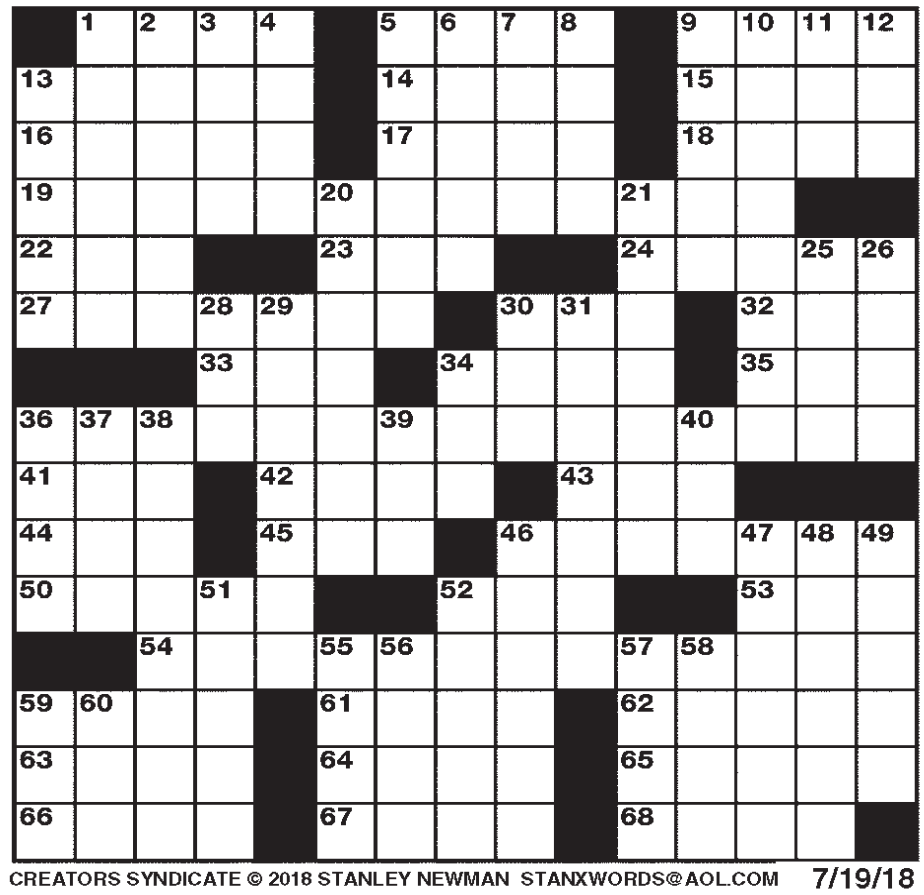
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## Newsday Crossword

**RIDING CROP** by Carolyn Stewart
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**ACROSS**
1 Event with "specials"
5 Clean up
9 Secretive sound
13 Went (for)
14 Jai __
15 One with the lead
16 Have a cow
17 Bell-shaped bloom
18 Major employer, possibly
19 Locker-room food array
22 Pack animal
23 Cloister resident
24 Anything seen
27 Take away (from)
30 Pilot light fuel
32 Infuriated
33 Holiday prelude
34 *Sesame Street* roommate
35 French toast ingredient
36 Being kind at a cafeteria
41 Shade of gray
42 Java's home
43 Stuff like syrup
44 Oath affirmation
45 Fraction of a dozen
46 Supreme Court VIP
50 Cardio regimen
52 Have caught something
53 Hair care product
54 Acting up
59 Some book-flap paragraphs
61 Cumbersome boats
62 Ease up
63 Answers incorrectly
64 Dark drink
65 Powder for printing
66 Say no to
67 Answered correctly
68 Char

**DOWN**
1 Thinly scattered
2 After a long wait
3 Big name in jeans
4 Idyllic locale
5 Wood stain shade
6 Sync up
7 What a pinch might be
8 Informal welcome
9 Sacred song
10 Party decoration
11 Looney Tunes cowboy
12 Have a go
13 Group of eight
20 Infuriate
21 Cozy eateries
25 Pop superstar, in brief
26 Uneasy
28 High-__ monitor
29 Skipper in the air
30 Prefix for metric
31 Peppery salad ingredient
34 "Not __ long shot!"
36 Metaphor for an incentive
37 Organic food certifier
38 Help for a tight fit
39 Speakeasy fare
40 Young one
46 Tool for curved cutting
47 Large lizard
48 Hoops or gridiron position
49 Tribal figure
51 Overly controlling
52 Something needed for hopping
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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19)

Following your exceptional radar for all things good for you will lead to a healthy, happy year. The counterbalance will come in the form of a mischievous character, who adds some spice and temptation to your days when you need the excitement. An educational achievement will be an important marker in 2019. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 22, 28, 40 and 18.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You can't help whom you're attracted to, and there are some difficult characters in your circle whom you love despite (or perhaps because of) their prickles. Put on emotional gloves. Protect yourself and you'll be fine.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There are lots of kinds of intelligence, and the one you possess will be fantastic for handling today's set of circumstances. Additionally, including others with complementary skills will really push things forward.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Your popularity will grow. You've a captivating way of expressing yourself, especially with mundane information. You understand things on a deeper level, so you make them more interesting.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)
It makes sense to go where the generosity, tenderness and kindness are flowing, and yet you may feel an allure toward excitement that promises none of those things. Should you really have to work that hard for love?

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
As you look into your curiosities, research your passions and follow your whims, there will always be those who don't get it and think what you're doing is a waste of time. They are wrong. Ignore them.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You long for congruity where there is dissonance. It's nobody's fault. You're on a different page of the soul. We all are on different pages of the soul. Fill yours out regardless. It will help the bigger story.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your imagination is important to living your best life. Indulge it. Your days and nights will be enriched by the choice to do what it takes to cultivate an exciting inner world.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The adage suggests that it's not what you know but who you know — although today it won't fit either way, so don't worry about it! Knowledge won't get you through in the way that feelings will, especially feelings of compassion.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your friendliness will be the sunshine for those who need it. There's an opportunity, and the odds are secretly and definitely in your favor, so take a risk.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
If love is to be a graceful dance, the steps have to be learned. Study it; break it down; practice the moves. Repetition creates mastery. The beauty you create will be worth it, and besides, it's the mature thing to do.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There's something terribly lonely about spending too much time with people you can't seem to get close to. It can be, in fact, even more isolating than being alone, because at least when you're solo you connect with yourself.

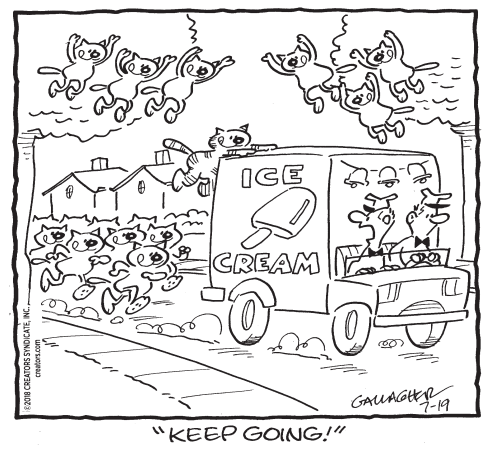
### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
While scrolling through your feed, it may seem that everyone is having fun without you, but that's the lie everyone believes. Social media is primarily about perceptions and image. For the truth, see your friends in person.

## Moon Change Sounds Alarm Bell

We all tend to love along certain grooves, styles we learned early in life. Some weren't the best — unhealthy, codependent or generally unsupportive. But since they are comfortable and familiar, we continue to roll our love along them until there's an awakening. Today's moon change just might be the alarm bell.

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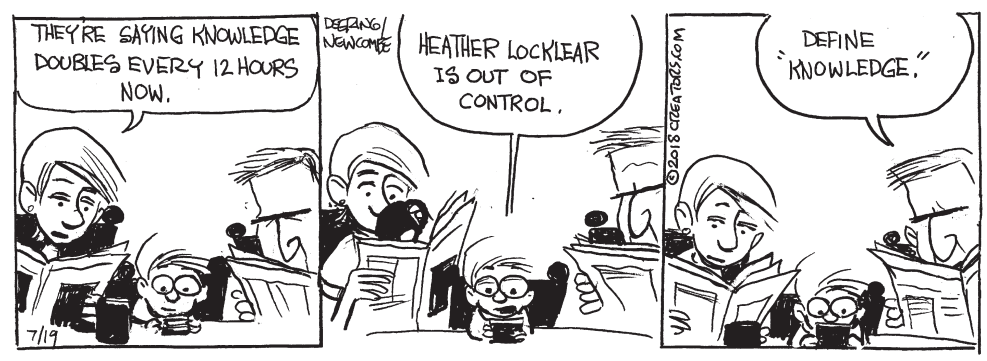

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## FOOD

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dozens of people waiting to get into the very large, very packed beach restaurant. There was at least a 30-minute wait for a table, but there was seating at the bar. In fact, part of the bar seating was a cozy counter looking out at the beach, just above the stairs going down to the beach, where everyone was parading. And what a parade it was: some overdressed for the hot, bright sunny day, and some embarrassingly underdressed.

And so I ordered every kind of shrimp on the menu. The assorted shrimp platter consisted of four kinds of fried shrimp, and the combo plate had garlic shrimp and Cajun shrimp, not fried. My wife ordered a hamburger and fries. We do not share the same dreams.

The best of the whole order was the coconut shrimp. Partly it was the coating, and partly the shrimp were more plump. The other fried shrimp were about equal, and pretty good. The garlic and Cajun shrimp seemed small and less flavorful. I saved most of these for a pasta dinner at home.

With the mixed shrimp platter came French fries (average) and three sauces: one sweet, one sweeter, and a ketchup-like red sauce, to which I added some of the house hot sauce to bring it into my taste. Also available on request was a tasty thousands islands dip.

I let the waitress select my beer, and she brought me a draft beer made in Santa Monica, which I thought was good thinking on her part.

Then I walked around the restaurant (two levels!) to see what other dishes looked good. I saw macaroni and shrimp, pasta with shrimp, and a fish platter with shrimp.

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There is a large menu with lots of different selections, but most diners seemed to order something with shrimp.

The service was really good. Maybe that's because unlike most corporate restaurants, they don't pool all of the tips. They take 40% off the top for the non-wait staff, and the individual waiter gets 60%. They get a fair base salary, so together, in such a busy restaurant, they make a nice living. At least in the Summer.

The Santa Monica Pier is a lot of fun, and there are several restaurants with good quality seafood. And don't miss the soda fountain in the carousel. The ice cream there is creamy and delicious, and they have all the good flavors and good toppings.

And so my dream came to an end over a cup of coffee ice cream. I was reminded of the great Daoist literature entitled "the dream of the butterfly." But Shrimp are a lot tastier than butterflies.

I love Santa Monica.

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THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** ankle to knee high
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