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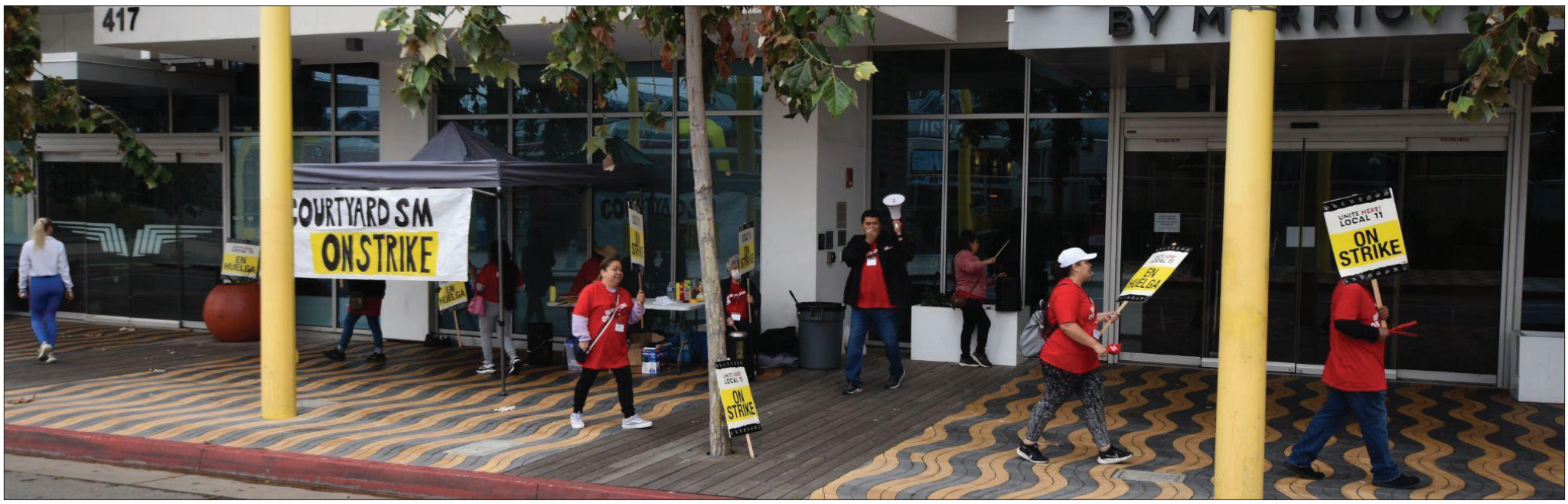
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Hotel union wants to raise the minimum wage to $30 per hour



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UNION: The hotel union currently engaged in contract negotiations with hotel operators has filed paperwork to increase the minimum wage to $30.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The union representing local hotel workers has filed paperwork to raise Santa Monica's minimum wage to $30 an hour for the hospitality industry.

Unite Here Local 11 filed a notice of intent with City Hall on Tuesday and if approved by voters, the new $30 per hour wage would be the highest in the nation.

Santa Monica has dual minimum wage tracks. Most employees are subject to a $16.90 per hour minimum wage with increases tied to the annual Consumer Price Index. The wage for hotels and businesses operating on hotel property is currently $19.73 per hour matching the City of Los Angeles Citywide Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Rate.

Under the proposal, the hotel wage would increase to $30 an hour within a month of the measure passing. It would also require hotels to sanitize and clean rooms each night, prohibit the use of contract or temporary employees to clean rooms, make hotels liable for violations incurred by temporary staffing agencies and limit the

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Santa Monica is the second least affordable city in the country for new homebuyers

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City By The Sea may be pretty, but it sure is expensive.

That realization isn't news to anyone who lives here but the scale of that expense may still take locals by surprise based on a pair of recent surveys tracking housing costs and household bills.

A ranking by WalletHub lists Santa Monica as the second worst city in the country for new homebuyers.

The city came in at 299 out of 300 cities ranked on a variety of metrics across affordability, the real estate market and quality of life. Santa Monica was dead last for affordability and came in at 281 for its real estate market and quality of life.

Of particular weight in sinking Santa Monica's score is the property-crime rate ranking (261/300), homeownership rate for Millennials (294/300), housing affordability (239/300), cost of living (253/300), cost per square foot (293/300) and rent-to-price-

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Gavin Newsom's mental health plan could strip more than $700 million from services, report says

KRISTEN HWANG
Special to the Daily Press

A major proposal from Gov. Gavin Newsom to overhaul the state's behavioral and mental health system is likely to take nearly $720 million away from services provided by county governments annually, according to a new analysis from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Although that money would be reallocated within the system, in part to house homeless individuals with severe mental illness and addiction disorders, the report authors note that Newsom and key legislators supporting the proposal have neither provided a complete justification for the changes nor

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Smokers fund California's early childhood programs. What happens when they quit?

ANA B. IBARRA
Special to the Daily Press

For 25 years, some of California's best-known early childhood services have been funded by an almost ironic source: Taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products.

That was the deal voters made when they passed Proposition 10 in 1998, levying a tobacco tax and dedicating the money for programs that would help families with young children.

The arrangement was never supposed to last forever. Advocates for youth services have known from the beginning that fewer people would smoke over time, and the funding would fall.

Now, the money for so-called First 5 California programs is starting to plummet and First 5 leaders around the state say they are beginning to trim their budgets and cut back on programs. The trend is accelerating following last year's approval of Proposition 31 to uphold a state law banning the sale of flavored tobacco products, compelling youth programs to adjust their budget assumptions.

"We all expect revenues to go down, the question is what will be the magnitude," said Michael Ong, chair of the state's Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee.

The cuts are unfolding in different ways based on local decisions. For example, the First 5 in Stanislaus County most recently cut one of its PlanetBaby! programs, which provide support for pregnant women and moms of babies up to a year old. That comes in addition to other recent funding cuts for programs supporting foster children and dental health services.

First 5 funds a broad number of programs in partnership with nonprofits, local hospitals, clinics and county health and education offices. Services vary by county, but some of the programs they fund include: children's mobile immunization clinics, dental services, developmental screenings, family case management, parenting classes, and home visits from a nurse for first-time mothers.

FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA REVENUE FALLING

By 2026, the First 5 Association of California expects to receive almost 30% less from tobacco tax compared to 2021. It came up with yearly projections based on updated tobacco tax estimates from the state's Department of Finance.

Last spring, First 5 projected it would receive approximately $348 million from California's cigarette taxes this budget year. After voters passed the flavored tobacco ban, updated estimates show that First 5 expects to receive $38 million less than that.

By 2026 that number could go down to $280 million, according to the projections. How much of that each local First 5 gets is

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CIGARETTES: California cigarette tax stamps on packs of cigarettes at a liquor store in Los Angeles.

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Tourists and residents warned to stay inside as deadly heat hits Europe during peak travel season

COLLEEN BARRY AND JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

Officials warned residents and tourists packing Mediterranean destinations on Tuesday to stay indoors during the hottest hours as the second heat wave in as many weeks hits the region and Greece, Spain and Switzerland battled wildfires.

In Italy, civil protection workers monitored crowds for people in distress from the heat in central Rome, while Red Cross teams in Portugal took to social media to warn people not to leave pets or children in parked cars. In Greece, volunteers handed out drinking water, and in Spain they reminded people to protect themselves from breathing in smoke from fires.

"Heat waves are really an invisible killer," Panu Saaristo, the emergency health team leader for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said during a Geneva briefing. "We are experiencing hotter and hotter temperatures for longer stretches of time every single summer here in Europe."

> "We got information and we were prepared. But it is one thing to hear it or read it, it is another thing to feel it"
> - Fausto Alberetto

The new heat wave in several parts of southern Europe is expected to persist for days. The U.N. weather agency said that temperatures in Europe, amplified by climate change, could break the 48.8-degree Celsius (119.8-degree Fahrenheit) record set in Sicily two years ago.

As concerns grew that the extreme heat would cause a spike in deaths., civil protection volunteers distributed reusable water bottles at 28 popular spots in Rome. Authorities also encouraged visitors and residents to take advantage of the Italian capital's distinctive public drinking fountains, hundreds of which are located in the city's historic center alone.

Fausto Alberetto, who was visiting Rome from northern Italy's Piedmont region on Tuesday, asked some volunteers how to use an app to find the closest "nasone." Reading about the heat wave before his trip did little to prepare him for the reality of Rome's 40 C (104 F) temperatures, he said.

"We got information and we were prepared. But it is one thing to hear it or read it, it is another thing to feel it," Alberetto said as he walked near Piazza Venezia in the heart of Rome. "Here, it is really dreadful."

Civil protection volunteers identified four people deemed to be suffering from the heat, but none of them was in serious condition, according to Giuseppe Napolitano, Rome's civil protection director.

In Cyprus, health authorities confirmed that a 90-year-old man died over the weekend and six other older adults were hospitalized after all seven suffered heat stroke at home last week as temperatures surpassed 43 degrees Celsius (110 degrees Fahrenheit).

Heat records are being shattered all over the world, and scientists say there is a good chance that 2023 will go down as the hottest year on record, with measurements going back to the middle of the 19th century.

Preliminary figures suggest the global average temperature last month set a new June record, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service. The World Meteorological Organization predicted that a number of heat records were set to fall this summer. The U.N. weather agency said unprecedented sea surface temperatures and low Arctic sea-ice levels were largely to blame.

Human-caused climate change from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas is making the world hotter and is being amplified by the naturally occurring El Nino weather phenomenon. But the current El Nino only started a few months ago and is still weak to moderate and isn't expected to peak until winter.

Temperatures above 40 C (104 F) were forecast to persist not only in the Mediterranean, but across North America, Asia and North Africa.

"These are not your normal weather systems of the past. They have arrived as a consequence of climate change," John Nairn, senior extreme heat adviser for World Meteorological Organization, said. "It is global warming, and it's going to continue for some time."

Nairn noted a sixfold increase in simultaneous heat waves since the 1980s, "and the trend line isn't changing."

A relentless summer last year saw Europe sweat through heat wave after heat wave, resulting in 61,000 heat-related deaths, scientists estimate. In 2019, as the world experienced its hottest July on record, the continent also sweltered, with even towns in the Arctic circle reaching new scorching highs.

Spain and Portugal had their temperature records shattered in 2018 when a mass of hot air moved up from Africa, igniting forest fires in the Iberian Peninsula.

The idea that hot weather could be a killer, not just an inconvenience, was impressed on much of Europe by a deadly 2003 heat wave.

France, the most-affected country, had around 15,000 heat-related deaths, many of them of older people left in city apartments and retirement homes without air conditioning. The deaths prompted the country to introduce a warning system and reassess how it dealt with extreme temperatures.

Other countries are taking steps to protect the public's help during the sweltering summer of 2023,

In Greece, authorities last week introduced changes in working hours and ordered afternoon closures of the Acropolis and other ancient sites to allow workers to cope with the high heat. A second heat wave is expected to hit Thursday, and temperatures as high as 44 C (111 F) were expected in parts of central and southern Greece by the end of the week.

Three large wildfires burned outside Athens for a second day. Thousands of people evacuated from coastal areas south of the capital returned to their homes Tuesday when a fire finally receded after they spent the night on beaches, hotels and public facilities.

Most of Spain is under alert for high to extreme heat with forecasts calling for peak temperatures of 43 C (109 F) in areas along the Ebro River in the northeast and on the island of Mallorca. Spain is also dealing with a prolonged drought that has increased concerns about the risk of wildfires.

Some 400 firefighters assisted by nine water-dumping aircraft worked to extinguish a wildfire that burned for a fourth consecutive day on La Palma in Spain's Canary Islands. Authorities said a perimeter was established around the blaze but it remained active.

In Switzerland, some 150 firefighters, police, troops and other emergency teams backed by helicopters fanned out Tuesday to fight a wildfire that engulfed a mountainside in the southwestern Wallis region, evacuating residents of four villages and hamlets in the area.

In a report Monday, the World Meteorological Organization said a committee of experts has verified the accuracy of Europe's all-time heat record: the 48.8-degree Celsius (119.8 F) temperature reached on August 11, 2021, in Sicily. A full report has not yet been published.

The previous verified record of 48 degrees Celsius (118.4 degrees Fahrenheit) was set in Athens on July 10, 1977.

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Rescued Australian man who was adrift 3 months in Pacific with dog 'grateful' to be alive

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Associated Press

An Australian sailor who was rescued by a Mexican tuna boat after being adrift at sea with his dog for three months said Tuesday that he is "grateful" to be alive after setting foot on dry land for the first time since their ordeal began.

After a visit from a doctor on board the Maria Delia Tuna, Timothy Lyndsay Shaddock, 54, and his dog, Bella, disembarked in the Mexican city of Manzanillo from the fishing boat that rescued them.

"I'm feeling alright. I'm feeling a lot better than I was, I tell ya," Shaddock, smiling, bearded and thin, told reporters on the dock in the port city, which is about 210 miles (337 kilometers) west of Mexico City..

"To the captain and fishing company that saved my life, I'm just so grateful. I'm alive and I didn't really think I'd make it," Shaddock said, adding that he and his "amazing" dog are both doing well now and that he still loves the ocean.

Before they left the vessel, the crew posed for photos on board while holding Bella.

The Sydney man's catamaran set sail in April from the Mexican city of La Paz for French Polynesia but was crippled by bad weather weeks into the journey. He said the last time he saw land was in early May as he sailed out of the Sea of Cortez and into the Pacific Ocean. There was a full moon.

Shaddock told Australia's Nine News television from the fishing boat that he and his dog had survived on raw fish and rain water after a storm damaged his vessel and wiped out its electronics.

The tuna boat spotted Shaddock's boat about 1,200 miles (1,930 kilometers) from land, Grupomar, which operates the fishing fleet, said in a statement. It didn't specify when the rescue occurred, but said Shaddock and his dog were in a "precarious" state when found, lacking provisions and shelter, and that the tuna boat's crew gave them medical attention, food and hydration.

Antonio Suárez Gutiérrez, Grupomar's founder and president, said he was proud of his boat's captain, Oscar Meza Oregón, and crew, praising them for their humanity in saving the life of someone in trouble.

Shaddock said that a storm damaged his vessel and wiped out its electronics, he did a lot of fishing and that he and Bella survived on raw fish and rainwater.

He said he'll be going back to Australia soon and that he's looking forward to seeing his family.

Shaddock also spoke glowingly about his dog, pointing out that she was a hit with the fishing boat's crew.

"Bella sort of found me in the middle of Mexico. She's Mexican," he said. "She's the spirit of the middle of the country and she wouldn't let me go. I tried to find a home for her three times and she just kept following me onto the water. She's a lot braver than I am, that's for sure."

Associated Press reporter Christopher Sherman in Mexico City contributed to this report.

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Santa Monica Zibby's Bookshop to host July 20 Author Book Talk for 'The Wisdom of Morrie' with Son and Editor Rob Schwartz

In sync with National Parents Day (July 23) this week, Son/Editor Rob Schwartz announces a Live Author Book Talk will be held for his late father Morrie Schwartz's new and award-winning book "The Wisdom of Morrie: Living and Aging Creatively and Joyously" at Zibby's Bookshop on Thursday, July 20, 2023, in Santa Monica, California from 6 -7 p.m. Los Angeles Times Journalist P.K. Daniel will interview the author, followed by a Q and A and book signing.

Morrie Schwartz was Sociology Professor at Brandeis University, who is best-known as the beloved subject of "Tuesdays with Morrie" (top all-time memoir by Mitch Albom that sold 18 million copies and was featured in an Emmy-Award Winning movie starring Jack Lemmon, Hank Azaria, and Wendy Moniz).

Attendees can gain timely insights on the many life lessons that Rob's late father Morrie Schwartz highlights included in this new book for "how to live vibrantly at any age."

In a recent WebMD story, Rob explains that his father encourages readers to, "Think about people or things you love, the things you are interested in and the things that excite you. Then try to expand on those things by learning more about them, by connecting with people with similar interests, and by reaching out to people."

With an aging population (the average age is now 39, up from 37 in 2010, US Census 2020), Rob says "The Wisdom of Morrie" highlights timely tips by Morrie for living a long and happy life, which include embracing 1. Laughter, 2. Meditation, 3. Spiritual Connections, 4. Finding New Interests and 5. Strengthening Human Relationships.

The event will be held on July 20 at Zibby's Bookshop, 1113 Montana Avenue.

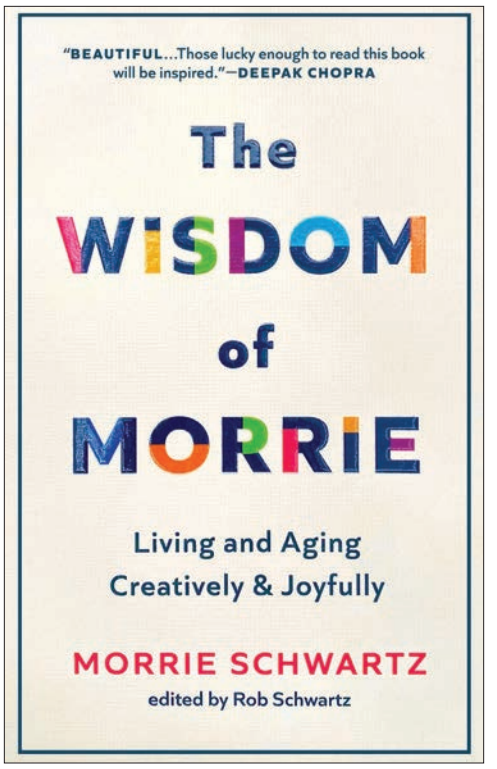
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In addition to publishing his late father's new book, Music/Film Producer Rob Schwartz is producing a music festival in Los Angeles in 2024 called ONETOPIA that will be a live one-day event broadcast and streamed around the world. 100% of all net proceeds from ONETOPIA will go to global mental health and wellness initiatives through the ONE HUMANITY Foundation.

Rob is grateful to Zibby's Bookshop for hosting this event, and for the media attention and praise for "The Wisdom of Morrie" by Good Morning America, PBS NewsHour, Nightline, CBS Sacramento, NBC10 Boston, The Chris Voss Show and many more.

For more information, visit WisdomofMorrie.com. The book is available online at www.amazon.com/Wisdom-Morrie-Living-Creatively-Joyfully/dp/B0BFJKYDMN or www.blackstonepublishing.com/the-wisdom-of-morrie-ezrc.html#541=2053650.

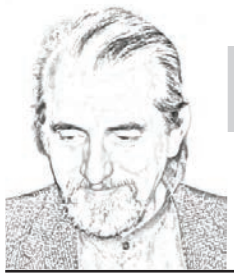


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THINGS GETTING BETTER IN SANTA MONICA?

By some measures, yes, and let's celebrate that.

Reed Park was for years a danger zone of drug dealers, stolen property, open drug use, needles in the grass, defecation and fornication, and too many threatening, addicted or mentally ill transients, in tents and spread about the grass, for families to even consider going there. Now we are back to our monthly family movie nights at Reed. We are still shy of the number of police officers we need but have been adding them in short order. Which allows a much more effective deployment throughout the city. City Council recently authorized funding another "street team," to patrol parts of Santa Monica as yet unserved, sending trained mental health professionals to deal with reported crises on the street, rather than police officers armed with guns and tasers and the possibility of a deadly outcome.

And Third Street Promenade is looking better, a local couple, lifelong residents, reported last weekend. As they strolled down the Promenade Sunday afternoon and remarked to each other how much better it looked – cleaner, packed with people, and no evidence of threatening mentally ill/addict types.

But that observation was premature. They said they encountered a large young man tearing the paper advertisements from the windows of a business and throwing them on the ground. Our resident couple were not willing to see their beloved city vandalized and littered like that.

They told me that the male resident approached the man and politely asked him to put the litter in a trash can instead of on the ground, and that can be heard on the video the female resident shot. He was met with curses from the alleged vandal, and as he bent down to scoop up some of the litter and take it to a trash can, the young man can be seen following him, still cursing, and taking a few swipes at his head, apparently trying to knock his hat off.

STEALING EVEN A HAT CAN BE A FELONY

And that's another thing our resident was not willing to put up with, he told me. After the alleged lawbreaker succeeded in grabbing the hat and walking away with it, the couple trailed him, and the female interrupted her phone video to call 911. The next video shows the resident on the ground, pinning the alleged vandal-hat stealer to the pavement. He told me he asked a city janitor who was on the scene to go get a nearby PSO (Public Safety Officer), who quickly arrived and helped keep the suspect pinned down. The resident told me the police arrived about 20 seconds later, five of them, and handcuffed the suspect and took him away.

The man is heard on the video screaming for his "disability! You think I'm crazy? I want crazy disability! $1,000 a month!" He also yelled, "That's MY hat! ....I stole it!" The resident told me an SMPD officer informed him that stealing anything like that is considered robbery, and a felony charge could be filed. The resident opted for that.

It doesn't matter that the local couple was City Council member Phil Brock and his longtime partner Kathryn Boole. This shouldn't happen to anyone. The difference here may have been that most people would have witnessed the destruction and littering and kept walking. Nothing changes, if people don't get involved.

Boole told me, "I was watching about 10 feet away the whole time to make sure Phil was going to be OK. Phil was trying to end it and walk away and the guy decided to come after him so I figured I'd better record as much as I could, as proof that Phil did not initiate the altercation.

"I had to stop the video to call 911 when the guy started pushing him.

Once the guy was on the ground I started video again while he was being held down and arrested, to prove that no one mishandled the perp in any way."

LET'S DRAW SOME STRAIGHT LINES

There are many facets to pervasive social ills. There is no panacea. I was so bold in my last column to call putting troubled street people into "affordable housing" without providing needed programs, a cruel hoax. The Salvation Army and Midnight Mission seem to know what they're doing in these areas, and are effective, one person at a time. Solutions, not slogans.

The disingenuous propaganda of those with a self-serving agenda, are the hidden problem. We have three City Council members – Davis, Zwick and Torosis – who continue to beat that drum for yet more market rate housing projects, with just a handful of "affordable" units thrown in. In fact, there has been discussion of reducing that number from 30% to 10%. Admittedly, many of the rules are now dictated by pro-overdevelopment forces in Sacramento, but we need Council members who will fight back, not be cheerleaders.

Here in Santa Monica we have spent millions to supposedly fight homelessness, yet have had to form a commission just to find out where that money went. That's absurd, and insulting to local taxpayers who are afraid to walk our streets, and to those suffering on the streets. Meanwhile, through many past Councils, the operative, "obvious" fix has been, more housing! Even Gov. Newsom echoes and mandates this false narrative. Every time that notion comes up from the mouth of a City Council member, we need to jump all over them, demand real proof and hold them accountable. Propaganda works, if we allow it. Both Hitler and Trump ascribed to the notion that if you tell a big lie often enough, people will believe it.

We have wasted so much time and money, leaving us with a city of residents made to pay the price for national crises of drug addiction and dangerous mental illness. Enough. We've been taken for a ride, a very dangerous ride, for too long. We need some truth, some common sense, and real solutions. We can't let one small fix distract us from attention to the systemic problems.

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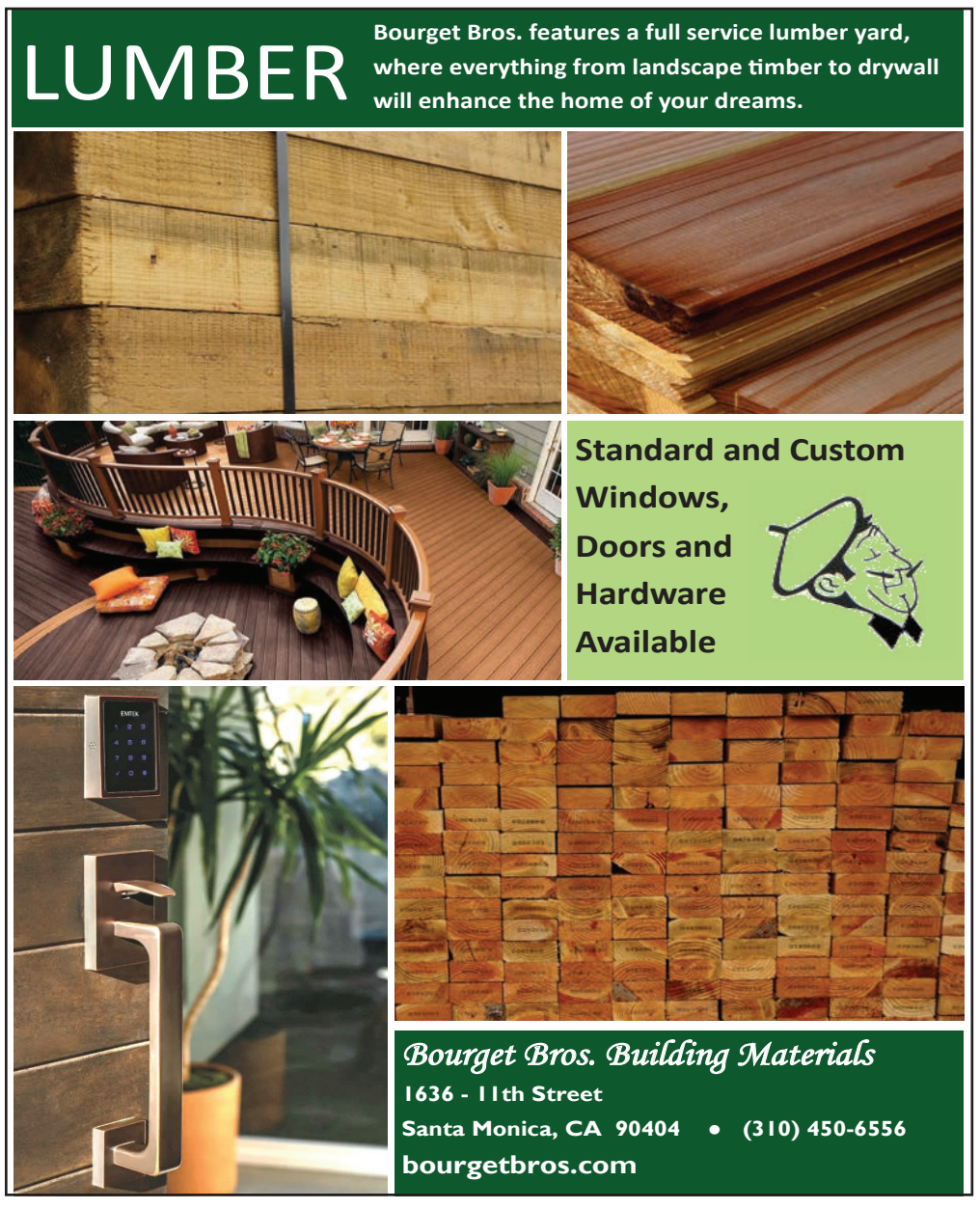
One last, very important thing. Writing this on Tuesday afternoon, I don't know what the City Council took up last night. But any talk of selling or relinquishing control of our Civic Auditorium should be met with a citywide howl of indignation. There is so much history there, the building is iconic, and it is truly the heart and soul of Santa Monica.

And don't let the school district get their hands on it. If you do, it's history. We know too well how they treat our history.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California Coastal Commission opposition to housing legislation is misunderstood

DONNE BROWNSEY

The California Coastal Commission has a consistent record of supporting multi-family, affordable and workforce housing in the coastal zone. Unfortunately, misperceptions that the commission is anti-housing has dominated the current discussions on legislation.

Balancing public access and coastal housing has been the commission's charge for 50 years. The Coastal Act requires us to protect and maximize public coastal access to beaches, bluffs and harbors. It also requires that we ensure the health of natural resources like wetlands and estuaries when projects get built.

When we consider development proposals, state law and common sense requires us to analyze specific site vulnerability, such as eroding bluffs, flooding from sea level rise and storm surges, and hazards like earthquakes, pollution or inadequate infrastructure. Sometimes we're asked to hear appeals of local decisions that may not have followed local coastal plans. In jurisdictions without plans, we issue the permits directly.



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HOUSING: Waves crash against luxury homes on Broad Beach in Malibu on Oct. 27, 2015.

Affordable and multi-family housing should not be exempted from Coastal Act protections. But neither should Coastal Act policies be used inappropriately to prevent urban density. Building more housing while ensuring its safety, providing coastal access and protecting resources are not mutually exclusive.

Together they promote the well-being and resiliency of our coastal communities.

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SMOKING

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based on a formula that takes into account a county's birth rate.

It's far less than the First 5 received from tobacco taxes two decades ago. In 1999-2000, First 5 received about $690 million in tobacco tax revenue, the most ever, according to First 5 California.

California tacks on $2.87 tax to each standard pack of cigarettes. From 1989 to 2019, California's smoking rate among adults has dropped from 22% to 10%, according to UCSF research.

Experts say tobacco tax projections should be taken cautiously as revenues are difficult to forecast immediately after a major change, such as the flavored tobacco ban.

Ong, chair of the state tobacco oversight committee, said First 5s would ideally try to diversify their sources of revenue if they can. "But that's a pretty tall order for county governments," Ong said.

Statewide, tobacco tax dollars make up about 73% of First 5's annual budget, although this largely varies by county. For example, First 5 in Kern County relies almost entirely on tobacco taxes. Meanwhile, the First 5 in Monterey County said in its most recent annual report that almost 40% of its funding now comes from grants and philanthropy.

How to replace tobacco tax money

Last month, a Kern County grand jury released a report where it determined that its local First 5 would need to find additional revenue streams, other than tobacco, "to offset this downward spiral." One possibility, according to the report: have California and local governments increase alcohol taxes.

And while taxes aren't an easy sell to voters, especially in a red county like Kern, it's important to consider all options, said Amy Travis, executive director of First 5 Kern County.

"We know it (tax) works," said Travis. "We know tobacco use is declining, so I think it's a matter of asking what's next? Is that alcohol, marijuana, sugary beverages?"

Shammy Karim, executive director at First 5 Stanislaus County said any new funding stream should come at the state level to maintain some uniformity and equity in the types of services available in all 58 counties.

"I used to work in Santa Clara County, and in Santa Clara County, I could reach out to Google or Apple or other Silicon Valley organizations and say, here's what I need. And most of the time, I would get it," Karim said. "I don't have the opportunity to do that here."

In Orange County, some immediate cuts are coming in the form of less funding for nonprofits that run shelter beds for families with young children.

"We didn't pull the rug underneath them but we have been working on a plan to reduce our funding in the homeless services arena," said Kim Goll, the executive director of First 5 Orange County. While First 5 is not the only funder of these shelter services, losing their share could result in less staffing, for example, Goll said.

"Our community will feel those cuts and we'll be a smaller organization because of the flavor ban."

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NEWSOM

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have they published an analysis on how the changes may "negatively impact current services."

"Consequently, as the Legislature considers the proposal, we recommend asking the administration certain questions to assess whether the proposal is warranted," the report states.

Newsom wants the Legislature to put his proposal before voters next year in tandem with a $4.68 billion bond measure to add psychiatric treatment beds. It would change how the state allocates money under the Mental Health Services Act, which levies a 1% tax on income above $1 million to fund behavioral health services.

Homelessness has become one of the most high-profile challenges plaguing California, increasing 32% in the past four years. Newsom, who promised to reduce homelessness, announced his intent during his State of the State tour to divert nearly one-third of the state's Mental Health Services Act money to help address homelessness.

Since that time, local behavioral health providers and county officials have criticized the proposal because of its potential to cut services and pit mental health programs against homeless services. The state has spent more than $20 billion on housing and homelessness since 2018.

Supporters, meanwhile, say reprioritizing how the money is spent is long overdue in light of the growing needs of the state's homeless population as well as the addition of new funding sources for mental health programs.

In a statement, Newsom's Deputy Communications Director Brandon Richards said "upsetting the status quo" was necessary in light of California's changing health care needs.

Mental health needs among California homeless

A recent study from UC San Francisco found that two-thirds of homeless individuals experience mental health conditions, although income loss is the driving force behind the state's homelessness crisis.

"What's more upsetting is watching people continue to suffer on the streets with ineffective interventions and inability to access much needed treatment," Richards said. "A California behavioral health system of care that is more focused, more transparent, and more accountable for results is what all Californians deserve and what this historic reform aims to achieve."

Roughly one-third of the county mental health infrastructure in the state is supported by the Mental Health Services Act, which was approved by voters in 2004 as a ballot initiative. Substantial changes to the act, like the ones Newsom proposed, require voter approval. Last year the tax generated about $3.8 billion.

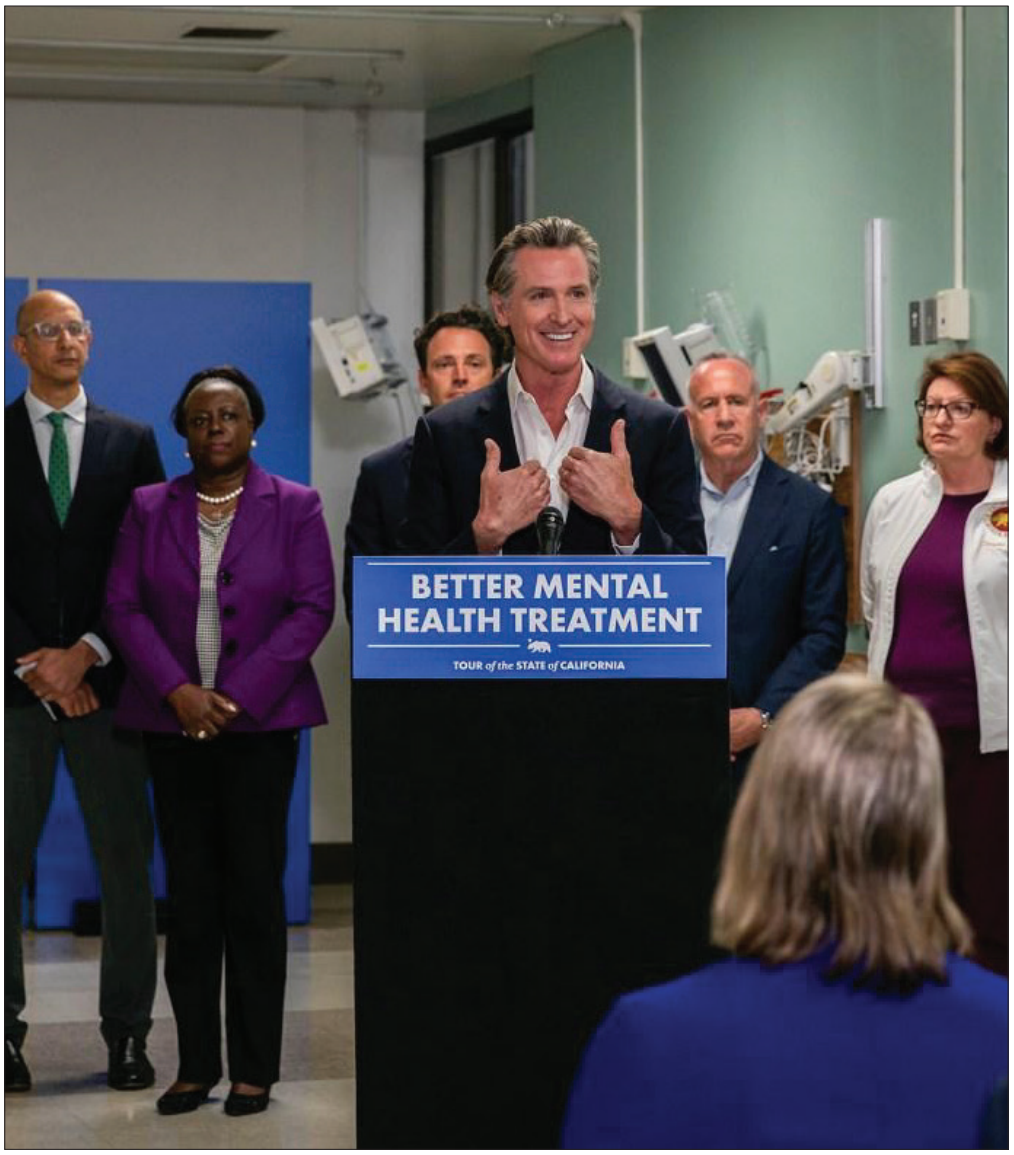


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NEWSOM MENTAL HEALTH: Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at a news conference announcing a proposed a 2024 ballot initiative to improve mental health services across the state, at Alvarado Hospital in San Diego, on March 19, 2023.

Critics of Newsom's proposal say the new analysis bolsters their argument that the changes will result in significant cuts to current programs, particularly those that support children.

Newsom's office has so far "danced around" how much money would be cut, said Adrienne Shilton, a lobbyist for the California Alliance of Children and Family Services, which represents behavioral health providers in every county. The report is the first to quantify how the proposal would impact programs statewide.

"We're seeing in real dollars what the impact would be," Shilton said.

The analysis estimates spending on current programs would be reduced from $1.34 billion to $621 million under the plan.

Housing money in Gavin Newsom's plan

The report identified a number of key changes and unanswered questions for the Legislature to consider in Newsom's plan:

Reduced flexibility: Counties would have less flexibility to determine how money is spent. Based on current expenditures, counties would be required to increase spending on housing by $493 million and on "full-service partnerships" by $121 million. "Full-service partnerships" include intensive wraparound services like case management, housing and employment support as well as clinical care.

Program cuts likely: In order to meet spending targets and caps, counties would likely need to reduce spending on current programs including "outpatient services, crisis response, prevention services, and outreach."

Less independent oversight: The proposed restructuring moves much of the program implementation and oversight authority to the Department of Health Care Services. The change "significantly limits" the independent oversight of the current Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, who helped author the original law and who has been a key supporter of the changes, said the law was always meant to prioritize "the plight of people living with serious mental illness on our streets."

"It's appropriate, in fact, it's necessary to set priority status," Steinberg said.

Steinberg and Newsom's office also contend that the state has invested heavily in the mental health safety net in other ways, including changes to the Medi-Cal system and a $4.4 billion one-time infusion into the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative.

"It's no longer a funding source that stands alone," Steinberg said. "(Now), the opportunity is to weave all these pieces together so that everyone has access to care, and nobody is left out or left behind."

Still, advocates say it is premature to assume those investments have had a positive impact and that many have not yet been implemented. In an opposition letter, Lishaun Francis, senior director for behavioral health at Children Now said the state "has yet to demonstrate that it has delivered" on its promises and that the proposal deprioritizes children and youth.

Advocates also say those funding sources, particularly Medi-Cal, won't reimburse for the non-clinical programs like classroom interventions and family resource centers that have historically been supported by the Mental Health Services Act. Medi-Cal is the state's health insurance program for extremely low-income Californians.

"Families need flexibility," said Christine Stoner-Mertz, chief executive officer of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services. "We need community-designed practices, and we haven't been successful in doing that with just Medi-Cal."

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HOTEL

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workload on custodial staff.

"I have to work two jobs to be able to live in Santa Monica. Some coworkers live all the way out in Palmdale, Lancaster, San Bernardino or Riverside," said Salvador Garcia in a statement. Garcia is a Santa Monica resident and hotel worker who is serving as one of the official proponents of the initiative. "I signed onto this initiative so that more of us would have the opportunity to live nearby."

In the statement, the union said more than half their members have moved or will move in the near future because of high housing costs in the area.

"According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a single mother would need to make over $40 an hour to afford a 2-bedroom apartment in the Los Angeles area, still well above the proposed minimum wage," said the Unite Here statement. "Meanwhile, the hotel industry in Santa Monica is booming with rates above $600 a night and revenue exceeding pre-pandemic levels."

The initiative comes as the union is in the midst of contract negotiations with several hotels in the area. Hotel workers have been organizing strikes and protests since July 1 when their agreement with the hotel operators expired.

Under the expired contract, the lowest paid union members made between $20-$25 an hour. The union wants an immediate $5-an-hour raise with an additional $3-an-hour raise for 2024 and 2025. The hotels have proposed wage increases of $2.50 per hour in the first 12 months of the contract and $6.25 an hour over the next four years, as well as continuing current health care plans and pension contributions.

Any proposed ballot measure has to clear several hurdles before reaching voters. The notice, filed on behalf of three Santa Monica residents, is now with the City Attorney's office for review. They have 15 days to prepare a summary and write a title for the measure. At that point, proponents would have 180 days to gather signatures from at least 10 percent of the city's registered voters. As of February, Santa Monica had 67,580 registered voters meaning the union would need about 6,750 signatures to qualify.

If they do gather enough qualified signatures, the petition would go before the city council who could choose to adopt it as an ordinance immediately or put it to voters (there's an option to ask for a study on the impacts of the measure during the first hearing but ultimately, a qualified proposal has to be adopted or voted on by residents).

The timing for a public vote on the proposal is unclear at this point as it depends both on the signature gathering efforts and restrictions on the city's ability to hold a special election. Santa Monica's elections are traditionally consolidated with Los Angeles County's election cycle. The Council has the ability to call a special election at any time but Santa Monica lacks the infrastructure to hold an election without county support and the cost of any special election would fall entirely on City Hall.

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Classifieds

Probate

PROBATE CITATION E/O Frank R. Lawler SURROGATE'S COURT - ALBANY COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Linda Diana Lawler and Rick Lawler, if living and if dead to their hairs at law, next of kin and distributees, whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributes of FRANK R. LAWLER, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligent inquiry be ascertained and NY Attorney General A petition having been duly filed by Kimberly Gross 9 Taymor Trail, Clifton Park, NY 12065 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Albany 16 Eagle St., Albany New York, on August 29th 2023 at 10 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Frank L. Lawler lately domiciled at 29 Orlando Ave., Albany, NY admitting to probate a Will dated May 17, 2022 (a Codicil dated (a Codicil dated a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Frank L. Lawler deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Kimberly Gross Letters of Trusteeship issue to Kimberly Gross Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to - Surrogate Hon. Stacy L. Pettit (Surrogate) Dated, Attested-and Sealed July 11. 2023 Manama Gerly (Deputy Chief Clerk) Mark T. Houston, Esq. (Attorney for Petitioner) 69 State St., Suite 1400-D, Albany, NY 12207 (Address of Attorney) 518-407-3880 (Telephone Number) e-mail: mark@jwlawalbany.com [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] P-5 (10/96) ** TO PERSON SERVING THIS CITATION: THE CITATION IS TO BE SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COURT'S ORDER DIRECTING SERVICE OF PROCESS ** **THIS RETURN DATE IS A VIRTUAL APPEARANCE, UNLESS A PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS A BASIAP COUNT Albany County Surrogate's Court Albany County Courthouse 16 Eagle Street, Room 123 Albany, NY 12207 (518) 285-8585 AlbanySurrogateCourt@nycourts.govNOTICE TO CITED PARTIES ALBANY COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT VIRTUAL APPEARANCE NOTICE You have been served with a citation for a matter that is on the Albany County Surrogate's Court calendar. Albany County Surrogate's Court is proceeding with citation return dates by virtual appearance using Microsoft Teams. 1. If you do not object to the relief requested, you do not need to appear and the relief may be granted by the court. 2. If you object to the relief requested, you or your attorney may appear as follows: a. By Microsoft Teams Video/Audio Link: To appear via Microsoft Teams video/audio link, go to the Albany County Surrogate's Court website: https://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/3jd/albany/3JD- Albany SurrogateCourt.shtml and click on the Virtual Court Access to Court Calendar Link and follow instructions on the date and time of the return date. Please log in prior to the start of the calendar to check audio and video connections. The Court will let you in when calendar starts; or b. If you lack the ability or technology to appear via Microsoft Teams OR if you would prefer to appear in person: Please email the Clerk of the Court at AlbanySurrogate Courtnycourts.gov no later than three (3) business days prior to the scheduled virtual appearance and include either an email address or telephone number, or both, where you can be reached during normal business hours. Someone from the court will contact you and make arrangements for you to come to the courthouse in person on the date and time of the return date at the Albany County Courthouse, 16 Eagle Street, Albany, New York 12207. Requests without an email address or phone number will not receive a response. ***PLEASE BE ADVISED*** If you have questions regarding the specific proceeding you are being cited for, the court may not give you legal advice. You may contact the attorney listed at the bottom PRESENT: Honorable Stacy L. Pettit, Surrogate In the Matter of the Estate of Frank R Lawler aka Frank Richard Lawler Decedent. At a Surrogate's Court of the State of New York held in and for the County of Albany at Albany, New York. ORDER FOR SERVICE File# 2023-658 On reading and filing the petition for Letters of Testamentary praying that the Last Will and Testament of the above-named decedent be admitted to probate and Letters of Testamentary be issued; and IT IS ORDERED that a citation be issued to all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, requiring them to show cause before this Court why a decree should not be made in the estate of the above-named decedent; and IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the citation and the Albany County Surrogate's Court Notice for Cited Parties ("Notice"), along with any other necessary documents, be served upon all residents of New York State, including the Attorney General if cited, by personal service at least ten (10) days prior to the return date of the citation issued herein; and proof of service shall be an affidavit of personal service; and IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the citation and Notice, along with any other necessary documents (e.g., the will), be served upon all residents outside of New York State, by USPS Express Mail now known as Priority Mail, Certified Mail or Registered Mail, or any form of special mail service set forth in SCPA 103 (35-a), 103 (36), and 103 (37-a), not less than 20 days before the citation return date, or not less than 30 days for persons residing outside the United States, except that mailings that request return receipts shall not be required, and that proof of service shall consist of an affidavit of mailing that includes tracking numbers and proof of delivery of the citation, Notice and any other necessary documents, which shall be filed with the Court on or before the second day preceding the return date in accordance with 22 NYCRR 207.7 (c); and IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said citation be served upon those whose residence and/or identity is unknown by publishing once in each of four consecutive weeks in one newspaper most likely to give notice to the person(s) served. Service of process is complete on the 28th day after the first publication, and proof of service shall be an affidavit of publication. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the return date will be held by virtual appearance using Microsoft Teams on the return date unless a personal appearance at Court is preferred; and that, pursuant to the Notice, to appear virtually parties must obtain an audio/video link by going to the Court's website (http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/3jd/albany/3JD-Albany%20Surrogate%20Court.shtml) and clicking on the Virtual Access to Court Calendar link. Dated: July 11, 2023 StacyL. Pettit, (Surrogate)

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EXPENSIVE

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ratio (300/300).

Only Berkeley scored worse although Santa Barbara was close with a ranking of 297 and Los Angeles came in at 296.

Florida dominated the top of the list taking the first five spots with Palm Bay, Cape Coral, Tampa, Port St. Lucie and Orlando. Roseville was the highest ranking city in California at 44.

When people can afford to move here, they'll pay more for just about everything else once they arrive. In an analysis of various bills, Santa Monicans pay more than the regional average in almost every way.

Bill paying platform doxo tracks a variety of household expenses based on anonymized bill pay data consisting of actual bill payment activity to confirmed household service providers and their recent report sheds some light on Santa Monica's expenses.

According to doxo, the average monthly bill (including housing, utilities, auto, insurance, phone, insurance, security and cable) is $3,355 in the city compared to $2,046 for the region.

Locals pay more in every category except average auto loan bills ($322 locally vs. $467 for the region).

Housing has the largest disparity with locals paying a monthly average mortgage of $3,637 while the region pays an average of $1,321.

All told, Santa Monicans are paying $15,705 more (64%) than the national average per year for those services. The city ranks as the 116 most expensive out of the 431 tracked in California. Pacific Palisades is 28th at $3,853, Malibu comes in at 30 with $3,840 and Beverly Hills is 46 with $3,725. San Ramon is first with a combined bill of $4,390.

BUYING A FIRST HOME IN SANTA MONICA (1=BEST; 150=AVG.):

239th – Housing Affordability
39th – Real-Estate Tax Rate
253rd – Cost of Living
300th – Rent-to-Price Ratio
145th – Median Home-Price Appreciation
77th – Foreclosure Rate
261st – Property-Crime Rate
82nd – Total Home-Energy Cost

AVERAGE BILLS

19% have a mortgage at an average payment of $3,637 compared to the regional average of $1,321.

70% pay rent with an average monthly bill of $2,055 compared to $1,191 regionally.

83% have an auto loan with an average payment of $322 compared to $467 regionally.

86% are paying health insurance with an average cost of $151 compared to $120 regionally.

100% pay a monthly phone bill with a cost of $137 compared to $119 regionally.

85% pay a monthly cable/Internet bill of $133 compared to $118 regionally.

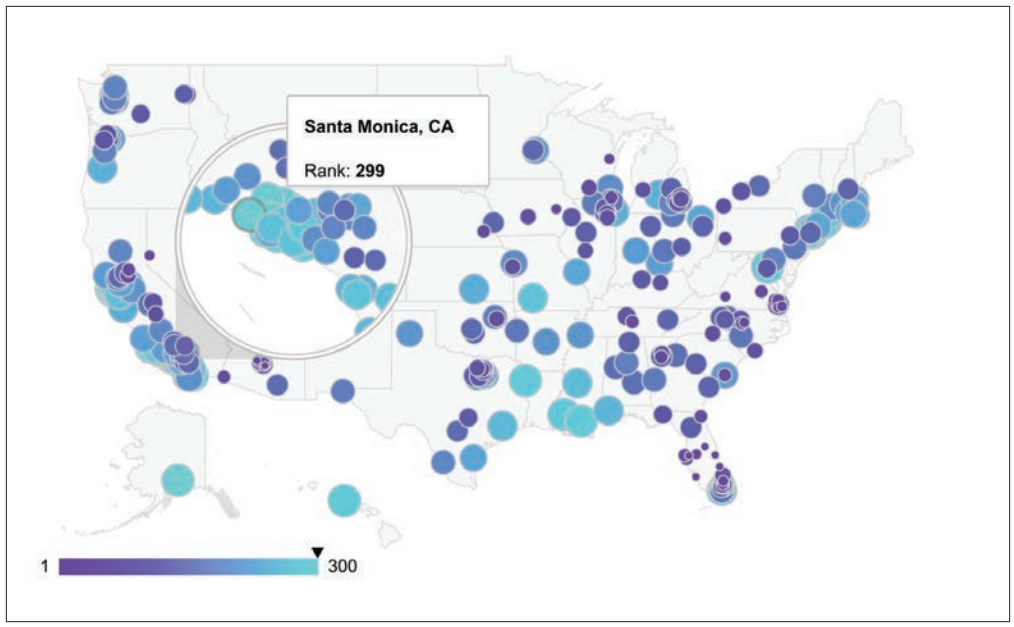
30% carry life insurance with a monthly bill of $326 compared to the regional average of $89.

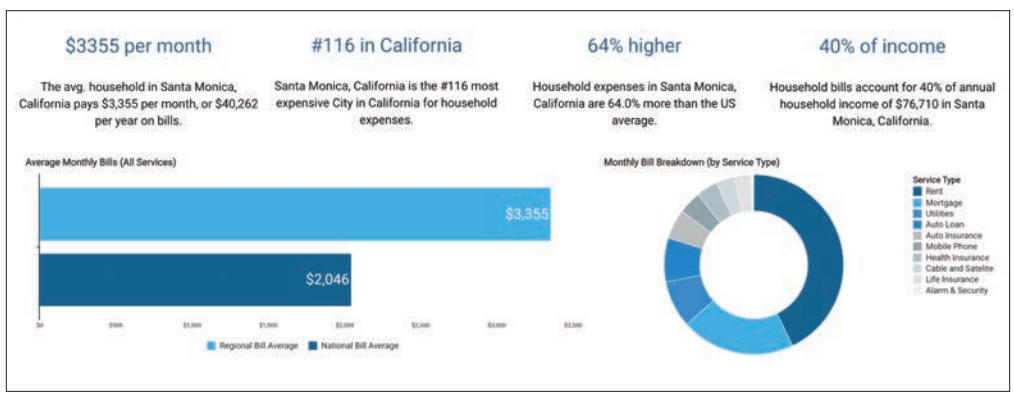
12% pay a monthly alarm & security bill of $153 compared to $84.

86% are paying auto insurance with an average cost of $208 compared to $207 regionally.

76% report paying utilities with an average cost of $373 compared to $351 regionally.

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HOME MAP: Santa Monica ranks near the bottom for first time home buyers.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19)

Welcome to your year of auspicious strategy. You are clever and hardworking and will surpass what a mentor wanted for you and pay the guidance forward too. More highlights: a talented team of equals, the chance to make a difference by standing for those who can't, and expressions of friendship and love that seal bonds for life. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 16, 5, 18 and 27.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Privately remind yourself of what you are good at because playing to your strengths will make a new process go smoothly. You'll give a strong performance at something you didn't even know you could do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You set out to make something and the result is very different from your original idea. It's as though your creation is what it wanted to be: unique and alive, as though it had a hand in its own birth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's an excellent time to conserve your energy by dropping something you were only doing to please a certain person. Don't try to be likable to all. Be likable to you. You're the one who must hang out with you the most.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As the "apples and oranges" comparison implies, it's silly to rate completely differing entities against one another. You'll accept things for what they are and figure out how to best use them for their distinctive and integral qualities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The past is still with you in some ways. You'll be surprised to experience the extent of it today. You'll hear the script in your head -- lines that have been delivered for years. You can choose to follow or not.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know how you want to be treated. Treat yourself like that and others get the hint. Semantics can complicate things unnecessarily. If you can say it with action instead of words, things get simpler.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not always in the mood to compete, so when the spirit of competition does land on you, as it will today, use that energy for all it's worth. Let it fuel and quicken you. Focus on what matters most to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are people who are lost inside a place you know all too well. You'll educate them and help them find their way. It's better to assist people in getting their needs met than to try and meet them all yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Get a win. Any win will do. Something seemingly insignificant will be enough to level up your mindset by proving to yourself that you're a person who does what you set out to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will succeed best in environments where you know people are rooting for you. If you are struggling, stop and look around. Is there anyone who is making your process more difficult? Progress resumes once obstacles are cleared.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You push yourself hard and ask more of yourself than you would dream of asking of anyone else. Assess whether this is compassionate or harsh. Will it lead to burnout? What would happen if you relaxed your demands?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've done cool things, but you have no desire to talk about your past glories like some. You know in your heart that the best is yet to come and that's where you want to put your mind and words today.

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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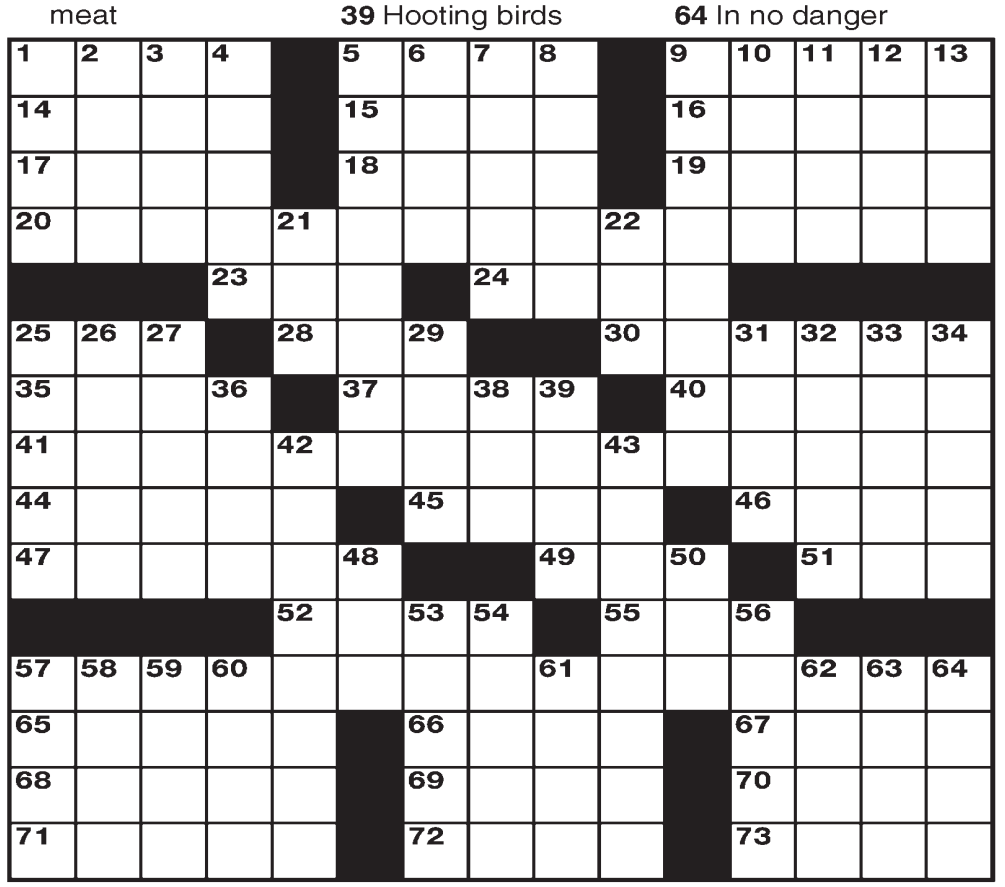
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ACROSS
1 Carve into glass
5 Shopping center
9 Coke rival
14 Medical exam image
15 General vicinity
16 Superior grade
17 Cover with concrete
18 Bearded barnyard beast
19 Kitchen strainer
20 Sure thing in a courtroom
23 A long time __
24 German mister
25 Govt. prosecutors
28 Manning of football
30 Dinner table linen
35 Jazz great Fitzgerald
37 Helpful knowledge, for short
40 Exodus miracle food
41 '50s living room appliance
44 Cut __ chase
45 Store's reduced-price event
46 In this place
47 Candies, cookies, etc.
49 Resort with saunas
51 Spain's Costa del __
52 Rowboat implements
55 __-tac-toe
57 Computer keyboard maneuvering keys
65 Halves of diameters
66 Synthesizer instrument
67 Operatic solo
68 Small rock
69 Golden Fleece ship
70 __-portrait (type of painting)
71 Balance sheet entry
72 Glowing gas in store signs
73 Bottom of a shoe

DOWN
1 Trade show, for short
2 Box in
3 Bat's underground home
4 "Laughing" African animal
5 Flowering tree of the South
6 Retired Yankee star's nickname
7 Dog's restraint
8 Wood-shaping tool
9 Spicy sandwich meat
10 Larger-than-life
11 Earnest request
12 Family autos, for short
13 "You've convinced me"
21 Historical era
22 Large vase
25 Financial burdens
26 Give approval for
27 List of candidates
29 Rural hotels
31 Hiking trail
32 Midleg joints
33 Emcee's first words
34 Bellybutton
36 Muscle soreness
38 Medicine-approving org.
39 Hooting birds
42 Low-carb meal plan
43 Seven-sided shape
48 Glum
50 Be on the radio
53 One from Italy's capital
54 Gave testimony
56 Ill-mannered
57 __ Major (bear constellation)
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59 Big fusses
60 Three-quarters of a dozen
61 Canceled, as a NASA launch
62 Crossword's favorite cookie
63 Is sure to
64 In no danger

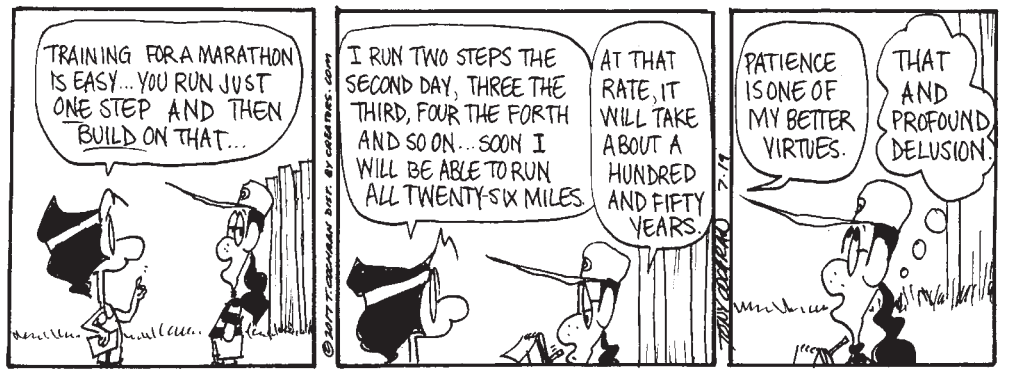


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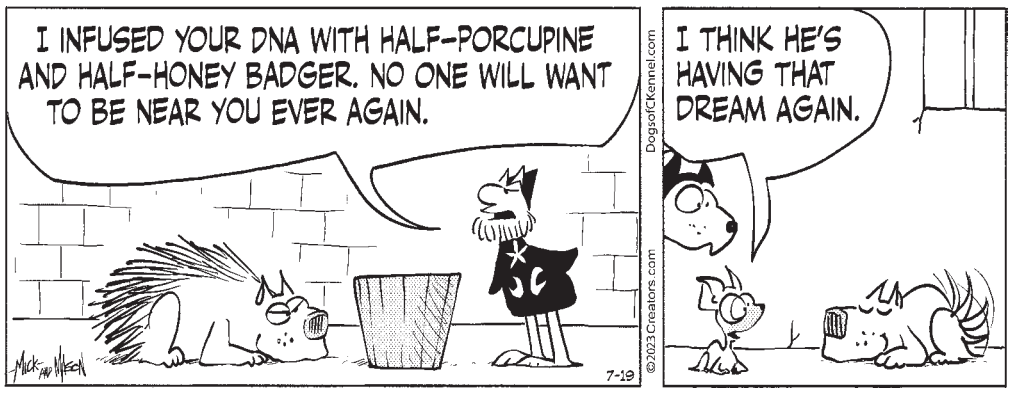
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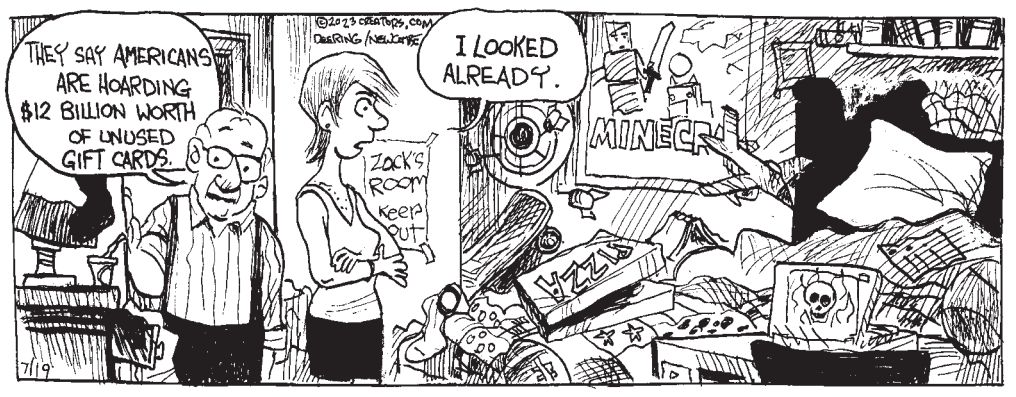
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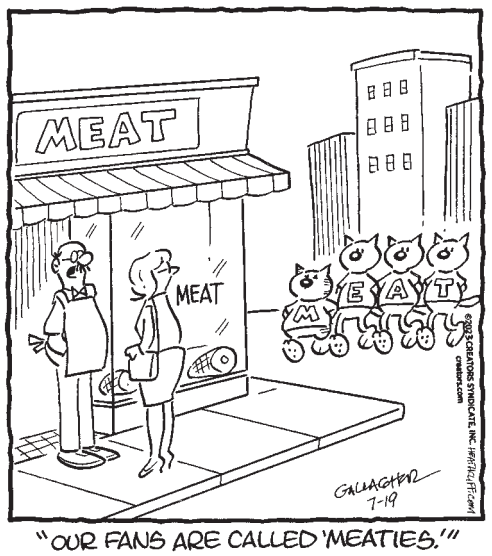
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"OUR FANS ARE CALLED 'MEATIES.'"

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

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On the tennis court

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

Aced	Fast	Lizette	Rewards
Aims	Fight	Cabrera	Round
Alexei	Final	Lobbed	Seed
Popyrin	Game	Lose	Serve
Angle	Glory	Love	Sets
Cash	Hats	Mistakes	Slam
Chop	Hoad	Mixed	Spin
Clap	Hurt	Open	Strength
Cups	Injury	Play	Swat
Deuce	Lawn	Practice	Sweat
Dokic	Let ball	Rafter	Talk
Exciting	Lines	Ranks	Umpire

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WEDNESDAY | JULY 19

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

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

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. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30 - 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

THURSDAY | JULY 20

ACTIVE AGING MULTIMODAL OUTING
The Active Aging multimodal outing provides a comprehensive experience of walking, biking, and taking transit in one set for older adults. This outing is not only a fun group hangout but also shares tips for seamless transferring between different modes of active transportation. Meeting Location: WISE & Healthy Aging (1527 4th St # 2) Bike Route: Expo Bike Path Cost: Free! Transit fare will be covered by Active Aging Pilot Program. Don't have a bike? No worries! Veo will be providing e-bikes and helmets for people who don't have their own bicycles, and it's free of charge. You're also welcome to bring your own bike and helmet. 1 - 3 p.m. Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-aging-multimodal-outing-tickets-669760310117

SUNSET PICNIC
It's Sunset Picnic at Annenberg Beach House! Bring your favorite picnic dinner, fancy or casual, bring your family and friends, and your fun activities — games, dominoes, 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 are allowed). Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy 5 - 8 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. The book selection for July 20 is Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara, one of the selections for Santa Monica Reads All Summer Long, our Adult Summer Reading program. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue 6 - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY | JULY 21

SEASIDE STORYTIME WITH SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Join in the courtyard as librarians from Santa Monica Public Library share ocean-themed stories, songs, and action rhymes. For ages 2 and up. No registration required. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

LOVEBUG AND ME
Enjoy this musical storytime for little ones at the Pico Library. We'll sing songs, dance and play along with LoveBug & Me Music. For ages 0-2. Limited space. Free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

SATURDAY | JULY 22

COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!
Love At First Sit®, a pet care and dog behavior and training company in Santa Monica, hosts Community Dog Training Classes, Saturdays, at 12 PM, at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class fee is $5.00, then Pay-What-You-Can after that! Class proceeds are donated to various charities for people and animals, animal shelters, and animal rescues. Class topics explore basic obedience, manners, tricks, beginner's agility, and more! Walk-ins are welcomed, beginners are encouraged, and there is no limit to how many classes you can take! https://www.loveatfirstsit.net/community-dog-training-classes

SUNSET SWIM
Enjoy an evening around our historic 1920's pool at the former oceanfront estate of actress Marion Davies built for her by media mogul, William Randolph Hearst. Swim, hang out with friends and make new friends poolside We will provide the s'mores and pool floaties. Pre-purchase Sunset Swim pool passes online at https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/activity/search/detail/89898; or purchase at the door on the day of the event, per availability. If you pre-purchase pool passes, please pick up your pool passes by 6:30 p.m. If the pool is at capacity when you arrive, you may be added to a waitlist and notified when space is available. Outside food welcome, no glass, no alcohol. $10 Adult (age 18 – 59). $5 Senior Adult (age 60 & above

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **67.6**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Dog days of summer with just a tiny mix of swells on offer. Flat or close to it across most of the region.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Dog days of summer with just a tiny mix of swells on offer. Flat or close to it across most of the region.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 74. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/07/19	Wed	05:32 AM	-0.40	L
2023/07/19	Wed	12:08 PM	3.84	H
2023/07/19	Wed	4:37 PM	2.50	L
2023/07/19	Wed	10:44 PM	5.81	H
2023/07/20	Thu	06:01 AM	-0.18	L
2023/07/20	Thu	12:38 PM	3.90	H
2023/07/20	Thu	5:16 PM	2.50	L
2023/07/20	Thu	11:17 PM	5.48	H
2023/07/21	Fri	06:29 AM	0.10	L
2023/07/21	Fri	1:09 PM	3.99	H
2023/07/21	Fri	6:00 PM	2.52	L
2023/07/21	Fri	11:52 PM	5.03	H
2023/07/22	Sat	06:55 AM	0.46	L
2023/07/22	Sat	1:41 PM	4.10	H
2023/07/22	Sat	6:51 PM	2.54	L
2023/07/23	Sun	12:30 AM	4.48	H
2023/07/23	Sun	07:21 AM	0.88	L
2023/07/23	Sun	2:16 PM	4.26	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 7/17
5 8 9 17 41
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 1 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 7/14
10 24 48 51 66
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 640 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/15
17 23 25 36 38
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 77 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/17
4 10 24 26 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/17
EVENING: 1 3 6

Draw Date: 7/17
MIDDAY: 0 2 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/17
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:44.31

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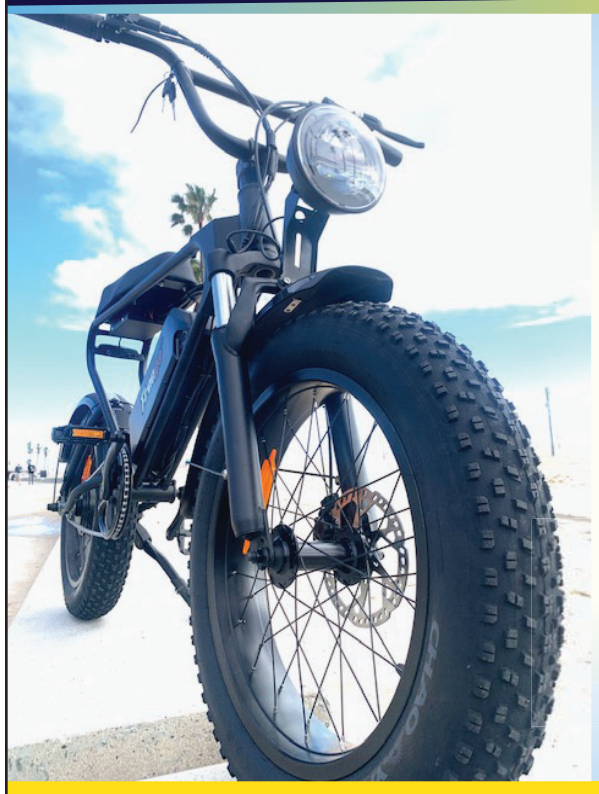
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