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Retail continues to rebound with new outlets opening on Main Street



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AESTHETIC AMBITION: Despite a mindboggling number of permit problems, construction concerns and bureaucratic binds, Aesthetic Ambition is proudly open for business.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The city of Santa Monica is extremely fortunate to have multiple economic epicenters; in addition to the Promenade, including Main Street which also offers a wealth of bars, restaurants and retail opportunities that in all honesty rival its higher-profile sibling.

DMN8, an already-popular outdoor gym that you've almost certainly seen in Linear Park at 2410 Ocean Front Walk has opened a new indoor gym at 3101 Main Street. What makes this small, Santa Monica fitness company rather unique is their credit-based membership scheme.

"We offer four levels of membership," Mark Mattison, Chief Marketing Officer for DMN8 says, adding, "We don't force anyone into the kind of contract that leaves folk resenting themselves if they don't go, or can't go or even just change their work or personal habits or routine."

The prices range from $89 per

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Absenteeism and anger delay Civic Center Auditorium discussion

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The fate of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium remains in limbo this week after council delayed discussions regarding the site due to community outcry and an absent councilman.

An update on a potential sale of the property had been scheduled for a closed session discussion on July 18 but will now be held on July 25. While various community members came to the July 18 meeting to demand all discussions regarding the site be held in public, the item remains part of the closed session for next week.

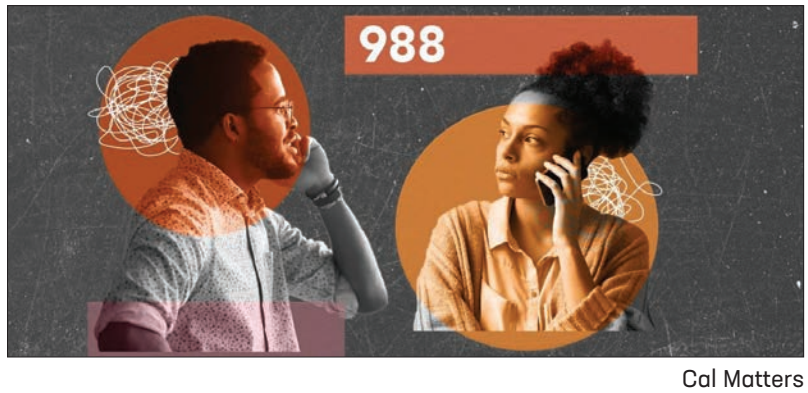
The City-owned Civic Auditorium was built in 1958 and remains mostly in its original condition.

The 27,000-square-foot main floor has a capacity of up to 3,000 seated and 3,500 standing people and the East Wing also provides 4,189 square feet and seating capacity of 500.

Designed by Santa Monica resident and internationally-known architect Welton Becket, the property hosted decades worth of cultural events including concerts by the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Bob Dylan, the Beach Boys, Bad Religion, Pantera, Phish, Alic Cooper, Prince, Motley Crue, U2, Aerosmith, Eric Clapton, Black Sabbath, Queen, Fleetwood Mac,

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'A lifesaving tool': California's new mental health crisis line sees a surge in calls



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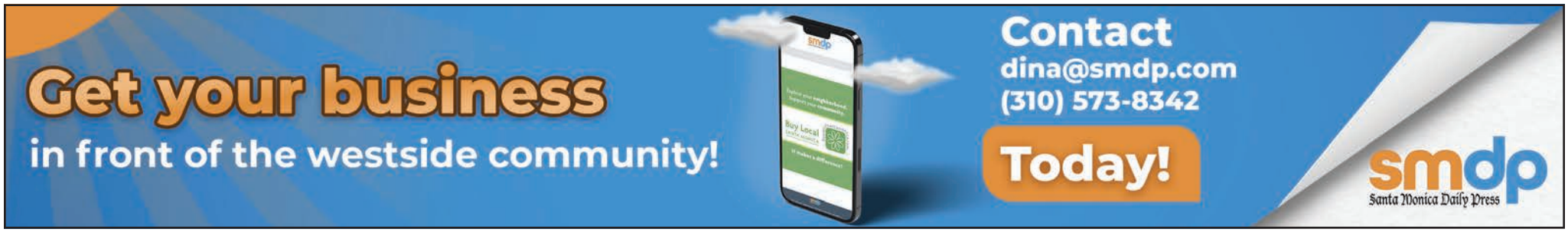
988: The new mental health hotline is receiving calls.

ANABEL SOSA
Special to the Daily Press

California made it easier to call for help a year ago when it launched a simplified mental health crisis hotline: Dial three digits — 988 — and you can get in touch with a counselor immediately.

Since then, crisis centers have received more than 280,000 calls. That's twice as many as any other state, signaling to mental health advocates that the service was badly

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Top progressives are backing Joe Biden's 2024 campaign. But some activists have reservations

WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

President Joe Biden would seem an unnatural fit for the activists at Netroots Nation, an annual

gathering of progressives that was created to harness online rage over George W. Bush's administration. More recently, it has championed the message of economic populism from Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, two of Biden's rivals for the Democratic nomination in 2020.

But the antipathy toward Democrats seen as too mainstream or moderate did not largely extend to Biden at the group's recent conference in Chicago. Rep. Pramila Jayapal, leader of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, even concluded the event by recounting how she had become a Biden convert.

"When Biden was in, I was like, 'Oh, man,'" said Jayapal, D-Wash., lamenting that Sanders and Warren had fallen short in the presidential primary. "But I gotta tell you, I am a Biden fan now."

That brought cheers, which was no easy feat given that pro-Palestinian activists moments earlier had shouted down Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., on the same stage.

At past Netroots conferences, then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was booed and Black Lives Matter protesters disrupted a presidential candidate forum in 2016. Biden, as vice president, was heckled over Obama administration immigration policies.

Jayapal's comments point to Biden's progress in winning over his party's left wing, an important part of the coalition he is relying on to win a second term. Many progressives have cheered steep federal spending increases on major social programs and green energy, as well as Biden's renewed plan to offer student debt relief after the Supreme Court struck down his original efforts.

"This isn't someone who's spent the first term doing all kinds of objectionable things," said Karthik Ganapathy, a veteran of Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign who also helped progressive Brandon Johnson win election as Chicago's mayor this spring. "I think the sense is, he's had a much more successful, impactful, consequential presidency than progressives expected."

Similar sentiments have been echoed by Sanders, a Vermont independent, and Warren, D-Mass. Progressive Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., recently endorsed Biden's 2024 campaign. Some, though, remain angry that Biden did not deliver on other big promises, including slashing fossil fuel production, advancing a federal policing overhaul and expanding voting rights.

"The narrative about the successes of the Biden administration is smoke and mirrors," said India Walton, a progressive who beat Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown in the 2021 Democratic primary but lost to him in the general election.

Walton complained that Biden had not done more to protect abortion and civil rights after Supreme Court rulings that weakened both. She also noted that student debt will continue to deal crushing financial blows to millions of people, even with Biden's attempted remedy.

"We have not 'Built Back Better,'" said Walton, referencing Biden's 2020 campaign slogan. "And it's very frustrating to be a working-class American and being fed this 'vote blue' narrative, when the real conditions of our everyday lives are not changing."

Such a backlash could hurt Biden in 2024 given that he is likely to face a challenge from the left — progressive activist Cornel West is mounting a Green Party run — and could be squeezed from the center — the political group No Labels is trying to recruit a centrist candidate.

That means even small erosions of progressive energy for Biden might erase the thin margins that delivered him critical swing states like Arizona and Georgia in 2020.

A factor that could neutralize those threats is that Donald Trump, the early Republican front-runner, could again be Biden's general election opponent. In 2020, some hesitant progressives were so appalled by Trump that they turned out to vote for Biden despite their deep reservations.

But it might be difficult to reassemble the same broad voter bloc that put Biden in the White House if some elements are motivated more by fear of Trump than enthusiasm for Biden. This group includes majorities of college graduates, women, urban and suburban residents, young people and Black Americans.

"I think people are not clear about what they actually got for that vote," DaMareo Cooper, co-executive director for the progressive Center for Popular Democracy, said about some Biden supporters from 2020.

Cooper said Biden and top Democrats need to do a better job "messaging what actually has happened." Referring to opposition to Trump's candidacy, he said: "There's going to be a motivation factor. And I don't think we should assume that people are just going to go out and vote for the same reason."

Biden acknowledged the importance of turning out even reluctant progressives in 2020, when he told that year's all-virtual Netroots conference in a taped address, "I badly need you."

The president, who was in Europe and then at Camp David during the group's

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After nearly 30 years, there's movement in the case of Tupac Shakur's killing. Here's what we know

JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.
AP Entertainment Writer

An investigation into Tupac Shakur's unsolved killing has been revived. It took nearly three decades, but a new twist came when authorities in Nevada served a search warrant this week in connection with the rap star's shooting death, they confirmed Tuesday.

Here's what to know about one of the most infamous fatal shootings in hip-hop history:

WHAT'S NEW IN THE INVESTIGATION?

Las Vegas police served a search warrant in connection to the killing of Shakur, who was gunned down Sept. 7, 1996.

The warrant was executed Monday in the nearby city of Henderson. It's unclear what they were looking for or where they searched.

Citing the ongoing investigation, a police spokesperson said he couldn't provide further details on the latest development in the case, including whether a suspect has been identified.

WHAT HAPPENED THE NIGHT SHAKUR DIED?

The 25-year-old rapper was traveling in a black BMW driven by Death Row Records founder Marion "Suge" Knight in a convoy of about 10 cars, apparently headed to a nightclub, after watching Mike Tyson knockout Bruce Seldon in a championship fight at the MGM Grand. Police said no one else was in the car with them.

A white Cadillac with four men inside pulled alongside the BMW while it was stopped at a red light at an intersection near the Las Vegas Strip, and one person opened fire, riddling the passenger side of Knight's car with bullets, police said. Sitting in the passenger seat, Shakur was shot four times, at least twice in the chest. Knight was grazed by a bullet fragment or shrapnel from the car.

Shakur was rushed to a hospital, where he died six days later.

WHAT IS THE RAPPER'S LEGACY?

Shakur is one of the most prolific figures in hip-hop, also known by his stage names 2Pac and Makaveli. His professional music career only lasted five years, but he sold more than 75 million records worldwide, including the diamond-certified album "All Eyez on Me," which was packed with hits including "California Love (Remix)," "I Ain't Mad at Cha" and "How Do U Want It."

Shakur has had five No. 1 albums including "Me Against the World" in 1995 and "All Eyez on Me" in 1996, along with three posthumous releases: 1996's "The Don Killuminati: The 7 Day Theory," 2001's "Until the End of Time" and 2004's "Loyal to the Game."

The six-time Grammy-nominated artist was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame by Snoop Dogg in 2017.

As a rising actor, Shakur starred in several popular films such as John Singleton's "Poetic Justice" with Janet Jackson and Ernest Dickerson's "Juice." He also played major roles in "Gang Related" and "Above the Rim."

In April, a five-part FX docuseries called " Dear Mama: The Saga of Afeni and Tupac Shakur" delved into the past of the rapper's mother, Afeni Shakur, as a female leader in the Black Panther Party, while exploring Tupac's journey as a political visionary and becoming one of the greatest rap artists of all time.

Last month, Shakur received a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"He defied the distinction between art and activism," said radio personality Big Boy, who emceed the ceremony.

Shakur has been remembered with museum exhibits, including "Tupac Shakur. Wake Me When I'm Free" in 2012 and "All Eyez on Me" at the Grammy Museum in 2015. He'll soon have a stretch of an Oakland street renamed after him.

WHAT ABOUT HIS BIGGEST RIVALRY?

Shakur's death came amid his feud with rap rival the Notorious B.I.G., who was fatally shot six months later. At the time, both rappers were in the middle of the infamous East Coast-West Coast rivalry, which primarily defined the hip-hop scene during the mid-1990s.

The feud was ignited after Shakur was seriously wounded in another shooting during a robbery in the lobby of a midtown Manhattan hotel in 1994. He was shot several times and lost $40,000.

Shakur openly accused B.I.G. and Sean "Diddy" Combs of having prior knowledge of the shooting, which both vehemently denied. The shooting sparked enough of a feud that created a serious divide within the hip-hop community and fans.

The New York-born Shakur represented the West Coast after he signed with the Los Angeles-based Death Row Records. He often traded verbal jabs with New York-natives B.I.G. and Combs, who hailed from the East Coast while representing New York City-based Bad Boy Records.

Diss tracks were seemingly delivered to drive home their ferocious points across. Shakur released the aggressive single "Hit 'Em Up," which took aim at B.I.G., who on the other hand returned with "Who Shot Ya?," a record that was received as a taunt. However, B.I.G. claimed the song was not directed toward Shakur.

MORE ON SHAKUR'S LIFE AND CAREER

Shakur was born June 16, 1971, in New York City. He later moved to Baltimore and attended the Baltimore School for the Arts, where he began writing raps. He eventually made his way to Marin City, California, near San Francisco, and continued to write and record.

As a member of the Grammy-nominated group Digital Underground, Shakur appeared on the 1991 track "Same Song" from "This Is an EP Release" and on the album "Sons of the P."

That same year, Shakur achieved individual recognition with the album "2Pacalypse Now," which spawned the successful singles "Trapped" and "Brenda's Got a Baby."

The album, with references to police officers being killed, drew notoriety when a lawyer claimed a man accused of killing a Texas trooper had been riled up by the record. Then-Vice President Dan Quayle targeted "2Pacalypse Now" in his 1992 battle with Hollywood over traditional values.

In 1993, Shakur followed up with the sophomore album, which produced songs "I Get Around," "Keep Ya Head Up" and "Papa'z Song," and he was nominated for an American Music Award as best new rap hip-hop artist.

The next year he appeared with hip-hop group Thug Life on the "Above The Rim" soundtrack and on the group's album "Volume 1." In a photo on the album liner, he framed his face between his two extended middle fingers.

Over the years, Shakur had some brushes with the law. He served several months in a New York prison for sex abuse.

While in prison, Shakur indicated he was rethinking his lifestyle. He had support from Black leaders including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton, who counseled him while he was locked up.

"Thug Life to me is dead. If it's real, let somebody else represent it, because I'm tired of it," Shakur told Vibe magazine. "I represented it too much. I was Thug Life."

Shakur was up-front about his troubled life in the 1995 release "Me Against The World," a multimillion-selling album that contained the ominously titled tracks "If I Die 2Nite" and "Death Around The Corner."

"It ain't easy being me. ... Will I see the penitentiary, or will I stay free?" Shakur rapped on the album, which produced the Grammy-nominated "Dear Mama" and standout singles "So Many Tears" and "Temptations."

The Las Vegas shooting occurred as Shakur's fourth solo album, "All Eyez on Me," remained on the charts, with some 5 million copies sold.

Associated Press writer Travis Loller reported from Nashville.

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‘Am I crossing picket lines if I see a movie?’ and other Hollywood strike fan questions answered

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You watch movies. You watch TV. And now you’re wondering how the dual Hollywood strikes — a pitched battle with actors and writers on one side, and studios and streaming services on the other — will affect you. We have answers.

DO THE STRIKES MEAN “BARBIE” AND “OPPENHEIMER” AREN’T COMING OUT?

They — and all other summer releases — are still on track! Many flashy premieres have been canceled, or dramatically scaled down.

AM I CROSSING THE PICKET LINE BY SEEING ONE OF THOSE MOVIES?

No, the unions have not asked fans to boycott productions, and are quick to make that explicit. Instead, the guilds have asked supporters who aren’t members to post on social media and donate to community funds.

SHOULD I CANCEL NETFLIX, MAX OR THE 16 OTHER STREAMING SERVICES I SUBSCRIBE TO IF I WANT TO SHOW SUPPORT?

Nope, there’s been no consumer boycott of any kind called yet. Some guild members have said watching their programs on streaming services — if they’re still on there — actually helps make their cases to the studios’ bargaining arm, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

WHEN WILL I STOP BEING ABLE TO WATCH NEW MOVIES AND SHOWS?

That’s the big question: When will the pipeline dry up? There aren’t clear answers. The impact of the writers strike has so far been felt most acutely in the world of television; now, the actors strike has halted the bulk of film production. Your favorite broadcast shows like “Abbott Elementary” definitely aren’t coming back by early fall, regardless of whether the strikes are settled by then. Ditto for streaming favorites like “Stranger Things. International productions may be able to fill the gap. As for movies, there’s still a steady stream on the horizon.

I HAVE A TICKET TO A PLAY STARRING MY FAVORITE ACTOR. DO THE STRIKES MEAN THE SHOW IS GOING TO BE CANCELED?

No, stage actors in plays and musicals are governed by the Actors’ Equity Association. A different union altogether, Equity has expressed solidarity with SAG-AFTRA and many actors are members of both unions. But Broadway dances on.

I LOVE THE EMMYS — WILL THEY STILL AIR IN SEPTEMBER?

The Emmys are still set for Monday, Sept. 18. But history shows that awards shows that proceed during strikes turn out to be bleak affairs. And Emmy campaigning will certainly be affected — SAG-AFTRA and WGA members aren’t allowed to take part in “for your consideration” events under their strike notices and they wouldn’t be able to accept awards for projects produced by struck companies.

CAN ACTORS STILL POST TO SOCIAL MEDIA?

Yes! Actors (and writers) do not have to fade gently into that good night while they’re on strike. Social media actually helps boost the visibility of their cause, and you’ll see many guild members posting content with bespoke strike-related hashtags. But actors aren’t supposed to promote any of their projects in the pipeline while on strike, so it’s unlikely that you’ll see a sea of #barbie and #oppenheimer hashtags from their star-studded casts.

The SAG-AFTRA strike website had this advice for members wondering if they were allowed to promote themselves (or post #spon): “Yes! Promote yourself as an artist, a fashion icon, a union activist, a commercial actor, and a proud SAG-AFTRA member. You can also promote brands using our groundbreaking Influencer Agreement or start a podcast.”

IT’S MY DREAM TO GO TO COMIC-CON — WILL THAT BE AFFECTED THIS YEAR?

Honestly, yes. Several show and movie panels have already been canceled and the strike notice forbids SAG-AFTRA members from promoting any work made by struck companies — even if those projects were long in the past. There are certain exceptions that would allow members to attend some conventions, but the bottom line is that major events like San Diego’s Comic-Con will indeed be diminished during the strikes.

Look, the only thing that helps me unwind is watching celebrity interviews on YouTube. What am

I GOING TO DO WHEN THAT WELL DRIES UP?

It won’t — the nature of that content will just be different. Ryan Gosling might not explicitly exude “Kenergy” in his interviews, but he’s still allowed to make media appearances (where the “Kenergy” might just be innate). Scores of actors and writers alike have been talking to the media — including The Associated Press — on the picket lines for weeks.

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FREE ‘Watch at Water Garden’ Summer Movie Series: “Sister Act’: RSVPs are required to attend. Thursday, July 20, 8:00p.m. on the Great Lawn at 1620 26th St. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexNqgwmBhXgF2R_VkiT5mnHpHnxNvYvLil-mLqyF40L2KJrg/viewform

SaMo Public Library at the Beach: “The Library returns to the beach! Grab your towel and sunscreen and meet us on the sand for a fun-filled day of family-friendly activities like Seaside Storytime and nautical crafts. Sign out books from our collection of beach reads, play games, or just kick back, relax and read in our Surfside Lounge. For all ages!” Friday, July 21, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. @ Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/407j52dt4dtjk5rm96xcbkzkmt/202307211000

Don’t Tell Comedy: The BYOB pop-up comedy club that changes locations for every show is back at a secret SaMo location. Friday, July 21, 8:00p.m. https://www.donttellcomedy.com/cities/los-angeles/

Barbie and Oppenheimer Movies Hit Theaters: This weekend is expected to be the biggest box office weekend of the year with two big studio releases. All weekend @ most movie theaters.

SaMo Conservancy Downtown Walking Tour: “Discover downtown Santa Monica’s architecture, history and culture with our team of highly-rated docents. From Art Deco to Victorian and Romanesque Revival, you’ll explore the various styles that fill the streets of our city.” Saturday, July 22, 10:00a.m. @ 1436 Second St. https://www.downtownsm.com/events-calendar/8481/santa-monica-conservancy-downtown-walking-tour

An Evening with Colson Whitehead: The two-time Pulitzer Prize winner will be discussing his latest novel, Crook Manifesto, a kaleidoscopic portrait of 1970s Harlem. Wednesday, July 26, 8:00p.m. @ New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. More details here. https://livetalksla.org/events/colsonwhitehead/

SaMo Public Library Presents Author Charles Fleming on Secret Stairs & Secret Walks: The author and veteran journalist will tell stories from his books Secret Stairs: A Walking Guide to the Historic Staircases of Los Angeles and Secret Walks: A Walking Guide to the Hidden Trails of Los Angeles. This program celebrates the launch of the Library’s newest RED (Read Engage Discover) Kit, which includes walking poles, a DVD copy of L.A. Story, and several books, including Fleming’s Secret Walks, reflecting the theme, “Walking in L.A.” A book sale and signing follow the program. Thursday, July 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library’s Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

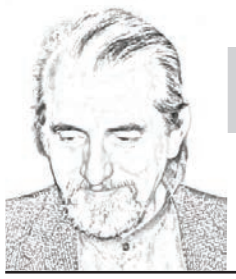
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Katsu Bar Santa Monica: Katsu Bar is a local mini-chain known for putting panko-fried cutlets in and on all sorts of things. At their new SaMo location, you’ll find them covered in Japanese curry, inside a sando, or on top of tteokbokki and black garlic udon. They’re also doing non-katsu options like sweet fruit sandos, Korean pork tenders, and fried kimchi dumplings. 3032 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.ilovekatsubar.com/

Xuntos is a New Tapas Spot in the Heroic Deli Space: This EaterLA write up says it “Just Nails the Vibe of a Proper Spanish Pintxos Bar...bringing Northern Spanish bites and wines to the Westside.” 516 Santa Monica Blvd. https://la.eater.com/2023/7/13/23792665/xuntos-santa-monica-spanish-tapas-pintxos-bar-restaurant

Iconic Old Hollywood Steakhouse Reopened @ Georgian Hotel After 60 Years: This EaterLA article details the “Italian steakhouse the Georgian Room, which first opened in 1933 in Santa Monica and welcomed the likes of Judy Garland, “Bugsy” Siegel, Dick Van Dyke, and more, quietly reopened at the end of June.” 1415 Ocean Ave. https://la.eater.com/2023/7/14/23794104/italian-steakhouse-georgian-room-reopens-santa-monica-am-intel

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Smoke a bowl for the Bowl

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE - I've written about this hard core blues duo so many times, two great voices, one monster blues harp, one authentic blues guitar, they are the Real Deal and we are lucky every time they swoop back to Santa Monica every few months, go hear them and tell me I'm lyin'. Thurs 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, $10.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – from their website: "Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it were, it couldn't possibly be this good. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. - Santa Monica Daily Press" And may I add, they manage to record and play high-profile gigs and still show up every Monday night here, for years. Aren't we lucky? Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

"MACBETH" – In this bloody, depraved corner, M'Lord and M'Lady, reigning still as the unchallenged monstrous couple of political pushiness, gruesome greed, absolute ambition and murderous mayhem. Some things never change. No wonder this one by Will (Shakespeare, not Geer) remains perhaps his best-known work (but hardly beloved). Fri 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

"A PERFECT GANESH" – Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum is celebrating its 50th year of operation - amazing! - and while their forte is Shakespeare they always throw in one other unusual play per season, to make us think. This Terrence McNally play finds humor within the self-searching American abroad. Two friends travel to India with heavy baggage, reeling from loss and personal demons. The Hindu god Ganesha manifests in their fellow travelers, and the idea that sometimes, the greatest journey is surviving life. Sat 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

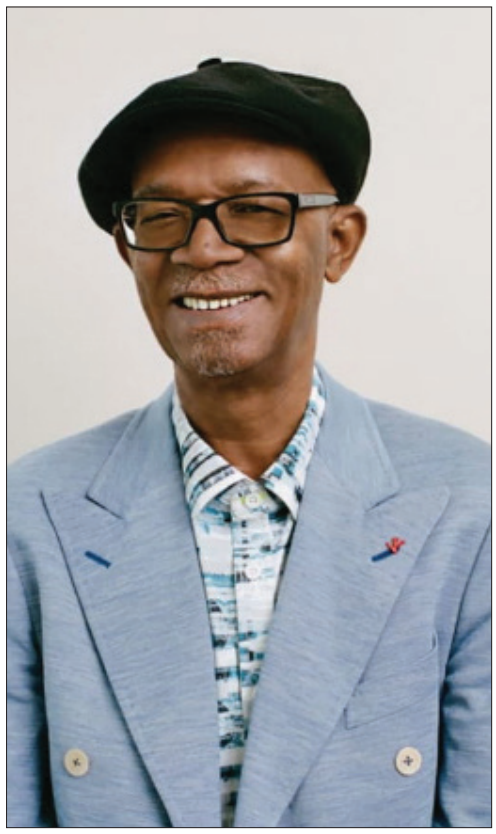
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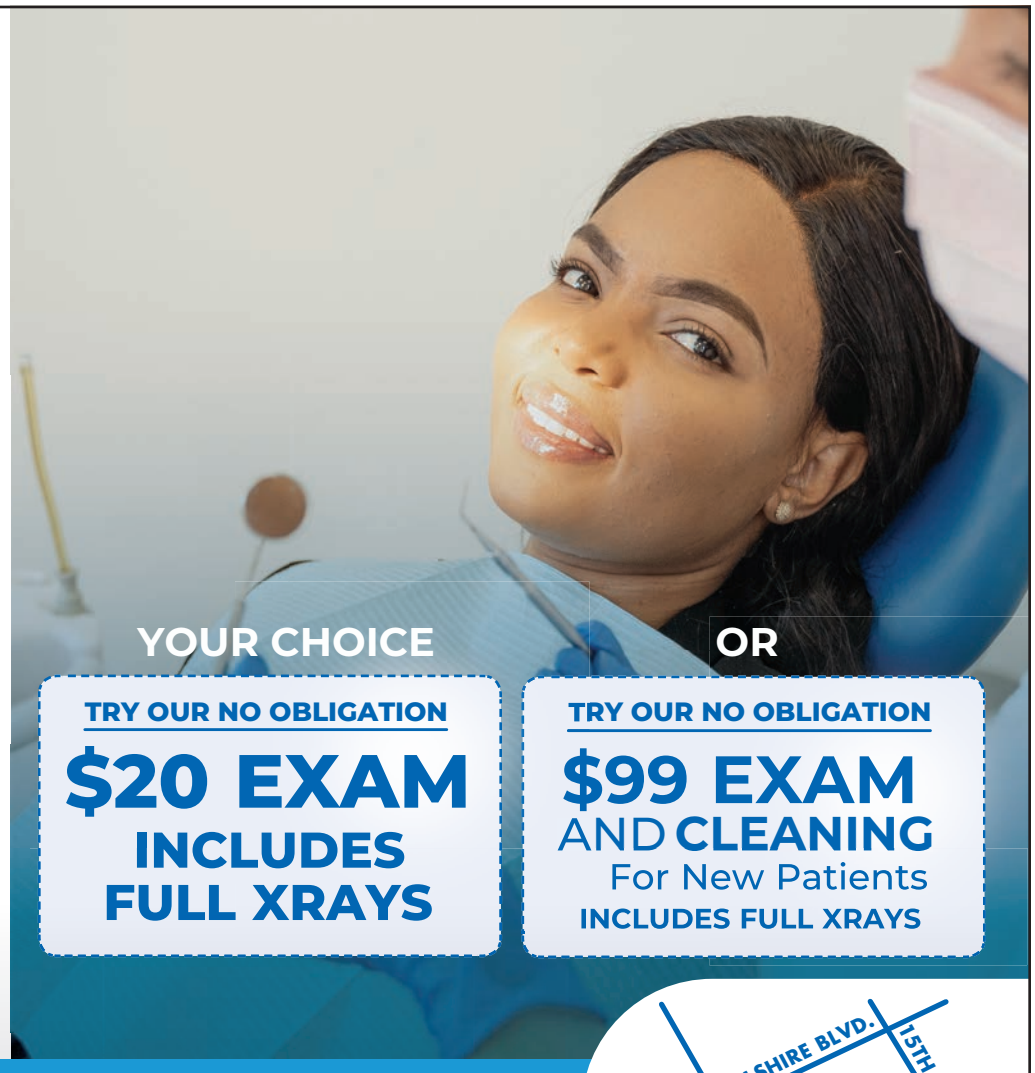
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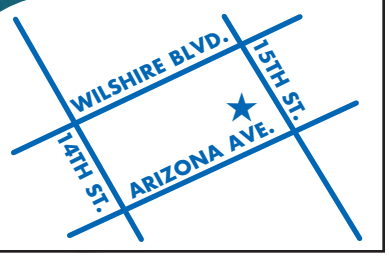
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Chinese e-retailer Temu files lawsuit in US against rival Shein, alleging antitrust violations

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AP Technology Writer

Chinese e-commerce retailer Temu has filed a lawsuit in Massachusetts accusing its rival Shein of violating U.S. antitrust law by preventing garment makers from working with it.

Temu, which is owned by popular Chinese e-commerce site Pinduoduo Inc., is alleging that Shein has compelled clothing manufacturers to submit to unfair supply chain arrangements preventing them from working with Temu after it entered the U.S. market in 2022.

Shein (SHE-in) and Temu (TEE-mu) are fast-rising online shopping platforms. Shein has grabbed the largest share of the fast fashion market in the U.S., at over 50%, according to Temu's complaint. Temu is the most downloaded app in the U.S., according to the website data.ai, formerly App Annie, which tracks app rankings. It offers everything from apparel to household goods at similarly competitive prices.

"Shein has engaged in a campaign of threats, intimidation, false assertions of infringement, and attempts to impose baseless punitive fines and has forced exclusive dealing arrangements on clothing manufacturers," according to the complaint Temu filed on July 14 with the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

In an emailed statement, Temu said that Shein also punished merchants that worked with Temu by imposing "extrajudicial fines" and forced retailers to assign their intellectual property rights to Shein, which could then seek to enforce these rights against those who also operate on Temu.

"For a long time, we have exercised significant restraint and refrained from pursuing legal actions. However, Shein's escalating attacks leave us no choice but to take legal measures to defend our rights and the rights of those merchants doing business on Temu, as well as the consumers' rights to a wide variety of affordable products," the retailer said in the statement.

Shein did not immediately respond to AP with a comment, though it previously said that the case was "without merit" and that the firm would defend itself against the allegations.

Earlier, Shein sued Temu in Illinois, asserting that it engaged in deceptive business practices and created impostor pages that violated copyrights and trademarks.

China's regulators have cracked down on the widespread practice by internet firms there of forcing retailers, brands and suppliers to work exclusively with them.

Both Shein and Temu have gained attention as imports to the U.S. via their platforms have surged.

Just days ago, a filing in California by three U.S. fashion designers accused Shein of copyright infringement so aggressive that it amounts to racketeering. The filing alleges the company has violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, better known as RICO, a law originally crafted to prosecute organized crime.

A Congressional report published last month questioned both companies' compliance with efforts to prevent goods made by forced labor from being sold on their platforms.

An anonymous coalition of brands and human rights advocates called "Shut Down Shein" has been lobbying lawmakers seeking to increase scrutiny on the fast fashion site.

ELECTIONS

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recent gathering, made no such pleas this year. His campaign was little mentioned in panel discussions, speeches, training sessions and after-hours parties. At the same time, relatively little attention was paid to West or No Labels, or to Biden's nominal Democratic opponents, anti-vaccine activist Robert Kennedy Jr. and self-help author Marianne Williamson.

Ganapathy said that progressive support for Biden runs deeper than simply attempting to thwart Trump once more.

"There's a lot that this president and this administration can stand on in terms of their record," he said. "It doesn't have to be a 'Don't vote for that guy.'"

Not everyone is convinced.

Anabel Mendoza, a 25-year-old media relations professional and Chicago native who recently moved to California, said Biden "ran on a lot of promises, but many of those have been unfulfilled and I think he could be bolder."

"There is a lot at stake in this country, and young generations are feeling that," said Mendoza, pointing to slow federal progress on combating climate change and gun violence, as well as on immigration, an issue where she said Biden "kept in place a lot of Trump policies and that's something I firmly disagreed with."

But Mendoza also said "in no world am I ever going to go for Trump."

"When I go out and vote for a candidate, it might not be the candidate who has everything that I want," she added.

Walton has similar feelings. "As badly as I would love to sit this one out and prove a point," she said, she'll be voting Democratic in 2024.

"Am I going to not vote and give the country away for another four years of Donald Trump?" Walton asked. "Absolutely not."

Rahna Epting, executive director of the progressive activist organization MoveOn, said Biden "leveraged the first two years of his administration to pass some of the most progressive and people-first policies we could have ever dreamed of."

She said Biden is no "movement candidate," but he does not have to be a star on the left for progressives to turn out for him in 2024.

"When push comes to shove, they're going to vote for Joe Biden," Epting said. "For stability, for someone who is governing for the people, no matter what was left on the table in the last congressional cycle."

CIVIC

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Pink Floyd, the Grateful Dead and Chuck Berry.

The Academy Awards were also held in the venue during the 1960s.

The property is zoned as recreational use under the City's Civic Center Specific Plan and the City designated the Civic Auditorium as a City landmark in 2002 to preserve key historic features such as the exterior facade and some interior design elements such as the lobby, the two original staircases, the volume of the Main Hall space and several other elements.

However, the property is seismically unsafe. The main portion of the building formally closed in 2013 but a meeting space in the East Wing remained open for community meetings and small events through early 2020.

Two attempts to secure a tenant or private partner to operate the building have failed. The City received a single applicant when it sent out a request for a private partnership in 2009 but those negotiations fell apart when the State eliminated local redevelopment agencies and City Hall lost access to about $50 million that had been set aside for necessary seismic improvements and ADA upgrades to the building.

A second attempt to find a private partnership failed in 2019 when the city again received a single applicant but could not provide enough support or funding to secure a deal.

As it stands today, the city has not budgeted for and does not have staff to rehabilitate and reopen the site on its own.

In 2022, Council declared the property "surplus" in a public meeting after receiving what was described at the time as "renewed interest in the Civic Auditorium from prospective commercial operators."

State law, known as the Surplus Land Act (SLA), requires municipalities to declare property as "surplus" or "exempt" if they plan to sell or lease it to a private party. There are specific rules for exempting a property and at the time, staff said the property had to be declared as surplus to facilitate a long term lease with a private tenant.

However, the SLA requires a handful of uses (affordable housing, parks and education) be given priority access to surplus land before its owner can move on to another use.

Following the Civic's designation, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District and Community Corporation of Santa Monica expressed interest in the site and negotiations with both are ongoing.

An update to those negotiations triggered outcry from residents this week who demanded the process be halted entirely or at least opened to public scrutiny.

"I strongly believe the Civic Auditorium should not be in the Surplus Land Act process," said Ann Bowman. "It is the foundation of our Civic Center Specific Plan which was put together with extensive public input so it's not 'nonessential' as you called it last October, and it's our city's most iconic public asset, both literally and from a psychological standpoint."

Councilman Phil Brock had previously announced a need to leave the July 18 meeting early and requested the update on the negotiations be delayed pending his return to the July 25 meeting. However, the item will remain on the closed season agenda because property negotiations are not required to be held in public, much to the dismay of residents who spoke out this week.

"When we talk about giving away or selling this, the Civic Center, it's done in closed session negotiation with parties who have not had public input to them," said Nancy Coleman. "And it's not appropriate to do at all."

Councilman Oscar de la Torre did ask for the City Attorney's office to create a one-sheet explainer regarding the SLA to educate the public regarding the laws implementation and requirements.

Council will meet on July 25 in City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

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NOTEWORTHY

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one of my favorite pieces of music ever. It was almost an accident that it came about. You should read the story. Dvorak is one of my fave composers and he was made for the "New World." and New York, for one, loved his Symphony No. 9 ("From the New World"). It remains his best-known, best-loved piece. Leonard Slatkin conducts. Tues 8 p.m. Hollywood Bowl, $6-65.

Next Thurs - LA PHIL, "PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION" – Outstanding, unusual program more than makes up for no Dudamel (guest conductor Stéphane Denève is no slouch, read his credits. Next Thurs (Invitational Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.), 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "MACBETH," Theatricum Botanicum, 7/30, 8/3, 11, 20, 26; "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," Theatricum Botanicum, 7/28, 8/10, 17. 24; "QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES," Theatricum Botanicum, 7/30, 8/12, 18. 27; "A PERFECT GANESH." 7/29, 8/4. 13, 25; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 7/30, 8/6, 13, 20. 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 7/31, 8/7, 14, 21, 28; STEVE EARLE & THE DUKES, Troubadour, 7/30; LA Phil, Live Presentation of "2001: A Space Odyssey," Hollywood Bowl, 8/3; DAKHABRAKHA, Ford Theater, 8/4; "HANSEL & GRETEL," Pacific Opera Project, 8/4, 5, 6; WILL GEER 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA, Theatricum Botanicum, 8/5; ACTORS GANG, "MUCH ADO ABOUT POOH, Media Park, 8/5. 6, 12, 13, 19, 20; I SEE HAWKS IN LA, Cinema Bar, 8/5; YNGWIE MALMSTEEN, GLENN HUGHES, Saban Theatre, 8/8; RICK SHEA, Cinema Bar, 8/10; LA PHIL, SIBELIUS, GRIEG, Hollywood Bowl, 8/10; LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Ford Theatre, 8/10; ROY ZIMMERMAN, McCabe's, 8/11; MICHAEL FRANTI & SPEARHEAD, Greek Theatre, 8/20; HERBIE HANCOCK Celebrates WAYNE SHORTER, Hollywood Bowl, 8/23; "SING OUT!" Theatricum Botanicum, 8/23; SUDAN ARCHIVES, Bellwether, 8/25.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com (the real mr music...)

BUSINESS

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month to $249 per month and with that, you enter into a credit-style currency scheme. Any unused credits carry over into the next month and credits can be used in any class in either of the two locations.

Moreover, classes can be offered for less for a limited time, in what Mattison calls a "happy hour pricing" where classes can be reduced in credit cost for a limited time, say if demand for a midday class is low.

"That's what really excites us, to be able to provide more value through the credit system through flexibility and cheaper pricing that they pay otherwise than typical," Mattison says.

AESTHETIC AMBITION

Maybe you just want to add an extra earring, or perhaps you're planning a piercing in a more private place, regardless, Aesthetic Ambition is undoubtedly among nicest piercing and fine jewelry stores in Southern California.

Moreover, the story of this small business is worthy of a place on the Los Angeles Times bestselling books list and it's virtually a miracle it survived at all. In the first quarter of 2020, at about the time that the Covid pandemic was gathering momentum, owner Thomas Hall operated out of a modest-sized shop in Marina del Rey, on Washington Blvd. The property was sold to a new owner who slowly but steadily increased the rent until the site, measuring 450 sq ft was costing Hall $8,500 per month, "which is just egregiously over any kind of average for that area," Hall says.

He began to look for an alternative location and thought Santa Monica looked promising. He found the site at 2502 Main Street and that, as he says, is when the problems really started. What followed was nearly three years of permit delays, construction problems and unreliable lawyers, all of which sounded like something out of a Monty Python sketch. To keep his business alive, Hall was forced to pay rent on two sites while the issues were resolved and consequently he had to lay off his entire staff. However, he persisted.

Hall says he owes money to just everyone, but now the renovation work is complete — and with the exception of a few teeny-tiny changes at the back of the store that no one will even see — the store is open and operational.

"It's been an interesting journey, that much is certain," Hall says, adding, "But life is all about looking forwards and not backward and so I'm just thrilled we're open and the shop looks amazing."

TMNT

While there are openings in other parts of the City, the Promenade continues to evolve, and in this case, maybe even mutate.

In advance of a new movie opening in August, a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle experience is coming to downtown at 1247 3rd St. Promenade.

"The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem Experience is a FREE family friendly, immersive experience that invites guests to explore the turtles' underground home. See what life is like inside their lair and train with your favorite heroes before the epic film comes to theatres on August 2," said the announcement.

The experience is family friendly but will offer an "enhanced" version with more intense lights and louder sounds from 6 - 8 p.m.

Mutant Mayhem is free but reservations are required and can be made online at https://www.tmntexperience.com/

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EVENTS

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"Ms. Clucks Deluxe" & Roman-style Pizzeria "mr roni cups" Open on 3rd St Promenade: Ms. Clucks Deluxe offers a variety of chicken dishes including cajun seasoned karaage chicken and ramen with truffled chicken wontons while Roman-style pizzeria mr roni cups offers stone hearth pizzas made with 48-hour fermented dough and seasonal toppings. They join recently opened James Beard Award-Winning Chef Tim & Nancy Cushman's "gogo ya" nori sushi taco and bento bowl shop @ Kitchen United MIX Food Court, 1315 3rd St Promenade https://www.facebook.com/groups/SantaMonicaNow/permalink/6815457745183684/

Sogno Toscano Opens on Montana Ave: Sogno Toscana (which means "Tuscan Dream") is "USA's largest Italian online food store", known for delivery of fine Italian foods, it has two NY cafes and this cafe is The West Coast's first branch. 1512 Montana Ave. https://toddrickallen.com/2023/07/14/sogno-toscano-opens-in-santa-monica-on/

LA Magazine Profiles Isla on Main St: This write up states "Crudo e Nudo's creators' latest Japanese food sensation is...robatayaki, or Japanese fireside cooking." 2424 Main St. https://www.lamag.com/lafood/isla-japanese-restaurant-santa-monica

True Food Kitchen Launches New Summer Menu: Highlights include Street Corn Flatbread, Heirloom Tomato & Watermelon Salad, and TFK Original Chicken Sandwich with a house-made BBQ sauce made with blueberry compote and Peruvian hot sauce. They are also offering 50% off all bottles of wine every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day weekend. 395 Santa Monica Place, 1st Floor www.truefoodkitchen.com

SoCal Vibes Co. sounds like something you'd see printed on a t-shirt at the Venice Boardwalk, but it's actually the neighborhood's newest drinks spot. The second location of a cider brewery in Carson, it pours its own fruit-infused brews, mead, and cocktails made with its house-distilled brandy, like the Blue Californian that mixes lager, brandy, and cider with blue curacao. 522 Abbot Kinney Blvd. https://www.socalvibesco.com/

LOOKING AHEAD: National Night Out with SMPD at City Hall (Aug 1), Sharing an Open Main St (Aug 12 & 13)

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MENTAL HEALTH

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needed.

Now, California crisis centers are taking stock of the new hotline and making plans to expand services in the coming year. They aim to hire more staff and to build out Spanish language services.

"I think 988 met its intended goal, which is that the easy-to-remember three-digit number encouraged more people to seek help," said Narges Dillon, the executive director of the crisis center in Alameda County. "One of the dynamics we noticed is we're also getting a lot of first-time callers, which is a sign that there are new people reaching out for help. To me, that was at the core of creating this program."

Her center already had a local crisis line, but since the 988 rollout last year, the center has seen a 40% increase in calls.

"There has been a lot of curiosity," she said. Her team of crisis counselors grew by almost 50%, rising from 45 to 77. The center also has 100 volunteers.

California launched the hotlines after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a law to fund and expand crisis call systems. It's one of 26 states that have passed laws to fund and sustain 988 hotlines.

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a San Ramon Democrat, wrote the bill and named it in the memory of Miles Hall, a 23-year-old Black man who was shot to death by Walnut Creek police in 2019 while he was experiencing a mental health emergency. She intended the bill to cut down on volatile 911 calls that could lead to police using unnecessary force.

"At the one-year mark, California has already passed legislation to implement 988 as a meaningful, police-free alternative to 911 for mental health crises in California," Bauer-Kahan said in a statement to CalMatters. "But we are in the throes of a mental health crisis, and we still have a long way to go."

By far, California has received the highest number of phone calls in the country, a 28% increase in volume since the lifeline launched. The number of calls was double the volume for the state with the second most, New York, according to Matt Taylor, director of network development for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

"Most of the time, talk-line people are able to talk through on the phone, and avoid in-person responses," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who has been an advocate for mental health awareness. She said she wants Los Angeles to be equipped with enough mental health teams to accommodate everyone in her county.

Altogether, 5 million calls, chats and texts have been made so far across the country to 988 hotlines in the last year. That's 2 million more calls than the previous year, under the former 10-digit number.

WHY WAS 988 CREATED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

One in five U.S. adults are living with a mental illness, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

In 2005, Congress established a National Suicide Prevention Helpline number to provide around-the-clock suicide prevention help for those in crisis. But funding for those crisis centers was limited. Some also said the 10-digit number — 1-800-273-8255 — was too long, and that people were forgetting what to dial.

In response, Congress in 2020 passed a bipartisan bill to launch 988 as an alternative and former President Donald Trump signed it into law. By July 2022, the Biden administration had allocated $1 billion to get the program up-and-running in every state. In the years to come, each state will be responsible for funding its own centers.

So far, 200 locally operated and funded crisis call centers are available nationwide.

In California, 1,116 crisis counselors work at 12 crisis centers across the state.

This year's state budget included $19 million to support the program. Going forward the state expects to spend about $12.5 million annually to support the program, according to Stephanie Welch, deputy secretary of Behavioral Health at California Health and Human Services Agency.

"The biggest thing that I've recognized in my community is the ease of access," said Tonya Mann, crisis services administrator for Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. "When someone is in a crisis and they might be emotionally dysregulated, having that phone number to memorize is difficult."

PLANS TO EXPAND 988 HOTLINE

California call centers have some changes they want to make to the hotlines, including ensuring that people in need are directed to local resources. As is, the 988 services match callers to the area code on their phone. But when callers move away, they will still be connected to the clinic in their original place of residence.

Often, those calls will just get re-routed to their nearest clinic. But, some have expressed concerns over whether time is lost when those calls or chats are re-routed.

"As you can imagine, that's an imperfect system, but in any large urban center people are not necessarily living in the same place where they first got their cell phone," Dillon of the Alameda County Crisis Center said. "So we may then recommend them to the appropriate geographic area."

This week, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra announced that 988 will now offer Spanish text and chat services nationally.

Chris Kughn, the chief executive of Buckelew Programs, which responds to calls from Marin, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties, said they already have Spanish-speaking counselors but "definitely need more."

Assemblymember James C. Ramos, a San Bernardino Democrat, partnered with a crisis clinic that covers most of Southern California, to promote the hotline among tribal leaders.

Ramos, a member of the Serrano/Cahuilla tribe who is the first Native American to be elected to the Legislature, hopes that the lifeline can eventually connect Native American callers to Native American counselors, as a way to encourage more engagement from tribal communities.

"The 988 hotline is a lifesaving tool, and it is valuable in helping to reduce suicide death rates in Native American communities and among all groups of people," Ramos said in an email to CalMatters.

"As we saw during COVID, access to services and the supporting infrastructure like WiFi access, were not equitably available to all communities. As we move forward with 988, we need to make sure all communities know about this service and can readily use it," he said.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 20

our energy is like a growth serum. With your gentle nurturing, people heal, improve and create. And when you turn your benevolence in on yourself, your dearest pursuits and projects take off with velocity. More highlights: achieving an aspirational physical goal, a comic diversion that keeps giving and an unbeatable team. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 34, 49, 15 and 28.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are people who never fail. They are the same ones who never try. You're in the mood to dare. You expect to lose in your early attempts. Letting yourself learn without pressure is half the fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you'll move decisively, as though you know in your very bones which way to go, you may not actually feel this way. Whether you have confidence or just pretend to, it will be better to choose quickly and go with it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have friends who are like characters, animated and easily identifiable. They take a lot of energy and generate a lot too. They make things more exciting. You'll be glad for the added interest they bring.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who claim to be the authority have limited knowledge. Until you get the other sides of the story, your sense of a situation will be incomplete. Progress will be a function of incorporating many points of view.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As you move briskly through the physical world you may attain a sense of flow that connects you to the world beyond, where secret knowledge is imparted and creativity runs strong. You'll reach a certain speed; insights effervesce.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The offer on the table will remain a while, but the longer you deliberate, the less enthusiastic the other party will be about the deal. Today's bright mood will have you thinking quickly, factoring in many aspects of an arrangement and coming to a conclusion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When circumstances are beyond your control, it won't help to worry, obsess or run around trying to fix everything. You'll welcome discomfort, accept the way things are, look for the parts you can change, and prevail!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll try not to make assumptions, but if you do make them, you'll strive to connect the dots in a way that supports instead of condemns. The picture that forms will be a soft thought to land on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The exchange of money isn't only a trade of dollars and cents. It's a trade of energy. A good deal is one you're lifted by, which can happen even if you are not financially better for the trade.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No matter how many other people you need to check in with now, giving quality attention to yourself will be among the most important appointments to keep. All health and joy will spring from excellent self-care.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People will make your life easier, but first you'll need to teach them how. There's a learning curve involved. Be patient. It won't take long for things to fall into a productive groove.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Moods are like views. To see the sunny skies, one must be at a certain elevation. For those down in an emotional pit, such elevations will take more climbing to reach. The first step is reaching sea level.

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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Newsday Crossword

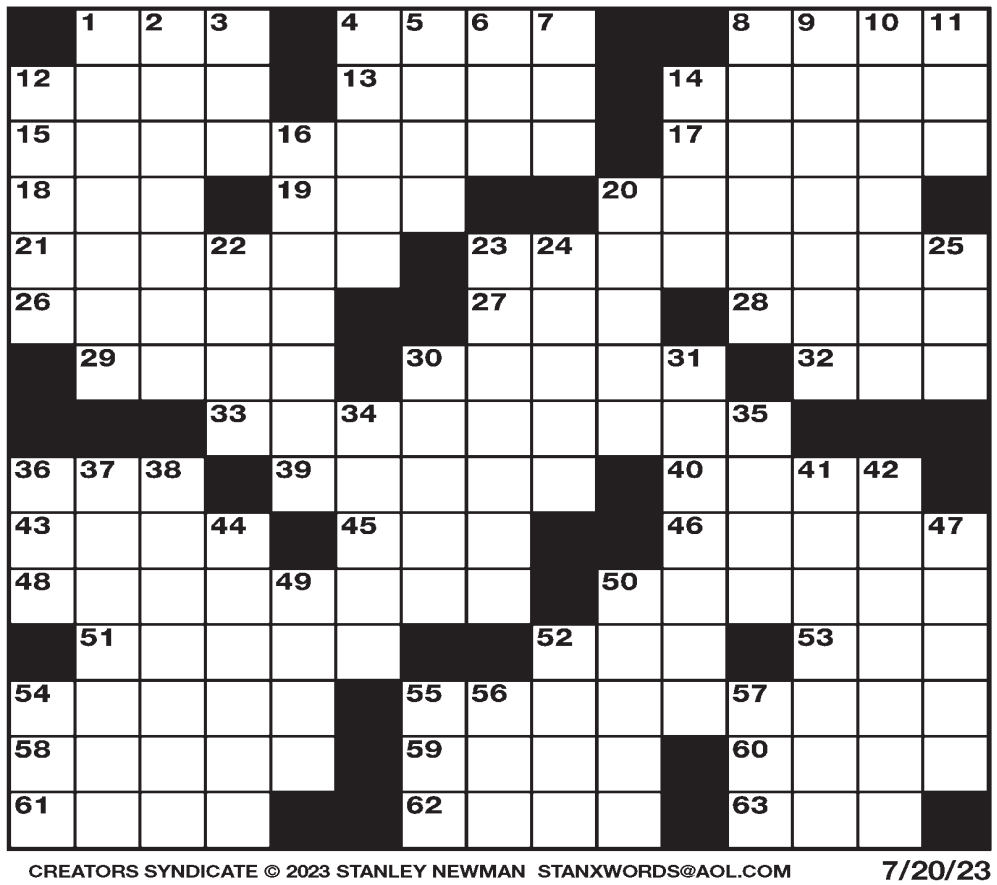
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ACROSS

1 Prescription, for short
4 Helen Mirren title
8 Barista's workplace
12 Sensei's school
13 Affectedly ornate
14 Swindler's aide
15 Universal donor's type
17 Fable finale
18 1 Across prescriber
19 *OED* ender
20 Run up a flagpole
21 Some musical combos
23 Bless dinner
26 Be inclined
27 Greeting for Caesar
28 Defraud
29 Redhead explorer
30 Astronomer's sightings
32 Sellout notice
33 Request for patience
36 1 Across overseer
39 Toddlers' taboos
40 Prez after Lyndon
43 Entertainer Minnelli
45 Barely seen
46 Touch up
48 "No idea"
50 Audio system
51 Guiding principle
52 Storm system
53 Long swimmer
54 Neutral shade
55 Have focusing difficulty
58 These, in Cádiz
59 Jazz group
60 Gown renter
61 Chasmic
62 Polite rural reply
63 Certain sunshade

DOWN

1 Mr. Peanut accessory
2 Fighter-jet seat
3 Track tenaciously
4 Palm product
5 Not at all arable
6 Rock video pioneer
7 Facial feature
8 Loft groups
9 Compartments of lungs
10 Freight hauler
11 Wall bracket shape
12 Bygone birds
14 Vista spoiler
16 Like Montezuma
20 African scavenger
22 Cast-of-thousands
23 UN member __ and Príncipe
24 Admits openly
25 Broody music
30 Insignificant amount
31 LP surface
34 Acknowledge silently
35 "Pencils down"
36 Elapse quickly
37 Bishop's jurisdiction
38 Dark blue mineral
41 Brain areas
42 Show reverence to
44 Generational separator
47 Gave (out)
49 Poetic plaudits
50 Genesis city
52 Floral circles
54 Roses' home
55 Muddy place
56 Preposition in 49 Down
57 "That's awful!"



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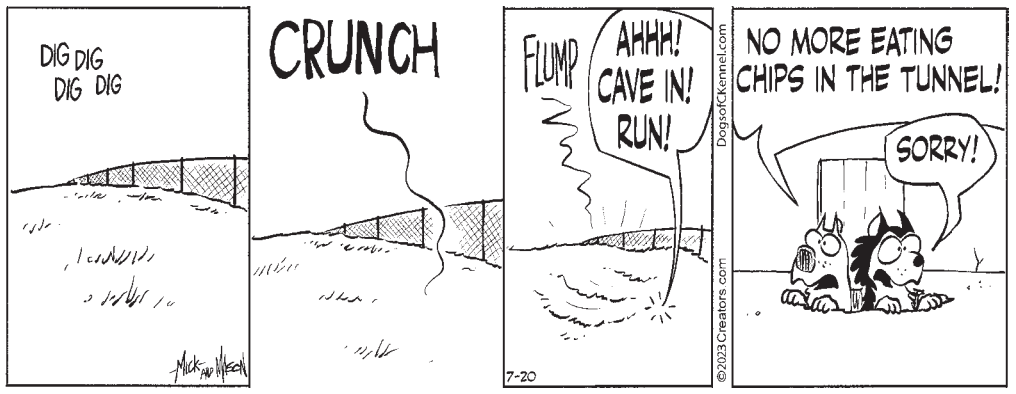
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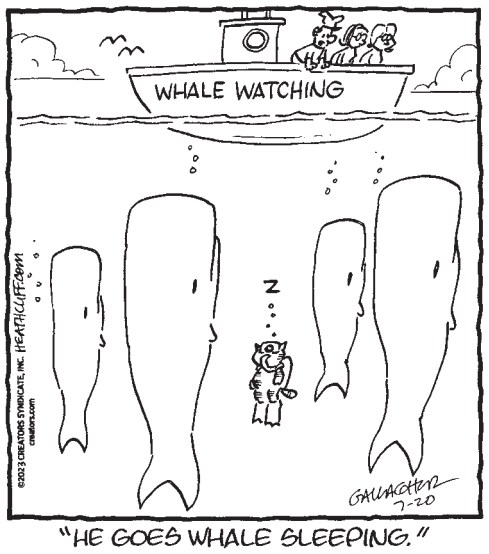
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"HE GOES WHALE SLEEPING."

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

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Fruit and vegetables

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

Acerola	Edamame	Lentils	Pummelo
Apple	Eggplant	Lime	Radish
Beans	Figs	Mango	Rhubarb
Beet	Gourd	Mint	Salak
Cabbage	Grapes	Okra	Sapodilla
Capsicum	Herbs	Onion	Tasty
Carrot	Jackfruit	Pear	Turnip
Chard	Kale	Pepino	Yam
Cloud berry	Kiwi	Pick	Zucchini
Date	Kumquat	Plum	
Dock	Leek	Potato	

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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.

SUNDAY | JULY 23

ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL: YOUTH EDITION

This summer, join Theatre Palisades Youth (TPY) on their "Journey to the Past" in ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL: YOUTH EDITION. This exciting musical will run at the Pierson Playhouse in Pacific Palisades, July 21 - July 30. With a cast of more than 40 youth actors, between the ages of 7 and 17, prepare to be entertained as they swing from the sky on aerial silks, and sing and dance to such nostalgic favorites as "Once Upon A December" along with new music from the renowned Tony Award–winning writing team of Stephen Flaherty and Lynne Ehrens. Pierson Playhouse, 941 Temescal Canyon Road. Pacific Palisades, CA. 310-454-1970 https://theatrepalisades.org/youth/

MONDAY | JULY 24

THOR'S REPTILE FAMILY

Enjoy a hands-on, entertaining, and educational show featuring anthropods, amphibians, and reptiles of all sizes. You will be taken on a safari around the world, learning about various aspects of the animals presented with an emphasis on who, how, and what their feeding habits are. Donald Bruce Kaufman - 4:00 pm at Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. Los Angeles, CA https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/thors-reptile-family-brentwood

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **64.9**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Dog days of summer with just a tiny mix of swells on offer. Still slow across most of the region but a little more S swell creeps in through the day to help rideability.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Up a notch from the last couple of days. Still on the slow side but a little more push as S swell tops out. Minor NW windswell mixing in.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Light south wind becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 77.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2023/07/23	Sun	7:55 PM	2.51	L
2023/07/24	Mon	01:17 AM	3.86	H
2023/07/24	Mon	07:47 AM	1.34	L
2023/07/24	Mon	2:54 PM	4.45	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/18
19 22 31 37 54
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 720 M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/18
15 22 24 34 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/18
EVENING: 3 5 7
Draw Date: 7/18
MIDDAY: 0 2 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/18
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
Race Time: 1:47.76

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