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Olympic Beach Volleyball still scheduled for Santa Monica despite lack of signed agreement



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OLYMPICS: While this year's Olympics start in a few days, plans are already afoot for the 2028 games in Los Angeles including a potential venue for Beach Volleyball in Santa Monica.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

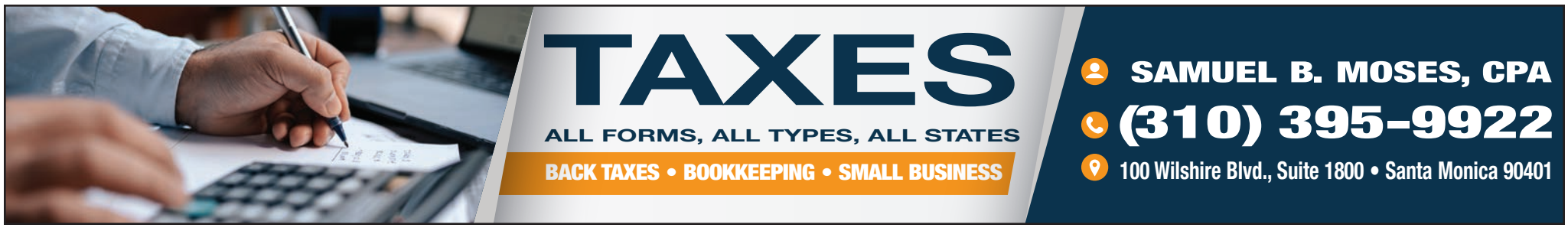
When the Los Angeles Olympic Committee announced a host of venues for the 2028 games last week, Santa Monica was noticeably absent from the list but plans for a Santa Monica venue are still afoot according to Olympic officials.

Last week, the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games announced more than a dozen venue assignments for Olympic sports in the City of Los Angeles and neighboring cities of Carson and Long Beach.

The City of Los Angeles is the actual host of the games and will be the center of activity but the Committee has said it plans to leverage a variety of regional venues to reduce the need for construction and maximize the quality of the games.

"The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games will reflect all that the Los Angeles area has to

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Santa Monica softball team headed to nationals



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TEAM: The Santa Monica 12U All-Star team is going to the national tournament at the end of the month.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A group of local softball players are gearing up for a shot at softball glory after qualifying for the 2024 Western Nationals tournament at the end of the month.

The Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch (SMGF) 12U Gold All-Star team finished in the top 4 (out of 32 teams) at the State tournament held in Lancaster over the Fourth of July weekend and have been fundraising for the trip to Salem, Oregon.

After surpassing an initial fundraising goal of $10,000, the teams GoFundMe remains active to help offset the costs of taking 11 players to the event including travel, hotel and other associated costs.

"We've been astonished how much we raised," said head coach Mike Denbeau. "It's still going strong even though we exceeded our goal. It's a by product of who these girls are. The parents see the love, see the commitment that they have to one another and feel the sense of family. "It extended into the fundraising efforts, when they see that kind of stuff, it's touching, they see it's something that should be nurtured and supported."

Denbeau said the core of the team has been playing together for several years and while they may play on individual teams in the regular season, many of them have come together for All-Star teams in the past.

"At this level of play, obviously every player on our team is very talented," he said. "They are All-Stars for a reason. But what makes this team truly special is the sense of family and togetherness that the team plays with. I love what Gene Hackman said in the movie "Hoosiers" about playing as a team, functioning as one single unit, with no one player more important than the other. That's how this team plays. They would do anything for each other. And I think that's why our fundraiser has been successful. People see that and they instinctively want to nurture it, support it, and keep it going as long as possible."

Assistant Coach Bobby Reynoso said the team has gone from a 2-14 record a few years ago to qualifying for the National event.

"My favorite thing about coaching this team is not only is it a great group of girls, but it's a great group of families. It shows on and off the field with the smiles and friendships we all share," he said. "I am very excited to take this trip to Oregon with the girls because of the life long memories I know they will share and for these girls to be able to show case their talents in front of some of the rest of the country."

Reynoso's daughter, Destiny, is part of the team and said making it to the big tournament was a validation of the hard work that the team put in.

"I am excited to play in a new place against new teams from out of state. I've never been to Oregon so I'm looking forward to all the fun I will have with my friends," she said.

She said playing on the team has helped her with communication and teamwork on and off the field.

Pitcher and Outfielder Madison Denbeau said she's excited to extend her time with her teammates into the offseason.

"It means a lot to me because I get to spend more time with my friends on this team. We eat, sleep, breathe softball and work really hard so making it all the way to Nationals is a dream come true. To have this moment with my dad, who is our Head Coach, is a memory I will forever cherish," she said.

The teams fundraiser remains active online at: https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-smgf-12u-girls-journey-to-nationals

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Curtain rises on formal proposal to revitalize the Civic Center

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The already made public, but technically secret deal to reopen Santa Monica's Civic Auditorium will have its first formal announcement at Tuesday's council meeting.

Approval of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Revitalization Partners Group, LLC (RPG) is part of the consent calendar for the July 23 meeting but as the calendar is approved in bulk with no debate, there will be no discussion of the deal unless a councilmember specifically asks for it to be pulled from the group list.

News of the deal broke in May when a resident group, Save the Civic, announced the agreement via an email blast. While two hearings for proposals were listed on the Council's closed session agenda for May 28, City Attorney Doug Sloan made no mention of a vote to advance one during the meeting.

Instead, several residents organized under the group Save the Civic announced the vote the following day saying it was an "unparalleled opportunity for Santa Monica to invigorate its cultural importance in Los Angeles and on the Westside."

Opened in 1958, the Civic Auditorium quickly became a local cultural hub, hosting the Academy Awards from 1961 to 1968 and performances by legendary musicians like Pink Floyd, the Rolling Stones and Elton John. Despite its storied past, the building has been closed since 2013 due to seismic safety issues.

Past efforts to find a partner for the auditorium have failed, and the City currently lacks the budget or staff to reopen it independently. In 2022, the property was declared surplus under the Surplus Land Act (SLA), a necessary step before leasing or selling civic property. The SLA process prioritizes housing, education, and park use, but allows the City to pursue other projects if no suitable proposals emerge.

Two bidders, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the Community Corporation of Santa Monica, showed interest but their bids were rejected/withdrawn clearing the way for the City to seek a new partner.

In seeking a private partner, the City said it wanted to retain ownership of the auditorium and sought partners with experience in managing landmark facilities as cultural and entertainment venues.

RPG, the consortium selected to lead the renovation, includes several prominent entities: Geyser Holdings: Led by Russell Geyser, with over $1 billion in commercial real estate syndications. The Make Good Group: Led by Tim Sexton, known for its expertise in sustainability and social responsibility. The Azoff Company: Led by Irving Azoff, former Chairman and CEO of Ticketmaster and Live Nation. Oak View Group (OVG): Led by Tim Leiweke, notable for redeveloping the Key Arena into Amazon's Climate Pledge Arena. Live Nation: A Fortune 500 company specializing in live entertainment and ticket sales.

The ENA will be in effect for six months, during which RPG will conduct due diligence, including historic preservation, seismic and structural assessments, ADA compliance, and other feasibility studies.

The RPG team will fund an initial $350,000 deposit to cover the city's costs, replenishing it as necessary. If negotiations are successful, the Council will approve a Disposition and Development Agreement, allowing the project to move forward.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.6**

TUESDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach
Trending smaller for most of the region as NW windswell drops further. New SSW/S swell gradually creeps in through the day as old SSW swell drops.

WEDNESDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*
SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder
Selective SSW/S swell shows a bit more energy — still on the smaller side for most of the region. Small NW windswell in the mix.

Weather

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. South southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the morning.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 66. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATION OF THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE CITY COUNICL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA RELATED TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, THE BERGAMOT AREA PLAN, THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO IMPLMENT GOALS POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE 6TH CYCLE (2021-2029) HOUSING ELEMENT, ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS FOR CONSITENCY WITH STATE HOUSING LAW, AND MAKING OTHER MINOR CHANGES, CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

As described further below, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider adoption of resolutions recommending that the City Council: 1) Amend the Land Use and Circulation Element of the City's General Plan, amend the Bergamot Area Plan to repeal Chapter 5 (Development Standards and Land Use Regulations) for integration of those provisions into the Zoning Ordinance and amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance to integrate development standards and land use regulations for the Bergamot Area Plan, and amend the Downtown Community Plan for consistency with the Goals, Polices, and Programs of the 6th Cycle Housing Element and recent updates to State housing laws, and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications; and 2) Amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance for consistency with the Goals, Policies, and Programs of the 6th Cycle Housing Element; to allow for the separate conveyances of primary dwelling units and ADUs in accordance with AB 1033; incorporate interim zoning regulations authorizing the establishment, by Resolution, of objective design standards for housing projects that qualify for the streamlined ministerial approval process established by SB 35 housing projects; for consistency with recent updates to State housing laws; and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which decide the numerical housing targets for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the State then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing units. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. The adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element demonstrates there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number.

On October 11, 2022, per State requirements, the City Council adopted its 2021-2029 Housing Element, which is available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. On October 14, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) confirmed the City's adopted Housing Element is in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code). The adopted Housing Element sets forth a series of goals, policies and programs to be implemented over the next 8 years of the 6th Cycle.

On March 21, 2023, the City Council adopted an initial phase of amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Community Plan, and the City's Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element programs 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1F, 1G, 1J, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4E.

For consistency with the 2021-2029 Housing Element goals, policies and programs, the City proposes this second phase of amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Community Plan, and the City's Zoning Ordinance. This second phase includes implementation of the following Housing Element Programs:

- Program 1.B (Streamline the Architectural Review Process and Ensure Design Review Objectivity for Housing Projects)
- Program 1.E (Revise the Design Standards in The Bergamot Area Plan (BAP) For Easier Understanding and To Support Housing Production)
- Program 1.H (Adaptive Reuse of Existing Commercial Buildings for Permanent Residential Use)
- Program 1.I (Ensure That Local Regulations Support Innovations in Construction Technology to The Extent Technically Feasible)
- Program 2.B (Right of First Offer Ordinance for Nonprofit Affordable Housing Providers)
- Program 2.C (Update the City's Affordable Housing Production Program to Increase the Number of Affordable Housing Units at all Income Levels)
- Program 2.I (Zoning for A Variety of Housing Types Including Special Needs Housing and Housing Access for Persons with Disabilities)
- Program 3.A (Restrict the Removal of Existing Rental Units for Site Redevelopment and Require That Protected Units Are Replaced)
- Program 3.E (Maintain a Low-Income Residential Repair Program)
- Program 5.B (Low Barrier Navigation Centers as By-Right Use)

In addition, the Planning Commission will be considering whether to recommend that the City Council make additional amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in order to: to allow for the separate conveyances of primary dwelling units and ADUs in accordance with AB 1033; incorporate interim zoning regulations authorizing the establishment, by Resolution, of objective design standards for housing projects that qualify for the streamlined ministerial approval process established by SB 35 housing projects; for consistency with recent updates to State housing laws; and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, Planning Manager**
Re: Housing Element Implementation

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MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element, please see the City's website: https://santamonica.gov/housing-element-update, or email housingupdate@smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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LIONS ROAR

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LIONS: Our new members with their sponsors and our inducting officers. L to R , Derrick Beerensteyn, Jane Birman, District Governor Jennifer Cho, Nick Ramirez, 2nd Vice District Governor Francis Lee, Capt. James Fleming.

The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club was happy to announce their community support grant recipients this past month. Each year we are proud to be to join with nonprofit partners that develop creative ideas to meet the ever-changing needs of the people they serve. Here are the projects we are happy to support this year.

Following the pandemic it has been hard to re-engage some seniors within the community, which is important for their mental and physical health. The Santa Monica YMCA has taken on this challenge by creating a welcoming place and providing a variety of activities to appeal to everyone, from board games, puzzles and books, to a Movie Club and health workshops. Keep checking their website for additional activities.

Step Up On Second continues to build on their food and nutrition program, meeting increased need at their four food pantry services are strategically located in Santa Monica, Hollywood, West LA Veteran Affairs Campus, and their dedicated drop-in center for young adults in Los Angeles. They have created many programs targeted to help unhoused individuals and families.

Education continues to be a priority for Lions. We supported two Santa Monica High School scholarships and one for Santa Monica College. After hours of reviewing 12 remarkable applicants, the two SAMO students we selected were Kara Best and Julian Bao, both with visions of how they can help create a brighter future. Kara's passion for political change and Julian's dedication to medical research will have considerable impact in their chosen fields. The Dot Gelvin SM college recipient we recognized was Maxwell Bull, whose strength and determination to attended college was inspiring and clear indication of his ability to be successful in medicine.

The Lion's project we chose to support is Lion's Camp Teresita Pines in Idyllwild, with a mission of providing "a beautiful mountain facility for group camping, emphasizing the needs of the disabled." Originally founded in 1929 as a Catholic girls camp, the Lions Clubs purchased it in 1995 and began updating and renovating the cabins, dining halls and pathways making our camp ADA accessible and allowing camp to be accessible to all regardless of disabilities.

It is because of the support we received from the Westside community we can provide funding for these projects. Thank you to everyone who supported our 100th Gala and is looking forward to our Pancake Breakfast returning this fall.

If you are looking for new ways to become a part of the Santa Monica and Pacific Palisades communities, come join us for a meeting as we plan our future fundraiser, social and volunteer events. Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, July 10th, when we will be installing new officers and inducting new members. The meeting will be at 6:00 pm at the SM Elks Lodge. If you want to become a part of the exciting year ahead, please contact Kingsley at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. You can also learn more about us from our Facebook, Instagram and website.

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RE-VIEW

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Changing Tastes:

A Culinary Journey Through LA's Evolving Lunch Scene



Merv Hecht

LUNCH: Papille Gustative on Main Street is a bright spot among otherwise declining options for lunch.

The restaurant scene is changing. Lately, I've noticed that many of my favorite lunch spots are no longer open for lunch. Plus, the menus are changing, and lots of new restaurants are opening with unique and varied offerings compared to the usual fare.

I was surprised when I learned that Casa Nostra on Sunset closed for lunch a while back. I also felt a pang of sadness when I found out that Modo Mio, one of my favorite lunch spots, just closed for lunch. Other spots, like Cinque Terre, closed for lunch after a long decline in patronage, but fortunately, their excellent deli is still open for takeout.

I can't keep up with the closures in Santa Monica. One major change I noticed is that restaurants in Los Angeles are starting to copy the European preference for eating outside. Many of the outdoor dining venues are in converted parking spaces, which is not often very aesthetically pleasing. However, a few restaurants, like Fia and the Draycott, have wonderful patios with floral arrangements and cool spaces that make the dining experience even more enjoyable.

There are a few other bright spots: restaurants offering new ideas and good quality food at reasonable prices. I love places that offer new dishes instead of the usual hamburgers and pasta.

I recently visited a wonderful Japanese restaurant run by an excellent Korean chef, Maru Sushi & Ramen at 331 Wilshire. It boasts an extensive menu and top-quality seafood. Because the seating area is small, it is quiet enough to carry on a conversation.

I also recently dined at Papille Gustative on Main Street. It's owned by a Hungarian gourmet and staffed by a lovely Russian waitress. It's like nowhere else I've eaten in Los Angeles. I had a plate of sea urchin (6) served on a slice of cucumber on delicious rye bread and topped with trout roe. Delicious! And not too filling. My friend and I then shared a seafood platter. This was more than enough for the two of us: smoked sturgeon, smoked salmon, sardines, anchovies, tuna salad, that same wonderful rye bread, and flavorful mustard—I can't begin to convey how wonderful the entire dining experience was. The only downside for me at my age: it's hard to remember the restaurant's name!

I finally got to Colapasta on 5th Street, which boasts a mention in the Michelin Guide. My friend and I each ordered different pasta dishes to try two diverse plates. I had noodles with crab meat in a slightly spicy tomato sauce. The sauce overpowered the few pieces of crab, so the crab didn't add much, and while the sauce was good, there was too much of it, making it soupy instead of complementing the pasta. My friend ordered noodles with anchovy paste and tossed it himself to coat the noodles properly. It was good but not great. Making pasta correctly is more difficult than people think, and there are almost as many names for noodle shapes as there are French cheeses. Colapasta does a good job making fresh pasta and

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GOP threatened to sue over November ballot if Biden dropped out. Experts call that 'ridiculous'

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Even before President Joe Biden's long-speculated withdrawal from the 2024 presidential race, allies of former President Donald Trump floated the possibility of suing to block Democrats from having anyone other than Biden on the ballot in November.

But election administration and legal experts said the timing of Biden's exit on Sunday makes it unlikely that any Republican ballot access challenges will succeed, with some calling the idea "ridiculous" and "frivolous." Democrats are on safe legal ground as they identify a new standard-bearer, they say, because the party hasn't officially chosen its nominee. That typically occurs with a vote of delegates at the party's convention.

"It's ridiculous for people to talk about 'replacing Biden.' He hasn't been nominated yet," said Richard Winger, a leading expert on state ballot access laws and the longtime editor of the "Ballot Access News" newsletter.

Talk of possible Republican legal challenges has been swirling since Democrats began discussing — privately and publicly — whether Biden should drop out of the race.

In June, a conservative Washington-based think tank laid out what it described as "the contentious path ahead" if Biden did not seek reelection.

"There is the potential for pre-election litigation in some states that would make the process difficult and perhaps unsuccessful," said Mike Howell, executive director of the Heritage Foundation's "Oversight Project" in a public memo. Howell identified three battleground states — Georgia, Nevada and Wisconsin — as possible places where pre-election litigation could be filed to try to block a presidential candidate from withdrawing.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson also raised the specter of legal challenges on Sunday morning, hours before Biden's announcement.

"I think they have got legal hurdles in some of these states, and it'll be litigated, I would expect, on the ground there, and they will have to sort through all that. They have got a real problem," Johnson, R-La., said on CNN's "State of the Union."

But several experts disagree. Trey Grayson, Kentucky's former two-term Republican Secretary of State, said there are no grounds to challenge the Democratic Party from picking a post-Biden nominee.

"It's a pretty frivolous claim," said Grayson, who also served as president of the National Association of Secretaries of State and chair of the Republican Secretaries of State Association. "The filing deadlines haven't passed yet, and the Democrats haven't nominated anybody yet."

Delegates from every state, territory and the District of Columbia select their parties' presidential and vice presidential nominees using a process outlined in national party rules. Even though Biden won enough delegates as of March 12 to unofficially clinch the nomination — making him the presumptive nominee — because he ended his campaign before delegates voted, the task of selecting the party's candidate for the November election still falls to convention delegates.

Had Biden stepped aside after the convention, a different process would have been triggered, one that could have been complicated by state ballot access deadlines.

"The parties control the process as to who their nominee is," said Edward B. Foley, a law professor who leads Ohio State University's election law program. "I just don't see how the Republican Party or anyone associated with the Republican Party would have any standing to bring any litigation in connection with this."

An Associated Press review of relevant state election laws showed that Biden's withdrawal Sunday came well before the presidential ballot access deadlines in every state that specifies one.

Of the three states mentioned in the Heritage Foundation memo, Wisconsin was the only one with a specific deadline: Sept. 3. Neither Georgia nor Nevada specifies a deadline for a candidate to be placed on the ballot.

The state with the earliest ballot-access deadline is Iowa, which requires parties to provide the names of their nominees no later than 81 days before the general election, or Aug. 16. The law further states that for late conventions, like next month's Democratic National Convention, which begins Aug. 19 and concludes Aug. 22, the parties have until five days after the convention's adjournment to report its nominees to the state.

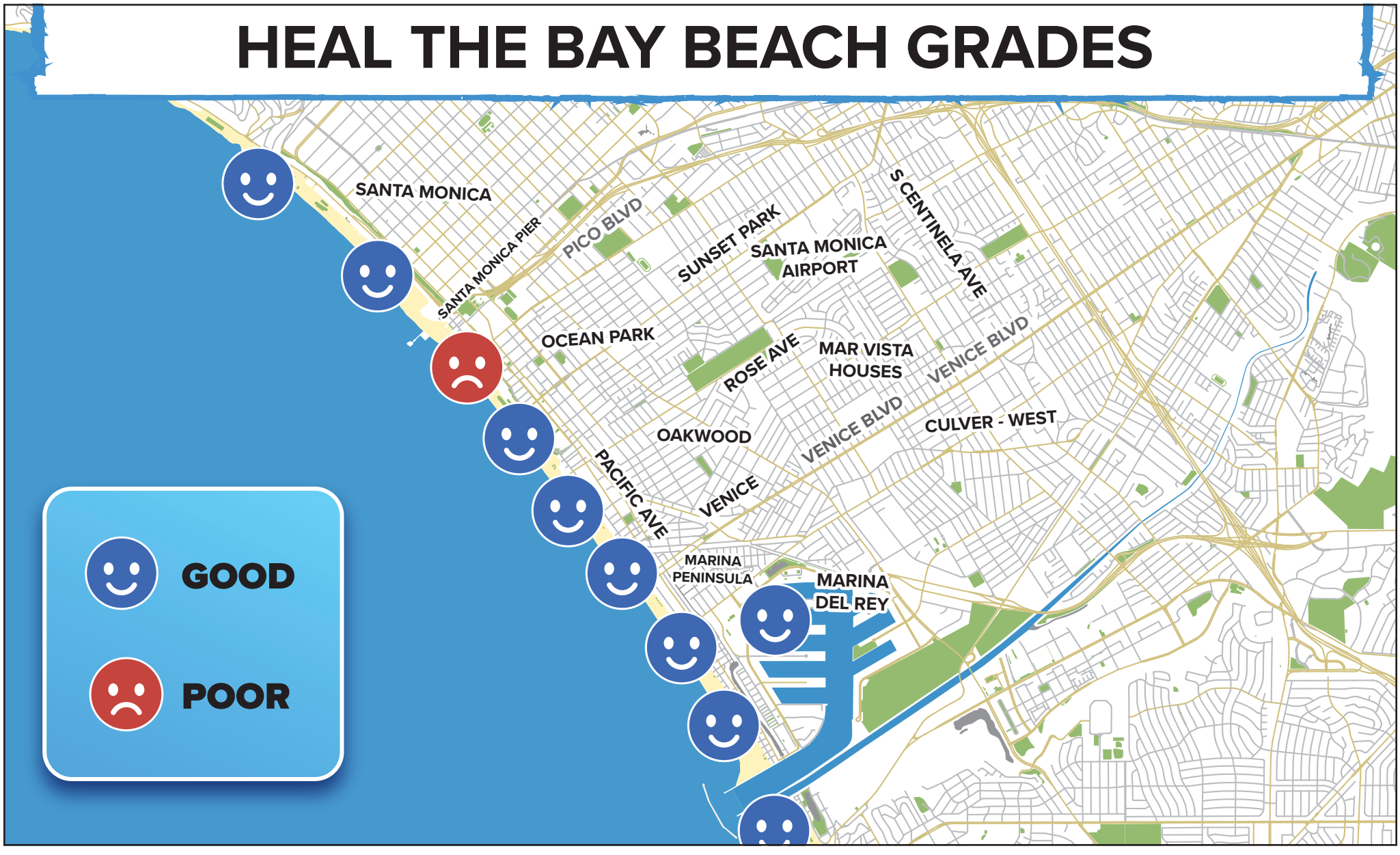
A handful of states have their deadlines on Aug. 22.

Ohio had a deadline of Aug. 7, but the state eventually enacted a law changing the date to accommodate the Democratic convention, as it has done in previous years for both parties.

Before Biden dropped out, the Democratic National Committee had decided to move forward with a virtual roll call in early August, ahead of the convention. The DNC said the earlier roll call could head off any potential avenue for legal challenges because Ohio's law technically does not take effect until September.

In an interview with Rolling Stone released July 4, Heritage Foundation's Howell referenced statements Biden had made where he referred to himself as the Democratic nominee. "If he, in those statements, is legally arguing that he is the nominee, I think that should be read as him circumventing the formal convention process," he said in the interview. "And Biden's doing so has tremendous legal implications and statutory

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Harris could become the first female president after years of breaking racial and gender barriers

CHRIS MEGERIAN
Associated Press

She's already broken barriers, and now Kamala Harris could shatter several more after President Joe Biden abruptly ended his reelection bid and endorsed her.

Biden announced Sunday that he was stepping aside after a disastrous debate performance catalyzed fears that the 81-year-old was too frail for a second term.

Harris is the first woman, Black person and person of South Asian descent to serve as vice president. If she becomes the Democratic nominee and defeats Republican candidate Donald Trump in November, she would be the first woman to serve as president.

Biden said Sunday that choosing Harris as his running mate was "the best decision I've made" and endorsed her as his successor.

"Democrats — it's time to come together and beat Trump," he wrote on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter. "Let's do this."

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> - Kamala Harris

Harris described Biden's decision to step aside as a "selfless and patriotic act," saying he was "putting the American people and our country above everything else."

"I am honored to have the President's endorsement and my intention is to earn and win this nomination," Harris said. "Over the past year, I have traveled across the country, talking with Americans about the clear choice in this momentous election."

Prominent Democrats followed Biden's lead by swiftly coalescing around Harris on Sunday. However, her nomination is not a foregone conclusion, and there have been suggestions that the party should hold a lightning-fast "mini primary" to consider other candidates before its convention in Chicago next month.

A recent poll from the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that about 6 in 10 Democrats believe Harris would do a good job in the top slot. About 2 in 10 Democrats don't believe she would, and another 2 in 10 say they don't know enough to say.

The poll showed that about 4 in 10 U.S. adults have a favorable opinion of Harris, whose name is pronounced "COMM-a-la," while about half have an unfavorable opinion.

A former prosecutor and U.S. senator from California, Harris' own bid for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination imploded before a single primary vote was cast. She later became Biden's running mate, but she struggled to find her footing after taking office as vice president. Assigned to work on issues involving migration from Central America, she was repeatedly blamed by Republicans for problems with illegal border crossings.

However, Harris found more prominence as the White House's most outspoken advocate for abortion rights after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022. She has also played a key role in reaching out to young people and voters of color.

In addition, Harris' steady performance after Biden's debate debacle solidified her standing among Democrats in recent weeks.

Even before Biden's endorsement, Harris was widely viewed as the favorite to replace him on the ticket. With her foreign policy experience and national name recognition, she has a head start over potential challengers, including California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro.

Harris will seek to avoid the fate of Hubert Humphrey, who as vice president won the Democratic nomination in 1968 after President Lyndon Johnson declined to run for reelection amid national dissatisfaction over the Vietnam War. Humphrey lost that year to Republican Richard Nixon.

Nixon resigned in 1974 during the Watergate scandal and was replaced by Vice President Gerald Ford. Ford never won a term of his own.

Vice presidents are always in line to step into the top job if the president dies or is incapacitated. However, Harris has faced an unusual level of scrutiny because of Biden's age. He was the oldest president in history, taking office at 78 and announcing his reelection bid at 80. Harris is 59.

She addressed the question of succession in an interview with The Associated Press during a trip to Jakarta in September 2023.

"Joe Biden is going to be fine, so that is not going to come to fruition," she stated. "But let us also understand that every vice president — every vice president — understands that when they take the oath they must be very clear about the responsibility they may have to take over the job of being president."

"I'm no different."

Harris was born Oct. 20, 1964, in Oakland, California, to parents who met as civil rights activists. Her hometown and nearby Berkeley were at the heart of the racial and social justice movements of the time, and Harris was both a product and a beneficiary.

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Warner Bros. Discovery informs NBA it will match Amazon Prime Video's offer to carry games

JOE REEDY
AP Sports Writer

Turner Sports intends to continue its longtime relationship with the NBA.

Warner Bros. Discovery informed the league Monday that it will match the $1.8 billion per year offer by Amazon Prime Video. Turner has had an NBA package since 1984 and games have been on TNT since the network launched in 1988.

"We have reviewed the offers and matched one of them. This will allow fans to keep enjoying our unparalleled coverage, including the best live game productions in the industry and our iconic studio shows and talent, while building on our proven 40-year commitment for many more years," WBD said in a statement. "Our matching paperwork was submitted to the league today. We look forward to the NBA executing our new contract."

The NBA's Board of Governors approved the league's 11-year media rights deals with Disney, NBC and Amazon Prime Video at its meeting in Las Vegas last Tuesday. WBD received all three contracts on Wednesday, which started the five-day clock for whether it wanted to match.

The new deals — collectively worth $76 billion — will begin with the 2025-26 season, and include a game being aired or streamed nationally every night during the second half of the season.

The Prime Video package would have had games on Thursday night after it is done carrying NFL games. Its other nights were Friday and Saturday.

TNT would likely carry games on Thursday with the other nights being streamed on Max.

Warner Bros. Discovery CEO David Zaslav sounded an ominous note when he said during an RBC Investor Conference in November 2022 that Turner and WBD "don't have to have the NBA."

Warner Bros. Discovery and the league were unable to reach a deal during the exclusive negotiating period, which expired in April. Zaslav and TNT Sports Chairman/CEO Luis Silberwasser have said during the past couple months, though, that it intended to match one of the deals.

"We're proud of how we have delivered for basketball fans by providing best-in-class coverage throughout our four-decade partnership with the NBA. In an effort to continue our long-standing partnership, during both exclusive and non-exclusive negotiation periods, we acted in good faith to present strong bids that were fair to both parties," WBD said in a statement. "Regrettably, the league notified us of its intention to accept other offers for the games in our current rights package, leaving us to proceed under the matching rights provision, which is an integral part of our current agreement and the rights we have paid for under it."

NBC and WBD would alternate which one carries one of the conference finals series. ESPN and ABC, which will keep the league's top package, will have a conference finals every year as well as the NBA Finals.

People familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press that Amazon's offer included a provision to pay multiple years up front into an escrow account, which many thought would make it hard to match. However, WBD has told the league it has the financial resources to be able to do that.

The Amazon provision was first mentioned by "The Ringer's" Bill Simmons on "The Town" podcast.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they weren't at liberty to discuss such impending matters.

WBD is paying $1.4 billion per season under the current nine-year deal, which expires after next season.

Even though WBD is making a huge financial commitment, it is a necessary one. Without the NBA, it would have had a hard time charging its current subscriber fees to cable and satellite companies.

Retaining the NBA would also mean that the popular "Inside the NBA" show would continue. Charles Barkley had been critical of WBD's negotiating posture and was not optimistic about it matching. Barkley announced at the end of this season that he intended to retire after next season.

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HARRIS

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She spoke often about attending demonstrations in a stroller and growing up around adults "who spent full time marching and shouting about this thing called justice." In first grade, she was bused to school as part of the second class to integrate Berkeley public education.

Harris' parents divorced when she was young, and she was raised by her mother alongside her younger sister, Maya. She attended Howard University, a historically Black school in Washington, and joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which became a source of sisterhood and political support over the years.

After graduating, Harris returned to the San Francisco Bay Area for law school and chose a career as a prosecutor, a move that surprised her activist family.

She said she believed that working for change inside the system was just as important as agitating from outside. By 2003, she was running for her first political office, taking on the longtime San Francisco district attorney.

Few city residents knew her name, and Harris set up an ironing board as a table outside grocery stores to meet people. She won and quickly showed a willingness to chart her own path. Months into her tenure, Harris declined to seek the death penalty for the killer of a young police officer slain in the line of duty, fraying her relationship with city cops.

The episode did not stop her political ascent. In late 2007, while still serving as district attorney, she was knocking on doors in Iowa for then-candidate Barack Obama. After he became president, Obama endorsed her in her 2010 race for California attorney general.

Once elected to statewide office, she pledged to uphold the death penalty despite her moral opposition to it. She refused to defend Proposition 8, a voter-backed initiative banning same-sex marriage. Harris also played a key role in a $25 billion settlement with the nation's mortgage lenders following the foreclosure crisis.

As killings of young Black men by police received more attention, Harris implemented some changes, including tracking racial data in police stops, but didn't pursue more aggressive measures such as requiring independent prosecutors to investigate police shootings.

Harris' record as a prosecutor would eventually dog her when she launched a presidential bid in 2019, as some progressives and younger voters demanded swifter change. But during her time on the job, she also forged a fortuitous relationship with Beau Biden, Joe Biden's son who was then Delaware's attorney general. Beau Biden died of brain cancer in 2015, and his friendship with Harris figured heavily years later as his father chose Harris to be his running mate.

Harris married entertainment lawyer Douglas Emhoff in 2014, and she became stepmother to Emhoff's two children, Ella and Cole, who referred to her as "Momala."

Harris had a rare opportunity to advance politically when Sen. Barbara Boxer, who had served more than two decades, announced she would not run again in 2016.

In office, Harris quickly became part of the Democratic resistance to Trump and gained recognition for her pointed questioning of his nominees. In one memorable moment, she pressed now-Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh on whether he knew any laws that gave government the power to regulate a man's body. He did not, and the line of questioning galvanized women and abortion rights activists.

A little more than two years after becoming a senator, Harris announced her campaign for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination. But her campaign was marred by infighting and she failed to gain traction, ultimately dropping out before the Iowa caucuses.

> "Today, just maybe, they're seeing themselves for the first time in a new way, as the stuff of presidents and vice presidents"
> - Joe Biden

Eight months later, Biden selected Harris as his running mate. As he introduced her to the nation, Biden reflected on what her nomination meant for "little Black and brown girls who so often feel overlooked and undervalued in their communities."

"Today, just maybe, they're seeing themselves for the first time in a new way, as the stuff of presidents and vice presidents," he said.

Associated Press writer Matthew Daly contributed to this story.

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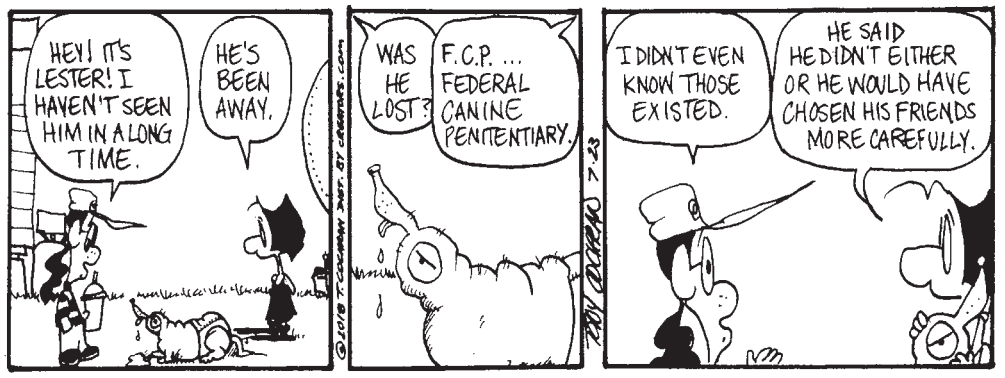
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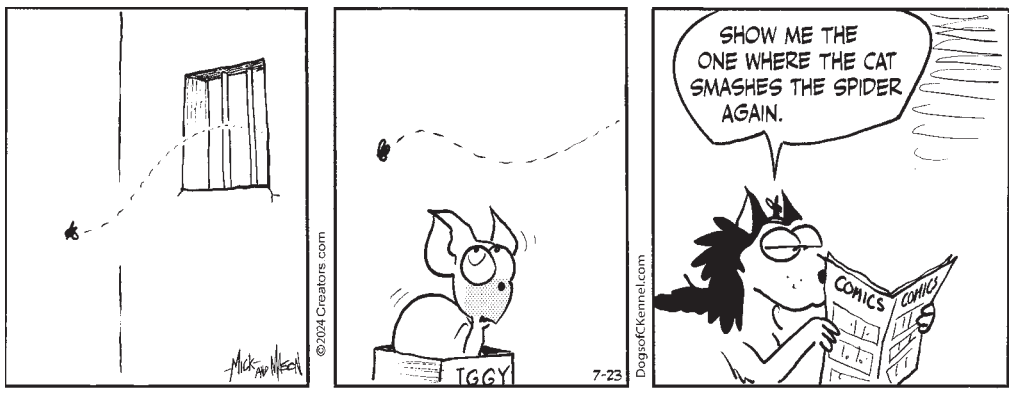
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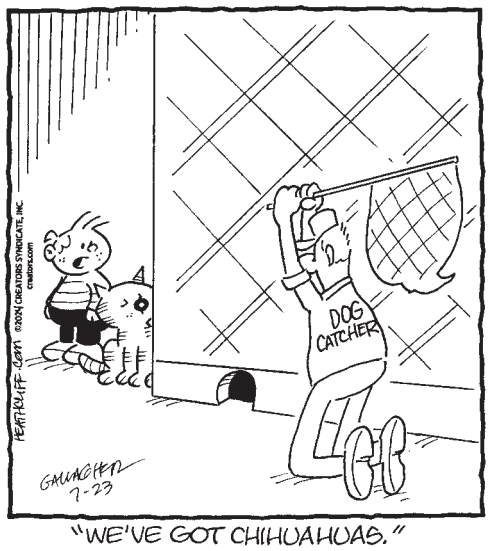
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Aniseed	Cherry	Melt	Sponge
Bars	Chips	Mousse	Strudel
Belgian waffle	Clothes	Musk	Sugar
Biscotti	Custard	Nuts	Sweet
Bites	Dirt	Packet	Syrup
Bombe	Eclairs	Pants	Tasty
Buns	Fete	Party	Tiramisu
Busy	Frog	Pick-me-up	Topping
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your creativity seems to come from nowhere, but it's actually a response to the environment, a solution to a problem or a reaction to a limitation. You're creative because you need to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can communicate to some dear ones with just a look. To do this with a stranger is thrilling. It signifies a shared moment, a similar way of thinking and possibly a kindred spirit. It may also be the start of a special relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Undetected miscommunication is dangerous. The misunderstandings that cause problems are a gift. They teach you what's going on. Otherwise, how would you know a message had been misconstrued?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Mix up the social scene. Even though you love seeing your dear ones, it's more exciting when new faces are involved. The fresh energy highlights different aspects of people's personalities. Tonight features auspicious timing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've changed, and it's absolutely what you're supposed to do. You'll now offer something different from what you were willing to do and give in the past because you're an ever-evolving person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You already have all you need to get to the next step. As for the ones after that, don't worry about it. You can cross those bridges when you come to them. You're not alone. Remember that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be a strong urge to buy something extra to help you. It's not only unnecessary but it may even be detrimental, as it will distract from the real productivity enhancers — time, focus and effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your joy spreads. Your smile sets people at ease. Your comfort makes everyone feel better. And though you don't need reasons or permission to do what makes you happy, if you find yourself forgetting that, read back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hopefully, those in a leadership position will know more than the underlings about what's going on in a situation, but it's not always the case. Make no assumptions. Use your own judgment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Knowing a person well allows for efficient conversations. You can skip the formalities and get to the point. When you don't know someone well, the manners and protocol are essential to building trust and rapport.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's an ever-young openness to you. In many ways, you will be continually renewed. You'll look for inspiration and find so much of it that you'll become an inspiration to others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Regret may linger, but there's no rewinding, only forward with newfound knowledge for future decisions. Every path is a unique adventure; none is superior. Embrace the lessons learned and apply them to different choices.

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.

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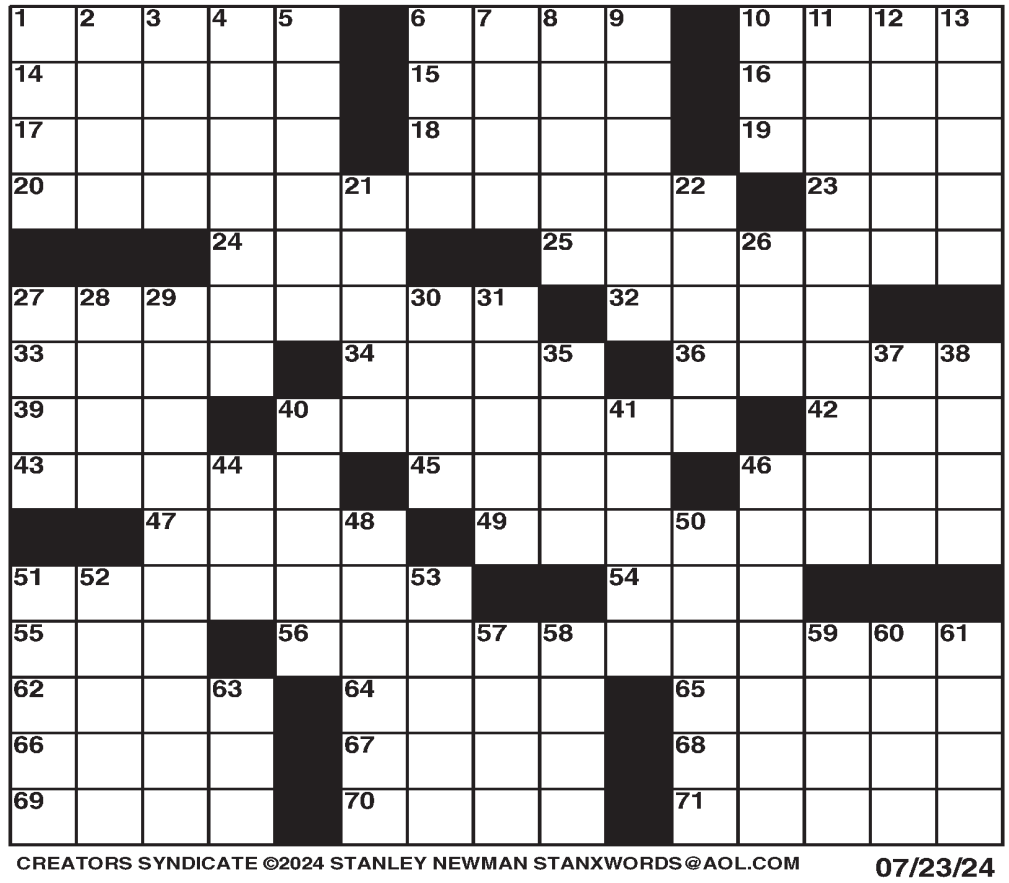
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6 White gemstone
10 Puppy barks
14 Be very fond of
15 Vatican City leader
16 Prophetic signal
17 Urban draining system
18 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
19 As of (now)
20 First-__ (eyewitness report)
23 Uncooked, as carrots
24 Wall St. debut
25 Majestic
27 They're not professionals
32 Belonging to us
33 Hawaiian necklaces
34 Biggest bear seen by Goldilocks
36 Person from the "tilting" tower Italian city
39 Finale
40 Don't disturb a situation
42 Winter road hazard
43 Japanese uncooked fish
45 Ticklish red Muppet
46 Italy's capital
47 Story that might be "tall"
49 Made less tight
51 Unwilling to negotiate
54 Roads that may cross aves.
55 Sch. near Harvard
56 First-__ (priciest flight purchase)
62 "Sorry, that's the way __"
64 Child's "unpleasant"
65 Museum tour leader
66 "Cut it out!"
67 Potato covering
68 Doles (out)
69 Japanese electronics giant
70 Work at a keyboard
71 Do not exist

DOWN

1 Sprinter's race
2 Notion
3 Strewn, as seeds
4 Debits' opposites in a ledger
5 Mexican shawl
6 Oil cartel
7 Team sport on horseback
8 Top school grade
9 Crude shed
10 Homonym of "ewe"
11 First __ (initial opinion)
12 Piece of a blossom
13 White, after a blizzard
21 Two-door car
22 Gray stocking shade
26 Prefix for cycle or angle
27 Pub orders
28 Restaurant server's handout
29 First-__ (emergency treatment site)
30 Evaluate
31 Overflow from a bottle
35 Prefix meaning "air"
37 High point
38 Have to have
40 Purple flower
41 Helpful upward push
44 __ and cheese sandwich
46 Lifeguard, assisting a swimmer
48 Persuade to volunteer
50 Reputation stain
51 Not quite right
52 "Same here"
53 Not in good taste
57 Fail to attend
58 "Auld Lang __"
59 Windy day toy
60 Eve's first home
61 School exam
63 Secret agent



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offer, and with these venue assignments, we're very proud to bring the Games to many of our vibrant and diverse communities," said LA28 Chief Athlete Officer Janet Evans. "The City of Los Angeles will host more Olympic sports than anywhere else, and Carson and Long Beach, which hosted competitions in previous Games, will host more competitions than ever before. The venues in these cities are world-class, and provide the ideal conditions for athletes and fans, and we look forward to welcoming them in 2028."

As announced last week Los Angeles is confirmed as hosting Badminton in the USC Sports Center, Fencing in the Convention Center in Downtown, Golf at The Riviera Country Club, Judo in the Convention Center in Downtown, Table Tennis in the Convention Center in Downtown, Taekwondo in the Convention Center in Downtown, Weightlifting in the Theater in Downtown and Wrestling in the Convention Center in Downtown.

Carson will host Track Cycling in the Velodrome ,Hockey at the Fields, Rugby Sevens in the Stadium and Tennis in the Tennis Center.

Long Beach will host Canoe – Sprint in the Marine Stadium, Handball in the Arena, Marathon Swimming at the Waterfront, Rowing in the Marine Stadium, Sailing in the Belmont Shore, Triathlon at the Waterfront and Water Polo in the Convention Center Lot.

Olympic officials said they have a standard contract with venue cities that compensates hosts for costs above and beyond those associated with normal operations. Those contracts are finalized on a city by city basis and while Santa Monica's isn't signed yet, the process is proceeding as normal.

While the new golf venue is Santa Monica adjacent, the city itself has previously been identified as the host for Beach Volleyball.

In Olympic Beach Volleyball, teams of two players compete against each other on an outdoor sand court, aiming to hit a ball over a net and have it land inside the court on the opposing team's side. The Olympics describes it as a fast-paced sport where teams aim to win two out of three sets. The first two sets are played to 21 points and the third set, if necessary, is played to 15 points.

As previously discussed, the venue for the sport would be a temporary 12,000 seat stadium just north of The Pier. The preliminary construction plan for the 2028 Olympics would phase the closure of Beach Lot 1 North over several months. Parking spaces would be temporarily unavailable during the construction, games and tear down.

While the loss of parking is significant, local officials have continued work in anticipation of the games arrival.

The City of Santa Monica has initiated the "Celebrate28 initiative" to prepare for the LA28 Olympics by involving City staff, community leaders, and business representatives. Nine committees will be formed to define goals, set milestones, and determine resource needs for Santa Monica's participation. The City Manager's Office leads the initiative, aiming to ensure thorough preparation for the Olympics. Members will participate in regular meetings, collaborate on objectives, identify resources, and execute plans in line with the City's budget process. Major decisions will follow council direction.

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should be commended for that effort, but overall, I would rate Colapasta as "OK." Some of my friends love the pasta there, but I found the menu limited, the wine list by the glass too short, and I didn't find the options very exciting. I don't see any particular reason to prefer that place over other Italian eateries in the area, like Felix, Orto, and Angelini. However, variety is the spice of life, so I would encourage you to try it and see what you think!

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impact for states that specifically point to the DNC for who shows up on the ballot as the party's nominee."

Grayson disputed the premise that Biden's statement that he was the nominee carries any legal significance.

"Someone calling themselves the nominee doesn't make them the nominee," he said. "It's no different from Trump saying he's the nominee before the convention. He wasn't either."

Howell told the AP on Sunday, "We're deep in the preparation stages for our next move and won't be telegraphing it in the media."

"As you can understand, there is a massive dark money operation and some very conniving donors and power centers pulling strings right now," Howell said. "They read the news just like anyone else and they will find out about our next move when we make it."

Winger added that even if Biden had waited until after the nominee had dropped out, there is historical precedent for replacing a nominee on a presidential ticket. In 1912, Vice President James Sherman died six days before Election Day while running for reelection on the ticket with Republican President William Howard Taft.

According to news accounts, the Republican National Committee met after the election and selected Columbia University's Nicholas Murray Butler to replace Sherman, and Republican electors cast their votes for Butler instead of Sherman when the Electoral College met. The choice was not controversial, since Taft had already lost the election.

In 1972, Democratic vice presidential nominee Thomas Eagleton of Missouri withdrew from the ticket after the convention following his disclosure that he had undergone psychiatric treatment. The DNC met the following week and held a vote selecting Sargent Shriver, brother-in-law to the late President John F. Kennedy, to replace him.

"That was done in August, and nobody sued," said Winger. "It's just not a problem."

Associated Press writer Christina Almeida Cassidy contributed to this report from Atlanta.



TUESDAY | JULY 23

FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Agenda online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 5:30 p.m.

AUTHOR TALK WITH ELIZABETH ACEVEDO

You're invited to learn about the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo! In this exciting author conversation and Q&A, Acevedo will provide a short reading from her National Book Award winning and New York Times bestselling novel-in-verse, The Poet X serving as the backdrop to this amazing chat! The Poet X is about an Afro-Latina heroine who tells her story with blazing words and powerful truth. Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers—especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Virtual, register online at https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/50810/register

WEDNESDAY | JULY 24

DJ LANCE ROCK STORYTIME AND DANCE

The amazing DJ Lance Rock of Yo Gabba Gabba presents stories, music, and dance for a morning filled with fun and surprises! For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Boulevard, Venice, 10:30 a.m.

INTERNET BASICS CLASS

A course for newcomers and anyone who wants a refresher or has questions. Computers provided. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Organizers are hosting an American Red Cross blood drive to encourage donors to roll up their sleeve and help save lives with. Donate blood to receive a Fandango Movie Ticket emailed to you ($18 value-to any movie of their choice). For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, $18. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Register online at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Brntwd

HEADSPACE IRL: EVENING MEDITATION CLASS WITH ROSIE ACOSTA @ HEADSPACE

If you've been practicing for a while through the Headspace app, this evening will be a time to deepen your practice and feel the support of a community.
If you're just starting to learn how to meditate, you will get valuable tips and guidance to help you move forward. What to bring:
Yoga mat (optional)
Blanket (optional)
Journal and pen (optional)
Meditation pillows and chairs will be provided
What does my ticket include:
A guided experience with Rosie Acosta, Headspace meditation and mindfulness teacher
1.5 hour meditation workshop on loving-kindness
Q&A and guidance for your practice
A code for a month of free Headspace
Headspace HQ, 2417 Michigan Avenue, 6 - 8 p.m.
$40, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/headspace-irl-evening-meditation-class-with-rosie-acosta-headspace-tickets-929439387227

THURSDAY | JULY 25

NIGHT MARKET AT THE BUNGALOW

Brent Bolthouse's vision for the Night Market at The Bungalow Santa Monica is brought to life this summer, offering an enchanting blend of culinary delights, live entertainment, and community spirit. The ultimate foodie event of the summer with food vendors, beverage activations, family-friendly activities, live musical and DJ performances, and celebrity guest appearances. Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard, 10 p.m.

TAKE A BITE OF HISTORY WITH CULINARY HISTORIAN MAITE GOMEZ-REJÓN

Santa Monica History Museum welcomes culinary historian Maite Gomez-Rejón, founder of ArtBites as we take a look at "El Cocinero Español" the first Mexican-American cookbook published in the U.S. (1898), authored by Encarnación Penedo. Pinedo's story and a tasting of her rice pudding recipe will be followed by a Q&A. Local author Terri de la Peña also joins us to share stories about the Marquez family in Santa Monica, including family culinary traditions that were passed down through the generations. RSVP to RSVP@santamonicahistory.org. 6 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 Seventh Street.

STORY-CRAFT TIME

Hear a story and make something of it! Suggested for ages 3 years and older. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: THE BEATBUDS

Dance and sing along with The BeatBuds' interactive music show. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. For families. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

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