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Pet of the Week: Macey Grey



Martin Hernandez

DOG: Pets are available from the local shelter.

CARMEN MOLINARI
Special to the Daily Press

Hi, I'm Macey Grey! A 3-year-old female Cane Corso ID# A064468. I know what you're thinking. With my large and statuesque size, my silky coat, and my gorgeous face, I'm a head turner who is simply irresistible! You would be right! But hidden behind my sympathetic eyes, I'm a fun-loving goofball! With a touch of diva, not having refined obedience skills is of little importance to me. If it is to you, I'm willing to compromise. I'm also selective with what dogs I'll share my time with. But with humans — especially those experienced in handling big dogs — I leave no person behind, and I'll easily steal your heart! So, if you're on the market for a stunning and yet sensible pup to be your next best friend, adopt me today!

Macey Grey is available for adoption at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter at 1640 9th Street in Santa Monica. Adoption appointments can be made by calling (310) 458-8595, Tuesday through Saturday,

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Disaster averted as emergency work to remove eroding bluff completed without a hitch

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Residents, dog walkers, early morning joggers and just about everyone who was up and about at 5 a.m. this morning gathered to watch as a sizable engineering team closed off all northbound traffic on the Pacific Coast Highway and safely removed an unstable section of the Santa Monica Bluffs.

These bluffs separate Palisades Park from the essential automotive artery that runs along the length of the west coast of the United States and any kind of slippage could've been potentially disastrous. Only a few months ago in March, the unusually wet winter caused a minor mudslide that shut down the

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Scott Snowden

BLUFF: The crane completed the work in just a couple of hours.

Council unanimously approves Downtown private security plan after considerable questioning

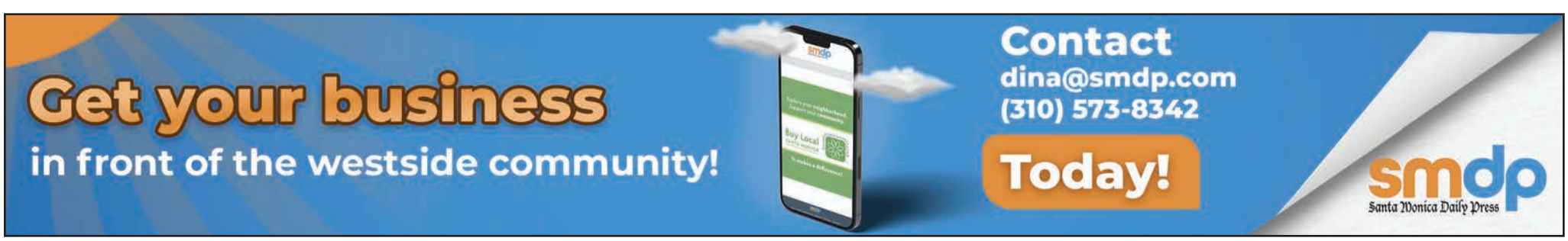
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City Council voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the proposal to hire a private security company to provide extra policing, security and community services within the downtown area at their July 25 meeting.

This will take the form of a pilot program and is currently planned for a period of 12 months at a cost of $1.7 million. Private security firm Covered 6 will have the honor of keeping the Promenade prim and proper following a 90ish minute discussion this week that covered several elements of operations in the downtown zone.

The decision to hire additional security was prompted by concerns over crime in the Downtown area, together with the worsening homelessness crisis. Tuesday's decision by council was actually a validation of a proposal put forward by Downtown Santa Monica Inc, the nonprofit that oversees the city's premier retail zone. The security proposal was part of a larger discussion on DTSM's annual budget but the concept occupied the lion's share of the time.

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Covered California announces biggest increase in premiums since 2018. Here's how much



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HEALTHCARE: Finn Washburn, 9, receives a vaccine in San Jose as his sister, Piper Washburn, 6, waits her turn on Nov. 3, 2021.

KRISTEN HWANG
Special to the Daily Press

Premiums for health insurance sold through the state marketplace will increase by nearly 10% next year, the highest rate hike since 2018, Covered California officials announced Tuesday.

The projected 9.6% hike is the result of a "complicated time for health care," Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman said during a media briefing, but many Californians will be shielded from the increases as a result of federal and state financial assistance.

About 90% of enrollees qualify for some type of federal or state financial aid and 20% will see no change in their monthly premium, officials said. About 1.6 million Californians turn to the marketplace for health insurance, which offers plans that cost as little as $10 a month.

The rate increase, however, represents the return of a troubling trend: runaway health care costs, experts said.

"We're seeing even larger increases in the private market. It's worrisome," said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer advocate group. "Individual consumers need health coverage and they need help now."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, an influx of $3 billion from the federal government helped dampen the effect of rising health care costs in California. Covered California premium increases held below 2% between 2020 and 2022.

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The federal government extended assistance for two more years, but the 2024 increase reflects post-pandemic inflationary pressures, such as higher drug costs, more people going to see the doctor, labor shortages

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High school student who sat in Pence's chair during Capitol riot is sentenced to 1 year in prison

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press

A high school student who stormed the U.S. Capitol, assaulted a police officer and sat in a Senate floor chair reserved for the vice president was sentenced on Wednesday to one year in prison.

Georgia resident Bruno Joseph Cua was 18 when he attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, making him one of the youngest people charged in the riot.

Before learning his sentence, Cua apologized for his actions and told U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss that he is ashamed of his role in a mob's "attack on democracy."

"Everything that day was just one terrible decision after another," said Cua, now 21.

Moss sentenced Cua to a prison term of one year and one day followed by three years of supervised release. The judge convicted Cua of felony charges after a trial earlier this year.

Moss told Cua that he was prepared to give him a longer prison sentence before he heard his statement in court on Wednesday. The judge said he believes Cua is truly remorseful.

"It's a tragic case for the country. It's a tragic case for you and your family," the judge told him. "There are no winners in any of this."

More than 1,000 people have been charged with Jan. 6-related crimes. Cua is one of at least six Capitol riot defendants born in 2002, according to a spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia.

Cua's attorneys cited his youth as grounds for leniency. His actions on Jan. 6 "reflect his immaturity at the time and the effects that the crowd had on such a young person," defense attorneys wrote in a court filing.

Around the time of the riot, Cua was finishing online coursework to graduate from high school. Prosecutors said Cua's age is "only slightly" a mitigating factor in his favor.

"Americans who reach the age of 18 are entrusted with several important responsibilities and duties including voting, joining the military, signing a contract, and serving on a jury. In this way, the law recognizes that an 18-year-old is capable of making mature decisions," they wrote in a court filing.

Justice Department prosecutor Kaitlin Klamann said at least five Capitol riot defendants were younger than Cua on Jan. 6. Two of the five have resolved their cases and avoided prison terms. Both pleaded guilty to misdemeanor offenses and were sentenced to probation.

Cua planned his attack weeks in advance, brought weapons to the Capitol, tried to terrorize congressional staffers and was repeatedly aggressive toward police, prosecutors said.

They added, "Cua played a unique and prominent role on January 6, opening the Senate Chamber to the rioters, escalating confrontations, and leading other rioters into and through the Capitol."

Prosecutors recommended a prison sentence of four years and nine months for Cua. His lawyers asked the judge to sentence him to time served: the 40 days he spent in jail after his February 2021 arrest.

Cua said he was "scarred to my core" by his jail time. Another inmate assaulted Cua while he was jailed in Oklahoma, according to one of his lawyers.

"I did something stupid to land myself there, but it was traumatizing," Cua said.

Other young rioters have received prison terms. In March, for example, U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton sentenced Aiden Bilyard to three years and four months of incarceration. Bilyard, of Cary, North Carolina, also was 18 when he stormed the Capitol, pepper sprayed a line of police officers and used a bat to break into a Capitol conference room.

Cua and his parents drove from their home in Milton, Georgia, to Washington D.C., arriving a day before then-President Donald Trump spoke at his "Stop the Steal" rally. The Trump supporters who attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6 disrupted the joint session of Congress for certifying President Joe Biden's electoral victory.

Cua was armed with pepper spray and a metal baton — weapons given to him by his father — when rioters breached police lines on the west side of the Capitol, according to prosecutors. After climbing scaffolding, Cua entered the building through the Upper West Terrace doors and walked down a hallway toward the Senate.

"As Cua walked down the hallway, he tried to open every single office door he passed by pulling on doorknobs, pounding on the doors with his fist, and kicking the doors," prosecutors wrote.

They said Cua intended to intimidate staffers who were behind the doors as he yelled, "Hey! Where are the swamp rats hiding?"

Cua went to the third floor, where he shoved a Capitol police officer who was trying to lock doors to the Senate gallery. After the officer retreated, Cua entered the gallery, shouting "This is our house! This is our country!" Jumping onto the Senate floor, he sat in the chair for then-Vice President Mike Pence, leaned back and propped his feet up on a desk.

Then he opened a door, allowing dozens of other rioters onto the Senate floor. Before leaving, Cua rifled through desks belonging to Senators Charles Grassley, John Thune and Dianne Feinstein.

Moss decided the case against Cua without a jury in February, convicting him of obstructing the Jan. 6 congressional proceeding and assaulting a federal officer. The judge handed down the verdict after a "stipulated bench trial," a proceeding in which Cua didn't contest the facts supporting his convictions. He waived his right to a jury trial.

Prosecutors asked Moss to impose a $23,485 fine, which equals the amount of money raised by an online fundraising campaign called "Bruno Cua: An American's Future at Stake." The website said the funds will be used for Cua's "many expenses in his pursuit of his freedom."

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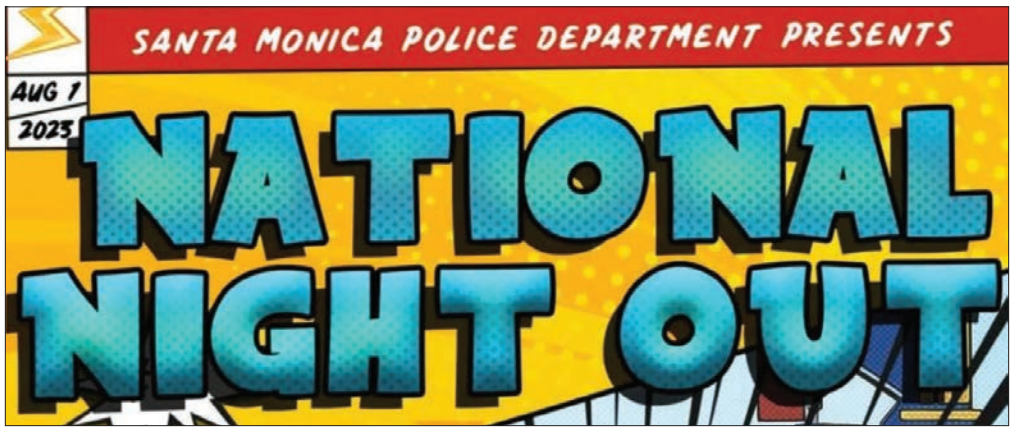
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AROUND TOWN

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Barbie Mania Continues & National Night Out

Your weekend starts here with the Venice Beach Games, National Night Out, food and drink highlights, and much more!



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: National Night Out is next week.

SaMo Public Library Presents Author Charles Fleming on Secret Stairs & Secret Walks: The author and veteran journalist will tell stories from his "Walking in L.A." books. Thursday, July 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

World of Barbie "Sips After Sunset" After-Hours Drinking Event for Adults: The adults-only evening offers themed beverages and bites and exclusive after-hours access to the World of Barbie. Themed drinks include the Pink Drink, the Malibu Sunset, Prosecco and Rose. Thursday, July 13, 7:30 p.m. https://feverup.com/m/128422

Marina del Rey Summer Concert Series: "Night Celebrating Music in Film": The Marina del Rey Symphony show is free to attend and seating is first-come, first-served. Thursday, July 27, 7-9 p.m. @ at Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mdr-symphony-film-music-night-at-the-shore-tickets-667910918537

Volunteer at Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica "Kids Night Out": This is "a fun-filled volunteer opportunity...to be paired as a 'buddy' with one of their Club Members (ages 6-11 yrs) to complete a treasure hunt filled with fun activities together." Friday, July 28, 2023, 4:30-7:00p.m. | Main Branch, 1238 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.smbgc.org/events/

Venice Beach Games: "The event is a giant outdoor celebration of sports and fitness, that brings together the entire community and beyond in a healthy, fun, day of sports, fitness, competition, and camaraderie." Saturday, July 29, 9a.m.- 4p.m., Venice Beach Recreation Center, 1800 Ocean Front Walk https://www.teamvenicebeach.com

Spiritual Salsa Launch Party: "Curious about spirituality or want to learn salsa moves in a holistic way? Join us for the first ever Spiritual Salsa Demo!" Saturday, July 29, 4:00-

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Whistleblower tells Congress the US is concealing 'multi-decade' program that captures UFOs

NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

The U.S. is concealing a longstanding program that retrieves and reverse engineers unidentified flying objects, a former Air Force intelligence officer testified Wednesday to Congress. The Pentagon has denied his claims.

> I was informed in the course of my official duties of a multi-decade UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program to which I was denied access
> - David Grusch

Retired Maj. David Grusch's highly anticipated testimony before a House Oversight subcommittee was Congress' latest foray into the world of UAPs — or "unidentified aerial phenomena," which is the official term the U.S. government uses instead of UFOs. While the study of mysterious aircraft or objects often evokes talk of aliens and "little green men," Democrats and Republicans in recent years have pushed for more research as a national security matter due to concerns that sightings observed by pilots may be tied to U.S. adversaries.

Grusch said he was asked in 2019 by the head of a government task force on UAPs to identify all highly classified programs relating to the task force's mission. At the time, Grusch was detailed to the National Reconnaissance Office, the agency that operates U.S. spy satellites.

"I was informed in the course of my official duties of a multi-decade UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program to which I was denied access," he said.

Asked whether the U.S. government had information about extraterrestrial life, Grusch said the U.S. likely has been aware of "non-human" activity since the 1930s.

The Pentagon has denied Grusch's claims of a cover up. In a statement, Defense Department spokeswoman Sue Gough said investigators have not discovered "any verifiable information to substantiate claims that any programs regarding the possession or reverse-engineering of extraterrestrial materials have existed in the past or exist currently." The statement did not address UFOs that are not suspected of being extraterrestrial objects.

Grusch says he became a government whistleblower after his discovery and has faced retaliation for coming forward. He declined to be more specific about the retaliatory tactics, citing an ongoing investigation.

"It was very brutal and very unfortunate, some of the tactics they used to hurt me both professionally and personally," he said.

Rep. Glenn Grothman, R-Wis., chaired the panel's hearing and joked to a packed audience, "Welcome to the most exciting subcommittee in Congress this week." But members of both parties asked Grusch about his study of UFOs and the consequences he faced.

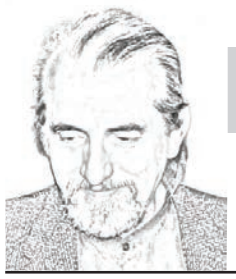
"I take it that you're arguing that what we need is real transparency and reporting systems so we can get some clarity on what's going on out there," said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md.

Some lawmakers criticized the Pentagon for not providing more details in a classified briefing or releasing images that could be shown to the public. In previous hearings, Pentagon officials showed a video taken from an F-18 military plane that showed an image of one balloon-like shape.

Pentagon officials in December said they had received "several hundreds" of new reports since launching a renewed effort to investigate reports of UFOs.

At that point, "we have not seen anything, and we're still very early on, that would lead us to believe that any of the objects that we have seen are of alien origin," said Ronald Moultrie, the undersecretary of defense for intelligence and security. "Any unauthorized system in our airspace we deem as a threat to safety."

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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

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Pink Floyd Double Bill



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MOVIE: The story of Syd Barret is playing this weekend.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

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:

Today/tonight - "Have You Got It Yet? The Story of SYD BARRETT and PINK FLOYD" - Sorry I just caught this, I don't often check movie listings, but you can still catch it three times today, either here or in North Hollywood. Syd Barrett being a founding member of Pink Floyd, and their main songwriter and guitarist in the early days, until he decided he didn't want to be a pop star anymore. Also, the rest of the band boots him because they thought he was mentally ill. His first acid trip seemed to open his creative door, but he dabbled a bit too heavily, perhaps. You will learn fascinating things, like, he said his strongest influence was Bo Diddley (??), bandmate Roger Waters' mother had Barrett as a student in school, he was an adept painter admitted to a prestigious art school, where he met David Gilmour, later longtime, influential Floyd guitarist. This should be a fascinating portrait of a legendary, mythical figure in rock. Thurs only, Monica Film Center 1:10, 4:50, 7:30 p.m., NoHo7, North Hollywood 1:20, 4:45, 7:30 p.m., $7-13.

Tonight! - LA PHIL, "PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION" – Outstanding, unusual program – also a John Williams composition and a Billy Childs violin concerto – more than makes up for no Dudamel (guest conductor Stéphane Denève is no slouch, read his credits). Thurs (Invitational Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.), 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $6-139 – yes, not a typo, 6 bucks for a cheap seat, and they are all good.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" – TB specializes in Shakespeare, and they do "Midsummer" every single season, 50 years now. If it ain't broke, and the people love it, don't axe it, but they do tinker with it a little every summer, and that means if you saw them perform it last year, or 10 years ago, you will see something a bit different, but still Will's welcome warhorse. Who doesn't love it? Puck, yes! 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

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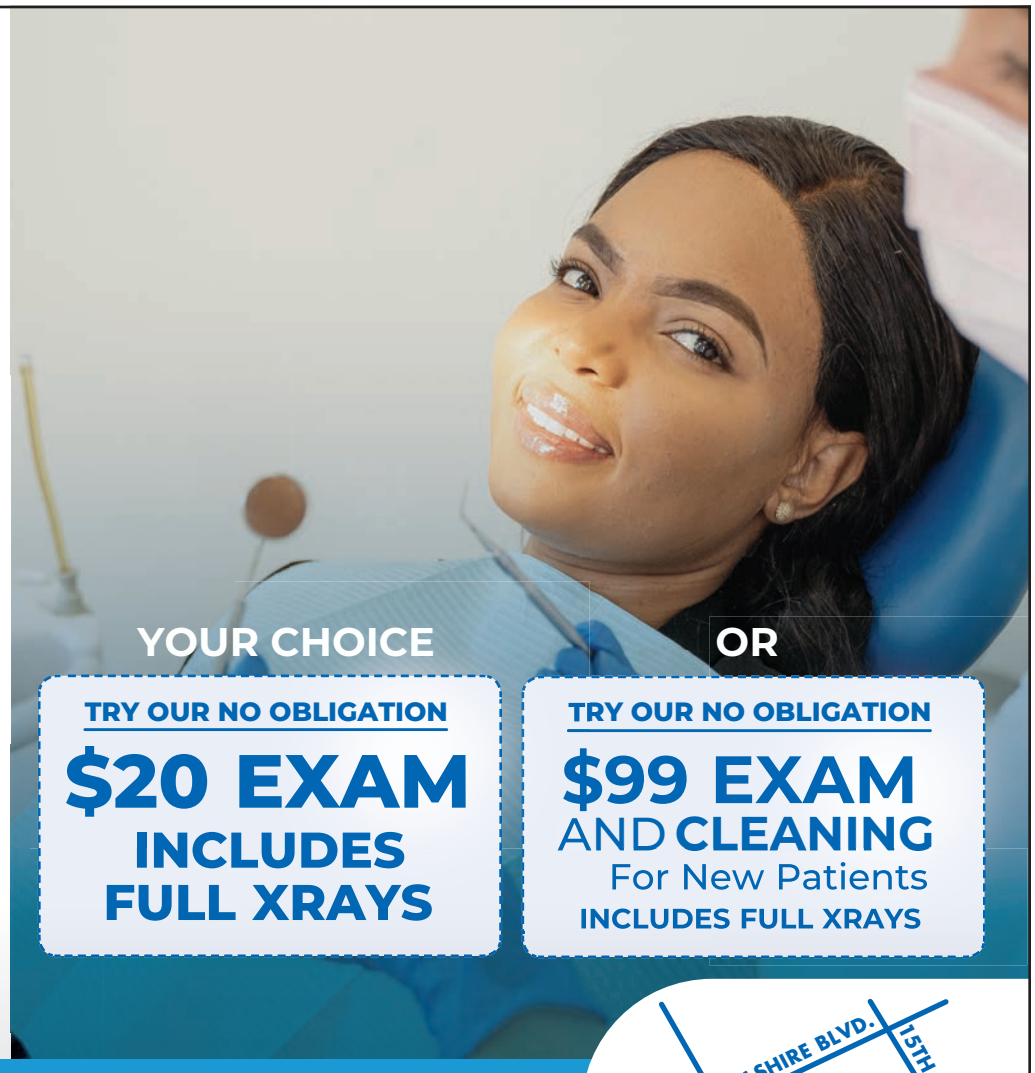
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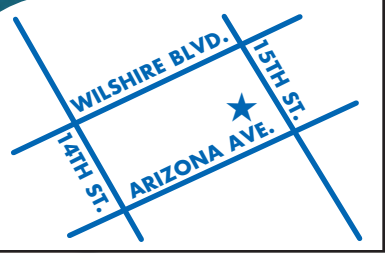
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Water break



Matthew Hall

REPAIR: A broken water pipe forced the closure of Colorado between 4th and 5th Streets on Wednesday. While cars were diverted, trains continued during the repair.

EVENTS

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7:30p.m. @ Pretenders Dance Studio 1438 9th St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spiritual-salsa-launch-party-tickets-677013935907

Oceanic Global LA Hub Cleanup: "This free event is to help preserve our beautiful beaches and blue planet and is an opportunity to meet our local LA Hub community!" Sunday, July 30, 4:00p.m. @ Parking lot at the end of Rose Ave. https://unworldoceansday.org/events/oceanic-global-la-hub-cleanup-venice-beach/

National Night Out: The annual community-building event promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Expect FREE music, food, and activities for all ages. SMPD will showcase their various police vehicles and equipment and invite the community to meet police personnel (human and 4-legged alike). The parking structure at Olympic & 4th St. is free that night and Big Blue Bus will be providing free bus rides all night when you mention National Night Out. Tuesday, August 1, 5:30-8:30p.m. @ City Hall, 1685 Main St. https://www.facebook.com/santamonicapd/

Star Struck Photography Exhibition: The FREE show displays photography featuring never-before-seen images of Hollywood icons including James Dean, Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor, and more. Ongoing daily through August 15, 10a.m.- 5p.m., Gallery 33 @ The Georgian, 1415 Ocean Ave. https://www.thegeorgian.com/gallery-33.htm

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Le Great Outdoor & Coucou Added to The Infatuation's"Best New Restaurants On The Westside" List: They join Heavy Handed, Isla and Willie Mae's on the list. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-westside-hit-list

Bread Head Sandwich PopUp at Juneshine: Two Michelin star-rated chefs have launched a new sandwich concept that is operating as a Wednesday - Friday popup while they build out their permanent location on Montana Ave. LA Times listed them as one of the best new sandwiches in LA. 2914 Main St. https://www.latimes.com/food/list/our-critics-9-favorite-new-sandwiches-in-l-a

Willie Mae's: The Infatuation's recent review describes it as "some of LA's—if not the country's—best fried chicken." 324 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/willie-maes-los-angeles

Venice's New Bar Hangout Is an Entirely Alcohol-Free Cocktail Oasis: This Eater LA article details the new Bar Nuda on Abbott Kinney. https://la.eater.com/2023/4/6/23672810/new-dry-no-alcohol-bar-los-angeles-venice-news-moring-ami-bar-nuda

626 Night Market Mini: The downtown SaMo snack around pop-up is back every other weekend this Spring with three dozen rotating local food pop-ups, curated by the 626 Night Market team, merchandise & craft vendors, and a full bar. Saturday & Sunday, July 29-30, 1-10p.m. @ at the corner of Arizona and 5th St. More details and FREE tickets here. Video preview here.

LOOKING AHEAD: WUF's Saturday Dog Club Launch Party (Aug 05), Sharing an Open Main St (Aug 12 & 13)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com.

Major automakers unite to build electric vehicle charging network they say will rival Tesla's

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

Seven major automakers say they're joining forces to build a North American electric vehicle charging network that would rival Tesla's and nearly double the number of fast-charging plugs in the U.S. and Canada.

General Motors, BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mercedes and Stellantis said Wednesday that they will share in a multibillion-dollar investment to build "high power" charging stations with 30,000 plugs in urban areas and along travel corridors.

The dramatic move is intended to speed the adoption of electric vehicles, allaying fears that chargers won't be available for long distance travel.

The companies wouldn't disclose the exact number of charging stations or financial details of the joint venture they're forming to put the network in place. While they said the first of the U.S. chargers will be ready by next summer, they also would not say how long it will take to build the entire network.

The automakers said in a joint statement Wednesday that they want to build the "leading network" of reliable high-powered charging stations in North America.

"The parties have agreed not to disclose specific investment numbers at this time, but the seven founding automakers intend to work as equals to ensure the success of the joint venture," the companies said in a written statement answering questions from The Associated Press. "As you can imagine, such a high-powered charging network of this scale requires a multibillion-dollar investment."

There are currently just under 8,700 direct-current fast-charging stations in the U.S. and Canada with nearly 36,000 charging plugs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Fast chargers can get a battery to 80% of its capacity in 20 minutes to one hour, making them optimal for travel corridors and in some cases comparable to the time it takes to fill a car with gasoline. They're much quicker than 240-volt "Level 2" chargers that can take hours to get a battery to a full charge.

The new network is expected to have 10 to 20 charging plugs per station, meaning there would be a minimum of 1,500 stations and a maximum of about 3,000.

Tesla's network, with the largest number of fast chargers in North America, has 2,050 stations and more than 22,000 plugs in the U.S. and Canada, the DOE says.

The network formed by the seven automakers would be public and open to all electric vehicle owners. It will have connectors for both Tesla's North American Charging Standard plugs as well as the Combined Charging System plugs used by other automakers.

The network will speed up electric vehicle sales in North America by getting people who now are reading stories about holes in the charging network that prevent long-distance travel, said Stephanie Brinley, an analyst with S&P Global Mobility.

"It's stopping them even from exploring what EV life is like," Brinley said. The announcement of the network "is giving them confidence that this is going to work out."

In their statement, the seven automakers said they would use renewable energy as much as possible to power the chargers, and they will be in convenient locations with canopies and amenities such as restrooms, food service and stores nearby.

Brinley said a good charging experience is key to earning the trust of potential EV buyers. "The reality is consumers want to feel comfortable when they charge," she said.

It will take years and billions of dollars to build out the network, which will need special electrical wiring, Brinley said.

The current charging network, being built by a hodgepodge of companies, is growing but is often unreliable or in poor locations. This has prompted Ford, General Motors and others to sign agreements with Tesla to give their EVs access to its much larger network of fast chargers. Automakers also have announced they're building their own networks, but Brinley said the moves weren't enough.

She also doesn't see the automakers' announcement as a threat to Tesla. "I think the reality is this is needed, and these automakers are getting together to say 'we need this'" she said. "Tesla can't build enough for everyone."

The automakers will seek to use U.S. government funds from the bipartisan infrastructure law to help pay for the network.

Stellantis CEO Carlos Tavares said the network is a response to significant growth that's expected in electric vehicle sales, and the group intends to exceed customer expectations. "We believe that a charging network at scale is vital to protecting freedom of mobility for all," he said.

In the U.S., electric vehicle sales continued to rise during the first half of the year to more than 557,000 vehicles, or 7.2% of all new vehicle sales. The EV share of the market last year was 5.8% with just over 807,000 sales. Most industry analysts predict continued growth in EV sales for the next decade or more.

But in June, EV inventories began to grow as factories started cranking out new models. Not including Tesla and Rivian, dealers had enough EV supply on hand for 103 days of sales, according to Cox Automotive. But there was only a 53-day supply of all vehicles, indicating much lower inventories of combustion engine vehicles.

Still, Cox is forecasting that EV sales will grow to over 1 million for the first time this year.

The consulting firm LMC Automotive predicts that EVs will hit 14.4% of the market in 2025, and close to 40% by 2030.

New greenhouse gas emissions standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency say automakers could meet the requirements in 2032 if 67% of all new vehicle sales are electric.

SECURITY

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The majority of funding, a total of $1.1million, is a reallocation from the existing Community Ambassador program. The rest comes from the overall DTSM budget, made up of assessments and property taxes from retail outlets.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete asked that given this new program replaces the existing Community Ambassador program, what will happen to the 16 current employees? Andrew Thomas, CEO of DTSM replied that unfortunately they will no longer be required, adding that they will have opportunities to relocate to other operations in the region conducted by the vendor that supplied them, a company called Block by Block.

Covered 6 Chief Operating Officer Mike Grant clarified that there will be three shifts operating throughout the day, from early in the morning to late at night. Each shift will have a supervisor and that individual — and only that individual — will be armed. No one else will carry a firearm of any kind. Grant also clarified that any 911 call will still result in the response of a Santa Monica Police Department officer, not a Covered 6 employee.

The issue of guns featured prominently in the discussion.

"That said, I'm not comfortable with any private security forces being armed," said Councilman Jesse Zwick. "I don't understand what instance we would ever want private citizens firing weapons on the Third street Promenade. The use of deadly force, even by our police officers who are highly trained … is a remarkably delicate issue. And I just don't feel comfortable entrusting that to any other private body that doesn't have the same oversight. And personally, I would be more likely to keep my family away from this area if this was the direction which we decided to go in."



Courtesy Photo

COVERED 6 TRAINING: Covered 6 CEO Chris Dunn gives an instructional training session at the company's facility in Moorpark

According to Grant, in the 10 years that the company has existed and in all of the locations where they've been hired, including currently in Beverly Hills, there has only been one instance where an employee has had to draw their weapon.

"To clarify for that firearm incident, the officer actually did not fire the weapon," Grant said, adding, "They intervened in an attempted murder that was taking place outside of the gates of North Beverly Park where one female was shooting at another female. Officers pursued the shooter, and they were eventually arrested by the Beverly Hills Police Department."

Chair of DTSM, Eric Sedman, said the new company is meant to complement current police patrols.

"In the year that this program has been developed, there's been a lot of talk about security and the need for additional security. I think the police are doing a fantastic job in Santa Monica with the level of personnel that they have, but there is a lane for what we call security that is open in Santa Monica as it is in other areas," he said.

According to Sedman, the security guards will mimic the feeling of police patrols and hopefully change the perception of safety downtown.

"What Covered 6 has done over the year that we've been discussing a deployment in Santa Monica, is fit a program into that lane," he said. "We don't have a safety issue as much as we do a perception of safety relating to behavioral issues of primarily unhoused individuals in Santa Monica. And the program that Covered 6 has developed will give the public that feeling, that extra layer of engagement, higher level than ambassadors, because their officers that are going to be on the beat will be like old fashioned beat cops."

The Covered 6 proposal was included in one motion that also incorporated all of DTSM's other items, including approval of the fiscal year 2023-24 budget, continued activation of the Promenade plus a vending cart program and activation of the Parking Structure 6 rooftop space as an outdoor movie theater. The motion was made by Councilmember Oscar de la Torre and seconded by Negrete.

However, despite passing unanimously, some Councilmember expressed concern over the effectiveness of the concept.

"I'll admit, I have skepticism that this will produce the changes that we all desire," said Zwick. "I worry that whatever security service we hire won't cause our residents to return to their retail shopping habits to what they were prior to the pandemic. And yet despite all those observations, I'm willing to defer to DTSM, the board and those that pay the assessment, to what they think is best in terms of spending the taxes through which they're assessed.

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COVERED CALIFORNIA

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and wage costs, Altman said.

The rate hikes vary by region, with more than one-third of enrollees potentially experiencing a double-digit increase, according to state data. Those who live in Mono, Inyo and Imperial counties may see the largest price increase at 15.8% compared to last year. Those same counties also experienced the largest increase last year.

"We're glad that Covered California has federal and state subsidies to provide immediate help now, but we do need policy makers to double down on containing the costs of health care long-term," Wright said. "This is a clarion call for the overall cost of health care going forward."

COVERED CALIFORNIA WAIVES DEDUCTIBLES FOR MANY

Last week, the Covered California board voted to implement a plan that will make coverage more affordable for about 650,000 enrollees by eliminating their deductibles for the coming year.

The vote capped a drawn-out budget battle between Gov. Gavin Newsom, legislators and health care consumer advocates who have criticized Newsom for repeatedly moving money intended for health care subsidies into the state's general fund.

Under the plan, deductibles will be eliminated for individuals earning as much as $33,975 annually and families earning up to $69,375 annually. Previously, people with those plans paid deductibles of up to $5,400. The new plan also significantly reduces out-of-pocket copays for doctor visits and prescription drugs.

"Despite the rate increase, Californians who enroll in health care coverage through Covered California will benefit from the greatest level of financial support ever offered…as we head into 2024," Altman said.

'HEFTY' HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE

Christine Eibner, a senior economist with the RAND Corporation, a research and policy think tank, called the state's projected premium increase "hefty."

"There will be some sliver of people who will have to pay the full cost," Eibner said. "A lot of people are protected so maybe they don't care, but who is paying? Ultimately it's the taxpayer."

A significant number of people who are no longer eligible for Medi-Cal, the state's public insurance program for very low-income individuals, also are expected to enroll in Covered California, which could drive future cost increases.

"That population is relatively expensive," Eibner said. "People who are lower income have more health care issues, and bringing them into the market may lead to higher premiums."

The state paused checking people for Medi-Cal eligibility during the federal COVID-19 public health emergency, but about 225,000 Californians have been kicked off since the state resumed monthly reviews this year. Covered California's enrollment period runs from November through the end of January.

Supported by the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), which works to ensure that people have access to the care they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford. Visit www.chcf.org to learn more.

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between 8pm and 5pm. For a full list of their adoptables, visit santamonica.gov, then "Animal Services." To learn about ways to donate, visit the Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation at smasf.org.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: THE DANGERS OF DOGS IN HOT CARS AND THE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO AVOID IT

Despite being one of the most preventable deaths, hundreds of dogs die every year when left alone in hot cars. More than often, this is due to dog owners being misinformed of its dangers, and misconceptions that safety can be maintained. Bystanders are often unaware that they can take action to remove a dog from a hot car.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, within 10 minutes, 70 degrees outside can reach 89 degrees in a closed car, and on hot days the temperature can soar as high as 115 degrees. And even on a cloudy day, dark colored cars can reach up to 125 degrees. A cracked car window does little to impact the climb in temperature.

Dogs do not sweat. Even with a water bowl left in a hot car, they dehydrate quickly leading to heat stroke and sudden death within 15 minutes. Most signs of dehydration require immediate veterinary attention like excessive drooling, lethargy, difficulty breathing, dizziness, lack of coordination, unusual agitation, vomiting, and diarrhea.

If you must be away from your dog, plan ahead. Leave them home and have a friend, or pet sitter care for them. Drop them off for a playdate with their best dog friend, or treat them to doggy daycare. If you must bring your dog with you, choose pet friendly establishments.

While electric vehicles are adapting to pet safety features like Tesla's "Dog Mode" app that enables drivers to control the climate in the car when it is unattended and with the engine off, the feature can easily be abused. Regardless of the technology, it is unsafe to leave dogs unattended in cars for extended periods of time.

According to California Penal Code 597.7, it is against the law to leave an animal unattended in a vehicle in conditions that endanger its health or well-being.

If you see a dog or animal alone in a car, call 911 and report that a dog has been left unattended in a vehicle. Include any signs of distress.

If the car is parked outside of a store, speak to the store staff as they may be able to make a store-wide announcement alerting the dog owner.

Penal code 597.7 allows bystanders to take action including forcibly entering a locked car to remove an animal in distress, and taking them to a safe location on the scene without criminal liability if the bystander has a "good faith and reasonable belief that the animal is in imminent danger." Once animal control, or any law-enforcement representative arrives on the scene, the bystander must turn the animal over to them.

Without a doubt, leaving dogs in hot cars is life-threatening. While avoiding it, and taking action if you witness it, saves lives!

Pet of the Week is provided by Carmen Molinari. A longtime volunteer at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and founder and CEO of Love At First Sit®, a pet care and dog behavior & training company in Santa Monica. Learn more at loveatfirstsit.net and Instagram.com/loveatfirstsit.

NOTEWORTHY

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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 just, life. Sat 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

"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). Sun 3:30 p.m., next Thurs 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

STEVE EARLE & THE DUKES - He's been through do many changes it's hard to frame the recommendation, but for sure you will get his real deal, a life of country and rock lived high and low and coming through his songwriting and dynamic delivery so authentically that if you walked in knowing nothing you would be only half a step behind everyone else at the Troub, and by set's end you are all Dukes. Solo and acoustic. Sun 7 p.m., Troubadour, West Hollywood, $45-50 (or, one price, $255, for a resale ticket, if you accidentally go to the Ticketmaster site).

"QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES" – This Theatricum production encompassing Henry VI Part I, II, III, and Richard III, is stitched together in a way that becomes a bit confusing, and as far as it "centers on the women and children of this UK civil war saga," well, a whole lot of them wound up dead, and it became commonplace to hear, Oh so you killed my husband and two children and now you want to wed me? … where exactly is your castle, sir? The acting is, as always, top notch, but – nearly three hours is just a bit long despite the fantastic sword fights. Sun 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Could be the most memorable 12 bucks you ever spent. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, $12.

Next Thurs - LA PHIL Live Presentation of "2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY" – OK, maybe the screen isn't overwhelming you from your way back cheap seats, but… the LA Phil playing live the thrilling crescendo of "Also Sprach Zarathustra"? With the celestial voices of the massive LA Master Chorale? And you can bring your own popcorn? Hal? Hal? Next Thurs 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $6-69 – yeah, that 6 bucks again, half what you would pay in a theatre, without nearly 100 voices and instruments on stage.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "MACBETH," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/3, 11, 20, 26; DAKHABRAKHA, Ford Theater, 8/4; "A PERFECT GANESH." 8/4. 13, 25; "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; ZIGGY MARLEY and TROMBONE SHORTY with MAVIS STAPLES, ROBERT RANDOLPH, Greek Theatre, 8/5; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 8/6, 13, 20. 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 8/7, 14, 21, 28; 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; "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/10, 17. 24; ROY ZIMMERMAN, McCabe's, 8/11; "QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/12, 18. 27; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/13; "A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27; MICHAEL FRANTI & SPEARHEAD, Greek Theatre, 8/20; JEFF "SKUNK" BAXTER, Troubadour, 8/22; 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…)

BLUFF

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California Incline and Caltrans estimates that traffic volumes along the PCH can reach 58,000 vehicles per day.

According to Tom Clemo, Deputy Chief Santa Monica Fire Department, it only took a few full scoops with a giant hydraulic excavator "grab" to clear the breakaway bluff.

"It took them, I think, about five loads, and they had the large piece down on the ground and put it into one full dump truck. It was much easier and quicker than they thought," Clemo said, adding, "They're an extremely professional company and they know what they're doing."

"Based on the history of the bluffs, over time, there's erosion. And it's something that I know our public works people keep a very close eye on," Clemo said. "Should this occur again, then they'll come back and take care of it, but I don't think there's anything immediate. It certainly doesn't appear that way."

The area of concern was a "column" of soil that had broken away from the main bluff, more than likely due to this year's heavy rains. While the area at risk is relatively small compared to the total road closure zone, traffic was nonetheless diverted off the freeway before the McClure Tunnel and won't be allowed back onto the road until the area is deemed to be completely clear.

The City's engineering department said they had already engaged an outside expert to analyze the stability of the local bluffs following the very wet winter. However, a large crack appeared in part of the bluff last week and the decision was made to remove the now dangerous section before it could fall onto traffic or pedestrians below.

A convoy of cranes, trucks, support vehicles and other excavation equipment lined the northbound lanes while the southbound remained unaffected. All roads have now reopened.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 27)

You'll follow your interests and get connected with all you need. Friendship and love in abundance will be the theme that sparkles up your year. More highlights: Luck will be tied to helping family. You'll handle the adoration heaped on you with modesty. Your brilliant solutions will impress higher-ups, which will lead to an interesting change of direction for your work. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 4, 48 and 31.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you could just do the essential actions, the task would take half the time, but it's hard to tell which steps are necessary until you watch a pro. What works for this person will work for you too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The receptivity of others will strongly effect your mood, so get around people who laugh at your jokes and listen well too. Note that those who can't appreciate their own experiences won't be able to appreciate anyone else's.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you do every day would be an unforgettable adventure to many others. This information may not help you feel any differently, but if you leave your routine and do something completely new, you will get your verve back.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't punish yourself for having strong feelings. They are inconvenient at times, and harder to wrangle than their milder cousins, but you're somehow more alive because of these passions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You stand out as charismatic, which for you is easy. For starters, you're not staring at a screen. People look into your eyes and feel a sense of trust. The warmth you radiate makes them want to open up to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An introduction will be featured. First impressions will indicate what is to come. You might be surprised by how you tell your story. It's an evolving history. The events are the same, but your take on them has shifted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Socializing isn't hard once you realize it's all about answering the very human need to be seen and heard. Also, you're aware that people generally want validation more than they want honesty, which will factor into your responses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will connect with people with whom you have little in common. A good match of intensity levels will be the secret sauce of social ease. By meeting people at their tone level, you'll influence, persuade and win them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today you are well-matched socially, professionally and personally, which makes everything easier. Be sure to value yourself. The help you can deliver effortlessly would be so difficult — if not impossible — for another person to give.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Poet Wendell Berry writes, "There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places." Even so, it is difficult to honor a sense of sacredness you don't feel. Learn more about a place and you'll start to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give yourself the gift of a vision. Picturing your ideal future is a feat of imagination worth putting effort into, as dream can pull you forward and make you aware of what you need to do to get to where you want to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're determined to solve a problem and solve it you will. The game will change. Tomorrow you will not struggle with the same things that are frustrating for you today.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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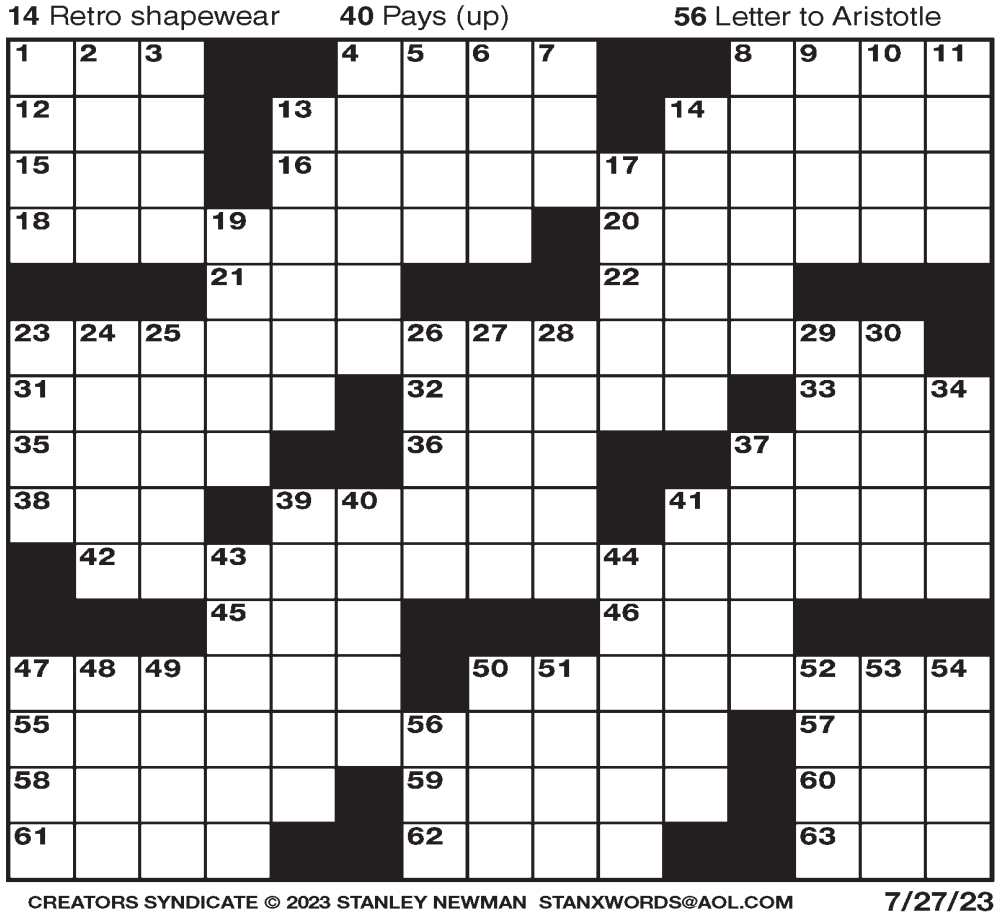
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ACROSS

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8 DHS branch
12 City map abbr.
13 Exodus spokesman
14 Isn't apathetic
15 Nettle
16 Destroys completely
18 Where brushes are brought
20 Run in
21 Unprocessed
22 Sorority letter
23 Periodical prose
31 Became known
32 Put forth
33 TV screen selection
35 Aromatic neckwear
36 __-out clause
37 Org. for Howard and Harvard
38 Hostel cousin
39 Sunroom, to Floridians
41 Something to crochet
42 Likely to fail
45 St. Joe setting
46 Variety
47 Almost certainly is
50 Roots for salads
55 Not knowing what to do
57 Fill up
58 Feel wistful
59 Palindromic precept
60 First color TV brand
61 *Raiders of the Lost Ark* dangers
62 Yemeni city
63 Easily frightened

DOWN

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2 No longer a thing
3 Alternative to a call
4 Neighbor of Zambia
5 Youngest Greek god
6 Propels oneself, perhaps
7 Recent USNA grad
8 Tailor's purchase
9 Pennsylvania port
10 Subway Series team
11 Backup, for short
13 Burning
14 Retro shapewear
17 Piglike mammal
19 Unrefined
23 South Sahara nation
24 Competitive venue
25 Taking off
26 Striking shades
27 Hemingway, through much of the '20s
28 Lesser, in law
29 Spain's national hero
30 Nearly boil
34 Common work shift
37 Storage spots
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40 Pays (up)
41 Remove from a stock exchange
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50 Either of a bassoon twosome
51 Infant photographer Geddes
52 Half of a certain swimwear pair
53 Per
54 Legal deferral
56 Letter to Aristotle



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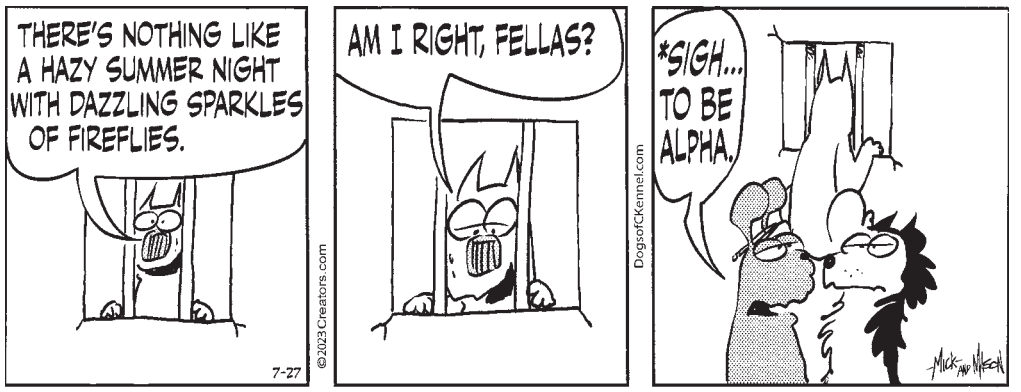
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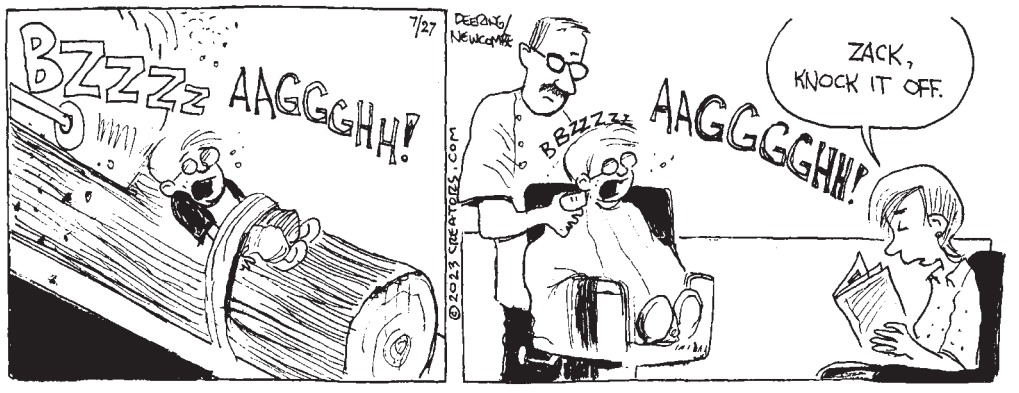
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Strange Brew

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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5918

Brrrrrr!

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

Aches	Frigid	Overcoat	Snow
Ague	Gale	Perisher	Socks
Beret	Glacial	Pies	Soup
Bleak	Grey	Poncho	Stew
Blue	Gust	Pyjamas	Tissues
Cold	Hailstone	Rain	Turtleneck
Cosy	Hats	Rugs	Ugg boots
Doona	Heater	Shawl	Umbrella
Eggnog	Hoodie	Sleet	Wind
Fires	Melt	Sneeze	Wool
Foggy	Mittens	Sniffle	

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THURSDAY | JULY 27

AUTHOR TALK: CHARLES FLEMING

Veteran journalist Charles Fleming tells stories from his books Secret Stairs and Secret Walks, walking guides to the historic staircases and hidden trails of Los Angeles, and helps the Library launch its new "Walking in L.A." RED (Read Engage Discover) Kit. A book sale and signing follows the program. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m Santa Monica Public Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

FRIDAY | JULY 28

FIRE IN THE SKY – THE PERSEID METEORS OF 2023

This year's Perseids will be ideal for observing from a dark-sky site on their peak night of August 12-13. Senior Lecturer Jim Mahon will discuss the origins of this annual celestial spectacle, provide tips for observing the shower, and even point you to a group that you can join at a dark camping site to enjoy the shower. Online Event https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/d0cf82ce-93b2-4a74-b67a-8e94dbaa9b11

SATURDAY | JULY 29

SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

Saturdays at 10 am Free for members / $10 general public 1436 Second Street, Santa Monica Santa Monica Conservancy's Downtown Walking Tours are back! 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. https://www.downtownsm.com/events-calendar/8481/santa-monica-conservancy-downtown-walking-tour

SUNDAY | JULY 30

2023 YOUTH CHESS TOURNAMENT

In collaboration with the City of Santa Monica, Kiwanis is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Youth Chess Tournament at Virginia Avenue Park on Sunday July 30, 2023 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The tournament will be for Santa Monica area students in grades K through 12. Beginners and casual players- the event is not rated. 4 rounds (on hour limit) with a lunch break. Awards by category (grade/age/experience) Limited enrollment to first 50 applicants. Free entry includes lunch. Deadline to enroll is July 21, 2023. Sign up at: https://forms.office.com/g/aqDZgXiJpX For more information please call (310) 458-8688

NO LIMITS BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

No Limits for deaf children and families welcomes you to the theater production of Believe It Or Not! There is more laughter to come in this hilarious show starring children with hearing loss of all ages. 4 - 5 p.m. Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th Street.

MONDAY | JULY 31

MONDAY CELLAR NIGHTS AT ESTER'S WINE SHOP & BAR

Monday Cellar Nights are 4-10 p.m. and are a really cool way to try a glass of something rare or fancy from a high-end collection, without committing to the whole bottle. 1314 Seventh Street, Santa Monica.

TUESDAY | AUGUST 1

THE NO CHASERS

Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. The No Chasers" are hailed as one of the greatest cover groups around SoCal. Their charm is summed up in one sentence "All young people, playing old music". Though most of their set includes classics from the 50s - 70s, they can pull out goodies from all genres and decades, from Beatles to Pink Floyd and Elvis to Ed Sheeren. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St. https://santamonica.harvelles.com/shows/226979

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH SMPD

the Santa Monica community is invited to join Police Chief Ramon Batista, the members of the Santa Monica Police Department along with other city divisions, plus thousands of communities nationwide to celebrate National Night Out (NNO). NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie aimed at making the neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. SMPD's theme this year is "Everyone Can Be A Superhero". Grab your free cape, snap Instagram-worthy photos with your favorite Superhero and learn all about the amazing things the community members do every single day that make the Santa Monica community great. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m, 1685 Main Street, In front of City Hall.

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 2

ANIMAL FEEDING DEMONSTRATIONS

Swim by and visit the Aquarium every Wednesday to observe local marine animals, and watch live feeding demonstrations by Aquarium staff. Wednesday Mealtimes: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. https://healthebay.org/event/shark-feeding-2-2023-07-02/

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **70.2**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Modest pulse of SSW swell on the rise throughout the day but it'll be pretty slow/small in the morning. Another day for the small wave gear, but there should be something rideable for the points and beachbreaks as NW windswell rebounds.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Should be the best day of the workweek and might have enough push to get a little fish or groveler going. SSW swell expected to nudge up a bit further and NW windswell should setup peaky shape and help consistency of rideable waves.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 76.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/07/27	Thu	12:20 AM	1.19	L
2023/07/27	Thu	06:38 AM	2.87	H
2023/07/27	Thu	10:04 AM	2.59	L
2023/07/27	Thu	5:23 PM	5.42	H
2023/07/28	Fri	01:16 AM	0.46	L
2023/07/28	Fri	08:01 AM	3.15	H
2023/07/28	Fri	11:23 AM	2.76	L
2023/07/28	Fri	6:17 PM	5.89	H
2023/07/29	Sat	02:02 AM	-0.23	L
2023/07/29	Sat	08:46 AM	3.46	H
2023/07/29	Sat	12:31 PM	2.73	L
2023/07/29	Sat	7:10 PM	6.40	H
2023/07/30	Sun	02:45 AM	-0.82	L
2023/07/30	Sun	09:22 AM	3.74	H
2023/07/30	Sun	1:31 PM	2.55	L
2023/07/30	Sun	8:00 PM	6.86	H
2023/07/31	Mon	03:27 AM	-1.24	L
2023/07/31	Mon	09:57 AM	3.99	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/24
3 4 12 28 49
Power#: 25
Jackpot: 41 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/25
3 5 6 44 61
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 910 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/22
5 7 20 34 39
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 79 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/25
2 7 8 15 17

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/25
EVENING: 4 1 1

Draw Date: 7/25
MIDDAY: 4 0 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/25
1st: 06 - Whirl Win
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:48.49

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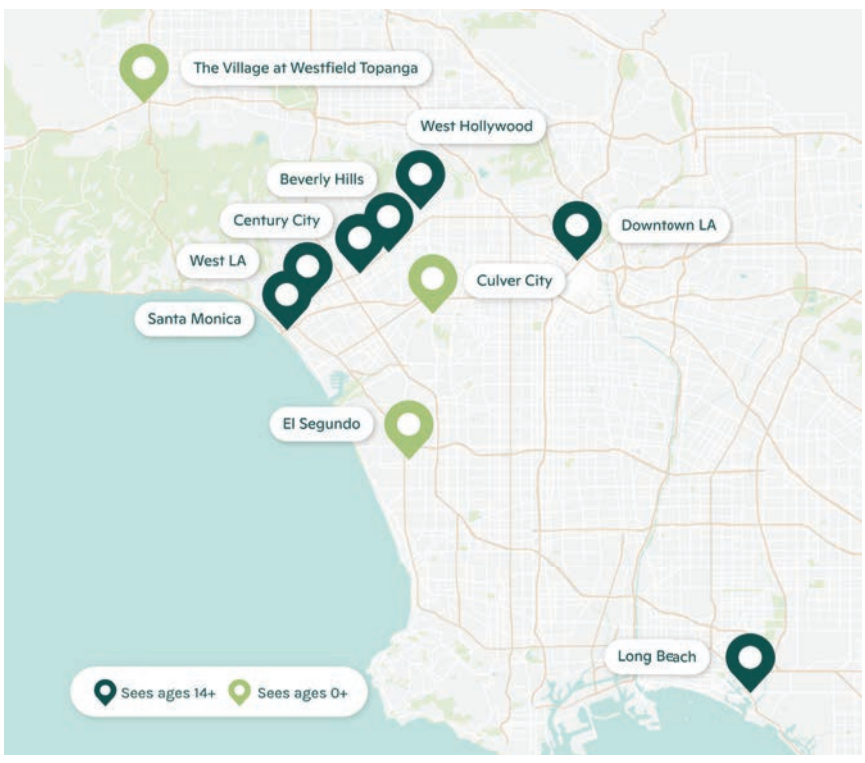
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