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Concerns persist over how private security company will handle the homeless



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HOMELESS: The new security company will have to be responding to many homeless calls.

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During Tuesday's City Council meeting, all seven councilmembers voted to approve the proposal from the Downtown Santa Monica Inc. (DTSM) board to hire a private security company to provide extra policing, security and community services within the downtown area.

And while it's been established that, with the exception of the single shift supervisor no one will be carrying any kind of firearm, it's been repeatedly stressed how crucial it is that this company, Covered 6, be properly prepared to handle the homeless and mentally ill population of the Downtown area.

"Primarily we hire for emotional intelligence first and critical thinking skills. And the officers that we hire have to be extroverted, outgoing, super approachable, friendly. I was a police officer for 30 years, retired chief of police and city manager. So I've utilized [my experience] to hire the officers specifically for these types of accounts so that they're highly approachable and they're ambassadors for your city," Covered 6 Chief Operating Officer Mike Grant said.

"So they should be looking for opportunities to help residents, shoppers, visitors, tourists and so on to find their parking spaces, find stores, good places to eat and be able to engage in friendly conversation," Grant said.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lana

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Council terminates negotiations with housing provider over Civic Auditorium

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Daily Press Editor

A measure of clarity has been added to the murky future regarding the Civic Auditorium as one of the two potential bidders for the property has been eliminated from negotiations.

Council voted to terminate negotiations with Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM) for the site during its closed season meeting on July 25. However, the decision was withheld from the public that night and was instead added to a government website the next day as part of a frequently asked question document on the Civic Auditorium's future.

No explanation was provided in response to questions over the notification by press time.

Laws governing civic meetings allow agencies to discuss property negotiations in private, known as closed session. However, any actions taken during closed session are required to be reported out to the public when the legislative body returns to open session.

"I will turn to the city attorney and ask for the report out from closed session," said Mayor Gleam Davis on July 25.

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Increase in Los Angeles homeless population overshadows gains under Karen Bass

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Special to the Daily Press

A pair of recent reports on the state of homelessness in Los Angeles seemed to send mixed signals about how the effort to bring people in from the streets is going.

The first came was an announcement from Mayor Karen Bass, who said last month that her administration has helped shelter 14,381 unhoused people, largely by focusing on the encampments that have become symbols of this dismaying problem. This represents a major step forward in addressing homelessness, given that Bass pledged to find housing – permanent or interim – for 17,000 people in her first year.

So 14,000 in the first six months was lauded as evidence of progress.

But that encouraging sign was followed by the region's annual homelessness count reporting a 10% jump within city limits, bringing the number of people sleeping without shelter to roughly 46,000.

Those findings are not as contradictory as they may appear. Although released in June, the homeless count was the result of an annual tally that captured the unhoused population over three days in January, when volunteers fanned out across the region to identify the number of people without shelter. Bass only became mayor on Dec. 11, so the count occurred before her signature program, Inside Safe, had begun.

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Moreover, although the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, which conducts the annual count, emphasizes the great pains it takes to check its findings, officials acknowledge that the final numbers are "an imprecise estimate."

So, the rise in the annual count of Los Angeles homeless does not mean that Bass' efforts are failing. But the juxtaposition of those reports offers some reminders of how difficult her task really is.

The issue is not static. Even as Bass devotes enormous resources and political capital to confronting homelessness, the number of those struggling without a place to live is shifting. People lose jobs, get evicted or otherwise lose access to a place to live. They join the ranks of the homeless, swelling the population in one place as it shrinks in another.

It is a classic case of bailing water from a boat with a hole in the bottom, a race at both ends.

The problem is also hard to quantify, both objectively and politically. It is clearly bad for the raw number of those without shelter in Los Angeles to grow at a time when there is so much being expended to bring that number down.

But, as Paul Rubenstein, a senior executive at LAHSA, noted, "The homeless count isn't the only measure."

There are plenty of other ways to measure success (or failure): the length of time between reaching a homeless person and bringing them indoors; the number of shelter beds, number of affordable housing units, availability of treatment for addiction and mental illness; the number of encampments – to name a few.

What would the public and political verdict on this effort be if, say, Bass succeeded in eliminating encampments and vastly improving access to affordable housing but barely made a dent in the overall number of people on the street? Under those circumstances, the city's middle class might feel safer and less confronted by homelessness, but the number of those suffering might not really have changed much – a scenario that combines political success and moral failure.

Bass' work so far has concentrated on eliminating encampments and working closely with the county – something lots of mayors talk about but very few actually do. There is encouraging evidence of cooperation. For example, city and county officials are working together on efforts to expedite housing and to provide services intended to move homeless people more quickly into that housing.

"We're on the same page," Rubenstein said, "and we're not going to be able to make progress unless we remain on the same page."

Bass calls it "locking arms" and contrasts it with the more recognizable bureaucratic habit: "pointing fingers."



(Photo by Teun Voeten/Sipa USA)

TENT: Skid Row, Downtown Central Los Angeles, California, USA, June 2021. Los Angeles is facing a humanitarian crisis it has never seen before as homelessness and drug abuse grow in the area named "Skid Row."

As for encampments, they are not just eyesores. They are magnets for filth and crime, dangerous both to inhabitants and to neighbors. In its first six months, Bass' Inside Safe initiative removed 19 encampments, in the process moving 1,323 people from tents to temporary housing, mostly in hotels.

That's step one, and it's encouraging. Step two is finding permanent places for those people to live. And that has yet to happen. As CalMatters reporter Marisa Kendall recently noted, fewer than 100 people have transitioned from an encampment to a permanent home since Inside Safe began earlier this year.

I asked Bass this week if she was disappointed in those numbers. "Not just disappointed," she responded. "Very disappointed," she added, especially because there are vacancies in permanent supportive housing in Los Angeles.

Bass blamed bureaucracy but said her administration was making progress with the White House at clearing away obstacles.

Then there are the wild cards – the reminders that no amount of good-faith, locally generated policy is enough, that external forces will always wreak havoc on even the best-laid plans for homelessness.

One example: Beginning in June, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, taking a break from denying food to the hungry, water to the thirsty and trying to drown immigrants in the Rio Grande, began shipping busloads of migrants to Los Angeles. Since then, four more buses have arrived, each transporting dozens of people – many of them children as young as 2 years old and all in need of help.

It's purely politics, of course. But it involves real lives, and it disrupts the work underway in Los Angeles to provide housing and relief.

Bass was unsparing of her Republican counterparts.

"This is a part of a Republican strategy," she said, "to make it look like Democrats do not know how to govern."

What's more, each busload whittles away at her work to get ahead of homelessness in Los Angeles. Every time another 40 or 50 immigrants pile off those buses, dazed to find themselves in Los Angeles and without any place to go, city officials, churches and immigrant rights' groups rally, supplying food, water and medical care and reaching out to family members who might offer assistance.

And the homeless count, at least briefly, ticks back up. It is Sisyphean work.

To her credit, Bass has staked much of her political credibility on tackling this issue. She is bracingly candid at admitting that it will be a long fight. In fact, in our interview she warned that the overall numbers may increase again in 2023. That's because some eviction moratoriums enacted during COVID-19 are expiring and thousands could find themselves homeless as a result.

So even as the work to break up encampments takes some homeless off the street, evictions, the economy and a cynical Texas governor add to the challenge.

"The inflow continues," Bass said.

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Dangerous fungus is becoming more prevalent. Scientists believe climate change could be to blame

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In 2016, hospitals in New York state identified a rare and dangerous fungal infection never before found in the United States. Research laboratories quickly mobilized to review historical specimens and found the fungus had been present in the country since at least 2013.

In the years since, New York City has emerged as ground zero for Candida auris infections. And until 2021, the state recorded the most confirmed cases in the country year after year, even as the illness has spread to other places, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data analyzed by The Associated Press.

Candida auris is a globally emerging public health threat that can cause severe illness, including bloodstream, wound and respiratory infections. Its mortality rate has been estimated at 30% to 60%, and it's a particular risk in healthcare settings for people already with serious medical problems.

Last year, the most cases were found in Nevada and California, but the fungus was identified clinically in patients in 29 states. New York state remains a major hotspot.

A prominent theory for the sudden explosion of Candida auris, which was not found in humans anywhere until 2009, is climate change.

Humans and other mammals have warmer body temperatures than most fungal pathogens can tolerate, so have historically been protected from most infections. However, rising temperatures can allow fungi to develop tolerance to warmer environments, and over time humans may lose resistance. Some researchers think this is what is already happening with Candida auris.

The pathogen emerged spontaneously 14 years ago on three continents, in Venezuela, India, and South Africa. Fungal disease expert Arturo Casadevall, a microbiologist, immunologist and professor at Johns Hopkins University, said this was puzzling, because the climates in these places are quite different.

"We have tremendous protection against environmental fungi because of our temperature. However, if the world is getting warmer and the fungi begin to adapt to higher temperatures as well, some ... are going to reach what I call the temperature barrier," Casadevall said, referring to the way mammals' warm body temperatures historically protected them.

When Candida auris was first spreading, said Meghan Marie Lyman, a CDC medical epidemiologist for the mycotic diseases branch, the cases were linked to people who had traveled to the U.S. from other places. Now, most cases are acquired locally — generally spreading among patients in healthcare settings.

In the U.S., there were 2,377 confirmed clinical cases diagnosed last year — an increase of over 1,200% since 2017. But Candida auris is becoming a global problem. In Europe, a survey last year found case numbers nearly doubled from 2020 to 2021.

"The number of cases has increased, but also the geographic distribution has increased," Lyman said. She noted that while screenings and surveillance have improved, the skyrocketing case numbers do reflect a true increase.

In March, a CDC press release noted the seriousness of the problem, citing the pathogen's resistance to traditional antifungal treatments and the alarming rate of its spread. Public health agencies are focused primarily on strategies to urgently mitigate transmission in healthcare settings.

> "It's a potentially multi-drug resistant pathogen with the ability to spread very efficiently in healthcare settings"
>
> - Dr. Luis Ostrosky, a professor of infectious diseases at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston

"It's kind of an active fire they're trying to put out," Lyman said.

Dr. Luis Ostrosky, a professor of infectious diseases at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston, thinks Candida auris is "kind of our nightmare scenario."

"It's a potentially multi-drug resistant pathogen with the ability to spread very efficiently in healthcare settings," he said. "We've never had a pathogen like this in the fungal infection area."

It is nearly always resistant to the most common class of antifungal medication, and is sometimes also resistant to another medication primarily used for severe catheter fungal infections in hospitals.

"I've encountered cases where I'm sitting down with the family and telling them we have nothing that works for this infection your loved one has," Ostrosky said.

Ostrotsky has treated about 10 patients with the fungal infection but has consulted on many more. He said he has seen it spread through an entire ICU in two weeks.

Researchers, academics, and public health groups are discussing and investigating theories that explain the emergence of Candida auris. Ostrosky said that climate change is the most widely accepted one.

The CDC's Lyman said it's possible the fungus was always among the microorganisms that live in the human body, but because it wasn't causing infection, no one investigated until it recently started causing health problems. She also said there are reports of the fungus in the natural environment — including soil and wetlands — but environmental sampling has been limited, and it's unclear whether those discoveries are downstream effects from humans.

"There are also a lot of questions about there being increased contact with humans and intrusion of humans into nature, and there have been a lot of changes in the environment, and the use of fungi in agriculture," she said. "These things may have allowed Candida auris to escape into a new environment or broaden its niche."

Wherever and however it originated, the fungus poses a significant threat to human health, researchers say. Immunocompromised patients in hospitals are most at risk, but so are people in long-term care centers and nursing homes, which generally have less access to diagnostics and infection control experts.

Candida auris is not only challenging to treat, but also difficult to diagnose. It is quite rare and many clinicians are not aware it exists.

Common symptoms of infection include sepsis, fever, and low blood pressure, which all can have many causes. The fungus is diagnosed with a blood test. Blood is placed in a nutrient-rich medium to allow any infectious organism to grow and become more detectable.

But Ostrosky notes this misses about half the cases. "Our gold standard is a little bit better than flipping a coin," he said, adding there is a newer technology that improves bloodstream detection but it's expensive and not widely available in hospitals.

Beyond the increase in cases, popular culture has helped increase awareness of fungal infections. A popular HBO series, "The Last of Us," is a drama about the survivors of a fungal outbreak. A fungal infection that can transform humans into zombies is a work of fiction, but addressing climate change, which is altering the kinds of diseases seriously threatening human health, is a real world challenge.

"I think the way to think about how global warming is putting selection pressure on microbes is to think about how many more really hot days we are experiencing," said Casadevall of Johns Hopkins. "Each day at (100 degrees Fahrenheit, or 37.7 degrees Celsius) provides a selection event for all microbes affected — and the more days when high temperatures are experienced, the greater probability that some will adapt and survive."

"We've been flying under the radar for decades in mycology because fungal infections didn't used to be frequently seen," said Ostrosky of UTHealth Houston.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Tipping Point

Thank you to Seth Bornstein for his article on climate change's role in weather phenomena we are facing throughout the globe. Clearly, we are fast approaching the "tipping point" about which scientists have been warning us for years. One would think that our federal government would be marshaling all its resources to reduce our country's carbon footprint. Yet many in Congress are more concerned about Hunter Biden's indictment than taking serious steps toward this end. In fact, many on the right are actually trying to roll back some of the $392 billion in climate measures passed last year as part of the Inflation Reduction Act.

President Biden has set a goal of reducing greenhouse gas pollution by 50% from the 2005 levels by 2030. To accomplish this ambitious goal, we can't allow these measures to be watered down. In addition, Congress must reform the permitting process so that clean energy projects and transmission lines can be brought online faster. Also, Congress must pass a tax on fossil fuel producers' products based on their carbon emissions. The taxes collected should be paid out to all American households in the form of a dividend, so they don't bear the brunt of higher prices.

According to the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, 74% Americans believe climate change is happening and 61 % believe it is mostly human caused. 71% believe global warming will affect future generations.* Yet it is clear that too many of our lawmakers are listening to another set of constituents, the fossil fuel industry.

*Climate Change in the American Mind: Beliefs and Attitudes. June 2023.

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"All of the listed closed session matters were discussed, there is no reportable action," said City Attorney Doug Sloan.

However, according to the written notification posted on July 26, action was taken.

"In its closed session meeting on July 25, 2023, the City Council terminated negotiations with Community Corp. of Santa Monica (CCSM). There is no update regarding negotiations with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District," reads the update.

SMMUSD wants to convert the landmarked building into a gym but given the restrictions of the landmarked property and costs associated with building up to State codes, the proposal is far from certain.

Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM) the city's largest affordable housing developer, had pitched a competing idea in partnership with the Committee for Racial Justice (CRJ) and the Metropolitan Pacific Real Estate Group. CRJ would work to recognize the site's history of racial injustice (Black families were evicted from the site to facilitate its construction and the nearby freeway) while Metropolitan would convert the Civic into new economic/housing use.

Community opposition to a sale or lease of the property has grown in recent weeks with advocates demanding the negotiations be opened to the public and historic preservation advocates welcomed the news of CCSM's expulsion from the process.

The property is zoned for recreational use and is designated as a City landmark to preserve its historic features. However, it is currently deemed seismically unsafe and has been closed since 2013, except for a small meeting space in the East Wing that closed in 2020. Parts of the property's parking lot have already been repurposed as a childcare educational facility and an athletic field.

Efforts to secure a private partner to operate the main building have failed twice due to funding and support issues. At present, the City lacks the budget and staff to rehabilitate and reopen the site on its own.

In 2022, the City declared the property as "surplus" under the Surplus Land Act (SLA). The designation is required before any lease or sale of civic property can occur. Aside from sale or lease, State regulators told the Daily Press that any use of a previously vacant building, even by the city itself, required completion of the SLA process if the State deemed the proposed use "nonessential."

Once property has entered the SLA process, municipalities must engage in good faith negotiations with interested parties but they do not have to come to an agreement.

The status of SMMUSD's proposal will likely be discussed in a future closed session sometime in the Fall.

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As e-bikes proliferate, so do deadly fires blamed on exploding lithium-ion batteries

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The explosion early on a June morning ignited a blaze that engulfed a New York City shop filled with motorized bicycles and their volatile lithium-ion batteries. Billowing smoke quickly killed four people asleep in apartments above the burning store.

As the ubiquity of e-bikes has grown, so has the frequency of fires and deaths blamed on the batteries that power them, prompting a campaign to establish regulations on how the batteries are manufactured, sold, reconditioned, charged and stored.

Consumer advocates and fire departments, particularly in New York City, are urging the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish mandatory safety standards and confiscate noncompliant imports when they arrive at the border or shipping ports, so that unsafe e-bikes and poorly manufactured batteries don't reach streets and endanger homes.

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> - Laura Kavanagh New York City Fire Commissioner

These aren't typical fires, said New York City Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh. The batteries don't smolder; they explode.

"The number of fire incidents has rapidly increased. Other cities across the country have begun seeing these issues as well, and municipalities that are not yet experiencing this phenomenon may be facing similar incidents in the future," Kavanagh told the commission Thursday at a forum focused on e-bikes and lithium-ion batteries.

"We have reached a point of crisis in New York City, with ion batteries now a top cause of fatal fires in New York," she told commissioners.

With some 65,000 e-bikes zipping through its streets — more than any other place in the U.S. — New York City is the epicenter of battery-related fires. There have been 100 such blazes so far this year, resulting in 13 deaths, already more than double the six fatalities last year.

Nationally, there were more than 200 battery-related fires reported to the commission — an obvious undercount — from 39 states over the past two years, including 19 deaths blamed on so-called micro mobility devices that include battery-powered scooters, bicycles and hoverboards.

New York's two U.S. senators, Democrats Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, introduced legislation last month that would set mandatory safety standards for e-bikes and the batteries that power them.

Because mandatory standards don't exist, Schumer said, poorly made batteries have flooded the U.S., increasing the risk of fires.

In many cases, authorities have been challenged to track the source of batteries manufactured overseas, many of them bought online or from aftermarket dealers.

Earlier this year, New York City urgently enacted a sweeping package of local laws intended to crack down on defective batteries, including a ban on the sale or rental of e-bikes and batteries that aren't certified as meeting safety standards by an independent product testing lab.

The new rules also outlaw tampering with batteries or selling refurbished batteries made with lithium-ion cells scavenged from used units.

Meanwhile, New York City officials also announced they had received a $25 million federal grant for e-bike charging stations across the city, which fire marshals hope will reduce the risk of fires.

"When they fail, they fail quite spectacularly," Kavanagh said in an interview last week. "Once one of these ignites, there is a huge volume of fire, often so much so that the person in their home can't get out and the firefighters can't get in to get them."

Such was the case in April when two siblings, a 7-year-old boy and his 19-year-old sister, died when a scooter battery ignited a fire in Queens.

Because of the fire hazard, some residential buildings have banned e-bikes. Last summer, the New York City Housing Authority sought to prohibit tenants in all of its 335 developments from keeping or charging e-vehicles in their units, only to back down a few months later after protests from delivery workers.

Use of motorized bicycles grew dramatically in the city during the COVID-19 pandemic as homebound people turned more to food delivery workers for meals and groceries.

With the rash of fires, delivery workers like Lizandro Lopez say they are now more

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How many transgender and intersex people live in the US? Anti-LGBTQ+ laws will impact millions

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Associated Press

New laws targeting LGBTQ+ people are proliferating in GOP-led states, but often absent from policy decisions is a clear understanding of how many people will be directly affected.

There has been relatively scant data collected on the number of LGBTQ+ residents in the U.S., particularly intersex people — those born with physical traits that don't fit typical definitions for male or female categories. That means lawmakers are often writing laws without the same kind of baseline information they might have for other demographic groups.

"We can't study the impact without knowing the population," said Christy Mallory, legal director of the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law. The Williams Institute is a think tank that researches sexual orientation and gender identity demographics to inform laws and public policy decisions.

Here's a look at what we know and what we don't know about the number of people in the U.S. who are LGBTQ+ or intersex.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Legislative decisions to ban transgender women and girls from playing school sports often fail to consider the impact on intersex students.

A new Kansas law defines a person's sex as male or female, based on what it calls the "biological reproductive system" identified at birth, leaving no room for intersex people, and ignoring the existence of transgender and nonbinary Kansans.

> "Social media and social pressures that are put on our youth, and I do think that could play into this a little bit
> - Idaho Republican Sen. Doug Ricks

Meanwhile, conversations about gender-affirming care bans were at times clouded by a discredited 2018 study that claimed kids might experience gender dysphoria because of peer influence. This led to erroneous suggestions that the number of trans people was inflated.

Arguments based on the discredited study helped gender-affirming care bans pass in Georgia, Idaho and elsewhere.

"Social media and social pressures that are put on our youth, and I do think that could play into this a little bit," said Idaho Republican Sen. Doug Ricks during a statehouse debate earlier this year. "It's difficult. And the conflicting testimony about the studies — there's good arguments that validate those, and others that disvalidate that."

While most states' bans on gender-affirming care have attempted to carve out exceptions for people who are born intersex, they could still make it harder for intersex people to receive medical care, said Erika Lorshbough, executive director of InterACT, an advocacy group that works to advance the rights of children born with intersex traits. Physicians and other medical practitioners who treat intersex people might be confused by the laws or unsure about their potential liability, especially if an intersex patient also identifies as LGBTQ+, Lorshbough said.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE INTERSEX?

Most advocacy groups estimate that 1.7% percent of people are born intersex — the equivalent of about 5.6 million U.S. residents. That estimate is based on a review published in the American Journal of Human Biology that looked at four decades of medical literature from 1955 to 1998. The estimate includes people with extra or missing sex-linked chromosomes, and those born with other physical variations that don't fit into categories of "male" or "female."

Intersex people are born with at least one of about 40 naturally occurring variations relating to their genitalia, internal reproductive organs, chromosome patterns or hormones.

Not all intersex people are identified as such at birth, and those who are may still be listed as either "male" or "female" on their birth certificate. That's because only about 16 states currently allow a gender marker designation other than "male" or "female" on birth certificates, and not all hospitals have intersex-affirming policies.

Some intersex characteristics might not be evident until puberty or later — in fact, sometimes people don't know they are intersex until they seek treatment for infertility or undergo other unrelated medical procedures. Others might only find out if

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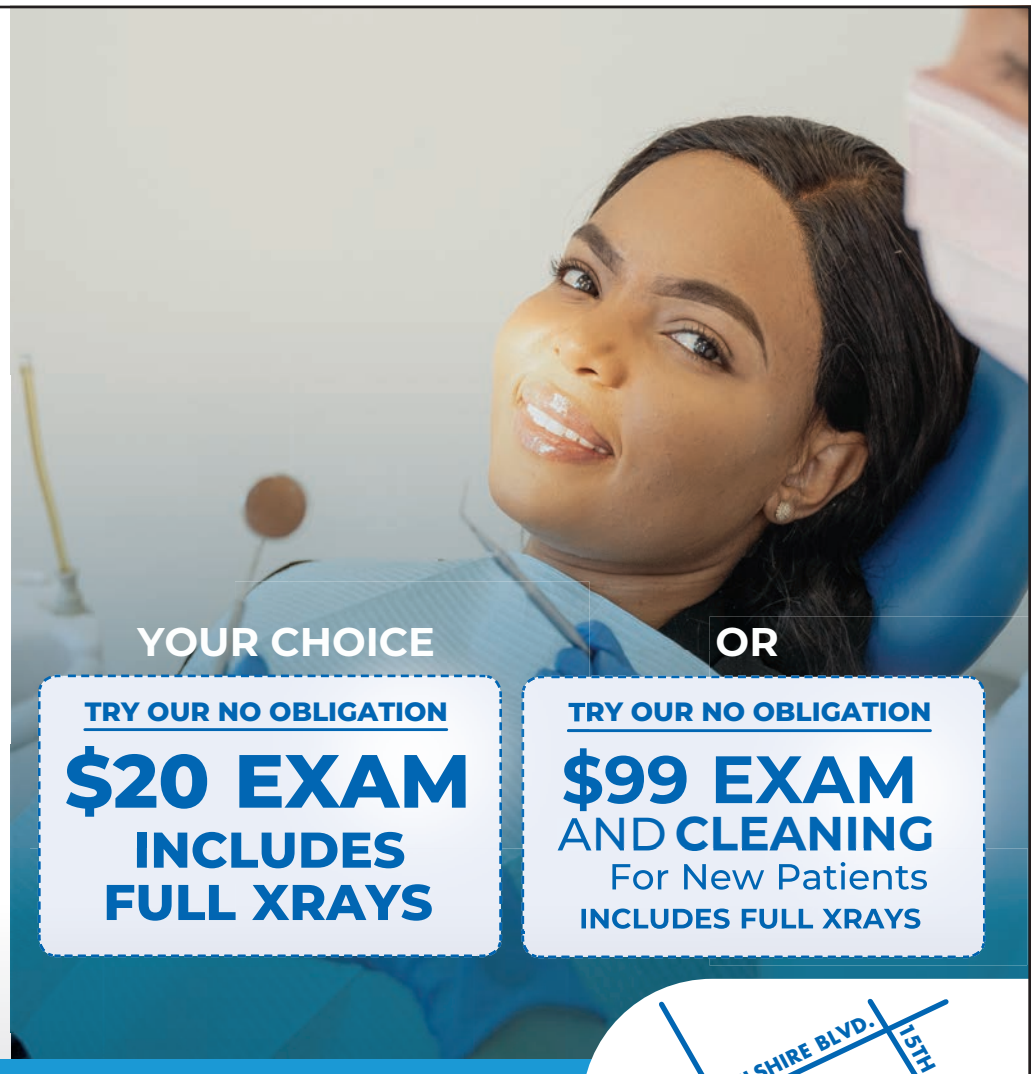
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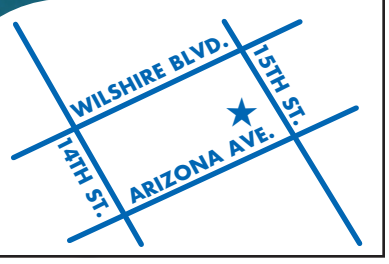


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Biden looks to provide relief from extreme heat as record high temperatures persist across the US

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With heat waves spreading across the United States, President Joe Biden on Thursday plans to unveil new steps to protect workers, improve weather forecasts and make drinking water more accessible, the White House says.

The announcement comes as nearly 40% of the U.S. population faces heat advisories, according to the National Weather Service. High temperatures have already scorched the Southwest this month, and more heat is expected in the Midwest and the Northeast in the coming days. Washington won't be spared, and the heat index could reach 110 on Friday.

It's a worldwide problem, and scientists calculate that July will be the hottest month on record.

Biden's plans represent an effort to address the immediate effects of climate change as he faces pressure from fellow Democrats and labor groups to do more to safeguard vulnerable populations. The steps supplement his long-term agenda for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and deploying clean energy technology, policies that may not pay dividends for years to come while global temperatures continue to rise.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre described the heat waves as "a difficult time" and said Biden was treating climate change with "the urgency it requires."

Biden is directing the Department of Labor to increase inspections of potentially dangerous workplaces such as farms and construction sites. He also wants heightened enforcement of heat safety violations.

As part of the initiative, the department will issue a hazard alert notifying employers and employees about ways to stay protected from extreme heat, which has killed 436 workers since 2011, according to federal statistics.

The Biden administration plans to spend $7 million to develop more detailed weather predictions to anticipate extreme weather like heat waves, plus $152 million to boost drinking water infrastructure and climate resilience in California, Colorado and Washington.

Biden will be joined on Thursday by the leaders of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The mayors of Phoenix and San Antonio, two cities that have suffered from the heat waves, are expected to participate in the White House event virtually.

Phoenix has seen at least 27 days in a row of temperatures exceeding 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.3 degrees Celsius). No other major city — defined as the 25 most populous in the United States — has had any stretch of 110-degree (43.3-degree) days or 90-degree (32.2-degree) nights longer than Phoenix, said weather historian Christopher Burt, of the Weather Company.

Maricopa County, where Phoenix is located, reported recently that there were 25 heat-associated deaths between April 11 and July 22. An additional 249 deaths remain under investigation. There were 425 heat-associated deaths in the county last year.

Other areas of Arizona are also struggling. A 26-year-old farmworker died after collapsing in the fields on July 20, when the high temperature reached 116 F (46.7 C), according to the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

San Antonio saw at least 15 straight days of 100-plus F (38-plus C). At least 13 deaths in Texas have been blamed on the extreme heat.

Thursday's announcement follows other steps that the Biden administration has taken to adapt to increasing threats from extreme heat. Among those it is highlighting:

The Department of Labor is developing a standard for how workplaces deal with heat. The proposed rule by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration would require employers to provide adequate water and rest breaks to outdoor workers, as well as medical services and training to address signs and symptoms of heat-related illness. OSHA is holding meetings this summer to hear comments on how the heat standard would affect small businesses.

To keep low-income populations cool, the Department of Health and Human Services expanded its Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to provide more access to air conditioning and cooling centers such as libraries, senior centers or other public buildings. The Environmental Protection Agency also has provided assistance to help communities develop cooling centers within schools.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has been helping cities and towns map "heat islands" with dense buildings and fewer trees, and the Department of Agriculture issued guidance for creating more tree canopy coverage, which helps with cooling environments.

In addition, the administration launched a website called heat.gov with interactive maps, weather forecasts and tips for keeping cool amid record-breaking heat.

More than 100 members of Congress, led by Democratic Reps. Greg Casar and Sylvia Garcia of Texas and Judy Chu of California have called on the administration to implement the new heat standard for outdoor workers as quickly as possible.

"We know extreme weather events such as heat waves are becoming more frequent and more dangerous due to climate change. Urgent action is needed to prevent more deaths," the lawmakers wrote in a letter Monday.

The United Farm Workers and other groups also called on OSHA to immediately issue a nationwide rule protecting outdoor workers after farm worker deaths this month in Florida and Arizona.

"Farm workers need and deserve the

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HOMELESS

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Negrete said that she'd actually engaged in conversation with an on-duty Covered 6 employee in Beverly Hills, where they're already operating, without revealing her identity as a City of Santa Monica councilmember. According to Negrete, this individual remarked that in order to make people feel safe, it's not about looking scary.

"He said something to the effect of 'as a matter of fact, it's having a smile on your face and engaging with people so that they feel like there's someone to come up to,'" she said.

Negrete then addressed the issue of dealing with the mentally ill, asking how Covered 6 employees would deal with this sensitive issue.

"We engage those people in conversations. We try to establish a rapport with them. The difference between us and let's say law enforcement or fire, is that we can take the entire shift to engage in a conversation," Grant said.

"So, we're not going to get tagged with a call or be pulled away for any reason. We can actually sit there, stand with the person and engage in conversation for as long as it takes. If we identify that the situation is getting out of hand, then we would call law enforcement to stand by.

"But at the same time, we don't want to become a burden to law enforcement, so we're going to take as much time as it takes to actually stay there, have a conversation with a person, and get them the resources that they need. And that's primarily what our mission is for the homeless, to get them to be able to utilize the resources that you already have available in the city."

Grant emphasized that deescalation was a key component in their professional protocol, saying, "We actually have our own use of force policy that's above what the Bureau of Investigative Services demands from security officers. And all of our officers are highly trained. They're trained to deescalate situations."

Melissa Lee, Director of People and Culture at Covered 6, spoke of the current software, called WellSky, that's used to track homeless people in Santa Monica. "I don't know if that's going to be a good fit for us [WellSky] because it's a really big platform. So, we're talking to developers to create something easy that our patrols can use in the field that we can then access … and then put that information into a bigger program like the HMIS system that's currently being used.

"One thing that also makes us unique is that we are not bound to any specific policies or procedures. We really want to help people, that's why we've invested so much in this. Mike [Grant] is not on the budget. I'm not on the budget. Chris [Dunn, CEO] is not on the budget. We're coming here because we actually care about Santa Monica," Lee said.

"The level of service Covered 6 will provide in Downtown Santa Monica will meet the needs of our community. These private officers' most effective tool is not a weapon; it is their training, judgment, and ability to de-escalate challenging situations," Andrew Thomas, Chair of DTSM, told the Daily Press. "Our community is confident and thankful for the work of our incredibly capable Santa Monica Police Department. Private officers will not replace sworn officers, nor do they need to."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica Police Department announces Pike/Pedestrian Safety Enforcement for August 3 and 4

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will conduct a Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation with focused enforcement efforts on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. The Police Department identifies locations where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries. Officers will be looking for violations committed by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. These violations include speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield or provide right of way to bicyclists or pedestrians, or failing to stop for signs and signals. These extra enforcement efforts will take place on Thursday, August 3 and Friday, August 4 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.

PEDESTRIANS

Be predictable. Use crosswalks, when available. Take notice of approaching vehicles and practice due care. Do not walk or run into the path of a vehicle. At 30 mph, a driver needs at least 90 feet to stop. Be visible. Make it easy for drivers to see you – wear light colors, reflective material and carry a flashlight, particularly at dawn, dusk or at night. Be extra careful crossing streets or entering crosswalks at night when it is harder to see, or when crossing busier streets with more lanes and higher speed limits.

DRIVERS

Follow the speed limit and slow down at intersections. Be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks. Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a right-hand turn. Never drive impaired.

BICYCLISTS

Obey traffic laws, use hand signals, use lights at night (front white light and rear red reflector), and wear a helmet. Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow-moving vehicle. Avoid the door zone: do not ride too closely to parked cars. If there's a bike lane, use it, unless making a left turn, passing, or approaching a place where a right turn is allowed. Yield to pedestrians. Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within marked crosswalks or within unmarked crosswalks at intersections.

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E-BIKE

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mindful about precautions.

"As soon as the battery is charged, I disconnect it. You shouldn't leave it charging for too long," Lopez said in Spanish, "because if you leave it on there too long, that's when you can cause a fire."

Los Deliveristas Unidos, which represents app-based delivery workers in the New York area, estimates that fewer than 10% of e-bikes sold in the city have been deemed safe by a third-party evaluator, such as UL Solutions, a product testing company that certifies safety compliance for a host of electrical products, including Christmas lights and televisions.

E-bike batteries rely on the same chemistry to generate power as the lithium-ion batteries in cellphones, laptops and most electric vehicles — products that were initially prone to overheating.

Tighter regulations, safety standards and compliance testing drastically reduced the risk of fires in such devices, according to Robert Slone, the senior vice president and chief scientist for UL Solutions.

The same can happen with e-bike batteries, he said, if they are made to comply with established safety standards. One feature most of these batteries lack is the ability to automatically shut off to prevent overheating and "thermal runaways" that lead to explosions and fires.

"We just need to make them safe, and there is a way to make them safe through testing and certification," Slone said, "given the history that we've seen in terms of fires and injuries and unfortunately, deaths as well — not just in New York, but across the country and around the world."

In London, the fire brigade says lithium batteries are the city's fastest growing fire risk, with one fire erupting about every two days. Last year, there were a total of 116 fires involving e-bikes and e-scooters. At least one death has been attributed this year to an overheated battery.

In San Francisco, there have been at least 21 battery fires so far this year — compared with just 13 battery-related fires in 2017, according to an analysis by the San Francisco Chronicle.

Last year, some 1.1 million e-bikes were imported into the U.S., according to the Light Electric Vehicle Association, an industry group. In 2021, more than 880,000 e-bikes came into the country — about double from the year before and triple the number in 2019.

Many of the batteries now on the road are substandard or aftermarket products that are known fire hazards but are popular with delivery workers because they are cheaper.

> "If the agency follows through and creates these regulations, those regulations alone won't be enough"
> - Matt Moore

PeopleForBikes Coalition, an industry trade group, called on the government Thursday to close off the borders to unsafe lithium-ion batteries.

"If the agency follows through and creates these regulations, those regulations alone won't be enough," Matt Moore, the group's general and policy counsel, told the commission.

Even with new rules and standards, he said, overseas sellers and manufacturers could still ship possibly unsafe products to the United States.

"Our research has shown there are over 400 online sellers of e-bikes who are not our members, companies that are not present in the United States except to sell their products to consumers," he said, including generic products and accessories that falsely claim they are certified.

Associated Press video journalist Ted Shaffrey and video producer Vanessa A. Alvarez contributed to this report.



ANTI LGBTQ+

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they run across medical records from their childhood, because many intersex infants and children are subjected to surgeries and treatments without their consent to make their bodies conform to categories of male or female, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians. Since 2018, the AAFP has opposed medically unnecessary genital surgeries performed on intersex children.

"Some people never know they're intersex if they have what we think of as a milder variation," said Lorshbough. "And there are plenty of folks with variations in sex characteristics who don't identify as intersex, and these issues impact them equally. It's all about consent and autonomy."

Hospitals aren't required to track information about how many babies are born with intersex characteristics, and there has never been a nationwide survey on intersex status done by the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Institutes of Health or another government agency that normally collects demographic data, said Lorshbough.

That means there isn't enough data to calculate a definitive population number.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LGBTQ+?

There are more than 13 million people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender in the U.S. ages 13 and older, including about 300,000 young people and 1.3 million adults who identify as transgender, according to the Williams Institute. Nearly half of them live in states without protections from discrimination at work, in school, in housing, public accommodations and credit.

Polling by KFF and The Washington Post shows that there are nearly 2 million people nationwide who identify as transgender or trans, representing less than 1% of all adults. The poll found that most trans adults are younger than 35 years old, and the vast majority — nearly 8 in 10 — say that transitioning made them more satisfied with their life. Two-thirds of trans adults say they realized they were trans in childhood, and about one-third say they began to understand when they were 10 years old or younger.

The Census Bureau did not add questions about sexual orientation and gender identity until 2021, though it did begin collecting data about households led by same-sex couples in the 2010 census. The 2021 U.S. Census Household Pulse Survey found that 0.6% of responding adults described themselves as transgender and 1.7% described themselves as neither male, female nor trans.

The same census survey found that 4.4% of adult respondents thought of themselves as bisexual, 3.3% said they were gay or lesbian, and 88.3% said they were straight. Around 2% said they were "something else" or that they didn't know.

ARE MORE PEOPLE IDENTIFYING AS LGBTQ+ NOW?

It's difficult to tell. Efforts to quantify the number of LGBTQ+ people, including intersex people, in the U.S. were scarce until the last few decades, and stigma likely prevented some from disclosing their identities. There is some overlap between the groups; intersex people are included in the plus sign in LGBTQ+, and some intersex people also identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer.

From their demographic studies in 2017 and 2022, The Williams Institute noted a slight increase in the number of young people identifying as transgender, but Mallory said additional research will give a more accurate picture.

"This kind of data collection on transgender status is very new for youth," and some of the increase could be because more states are asking about transgender status during surveys of high school students, Mallory said. "But you know, some of it is probably youth feeling more comfortable identifying as trans."

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access to shade, water and paid breaks,'' said UFW President Teresa Romero. "How many more workers will we let dangerous heat and callous employers kill before this nation acts?"

Douglas Parker, assistant Labor secretary for occupational safety and health, called heat illness prevention a top priority. As OSHA works toward a final rule, the agency is enhancing enforcement efforts "to make sure employers and workers understand the dangers of heat illness and how to prevent it,'' Parker said in a statement.

Casar, a freshman lawmaker from Austin, staged a "thirst strike" on Tuesday outside the U.S. Capitol, forgoing water breaks for nearly nine hours, to protest a new Texas law that bans local governments from requiring water breaks and other safety measures for outdoor workers. Casar called the law "insane" and accused Republican Gov. Greg Abbott of being "on the wrong side of history." Republican lawmakers and other supporters of the law say it eliminates a patchwork of local regulations that are burdensome to businesses, and they say it won't stop workers from taking breaks.

At least 42 workers died in Texas between 2011 and 2021 from environmental heat exposure, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Democrats are going to stand up for common sense and for working people," Casar said.

Ladd Keith, an assistant professor at the University of Arizona who studies heat policy and governance, said the record-breaking heat much of the nation is experiencing "is very much in line with climate change projections." While not surprising, "they're certainly a continuation of a concerning trend of climate impacts that we've seen," he said.

Despite the recent headlines, rising temperatures have typically not received the same level of attention as other climate risks, such as flooding and wildfires, Keith said.

"Heat has just not been a topic at the national level or local level that we've even considered addressing until the last couple of years," he said.

However, Keith said the administration has ramped up its focus because of searing weather events, such as the heat dome in the Pacific Northwest in 2021 that prompted record temperatures and dozens of deaths across the region.

OSHA fined a Florida farm supervisor last month for exposing workers to excessive heat after a worker from Mexico died at a farm in Parkland, Florida. Investigators determined the worker's death could have been prevented if a labor contractor had followed established safety practices regarding heat-related hazards.

Costley reported from New Orleans. AP Science Writer Seth Borenstein contributed to this report.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 28)

Astonishing surprises are in store in this year of plot twists. Relationships will be sweeter than birthday cake. A settlement or sale allows you to open a new chapter. More highlights: Someone credits you with changing their life. You'll be often above the clouds literally and emotionally. Your work will meet a much bigger audience. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 10, 17 and 8.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Difficult people will require your patience and it will be very worth your while to extend it. The more patient you are now, the richer you'll be later, both in dollars and in something else you value.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your hobbies are sitting somewhere in your closet, twiddling their thumbs as they wait for you to join them. Getting mixed up into something you do strictly for fun will take your mind off issues you need a break from.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Knowledge is as light as air, as bright as sunbeams and equally hard to deliver. How does one package sunbeams? Good fortune comes from organizing your thoughts and ideas with the aim of effectively imparting your knowledge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People say that there are no bad questions. But there are so many excellent questions, why waste time looping around in foggy territory? You'll aim your curious mind precisely, getting down to the specifics that lead to progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know it's love by the price you're willing to pay. When love's chord is struck, you will be willing to endure the tedious, irritating, difficult, boring and painful parts to keep that music strumming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in no mood to stare into the ethereal mist and wonder what's coming. You already know what you want the future to look like. Bringing this together will involve many projects. Start anywhere.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The work may look easy to the outsider, but that's only because you've mastered the art of it. You may field requests that are ill-aligned with how you work. You will give them the benefit of the doubt without catering to their ignorance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Gaining self-knowledge can be harder than you think it should be. Experience teaches you the most, especially bad experience. Stress has a way of highlighting the traits you most and least prefer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Vacations aren't always tremendously relaxing, but there's a benefit to doing something different from your usual routine whether you're relaxed or not. The need for novelty is real and you'll start to feel stressed out if you don't get enough of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Perhaps you're not as skilled at something as you thought. Waste no time on embarrassment or regret. You'll keep improving because you'll keep working. Believe in yourself all along the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can start over at any moment. The thing that keeps you from doing that is the safety of holding on to certain ideas about yourself. Don't worry: There's much you can let go of without losing your whole identity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Reality rules in the end, but don't worry — you don't have to give it the beginning and the middle, too. Keep your fantasies alive and work your way toward them. Reality just might let you win.

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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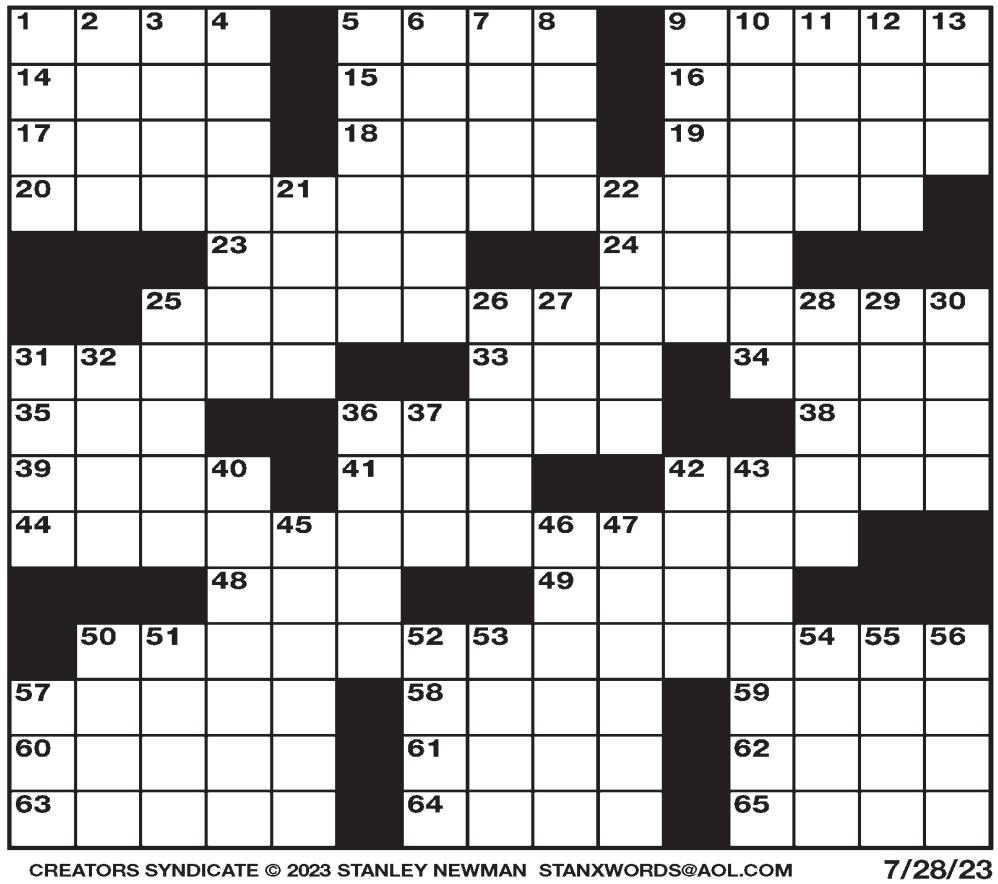
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ACROSS

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16 Traffic signals
17 At any point
18 Salt Lake City paper, familiarly
19 Kvetchy phrase
20 "__ open!"
23 L.A.'s La __ Avenue
24 Sushi staple
25 Open-__
31 Curly-tailed breed
33 Sort of screen
34 It's between Toronto and Akron
35 Disquiet
36 __ Open
38 Proverb ending
39 Former GM German division
41 Backing
42 *Astronomía* observation
44 "Open __!"
48 OK for kids to watch
49 Looking good
50 __ open
57 World of Warcraft fan
58 Temperament
59 Hindrance for a plane
60 Swift steeds
61 Present
62 [Correct!]
63 Rampageous revelry
64 Budge a bit
65 Only OK

DOWN

1 Call for attention
2 Tax collected
3 Nickname alternative to AI
4 Stunt flyer
5 Admission granted
6 Innumerable
7 Whom Cleopatra often dressed as
8 McEntire of music
9 Ate voraciously, with "down"
10 Sovereign's self-reference
11 The green stuff?
12 Squeezes (by)
13 Humanities dept.
21 Black-and-white predator
22 Imparts
25 Working again
26 Travels tirelessly?
27 Starter meaning "sharp"
28 March marchers
29 Firenze farewell
30 Diabolical domain
31 Swear to
32 Foreign Legion hat
36 NATO's follower of Sierra
37 Veiled
40 "Get lost!"
42 Where Lady Liberty looks
43 Offer a bet
45 Disinclined
46 Operatic passages
47 In the distance
50 Fish or find fault
51 "A Jug of Wine . . ." poet
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56 Cinnamon Toast breakfast brand
57 Empty words

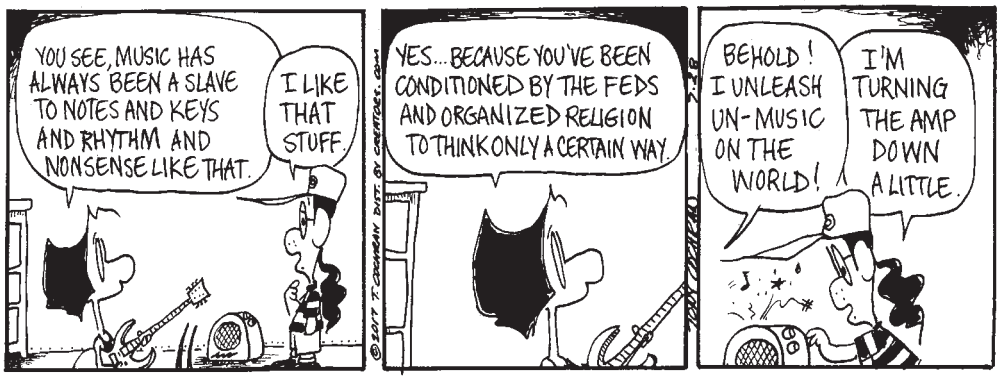


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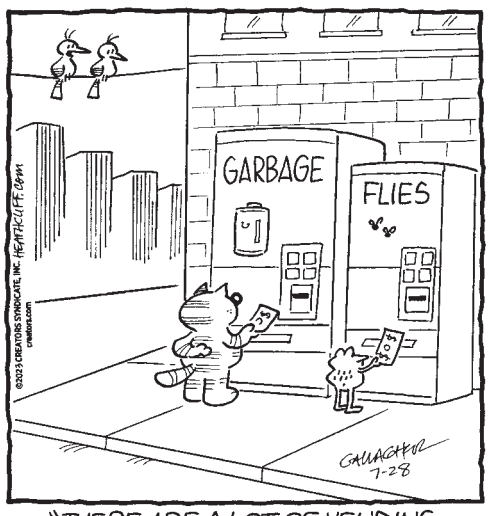
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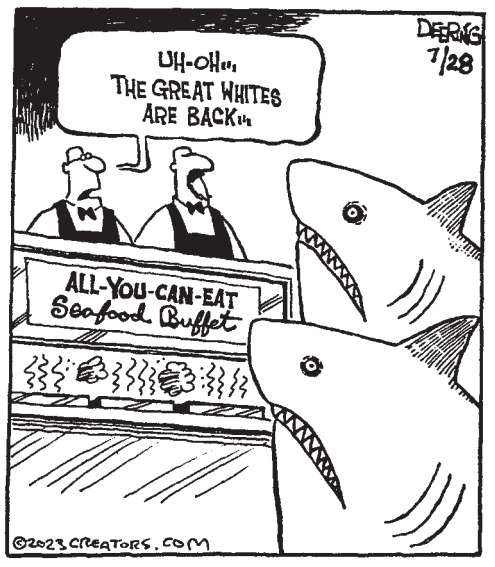
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Trip to Tassie

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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/

TUESDAY | AUGUST 3

HOUSING COMMISSION
The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all. 6:00 p.m - until concluded https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.aspx?id=53687092551

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **69.8**

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.
SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Eyeing a fun little morning window. Clean, incoming tide early and few S Hemi lines rolling through as SSW swell continues with NW windswell mix blending in to help shape/consistency of rideable waves.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 76. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 65. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 78. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2023/07/31	Mon	2:25 PM	2.28	L
2023/07/31	Mon	8:49 PM	7.18	H
2023/08/01	Tue	04:08 AM	-1.47	L
2023/08/01	Tue	10:33 AM	4.24	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/26
3 16 40 48 60
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 60 M

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

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/26
10 12 14 40 47
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 80 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/26
6 11 24 26 30

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/26
EVENING: 9 7 8
Draw Date: 7/26
MIDDAY: 0 0 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/26
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:40.00

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