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SaMo youth scintillate community with the 'sweet science'



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BOXING: Brothers Anthony and Jonathan Usher put on a boxing clinic at the Churchill Boxing Gym as part of the "Saturday Night Scraps" event July 13.

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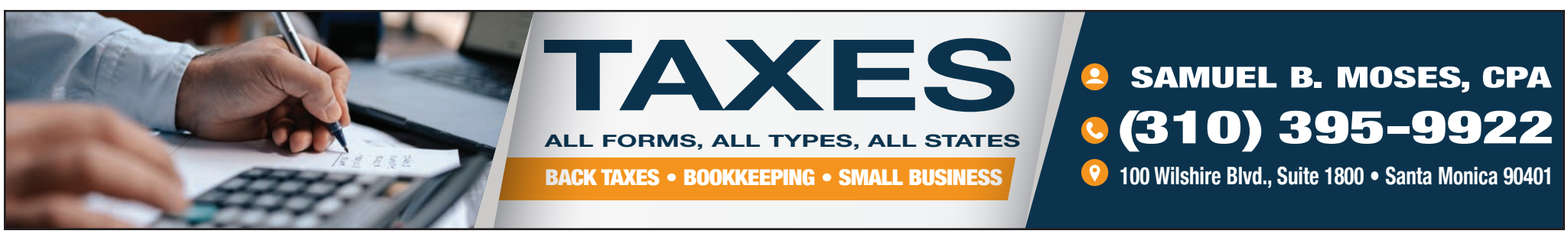
The youthful energy of Santa Monica's teenagers can lead them down many paths, though not all of them are positive. While some may put their eggs into the baskets of academics or extracurriculars, others could fall down the wrong holes if that energy is not harnessed correctly.

Channeling that energy that might be spent on the streets looking for trouble has been the mission of the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), crafting a more efficient environment for teens to let loose in the sport of boxing. The SMPD's LEAD (Leadership, Engagement, Achievement and Discovery) program has brought kids into the gym to perfect the fighting craft, providing life lessons on discipline and commitment via athletics.

On July 13, over 200 family and friends of teenage boxers crammed into the Churchill Boxing Club on 21st Street for "Saturday Night Scraps," a culmination of what the LEAD group has learned inside the gym. The Churchill location has been an integral partner to the blossoming boxers, lending equipment, gym time and scholarships to the high schoolers involved, and the gym turned simple sparring into a high-profile event with sponsors, food and music surrounding the fights.

"It exceeded our expectations by quite a bit, and to see that support of the families and friends showed the energy in the room," SMPD Lieutenant Lowell Watson said. "Just to see the fighters' enthusiasm, commitment

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DTSM welcomes new chair, vice chairs and four new appointments to the board

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Thursday's meeting of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) was all about new people in new positions as the board of directors welcomed the four new appointees and Michele Aronson was voted in as the new chair, replacing Eric Sedman.

You may recall that during the July 9 meeting, members of City councilmembers wrestled over the nomination and voting process for the three key council-appointed positions on the DTSM board of directors during the annual appointment voting to the boards and commissions within the City of Santa Monica.

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> - Berta Negari

The nominees were Peter Trinh, Ericka Lesley (both incumbents) plus Kurt Isensee, Natasha Rusler, Jon Farzam, Berta Negari, Hudson Maudlin, Michelle Cardiel, Hodge Patterson, Andrea Salerno and Albin Gielicz. Barry Snell finished his last term and so could not reapply. He is instead running for a seat on Council.

Following three somewhat muddled rounds of voting the three new, council-appointed seats on the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board went to Jon Farzam, Berta Negari and Michelle Cardiel, by votes of 4-3, 5-2 and 4-3 respectively. And in a turn of events not seen too often, both incumbents were not reappointed.

"I'm excited and very happy to be part of this group. I can see ... [that] everybody is eager and excited to make good changes and positive changes into downtown Santa Monica and I look forward to it," said Negari, introducing herself to the DTSM board. "My background is in real estate. I'm a real estate broker and I do property management ... I have a very bird's eye view [sic] of a lot of businesses in my background to be able to identify what's what makes a business or ... vision [a] success."

"I'm very excited to be here. I'm a lifelong resident of Santa Monica. I'm a building permit expediter, formerly a city employee. I'm also in construction and just excited to see what the future is going to be for downtown [and the] Promenade. I have children, we're here all the time. So I'm excited to see what it holds," Cardiel said when it was her turn to introduce herself.

Next it was Garcia's turn. "I own and operate the Ocean View and Shore hotels in Santa Monica. Born and raised in Santa Monica, I look forward to working with all of you and being a part of the amazing things that we're going to do in the city."

(Incidentally, the Shore Hotel was named the number one Hotel in the US by TripAdvisor in the 2024 Best of the Best Traveler's Choice Awards.)

The three new Council-appointed members were joined by the board-reelected Joshua Gilman from Walter N Marks, Inc, who will serve his third and final term representing Zone 1, and a reelected Bruce Fairity from Cypress Equity Investments serving the Lincoln Zone. Finally, the fourth new face is Zone 2 elected candidate Edna Galindo, from United El Segundo, inc.

"I work for Jeffrey Appel [United El Segundo, inc.] and we have some residential properties in Santa Monica. And then he purchased some in downtown Santa Monica here, so we're excited," said Galindo, adding, "This is the first time in our company [sic] that we've been involved this much, we just buy buildings and rent them out and do a lot of things. So this is the first time that Jeff has wanted to have a lot of involvement. We're just hoping to do our best."

The next order of business in a jam-packed agenda and an almost full house of public attendees was to vote for the new chair of the board since Sedman's term was completed. He nominated Aronson and by accepting the nomination, that acted as a second and the board voted unanimously 12-0 as Leo Pustilnikov was absent.

Julia Ladd nominated Sedman to take Snell's former position as Treasurer and that too passed unanimously. The Treasurer position is a fully functioning board position, plus it's an automatic appointment to the finance committee. That committee is also referred to as the executive committee.

After that, things got a little more complicated as the nominations for the four Vice Chair positions came up. Negari nominated herself, Bruce Fairty nominated Ladd, Luke Cain nominated himself, Lucian Tudor nominated himself, Ladd nominated Fairty, Sedman nominated Joshua Gilman and Galindo nominated herself.

In an effort to keep things as straightforward as possible, CEO Andrew Thomas suggested that each board member vote for four nominees. Ladd, Fairty and Cain each secured a majority number of votes with

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Guilty plea in 2013 shooting

The suspect in a 2023 shooting in Palisades Park has taken a plea deal as part of a joint investigation with the Los Angeles Police Department.

On the evening of January 18, 2023, SMPD Officers responded to a 'Shots Fired' call in the 1500 block of Palisades Park. Responding officers discovered a victim who was shot in the face and subsequently transported to a local hospital.

During the investigation, detectives uncovered evidence that on that date and time the victim was in an argument with three subjects. One of the subjects, later identified as Angel Diaz, 21, a resident of Los Angeles, produced a handgun and shot the victim once in the face. The incident is believed to be gang-related.

Detectives discovered the suspect discarded evidence at the crime scene, which was later confirmed via DNA as belonging to Diaz. In addition, Diaz was captured on CCTV footage as he fled the area on foot.

During the investigation, SMPD detectives discovered Diaz was arrested on February 10th, 2023, by LAPD for attempted murder with a handgun. Ballistic evidence proved that the handgun used in the SMPD case was also used in the LAPD case.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed attempted murder charges against Diaz for the SMPD and LAPD incidents. On July 9, 2024, Diaz pled guilty to 245(b) PC – Assault with a semi-automatic firearm. Diaz was sentenced to nine years in state prison. This sentence is to run concurrent with his sentence for the LAPD case.

For additional information regarding this investigation, please contact Detective Ismael Tavera at 310-458-2256 or Lieutenant Aklufi at 310-458-8493.

Submitted by Lieutenant Erika Aklufi

BOXING

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and determination in the fights ... (we) know that they have potential to go farther in this sport."

The idea to get kids in the ring began with SMPD Officer Chad Madrid, who wanted to bring the sport he holds dear into Santa Monica, as well as "all the things that come with it" such as a litany of good habits. The Churchill gym is available to aspiring boxers, who also train at Virginia Avenue Park, but the spaces aren't made to start pounding each other right away.

"It takes a lot of commitment, you have to be dedicated in your training, it's not just show up and hit the bag for an hour," Madrid said. "You have to have a good diet, you have to have a good workout routine, you have to (do) a warmup first, it takes a lot of a regimen that these kids didn't have before. It's structured."

Madrid noted that while he wasn't a "troubled kid," he began boxing at 13 years old and quickly saw what it could do for him. Now in his position with SMPD, he realizes that focusing on something positive can show kids "that they have potential to do something bigger."

"For a lot of these kids, boxing is the only sport they do, so they see once they get there and they train for a little, their skills get better," Madrid added. "Then utilizing all the values and principles that they're (learning), they start looking at themselves and see something that they can be bigger than."

The officer and Youth and Family Services Program Administrator Ana Jara began the program with some well-attended sparring sessions, and eventually brought kids to Churchill to meet 23-year-old super middleweight Diego Pacheco, a Los Angeles native who "lit a fire" under the group, speaking to them about what the sport did for him. After the meeting, the group was able to attend a Pacheco fight at the YouTube Theater, which served as the first live sporting event for many of them.

Now fully immersed in the sport, the teens began their training with the blessing of Churchill management, including owner and "Friday Night Lights" director Peter Berg. After several months of finding their path in the sport, the "Saturday Night Scraps" event was a success, including an exciting fight between Tony Hernandez and Daniel Zepeda. The six-fight card brought out some heavy hitters in the sport, including famous referee and Santa Monica native Gino Rodriguez. More importantly, though, it brought out adult mentors that let the teenagers knew their efforts were being supported area-wide.

"Part of the key of creating a showcase is really about inviting community to come and show the encouragement and support that they have for the young people," Jara said. "I think far too many times, young people walk around feeling like adults don't really know them, see them or support them, and I think (at the event) each of those kids walked away knowing that there's a community here that actually sees them and wants to cheer them on."

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Though the program is mostly high school-focused, some middle school scrappers are also involved, and any interested youth can sign up via Virginia Avenue Park or emailing Jara at Ana.Jara@santamonica.gov.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

TUESDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh
SSW swell holds, along with a little NW windswell for decent shape. Light winds and a decent tide in the morning.

WEDNESDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh
Little SSW swell backs down and NW windswell lingers. The main thing going for the swell mix is it's got a decent chance to be peaky. Medium to higher tide most of the AM but wind looks pretty light early.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 70.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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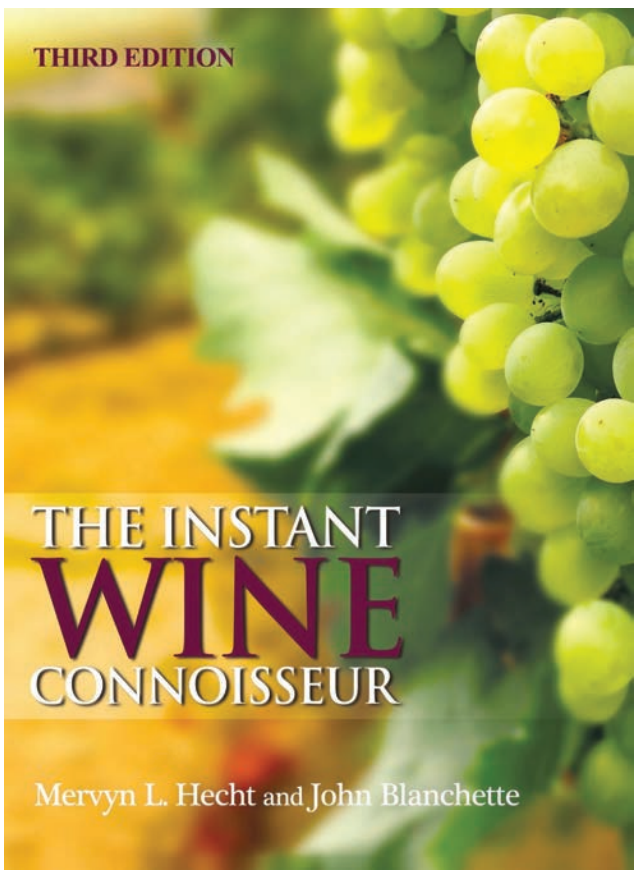
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Incumbents file for reelection

MATT HALL
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Incumbents Christine Parra, Oscar de la Torre and Phil Brock have announced their intention to run for office.

The three had been noncommittal about their plans before pulling papers on Monday.

"I am honored to announce my candidacy for City Council once again. Serving our community over the past term has been an incredible privilege, and I am excited to continue the progress we've made together," said Parra.

"My decision to run for re-election stems from a deep-rooted belief in civic duty and a passion for our city's future. I have seen firsthand the positive impact of effective leadership and community engagement. Together, we can build upon our successes and navigate future opportunities and obstacles with resilience and foresight. While I still share significant concern over my mother's health and cancer battle, I know that she supports my decision."

The other sitting councilmember up for reelection, Gleam Davis, has said she will not run again this year.

Candidates are able to pull papers for City Council, Rent Control Board, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education and Santa Monica College Board. Eligible candidates must be United States citizens, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, and registered voters in the jurisdiction when Nomination Papers are issued.

In addition to the three incumbents, Whitney Bain, Lawrence Doherty Jr., Stephen Garr, Dan Hall, Nathaniel Jones, Wade Kelley, Ericka Lesley, Jon Mann, Janet McLaughlin, Marcus Owens, John Putnam, Manju Raman, Ellis Raskin, Vivian Roknian, Barry Snell and Natalya Zernitskaya have pulled papers.

Snell, Hall, Zernitskaya and Raskin are running as a slate with the endorsement of the city's progressive political establishment.

Kay Ambriz and Phillis Dudick remain the only two individuals to take paperwork for the two seats available on the Rent Control Board. Former Rent Control Board Chair Anastasia Foster is joined by Margaret Quinones-Perez, Rob Rader and Zoe Muntaner pulling papers for College Board.

For the SMMUSD Board of Education race, Christine Falaguerra pulled papers alongside incumbents Jennifer Smith, Jon Kean and Maria Leon-Vazquez.

Nominations will continue through August 9, though the date may be extended through August 14 for a specific office if at least one incumbent in that office declines to run for reelection. Those who fail to file during the nomination period can still qualify for the election as write-in candidates, pending filing required paperwork by October 22.

For elected office, candidates must establish a Campaign Committee to raise or spend money in support of their election, required to file a Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State and set up an electronic filing account through the City Clerk's Office (though specific contribution limitations apply to Council or Rent Control Board candidates). Furthermore, candidates need at least 100 valid signatures from registered voters in their jurisdiction to qualify for the ballot, as well as fees for filing and submitting a Candidate Statement for the Sample Ballot.

After the nomination period ends, elected candidates with Campaign Committees must file semi-annual statements until the Committee is terminated, with specific laws such as the Taxpayer Protection law and Levine Act applying to winning Council or Rent Control Board candidates.

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The Olympic spirit

I'm a sucker for the Olympics. I enjoy the pomp and splendor. I marvel at the physical and mental stamina of the athletes. And for a brief moment I believe in the Olympic dream of world unity.

I'm fully aware of the jingoism and the sometimes crass commercialism surrounding the Games, but I still relish the common ground revealed by the diversity of the participants and the fractional differentiation of their results.

It's a tribute to the human spirit – and to human history, given the allusions to Ancient Greece. Although natural and man-made disasters have occurred repeatedly in the millennia since the Athenian empire, rising Olympic records suggest our knack for overcoming odds and for perpetual improvement as a society, or maybe even as a species.

The athletes represent what the human mind and body are capable of when focused on achieving their maximal potential. How often do the rest of us ask that of ourselves? How often do we ask ourselves to be the best version of ourselves that we're capable of being?

Few of us are gifted enough to run 100 meters in 10 seconds or vault ourselves over a pommel horse while spinning in the air. But we all have tasks we must complete each day, tasks for work, for our family and friends, and for ourselves. Do we hold ourselves daily to our highest standards, or is our goal too often to expend the minimal sufficient effort? If it's repeatedly the latter, we may never know what we are capable of accomplishing, and that seems sad and wasteful. We don't have to be Olympians to be colossal in the lives of others and to fortify our own self worth.

When I watch Olympic swimmers I don't aspire to be the next Michael Phelps (though I may regret ending my swimming lessons before learning the butterfly stroke). When I see the discipline and determination on display, it motivates me to try to apply those same virtues to my personal and professional life. This isn't a clarion call for excessive Type-A behavior. Quite the opposite, because being our best also requires taking the time to be well rested and relaxed. This is true even for elite athletes. There's a delicate balance between being persistent and being at peace with ourselves.

In many ways the Olympics seem a metaphor for human existence. Maybe the Ancient Greeks knew that, or maybe they just liked watching nubile, nude bodies. But at a time when the Hellenes faced immense challenges, they made a priority of bringing warring city states together for what was considered a sacred act of competition, and an Olympic Truce was observed for the duration.

Unfortunately, a truce isn't possible today, with numerous ongoing armed conflicts around the world. The Paris Games are taking place at a particularly fraught moment in time, and in the midst of an extraordinarily unsettled and unsettling election campaign in the U.S.

Yet I couldn't help noticing that the 592 Americans competing in Paris come from 46 different states, from California to Georgia, from Texas to Pennsylvania. As they floated down the Seine during the opening ceremony chanting "USA," they seemed to represent a truly united team and nation. If these athletes can put aside their red-state and blue-state identities for two weeks, then maybe their fellow citizens can do the same. And who knows what could happen after that?

The modern Olympics were founded in 1896 on the premise of promoting peace, and France, which is also at a political crossroads, emphasized the importance of fraternité in our world today, by unconventionally showcasing non-native celebrities in the opening ceremony, including Rafael Nadal, Serena Williams and Lady Gaga. I encourage you to watch the Paris Games, and I encourage you to cheer, not only for the talented contestants, but for the civilization that established this tradition 2400 years ago and for the hope of that civilization surviving another 2400 years.

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Ladd retaining her Vice Chair position.

However, because of Pustilnikov's absence, there was an even numbered quorum, which resulted in several more rounds of voting for the last position between Gilman and Negari. Thomas suggested a cage match, but tragically no one pursued that idea. Finally, in a curious move, Fairty changed his vote from Gilman to Negari, giving the newcomer an unprecedented Vice Chair position in her debut DTSM appearance.

There will now be a summer break through August and the next DTSM board meeting won't be until Thursday, September 26.

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Proposition 4, paradigm shifts and our planet - climate resiliency questions with State Senator Ben Allen

MIKE FEINSTEIN

Santa Monica's State Senator Ben Allen recently successfully authored Proposition 4, a climate resiliency bond measure that will be on California's November 2024 statewide ballot.

A 1996 graduate of Santa Monica High School and a former Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board member (2008-2014), Allen has made a mark in the State Senate pursuing big picture legislation. I asked him about Proposition 4 and why he is committed to paradigm-shifting work.

QUESTION: What would your bill SB 867/Proposition 4 do — the "Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024" — and why is it necessary?

SENATOR ALLEN: California is facing massive challenges relating to climate change, from our water infrastructure to wildfire prevention. With our 40 million people and drought challenges growing, our clean water supplies are going to be increasingly threatened. Investing in groundwater recharge and water recycling is critical to the long-term resiliency of our system.

Proposition 4 is a bond measure that will provide needed money to help our state improve clean and safe drinking water system security, drought and flood mitigation, wildfire prevention, parks and coastal resilience, biodiversity, extreme heat, clean energy, and sustainable agriculture. Without funding that looks to reduce the likelihood of wildfires, address extreme heat, better protect the coast from sea-level rise, and safeguard our natural resources, we will be forced to spend far more after disasters hit.

According to studies from UCLA, wildfire smoke in California resulted in 52,000-55,000 premature deaths at an economic cost of $432-456 billion in recent years. Wildfires caused an estimated $117.4 billion annually in overall economic costs, including more than $5 billion in annual state fiscal losses between 2017 and 2021. The 2022–2023 floods caused an estimated $4.6 billion in property damage. According to AccuWeather, February's storms caused between $9 and $11 billion in damage to homes, businesses, infrastructure, and roadways in our state. In California's Fourth Climate Assessment, the California Natural Resource Agency warns that our state could face an annual cost of $113 billion from climate change by 2050 if no action is taken. I can hardly wrap my mind around that number. Upfront investments now can save us money down the road.

QUESTION: You say Proposition 4 would be the largest single investment of public funds for climate resiliency in California history and largest in the nation after the Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). How are the two bills similar, different and/or complementary?

SENATOR ALLEN: Proposition 4 and the IRA are similar in some ways but also very different. The IRA is focused on domestic energy production and manufacturing and reducing carbon emissions nationally. The Federal government is uniquely positioned to invest in these goals. The investments in Prop 4 aim to improve the resiliency of California communities and natural resources in the face of climate threats. This includes reducing the risk of catastrophic fire or drought and safeguarding California's drinking water supply.

QUESTION: When most people talk about solutions to the climate crisis, they focus on green energy, energy efficiency and ecological urban design. Why focus on climate resiliency in Proposition 4? Is this complementary to other California climate-related strategies?

SENATOR ALLEN: Given the climate impacts we are already seeing, including the massive wildfires occurring across the state right now and an unprecedented heat wave, we must take action to protect communities while continuing our ambitious efforts to reduce emissions. We simply do not have the luxury of waiting. California has been a global leader in clean energy and transitioning our economy off of polluting fossil fuels. We've made incredible progress, but the effects of rising temperatures are undeniable. We must both prevent worsening impacts and protect communities from the threat here today. But along the lines of your question, there are significant investments in green energy in the bond as well.

QUESTION: The IRA went through many changes in the Congressional legislative process, and ultimately became a less aggressive and comprehensive bill to enable its passage. Did you have a similar experience with SB 867 in the California state legislature? If so, what changes/compromises did you have to make?

SENATOR ALLEN: Every legislative process involves a push-pull of competing interests, an effort to balance priorities, and, eventually, a compromise. Earlier interactions of SB 867 would have secured $15.5 billion in investments for fire, water, clean energy, and habitat protection. However, given other state priorities and our strong belief that we need to be incredibly thoughtful about asking voters

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Doug Emhoff would become the country's first first gentleman if Kamala Harris wins the presidency

WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

When President Joe Biden dropped out of the presidential race and propelled Vice President Kamala Harris into a political vortex, her husband was far from the first to find out.

Doug Emhoff, in fact, was closer to the last.

At home in California, Emhoff had attended a Sunday morning SoulCycle class in West Hollywood and left his cellphone in the car while going for coffee and a chat with friends in a park.

When Biden's statement posted, Emhoff ultimately saw it on a borrowed phone, but he wasn't sure it was authentic and skipped to the end — initially missing the key part. When he finally retrieved his phone, it was "self-immolating with the amount of messages and calls," Emhoff told The Associated Press.

And after he reached Harris, "First, it was kinda like, 'Where the ... were you?'" Emhoff said, before recalling he told his wife, "'I love you, I'm proud of you, I'm here for you, I kinda know what to do."

'WE HAVEN'T HAD TIME FOR THE HISTORY'

Emhoff has demonstrated a flair for defining the role of the nation's first second gentleman over the past three-plus years. He'd become the country's first first gentleman if his wife, the likely Democratic nominee, wins in November.

In White House shorthand, Emhoff would elevate from SGOTUS — second gentleman of the United States — to FGOTUS.

He's already used to traveling the country championing his wife and the Biden administration's accomplishments. With her now pursuing the nomination, those efforts have gone into overdrive.

"It happened so suddenly, the change," Emhoff said, "we haven't had time to really reflect on the history."

Emhoff, 59, has visited 37 states and 14 countries as second gentleman. He's been to four states since Biden bowed out, and he'll be in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine from Monday to Wednesday.

"I've picked up a lot more events," Emhoff said, "and events are getting bigger."

He's leading a delegation to the Paris Olympics closing ceremonies and will headline a fundraiser there, taking first lady Jill Biden's place. The second gentleman is also filling in for Jill Biden, who's scaling back travel with her husband out of the race, at the upcoming fundraiser on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts featuring former late-night host David Letterman.

SPREADING HARRIS' CAMPAIGN MESSAGE

The vice president has built her early campaign around the theme of freedom, and Emhoff was one of the nascent campaign's first surrogates to trumpet that message last week when he visited an abortion clinic in the Washington suburbs — an event planned before Biden's announcement.

> "She's been vice president for almost four years, she's been in the Oval Office, the Situation Room, she's been on the world stage"
>
> - Doug Emhoff

There, Emhoff decried an environment "where freedoms are taken away. Where autonomy is taken away. Where they're telling you that you can't read this book. They're telling you that you can't learn these facts. They're telling you that you can't vote."

In the interview, Emhoff said of his wife, "I have my own way of communicating things and my own way of trying to authentically talk about her and her positions."

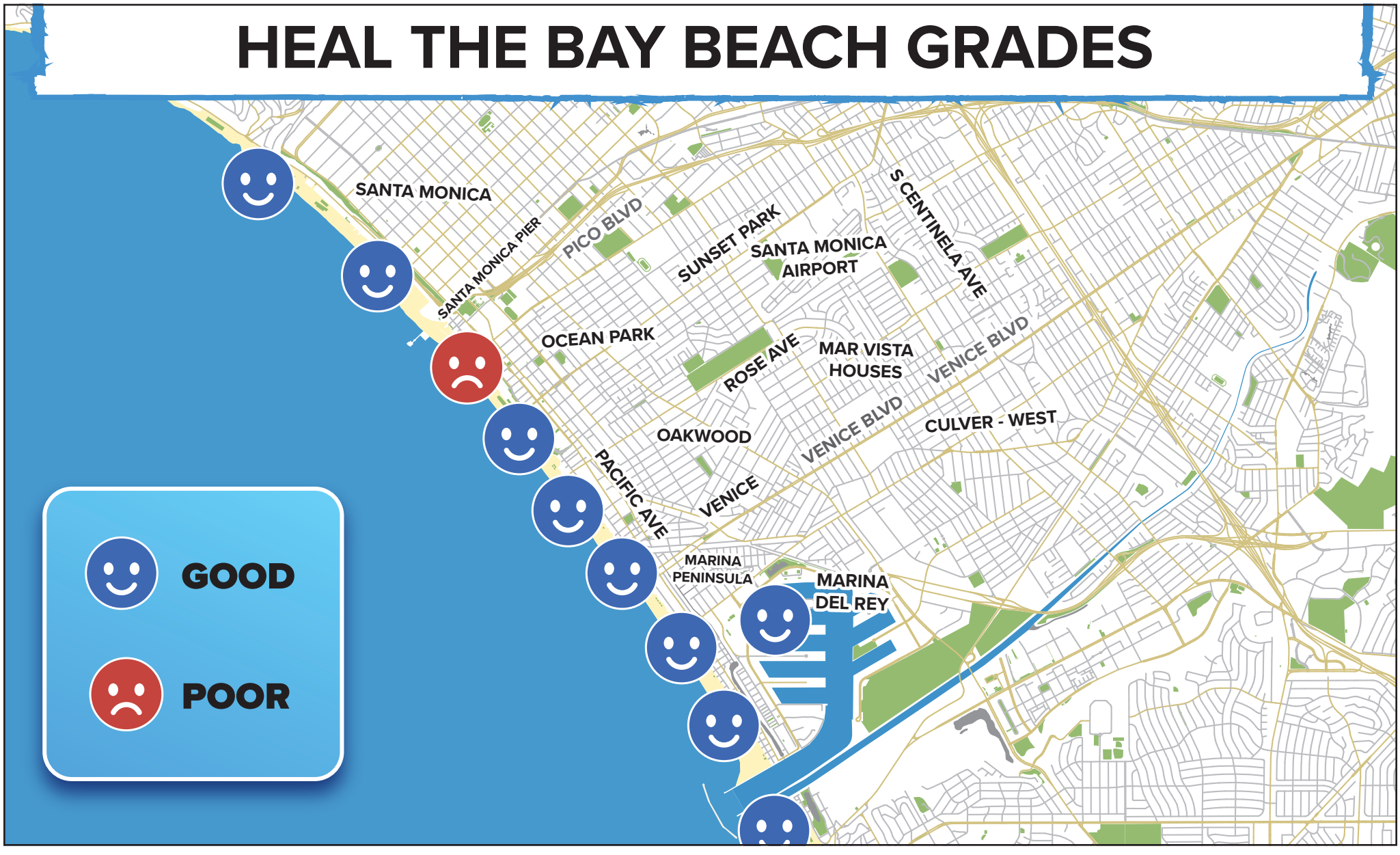
He's also no stranger to Harris running for president, having campaigned for her when she ran unsuccessfully in 2020.

"He's like a Swiss Army knife of whatever is necessary," said Deidre DeJear, the Iowa chair for Harris' last campaign. "If he needed to hold something for her, he would hold something. He'll motivate the team, too. He'll come and put some fire under you, and use his dad voice if he has to."

DeJear recalled how Harris and Emhoff moved to her state for months in late 2019, and even had Thanksgiving dinner in Des Moines. When Harris was describing how she would make collards and joked that "bacon is a spice," Emhoff retorted that she had come up with an apt way to expand the campaign's "for the people" mantra.

"That could be our new campaign slogan: 'For the people. Bacon is a spice,'" he said

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Fires in the West are becoming ever bigger, consuming. Why and what can be done?

HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
Associated Press

Decades of snuffing out fires at the first sign of smoke combined with climate change have laid the groundwork for a massive wildfire in northern California and scores of smaller ones across the western U.S. and Canada, experts say.

These fires are moving faster and are harder to fight than those in the past. The only way to stop future wildfires from becoming so ferocious is to use smaller controlled fires, as indigenous people did for centuries, experts say. But they acknowledge that change won't be easy.

Here are some things to know about the latest fires and why they are so savage:

Blazes scorch hundreds of square miles

The Park Fire, the largest blaze so far this year in California, stood at 544 square miles (1,409 square kilometers) as of Saturday. It ignited Wednesday when authorities said a man pushed a burning car into a gully in Chico and then calmly blended in with others fleeing the scene.

> "The big message is that seeing extreme wildfires is just part of a series of unnatural disasters that we are going to continue seeing because of climate change
> - Jennifer Marlon

Its intensity and dramatic spread led fire officials to make unwelcome comparisons to the monstrous Camp Fire that fire burned out of control in nearby Paradise in 2018, killing 85 people and torching 11,000 homes.

Communities elsewhere in the U.S. West and Canada also were under siege Saturday from fast-moving flames. More than 110 active fires covering 2,800 square miles (7,250 square kilometers) were burning in the U.S. on Friday, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

Fires are becoming bigger and more threatening

"Amped up" is how Jennifer Marlon, a research scientist at Yale's School of the Environment, described the recent fires.

Marlon said there aren't necessarily more wildfires now, but they are larger and more severe because of the warming atmosphere. "The big message is that seeing extreme wildfires is just part of a series of unnatural disasters that we are going to continue seeing because of climate change," she said.

Ten of California's 20 largest fires occurred in the last five years, said Benjamin Hatchett, a fire meteorologist with the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere with Colorado State University, in Fort Collins.

And he noted that the Park Fire was in eighth place as of Saturday morning, even as it continued to spread. He blamed climate change for creating more variability in weather conditions.

"We have a lot of very, very wet years and very, very dry years," Hatchett said. "And so we get a lot of this variability that helps to accumulate and then dry out fuels."

Such is the case this year in California, where record-setting temperatures dried up the plant growth that sprung up during recent wetter-than-average years, Hatchett said.

"So now we really have a really good setup for having these widespread large wildfires," Hatchett said. "And we're starting to push the limits of firefighting resource availability."

These fires don't even give firefighters a chance to rest at night, said Daniel Swain, a climate scientist with the University of California, Los Angeles and the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

"They're burning with extreme intensity straight through the overnight and just continuing on into the next day," he said. "We're also seeing fires burning over a longer fire season than we used to."

Forests may have trouble recovering

The fires that are burning today are sometimes so severe and hot that they transform forests into a different type of ecosystem, Swain said.

"The forest is not coming back in the same in the same way as it was in a lot of regions," Swain said.

Part of the issue is that climate change means that there are hotter conditions as plant life returns. In some cases, trees are replaced with invasive grasses that are themselves flammable.

"So the climate change has altered the context in which these fires are occurring," he said. "And that's affecting not only the intensity and the severity of the fires themselves, which it clearly is at this point, but it's also affecting the ability of ecosystems to recover afterwards."

Snuffing out fires in the past created problems now

In parts of the country, like the Midwest, farmers use fire to control trees, woody shrubs and invasive species. But not so in the western U.S., where fires have been extinguished in their infancy for decades.

"The problem now is we've allowed so much fuel to build up in some of these places that the fires burn very hot and intense. And that tends to do more damage than what nature typically will do with a fire," said Tim Brown, a research professor at the Desert

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to approve new debt, we decided to reduce the bond to $10 billion. Reducing the measure was extremely difficult and required tough decisions about allocating less funding. We had to balance the overwhelming needs on the ground in our communities with policymakers' objectives to exercise fiscal prudence – particularly following two budget cycles in which the state faced revenue shortfalls – as well as an electorate that is wary of authorizing excessive spending.

That said, similar to the IRA, we view this measure as a critical and unprecedented down payment on the climate infrastructure we will need to secure our state's future, with the expectation that future investments will follow as the state's financial outlook improves.

QUESTION: In 2022 you successfully authored The Plastic Pollution Reduction & Recycling Act (SB 54), which was passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom, after two previous failed attempts to get similarly-intended bills through the legislature. What did you learn from the SB 54 process that you applied to SB 867?

SENATOR ALLEN: We learned that to accomplish something big we must invest the time to hear from all interested parties and receive as much feedback as possible. Buy-in is key. A comprehensive process is harder and takes longer, but the outcomes are better. Both measures were tough and required a lot of time listening, hammering out differences, finding accord where we could, and in some cases making some hard choices. Not everything in a negotiation needs to be a zero-sum equation. But you need to spend the time focusing on your goals, hearing people out, and crafting a winning path.

QUESTION: Both SB 54 and SB 867 are systemic, paradigm-shifting approaches to major environmental issues. SB 54 was about a big concept — a 'circular economy' — when most people don't even know what that would mean in practice. SB 867 asks us to adapt our way of living to a radically and rapidly changing climate than we have never experienced before as a species, and to do so in a very short time period. What motivates you to take on these 'world view/paradigm-shifting' approaches to major problems and why have you been successful so far?

SENATOR ALLEN: Because of our size and relative political consensus, California is uniquely positioned to lead the nation and even the world by example in addressing our most pressing environmental challenges. Whereas partisan gridlock and disagreement on the severity, urgency, or even existence of our climate and pollution crises have often stymied efforts to address these concerns legislatively at the federal level, California's policy arena has been much more amenable to more comprehensive environmental reforms. And because of our outsized influence in the global economy, mandated standards in California often become market standards nationwide and even overseas. In fact, we specifically constructed SB 54 to be a model that could be easily replicated and adopted elsewhere, and we have already seen European nations working on their own anti-plastic pollution policies based on our Extended Produce Responsibility framework. It is our hope that SB 867 will similarly spur investments in climate resilience beyond California's borders.

Big "paradigm-shifting" bills take a lot of work and time and patience. But given the size and scope of the challenges we face, I consider them to be a much better use of my time and resources as a legislator than environmental one-offs that also take a lot of work, often generate quite a bit of partisan scorn, and don't really move the needle on the macro-level.

With my team, we've worked hard to hear people out on all sides and be an honest broker. But I've also tried to make it clear that I'm not going to walk away from these critical issues just because it's hard, or because I've had setbacks, or have failed a few times. Being in the Senate is hard work, it takes me away from my family, and I'm certainly not getting rich in the job. I want to make all of this time and effort as a Senator really count, and be able to help the state make progress on things I care about. So yes on big issues such as circularity, climate resilience, and environmental protection more broadly, I do think that shooting for paradigm shifts is important. These issues are massive and require ambitious, aggressive rethinking.

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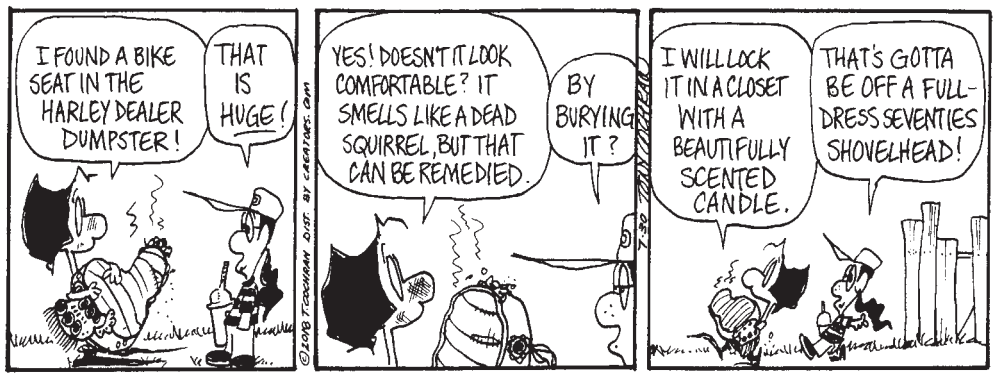
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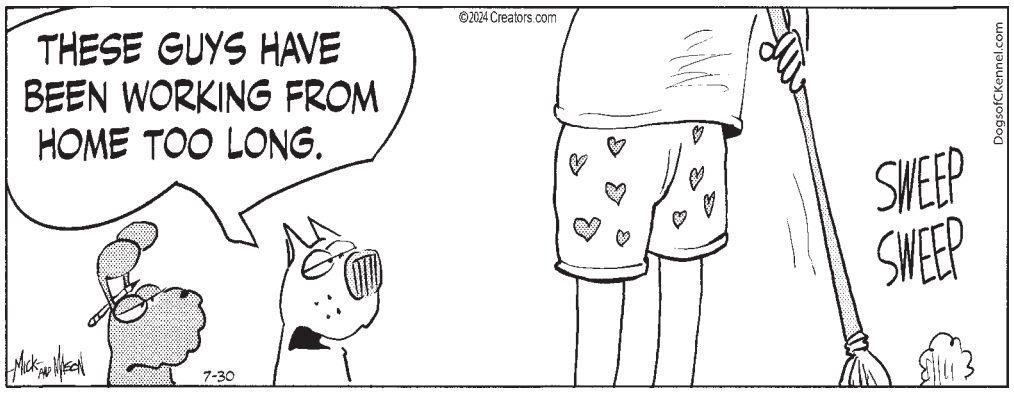
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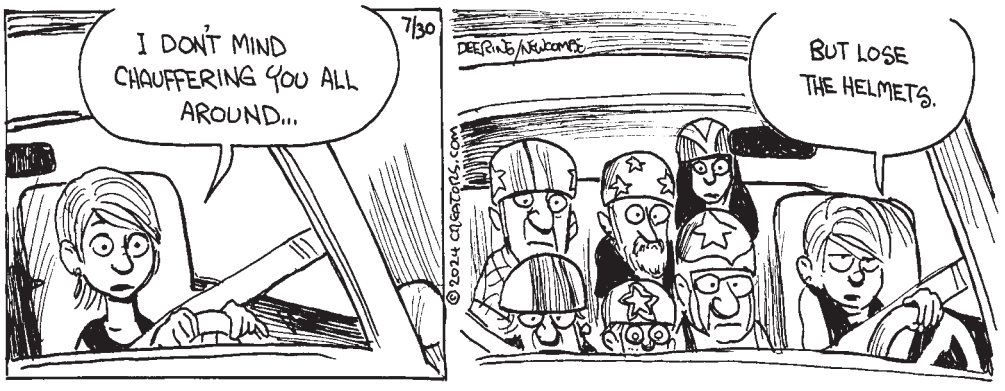
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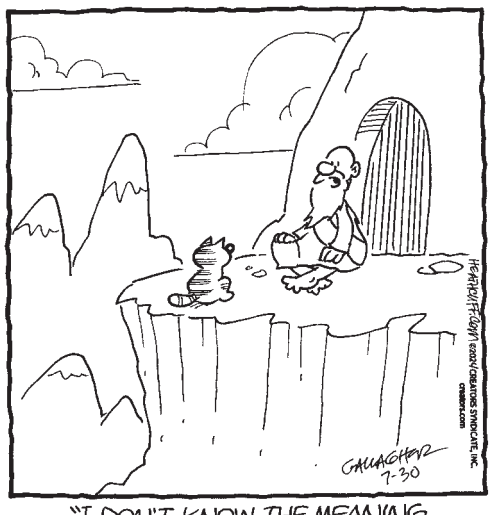
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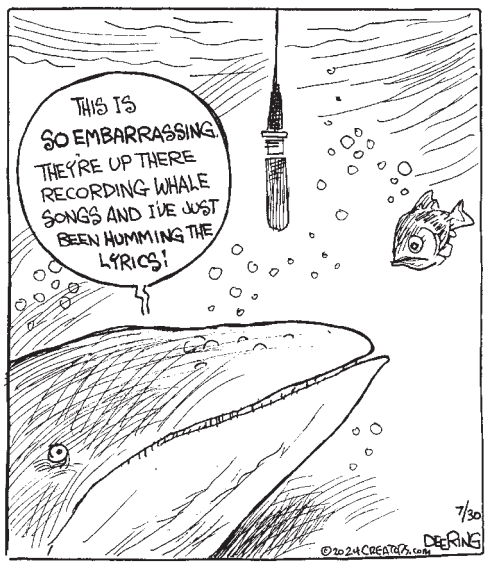
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"I DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF GARBAGE."

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You feel like you're playing a small part, but glue also feels that way. It seeps into the cracks and takes up the least amount of room, but in the end, time ensures it's the thing keeping everything else together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a growing sense of contentment creeping up on you. Happiness comes on for reasons. Sometimes, those reasons are vague. Other times, they are willful. Today, you're happy because you decided to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You feel like your main job is a moral support position, and you're not wrong about it. It is by helping the others that you figure out what your best gifts are. You'll grow into your purpose and out of it, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even if you set out to do things on your own, people will be drawn to you, so you'll wind up in a group. To get time to yourself will be a struggle that may not be worth it. The easy way is to surrender and learn from the collective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Words mean something different than their definition. You're a master of reading the large context, and this is what will make you a master of understanding the smaller one, too. What you come to understand is deeper than words.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll make key judgments today, and the same decision-making process can be applied whether you're choosing an avocado, a plumber or a friend. You'll pose questions, gather information and go with your gut.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To recognize a boundary and make sure it's honored is an act of respect that will make relationships better, especially if the boundary is your own. In subtle ways, you'll teach others the rules of interacting with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's your move. Again. Since nothing will happen until you act, it's your turn until the next thing happens. Also, if it's still unclear if the other person is your opponent or your teammate, the answer is "both."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't make them see it your way but try anyway. You'll show them what you see and tell them what you think. The exercise teaches you what's important to you. Those who get it will join you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Emotions are not simple. There's not one kind of mad or sad. Every time a feeling comes up, it has its own flavor. The best feelings are so complex, to try and describe them would only take away from the joy of tasting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The compliments of others will help you identify strengths, but don't let that be your only indicator for making decisions for your work. People focus on what they need and prefer. Only you know what feels right to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be organized in your efforts to make things happen. However, this doesn't mean launching into the planning stage right away. To plan before you recognize the true nature of things would be in vain. Observe well first.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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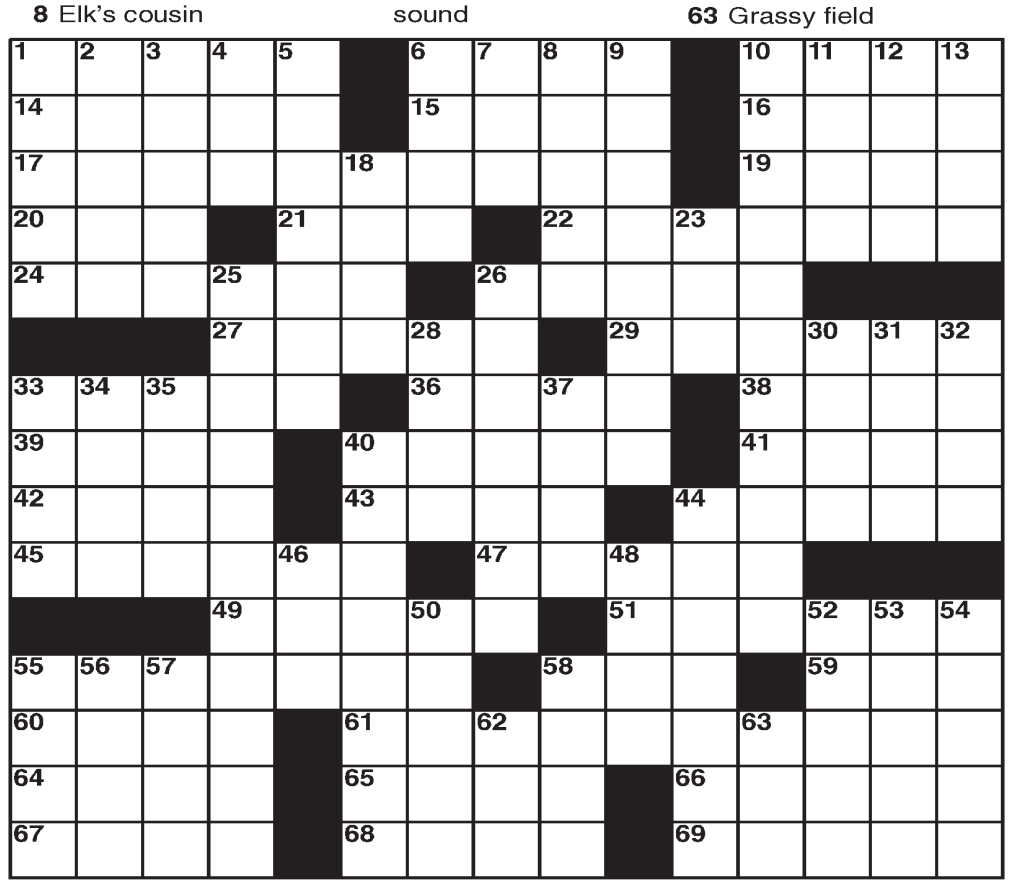
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6 Actress Stone or Watson
10 Traditional kilt wearer
14 Purple flower
15 Doves' sounds
16 "Here comes trouble"
17 No longer obligated
19 Tear down
20 Boxing great Mohammad __
21 Wedding vow words
22 Released
24 Tightened one's muscles
26 Gives over legally
27 Future therapist's major, briefly
29 Available for a cassette recorder
33 March 17 honoree, for short
36 Cafe's list of choices
38 Become well again
39 Typical TV drama length
40 Give a head signal to
41 Commits a blunder
42 Monster of folklore
43 Me, myself, __
44 $1000 bill, slangily
45 __ sauce (seafood topping)
47 Seaweed
49 Person making job offers
51 Sculptor or painter
55 Sideways football pass
58 School of thought
59 Old-fashioned school cheer
60 Miles away
61 Obey orders
64 Interoffice message
65 __ for (chooses)
66 Birds' treetop homes
67 Amazed
68 Make over
69 Lake near Reno

DOWN

1 Be a boastful winner
2 Cavalry weapon
3 Small and mischievous
4 Body art, for short
5 Most in need of a massage
6 Rebounding sound
7 Cow's comment
8 Elk's cousin
9 Invited on a date
10 Browses websites
11 Blacken on a grill
12 Seep
13 "My country, 'tis of __"
18 Swirling current
23 X, in Roman numerals
25 Decide not to punish
26 Cheese in American cheese
28 "Let's get going!"
30 Aviation prefix
31 Portion
32 "If all __ fails..."
33 Photographed
34 Julius Caesar attire
35 Cat's contented sound
37 Manicurist's target
40 Person telling a story
44 Shirt or skirt
46 Run on TV
48 Deep cut
50 Get married in secret
52 From the Emerald Isle
53 __ Domingo, Dominican Republic
54 This, this, and this
55 Tibetan priest
56 Several
57 Gentle, as a horse
58 "You never had __ good!"
62 Approximate takeoff hr.
63 Grassy field



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then.

Today, though, Emhoff said he doesn't see many parallels between that first presidential primary bid and taking on Republican Donald Trump in November.

"She's been vice president for almost four years, she's been in the Oval Office, the Situation Room, she's been on the world stage," the second gentleman said of Harris. "This is a Kamala Harris who is ready to lead us."

'GOING TO LIVE OPENLY AS A JEW'

Emhoff is the first Jewish person to serve as the spouse of a nationally elected U.S. leader. He affixed mezuzahs on the doorposts of the vice president's residence, helped compile the first national strategy to combat antisemitism and has led White House Passover celebrations.

The second gentleman also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the memorial at the Tree of Life campus in Pittsburgh, where 11 worshipers were killed by a gunman driven by hatred of Jews.

"I'm also going to live openly and proudly as a Jew, and that will never change," Emhoff said. "I'm going to fight antisemitism, and that's never going to change."

Trump, while addressing a Turning Point USA gathering in Florida on Friday, claimed Harris "doesn't like Jewish people."

Israel's war with Hamas in Gaza has divided many in the United States who might otherwise be more enthusiastic about voting Democratic this fall and led to pro-Palestinian demonstrations over Biden's strong backing of Israel.

Harris is aligned with Biden's policies but is trying to bridge the divide within the party by emphasizing Israel's right to defend itself while also focusing on alleviating Palestinian suffering.

The second gentleman's adult daughter, Ella, drew criticism from some corners when she briefly posted on a personal social media account a fundraising link to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees. Israel has moved to ban the group, suggesting it supports terrorists, a charge European leaders says is baseless.

Emhoff was born in New York City, was raised in New Jersey, graduated from California State University, Northridge, and attended law school at the University of Southern California. He gave up a lucrative position as an entertainment and intellectual property lawyer to avoid conflicts of interest once Harris became vice president but served as a visiting law professor at Georgetown University after moving to Washington.

Emhoff and Harris met on a blind date in 2013 and married the following year. It was her first marriage and his second. Harris' stepchildren, Ella and Cole Emhoff, were teenagers when their father remarried.

Republican vice presidential nominee JD Vance once criticized Harris and other Democratic leaders as a "bunch of childless cat ladies who are miserable," a quote that's resurfaced in the 2024 campaign. At an appearance for his wife in Wisconsin on Saturday, Emhoff didn't mention Vance by name but noted Harris officiated at Cole's wedding and flew cross-country through the night to make it to Ella's graduation.

"From Day 1, she's been present, nurturing and fiercely protective of them," Emhoff said.

After he finally spoke with his wife on the Sunday when Biden bowed out of the race, Emhoff flew to Wilmington, Delaware, early the next morning and met her at what had been Biden campaign headquarters, helping to rally the staff of what was suddenly the Harris campaign.

"I got to see her for a minute or two and gave her a big hug," Emhoff said. "And they said, 'Well, sir, you need to jump out on that stage.'"

Associated Press writers Amanda Seitz in McLean, Virginia, and Aamer Madhani contributed to this report.

FIRE

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Research Institute and director of the Western Regional Climate Center in Reno, Nevada.

Fires were once commonplace in the West because of lightning strikes and indigenous burning, Hatchett said. The practice stopped during colonial settlement, but it now needs to return, Hatchett said.

"That's the only way we're really going to get out of this, is to really accept and embrace the use of fire on our terms," Hatchett said. "Otherwise we're going to get fire on the fire's terms, which is like what we're seeing right now."

Doing so isn't easy because there are no longer big-open landscapes where millions of acres can burn unchecked, Swain acknowledged.

"And that's sort of the conundrum: This is something we need to be doing more of. But the practical reality of doing so is not at all simple," Swain said.

But he said there is no option to address the wildfire risk that doesn't involve fire.

"We're going to see more and more fire on the ground," he said. "The question is whether we want to see it in the form of more manageable, primarily beneficial prescribed burns, or in these primarily harmful, huge, intense conflagrations that we're increasingly seeing."

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TUESDAY | JULY 30

AUTHOR TALK WITH DAN SANTAT

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Graphic Novels are Life! Telling Your Own Story in a Graphic Novel with Dan Santat. Join this year's winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Dan Santat, as he inspires tweens and teens to tell their own stories through graphic novels. His winning book, A First Time for Everything, is a graphic memoir based on his own awkward middle school years and the trip to Europe that changed his life. Dan Santat began drawing as a young boy and although he first studied microbiology, he pursued his passion in illustration. He spent many hours as a child and teenager teaching himself to draw by copying illustrations from comic books until he developed the unique, recognizable style that we see today. His talk will inspire listeners to draw their own story as well as give them practical tips on the creation of graphic novels. Virtual https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/51238/register

WHAT'S FREE AT THE LIBRARY?

4 - 5 p.m. Virtual and West Los Angeles Regional Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard. This program will be in person and on Zoom. Email westla@lapl.org for the Zoom link. Want to learn how to get e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and the NY Times, WSJ, WaPo for free? Access Consumer Reports? Want to go to the zoo, CA state parks, Grammy, or Natural History Museum? Stream 20M songs? Learn how it's all free with your library card! For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

WEDNESDAY | JULY 31

ANIMAL FEEDING DEMONSTRATIONS

1 - 3 p.m. Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk. Swim by and visit the Aquarium every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday to observe local marine animals, and watch live feeding demonstrations by Aquarium staff. Join them for Mealtime at 1 & 3 p.m. every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday!

HANDS-ONLY CPR

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is coming to the library to provide Hands-Only CPR training. This is drop-in training - come anytime between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m - it only takes about 10 minutes to complete. Note: this is not a certified CPR class. You will not receive a certificate. This training is: A life-saving skill that will help you feel more confident to respond in an emergency.
CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths
Only to be used on teens or adults
No documents are required from anyone who would like to be trained.

LOBBY LOUNGE LIVE : PIANO NIGHT

7 - 10 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows presents Lobby Lounge Live: Piano Bar Night with master pianist Jason Pelsey Every Friday | 7pm-10pm Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the enchanting ambiance of the Lobby Lounge as they enjoy handcrafted cocktails, delectable bites, and the unparalleled talent of master pianist, Jason Pelsey. Get ready be to serenaded with his captivating melodies and make requests throughout the night. Pelsey's dynamic repertoire spans the latest hits to timeless classics, promising an evening of musical delight for all. As a special treat, six lucky attendees will have the opportunity to join Pelsey at the piano for an unforgettable musical experience (first come, first serve). Don't miss your chance to be part of Santa Monica's newest tradition! For more information, visit fairmont-miramar.com/events/lobby-lounge-live-piano

COMEDIANS VS. AI: STAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A 3rd Street. Join Comedians Allison Goldberg and Brad Einstein as they bring a panel of all-star comedians to go head-to-disembodied head with the AI that's stealing their jobs. From creating pick-up lines alongside ChatGPT to delivering impromptu art history lessons about Dall-E-generated images live on stage, this unhinged (arguably unethical, definitely dehumanizing) competition explores the emerging A.I. frontier—and its implications—in a way that doesn't make you want to weep in the shower as soon as you get home. Doors - 7:35PM // Show - 8:00PM
$18 Early Bird $25 General Admission
Lineup subject to change No Refunds or Exchanges. Ticket/seat subject to forfeit 20 min. after show time
$18-25
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedians-vs-ai-stage-against-the-machine-tickets-936102316227

THURSDAY | AUGUST 1

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS AT THE LIBRARY - GROUP TWO

1 - 3:30 p.m. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, Space is limited! Please sign up online at https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/dungeons-dragons-library-group-two.
Kids and teens aged 9-14 are invited to join us for summer D&D Adventures! These will be incredibly fun adventures in fantasy taking place over three weeks and led by a professional Dungeon Master.

HOUSING COMMISSION

6 p.m. 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. 1685 Main Street.

NIGHT MARKET AT THE BUNGALOW

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


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