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Santa Monica Animal Shelter is at capacity so adoption fees are reduced through August



Elizabeth Noble

SHELTER: Animal Control Officer Schilling and an incredibly cute cat with an incredibly cool name, Og, who just wants a forever home.

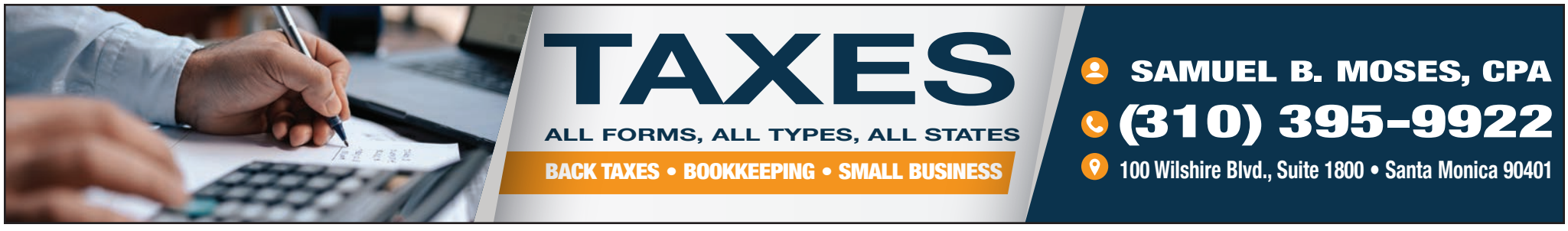
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SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Animal Shelter has seen "a steady and marked increase" in the number of owners surrendering their pets — which frankly beggars belief — and that's in addition to the number of animals arriving as strays. And as if that wasn't enough, the number of actual adoptions is "significantly" down as well.

"This increase in the number of pets arriving at the shelter paired with fewer adoptions has brought us where we are today, with the shelter being over capacity without any open kennels or space for the next animal that arrives at the shelter," said Elizabeth Noble, Chair, Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation.

According to Noble, many of the animals wait months and sometimes over a year to be adopted. "The shelter can be a very stressful environment for many animals, they arrive at the shelter and are surrounded by new people, sights and sounds and of course other animals," Noble said.

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James Franklin Redick II

April 12, 1962 - July 18, 2024

James Franklin Redick II, a longtime resident of Venice Beach passed away peacefully at his home on July 18. Commonly referred to as "Frank" since early childhood, many of his friends and neighbors also got to know him as "Ponch" for his bushy style mustache that resembled that of the late Pancho Villa.



During the last few months Frank waged a courageous battle against cancer. He took his situation with positive determination; He cared more for those around him than he did for himself.

Frank always had a zest for life. In his youth, he was active in basketball and football at the Santa Monica Boys' Club. In April 1973, he was recognized as Honor Boy of the Month in his age category. Frank went on to frequently engage in surfing, skateboarding and fishing as well.

Frank attended local elementary and junior high schools before graduating from Venice High School in 1980. Shortly after graduation, he joined his parent's drycleaning business in Santa Monica, managing the stores until they were sold. Frank worked in a variety of trades and industries before joining the Costco organization 23 years ago. Working there, he made many friends of colleagues and customers alike.

Frank's biggest focus in life was his family. He was the proud father of two daughters and a son. He was additionally blessed by three wonderful grandchildren that really lit up his life.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Jane Redick, his sister, Janet Redick Loy and his nephew, Matthew Redick. He is survived by his wife Mylee, daughters Aubrienna Redick, Krista Antonitz and her husband Brian,and son Franklin Redick. Additional survivors include his grandchildren Alexa, Anthony and Ava; brothers Charles and Mark, nephew Jonathon Loy and his wife and daughter Samantha and Stella, respectively.

Graveside services will be held Friday August 2, 2024 at 1:00pm at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1847-14th Street, Santa Monica.

The family ask in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Surfrider Foundation.

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Despite wayward discussion, DTSM votes to continue Legion private security program

SCOTT SNOWDEN
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In addition to all the excitement surrounding the new appointees to the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board in Thursday's meeting, the other big agenda item up for discussion was regarding the future of security firm Legion after six months of deployment patrolling the Third Street Promenade and Downtown district.

And while a vote was ultimately passed unanimously 11-0 (Board Member Leo Pustilnikov was absent and Vice Chair Julia Ladd left the meeting before the vote was taken) to extend the pilot program to June 30, 2025, the majority of discussion disappeared down a budget-related rabbit hole rather than focusing on the benefits of the program.

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> - Andrew Thomas

This item was supposed to be discussed last month, but that meeting suffered from a number of issues ultimately preventing any kind of vote. Firstly, an unannounced presentation from Lt. Leyva of the Santa Monica Police Department supposedly relating to the work of the Legion Corporation took up nearly an hour of the board's time. Then an already thin-on-the-ground attendance became even more meager as board members deserted the meeting and one just disappeared entirely. Consequently, a quorum was lost and the evening's proceedings resulted in little forward progress.

In essence, the process to extend the Downtown security pilot program consists of two elements; firstly DTSM determines to actually extend the program and then Santa Monica City Council amends the DTSM service agreement.

Two options were presented to the board to extend the Private Security Pilot Program. The first was that DTSM aligns the private security contract with the Management District Plan (MDP) and the second was that DTSM amends the MDP via a City Council resolution.

Staff recommended that not only should the program be extended, but that the program contract be aligned with the MDP. Staff also recommended that Santa Monica City Council be asked to amend the DTSM services agreement to permit the extension of the program and that $994,000 — the cost of extending the program to June 30, 2025 — be drawn from DTSM reserves to fund the program. Finally, it was also recommended that the Audit and Finance Committee be directed to begin drafting the DSTM FY25/26 budget in January 2025 with regular updates be provided to the board.

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"The program is very popular," Thomas continued. "Our security officers have logged thousands and thousands of incidents in their reporting. We heard from Lieutenant Jerry Leyva, the downtown Services Unit for Santa Monica Police Department that the police like the program. And we've heard from our businesses that they liked the program too," he said.

In the six month period since Legion began operating, they've observed nearly 1,500 individual instances of drug use. As such, they've identified many who are suffering from an overdose and by acting quickly and effectively, together with calling emergency services, Legion has saved lives.

Thomas gave a very succinct presentation explaining the different options and ultimately expressed his confidence that there were a number of possibilities to allocate funding to the program. However, conversation strayed a number of times to the expense of Promenade lighting, holiday decor and even the cost of cleaning the parking lot bathrooms. But once all the extraneous exposition had been cut through, it was clear that support for the program was overwhelming.

Barbara Tenzer spoke during the public input section on agenda items and said, "I'm

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Santa Monica's second recreational cannabis dispensary finally opens



Scott Snowden

NOW OPEN: After years of uncertainty, Harvest House of Cannabis is now the second recreational site in Santa Monica.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The city's second recreational cannabis dispensary has finally opened on Wilshire, on the 1400 block, after years of uncertainty. Moreover, users of the happy herb have been blessed as a smoke shop has chosen to open immediately next door.

Called Harvest House of Cannabis, it's located at 1418 Wilshire Blvd, just a few blocks down from the already established Local Cannabis Company, located at 925 Wilshire. That store actually opened in the city of Santa Monica in June 2023, more than a year and a half after the permit was granted in October 2021, six years after the application was requested in December 2017 and over 26 years since medical marijuana was made legal in the state of California.

Per the previous Santa Monica municipal code, only two dispensaries are currently allowed in the city and they were originally limited to medical use only, which means that customers will be required to have a doctor's recommendation to purchase products. The Local Cannabis Company was finally granted a permit to sell on a recreational basis in December 2023.

Harvest was granted its initial license in January 2022 and now, two years and seven months later, it has officially opened its doors. The Daily Press has spoken to a number of new businesses that have recently opened in Santa Monica and many have expressed frustration with permitting issues and other

> They've [the City] worked with us very well. They've helped us with a lot of our issues ... Yes, inspections and you know, the permitting was difficult. I'm not gonna say it wasn't difficult. And every time we had construction issues, that was difficult, but otherwise, really, the City has been helpful
> - Sam Dabbs

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.4**

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.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Modest blend of SSW/S swells and lingering NW windswell. Surf will favor the summer and combo exposures but be small there as well. Wind looks reasonably light in the AM.

Weather

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.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2024/07/31	Wed	7:09 PM	6.21	H
2024/08/01	Thu	02:46 AM	-0.65	L
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2024/08/02	Fri	8:41 PM	6.44	H
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Jackpot: 331 M

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Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 9 M

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California delayed a minimum wage bump for health workers. Some are getting raises anyway

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Despite delays and confusion surrounding a new minimum wage law for California's lowest-paid health workers, some employers have begun raising pay ahead of the state's deadline.

Health care workers at San Bernardino County clinics will get a raise this month even though Newsom and lawmakers delayed the mandated wage increase until at least October. So will workers at University of California health systems, which announced in May that it would comply with the law on its original timeline.

Chas Kelley, a clinical nursing assistant at a clinic operated by San Bernardino County, will see his new wage hike reflected in his next paycheck. His pay is increasing almost $2 to about $23 an hour.

The county didn't have to grant the raise this month. His union contract does not expire until 2027, and the deadline for the new law is still several months out. But Kelley's union, Teamsters Local 1932, pressed the county of San Bernardino to implement the raises ahead of the state's deadline.

The pay bump means Kelley will have a little more money for his monthly expenses, such as his mortgage, car payment and car insurance.

"We have to put a roof over our heads. We've got to put food on the table. We've got to ensure that we've got transportation to and from work," said Kelley, who often picks up extra shifts at an urgent care clinic on weekends.

Newsom set health care workers on a path to a minimum wage of $25 an hour when he signed the law, Senate Bill 525, last October. It has confused workers because the pace of the raises depends largely on where someone works, and it exempts certain facilities entirely.

The deadline to implement this law has been a moving target, too. Looking for ways to alleviate the state's budget deficit, Newsom and lawmakers last month agreed to push back the deadline to at least Oct. 15.

Nonetheless, Teamster leaders said about 1,000 of their members who work for San Bernardino County will see a raise now. Housekeeping and linen workers, who are among the lowest paid, will get $18 an hour, the base set by the new law for this year. That's $2 an hour more than the statewide minimum wage of $16 an hour.

Teresa Preciado hopes the law will help her department retain workers. Preciado is an occupational therapy assistant at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, a hospital operated by San Bernardino County. She makes above the minimum wage and the law won't necessarily benefit her directly, but it will help the rehab aides she works with.

Preciado said often young health workers start their careers at public hospitals, get some experience under their belt and then leave for better-paying positions in the private sector.

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> - Chas Kelley

"We're kind of like this stepping stone, like people come in and think 'hey a hospital job would look great on my resume,' and they don't stay," Preciado said. "That consistently happens, unfortunately, and it kind of just affects the operations of the hospital."

CALIFORNIA UNIONS LOBBIED FOR MINIMUM WAGE HIKE

The labor union SEIU California spearheaded the push for the minimum wage law after years of campaigning for higher wages at the local level and after taking on dialysis companies in failed ballot initiatives.

Across the state, about 426,000 California health workers are projected to benefit from the law, according to estimates from the Labor Center at UC Berkeley. On average, these workers will earn about $6,400 more a year or just over $500 a month, the center's research shows.

The law also could indirectly benefit other workers because employers may find they have to pay more to attract and retain employees. The county of San Bernardino, for example, cited wanting to remain competitive as a reason for implementing the minimum wage increase ahead of the state deadline.

Some employers were already moving in that direction. Last year, the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions secured a labor agreement that boosted the minimum wage for employees there to $25 per hour.

"Even without the law, many health care employers were already providing or thinking about providing wage increases that are greater than we've seen historically to address the recruitment and retention challenges," said Laurel Lucia, health care program director at the UC Berkeley Labor Center. "But if we didn't have this (law), wage increases probably wouldn't occur at the same level or systematically."

That's because it is labor unions that usually push for wage hikes on behalf of their members. In California, only about 18% of workers are covered by a union contract. The health care minimum wage, Lucia said, helps level the field for health workers who do not participate or benefit from labor negotiations.

NOT ALL HEALTH WORKERS GET A RAISE

As the law slowly begins to roll out, workers are beginning to understand that some of them won't see $25 perhaps until 2033. Others are learning that their workplaces are exempt, meaning they won't be getting a raise at all, at least not because of this law.

Some workers who have reached out to CalMatters with questions about the law have expressed disappointment in recently learning from their employers that they are not eligible for a pay increase.

For example, minimum wage employees at small private practices or doctor groups with 24 or fewer doctors are excluded — the doctors' lobby successfully lobbied for small practices to be exempt when the law was being crafted.

Researchers at the UC Berkeley Labor Center estimate that about 70,000 low wage workers are employed by medical groups with fewer than 25 physicians and therefore excluded from the law.

The law also excludes about another 70,000 workers at stand-alone nursing homes. That's because the minimum wage law states that skilled nursing facilities, or nursing homes, will be included only when the state sets a separate standard dictating how much of nursing homes' revenue must be spent on patient care. Lawmakers are considering a bill, Assembly Bill 1537, that would set that standard. If that bill becomes law, it would close that gap for those nursing home workers.

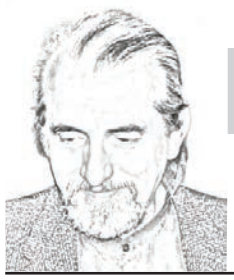
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> - Teresa Preciado

Robert Gonzalez, communication coordinator for Teamsters Local 1932, said that once it came down to implementing the law, many workers discovered that the pay raises are incremental and not for all of them. "I think the way that it was publicized," he said, "was probably different than how it actually went into action."

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DECISIONS: It can be hard to know what is true in the modern media landscape.

YOU CAN FOOL SOME OF THE PEOPLE...

I hate to acknowledge it, but we live in The Age of Lies. And their close cousins, Mis-/Disinformation and Distortion. These are often presented as "facts," either knowingly (disingenuously), or out of ignorance (often willful ignorance). This puts Facts on life support, needing our constant care and attention.

This stinky swamp succeeds because a long campaign with an eye toward oligarchy and authoritarianism, has finally succeeded in dumbing us down enough that it becomes easy work. As the Prophet George Carlin said decades ago, your owners don't want critical thinkers coming out of schools, they only need you smart enough to pull the levers, to keep the machine running.

Most of this is driven by naked greed, of the oligarchy to suck even more riches away from the middle class (remember the middle class?) and into their bank accounts. The authoritarian aspect is attractive to many who don't like what they see in society and have given up trying to build a majority for their views. You know – elections. So let's just get a guy in there who hates the same people we do and will throw out democracy and give us what we want. And then let's make sure he's there forever. No more of this will of the people crap.

Of course all that is about our current national political scene. Project 2025. But what about here in Santa Monica? We're divided, but it's not that bad, is it?

No. There are no plans for mass deportations (that I know of). Although a lot of longtime residents have been forced out by development and density, and accompanying issues like high rents, gentrification, crime, mental illness, substance abuse and depression. But there are parallels. And we should pay attention to them. Push back, talk truth and facts. That's a good thing. It's hard to know what's really going on when there is no transparency.

HERE'S A PARALLEL

Why do so many take as truth the nonsense and craziness that The Donald spews? Because so many are dumbed down, too lazy to find the facts in a time when every fact in the universe is at your fingertips. Whatever Donald says, whatever Fox shows, look no further and pass it along.

Former Councilmember and mayor Kevin McKeown hardly has the following of Donald J. In fact, the consensus I measure among those not on the side of hyper-development for Santa Monica, is that after an initially honorable Council career, he became increasingly isolated and ineffective. No political power at this point, and very little influence. So why even pay any attention to what he says?

Because lately he has been saying it often, in letters to the Daily Press, and in regular pontificating at the weekly zoom meetings of neighborhood group OPA (Ocean Park Association). But he doesn't live anywhere near Ocean Park. Why has he become a valued participant there? I have my notions.

I have nothing personally against McKeown. For a while he seemed to like me, a little, and his wife told me she loved my columns. Then Kevin began crossing the room or the street to avoid me. Never knew what it was, but he sure never changed his mind. That was a long time ago.

WORDS MATTER, FACTS MATTER

When someone with even a veneer of authority, or past "glory," posts misinformation in public, for all to see, that can't be left to stand. Some people will believe it. Also, if you don't push back and tell the truth, usually those folks will be emboldened to continue, and pile it even deeper.

McKeown wrote in twice in April,

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CHEVRON	1348 Pico Blvd	$5.09
CHEVRON	432 Wilshire Blvd	$5.00

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.56/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 16.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 49.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 1.2 cents in the last week and stands at $3.78 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.75/g while the most expensive was $5.67/g, a difference of $1.92/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.63/g while the highest was $8.55/g, a difference of $4.92/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.47/g. The national average is down 0.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 25.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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Fundraiser created to replace elderly disabled veteran's stolen car, scooter

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A string of terrible luck has hit an elderly disabled veteran who has called Santa Monica his lifelong home.

On July 21, a 1997 Ford Explorer belonging to 77-year-old Larry Shaw Sr. was stolen from his carport in the Pico neighborhood, along with his mobility scooter and other items within the vehicle. Shaw had recently returned home from surgery on his hip, and his unemployment status has made it "impossible for him to replace these items on his own," according to the partner of Shaw's son, Lindsay Green.

"His (roommate) went outside to let the dog out, the dog was going crazy ... she noticed that the car was gone and immediately ran upstairs (to) call the police," Green said.

After being left on hold for hours and having no luck on police contact the following day, Shaw was eventually wheeled into the Santa Monica Police Department station to file a report on the missing items. The situation could not be helped by law enforcement, leading Green to start a GoFundMe online fundraising campaign to rectify the lost items.

"Police are no longer investigating these things ... there could have been somebody that came out (and) have pulled CCTV, some sort of camera footage," Green added. "It's kind of behind restaurants where his (car was stolen), and there was no effort being made whatsoever."

> His (roommate) went outside to let the dog out, the dog was going crazy ... she noticed that the car was gone and immediately ran upstairs (to) call the police
> - Lindsay Green

A lifelong resident, Shaw attended Saint

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VETERAN: Santa Monica resident Larry Shaw Sr. recently had his vehicle and mobility scooter stolen, prompting a GoFundMe fundraiser to replace the items.

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HARVEST

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related problems. However, Manager Sam Dabbs, says that hasn't been the case with Harvest. Mostly.

"They've [the City] worked with us very well. They've helped us with a lot of our issues ... Yes, inspections and you know, the permitting was difficult. I'm not gonna say it wasn't difficult. And every time we had construction issues, that was difficult, but otherwise, really, the City has been helpful," Dabbs said.

Harvest House of Cannabis is operated by parent company Trulieve, a result of the merger of Arizona-based Harvest Health & Recreation, Inc. and Florida-based Trulieve Cannabis Corp. in September 2021 to form the new company, valued at about $2.1 billion.

Dabbs explains that they were already familiar with the owners of the Lion's Lair chain of smoke shops, a family operated business serving the San Fernando Valley.

"We know the guys, so I mean, that's really a no brainer, it's a great idea. It's a great idea to have a smoke shop, accessory shop right next to a cannabis shop. So it wasn't a coincidence," Dabbs said.

Lion's Lair Manager Chris Huynh, said that when the company was scouting around for a new location, they heard that Harvest was set to open and made every effort to secure this location. According to Huynh, they were able to "cement the deal" last year. However, in January of this year, a spokesperson for the City told the Daily Press in a statement, "We do not [currently] have a business license application for a smoke shop and are verifying whether a smoke shop would be permitted in that location." So, one can only assume there was a gap between securing the location and applying for a permit.

Harvest occupies approximately 1,000 sq ft in size, while the smoke shop is slightly smaller. However, both businesses benefit from a gorgeous renovated interior, with almost church-like, high, wooden, angular ceilings.

"The whole building was totally remodeled from the ground up. You know, the building needed a lot of work," Dabbs said, adding, "There was a lot of fun remodeling the building, but of course, construction takes a long time."

"And every nail in here was inspected," he said. "They [told us] this was wrong, this was wrong. They wanted us to redo, redo it. So the inspections took a while," Dabbs said.

"We built a safe room. They came in, they didn't like a certain part of the safe room for safety reasons. They made us redo it, they made us redo some exit signs," Dabbs said, adding, "So they were great to work with. But they wanted to make sure safety is number one in Santa Monica."

In addition to Santa Monica, Harvest also has outlets in Brentwood, Sawtelle and Pacific Palisades. And since the bygone behemoth of recreational cannabis Med Men has all but disappeared because, as Dabbs puts it, they expanded too much, too quickly, it's nice that local consumers in Santa Monica have purchasing options.

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 5

warning everyone to "Be Careful What You Sign," a petition to amend GS, approved housing legislation. Hardly worth two letters, in my opinion, but in calling it a battle of "dueling ex-Mayors, Pam vs Sue. Mud wrestling won't help," he cursed us all with a visual that will be hard to erase.

In the June 21 SMDP, under the title – I'm serious – "Just Be Honest," McKeown took Council member Christine Parra to task for something he misrepresented.

"Christine Parra's defense of such lawbreaking (SMDP 6/18 'Council votes not to proceed with an investigation into closed session leaks') is disturbing and embarrassing.

"This is the second time in just three years that the 'change slate' voted to prevent an investigation from going forward." Calling for guidelines, penalties, and fiscal cost assessment before an investigation is not preventing it. "Parra pulled a page from the Trump playbook, accusing other Councilmembers of 'weaponizing the City Attorney's office for political gain.' Buy the nice lady a MAGA hat!" Oh, dear – Kevin. I guess you don't even realize whose behavior you are mirroring. But there is a lot of Trump-iness in Santa Monica politics, from Democratic organizations and so-called liberals and progressives. Don't be fooled when those claims are thrown around.

And let me remind our ex-mayor that the Change Slate is three people, never a majority on a seven-seat Council. Knowing better, why would he ever say that? When the vote came on Parra's proposal for information and guidelines before an investigation, it was 7-0. But McKeown wasn't quite done. "For Christine Parra and your allies, I have to say it again: your behavior is an embarrassment."

THE BEST REBUTTAL

To that misinformation came in the form of another letter to the editor, from Sunset Park maven Zina Josephs ("The Wrong Person"):

"In response to 'retired former Mayor' Kevin McKeown's letter of June 21, attacking City Council member Christina Parra, if he had watched the entire Council discussion, he would know that she advocated for establishing policies, procedures, and penalties before embarking on an investigation of Council closed session leaks. She didn't say not to investigate.

"Instead, McKeown seems to have cherry picked comments from the newspaper coverage and used those to malign an honorable sitting Council member, one who didn't up and resign from her elected position mid-term, with no explanation to voters. Perhaps his use of the phrase 'disturbing and embarrassing' was applied to the wrong person."

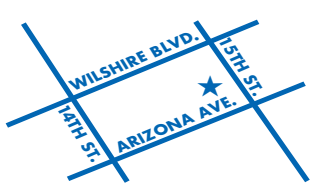
That covers only one of McKeown's two recent misinformation letters. The second one was awesome, with outright... inaccuracies, about a column of mine, and some other "doozies." But I am now emotionally spent, and have run out of room. But, stay tuned.

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FROM PAGE 6

Monica Preparatory and served in the United States Army before returning to Santa Monica. Recently relocating near Green and his son Larry, who live on 32nd and Pico, his time as a plumber in the area took a toll on his knees, with surgery scheduled on both of them. After completing surgery on the first knee, the day of the second surgery brought another moment of bad luck, as Shaw slipped while getting into his vehicle and broke his hip.

The hip surgery was completed before the incident, with the second knee surgery still on the horizon after the latest delay. Having previously fought through stage four colon cancer, Green said he is "somebody who perseveres" and is "willing to fight the fight."

"He's an amazing guy, somebody who speaks to everybody, loves to converse with everybody," Green added. "He's the type of guy who you will be seeing cracking jokes … he definitely knows the ins and outs of Santa Monica and he loves Santa Monica. Overall, he's just a fun loving guy who has a great attitude."

While Green has been doing her own investigations into the stolen Explorer, canvassing neighborhoods and online marketplaces for its whereabouts, she also began the GoFundMe for financial donations as well as sending feelers for those who may have a used car or scooter that Shaw can have. Along with the car that helps with getting to appointments and taking care of basic needs, the scooter and stolen items such as fishing poles brought out "the joy in his overall life" via fishing trips to the Pier.

The campaign, which has raised $1,975 of a $6,800 goal as of Monday, has "brought light through his eyes" as Green tells it, with the veteran "humbled" by the outreach.

"He's keeping an open mind and he's definitely trying to keep his spirits up," Green said.

Green said the campaign has "restored" her "faith in humanity," both from those the family knows to generous anonymous donations.

"The community has pulled together and really been amazing in helping to donate … people who we don't know have donated very nice, substantial amounts, and people who couldn't really donate (much) even donated a little bit as well," she said. "Knowing that people are here to support is amazing, because unfortunately there's not much else we can do. We are in no financial position to be able to recover that on our own … (but) it's been real great knowing that people are there to support, (it) means everything.

To donate to Shaw's GoFundMe page, visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-elderly-disabled-veteran-replace-stolen-car-scooter.

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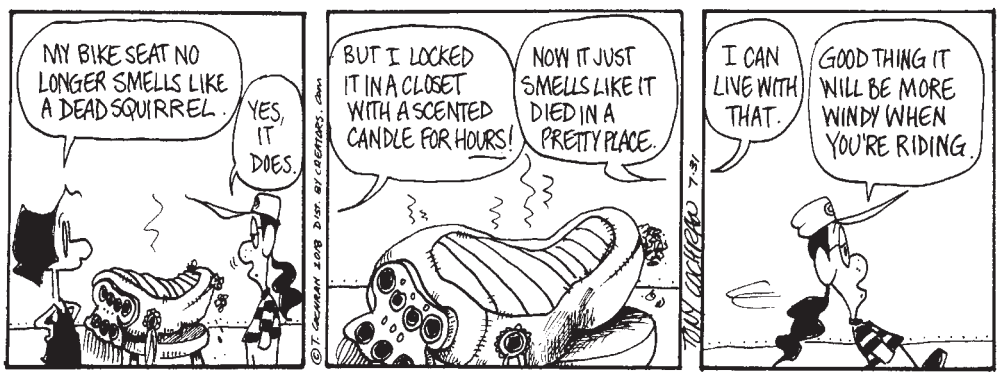
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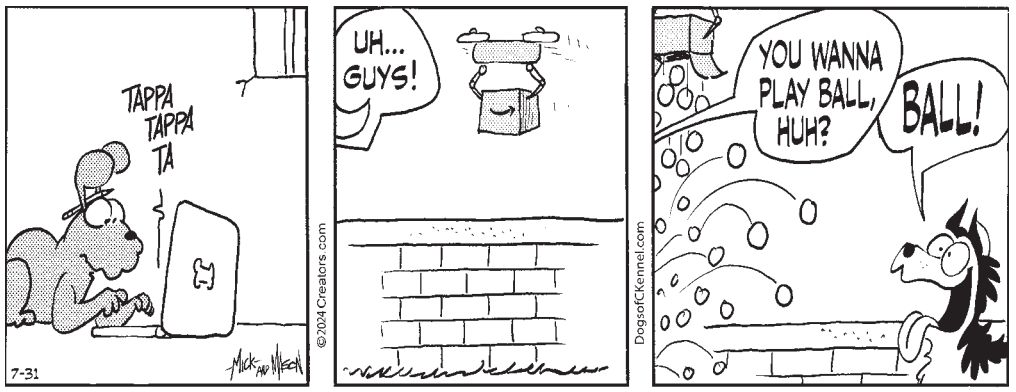
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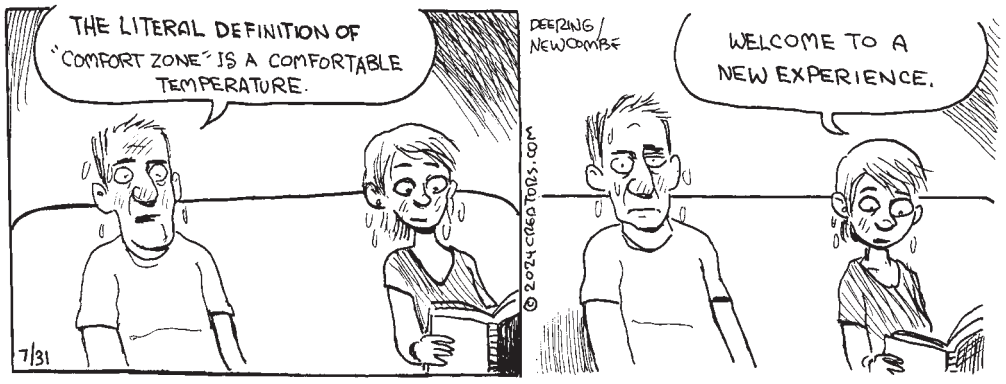
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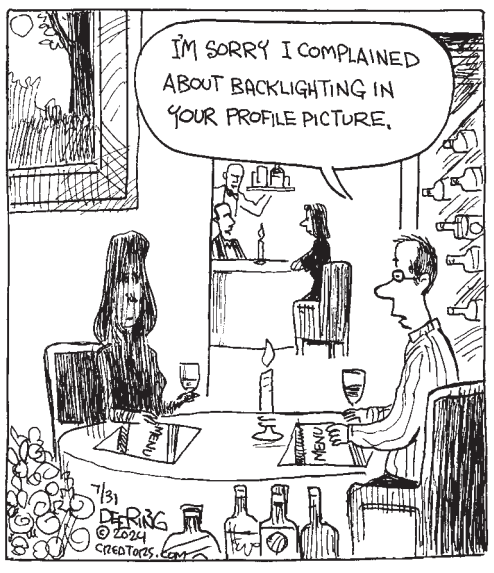
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed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

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You know what you want and your desire brings focus to your actions. You've a talent for making the most of whatever is around you — relationships, resources, feelings — all fuel. More highlights: You've the courage to travel to wild locations, some that exist inside you, as adventure in the big wide world opens inner exploration and discovery of treasure. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 21, 4, 44 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be in a situation where many are trying to do the same thing but some are drawing a lot more attention to themselves over it. You can take this as a call for help, an invitation or a red flag. It's probably all of the above.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It is possible to be offended where no disrespect was meant, but whether they meant it or not might be irrelevant. People could be better educated as to the treatment you'd prefer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been known to strategically accept blame that wasn't yours. Accepting blame can sometimes make a problem quickly go away. Accepting credit is scarier. It's usually the start of something unknown.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Is identity a skill? Attaching and detaching from ideas certainly is. There are elements of your persona you're ready to sharpen or lose, and the decisions and mechanisms you employ to do this require skill indeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If all goes to plan, no one knows to dress up for their own surprise party. Here's a heads-up — not for a formal party, but life is going to surprise you, and you'll love it more if you're dressed for the pictures. It will enter your realm with your permission. If you desire the excitement, it's coming for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Attend events, classes and the like and you'll magnetically draw interesting people to you. Be proactive, too, though, because otherwise you won't make time to talk with the ones who seem interesting to you. New friends and partners of various kinds are entering your realm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even when relationships are going very well, it is still possible to miscommunicate or get overly excited and say or do something suboptimal. But compassionate people don't mind, or they forgive. You're such a person. Direct compassion to yourself, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a passionate person. Remember that however strong a feeing may be, it will change. Emotions are like weather systems that sweep through the sky of you. No weather defines the sky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Let people come to you. Let them seek you. Let them initiate, make offers, include and treat you. Such things cannot happen if you're too eager to fill in the pauses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As strong and capable as you are, it's your thought process that saves the day. You will overcome obstacles with cleverness. Money, permission and other resources are beside the point. With moxie, you overcome improbable odds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've patched up scraped knees and broken hearts with that sweet, self-sacrificing charm of yours, and you'll do it again today when you somehow find a way to make a sad friend laugh. You're a wonderful, stubborn ray of sunshine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can only work out so much in your head. The same goes for paper, spreadsheets and any kind of planning tool. The material world has its own rules. If a thing is to become real, theories must be tested, and today they will be.

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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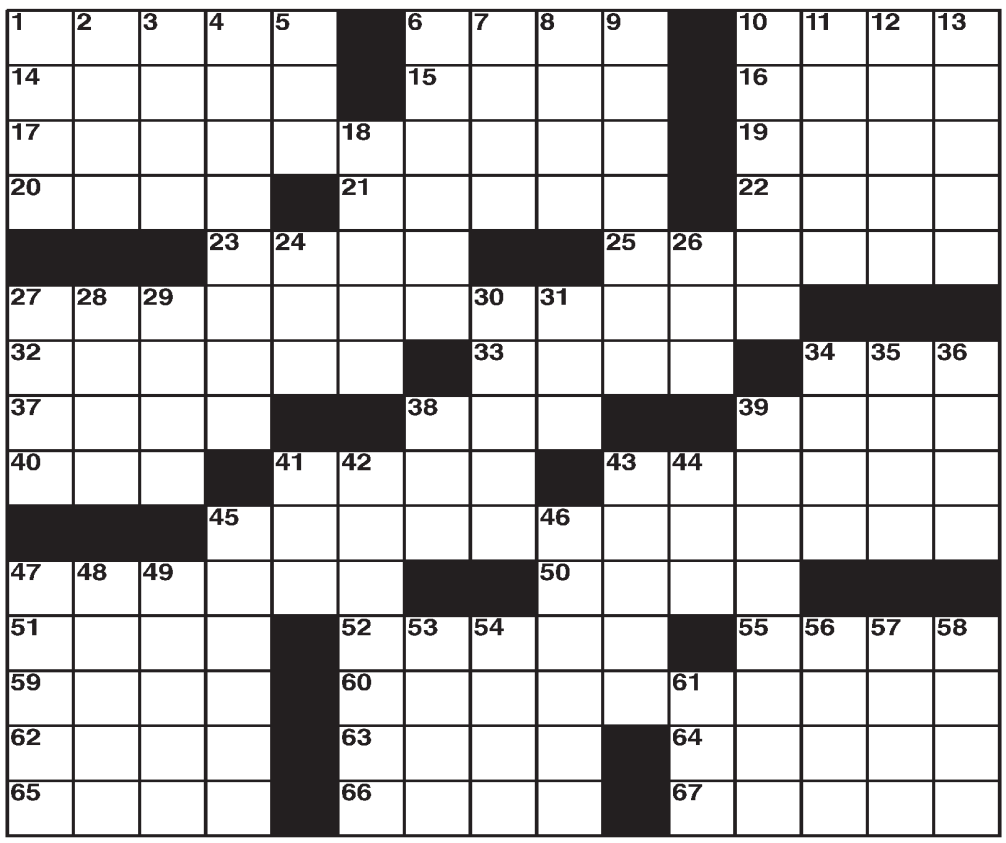
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ACROSS

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6 Baseball arbiters
10 "Ali ___ and the Forty Thieves"
14 Share your views
15 Riverbank sediment
16 "Not if ___ help it!"
17 2012 presidential candidate
19 Brief blast of wind
20 Play's first portion
21 Semester-ending exam
22 Soft French cheese
23 Astound
25 Noble principles
27 Legendary Old West lawman
32 Switzerland's continent
33 Evaluate
34 "Mamma ___!"
37 Pull from behind
38 Charity website suffix
39 Line of stitches
40 Verbalize
41 "Billionth" prefix
43 Ink stain
45 Toon dad of Bart and Lisa
47 State known for casinos
50 Fr. miss
51 Plow-pulling animals
52 Sales pitch
55 Extreme anger
59 Sardine cans
60 Hanks' mom in *Forrest Gump*
62 Problem-solving hint
63 Badness
64 Hollowed out, as apples
65 Part of a foot or shoe
66 Poor grades
67 Close friend

DOWN

1 Italia's capital
2 Grand-scale story
3 Brad of films
4 Designed to reduce urban pollution
5 "___ out!" (6-Across' yell)
6 Coin-making facility
7 Where St. Paul is
8 Urgent request
9 Salon employee
10 Bell heard in London
11 Honda brand
12 Herb in pesto
13 Starts a pot
18 Helpful to have
24 Knock lightly
26 Deer's daughter
27 Dorm furniture
28 Mysterious glow
29 Serving platter
30 Misjudgment
31 Car wash cloth
34 Prescriptions, for short
35 *Othello* villain
36 Affirmation in church
38 Very low number
39 Largest Great Lake
41 Signal your agreement
42 Accumulated in quantity
43 Ridiculous
44 2050, to Marc Antony
45 Grimm tale brother
46 Fragrance chemist's expertise
47 V-shaped indentation
48 Banish
49 Event's locale
53 Cover with asphalt
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56 Prefix for dynamic
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ANIMAL SHELTER

FROM PAGE 1

In an effort to alleviate a far from perfect situation, all animal adoption fees are reduced to just $20 for the entire month of August.

"Despite doing all we can to support the animal shelter and ensuring that every animal has all they need while they are waiting at the shelter, they need to be in a proper home, not at the shelter for months and months," Noble says.

If you're thinking of adopting a pet please visit the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and let the super helpful staff guide you to find the pet that's right for you. For example, Noble says that if you have an active lifestyle and want a dog to take on runs and hikes then maybe Roger is the dog for you. If you want to play fetch and have a chill dog that will go on walks and be your buddy then Simba could be for you.

"Both Roger and Simba have each been waiting at the shelter since last August, so sadly they have now been there a year," she said.

The shelter also has so many super sweet cats like Cleo and Og, many kittens and other small animals like Geoffrey the rabbit and guinea pigs like Lucky who is super friendly.

"As much as we love all the pets at the shelter and seeing their happy faces every day is a joy, the goal is always to make sure that we are doing all we can to help find each pet the wonderful forever home they deserve," Noble said.

Even if you can't adopt a pet, or just don't have room in your apartment that's already filled with countless cute cats and kittens, you can still help the animals by making a donation or shopping on the Chewy wishlist. Go to smasf.org for more information. Some of the rescued animals at the Shelter need costly veterinary care, so until some super-wealthy philanthropist donates a million or two, they still desperately need the help of everyone in the community.

To adopt a cat, kitten or any of the adorable available animals, you can call the Santa Monica Animal Shelter on (310) 458-8595 to schedule an appointment. The Shelter is open Tuesday-Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed from 12-1p.m. for lunch). To view many of the available animals, go to santamonica.gov/categories/services/animal-services.

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LEGION

FROM PAGE 2

here representing 15 property owners on the Third Street Promenade, some on Second Street, also the owner of this building, they just want to know that it's very important to them that you extend the security pilot program, however you decide to do it."

City-appointed Board Member and Assistant City Manager Susan Cline said, "As someone who has had a lot of trauma around budget cuts, we've been doing it at the City for many years now [and] we're still not out of the woods, II appreciate the conversation around the struggle to find resources to do the basics and provide basic services, so I fully appreciate the support for the program ... and it'd be great to move that forward."

After considerable discussion, Board Member Lucian Tudor made the motion, seconded by Board Member Luke Cain, to support the extension of the Downtown private security program and ask the City of Santa Monica to amend the DTSM services agreement to extend said pilot program at DTSM's option. Also, to direct the Audit and Finance Committee to conduct a thorough review of the FY24/25 budget and identify areas where other services can be restructured, reduced, or cut in order to reallocate funds to the Downtown private security program and to return to the DTSM Board in September 2024 with a funding recommendation. Finally to survey Downtown businesses and property owners to determine their views on the Downtown private security program, and whether it should be extended.

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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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

NOMA MEETING

"Is our police department underfunded?" Cody Green, Chair of the SM Police Officers Assoc., will address this critical issue and how SM compares to other nearby cities in its funding at the North of Montana Neighborhood Association's meeting this Thursday, August 1. Also on the agenda is the director of the SM Community Corporation, Tara Barauskas, on the current state of affordable housing in our city, who will be joined by Heather Averick, Director of the SM Housing and Human Services Dept. The meeting begins at 7 pm on Zoom — info at smnoma.org — and all are invited to attend.

FRIDAY | AUGUST 2

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: MR. ELECTRIC

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street. Experience lightning right in front of your eyes at this high-energy, interactive show all about electricity. For families.

TEEN SWIM NIGHT

7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Santa Monica Swim Center, 2225 16th St. Come join the fun at the Swim Center Teen Night, with free food, rec swim and no adults. All access just for teens. Residents $2, non-residents $4.

POP LOCK N FLOAT IT

7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Starting at Cabo Cantina, 1240 3rd Street Promenade. The water may be contaminated but the vibes are immaculate at the beach block party of the summer, Pop Lock n Float It. Make your own journey or party with friends with DJ performances from Brittany Guttheim, DJ ColEco and DJ YOHO. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.whatthefloat.com/coming-events/2024/august-float-la.


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