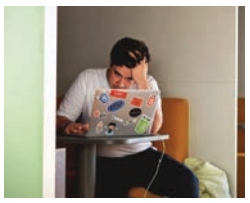


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Report offers update on efforts to address homelessness

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In the three months from April 1 through June 30, 2022, Santa Monica programs designed to combat homelessness have resulted in 80 households being served by the Senior Household Task Force and 88 Community Response Unit (CRU) calls for service.

The data comes from a July 28 Information Item outlining "local efforts addressing the regional homelessness crisis" for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2021-22, and was created after City Council began requesting quarterly updates on the City's progress.

This was the first quarterly report available since the 2022 homeless count numbers and accompanying data became available, and also included a broader overview of 2021's homeless outreach efforts. This February's homeless count showed 807 unhoused individuals living on Santa Monica's streets, in its shelters or in vehicles or makeshift shelters.

"Last year, the three City-funded multi-disciplinary outreach teams made more than 11,000 contacts with people experiencing homelessness, provided direct medical or psychiatric services to 808 participants, placed 57 people into interim housing, and placed 24 individuals into permanent housing," the report stated. "Later this summer, staff will present a recommendation to advance local efforts to help meet behavioral health needs of housed and unhoused residents in Santa Monica."

City Council has highlighted a "four pillars framework" for addressing homelessness, focusing first on housing and prevention, second on behavioral health, third on maintaining clean and safe open spaces, and fourth on strengthening the regional capacity to address homelessness.

Three of the four "pillars" were addressed in the latest report.

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WATER POLO TEAM TAKES GOLD

BRYNN SHAFFER
SMDP Intern

Team Santa Monica U18 boys earned gold at the July 2022 USA Water Polo Junior Olympics.

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Courtesy photo

Street vendor sues City, alleging vehicle seizure policy is unconstitutional

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A July lawsuit filed against the City of Santa Monica alleges that current vehicle towing policies — in particular, the impounding of vehicles operated by unlicensed drivers — violate constitutional protections.

The complaint, Reyes Contreras Murcia v. City of Santa Monica, claims damages on the grounds that Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) seizing the vehicles of unlicensed drivers and impounding them violates the U.S. Constitution's Fourth, Fifth and 14th amendments, as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1871. Murcia is represented by attorney Christian Contreras.

Defendants in the lawsuit include the City as well as SMPD Chief Ramon Batista (both as an individual and "in his official capacity,") City Manager David White (also as an individual and "in his official capacity,") All City Tow Service and several "Does."

Murcia, the plaintiff, alleges that on July 23, 2022, SMPD officers unconstitutionally seized his vehicle after he was found to be operating it without a valid driver's license.

"On Saturday, July 23, 2022, Plaintiff Reyes Murcia was and still is the registered owner of a 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe ... On such date, Defendant City Of Santa Monica Police Department impounded Reyes Murcia's Chevy Tahoe which he used to transport goods and work as a street vendor," the lawsuit states. "Plaintiff Reyes Murcia's Chevy Tahoe was impounded after two Santa Monica police officers stopped him in a parking lot in Santa Monica for having a broken rear taillight. During the stop, Plaintiff Reyes Murcia was asked for his California driver's license but was only able to produce an expired Mexican driver's license."

The lawsuit claims Murcia's vehicle was "not a traffic hazard nor was it a danger to the community." The complaint goes on to state

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In dry California, salty water creeps into key waterways

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Charlie Hamilton hasn't irrigated his vineyards with water from the Sacramento River since early May, even though it flows just yards from his crop.

Nearby to the south, the industrial Bay Area city of Antioch has supplied its people with water from the San Joaquin River for just 32 days this year, compared to roughly 128 days by this time in a wet year.

They may be close by, but these two rivers, central arms of California's water system, have become too salty to use in some places as the state's punishing drought drags on.

In dry winters like the one California just had, less fresh water flows down from the mountains into the Sacramento River, the state's largest. That allows saltier water from Pacific Ocean tides to push further into the state's main water hub, known as the Delta. It helps supply water to two-thirds of the state's 39 million people and to farms that grow fruits and vegetables for the whole nation, playing a key but sometimes underappreciated role in the state's economy.

A drought that scientists say is part of the U.S. West's driest period in 1,200 years plus sea level rise are exposing the fragility of that system, forcing state water managers, cities, and farmers to look for new ways to stabilize their supply of fresh water. The Delta's challenges offer a harbinger of the risks to come for critical water supplies elsewhere in the nation amid a changing climate.

Planners and farmers are coming at the problem of saltwater intrusion with a desalination plant, an artificial rock barrier and groundwater pumps. Those who can't engineer their way out of the problem are left with a fervent hope that things will change.

"We just try to hang on and hope the water quality gets better," said Bobby Costa, a farmer who has seen his cucumber yields go down by 25% this year compared to wetter years.

> "We just try to hang on and hope the water quality gets better
> — Bobby Costa

The Delta is the largest estuary on the west coast of the Americas. It's home to endangered species such as chinook salmon and Delta smelt that require certain water flows, temperatures and salt mixes, as well as hundreds of square miles of farmland and millions of people who live, work and recreate in the region.

Other estuaries such as the Chesapeake Bay and within the Everglades don't play as critical a role in directly supplying water for drinking and farming. But those estuaries are also at risk of creeping salt, causing problems for ecosystems, groundwater supplies and other needs.

Giant pumping systems built more than a half a century ago send Delta water south to major urban centers like Los Angeles and huge farming operations. The further east the salt moves, the more at risk that water system becomes. Brackish water that creeps into the system isn't as salty as ocean water, but it's salty enough to render it undrinkable for some crops and for people.

"The fallout of losing control of the Delta is very serious," said Jacob McQuirk, principal engineer for the state's Department of Water Resources.

Last year, the state hauled 112,000 tons of rock and stacked it 30 feet (9 meters) deep in a key Delta river to stop salty water from getting too close to the pumps. It was the second time in the past decade the barrier was needed; the Department of Water Resources first installed it during the last drought in 2015.

It was supposed to be only temporary, but plans to remove the barrier last fall were scrapped due to dry conditions, though a notch was cut to allow fish to swim through. Officials still hope to take it out this November.

The state has asked the federal government for permission to build two more barriers further north if the drought worsens, arguing it will be necessary to protect water supplies. In the longer term, the state wants to construct a massive tunnel that would move water around the Delta entirely, which officials say would make it easier to capture more during times of heavy rain and guard against the risks of this salt water intrusion.

But advocates for the region worry it's just another solution that will leave the farmers, fish and people who rely on Delta water high and dry.

While the barrier protects the pumps, it does little to help some interests within the Delta who rely on fresh water before it heads south.

Take Hamilton, who leases about 50 acres of vineyards to grow wine grapes along the Sacramento River. The land belongs to Al Medvitz, who farms alfalfa and other crops on more than five square miles of land. The water they draw from the river has always been tidally influenced, and they've learned how to pump from it when the tides are out and the salt content low.

But since early May, Hamilton hasn't been able to pull out any water at all, even during low tides, because it's too salty for his grapes. If he continued to use it, first the edges of the

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 336 CALLS ON AUGUST 5

Party Complaint 700Blk Hill St 12:05 a.m.
Party Complaint 2000Blk 20th St 12:15 a.m.
Missing Person 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 a.m.
Loitering 1200Blk 2nd St 4:54 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:06 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900Blk Ocean Ave 5:18 a.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 2300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:15 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2400Blk Main St 6:32 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 2800Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:11 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 700Blk California Ave 7:20 a.m.
Burglary Report 2600Blk 2nd St 7:42 a.m.
Fight 1600Blk Main St 7:55 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 2400Blk Main St 8:20 a.m.
Fraud Report Unknown 8:24 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900Blk Centinela Ave 8:32 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk The Beach 8:36 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:44 a.m.
Panic Alarm 1100Blk Broadway 8:44 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:50 a.m.
Battery Report 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:52 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2700Blk Pico Blvd 8:59 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500Blk 18th St 9:03 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:08 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700Blk Idaho Ave 9:20 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 3000Blk Exposition Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2200Blk Colorado Ave 10:12 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 300Blk Civic Center Dr 10:18 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1000Blk 10th St 10:29 a.m.
Loud Music 1200Blk Yale St 10:30 a.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 20th St / Interstate 10 10:44 a.m.
Fraud Suspect Just Left 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:48 a.m.
Encampment 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:15 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500Blk The Beach 11:17 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Pico Blvd 11:22 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1800Blk 10th St 11:24 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200Blk Colorado Ave 11:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 12th St 11:33 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1700Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:34 a.m.
Fraud Report 1300Blk 16th St 11:35 a.m.
Identity Theft 500Blk Broadway 11:47 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 3000Blk Delaware Ave 11:49 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 700Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:13 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 500Blk Arizona Ave 12:27 p.m.
Alcohol & Beverage Code Violation 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100Blk 7th St 1:10 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 700Blk Ashland Ave 1:17 p.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 3rd St / Montana Ave 1:28 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:40 p.m.
Identity Theft 1500Blk 6th St 1:51 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400Blk 2nd St 2:00 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 11th St / Idaho Ave 2:10 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000Blk 24th St 2:17 p.m.
Burglary Report 300Blk Pacific St 2:46 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1800Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:01 p.m.
Self Initiated Pub 3:21 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1300Blk 6th St 3:23 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500Blk 18th St 3:27 p.m.
Burglary Report 600Blk Strand St 3:46 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:50 p.m.
Missing Person Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 3:52 p.m.
Fight Centinela Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 3:58 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 4:03 p.m.
Person Down 19th St / San Vicente Blvd 4:04 p.m.
Public Intoxication 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:22 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk 4th St 5:28 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:49 p.m.
Domestic Violence Report 1600Blk Appian Way 5:53 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 5:58 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:10 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400Blk 4th St 6:40 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:46 p.m.
Loud Music 800Blk Montana Ave 6:47 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 400Blk Santa Monica Pier 6:53 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:01 p.m.
Battery Report 28th St / Pico Blvd 7:20 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 7:32 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 200Blk Arizona Ave 7:36 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 7th St / Colorado Ave 8:15 p.m.
Drinking In Public 800Blk Montana Ave 8:25 p.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 8:26 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Pico Blvd 9:28 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:53 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:23 p.m.
Party Complaint 3rd St / Idaho Ave 10:39 p.m.
Burglary Now 1400Blk Palisades Beach rd 10:43 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 19th St / San Vicente Blvd 11:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 4th St / Alta Ave 11:34 p.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk Montana Ave 11:52 p.m.

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EMS 900Blk 3rd St 9:35 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:40 p.m.
Fire Investigation 2400Blk Washington Ave 10:54 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 12:29 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1800Blk Ocean Ave 2:04 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 3:06 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk Olympic Blvd 5:57 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 7:20 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:30 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Idaho Ave 8:36 a.m.
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Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 7th St 10:02 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 16th St 10:37 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:28 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Norman Pl 11:35 a.m.
Structure Fire 3000Blk Delaware Ave 11:48 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 12:10 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 2nd St 12:20 p.m.
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EMS 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:28 p.m.
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EMS 1500Blk 7th St 4:06 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Broadway 4:52 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 5:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Alta Ave 11:34 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Pico Blvd 11:38 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JULY 31 AT MIDNIGHT:

Officers were dispatched to a noise complaint. The reporting party claimed there was a black Jeep parked in the area playing loud music. Upon arrival, officers located the vehicle and observed several individuals in and around the car. They also noted a large metal canister near the passenger door and empty balloons. The tank was believed to be filled with nitrous oxide for the purposes of inhaling to become intoxicated. Beer cans were also located near the vehicle. During a search, additional controlled substances was located. The vehicle owner was arrested for possession, transported to the Santa Monica Jail, and ultimately issued a citation with a promise to return to court on August 25, 2022.



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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL DEADLINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, and setting the deadlines for submittal of arguments, and rebuttals in favor and in opposition of the following measure:

MEASURE " ": Shall the City Charter be amended to require that the intended owner occupancy of rent-controlled units for two years before tenant eviction; require owner occupancy within 60 days of vacancy; reduce the maximum Annual General Adjustment from 6% to 0.8% from 2/1/23 through 8/31/23, or average not to exceed 3%, with a 3% maximum Annual General Adjustment thereafter; and require elections only if the number of qualified candidates exceeds the number of open Board positions?	Yes
	No
MEASURE " ": Shall the City Charter be amended to allow the Rent Control Board to disallow or modify annual general rent adjustments for rent controlled units during a declared state of emergency by the President of the United States, the Governor, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Officer, or the City Council or Director of Emergency Services while maintaining the landlord's ability to petition for a rent adjustment per Section 1805 of the City Charter?	Yes
	No

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measures. No more than five signatures of authors shall be accepted with any argument submitted

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and Voter Information Guide for the election, the City Clerk has fixed **Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m.,** during normal office hours, as posted, as the date after which no arguments for or against the City measure(s) may be submitted to the Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in the Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signatures(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at City Hall, Santa Monica, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.125 rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words, as submitted by the authors of the opposing direct arguments, may be filed with the Clerk, and shall be signed by any one of the persons filing the original argument, any combination of the persons signing the original argument or by all of the persons filing the original argument. The rebuttal shall not be signed by any person who did not sign the original argument nor shall it contain more than five signatures. The deadline for filing rebuttals with the City Clerk may be not more than ten days after the final date for filing original arguments, the date being **Friday, August 26, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.190, the City Clerk shall make any ordinance, impartial analysis, or direct arguments and rebuttals filed under the authority of the elections code available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office for a period of ten calendar days immediately following the filing deadline of such materials. Any person seeking a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted shall comply with the time requirements in Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13313 for filing such actions. Please call (310) 458-8211 for any additional information.

/s/ Denise Anderson-Warren, City Clerk
August 4, 2022

NOTICIA DE ELECCION Y FECHA SOBRE LA CUAL NO SE PODRA PRESENTAR A LA SECRETARIA MUNICIPAL NINGUN ARGUMENTO Y REFUTACION A FAVOR O EN CONTRA DE PROPUESTAS MUNICIPALES

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 8 de noviembre de 2022, en la cual se les presentará a los votantes las siguientes propuestas y la fecha después de la cual no se podrá presentar ningún argumento y refutación a favor o en contra de las siguientes medidas:

MEDIDA " ": ¿ Deberá enmendarse la Carta Constitución de la ciudad para requerir que el propietario previsto ocupe las unidades de renta controlada durante dos años antes del desalojo del inquilino; requerir la ocupación del propietario dentro de los 60 días posteriores a la vacante; reducir el Ajuste General Anual máximo del 6% al 0.8% desde el 1 de febrero 2023 hasta el 31 de Agosto 2023, o un promedio que no exceda el 3%, con un Ajuste General Anual máximo del 3% a partir de entonces; y exigir elecciones solo si el número de candidatos calificados excede el número de puestos vacantes en la Junta?	Sí
	No
MEDIDA " ": ¿ Deberá enmendarse la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad para permitir que la Junta de Control de Alquileres no permita o modifique los ajustes generales anuales de renta para las unidades de renta controlada durante un estado de emergencia declarado por el Presidente de los Estados Unidos, el Gobernador, el Oficial del Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Los Ángeles, o el Concejo Municipal o el Director de Servicios de Emergencia mientras se mantiene la capacidad del arrendador para solicitar un ajuste de alquiler según la Sección 1805 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad?	Sí
	No

ADEMAS SE NOTIFICA que en conformidad con el Articulo 4, Capitulo 3, División 9 del Código Electoral del Estado de California, el cuerpo legislativo de la Ciudad, o cualquier miembro o miembros del mismo autorizados por el cuerpo, o todo votante individual o asociación genuina de ciudadanos, o toda combinación de votantes y asociaciones, pueden presentar un argumento escrito, el cual no puede exceder las 300 palabras, acompañado por el nombre o nombres impresos, y firma(s) de el/los autores que lo presente, o si es presentado en el nombre de una organización, el nombre de la organización, y el nombre impreso y la firma de por lo menos uno de sus funcionarios principales, quien es el autor o autora del argumento a favor o en contra de la medida municipal. Se aceptará no más de cinco firmas de los autores por cada argumento presentado.

ADEMAS SE NOTIFICA que, basada en el tiempo razonablemente necesario para preparar e imprimir los argumentos y boletas electorales de muestra para la elección, la Secretaria Municipal ha fijado el **miércoles, 17 de agosto, 2022, a las 5:00 p.m.,** durante el horario normal de trabajo, según ha sido anunciado, como la fecha después de la cual no se podrá presentar a la Secretaria Municipal ningún argumento a favor o en contra de la medida municipal para su impresión y distribución a los votantes según lo dispuesto en el artículo 4. Los argumentos deberán ser presentados a la Secretaria Municipal, acompañados por el nombre o nombres impresos y firmas de los autores que los presenten, o si son presentados en el nombre de una organización, el nombre de la organización, y el nombre impreso y la firma de por lo menos uno de sus funcionarios principales, quien es el autor del argumento, en el Ayuntamiento en Santa Monica, California. Los argumentos pueden ser cambiados o retirados hasta e incluyendo la fecha fijada por la Secretaria Municipal.

ADEMAS SE NOTIFICA que basado en Sección 11.04.125 del Código Municipal de Santa Monica, argumentos de refutación, como presentado por los autores en directa oposición del argumento, los cuales no pueden exceder 250 palabras, pueden ser presentados a la Secretaria Municipal, acompañados por los nombres impresos y firmas de uno de los autores del argumento principal, o con cualquier combinación de firmas de los autores que presentaron el argumento principal, o con todos los autores que firmaron el argumento principal. El argumento de refutación no será firmado por ninguna persona que no firmó el argumento principal, ni deberá contener mas de cinco firmas. La refutación tendrá que ser presentado a la Secretaria Municipal no más de 10 días después de la fecha fijada para presentar los argumentos directos, la fecha siendo el viernes, **26 de agosto, 2022, a las 5:00 p.m.**

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California unemployment checks: New report explores why they're often so hard to get

GRACE GEDYE
Special to the Daily Press

If you get laid off, there's a system that's supposed to help you get by: unemployment benefits. Whenever California stares down a pandemic or a possible recession, the partial wage-replacement program is one of the most important economic safeguards for workers.

But the benefits have become more difficult for workers to access, due to the program's design and decisions made by California's embattled Employment Development Department. That's according to an in-depth report released this morning from the Legislative Analyst's Office, a non-partisan agency that provides advice to the Legislature.

The report found that the benefits program's orientation toward businesses — which fund the benefits and have an incentive to keep costs down — led the department to emphasize holding down costs. Pressure from the federal government to avoid errors led the department to try, however successfully, to minimize fraud.

The result: the department pursued lowering costs and hindering fraud over making it easy for workers to access benefits.

"Looked at individually, one of these policies might seem totally reasonable, either to limit fraud or minimize business costs," said Chas Alamo, the report's author and principal fiscal and policy analyst with the Legislative Analyst's office. "But when you look at them, and kind of step back and look at the suite of policies that have been made over several decades, it becomes clear that there's a sort of imbalance in the system," said Alamo.

Early in the COVID pandemic as joblessness rates soared, the department struggled to keep up with a surge of benefits claims — leaving some Californians repeatedly calling the department in frustration and waiting weeks or months for the money to arrive.

Then came sensational reports that the department had paid out as much as $20 billion in fraudulent benefits.

Last December, the department froze 345,000 disability insurance claims due to suspected fraud. As it tried to root out disability benefits fraud, calls to the department with questions surged, and many went unanswered.

Despite an increase in fraud during the pandemic, fraud has historically been uncommon in California's unemployment benefits, likely "representing less than 1 percent of claims," the report found. The vast majority of fraud that occurred during the pandemic was concentrated in a temporary federal program that has now ended.

The report lays out evidence that unemployment benefits have become too difficult for workers to access.

When workers are denied benefits, for example, they're allowed to file appeals. The report found that more than half of denials are overturned on appeal, meaning those workers should have gotten the benefits in the first place. By contrast, "less than one-quarter are overturned in the rest of the country," the report found.

Also slowing the process: extensive, and sometimes confusing, steps to prove eligibility for California unemployment benefits.

The department's actions during the pandemic suggest that getting payments to workers is not its highest priority, the report said. For example, the department disqualified about 1 in 4 unemployment benefits claims during the pandemic for failing to respond to the department's requests for additional information — or because the department was not able to process the additional information provided in the allotted time frame.

Meanwhile, a September 2020 report written by a team assembled by Gov. Gavin Newsom, found that during the same period, each department field office "had an estimated 450 pounds of unopened mail and had no system for processing unopened mail. Further, at the state's call centers, less than 1 percent of callers reached an EDD staff member."

The Legislative Analyst Office's report makes over a dozen suggestions to remedy the issues it identifies, including recommendations for how to limit improper claim denials, minimize delays and simplify benefits applications.

The report "misunderstands EDD's recent activities to improve the process, and the deeper problems with (unemployment insurance) that go beyond the issues referenced in the report," said former department director Michael Bernick, who is now special counsel with Duane Morris, a law firm. Bernick, who has also worked as a volunteer helping people who are trying to get benefits over the past two years, agrees that the process is too complex.

Yet many of the anti-fraud measures that the report blames for slowing down payments are required by federal protocols, Bernick wrote in an email.

"The truth is that EDD must balance rapid payout and anti-fraud — a process that has become increasingly difficult with the heightened sophistication of identity theft rings, and the amount of money going through the system," Bernick said. He added that newer measures to combat identity theft, including the addition of online verification tool ID.me, are on the right path.

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GET IT DAILY...

TSM water polo takes top prize

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SMDP Intern

This past July, the Team Santa Monica (TSM) U18 boys club water polo team took home the gold medal in the bronze division at the USA water polo Junior Olympics, marking the first major victory for the club.

"It is really hard to medal in this tourney," said Matthew Flanders, TSM head coach who has been coaching water polo for over 26 years, in an email to the Daily Press. "We are going against well-established clubs with scores of players. For a brand new small club, it is a fantastic achievement."

For Flanders, the process of qualifying alone was a strenuous ordeal.

"The USA Water Polo's Junior Olympics is the biggest youth water polo tournament in the world," Flanders said. "The competition is fierce to make any of the divisions. We had to qualify through our zone in May, which was difficult, and then get through some tough first-round games to get into medal contention."

Founded in 1978, USA Water Polo is the largest governing body for water polo in the U.S. Its mission includes governance of the U.S. Olympic Men's and Women's Water Polo Teams and is considered the development pipeline of future athletes for the Olympic Games.

The competition, which took place at Palo Alto High School, was filled with competitive teams. TSM played against SoAC (Southern Alameda County) in the final round and won, 10-5.

The team is made up of loads of Samohi students, with some standout players being Cormac Flanders (Samo '21), Darragh Flanders (Samo '24) and Niko Galvan (Samo '22).

> "The USA Water Polo Junior Olympics is the biggest youth water polo tournament in the world
> —Matthew Flanders

"It was a great weekend and the kids worked extremely hard to earn this medal," Flanders concluded. "They are a great bunch of young men."

FRESHWATER

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leaves on the vine would begin to burn and crinkle, then fewer grapes would be able to grow on each bunch, eventually rendering the crop unusable.

To avoid that, he taps groundwater from a well farther up the property and runs it through a ditch down to his drip irrigation lines, a process that takes longer. The owner's alfalfa, which is used to feed cows, can withstand higher salt levels, so for now it can still drink up the river water.

The two men want approval from the state to build a small reservoir on the property to store fresh water for use in dry times. If they are forced to turn to salty water more and more, it will hurt the soil over time.

Hamilton's goal, he said, is "to have a soil that my kids will be able to farm in."

Others, like Costa, don't have as many options. He farms about four square miles (10 square kilometers) of land in the southern reach of the Delta. He gets water from several rivers in the Delta, delivered by an irrigation district through a ditch on his property. This year, the water's higher salt content is evident, leaving white stains on the dirt in his fields and hurting his cucumber crop.

He sells the cucumbers to a company that turns them into pickles for use at Subway and other stores. His yield is down about 25% this year, and more of the cucumbers he picks are crooked, making them harder to use for pickling.

"If you don't repulse salinity in the Delta, then the ocean slowly creeps in and at some point you get water that's unusable and people are ruined," said John Herrick, general counsel for the South Delta Water Agency, which is responsible for protecting the region's water supply.

Meanwhile in Antioch, a city of 115,000 people, officials are investing in desalination. Last year, things were so bad the city couldn't pull water from the river at all.

The plant will be the state's first inland desalination plant for brackish surface water, said John Samuelson, the city engineer and director of public works.

Desalination plants are often controversial; earlier this year the state rejected a proposal in Orange County that would draw water from the ocean. But water in the Delta isn't as salty, so it takes less energy to make it fresh. Samuelson said other Bay Area cities are reaching out to Antioch to learn more about its effort as they consider their own options for stabilizing the water supply as climate risks grow.

"We just know that this problem is going to continue to get worse in the future," Samuelson said. "We want to make sure that we are being forward thinking and solving the problem today."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice Family Clinic to provide free community resources in celebration of National Health Center Week

Venice Family Clinic, a nonprofit community health center serving 45,000 patients in need from the Santa Monica Mountains through the South Bay, announced Monday that it will celebrate National Health Center Week 2022 by providing free community resources and services August 10 – 13 at its clinic sites in Culver City, Gardena, Inglewood and Santa Monica.

National Health Center Week is held annually to recognize community health centers, like Venice Family Clinic, that provide care to some 29 million people around the country.

At four outdoor events at its clinic sites, Venice Family Clinic will provide patients and members of the public with free books for children, health insurance counseling, CalFresh enrollment, HIV testing, health and wellness information and resources, information on voting and resources from Children First Early Head Start for families and children. The public is encouraged to join in the celebration on the following dates and at the following locations:

Wednesday, August 10, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., at Gardena Health Center, 742 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247.

Thursday, August 11, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., at Simms/Mann Health and Wellness Center, 2509 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Friday, August 12, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., at Irma Colen Health Center, 4700 Inglewood Blvd. #102 Culver City, CA 90230.

Saturday, August 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Inglewood Health Center, 10901 S. La Brea Ave. Inglewood, CA 90301. Free backpacks will also be given to children on Saturday while supplies last.

Visit venicefamilyclinic.org/news/stories/nhcw22/ for more information about Venice Family Clinic's National Health Center Week celebration and community giveaways.

Venice Family Clinic is a leader in providing comprehensive, high-quality primary health care to people in need. Having recently merged with South Bay Family Health Care, the combined organization serves 45,000 patients through 17 locations in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood, Culver City, Redondo Beach, Carson, Gardena and Hawthorne plus two mobile clinics and an expansive street medicine program for people experiencing homelessness. The Clinic provides integrated care by creating a one-stop health system that offers multiple services, often at the same locations and same time as primary care appointments. These services include dental care, substance use treatment, mental health services, vision services, child development services, health education, prescription medications, domestic violence counseling, HIV services and health insurance enrollment. For more information, visit VeniceFamilyClinic.org.

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HOMELESS

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During those three months, the City's Senior Housing Task Force — including representatives from the Community Services, Rent Control, Public Works, City Attorney's Office, and Fire and Police departments — served 30 households in its effort to "assist low-income senior renters facing eviction for issues such as hoarding" as part of the first pillar.

One resident the task force served was a 77-year-old veteran who was facing eviction, according to the report.

"Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles successfully intervened to get the eviction case dismissed, and St. Joseph Center helped him apply for a Santa Monica housing voucher to help him pay his rent on-going so he can stay in the community that he loves," the report, prepared by City Manager David White, stated.

On the "behavioral health" front, the CRU responded to 88 emergency calls for service in the past three months.

"This allows our front-line paramedic fire engines to be more available for higher acuity emergencies, and the opportunity to better navigate patients to appropriate services or a psychiatric urgent care center," the report detailed. "The benefits of the CRU are connecting more people to services, reducing the impact to local emergency rooms, and keeping front-line fire engines available for higher acuity emergencies."

Finally, under the "clean and safe" pillar, a 4,000-square-foot area of public space in Palisades Park was reopened to the public with "capital improvements [that] will benefit thousands of park and beach users." In addition, there was "substantial replumbing of several high use public restrooms at the Beach."

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LAWSUIT

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that Murcia requested his brother, whom he claimed holds a valid driver's license, be given permission to come collect the vehicle, but that request was denied and the Chevy Tahoe was towed.

Following the seizure of Murcia's vehicle, the complaint alleges, Murcia was told he must pay a 30-day impound fee of $1,128 as well as a $159.90 fee to release the vehicle. He also allegedly was told he would not be able to pick up the vehicle without a valid license.

According to the complaint, after 30 days, All City Tow will "sell the vehicle at a lien sale in order to collect funds due it for the towing and storage," if Murcia does not pay the fees. Therefore, the lawsuit, filed July 28, also requests injunctive relief that would block the vehicle, still being held by All City Tow, from being sold as the lawsuit progresses through U.S. District Court. According to the suit, Murcia's Chevy Tahoe "is his only vehicle and [he] uses the vehicle for his work as a street vendor."

The lawsuit proposes to name Murcia "class representative" in a class action lawsuit that, if successful, would require all those in similar situations to have their vehicles returned to them without fees incurred.

The complaint described Murcia as a "street vendor," but the lawsuit did not specify if Murcia held a business license to legally operate as a vendor in the City of Santa Monica. A search on the City website did not appear to list Reyes Murcia or Reyes Contreras Murcia as a business license holder in the City and spokespeople for the City could not immediately verify whether Murcia held a license to operate as a street vendor.

In response to the lawsuit, on Friday evening, Aug. 5, the City of Santa Monica issued a brief statement that it was aware of the pending class action civil rights lawsuit and that it was unable to provide details.

"The City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Police Department are committed to the values of accountability, equity, inclusion, and safety, and to protecting and supporting communities of color in our City," the statement said. "Our police department is deeply committed to protecting our City in accordance with the U.S. Constitution and treating all with dignity and respect. Our officers are professional and compassionate and dedicate themselves to maintaining public safety while building trust in our community."

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WEEKLY ARRESTS

SMPD MADE 78 ARRESTS FROM JULY 17 TO JULY 30

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Sun, Jul 17	M	48	Possession of Burglary Tools
Sun, Jul 17	M	34	Warrant
Mon, Jul 18	M	33	Drunk in Public
Mon, Jul 18	F	24	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Mon, Jul 18	F	48	Fugitive
Mon, Jul 18	M	36	Grand Theft
Mon, Jul 18	F	39	Arson of an Inhabited Structure
Mon, Jul 18	M	33	Possession of Methamphetamines
Tue, Jul 19	M	61	Possession of Methamphetamines
Tue, Jul 19	F	47	Burglary
Tue, Jul 19	M	39	Vandalism
Tue, Jul 19	M	41	Possession of Methamphetamines
Tue, Jul 19	M	70	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Tue, Jul 19	F	46	False Information To A Peace Officer
Wed, Jul 20	M	29	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Wed, Jul 20	M	49	Indecent Exposure
Wed, Jul 20	M	38	Larceny
Thu, Jul 21	M	27	Child Abuse
Thu, Jul 21	M	50	Possession of Methamphetamines
Fri, Jul 22	M	28	DUI causing bodily injury
Fri, Jul 22	M	27	Drunk in Public
Fri, Jul 22	M	57	Parole Violation
Fri, Jul 22	M	22	Assault & Battery
Fri, Jul 22	M	35	Tent Erected on Beach
Fri, Jul 22	M	41	Appropriation of Lost Property
Fri, Jul 22	M	62	Resisting Arrest
Fri, Jul 22	M	45	Loitering to Commit a Crime
Sat, Jul 23	M	27	Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury
Sat, Jul 23	M	33	Vandalism
Sat, Jul 23	M	27	Shoplifting
Sat, Jul 23	M	30	Possession of Marijuana for Sale
Sun, Jul 24	F	52	Elder Abuse
Sun, Jul 24	M	32	Shoplifting
Sun, Jul 24	F	50	Vandalism
Sun, Jul 24	M	18	DUI causing bodily injury
Sun, Jul 24	F	41	Resisting Arrest
Sun, Jul 24	M	36	Parole Violation
Sun, Jul 24	M	19	DUI causing bodily injury
Mon, Jul 25	M	30	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Mon, Jul 25	F	41	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Mon, Jul 25	M	44	Public Nudity
Mon, Jul 25	M	38	Resisting Arrest
Mon, Jul 25	M	53	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Mon, Jul 25	M	30	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Tue, Jul 26	F	19	Drunk in Public
Tue, Jul 26	F	23	Receiving Stolen Property
Tue, Jul 26	M	34	Resisting Arrest
Tue, Jul 26	M	56	Assault
Tue, Jul 26	F	30	Warrant
Tue, Jul 26	F	50	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Wed, Jul 27	M	29	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Wed, Jul 27	M	28	Parole Violation
Wed, Jul 27	M	26	Assault with a Firearm
Wed, Jul 27	F	24	Shoplifting
Wed, Jul 27	M	50	Assault & Battery
Wed, Jul 27	F	26	Assault & Battery
Wed, Jul 27	M	39	Grand Theft
Wed, Jul 27	M	36	Assault & Battery
Wed, Jul 27	M	32	Possession of a Controlled Substance
Wed, Jul 27	F	40	Grand Theft
Thu, Jul 28	M	28	Intention to Graffiti
Thu, Jul 28	M	25	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
Thu, Jul 28	M	33	Parole Violation
Thu, Jul 28	F	22	Drunk in Public
Thu, Jul 28	M	31	Resisting Arrest
Thu, Jul 28	M	40	Petty Theft
Thu, Jul 28	M	30	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Thu, Jul 28	F	31	Resisting Arrest
Fri, Jul 29	M	32	Drunk in Public
Fri, Jul 29	M	41	Assault & Battery
Fri, Jul 29	M	35	Assault & Battery
Fri, Jul 29	M	52	Violation of post-conviction supervision
Fri, Jul 29	M	33	Burglary
Sat, Jul 30	M	27	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Sat, Jul 30	M	34	Drunk in Public
Sat, Jul 30	M	39	Parole Violation
Sat, Jul 30	M	22	Domestic Battery
Sat, Jul 30	M	24	Drunk in Public

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 9)

You understand people and speak to them on levels that logic cannot reach. Your influence will be powerful this year and you'll effectively promote what you believe in and sell it on a large scale. More highlights include an ally with fantastic connections, upgraded transportation and a team that takes home the medal. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 22, 4 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your savvy prevents you from letting someone else's representation of events hype your expectations or play into your fears. You'll skirt the pessimists and shake the haters because a good mood is too precious a thing to waste.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are certain clubs you really want to be a part of. Don't wait for a good reason to interact with others; the most cursory interest in them is reason enough. Your ability to really see people is a gift to you both.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've seen what happens when hearts harden. You've also seen hearts expand to include you or soften to envelop you in comfort. Events seem designed to help you test the flexibility and tensile strength of your heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You aim to exceed expectations, so you won't set them so high that you won't be able to meet them. If you can manage to have no expectations, your experience will be fresh, full and surprising.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your success key has to do with treating the concerns of others with the same respect you do your own. You may even be able to solve your own problems through working someone else's for a while.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can ease the pressures affecting you now by changing some of the parameters of your thinking. Unrealistic expectations lead to frustration. If you got half of what you wanted, would these efforts still be worthwhile?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The value of something will come to light, or it will be valued in a new way. In this matter, the physical properties of the thing will be far less important than the story around it and what it represents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Feeling seen will boost your confidence and make you see yourself as more capable. Believing in yourself changes everything. Big goals become achievable; people seem more likable; life is more enjoyable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Slow and steady is not your go-to style. You'd much rather wave a magic wand and experience instantaneous results. With the magic of technology, you just may get your wish!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attention and openness are gifts you reserve for those who value the privilege of knowing you well. In your own way, you'll do some testing and determine who's worthy of letting in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though problem-solving is a strength of yours, and you don't shy away from interesting puzzles, you're still apt to follow the course of action that has held you in good stead: You maintain things before they become a problem.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It takes nerve to act on your own behalf. Some may interpret your move as an affront to their own agenda. Don't accept this logic. Being for yourself does not mean being against others.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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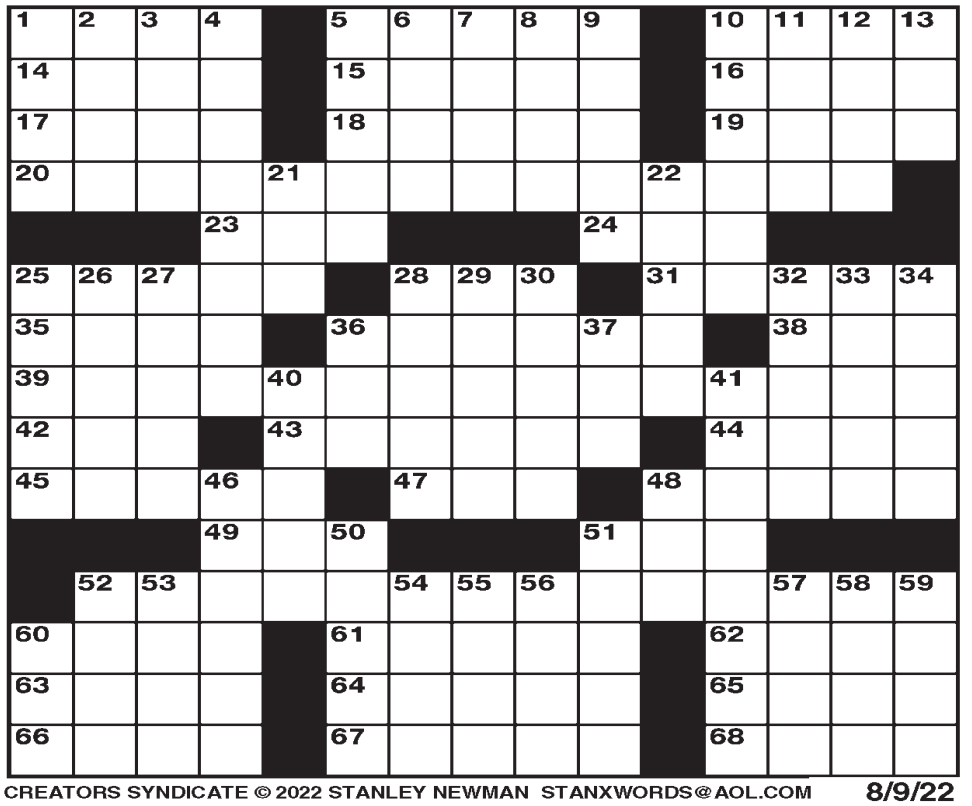
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ACROSS
1 Zoo beast that roars
5 Not having much flavor
10 Den seating for three
14 Farmland measure
15 Marathoner or Indy driver
16 Perched atop
17 Purchase price
18 Opening comment, for short
19 Must have
20 Be well-versed in a subject
23 Nonprofit's website ending
24 And so on: Abbr.
25 Lasting marks
28 Small amt. of sugar
31 Category for do-it-yourself books
35 Toward the dawn
36 Make up your mind
38 Beret or beanie
39 Enthusiastically
42 Make a mistake
43 On the wrong path
44 Fee for a poker hand
45 Kitchens and dens
47 "For __ a jolly good fellow"
48 Take the wheel
49 __ and downs (good times and bad)
51 3-D medical scan
52 Performs satisfactorily
60 Fence rail
61 Gave a glowing review
62 Found a purpose for
63 Green gemstone
64 Currently in the lead
65 Hard-to-please actress
66 Night-sky sight
67 Birthday celebration
68 No problem at all

DOWN
1 Don't have
2 Clickable screen image
3 Approximately
4 Measure of personal wealth
5 Deliver
6 Highway pathway
7 Performs in a film
8 Infamous Roman emperor
9 Plane without a pilot
10 "Solar" gas station brand
11 Unlock
12 Opposing forces
13 "Moreover . . ."
21 Surgeon's workplaces: Abbr.
22 "With this ring, __ wed"
25 Urban drainage system
26 Capital of Egypt
27 Houston baseballer
28 Molars and fangs
29 Frighten
30 Breads with pockets
32 Moan and groan
33 Take a sample bite
34 "Something else" category
36 AMA members
37 No longer damp
40 Sounds of shock
41 Global positioning stat
46 Speak indistinctly
48 This year's grads: Abbr.
50 Handbag handle
51 Wet and sloppy, as ground after rain
52 Layer of paint
53 Beef-inspecting agcy.
54 "That's funny!"
55 Hardly __ (rarely)
56 What vegans avoid
57 Korea's continent
58 Accelerates, as an engine
59 WWII turning point
60 Sleepwear, for short

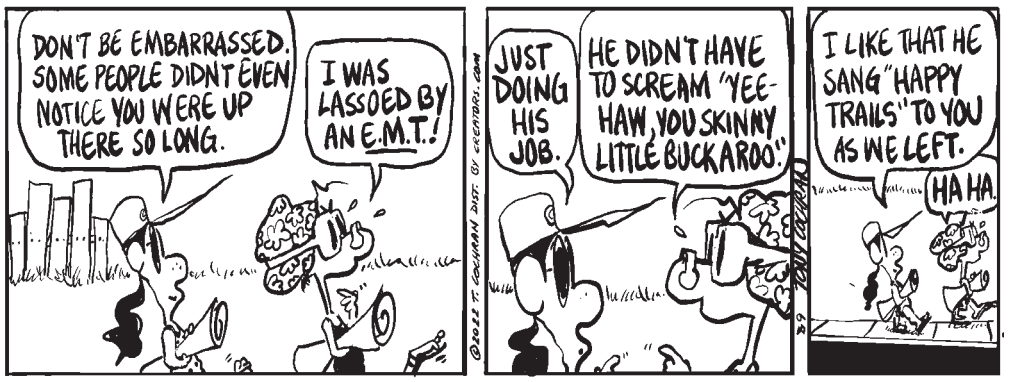


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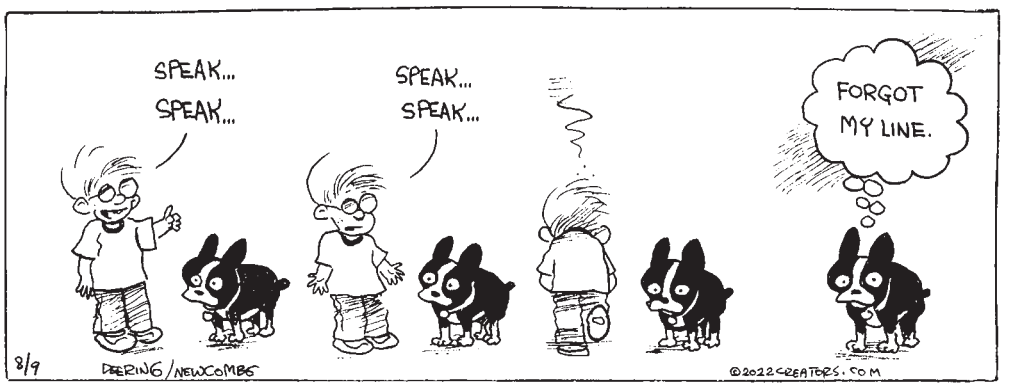
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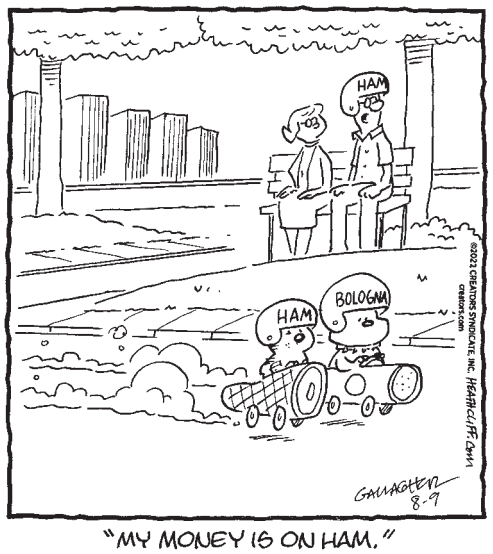
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"MY MONEY IS ON HAM."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

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Heading west

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

Adelaide
Albury
Arid
Barren
Bates
Bell
Bena
Big dry
Brown
Bush
Cocklebiddy
Cook
Derby
Dunes
Eulo
Farms
Flat
Gold
Gums
Haig
Heat
Hotels
Illabo
Jaurdi
Lakes
Lead
Louth
Madura
Manildra
Marla
Molong
Moree
Mulga
Nurina
Olary
Opals
Ord River
Parks
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Get ready for school with stories, play, and learning activities to support your child's building blocks for kindergarten! For kids entering TK/K Fall 2022. Repeats throughout the week. Register for one or all workshops here: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Main Library.

POOL OPEN
The pool at the Annenberg beach House is open daily. Pool passes go on sale one hour before pool opening at the Guest Services window. Passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations.
For more on the pool, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/pool.aspx.

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CLEAN BEACHES & OCEAN COMMITTEE MEETING
A special meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee. An agenda will be posted online closer to the meeting date at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PublicWorks/ContentCivEng.aspx?id=9480. 6:30 p.m.

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RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/Current_Board_Meetings.aspx

SCHOOL BOARD
The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education will hold its only August meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Virtual (via Zoom). Find the agenda at www.smmusd.org/boardmeetings

FRIDAY AUGUST 12

SEASIDE STORYTIME
Join organizers on the sand at the Annenberg Community Beach House for ocean themed stories, songs and action rhymes. For ages 2 and up. 10-11:30 a.m., 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. annenbergbeachhouse.com

ROLLER RINK
Benefit Cosmetics hosts a roller disco party at the Santa Monica Pier celebrating the launch of the cosmetic product Gimme Brow+ Volumizing Pencil. One-hour sessions available from Friday-Sunday. Event includes free skate rentals. Free. Register in advance to RSVP: www.eventbrite.com/e/skate-with-benefit-cosmetics-at-the-gimme-pink-roller-rink-tickets-384312287397.

SUNSET SWIM
Enjoy an evening around the Annenberg Community Beach House's historic 1920s pool at the former oceanfront estate of actress Marion Davies built for her by media mogul William Randolph Hearst. Swim, hang out with friends and make new friends poolside. S'mores and pool floaties provided, outside food welcome, no glass, no alcohol. 6-9 p.m. $10 for adults, $5 for seniors 60 and older. annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/pool.aspx

THE BIG REVEAL - WEBB'S EARLY IMAGES
Organized by the SMC Planetarium. Featuring Senior Lecturer Jim Mahon and Associate Lecturer Sarah Vincent. 8-9 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.). Free. Virtual. Visit www.smc.edu/calendar and select The Big Reveal.

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR
Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica on the Santa Monica Conservancy's walking tour. Stops include the Rapp Saloon, a British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show and Santa Monica's best example of Queen Anne Victorian residential architecture. Tours are approximately two hours and cover six blocks. 10 a.m. every Saturday in August, 1436 2nd St. Free for members, $10 for general public. Reservations suggested. smc.givecloud.co/dwt

POOLSIDE CINEMA
Watch "Despicable Me" at this week's Poolside Cinema presentation. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows will be hosting screenings of family-friendly films every Saturday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend. Enjoy your favorite family classics, poolside. Food and drinks served by FIG. 8 p.m., 101 Wilshire Blvd. Reserved seating $25, complimentary for hotel guests. www.fairmont-miramar.com

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SURF REPORT — WATER TEMP: 69.8

TUESDAY *POOR*	**SURF:** 0.5-1ft Shin to knee	Dismal. Mainly just old SSW energy. Higher tides don't help the cause, so lower expectations.
WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Could be just about as small as it gets as SSW swell drops further and NW windswell remains minimal. Watch for potential SSE tropical swell to fill in for spots our west of Dume.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 76. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67..

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/08/09	Tue	02:26 AM	-0.86	L
2022/08/09	Tue	09:01 AM	3.90	H
2022/08/09	Tue	1:22 PM	2.47	L
2022/08/09	Tue	7:48 PM	6.91	H
2022/08/10	Wed	03:10 AM	-1.24	L
2022/08/10	Wed	09:38 AM	4.19	H
2022/08/10	Wed	2:18 PM	2.16	L
2022/08/10	Wed	8:38 PM	7.17	H
2022/08/11	Thu	03:51 AM	-1.39	L
2022/08/11	Thu	10:14 AM	4.45	H
2022/08/11	Thu	3:10 PM	1.85	L
2022/08/11	Thu	9:26 PM	7.19	H
2022/08/12	Fri	04:31 AM	-1.30	L
2022/08/12	Fri	10:51 AM	4.67	H
2022/08/12	Fri	4:00 PM	1.61	L
2022/08/12	Fri	10:12 PM	6.94	H
2022/08/13	Sat	05:10 AM	-1.00	L
2022/08/13	Sat	11:28 AM	4.86	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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8 15 46 56 68
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Jackpot: 26 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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2 5 29 64 69
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 52 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 8/6
19 26 28 35 39
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/7
9 11 13 15 23

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/7
EVENING: 8 8 5
Draw Date: 8/7
MIDDAY: 6 5 2

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2nd: 10 - Solid Gold
3rd: 07 - Eureka
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