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Cafe Demitasse's new bar blooms with its own herb garden



Lila Victor

CAFE: Demitasse unveils herb garden patio and new bar built from reclaimed materials, with a summer drink menu.

LILA VICTOR

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Spring's promise of new growth has taken root at Cafe Demitasse — literally. Fig and

lime trees now shade the patio, mint and lavender curl from clay pots, and a bar built from the cafe's own broken castoffs anchors it all. The renewal isn't just seasonal decor; it's baked into the drinks, the design and the

dozen years of sustainability work behind them.

Cafe Demitasse unveiled its new bar and herb garden in June, transforming the outdoor patio into a verdant green space

alongside a new summer drink menu.

The bar features sleek butcher block wood bordered on one side by potted plants.

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Santa Monica man given life sentence for bus stabbing

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

A Santa Monica man was sentenced Thursday to life plus seven years in state prison with the possibility of parole for the attempted murder of a stranger during an unprovoked hate crime attack aboard a Metro bus in March 2023, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Gerald Pitts, 67, was convicted of stabbing Santos Tejas Gonzalez multiple times after shouting racial slurs at him and continuing the assault even after the victim fell from the bus.

reject such behavior.

"I urge everyone in Los Angeles County to reject this behavior whenever they see it and to stand with one another across every community," he said. "Public safety depends not only on enforcing the law but on refusing to tolerate bias-driven violence in any form. This office will not tolerate hate incidents and crimes in our communities and will respond with the full force of the law."

A jury found Pitts, born April 9, 1959, guilty of attempted murder on June 16. Jurors also said the crime was committed willfully, deliberately and with premeditation, that Pitts personally used a knife, that he personally inflicted great bodily injury, and that the offense was committed in whole or in part because of the victim's actual or perceived nationality, race or ethnicity, making it a hate crime.

According to prosecutors, the attack occurred March 25, 2023, at approximately 9 p.m. when Gonzalez boarded a Metro bus and attempted to walk past Pitts to take a seat. Pitts immediately began shouting racial slurs at him, prosecutors said.

When Gonzalez tried to leave the bus at the next stop, at Western Avenue and Exposition Boulevard, to avoid further confrontation, Pitts stabbed him multiple times in the abdomen, arm, hand and face, prosecutors said. As the victim fell from the bus, Pitts kicked him repeatedly in the head while continuing to yell racial slurs, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Gonzalez survived the attack despite suffering life-threatening injuries, prosecutors said.

The DA's office has posted video of the attack online (warning: graphic violence).

The District Attorney's Office said it has made combating hate crimes a priority through aggressive prosecution, community outreach and close collaboration with law enforcement agencies and community organizations. The office said it continues to encourage victims and witnesses to report hate crimes so perpetrators can be held accountable.

Hochman said he has also pushed back against policies that allow perpetrators of violent hate crimes to avoid standard incarceration, according to the District Attorney's Office. Earlier this year, the office successfully petitioned a California Court of Appeal to overturn a Los Angeles County trial court's decision granting mental health diversion to Job Uriah Taylor, who was charged with attempted murder, including a hate crime allegation. The appellate court agreed the defendant's case should proceed through the traditional criminal justice process, which the office said reinforces that violent hate crimes demand accountability that protects the public.

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“A hate crime is more than just a criminal act against one person, it tears at the fibers that hold our community together

- Nathan J. Hochman, District Attorney

“A hate crime is more than just a criminal act against one person, it tears at the fibers that hold our community together,” District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman said in a statement. “These crimes are meant to intimidate entire communities and weaken the trust that holds us together.”

Hochman said Pitts attacked a complete stranger because of his race or perceived race, repeatedly stabbing him and continuing the assault even after the victim fell from the bus.

“We’re grateful the victim survived and relieved that he is continuing to recover,” Hochman said. “This kind of violence is exactly what hate crime laws are meant to address.”

Hochman called on county residents to

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Negotiations for the Civic Auditorium anchor Tuesday’s council meeting

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The long delayed redevelopment of the Civic Auditorium may take a step forward Tuesday when officials consider a proposal from the organizers of this year’s upcoming beach music festival to occupy the location.

The Santa Monica City Council will consider entering into exclusive negotiations with Goldenvoice|AEG Presents over the future of the Civic Auditorium when it meets Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Staff are recommending the council authorize the city manager to negotiate and execute an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Goldenvoice|AEG Presents to evaluate potential redevelopment and operation of the Civic Auditorium at 1855 Main St. The item would advance a process that has included a prior negotiation agreement with Revitalization Partners Group over renovation, programming and operation of the venue.

Goldenvoice is producing the upcoming Ocean Way festival and the new discussions follow an aborted effort to secure a partnership with other music industry organizations.

Also on the agenda is a staff report on oversight of the Virginia Avenue Apartment Project, a 2033-2101 Virginia Ave. development. Staff are recommending the council simply receive and file the informational report, which responds to a council request for information and includes a presentation from Community Corporation of Santa Monica along with a breakdown of the city’s loan expenditures on the project through July 2026.

The council will also weigh new funding guidelines for the city’s Human Services Grants Program. Staff are asking the council to approve funding guidelines for the FY 2027-31 grant cycle and authorize release of a request for proposals for the four-year funding period. Supporting materials include the city’s Homelessness Strategic Plan for 2025-2030, an Aging and Disability Action

Plan, and a situational analysis of the city’s renter protections program.

Under public hearings, the council will consider a resolution approving the California Municipal Finance Authority’s issuance of up to \$80 million in revenue bonds to benefit 1318 4th Street, L.P. The bonds would help finance a 122-unit affordable apartment development at 1318 4th St. Staff say the project’s environmental review was already completed as part of the city’s 6th Cycle Housing Element Environmental Impact Report, and the hearing is required under the federal Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act.

The consent calendar includes several other significant items. The council will consider a \$24 million contract modification with Gillig LLC to purchase additional battery-electric buses for the Big Blue Bus fleet, bringing that agreement’s total to nearly \$89 million. Other consent items include a construction bid award for the second phase of the city’s street lighting modernization program, a purchase order for new recycling and trash bins, a construction contract for the third phase of pier fire sprinkler replacement, approval of a parcel map subdividing a property on 18th Street, and an increase in contract authority for county lifeguard services on Santa Monica State Beach. The council will also consider ratifying a resolution affirming the city’s 2025 proclamation declaring a local emergency on homelessness.

The council is scheduled to meet in closed session beforehand to discuss ongoing litigation, including dozens of cases involving the Santa Monica Police Activities League, as well as potential new litigation.

Under councilmember discussion items, the council will consider accepting resignations from Bradley Ewing on the Recreation and Parks Commission and from Hajar Muqtasid St. Claire on the Housing Authority Board, and authorizing the city clerk to publish both vacancies.

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Weather

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.

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2026/08/13	Thu	4:18 PM	1.37	L
2026/08/13	Thu	10:23 PM	6.48	H
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2026 Assessment Roll

Despite one of the most challenging years in recent memory, marked by the ongoing response to the devastating wildfires that swept through the Pacific Palisades and Altadena communities and a cooling real estate market, I'm here to tell you that the 2026 Assessment Roll when closed reached a record \$2.272 trillion in total net taxable value.

The 2026 Assessment Roll increased by \$96 billion, or 4.42 percent, over the previous year, extending Los Angeles County's streak of annual growth to 16 consecutive years.

This will generate more than \$27 billion in property tax revenue to support vital public services, including public education, public safety, healthcare, libraries, parks, and other local government services throughout Los Angeles County.

My job as your Assessor is to establish the assessed value of all taxable property in Los Angeles County each year as required by the State Constitution. The assessed value of that property is placed on a list called the Assessment Roll and assessments are based on the value of property on January 1, 2026.

As I said when I presented the forecast to the Board of Supervisors in May, this has been a very challenging year, highlighted by the devastation of last year's wildfires that laid to waste large sections of Altadena and the Pacific Palisades. We will be feeling the effect of those wildfires for years to come.

Despite diverting significant staff resources to assist thousands of property owners affected by those wildfires, we continued implementing innovative assessment strategies supported by recent major technology upgrades. As an example, we continued to improve efficiency in enrolling new construction assessments. As a result, new construction added more than \$12 billion to the 2026 assessment roll.

The inflation adjustment mandated under Proposition 13 is a significant factor contributing to the Assessment Roll. This year the California Consumer Price Index trended well beyond the full 2% allowable. This resulted in a \$43 billion increase to the 2026 Assessment Roll.

While the housing market has shown signs of slowing, median home sales prices remained robust, reaching a high of \$982,000. With that being said, property transfers served as the single most significant factor contributing to this year's Roll growth - adding \$49 billion in



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JEFF PRANG

additional value.

This growth does not mean property owners will be subject to a corresponding increase on their annual property tax bills. Most property owners will see only a 2% adjustment prescribed by Proposition 13.

Beyond determining property taxes, the Roll serves as an important economic benchmark that local governments rely upon when preparing annual budgets and planning essential public services.

The 2026 Assessment Roll includes 2,399,978 taxable real property parcels, 157,195 business property assessments, 31,938 boats, and 3,566 aircraft.

To access the Assessment Roll, go to: <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/news-information/assessmentroll>

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has been leading the largest local public property assessment agency in the nation since 2014. His office of about 1,400 appraisers and support staff is dedicated to creating an accurate and timely property Assessment Roll. This year, the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office conducted more than 2.5 million real estate and business assessments valued at slightly more than \$2.2 trillion.

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CAFE

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Instead of a traditional coffee machine, two metal groupheads protrude from the wood, along with a milk steamer. A Kyoto iced coffee maker that looks pulled from a science lab, jars of herbs and two grinders round out the setup. The unconventional machinery was intentional — one goal of the project was to remove the barrier between customers and baristas.

Like many coffee shops, Cafe Demitasse rotates a seasonal menu. Unlike most, it now grows its own ingredients steps away. As part of the renovation, founder Bobak “Bobby” Roshan planted fig and lime trees along with mint, rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender, all of which make their way into drinks. The whole team helps develop the seasonal menu, with one rule: never repeat a drink.

“We just kind of play around with it and then we try to tie it into whatever we can find at the farmers market in terms of seasonality,” Roshan said. “It’s a playful place here, so we try to just have some fun with it and not take ourselves too seriously.”

Roshan worked with designer Lisa Delena on a mural made of broken materials that lines the base of the bar. Opaque glass shards form leaves snaking across the wall, accented with pops of color from ceramics once broken in the cafe.

“My staff will tell you, for like eight years now, I’m like, ‘we should build something out of broken stuff’ because so much of what we do is tied into zero waste and reusing stuff,” Roshan said. He’d been saving anything broken in hopes of bringing the idea to life, and when the wood behind the bar began to deteriorate, he seized the opportunity.

The bar was installed and ready within a week. Roshan and his team hand-glued the

glass pieces onto the mural, with help from a regular customer and a first-time visitor who happened to walk in during the work.

“It was this whole community feel,” Roshan said. “We try to make it a space for everyone to participate in and use it as a venue for whatever.” Whether it’s a pop-up, a local school fundraiser or a kintsugi workshop, he said serving the community remains the focus.

Kintsugi is a Japanese philosophy and art form that finds beauty in “mistakes.” The practice repairs broken pottery with lacquer mixed with precious metals, usually gold, so the cracks are highlighted rather than hidden. “It’s just been always something I’ve found fascinating — taking something broken and mangled and then making something beautiful out of it,” Roshan said.

Since opening in Santa Monica 12 years ago, Cafe Demitasse has built its identity around sustainability. The cafe is almost entirely free of single-use items — metal chopsticks stand in for stirring sticks — and uses reusable filters and biodegradable coffee bags. Its bean refill program offers customers \$1 off the 12-ounce price when they bring in a refillable canister. The cafe compiled its sustainability practices into a Guide to Eliminating Single-Use Waste, published online so other cafes can adopt similar systems.

The summer menu includes the Green Dragon (matcha, smoky habanero, lemon-bergamot, a mist of jasmine and a jasmine flower garnish), the Castaway (pineapple-sage falernum from the garden, pineapple juice, tonic and espresso) and the Sour Cherry Sparkler (sour cherry syrup, black iced tea and sparkling water).

Cafe Demitasse is located at 1149 Third St. and is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Bobak “Bobby” Roshan

CAFE: Demitasse debuts garden patio with fig trees, fresh herbs, and a summer menu.



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Los Angeles

LA28 Ticket Demand Tops 12 Million as Games Reach Two-Year Countdown

With two years to go until the Olympic and Paralympic Games arrive in Los Angeles, LA28 has become the most in-demand ticketed event in Olympic history, organizers announced July 29. Ticket registration has climbed to 12 million, up from 5 million reported in February.

Fans in more than 200 countries and all 50 states have registered for a chance to buy tickets to the first Summer Games on U.S. soil since 1996. The milestone coincides with the LA28 Visa Presale, which runs July 29–31 and gives qualifying Visa cardholders early access to Drop 2 tickets.

“Twelve million people registered for a chance to buy tickets, a historic show of excitement, and it’s only the beginning,” said Reynold Hoover, LA28 chief executive officer.

The momentum builds on Drop 1, which placed more than 4 million tickets with fans. Los Angeles and Oklahoma City-area residents claimed nearly 75% of all tickets sold, along with 95% of tickets priced under \$100 and half a million \$28 tickets.

This week, LA28 and the Los Angeles Rams gifted 1,000 free tickets to 10 local organizations through the Community Ticket Program, made possible by the Rams’ inaugural \$5 million donation. The tickets cover Olympic Swimming and Flag Football.

Drop 2 runs Aug. 10–20. Fans randomly selected for a time slot will be notified by email Aug. 6–7, with slots open for 48 hours. Fans may purchase up to 12 Olympic event tickets and up to 12 additional Football (Soccer) Tournament tickets, with a four-ticket-per-ceremony limit. Registered fans who do not receive a Visa Presale slot are automatically entered into the Drop 2 draw.

Paralympic tickets will go on sale in 2027, when LA28 also launches a verified ticket resale network. Organizers caution fans to wait for the official resale program before buying or selling resale tickets.

Applications are also open for the LA28 Volunteer Program presented by Delta Air Lines. Fans can sign up for the LA28 newsletter for updates on future ticket opportunities.

“Twelve million people registered for a chance to buy tickets, a historic show of excitement, and it’s only the beginning

- Reynold Hoover, LA28 chief executive officer

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City Hall

Santa Monica implements new state requirements for City Council meetings

The city of Santa Monica has implemented updates to California’s Ralph M. Brown Act under Senate Bill 707.

The legislation modernizes the state’s open meeting laws to increase public participation, accessibility and transparency in local government.

Changes affecting City Council meetings include hybrid participation, with meetings now offering two-way remote access. For accessibility, the council meeting agendas webpage offers participation instructions in Spanish, and space will be provided during meetings for members of the public who wish to use personal interpreters or devices. Community members may also contact the City Clerk’s Office to receive agendas electronically.

The city will expand community outreach to encourage participation in public meetings, including outreach to non-English-speaking communities through local partnerships.

The city said it remains committed to ensuring residents have meaningful opportunities to participate in local government decision-making.

For more information about how to participate in council meetings, visit santamonica.gov/process-explainers/how-to-participate-in-a-city-council-meeting.

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My Small Business Fought Meta... And Won

If you have a small business, you probably advertise on one of Meta's platforms (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and others). There are other ways to advertise, like putting an ad in this newspaper, but if you run an online store like me, you know there is nothing like Meta.

Over 40% of all human beings on Earth are on a Meta platform (according to their 2026 Q1 report). 3.56 billion humans (or "users", as Meta prefers) enjoy completely free entertainment and communication services. In return, Meta collects their personal information, which is used to make their platform more attractive to advertisers (and more addictive to their users).

Even if you don't want to – you likely don't have a choice. You need Meta. Meta doesn't need you. That's where this story begins.

My name is not really David. I am using a pseudonym in fear that the goliath at the center of this story further punishes my business. They could easily find out who I am, but the pseudonym makes me feel more in control. I'm the kind of person who clicks "please don't sell my information".

Earlier this year, my roommate and I started a small online business selling stickers of people's pets. It's a silly, low-stakes gift that people genuinely love. If you, your partner, or your child is obsessed with your dog, check out pipsqueak.pet.

Over the holidays my roommate and I made a few AI-illustrated stickers of our friends' pets, and the reactions were out of proportion to the gift. My friend, a 32-year-old accountant, got emotional over a sticker of their French bulldog wearing a gold chain and oversized sunglasses.

We decided to put our time and money into starting our business because we had: A) a niche product that people loved, B) the technology to bring it to market, and C) the confidence (or naivete) that we could advertise it.

On nights and weekday mornings we built a real business — a brand, a tech stack, a production line — all around a product that was cheaper and cuter than generic pet products. We're not the first company to make custom-pet-portrait products, but we are the best.

We knew from day one where our customers were, because everyone told



us the same thing: Instagram. Facebook. That's where dog moms unload their camera roll. That's where our competitors advertised, and where the pet-obsessed spend their evenings and lunch breaks.

If you're not a business owner or media buyer and still reading – the Meta you know and the Meta that sells ads are two very different products.

Meta's consumer apps seem built so that anyone, even children, can use them. Meta actually got in a little trouble for that recently (Meta settles major social media addiction lawsuit with school district).

If you've only used Meta's consumer apps, understand that their advertising software is very different. It's built for experienced media buyers. Meta even runs a certification program called "Blueprint", with proctored exams... like how you'd get licensed to operate a forklift.

My partner used an AI-assisted browser tool that can click through a webpage on your behalf and fill in the forms us humans find tedious. It set up

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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our account. And a few days later, Meta restricted our business for "automation-related activity."

Our account never saw the light of day.

We tried everything we could to make up for our blunder – we sent our LLC filing, our federal tax letter, identification, our seller's permit, screenshots of our store and real orders. We thought giving Meta more of our private information would satisfy them. They usually seem to love that.

We tried to find someone who could tell us what was going on. Someone to apologize to. We were ready to beg, if we needed to.

After 4 days of chatting and 3 hours on hold for "a live agent", we connected with the buzzy voice of a woman named Patricia. After several identity confirmations and sympathies, she told us that there was: "no human interference," and the policy violation was "system detected." Apparently, Patricia herself was locked out.

A machine had flagged us for using a machine, and no human was allowed to look. She escalated our case, gave us a reference number, and logged off forever. Bye, Patricia. We sent in our appeal, so here's to hoping.

Nine days later (a surprisingly fast response), we got news on our appeal: Meta's system reviewed its own decision, agreed with itself, and denied us.

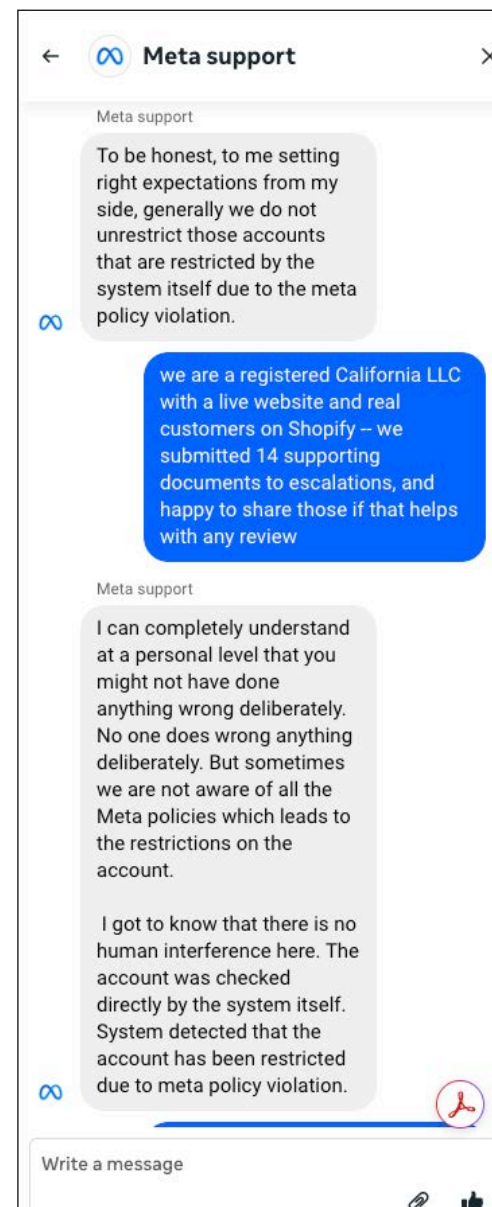
The system is rigged, man. Down with the System!

The next agent we got a hold of had no file of our case, told us the account was permanently gone, and suggested we simply open a new one — which we were told by Patricia was itself a bannable offense.

The next agent was the most honest. He just told us that there was nothing to do but wait and hope.

My partner and I started to feel crazy. We couldn't get anyone to listen (understandably, we are a small company). We couldn't get decent information (agents were vague and lawyer-y or contradictory, or both) (don't even get me started on "help" pages). But the most bizarre thing was we couldn't convince them to take our money. Wasn't taking advertisers' money their core business model?

We had 180 days before the restriction became permanent and unappealable. We had spent weeks of our limited time playing Meta's game. We were frustrated, tired, and hadn't improved our product, grown sales, or stretched thin moving to another platform, TikTok. Worst of all, we started to hate the thing we were



sacrificing our nights and weekends to do.

This is not a David-and-Goliath story. There was no fight.

You don't step into an arena to face Meta — Meta is the arena. (They are, incidentally, about to launch a prediction market named Arena).

At day 155 of our ban, we were preparing to hire a lawyer to sue Meta AKA "the nuclear option".

And then, one morning, with the lawyer nearly retained, our account came back. No email. No reason. No apology, no notice, no acknowledgment that any of it had happened. We were to thank our merciful god and shout Hallelujah!

The System works in mysterious ways, man.

We have our account back and are running ads but in the end, we don't feel like we "won".

There is no winning.

There is only: please sir, thank you sir, may I have another?

By David

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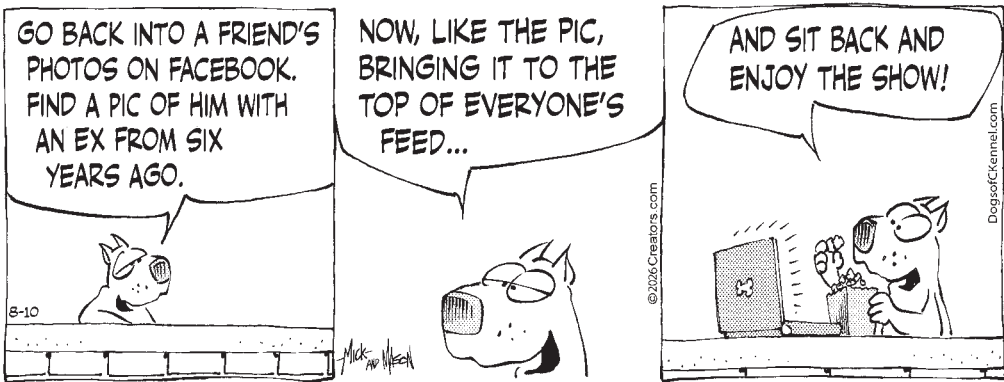
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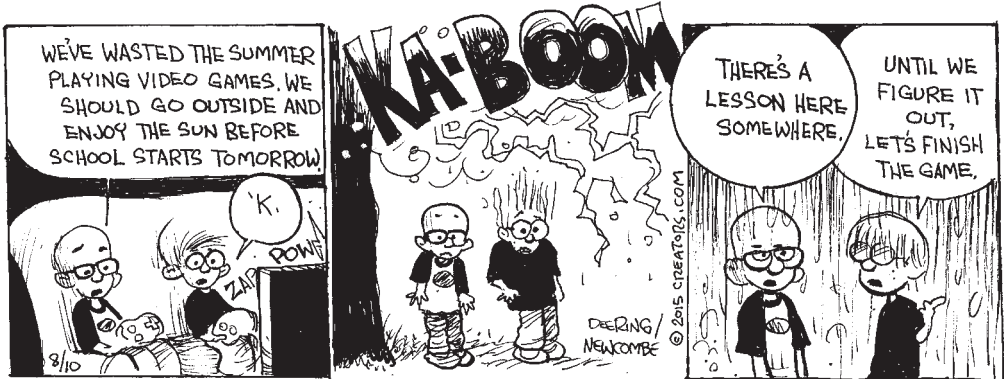
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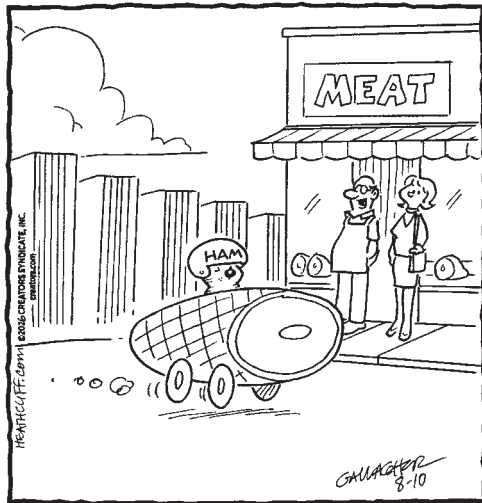
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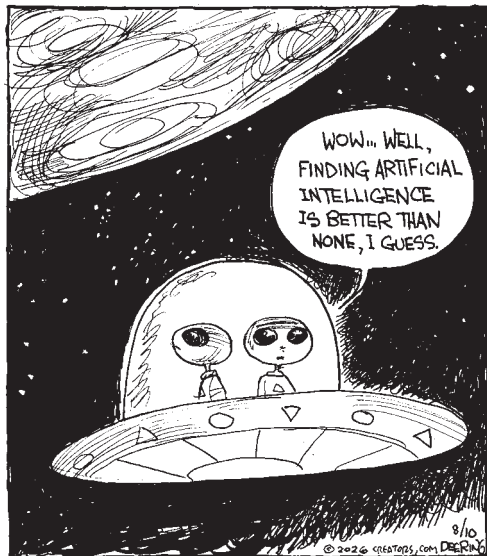
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 7028

Dog breeds

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Keep your mouth open

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't drive yourself so hard that you hurt the tools you're working with, including your own healthy body and mind. Rest is part of the work. You know you've done enough for today when continuing would make tomorrow harder.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you want today you won't want a month from now. It's like a craving. Served timely, it's so delicious -- but far less so when the craving has passed. To have the experience before your interest wanes, put it on the fast track.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The right conversations reflect your strengths and sharpen your ideas. But how do you find the "right" ones and avoid the rest? Head toward the people who make you think bigger, laugh harder and stay longer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your imagination is wild, but your practical sense is as poised as you need it to be. What a winning combination. Today, you can use it to turn a long shot into a real plan with exciting potential.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a dreamer with a vision and a leader with a mission. Lately, it happens to be a rather lighthearted and fun mission, and that could be why you so easily gain the cooperation of peers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While biting off more than you can chew is a choking hazard, nobody said you couldn't use a knife. Your project management skills are top-notch. Cut the challenge into smaller pieces and enjoy the feast.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). New voices and unfamiliar places will widen your view. You'll discover that people halfway around the world have already solved a problem you've been puzzling over. You'll give credit where it's due and put your own spin on it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know you're working at the right pace when it doesn't hurt to imagine doing the same thing again tomorrow and the next day and the next. You don't have to hurry. You only have to keep going.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The current situation isn't perfect, but it beats repeating the old chapter. You've learned too much, built too much and become too interesting to circle back now. Keep facing forward toward the next surprise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What works for someone else might be wrong for you, but you'll get closer to the right thing by investigating it anyway. And the good news is, options abound. With a little persistence, it's only a matter of time before you find a good fit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can tell a lot about people by what they consider exciting. If someone's favorite hobby is stirring the pot, leave them to it. You'll have much more fun with your own favorite hobbies and a "no-drama" policy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It feels good to be generous with the appreciative, but often the ones who most need generosity are incapable of appropriate expressions of gratitude because they're too busy surviving. Real generosity doesn't depend on applause.

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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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Speak hoarsely
- 5 Install, as a painting
- 9 ___ now (so far)
- 13 Hooded winter jacket
- 14 Woodwind instrument
- 15 Identical
- 16 Score 100% on a test
- 17 Nevada casino city
- 18 "What's ___ for me"
- 19 List of a sports squad's players
- 21 Facts and figures
- 22 Metallic rocks
- 23 FBI guys, for short
- 25 Gold-extraction activity
- 29 Huge
- 30 Scottish cap
- 33 Much-admired celebrity
- 34 Koran reader's faith
- 36 French "yes"
- 37 Book's chapter list
- 41 Fill in ___ blank
- 42 Not qualified (for)
- 43 Very funny person
- 44 Note after fa
- 45 Sunbeam
- 46 Puzzle clue list heading
- 48 Lowly worker
- 50 1000 grams, for short
- 52 Car's beeper
- 54 List of an eatery's main courses
- 60 Enthusiastic, as a fan
- 61 Poems of praise
- 62 Takes a bus or train
- 63 Path-following paper puzzle

- 64 Escape in a hurry
- 65 Seaweed
- 66 Vehicle on snow
- 67 Had the opinion
- 68 Impolite glance

DOWN

- 1 Speed contest
- 2 Vicinity
- 3 Fat-free milk
- 4 Store's customer
- 5 Stallion, for example
- 6 Assists in wrongdoing
- 7 ___ of the above ("other" choice)
- 8 Native of Atlanta
- 9 "All kidding ___..."
- 10 Texas home of the Alamo
- 11 Decide not to include
- 12 Greek cheese
- 13 Small butter portion
- 20 Website suffix for nonprofits
- 24 Group in charge: Abbr.
- 25 Catchers' gloves
- 26 State known for potatoes
- 27 Prestigious award for Peace
- 28 Not feeling well
- 29 Ink stain
- 31 Convertibles and sedans
- 32 Fine sprays
- 34 Far from certain
- 35 ___-fi (outer-space

LISTS by Sally R. Stein
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- stories)
- 38 Coin in France and Spain
- 39 Intermittently
- 40 Make a mistake
- 46 British beer
- 47 Ranch's enclosure for steeds
- 49 Concluded
- 50 Prepare to propose
- 51 Atlas' closeup map
- 52 Performers who overact
- 53 Egg-shaped
- 55 Not doing anything
- 56 Marathon fraction
- 57 Outer margin
- 58 Close (to)
- 59 Find a purpose for

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MY LAWYER IS AN ANGEL – CHASING THE AMBULANCE CHASERS OFF THE ROAD!

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. It's the world premiere of acclaimed playwright Jerry Mayer's serious comedy about ambulance chasers, those predators

whose faces leer down at us from every billboard in town, and the angel of an attorney (yes, there is such a thing) who's on a mission to chase them off the road.

The internationally acclaimed team that brought you Jews R2 Much Fun, Almost Perfect, Aspirin & ELEPHANTS, You Haven't Changed a Bit and Other Lies and more, reunites renowned playwright Jerry Mayer with veteran (and frequent Mayer) director Chris DeCarlo. Original music is by Steve Mayer. The stellar cast features DeCarlo (Author! Author!, Mistakes Were Made), Michael Brunino (The Italians, Tracy Kelly: Siblings Gang), Summer Moran (The Last Spark of Us, Strings Attached), Elena Rosa (The Dropout, L.A.'s Finest). \$25.00 to \$35.00— Use Code SMDP for \$10 off each ticket (phone or email only). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/my-lawyer-is-an-angel-chasing-the-ambulance-chasers-off-the-road-/18922943/2026-08-10T15>

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2026-08-03T18>

MONDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Four Wood Golf 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Get ready for Monday Night Golf—join us for our monthly scramble at Four Wood Golf! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for a fun way to kick off your week, this event is all about good competition and great company on the simulators. \$30.00 — \$30 for non-members, free for spectators. Visit <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/monday-night-scramble/19572523/2026-08-10T18>

CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Castanea Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy 50% OFF all coffees at Castanea Venice Beach ?? Early Bird special every Mon–Thu from 9–10am. Start your morning with premium coffee at a special price – limited time offer! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-early-bird-special/18847307/2026-08-03T21>

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-08-03T21>

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TUESDAY | AUGUST 11

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Paint Lab 1453 14th St Santa Monica. In this workshop each student will work on their own project with guidance from an instructor. The adult acrylic/oil workshop is \$48.00 plus the cost of canvas (canvas available for purchase in studio). Workshop cost includes easel set up, paint, brushes, apron, 2 hours of instruction and clean up. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/acrylic-oil-painting-workshop-tuesday/19429773/2026-08-11T13>

WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Laurie Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-08-04T14>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-08-04T15>

WEEKLY WALKING CLUB

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Near Palisades Recreation Center Toyopa Drive and Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades. A weekly walking club will meet on Tuesdays for approximately one hour to walk 1.5 to 2 miles. The group will meet at the corner of Toyopa and Alma Real. All levels are welcome. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/weekly-walking-club/19106860/2026-08-04T16>

CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - LATTE ART CLASS

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Castanea Sicilian Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Castanea Sicilian Cafe - Latte Art Class. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-latte-art-class/18526612/2026-08-11T19>

LET'S BINGO AGAIN TUESDAYS 7-10 PM

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Ace Hotel Los Angeles 929 S Broadway, Los Angeles. Show up. Eat good things. Mark squares. Win things. It's that simple. Bingo at King's Highway hosted by our sparkly girl Vanity Halston this Tuesday 12.27.25. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/let-s-bingo-again-tuesdays-7-10-pm/18565296/2026-08-11T19>

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 12

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-08-05T10>

TODDLER STORYTIME AND SONGS

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Toddler Storytime and Songs Join us for storytime on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We share stories, songs, and movement activities to build early literacy skills for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/toddler-storytime-and-songs/18526513/2026-08-05T10>

LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wise and Healthy Aging 1527 4th Street Santa Monica. Kim Selbert, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist will facilitate this class. We all need more laughter in our lives, right? Through clapping, guided breathing and gentle movement with music, we will learn how to reduce stress, become more energetic and playful and connect positively with other seniors. It's easy, fun and very uplifting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/laugh-for-the-health-of-it/19300395/2026-08-05T11>

MIDDAY YOGA ON WEDNESDAYS

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Free Community Yoga created with care for those impacted by the Palisades Fire In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrsm.org/event/midday-yoga-on-wednesdays-b7af2> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/midday-yoga-on-wednesdays/19509303/2026-08-12T13>



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