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Los Angeles Councilwoman asks for more homeless services money









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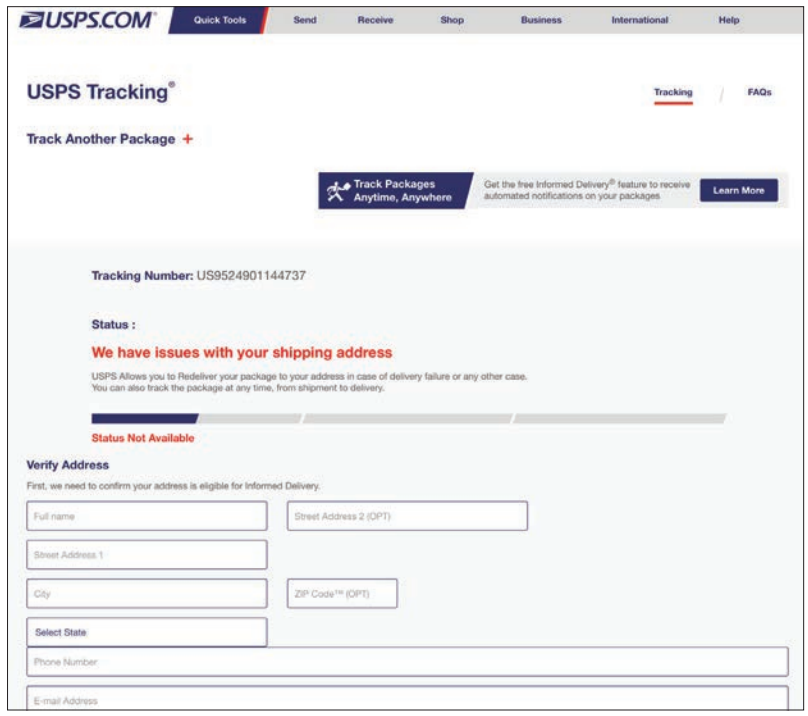
MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles Councilwoman Traci Park has introduced a motion to the Los Angeles City Council calling for a more equitable distribution of Measure H homeless funds as the measure approaches its expiration and possible renewal by voters.

Measure H passed with 69 percent of the vote in 2017 and established a 0.25% sales tax to provide ongoing funding to prevent and combat homelessness within the County. At the time, the measure listed a laundry list of potential uses for the money such as mental health, substance abuse treatment, health care, education, job training, rental and housing subsidies, case management and services, emergency and affordable housing, transportation, outreach, prevention, and supportive services

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Onlines scams growing in sophistication



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SCAM: Fake websites may look just like the real thing.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A renewed wave of scams targeting locals has prompted repeated warnings from local authorities over the perpetually worrying trend.

Though many citizens may be aware of telephone or online scams, the digital age has created more devious scammers than prior generations, preying on vulnerable populations such as Santa Monica's

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Americans are divided along party lines over Trump's actions in election cases, AP-NORC poll shows

LINLEY SANDERS AND JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

Americans are deeply divided along party lines in their views of President Donald Trump's actions in the most recent criminal cases brought against him, a new poll shows, with about half saying his alleged attempt to interfere in Georgia's 2020 vote count was illegal.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Legislature is avoiding key issues, including worsening California fire insurance crisis

BY DAN WALTERS

As the Legislature reconvenes this week for the final month of its 2023 session, it will be deciding the fate of hundreds of remaining bills.

It would be fair, if a bit cynical, to say that California could survive quite nicely if 90% of them never made it to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk.

It would be equally fair and cynical to say that the session will adjourn in September without effectively dealing with some very serious, even existential, issues that adversely affect the lives of those legislators sworn to serve.

The housing crisis is one. Another session will end without addressing misuse of the California Environmental Quality Act to stall or kill much-needed housing projects. Newsom persuaded the Legislature to reform CEQA's effects of public works projects, but is apparently unwilling to take on the heavy lift of reforming its impact on housing.

As the housing crisis persists, it forces ever-more low-income Californians out of homes and apartments and into the streets, thus worsening the nation's worst – by far – homelessness crisis that the Californians put at the top of their concerns.

Legislators and Newsom, besot with ideological commitments to criminal justice reform, are loath to crack down on the criminals that are terrorizing merchants and residents of the state's major cities. One of the pending measures, Senate Bill 553, would compel employers to implement plans to mitigate violence against their workers, facing fines and potential lawsuits for failure. Business groups complain that it would wrongly blame employers, rather than criminals, for invasive attacks.

There are many other issues being ignored, and one of the more important is a developing crisis in home insurance coverage as one-by-one, insurers shun the California market, saying that wildfires, construction costs and other factors are creating more financial exposure than they can cover with premiums.

As California homeowners become unable to find coverage from the private market, more are forced into the state's FAIR program as a last resort, with high premiums and limits on coverage.

Insurers complain that the Department of Insurance doesn't allow them to include forward-looking catastrophic modeling in their rates, requiring them to base premiums only on past experiences. Nor are they allowed to include the costs of reinsurance, which insurers use to mitigate potential liability.

An Assembly committee conducted a hearing into the crisis and the viability of catastrophe modeling two months ago. A staff report noted that "eight of California's top 20 wildfires have occurred in the last half-dozen years, burning 8,512 structures," with "the top three largest fires – the August Complex fire in 2020, the Dixie fire in 2021, and the Mendocino Complex fire in 2018 – burned a collective 2.45 million acres and destroyed 2,526 structures."

The list of disastrous wildfires didn't include the 2018 Camp Fire that was relatively small in acreage, but wiped out the town of Paradise, destroyed more than 18,800 structures, caused 85 deaths and resulted in more than $16.5 billion in losses.

Despite the peril posed by wildfires and the ever-worsening insurance availability crisis, the net result of the hearing was that everybody thought something should be done, but nothing concrete emerged.



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FIRE: A house burns on Platina Road at the Zogg Fire near Ono in 2020.

One factor is a change in the Department of Insurance that voters decreed 35 years ago, making the insurance commissioner an elective office. The ambitious politicians who win the position feel pressure to keep premiums as low as possible, even if they drive insurers out of the state.

Consumer groups oppose forward-looking catastrophic modeling – which is used for earthquake insurance – because it would almost certainly boost fire insurance premiums.

It's a tradeoff between insurance availability and insurance costs that cannot be, politically, a win-win situation.

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Free Events Include Super Mario Bros' Screening & Tomato Tasting Competition

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Santa Monica

Your weekend starts here with a Free Super Mario Bros' Screening, food and drink highlights including a Tomato Tasting Competition and Craw Daddy Boiler Summer Bash @ Esters, and much more!

"Cars & Coffee" @ the Water Garden (FREE): Event "features a hand-selected group of Lowriders on display along with live music, a food truck, a custom floral station and more!" with coffee sold by Dirty Latte Co. Thursday, Aug 17, 12:00-2:00p.m. 1620 26th St. https://www.malibuautobahn.com/cars-coffee-water-garden-santa-monica

Super Mario Bros' Screening (FREE): 'Watch at Water Garden' Summer Series returns Thursday, Aug 17, Music starts @ 5:00p.m. & movie @ 8:00p.m. The Great Lawn @ 1620 26th St. RSVP here to attend: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7rFlwvPBO1borE5zpEGdxVhXTsu4GmxTPzO4ArQanNFX8Vw/viewform

Don't Tell Comedy: The BYOB pop-up comedy club that changes locations for every show is back at a secret Venice location. Friday, Aug 18, 8:30p.m. https://www.donttellcomedy.com/cities/los-angeles/



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MARIO: The move will screen for free at the Water Garden.

Endless Summer C.A.M.P. (Community | Art | Music | Picnic) at Tongva Park (FREE): This first of four Saturday events celebrates community, arts and culture. Bring a picnic and join as artists from across Santa Monica and the LA region share their culture through interactive music, performances, and hands-on crafts. Special performances by local youth will be featured. Open to all. Saturdays, Aug 19 & 26, Sept 2 & 9, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

4th Annual Tomato Tasting Competition (FREE): "Calling all maters!!! Bring your Black Krims, your Sun Golds, your Green Zebra or your Purple Cherokee. Bring your Big Rainbows, Amish Paste, and Mortgage Lifters for all to see." No RSVP needed. Saturday, Aug 19, 9:00 - 11:00a.m. @ Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4yxm0ks2z2qmw6e8w0kysjtgmg/202308190900

"Our Own Device" Exhibition @ Yiwei Gallery (FREE): "Delve into the interplay between escapism, addiction, and alluring artificial worlds. It invites viewers to reflect on the impact the virtual has on our lives and psyche." Opening Reception Saturday, Aug 19, 2:00-5:00p.m. Exhibit runs until Sept. 17. 1350 Abbot Kinney Blvd. yiweigallery.com

The Fugitive 4K Restoration Premiere + Q&A with filmmaker Andrew Davis: The 4K Restoration is being released to celebrate the film's 30th Anniversary. Saturday, Aug 19, 7:30pm @ Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Ave. https://www.americancinematheque.com/now-showing/the-fugitive-8-19-23/

Queer Picnic Summer Series (FREE): "Join us by the beach for sunny afternoons filled with good food, new friends, and chill vibes." All welcome. Sunday, Aug 20 @ Ocean View Park, 2701 Barnard Way https://www.eventbrite.com/e/queer-picnic-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Santa Monica's population, according to U. S. Census Bureau data, has declined by 5% since 2020 from 92.7K to 87.9, and it's projected to continue to shrink School enrollment in the city is currently 9900, roughly 11% of the total number of residents. With an average family size of under three among married couples and with married, divorced, and separated residents totalling less than 60% of the population, the number of couples with school age children is, clearly, small.

The forecasts for k-12 enrollment in the county over the next decade show a steady decline. The California Department of Finance predicts a 17% decline in enrollment, following a 10% decrease between 2008 and 2018. The Public Policy Institute of California sees attendance falling from 1,336,558 in 2021-22 to 1,089,180 in 2032-32, a reduction of 19%. It's likely that Santa Monica's student population will reflect similar reduction as the population of the city itself declines.

THE RATIO OF HOUSING TO HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN

While all the new housing might suggest an increase in school attendance, there is only a minimum number of affordable units among the thousands being built, and that prevents young families from moving in. Despite all the additional units, forecasts reflect a diminishing population. That may encompass the recognition that Santa Monica is among the most expensive communities in the nation and that the majority of new residences are priced at market rates.

All of this argues against re-purposing the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium as an ancillary gymnasium for Santa Monica High School, whose expansion was undertaken under far rosier conditions and whose future attendance may result in seeing many of the improvements under utilized.

UNEXPLORED OPTIONS

The Council is being particularly myopic in its inability or unwillingness to seek grants and financing to restore the Civic Auditorium as a local cultural resource. There are federal and state grants for restoring and retrofitting historic structures. Charitable foundations offer bequests to underwrite cultural facilities. Corporations pay tens of millions of dollars for naming rights... without having an ongoing financial interest beyond free advertising. None of those options seem to be under consideration.

Colleges and universities have been given endowments for generations, yet there is nothing in the published plans for the Civic that hint at using the Auditorium as a music and theater space for Santa Monica College — an activity that might generate interest and bequests from the LA entertainment community.

The Edward Thomas Company, which owns Shutters and Casa del Mar, might welcome a connection to events at the Civic. When Casa del Mar was the Pritikin Center, program participants, such as comedian Rodney Dangerfield, would attend theater and music performances at Samohi. Surely, marquee talent at the Civic would attract far greater interest... and fill hotel rooms that are within walking distance.

Fender Guitars, now headquartered in Hollywood, had its instruments played by numerous musicians who performed at the Civic. Letting the company christen the entry as the Leo Fender Lobby might have some value.

This is a time to be imaginative, inventive, and inspired; not limited to how things have been done in the past.

Peter Altschuler, Santa Monica

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Pig kidney works in a donated body for over a month, a step toward animal-human transplants

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

Surgeons transplanted a pig's kidney into a brain-dead man and for over a month it worked normally — a critical step toward an operation the New York team hopes to eventually try in living patients.

Scientists around the country are racing to learn how to use animal organs to save human lives, and bodies donated for research offer a remarkable rehearsal.

The latest experiment announced Wednesday by NYU Langone Health marks the longest a pig kidney has functioned in a person, albeit a deceased one -- and it's not over. Researchers are set to track the kidney's performance for a second month.

"Is this organ really going to work like a human organ? So far it's looking like it is," Dr. Robert Montgomery, director of NYU Langone's transplant institute, told The Associated Press.

"It looks even better than a human kidney," Montgomery said on July 14 as he replaced a deceased man's own kidneys with a single kidney from a genetically modified pig — and watched it immediately start producing urine.

The possibility that pig kidneys might one day help ease a dire shortage of transplantable organs persuaded the family of Maurice "Mo" Miller from upstate New York to donate his body for the experiment. He died suddenly at 57 with a previously undiagnosed brain cancer, ruling out routine organ donation.

"I struggled with it," his sister, Mary Miller-Duffy, told the AP about her decision. But he liked helping others and "I think this is what my brother would want. So I offered my brother to them."

"He's going to be in the medical books, and he will live on forever," she added.

Attempts at animal-to-human transplants, or xenotransplantation, have failed for decades as people's immune systems attack foreign tissue. Now researchers are using pigs genetically modified so their organs better match human bodies.

Last year with special permission from regulators, University of Maryland surgeons transplanted a gene-edited pig heart into a dying man who was out of other options. He survived only two months before the organ failed for reasons that aren't fully understood but that offer lessons for future attempts.

Next, rather than last-ditch efforts, the Food and Drug Administration is considering whether to allow some small but rigorous studies of pig heart or kidney transplants in volunteer patients.

The NYU experiment is one of a string of developments aimed at speeding the start of such clinical trials. Also Wednesday, the University of Alabama at Birmingham reported another important success — a pair of pig kidneys worked normally inside another donated body for seven days.

Kidneys don't just make urine — they provide a wide range of jobs in the body. In the journal JAMA Surgery, UAB transplant surgeon Dr. Jayme Locke reported lab tests documenting the gene-modified pig organs' performance. She said the weeklong experiment demonstrates they can "provide life-sustaining kidney function."

These kinds of experiments are critical to answer remaining questions "in a setting where we're not putting someone's life in jeopardy," said Montgomery, the NYU kidney transplant surgeon who also received his own heart transplant — and is acutely aware of the need for a new source of organs.

More than 100,000 patients are on the nation's transplant list and thousands die each year waiting.

Maryland's Dr. Muhammad Mohiuddin cautions that it's not clear how closely a deceased body will mimic a live patient's reactions to a pig organ. But he said the research educates the public about xenotransplantation so "people will not be shocked" when it's time to try again in the living.

Previously, NYU and a team at the University of Alabama at Birmingham had tested pig kidney transplants in deceased recipients for just two or three days. An NYU team also had transplanted pig hearts into donated bodies for three days of intense testing.

But how do pig organs react to a more common human immune attack that takes about a month to form? Only longer testing might tell.

The surgery itself isn't that different from thousands he's performed "but somewhere in the back of your mind is the enormity of what you're doing ... recognizing that this could have a huge impact on the future of transplantation," Montgomery said.

The operation took careful timing. Early that morning Drs. Adam Griesemer and Jeffrey Stern flew hundreds of miles to a facility where Virginia-based Revivicor Inc. houses genetically modified pigs — and retrieved kidneys lacking a gene that would trigger immediate destruction by the human immune system.

As they raced back to NYU, Montgomery was removing both kidneys from the donated body so there'd be no doubt if the soon-to-arrive pig version was working. One pig kidney was transplanted, the other stored for comparison when the experiment ends.

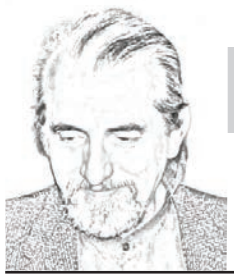
One other trick: Surgeons attached the pig's thymus to the transplanted kidney in hopes that the gland, which helps train immune cells, would increase human tolerance of the organ. Otherwise, the team is relying on standard immune-suppressing drugs used by today's transplant patients.

"You're always nervous," Griesemer said. To see it so rapidly kickstart, "there was a lot of thrill and a lot of sense of relief."

How long should these experiments last? Alabama's Locke said that's not clear -- and among the ethical questions are how long a family is comfortable or whether it's adding to their grief. Because maintaining a brain-dead person on a ventilator is difficult, it's also dependent on how stable the donated body is.

In her own experiment, the donated body was stable enough that if the study wasn't required to end after a week, "I think we could have gone much longer, which I think offers great hope," she said.

AP video journalist Shelby Lum contributed to this report. The Associated Press Health and Science Department receives support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Science and Educational Media Group.



OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

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Great Free Concert Sunday

RIP ROBBIE ROBERTSON of The Band – no space this week but I will write more next Thurs

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:.

TONIGHT! - CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE – They still smoke the blues like few you have ever heard, Celso slays with his slide guitar and Darryl destroys on blues harp, and both sing. This could be the best blues duo you've ever heard. But pace yourself to come back to Harvelle's the next night for Southside Slim's more electric, West Coast-style blues, equally off the charts. Maybe just bring your pillow and ask the kind Harvelle's folks if you csn spend the night. That way, best seat for Friday night. Thurs 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

SOUTHSIDE SLIM – A quintessential LA blues pedigree... take a look on his performance page on the Harvelle's calendar to read how Southside got to be the blazing, wailing, soulful electric blues giant he is today. Talk about grit and determination. He doesn't come around that often (but when he does, he lands at Harvelle's, LA's oldest blues club), so don't miss this opportunity. With "special guests." Fri 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – from their website: "Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it were, it couldn't possibly be this good. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. - Santa Monica Daily Press" And still show up every Monday night here, for 12 years. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT - "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" – TB specializes in Shakespeare, and they do "Midsummer" every year. They do tinker with it a little, and that means if you saw it last year, or 10 years ago, you will see something a bit different. Who doesn't love it? Puck, yes! Thurs, also next Thurs 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

"A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE" – Hallelujah, the Ruskin is back with what promises to be another blockbuster, an Arthur Miller play, led by Ray Abruzzo of "The Sopranos." Do you need to know more? Preview Thurs 8 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SMO, $24.

"MACBETH" – In this bloody, depraved corner, M'Lord and M'Lady, reigning still as the unchallenged monstrous couple of political pushiness, gruesome greed, absolute ambition and murderous mayhem. Some things never change. No wonder this one by Will (Shakespeare, not Geer) remains perhaps his best-known work (but hardly beloved). Sun :30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

"QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES" – This Theatricum production encompassing Henry VI Part I, II, III, and Richard III, is stitched together in a way that becomes a bit confusing, and as far as it "centers on the women and children of this UK civil war saga," well, a whole lot of them wound up dead. The acting is, as always, top notch, but – nearly three hours is just a bit long despite the fantastic sword fights. Fri :30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

"A PERFECT GANESH" – Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum is celebrating its 50th year of operation - amazing! - and while their forte is Shakespeare they always throw in one other unusual play per season, to make us think. This Terrence McNally play finds humor within the self-searching American abroad. Two friends travel to India with heavy baggage, reeling from loss and personal demons.. Sat :30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.



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X: Uillean piper ERIC, LILY, and SM's CONNOR VANCE.

Uillean Pipes with ERIC RIGLER TRIO featuring CONNOR VANCE – If that seems an awkward listing, I'm finding all the reasons you should drive to Palos Verdes Estates this Sunday for this very unusual free concert. Rigler is the most recorded piper in the world. Every time a film even smells like it needs pipes, call Rigler. "Braveheart," "Titanic," even The Simpsons. Palos Verdes ain't so far. In Ireland, I had to drive from the east coast to the west, Dublin to Dingle, to hear an expert uillean piper. The small pub was packed, in the off season. You will also hear fiddler Lily Honigberg. But here's

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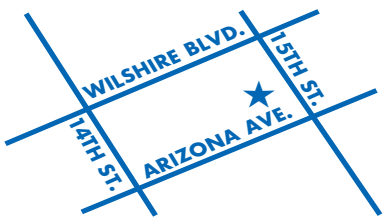
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TRUMP

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The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, which was conducted before Monday's charges in the Georgia case, also shows that about half of Americans — 53% — approve of the Justice Department indicting Trump over his efforts to remain in office after losing the 2020 election.

The poll finds 85% of Democrats approve of the criminal charges brought Aug. 2 by Special Counsel Jack Smith, compared with 47% of independents and just 16% of Republicans. Overall, 3 in 10 Americans disapprove, including about two-thirds of Republicans.

The survey suggests that the unprecedented indictments of a former president have done little to shake up a fundamental divide in the electorate: The majority of Americans disapprove of Trump, but he remains popular within the GOP.

Overall, 35% of Americans have a favorable view of Trump and 62% unfavorable. Among Republicans, though, seven in 10 view the former president favorably, and about 6 in 10 say they want him to make another run for the White House.

The poll was conducted Aug. 10-14 , before Trump and 18 of his allies were indicted Monday in Georgia over their efforts to overturn the state's election results but with strong indications that charges were imminent. At the time of the survey, 51% of U.S. adults believed Trump acted illegally in that case, including 16% of Republicans. That's consistent with an AP-NORC poll conducted in June.

Trump has denied wrongdoing and says the charges against him are politically motivated as he seeks a rematch against Democratic President Joe Biden.

Only about 2 in 10 U.S. adults — 17% — say they have "a great deal" of confidence in the people running the Justice Department. The low level of confidence spans the political spectrum, with just 26% of Democrats, 14% of independents and 7% of Republicans saying they have a great deal of confidence in the federal law enforcement agency. About half of Americans have "only some" confidence in DOJ, while about a third have "hardly any confidence at all." Republicans are much more likely than Democrats to have hardly any confidence in the Justice Department, 48% to 18%.

"Trump is obviously running for president and the sitting administration is pushing to have their political rival arrested and put in jail," said Cary Arnold, a 56-year-old Republican from Eldersburg, Maryland. "Just on the surface that's a very, very bad look. That's something that you would expect to see in third world countries that are run by dictators."

Trump's actions did not cross the line to merit criminal charges, he said.

"I have not seen anything that seemed to be illegal," Arnold said. "I know people have said that he did things illegally, but none of the things that they've said make any sense."

Trump has been indicted four times since April, but Americans do not view the indictments equally.

While about half believe Trump did something illegal when it comes to the Jan. 6 insurrection and the Georgia charges, along with the case involving classified documents found at his home in Florida, only about one-third say Trump acted illegally in allegedly covering up hush money payments to a woman who said he had an affair with her. That was the basis for charges Trump faces in New York City brought by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

Overall, Americans say that Trump's actions after the 2020 presidential election did more to threaten democracy than to defend it, 54% to 19%. One-quarter of U.S. adults say he did neither. Republicans are split on the impact of Trump's decisions: 43% say he defended democracy, while 23% say he threatened it. About a third of Republicans say he neither defended nor threatened democracy.

"Trump and a lot of his supporters are saying, 'They're just using this to get at him in the election,'" said David Biggar, a 60-year-old Republican from Navarre, Florida who twice voted against Trump. "I think he's being targeted because he did stuff that he needs to be tried for."

Americans largely disagree with Trump's contention that the 2020 election was stolen from him. Seven in 10 say that Biden was legitimately elected president, a number that's been consistent in the last year. But among Republicans, 57% say Biden's election was illegitimate, compared with 32% of independents and 2% of Democrats.

Treasa Howell, a 58-year-old Republican from Springfield, Missouri, said a lot of the accusations against Trump ring true, but she believes they're motivated more by politics than justice and Trump is being singled out.

"I honestly don't feel like anybody in the political arena plays 100% fair," Howell said. "I feel like it was a political indictment, but I absolutely believe it's true. And that's my problem with Trump."

But if Trump wins the GOP nomination and faces a rematch against Biden, she'll reluctantly vote for him, she said.

Cooper reported from Phoenix.





SCAMS

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elderly contingent.

The most common type of scam in Santa Monica and the Los Angeles area at large are known as "imposter scams," wherein a criminal impersonates someone (typically an authority figure) to solicit money from the victim. An increasingly popular form of imposter scamming in 2023 has been "smishing," a form of phishing when scammers pose as United States Postal Service representatives, telling victims they have a package that needs to be claimed.

"Victims will typically receive a deceptive text message that is intended to lure the recipient into providing their personal or financial information," the Santa Monica Police Department wrote on its Facebook page to warn residents. "These scammers often attempt to disguise themselves as a government agency, bank, or other company to lend legitimacy to their claims."

The United States Postal Inspection Service states that "if you never signed up for a USPS tracking request for a specific package," then do not click on a link sent via text or email. The USPS uses a 5-digit short code to send and receive messages to and from mobile phones, and messages will not be sent without a customer first requesting a service with a tracking number.

To protect yourself and others from "smishing" scams, the postal service also reminds residents to delete the text messages, as "legitimate companies will not ask you to confirm or provide personal information." Another defense is to "treat your personal information like cash," as information such as Social Security number, credit card numbers and other personally identifiable information can be used to either steal money or open new accounts without the victim's knowledge or approval.

Another popular scam the Santa Monica PD warns about comes from the telephone and often targets the elderly population. Utility billing scams have been rampant, with scammers calling potential victims, telling them that they are behind on payments and that their gas or electric will be turned off immediately.

"A call from your gas, electric or water company, threatening to immediately turn off your service, is probably a scam," PD officials stated.

After claiming someone is delinquent, the scammer will then make demands for payment through prepaid debit, gift cards, wire transfers, money orders or cash payments at an ATM machine. This is what the PD calls a "dead giveaway" of a scam, as is a sense of urgency, when the scammer demands payment within an hour.

To avoid the scam, the PD recommends hanging up the phone and calling the utility company using the number on a utility bill or through the utility company's website. If the scammer left a call-back number, it is typically a fake number.

Utility scams and "smishing" scams are just two examples of how prevalent scamming is nationwide. In 2022, Americans lost $8.8 billion to scams, an increase of over 30 percent from 2021. In the same year, over 140,000 acts of fraud were recorded in the Los Angeles area, with another 34,417 recorded in the first quarter of 2023.

"Simply knowing about the types of scams criminals run is your best defense against becoming a victim," the Santa Monica PD emphasized.

Preventive tips in the handling of suspicious telephone or email requests:

Do not click on any links in a suspicious email message. Instead go to the institution's website and log in directly or call a telephone number you know is genuine.

Do not reply to any messages that requests your personal information and do not send financial and/or personal information in an email.

Be cautious about opening attachments or downloading files regardless of the sender. Attachments and downloadable files often contain viruses that can compromise your computer system's security and personal information.

Be aware that fraudulent email messages often contain spelling errors and use poor grammar.

Be skeptical of any unsolicited calls.

Anyone with information regarding a telephone or email scam is urged to contact the Santa Monica Police Department by calling the non-emergency number at (310) 458-8491.

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NOTEWORTHY

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your best reason to go: the third player is local virtuoso CONNOR VANCE, who can play anything with strings and is adding instruments even as we speak. He was a member of recording, globally-touring Dustbowl Revival. until he decided he had to carve his own path. I applaud that tough decision, which will pay off for him. He has become the guy you can call in to not only play a fistful of instruments on your album, but write the charts and give wise direction. How can someone so talented also be the nicest guy in the world? Sun 6:30 p.m., The Neighborhood Church, Palos Verdes Estates, no cover.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

HERBIE HANCOCK Celebrates WAYNE SHORTER – with Alex Acuña, Brian Blade, Terence Blanchard. Terri Lyne Carrington, Ron Carter, Devin Daniels, Jack DeJohnette, Leo Genovese, Lionel Loueke. Marcus Miller, John Patitucci, Danilo Pérez, Chris Potter, Carlos Santana, Cindy Blackman Santana, esperanza spalding, Kamasi Washington. ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! Wed 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $24-119.

JON BATISTE – You warched him sing, play, spread joy and lead his Stay Human band on the Stephen Colbert show for seven years, but that was finally too confining for this fireball of creactive energy. His breakout moment may well have been his 2021Grammies showstopper, an explosive "Freedom" with jaw-droppiing choreography and dancing, that had jaded stars all on their feet, screaming, stomping, jumping on tables. But all that time this energetic son of New Orleans has been releasing albums, touring, earning a Masters from Julliard, a Forbes 30 under 30 recognition, Creative Director of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, speaking engagements, acting and producing, all while relentlessly composing new music. His latest album "Social Music," spent over a month atop the Billboard and iTunes jazz charts. He reps Ralph Lauren, Barney's, Nordstrom and H&M, such a sharp dressed man he's been profiled in GQ, Vanity Fair and Vogue. Batiste clearly knows what to do with the freedom he has earned, but if he's smart, he will perform it for us here. Wed 9 p.m., Fonda Theatre, LA, $61-134.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" – TB specializes in Shakespeare, and they do "Midsummer" every single season, 50 years now. They do tinker with it a little every summer, so if you saw it last year, or 10 years ago, you will see something a bit different, but still Will's welcome warhorse. Who doesn't love it? Puck, yes! Next Thurs 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/24, 10/4, 14, 21; "A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/ 25, 26, 27; "A PERFECT GANESH," 8/25, 9/1, 10/16, 24, 30; "MACBETH," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/26, 9/2, 17, 23; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 8/27, 9/3, 10, 17, 24; "QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES," Theatricum Botanicum, 8/27, 10/3, 9. 17. 24; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 8/28, 9/4, 11, 18, 25; SUDAN ARCHIVES, Bellwether, 8/25; "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE," PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT, Ford Theater, 8/25; BEETHOVEN at the Bowl, LA PHIL, 8/29; VIVALDI "FOUR SEASONS," LA PHIL, 8/31; MOZART Under the Stars, LA PHIL, Hollywood Bowl, 9/5; BUDDY GUY, KINGFISH INGRAM, Hollywood Bowl, 9/6; BACH, MENDELSOHN, LA PHIL, Hollywood Bowl, 9/7; HOLST "THE PLANETS," PHILLIP GLASS, LA PHIL, Hollywood Bowl. 9/12; . SAMANTHA FISH, Teragram Ballroom, 9/14; JOHN LEGEND with Orchestra, Gospel Choir, Hollywood Bowl, 9/23; LA PHIL GALA Celebrating FRANK GEHRY, Disney Hall, 10/5; STING, Hollywood Bowl, 10/7.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com (the real mr music...)

HOMELESS

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for homeless children, families, foster youth, veterans, battered women, seniors, disabled individuals, and other homeless adults.

The County expects the measure to raise approximately $3 billion over its ten year span and according to Park, talks are already underway regarding renewing the measure in 2027.

Park's motion calls for considering which areas are most impacted by homelessness when considering allocation of any renewed Measure H money.

"Los Angeles voters repeatedly have shown their commitment to financial measures that aim to reduce homelessness," Councilwoman Park said in a statement. "But with the mental health and addiction crisis on our streets worse than ever, it's clear we need to reassess how these funds are allocated."

Park said Measure W, passed just a year after Measure H and also with 69 percent of the vote, could be a model. While Measure W established a parcel tax to fund water quality efforts, it includes a provision to allocate resources proportional to the share generated by each municipality in the county.

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>
> - Traci Park Councilwoman

"We know from the most recent LAHSA point in time count that the City of Los Angeles shoulders most of the county-wide crisis, and therefore, we need to ensure that the City receives its fair share of these essential resources," Park said.

Park also wants any renewed measure to provide greater oversight and accountability by cities in the region. "This is about fairness, transparency, and ensuring that we make the most significant impact possible on this crisis."

The motion follows several homeless cleanups organized by Park. Most recently she worked with LAHSA, LA Sanitation, LADOT, and LAPD to clear RV encampments along Jefferson Boulevard in Playa Del Rey.

"The issues along Jefferson spiraled out of control for too long, so I'm proud of the continued progress at this environmentally sensitive location," said Park at the time of the cleanups. "Our partnership with LAHSA, Friends of Ballona Wetlands, the Wetlands Conservancy, and community groups like Friends of the Jungle, demonstrate the collaborative leadership I committed to as a candidate for public office and which I will continue to embrace as your Councilwoman. My office will continue to both address homelessness with dignity and urgency, and fight to restore and protect our essential environmental assets."

Park had called the longstanding encampments along the protected Ballona Wetlands a "historic failure" to address either homelessness or protect the environment.

The Friends of the Ballona Wetland said they had been working on a cleanup of the area for years and while they are grateful for the removal of the campers, the restoration will be expensive.

"It will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and take decades for the Marsh to heal," they said in a statement. "Hundreds of native plants and trees were cut down or trampled, 100+ tons of debris was dumped, biohazardous materials were discharged, several acres of fire damage, vandalism of the educational signs and benches, creation of social trails segmenting habitat, and spreading invasive weeds had severe impacts on the habitat."

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Summons

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TOWN

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LA Housing Forum - Homelessness in Los Angeles In Search of Solutions (FREE): KCRWs Anna Scott is exploring the city's housing crisis this summer from a range of perspectives, untangling this complex, but ultimately solvable issue.This is the 4th of four monthly forums at the Hammer Museum in Westwood. Tuesday, Aug 22, 7:30pm. https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2023/homelessness-los-angeles-search-solutions

"A Walk Through Pier History" - New Historical Walking Tours @ the Pier: "These new tours are provided in-person via tour guides, but through headphones which give the feeling of exclusivity. Images are also provided for participants to view on their smart phones (physical handouts are also available). It really is a genuine, personal and unique live experience!" Cost is $25 per person, and reservations must be made in advance through the Pier Corporation's website: https://www.santamonicapier.org/walk-through-pier-history-tour

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Xuntos: The Infatuation said the new Spanish tapas spot "belongs in any Westsiders' date night rotation." I can personally recommend it as well. Two of my favorite dishes so far are the anchovy on buttered brioche (even my wife who doesn't like anchovies was won over by this) and the fried eggplant (tasted like a fun vegetarian take on chicharones). 516 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/xuntos

The Surfing Fox Opens at Pierside Hotel: It's a mostly al fresco dining area steps from the pier with executive Chef David Yamaguchi, who has Japanese and Mexican roots, cooking up both classic dishes, including ceviche, Caesar salad, a burger, fried chicken sandwich and fish tacos plus some with quite unique twists like a Hot Chicken Sandwich with a koji brine and Oaxacan spices and a roasted half-chicken with coconut sauce and green sambal. 120 Colorado Ave. https://smdp.com/2023/08/16/pierside-hotel-opens-its-signature-restaurant-the-surfing-fox/

Mochidoki is a New Mochi Shop on Montana: The mochi ice cream company began serving its treats last weekend with a grand opening scheduled for September 16. While Mochidoki has two locations in New York, this will be the brand's first West Coast outpost. 1133 Montana Ave.

Wine & Brine @ Divine Vintage: $30 ticket includes entrance and 4 wine flights. The Blue Plate Oysterette catering van will be there offering fresh-shucked oysters and chilled shrimp to pair with their wines. Friday Aug 18, 5:00-8:00p.m. 1025 Montana Ave. https://bit.ly/winebrine

Border Grill Food Truck @ Main St. Farmers Market: Sunday, Aug 20, 8:30a.m.-1:30p.m. @ 2640 Main St. https://www.bordergrill.com/border-grill-truck/

Pa's Biscuitisserie Pop Up @ Coucou: The pop-up biscuit concept pays tribute to chef Nick Westbrook's Southern roots and the biscuit eateries he grew up visiting. The menu is divided into three styles - sandwich, gravy, and sweet. Highlights included a Fried Chicken Biscuit Sandwich, Spicy Lamb Sausage & Gravy in a goat milk bechamel, and a classic Jam & Honey Butter Biscuit. August 20 & 21, 8:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. @ 218 Main St. https://www.instagram.com/p/CvTJy1WvfJ_/

Craw Daddy Boiler Summer Bash @ Esters: Expect a Louisiana-style crawfish boil on the patio from Craw Daddy Boiler. "Prepare to get your hands delightfully messy and dig into lots of fresh crawfish and seafood, while enjoying a special 'Fizzy Beverage' themed Sunday tasting." Sunday, Aug 20, 2:00 - 7:00p.m. @ 1314 7th St. https://www.esterswineshop.com/calendar/

St. Anne's Lunch Food Truck Event: 10 food trucks. Free admission and parking. Lawn games and fun for the whole family or a quick bite during the work day. There will also be a caricature artist, coloring, music, free face painting, and more. Tuesday, Aug 22, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Saint Anne School parking lot @ 2015 Colorado Ave.

Michelin Starred Pasjoli Chef Dave Beran Opening New Restaurant on Main Street: The 38-seat, yet-to-be-named restaurant will serve a tasting menu inside a "secret garden" at 3110 Main St. sometime next year. https://la.eater.com/2023/8/15/23832043/chef-dave-beran-opening-new-restaurant-santa-monica-main-street-fine-dining-tasting-menu

Tallula's Closes This Sunday: The beach adjacent Mexican eatery ends a 6 year run stating "In this very difficult restaurant economy, the most challenging we've experienced in our almost 17 years of operations throughout our nine places, it no longer was sustainable to keep Tallula's open." https://smdp.com/2023/08/15/popular-santa-monica-restaurant-tallulas-set-to-close-this-coming-sunday/

LOOKING AHEAD: "Dog Daze of Summer" event on Montana Ave (Aug 26); "Day of the Dog" themed Main St. Festival (Sept 9 & 10)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 17)

Your solar return comes in like a hero, removing obstacles from your path. Watch and you'll gain the knowledge, strength and courage to do this on your own. More highlights: proud family moments, great skill in your favorite game that allows you to exceed previous levels, and meaningful connections with people from diverse backgrounds. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 5, 17, 19 and 27.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Before you decide to join or align with a community, pay attention to how they tolerate nonconformists. The security of being in a group is valuable, but not as valuable as the freedom to be yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People need your help. You'll consider this a blessing, as you'll benefit in ways you couldn't have conceived of. The call of generosity and the call of adventure will be one in the same.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If partners work at cross-purposes, either nothing gets done or the strongest force in the room gets their way and the process will be a slog. Get everyone going on the same aim, and the progress will be quick and easy, the work, brilliant.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever happens first, it will stick in the mind and be an indication of what is to come. Pay close attention to all that transpires. If someone cannot deliver the first time around, you will not return for a second time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Making things better for yourself often makes things better for others. However, today brings a situation in which what's clearly needed is a sacrifice for the good of the team. It's the right thing to do, which makes it easier.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Oddly enough, you'll have confidence doing something totally new to you. What makes this possible is your experience in an adjacent area. Your success there will translate. Solve one problem, and you're a problem solver!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Anger requires a great deal of energy. Letting go of a grievance gives you more fuel to put into improvements or even just into a leisurely pursuit of happiness, which would be an improvement too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The universe will pose interesting questions. Whether you know the answer matters much less than your general wittiness. Life isn't about knowing things; it's about showing up and participating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What matters today isn't whether you win or lose, but how badly you want the prize. Desire has energy. If you want something enough, your life will change shape, bending itself around the object of your desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Often people discover where the boundaries are by crossing them. Some boundaries are lines, others are walls, and still others have a gate that swings open when approached by the right smile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's better to go through bad times with good people than to experience good times with bad people. Knowing there's little that influences your quality of life more than the company you keep, you choose very carefully.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're open and spontaneous. Saying "yes" will be like a one-word magic spell. Because you're game to join people in their adventures, you'll experience something you wouldn't have planned on your own.

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

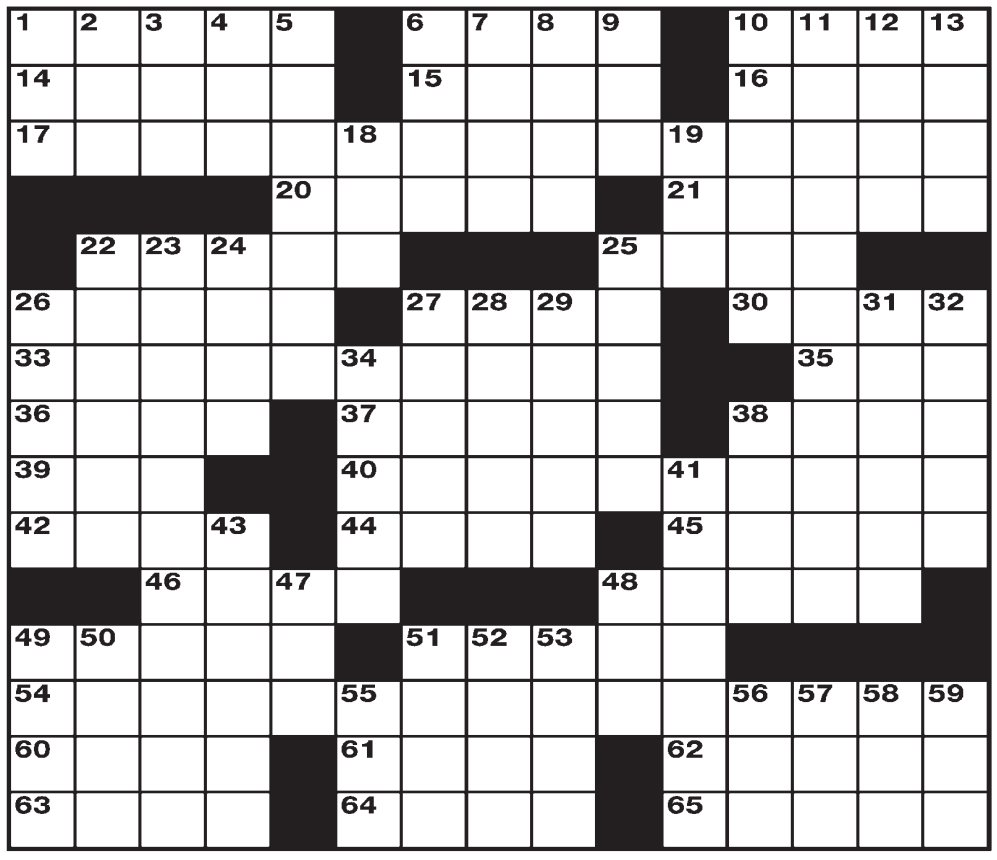
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6 Intersect
10 Longing feeling
14 All over
15 *M*A*S*H* star
16 Set down
17 "No way!"
20 Colossus
21 Within easy reach
22 Himalayan region
25 Common mixer
26 Train of thought
27 Big East overseer
30 Short distance
33 With 40 Across, Goldwyn's "No way!"
35 Proper
36 Cross swords
37 Absorbed a loss
38 Manifesto man
39 Bungle
40 See 33 Across
42 Follower of 11 Down
44 Reviews for accuracy
45 Weak-__ (timid)
46 Far-reaching
48 Specialty
49 Essential __ acids
51 Yo-yo, for instance
54 "No way!"
60 Specialty
61 Thing on a string
62 Borden mascot
63 Unimprovable
64 "Truly!"
65 Figures in red

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2 Collaboration obstacle
3 Frat letter
4 Periphery
5 Still developing
6 Groening of drawings
7 Island near Corsica
8 Blissful locale
9 ___ Mahal
10 High-pH compound
11 First brothers
12 Prefix for sight
13 Envelope-pushing
18 Remain unused
19 Gloating cry
22 Term of service
23 Weaves together
24 Breakfast dish
25 Play lists
26 Weather page info
27 "I would never!"
28 Moved slowly
29 "Bye"
31 In a coil
32 Bewitched
34 Relinquish voluntarily
38 Salt source
41 Expert
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47 Monk's title
48 Hostile party
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56 Draft choice
57 Thumb drive interface
58 Oater command
59 Bucks, boars, etc.

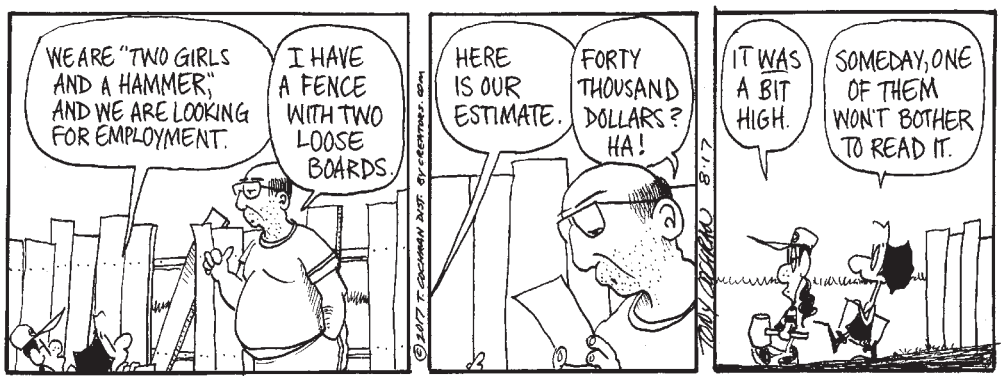


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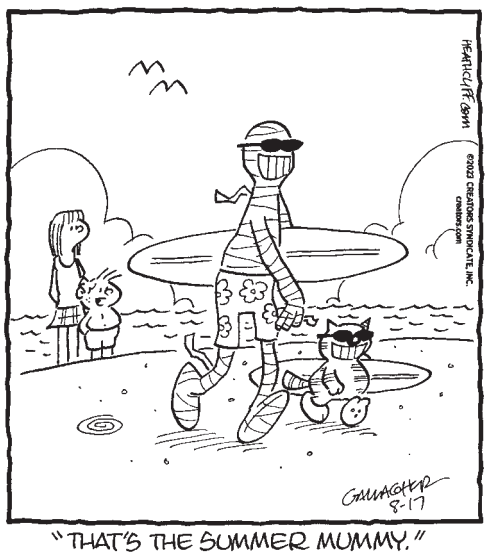
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5939

Love my garden

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

Acidic	Dogs	Melt	Rose bed
Ants	Fern	Mess	Scent
Ball	Fuchsia	Mulch	Seeds
Bask	Garden	Neat	Spraying
Beans	Gloves	Nerine	Sunscreen
Bins	Hats	Okra	Temperate
Broom	Herb	Palm	Thaw
Bugs	Hothouse	Peas	Thyme
Canna	Humus	Peony	Tomatoes
Clip	Iris	Pond	Undergrowth
Cool	Irrigation	Rain	Uniform
Dahlia	Lawn	Rake	Urea
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THURSDAY | AUGUST 17

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED
Children's Bureau is seeking foster families and now offers two virtual ways for individuals and/or couples to learn how to help children in foster care while reunifying with birth families or how to provide legal permanency by adoption.
If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about foster care and adoption, a live English Zoom Orientation is scheduled for August 17 th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
hosted by a Children's Bureau team member and a foster parent. For more information visit https://www.all4kids.org/foster-care-and-adoption-inquiry-form/

VENICE BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK CLUB
A lively discussion of fiction and non-fiction on the third Thursday of each month. Copies of each month's selection are available at the Circulation Desk. New members welcome!
Aug. 17: I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda
Sept. 21: The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen
Oct. 19: Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
6:00 pm in Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library

FRIDAY | AUGUST 18

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE
Unveiling the gripping complexities of Arthur Miller's Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and Olivier Award-Winning story, this timeless masterpiece serves as a powerful exploration of human nature, examining the fragility of relationships, the complications of love, and the devastating impact of unresolved conflicts. The play revolves around Eddie Carbone, a longshoreman whose life unravels after his wife's cousins arrive from Italy to start a new life in America. Through its compelling characters and thought-provoking themes, the story exposes the dark underbelly of a tightly-knit community struggling with its own demons, ultimately leading to a haunting climax. 8 - 10 p.m. Ruskin Group Theatre Company, 3000 Airport Ave. 310-397-3244

SATURDAY | AUGUST 19

4TH ANNUAL TOMATO TASTING COMPETITION
Calling all maters!!! Bring your Black Krims, your Sun Golds, your Green Zebra or your Purple Cherokee. Bring your Big Rainbows, Amish Paste, and Mortgage Lifters for all to see. Do you have what it takes to earn the title of "Best Tomato in Santa Monica" Unlimited entries, and open to all residents. All tomatoes must be registered by 9:30 AM. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90404.

SUNDAY | AUGUST 20

SUNDAY TASTING "OTHER SPARKLING"
Sunday Tastings are 12-9 p.m., with new themes every week, curated by Sommelier Randall Middleton. Enjoy a flight for $25/person, which includes a mini cheese pairing and link to a video of our team telling stories about the lineup. 12:00pm-9:00pm, Esters Wine Shop & Bar, 1314 7th St.

MONDAY | AUGUST 21

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led online discussion of a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. August's selection is A Crack in Creation: Gene Editing and the Unthinkable Power to Control Evolution by Jennifer A. Doudna & Samuel H. Sternberg. Virtual, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. 7 - 10 p.m.

TUESDAY | AUGUST 22

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica:
- Housing Authority
- Parking Authority
- Public Financing
- Redevelopment Successor Agency
- Audit Subcommittee

The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month starting at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California.

STAR STORIES WITH LAURA
Children are invited to drop in and share the joy of storytelling and reading with Laura. Take home a free book after coming to three STAR sessions at the Venice Branch Library. 3:00pm-4:30pm Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 23

AUTHOR TALK WITH CASSANDRA CLARE
An exciting evening online chatting with mega-bestselling author, Cassandra Clare, about her newest and final book in The Last Hours series, Chain of Thorns. Online event 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/31092/register

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **69.6**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Just up in size from Wednesday with small but rideable surf on tap as SSW swell nudges up through the day. Small NW windswell mixing in west of Dume and there's a little tropical swell blending in for good measure.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	A day to keep an eye on. Peaky (west of Dume) and probably clean in the early morning. Fun new SSW swell expected to top out through the day with a little more NW windswell mixing in.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 75.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/08/17	Thu	04:54 AM	-0.04	L
2023/08/17	Thu	11:13 AM	4.34	H
2023/08/17	Thu	4:25 PM	1.97	L
2023/08/17	Thu	10:27 PM	5.72	H
2023/08/18	Fri	05:17 AM	0.20	L
2023/08/18	Fri	11:36 AM	4.46	H
2023/08/18	Fri	5:01 PM	1.90	L
2023/08/18	Fri	10:58 PM	5.35	H
2023/08/19	Sat	05:39 AM	0.52	L
2023/08/19	Sat	12:00 PM	4.57	H
2023/08/19	Sat	5:41 PM	1.86	L
2023/08/19	Sat	11:31 PM	4.86	H
2023/08/20	Sun	06:00 AM	0.92	L
2023/08/20	Sun	12:26 PM	4.68	H
2023/08/20	Sun	6:25 PM	1.85	L
2023/08/21	Mon	12:10 AM	4.29	H
2023/08/21	Mon	06:20 AM	1.37	L
2023/08/21	Mon	12:54 PM	4.77	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 8/14
32 34 37 39 47
Power#: 3
Jackpot: 236 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/15
18 39 42 57 63
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 8/12
3 13 16 42 44
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/15
3 7 13 14 22

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/15
EVENING: 0 3 9
Draw Date: 8/15
MIDDAY: 2 7 6

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