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Drought-conscious Santa Monica again cuts water use in July

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All together, about 298.60 million gallons of water flowed out of Santa Monica's cumulative taps in the month of July 2022, an 8% reduction compared to the 325.42 million gallons of water local customers consumed in the same month of 2021.

The cutbacks followed an ordinance, enacted on July 5, that reduced outdoor watering to twice daily, on alternating days determined by street address.

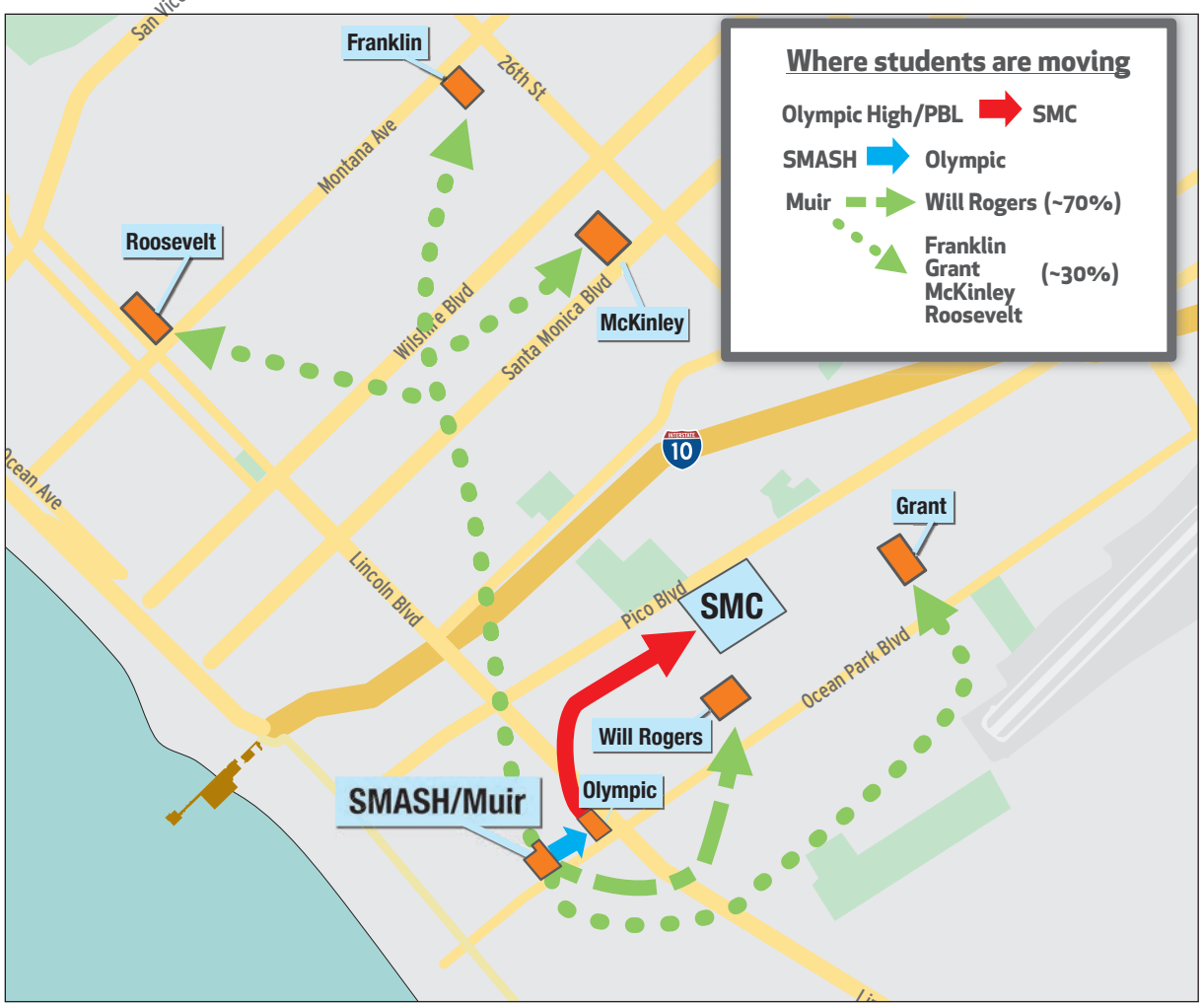
Last week, headlines around Los Angeles touted the 11% reduction in water use that city achieved in the month of July this year compared to July 2021. Now, Santa Monica numbers are out, showing a reduction of 8% year-over-last for the month of July. But local water experts said the 8% reduction in water use was perhaps more impressive than LA's 11% cut, because local residents and business owners have been water conscious for years.

"I think our residents have been doing a great job already," Santa Monica Water Resources Manager Sunny Wang said following the release of the latest water use figures.

"We already have a lot of drip irrigation conversions. We have a lot of turf replacement already," Wang later continued. "So, for us to achieve similar numbers to LA will be a little different, because we're a smaller city and our residents have

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Students shuffled to new campuses for the start of the new year



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ROUTES: Mold at the SMASH/MUIR campus has forced those students to attend other schools.

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Many Santa Monica students returning to class today for the first day of the 2022-23 school year may see some unfamiliar faces — or unfamiliar surroundings. That's because the Water Intrusion Project at the John Muir Elementary/SMASH campus in Ocean Park has displaced hundreds of kids, not only at that campus but up Ocean Park Boulevard at Olympic High School.

The discovery of extensive water damage, mold and insect damage at John Muir/SMASH caused the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to scramble to find a solution for where to put students while discovery, repair and possible rebuilding projects get underway on the 26-year-old campus.

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29 candidates file papers to run for local offices

MATTHEW HALL
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The nomination period for local offices has officially closed with 13 individuals running for Council, three for Rent Control Board, eight for School Board and five for SMC Board.

Individuals who want to run for office can still do so if they qualify as a write in candidate between Sept. 12 and Oct. 25. Write-in candidates have to fulfill the same criteria as those whose name will appear on the ballot, including gathering 100 signatures from registered voters.

Individuals submitting paperwork for three seats on City Council are: Whitney Bain, Albin Gielicz, Troy Harris, Austin Humble, Arthur Jeon, Jonathan Mann, Armen Melkonians, Samantha Mota, Lana Negrete (incumbent), Ellis Raskin, Caroline M. Torosis, Natalya Zernitskaya and Jesse Zwick.

Humble, Jeon, Mann and Melkonians filed their papers yesterday and it may take several days to certify their signatures. Zwick's application is also pending.

In the School Board race Keith Coleman (incumbent), Angela DiGaetano, Esther Hickman, Laurie Lieberman (incumbent), Alicia Mignano, Stacy Rouse, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein(incumbent) and Miles Warner filed to run for the four seats. All had qualified by Wednesday apart from Hickman.

Five individuals filed to run for the four seats on the SMC Board. Incumbents Barry Snell, Sion

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US retail sales were flat in July as inflation takes a toll

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AP Business Writers

The pace of sales at U.S. retailers was unchanged last month as persistently high inflation and rising interest rates forced many Americans to spend more cautiously.

Retail purchases were flat after having risen 0.8% in June, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. Economists had expected a slight increase.

Still, Wednesday's report contained some positive signs: Excluding autos and auto parts, retail sales rose 0.4% in July.

Lower gas prices likely freed up money for people to spend elsewhere. Gasoline sales slid 1.8%, reflecting the drop in pump prices.

"As gas prices fell, consumers had more money in their pockets for other items such as furniture and electronics," said Jeffrey Roach, chief economist at LPL Financial.

Sales of building supplies and garden equipment held up, as did sales at electronics and appliance stores.

At the same time, consumers remained wary of spending much on non-essentials: Sales were down 0.5% at department stores and 0.6% at clothing stores.

Compared with 12 months ago, overall retail sales rose 10.3% in July.

America's consumers, whose spending accounts for nearly 70% of U.S. economic activity, have remained mostly resilient even with year-over-year inflation near a four-decade high, rising economic uncertainties and the surging costs of mortgages and borrowing money. Still, overall spending has weakened, and it has shifted increasingly toward things like groceries, and away less necessary things like electronics, furniture and new clothes.

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The government's monthly report on retail sales covers about a third of all consumer purchases and doesn't include spending on most services, ranging from plane fares and apartment rents to movie tickets and doctor visits. In recent months, Americans have been shifting their purchases away from physical goods and more toward travel, hotel stays and plane trips.

Inflation continues to pose a severe hardship for many families. Though gasoline prices have fallen from their heights, food, rent, used cars and other necessities have become far more expensive, beyond whatever wage increases most workers have notched.

Despite a still-robust job market, the U.S. economy shrank in the first half of 2022, raising fears of a potential recession. Growth has been weakening largely as a consequence of the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes, which are intended to cool the economy and tame high inflation.

The impact of the Fed's hikes has been felt especially in the housing market. Sales of previously occupied homes have slowed for five straight months as higher loan rates and high sales prices have kept many would-be buyers on the sidelines.

But the most important pillar of the economy — the job market — has proved durable. America's employers added a hefty 528,000 jobs in July, and the unemployment rate reached 3.5%, matching a near-half-century low reached just before the pandemic erupted in the spring of 2020.

Americans are still spending, but that money is going to different places as the pandemic eases. Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, posted better than expected quarterly sales and profits, but noted that customers are favoring lower-priced grocery items.

And it's gaining more customers who might more typically shop at Whole Foods. The company, long associated with price-conscious and lower-income consumers, disclosed that roughly 75% of its grocery sales last quarter were to households with incomes of at least $100,000.

It also noted that lower income customers were trading down within the store, for example swapping out sliced deli meats for hot dogs to save money.

On Wednesday, Target reported that its profit plunged nearly 90% despite solid sales, largely because it was forced to slash prices to clear huge inventories of things in heavy demand during the pandemic like furniture, appliances and electronics.

Signet Jewelers, which operates stores under such names as Zales and Jared, lowered its full-year sales forecast last week as Americans cool spending on luxuries and more on groceries.

"They're being intentional," said Jamie Singleton, president of Signet. She said customers may be taking home fewer items, but they're spending more on the things they buy.

D'Innocenzio reported from New York.

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Auto Burglary 2500Blk 31st St 7:29 a.m.
Loud Music 700Blk Pacific St 7:39 a.m.
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Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:02 p.m.
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Mike Trout plans to return for Angels on Friday in Detroit

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Three-time AL MVP Mike Trout intends to return to the Los Angeles Angels' lineup on Friday in Detroit.

Trout hasn't played since July 12, missing the Angels' past 30 games with an injury to his upper back and ribcage. He faced live pitching Monday and worked out Wednesday, leaving him confident he will be able to play against the Tigers when the Angels open a 10-game trip.

"Ultimately, I want to be out there with the guys," Trout said Wednesday before the Angels hosted the Seattle Mariners. "I miss it. I think with downtime, you come to the field, go home. It's good to spend time with your son and your wife. That was good. But ultimately, you want to be out on the field. I'm excited. If everything goes well, hopefully I'll be in there Friday."

Trout earned an All-Star selection this summer while batting .270 with 24 homers and 51 RBIs in 79 games, but he has missed significant playing time — and the All-Star Game — due to injuries for the second straight season. The center fielder played only 36 games last season before he was sidelined for the year in mid-May by a calf strain.

"We really don't have that much time left in the season," Trout said. "I talked to the front office and I talked to the training staff just to get some at-bats here to see how I felt, and I felt really good."

> "We really don't have that much time left in the season - Mike Trout"

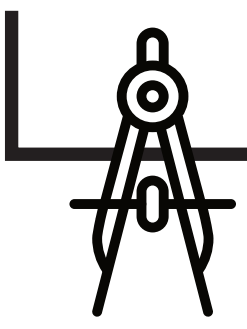
Last season's disappointment seems to be a motivation for Trout to return with only seven weeks left in another lost season for the Angels (51-66), who haven't made the playoffs since 2014. Los Angeles has plummeted out of the postseason picture again this summer despite being in first place in the AL West on May 11.

After Angels athletic trainer Mike Frostad said last month that Trout's current injury might be something he must monitor for the rest of his career, Trout rushed to assure fans that his career isn't over.

A return to the lineup underlines that commitment by Trout, who is in the fourth season of a 12-year, $426 million contract. He also said he plans to develop a workout plan to strengthen his back during another long offseason for the Angels.

Although his injury might benefit from some light days of action, Trout says he'll keep playing center field to allow AL MVP Shohei Ohtani to remain the Angels' designated hitter.

"I think we have a pretty good DH," Trout said with a grin.



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Cheney's defeat end of an era for GOP; Trump's party now

LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

Liz Cheney's resounding primary defeat marks the end of an era for the Republican Party as well as her own family legacy, the most high-profile political casualty yet as the party of Lincoln transforms into the party of Trump.

The fall of the three-term congresswoman, who has declared it her mission to ensure Donald Trump never returns to the Oval Office, was vividly foreshadowed earlier this year, on the first anniversary of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

As the House convened for a moment of silence, Cheney, who is leading the investigation into the insurrection as vice chair of the 1/6 committee, and her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney, stood almost alone on the Republican side of the House floor.

Democratic lawmakers streamed by to shake their hands. Republicans declined to join them.

"Liz Cheney represents the Republican Party as it used to be. ... All of that is gone now," said Geoff Kabaservice, vice president of political studies at the center-right Niskanen Center.

What comes next for Liz Cheney is still to be determined.

"Now the real work begins," she said in an election night concession speech in Wyoming, summoning the legacy of both Abraham Lincoln and his Civil War-era military and presidential successor Ulysses Grant in her campaign against Trump.

Cheney could very well announce her own run for the White House — unlikely to win a hostile Republican Party's nomination but to at least give those opposed to Trump an alternative.

Overnight, she transferred leftover campaign funds into a new entity: "The Great Task." That's a phrase from The Gettysburg Address.

"I will be doing whatever it takes to keep Donald Trump out of the Oval Office," Cheney told NBC's "Today" show early Wednesday. Pressed, she said that running for president "is something I'm thinking about and I'll make a decision in the coming months."

Whether she runs or not, her belief that Trump poses a danger to democracy is a conviction that runs deep in her family.

But it's a view that has no home in today's GOP.

Trump is purging the Republican Party, ridding it of dissenters like Cheney and others who dare to defy him, shifting the coast-to-coast GOP landscape and the makeup of Congress.

Of the 10 House Republicans including Cheney who voted to impeach Trump for inciting the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection, at the Capitol, only two remain candidates for re-election. The others have bowed out or, like Cheney, have been defeated by Trump-backed challengers.

If Republicans gain control of the House and Senate in the November elections, the new Congress is destined to be remade in Trump's image. However, his influence may in fact cut two ways, winning back the House for Republicans but costing the party the Senate if his candidates fail to generate the broader appeal needed for statewide elections.

"It's just a party of Donald Trump's fever dreams," said Mark Salter, a former longtime Republican aide to the late Sen. John McCain.

"It's just Donald Trump's club."

For 50 years, the Cheneys have had important influence in Washington, from the time Dick Cheney first ran for Congress — later being elected vice president — to the arrival of his daughter, elected in 2016 alongside Trump's White House victory.

Identified with the hawkish defense wing of the Republican Party, the Cheneys with the Presidents Bush represented a cornerstone of the GOP in the post-World War II era, when it thrived as a party of small government, low taxation and muscular foreign policy.

Liz Cheney never wavered, chosen by House GOP colleagues to the same position her father held, the No. 3 Republican in the House, its highest-ranking woman.

But the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol changed all that.

Cheney was unequivocal, laying blame for the attack on the defeated president and his false claims of voter fraud and a rigged election.

Trump "summoned this mob, assembled the mob and lit the flame of this attack," she said at the time, announcing her vote to impeach.

"There has never been a greater betrayal by a president of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution."

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy initially defended Cheney but quickly reversed as Republicans booted her from party leadership. When Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi named Cheney to the 1/6 panel, her exile was all but complete.

Trump gloated at Cheney's GOP primary defeat Tuesday night, deriding her as "sanctimonious" and a "fool" for suggesting his claims of a rigged election were false.

Trump had swooped into the Cowboy State to rally for Harriet Hageman, who was once highly critical of him but beat Cheney by embracing the former president, backed by McCarthy and other party leaders.

Cheney's defeat follows that of the last Bush in public office, Jeb's son George P. Bush, who was defeated in the Republican primary for Texas attorney general by Trump-backed Ken Paxton in May.

On Fox News, conservative author Charlie Kirk called Tuesday's election a "mass repudiation" of the Bush-Cheney-McCain era.

Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York, who replaced Cheney in House GOP leadership and endorsed Hageman, said in a statement she was glad to see Pelosi's "puppet" defeated.

Former Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming who served in Congress alongside Dick Cheney and has known Liz Cheney since she was a child, says he can no longer recognize the party that he joined, casting his first presidential vote for Dwight Eisenhower.

"What's happened to our party is a fear of Donald J. Trump," Simpson said.

Founded in the mid-19th century, the Republican Party's core conservative values have shifted in the Trump era into a strain of politics that is more inward focused on grievances at home and isolationism abroad.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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During the first waves of the COVID-19 pandemic, California became the nation's leader in protecting vulnerable workers by adopting emergency rules to prevent spread of COVID at work, and ensuring that workers who were infected could stay home to get well and prevent further spread. But just as we are facing the most contagious strains yet, a key element of these temporary rules is set to expire in a few short months.

Incredibly, California's workplace safety officials are considering keeping in place the requirement to keep positive COVID cases out of the workplace, but throwing out the requirement to pay workers excluded from the workplace when sick ("exclusion pay"). Protecting public health — and maintaining California's national leadership — depend on the state making permanent these rules to protect workers.

The economic analysis the state has relied upon to support this dangerous path fails to account for the costs borne by families, businesses and the public when this critical safety measure disappears. Reporting of symptoms and of close contacts will be severely reduced when workers understand that they or their coworkers will be put out of work.

If exclusion pay is allowed to expire, workplaces such as kitchens, warehouses and meatpacking plants will be the most affected. Low-wage and marginalized workers in particular again will be forced into Sophie's choice: Miss a paycheck your family is counting on for rent and food, or go to work knowing you could spread the virus to more families.

More than 10 million Californians have gotten sick from COVID, and 93,000 have died. Study after study is documenting the dramatic inequality in health outcomes — almost seven of every 10 COVID-19 deaths during the first year were among low-income adults, mostly essential workers of color. This disparity is shocking and unacceptable.

The COVID workplace rules undoubtedly prevented even worse outcomes. These commonsense measures include requiring a COVID-19 prevention program for every workplace and training employees on prevention. Workers are encouraged to bring COVID-19 hazards to an employer's attention to be fixed. When face coverings are required by the state Department of Public Health, the employer must provide them.

Perhaps most importantly, if an employee gets COVID on the job, she is to stay home from work, her job is protected and she must be paid for the brief period until she is well and can safely return.

Legislators are considering extending the state's Supplemental Paid Sick Leave law, which is expiring in September, and they should extend this critical benefit. Still, this won't take the place of exclusion pay, which is specific to work-related COVID cases and is crucial to preventing additional workplace exposures. Paid sick leave covers a broader set of reasons a person may need to be out of work, including child care and caring for a sick relative. Both are critical to our defenses against COVID-19 over the long term.

During this third summer of living with COVID, many of us have stepped out of our secure bubbles, venturing into travel, social events and a sense of normalcy. The new waves of ultracontagious variants of the virus crashing on our state should caution us that this sense of normalcy is fragile. Only by adapting our workplace rules to our new, more dangerous and uncertain reality can we ensure California doesn't slip back into wide-scale shutdowns and devastatingly unequal health effects.

Nowhere is that more important than in California's workplaces, where frontline and low-income workers remain the most vulnerable to exposure and illness.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

Stephen Knight is the executive director of Worksafe, a nonprofit that advocates for safe and healthy workplaces.

SCHOOLS

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Beginning Aug. 18, SMASH students will move en mass to the Olympic High School Campus, also known as the Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration. The majority of Muir students are attending class this year at Will Rogers, with others dispersed around the city to schools including Franklin, Roosevelt, Grant and McKinley elementaries.

Upper level students who had been attending school at the Olympic/Obama Center campus will begin the school year at Santa Monica College.

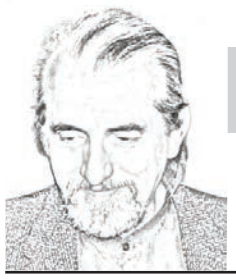
School District personnel anticipate the project to fix issues at the Muir/SMASH campus will take around two school years, with a possible extension into a third.

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THE GREEK BEARING GIFTS

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Has been my favorite LA radio station (remember radio? In your car?) for years. (Not my daughters, so that tells you something.) They just won the award for best Triple A (adult/album/alternative) format station in the country, and executive Sky Daniels was named #3 Influencer. No commercials. They've turned me on to a lot of new artists I now love. Ringmaster Nic Harcourt, who helmed KCRW for a decade. But I left them decades ago, and I love what he plays at 88.5. I'm guessing he has fewer constraints there. KCRW has had a trendiness standard, from what I heard, that interferes with the best music. And they have the most complete concert listings anywhere, on their website.

ANYWHERE.

I was so disappointed to miss HOT TUNA opening for Little Feat recently, but now they are coming to our own McCabe's, oh boy!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - ROBERT PLANT, ALISON KRAUSS – When I heard in 2007 that these two very different music stars had recorded an album together, my first thought was, well, I don't see how that can work, Zeppelin bluegrass? It was neither and it worked beautifully, because their voices do blend mellifluously, the songs were terrific and the arrangements perfect for them. That was "Rising Sand" and their new one is "Raising the Roof" - they don't, but it is a nice collection of oldies from the likes of Merle Haggard, Everly Brothers, Allen Toussaint, even little-known UK guitar virtuoso Bert Jansch - and who knows why they waited 14 years but they have done it again, T Bone Burnett again producing, they are touring, and their show should be memorable, maybe even a little magical. Thurs 7:30 p.m., Greek Theater, LA, $89-408.

TONIGHT! - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. HITCHCOCK – SABOTEUR (1942) 4K restoration. Thurs, various times, Nuart Theater, WLA, $12.

"GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER" – This superb production, about race, love and family, sadly is every bit as relevant now as when Stanley Kramer's Tracy-Hepburn classic film was released in 1967. Vincent Washington does a star turn in the giants hoes of Sidney Poitier, and Lee Garlington is very strong, tender and wise as the white mom/Hepburn. The adaptation is really interesting and makes its own fresh observations. Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m. (all shows sold out but check for cancellations, or go next weekend, the final performances), Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20-35.



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MUSIC: New album from TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND

TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND - Do pedigree and history mean anything? Listen to this band and you will have an answer. Derek Trucks is the nephew of Butch, co-founder and drummer of The Allman Brothers Band. Derek was recording and touring with blues rock bands since age 9, formed his own band at 17 (their first album won the GRAMMY for Best Blues album), and was officially made an Allman Brother Band member by age 20. I found him through a jaw-dropping video of him at 13 wailing slide guitar on "Layla," (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLQTbmUYI4A) with the ABBand backing him (slice master Duane Allman played the original for Derek & the Dominoes). Susan Tedeschi is a terrific blues shouter and guitar slinger and when her band played a gig with Trucks', she found her perfect guitar player and did the smart thing and married him. Come watch the fireworks. And oh yeah – with Los Lobos. Fri 8 p.m., Greek Theatre.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Virtuosic breakneck Django-style swing music (but no room for swing dancing!) in the tiny Culver City dive celebrating 75 years. Every Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – An amazing performer in every way. For more details, see every recommendation I've made in this column for the last year. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

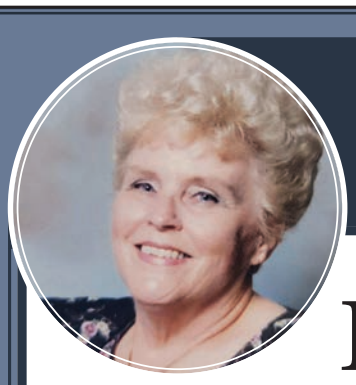
RECOMMENDED:

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM – Everything they do is top rate, – acting, staging, costumes, writing, imagination. And often offering a banquet of food for thought. "THE MERRY WIVES of WINDSOR" oh lordy was I faced with writing a rare criticism of a TB show? The acts before intermission were so dry and confusing I wanted to run (blame the Bard for catering to his comedy audience who just l-o-v-e-d confused identities and genders) but the second half paid off in gold, and an inspired '50s setting adaptation allowed the injection of pop songs of the era that fit the narrative and were familiar and lots of fun, Fri 7:30 p.m., "TROUBLE THE WATER" is at the top of my list, a dramatization of the true story of a back Southerner who commandeered a Confederate warship, loaded his family on board and proceeded to bluff his way through checkpoints to escape to the North and add an important piece to the Union navy - Sat 7:30 p.m., "WESTSIDE WALTZ" features three generations of the Geer women who have kept this rare top shelf arts enterprise gong for many decades – Sun 7:30 p.m. All shows Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $10-60 (discounts for seniors, students, teachers, veterans, AEA, ages 5-15).

TOLEDO DIAMOND -- The true hipster (when that sobriquet meant something way cool), choreographer to the stars, smoky svengali, showman supreme, Toledo always fascinates and pleases, if you are ready for the very different. Every Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

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Lois Joan Jackson

July 31, 1937 - July 24, 2022

Lois Joan Jackson passed away Sunday, July 24, 2022 in Jackson, CA at the age of 84 years old. She was born in Santa Monica, CA on July 31, 1937, a daughter of the late Audra Irill (Rucker) and Ralph Rowland Crawford.

Lois is survived by a daughter, Kimberly & James Gaffney of Murphys, CA; son, Brad & Jennifer Jackson of CA. She is also survived by grandchildren, Justin, Kirsten & Michael, Nicol & Tesia, Jacob & Nicole, Nathan & Sarah, Johnny, & Jordan; great grandchildren, Emily, Adriana, Gabriel, Christian, Logan, and Sylus. She is preceded in death by her husband, John Jackson and granddaughter, Angelina.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church 5619 Lindley Ave, Tarzana, CA 91356. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.danerimortuary.com and signing the guest book.

WATER USE

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already done a lot to conserve ... I think 8% is great for us in terms of how much we already conserve and we're conserving even more on top of that."

Wang and water sustainability analyst Thomas Fleming said a key indicator of how well Santa Monica has been at reducing its water consumption is the month-over-next comparison between June and July. As temperatures and tourism increase, Wang said water use usually jumps up in July compared to June, but this year that increase has been only about a third of what it was in 2021.

In June 2021, Santa Monicans used 304.01 million gallons of water, jumping up 7% to 325.42 million gallons in July 2021. But in June 2022, 290.76 million gallons of water flowed from Santa Monica spigots, going up 2.7% to 298.6 million gallons used in July this year.

"That's another indicator that our residents are really responding to conserving water due to our outdoor two-day-a-week ... water restriction," Wang said.

Currently, restrictions allow residents at even-numbered addresses to water their lawns on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while odd-numbered addresses may water on Mondays and Wednesdays. Wang said the City has received some pushback from residents who were unhappy that the current schedule leaves lawns unwatered for four days. Instead, many residents who have lawns and outdoor landscaping would prefer a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday schedule to space out watering.

For now, Wang said, the City is not confident its infrastructure could support the strain of allowing half of all residents to irrigate their lawns on a Friday, when business water use spikes due to increased visitors.

"We see a huge surge because of tourism — people visiting and stuff — on the weekends," Wang said. But, he added, if staff deem it safe, they may readjust the schedule. He did say that the current schedule has helped protect the city from water main breaks so far.

The update on water use came on the heels of news from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that portions of LA County would be forced to eliminate outdoor watering for at least 15 days in September to allow for water pipeline repair.

That increased water restriction would not affect Santa Monica customers, Wang said, thanks to the city's ability to shift to other water sources.

Malibu and Topanga, Beverly Hills, most of the South Bay (excluding the City of Los Angeles), Long Beach, parts of the western San Gabriel Valley including Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, and eastern LA County areas including Walnut and Pomona are part of the two-week outdoor watering ban.

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ELECTION

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Roy and Nancy Greenstein all qualified by Wednesday. Challengers Thomas Peters and Patrick Acosta are still waiting on verification of their signatures.

Three candidates (Kurt Gonska, Daniel S. Ivanov and Ericka Lesley) filed paperwork for the three open seats on Rent Control Board but it's still possible for a write-in candidate to run. Even without a contested election, current election rules require an election no matter how many individuals are on the ballot. However, a package of rent control reforms will be before voters this year including a proposal to allow officials to cancel future elections if they are uncontested.

Candidates do not appear on the ballot in alphabetical order and instead, placement is determined by a random drawing. The Secretary of State will hold public drawing to determine order of names on ballot today, August 18.

In addition to the Rent Control ballot measure, voters will also see proposals to increase taxes on home sales over $8 million, establish a tax on cannabis sales, amend the city's Personal Board rules and increase taxes paid by hotel visitors.

Potential voters have until Oct. 24 to register to vote in the Nov. 8 election and as part of the expanded vote-by-mail system, the County Registrar will begin mailing ballots to homes on Oct. 10.

For more information, visit https://santamonica.gov/elections/2022-11-08.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

LA Sparks seeking new head coach, general manager

The Los Angeles Sparks have opened a national search for their next head coach while also seeking a new general manager.

The team said Wednesday that Fred Williams, who filled the head coaching role on an interim basis, has left for a new job as associate head coach at Auburn.

Williams took on the interim tag on June 7 after Derek Fisher was fired as head coach. Williams first joined the franchise as an assistant before the 2019 season. The Sparks failed to make the playoffs this season, finishing with a 13-23 record.

He previously served as head coach of WNBA teams in Utah, Atlanta and Dallas. He was head coach of Southern California's women's team from 1995-97.

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USC, UCLA exits could cost Pac-12 schools $13M in rights

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The departures of Southern California and UCLA from the Pac-12 Conference could mean an estimated loss of around $13 million per year in media rights for each of the remaining schools, according to an interim report issued by University of California Office of the President.

The report was released Wednesday during a Board of Regents meeting held at UCLA to address its move to the Big Ten Conference in 2024.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom demanded an explanation from UCLA about the move when he attended last month's regents meeting in San Francisco. UCLA and USC announced on June 30 that the schools would be leaving the Pac-12 in two years. USC is a private institution and not part of the UC system.

Newsom, an ex officio member of the Board of Regents, did not attend Wednesday's meeting.

The report says USC's exit from the Pac-12 would mean an estimated loss of $9.8 million, or nearly 30%, of the conference's media rights, for each of the remaining schools. UCLA's departure would not be quite as drastic, with estimates of 10% or $3.25 million. It did not factor in losses in ticket sales.

The UC Board of Regents can't force UCLA to reverse the decision. In 1991, campus chancellors were delegated authority by the UC Office of the President to execute their own contracts, including intercollegiate athletic agreements.

The report is proposing new guidelines to prevent campuses from making major decisions that could impact sister campuses.

One proposal would require the UC president to give advance notice of a major athletic department decision to the board chair and committee chair that has jurisdiction. They would then decide if it should go before the entire Board of Regents.

Eight of UCLA's 23 sports — baseball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, softball, gymnastics and women's volleyball — would experience additional travel impact. Pamela Brown, the UC vice president of institutional research and academic planning, said the difference for some team's travel could be an additional 24 hours.

The report said the benefits of the move to athletes in Olympic sports would be additional resources for tutors, greater competition, and improved name image and likeness opportunities.

Football and men's and women's basketball use charter flights and would be minimally impacted.

Of the nine schools in the UC system, the biggest impact would be felt by Cal. The Bruins and Golden Bears have played each other in football since 1923.

UCLA athletic director Martin Jarmond said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on June 30 that changes to the landscape of collegiate athletics prompted the move. UCLA's athletic department, which sponsors 23 sports, is facing a $102.8 million deficit with most of that coming in the past couple years.





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LeBron James inks 2-year, $97.1 million deal with Lakers

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LeBron James has agreed to a two-year, $97.1 million contract extension through the 2024-25 season with the Los Angeles Lakers, his agent announced Wednesday.

Klutch Sports CEO Rich Paul said the league-maximum deal makes James the highest-paid player in NBA history. His new deal includes a player option that would keep the second-leading scorer in NBA history with the Lakers past his 40th birthday in December 2024.

The 37-year-old James is headed into the final year of his most recent contract with the Lakers, who signed the four-time NBA Most Valuable Player and four-time league champion in July 2018. The new deal means the 18-time All-Star will make $46.7 million this season.

Barring injury, James is likely to surpass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the NBA's career scoring king this winter. James and the Lakers also still hope to be in contention for another title if James and Anthony Davis can return at full health after an injury-plagued 2021-22 ended without a playoff appearance.

James' new deal syncs with Davis' most recent contract extension with the Lakers, allowing both to leave the Lakers or to negotiate new deals in 2024. Both superstars are represented by Klutch.

James' recommitment to the Lakers also silences persistent talk of his possible departure as a free agent or in a trade. James hasn't appeared to be going anywhere on social media or in his public appearances, and he praised the hiring of new Lakers coach Darvin Ham.

James has missed significant portions of the season due to injury in three of his four years with the Lakers. He was largely healthy in the elongated 2019-20 season when the Lakers won the franchise's 17th NBA title in the Florida bubble, and he has been every bit the dominant player of his prime when at full strength in the ensuing two years.

Although his contract status inspired plenty of offseason chatter, James seemed unlikely to relocate after spending the past four seasons of his 19-year career with the storied Lakers. His family is settled in Los Angeles, where his eldest son, Bronny, is a 17-year-old senior and college basketball prospect playing at Sierra Canyon High School in Chatsworth.

James has occasionally said he intends to play on the same team with Bronny when his son reaches the NBA. Although plenty of obstacles remain between the younger James and the NBA, he could be draft-eligible in the summer of 2024.

CHENEY

FROM PAGE 4

Those running for Congress include many Republican incumbents who voted against certifying Joe Biden's election, amplifying Trump's relentless false claims of a rigged election and fueling the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol.

And many of the new GOP candidates for Congress are also election deniers, according to a tally by Democrats.

"The House is — should be — the people's House," said former Republican Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Florida. Instead, he said, "It's controlled by Mr. Trump,"

Cheney walks alone many days at the Capitol, flanked by plain-clothes Capitol police who guard her amid an onslaught of violent threats.

Her mission of denying Trump a return to the presidency can be seen in her daily schedule, much of her time devoted to the 1/6 committee deepening and completing its work.

Fellow Wyoming Republican Simpson said he has no doubt what's next for Cheney: "She'll mount a new set of horses and ride to the finish line."

NOTEWORTHY

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Tour – Don't know what to say here. It's pretty hard to deny the exceptional voice, songwriting and guitar slashing over several decades of Ms. E. The Ford should be a good place to see her. Tues 8 p.m., The Ford, $60-80.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR" 8/28, 9/4, 9, 17, 25, "TROUBLE THE WATER" 8/26, 9/4, 11, 16, 24, "THE WESTSIDE WALTZ" 8/27, 9/3, 11, 18, 23, "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," 9/2, 5, 10, 18, 25, Theatricum Botanicum; "GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER," Ruskin Group Theatre, 9/2, 3, 4; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 8/21, 28, 9/4, 11, 18, 25; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 8/22, 29, 9/5, 12, 19, 26; EM, Harvelle's, 8/23, 30, 9/6, 13, 20, 27; STEVE EARLE & The Dukes, 8/23, 24; DIANA ROSS, Hollywood Bowl, 8/26, 27; BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA, Burton Chace Park, 8/27; GERALD CLAYTON-STEVE LEHMAN-JOEL ROSS, Sam First, 8/30; LA PHIL, BEETHOVEN'S 9TH, Hollywood Bowl, 8/30, 9/1; HERWAY TO HELL, Harvelle's. 9/2; MOZART UNDER THE STARS, LA PHIL, Hollywood Bowl, 9/6; ALICIA KEYS, Greek Theater, 9/6, 7; WYNTON MARSALIS, Jazz at Lincoln Center, MANHATTAN TRASFER, Hollywood Bowl, 9/7, 8; CLASSIC CAR SHOW on The Pier, 9/10; ELIZA GILKYSON, NINA GERBER, McCabe's, 9/16; I SEE HAWKS IN LA, Gandara Park concerts, 9/18; REGGAE NIGHT XX: UB40, THE WAILERS, 9/16; TINARIWEN, The Ford, 9/16; REDMAN-MEHLDAU-MCBRIDE-BLADE, The Soraya, 9/22; BONNIE RAITT with MAVIS STAPLES,, Greek Theater, 9/24; LITTLE WILLIE G, Gandara Park concerts, 9/25; GRACE JONES, Hollywood Bowl, 9/25; HERBIE HANCOCK, Hollywood Bowl, 9/28; PORCUPINE TREE, Greek Theater, 9/30.

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 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 18)

You'll lead with a heart that dares and draw people into the excitement. The thrills of new opportunity will be balanced by secure relationships you can count on. More highlights: an upgrade to familiar comforts, participation in a fascinating and diverse group, and education that opens a professional door. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 19, 17 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once upon a time you got into a relationship deeper than was good for you, and now you know. You can appreciate those who give as much as you do, have a similar excitement level and are just looking for ways to show you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Raise your energy with a pep talk or another sort of physical and psychic invigoration. It may feel odd to manufacture the hype, but the energy boost will attract opportunity and prevent the day's events from draining you too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What people think of you matters less and less to you. You put your ego on the line and it's more than many people are capable of. This is the risk that lets you continue to expand in skill and confidence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Improvements are hard to see in the short term but just consider where you were last year. You didn't have the sense of purpose you now possess, and you're more aware, effective and aligned too. Let yourself feel proud.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-esteem is earned through estimable acts... but only if you can remember you did them! You get so used to being you that you don't see the ways you contribute and make a difference every day. Keep track to keep going.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes people make your life better by being in it, and other times people make your life better by staying out of it. Whichever way it's going, trust life's process. All is naturally unfolding to your benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The love, care and respect you give yourself not only feels wholesome but also shows others that you're someone to treat with love, care and respect. You'll start a cycle with this. Feel good and allow for feeling good!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who are limited in their capacity to be curious about others or make them a priority. Whether this is a temporary state or a character trait, it's better to seek attention from people who can actually give it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever your current mood, it's only a starting place. Coax yourself into a creative mindset from here. Set aside the time. Get the environment situated to support your work. Creating opens your heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Give the pursuit a break. What you want will come to you after you've stopped chasing. Whether you do something else or nothing at all, it's better than grasping at a thing and thereby pushing it further out of reach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are right to be extremely choosy about adding anything or anyone to your life. When it's love, the caring and maintenance (which always comes with acquisition) will be more pleasure than chore.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As much as you want to be free of a memory, willing yourself to forget won't work. The harder you try, the more focus you put on the unwanted thoughts. There is only one way out, and that is through. Recall, process and let go.

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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

6	2	4	1	3	9	8	5	7
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3	7	9	2	5	8	1	4	6
7	1	2	9	6	5	4	8	3
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9	3	8	7	4	2	5	6	1
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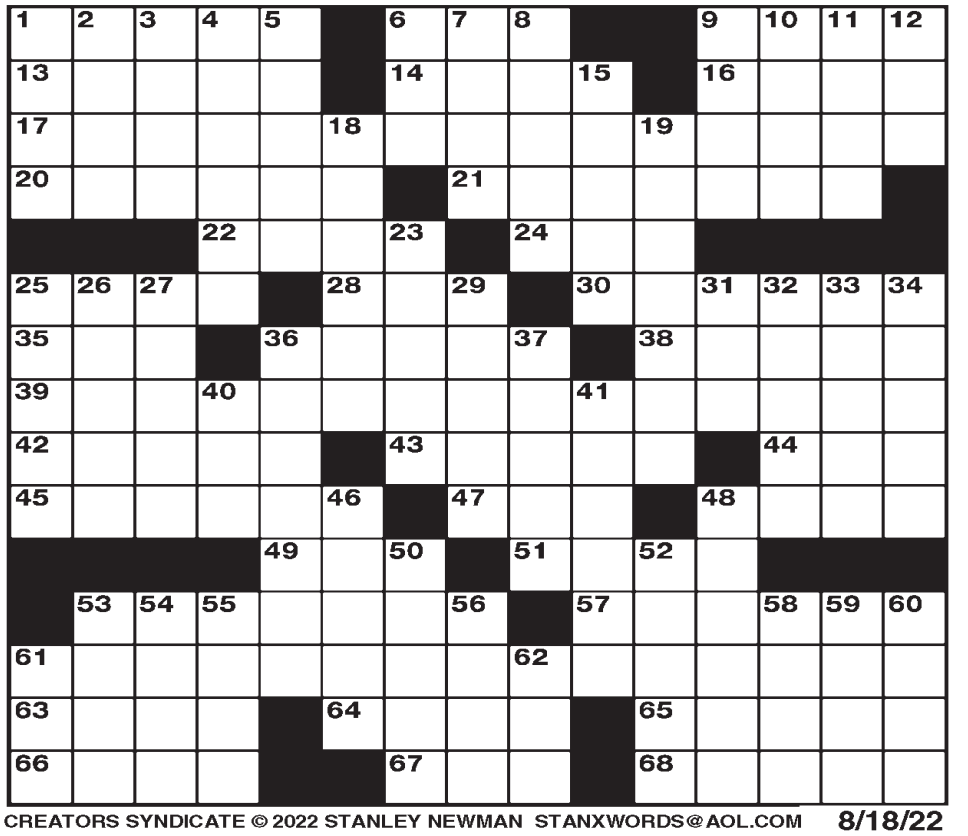
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ACROSS

1 Headlights
6 Poetic moon
9 Plan detail
13 City near Gainesville
14 Table extension
16 Update, say
17 Unconventional approach
20 Break of a sort
21 Remedial treatment
22 Flatten
24 Omission indicator
25 *Casablanca* role
28 With it
30 Hebrew salutation
35 Word in seven Commandments
36 Renegade
38 Get rid of
39 Curveless route segment
42 *Les __-Unis d'Amerique*
43 Not at all taxing
44 Something to tip
45 Great Plains capital
47 What's normal
48 Mega- squared
49 Little rascal
51 Spiritual workout
53 Personal view
57 Certain Mother's milieu
61 Cattle drive slowpoke
63 Ion, at times
64 How some wines taste
65 Pursuit group
66 Yappy pets
67 DVR remote button
68 Weekday dramas

DOWN

1 Write-off
2 Dramatic opening
3 Mule's mother
4 TV screen variety
5 Annual aviator
6 Castilian cheer
7 Unused portion
8 Soak oneself
9 Abbr. like *Mlle.*
10 Slightest sound
11 Worried
12 Slyly shy
15 Is worried
18 Inefficient auto
19 Sport that takes a bow
23 Upper note for a tenor
25 Atlas enlargement
26 State fundraiser
27 Rein, essentially
29 Store away
31 Is for a group
32 Bat-making machine
33 Creator of Dorian
34 Maestro Zubin __
36 Putting on the line
37 English homework
40 Filled up on
41 Huge turnout
46 Chum
48 Dermal design
50 Diametrically different
52 Sounds shocked
53 Palindromic German name
54 Traditional event for seniors
55 Alpo alternative
56 Victory goddess on Olympic medals
58 Sky bear
59 Talk like Popeye
60 Storm centers
61 Devitalize
62 US capital before Philadelphia



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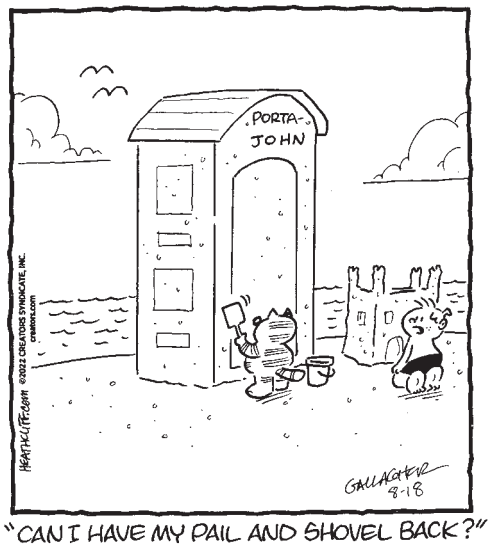
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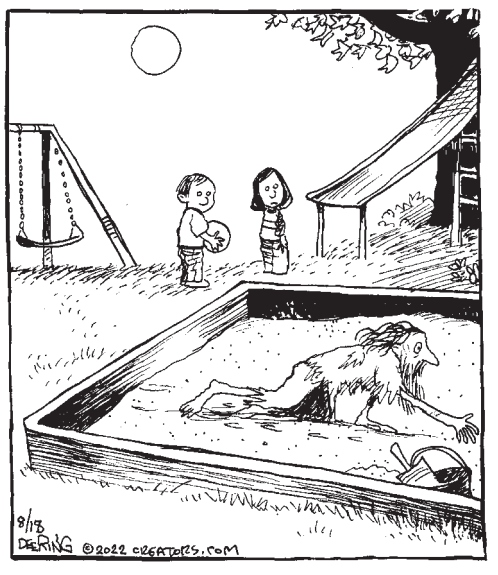
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"CAN I HAVE MY PAIL AND SHOVEL BACK?"

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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Action	Cuts	Hose	Roadhog
Aged	Damp	Houses	Ruin
Algae	Died	Human	Sense
Area	Doze	Inebriated	Siren
Army	Drought	Legs	Snake
Arson	Ease	Moan	Stroke
Assist	Fall	Mould	Support
Back	Fanned	Nurse	Team
Bite	Fatal	Overindulge	Teeth
Blood	Flee	Oxygen	Unit
Burn	Fuel	Pull	Unlucky
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out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY AUGUST 18

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Classes resume at all Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District school sites.

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Commission) is a non-regulatory, locally based state entity that serves as the Management Conference for Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (NEP). All SMBRC meetings are open to the public and stakeholders and interested parties, including members of the public, are encouraged to attend and participate. Virtual. 9:30 a.m. - noon. https://www.smbrc.ca.gov/

FRIDAY AUGUST 19

HYDRATE 'N' SKATE
Come play with Liquid I.V. at their upcoming summer event, Hydrate 'n' Skate, to celebrate the launch of their 1st ever national brand campaign Fuel Your Play. This event is open to the public, so grab some Liquid I.V. sticks, lace up those skates and release your inner child. Participate in roller skating and skateboarding activities, photo opportunities and games, all while jamming out to tunes by L.A.-based, DJ Kara. Quench your thirst and stay hydrated with Liquid I.V. mocktails that will be bursting with flavor and are sure to #FuelYourPlay all day. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at 1324 5th St.

SATURDAY AUGUST 20

BEACH CLEAN-UP
Join Heal the Bay for a Nothin' But Sand beach clean-up. Help make Nothin' But Sand a zero-waste event by bringing your own buckets, garden gloves, and a reusable mask and water bottle Be prepared to be outside for 2-3 hours. Beach weather can be unpredictable, so we recommend dressing in layers. Water is available at all cleanups. 10 a.m. - noon, Venice Beach Pier - Tower Buccaneer, South of Pier. If you have any questions or concerns please email Beach Programs Manager Emely Garcia at egarcia@healthebay.org

BOOK DISCUSSION
A community-led book club sponsored by Santa Monica Library, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. This month's selection is "Our Country Friends" by Gary Shteyngart. Zoom. 11 a.m. - noon. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the access link.

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 – 2 p.m. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours.

PICKLE ME SILLY
Join the City of Santa Monica's Community Garden Program for Pickle Me Silly during the Pancakes at Ishihara Park Learning Garden Event. There will be a variety of pickled and preserved foods. Kim Chi, Pickled Beets and Okra, and a few surprises for the adventurous. Bring your own plates, a coffee mug and utensils and be entered to win $20 in Farmers Market dollars. For all ages. 9-11 a.m. at Ishihara Park Learning Garden 2909 Exposition Blvd.

SUNDAY AUGUST 21

DRAG ME TO BRUNCH
Come sparkle at Drag Me to Brunch—a monthly, one-of-a-kind brunch drag show in Loews Santa Monica Hotel's Blue Streak hosted by RuPaul drag performer Naysha Lopez! Enjoy Loews' delectable brunch while experiencing a fabulous drag show with disco balls and more. A portion of proceeds from Drag Me to Brunch will benefit The Trevor Project, a nonprofit organization that provides 24/7 crisis support services to LGBTQ youth. Find more information and reserve your spot now for guaranteed seating at https://resy.com/cities/lax/venues/blue-streak-at-loews-santa-monica-beach-hotel/events/drag-me-to-brunch-2022-08-21?date=2022-08-21&seats=2

BEACH CLEAN-UP
Join Natural Dividends in celebrating Planet Earth in Santa Monica on Sunday, August 21st, at 10:30 am at the beach at Ocean Park, near Station #28. Come out and learn what we can do as individuals to stop polluting the beaches and ocean, clean up some trash, and give our marine life and ecosystem a fighting chance. More info: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/increasing-natures-share-at-santa-monica-beach-tickets-394908260237

MONDAY AUGUST 22

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CONVERSATION
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **68.4**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	A little lully but ok energy when new S sets show -- mainly west of Dume. S swell gradually builds all day. Small/fading NW windswell blends in.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Lully, long period S swell tops out -- showing best west of Dume. Small NW energy gets a little refresh for a few open corners at the beachbreaks.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 73.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/08/18	Thu	03:03 AM	3.31	H
2022/08/18	Thu	08:02 AM	2.24	L
2022/08/18	Thu	3:05 PM	4.93	H
2022/08/18	Thu	10:54 PM	1.46	L
2022/08/19	Fri	05:27 AM	3.04	H
2022/08/19	Fri	08:49 AM	2.81	L
2022/08/19	Fri	4:11 PM	4.89	H
2022/08/20	Sat	12:20 AM	1.07	L
2022/08/20	Sat	07:48 AM	3.31	H
2022/08/20	Sat	10:41 AM	3.16	L
2022/08/20	Sat	5:19 PM	4.96	H
2022/08/21	Sun	01:19 AM	0.68	L
2022/08/21	Sun	08:33 AM	3.61	H
2022/08/21	Sun	12:10 PM	3.18	L
2022/08/21	Sun	6:19 PM	5.15	H
2022/08/22	Mon	02:01 AM	0.34	L
2022/08/22	Mon	08:58 AM	3.81	H
2022/08/22	Mon	1:05 PM	3.01	L

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Draw Date: 8/15
20 24 47 50 63
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 66 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 8/16
33 35 41 45 51
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 99 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 8/13
1 12 25 42 45
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 16 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/16
14 20 21 26 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/16
EVENING: 0 0 0

Draw Date: 8/16
MIDDAY: 2 6 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/16
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 10 - Solid Gold
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
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