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Drones and a DUI keep local police busy



Matthew Hall

CRASH: A suspected DUI driver destroyed the popular parklet outside Urth Cafe on Friday night in one of two incidents that keep cops on their toes.

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On Friday, August 23, locals may have noticed a significant police presence near Washington Ave and Lincoln Blvd. but it was actually a piece of police equipment that may have gone unnoticed that ended up saving the day.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), a 911 call was received from Target at 420 Broadway at about 5:30 p.m. regarding theft. The suspect was identified from a previous robbery at the location and was asked to leave the premises.

During the interaction, the suspect assaulted one of the employees and fled the scene on foot. A field training officer and his trainee responded, put out a crime broadcast, and added a photo of the suspect to the call for service so that other officers knew who they were looking for.

A few minutes later, an officer confirmed the location of the suspect in the 600 block of Wilshire Blvd and attempted to detain him. A pursuit on foot ensued, resulting in the suspect attempting to hide on the roof of an abandoned building in the 1100 block of Lincoln Blvd.

The location was surrounded as officers attempted to negotiate with the suspect to surrender. At one point, the suspect pushed down a ladder set up by the Santa Monica Fire Department and then climbed a tree on the south side of the property, approximately 30 feet up.

Even after several hours of negotiation, the suspect still refused to come down. The officers on the scene backed off and used one of the department's small drones to continue surveillance on the suspect. After about 25 minutes, the suspect climbed down of his own accord and exited the property.

The drone pilot was able to continue monitoring his movements and he was taken into custody a short distance away. The suspect was booked for robbery, battery and resist/delay arrest.

The small drones are part of a program at SMPD that uses drones to conduct surveillance throughout the city.

Officials say the Department's Drone as a First Responder program has greatly enhanced public safety since it began a few years ago. In

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Vikings, Mariners embark on 2024 gridiron campaigns

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Though the heat is still on in Santa Monica, the transition to the fall season is already underway in school athletics, as the city's football teams successfully took to the field for their first Friday contests.

In Chino, the Samohi Vikings returned to the gridiron with authority, stomping the Cowboys 26-0 on the road. The two-way dominance was highlighted by the continued ascent of junior quarterback Wyatt Brown, who went for over 200 yards in the air and connected with Charles Cravings on two touchdown throws.

One of the Brown-Cravings

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What Did Samohi Students Do This Summer?

LEO LUCENTE
SMDP Intern

For the hard working students of Samohi, summer was no time to kick their feet up and relax. In fact, for many, summer vacation meant more work, but on their own terms.

A common way Samohi students spent their break from school was, ironically, more school. Santa Monica College, UCLA and other higher education institutions in the area hosted Samohi students during their summer semester. Students have also taken courses at online high schools or completed 2 to 6 week programs at universities across the country.

Cleo Topp, a rising senior,

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Ultraprocessed foods are everywhere. How bad are they?

JONEL ALECCIA
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Whether they know it or not, most Americans don't go a day — or often a single meal — without eating ultraprocessed foods.

From sugary cereals at breakfast to frozen pizzas at dinner, plus in-between snacks of potato chips, sodas and ice cream, ultraprocessed foods make up about 60% of the U.S. diet. For kids and teens, it's even higher – about two-thirds of what they eat.

That's concerning because ultraprocessed foods have been linked to a host of negative health effects, from obesity and diabetes to heart disease, depression, dementia and more. One recent study suggested that eating these foods may raise the risk of early death.

Nutrition science is tricky, though, and most research so far has found connections, not proof, regarding the health consequences of these foods.

Food manufacturers argue that processing boosts food safety and supplies and offers a cheap, convenient way to provide a diverse and nutritious diet.

Even if the science were clear, it's hard to know what practical advice to give when ultraprocessed foods account for what one study estimates is 73% of the U.S. food supply.

The Associated Press asked several nutrition experts and here's what they said:

What are ultraprocessed foods?

Most foods are processed, whether it's by freezing, grinding, fermentation, pasteurization or other means. In 2009, Brazilian epidemiologist Carlos Monteiro and colleagues first proposed a system that classifies foods according to the amount of processing they undergo, not by nutrient content.

At the top of the four-tier scale are foods created through industrial processes and with ingredients such as additives, colors and preservatives that you couldn't duplicate in a home kitchen, said Kevin Hall, a researcher who focuses on metabolism and diet at the National Institutes of Health.

"These are most, but not all, of the packaged foods you see," Hall said.

Such foods are often made to be both cheap and irresistibly delicious, said Dr. Neena Prasad, director of the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Food Policy Program.

"They have just the right combination of sugar, salt and fat and you just can't stop eating them," Prasad said

However, the level of processing alone doesn't determine whether a food is unhealthy or not, Hall noted. Whole-grain bread, yogurt, tofu and infant formula are all highly processed, for instance, but they're also nutritious.

ARE ULTRAPROCESSED FOODS HARMFUL?

Here's the tricky part. Many studies suggest that diets high in such foods are linked to negative health outcomes. But these kinds of studies can't say whether the foods are the cause of the negative effects — or whether there's something else about the people who eat these foods that might be responsible.

At the same time, ultraprocessed foods, as a group, tend to have higher amounts of sodium, saturated fat and sugar, and tend to be lower in fiber and protein. It's not clear whether it's just these nutrients that are driving the effects.

Hall and his colleagues were the first to conduct a small but influential experiment that directly compared the results of eating similar diets made of ultraprocessed versus unprocessed foods.

Published in 2019, the research included 20 adults who went to live at an NIH center for a month. They received diets of ultraprocessed and unprocessed foods matched for calories, sugar, fat, fiber and macronutrients for two weeks each and were told to eat as much as they liked.

When participants ate the diet of ultraprocessed foods, they consumed about 500 calories per day more than when they ate unprocessed foods, researchers found — and they gained an average of about 2 pounds (1 kilogram) during the study period. When they ate only unprocessed foods for the same amount of time, they lost about 2 pounds (1 kilogram).

> We have really good evidence that added sugar is not great for us. We have evidence that high-sodium foods are not great for us
> - Aviva Musicus

Hall is conducting a more detailed study now, but the process is slow and costly and results aren't expected until late next year. He and others argue that such definitive research is needed to determine exactly how ultraprocessed foods affect consumption.

"It's better to understand the mechanisms by which they drive the deleterious health consequences, if they're driving them," he said.

Should ultraprocessed foods be regulated?

Some advocates, like Prasad, argue that the large body of research linking ultraprocessed foods to poor health should be more than enough to spur government and industry to change policies. She calls for actions such as increased taxes on sugary drinks, stricter sodium restrictions for manufacturers and cracking down on marketing of such foods to children, the same way tobacco marketing is curtailed.

"Do we want to risk our kids getting sicker while we wait for this perfect evidence to emerge?" Prasad said. Earlier this year, FDA Commissioner Robert Califf broached the subject, telling a conference of food policy experts that ultraprocessed foods are "one of the most complex things I've ever dealt with."

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Kroger and Albertsons head to court to defend merger plan against US regulators' objections

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Kroger and Albertsons defended their plan to merge – and tried to overcome the U.S. government's objections – in a federal court hearing that began Monday in Oregon.

The two companies proposed what would be the largest supermarket merger in U.S. history in October 2022. They say joining together would help them rein in costs and better compete with big rivals like Walmart and Costco.

But the Federal Trade Commission sued to try to block the deal, saying it would eliminate competition and raise grocery prices in a time of already high food price inflation. In the three-week hearing that opened Monday, the FTC is seeking a preliminary injunction that would block the deal while its complaint goes before an in-house administrative law judge.

"This lawsuit is part of an effort aimed at helping Americans feed their families," the FTC's chief trial counsel, Susan Musser, said in her opening arguments on Monday.

Musser said Kroger and Albertsons currently compete in 22 states, closely matching each other on price, quality, private label products and services like store pickup. Shoppers benefit from that competition, she said, and will lose those benefits if the merger is allowed to proceed.

Customers also are wary of the merger, the lawyer said. In Santa Fe, New Mexico, for example, 278 shoppers have written to the FTC to express their concerns about a combined Kroger and Albertsons, which would own five of the eight supermarkets in Santa Fe.

The commission also alleges that workers' wages and benefits would decline if Kroger and Albertsons no longer compete with each other.

Before the hearing, several members of the United Food and Commercial Workers International union gathered outside the federal courthouse in downtown Portland to speak out against the proposed deal.

"Enough is enough," said Carol McMillian, a bakery manager at a Kroger-owned grocery store in Colorado. "We can no longer stand by and allow corporate greed that puts profit before people. Our workers, our communities and our customers deserve better."

The labor union also expressed concern that potential store closures could create so-called food and pharmacy "deserts" for consumers.

For people in many communities across the U.S., when a grocery store shutters, "their only source of food actually is walking to the nearest gas station," said Kim Cordova, the president of UFCW Local 7, which represents over 23,000 members in Colorado and Wyoming.

Kroger said in a statement before Monday's proceedings that the merger would help secure union jobs. The company said it has added 100,000 union jobs since 2012.

U.S. District Judge Adrienne Nelson is expected to hear from around 40 witnesses, including the CEOs of Kroger and Albertsons, before deciding whether to issue the injunction.

The attorneys general of Arizona, California, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Wyoming all joined the case on the FTC's side. Washington and Colorado filed separate cases in state courts seeking to block the merger.

Kroger, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, operates 2,800 stores in 35 states, including brands like Ralphs, Smith's and Harris Teeter. Albertsons, based in Boise, Idaho, operates 2,273 stores in 34 states, including brands like Safeway, Jewel Osco and Shaw's. Together, the companies employ around 710,000 people.

If the merger is approved, Kroger and Albertsons have agreed to sell 579 stores in places where their stores overlap in 18 states and the District of Columbia. The buyer would be C&S Wholesale Grocers, a New Hampshire-based supplier to independent supermarkets that also owns the Grand Union and Piggly Wiggly store brands.

Washington has the most stores that would be divested, with 124, followed by Colorado with 91 and California with 63.

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addition to the small mobile drones, a larger device is stationed at SMPD's downtown headquarters. A sworn officer pilot operates the drone from the Public Safety Facility's rooftop, monitoring radio channels and 911 calls. The drone can quickly take off and reach calls directly, providing aerial support for officers on the ground. It offers real-time updates, tracks fleeing suspects, and guides responding officers, improving the likelihood of resolving dangerous situations safely and effectively.

The drone incident wasn't the end of the drama on Friday night as a suspected drunk driver destroyed a thankfully empty seating area on Main Street.

At about 2:13 a.m., SMPD received a call stating that a dark blue Mercedes with two occupants inside collided with the patio area at Urth Caffe Santa Monica at 2327 Main St.

SMPD said there were open containers of alcohol found inside the vehicle so the driver was given sobriety tests in the field and was subsequently arrested for DUI. Thankfully, there were no reports of any injuries.



Matthew Hall

DEBRIS: Parts of the car were left behind after the crash on Friday. .

The parklet area was severely damaged and was being dismantled on Monday.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **70.2**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Surf stays small with meager SSW and NW swell mix in the AM. Morning winds likely best of the day. New SSW swell from TS Hector starts to creep up through the afternoon/evening.

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Eyeing the tropics for another modest to locally fun round of SSW swell. If the tropics don't deliver it'll be a pretty slow day with just minor SW swell and trace NW windswell in the water.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 74.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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2024/08/27	Tue	10:08 AM	3.18	L
2024/08/27	Tue	4:52 PM	5.50	H
2024/08/28	Wed	12:54 AM	0.09	L
2024/08/28	Wed	08:08 AM	3.76	H
2024/08/28	Wed	11:57 AM	3.14	L
2024/08/28	Wed	6:06 PM	5.64	H
2024/08/29	Thu	01:46 AM	-0.21	L
2024/08/29	Thu	08:40 AM	4.05	H
2024/08/29	Thu	1:05 PM	2.85	L
2024/08/29	Thu	7:06 PM	5.84	H
2024/08/30	Fri	02:28 AM	-0.36	L
2024/08/30	Fri	09:06 AM	4.25	H
2024/08/30	Fri	1:53 PM	2.50	L
2024/08/30	Fri	7:54 PM	6.00	H
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Music Guild Announces 40th Anniversary Season

St. Matthew's Music Guild has announced its 2024 – 2025 season of concerts of "World-Class Music close to Home." Music Guild concerts feature the critically acclaimed Chamber Orchestra at St. Matthew's, under the direction of Dwayne S. Milburn, and an array of world-class soloists and ensembles. Concerts take place at St. Matthew's Church in Pacific Palisades.

The season begins on Friday, September 27 with renowned saxophonist Jan Berry Baker performing Jacque Ibert's sparkling Concertino da Camera and William Grant Still's Romance for Alto Saxophone and Strings. Baker is Professor of Saxophone and Head of Woodwinds at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music and performs regularly with the LA Philharmonic, Chicago and Atlanta symphonies and a variety of new music ensembles. The program also includes a celebratory new work by conductor/composer Dwayne S. Milburn and concludes with Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony.

Other concerts include an all-Beethoven concert with Robert Thies in November, a Valentine's Day program of "Love Songs" with pianist David Kaplan, violinist YuEun Gemma Kim, soprano Liv Redpath and friends, and in March the world premier of a new work, commissioned by the Music Guild, by composer and performer Dawn Norfleet. LA Philharmonic Principal Flute Denis Bouriakov joins the orchestra for Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1 and other works.

The Music Guild's Choral Initiative will present the twelve-member, London-based Stile Antico in a program of Renaissance choral masterworks in April. The anniversary season also includes a Sunday afternoon bonus concert celebrating the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the C.B. Fisk organ at St. Matthew's Church, with one of the foremost organists of his generation, Nathan Laube. The season concludes with the Ukrainian-born pianist Inna Faliks performing the West Coast premiere of Richard Danielpour's Piano Concerto No. 4, Rossini's Tancredi Overture and Stravinsky's Danse Concertantes.

St. Matthew's Church is located at 1031 Bienveneda Avenue, Pacific Palisades. Tickets are $45 or Music Guild Season pass. Season passes for all eight concerts are available for as little as $285.) Ample parking is available and the Music Guild offers free intermission refreshments. For complete information, reserved tickets and season passes visit MusicGuildOnline.org or call (310) 573-7422.

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The Pier

Santa Monica Place Announces First-Ever Fall Into Wellness Weekend Sept. 14-15

Santa Monica Place is excited to welcome visitors to participate in the inaugural Fall Into Wellness weekend, an interactive celebration dedicated to revitalizing the mind, body and spirit. This free, two-day event offers an immersive journey into wellness, featuring engaging and beneficial activities including pop-up fitness classes, mini massages and product sampling in an energized, family-friendly atmosphere.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - FALL INTO WELLNESS: KIDS EDITION

Kick off the weekend with Saturday's Fall Into Wellness: Kids Edition, open to children of all ages, where families can join in on a series of exciting classes. Caliwater will be keeping participants hydrated for the day, and GoGo Squeez and Sunnie will be providing kid-favorite snacks. Fall Into Wellness: Kids Edition classes include:

Stroller Strides by Fit4Mom Santa Monica - Stroller Strides® is a total-body workout with strength, cardio and core training, all while engaging little ones in a stroller. Participants will leave class feeling strong, empowered, connected and energized, no matter what stage of motherhood.

Mommy & Me Yoga by Cayton Children's Museum – Participants will enjoy a relaxing yoga class with young ones for a fun, collaborative family workout.

Introductory Ballet by Tutu School Santa Monica - Guests are encouraged to bring young ones to twirl at the 30-minute introductory ballet class for children ages 18 months to 8 years old.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - WELLNESS FOR ALL

On Sunday, guests of all ages can enjoy an interactive Bloomy booth and free vitamin B-12 shots from Hydration Room, along with mini massages from Bao Foot Spa, samples of flavored cactus water from Caliwater and mini facial treatments from KANA. Sunday classes include:

All Levels Yoga by CorePower Yoga – Bylle Stasi will guide participants through an easy-to-follow, fun yoga flow that will strengthen and stretch both the mind and body. This class offers options for all skill levels.

RUN X LIFT by Barry's Santa Monica – Barry's is the original HIIT workout founded in 1998, also known as "The Best Workout in the World." Participants will get a taste of their signature RUN X LIFT, with a 40-minute class that will utilize the most effective combination of HIIT by incorporating interval-based cardio routines paired with strength training on the floor.

Box & Sculpt by BoxUnion Santa Monica – Box & Sculpt focuses on little movements that add up to a big burn. Participants can expect a dual-focus workout created to tone muscles and improve balance, coordination, stability, and flexibility – all while boxing to beats.

Event details are subject to change and advance RSVP is required for each pop-up fitness class and kid activity. Please visit santamonicaplace.com/events/wellness for more information and to RSVP.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Dana Brown selected as director of human resources

City Manager David White announced the appointment of Dana Brown to lead the Human Resources Department, following a nationwide recruitment.

Beginning the human resources chapter of her career at Los Angeles World Airports, Brown has nearly four decades of public service experience. She most recently served as general manager of the Personnel Department for the city of Los Angeles, where she oversaw over 600 full-time employees engaged in recruitment, examining, hiring and training, including for employees in public safety and the Department of Water and Power.

Brown has held a number of leadership positions in the city of Los Angeles, including serving as chief employee relations officer, general manager of the Department of Animal Services and human resources director at both the L.A. Zoo and Los Angeles Fire Department.

She has been a keynote speaker at various human resources professional organizations and serves on the Board of Directors for the Public Sector Human Resources Association of Southern California (PSHRA-SC), where she engages with local agencies to learn best practices and tools to elevate the employment experience.

"Leading the recruitment, hiring and retention of our workforce is a vital role in delivering high quality services to our community," White said. "Dana's leadership and experience will strengthen the great work of the department and set Santa Monica up for success in building a strong and resilient workforce."

As director of human resources, Brown will serve as a member of the city's executive team and lead policy direction of the department, which oversees labor contract negotiations and administration, employee relations, recruitment and selection, classification and compensation, training, organizational development, succession planning and employee benefits.

Brown will also serve as secretary for the Santa Monica Personnel Board.

"I am thrilled to join the team of incredible public service professionals with the city of Santa Monica," Brown said. "The Human Resources Department plays a crucial role in bringing city services to life and I look forward to the teamwork and embracing working with people all across the organization."

Brown holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

She will join the city effective Oct. 6, with an annual salary of $253,680.

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SUMMER

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attended UC Berkeley's 4-week on-campus embARC program.

"It's an architecture course with a focus on sustainable city planning," said Topp. "I'm really interested in Berkeley and this was a good way for me to get a feel for life on campus. I also thought I maybe wanted to major in architecture. I don't think it's my thing but I'm happy I got the chance to explore that," Topp added.

In the highly competitive college admissions landscape, Samohi students are drawn to college classes because admission offices will calculate GPA by weighting grades in college classes on a 5 point, rather than 4 point, scale. Also, the credits earned in a college class can be used towards both high school and college credit requirements. Despite undergraduate colleges being able to offer more prestige, Samohi students tend to attend summer classes at SMC rather than other institutions due to the strength of Samohi and SMC's relationship; the two have had a Memorandum of Understanding in place since 2007. Not only that, SMC classes are free for high schoolers.

With hourly jobs in Santa Monica paying upwards of $17 an hour, working a summer job is an appealing way for high schoolers to spend the break and Samohi's college and career center has been open all summer, providing work permits to students joining the workforce.

Nina Slavonia, a rising junior at Samohi, started working as a lifeguard at the Santa Monica College pool this summer.

"I do surveillance, which is just watching to make sure no one is struggling in the water. But I also teach swim lessons," said Slavonia. "I got the job because I've been a junior lifeguard since middle school and my sister who graduated from Samo this past year works there as well," Slavonia added. "I wanted a job because I want my own money, I don't want to have to rely on my parents for that."

While some students spent their summer in a classroom or working, fall-season athletes were preparing for their upcoming season.

Samohi football, eager to repeat the success of last season, has been putting in work. The CIF-SS Division 9 runner-ups have moved both division and league and hope to prove themselves in a new setting. This summer the Vikings have traveled as far as Arroyo Grande and central California to play in numerous pass football summer tournaments. The team had a winning record in every tournament they played in and found exceptional success at the Troy Clash of Champions Tournament, beating out 20 schools for the championship.

"I think we're in good shape," Varsity receiver Ashtin Derrick said. "Touch football is a completely different game but it's a good sign. It'll be tough but I'm hopeful."

In a more competitive division and with the graduation of key seniors like Caden McCallum and Jayden Montanez, the Vikings have had to work overtime to make sure they're in good form come season. The first game of the viking's season is on August 23 at Chino.

Whether in the classroom, behind a deli counter, on the field or elsewhere, Samohi students have kept busy this summer.

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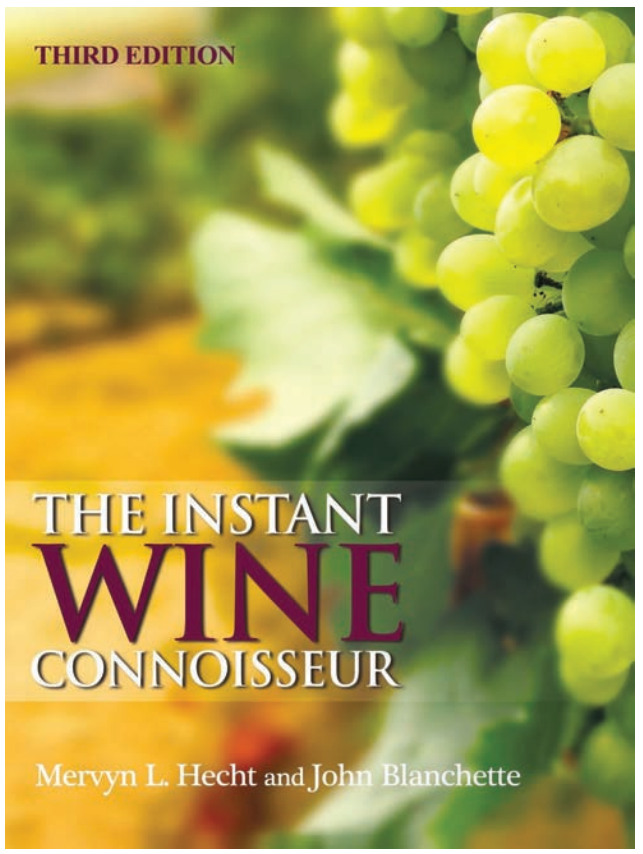
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POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR THE WEEK

Total Calls for Service (CFS): 2,686. 79,195 YTD (through 8/10).

Source of calls:

Citizen Initiated: 1,594 calls for service. 45,893 YTD (60% of total CFS).

Officer Initiated: 1,092 calls for service. 31,708 YTD (40% of total CFS).

Disposition for CFS: Homeless related = 17% YTD.

Encampment Calls: 44. 979 YTD.

5150 Calls: 10. 409 YTD.

Arrests: 56 total arrests. 1,677 YTD.

PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Lewd Activity – 1700 block Ocean Ave. A YouTube group known for setting up and catching child predators contacted the department and advised they had a subject detained for contacting a 15-year-old girl (decoy). The subject was arrested.

No Bail Warrant Arrest - Main/Pico. A police officer stopped the subject for a bicycle violation. A criminal history check uncovered a No Bail warrant for malicious mischief/vandalism out of LAPD. The subject was transported to LAPD's Pacific Division.

Domestic Violence – 1900 Block of Ocean Way. The suspect and victim are in a dating relationship. A verbal dispute escalated to the suspect punching and biting the victim. Responding officers arrested the suspect for felony domestic violence.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon/Knife - 400 block of Colorado Ave. Officers were flagged down by a witness near the intersection of 5th and Colorado regarding a subject brandishing a weapon. Officers attempted to detain the suspect who fled. The suspect was taken into custody following a short foot pursuit. The suspect was arrested for brandishing a knife (recovered at the scene) and making stabbing motions at two additional victims who left the area.

Sexual Battery - 2nd Street / Broadway. Officers witness the suspect raise a fist and threaten an elderly couple standing nearby. Before the officers could intervene, the suspect then turned and slapped a victim on the buttocks as she was crossing the street. Officers arrested the suspect for sexual battery.

Burglary – 1400 Block Ocean Ave. The subject entered the commercial building, took a bottle of water from the kitchen area, and fled. Officers observed the suspect running from the building and arrested him without further incident.

Warrant Arrest – 500 Block of Olympic Blvd. A subject contacted by officers during the investigation of an Assault with a Deadly Weapon was found to have a warrant out of San Diego County. The subject was taken into custody and will be transferred to the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

Brandishing / Knife - 200 Block Santa Monica Pier. The suspect was taken into custody without incident after he brandished a knife and threatened to kill the victim. Officers determined the same subject was responsible for two prior similar incidents in the beach/Pier area.

Earthquake - Information was received of 5.3 magnitude earthquake in Bakersfield. Shaking was felt however no damages or injuries were reported. The Public Safety Facility checked okay and windshield survey protocols in the city were followed.

Prohibited Weapon / Brandishing – 1300 Block 3rd Street Promenade. The suspect brandishes a dagger at passersby as he stands in the doorway to a restaurant. Officers contact and take the suspect into custody for the prohibited weapon. Investigation of the suspect revealed he was wanted for crimes in Texas.

No Bail Warrant – 1200 Block 7th Street. While working a community livability detail, an officer stopped a bicyclist for a violation of the municipal code. The suspect initially lied about his personal information. When he was identified, officers learned he had a No Bail warrant for assault.

Robbery – 800 Block Montana Ave. The suspect assaulted an employee at a business while attempting to steal alcohol. The suspect was located nearby and arrested for robbery (Estes).

Commercial Burglary – 2700 Block Ocean Park Blvd. Witnesses reported two subjects attempting to gain entry to the building by removing the front door from its frame. The suspects were able to steal money from two cash registers and other property. The suspects fled in a waiting vehicle eastbound on Ocean Park. The report has been turned over to investigators for follow up.

Robbery - 2500 Block Santa Monica Blvd. The homeless suspect entered the location and stole several towels and shirts. When the employee approached, the suspect pulled out a pocketknife and threatened to stab the victim. The suspect left the area on a navy-blue electric bike heading westbound on Santa Monica Boulevard. The incident is under investigation.

Commercial Burglaries (3 locations) – 2500 & 2700 Blocks Main Street. Two suspects smash a lock box and then gain entry by prying a door open. Two other locations also had smashed lock boxes and missing keys used to enter the businesses. Losses include electronics and cash. All three incidents are believed to be related and are being investigated.

Assault Investigation – 1700 Block Montana Ave. Officers responded to a report of a battery upon an elderly male victim who suffered a head injury. The victim did not know how he ended up injured and on the ground; there were no witnesses to the incident. The victim reported to officers that he had a verbal altercation with a bicyclist one block south of where he was found but did not know if that subject assaulted him. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The incident is being handled by detectives.

Brandishing / Criminal Threats – 1400 Block 2nd Street- The victim encounters the suspect who, without provocation, displays a knife and threatens to kill the victim. The suspect was located nearby and arrested.

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FOOTBALL

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connections was a 68-yard streak play, with Brown tossing the ball 30 yards in the air perfectly into the arms of his senior wideout. Cravings moves into the lead receiver slot for his senior campaign, grabbing 44 receptions for 685 yards and four touchdowns as a junior behind the now-departed Griffin Seals.

The Vikings defense was humming as well, forcing four Cowboys turnovers including a big interception in the third quarter by Manny Lares. The next challenge for the squad is a home opening contest Friday night against Laguna Beach, who defeated St. Margaret's 52-13 in its opener.

Starting hot last season, winning their first five non-league contests before a 1-4 slide once hitting Bay League play. Still taking a slot in the CIF Southern Section Division 9 playoff field, the squad made the most of the opportunity, knocking off Santa Ana, Troy and Kaiser en route to the championship tilt. Though the Vikings fell to Rio Hondo Prep in the 2023 finals, the team hopes the momentum carries over to 2024.

After the Vikings' home opener, the team will face three opponents it toppled in 2023: West, Sylmar and Hueneme. League play will be a different tale, however, as the Vikings transitioned from the Bay League to the Pioneer League in the off-season.

The Pioneer League features opponents old (Peninsula, Redondo Union) and new, with three foes from Torrance (Torrance, North and South) now on the 2024 slate. North finished 7-4 (5-0 in the league) last season before losing its first playoff tilt, while South (4-6) was unable to secure a postseason spot. The Torrance Tartars, however, were able to run through the CIF-SS Division 10 tournament, securing the division title before losing in the Division 5-AA region finals.

Along with the fresh opponents, fresh faces will have to carry the load on both ends for the Vikings. The team's 2023 leading rusher (Caden McCallum) and receiver (Seals) both graduated, as did defensive standouts Jayden Montanez and Paco Vandenbrook. In his second season behind center, quarterback Brown will look to follow up his efficient sophomore campaign, where he completed 67.4% of his passes en route to a 2,955-yard, 21 touchdown effort.

Vikings sports don't just stop on Friday nights, as this fall marks the second season of the successful girls flag football unit. The defending Ocean League champions went undefeated in league play last year, and began the 2024 campaign defeating Woodrow Wilson 19-0 on August 16. Four days later, the team fell 14-12 to Aliso Niguel, but will have a chance to rebound this week in games against Redondo Union and Mira Costa.

Fall sports also include girls golf, girls tennis, girls volleyball, boys water polo and cross country. This cross country season will mark the final go-around for senior phenom Phoebe Benun, who finished 20th in the 5,000-meter CIF State meet last November.

After winning a CIF-SS championship for the first time since 1998, the Saint Monica Mariners also returned to the football field last Friday, rolling through Hamilton 49-8 at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field. The Mariners brought back the majority of its young core for 2024, including quarterback Bradley Cassier, running back Elijah Wilson and defensive standout Dequan Carter.

Two other local teams had some national press in the leadup to the season, as Sports Illustrated's high school section listed Palisades High as the sixth-best team in the Los Angeles City section, headlined by Loyola transfer quarterback Jack Thomas. Venice High was also praised in the article's honorable mentions, with particular attention given to sophomore quarterback Jaiden Noel.

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VIKINGS: Samohi senior wide receiver Charles Cravings stepped up with multiple touchdown grabs in the Vikings' shutout of Chino.



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Notice of Divided Publication

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX-DEFAULT LIST (DELINQUENT LIST)

Made pursuant to Section 3371, Revenue and Taxation Code

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 3381 through 3385, the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for the County of Los Angeles (County), State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

I, Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg, County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector, State of California, certify that:

Notice is given that by operation of law at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, on July 1, 2022, the Tax Collector declared the real properties listed below tax defaulted. The declaration of default was due to non-payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in tax year 2021-22 that were a lien on the listed real property. Non-residential commercial property and property upon which there is a recorded nuisance abatement lien shall be subject to the tax collector's power to sell after three years of defaulted taxes. Therefore, if the 2021-22 taxes remain defaulted after June 30, 2025, the property will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2026. All other property that has defaulted taxes after June 30, 2027, will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2028. The list contains the name of the assessee and the total tax, which was due on June 30, 2022, for tax year 2021-22, opposite the parcel number. Payments to redeem tax-defaulted real property shall include all amounts for unpaid taxes and assessments, together with the additional penalties and fees as prescribed by law, or be paid under an installment plan of redemption if initiated prior to the property becoming subject to the tax collector's power to sell.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 6, 2024.

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Assessees/taxpayers, who have disposed of real property after January 1, 2021, may find their names listed because the Office of the Assessor has not yet updated the assessment roll to reflect the change in ownership.

ASSESSOR'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available at the Office of the Assessor.

The following property tax defaulted on July 1, 2022, for the taxes, assessments, and other charges for the Tax Year 2021-22:

LISTED BELOW ARE PROPERTIES THAT DEFAULTED IN 2022 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.
AMOUNT OF DELINQUENCY AS OF THIS PUBLICATION IS LISTED BELOW.

AGUIRRE, ESTHER TR ESTHER AGUIRRE TRUST SITUS 3448 ROSEWOOD AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90066-2243 4244-009-002 $5,277.97

ALEXANDER, CHETTIE J TR T C LAWS TRUST SITUS 657 VERNON AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90291-2759 4240-013-026 $4,094.20

ARCHER, WILLIAM SITUS 24 YAWL ST NO 4 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-7132 4294-008-055 $36,429.16

BARZILAI, YORAM AND ANAT SITUS 615 OLIVE AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90291-4722 4228-005-023 $64,681.79

BRAUSE INVESTMENTS INC SITUS 1 YAWL ST UNIT B LOS ANGELES CA 90292-7159 4294-008-059 $24,273.48

SITUS 1 YAWL ST UNIT A LOS ANGELES CA 90292-7159 4294-008-060 $28,424.97

CALOF, KENNETH R CO TR CALOF FAMILY TRUST SITUS 7352 W 88TH ST LOS ANGELES CA 90045-3466 4119-022-010/S2020-010/S2021-010 $16,954.79

CHANG, JOHN AND YU, JULIANA SITUS 1310 HARVARD ST SANTA MONICA CA 90404-2404 4267-009-007 $8,281.95

CLAGHORN, COURTNEY AND OFFIT, SAMUEL SITUS 528 21ST ST SANTA MONICA CA 90402-3034 4279-004-008/S2020-010 $394,381.96

COLE, MARCIS TR MARCIS COLE FAMILY TRUST SITUS 215 REDLANDS ST LOS ANGELES CA 90293-8031 4116-028-021 $10,778.73

COWLEY, PETER C SITUS 723 PALISADES BEACH RD NO 105 SANTA MONICA CA 90402-2647 4292-030-012 $43,347.30

CURTIS, ALLIE I SITUS 770 W IMPERIAL AVE 41 EL SEGUNDO CA 90245-2093 4131-022-068 $18,340.89

CVETKOVIC, ALEKSANDAR SITUS 8650 GULANA AVE NO L3173 LOS ANGELES CA 90293-7353 4119-038-007 $16,761.51

CWV 4140 GLENCOE LLC SITUS 4140 GLENCOE AVE 203 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-6684 4230-033-050 $15,730.42

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SITUS 4140 GLENCOE AVE 314 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-6688 4230-033-067 $24,225.30

SITUS 4140 GLENCOE AVE 417 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-6687 4230-033-085 $17,180.40

SITUS 4140 GLENCOE AVE 501 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-6687 4230-033-086 $24,225.30

DE NATALE, JONATHAN AND DALY, AMELIA SITUS 1770 WASHINGTON WAY LOS ANGELES CA 90291-4702 4228-003-019/S2020-010 $12,702.86

DEAN, ESTHER SITUS 1046 PRINCETON DR 208 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-5523 4229-003-098 $61,657.07

DOGTOWN SPIN LLC SITUS 738 PALMS BLVD LOS ANGELES CA 90291-3849 4241-015-028/S2021-010 $108,533.24

DOUGHERTY, THOMAS P ET AL HEITZENREDER, DWAIN G 4115-008-038 $3,434.83

EDSONS INVESTMENTS INC SITUS 5409 OCEAN FRONT WALK LOS ANGELES CA 90292-7107 4294-008-005 $28,558.21

ELIKAEE, MOHAMMAD SITUS 2223 CALIFORNIA AVE SANTA MONICA CA 90403-4523 4277-022-005 $5,670.81

FRAZELL, CLARA A TR CLARA A FRAZELL TRUST SITUS 1500 WALGROVE AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90066-2227 4244-015-015 $3,937.23

GEIGER, RICHARD R CO TR GEIGER TRUST SITUS 8235 DELGANY AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90293-7817 4115-004-011/S2020-020 $13,927.94

GOLDENBERG, ALAN M SITUS 8515 FALMOUTH AVE NO 315 LOS ANGELES CA 90293-8715 4118-018-111 $15,693.56

HARBOR CROSSING SOUTH CORP 4224-033-030 $1,625.63

HUNDZINSKI, KENNETH E SITUS 8740 TUSCANY AVE NO 203 LOS ANGELES CA 90293-8655 4118-007-116 $3,239.04

IMAI, WILLIAM B TR BRENT IMAI TRUST SITUS 13650 MARINA POINTE DR 1408 MARINA DEL REY 90292 4229-021-098 $18,849.02

IVERS, JEFFREY D AND GINGER V SITUS 828 WASHINGTON AVE SANTA MONICA CA 90403-4014 4281-034-058 $4,988.21

KELSO, ROBERT D TR ROBERT D KELSO TRUST SITUS 2114 22ND ST SANTA MONICA CA 90405-1710 4273-004-031 $18,439.26

LEE, CHARMAINE AND LEE, SIMON H AND TINA L SITUS 1046 PRINCETON DR 206 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-5523 4229-003-097 $10,729.33

LEE, KRISSY AND LEE, TROY H SITUS 13231 FIJI WAY UNIT F LOS ANGELES CA 90292-7074 4224-031-030/S2021-010 $89.00

LUNSKY, BENJAMIN TR LUNSKY FAMILY TRUST SITUS 2511 BEVERLEY AVE SANTA MONICA CA 90405-3718 4287-003-006 $12,812.55

MALLAM, DIVYA SITUS 310 WASHINGTON BLVD 406 MARINA DEL REY 90292 4225-003-123/S2020-010 $3,794.72

MCCROSKEY, WILLIAM T CO TR ET AL WILLIAM ROBSON TRUST AND WEYENBERG, J TR WEYENBERG TRUST SITUS 1724 ROBSON AVE SANTA MONICA CA 90405-5918 4285-022-005 $19,424.64

MCGUIRE, JOHN T SITUS 253 REES ST LOS ANGELES CA 90293-7743 4116-014-004 $144,548.04

MCLURE, KIRSTIE M SITUS 617 STRAND ST UNIT 1 SANTA MONICA CA 90405-2431 4289-005-061 $31,873.70

MCPHERSON, SEAN R CO TR S AND S MCPHERSON TRUST SITUS 1932 WASHINGTON AVE UNIT 3 SANTA MONICA CA 90403-3306 4277-025-028 $7,753.11

MENTES, HALUK SITUS 1314 17TH ST APT 0018 SANTA MONICA CA 90404-1952 4282-018-076/S2021-010 $9,798.84

MWDF 830 SANTA MONICA LLC SITUS 817 16TH ST SANTA MONICA CA 90403-1803 4281-001-021 $124,673.84

NADERY, GOODARZ G SITUS 423 PIER AVE 6 SANTA MONICA CA 90405-5543 4287-026-091 $1,266.89

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL INC SITUS 1314 2ND ST SANTA MONICA CA 90401-1103 4291-014-004 $4,951.91

OZTURK, ISMAIL C SITUS 13700 MARINA POINTE DR 305 MARINA DEL REY 90292-9257 4229-019-019 $78,585.25

PARDO MANAGEMENT CORP SITUS 52 NAVY ST LOS ANGELES CA 90291-2486 4286-018-070 $13,846.15

PDM 424 LLC SITUS 424 PICO BLVD SANTA MONICA CA 90405-1120 4289-011-013 $124.46

POWELL, SHARLOTTE A TR SHARLOTTE POWELL TRUST AND POWELL, PATRICIA Y SITUS 534 WESTMINSTER AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90291-3355 4239-023-010 $3,951.50

PS 2425 WILSHIRE LAND MANAGER LLC SITUS 2421 WILSHIRE BLVD SANTA MONICA CA 90403-5805 4276-003-004 $22,255.97

PYTKO, JENIFER J TR JENIFER J PYTKO TRUST SITUS 723 PALISADES BEACH RD NO 106 SANTA MONICA CA 90402-2647 4292-030-013 $38,693.07

REYNA, CHRISTINE C AND PITTS, ANDRE SITUS 952 6TH ST B SANTA MONICA CA 90403-2740 4292-010-095/ S2020-010 $1,274.17

ROCKS PLAYA LLC SITUS 7819 W 83RD ST LOS ANGELES CA 90293-7920 4115-026-010 $49,988.64

ROGERS, RICHARD J SITUS 2621 25TH ST SANTA MONICA CA 90405-2817 4270-011-050 $75,936.43

SALTZMAN, STEPHEN L AND RANDY M SITUS 620 11TH ST SANTA MONICA CA 90402-2904 4280-024-004 $14,181.43

SANDOVAL, ARMANDO AND PAULA SITUS 7312 EARLDOM AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90293-8057 4116-024-014 $20,062.37

SCHUBERT, JOYCE M SITUS 618 W OAK AVE EL SEGUNDO CA 90245-2008 4131-006-020 $2,091.19

SHINE, JOHN SITUS 8675 FALMOUTH AVE NO 205 LOS ANGELES CA 90293-8690 4118-017-047 $14,117.51

SIMONIAN, EDWARD TR SIMONIAN TRUST SITUS 649 OCEAN PARK BLVD SANTA MONICA CA 90405-3765 4287-003-012 $75,242.36

SINGH, BALBIR CO TR SINGH FAMILY TRUST SITUS 2222 PIER AVE SANTA MONICA CA 90405-6050 4272-012-022 $2,305.17

SOKOLOW, PANDRO CO TR SOKOLOW FAMILY TRUST SITUS 2325 32ND ST SANTA MONICA CA 90405-2027 4270-008-007 $136.48

SPAHI, JOHN TR SPAHI FAMILY TRUST SITUS 201 OCEAN AVE NO 1703P SANTA MONICA CA 90402-5137 4293-019-130 $16,751.38

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SUNFLOWER EQUITY LLC SITUS 923 MILWOOD AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90291-3832 4241-008-024 $74,254.00

TONEY, CHERRY W SITUS 4600 VIA DOLCE NO 2 305 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-6790 4295-012-099 $17,239.89

TURLEY, THOMAS SITUS 6987 TROLLEYWAY LOS ANGELES CA 90293-7611 4116-033-036 $8,443.56

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WILSHIRE VIEW LLC SITUS 709 BROOKS AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90291-3424 4239-007-003 $72,995.33

3462 BEETHOVEN STREET LLC SITUS 3462 BEETHOVEN ST LOS ANGELES CA 90066-2247 4244-007-009 $27,281.12

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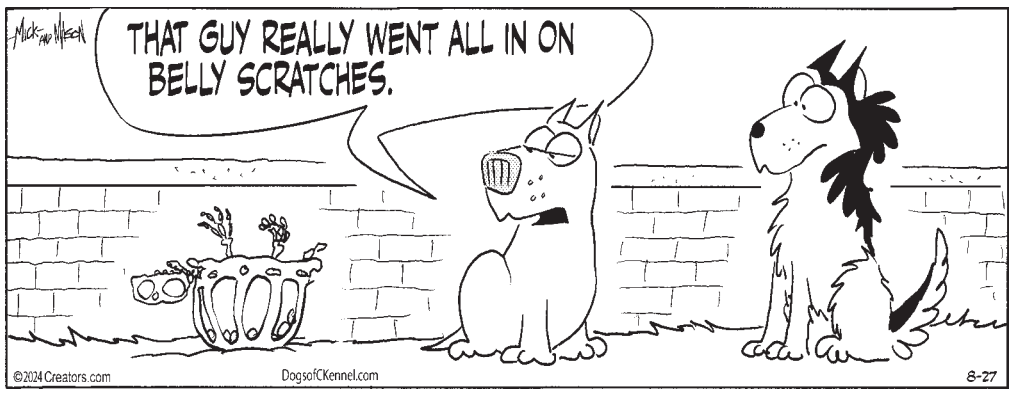
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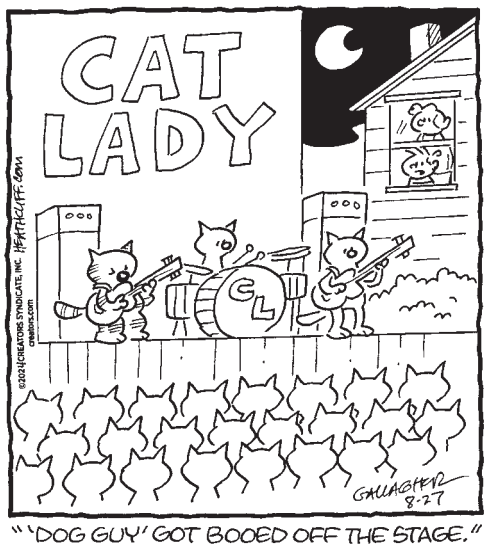
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FIND THE WORDS

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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6315

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 27)

Your adventures will be as boundless as your spirit this trip around the sun. You will teach and inspire, cultivating an environment where all can thrive. More highlights: Serendipitous meetings lead to good fortune in finance and relationships. An act of generosity opens the gate for much more, and you'll direct resources to need, healing the broken, empowering the meek. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 2, 20, 19 and 41.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some relationships dynamics work naturally for you, and others require your work for anything to happen at all. You'll find out what you're willing to do by experimenting. You'll figure it out as you go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's smart to automate your tasks, but you still need to check in with the process. This is why, even though a plane may be on autopilot, for optimum safety, there are still two pilots at the ready.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your eye for details is honed. Noticing is a talent, and it's good to get as granular as you'd like. However, your analysis may not be appropriate to share, as some won't be able to take all the minutiae.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be at your most productive around those who get you, challenge you and support you. Ideally, the same person can do all three, but if it's not the case, accept the gift you're getting and keep the social energy moving.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Overthinking leads to strange moods, feelings of displacement and existential angst. So give it a quick thought and move on, or don't think about it at all and trust yourself to work the moments with instinct and intuition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Models don't think about how pretty they are. Zebras don't think about how striped they are. You don't think about how fun you are -- that is until friends start fighting for your attention and time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be attracted to people who are attracted to you. You'll be drawn to those who can help you manage, improve and build in the ways you most want to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If courage were a substance, you would see that you have much more of it than can actually fit inside you. And somehow, it's always there for you to tap into, too, so you may as well use it wherever you go. You'll never use it up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every flaw has an advantage of some kind. Some are so advantageous they can hardly be seen as flaws at all. It takes some creativity to discover the benefit in certain circumstances, but you'll find it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You take charge, not because you want to be the boss but because you know how. You'll envision how you want things to go down before making a move or talking to anyone. They'll follow your simple plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your heart has been quietly open like a window on a perfect day, letting in sunshine and fresh air. But you may also notice, as the breeze blows through, that you are missing someone. Follow that pang. Reach out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Where the balance of power is out of whack, it is better to interact with neutral third parties. This keeps everyone honest and serves justice. For instance, there are many conversations that will go better with a mediator.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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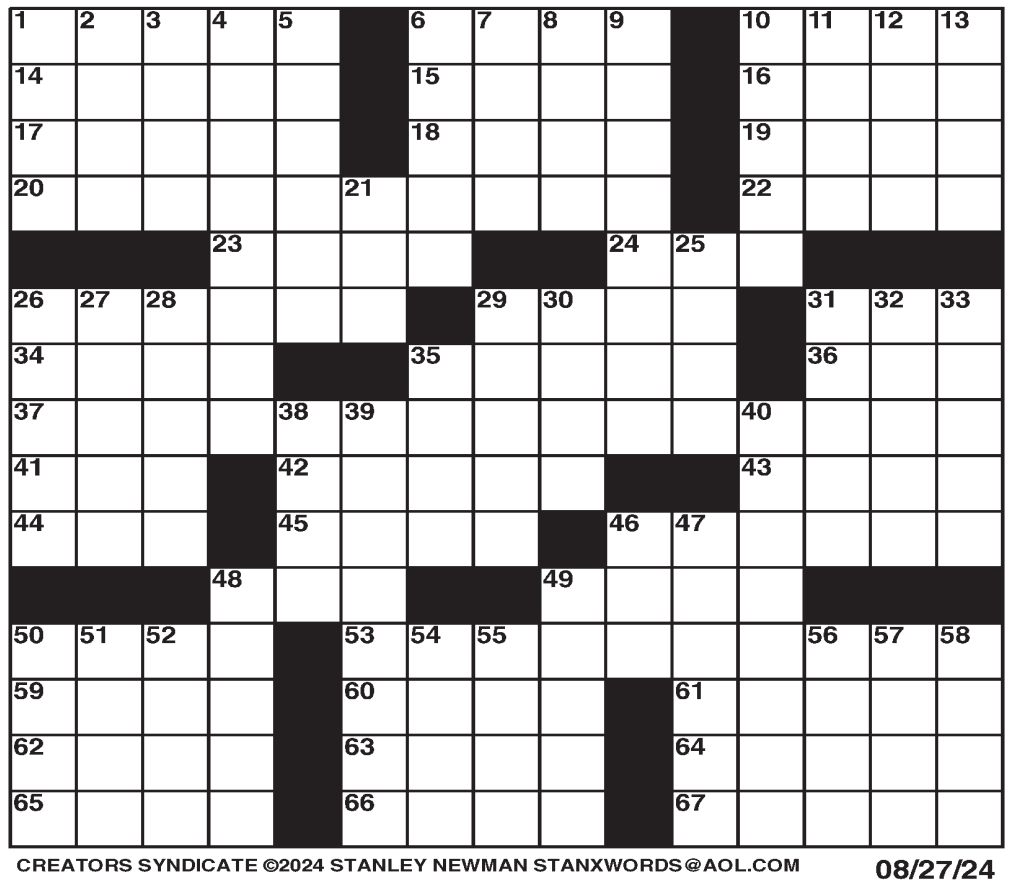
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ACROSS

1 Substitute for
6 Onion's covering
10 Lost traction on an icy road
14 Scientist Curie
15 Stay out of sight
16 Forest's cone holder
17 Musical drama
18 Hooting birds
19 Umbrella weather
20 Doesn't talk
22 Overly stylish
23 Boorish person
24 Get the __ of the land
26 Number on a gas pump
29 Bleak
31 Media monitoring agcy.
34 Person, place, or thing
35 Midday times
36 Historical period
37 Adage about saying nothing
41 Yale student
42 Literary plot twist
43 Slightest trace
44 Small amt. of sugar
45 Taking quite a while
46 Cone-shaped kitchen utensil
48 "Of course!"
49 Novelist Morrison
50 Gala party
53 Nonspeaking outdoor performer
59 Uncanny glow
60 Deceive
61 Extend a subscription
62 Colorful part of the eye
63 Much-admired person
64 First cousin's father
65 Pirate's haul
66 "Not __ knowledge" ("I don't think so")
67 *Les __-Units* (America, in France)

DOWN

1 Run __ (rage)
2 Garment behind a superhero's back
3 Elm or maple
4 Vehicle with a cockpit
5 Summer or winter
6 Yell
7 Fuzzy brown fruit
8 Not doing anything
9 Very young bird
10 Aerosol can output
11 Dishonest person
12 "What's __ for me"
13 Declare to be false
21 *"__ pasa?"* (Spanish "What's up?")
25 "Are not!" reply
26 Beginning phase
27 Bedspring shapes
28 Dutch flower
29 __ home (headed back from work)
30 Optimistic
31 Got nourishment from
32 Large Greek island
33 Artificial waterway
35 Gas in storefront
38 Egypt's main river
39 Intense workout regimen
40 Ache-soothing cream
46 Opponent
47 Not factual
48 Dough-rising ingredient
49 Brit's video appliance
50 Be unsuccessful
51 Currency in Italy and Spain
52 Duo + one
54 Chore list heading
55 Kitchen or den
56 Ancient Andes native
57 Thaw
58 Mothers of lambs



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CRIME STATS

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DIRECTED ACTION RESPONSE TEAM (DART)

Code Enforcement: 4 Citations ; 84 Advisals incl. 17 verbal warnings/15 written

SMPD: 5 Citations; 7 Field Interviews; 9 Encampments Cleared

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

Ohio State Fugitive (Sexual Assault) - 1600 Block of the Beach. DART officers contacted to subjects for an encampment on the beach. The officers used a fingerprint reader to identify one of the subjects and received a late hit after the stop had been completed. The officers learned the suspect was wanted for a rape committed in Ohio. Officers searched for and located the suspect in the downtown area. He will be extradited to Ohio.

No Bail Warrant – Santa Monica Pier. DART officers monitoring the performer lottery on the Pier were flagged down on the pier by several tourists who were concerned about a suspicious male subject following them for the past 20 minutes. The subject was contacted and detained. He was discovered to be a sex registrant with a No Bail Parole Warrant. The subject was arrested.

Assistance with Temporary Housing. DART officers made contact this week with a known homeless individual who has been in the city for at least a year. The individual has been reluctant to receive housing resources from the city. The officers have worked hard to develop rapport with the individual who finally agreed to accept a temporary housing situation at Samoshel. Great work by all involved getting a vulnerable individual off of the street and connected with meaningful services.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT (CAU)

Beat 1

The Beat 1 Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) and our Public Services Officer (PSO) Supervisors have been collaborating with multiple city departments including Code Enforcement and the City Attorney's Office to try and address an ongoing issue with a loud performer on Ocean Front Walk. The NRO met with the violator on the oceanfront walk side of Shutters and cited the violator for the above violation. The violator complied with the citation and packed up his items for the day.

NRO Hollowell at the direction of Captain Flores created a Teams meeting on 8/20/2024 to address unpermitted events with amplified sound. Those invited to the meeting are Community Affairs, DART, PSO's, CAO, and Code Enforcement

Beat 2

CAU did preparation for National Night Out on Monday. On Tuesday morning the NNO set up started in the morning and the cleanup was partially completed by 2200 hours. Final cleanup was completed on Wednesday and equipment was returned to the various city departments.

NRO Navarro and Galvan conducted Neighborhood Watch Meeting for residents from 219 Bay Street. Primary concern was the abandoned property at 234 Pico Blvd. NRO Navarro has been in contact with the property manager of the lot, and they will be adding maintenance service to repair breaches in the fencing. They will be also adding security personnel as demolition begins on the property. They also had numerous complaints of Star Liquor and that will be shared with the owner, Ramon, and Code Enforcement.

Beat 3

NRO Galvan and Navarro hosted a Neighborhood Watch meeting via Zoom regarding 219 Bay St. The residents main concern is 234 Pico which is the former bowling alley which is closed and fenced off. Transients have been accessing the parking lot and building. Suggestions were given regarding calling dispatch when trespassers are seen. NRO's will contact the owners of the property to fix the holes in the fence and properly secure the property.

Beat 4

NRO Wang participated in National Night Out on Tuesday August 6th. NRO Wang helped with the set up and break down of the event as well as other logistics.

FOOD

FROM PAGE 2

But, he concluded, "We've got to have the scientific basis and then we've got to follow through."

How should consumers manage ultraprocessed foods at home?

In countries like the U.S., it's hard to avoid highly processed foods — and not clear which ones should be targeted, said Aviva Musicus, science director for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which advocates for food policies.

"The range of ultraprocessed foods is just so wide," she said.

Instead, it's better to be mindful of the ingredients in foods. Check the labels and make choices that align with the current U.S. Dietary Guidelines, she suggested.

"We have really good evidence that added sugar is not great for us. We have evidence that high-sodium foods are not great for us," she said. "We have great evidence that fruits and vegetables which are minimally processed are really good for us."

It's important not to vilify certain foods, she added. Many consumers don't have the time or money to cook most meals from scratch.

"I think foods should be joyous and delicious and shouldn't involve moral judgment," Musicus said.

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TUESDAY | AUGUST 27

DANCE OPEN HOUSE

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Santa Monica College Dance Department, 1900 Pico Blvd., Core Performance Center Room 304. Learn about SMC dance courses, meet faculty, and sample a variety of dance styles. Free and open to all. Visit smc.edu/dance for more information.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms.

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 28

COMPUTER CLASS- INTRO TO GOOGLE DOCS

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Learn about Google's free application, Google Docs, for creating and editing documents. Learn how to store documents in the cloud. For intermediate level.

URBAN FOREST TASK FORCE MEETING

6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. The Urban Forest Task Force discusses items affecting public trees in Santa Monica. To view an agenda packet, visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4pjc1yywaw2pdzgq44rsh5z1x1/202408281830.

THURSDAY | AUGUST 29

LOS ANGELES CANNABIS INVESTING FORUM

10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Famecast Creator Brand Accelerator, 1533 26th St. The Los Angeles Investor Conference is a one-day in-person and live webinar conference with over 400 investors and investment attendees. Includes speakers, presenting companies raising capital, investor judges, sponsors, exhibitors and more. Live webinar registration is free, general admission to the event $49. To purchase or register, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/los-angeles-cannabis-psychedelics-investing-forum-tickets-792214253157.

LEGO CLUB

4 - 5 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join us as we relaunch the popular LEGO club. Explore the limits of your building imagination or try out one of our suggested builds. All materials provided. For ages 18 months-11 years old.

HOEDOWN THROWDOWN

6 - 8 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Enjoy an end of summer Hoedown Throwdown by kicking off your flip flops and kicking up your heels with Tina Michelle & The Rhinestone Cowgirls. Line Dance and 2-Step lessons from 6 - 7:30 p.m. (jump in anytime) and Open Dancing from 7:30 - 8 p.m. Dance partners not required, bring a picnic and meet new friends. No alcohol, glass or dogs allowed.

SOUNDS OF SANTA MONICA

12 - 6 p.m. Santa Monica Place Center Plaza, 395 Santa Monica Pl. Santa Monica Place is excited to present a new year-long live music series taking place in Center Plaza. The series showcases a diverse range of musical talents including interactive kid-friendly entertainment, energetic DJ sets, emerging local artists and student performances. For more information, visit: https://www.santamonicaplace.com/SoundsOfSantaMonica.

BROAD HUMOR FILM FESTIVAL

6 - 10:30 p.m. Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St. The Broad Humor Film Festival takes place every Labor Day Weekend, focusing exclusively on comedic films written and directed by women. Shorts programs take place 6 p.m. on the 29th, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Aug. 31 and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 1. A feature presentation of Brenda Lee's "Fortune Cookies" takes place 8 p.m. on the 29th. For tickets and more information, visit: https://www.broadhumorfilmfest.com/.

SALSA & BACHATA CLASSES

9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. The Victorian, 2640 Main St. Get your dance shoes on and meet at The Victorian every Thursday for 21 and up Salsa and Bachata classes. Enjoy music spun by The Victorian's featured DJs and stay after the lesson to participate in open floor dancing and other amazing dancers and great food and drink. Tickets $15, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salsa-bachata-at-the-victorian-tickets-391011675447.

FRIDAY | AUGUST 30

MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE TOUR

12 - 2 p.m. Marion Davies Guest House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Step back in time as Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people. Schedule subject to change with short notice, call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and closures.

MAGIC BY THE SEA

7 - 9 p.m. Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St. Get ready to unlock a full evening of magical entertainment via the "Nifty and Shifty" Comedy Magic show by the sea with John Rotellini and Dave Johnson. The intimate Court Room space hosts a formal close up show, a unique format rarely seen outside the Magic Castle in Hollywood. General admission $45, children ages 3-18 $35. To purchase, visit: https://illusionmagiclounge.com/show/dave-johnson-and-john-rotellini-magic-by-the-sea-aug-30-2024/.

LOBBY LOUNGE LIVE

7 - 10 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd. Guests are invited to immersive themselves in the ambiance of the Lobby Lounge as they enjoy handcrafted cocktails, delectable bites and the unparalleled talent of master pianist Jason Pelsey. As a special treat, six lucky attendees will have the opportunity to join Pelsey at the piano for an unforgettable musical experience (first come, first serve). For more information, visit: https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/events/lobby-lounge-live-piano/.

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