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Football fanatics flock to see fresh flag program

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A new breed of competition has injected life into the Samohi athletics program.

The 2023 fall season introduces girls flag football to the schedule, the sport's first year officially sanctioned by the California Interscholastic Federation. The 7-on-7 affair came to Samohi campus for the first time on Aug. 29, as the Vikings played an exciting preseason game against Warren High, losing a close 30-29 contest.

Despite the defeat, a bevy of community members and SMMUSD students alike came out to cheer on the new squad, including rousing support from the junior varsity boys' football unit. Coach Ramsey Lambert, who also serves as weight training and conditioning teacher for Samohi athletics, called the opening home game an "amazing" experience.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

FLAG FOOTBALL: Samohi Girls Flag Football's Sofia Moreno-Morales (#0) makes her way through several Warren defenders during an Aug. 29 match up.

"That support for a new sport was pretty special for the girls," Lambert said. "They said it (the next day) after practice, they were like 'it was a fun game.' They really enjoyed it, even though they lost, they had so much fun. Especially because (of) the energy from the crowd."

Previously the varsity boys' football coach for three seasons, Lambert was at a crossroads in the offseason, weighing a chance to return to coaching the boys' squad against the opportunity to lead a fresh program. Eventually, Lambert considered the excitement of female athletes he worked with in the weight room, becoming the leader to jumpstart the girls' program.

"That was something I was going to pursue to ensure that the school,

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Santa Monica sees a small decline in sales tax figures as inflation takes a bite out of the auto industry

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's economy remains relatively stable according to recently released sales tax figures but inflation concerns are weighing on some of the city's most valuable revenue generators.

Sales tax for the City of Santa Monica for the first quarter of this year, 2023, was 0.2% below the same period, January through March, last year, 2022. However, actual sales were down by 2.2%. (The figure excludes accounting adjustments and delayed payments.)

The effects of inflation on various taxable goods pricing materialized this quarter, with buyers paying less for the cost of new vehicles as financing costs escalated over the three-month period.

The auto industry is a staple for the local economy, generating over 25% of the city's total sales tax revenue per quarter. Moreover, 16 of the top 25 sales tax producers in Santa Monica are associated with the auto industry. New dealerships sales fell 8% and auto leasing declined 14%. According to the City of Santa Monica, analysis confirmed falling pump prices caused a fuel-service station's 12% decrease.

Although, not everyone has suffered it seems. "It is a very interesting market, there's a lot of money out there. There are certainly headwinds: interest rates/gas prices/mortgages domestic and political unrest … And yet, despite all that, my business is selling more cars," said Mike Sullivan, CEO of LAcarGUY.

"That's a funny statistic though,

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Cops want drivers to be safe and sober this weekend

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Daily Press Editor

With the end of summer approaching, law enforcement agencies are gearing up their annual holiday enforcement programs.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP), and Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) are joining forces for a tri-agency Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) over Labor Day. The tri-state enforcement initiative begins at 6:01 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, and continues through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 4.

Throughout the holiday weekend, while law enforcement will be looking for traffic violations and assisting motorists, a special emphasis will be placed on identifying and apprehending those suspected of driving under the influence (DUI) of drugs and/or alcohol.

"Alcohol-and drug-impaired driving continues to be a leading cause of traffic fatalities and injuries. An impaired driver behind the wheel puts themselves and everyone on the road in great danger," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "The CHP, along with our partners in Nevada and Arizona are committed

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Attacks on Newsom miss the mark but the unemployment system is broken

DAN WALTERS

Kevin Kiley, a freshman Republican congressman who represents Sacramento suburbs and parts of the Sierra foothills, posted a characteristic swipe at Gov. Gavin Newsom last week on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Reacting to news that California still owes the federal government $18 billion in loans taken out to pay unemployment insurance benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kiley said, "This is why Newsom is the Deadbeat Governor. After he and Julie Su squandered $30 billion in fraud, he took out a federal loan to make up with it – only now to default on that loan. As a result, California businesses are being taxed to pay it back."

The posting was about half fact and half falsehood, but the real story is equally damning, not only of Newsom and Su, the one-time Newsom administration official whose nomination as U.S. secretary of labor has been stalled in the Senate, but of California's decades-long mismanagement of unemployment insurance.

The Employment Development Department, which was part of Su's managerial portfolio, imploded when millions of Californians suddenly lost their jobs three years ago after Newsom shut down much of the state's economy.

Naturally, those jobless workers filed for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits but EDD botched the job, adversely affecting the lives of their families. To keep state UI benefits flowing, however haphazardly, the state borrowed about $20 billion from the federal government.

EDD's managerial breakdown, meanwhile, was compounded when it attempted to administer another pot of federal money that expanded UI benefits to those not ordinarily entitled to them.

Distribution of federal benefits was wracked with tens of billions of dollars in fraud. EDD's hastily expanded, undertrained staff was under pressure to deliver money and it basically gave it away to anyone who asked – including prison inmates.



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

EMPLOYMENT: The offices of the Employment Development Department in Sacramento on Jan. 10, 2022.

EDD was left with a huge mess on the federal benefits and a huge debt to the feds for the state benefits. Kiley – and many other critics – conflate the two, claiming that the state borrowed money to offset the fraud. That's simply not true; they are two distinct messes.

Many states borrowed money to maintain UI payment during the pandemic, but none even close to California's total, and all but California and New York have since repaid their loans. New York's remaining debt is about a third of

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Fed's preferred inflation gauge shows a modest rise in latest sign of slowing price increases

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

An inflation gauge closely tracked by the Federal Reserve remained low last month, adding to signs of cooling price increases and raising the likelihood that the Fed will leave interest rates unchanged when it next meets in late September.

Thursday's report from the Commerce Department showed that prices rose just 0.2% from June to July, the third straight modest increase. Compared with a year earlier, prices rose 3.3% in July, up from a 3% annual increase in June. The year-over-year figure, though, is down sharply from the 7% peak it reached a year ago, though still above the Fed's 2% inflation target. It rose partly because of much smaller price increases a year ago.

Among individual items, the cost of groceries rose just 0.2% from June to July, though they're up 3.5% over the past year. Gas prices increased 0.3% in July but remain 22.3% lower than they were a year earlier.

Among autos, new-car prices edged down 0.1%; they're still up 3.6% from July of last year. Used car prices fell 1.4% from June to July and are down 5.5% compared with 12 months earlier.

The latest data follows other recent reports that suggest the economy and the job market may be slowing enough to cool inflation pressures. The number of advertised job openings, for example, tumbled in July, and fewer Americans are quitting their jobs to seek better opportunities. Both trends ease the pressure on companies to raise pay to find and keep workers — a move that tends to perpetuate inflation as employers raise prices to offset their higher labor costs.

Excluding volatile food and energy prices, "core" inflation ticked up just 0.2% from June to July, the same as from May to June. Compared with a year earlier, core prices rose 4.2%, up slightly from 4.1% the previous month. The Fed's policymakers closely monitor core prices as a telltale signal of where inflation might be headed.

"It is becoming harder to dismiss the improvement in the inflation numbers as mere noise," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. Annualized core inflation in the past three months, compared with the previous three months, increased at the slowest pace since March 2021, Shepherdson said.

Economists and Wall Street traders increasingly believe the Fed will leave its benchmark interest rate unchanged when it next meets Sept. 19-20. If inflation and the economy continue to moderate, it might not raise rates at its subsequent meeting in November, either. If so, that would leave the central bank's July rate increase — the 11th since March 2022 — as the final one.

Some economists noted that the increase in year-over-year inflation rates underscored Fed Chair Jerome Powell's message in a high-profile speech last week at an annual conference of central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming: That inflation remained too high and the central bank had to remain vigilant. Still, policymakers typically pay closer attention to monthly and quarterly inflation data than to yearly figures, which can be lagging indicators.

The inflation gauge that was issued Thursday, called the personal consumption expenditures price index, is separate from the better-known consumer price index. Earlier this month, the government reported that the CPI rose 3.2% in July from a year earlier, down from a peak of 9.1% in June 2022.

Thursday's report also showed that Americans spent more in July, with consumer spending rising a healthy 0.8% from June to July, up from a 0.5% gain from May to June. The increase suggests that the U.S. economy is growing at a solid pace in the current July-September quarter.

Though consumer spending drives most of the U.S. economy, the Fed is seeking to slow it down as a way to restrain inflation. Too fast an acceleration of spending could lead the central bank to raise rates even further. At the same time, the Fed is trying to avoid slowing the economy so much as to cause a deep recession.

Powell referred to the tricky dynamics surrounding the economy and inflation in his Jackson Hole speech. He stressed that the Fed would "proceed carefully" as it considers its next moves.

"Two months of good data," Powell said, "are only the beginning of what it will take to build confidence that inflation is moving down sustainably toward our goal. We can't yet know the extent to which these lower readings will continue."

In Europe, inflation largely held steady in July at a time when the European Central Bank, like the Fed, is grappling with whether to raise its key interest rate at its next meeting in September. The consumer price index for the 20 countries that use the euro currency rose 5.3% in July from a year earlier, the same as for June, the EU statistics agency Eurostat said. Core inflation eased from 5.5% to 5.3%.

In the United States, spending in July jumped around the July 4th holiday, according to data from the Bank of America Institute, which tracks consumer activity through its credit and debit cards. And a pickup in online spending occurred in mid-month, likely because of Amazon's "prime" shopping day, the institute said.

Later in the month, entertainment spending surged, probably reflecting the popularity of the "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" movie releases, the Institute said.

Those trends might have pulled some spending away from major retailers, some of which reported sharp sales declines in the spring and early summer, including Macy's, Foot Locker and Kohl's. Yet many discount retailers, including Walmart, TJ Maxx and

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD)** will hold a public hearing on the **2023-2024 Proposed Budget (5 CCR § 58301)** for approval by the Board of Trustees.

The public hearing will be held in-person in the **Santa Monica College Board Room (Business Building Room 117),** 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405 and via **Zoom on Tuesday, September 12, 2023** commencing at **6:00 P.M.**

The Proposed Budget documents will be available for review as part of the agenda for the meeting at the SMCCD webpage at https://www.smc.edu/administration/governance/board-of-trustees/meetings.php starting at 12 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023. Instructions on how to participate via Zoom will be included in the agenda.

Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, Superintendent/President

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Engineering Design Services for Farmers Market Vehicle Barrier Project
Project No. SP2697

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The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to design a crash rated, assisted lift retractable vehicle barriers system for the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

RFP questions to be submitted to **via OpenGov,** no later than **3:00 p.m. on September 15, 2023.**

Proposers shall upload RFP **via OpenGov,** no later than **3:00 p.m. on September 25, 2023.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

SMPD officers responded to an assault call near the rear of the CVS located near the 500 block of Wilshire Blvd. During the investigations, officers learned that Torrell Myles was being accused of launching an unprovoked attack on the victim when he threw a metal object at the victim's head. The victim was not struck in the attempt. Officers located Myles nearby who was positively identified by the victim and still in possession of metal pipes in his bag. Myles was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and booked at the Santa Monica Jail.

City of Santa Monica

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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- **RFP: #377 PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES**
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Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

For the latest information on temporary street closures and roadway impacts, please visit the City of Santa Monica website at: www.santamonica.gov/categories/getting-around/street-closures; or scan the QR code below. The Street Closure page has links to various City capital improvement and street maintenance projects and is updated continuously as projects progress to completion. Please check this page periodically for updates.

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Visual artists fight back against AI companies for repurposing their work

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Associated Press

Kelly McKernan's acrylic and watercolor paintings are bold and vibrant, often featuring feminine figures rendered in bright greens, blues, pinks and purples. The style, in the artist's words, is "surreal, ethereal … dealing with discomfort in the human journey."

The word "human" has a special resonance for McKernan these days. Although it's always been a challenge to eke out a living as a visual artist — and the pandemic made it worse — McKernan now sees an existential threat from a medium that's decidedly not human: artificial intelligence.

It's been about a year since McKernan, who uses the pronoun they, began noticing online images eerily similar to their own distinctive style that were apparently generated by entering their name into an AI engine.

The Nashville-based McKernan, 37, who creates both fine art and digital illustrations, soon learned that companies were feeding artwork into AI systems used to "train" image-generators — something that once sounded like a weird sci-fi movie but now threatens the livelihood of artists worldwide.

"People were tagging me on Twitter, and I would respond, 'Hey, this makes me uncomfortable. I didn't give my consent for my name or work to be used this way,'" the artist said in a recent interview, their bright blue-green hair mirroring their artwork. "I even reached out to some of these companies to say 'Hey, little artist here, I know you're not thinking of me at all, but it would be really cool if you didn't use my work like this.' And, crickets, absolutely nothing."

McKernan is now one of three artists who are seeking to protect their copyrights and careers by suing makers of AI tools that can generate new imagery on command.

The case awaits a decision from a San Francisco federal judge, who has voiced some doubt about whether AI companies are infringing on copyrights when they analyze billions of images and spit out something different.

"We're David against Goliath here," McKernan says. "At the end of the day, someone's profiting from my work. I had rent due yesterday, and I'm $200 short. That's how desperate things are right now. And it just doesn't feel right."

The lawsuit may serve as an early bellwether of how hard it will be for all kinds of creators — Hollywood actors, novelists, musicians and computer programmers — to stop AI developers from profiting off what humans have made.

The case was filed in January by McKernan and fellow artists Karla Ortiz and Sarah Andersen, on behalf of others like them, against Stability AI, the London-based maker of text-to-image generator Stable Diffusion. The complaint also named another popular image-generator, Midjourney, and the online gallery DeviantArt.

The suit alleges that the AI image-generators violate the rights of millions of artists by ingesting huge troves of digital images and then producing derivative works that compete against the originals.

The artists say they are not inherently opposed to AI, but they don't want to be exploited by it. They are seeking class-action damages and a court order to stop companies from exploiting artistic works without consent.

Stability AI declined to comment. In a court filing, the company said it creates "entirely new and unique images" using simple word prompts, and that its images don't or rarely resemble the images in the training data.

"Stability AI enables creation; it is not a copyright infringer," it said.

Midjourney and DeviantArt didn't return emailed requests for comment.

Much of the sudden proliferation of image-generators can be traced to a single, enormous research database, known as the Large-scale Artificial Intelligence Open Network, or LAION, run by a schoolteacher in Hamburg, Germany.

The teacher, Christoph Schuhmann, said he has no regrets about the nonprofit project, which is not a defendant in the lawsuit and has largely escaped copyright challenges by creating an index of links to publicly accessible images without storing them. But the educator said he understands why artists are concerned.

"In a few years, everyone can generate anything — video, images, text. Anything that you can describe, you can generate it in such a way that no human can tell the difference between AI-generated content and professional human-generated content," Schuhmann said in an interview.

The idea that such a development is inevitable — that it is, essentially, the future — was at the heart of a U.S. Senate hearing in July in which Ben Brooks, head of public policy for Stability AI, acknowledged that artists are not paid for their images.

"There is no arrangement in place," Brooks said, at which point Hawaii Democratic Sen. Mazie Hirono asked Ortiz whether she had ever been compensated by AI makers.

"I have never been asked. I have never been credited. I have never been compensated one penny, and that's for the use of almost the entirety of my work, both personal and commercial, senator," she replied.

You could hear the fury in the voice of Ortiz, also 37, of San Francisco, a concept artist and illustrator in the entertainment industry. Her work has been used in movies including "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," "Loki," "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," "Jurassic World" and "Doctor Strange." In the latter, she was responsible for the design of Doctor Strange's costume.

"We're kind of the blue-collar workers within the art world," Ortiz said in an interview. "We provide visuals for movies or games. We're the first people to take a stab at, what does a visual look like? And that provides a blueprint for the rest of the production."

But it's easy to see how AI-generated images can compete, Ortiz says. And it's not merely a hypothetical possibility. She said she has personally been part of several productions that have used AI imagery.

"It's overnight an almost billion-dollar industry. They just took our work, and suddenly we're seeing our names being used thousands of times, even hundreds of thousands of times."

In at least a temporary win for human artists, another federal judge in August upheld a decision by the U.S. Copyright

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Tesla is allowing no-hands driving with Autopilot for longer periods. US regulators have questions

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

Tesla is allowing some drivers to use its Autopilot driver-assist system for extended periods without making them put their hands on the steering wheel, a development that has drawn concern from U.S. safety regulators.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has ordered Tesla to tell the agency how many vehicles have received a software update making that possible and it's seeking more information on what the electric vehicle maker's plans are for wider distribution.

> "NHTSA is concerned that this feature was introduced to consumer vehicles, and now that the existence of this feature is known to the public, more drivers may attempt to activate it"
> - John Donaldson, the agency's acting chief counsel

"NHTSA is concerned that this feature was introduced to consumer vehicles, and now that the existence of this feature is known to the public, more drivers may attempt to activate it," John Donaldson, the agency's acting chief counsel, wrote in a July 26 letter to Tesla that was posted on the agency's website. "The resulting relaxation of controls designed to ensure that the driver remain engaged in the dynamic driving task could lead to greater driver inattention and failure of the driver to properly supervise Autopilot."

A message was left early Wednesday seeking comment from Tesla. "If you haven't tried Tesla Autopilot, you don't know how awesome it is," Tesla CEO Elon Musk wrote Wednesday on X, formerly Twitter.

The government has been investigating Autopilot for crashing into emergency vehicles parked on freeways, as well as hitting motorcycles and crossing tractor-trailers. It opened a formal probe in 2021 and since 2016 has sent investigators to 35 Tesla crashes that may involve partially automated driving systems. At least 17 people have died.

Tesla says Autopilot and a more sophisticated "Full Self-Driving" system cannot drive themselves and that drivers must be ready to intervene at all times. Autopilot generally can keep a car in its lane and a distance away from objects in front of it.

The special order tells Tesla to describe differences in the software update that reduces or eliminates instances where Autopilot tells drivers to apply pressure on the steering wheel, "including the amount of time that Autopilot is allowed to operate without prompting torque, and any warnings or chimes that are presented to the driver."

The letter to Tesla Senior Legal Director Dinna Eskin orders the Austin, Texas, company to say why it installed the software update and how it justifies which consumers got it.

It also seeks reports of crashes and near misses involving vehicles with the software update. "Your response should include any plans to enable the subject software in consumer vehicles within the next calendar year," Donaldson wrote in the letter.

A Tesla officer has to respond to the letter under oath by Aug. 25 or the agency will refer the matter to the Justice Department, which can seek a maximum penalty of more than $131 million.

Tesla's system of monitoring drivers has been criticized by safety advocates and the National Transportation Safety Board for letting drivers check out when Autopilot is operating.

After investigating three crashes involving Autopilot, the NTSB recommended in 2017 that Tesla and five other automakers limit where the partially automated systems can be used to limited-access divided highways, and to bolster their systems that monitor drivers.

All of the automakers but Tesla responded. In 2021 NTSB Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy wrote a letter to Musk calling on him to act on the recommendations. The NTSB said Musk never responded.

The NTSB investigates crashes but has no regulatory authority. It can only make recommendations to automakers or other federal agencies such as NHTSA.

Most other automakers use an infrared camera to make sure a driver is paying attention. Some Teslas lately have been equipped with cameras that watch drivers.

Jake Fisher, who heads auto testing for Consumer Reports, said Tesla may have activated the cameras to monitor drivers, and that may be the reason for relaxing the steering wheel notifications.

But during its last test of Autopilot in 2022, the cameras didn't do anything, and

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Downtown

Santa Monica Public Library Presents Patrick Shiroishi

The Santa Monica Public Library's Soundwaves new music series welcomes saxophonist and composer Patrick Shiroishi on Saturday September 2, at 3:30 p.m., in the Main Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

This will be the first Saturday the Main Library has been open since March 2020, and the first Soundwaves concert in the MLK Auditorium since then.

Patrick Shiroishi has been recognized as one of the most interesting saxophonists of his generation, working at the cutting edge of multiple genres. He has just returned from touring as a member of The Armed and recently performed at the Stone with Zoh Amba and on NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts with the Wild Up new music group.

For Soundwaves, he is joined by Marta Tiesenga, Pat Posey, and Brian Walsh to perform his saxophone quartet, which was commissioned by Wild Up. As he describes it: "the four players weave in and out of each other through multiple movements, a tribute to their ancestors."

Since 2016, Soundwaves has presented free concerts at the Santa Monica Public Library, supported by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library and the Amphion Foundation. It draws on Los Angeles' broad history of creative music and has included collaborations with the Angel City Jazz Festival, Piano Spheres, Jacaranda, Microfest, Cold Blue Music, and the Dog Star Orchestra. Visit soundwavesnewmusic.com for more information, including videos of many past shows.

All Library programs are free and open to the public. Parking is available underneath the Main Library, several bus lines and the Metro E line stop nearby, and there are bike racks. The MLK Auditorium is wheelchair accessible. Please call (310) 458-8600 to request additional accommodations.

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FOOTBALL

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first off, had a program, and (with) someone at least with some football experience and knowledge in the area," he said.

Despite the expertise, Lambert is still figuring out the complexities of the 7-on-7 flag rules as compared to his time working with 11-on-11 football. According to CIF flag rules, games consist of two 20-minute halves with a running clock until the final two minutes of a half. Fields can be anywhere from 50-80 yards in length as opposed to 100, and both offensive and defensive strategies are vastly different from what is seen on Friday nights.

On offense, no blocking or moving screens are allowed, all players are deemed eligible receivers during a play, and the quarterback can only run the ball once per series of downs. For defense, no excessive contact is allowed, teams can only send two pass-rushers at a time, and a defender must make a play at a flag instead of attempting to strip or knock a ball free.

The rule changes have led to both Lambert and his team "learning on the fly," with strategic planning limited due to the amount of unknowns about the sport and opponents alike.

"(With 11-on-11), it's a lot of film and breaking that down and finding tendencies, and looking at the history of coaches and schools and what they've done in the past … with us, we have no clue what we're going to see during the game most times," Lambert said. "So for us preparing, we're trying to do our best to just be really good at what we do."

What the Vikings can do is convert their speed and endurance from other sports onto the football field. The majority of the roster are two-sport athletes, as girls entering the flag program come with experience from soccer, basketball and track. Lambert notes that the track sprinters are "naturally good with the ball in their hands," while soccer players understand the spacing and angles related to running routes. Basketball also translates to the flag game, he says, because the Vikings' "fast break" style of play is much like "trying to manipulate defenses by your movement" on the court.

Along with physical attributes, the mental ability of the Vikings unit will allow them to pick up the playbook and rulebook alike as the season continues.

"We have some girls who really just started to study hard right away," Lambert said. "They are eager. I think most of them are two-sport athletes … and so they kind of already come with that competitiveness and willingness to learn."

The Vikings have tasted both victory and defeat in the preseason, taking two wins from Cabrillo High before the home loss against Warren. Bay League action begins September 28, when Samohi will deal with opponents Peninsula, Palos Verdes, Mira Costa and Redondo. Though there is no official playoff slate, the girls are still giving their all, as Lambert says the experience in front of the excited home crowd was "validating" for the athletes.

"They were … just a little reluctant to go on the field because they know boys have been playing this type of sport forever … for them to have that competence last week to go out there and play pretty well, and then play a good game again back-to-back, I think that has really go them with their chins up and their desire is pretty strong," the coach said.

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Trump pleads not guilty in Georgia election subversion case and says he'll skip next week's hearing

KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

Former President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty on Thursday and said he'll skip a hearing next week in the case accusing him and others of illegally trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election in Georgia.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee had set arraignment hearings for Trump and the 18 others charged in the case for Sept. 6. A court filing waiving arraignment means Trump won't have to show up for that.

The decision to skip an in-person appearance averts the dramatic arraignments that have accompanied the three other criminal cases Trump faces, in which the Republican former president has been forced amid tight security into a courtroom and entered "not guilty" pleas before crowds of spectators. Georgia courts have fairly permissive rules on news cameras in the courtroom, and this step means Trump won't have to enter a plea on television.

Trump and 18 others were charged earlier this month in a 41-count indictment that outlines an alleged scheme to subvert the will of Georgia voters who had chosen Democrat Joe Biden over the Republican incumbent in the presidential election.

Several other people charged in the indictment had already waived arraignment in filings with the court, saving them a trip to the courthouse in downtown Atlanta. Trump previously traveled to Georgia on Aug. 24 to turn himself in at the Fulton County Jail, where he became the first former president to have a mug shot taken.

The case, filed under Georgia's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO, is sprawling, and the logistics of bringing it to trial are likely to be complicated. Legal maneuvering in the case has already begun.

At least two defendants have filed demands for a speedy trial and have asked to be tried separately from others in the case. The judge has set an Oct. 23 trial date for one of them, Kenneth Chesebro, a lawyer who worked on the coordination and execution of a plan to have 16 Georgia Republicans sign a certificate falsely stating that Trump won the state and declaring themselves the state's "duly elected and qualified" electors.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis has said she wants all of the defendants tried together, and she asked the judge to set an Oct. 23 trial date for everyone.

Trump's lawyer Steve Sadow has said in court filings that he objects to that date and plans to file a motion to separate Trump's case from that of anyone who files a speedy trial demand.

Some of the others charged are trying to move their cases to federal court. A judge on Monday heard arguments on such a request by former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows, but the judge did not immediately rule.

Trump, the front-runner in the 2024 Republican presidential primary, has criticized the cases against him as part of a politically motivated attempt to keep him from winning back the White House.



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TAX

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because we were so severely limited, with production, micro chips, parts availability, etc. for nearly three years.... Now manufacturers are able to build more cars and in fact, we are selling more. During the shortage for those years margins went up. But volume went down dramatically. Now, the good news for consumers is there's much more availability. Discounts and deals are available and it looks like we will continue to build more and create much more of a 'buyers market,'" Sullivan told the Daily Press.

"The big take-aways from this quarter is that while the overall sales tax is down ever so slightly, this is primarily due to a drop in auto leasing activity in Santa Monica," said Jennifer Taylor, Economic Development Manager with the City of Santa Monica.

"Rising interest rates have impacted our residents' demand for leasing cars. Retail and restaurants are nearly always slightly down this quarter – year on year – as it's post-holidays and cooler weather, people are dining out a bit less, trying to follow New Year's resolutions, etc. I think this quarter was also particularly wet so the outdoor dining was impacted. Overall, though, casual restaurant sales and hotel sales are trending upwards from the same quarter last year so that's good news and continues the positive trajectory for many of our local business sectors."

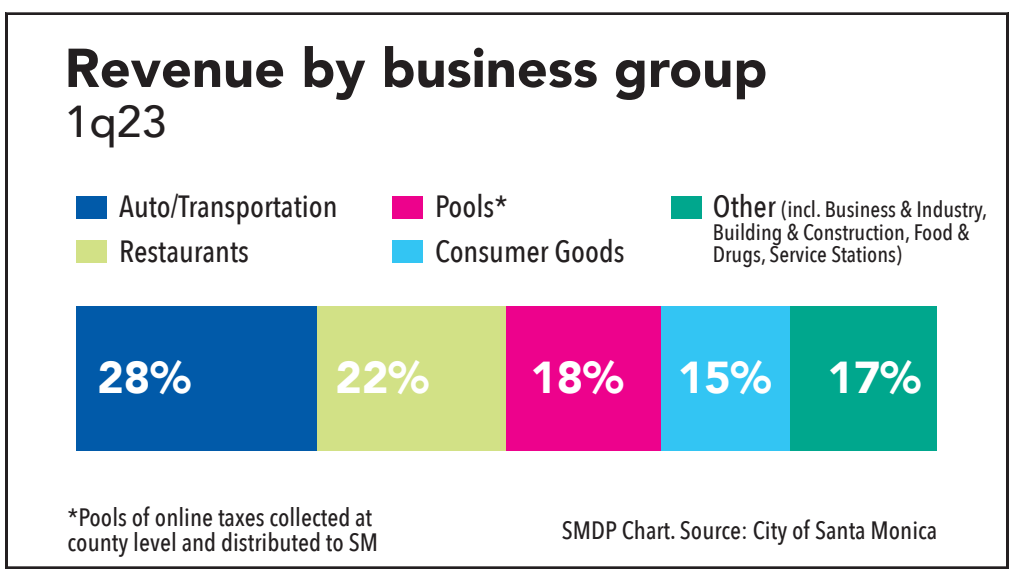
Weakened demand for office and medical/biotech supplies drove business-industry downward 11%. Cautious shoppers scaled back discretionary purchases on apparel, sports goods/bikes; however, general consumer goods rose 4% overall as audit recoveries boosted the home furnishings segment tax base.

Positive areas remitting bigger filings included plumbing/electrical supplies, quick service restaurants, hotels, and grocery stores. The City's district tax dipped slightly; eating out and building related gains were offset by reductions in auto, general retail, and gasoline sellers.

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Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of the Southern California region were down 0.9%.

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TAX: The auto industry is a staple for the local economy, generating over 25% of the city's total sales tax revenue per quarter.

TESLA

FROM PAGE 5

older Teslas aren't equipped with the cameras, Fisher said. However, the cameras did monitor drivers when using "Full Self-Driving," Fisher said.

Cameras, he said, are better at ensuring that drivers pay attention than steering wheel monitors.

Tesla owners refer to alerts about hands on the steering wheel as "nags."

When Autopilot was first introduced in 2015, it warned drivers to pay attention if it didn't feel torque on the steering wheel for about three minutes, Fisher said. Later that was reduced to 30 seconds, but it changes between software updates, he said. "It always seems to be jumping around," he said.

Consumer Reports also has found that it's easy to bypass Tesla's steering wheel monitoring system.

Earlier this month NHTSA sent investigators to a crash in Virginia in which a Tesla apparently on Autopilot ran underneath a tractor-trailer, killing the driver.



DUI

FROM PAGE 1

to proactive enforcement throughout the holiday weekend. We will deploy all available personnel to ensure the highest level of safety for everyone traveling."

Last year during the Labor Day MEP, CHP officers made more than 900 arrests for DUI, in addition to issuing nearly 5,700 speeding citations. Sadly, 52 people were killed in crashes on California's roads.

Myesha Morrison with the Santa Monica Police Department said local officers are anticipating an increase in visitors to the city over the weekend.

"In response, the department is increasing high visibility patrols in downtown, parking structures and beach areas," she said. "We would also like to highlight the 'Take It. Lock it. Keep It.' campaign that is a mainstay in our crime prevention message. Residents and visitors are reminded to remove all valuables from their cars when visiting the beach and shopping districts to help combat crimes of opportunity."

Like CHP, SMPD reminds residents to never drink and drive but rather, to always have a designated driver. Local officers will also be out enforcing a DUI checkpoint on Sept. 1 from 6 p.m. - 2 a.m. at an undisclosed location.

Specific DUI checkpoint locations are determined by safety data and are designed to take impaired drivers off the road.

"SMPD reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol," said the department in a statement. "Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal. If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home."

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of $13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

The department will also be wrapping up a bicycle and pedestrian safety operation on Friday. Traffic officers have been on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries. Officers will be looking for violations committed by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. These violations include speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield or provide right of way to bicyclists or pedestrians, or failing to stop for signs and signals.

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INFLATION

FROM PAGE 3

Dollar Tree, reported growing sales. That suggested that lower- and middle-income shoppers, feeling squeezed by inflation and higher borrowing costs, are seeking out bargains and focusing more on necessities.

Economists said last month's jump in consumer spending was driven mainly by one-time factors. Utility spending leapt as hot weather led many Americans to crank up air conditioning. Back-to-school shopping also likely fueled some spending.

NEWSOM

FROM PAGE 2

California's $18 billion.

When states refuse to pay their UI debts, the federal government raises payroll taxes on their employers to collect its money, but one could argue that the current debt should not fall on employers because the state caused it by shutting down the economy.

When the state was enjoying huge budget surpluses, it could have repaid the debt. It's now facing budget deficits, so employers are on the hook, and Kiley's "deadbeat governor" epithet may be justified.

Meanwhile, EDD's managerial shortcomings also continue. Last week, State Auditor Grant Parks issued an update of issues and agencies that pose high risks of failure and singled out EDD for a particularly harsh appraisal.

"EDD has not taken adequate corrective action to prevent the substantial risk of serious detriment to the state and its residents," Parks declared. "Corrective action is adequate when it prevents a risk – such as the risk of fraud – from presenting a substantial risk of serious detriment. Because the potentially fraudulent payments have already occurred, have not been fully identified, and have largely not been recovered, EDD's corrective action is not adequate."

Kiley's erroneous posting undercut his own credibility. He could have been accurate and uttered the same criticism of Newsom, whose performance on UI was and is shameful for someone who aspires to national political leadership.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

AI

FROM PAGE 4

Office to deny someone's attempt to copyright an AI-generated artwork.

But Ortiz fears that artists will soon be deemed too expensive. Why, she asks, would employers pay artists' salaries if they can buy "a subscription for a month for $30" and generate anything?

And if the technology is this good now, she adds, what will it be like in a few years?

"My fear is that our industry will be diminished to such a point that very few of us can make a living," Ortiz says, anticipating that artists will be tasked with simply editing AI-generated images, rather than creating. "The fun parts of my job, the things that make artists live and breathe — all of that is outsourced to a machine."

McKernan, too, fears what is yet to come: "Will I even have work a year from now?"

For now, both artists are throwing themselves into the legal fight — a fight that centers on preserving what makes people human, says McKernan, whose Instagram profile reads: "Advocating for human artists."

"I mean, that's what makes me want to be alive," says the artist, referring to the process of artistic creation. The battle is worth fighting "because that's what being human is to me."

O'Brien reported from Providence, Rhode Island.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 1)

This year celebrates your many talents and tones. It will seem you have a foot in two different worlds, until these different parts of you converge in one spectacular project. There's a special buzz around what you produce, and you'll make a difference to many. A responsibility becomes a source of wealth. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 29, 22, 41 and 46.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your wisdom shines through your choice of what and whom to get involved with. Trust those initial prescient instincts, especially when they seem to have no rhyme or reason. Something deep in you knows.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your team is good, but it could use more people on it. The same one who supports and adores you one day may fall short on another, but with a robust team there will always be someone to absorb the demand. Keep adding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You keep hitting a block on your way to the next level. It's OK to accept that this project has an upper limit. Instead of trying to make your offering different, think about who might need exactly this offering.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The people who have what you want may not be the best ones to teach you. They may have lucked into the position with talent, support or good timing. Guidance comes in many forms. Stay open to all kinds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are nurtured by earth, air and water, but the element you need most today comes from the fiery ball in the sky. Sunshine above connects with the fire in your belly. Soak up the rays and your passion returns.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's something you're attached to that used to provide you with a means to collect joy. Now joy is coming to you in a different way. "Be like a tree and let the dead leaves drop." — Rumi

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't need luck; you just need practice. As long as you're repeating the right things, repetition brings mastery. Tonight: In the absence of a good option, you don't have to choose the lesser of two evils. Choose nothing instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be a point in every relationship when doing the selfless thing seems hard. That point should not be early on. If you're feeling resistant or ungenerous, there's probably a reason, and you should heed it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fun is contagious. Some people are more susceptible, and certain environments more conducive. But perhaps the most influential factor in the spread of fun today will be timing, which you're a master of.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your thought process will be like television. You don't control all the programming, but you can choose the channel and change the show too. You're never stuck with what's on. The controller is in your hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being self-entertaining makes you much better company than those who depend on others for amusement and happiness. You'll be reminded that the better you are with yourself, the more you bring to relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The old adage "Location, location, location..." will apply. You won't have to work as hard when the environment does the heavy lifting for you. For the greatest ease, go to the popular places at the unpopular times.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

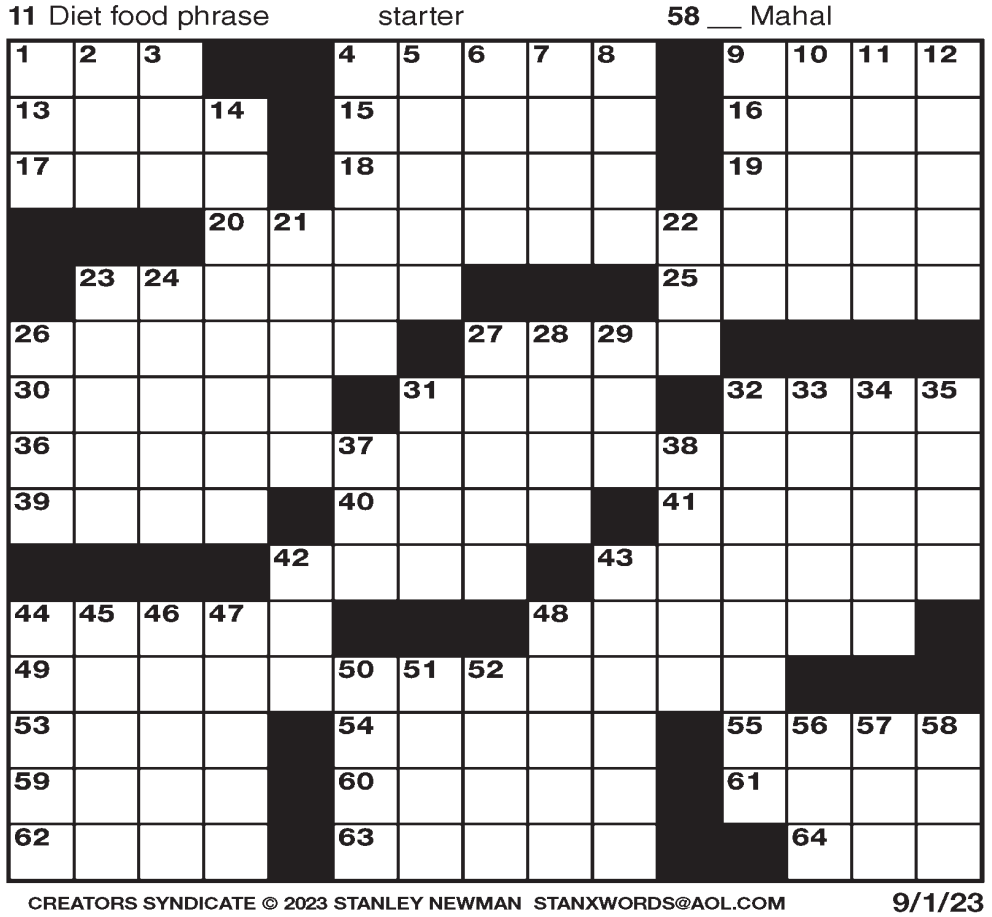
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ACROSS

1 Verbal dig
4 Delivery process
9 Discontinued Canadian money
13 Word after eye or bar
15 Sort of brick
16 Symbol of love
17 Withstand
18 Coconut Girl Scout cookie
19 Like the earliest recordings
20 Toast topping
23 Canine sidekick of claymation
25 Walks off
26 Philly hero
27 Teapot cover
30 Quite a lot
31 Prime
32 Barely flow
36 Casualwear
39 Symbol of love
40 Falls off
41 Black cattle
42 Out of sight
43 Most precious
44 Some spies
48 *Forrest Gump* actor
49 Needles and scissors
53 Alliance acronym
54 Overly proper person
55 It's not so fast
59 Raised
60 Oceanic adjective
61 Novelist Gruen
62 Great pains
63 Merciless
64 What's hidden "across" the three longest answers

DOWN

1 W's brother
2 Hacker's need
3 Farm sound
4 Scottish youngster
5 Adjust for repurposing
6 Fall flat
7 Wind in a pit
8 Raise
9 Part of a flower
10 Pleading Face or Smirking Face
11 Diet food phrase
12 Cuts back
14 Hanks host portrayal
21 Essential __ acids
22 Felipe VI, currently
23 Make it big
24 Two-number comparison
26 Unfulfilled fancy
27 Cheddarlike cheese
28 Heavy duty
29 Snore symbol
31 Swedish supergroup
32 Canine experts
33 Blows up
34 Unavailable at the moment
35 Conversation starter
37 Not a lot
38 Quick trip
42 Symbol on Tut's mask
43 Actress Tyson
44 A Comcast channel
45 Second word of *Gone With the Wind*
46 Parting word
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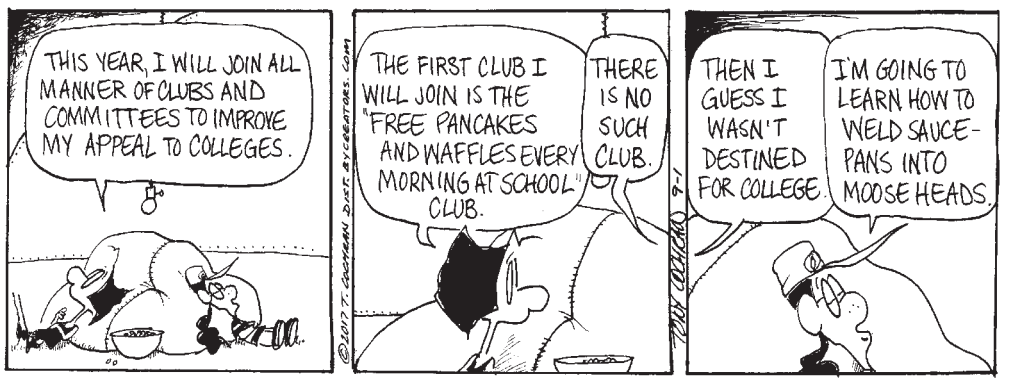


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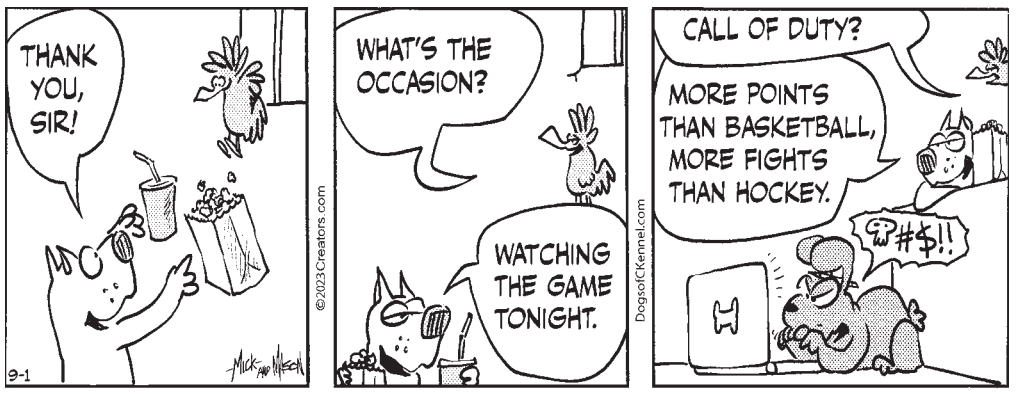
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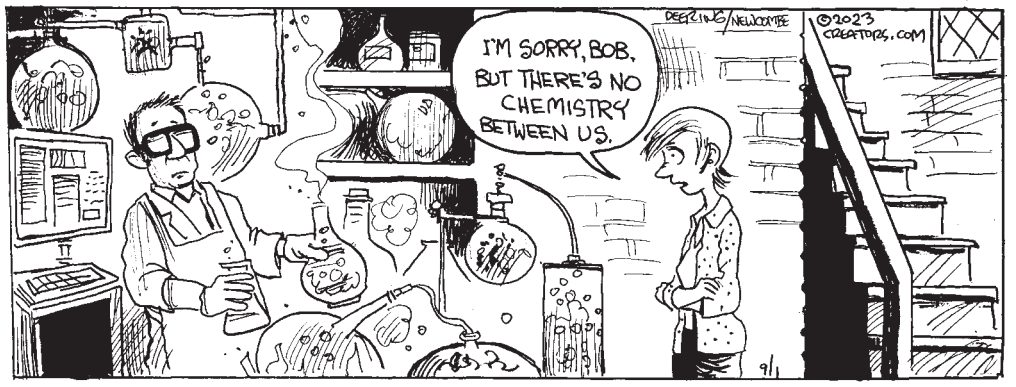
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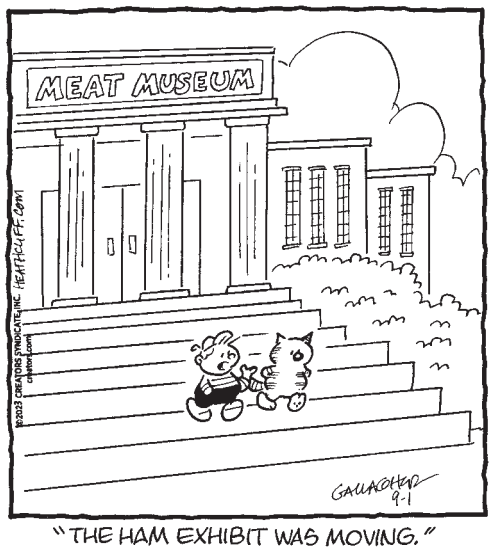
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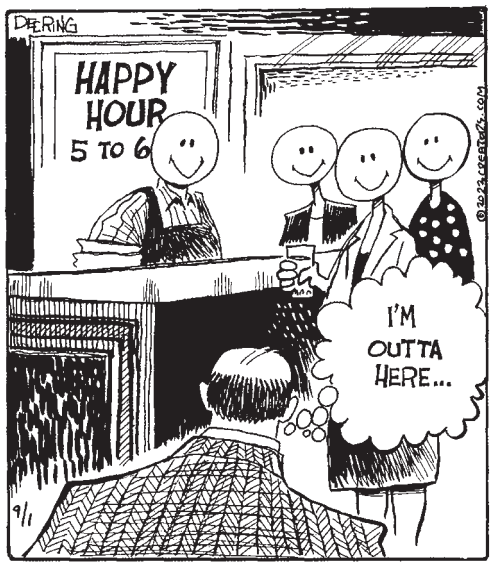
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"THE HAM EXHIBIT WAS MOVING."

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 26 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5954

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SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 2

MEN'S FOOTBALL - VICTOR VALLEY

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- Free for SMC students (with current ID);
- $5 for adults & teens age 13 & up;
- $3 for seniors age 55 & up & youth ages 3 to 12;
- Free for kids under 3.

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SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT

Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with free performances by world-class artists. Started in 2016 by librarian, author, and musician Jeff Schwartz with composer Daniel Rothman, and funded by the Santa Monica Public Library, Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, and the Amphion Foundation, Soundwaves has collaborated with presenters including the Angel City Jazz Festival, Microfest, PianoSpheres, Jacaranda Music, the Dog Star Orchestra Festival, the Santa Monica Department of Cultural Affairs, and Cold Blue Music. Sept. 2: Patrick Shiroishi Saxophone Quartet. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 3

AMERICANA IN THE PARK 2023

Bring a picnic, blanket, and beach chairs for this end-of-summer series that explores Americana styles from its roots to modern forms. In addition to two Southern California acts featured at each concert, there will also be food trucks and a McCabe's Guitar Pop-Up Shop. 4:00pm-7:00pm Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart St

PARTY ON! A SOBER COMEDY SHOW

Party On! is more than just a night of laughs, it's a celebration of recovery and a testament to the power of humor in overcoming addiction. Headlining comics from HBO, Netflix, and late night shows, will speak to the sober experience, but every comedy fan will love this show. 7:00pm-8:30pm Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave.

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 4

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community. Join us for our monthly meeting. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr.

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 5

TAKE & MAKE KIT: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Available beginning Monday, September 5 (while supplies last). This kit includes supplies to create a quetzal — a bird that lives in the tropical forests of Central America that was sacred to the ancient Maya and Aztec peoples — as well as a learning sheet to guide further discovery. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk and at all branch locations, while supplies last. For ages 4 and up.

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 6

SUSTAINABLE FILM SCREENING SERIES AND PANEL DISCUSSION: THE ENGINE INSIDE

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THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 7

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **68.5**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft Waist to chest	Day to target — drained sunrise then a nice tide push through the morning. Fresh, long period S swell builds through the day. Summer focal points get the best of it with some of the more powerful SPAC surf in a while. Beachbreaks walled.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	4-6ft Chest to overhead	Nice size S swell builds to a peak. Tide is very low and conditions may be at least somewhat drained at dawn, but look for surf to come on through the morning with the incoming tide. Beachbreaks likely walled.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before 11pm. Patchy fog before 11pm.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/09/01	Fri	04:51 AM	-0.53	L
2023/09/01	Fri	11:03 AM	5.51	H
2023/09/01	Fri	4:56 PM	0.75	L
2023/09/01	Fri	11:02 PM	5.98	H
2023/09/02	Sat	05:25 AM	0.07	L
2023/09/02	Sat	11:40 AM	5.69	H
2023/09/02	Sat	5:50 PM	0.68	L
2023/09/02	Sat	11:54 PM	5.17	H
2023/09/03	Sun	05:59 AM	0.77	L
2023/09/03	Sun	12:19 PM	5.73	H
2023/09/03	Sun	6:49 PM	0.74	L
2023/09/04	Mon	12:53 AM	4.31	H
2023/09/04	Mon	06:31 AM	1.52	L
2023/09/04	Mon	1:01 PM	5.62	H
2023/09/04	Mon	7:58 PM	0.89	L
2023/09/05	Tue	02:11 AM	3.55	H
2023/09/05	Tue	07:04 AM	2.24	L
2023/09/05	Tue	1:49 PM	5.39	H

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4 13 35 61 69
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 420 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/29
9 39 52 61 63
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 85 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 8/30
14 15 19 27 40
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/30
5 21 22 27 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/30
EVENING: 2 6 2
Draw Date: 8/30
MIDDAY: 3 4 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/30
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
Race Time: 1:41.05

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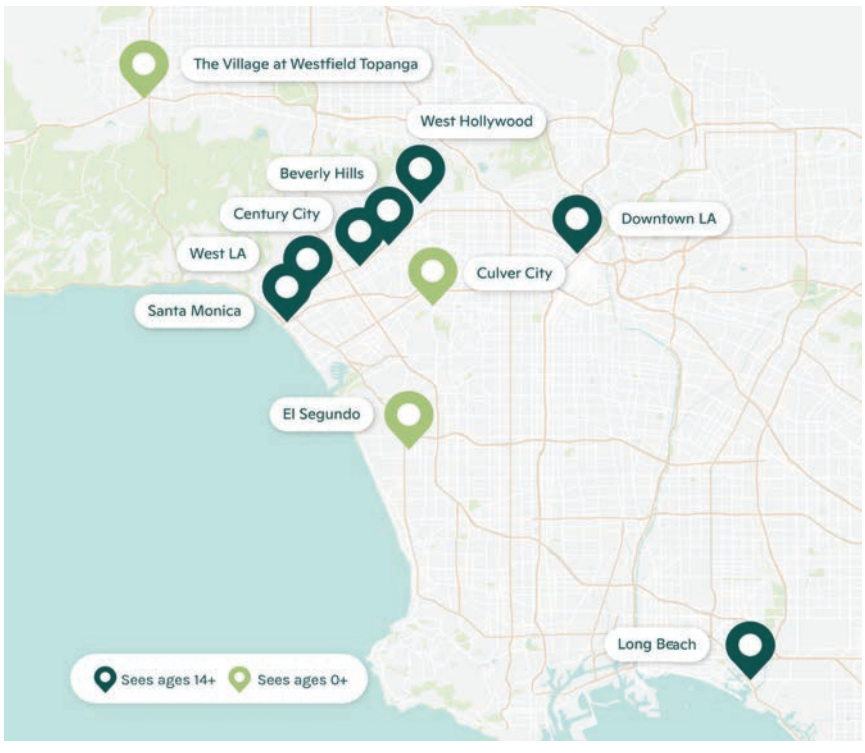
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