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Sheriff's Deputies search home of County Supervisor Shelia Kuehl

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Sheriff's deputies served a search warrant on the Santa Monica home of Los Angeles County Supervisor Shelia Kuehl Wednesday morning in connection with allegations of wrongdoing over a contract on county trains and buses.

Kuehl said she was forewarned by county attorneys that the Sheriff would be searching her home over the old case but she was unprepared for the number of deputies and the vagueness of the warrant when it arrived at 7 a.m.

According to Kuehl, the warrant allowed deputies to seize anything that they felt could have been used

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Matthew Hall

KUEHL: The Supervisor said the

Kids hit the beach for returning cleanup day

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
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For some kids at Heal the Bay's Coastal Clean-up Education Day yesterday, it was their first time at the beach. Over 200 kids from across LA County attended and participated in activities to learn about local ecology and environmental issues.

Marissa Reese, a fifth-grade teacher at Holmes Elementary in Lakewood, was there chaperoning a group of third to fifth grade students.

"We're a Title I school so we have a pretty high needs population at our school so a lot of them might never get out of Long Beach or Lakewood," she said. "So to come out to Santa Monica for them to get this experience is really awesome."

Students rotated between multiple stations on the beach and in Heal the Bay's aquarium, each with a different focus, but all around the

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Downtown's ban on sitting, sleeping in business doorways expands citywide

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The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will soon be empowered to remove people sleeping in the doorways of closed businesses along highly trafficked areas of town, following a unanimous city council decision on Tuesday evening.

The change expands the area where police officers had previously been empowered to remove transients and other people who sit or sleep overnight in business doorways; since 2002, SMPD officers were legally permitted to remove people from non-residential doorways Downtown or along Main Street without a specific complaint or 911 call. SMPD requested the expanded ordinance earlier this year.

SMPD Deputy Chief Executive Officer Sal Lucio, who spoke at the Tuesday, Sept. 13, council meeting, said SMPD requested the expanded enforcement area amid a "growing number of complaints and community concerns" about the number of people blocking business entrances overnight.

"Those who are working in these businesses typically must remove these individuals who are blocking ingress and egress to these locations and, oftentimes, these occur in the early morning hours or sometimes late at night," Lucio

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Samohi 50th Reunion



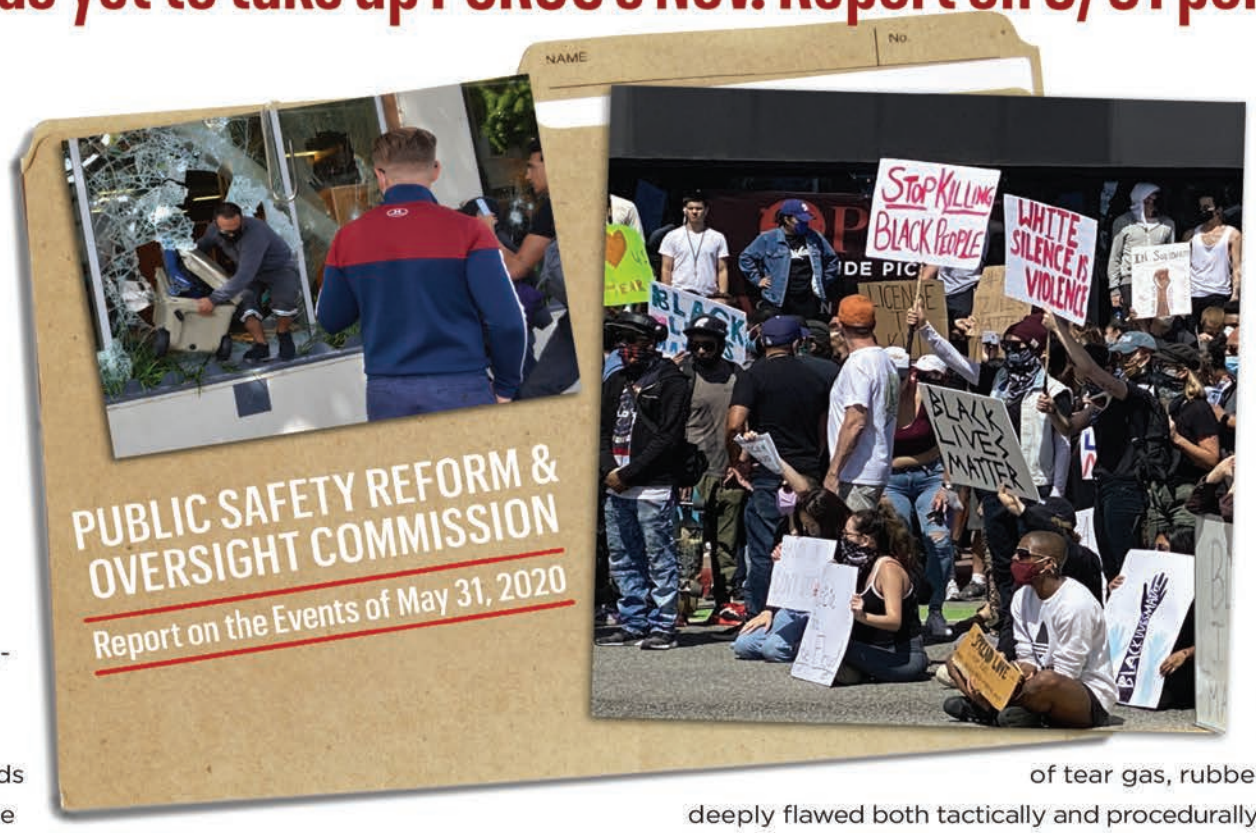
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REUNION: Santa Monica High School's class of 1972 celebrated its 50th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the MdR Hotel in Marina del Rey. Lisa Lenes helped organize the event along with her sister Beatrice Lenes.

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'Performance Failures' by SMPD Detailed in Critical Review by Commission.

Council has yet to take up PSROC's Nov. Report on 5/31 policing crisis.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Commission, after extensive examination, discussion, consideration, and community input finds the OIR* Report to be accurate, authoritative, and deeply concerning. The number of OIR recommendations is extraordinary, as are the very serious SMPD performance failures and ongoing deficiencies upon which they are based. Events of May 31st exposed SMPD's structural, planning, and operational weaknesses.

The OIR Group Report contained sharp criticism of SMPD on numerous topics of importance including SMPD's leadership, communications and policy flaws, as well as violations of its existing policies. This includes potential criminal violations by officers during May 31, 2020.

SMPD's leadership sought to camouflage failures into success by perpetuating a false and misleading narrative. This included the blatantly non-credible insistence by the former Police Chief Cynthia Renaud and Interim City Manager Lane Dilg that SMPD deserved an "A grade" for its performance on 5/31.

The volume of footage captured by SMPD officer's body-worn cameras was regularly cited by top City officials as the primary reason why a meaningful report on the events of 5/31 was not made available to the public for 13 months. These officials neglected to inform the public approximately half of the officers did not activate their body-worn cameras, resulting in far less footage than would have been expected. We believe this was a key part of the "False Narrative" that was being widely promoted at the time by SMPD and City officials.

The OIR Report points out, and we do as well, that SMPD's declarations of an illegal assembly on Ocean Avenue and its use of tear gas, rubber bullets, etc., while deeply flawed both tactically and procedurally, were not entirely without a Constitutional basis. Some key procedures, including at least one warning announcement, were performed by SMPD.

We want to acknowledge that the OIR Group Report observed "it is only fair to put SMPD's shortcomings in context," noting that law enforcement agencies all over the country were overmatched by the size, scale and complexity of the unrest that followed George Floyd's death. OIR Group also noted that SMPD cooperated fully in its investigation.

The Commission is concerned that a recent false narrative was promoted by former Interim Police Chief Seabrooks and continues to be promoted by other SMPD officials. This narrative holds that the poor outcomes of 5/31 can be entirely explained by the performance failures of one former Police Chief and the unique circumstances of that one day. We find this storyline lacking in credibility.

READ THE FULL REPORT: SantaMonicans4Democracy.org

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 322 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 13

Loud Music 1400Blk Ocean Ave 12:01 a.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Ocean Ave 12:13 a.m.
Shots Fired 900Blk 2nd St 12:18 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:02 a.m.
Battery 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:23 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2100Blk Delaware Ave 1:45 a.m.
Found Senile Person 600Blk Broadway 2:22 a.m.
Party Complaint 1200Blk Euclid St 2:24 a.m.
Battery 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:20 a.m.
Prowler 1000Blk 4th St 4:08 a.m.
Petty Theft 400Blk Colorado 5:07 a.m.
Petty Theft 1000Blk Ashland Ave 5:11 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 6:36 a.m.
Encampment 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:40 a.m.
Petty Theft 2200Blk Main St 6:57 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1000Blk 9th St 7:14 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Ocean Ave 7:16 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:22 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 7:24 a.m.
Lewd Activity 400Blk Ocean Ave 7:25 a.m.
Burglary 2600Blk The Beach 7:47 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2500Blk 2nd St 7:56 a.m.
Fight 7th St / Colorado Ave 7:59 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk The Beach 8:09 a.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 8:14 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 8:24 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2700Blk Main St 8:37 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2400Blk Virginia Ave 8:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2100Blk Virginia Ave 8:48 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk The Beach 8:51 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 900Blk Arizona Ave 8:55 a.m.
Grand Theft 2100Blk 20th St 9:01 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 300Blk 11th St 9:04 a.m.
Found Senile Person 1500Blk Broadway 9:17 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Palisades Park 9:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Stewart St / Virginia Ave 9:35 a.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 17th St 10:01 a.m.
Sexual Assault 300Blk California Ave 10:04 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:09 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900Blk 6th St 10:16 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:24 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800Blk Oak St 11:11 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:12 a.m.
Expired Registration 800Blk 11th St 11:21 a.m.
Burglary 900Blk 4th St 11:21 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1200Blk Palisades Beach rd 11:34 a.m.
Grand Theft 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2100Blk 20th St 12:02 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1300Blk 2nd St 12:13 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 400Blk California Ave 12:23 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 1900Blk 19th St 12:24 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 12:27 p.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk 11th St 12:31 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400Blk Colorado Ave 12:52 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 21st St / Broadway 12:54 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3300Blk Barnard Way 12:57 p.m.
Expired Registration 1300Blk 11th St 1:00 p.m.
Fraud 800Blk Pacific St 1:02 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2700Blk Neilson Way 1:15 p.m.
Encampment 1800Blk 20th St 1:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 1:29 p.m.
Petty Theft 2200Blk Delaware Ave 1:41 p.m.
Overdose 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:08 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:16 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3100Blk Main St 2:28 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk 11th St 2:28 p.m.
Expired Registration 1100Blk Euclid St 2:29 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2800Blk 3rd St 2:36 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1600Blk Stewart St 2:40 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee Lot 5 S 2:43 p.m.
General Parking Problem 3200Blk Arizona Ave 2:43 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 700Blk 14th St 3:08 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 18th St 3:11 p.m.
Sexual Assault Main St / Hollister Ave 3:28 p.m.
Identity Theft 1800Blk 20th St 3:29 p.m.
Found Property 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee Lot 4 S 3:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 900Blk 7th St 3:46 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 500Blk Raymond Ave 3:49 p.m.
Found Property Main St / Strand St 3:55 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1000Blk 11th St 4:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 4:17 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:27 p.m.
Scar Investigation 2300Blk Pearl St 4:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1600Blk Colorado Ave 4:35 p.m.
Bike Theft 1500Blk 11th St 4:35 p.m.
Fight 1500Blk Palisades Park 4:37 p.m.
Expired Registration 1300Blk 16th St 4:46 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk 19th St 5:00 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2200Blk Virginia Ave 5:08 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 200Blk Arizona Ave 5:14 p.m.
Found Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:21 p.m.
Petty Theft 400Blk Broadway 5:25 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 600Blk Palisades Ave 5:31 p.m.
Fight 1200Blk 14th St 5:35 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 6:16 p.m.
Fraud 1400Blk 21st St 6:18 p.m.
Petty Theft 7th St / Montana Ave 6:30 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk Ocean Ave 6:40 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1400Blk Palisades Beach rd 6:43 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Broadway 6:45 p.m.
Overdose 1500Blk 4th St 6:49 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 100Blk Interstate 10 7:19 p.m.
Found Property 3200Blk Donald Douglas Loop S 7:22 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Virginia Ave 7:23 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2200Blk 4th St 8:04 p.m.
Petty Theft 1700Blk Ocean Ave 8:23 p.m.
Found Property 1600Blk The Beach 8:35 p.m.
Sexual Assault 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:35 p.m.
Encampment 1000Blk Bay St 9:08 p.m.
Speeding 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 9:21 p.m.
Overdose 500Blk Broadway 9:41 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Pico Blvd 9:50 p.m.
Overdose 1500Blk 4th St 9:56 p.m.
Grand Theft 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:04 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk 2nd St 11:28 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:32 p.m.
Construction Noise 2300Blk Pico Blvd 11:48 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

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Automatic Alarm 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:04 a.m.
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Automatic Alarm 600Blk Pico Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 2200Blk Virginia Ave 11:57 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:43 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 800Blk Pico Blvd 1:14 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 9th St 1:36 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Virginia Ave 2:18 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 3:13 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 3:14 p.m.
Wires Down 500Blk Ashland Ave 3:58 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 4:19 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 5:21 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 7th St 5:40 p.m.
EMS 3300Blk Barnard Way 6:33 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Broadway 6:45 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:49 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 6:49 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 6:50 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 6:54 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk Franklin St 7:02 p.m.
EMS 11th St / Washington Ave 7:14 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Bay St 7:37 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1400Blk Ocean Ave 8:31 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:35 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk Main St 8:42 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 9:56 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Pico Pl 10:01 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:12 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 8:30 A.M.

The victim, a 77 year old male was involved in a traffic collision with the Metro Train. While attempting to call for help following the incident, the victim was approached by a male suspect pushing a shopping cart with a tennis racket. The suspect snatched the phone from the victim who then gave chase. Upon catching up to the suspect, the suspect punched the victim and proceeded to strike him with his tennis racket. The victim recovered his phone and was treated for his injuries caused by the traffic collision and the assault by the Santa Monica Fire Department. Officers searched the surrounding area and located the suspect near 11th and Colorado. At the time of the arrest, the suspect refused to provide a name and did not have any physical identification on his person. He was booked into the Santa Monica Jail as John Doe for robbery, assault and elder abuse.

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described. "Unfortunately, at times, this has developed into a standoff or a confrontation … and the business owners or workers have been assaulted or injured — in addition to incidental crimes, or crimes of opportunity, such as break-ins, vandalism and arson, to name a few."

For the last two decades, the Santa Monica Municipal Code has stipulated that "No person shall sit or lie down in any entrance to a building in the downtown or Main Street areas between the hours of eleven p.m. and seven a.m. if that entrance is posted with a sign prohibiting such conduct." The revision, which passed in a unanimous, 7-0 council vote, expands the prohibition to include "the Downtown, Main Street, Broadway, Colorado Avenue, Lincoln Boulevard, Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, and Wilshire Boulevard areas," stretching across the city from Ocean Avenue in the west to Santa Monica city limits in the east.

The prohibition applies to any building except those used for solely residential purposes. Building owners must post a sign prohibiting sitting or sleeping in doorways overnight, but the sign does not need to be renewed or meet any special requirements. There is an exception in the code for people standing in doorways, as well as for anyone suffering a medical emergency.

"While the City deploys a comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness that includes providing urgently needed housing and connections to services, there will be occasions when the City requires a humane, lawful approach to assuring basic rules are followed, especially where access to buildings is blocked and employees and customers are prevented from safely entering," according to the SMPD request. "The proposed amendments in this report seek to balance these two objectives."

Councilmember Phil Brock, who said he was "totally in favor" of the municipal code amendment, suggested the City conduct outreach to business owners to inform them that they can post signs or even provide and distribute laminated versions for business owners who wish to post them.

The move came two weeks after Police Chief Ramon Batista gave a presentation to council detailing new SMPD patrols that have cut downtown crime rates since July.

"We've had nearly zero or reduced assaults, zero or reduced aggravated assaults — one of each — and no robberies and no arson cases," Batista said during the Aug. 23 meeting. "Now, why this is important to us is because for all the weekends that we were looking at previously, we had a combination of these incidents happening, sometimes on the same day or the same weekend. So noting that we've now cut this in half, and these more serious Part 1 crimes are not occurring, that is important to us, and we're seeing that as a success and the results of the work that we're doing."

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Driven by consumers, US inflation grows more persistent

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U.S. inflation is showing signs of entering a more stubborn phase that will likely require drastic action by the Federal Reserve, a shift that has panicked financial markets and heightens the risks of a recession.

Some of the longtime drivers of higher inflation — spiking gas prices, supply chain snarls, soaring used-car prices — are fading. Yet underlying measures of inflation are actually worsening.

The ongoing evolution of the forces behind an inflation rate that's near a four-decade high has made it harder for the Fed to wrestle it under control. Prices are no longer rising because a few categories have skyrocketed in cost. Instead, inflation has now spread more widely through the economy, fueled by a strong job market that is boosting paychecks, forcing companies to raise prices to cover higher labor costs and giving more consumers the wherewithal to spend.

On Tuesday, the government said inflation ticked up 0.1% from July to August and 8.3% from a year ago, which was down from June's four-decade high of 9.1%

But excluding the volatile categories of food and energy, so-called core prices jumped by an unexpectedly sharp 0.6% from July to August, after a milder 0.3% rise the previous month. The Fed monitors core prices closely, and the latest figures heightened fears of an even more aggressive Fed and sent stocks plunging, with the Dow Jones collapsing more than 1,200 points.

The core price figures solidified worries that inflation has now spread into all corners of the economy.

"One of the most remarkable things is how broad-based the price gains are," said Matthew Luzzetti, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank. "The underlying trend in inflation certainly has not shown any progress toward moderating so far. And that should be a worry to the Fed because the price gains have become increasingly demand-driven, and therefore likely to be more persistent."

Demand-driven inflation is one way to say that consumers, who account for nearly 70% of economic growth, keep spending, even if they resent having to pay more. In part, that is because of widespread income gains and in part because many Americans still have more savings than they did before the pandemic, after having postponed spending on vacations, entertainment, and restaurants.

When inflation is driven mainly by demand, it can require more drastic action from the Fed than when it's driven mainly by supply shocks, such as an oil supply disruption, which can often resolve on their own.

Economists fear that the only way for the Fed to slow robust consumer demand is to raise interest rates so high as to sharply increase unemployment and potentially cause a recession. Typically, as fear of layoffs rises, not only do the jobless reduce spending. So, too, do the many people who fear losing their jobs.

Some economists now think the Fed will have to raise its benchmark short-term rate much higher, to 4.5% or above, by early next year, more than previous estimates of 4%. (The Fed's key rate is now in a range of 2.25% to 2.5%.) Higher rates from the Fed would, in turn, lead to higher costs for mortgages, auto loans and business loans.

The Fed is widely expected to raise its benchmark short-term rate by a substantial three-quarters of a point next week for a third consecutive time. Tuesday's inflation report even led some analysts to speculate that the central bank could announce a full percentage point hike. If it did, that would amount to the largest increase since the Fed began using short-term rates in the early 1990s to guide consumer and business borrowing.

Even though headline inflation barely rose last month, underlying inflation, which reflects broader economic trends, worsened. A measure that the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland uses to track median inflation, which essentially ignores categories with the biggest price swings, rose 0.7% in August. That was the biggest monthly increase since records began in 1983.

Higher prices have yet to cause much of what economists call "demand destruction" — a pullback in spending that could quell inflation. Though higher gas prices have caused

> "We've seen shipping costs come down, we've seen supply chain congestion ease a little bit, production has improved and inventories have risen - Laura Rosner-Warburton

Americans to drive less, there isn't much evidence of significant cutbacks elsewhere.

Restaurant prices, for example, jumped 0.9% in August and have risen 8% in the past year. But that hasn't noticeably discouraged people from going out. Restaurant traffic has surpassed pre-pandemic levels on Open Table, an app that tracks reservations, and was still increasing into September.

Overall, consumers have largely kept up their spending, even with rampant inflation, though perhaps through gritted teeth. In July, spending rose 0.2% after adjusting for higher prices.

The spread of inflation into services, such as rental costs and health care, largely reflects the impact of higher wages. Hospitals and doctors' offices have to pay more for nurses and other staff. And as more Americans find jobs or get

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California sues Amazon, alleging antitrust law violations

HALELUYA HADERO
AP Business Writer

California is suing Amazon, accusing the company of violating the state's antitrust and unfair competition laws by stifling competition and engaging in practices that push sellers to maintain higher prices on products on other sites.

The 84-page lawsuit filed Wednesday in San Francisco Superior Court mirrors another complaint filed last year by the District of Columbia, which was dismissed by a district judge earlier this year and is now going through an appeals process.

But officials in California believe they won't encounter a similar fate, partly due to information collected during a more than two-year investigation that involved subpoenas and interviews with sellers, Amazon's competitors as well as current and former employees at the company.

In the lawsuit, California Attorney General Rob Bonta's office said Amazon used contract provisions to effectively bar third-party sellers and wholesale suppliers from offering lower prices for products on non-Amazon sites, including on their own websites. That, in turn, harms the ability of other retailers to compete.

The suit maintains merchants that do not comply with the policy could have their products stripped from prominent listings on Amazon and face other sanctions such as suspensions or terminations of their accounts. It alleges Amazon's policy essentially forces merchants to list higher prices on other sites, helping the retail giant maintain its e-commerce dominance.

Among other things, the California lawsuit seeks to stop Amazon from entering into contracts with sellers that harm price competition. It also seeks a court order to compel Amazon to pay damages to the state for increased prices. State officials did not say how much money they are seeking.

Seattle-based Amazon controls roughly 38% of online sales in the U.S., more than that of Walmart, eBay, Apple, Best Buy and Target combined, according to the research firm Insider Intelligence. About 2 million sellers list their products on Amazon's third-party marketplace, accounting for 58% of the company's retail sales.

During a news conference on Wednesday, Bonta said some vendors have expressed they would offer lower prices on other sites with lower seller fees, but don't do so to avoid punishment from Amazon.

"Amazon has stifled its competition for years, not by successfully competing, but by blocking competition on price," Bonta said. "As a result, California families paid more, and now Amazon must pay the price."

He said the lawsuit is also a message to other companies who "illegally bend the market at the expense of California consumers, small business owners and the economy."

The tech industry's allies quickly slammed the lawsuit. Adam Kovacevich, CEO of the industry trade group Chamber of Progress, which receives funding from Amazon and other tech companies, said the case would force Amazon to raise prices.

"That makes no sense while consumers shop for bargains to counter inflation, and it's based on a legally unsound theory already rejected by federal courts," Kovacevich said.

Amazon did not immediately reply to a request for comment. The company has said in the past that sellers set their own prices on the platform. It has also said it has the right to avoid highlighting products that are not priced competitively.

> "Amazon has stifled its competition for years, not by successfully competing, but by blocking competition on price - Rob Bonta's"

Despite that defense, Amazon's market power has been a subject of scrutiny from lawmakers and advocacy groups calling for stricter antitrust regulations. Earlier this year, congressional lawmakers urged the Justice Department to investigate if the company collects data on sellers to develop competing products and offer them more prominently on its site. Critics have also lambasted the increasing fees imposed on sellers, which makes it more difficult for merchants to enter the market.

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill have been pushing bipartisan legislation aiming to limit Amazon and other Big Tech companies, including Apple, Meta and Google, from favoring their own products and services over rivals. The bill has cleared key committees but has languished in Congress for months amid intense pushback from the companies.

Meanwhile, regulators have also been looking into Amazon's business practices and deals. In July, the company offered concessions to settle two antitrust investigations in the European Union, including a promise to apply equal treatment to all sellers when ranking product offers on the site's "buy box," a coveted spot that makes items more visible to shoppers.

In the U.S., the Federal Trade Commission is investigating Amazon's $3.9 billion acquisition of the primary health organization One Medical as well as the sign-up and cancellation practices of Amazon Prime, the company's paid subscription service that offers deals and faster shipping.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Housing Commission to host federal HUD official for Q&A tonight

The Santa Monica Housing Commission will host a federal official from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, better known as HUD, during a special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Demetria McCain, HUD principal deputy assistant secretary at the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, will partake in a moderated Q&A on fair and affordable housing in Santa Monica. Following the Q&A, other guests including Douglas Rice, special policy advisor in the Office of Public and Indian Housing; Kenneth Carroll, regional director of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and Meena Bavan, director of Public Housing (Los Angeles Field Office), will also be asked to weigh in during a listening session.

"Secretary McCain assists HUD efforts to eliminate housing discrimination, promote economic opportunity, and achieve diverse, inclusive communities, and we look forward to her joining the Housing Commission for a special roundtable discussion about affirmatively furthering fair and affordable housing in Santa Monica," Housing Commission Chair Michelle Gray wrote in an email about the upcoming meeting.

Public comments are welcome following the Q&A, and members of the public are also encouraged to weigh in with their thoughts on fair and affordable housing.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, and can be attended virtually via Blue Jeans: https://bluejeans.com/938928653/6687 Or via phone : +1.408.419.1715 or +1.408.915.6290 Meeting ID: 938 928 653 Participant Passcode:6687.

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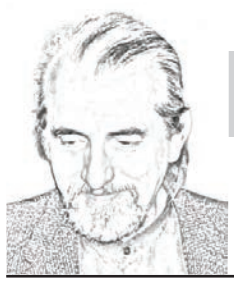


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ERA, ELIZA, GREAT JAZZ

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Breakneck, virtuosic 1930s Django-style swing music in the cozy Culver City dive, almost 75 years old with live music almost every night and never a cover charge. It's gigs like this that make putting up with the bad side of Santa Monica worth it. Every Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – She's still amazing. But nothing good lasts forever, you know. Don't push your luck. So why not go this Tuesday night? Betcha, you'll thank me. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

LA OPERA, "LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR" – The great news is that LA Opera is back for what looks like another stellar season, leading off with this classic Donizetti tragedy. The bad news is I can't write more about this because I'm on vacation in Colorado and the group is taking off in a few minutes. But you will note I made this a HIGHLY RECOMMENDED sight unheard because, well, I haven't seen LA Opera falter for many seasons. Sat 6 p.m., Wed 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $24-274.

REDMAN-MEHLDAU- MCBRIDE-BLADE – I don't have the space for four bios so let's just say this quartet of virtuosos is well worth the drive to Northridge. Next Thurs, The Soraya, CSUN, $39-94.-

RECOMMENDED:

ELIZA GILKYSON – Honest: I'm not recommending you go hear Gilkyson out of some nostalgia for the crush I had on her when we were both in our 20s and she made the occasional trek from her beloved northern NM down to Albuquerque. She went by Lisa then (I have the album) and she had a quiet fire and authenticity in her performance and lyrics that were hard to deny. I knew she was the best NM had but I couldn't have predicted then that she would have the lifelong, rabid following, activist career she has had. Nor the recognition: twice GRAMMY-nominated, her songs have been covered by Joan Baez, Bob Geldof, Tom Rush and Rosanne Cash and have appeared in films, PBS specials and on prime-time TV. Austin Music Hall of Fame, Austin Songwriter Hall of Fame. Born in Hollywood, many years in Austin, she is now back to her beloved northern NM. This is just a three city tour, from Santa Ynez to San Pedro so don't miss out, and since McCabe's snagged her you don't even have to go to Pedro. Fri 8 p.m., McCabe's, $32.

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM – You have an opportunity again to sate your live theater jones in one weekend, with all four of TB's 2022 lineup available. "TROUBLE THE WATER" is the riveting, barely believable true story of Robert Smalls' bold plan to escape slavery, with his family, by commandeering the Confederate warship he was serving on and impersonating the captain through three nail biting checkpoints - Fri 7:30 p.m. TB's flag and forte is Shakespeare, and when I saw "THE MERRY WIVES of WINDSOR" recently, I struggled through a somewhat slow and confusing opening act (blame the Bard and his penchant for confused identities and genders) but it recovered magnificently and the second half paid off in gold, with an inspired '50s setting adaptation which allowed the injection of pop songs of the era that fit the narrative and were familiar and lots of fun - Sat 7:30 p.m. Their very first performance 50 years ago was "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," and they have performed it every season since. You don't have to sit indoors and imagine a forest: it's surrounding the massive TB outdoor stage - Sun 3:30 p.m. "WESTSIDE WALTZ" (written by Ernest Thompson, "On Golden Pond") trots out the TB elite, founder Will Geer's very accomplished lineage, daughter Ellen, her daughter Willow, and Ellen's half-sister Melora - Sun 7:30 p.m. All shows Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $10-60 (discounts for seniors, students, teachers, veterans, AEA, ages 5-15).

PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT, DONIZETTI'S "L'ELISIR D'AMORE" ("THE ELIXIR OF LOVE") – They're back! That lil ol' opera company who did most of their early shows in Santa Monica, has grown remarkably under the leadership of colorful director Josh Shaw, they may not have million dollar sets or a 90-piece orchestra but they are not lacking in any category, including voices and acting, and are swearing to give us an even better time this season, something they always deliver. Donizetti in the 1950s? Why not? Sat 7 p.m., Sun 3 p.m., El Portal Theatre in N Hollywood, $20-100.

I SEE HAWKS IN LA – These four concerts in the park on a Sunday afternoon have become a cherished Santa Monica tradition now, and since it has become McCabe's presents Americana in the Park, it's hard to miss. ISHILA has been a favorite alt country band of mine for decades. Pack a dandy picnic and take your family and friends. If you wait until Oct. you'll have to go to Texas to see them. Sun 4 p.m., Gandara Park, Santa Monica, free.

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "THE WESTSIDE WALTZ" 9/23, 10/1, "TROUBLE THE WATER" 9/24, 10/2, "THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR" 9/25, 10/2, "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" 9/25,

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BEACH

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theme of pollution, the interconnectedness of habitats and the impact of human activity on the environment, according to Kelly Kelly, senior education manager for Heal the Bay.

> We have an ecology unit coming up so this is a great warm-up for that - Karoline Linde

"They do one fun game, it's called the fatal food relay," Kelly said. "So they're ocean animals and they do a race to get a bag and then in the bag is either a food item, another sea animal or a piece of trash. So they either go back in line with the food animal or go to the hospital with the trash."

She said they then discuss with the kids what they caught, how it might affect them and what they can do to prevent trash from getting there in the first place. Reese, who has previously brought other groups of students to Coastal Clean-up Education day said she thinks it helps bring "science alive for them."

"Being in nature, understanding their impact, that hands-on experience –In the classroom we can only do so much, but this kind of takes science out of the classroom and puts it into real world context," she said.

Karoline Linde, a fifth-grade teacher at Christopher Dena Elementary said that the program helps compliment her teaching.

"We have an ecology unit coming up so this is a great warm-up for that," she said.

The education day was a precursor to Heal the Bay's upcoming Coastal Clean-up day, a county-wide clean-up effort which will take place Saturday Sept. 17. The event draws thousands of volunteers annually to help pick up trash and assist with other local clean-up efforts and restoration projects.

Heal the Bay CEO Tracy Quinn said that in addition to picking up trash, the event also serves to collect valuable data.

"You're helping Heal the Bay to collect really important data about what kind of trash we're finding and that helps us to enact policies both locally and nationwide," she said.

Volunteers participating in Coastal Clean-up day will be given a piece of paper that allows them to document what they find which will then be uploaded to a database.

"We see over 100 pounds of trash being picked up at our beach clean-ups regularly and so I'm really excited to see how much we're able to collect this year," Quinn said.

Clean-up efforts will be taking place at over 30 locations around LA Saturday in partnership with other organizations. More information on the event and how to register can be found on Heal the Bay's website https://healthebay.org/coastalcleanupday.

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Grace Inez Adams

BEACH: Locals can still sign up for this weekends clean-up after Wednesday's education day.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

DEAR EDITOR:

What a waste of taxpayer dollars. Alex Villanueva has helicopters and dozens of deputies serve a search warrant on Supervisor Kuehl's home which raises more questions about the sheriff than it does about anyone else. Why would the LA County Sheriff have a retired investigator who is unaffiliated with the LASD run this unit? Does the Sheriff really expect us to believe that it is just a coincidence that this investigator got the search warrant from a judge who employed the investigator's wife and is close friends with this retired investigator? After all this is the same sheriff who threatened to investigate a reporter who published unflattering articles about him. What is obvious after this latest incident, is that Sheriff Villanueva will do anything in a desperate attempt to get re-elected and intimidate his critics. Alex Villanueva clearly belongs in the Los Angeles County jail. As an inmate, not as a sheriff.

Joel Koury, Santa Monica

WHO: COVID end 'in sight,' deaths at lowest since March 2020

The head of the World Health Organization said Wednesday that the number of coronavirus deaths worldwide last week was the lowest reported in the pandemic since March 2020, marking what could be a turning point in the years-long global outbreak.

At a press briefing in Geneva, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the world has never been in a better position to stop COVID-19.

"We are not there yet, but the end is in sight," he said, comparing the effort to that made by a marathon runner nearing the finish line. "Now is the worst time to stop running," he said. "Now is the time to run harder and make sure we cross the line and reap all the rewards of our hard work."

In its weekly report on the pandemic, the U.N. health agency said deaths fell by 22% in the past week, at just over 11,000 reported worldwide. There were 3.1 million new cases, a drop of 28%, continuing a weeks-long decline in the disease in every part of the world.

Still, the WHO warned that relaxed COVID testing and surveillance in many countries means that many cases are going unnoticed. The agency issued a set of policy briefs for governments to strengthen their efforts against the coronavirus ahead of the expected winter surge of COVID-19, warning that new variants could yet undo the progress made to date.

"If we don't take this opportunity now, we run the risk of more variants, more deaths, more disruption, and more uncertainty," Tedros said.

The WHO reported that the omicron subvariant BA.5 continues to dominate globally and comprised nearly 90% of virus samples shared with the world's biggest public database. In recent weeks, regulatory authorities in Europe, the U.S. and elsewhere have cleared tweaked vaccines that target both the original coronavirus and later variants including BA.5.

Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO's technical lead on COVID-19, said the organization expected future waves of the disease, but was hopeful those would not cause many deaths.

> If we don't take this opportunity now, we run the risk of more variants, more deaths, more disruption, and more uncertainty - Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Meanwhile in China, residents of a city in the country's far western Xinjiang region have said they are experiencing hunger, forced quarantines and dwindling supplies of medicine and daily necessities after more than 40 days in a lockdown prompted by COVID-19.

Hundreds of posts from Ghulja riveted users of Chinese social media last week, with residents sharing videos of empty refrigerators, feverish children and people shouting from their windows.

On Monday, local police announced the arrests of six people for "spreading rumors" about the lockdown, including posts about a dead child and an alleged suicide, which they said "incited opposition" and "disrupted social order."

Leaked directives from government offices show that workers are being ordered to avoid negative information and spread "positive energy" instead. One directed state media to film "smiling seniors" and "children having fun" in neighborhoods emerging from the lockdown.

The government has ordered mass testing and district lockdowns in cities across China in recent weeks, from Sanya on tropical Hainan island to southwest Chengdu, to the northern port city of Dalian.

KUEHL

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in the commission of a felony. She said the lack of specifics should worry anyone and that she felt the judge who signed the warrant did so without justification.

"Obviously this judge signed off on a warrant with insufficient, or any kind of claims, because [deputies] didn't know what they were looking for, there's nothing to find. I mean, there would be nothing in my house related to a five-year-old, six-year-old, seven-year-old, contract at Metro, nothing," she said.

The search warrant said Deputies could take personal property that establishes the identity of the individuals in the home, any computer hardware, any computer software, any computer-related documentation, any passwords and any cellular phones.

Kuehl said deputies took her phones, computers and memorabilia items connected to her time on several TV shows in the 1950's and 60s.

"I'm not the kind of person who blows up and calls him names but this was really outrageous, coming at seven in the morning with a warrant that says nothing, taking old items from my old TV series, the whole thing is really ridiculous and it's based on nothing, there is no investigations," she said.

The case dates back to an investigation into a contract awarded to Peace Over Violence to operate a sexual harassment hotline for Metro. The contract did not come through the Board of Supervisors but a former Metro employee alleged Kuehl advocated for Peace Over Violence to receive the work as she is personal friends with Patricia Giggans, the organization's executive director.

The Sheriff had previously searched Metro's headquarters and the offices of Peace Over Violence and those searches were called political in nature as Giggans served as Kuehl's appointee on the Civilian Oversight Commission that has advocated for greater transparency in the Sheriff's Department.

On Wednesday, detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Public Corruption Unit served search warrants at multiple locations including the homes Kuehl and Giggans. Also searched were offices located at: Los Angeles County Hall of Administration, Peace Over Violence Headquarters, and LA Metro Headquarters.

In a statement, the Sheriff's Department said it was an active investigation and they wouldn't provide any additional comment.

Kuehl said the allegations related to the contract lack substance and that while all five members of the board now expect to be harassed by the Sheriff over their political differences, the most recent searches were an escalation.

"This woman has fantasized this completely in her mind and made it her job to keep it going but you can see a responsible sheriff would not have allowed this to happen based this woman's fantasies," said Kuehl Wednesday morning.

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INFLATION

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raises, they're able to move out from family homes or split from roommates. Rental costs have increased 6.7% in the past year, the most since 1986.

Wages and salaries jumped 6.7% in August from a year earlier, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's wage tracker, the biggest increase in nearly 40 years. And Luzzetti noted that the same data shows a record wage premium for people who switch jobs, compared with those who stay put. That means employers are still offering big raises to try to fill jobs.

Economists had hoped that rising services prices would be offset by falling costs for goods such as new and used cars, furniture, and clothing, after those items spiked in the pandemic. As supply chain backups improved, a better flow of such goods were expected to bring prices down.

Yet so far, that hasn't happened.

"We've seen shipping costs come down, we've seen supply chain congestion ease a little bit, production has improved and inventories have risen," said Laura Rosner-Warburton, senior economist at MacroPolicy Perspectives. "So all of that suggests some supply side improvement. And yet companies are still putting through large price increases for those goods, and that's problematic."

Such trends could renew the debate over how much corporations' ability to raise prices has been fueled by a lack of competition, a phenomenon referred to as "greedflation." But most economists attribute the ability of companies to still charge more to consumers' willingness to pay.

"It appears that retailers are now raising prices because they can, not because they have to. Consumer demand is still too strong," said Aneta Markowska, chief economist at Jefferies, an investment bank, in a research note.

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10/1, Theatricum Botanicum; LA OPERA, "LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR," 9/24, 28, 10/2, 9; BONNIE RAITT with MAVIS STAPLES, Greek Theater, 9/24; LITTLE WILLIE G, Gandara Park concerts, 9/25; GRACE JONES, Hollywood Bowl, 9/25; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 9/25; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 9/26; EM, Harvelle'9/27; ROGER WATERS, Crypto.com Arena. 9/27, 28; ROXY MUSIC, ST. VINCENT, Kia Forum, 9/28; HERBIE HANCOCK, Hollywood Bowl, 9/28; PORCUPINE TREE, Greek Theater, 9/30; DESERT DAZE with IGGY POP, KING GIZZARD & THE LIZARD WIZARD, TAME IMPALA and dozens more, Lake Perris, $139-1,999; LAKE STREET DIVE, JACK JOHNSON, Hollywood Bowl, 10/1, 2; MUSE, Wiltern, 10/4; MAHLER, DUDAMEL, Disney Hall, 10/6, 7, 8, 9; MARCUS KING, Wiltern, 10/7; DANNY ELFMAN, Hollywood Bowl, 10/28, 29; SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR, The Soraya, 10/29; RICK SHEA, , TONY GILKYSON, CINDY BERRYHILL Songwriters Showcase, McCabe's, 10/30; CHAKA KHAN, Disney Hall, 10/30; JEFF BECK, Orpheum Theater, 11/6 (also Thousand Oaks, Anaheim, Temecula); LYLE LOVETT, JOHN HIATT, The Soraya, 11/9; RHIANNON GIDDENS, Disney Hall, 11/12; ALBERT LEE, McCabe's, 11/12; ELTON JOHN, Dodger Stadium, 11/17, 19; LIZZO, Kia Forum, 11/18, 19.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 15)

To be understood and celebrated for your uniqueness is a rare and wonderful feeling you'll experience often. You'll revel in the comfortable thrill of being loved for who you are. More highlights: an inventive twist on an old business model earns you profits; a gem of an opportunity involving investigation and adventure; and a sly and lucrative investment. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 13, 1 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though your personal development often includes activities that don't come easily to you, they don't have to be too hard, either. It's a good day for making the sort of small changes that, over time, will add up to something great.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You spend so much time in another person's world that you may long to break free and be alone. You're needed too, though, and may not be able to get away physically. It's a good thing there's an oasis in your mind to escape to!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The path you have stumbled upon is as good as any, and as long as you commit to it, it's the right path for you. Love the road; the road will love you back. Give all to life and life will give all to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll receive an invitation. There's so much still up in the air, so consider giving yourself some wiggle room by responding with a gracious "maybe." Tonight's problems are of the Champagne variety.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You see something wonderful in people. Even if they don't see it in themselves, people feel lifted and more powerful when they are around you — like they can be more than the person they are used to being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're gifted in matters of finance. You have an instinct for what to buy and when to sell. Because of your shrewd dealings you'll do well and be able to help others too, perhaps through creating jobs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You devote quality attention to the people around you, which usually means ignoring digital distractions in favor of real-life interactions. Be willing to walk away from interactions that do not afford you the same respect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If someone were doing an in-depth profile of you, this would be the ideal day to follow you around. Your activities will be wonderfully indicative of where you're at in life. Hopefully you appreciate how interesting you are!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be keenly dialed into your surroundings and fully aware of the impact of people, events, entertainment and conversation. Through your curious observation of these things, a new world opens to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even if you're not doing anything but showing up, you're doing enough. When someone holds up a hoop, don't jump through it. The kind of people who need you to prove yourself with compliance and tricks will never be satisfied.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you can hold off a decision until you have more information, do it. If not, be thorough in utilizing the information you have. A checklist just might be the detail that makes a pursuit successful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pro move: minimize your mistakes. No person or process is perfect! This will make for a funny story later, but it's too early for that. The motto under the current stars is: gloss over it and move along.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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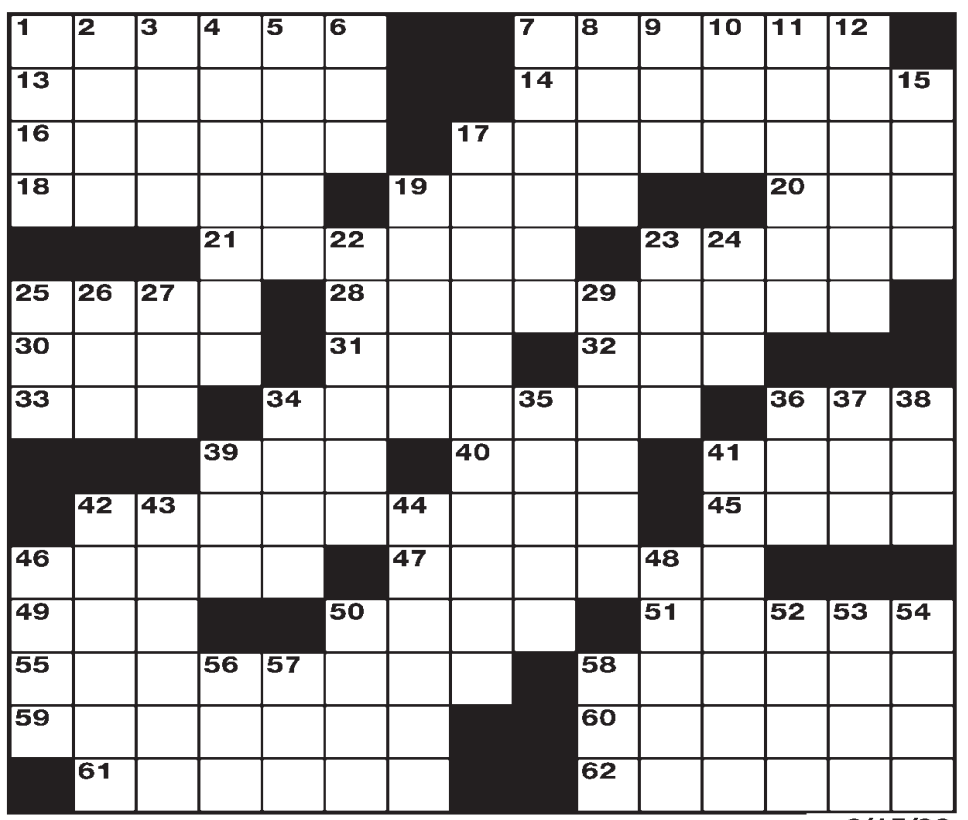
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23 Rapper's minions
25 Last word
28 Last word (1920s)
30 Potion holder
31 Board boss
32 Cry's partner
33 __ Lanka
34 Leafs through
36 Beach lotion stat
39 It may sit at a stand
40 Tahitian floral wear
41 Peseta successor
42 Last words
45 PlayStation rival
46 Jai alai equipment
47 Furthermore
49 RN station
50 GPS calculations
51 Museum founded by Ferdinand VII
55 Last words (France)
58 Expressed displeasure
59 Four-sided pillar
60 Versace rival
61 Adversaries in Risk
62 Last word

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3 Sax-playing preteen toon
4 Facing a jury
5 Secluded spots
6 Hostile sound
7 Slowpokes
8 Targets for Billy Joel
9 __ Jima
10 Harrison's pilot persona
11 '90s tennis star
12 Peace Nobelist nun
15 Knock down
17 Last words
19 Sort of sword
22 Zoom past
23 Six popes before Francis
24 Inseparable
25 Sports bar setups
26 Contents of bubble wrap
27 Mai __
29 52 Down noble
34 Prefix for phrase
35 Factions of faith
36 Short-term replacement
37 Reliable expert
38 Cunning canine
39 Part of the earliest PCs
41 Immoderate
42 Wife of King Priam
43 Financial shark
44 Indonesian hand-dyed fabrics
46 Last word (Italy)
48 Mimic's talent
50 Stood up
52 For who "Salaam" is a last word
53 Refuse to grant
54 Yellow friend of an orange cat
56 Timber tree
57 Sundial numeral
58 Critical comment

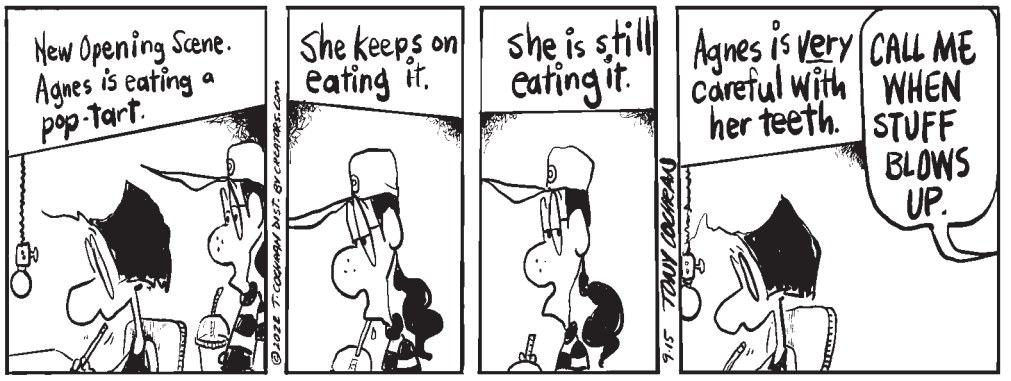


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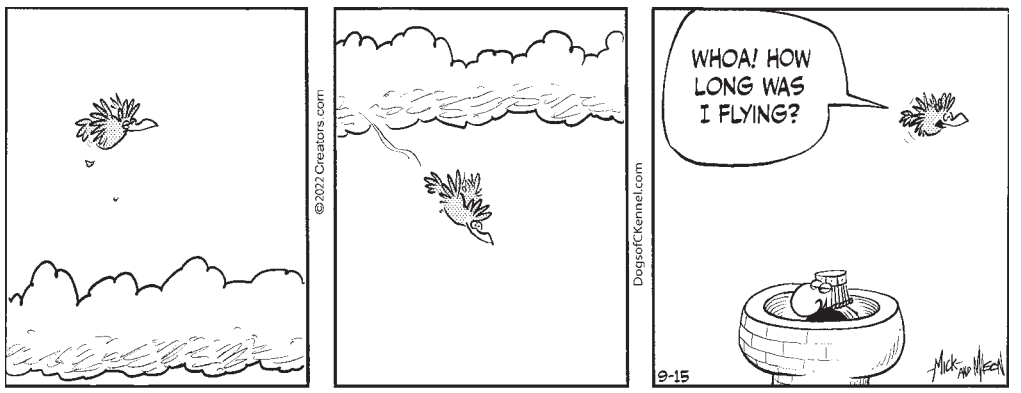
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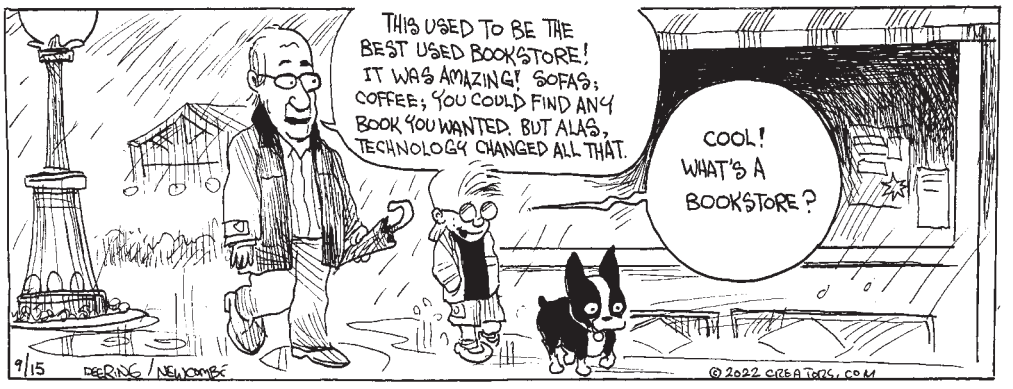
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Anchor	Darts	Gear	Ludo	Silver
Arms	Dibs	Goal	Motor racing	Slide
Ball	Dive	Grass	Oval	Solo
Baton	Event	Grid	Park	Strain
Boot	Fast	Hand	Peel	Swim
Bowl	Fault	Heat	Pioneer	Team
Break	Final	Injury	Poker	Tice
Canoe	Fish	It's a try	Pool	Tired
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led monthly book club, centered in the Montana neighborhood. The group currently meets on the Montana Branch Patio. This month's book is Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison. 6 - 7 p.m.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION
Attend a lively discussion on current events, every Thursday 1 to 2:30 p.m.. Formerly at the Fairview Library, now conveniently on Zoom. Excellent facilitator, Marsha, sends an email list on Wed. night of topics to discuss which is informative in itself. There is never a lack of interesting material or opinions. For information and to receive a Zoom link for the next meeting, email to mushcb@gmail.com.

LOCALS NIGHT AT SANTA MONICA PIER
Join organizers at the Santa Monica Pier once a month for a curated series for locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for amazing entertainment including live music from the Santa Monica Music Center, DJ grooves from KCRW and Pico Youth and Family Center, Pier business local discounts, local artist installations, and so much more! You really won't want to miss out on this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind with friends and loved ones all while celebrating Santa Monica. 3 - 10 p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/localsnight.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

KARAOKE AT CULT
Sing your heart out at Summer Karaoke Nights at Cult! Come enjoy live music with your friends, dim sum and spiked boba starting at 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night though the summer. 1460 3rd Street Promenade. 8 p.m. https://www.cultsantamonica.com/

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

NOTABLE FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. This month's selection is Native Speaker by Chang-rae Lee. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

POP INTO FALL!!
City of Santa Monica's Community Garden Program invites you to a "Pancakes at Ishihara Park Learning Garden Event" - Pop Into Fall!! Our Glass Gem Popcorn, a Santa Monica Special grown with our famous Ishihara Gold Compost, is ready for sampling. Pop in to sample some at our monthly Pancakes in the Park Program. Fall Vegetable Seeds available to get your fall/winter garden popping. Fun for kids, families and adults. 9 - 11 a.m. 2909 Exposition Blvd. Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Gardens Program with the support of Santa Monica Roots. Contact: santamonicaroots@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

COURTYARD & SPLASH PAD OPEN
The Annenberg Community Beach House gated area, including the courtyard and splash pad, are open to the public daily. Please note, from September through May hours are subject to change with short notice. Check the Beach House website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. This month's selection is: In An Antique Land: History in the Guise of a Traveler's Tale by Amitav Ghosh. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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Agenda - https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Commission_on_Sustainability,_Environmental_Justice,_and_the_Environment/Meeting_Agendas___Minutes.aspx. 7 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." 7 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

LITTLE HANDS ART CLASS
Explore colors with a story and craft. It might get messy and fun! For ages 0-5. Register here: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Main Library, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led discussion of an exciting mystery novel each month. Currently held on Zoom. Email library@santamonica.gov to join. 7 - 8 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **71.8**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Shadowed SW swell the primary source of surf through the day as smaller NW energy blends in.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Shadowed SW swell fades. Fresh, long period SSW swell creeps in late. A little more NW swell mix joins in through the day.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South southwest wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 72. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/09/15	Thu	01:23 AM	3.63	H
2022/09/15	Thu	06:23 AM	2.27	L
2022/09/15	Thu	12:57 PM	5.11	H
2022/09/15	Thu	8:19 PM	1.21	L
2022/09/16	Fri	03:05 AM	3.15	H
2022/09/16	Fri	06:39 AM	2.82	L
2022/09/16	Fri	1:42 PM	4.82	H
2022/09/16	Fri	10:02 PM	1.28	L
2022/09/17	Sat	2:53 PM	4.56	H
2022/09/17	Sat	11:40 PM	1.07	L
2022/09/18	Sun	08:16 AM	3.63	H
2022/09/18	Sun	10:41 AM	3.57	L
2022/09/18	Sun	4:33 PM	4.52	H
2022/09/19	Mon	12:42 AM	0.78	L
2022/09/19	Mon	08:12 AM	3.87	H
2022/09/19	Mon	12:15 PM	3.31	L
2022/09/19	Mon	5:50 PM	4.73	H
2022/09/20	Tue	01:24 AM	0.51	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 9/12
6 14 16 34 66
Power#: 25
Jackpot: 206 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 9/13
14 25 38 59 64
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 256 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 9/10
2 13 25 34 43
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 24 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/13
2 8 17 23 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/13
EVENING: 3 1 4
Draw Date: 9/13
MIDDAY: 6 7 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/13
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:44.02

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