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Business-friendly zoning changes are here to stay

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If you enjoy dining at food halls or ordering cocktails for take-out, you are in luck. The City of Santa Monica has formally amended local rules to allow these and other pandemic-era zoning changes to stay in effect long term.

The move came days after the city caused a stir earlier this month as businesses were told they must begin phasing in new, permanent parklet programs (complete with fees and permit requirements) or close up their lucrative outdoor areas. In response, about 70 businesses chose to begin the process of turning their temporary parklets permanent.

Parklet rules shifting and other zoning ordinance changes signal a citywide push to codify zoning changes that will allow parklets and other pandemic-era business rules to remain in place permanently. That means many of the temporary changes enacted in a rush during the early days of COVID-19 will be allowed to remain, including relaxed alcohol service regulations and parking requirements, the removal of per-block restaurant caps on Main Street, permitting multi-use food halls on the Third Street Promenade, and more.

The changes are designed to "support the goals of creating a more vibrant experience through increased opportunities for nightlife,

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Emily Sawicki

ICE RINK BABY: Construction on ICE is already well underway with the rink taking shape at the corner of 5th and Santa Monica. The popular winter attraction will reopen after two years of Covid induced closures.

$35,000 worth of paintings stolen from Pacific Palisades artist

SUE PASCOE
Special to the Daily Press

The victim of a recent paintings theft is wondering if you have seen her work.

"I want my babies back," said artist Katie O'Neill after 11 paintings, worth about $35,000 was stolen from her art studio on Antioch on Saturday, October 8.

Around 10:30 p.m., a Gelson's employee saw a man that was described as black and about 6 feet tall, use a crowbar on the window, so he could open the door and gain access to the studio.

The employee shouted out, but the man was threatening to the employee and he backed down. Another person drove by and asked the man what he was doing and supposedly he said, "Some burglar robbed my store," and that he was dealing with it.

The thief then went in and removed 11 paintings. Around 12:30 p.m., a friend of O'Neill's who was driving by the store called her to say that someone had broken into the store.

The police were called, and after they left around 2 a.m. O'Neill was left alone, trying to find a company to board up the broken window to keep the rest of her paintings safe.

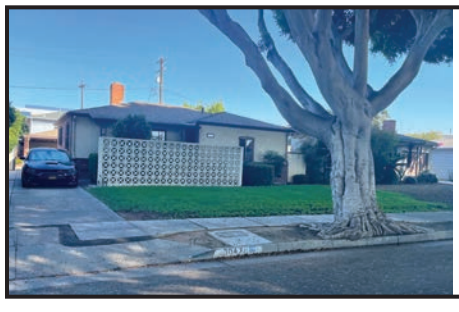
O'Neill wrote, "The people who have bought my paintings have bought them with love – to put in their homes and have them become part of their lives. That is so important to me. And the thought that 11 paintings of mine are lost. It's so personal. I can't even type



Katie O'Neill

ART: The Beach Club is one of the stolen paintings.

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The Pandemic through the eyes of a Teenager

As a teenager who has experienced much of my high school career being plagued by the tragic COVID-19 pandemic, I think it is important that the point of view of teenagers be communicated to the public during these tough times. I have been heavily involved with the pandemic, working as a student ambassador with the LA Department of Public Health, giving presentations to other students interested in spreading awareness about the pandemic. As we get back to normal, it is a great time for all of us to reflect on the last two years and how the events of this period have changed us individually and as a community.

It is ironic that, as teenagers, a period of our lives that is filled with change at default has been overturned to an even higher degree. It's not easy to be going through the most transformative time of our lives and concurrently having the world around us, quite literally, on lockdown. Because of this, I think I can speak for many young people when I say that it was an especially overwhelming time.

While in online school, I saw my elementary aged brother struggle to focus in such an unfamiliar learning environment. I saw the mental strain that being confined inside the house had on my elderly grandparents, who are immigrants that don't know any English. I will also never forget the devastating stories I read on social media of people having to say goodbye to their parents, grandparents, and siblings over facetime instead of in person. Especially living in Los Angeles, which was one of the most heavily impacted cities in the world, these struggles were exacerbated.

Seeing all of the pain and suffering around me during this dark period, I didn't want to be idle to the problems in my community. I realized that I was a young adult with an interest in science, and potential to have a great impact on helping my community. I also saw a great amount of vaccine hesitancy and myths circulating among classmates at my school and on social media. As a result, I started to research and learn about how the vaccine works. I have always been deeply interested in biology and enjoyed learning about how the vaccine works on the molecular level. I learned about how the virus enters the body, multiplies, and affects the host. I also learned about therapeutics and antibody treatments that can be used to giht COVID-19 infection in high-risk patients. I consulted accredited websites, physicians, and CDC information to make an extensive slideshow dispelling myths about the COVID-19 vaccine. After months of research, I presented at my school, to minority congregations, as well as to representatives of the LA Department of Public Health. The Department enjoyed my presentation, and I have since been working very closely with them as a Student Ambassador.

I have led discussions in student workshops and met like-minded teenagers who want to spread accurate information about the pandemic in a world where so much misinformation is circulating on social media and the internet. I have been able to use all of the information that I have learned to communicate the advantages of vaccination in real-world situations such as volunteering at community events, giving speeches and presentations about vaccination online or in-person, and speaking to my friends and family who are reluctant to get vaccinated. I respect everybody's opinion and right to choose whether to get vaccinated, but my goal is simply to give people access to scientifically accurate information that may lead them to voluntarily change their decision-making process.

As for the current state of vaccination, at the moment it is most important that we vaccinate our children. This June, the FDA approved the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for children 6 months and older. We need to empower student and parent ambassadors to learn and disseminate accurate information about the vaccines in their communities, especially to those who are hesitant to immunize themselves or their children.

Other recent developments have included the FDA's approval and Emergency Use Authorization of the new bivalent COVID-19 vaccine. This vaccination contains the conventional mRNA component used against the original strain of the virus as well as a second component protecting against the currently prevalent lineages of the omicron variant.

The new bivalent vaccines are given as a booster after a primary series of vaccinations – at least two months after the most recent dose. Individuals who have already had another booster are still recommended to take the bivalent vaccine.

With Moderna and Pfizer having developed their own versions of the bivalent vaccine, the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized for use in individuals 18 years of age and older, while the bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized for individuals 12 years of age and older.

Alongside getting vaccinated, taking protective measures recommended by the CDC, such as constant hand-washing, mask-wearing and distancing (especially indoors), and staying home when sick remains important. To reach herd immunity and recover fully from the pandemic, it is important that as parents, brothers, sisters, and friends, we spread awareness about the importance and efficacy of the vaccine. It is our job as individuals to make change in the community.

Through this experience as a Vaccine Ambassador, I have learned two very important things:

First of all, I have gotten an insight into how important public health is aside from the clinical aspect of healthcare in these times of distress. Being able to look at healthcare from a population-based perspective is so important to taking steps to go back to normal after as big an obstacle as COVID-19.

Additionally, I have been able to see, first hand, the power of togetherness and positive thinking during the rebuilding of our communities from this pandemic that is ongoing. In difficult times, people need to support each other and collectively take action to problem-solve. My journey as a Vaccine Ambassador has helped me meet hundreds of people in my community who resemble this idea of stewardship during the pandemic. This ranges from medical professionals who have put in countless hours of treating patients, to researchers who have dedicated their lives to finding solutions to treat the virus, and to citizens who have voluntarily given up their time to help those in need during the pandemic. The individual efforts of all of our community servants have contributed to the widespread prevention of infection and to positive outcomes for COVID-19 patients.

This entire experience has constantly reinstated to me the importance of taking action to serve my community in times of distress. I have been able to channel the negativity of the pandemic into a project through which I have spread awareness to countless people about something so dire, and it is a passion that I will continue to pursue.

Givi Mchedlishvili, Beverly Hills

Green construction

I want to congratulate the Santa Monica City Council for adopting a Zero Emissions Building Code on all new construction beginning January 1st, 2023. This code will ban natural gas as a power source for heating and appliances. Since Santa Monica is a member of the Clean Power Alliance, building electrification has the added benefit of drawing our power from 100% renewable sources.

Along with electrification, the council also adopted the EV Charger Reach Code for all new construction. This requirement increases the number of EV chargers beyond the numbers set forth in the State's Green Building Code.

Santa Monica has always been a leader in adopting steps toward climate sustainability, and this move represents an important part in our city's goal of reducing carbon emissions 80% by 2030.

Barry Engelman, Santa Monica

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 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT 2:20 AM

Officers responded to the area of 11th and Olympic where two suspects were fighting, one with a crowbar in hand. Phillip Krohn was arrested for assault. Keith Bryan, 36 years old was arrested for a parole violation along with the possession of a controlled substance.

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entertainment, and flexibility to experiment with different uses," according to information provided by a City spokesperson.

Not all of the code changes are as flashy as allowing cocktails on to-go menus, but city staff said they hope the changes will support businesses continuing to rebound from the COVID downturn.

One example is the removal of the one-year abandonment period for a legal, non-conforming restaurant or retail use. Say you want to open a sushi restaurant in a storefront that used to be a sushi restaurant that closed six months ago — you could open up shop there with little difficulty. However, under previous rules, if it had been a year or longer, you would need to start from scratch ticking off a long list of permits before you could be cleared to open, including the possibility of public hearings if you're requesting any variances such as parking minimums.

The new rules wipe away the one-year limit.

"This eliminates the one-year abandonment period currently in the code and also allows for these types of uses and businesses to reoccupy vacant tenant spaces of the same use, no matter how long it's been vacant for, provided that no other use has occupied that vacant space since the restaurant or the retail," Associate Planner Steve Mizokami said during the Tuesday, Oct. 11, Santa Monica City Council meeting. "So, essentially, this eliminates the need for new land use entitlements or meeting parking requirements for what is essentially the same use as the previous."

On the topic of parking, another citywide rule change increases the "change of use parking relief from 3 to 10 spaces," meaning that if you are leasing a space with permits for four parking spaces but your new business would need nine to meet code, the City would still permit you to open since the "change of use" requires fewer than 10 additional spaces. Outdoor spaces are now also exempt from parking calculations for change of use.

Reduced restrictions on restaurant size include the addition of multi-tenant food halls as a conditionally permitted use and restaurants up to 5,000 square feet as a by-right use. Rules also now allow food halls to operate on the Promenade, as well as light industry.

When it comes to alcohol regulations, service hours have been expanded, now going from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. citywide seven days a week; restrictions on TVs and video projectors have been lifted, as well as the cap on alcohol sales making up 35% of gross revenue. Delivery and take-out of alcohol is now permanently codified citywide.

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Sun, Oct 2	M	26	Resisting an Executive Officer
Sun, Oct 2	M	30	Drunk in Public
Sun, Oct 2	M	64	Assault & Battery
Sun, Oct 2	M	46	Annoying or Molesting a Child
Sun, Oct 2	F	47	Criminal Threat
Sun, Oct 2	F	37	Resisting Arrest
Sun, Oct 2	M	44	Vandalism
Sun, Oct 2	M	30	Vandalism
Mon, Oct 3	M	22	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
Mon, Oct 3	M	38	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Mon, Oct 3	F	30	Warrant
Mon, Oct 3	M	39	Drunk in Public
Mon, Oct 3	M	30	Warrant
Mon, Oct 3	M	32	Larceny
Mon, Oct 3	M	39	Warrant
Tue, Oct 4	M	37	Littering a Public Place
Tue, Oct 4	M	32	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Tue, Oct 4	M	37	Brandishing a Deadly Weapon
Tue, Oct 4	F	39	Burglary
Tue, Oct 4	M	49	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
Tue, Oct 4	M	41	Warrant
Tue, Oct 4	M	37	Unknown
Tue, Oct 4	M	30	Possession of Methamphetamines
Wed, Oct 5	M	40	Child Abuse
Wed, Oct 5	M	34	Drunk in Public
Wed, Oct 5	M	42	Burglary
Wed, Oct 5	M	51	Drunk in Public
Wed, Oct 5	M	18	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Wed, Oct 5	F	42	Warrant
Wed, Oct 5	F	32	Obstructing a Business Establishment
Thu, Oct 6	M	38	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Thu, Oct 6	F	20	Burglary
Thu, Oct 6	M	55	Arson
Thu, Oct 6	M	33	Drunk in Public
Thu, Oct 6	F	19	Robbery
Fri, Oct 7	M	22	Bicycling Under the Influence
Fri, Oct 7	M	60	Loitering to Commit a Crime
Fri, Oct 7	F	23	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Fri, Oct 7	M	39	Drunk in Public
Fri, Oct 7	M	36	Possession of Methamphetamines
Fri, Oct 7	M	66	Warrant
Fri, Oct 7	M	29	Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger
Fri, Oct 7	F	33	Vandalism
Fri, Oct 7	M	45	Brandishing a Deadly Weapon
Fri, Oct 7	M	35	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Sat, Oct 8	M	55	Drunk in Public
Sat, Oct 8	F	20	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Sat, Oct 8	M	64	Drunk in Public
Sat, Oct 8	F	32	Public Nudity
Sat, Oct 8	M	37	Robbery
Sat, Oct 8	M	53	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

THEFT

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this without crying. Why would anyone do this?"

She went to different retail businesses on Antioch to check on surveillance cameras to see if she could find an image of the car with a license plate. She also called the police to see if detectives could come out and possibly find fingerprints.

Captain Jonathon Tom reached out to the West L.A. Detectives and requested their assistance.

"Community support is helping me not get depressed," she said and noted she would love some detective help from the community. The paintings that were stolen are on her website https://www.oneillsfineart.com/collections/182561.

If everyone in the community keeps an eye on social media sites where items are bought and sold – and if everyone keeps an eye out on local flea markets and along areas such as the Venice Boardwalk, O'Neill is hopeful someone may spot a painting.

She just wants her paintings back. "I spent hours and hours of my life on the Paris painting," O'Neill said. "It wasn't quite done. I had put it aside and planned to go back to it."

That painting and one other "Towards High Point," had not been signed, yet.

O'Neill did not have theft insurance because she did not have a security system. That may change, now.

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CalMatters talked to the state's Franchise Tax Board to parse what all this means for you. Check out our tool at the bottom of this article to find out how much you'll get.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible, you need to have filed a 2020 California tax return by Oct. 15, 2021. There's an exception for people who did not file by the October deadline because they were waiting on an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (so long as they filed by Feb. 15, 2022).

People who didn't file taxes for 2020, including some seniors and disabled people, will be left out.

People who can be claimed as dependents for tax purposes won't get their own payments.

The payments also won't go to married or domestic partners who have an adjusted gross income over $500,000. Same goes for many individuals who have adjusted gross incomes over $250,000.

You also had to be a California resident for at least six months of 2020, and be a resident when your payment is issued.

Undocumented Californians with a valid taxpayer number or Social Security number, who filed complete 2020 tax returns and meet all of the eligibility requirements, can receive the payments.

You don't need to send any additional forms, or fill out any application to get the payment.

HOW WILL YOU GET THE PAYMENT?

People who are eligible for the payment will get it either via a direct deposit to their bank account or by mailed debit card, according to the tax board. Generally, people who filed their 2020 tax return online and received their state tax refund via direct deposit will get a direct deposit. Most other people who are eligible will get debit cards in the mail. The envelope will be clearly marked with the phrase "Middle Class Tax Refund."

WHEN WILL YOU GET THE PAYMENT?

The first round of payments will go to people who received one of the two Golden State Stimulus payments from 2021 and are eligible for a direct deposit. The first round of payments are expected to go out between Oct. 7 and Oct. 25.

The rest of the direct deposits are expected to go out between Oct. 28 and Nov. 14. The tax board expects 90% of direct deposits to be sent out in October, according to its website.

Debit cards for people who got one of the Golden State Stimulus payments are expected to be mailed out between Oct. 25 and Dec. 10. All of the remaining debit cards are expected to be mailed by Jan. 15

Why can't they all be sent out at once? "There are constraints on the number of direct deposits and mailed debit cards that can be issued weekly," Franchise Tax Board spokesperson Andrew LePage told CalMatters. "Logistically it takes time to deliver approximately 18 million payments to Californians effectively and accurately, protecting both taxpayers and California."

HOW MUCH WILL YOU GET?

We've made a tool for you to look that up. The Franchise Tax Board also has information, as well as a customer help line, which can be reached by dialing 800-542-9332. The help line has assistance in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Hindi, Vietnamese, Korean, and Punjabi. The board says other languages may be supported by request.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Orange County

Drought-stricken California approves desalination plant

With California struggling through historic drought, the Coastal Commission on Thursday approved a desalination plant that could turn up to 5 million gallons of seawater a day into drinkable water.

The commission voted 11-0 to approve the proposed Doheny Ocean Desalination Project in Dana Point, southeast of Los Angeles in Orange County.

Although it faces other regulatory hurdles, the decision by the state's coastal guardian was a key step towards approval of the $140 million plant, which could be running by 2027 and provide the South Coast Water District with enough water for about 40,000 people.

California has spent most of the last 15 years in drought conditions. Virtually the entire state currently is in severe to exceptional drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Snow that falls in California's mountains typically provides one-third of the state's annual water supply, but last year snow levels were far below average by the end of the winter. The Colorado River, another major source of water for Southern California, is also beset by drought, threatening its ability to supply farmers and cities around the U.S. West.

State officials say they expect California's water supply to decline by 10% over the next two decades. In August, Gov. Gavin Newsom touted recycling and desalination as ways to shore up the state's supply.

Newsom had backed another Southern California desalination plant that would have been 10 times larger than the one approved on Thursday. The Coastal Commission unanimously rejected that project in May.

Commissioners said they were concerned that the privately owned plant in Huntington Beach would kill marine life and make water too pricey in an area of California that has other cheaper and more environmentally sound water sources.

Environmental groups had long fought the project but there was much less opposition to the smaller plant. Commission staff had recommended approval, saying the project's design had a much smaller environmental footprint.

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Los Angeles

LA carjacking victim dragged, killed during police pursuit

A carjacking victim died after being dragged along with the vehicle allegedly driven by a homicide suspect who was fleeing Thursday, the Los Angeles Police Department said.

Detectives from the department's Gang and Narcotic Division were conducting surveillance on 7th Avenue around 5 p.m. Thursday and spotted a murder suspect getting into a car with another person, a Twitter post by the LAPD said.

> The murder suspect drove away from Florence Avenue and Haas Avenue, dragging the carjacking victim - LAPD

The detectives tried to conduct a traffic stop and a chase ensued. During the pursuit, the car crashed and the homicide suspect got out of the passenger side and carjacked a nearby vehicle, police said.

"The murder suspect drove away from Florence Avenue and Haas Avenue, dragging the carjacking victim," the LAPD said on Twitter.

The driver of the stolen car became entangled with the vehicle and was dragged for nearly a mile as the suspect tried to escape, KABC-TV reported.

The carjacking victim was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The vehicle rolled over at Florence and Prairie avenues in Inglewood, but the suspect would not get out of the car, leading to a standoff with police.

"SWAT and K9 were on scene and negotiated with the murder suspect to exit the vehicle for two hours. The murder suspect was ultimately taken into custody without incident," police said.

The names of the victim and the suspect were not immediately available

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Biden pushing lower prescription drug costs in midterm press

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Associated Press

President Joe Biden is set to highlight his administration's efforts to lower prescription drug costs on Friday as part of his three-state Western tour this week, as he confronts a sobering inflation report in the waning weeks before midterm elections.

Biden will head to a community college in Irvine, California, to meet with older adults and tout his administration's efforts to reduce inflation and drive down costs. The visit comes on the heels of an announcement that millions of Social Security recipients will get an 8.7% boost in their benefits in 2023, a historic increase but a gain that will be eaten up in part by the rising cost of everyday living.

Despite the president's efforts, inflation is rising, and Republicans are capitalizing on higher prices, seeing openings in California and elsewhere to potentially pick up U.S. House seats. The president will also make his case in Oregon before heading back East as the reliably Democratic governor's race closes with an independent splitting votes.

Consumer prices, excluding volatile food and energy costs, jumped 6.6% in September from a year ago — the fastest pace in four decades. And on a month-to-month basis, such "core" prices soared 0.6% for a second straight time, defying expectations for a slowdown and signaling that the Fed's multiple rate hikes have yet to ease inflation pressures. Core prices typically provide a clearer picture of underlying price trends.

Biden acknowledged the issue on Thursday, saying that "Americans are squeezed by the cost of living. It's been true for years, and folks don't need a report to tell them they're being squeezed."

He also returned to a metaphor he used often during his first year in office, talking about issues that Americans talk about around the "kitchen table," touting his administration's efforts to lower costs even as inflation rises.

"From prescription drugs, to health insurance, to energy bills, and so much more," he said. "We're standing up for working people and their right to get a raise and get a better job."

The White House said Biden will also sign an executive order that will direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to look for additional ways to lower drug costs.

The Inflation Reduction Act signed into law earlier this year already requires that Medicare begin bargaining over the price of a handful of drugs starting next year. The agency is fine-tuning how that process will work, hiring new employees for a drug pricing division and is expected to pick the first 10 drugs that will be negotiated in 2023.

Any additional proposals to curb the cost of drug prices are likely to be met with resistance.

That newly-acquired power to negotiate drug prices is controversial, with the powerful pharmaceutical industry lobbying against the rule and considering legal actions to prevent its implementation. Republicans have already proposed legislation that would strip Medicare's negotiation ability before the haggling has even begun.

Starting next year, drug companies will also have to pay penalties to Medicare if they raise the cost of their products at a rate that outpaces inflation.

The new law will also lower drug costs for the 49 million people on Medicare in a number of other ways that have been less controversial. It makes vaccines free, caps monthly out-of-pocket insulin costs at $35, and limits out-of-pocket drug expenses at $2,000 starting in 2025.

> From prescription drugs, to health insurance, to energy bills, and so much more. We're standing up for working people and their right to get a raise and get a better job
> — President Joe Biden

Associated Press Writer Amanda Seitz contributed to this report from Washington.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 15)

Take a chance on yourself. Brilliance can begin with a craving, some dumb silliness, an urge for creative wilding or far-out dreaming. Trust that you're onto something! An investment or training will pay you back at the turn of the season. More highlights: fortuitous friendship, group travel and romantic notions made real. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 8, 11, 33 and 25.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just like in the movies, someone (or some big event) will come along to disrupt the status quo. This "inciting incident" is how the story kicks off. There will be a clear delineation between "before" and "after."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Over-familiarity is not good for relationships. When common courtesies go out the window it's a signal to distance yourself. How far should you step back? You need enough space to build a mystery.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll enjoy learning the needs, interests, beliefs and values of others. You'll grow in influence as you try to get to know the people involved in making decisions that affect your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Do not fear tomorrow. Stop perseverating about what might happen because it robs you of the only moment you truly have and will ever have: this one. Now is the moment of your being. Right here, right now, this is the one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you feel happy, comfortable and fun, the energy you radiate puts everyone around you in a better mood. Sure, for some the difference will be so slight it's undetectable, and yet, at the same time, undeniable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The right focus will be crucial to your success. This is no time to experiment and stretch. Start with what you already feel drawn to do and it will be much easier to add the skills, knowledge and practice necessary to be great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friendships have arcs just like every other kind of relationship and are in danger of falling into a rut unless efforts are made to keep things fresh and interesting. You'll sprinkle excitement into the mix.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though what you are experiencing is not uncommon, the way you experience it is totally unique. No one approaches this quite like you, nor do they feel it in the exact same way. Honor your process by recording it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is it so wrong to dream of the ideal even though you know it will never be found in an imperfect reality? If it is, then all the great leaders, thinkers and doers have been wrong. It takes a vision, and that's exactly what you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nothing motivates like desire. You'll assess your relationships, your routines and even your thought patterns as you're determined to get everything in line with the new thing you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you do makes perfect sense to you, not to them. How could they possibly understand when they haven't experienced anything in the realm? Their puzzlement is natural, though you don't owe anyone an explanation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The secret to being worry-free is to occupy your mind with something it likes so much that there is no room for anything else. What do you want to happen? Multiply it by two and keep imagining that as you head in the direction.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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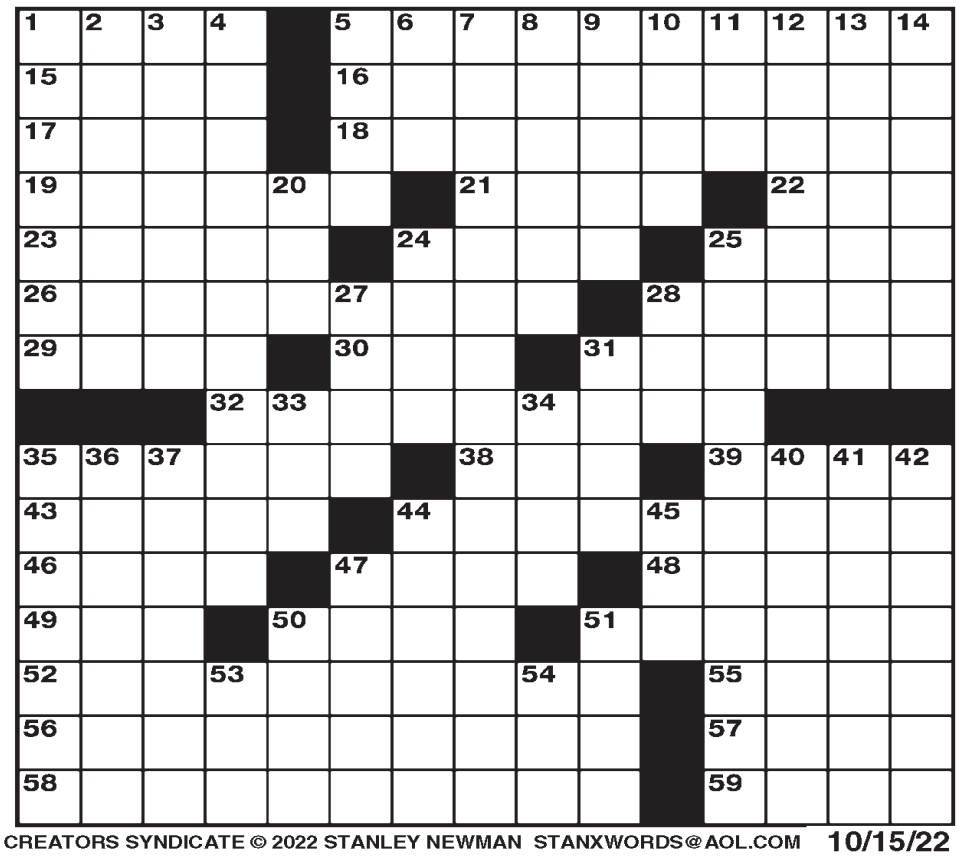
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Stella Zawistowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Breakthrough role for Gwyneth
5 Removes one's words, in a way
15 Put (down)
16 Originally, a river crystal
17 React to a push, perhaps
18 Not at all stalwart
19 Come on strong
21 Certain pricey paintings in recent auctions
22 Ghastly
23 Whom DiMaggio called "the best I ever faced"
24 Gang members
25 Agcy. supervising elections
26 Sports pages
28 Top and bottom of the feudal food chain
29 Where the Cyclopes forged thunderbolts
30 Nickname dropping "-el" or "-anna"
31 Not to be questioned
32 Trash
35 Don't abstain
38 Chg. descriptor
39 In St. Peter's it's 46 meters high
43 Early rival of Atari (and still at it)
44 Blokes who supported Dutch-born William III
46 Bit of salty talk
47 Bayer's headquarters
48 Off-puttingly strong
49 *L'eau au milieu de la terre*
50 Hardly forthcoming
51 Serf of the Vikings
52 Confirmation indication
55 Nickname like Dita
56 Affirmation indication
57 Dieter's unit
58 Sings to give up
59 Tracks over time

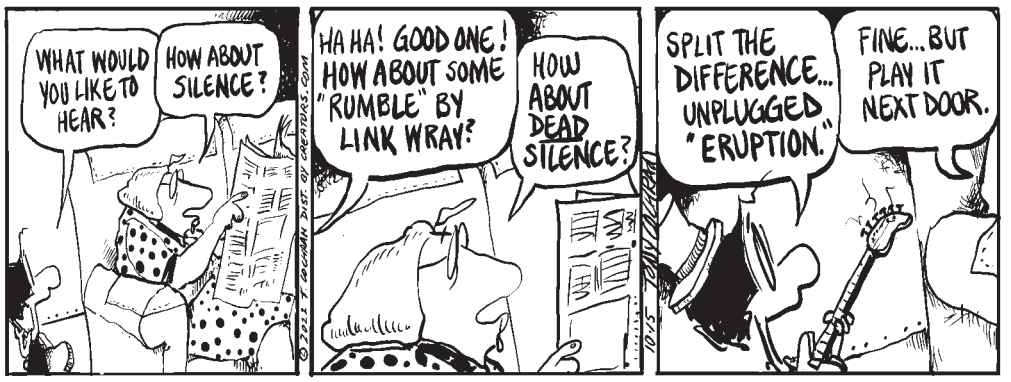
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1 Samsung logo's blue background
2 Follower of the opener
3 Church charge
4 High-upkeep?
5 Very dry
6 Common Korean surname
7 It may keep you up at night
8 Uses the Knighting Stool
9 Unloads
10 Pitchfork resemblers
11 __ stretch
12 Crumble cousin
13 General rearrangement
14 Sowing area
20 Call, as a hand
24 What to call a hand
25 Fourth-century Christian milestone
27 Something framed for a wall
28 Half a Furniture Galleries brand
31 Courier's request
33 Type set for a bank
34 Tragic retiree-to-be
35 Romance's #4, these days
36 Esteemed sage
37 Enzymology is contained in it
40 Ford debut of 1930
41 Antonym of "exposition"
42 Sempiternal
44 Should, so to speak
45 Frustration exclamation
47 Tease without cease
50 Shortening of a sort
51 Green Giant's cauliflowery Veggie __
53 __ day
54 RSVP enclosure



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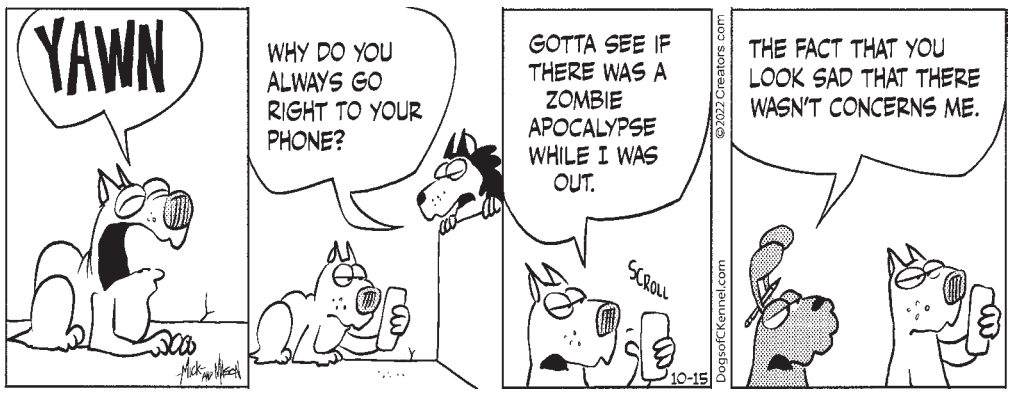
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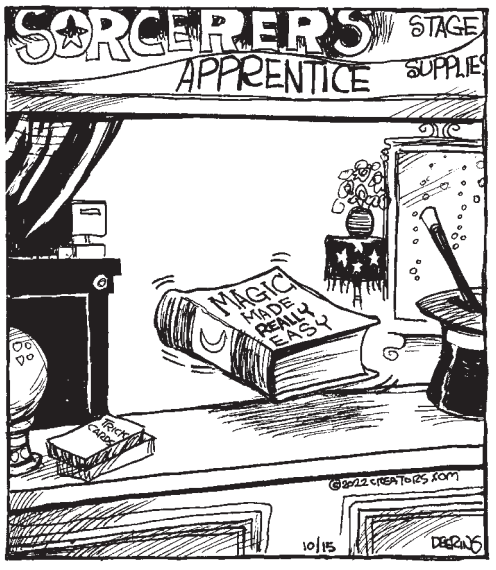
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"HERE COMES TROUBLE."

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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5633

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Arms	Eight	Muzzle	Score
Barrel	Ejector	Oils	Shot
Bird	Fast	Pins	Skeet
Black powder	Flapper	Points	Steady
	Gauge	Poke	Test
Breech	Guns	Pull	Trigger
Caps	Hide	Range	Twitchy
Casing	Hits	Resistance	
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SATURDAY | OCTOBER 15

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.

VIRGINIA AVE. PARK FALL FESTIVAL
Pico Blvd/Cloverfield. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SPOOKTACULAR GARDEN AT ISHIHARA
9 - 11 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Werewolves, Witches, Giant Spiders and the like will inhabit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden. Anyone dressed in costume can pick up a pack of fall vegetable seeds. Costume or not, we'll have plenty of activities for the young ones, hot coffee to get the not-so-young rolling, seasonal themed pancakes on the griddle and warm compost if you feel a chill and need to warm up your fingers or toes! santamonicaroots@gmail.com.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 16

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK'S 5K HUNGER WALK
Grab your running shoes! The Westside Food Bank's 32nd Annual 5K Hunger Walk is back. After being virtual for the last two years, the Hunger Walk is scheduled to return to Santa Monica's Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way) along the Ocean Front Walk on Sunday, Oct. 16. Join the goal to raise more than $125,000 to help provide nutritious food to people in need in west Los Angeles County and receive a free T-shirt and swag bag. Every $1 donated during our event will provide four meals for the community. People can also text "WSFBHUNGER" to 50155 to help contribute to our overall goal. https://secure.qgiv.com/event/32ndhungerwalk/

MONDAY | OCTOBER 17

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. This month's selection is The Surprising Life of a Medieval Empire by Judith Herrin. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Agenda available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ 7 p.m.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
An ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org. Library: Pico Branch Library. 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
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TUESDAY | OCTOBER 18

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.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 19

GLOBAL MOTION SANTA MONICA COLLEGE WORLD DANCE COMPANY
Come experience the excitement and learn about other cultures through performances by Santa Monica College dancers showcasing world dance styles — including West African, Flamenco, Ballet, Asian, Hawaiian, Mexican Folklórico, Salsa, and more! Includes an Afro-Brazilian work by Guest Artist Laroye Ana. $20. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/tickets.php

AUTHOR TALK
Local author Marianne Wiggins will be in-person at the Venice branch discussing her book, Properties of Thirst. 6 p.m. Venice Library. 501 S Venice Blvd, Venice.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **66.4**

SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Another small day off of the SSW and NW swell mixture. Medium to higher tide most of the day leads to some tidal wonk. Cleanest conditions in the morning.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Repeat of Saturday. Small mix of SSW and NW swell due. Medium to higher tide most of the day leads to some tidal wonk. Cleanest conditions in the morning.

WEATHER

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 68.
Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 11pm.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/10/15	Sat	12:30 PM	4.84	H
2022/10/15	Sat	9:01 PM	0.96	L
2022/10/16	Sun	1:30 PM	4.45	H
2022/10/16	Sun	10:39 PM	0.96	L
2022/10/17	Mon	07:46 AM	3.77	H
2022/10/17	Mon	10:21 AM	3.71	L
2022/10/17	Mon	3:24 PM	4.22	H
2022/10/17	Mon	11:46 PM	0.81	L
2022/10/18	Tue	07:28 AM	3.97	H
2022/10/18	Tue	11:58 AM	3.31	L
2022/10/18	Tue	5:02 PM	4.30	H
2022/10/19	Wed	12:31 AM	0.64	L
2022/10/19	Wed	07:37 AM	4.20	H
2022/10/19	Wed	12:41 PM	2.82	L
2022/10/19	Wed	6:05 PM	4.53	H
2022/10/20	Thu	01:05 AM	0.52	L
2022/10/20	Thu	07:49 AM	4.45	H
2022/10/20	Thu	1:15 PM	2.29	L

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Powerball
Draw Date: 10/12
14 30 41 42 59
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 454 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 10/11
3 7 11 13 38
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 494 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/12
5 22 30 34 43
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: 33 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/13
19 23 28 35 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/13
EVENING: 6 7 8

Draw Date: 10/13
MIDDAY: 0 4 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/13
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:41.46

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