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SMMUSD to seek new trial in $45 million lawsuit case

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District(SMMUSD) will be requesting a new trial in a case brought against the district by the family of two special needs twins who alleged abuse by a behavioral aid.

A Los Angeles Superior Court jury found in favor of the plaintiffs in October 2022 and ordered the district to pay $45 million to the family.

The lawsuit, filed back in 2019, alleged that Galit Gottlieb, a school district employee at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School in Malibu, used corporal punishment including physical restraint, physical abuse and intentional battery against the two special needs second graders.

The incidents described in the case occurred during the 2017-18 school year and were initially reported by a bus driver at the District, who said she witnessed Gottlieb physically restrain and punish the students by putting hand sanitizer on their cuts to cause them pain.

Following the October decision, the District asserted in a statement that they believed the verdict "was not justified by the evidence presented." The district again expressed this belief this week in the agenda for its upcoming Dec 15 School Board meeting.

"The District will be seeking a new trial as a result of the verdict rendered in October of 2022," it stated. "This is its first priority because the District believes the evidence simply does not support the verdict or the damages that were awarded."

In the meantime, the District will be voting on a resolution at the upcoming meeting to allow them to pay out the $45 million in installments over a 10 year period rather than all at once, the reasoning being that a one time payment would result in "undue financial hardship on the District and its ability to provide services now and in the future," according to the agenda text.

In the resolution and meeting agenda, the district makes clear they do not view this arrangement as an admission of guilt, but as a

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MENORAH: Downtown Santa Monica's holiday celebration, Winterlit, will celebrate the Festival of Lights with nightly menorah lightings beginning this Sunday, December 18 through December 26. Different synagogues and local groups are invited each night to light the menorah and will host their own ceremony or celebration. Winterlit celebrations will continue with live music and snow from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday December 15 and 22.

Mel's rolls back the clock for 75th Anniversary celebration



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MEL'S: Santa Monica may not be the original location, but the popular diner will be getting in on the celebratory action.

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While Mel's Drive-In (1670 Lincoln Blvd.) is a relatively new feature in the Santa Monica area, the family-run restaurant chain has been around for decades and will celebrate its 75th anniversary this week.

"We're super excited about it," grandson of founder Mel Weiss, Colton Weiss said. "It's a big milestone 75 years, there's not too many family businesses that have been around this long.

Colton Weiss and his brother Chasen Weiss are co-owners of the business which has grown from the original San Francisco drive-in opened in 1947 to eight restaurants in the Bay Area and Los Angeles, all while staying in the family.

"We're third generation Mel's and fourth generation restaurateurs," Colton said. "It's just a big milestone for us and we couldn't have gotten here without our customers and our loyal employees that have got us to where we are today."

The Weiss brothers said they think Mel's ongoing success comes from the restaurants' friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

"It's just an easy place to grab some food and have fun," Colton Weiss said. "You don't have to make a reservation, people know we're there and open and they can come in and really enjoy themselves and bring in their families and friends and have a great time."

They also credit their unique architecture and iconic locations with making the restaurants such popular destinations, especially the Santa Monica diner which is located at the end of Route 66 at the corner of Olympic and Lincoln Boulevard.

"We have people from all over the world driving Route 66 from Chicago and they come to Mel's when they're done and we give them a certificate of completion,"

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Chargers look to carry momentum from win into stretch run

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AP Sports Writer

All wins count the same in the standings.

Yet, the emotion emanating from the locker room after the Los Angeles Chargers' 23-17 victory over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday night could be the catalyst to a late-season run and possibly getting to the playoffs for the first time in four years.

"It was very cathartic," running back Austin Ekeler said. "That feeling of like, 'OK, we're staying on track. We still have playmakers.' Especially when we get guys back, and they can do what we have expected from them and what we have been missing from them."

Even quarterback Justin Herbert, who rarely shows emotion, was more demonstrative. Herbert gave a first-down signal after a 10-yard scramble during the fourth quarter that put the Chargers in the red zone, where they would later go up two scores on Cameron Dicker's third field goal.

After the game, Herbert spiked a football as he entered the locker room.

"It was pretty cool to see Justin coming out of his routine a little bit more," Ekeler said. "He is usually the same guy every time after a win or loss, as far as I know, what he is going to do. He is going to come in and get collected. He is going to go around and dap everybody up, make sure everyone is good, and then sit in his locker for the next 20 minutes and unwind."

Los Angeles is 7-6 going into the final four games with the possibility of getting key players back.

They got a big lift from the return of Mike Williams, who had missed four of the past five games with a high ankle sprain. Williams had six receptions for 116 yards and a touchdown.

The defense, missing three starters, had one of their best games. They allowed two touchdowns to Tyreek Hill on explosive plays, including an improbable 57-yard fumble return.

Still, Miami never got into the red zone, as its deepest penetration was the LA 37. The Dolphins had only nine offensive plays in Chargers' territory.

With the defense short-handed, coach Brandon Staley and defensive coordinator Renaldo Hill created a game plan that allowed some players that had their first extensive action to play comfortably.

"What you want to do is take an approach where you feel like you can get consistency from the group out there so that they can play fast," Staley said. "Then, have enough disguise and variation within that grouping of what you're playing — blitzes, coverages, all that — so they can get in a comfort zone."

Staley said on Monday that he is hopeful defensive lineman Sebastian Joseph-Day (knee) and cornerback Bryce Callahan (core muscle) can return to practice this week.

The return of key players should bolster a group that will try to avoid last season's stretch run when the Chargers dropped three of their final four to fall out of postseason contention.

WHAT'S WORKING

Herbert throwing a lot. The Chargers are 2-2 when Herbert has at least 50 attempts in a game. Herbert had his 21st 300-yard game and his 39 completions were the second most in a game in franchise history.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Scoring touchdowns in the red zone. The Chargers made six trips into the red zone against the Dolphins, but only got into the end zone twice. They had to settle for field goals three times and turned it over on downs on their first trip after DeAndre Carter was stopped at the Miami 2 on fourth-and-goal. Los Angeles is near the bottom of the league in red zone efficiency, with 23 touchdowns in 48 trips.

STOCK UP

Ja'Sir Taylor. The rookie defensive back, who had seen only 11 snaps on defense in his first 12 games, showed he could hold his own. The sixth-round pick played mostly slot cornerback with Bryce Callahan inactive and gave up three receptions for 43 yards while being targeted five times. He didn't allow a reception to Hill the two times he was targeted in coverage.

STOCK DOWN

Foster Sarell. The right tackle continues to struggle in pass protection. Sarell allowed six QB pressures against the Dolphins and has given up 16 in the three games he has started in place of the injured Trey Pipkins, who continues to work his way back from an MCL sprain to his left knee.

INJURIES

S Derwin James (quadriceps) remains day to day. Staley said he expects Pipkins to return to practice and TE Donald Parham (hamstring) to be activated off injured reserve. Staley also said it is possible that OT Rashawn Slater (biceps) could be back toward the end of the regular season. Slater suffered his injury on Sept. 25 against Jacksonville.

KEY NUMBER

3-1 — Herbert's record against other quarterbacks selected in the 2020 draft. Herbert is 1-1 against Tua Tagovailoa after Sunday's win. Herbert also has a win apiece over Cincinnati's Joe Burrow and Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts.

NEXT STEPS

The Chargers host the Tennessee Titans, who have dropped three straight for the first time since 2018. The AFC South leaders are the last team Los Angeles will face in the regular season with a winning record.

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Music, exercise, gray hair: Pandemic practices that live on

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Dusting off old musical instruments, appreciating the outdoors more meaningfully, dumping the hair dye and letting the gray fly forever.

The pandemic disrupted our traditions, practices and pursuits, how we mark milestones, what we do with our time, what's important in routines. It replaced old with new, a kind of new that just might stick.

Nearly three years after the World Health Organization declared the deadly spread of COVID-19 a pandemic, there's plenty of old life mixed with the new. And, yes, the latter includes a whole lot of Zooming still going on among families, colleagues and friends, near and far.

Here's a look at pandemic passions that for some are here to stay:

INSTRUMENT REDUX

That sax in the corner. The piano that looks so nice in the living room but was rarely played. People picked up their instruments again, some after decades, to flex their musical muscles.

They're not looking for concert careers, but they're dedicated in their rediscoveries.

Bob Dorobis in Middletown, New Jersey, worked intensely to improve his guitar fingerpicking during the pandemic after a long break. Now, the 70-year-old software developer is looking forward to more practice time in retirement.

"When your fingerpicking sounds good it's very rewarding," he said. "I finally realized the only way for me to like it better is to learn it better."

EXERCISE LOVE

The post-lockdown economy wasn't kind to Peloton when its stock tanked as many pandemic newbies lost their mojo. Many, but not all. We've got newcomers seriously spinning on.

Amid all the spinning, folks who hadn't worked out in years are now committed to running, working up to half-marathons and beyond.

We have bicycle enthusiasts who hadn't ridden since childhood. And we have walkers who mapped out where to find the best cats to visit and are steadfast in their feline wandering on foot.

Beth Lehman, a Greenville, New York, nanny, hopped on a bike for the first time in years while teaching one of her young charges during the pandemic. Now, the whole family she works for rides with her, including a grandfather in his mid-80s.

"I faked confidence," she said of taking to two wheels again.

NEIGHBORLY KINDNESS

Craving company, we stood on lawns, sidewalks and cul-de-sacs to check in with each other. We brought homemade soups to senior shut-ins. We turned over armfuls of fresh-cut flowers from our gardens. We lingered for a socially distanced chat.

Commitments to random acts of kindness directed at the elderly living alone continues, with neighborly schedules made for snow shoveling and pies delivered for the holidays.

Lisa and Larry Neula in Sacramento, California, shared the gift of aloha with their neighbors. She was a competitive Hawaiian dancer and hula instructor and he's a member of the famous Lim Family singers of Kohala.

Together, they entertained their neighbors during the pandemic from their driveway and continue their performances there today.

"If you get one person who shows they want to be social, then the other people catch on. It gets to be contagious," Lisa said. "I don't want to take all the credit, but it makes me a better person."

> "If you get one person who shows they want to be social, then the other people catch on. It gets to be contagious - Lisa"

MINDFUL GARDENING

Gardening turned into restful curation. It also was a way to get some extra exercise and grow fresh food.

That meant bushy old shrubs that were once a chore became manicured assets that are a joy to tend. More grass lawns were ripped up to plant native-plant gardens and wildflower meadows, and vegetable gardening saw a boom.

Gardening has new, lasting lovers.

"Now, I rarely watch TV," said Kelly Flor-Robinson in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

GROOMING REVELATIONS

Some women tossed the hair dye. Some their blow dryers.

They've chosen to embrace their inner curliness and gray. Today, they can't be bothered going back after nearly three years of natural hair.

"In March 2020, right after everyone was basically in lockdown, I ignored the reminder in my calendar to do the root touch-up, and I ignored the next and the next and so on," said Susan Cuccinello in Ossining, New York.

"I remember when salons started opening back up and several of my friends were so relieved they could get their hair and roots colored again. That didn't sway me one bit. And my hair is actually thicker and healthier. Plus it's great to smash another relic of the patriarchy!"

Others gave up makeup and underwire. They once considered both a necessity but were freed in isolation. They're still happily going without.

GOOD SPORTS

With a newfound embrace of the outdoors, some sports attracted new enthusiasts.

Pickleball picked up players, growing its fan base and expanding the demand for courts. That has upset a tennis player or two, or four.

For others, it was golf.

In Maplewood, New Jersey, Matthew Peyton and his son, Julian, discovered golf together. Julian now works as a fitter in a sports shop and is eyeing college golf programs. They had never played before.

"So there I am. Single dad with a 15-year-old, active teenage boy who won't be going to school for two years," he said. "We don't know what's safe. We don't touch door knobs or go to the store. But the golf course is our refuge. You're 300 yards away from anyone else all by yourself. It's like a private oasis."

THE ZOOM BOOM

We're still logging lots of Zoom time for work, book club, family visits and meetups with old friends. But there are other lasting uses that were born of pandemic necessity.

Bridal couples streaming their weddings, for instance, or Zoom memorials for lost loved ones.

Non-work Zooms today, with real-life back in swing, have thoroughly committed devotees. So do webinars, from art history to virtually exploring an exotic locale.

Samantha Martin, who splits her time between New York and West Palm Beach, Florida, relied a lot on Zoom and WhatsApp to visit with loved ones back home in Hong Kong and around the world. That morphed into "Sunday stories," a practice she continues today.

"Every Sunday night I have dinner or breakfast, depending on the time difference, with a friend or family member around the world," Martin said. "The calendar is full one to two months in advance."

EXTRACURRICULAR REBOOT

The world shut down, and that included a lot of after-school soccer, chess and Mandarin for kids. For some families, the slower pace stuck and they're down to maybe one extracurricular a week.

The opposite is true for other families. Some kids picked up new activities because they were available during the pandemic and are thrilled to keep them going.

LESS IN-STORE SHOPPING

Curbside pickup. Grocery delivery. Those mainstays of pandemic life are new priorities for some former in-store enthusiasts.

"I used to enjoy food shopping, but this saves so much time and overspending on my part so I stuck with it," said Amanda Sheronas Spencer in Malvern, Pennsylvania.

"If I do go in person, I have to stick to my list, which is difficult for a person who loves food and cooking! Grocery stores are like shiny objects to me."

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Colorado River water users convening amid crisis concerns

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Living with less water in the U.S. Southwest is the focus this week for state and federal water administrators, tribal officials, farmers, academics and business representatives meeting about the drought-stricken and overpromised Colorado River.

The Colorado River Water Users Association conference, normally a largely academic three-day affair, comes at a time of growing concern about the river's future after more than two decades of record drought attributed to climate change.

"The Colorado River system is in a very dire condition," Dan Bunk, a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation water manager, declared during internet presentations streamed Nov. 29 and Dec. 2 that invited public comment about possible actions.

"Flows during the past 23-year period ... are the lowest in the past 120 years and (among) the lowest in more than 1,200 years," Bunk told the webinar audience. The deadline for public submissions is Dec. 20 for a process expected to yield a final report by summer.

Bunk said the two largest reservoirs on the river — Lake Mead behind Hoover Dam on the Nevada-Arizona state line and Lake Powell formed by the Glen Canyon Dam on the Arizona-Utah line — are at unprecedented low levels. Lake Mead was at 100% capacity in mid-1999. Today it is 28% full. Lake Powell, last full in June 1980, is at 25%.

Scientists attribute extended drought to warmer and drier weather in the West to long-term, human-caused climate change. The effect has been dramatic on a vast river basin where the math never added up: The amount of water it receives doesn't meet the amount that is promised.

Lake Powell's drop last March to historically low water levels raised worries about losing the ability — perhaps within the next few months — to produce hydropower that today serves about 5 million customers in seven states. If power production ceases at Glen Canyon Dam, rural electric cooperatives, cities and tribal utilities would be forced to seek more expensive options.

Reclamation water managers responded with plans to hold back more water in Lake Powell but warned that Lake Mead water levels would drop.

Meanwhile, bodies have surfaced as Lake Mead's shoreline recedes, including the corpse of a man who authorities say was shot, maybe in the 1970s, and stuffed in a barrel. He remains unidentified. The gruesome discoveries renewed interest in the lore of organized crime and the early days of the Las Vegas Strip, just a 30-minute drive from the lake.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in June told the seven states that are part of the Colorado River Basin — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — to determine how to use at least 15% less water next year, or have restrictions imposed on them. Despite deadlines, discussions have not resulted in agreements.

Bureau officials use the image of pouring tea from one cup to another to describe how water from Rocky Mountain snowmelt is captured in Lake Powell, then released downriver through the Grand Canyon to Lake Mead. About 70% is allocated for irrigation, sustaining a $15 billion-a-year agricultural industry that supplies 90% of U.S. winter vegetables.

The two lakes, combined, were at 92% capacity in 1999, Bunk noted. Today, they are at 26%.

"Due to critically low current reservoir conditions, and the potential for worsening drought which threatens critical infrastructure and public health and safety ... operational strategies must be revisited," Bunk said.

This year's meeting of water recipients begins Wednesday at Caesars Palace on the Las Vegas Strip. The event theme, "A New Century for the Colorado River Compact," marks 100 years since a 1922 interstate agreement divvied water shares among interests in the seven states now home to 40 million people and millions of farmed acres.

> "Whether it's fallowing fields, upgrading irrigation canals, or modernizing farming methods - Amelia Flores"

Agricultural interests got the biggest share. Native American tribes weren't included and were referenced in one sentence: "Nothing in this compact shall be construed as affecting the obligations of the United States of America to Indian tribes."

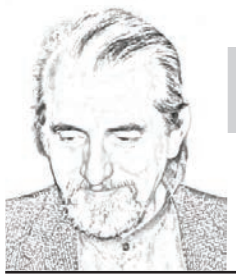
It wasn't until 1944 that a separate agreement promised a share of water to Mexico.

Today, tribes are at the table and a Mexico delegation is due to attend the conference. U.S. cities that receive river water include Denver, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Many call conservation crucial. Among conference topic titles are "Messaging in a More Water-Challenged world" and "The Next 100 Years Begins Now."

"The ongoing drought is a stark reminder

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Focus on real solutions, please

WINNING AN ELECTION

Not an easy thing to do. It takes a lot of work, a lot of hours. You have to want very badly to be of service to your constituents, your community. And so in my previous CURIOUS CITY I congratulated all the winners in our recent local election. But there are different ways to win an election, aren't there?

Sometimes a group who wants to gain or maintain a grip on power chooses a candidate they think can win, and will vote and govern the way that suits them. That candidate might be dumb as a rock and have a sordid past but they sure know what to do with a football, or be more than willing and skillful at dismissing any questions about their past with one big lie after another. Sometimes that candidate is a celebrity and doesn't even live in their district, but at the last minute buys a "home address." We saw that happen in the last national election. But nothing like that here in li'l ol' Santa Monica, right? You'd have to have a political machine that was so established, so well organized, with so much influence, and money and manpower – to pull it off. And we don't have that... exactly.

But we have something close, and apparently just as effective. Because in our last election you had candidates who "came out of nowhere" to win a surprising number of votes and even get elected. But that's my opinion.

In the absence of provable facts (or sometimes even with them) – look how difficult it has been to pin the Jan. 6th insurrection on the guy who would have benefited – it does often come down to how two people see so differently the same set of circumstances. Smart politics? Or dirty politics?

DOES VOTING MATTER?

Some have so lost faith that our political system can provide us with elected officials who will work for the welfare of constituents, that they have given up and will not vote. That's a logical conclusion, and a legitimate choice. But in my opinion, a short sighted one.

Does your vote count? (Don't ask George Carlin. - 4:55) That's a pretty big, basic question in a democracy. But we have millions of American idiots who now, thanks to Orange fever, question democracy itself. Don't be distracted.

Questioning the efficacy of voting has merit. Many in the youngest generations do, based on too much ugly evidence. I say we can't let that happen, for two reasons: voting is our only hope, and it could well be that those youngest generations are also our only hope. I heard one commentator, about two weeks before the election, predict that there would be no red wave, the polls were wrong because they hadn't talked to Gen Z and they had registered to vote in record numbers. I think he was right. I think that was the difference. And only about half of them were old enough to vote, so it will be even more of a factor in the next election.

A NEW PARTY?

No, forming a new party is not realistic in 21st century America, the GOP is hopelessly deluded and dangerous, Greens and Libertarians can't win elections, so the answer is to get good candidates through the muck of the Democratic Party. It can be done. A smart young Dem, in FL (!), Maxwell Frost, 25, was elected the first Gen Z member of the US Congress, the sixth youngest ever (and five of the others were born in the 1700s).

We see even locally how un-Democratic the Democratic Club of Santa Monica is, led by Jon Katz. Dirty tricks worthy of the worst Republican operatives. Topsy turvy. But as for city elections, it is a more complicated story. The Dems stand in the way of resident governance, rather than outside interests first, but locally, so does SMRR, Forward, Abundant Housing, the League of Women Voters, Unite Here local 11, etc.

As a lifelong Democrat, whose father served at FDR's summer White House at Hyde Park, I have become completely disenchanted with the Democratic Party. But I'm a realist, and understand they are the only path to sanity. We need better candidates through a better process of selecting candidates. So there you go. That's where the work must be done.

If you can take the stand that voting counts, I believe we must address other issues, myths here in Santa Monica that distract us from real solutions for our residents.

There is not a housing crisis, there is an affordability crisis. You cannot build your way to affordability; was the mantra of many, all you're doing is clogging a once wonderful city with massive numbers of unneeded (by our current population) market rate housing, which benefits only developers and raises the price on all housing.

The most important thing, to me, is that we take care of the people who already live here, not the ones some would like to see come, and make sure long standing residents can somehow stay in their homes, through subsidies or some other creative means. Densification is only good where it is needed and it is not needed here. Our quality of life has been decimated through these disingenuous political arguments.

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Exam finds famed LA mountain lion may have been hit by car

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The famous Hollywood-roaming mountain lion known as P-22 is drastically underweight and was probably struck and injured by a car, wildlife experts who conducted a health examination on the big cat said Tuesday.

The male cougar, whose killing of a leashed dog has raised concerns about its behavior, probably won't be released back into the wild and could be sent to an animal sanctuary or euthanized, depending on its health, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife said.

"Nobody is taking that kind of decision lightly," spokesperson Jordan Traverso said during a videoconference. He added the agency understands "the importance of this animal to the community and to California," and "we recognize the sadness of it."

P-22 was captured and tranquilized on Monday in the trendy Los Feliz neighborhood near his usual haunt of Griffith Park, an island of wilderness and picnic areas in the midst of the Los Angeles urban sprawl.

State and federal wildlife officials announced last week that they were concerned the aging cat "may be exhibiting signs of distress" due in part to aging, noting the animal needed to be studied to determine what steps to take.

Tuesday's examination found the cat had an eye injury, probably received from being hit by a car and more tests would be conducted to determine if the animal suffered additional head trauma, said Deana Clifford, the senior wildlife veterinarian with the department.

A computerized tomography scan is scheduled for later this week to look into other possible chronic health issues that may have caused his decline, Clifford said.

P-22 was first captured in 2012 and fitted with a GPS tracking collar as part of a National Park Service study. The cougar is regularly recorded on security cameras strolling through residential areas near Griffith Park.

P-22 is believed to be about 12 years old, making him the oldest Southern California cougar currently being studied. Most mountain lions live about a decade.

"This is an old cat, and old cats get old-cat diseases," Clifford said. "Any of us who had cats at home have seen this."

"We're working through all of those issues and we'll take a totality of the findings into account to try to make the best decision we can for the cat," she said.

P-22 usually hunts deer and coyotes, but in November the National Park Service confirmed that the cougar had attacked and killed a Chihuahua mix that was being walked in the narrow streets of the Hollywood Hills.

The cougar also is suspected of attacking another Chihuahua in the Silver Lake neighborhood this month.

P-22 has lived much of his life in Griffith Park, crossing two major freeways to get there. He was the face of the campaign to build a wildlife crossing over a Los Angeles-area freeway to give big cats, coyotes, deer and other wildlife a safe path to the nearby Santa Monica Mountains, where they have room to roam.

Ground was broken this year on the bridge, which will stretch 200 feet over U.S. 101. Construction is expected to be completed by early 2025.

WATER

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that water conservation is not just smart planning but an absolute necessity to save the life of the Colorado River," Amelia Flores, chairwoman of Colorado River Indian Tribes, said ahead of the event. The tribal reservation in western Arizona includes more than 110 miles (177 kilometers) of Colorado River shoreline.

"Whether it's fallowing fields, upgrading irrigation canals, or modernizing farming methods," Flores said, "decisions made now will have lasting consequences."

Throughout the river basin, warnings have increased and measures have tightened markedly in 2022.

In April, water administrators in Southern California imposed a one-day-a-week outdoor watering limit on more than 6 million people.

Last month, 30 agencies that supply water to homes and businesses throughout the region joined the Las Vegas area in restricting the planting of decorative lawns that no one walks on.

Adel Hagekhalil, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California general manager, warned this month in a statement that another dry winter could force officials to make voluntary measures mandatory.

The four states at the headwaters of the river — Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — also recently announced they plan to ask Congress to let them use federal money through 2026 for a program dubbed "strategic conservation." It would resurrect a 2015 to 2018 pilot program that paid farmers to fallow land to cut water use.

Camille Touton, bureau commissioner, tempered a warning during the water webinars about federal intervention — she called it "moving forward on the initiation of administrative actions" — with a vow to "find a collective solution to the challenges that we face today."

Touton and two top Interior Department officials are scheduled to address the conference on Friday.

Associated Press journalists Brittany Peterson in Denver, Sam Metz in Salt Lake City and Felicia Fonseca in Flagstaff, Arizona, contributed to this report.



Review: 'Avatar: The Way of Water'

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AP Film Writer

It is impossible to talk about "Avatar: The Way of Water" without sounding hyperbolic. But James Cameron's sequel is a truly dazzling cinematic experience that will have you floating on a blockbuster high.

No matter if you've spent a second of your life in the past 13 years thinking about what's happening on Pandora or how Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) and Neytiri (Zoe Saldaña) are getting on, assuming you remember their characters' names. "The Way of Water" will make awe-struck believers out of even "Avatar" agonistics like me, at least for three hours and 12 minutes. The film isn't just visually compelling, either, it's spiritually rich as well — a simple but penetrating story about family and the natural world that is galaxies better than the first.

About that run time: Three hours and 12 minutes sounds excessive, but there is something decidedly decadent about really committing that much time to a movie in a theater. When the filmmaker is purposeful with that time, as Cameron is and many others have been before him, it's a uniquely rewarding experience. In other words, it's not a big ask. And you'll forget all about checking the time from the first shot of Pandora and Jake's earnest exposition about what's been going on in the past decade.

He and Neytiri have three kids now, Neteyam (Jamie Flatters), Lo'ak (Britain Dalton), Tuk (Trinity Jo-Li Bliss) and an adopted teenage daughter, Kiri (Sigourney Weaver), and they're happy living in the forest. "Happiness is simple," he says. "Who ever thought that a jughead like me could crack the code?" So, of course, it can't last. The humans are on the hunt for Jake, with a familiar antagonist leading the charge. And soon his family is on the run, taking up home in another part of Pandora, on the water with a new tribe led by Ronal (Kate Winslet) and Tonowari (Cliff Curtis) who reluctantly grant them refuge and try to teach them how to live on the water.

It's worth noting that Cameron has not stuffed the film with mind-numbing, wall-to-wall action and needlessly complicated plot. There are long stretches of movie where we're simply exploring the environment with the characters, delighting in the intricacies of a reef or basking in the beauty of giant sea creatures. Sometimes we're just sitting in the water with Kiri who is also sitting in the water. It is not advancing the action in any obvious way. It is not even really developing characters. It just is, and it's serene. You imagine that anyone without his clout would have a hard time justifying something similar.

The action is there, too, of course, and it's exciting because you've become invested in the family and worried about the kids who are never where they're supposed to be and are often in danger because of it. And though we know there are more sequels coming, and one already wrapped, this is not the kind of franchise where anyone is guaranteed to get a fake superhero death. Sure there is some "Avatar" silliness, including the fact that the word "bro" is uttered about 8,000 times, but there is something admirable about the straightforward dialogue and emotions at play, too. No one is snarking their way through this ordeal.

"Never doubt James Cameron" has become a bit of a rallying cry lately, at least among those left on Twitter. It's all the more extraordinary as the once-mythical sequels had become a kind of joke in the years since the first movie. Even as "The Way of Water" release date actually approached the "who cares?" chorus intensified. Had anyone really thought twice about "Avatar"? But Cameron knows his way around a thrilling sequel, and the water for that matter (and references his own greatest hits in this film, too).

But then people saw it and the tune change. There is something comforting about the fact that we are capable of intense, collective cultural whiplash. That "who cares?" can turn to uncynical amazement in an instant. Is that the magic of the movies? Of continuing to push the bounds of the big screen experience? Of betting big on weird-sounding stories about giant blue environmentalists instead of superheroes every so often? Maybe it's just the magic of James Cameron.

CITY

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Homelessness is a regional problem and cannot be solved in Santa Monica alone.

We don't have enough water. Stop building like we do.

We need more police, not defunding. Unfortunately the City is broke, no, far in debt, mainly because nothing was done after two sexual predators in the Police Athletic League, and the third one has now cost us more than $100,000,000 and that number could double. Is that how we should be spending our money? My first complaint, starting years ago, was about the way our City Council spent money like it was a Monopoly game.

You can't eliminate cars. This is Southern CA. We can do better but solutions must not be based on some projection of future transportation. Get the transit infrastructure first. Don't pretend we have it now, and plan on that false basis.

Face the facts – we are not a progressive city. Nor compassionate, and much less diverse than we were even a decade ago. Because of the policies of past City Councils. But that false image is very useful to some, on the world stage.

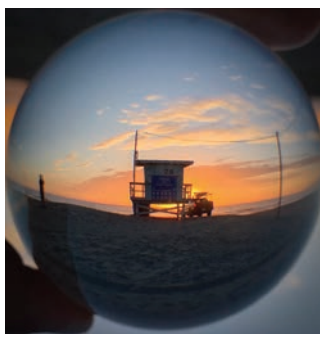
We have started to go in the right direction since the 2020 election with a slate of self-proclaimed residents-first candidates, joined often by appointee Lana Negrete, but the long established power structure was alarmed by that shift and pulled out all the stops to regain power this last election. They will only intensify efforts for 2024. We need to focus on the real problems and solutions, not political hocus pocus that intentionally distracts us.

So as I suggested in my previous column, that next election has already started. Time, effort and smart politics are of the essence. What are you going to do about it?

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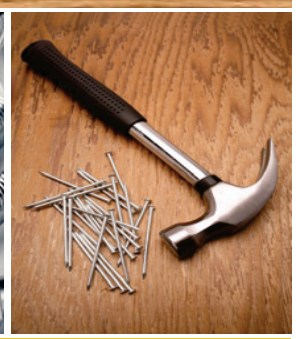


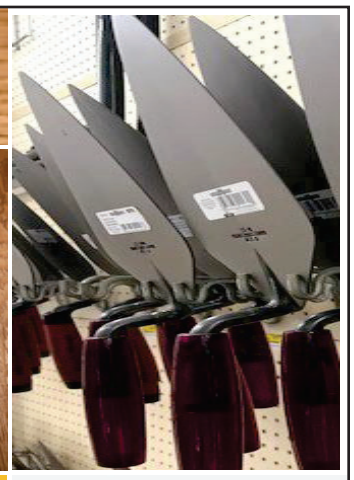


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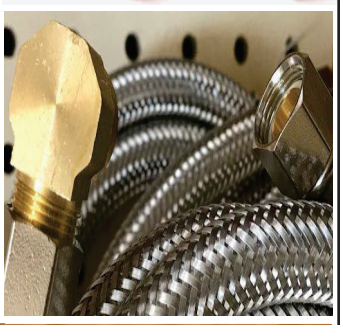


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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles man gets 10 years for $25M cellphone scheme

A Los Angeles cellphone store owner who stole some $25 million from wireless carriers by illegally unlocking phones was sentenced Monday to 10 years in federal prison.

Argishti Khudaverdyan, 44, of Burbank, also was ordered to pay nearly $28.5 million in restitution, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office.

Khudaverdyan owned a T-Mobile retail store in the Eagle Rock neighborhood. In a years-long scheme, he unlocked hundreds of thousands of cellphones on T-Mobile, Sprint, AT&T and other phone networks, prosecutors said.

Unlocking phones allowed the phones to be switched to another carrier or be sold on the black market, authorities said.

Khudaverdyan also removed blocks that carriers placed in the case of lost or stolen phones, prosecutors said.

To unlock the phones, Khudaverdyan used phishing emails and other methods to trick T-Mobile employees into providing their information. He and others stole credentials from more than 50 employees nationwide, authorities said.

In August, Khudaverdyan was convicted of 14 felonies including wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, money laundering, conspiracy and illegally accessing a computer without authorization.

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LOS ANGELES

Spain's Queen Letizia visits Los Angeles to promote language

Spain's Queen Letizia was in Los Angeles on Tuesday where she celebrated the opening of a center that promotes the Spanish language and culture throughout the world.

Letizia Ortíz opened the West Coast's first branch of the Cervantes Institute, which was founded by the Spanish government in 1991 to further the language and Hispanic culture internationally. The Los Angeles branch is now the seventh location of the institute in the United States.

Spanish is the second-most common language spoken in the U.S., after English, and is widely spoken in Los Angeles, where nearly 50% of the population is Hispanic or Latino. Letizia participated in a work meeting for the institute on Monday and presided over its inauguration Tuesday, according to a news release.

Letizia, a seasoned national television journalist, became princess upon marrying then-Prince Felipe — now King Felipe VI — in 2004. When King Juan Carlos abdicated 10 years later, she became the first woman without aristocratic blood to reach the throne of Spain. She turned 50 in September, prompting a look back at her position in a monarchy still reeling from scandals involving Juan Carlos.

Although Letizia is better known as a progressive feminist rather than a fervent monarchist, she is credited with playing a major role in Felipe's decision to forge a new path and break ties with the palace's corruption-linked past. Spain's king has a mostly ceremonial role. Power lies with the elected government.

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BUSINESS

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Colton said.

They plan to open more locations in the future and potentially franchise the business. In the meantime, they're celebrating the last 75 years by offering 75% off their classic food items on Wednesday Dec. 14. This includes the Mel burger, country eggs, pancakes, milkshakes, coffee and soda.

OTHER EVENTS

Several other local food businesses are celebrating milestones this week as well. McConnell's Fine Ice Cream will be hosting a grand opening for its new Promenade location on Wednesday Dec. 14 with free single scoops of ice cream for guests. For more information visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mcconnells-fine-ice-creams-third-street-promenade-grand-opening-tickets-482646989137

The Tavern on Main Street is hosting an official ribbon cutting on Thursday Dec. 15 after having opened early this year. The event will be followed by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals mixer. For more information visit: https://www.tavernonmainsm.com/events/official-ribbon-cutting-and-santa-monica-chamber-young-professionals-mixer

Hawaiian-inspired Holey Grail Donuts will be opening its first brick and mortar store in Santa Monica on Main Street Dec. 17 serving up a unique rotation of flavors including Lilikoi and Saffron Snickerdoodle. For more information visit: https://www.holeygraildonuts.com/

SMMUSD

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protective measure while they challenge the payment in court.

"While the District is working with its legal team on the motion for a new trial and a reduction of the damages, it is incredibly important that the District take steps to protect the students and ensure that, whatever happens, we can always provide all the services they need in the future," the agenda states.

School Board members will vote on the resolution at the Dec. 15 meeting during which the two newly elected School Board members will be sworn in and an interim Superintendent will also be appointed.

The meeting will also include a presentation from the Health and Safety District Advisory Committee about the fentanyl crisis along with recommendations for the District including making overdose kits widely available on campuses and educating students and staff about fentanyl, opioids and how to use Narcan, a drug capable of reversing overdoses.

The Dec. 15 public meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Those wishing to comment virtually must submit an online form and those in person must turn in a request to speak card. The form and full agenda can be found on the SMMUSD website: https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 14)

The best leaders have also been followers. You'll toggle between the two roles in 2023, sometimes unsure about which to take. The fact that you wonder indicates your readiness to lead, and indeed when you're in charge you will be brilliant. More highlights: a connection with someone who fills your heart and a well-earned certificate. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 17, 10, 36 and 1.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Problematic teammates may actually be good for the group, as they disrupt the status quo, causing everyone to look at things they otherwise wouldn't notice. Agents of chaos keep group dynamics from getting stale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have high expectations for your social life, but the party hasn't met those standards lately. It is inevitable that the tide will turn. It's a fortunate time to get out and go searching for someone as playful and fun as you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Go through your possessions and assess what you no longer need, as well as what you're missing and would like to try. Assessing your material world will be a lucky start to attracting good things in the next phase.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You could use the help of an expert and will have no trouble finding one who will take your money, though you might solve the problem quickly and for free with an online video tutorial. Asking the right question will be key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Focus on what will enhance your bottom line and ignore what won't. You're still learning to tell the difference. The faster you get at figuring this out, the more productive and effective you'll be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Over time, the task at hand goes from being pleasant to tolerable to tedious. You can make the "pleasant" phase last longer, though, especially by taking breaks and altering your approach to keep a fresh mindset.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Matters of image come up, and you may decide to make some changes. This might include updating your skills or finding a new way to tell your story. Image is about so much more than how a person looks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've become masterful at what you do and will continue to turn out a fantastic result. Others want to know your secret, but it's not something you can share. It comes so naturally to you that you have no idea how you do it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no perfect amount of socializing that fits every individual. The amount that works well for you will change in different seasons of life. You're happiest when you heed signals telling you when you've had enough or need more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A clash of wills doesn't show whose is more powerful; it only shows who is more stubborn. Today will offer the opportunity to sidestep a conflict, which may be the wisest use of your feet. Most arguments aren't worth taking on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Perplexing entanglements and ridiculous plot twists are part of the fun. Don't expect to sort it out quickly, but at least you'll be entertained. Ultimately, without the complications there would be no story.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Having friends who truly enrich your life begins with being adept at spotting people who have great potential. Notice how you feel about yourself when you're around them. The importance of first impressions cannot be overstated.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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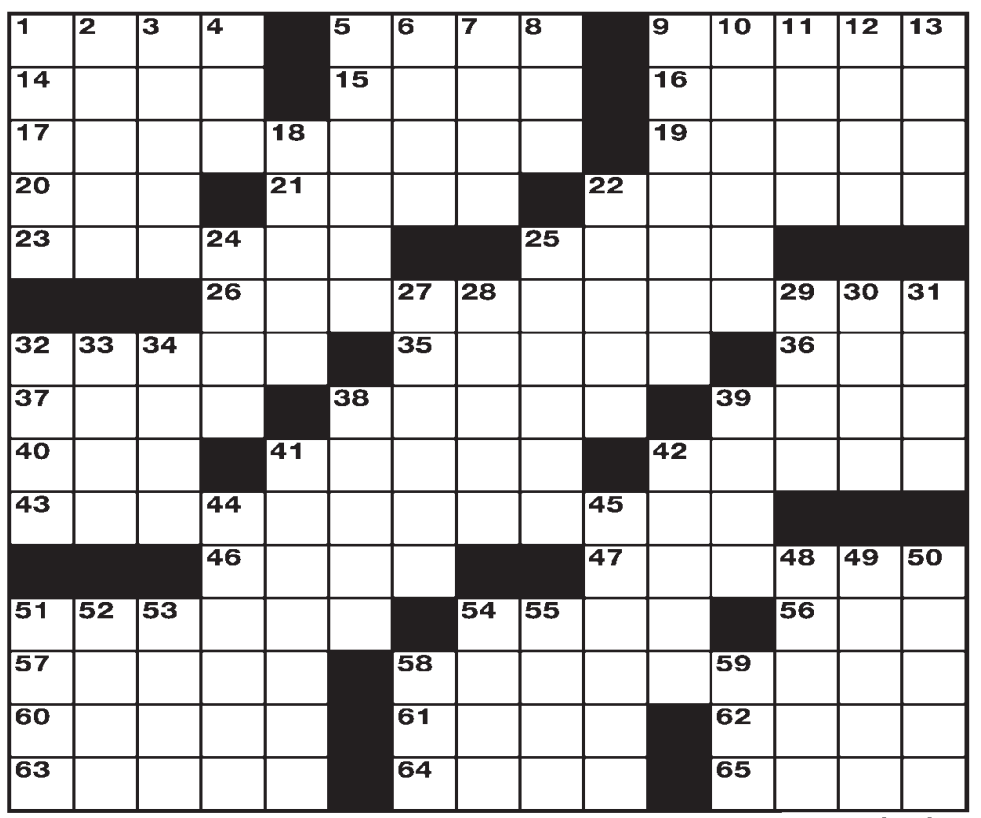
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ACROSS

1 Do damage to
5 In addition
9 Say out loud
14 Unpleasant aroma
15 Shoe's bottom
16 Self-respect
17 Hollywood headliner
19 Stovetop cooker
20 Poetic "before"
21 Have to
22 Extinguished, as a fire
23 Cash in, as coupons
25 Thailand's former name
26 Icky little critter
32 Bedtime reading to a tot
35 President Madison or Monroe
36 Color gradation
37 Lima's nation
38 Man's rounded hat
39 Offer for purchase
40 Time period with a name
41 Lizard in insurance ads
42 Compete in a bee
43 Handheld two-way radio
46 Gets something wrong
47 Senior members
51 Stand in the way of
54 Vacuum bag's contents
56 Photo
57 Only one-syllable state
58 Cold symptom
60 Modify
61 Just a single time
62 Plow-pulling bovines
63 Decade fractions
64 Transaction
65 "Big Board" of Wall St.

DOWN

1 Big hit in baseball
2 Idolize
3 Wandered around
4 Medical scan letters
5 Take for granted
6 Outdoor parking areas
7 Wooden strip
8 "__ the fields we go . . ."
9 Big disturbances
10 Emotional shock
11 Sardine cans
12 Outer border
13 Swamp grass
18 Manicurist's abrasive
22 Not at all certain
24 Brown hosiery hue
25 % or $
27 Retrieves a DVD
28 Hooded coat
29 "This is fun!!!"
30 Quiet period
31 Holler
32 Gush forth
33 Prefix meaning "trillion"
34 Spoken out loud
38 Farm machinery giant
39 Hurried along
41 Steel support beams
42 Full of sediment, as a river delta
44 More perceptive
45 Bit of corn
48 Strong glue
49 Gains altitude
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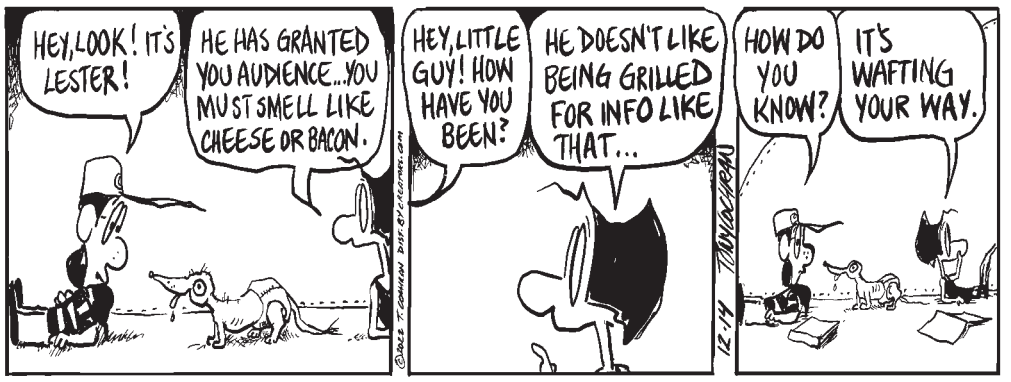


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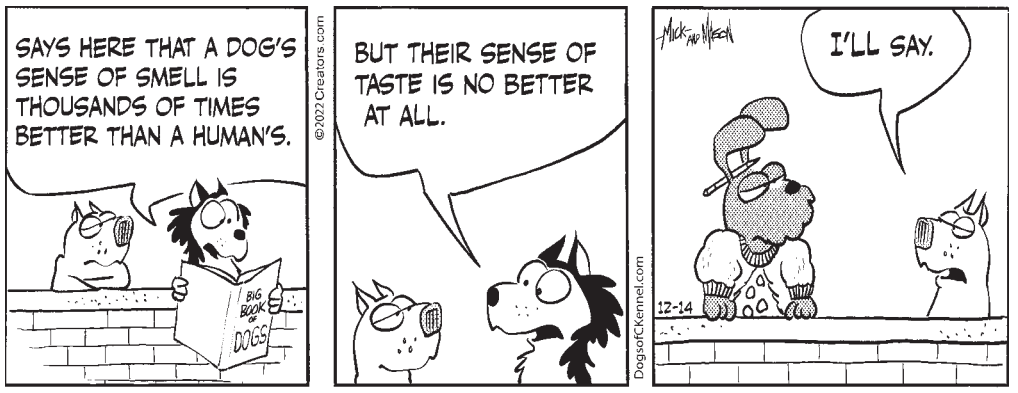
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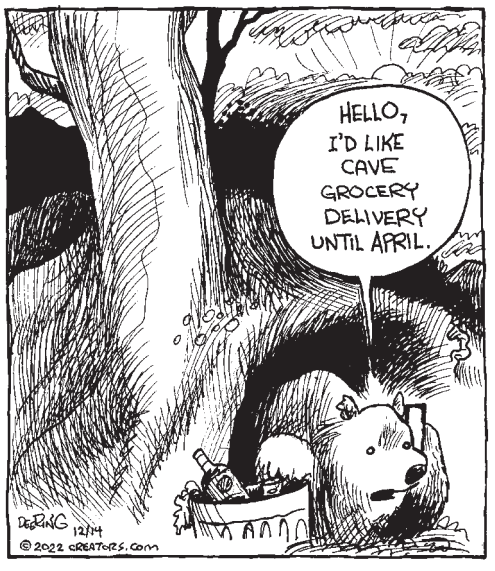
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Strange Brew

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

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Out of shape

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WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 14

MEL'S DINER 75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
Meet at Mel's Diner for their 75 year anniversary celebration on December 14th! Enjoy 75% off all classics, taste the iconic favorites and dine with the best at Mel's Diner. Mel's Diner, 1670 Lincoln Blvd. 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. https://www.instagram.com/

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 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 "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President" by Candice Millard. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 6 - 7 p.m.

'APPY HOUR' DEVICE WORKSHOP
Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive small group help to get you started with using your device. Main Library. 2nd Floor Tutoring Center, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

WALK-IN TUTORING
Location is Main Library, 2nd floor Tutoring Center. Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. Main Library, 1 - 3 p.m.

BABY WINTER BALL
Bounce, crawl and dance until naptime! Little ones are invited to dress up and have a ball (and play with some, too). For ages 0-2. Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

CREATIVE ROUNDTABLE WITH ERIKA ANDERSON
Join Erika Anderson, ED at Sarah Myerscough Gallery, London, for a virtual friendly meet and greet. Established in 1998, Sarah Myerscough Gallery represents a distinguished group of contemporary craft and design artists, specializing in material-led processes with a focus on wood and natural materials. The gallery works in both public and private collections, maintains a full program of exhibitions and participates in leading art fairs around the world, including PAD London, Masterpiece London, Design Miami/Basel, Design Miami, SALON Art + Design New York, and FOG Design + Art San Francisco. Virtual, 12 - 1 p.m. https://18thstreet.org/event/creative-roundtable-erika-anderson/

LOCALS NIGHT AT SANTA MONICA PIER
Join us at the Santa Monica Pier once a month for a curated series for locals. On December 15, enjoy special holiday fun with seasonal storytelling, crafts, live music, interactive performances, a car show, caroling, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and so much more! Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for this special experience. 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's holiday cheer. The Pier, 3 - 10 p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/localsnight

RIBBON CUTTING AT TAVERN ON MAIN
It's time to celebrate! Tavern on Main is honored to host the Santa Monica Chamber and its Young Professionals as they recognize coming on five months of being open. The Ribbon Cutting is open to all and will take place at 5 p.m. Young Professionals mixer 7 p.m. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St. https://www.tavernonmainsm.com/

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 16

SANTA MONICA BEACH BELLES AT SANTA MONICA PLACE
Come watch the Santa Monica Beach Belles perform high-flying kicks that will "wow" the whole family at Center Plaza, December 16-18 and Christmas Eve. This classic Santa Monica holiday event is one you won't want to miss. 3 - 7 p.m. Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place. https://www.santamonicaplace.com/Events/Details/571847.

HOLIDAY POINTSETTIA WORKSHOP
Artist Carmela Morales will provide a workshop on Friday, December 16 from 6-7:30pm at 18th Street Arts Center, Olympic Campus. These workshops will teach you how to make your own paper Poinsettia flower. 18th Street Art Center, 1639 18th St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-your-own-paper-poinsettia-for-the-holidays-tickets-465960559577

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 17

HOLIDAY CHEER IN THE GARDENS
9 - 11 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica. City of Santa Monica's Community Garden Program invites you to "Pancakes at Ishihara Park Learning Garden Event" - Holiday Cheer in the Gardens! Celebrate with friends and neighbors, kid's activities, garden tours, compost demonstrations, coffee and pancakes with garden fixings' for those looking for some energy! Learn about the Westside Seed Exchange! Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Gardens Program with the support of Santa Monica Roots. Contact: santamonicaroots@gmail.com.

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join an online community conversation about prize-winning current and classic literature. Email library@santamonica.gov for the link. Library: Virtual. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **60.8**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Lining up to be a decent little clean up session. Easing NW leftovers and small scale SW swell shows best size west of Dume. Morning conditions look more favorable as coastal storm exits the region.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Smaller NW swell leftovers and minor SW swell. Wind looks favorable for the morning.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 58. North northeast wind around 5 mph .
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. West northwest wind around 5 mph.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. North northeast wind around 5 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/12/14	Wed	03:01 AM	3.56	H
2022/12/14	Wed	06:31 AM	3.23	L
2022/12/14	Wed	12:08 PM	4.26	H
2022/12/14	Wed	7:59 PM	0.64	L
2022/12/15	Thu	03:44 AM	3.81	H
2022/12/15	Thu	08:35 AM	3.10	L
2022/12/15	Thu	1:21 PM	3.78	H
2022/12/15	Thu	8:50 PM	0.90	L
2022/12/16	Fri	04:16 AM	4.15	H
2022/12/16	Fri	10:16 AM	2.59	L
2022/12/16	Fri	2:59 PM	3.41	H
2022/12/16	Fri	9:37 PM	1.13	L
2022/12/17	Sat	04:43 AM	4.55	H
2022/12/17	Sat	11:17 AM	1.87	L
2022/12/17	Sat	4:30 PM	3.27	H
2022/12/17	Sat	10:19 PM	1.35	L
2022/12/18	Sun	05:11 AM	5.03	H
2022/12/18	Sun	12:05 PM	1.07	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/12
16 31 50 55 61
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 134 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/9
8 19 53 61 69
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 400 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 12/10
13 18 19 22 38
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 15 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/12
6 9 20 26 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/12
EVENING: 5 3 1

Draw Date: 12/12
MIDDAY: 3 7 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/12
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:42.36

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