Police and fire rescue man from bluffs after multi-hour standoff

Traffic was closed in both directions along the California Incline and a sizable section of Palisades Park was taped off by the city’s police and fire departments yesterday morning as officers responded to a potential suicide attempt.

According to a statement from the Santa Monica Fire Department, “at approximately 09:30 this morning SMFD was dispatched to the 900 block of Palisades Park to assist SMPD with an adult male along the edge of the bluff. Firefighters set up a rope rescue system for firefighters and police officers working near the edge who were communicating with the individual.

“Teams of Paramedics stood by in the event medical care was needed. After four hours, Police Officers and Firefighters were able to get close enough to successfully pull the man from the edge and to safety. A mental health evaluation was performed on scene by a Department of Mental Health clinician and the man was transported to Exodus Recovery for further evaluation.”

The individual was seen speaking on a cellphone at one point as officers continued to converse with him. Not long after, he appeared to slip and lose his balance at which point SMPD officers standing close by — and tethered to trees in the park — pounced upon the chance to grab him and bring him back.

Santa Monica celebrates a safe July 4 amid national trend towards violence

The Independence Day holiday brought some welcome sunshine and jovial crowds to Santa Monica but in contrast to the national trends, the day was relatively calm and free of serious incidents.

Of those responses, only six were actual fires and the department said they were minor in nature and suppressed quickly. There were no reports of firework related injuries.

Haque’s Bodega set to beef up security following shock burglary at Lincoln Fine Wines

Following a heinous break-in at Lincoln Fine Wines early on Saturday morning, the store’s owner, Nazmul Haque, feels like he has little choice but to bolster security at his sister store, Haque’s Bodega, on 4th Street, Santa Monica.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, security cameras...
MEET MY FRIEND RAMON

Or should I say, meat my friend Ramon. Does that sound fishy?

Well, that’s what Ramon does, for work. He takes charge of the meat and fish department at Ralphs, the one on Cloverfield. I shop there once a week, usually, and I always stop by his area even if I’m not buying anything there that week. We chat for a few minutes if he’s not busy with a customer, pleasantries really. You may have a similar “relationship” with someone at a local business.

So aren’t I being a bit presumptuous to call him “my friend”? Nope. He declared it so, the second time I encountered him. He had asked me my name the first time, and damned if he didn’t remember it a week later (or two or three – he doesn’t work every shift and sometimes I miss him) – as he hurried from the far corner of the store, where he was busy stocking product, and called out, in a loud voice, “CHARLES! CHARLES, my friend, what can I do for you? Salmon?”

Yeah, he remembered that too. I was impressed, and a little awed. I’m sure he serves a couple hundred customers per week. But, I guess I’m special, right? You bet I am. But not to Ramon. He treats everyone that way. Ramon has an awful lot of friends.

SALVATION ARMY

This past week our conversation got a little more revealing. He volunteered that the Santa Monica Salvation Army helped him get this job. “Yeah, I was on the streets,” he told me, “and they took me in and gave me training.”

They might have “trained” him to be an employee who is friendly, positive, thoughtful, always putting the customer first – or maybe that’s his nature anyway. But Ramon takes it to his own level. Who else, at a supermarket, in his recognizable voice, thanks everyone, individually, for shopping there. Even the folks who didn’t buy any fish or meat? And offers the sincere wish that “I hope you’ll come back and shop with us again!” Talk about a company man.

As I have before, I took a moment to seek out the manager on duty and tell her what a gem I thought Ramon was. The young woman just lit up with the biggest smile and agreed, “Oh yes, we just love him, and so do all the customers. He’s something else, isn’t he?”

When I called the store yesterday to make sure I was spelling his name correctly, I got Arthur, who chimed in. He told me he had been working at that location about three years “and I love it. Here we are in one of the biggest cities in the world but it’s Santa Monica and it’s its own small town really, and we like to treat people that way. So Ramon fits in perfectly. I shop here myself on my day off and I usually bring my kids and they always insist on going to see Ramon. He’s like an uncle to them.”

My experience is that almost all the people at that Ralphs are very friendly. Big contrast with the now-closed “crime” Vons at Lincoln and Colorado, where I also shopped. Corporations are still, by nature, not your friend, but sometimes an individual outlet can be a delight because of the employees there. That’s where I would rather spend my hour pushing a shopping cart up and down aisles. Especially when I can count on a friend there to lift my spirits (and find the plumpest salmon filet).

HOMELESS STREET PATROLS

More people are finally coming to understand that the “house them! build build build!” approach to helping the unhoused is a cruel hoax, serving those who gain power and money by building our little city to the skies and to the skies.

HOMELESS: Homeless outreach is a must.

Better Credit.
Better Life.

We are a top rated and fully bonded credit repair consulting company. We are extremely aggressive and also teach you how to maintain good credit. After reviewing your credit report, our Credit Consultants determine a customized fee based on your situation.
AROUND TOWN

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What to do out and about in Santa Monica this week

Welcome to SMDP’s weekly column highlighting going-ons in and around Santa Monica.

Your weekend starts here with a “Plastic-Free July” Beach Cleanup, a local production of the Lin-Manuel Miranda “In the Heights” musical, food and drink highlights that include a recent lunch stop for VP Kamala Harris, and much more!

Jenny Yurshansky: “Rinsing the Bones” Exhibition Opening (Saturday, July 8, 3-6p.m.): The exhibition explores how generational displacement passes the embodied trauma of dislocation onto future generations. The FREE opening celebration includes a curator and artist-led walkthrough, and an ability to participate in Unfolded Narratives, an all-ages drawing workshop and engagement with the artist and The Running Stitch collective. https://18thstreet.org/event/exhibition-opening-jenny-yurshansky-rinsing-the-bones/

Family Festival: Medieval Play @ The Getty (Sunday, July 9, 10a.m. - 5p.m.): “Arrive in costume or create your own custom tunic and immerse yourself in a medieval village where you can learn a courtly dance, sing with wandering minstrels, and meet Angel, a medieval-breed pony. Play traditional games, try your hand at sword fighting, or storm the castle with foam swords and shields on the Getty’s expansive garden lawns”. https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/events/familyfestival_play.html

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Bludso’s BBQ: The legendary spot just opened on the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Blvd. Here’s the SMDP article about it: https://smdp.com/2023/05/01/bludso-bbq-on-santa-monica-blvd/


Alfalfa on Main St: VP Kamala Harris was spotted there for lunch this week on July 5 and the Infatuation says Alfalfa “nails the salad-wrap-coffee thing” and that “their back patio is a sunny little nook that’s ideal for catching up with a friend you haven’t seen in a few months over great coffee and salads or an excellent breakfast burrito with silky eggs and charred shredded potatoes.” https://www.eatalfalfa.com/santa-monica

Blue Plate Oysterette Is Back: The Lucky Yu popup that had taken over the space since May transitioned back to BPO this past weekend at 1355 Ocean Ave. https://blueplateoysterette.com/

If there’s something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com.
Ransomware criminals are dumping kids’ private files online after school hacks

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Associated Press

The confidential documents stolen from schools and dumped online by ransomware gangs are raw, intimate and graphic. They describe student sexual assaults, psychiatric hospitalizations, abusive parents, truancy — even suicide attempts.

“Please do something,” begged a student in one leaked file, recalling the trauma of continually bumping into an ex-abuser at a school in Minneapolis. Other victims talked about wetting the bed or crying themselves to sleep.

Complete sexual assault case files containing these details were among more than 300,000 files dumped online in March after the 36,000-student Minneapolis Public Schools refused to pay a $1 million ransom. Other exposed data included medical records, discrimination complaints, Social Security numbers and contact information of district employees.

Rich in digitized data, the nation’s schools are prime targets for far-flung criminal hackers, who are assiduously locating and scooping up sensitive files that not long ago were committed to paper in locked cabinets. “In this case, everybody has a key,” said cybersecurity expert Ian Coldwater, whose son attends a Minneapolis high school.

Often strapped for cash, districts are grossly ill-equipped not just to defend themselves but to respond diligently and transparently when attacked, especially as they struggle to help kids catch up from the pandemic and grapple with shrinking budgets.

Months after the Minneapolis attack, administrators have not delivered on their promise to inform individual victims. Unlike for hospitals, no federal law exists to require this notification from schools.

The Associated Press reached families of six students whose sexual assault case files were exposed. The message from a reporter was the first time anyone had alerted them.

“Truth is, they didn’t notify us about anything,” said a mother whose son’s case file has 80 documents.

Even when schools catch a ransomware attack in progress, the data are typically already gone. That was what the Los Angeles Unified School District did last Labor Day weekend, only to see the private paperwork of more than 1,900 former students — including psychological evaluations and medical records — leaked online. Not until February did district officials disclose the breach’s full dimensions, noting the complexity of notifying victims with exposed files up to three decades old.

The lasting legacy of school ransomware attacks, it turns out, is not in school closures, recovery costs or even soaring cyberinsurance premiums. It is the trauma for staff, students and parents from the online exposure of private records — which the AP found on the open internet and dark web.

“A massive amount of information is being posted online, and nobody is looking to see just how bad it all is. Or, if somebody is looking, they’re not making the results public,” said analyst Brett Callow of the cybersecurity firm Emsisoft.

Other big districts recently stung by data theft include San Diego, Des Moines and Tucson, Arizona. While the severity of those hacks remains unclear, all have been criticized either for being slow to admit to being hit by ransomware, dragging their feet on notifying victims — or both.

ON CYBER SECURITY, SCHOOLS HAVE LAGGED

While other ransomware targets have fortified and segmented networks, encrypting data and mandating multi-factor authentication, school systems have been slower to react.

Ransomware likely has affected well over 5 million U.S. students by now, with district attacks on track to rise this year, said analyst Allan Liska of the cybersecurity firm Recorded Future. Nearly one in three U.S. districts had been breached by the
as governments vying for power overtake the mere living of life.” – does that sound centuries old, or like a City Council meeting but with much better dialogue? Theatricum’s production encompassing Henry VI Part I, II, III, and Richard III, centers on Queen Margaret and the women and children of Shakespeare’s civil war saga. Sat 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $10-60.

“A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM” – TB specializes in Shakespeare, and they do “Midsummer” every single season, 50 years now. If it ain’t broke, and the people love it, don’t fix it, but they do tinker with it a little every summer, and that means if you saw them perform it last year, or 10 years ago, you will see something a bit different, but still Will’s welcome warhorse. Who doesn’t love it? Puck, yes! Sun 3:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

“MACBETH” – In this bloody, depraved corner, M’Lord and M’Lady, reigning still as the unchallenged monstrous couple of political pushiness, gruesome greed, absolute ambition and murderous mayhem. Some things never change. No wonder this one by Will (Shakespeare, not Geen) remains perhaps his best-known work (but hardly beloved). Sun 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR with TURTLES, Little Anthony, others – I’ve so far always resisted when this summer tour comes around, because besides curiosity about Little Anthony (they say his amazing voice hasn’t changed a bit since his many ’60s hits – sales of 50M), no one on the bill much interested me except, of course, Mark and Howard, Flo and Eddie, The Turtles. Those guys are a barrel of music, and laughs. They’ll be hosting the whole show so that’s a big plus. Did you know they went down to Jamaica years ago and made a really good reggae album? This might be the summer I give in. Sun 8 p.m., Saban Theatre, Beverly Hills, $58-98.

LIQUID KITTY’S PUNK ROCK BBQ – Five bands, free hot dogs, cheap booze. It’s a Harvelle’s tradition. Sun 12 noon, Harvelle’s, Santa Monica, free.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first-class act. There’s nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Could be the most memorable 12 bucks you ever spent. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle’s, $12.

DUDAMEL Conducts VERDI’S REQUIEM – See below. Mon 5 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, (Invitational Donors Only Rehearsal) DUDAMEL Conducts VERDI’S REQUIEM – I love Requiems, and Masses, not for morbid or religious reasons, but they seem to be among great composers’ greatest works. And are usually staged on a massive scale. Dudamel hasn’t conducted this for a decade, and he will have four outstanding vocalists and the LA Master Chorale. 90 minutes, no intermission. You don’t want to miss this. It will sound like the end of the world, and who knows… Tues 8 p.m Hollywood Bowl.


Next Thurs - RICK SHEA – Rick’s been
WINE
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inside the store located at 727 Lincoln Blvd recorded an unidentified individual wearing a mask, a dark hoodie and red-billed baseball cap carefully selecting and stealing more than 600 bottles of fine wines worth over $700,000.

According to Haque, this individual climbed on top of storage containers left outside the building’s rear to reach the roof. A 5-by-3 ft hole was cut through the ceiling directly into the environmentally controlled wine “cellar” and the thief lowered himself down with a rope.

“We have cameras all around the interior, many cameras,” says Haque. “I’m a simple businessman, I do not think like a criminal. I would never have imagined someone would climb down through the roof.”

In addition to a large number of cameras, sensors are also placed all around the inside of the store, after all Haque stocks bottles of champagne and wine each worth tens of thousands of dollars. However, the thief spent most of their time inside the cellar where there are no sensors, consequently the alarm didn’t sound until over three hours later, when they eventually entered the main store floor space.

“There are cameras outside, around the back, of course, but they moved those so they were pointing in a different direction and put socks over the other cameras,” Haque says.

Feroz Ahmed, manager of Haque’s Bodega, said that additional security had absolutely been discussed since the incident and changes would be made, but he wasn’t 100 percent sure exactly what they’d be just yet.

Haque is extremely proud of his collection of fine wines and says some of the bottles taken are irreplaceable. “It’s taken me decades to build this collection,” he says, adding that he’s particularly keen to have his collection remain on display and not locked behind yet another glass door. And it’s true, you can happily (and very carefully) hold a bottle of Dom Pérignon that costs more than most of us earn in a month and daydream for a little while at least. As such, he’s reluctant to make any significant changes that might take away from the eye-opening experience that is to saunter around his impressive store and that extends to his Bodega on Fourth Street as well.

Haque believes that the thieves knew exactly what they were looking for and he suspects that several people were involved in this meticulously planned burglary. He is offering a $10,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the culprits and he’s providing a list of the stolen items to auction houses and wine stores in the area in case an attempt is made to sell something.

Anyone with information is encouraged to reach out to the Los Angeles Police Department at 877-527-3247.
end of 2021, according to a survey by the Center for Internet Security, a federally funded nonprofit.

“Everyone wants schools to be more secure, but very few want to see their taxes raised to do it,” Liska said.

Parents have instead pushed to use limited funds on things like bilingual teachers and new football helmets, said Albuquerque schools superintendent Scott Elder, whose district suffered a January 2022 ransomware attack.

Just three years ago, criminals did not routinely grab data in ransomware attacks, said TJ Sayers, cyberthreat intelligence manager at the Center for Internet Security. Now, it’s common, he said, with much of it sold on the dark web.

The criminals in the Minneapolis theft were especially aggressive. They shared links to the stolen data on Facebook, Twitter, Telegram and the dark web, which standard browsers can’t access. A handwritten note naming three students involved in one of the sexual abuse complaints was featured for a time on YouTube competitor Vimeo, which promptly took down the video.

The cybercrime syndicate behind the Los Angeles United attack was less brazen. But the 500 gigabytes it dumped on its dark web “leak site” remained freely available for download in June. They include financial records and personnel files with scanned Social Security cards and passports.

The public disclosure of psychological records or sexual assault case files, complete with students’ names, can fray psyches and thwart careers, psychologists say. One file stolen from Los Angeles United described how a middle-schooler had attempted suicide and been in and out of the psychiatric hospital a dozen times in a year.

“The mother of a 16-year-old with autism recently got a letter from the San Diego Unified School District saying her daughter’s medical records may have been leaked online in an Oct. 25 breach.

“What,” Barbara Voit asked, “if she doesn’t want the world to know that she has autism?”

IN A TRICKLE, THE EXTENT OF A BREACH EMERGES

The Minneapolis parents informed by the AP of the leaked sexual assault complaints feel doubly victimized. Their children have battled PTSD, and some even left their schools. Now this.

“The family is beyond horrified to learn that this highly sensitive information is now available in perpetuity on the internet for the child’s future friends, romantic interests, employers, and others to discover,” said Jeff Storms, an attorney for one of the families. It is AP policy not to identify sexual abuse victims.

Teachers, meanwhile, want to know why they have to call the district and report problems in order to receive the promised free credit monitoring and identity theft protection after their Social Security numbers were leaked.

“Everything they’ve learned about this is from the news,” said Greta Callahan, of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers.

Minneapolis Schools spokeswoman Crystina Lugo-Beach would not say how many people have been contacted so far or answer any other AP questions about the attack.

School nurse Angie McCracken had by early April already received 10 alerts through her credit card that her Social Security number and birth date were circulating on the dark web. She wondered about her graduating 18-year-old. “If their identity is stolen, just how hard is that going to make my kid’s life?”

Despite parents’ and teachers’ frustration, schools are routinely advised by incident response teams concerned about legal liability issues and ransom negotiations against being more transparent, said Callow of Emsisoft. Minneapolis school officials apparently followed that playbook, initially describing the Feb. 17 attack cryptically as a “system incident,” then as “technical difficulties” and later an “encryption event.”

The extent of the breach became clear though when a ransomware group posted video of stolen data more than two weeks later, giving the district 10 days to pay the ransom before leaking files.

The district declined to pay, following the standing advice of the FBI, which says ransoms encourage criminals to target more victims.

SCHOOLS SPEND TECH BUDGETS ON LEARNING TOOLS, NOT SECURITY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, districts prioritized spending on internet connectivity and remote learning. Security got short shrift as IT departments invested in software to track student engagement and performance, often at the expense of privacy and safety, University of Chicago and New York University researchers found.

In a 2023 survey, the Consortium for School Networking, a tech-oriented nonprofit, found just 16% of districts had full-time network security staff, with nearly half devoting 2% or less of their IT budgets to security.

With a deficit in private sector cybersecurity talent, districts struggle to hang onto it. Districts who do hire someone often see them snatched away by businesses that can double their salaries, said Keith Krueger, CEO of the consortium.

Cybersecurity money for public schools is limited. As it stands, districts can only expect slivers of the $1 billion in cybersecurity grants that the federal government is distributing over four years.

Minnesota’s chief information security officer, John Israel, said his state got $18 million of it this year to divide among 3,600 different entities, including cities and tribal governments. State lawmakers provided an additional $22.5 million in grants for cyber and physical security in schools.

Schools also want to tap a federal program called E-Rate that is designed to improve broadband connections to schools and libraries. More than 1,100 wrote the Federal Communications Commission after the Los Angeles Unified breach asking that E-Rate be modified to free up funds for cybersecurity. The FCC is still considering the request.

It’s already too late for the mother of one of the Minneapolis students whose confidential sexual assault complaint was circulating on the dark web. She wondered, “All the stuff we kept private,” she said, “It’s out there. And it’s been out there for a very long time.”
**Summons**

Summons (Civil Harassment Restraining Order) Order of Restricción por acoso Civil
Case Number: 23STRO02913
Superior Court of California (County of court of Corte Superior de California
Condado de) Los Angeles
Central District Stanley Mosk
Courthouse 111 North Hill
Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
Person Seeking Protection (La Persona que solicita protección) MARY TESSA
CORRAN 2. Notice to: [nombre de person to be restrained] Aviso a [Nombre de la persona a ser restringida]
Donald Jake Selle
The person in 1 is asking for Civil Harassment Restraining Order Against you (La Persona en 1 esta pidiendo una restricción por acoso civil contra usted). You have a court date [Tiene una audiencia en la corte] Date: [fecha] 6/12/23 Time: [hora] 8:30 am Dept: [Depa] 25 Room Room: [Sala] N/A What if I don’t go to the court date? [Si no vas a la audiencia, el juez puede ordenar todo lo que pide la persona en 1. How Do I Find out what the person in 1 is asking for?] To find out what the person in 1 is asking the judge to order, go to the court listed on page 1. Ask for the court clerk to let you see your case file. You will need to give the court clerk your case number, which is listed above in the page 1. The request for a restraining order will be in form CH-100 request for civil harassment restraining order. Cómo puedo entender lo que pide la persona en 1? Para entender lo que la persona en 1, vaya al tribunal en la dirección en la parte superior de la página 1. Pida al secretario de la corte permiso para ver el expediente de su caso. Tendrá que darle al secretario el número de su caso, que aparece arriba y en la página 1. La solicitud de orden de restricción se hace en el formulario CH-100, solicitud de órdenes de restricción por acoso civil. Where can I get help? [Cómo puedo obtener ayuda?] Free legal information is available at your local court’s self help center. Go to www. courts.ca.gov/selfhelp to find your local center. Donde puedo obtener ayuda? Puede obtener información legal gratis en el centro de ayuda de su corte. Vea [https://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-selfhelpcenters.htm] para encontrar el centro de ayuda en su condado. Do I need a lawyer? [Necesito un abogado? No es necesario tomar un abogado.] La persona en 1 puede obtener información legal gratis en el centro de ayuda de su corte. To help you, I can visit www.lawhelp.org or contact your local bar association. Necesito un abogado? No es necesario tomar un abogado, pero es posible que quiera consejos legales antes de su audiencia en la corte. How can I understand the person in 1 is asking for? [Cómo puedo entender lo que pide la persona en 1?] To understand what the person in 1 is asking for, go to the Superior Court in Los Angeles County (corte y Condado de) Los Angeles. What about gun control? (Sala) N/A What about bullet control? (Cafetería) N/A

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**TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (July 6)**

There’s an overall sense of flight this year as you constantly build up optimism, strength, compassion and creativity. You’ll rise to the occasion of a huge project, sharpen your skills and seize advancement opportunities. More highlights: a discovery related to family, conquering a mountain and money that triples. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 14, 7 and 32.

**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Close relationships will be characterized by a complex blend of love, support, disagreements and shared history. While intricacies will be challenging to unravel, a simple truth shines through: These ties are profoundly enduring.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Working with people over a long period, you develop a deep understanding of each other’s strengths, weaknesses and idiosyncrasies, which can make the work easier and more efficient. As for the bumps you experience in a new situation, give it time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You’ve a sense of your contribution to the mechanics that make the world go ‘round. You can be proud that the small tasks and roles you take on unthinkingly throughout the course of a typical day help all run smoothly.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You’ll be reminded that disagreement is a natural part of human interaction. True friendship is based on more than just shared opinions; it involves accepting each other’s differences and appreciating the unique qualities that each person brings to the relationship.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug., 22). While you embrace the chance to delight an audience, you recoup from the prospect of having to entertain those who are a bad match for what you give. Check the receptivity of the room before you launch into your full presentation.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The reason people commonly tell white lies is because honesty is an expensive emotional investment, requiring one to be rich in integrity, courage and the social acumen needed to phrase messages in a way that makes them more palatable.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to help, and you’re ready for anything. You show up willing to let life give you something interesting to handle. Your enthusiasm will attract the people and jobs best suited to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are many who desire your energy in their lives today. Prioritize connecting with old friends. These are the relationships that remind you of who you were, teach you who you are and clarify who you want to be.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Knowing that impossibly high expectations create a stressful environment, you’re working at being more aware of the realities of each circumstance, including the talents and limits of the people within them.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the intensity of a feeling is disproportionate to what’s appropriate for a circumstance, it doesn’t indicate weakness. More likely, there’s unresolved historic pain in the mix, and thus, an opportunity for growth.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Respect, tact and diplomacy are indeed crucial elements when discussing differing opinions. Also consider that perhaps the discussion doesn’t need to happen at all. Some conversations are nonessential and akin to borrowing trouble.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You don’t know what you don’t know. There’s an impasse to move forward anyway, to fill the space with speculation and fake it ‘til you make it, but it’s an unnecessary and time-consuming risk.

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD**

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9. Edict  
13. Gain an edge on  
15. Cuisine with green curry  
16. Type of plum tomato  
17. “Same here”  
18. Bunch of buddies  
19. USMC offender  
20. Metaphor for ease  
23. Exotic leather  
24. Teacup handle  
25. Begin to use  
26. Trick play in football  
33. Nest noise  
35. See 29 Down  
36. Far beyond a millennium  
37. Don’t stay put  
38. Promise of marriage  
40. All square  
41. Lines of tribute  
42. Principal part  
43. Sleigh accessories  
44. Counteracting emissions by planting trees  
48. Poetic direction  
49. Frat letter  
50. Natter on  
53. ’80s file holder  
59. Hot rock  
60. Beyond miffed  
61. It’s south of Milan  
62. Clinches  
63. Don’t include  
64. Take a loss  

**DOWN**

1. Rapper’s entourage  
2. Cybermemo  
3. Ocean treasure hunter  
4. Grappling sport  
5. Socialite celebrity  
6. As compared to  
7. Is unable  
8. The latest in gadgetry  
9. Frozen dessert  
10. Part of the Corn Belt  
11. Latin love  
12. Radio station format  
14. Amass  
21. Canine or chemistry facility  
22. Roof border  
27. What may hold gold  
28. Crumble slowly  
29. With 35 Across, grind  
30. Obsessed with  
31. Grounds for germination  
32. Breaks up  
33. Swamp predator  
34. Morning host Kotb  
38. “...Light Brigade” poet  
52. 41 Across master  
53. Acrobatic maneuver  
54. Skate securer  
55. Device with a door  
56. Planetarium part  
57. Spring blossom  
58. Gain the benefit of  

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU**

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13. Gain an edge on  
15. Cuisine with green curry  
16. Type of plum tomato  
17. “Same here”  
18. Bunch of buddies  
19. USMC offender  
20. Metaphor for ease  
23. Exotic leather  
24. Teacup handle  
25. Begin to use  
26. Trick play in football  
33. Nest noise  
35. See 29 Down  
36. Far beyond a millennium  
37. Don’t stay put  
38. Promise of marriage  
40. All square  
41. Lines of tribute  
42. Principal part  
43. Sleigh accessories  
44. Counteracting emissions by planting trees  
48. Poetic direction  
49. Frat letter  
50. Natter on  
53. ’80s file holder  
59. Hot rock  
60. Beyond miffed  
61. It’s south of Milan  
62. Clinches  
63. Don’t include  
64. Take a loss  

**DOWN**

1. Rapper’s entourage  
2. Cybermemo  
3. Ocean treasure hunter  
4. Grappling sport  
5. Socialite celebrity  
6. As compared to  
7. Is unable  
8. The latest in gadgetry  
9. Frozen dessert  
10. Part of the Corn Belt  
11. Latin love  
12. Radio station format  
14. Amass  
21. Canine or chemistry facility  
22. Roof border  
27. What may hold gold  
28. Crumble slowly  
29. With 35 Across, grind  
30. Obsessed with  
31. Grounds for germination  
32. Breaks up  
33. Swamp predator  
34. Morning host Kotb  
38. “...Light Brigade” poet  
52. 41 Across master  
53. Acrobatic maneuver  
54. Skate securer  
55. Device with a door  
56. Planetarium part  
57. Spring blossom  
58. Gain the benefit of  

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Agnes By TONY COCHRAN

Using my vast stores of scientificity, I will achieve the greatest height a kite has ever flown.

Way up there, so you have to go higher than way up there?

Thereabouts, scientificity is confusing.

Dogs of C-Kennel By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

Wow! Are those fireflies? I haven't seen them in years!

Nope. A truck carrying LEDs flipped on the highway.

Zack Hill By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Mark from the office keeps asking me out.

But there’s zero chemistry. No spark. No flutter.

On the other hand, he’s always polite, and he insists on paying for everything.

So, just say no. He’ll be back in 10 minutes.

Heathcliff By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew By JOHN DEERING

He handled the mug shots.

Humpity dumpty takes a big fall.

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

Gym workout

Achieve  Cricket  Judo  Relax
Active  Diet  Kart  Rods
Agile  Exhale  Keen  Sabre
Appetite  Fast  Lean  Size
Axes  Floor  Nets  Sled
Back  Fruit  Oars  Sport
Ball  Goal  Pelvis  Suppress
Biceps  Golf  Perspiration  Time
Bikes  Hard  Plank  Tone
Blade  Help  Push  Towel
Centre  Hips  Quoits  Trace
Club  Intake  Ramp  Yoga
Core  Iron  Reduce

Solutions to yesterday’s words puzzle.
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Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. The July 13 program includes transportation representations from the Santa Monica Active Aging Program. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Main Library, Tutoring Center.

**NOMA’S MEETING**
SM Police Chief Ramon Batista will be discussing current policing policy and resident safety and hearing the concerns of members of the city’s business community at the North of Montana Avenue Neighborhood Association’s monthly meeting. Ridwell, SM’s newest recycling service for home pick-up of plastic bags and wrappings, will also be featured on the program. The meeting begins at 7 pm via Zoom — details at http://www.smmoma.org — and the public is invited.

**FRIDAY | JULY 7**

**OPEN MIC MUSIC**
Open mic music every Friday at 7pm to 10pm At Unurban coffeehouse 3301 pico Blvd Santa Monica ca. 90405 Open to all ages no alcohol, open to all. With a professional sound system and lighting system now. Just come in and play. Tickets for sale in the event until there is no more room. You get 2 songs or ten mins.

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**SATURDAY | JULY 8**

**CITY OF HOPE’S THIRD ANNUAL ‘RIDE WITH JOSH’ FUNDRAISING BIKE RIDE**
Founded by Sterling Simms, vice president of A&R at Columbia Records who also sits on City of Hope’s Future Hope Committee, Ride With Josh is an annual cycling event and fundraiser named in honor of his late brother Joshua who lost his battle with diabetes at age 19. City of Hope has joined forces with Sterling, and elite cycling brand Rapha, to elevate this cause and raise funds to support research that may help lead to cures for a chronic condition which affects 1 in 10 Americans. Presented coast to coast and virtually, Ride with Josh encourages cyclists at all levels to join us to get out and ride in support of eliminating diabetes in all its forms. Join riders in Santa Monica for a day of riding for all levels. Take in the breathtaking beach city views and challenging hills as you ride through this coastal city. After a day of riding, enjoy any of the local eateries, relax at the beach or take in the thrills of the Santa Monica Pier. Los Angeles 1347 Fourth St. Santa Monica, CA https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/event/ride-with-josh-2023/679400

**COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES - FUNDRAISING EVENT**
In celebration of National Pet Month, Love At First Sit®, a pet care and dog behavior and training company in Santa Monica, is thrilled to announce their first fundraising event called “Donation Days” through their Community Dog Training Classes, hosted by their charity program, the Love At First Sit® Initiative. Classes are $25 and start Saturday, at 12 PM, at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. The fundraising event will continue on Saturdays through the end of the summer. 100% of the proceeds from the classes are donated to various charities for people and animals, animal shelters, and animal rescues. Class topics explore basic obedience, and are open to beginners!

**SUNDAY | JULY 9**

**LIQUID KITTY’S PUNK ROCK BBQ**
Doors open at 12.30 PM. Show starts at 1:00 PM. Free admission, free hot dogs and cheap booze! Everyone out at 6 PM! Drink minimum. FREE ADMISSION and HOT DOGS!!! Doors at 12.30 PM. Everyone out at 6 PM! Five bands on a Sunday afternoon: featuring DOND0 IT’S OK LAWNdALE MONSTERS ON VACATION KITTEN FISHING Harvelle’s Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica, CA.

**MONDAY | JULY 10**

**INDUSTRY PANEL Q&A FOR TOMORROW’S LADIES OF LATE NIGHT**
Catch the Industry Panel for Tomorrow’s Ladies of Late Night! Brought to you by The Crow and LOCA (Ladies of Comedy Association) Industry Panel and Q&A moderated by Nicole Blaine (owner of The Crow) with industry guests: Ryan Moran (Comedy Central) Michael Cox (The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon) Michael Bertolina (All Things Comedy) (Speakers subject to change.) This is a “Pay What You Can” event. Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave. Santa Monica, CA

**TUESDAY | JULY 11**

**HOW TO SELL YOUR SMALL BUSINESS - VIRTUAL EVENT**

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**WEATHER**

**THURSDAY**
Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.

**THURSDAY NIGHT**
Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 58.

**FRIDAY**
Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

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