Business movers and shakers in Santa Monica

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SMDP Staff Writer

As summer finally firmly establishes itself as having arrived, it feels like the community has turned a corner. That much was obvious if you were able to come along to the 4th of July parade along Main St. Residents are eager to forget the last remaining leftovers from the pandemic and it’s time to get out there and enjoy ourselves.

For the month of July at Interstellar (109 Broadway) there is a pop-up bar showcasing the Premium Malt beer made by Tokyo-based Suntory Spirits Ltd, probably better known for producing equally delicious Japanese whiskies Yamazaki, Hibiki and Hakushu.

The Victorian event space at 2640 Main St has kicked off its summer season creating a very appealing nightlife hotspot in town. Three floors will each have their own DJ playing at weekends plus an extensive wine, craft cocktail and a Mediterranean-influenced classic American menu makes it a favorable spot for weekday happy hours and weekend brunch. Thurs-Sat the venue is open to 2 a.m.

The Georgian Hotel has opened its doors once again as the weather warms up. Two levels are now being opened to the public offering self-service bar and a new rooftop deck with seating for up to 100 people.

More people are working for less money

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A raft of economic data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics this week can best be described as two steps forward and one step back. The good news is more businesses are opening and more people are finding work. However, those new employees are making less money.

The federal data tracks the number of business establishments in the state, total employees and the average weekly wage (pre-tax). This week’s release compares 2022 data to the same time in 2021.

Overall, employment has increased across the state by about 2.3 percent and employment increased in 27 of California’s 28 largest counties from December 2021 to December 2022.
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed partners for their unwavering support, not only for this event but also for the impactful year-long programs benefiting the youth and community at the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu and the Club’s Wellness Center. “The Club extends its appreciation to the local businesses and supporters of the Chili Cook-Off, including our cherished long-standing vendors and sponsors, Barefoot Dreams, Alphapals, Bright Event Rentals, Universal Music Group, Aviator Nation, Havaianas, Outerknown, Rancho West Beer, Summer Somewhere Wines, Flying Embers, Open Water, Optimist Drinks along with our newest partners California Naturals, Malibu Brewing Co, Known Supply, LaCroix, Bones Love Milk, State Farm/Efrain Cazares, and more to come.”

Attendees at this year’s event are encouraged to bring their empty reusable water bottles and take advantage of the refillable water stations provided. The Cook-Off is passionate about investing in future generations and the future of the environment. Through continued local partnerships, we champion environmentally-friendly practices and do our part to protect water resources and ensure water consumption is as responsible as possible.

For information about participating as a vendor or sponsor, please contact malibuchilicookoff@gmail.com. For info about volunteer opportunities, please email mccovolunteer@gmail.com. For security and private handling, please call in advance at 424-234-6248.

Please note that event admission tickets are required for entry and will not be sold on-site. The event advises attendees to secure their tickets in advance, as prices will progressively rise leading up to the event. Ensure seamless entry and take advantage of the best ticket prices by purchasing tickets now! All children under five will receive free admission. Purchase presale event admission tickets at malibuchilicookoff.org. Please note that carnival ride passes and tickets are sold separately at https://helmandsons.com.

Any donation over $100 made to BGCM through the Malibu Chili Cook-Off ticket page will be automatically entered into a raffle to win four single-day unlimited carnival ride wristbands. Be sure to follow Malibu Chili Cook-Off on social media, where the winner will be announced on Friday, September 1.

Donations can be added to your cart when purchasing admission tickets. The safety and well-being of all guests are of utmost importance to this event. We aim to provide a safe, fun, family-friendly environment and, thus, have decided to enact a Chaperone Policy. All guests under the age of 18 will require a chaperone. Please visit the event website for the full Chaperone Policy details and the Prohibited Items list.
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Visit malibuchilicookoff.org for more event information and frequently asked questions. Malibu Chili Cook-Off Event Hours of Operation:
Friday, September 1, 4:00pm-10:00pm
Saturday, September 2, 1:00pm -10:00pm (Chili Awards from 5:00pm-6:00pm)
Sunday, September 3, 1:00pm 10:00pm (Skate Contest from 3:00pm-4:00pm)
Monday, September 4, 1:00pm-8:00pm (Family Day)

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Santa Monica
Santa Monica Public Library Offers Computer Basics Classes
Santa Monica Public Library announces the next topics in the ongoing Computer Basics class series on select Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Main Library’s Computer Training Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Attend an interactive class and learn how to use a computer at home, work, or school. Then come to an Open Lab for hands-on practice, tips, and answers to your questions. Upcoming dates and topics are: Wednesdays, July 12 (Class) and July 19 (Open Lab), 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. — Introduction to Online Shopping: Learn how to find deals and safely shop online.
Wednesdays, August 9 (Class) and August 16 (Open Lab), 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. — Organize your Files & Photos: Learn how to organize the files, folders, and photos on your computer and “in the cloud.”
This program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis, no registration required. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, email library@santamonica.gov at least one week prior to the event. Ride your bike or Big Blue Bus. Bicycle parking racks are available at the Library.

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Santa Monica Reads All Summer with Authors Lisa See and Naomi Hirahara
Santa Monica Public Library invites the community to sign up for Summer Reading and join us in celebrating the launch of the newest titles by Santa Monica Reads All Summer featured authors, Lisa See and Naomi Hirahara.
Lisa See’s new book, Lady Tan’s Circle of Women, is based on the true story of a female doctor in 15th century China. The New York Times bestselling author appears in-person at the Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium on Tuesday, July 18, at 6 p.m. See will talk about her writing process, the research for her new book, and her other recent titles.
Naomi Hirahara’s newest book, Evergreen (A Japantown Mystery), will be released on August 1 and is the follow up to her 2022 bestseller, Clark and Division. The Edgar Award-winning author will appear in-person at the Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium on Thursday, August 10, at 6 p.m. Hirahara will discuss her series, as well as her writing and research.
These events are not ticketed, and seating is on a first arrival basis. A book sale and signing follows each program.
These programs are part of Santa Monica Reads All Summer. The summer reading program for all ages runs from June 10 through August 12. Adults who log 10 hours of reading receive a coupon from the Friends of the Library Bookstore and are entered in a drawing for a local business gift certificate. There are also community book discussions for each featured author’s titles:
Lady Tan’s Circle of Women by Lisa See (Community Book Discussions):
Saturday, July 15 / 11 a.m. – Noon / Zoom (Email library@santamonica.gov for Zoom link)
Wednesday, August 2 / 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. / Pico Branch Annex, Pico Branch Library
Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara (Community Book Discussions):
Thursday, July 20 / 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. / Montana Avenue Branch Library
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change, their concern over the environment and what more they’d like to done about the crisis.
The overwhelming consensus was that people are indeed very disturbed by the latest environmental catastrophes and they are making changes to their lifestyle. Out of the 21 surveyed, 13 stated that they were very concerned, four were mildly concerned and only four had little to no regard to the topic.
Samohi AP Environmental Science teacher, Ingo Gaida, expressed his worry for climate change and explained what he does as an individual to remedy the situation.
“I’m extremely concerned. I have solar in my house, that’s one thing. I try to get energy efficient appliances when possible. I’ve got a water heater that is not a traditional kind. I run my gas only when it needs to turn on. I turn off my hot water. In terms of climate change, I try to drive as little as possible” said Gaida.
Many of the personal decisions included reducing waste by composting, recycling, and utilizing public transport.
While most said they had adapted their lifestyle to try to benefit the environment, a handful believe that changes at the individual level will not rectify the problem; only changes in large companies and producers can. One Boston resident, Tracey Rosen expresses her feelings that there is not much that one can do.
“I don’t think changes at the individual level are all that meaningful. It has to be policy and large corporations. Especially in America, we consume a lot more than elsewhere. I think the city tries to work with corporations. Somewhere like Trader Joes should not be selling single use plastic. The more that the city tries to get individual residents to change, I think that’s money thrown away and I think it’s really trying to get corporations to change. I think that’s where change really happens. Again, because I don’t think it’s at the individual level, whether someone buys plastic or not, that is not the issue, the issue is that they are even selling it in the first place.”
Ann Macgowan, a tourist from Ireland felt America is not doing enough to combat climate change in contrast to Ireland, where recycling and alternative transit are more common.
“Here the bicycle lanes are good on the beach, but on the streets there are no cycle lanes. People are more aware of when to use the car. We (in Ireland) ask the question, do we need to use the car? Can we take public transport? It seems to be harder to use public transport here than in Europe.”
She said experience with public transit in America was unreliable and that children should be taught from an early age to think about car use as a last resort.
Los Angeles resident Richard Oto said climate solutions should be accessible for people of all income.
“I work in construction, so to make a living, I have to burn fossil fuels to get there because there is not adequate transport around where we live. It’s hard when there are not a lot of easy ways to do it. Having cheaper and more affordable electric cars would be nice too,” he said. “I think also there needs to be a collective way that we as a society can make it easier for people of all income spectrums to be able to do it, whether its tax incentives or whatever they do to help us all change it. We are on a dying planet and they are prioritizing making money than actually what we need to do to survive. It would be nice if they found ways to help us all save the mother’s.”
UK tourist John Smyth was among the small number of individuals who didn’t care about the problem.
“It’s a load of crap. No, I’m not even slightly concerned. There are other scientists putting out the real information, it’s just the false information that’s hitting mainstream media. I don’t believe any of it,” said Smyth.

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In Los Angeles County by 2.2 percent year over year. Nationally, employment grew by 2.6 percent over the year, with 325 of the 355 largest U.S. counties reporting gains.

Among the largest counties in California, employment was highest in Los Angeles County (4,551,200) in December 2022. Together, the 28 largest California counties accounted for 93.1 percent of total employment within the state. Nationwide, the 355 largest counties made up 72.9 percent of total U.S. employment.

However, those individuals finding employment are doing so in lower paid jobs, dragging down the average weekly wage.

Among the 28 large California counties, 21 reported average weekly wage losses from the fourth quarter of 2021 to the fourth quarter of 2022. San Francisco County (-22.6 percent), San Mateo County (-20.7 percent), and Santa Clara County (-15 percent) had the largest year on year decreases in the state. Merced County had the largest over-year increase at 1.6 percent. Annual wage changes among California’s other 24 large counties ranged from -5 percent in Santa Barbara County to 0.5 percent in San Luis Obispo County.

Statewide, average weekly wages declined by about 6.9 percent to $1,679 but California remains fourth in the nation for average wages.

The District of Columbia is first with an average wage of $2,291, Massachusetts is second at $1,790 and New York is third at $1,736. Arkansas is last at $1,065 followed by West Virginia at $1,067 and Oklahoma at $1,073. The national average is $1,385.

Los Angeles County saw wages decline by about 3.5 percent to $1,637 putting it sixth in the state behind Santa Clara ($1,791) and Marin ($1,782).

Within Los Angeles County’s private industry, health care and social assistance accounted for the largest number of employees but economists with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said the much of recent growth was in the hospitality industry and those are lower paying jobs which is part of the reason average wages have dropped.

In Los Angeles County, information workers have the highest average weekly wage at $3,032 followed by financial activities at $2,513 and professional/business services at $1,988. Education/health services are the lowest at $1,169 followed by leisure/hospitality at $1,214 and trade/transportation/utilities at $1,280.

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Of the 40 cities and counties that have a minimum wage above $15.00, Santa Monica ranks 20th at $16.90. West Hollywood has the highest base minimum wage at $19.08. Specialized minimum wage levels exist for some specific industries (such as $19.73 for hotel workers and businesses operating on hotel property in Santa Monica) or in some cases where the base rate includes a percentage adjustment for inflation.

Those minimum wages all fall short of the amounts experts say individuals need to make to maintain a “living wage” in Los Angeles County. According to MIT’s Living Wage Calculator, individuals would need to make between $21 and $76 an hour (working a 40 hour week) depending on the number of individuals working in the household and the number of children.

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Dogs on the beach

Editor:

I am a 63 year resident. On, Thursday July 6, around 5:30 p.m. I took my daily walk on the beach at Station 25. I was ready to take my daily swim when I saw two dog owners with giant dogs off leash right at the shore line. One dog stopped and took a dump in six inches of water as waves were rolling in. I told the owner they had to pick it up and they stopped and acted like they tried but left quickly.

No way they could have found it and retrieved it. 30 seconds later a SM police truck drove up and I flagged the two officers down.

They were polite but would not do anything and the dog owners were within 50 feet of the officers. I believe they should of informed the dog owners that dogs were not allowed on the beach.

They asked me if I wanted them to call human society. What is the proper procedure when someone is breaking the law in front of an officer?

I proceeded to talk to the lifeguard and specifically asked how many times he saw the white truck (dog patrol) on the beach today and he said zero.

He explained his frustration of people breaking the law and nothing being done. I know it is not in his job description to enforce dog laws.

I believe we need the more signs and more enforcement of the no dog rule. I can tell you that I use south and northern beaches on a regular basis and laws are being broken on a regular basis. More needs to be done

Sincerely,

Edward Jacobs, Santa Monica
California should end this health insurance tactic delaying urgent treatment

OCEAN MCINTYRE
Special to the Daily Press

In 2008, I began rapidly losing my vision from a condition called Idiopathic intracranial hypertension. I eventually lost my independence, my ability to work and, ultimately, my life as I knew it.

But it wasn’t just the condition itself that led me to lose my eyesight. It was also the countless delays to obtaining treatment I encountered, thanks to so-called prior authorization. Prior authorization is the process health insurance companies require before they approve medical services prescribed by health care providers.

For many patients, they are simply delay tactics. In my case, these delays kept me from the care I needed as my brain essentially crushed my optic nerves.

I continue to live with the effects of prior authorization. If I had been allowed to get the treatment I needed when I needed it most, I would still be able to drive a car, fly a plane, look through a telescope, see colors or walk without a cane.

But I can’t. I can never do those things again.

This broken process could be fixed if the legislature passes state Sen. Nancy Skinner’s proposal, Senate Bill 598. The bill would grant a one-year exemption from prior authorization to physicians who practice within the scope of a health plan for at least 90% of the time.

My trials with prior authorization began as soon as I received my diagnosis. My doctor requested an urgent authorization to see a neuro-ophthalmologist, but the authorization was denied. He put in another, and it was denied again. Then again.

I spent so much time calling to find out why the authorizations weren’t approved that I developed a relationship with my medical group’s nurse case manager, who was equally frustrated by the denials. I can’t tell you how many times we sat on the phone and cried together.

For more than 12 weeks, I did not get approval for that urgent authorization. During that time, there was nothing I could do. I couldn’t pay out-of-pocket because of the rules that existed. I was stuck.

By the time I finally saw a neuro-ophthalmologist, I could barely see. He told me that I needed to have surgery and that my best hope was to not lose any more vision. It still took two weeks to get authorization for that surgery, even with all his prodding.

Later that year I had brain surgery, and the neurosurgeon told me he didn’t think I would ever be able to have a normal, independent life again based on what my brain looked like.

My recovery was long and excruciating,
SCOUT: Local Scout Barry Moore presented his Eagle Scout project to New Roads School recently. Moore helped build eight colorful planters with Troop 50 over several weekends in June as part of a project promoting biodiversity. The project came with an instruction manual for lower grades who will maintain the project going forward.

Moore will turn 18 in August and will be reaching his Eagle Scout Rank this summer. This Eagle project is the last step in the Eagle/BSA requirements that he has been working on for the past six years. Moore has been at New Roads since his 7th grade year and he is currently a Junior and decided his beneficiary of his Eagle Project would be his high school. Moore will be one of the Scouts representing Southern California in Korea in August during the World Scout Jamboree.

Eagle Scout

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made worse because of the time I had to wait for care. The hardest part was that my 7-year-old experienced it along with me. I became a shell of the person I was. We were homeless for a period when I could no longer work.

It took 10 years, but I was eventually able to get a full-time job again. I now have my dream job, working on a major space mission. But it hasn’t been an easy road, and I still have my problems stemming from my delayed care. Just last year I had to have the shunt in my brain replaced again.

My experience is not unique, either. There are countless others who have gone through similar experiences and worse with prior authorization. Being denied care so frequently made me feel like I wasn’t important – that my life wasn’t important.

It shouldn’t be that way. I hope we can pass SB 598 and reform prior authorization. Health insurance is supposed to be there when you need it most.

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its basement speakeasy-style bar that, unlike many modern day recreations, was actually open during prohibition, albeit towards the end of that particularly peculiar period of US history. Called simply The Georgian Room, it has been lovingly restored to reflect the era and the common clientele that included the likes of Carole Lombard, Clark Gable and Dick Van Dyke. Elusive and exclusive, only 65 guests are allowed and all photography is strictly prohibited.

The already popular Marmalade Cafe at 710 Montana Ave is expanding and set to open a new outlet at 525 Santa Monica Blvd. In response to our inquiry, Selwyn Yosslowitz, Founder of Marmalade Cafe, told the Daily Press, “As our catering has grown so much over the past two years we needed a bigger kitchen to handle the catering demand. The new facility will have a larger sit down dining room with sliding doors to a lovely patio. We’re trying to keep the current location on Montana Avenue as well.” There is no confirmed opening though yet.

California’s favorite seafood restaurant Pacific Catch is set to open its first outlet in Santa Monica at 120 Wilshire Blvd, where the 800 Degrees wood fired kitchen used to be. Sadly though, that probably won’t open until closer to the New Year.

Camp Los Angeles has opened an impressive yoga, pilates and fitness campus at 2723 Lincoln Blvd that offers hundreds of different classes each week in its tastefully designed, au naturel-themed 8,000 sq ft site that incorporates four bespoke studios across three buildings with an additional parking lot.

ENTERTAINMENT: An alternative way to spend a warm weekend evening is enjoying good food, drinks and music at The Victorian.

The Veterinary Emergency Group has opened a westside-based outlet at 2700 Wilshire Blvd. With a large number of branches all over the country, this 24-hour ER for pets allows you, the owner, to stay with your beloved cat or dog overnight if need be, after any kind of surgical procedure.

The eagerly-awaited Santa Monica branch of barbecue bon viveur Kevin Bludso’s chain of southern California restaurants has finally officially opened at 1329 Santa Monica Blvd. The new outlet offers a minimum of 80 covers and includes a full bar and a truly mouth-watering menu.

A new nail care concept called Toolbox has opened at 2665 Main Street and what makes it different from most other salons, is that it was designed with men in mind. Currently open 11-7, Thursday through Sunday, it will be expanding its hours in the next few weeks. Bookings can be made either through the website or by calling (424) 433-8899, but walk-ins are also welcomed.

Burro at 1533 Montana Ave seemingly packed up and closed overnight. The store’s ownership has decided to amalgamate everything into the 1409 Abbot Kinney Blvd location, which remains open as per normal.

VanMoof bike shop at 412 Broadway has closed down. A sign on the door reads, “Our Los Angeles Service Hub is now closed. But don’t worry, we’re partnered with two certified workshops to make sure you get the help you need, when you need it” together with instructions on how to book an appointment by either scanning the QR code or using the app. The nearest certified service center is now at Kruse & Company Bicycles, 15121 Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades.

Menchie’s at 732 Montana Ave has closed down. The only remaining source in Santa Monica now of this particular brand of frozen yogurt is now 2901 Ocean Park Blvd.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When what you want to do and what you have to do are the same thing, success comes very quickly to you. Today brings such good fortune. Do the work, rise, repeat and grow rich.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Who is really free? It’s not always obvious. The so-called powerful often feel more trapped in their roles than those without status. You’ll be aware of the restrictions limiting your options. Think of new ways to get around them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You’re different in ways that will elevate the scene — believe it. Get on your own side, be your own fan and don’t bother trying to fit in. All the problems are opportunities today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There’s no time to waste envious those who have advantages. Status is not worth chasing. The only thing that matters is the integrity of the work at hand. Dedication and commitment fortify your character and take you all the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You weren’t looking for a prize, but you’ll get one anyway. In some manner, you have racked up enough points to claim a reward. A hobby, interest or relationship will pay off in unforeseen ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If, as Shakespeare suggested, all the world is a stage, today you’ll be more stagehand than star. Setting the scene just right will bring you joy, inspiration and a profound sense of accomplishment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don’t skip the formalities or cut corners with protocol or etiquette. There is no better way to convey respect than politeness, which is the glue holding together transactions, relationships and so much more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your willingness to experiment is a gift. Some you take on even though you have little to no faith they will work. There’s joy and learning in taking the big swings. And when they do connect, life gets very exciting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Certain social interactions are unavoidable. When you must interact with people you don’t prefer, involve others. Everyone will behave better in small groups today and will keep one another in check.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friends know you as a certain person with a particular job, habits and lifestyle. It might be difficult for them to see you as someone new, so do what it takes to keep yourself motivated and on track to your goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are extremely important to your team and will love the power surge that comes from giving yourself over to the group to become a part of something much bigger than the sum of its parts.

Three major events give this year spectacular pops of excitement. So, while this trip around the sun will often bring you more room to stretch, a slower pace and a peaceful, easy feeling, even the calmest moment will have tinges of vibrancy and anticipation. More highlights: your team comes out on top, new additions to your group and a fun, health enhancing program. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 6, 4, 38 and 27.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (July 10)

HOROSCOPES

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD

PUZZLES

MORE OF STAN’S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan’s archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords
**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 25 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5901

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- Bays
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- Comfort
- Cows
- Danger
- Dive
- Enjoyment
- Friendly
- Georgian
- Glade
- Hideaway

- Hike
- Hills
- History
- Holiday
- Museum
- Novel
- Ocean
- Offbeat
- Palm
- Penal
- Pottery
- Prison
- Quiet
- Reef
- Rock
- Sleepy
- Snorkel
- Surf
- Swim
- Tiny
- Tour
- Tropical
- Walking tracks
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S WORDS PUZZLE.
The three legged race
**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**

**WEDNESDAY | JULY 12**

**TWEEN WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES**
Join Witopia Lab for a series of writing workshops for tweens led by produced playwrights and published authors. Attendees participate in exercises designed to develop creative writing skills and can receive feedback on their work from both their peers and instructors. For ages 10-15. July 12: Fiction, July 19: Poetry, July 26: Memoir Main Library, Children’s Activity Room

**THURSDAY | JULY 13**

**SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**
The Library Board consists of five members appointed by the City Council for a four-year term. The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. The public is welcome to attend. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on smpl.org

**FRIDAY | JULY 14**

**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 will be for sale for the event until there is no more room. You get 2 songs or ten mins.

**SATURDAY | JULY 15**

**NOTHIN’ BUT SAND BEACH CLEANUP**
Join Heal the Bay for our July Nothin’ But Sand Beach Cleanup. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON!!! Save the Date for a beach cleanup with a big impact. Check back later to reserve your bucket and we’ll SEA you on the sand February 18, 2023.

**WEDNESDAY | JULY 12**

**PICKLE ME SILLY!!**
Whether you like your pickles sweet or sour, this event is sure to be a big Dill. There will be a demonstration on making Full Sour Dills as well as materials on hand for all little hands to make a small jar of quick pickles. Cool Cucumbers hang out in July. Will you dare make Pickle Pancakes? You can bet your gherkin that you will. Event can be found on our website at: https://santamonica.gov/events/pickle-me-silly

**SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION**
The Arts Commission of the City of Santa Monica exists to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of arts programs in the City, develop arts programs of innovative form, recognize and encourage the arts as a service of local government and enrich the lives of all citizens by exposure to art in its various forms. Civic Center Parking Structure. 333 Civic Center Dr Santa Monica, CA
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