The summer brings a multitude of new business to the city of Santa Monica

NOW OPEN: Chef Tim Cushman and Nancy Cushman in the middle as the ribbon marks the official opening of their trio of eateries.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Earlier in the week, we looked at some of the big movers and shakers within the city of Santa Monica and in just a few days, we have had to run another story, just because so much is happening in our sunny, seaside city.

The transformation of the second floor of the Kitchen United Mix is complete as Gogo Ya (crispy nori sushi tacos and bento bowls), Ms. Clucks Deluxe (Japanese-inspired twists on chicken and dumplings) and Mr. Roni Cups (delicious Italian pizza) are all now officially open.

All three are the creations of James Beard Award-Winning Chef Tim Cushman and restaurateur Nancy Cushman.

Tim is a self-confessed pizza perfectionist, so he takes this work very seriously indeed having invested decades into research and development of all things dough and toppings. The menu offers 10” round and pan pizzas made with 48-hour fermented dough made from imported Italian flour, resulting in a crisp-yet-airy crust, and rotating, seasonal toppings.

The eagerly-awaited Spanish tapas restaurant Xuntos has officially opened at 516 Santa Monica Blvd, the former Heroic Italian space, and just a few doors down from Andrea Inio’s upscale Italian restaurant Orto. This comes from celebrated Southern Californian chef Sandra Cordero who is also responsible for the popular Spanish-themed restaurant called Gasolina Cafe in Woodland Hills. Unlike that eatery however, which offers more of an all-day cafe feel together with a plentiful supply of paella, this new endeavor focuses on classic tapas, plus one or two Californian-influenced offerings.

“I’m very excited that we’re seeing

ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

Hollywood actors are joining screenwriters in the first dual strike from the two unions in more than six decades, with huge consequences for the film and television industry. Here is a look at how it has played out, why it’s happening, and what could come next.

WHAT LED TO THE ACTORS STRIKE?

More than a month of talks on a new three-year contract between the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and the studios, streaming services and production companies that employ them led to little progress, and the tone became openly hostile in the days before union leaders voted to begin a strike on Friday. A last minute intervention from a federal mediator didn’t bridge the gap.

Union leaders say the streaming model that has taken over the industry in recent years has cheated actors of their share of income and funneled money to executives, and proposals of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents the

SEE STRIKE PAGE 4

SEE MOVES PAGE 7
Summertime is upon us at the Ishihara Park Learning Garden. The tomatoes have emerged and are getting ready to turn from light green to ruby red. Once they do, they are ready to harvest. There is nothing more rewarding than plucking a red, juicy tomato straight from the plant. It should come away with a gentle tug and be ready for you to eat from your hand or to save for use in a salad, pasta, or jam! This fruit packs a nutritional punch (and yes, it is technically a fruit because it has seeds and grows from a flowering plant) as it is rich in potassium, vitamin C, and lycopene, an antioxidant that is linked to the reduction of heart disease. Come learn about growing and harvesting tomatoes at the Ishihara Park Learning Garden from 9:30-11am on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Tomatoes have also arrived at the Farmer’s Market, and their arrival is timed perfectly with the sun’s return here in Santa Monica. Rows upon rows of cherry tomatoes, with colors ranging from a buttery yellow, bright orange, and a glistening lipstick red: dare me to pass them by. I can never resist. I can easily just eat cherry tomatoes by the handful, or if I am feeling classy, maybe on toast with a bit of sea salt, olive oil, and labneh (a Middle Eastern cheese from strained yogurt) or cream cheese. This sweet cherry jam recipe is my attempt to capture and bottle the essence of summer and its relaxed sweetness and to tuck its tastiness away for a cloudier day.

Cherry Tomato Jam Recipe:
- 1 lb cherry tomatoes cut in half
- 4 dates chopped
- 2 TBS cane sugar
- 2 TBS lemon juice
- ½ tsp cumin
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- Dash of cayenne pepper

Method:
- Combine all ingredients in a large pot and bring the mixture to a boil.
- Turn the heat to a low simmer, and stir the mixture every 2 - 3 minutes until the date pieces meld with the tomato mixture.
- Once everything has reduced and melded together, remove from heat and let cool for 10 minutes.
- Pour jam into a jar and store in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.
- Oh, yes, remember to recycle the organic remnants from your preparation in your green bin or your household or community compost. We are eager to learn what you typically do with your organic kitchen and cooking scraps. Please tell us by taking our community compost survey.
Got Sriracha? The price for a bottle of Huy Fong’s iconic hot sauce gets spicy with supplies short

By WYATT GRANTHAM-PHILIPS
AP Business Writer

It’s not just you, Sriracha is hard to come by these days — at least for one popular brand.

The shortage of Huy Fong Foods’ Sriracha, the beloved red hot sauce packaged in those green-capped bottles, isn’t new — with the company pointing to a scarcity of chile pepper supply for several years now. And as frustrated fans continue to face store shelves missing the Huy Fong staple, third-party resellers are puchasing up prices.

Huy Fong Sriracha, which used to go for under $5 or $10 a bottle, is now selling for shocking amounts in some listings posted to sites with vast third-party marketplaces — including Amazon, eBay and Walmart. Many are simply sold out.

For those still in stock, prices range depending where you look. As of Thursday morning, for example, ads for a single 17-ounce bottle on eBay stretched from around $20 to a whopping $150 — contrasting significantly with the price tags of other hot sauce brands, which don’t appear to have the same level of supply troubles.

Huy Fong told The Associated Press this week that it continues to be beset by shortages of raw materials, echoing a similar scarcity last year when the company temporarily suspended sales of Sriracha and other popular products like Chilli Garlic and Sambal Oelek.

Huy Fong said Wednesday that “limited production” resumed recently, although the California company didn’t specify by how much or provide an estimate of when it believes suppliers will be able to deliver an adequate number of peppers.

“Because we do not sell directly to retail/ market levels, we cannot determine when the product will hit shelves again and/or who currently has the product in stock,” Huy Fong said in a prepared statement. “We are grateful for your continued patience and understanding during this unprecedented inventory shortage.”

Here’s what you need to know:

WHAT IS THERE A HUY FONG SRIRACHA SHORTAGE?

Some experts say that Huy Fong’s shortage is partially a consequence of climate change — pointing to weather shifts and extreme drought in Mexico and the U.S. Southwest, where Huy Fong sources all of its chile peppers.

“The main culprit here is a shortage of their primary ingredient, the red jalapeño chile pepper,” said David Ortega, a food economist and associate professor at Michigan State University. “And that’s due to climate change and the mega drought.”

Chile peppers are typically grown under irrigation, with a lot of water drawn from the Colorado River — which has reached unprecedented low levels over recent years, Ortega said. The region has suffered insufficient rainfall and reduced run-off from snowpack.

Huy Fong’s troubles with chile supply aren’t new. When the company suspended sales last year, it pointed to a 2020 email warning of a chile pepper shortage, noting that a lack of supply had become more severe due to recent weather conditions.

But while climate change impacts agriculture as a whole, “it’s not the whole story” for the current Huy Fong Sriracha shortage, said Stephanie Walker, extension vegetable specialist and professor at New Mexico State University. She speculates that Huy Fong may not have enough suppliers with different farmers — and could be looking to build relationships with new growers.

“Last year (Huy Fong) just couldn’t get the jalapeños that they needed,” said Walker, who also specializes in chile pepper breeding. She noted the contrast to other brands’ supply. “It really does come down to relations that individual processors have with their grower base.”

She added that it looks like this year will be a strong season for jalapeño and other chile growth in the region.

WHERE DOES HUY FONG GET ITS CHILE PEPPERS?

Huy Fong, which was founded decades ago by David Tran, currently sources its chile peppers from various farms in California, New Mexico and Mexico.

Before sourcing from these farms, California-based Underwood Ranches was Huy Fong’s sole supplier for nearly 30 years. The partnership collapsed in 2017 following a financial dispute. Two years later, a jury determined that Huy Fong breached its contract with Underwood Ranches and also committed fraud — awarding Underwood $23.3 million.

In a phone interview Thursday afternoon, Craig Underwood, owner of Underwood Ranches, disagreed with the drought and climate change explanations for Huy Fong’s shortage — arguing that Tran “has not rebuilt his supply chain the way he needed to.”

He continued to be a steady supplier of jalapeño peppers from Mexico. Underwood Ranches, which now sells its own brand of Sriracha, also started producing red jalapeño peppers again this year — in part because of the Huy Fong shortage, he added.

“The demand for our product has increased rather dramatically,” Underwood said.

ARE OTHER HOT SAUCES FACING SHORTAGES?

There’s a myriad of hot sauces, including other of Sriracha-style products, that remain easy to find at reasonable prices. Tabasco, for example, has created a page dedicated to helping customers find nearby stores that sell its brand of Sriracha — and notes that it’s been able to scale production to “meet the majority of the of surge in demand” for its sauce.

There are a few possible explanations for this, experts say. Some speculate that Huy Fong has issues with its current chile suppliers. Other brands could also use different pepper varieties and source from more farms. Some might also be in a position to tinker with recipes — but perfecting sauces take a long time, as would finding a new variant, experts say.

“Growing the crop in an area less affected by extreme weather or breeding new variants of the peppers that are more tolerant to heat and require less water, if possible, at all, would take years,” Richard Howells, a supply chain expert at SAP, wrote in a blog post earlier this week.

Prices Skyrocket From $20 to $150

Even the product that is still available. In many places, a 17-ounce bottle on eBay stretched from around $20 to a whopping $150 — contrasting significantly with the price tags of other hot sauce brands, which don’t appear to have the same level of supply troubles.

Some experts say that Huy Fong’s shortage is partially due to increased demand for the product, on top of the panic buying behavior, in this case, hording. The panic buying has also created a shortage, said Stephanie Walker, extension vegetable specialist and professor at New Mexico State University. She speculates that Huy Fong may not have enough suppliers with different farmers — and could be looking to build relationships with new growers.

“Last year (Huy Fong) just couldn’t get the jalapeños that they needed,” said Walker, who also specializes in chile pepper breeding. She noted the contrast to other brands’ supply. “It really does come down to relations that individual processors have with their grower base.”

She added that it looks like this year will be a strong season for jalapeño and other chile growth in the region.

City of Santa Monica
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

FY23-24 Annual Paving Project
SP2680

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY’S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, ProcureNow or https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via ProcureNow immediately after bid close time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: N/A

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $2,400,000

PROJECT DAYS: 270 Calendar Days

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,250 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City’s bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have an Class A license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City’s Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.
**STRIKE**

FROM PAGE 1

The American Red Cross continues to see a concerning trend -- blood donations are being sent to hospitals faster than they are coming in. The Red Cross has collected about 50,000 fewer blood donations than needed over the last two months. Donors are asked to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now to avoid a looming blood shortage.

To help head off a more serious situation, the Red Cross is teaming up with Warner Bros. Discovery for the 35th anniversary of Shark Week and the theatrical release of Meg 2: The Trench. The public is encouraged to celebrate a summer of sharks and help shore up the national blood supply by giving in July.

In thanks for helping, the Red Cross is offering several incentives to donors who come out to give blood or platelets in the coming weeks. Additionally, in response to the great need for blood, those who hurry in to help by coming to give July 1-16 will receive a limited-time bonus $15 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice.

**July 12-Aug 12:** Those who come to give will be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Shark.

July 17-31: Presenting donors will receive an officially licensed Shark Week T-shirt, while supplies last. Donors will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Shark.

By scheduling and keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**WHAT THE ACTORS WANT?**

For decades, an actor who appeared on a popular TV show like “Seinfeld” or “The Office” even once could count on getting royalty checks when the show appeared in reruns, bringing pay even at times they were unable to find work.

The streaming model has largely dried up that income, with residual payments unthethered from a show or movie’s popularity. Actors want a long-term share of that revenue.

The issue is one of many the actors have in common with writers. For both scribes and performers, the move to streaming and its ripple effects have also meant shorter seasons of shows with longer gaps between them, and therefore less work. They say inflation is outpacing the scheduled pay bumps in their contracts.

And both writers and actors fear the threat of unregulated use of artificial intelligence. The actors say studios want to be able to use their likenesses without having to hire them, or pay them.

Actors also say they’re contending with the new and increasing burden of self-taped auditions — the cost of which used to be the responsibility of casting and productions.

And both parties said for itPPT to present actors a generous deal that included the biggest bump in minimum pay in 35 years and “a groundbreaking AI proposal that protects actors’ digital likenesses.” They say the union has “regrettably chosen a path that will lead to financial hardship for countless thousands of people who depend on the industry.”

**WHAT WILL STRIKING MEAN FOR ACTORS?**

Union rules say actors are not to do any part of their jobs, which go far beyond actually shooting films and TV shows.

They are not allowed to make personal appearances or promote their work on podcasts or at premieres. They are barred from doing any production work including auditions, readings, rehearsals, voiceovers or wardrobe fittings.

**WHAT EFFECT WILL THE COMBINED STRIKES HAVE FOR VIEWERS?**

Actors joining writers on strike will force nearly every U.S.-based show or film that hasn’t already been shut down into hiatus. Forthcoming seasons of television shows are likely to be delayed indefinitely, and some movie releases will pushed back. (Don’t worry, the July 21 box-office showdown between “Barbie” and “Oppenheimer” is still on.)

The writers’ strike had an almost instant effect on late-night network talk shows, including NBC’s “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon,” ABC’s “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” and CBS’s “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert,” which all went on hiatus immediately. “Saturday Night Live” axed its last three episodes of the season.

In the two months since, many scripted television series have also shut down, including Netflix’s “Stranger Things,” Max’s “Hacks,” Showtime’s “Yellow Jackets,” and Apple TV+’s “Severance.”

It may take longer to notice the actors’ strike on the streaming menus on Netflix or Amazon Prime Video, though lovers of those outlets’ original series will eventually have to wait longer than usual for their favorites to return.

Shouts outside the U.S., where different unions and contracts operate, can continue, as the British-based “House of the Dragon” will for HBO, though the strike is likely to have a secondary drag on those too.

And reality shows, game shows and most daytime talk shows will likely be unaffected.

**HOW LONG MIGHT ALL THIS GO ON?**

It’s anyone’s guess. After two months, there are no talks planned or imminent for the Writers Guild.

The longest previous writers’ strike, in 1988, lasted five months. The most recent one, in 2007 and 2008, went on for about three months, as did the most recent actors’ strike in 1980.

With both sides on strike together for the first time since 1960, and both facing so many of the same issues, they might find themselves jointly out of work for a long time.
How California can remove the hurdles delaying the state’s clean energy future

How California can remove the hurdles delaying the state’s clean energy future

TERRY TAMMINEN

Red tape has become an unwitting accomplice to climate change. Too often, clean energy projects needed to end our carbon dependence and protect our environment become bogged down by permitting and legal quagmires. This must end.

This week, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed several infrastructure-streamlining bills out of a package of measures he had proposed in May to fast-track water, transportation and clean energy projects by reforming the state’s cumbersome permitting processes and the California Environmental Quality Act. By introducing his measures as budget trailer bills, Newsom drew criticism from environmental organizations and legislators who argued he was abusing the budget process.

The bill signing ceremony ended a period of tumult between the administration and a legislature that so far has only passed five of the governor’s 11 proposed measures. But any lingering animosity must be set aside because there is plenty of work that still needs to be done and no time to waste.

California needs to add more clean, renewable energy to our grid as soon as possible. Newsom and the Legislature must act with urgency in a transparent, thoughtful and collaborative manner to expedite California’s drive to decarbonize our homes and businesses.

California is an economic powerhouse, but its electrical grid is its Achilles heel. After two consecutive days in August 2020 of rotating electrical outages throughout the state, Forbes reported the blackouts "exposed the fragility of one of the most expensive and least reliable electric grids in North America." The 10-day “heat dome” of September 2022 brought Californians within a hair’s breadth of more rolling power outages.

California energy officials are “cautiously optimistic” that the abundant water supply in state reservoirs due to this winter’s historic snowpack will generate enough hydroelectricity to help avoid dangerous power outages this summer. But weather forecasters expect an El Niño pattern this year, a weather wild card that could cause blistering heat waves and again test the resiliency of our electrical grid.

California now has 35 gigawatts of clean electricity to help power the grid. Again test the resiliency of our electrical grid. A 2022 report by GridLab and Telos Energy found that California can reach 85% clean energy by 2030 without compromising reliability, even “under stressful conditions.” California has set a goal to generate up to 25 GW of clean, renewable energy from offshore wind development by 2045. The Legislature is also considering several clean energy bills, including measures to expedite California’s drive to decarbonize.
Dog kicked by homeless man dies after 3 weeks of intensive life saving measures

MAGNOLIA LAFLEUR
Special to the Daily Press

Venice Beach resident, Laura Michele Rosenfeld is mourning the death of her Yorkshire Terrier, “Barty”, who passed away at her home on Friday, July 7 at 4:30 a.m. The 13 year-old Yorkie died from complications following a brutal attack by a transient identified as Michael Langman.

The Current reached out to Rosenfeld who was understandably heartbroken at the loss of what she called her “partner in grime” - referring to the pooch’s playful pension for playing in the dirt. Rosenfeld was somewhat comforted that her beloved companion appeared to be calm and relaxed in the final twenty-four hours leading up to his passing.

“I still wake up and cry every day,” Rosenfeld said. “I know his spirit has levitated and I also feel he comes to me. He was a hippie soul and every day I feel his presence. He was a real dainty, sweet and loving dog.”

Rosenfeld has been receiving loving tributes to Barty from friends, neighbors and members of the local artist community who share her loss.

A post on a GoFundMe page created by Rosenfeld’s neighbor Laura Valdivia, stated the assault occurred on June 14, at 3:05 p.m. while Rosenfeld was out walking her dog on Venice Beach. The post described Langman as appearing to be “on drugs” before kicking the dog “so hard, he flew into the metal claw of the bobcat tractor city workers were using to repair the street.” Rosenfeld reportedly “screamed in horror” before bystanders including a former firewoman from Texas and her son, sprang into action.

Barty was rushed to the West Los Angeles VCA Animal Hospital and treated for numerous injuries including “brain trauma” and “intense muscular tension”, which left him unable to walk. Other injuries included blunt force trauma to one eye, which caused glaucoma, an ulcer and torticollis - a spasmodic injury that causes the head to tilt towards the feet.

Langman was initially detained by bystanders before being handed over to the authorities. The Current has learned that the 39-year-old male is a repeat offender with an extensive criminal record. Reports from witnesses on the scene of the June 14 attack allege Langman also struck a person over the head with a glass bottle during the ensuing scuffle.

According to sheriff’s inmate records, Langman is currently being held without bail at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Inmate Reception Center. He is expected to be arraigned by Judge William Sadler on July 17 at 8:00 a.m.

After widespread media coverage, the community support for Barty has been considerable - receiving 825 donations and surpassing its goal by $22,000 as of July 12.

“Everyone has been so kind and giving,” Rosenfeld said. “I’m so touched and grateful to everyone and Barty would be too, seeing all the love come in for him.”

WIND
FROM PAGE 5

develop wave and geothermal energy, place solar panels along California’s vast highway system and ensure clean energy procurement to bolster offshore wind development.

But once a clean energy bill is signed into law, there is a thicket of bureaucratic and legal obstacles to overcome.

Coordinating agency permitting and environmental review of clean energy projects, as well as adopting a unified approach to prioritizing transmission development and addressing local land use constraints, are further steps the governor and legislature could take to reduce the delays on clean energy and transmission development.

California’s transformation to a decarbonized economy will reap many rewards, including climate mitigation, improved air quality and health outcomes for disadvantaged communities, the development of new technologies that bolster one of the largest economies in the world.

But to remodel our energy future, we need first to remodel our thinking with the sense of urgency and creativity that is needed to take action before it’s too late.

Terry Tamminen is the president and CEO of AltaSea. He served as the secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. This article was originally published by CalMatters.
TRAFFIC

FROM PAGE 1

In 2015, the state passed something called the Assembly Bill Number 953, also known as the Racial and Identity Profiling Act, or RIPA. This requires that law enforcement agencies in California collect perceived demographic data from specified police interactions and as such, the Santa Monica Police Department began collating data on January 1, 2021.

White drivers represented 49.1 percent of stops, 58.2 percent of the city’s population and 25.3 percent of the county population. Latino drivers are 23.3 percent of the stops, 20.7 percent of the city’s population and 49.1 percent of the county population. Black drivers are 15.4 percent of stops, 4.3 percent of the city and 9 percent of the county. Asian drivers are 3.8 percent of stops, 8.1 percent of the city and 15.6 percent of the county.

Middle Eastern/South Asian drivers are 7.3 percent of stops but their demographics were not available for the city and county.

Both Lieutenant Erika Aklufi and Deputy Chief of Police, Darrick Jacob, highlighted the potential problems in attempting to gather accurate data that reflects the population and demographic structure of the city necessary to calculate comparisons based on percentages.

“There were 16 data points that we were instructed to use to collect this data,” Jacob said, “And we’ve added two more, we’ve had a lot of our own residents in our city. Aklufi also said that this matter will almost certainly be raised in a future City Council meeting. It’s an incredibly difficult with nine million visitors a year.”

The Commission took no action on the issue of pretextual stops and the RIPA data includes more than just traffic information. In order to conform to the California Code of Regulations, the information was gathered during interactions that resulted in either a detention of any kind or in any which the officer conducted a search based on either a consensual search or reasonable suspicion. The data collection did not apply to any officer-initiated activity, or reactive.

According to the data from police reports, violent crime suspect descriptions were as follows, African American were 38 percent, white was 29 percent, Hispanic was 26 percent and Asian was 1 percent. Although females account for 51 percent of the Santa Monica population (according to US Census Bureau population estimates from July 1, 2021), males are more than twice as likely to be stopped at 69 percent than females at 31 percent.

Speaking to the Daily Press, Aklufi stressed how much of a challenge even attempting to parse data that accurately reflects every possible outcome is, comparing the task to writing a “choose your own adventure” book. Aklufi also said that this matter will almost certainly be raised in a future City Council meeting where it will be further scrutinized, but no date or agenda item has so far been set.

Movers

FROM PAGE 1

more Spanish restaurants because there’s so many different kinds of Spanish food from all of the different regions of the country,” Cordero said, adding that her decision to open this restaurant in Santa Monica was a very deliberate choice, “People don’t explore by walking so much in Los Angeles. Yes, there are some neighborhoods where this happens, but not as many as other places. Nobody just discovers us by walking by, so that’s really challenging for a restaurant.”

National health and fitness chain Restore Hyper Wellness has opened an outlet at 1031 Montana Ave. According to their website, the company has over 125 locations across the country and another one is coming to Marina del Rey. The company offers all manner of benefits, from cryotherapy to red light therapy and intravenous drip therapy to mild hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Finally of course Barnes & Noble is returning to the Promenade at 1318 Third Street, the site where most recently the Atheleta sportswear outlet was. Barnes & Noble previously occupied the large space on the north east corner of the Promenade bordering Wilshire. The original location served locals and visitors alike for 22 years before closing in January of 2018.

FOOD:
The interior of Xuntos and what will no doubt become a hotspot if you like tapas and let’s face facts, who doesn’t...

There were 16 data points that we were instructed to use to collect this data

- Darrick Jacob

Middle Eastern/South Asian drivers are 7.3 percent of stops but their demographics were not available for the city and county.

Both Lieutenant Erika Aklufi and Deputy Chief of Police, Darrick Jacob, highlighted the potential problems in attempting to gather accurate data that reflects the population and demographic structure of the city necessary to calculate comparisons based on percentages.

“There were 16 data points that we were instructed to use to collect this data,” Jacob said, “And we’ve added two more, we’ve had a lot of our own residents in our city. Aklufi also said that this matter will almost certainly be raised in a future City Council meeting. It’s an incredibly difficult with nine million visitors a year.”

The Commission took no action on the issue of pretextual stops and the RIPA data includes more than just traffic information. In order to conform to the California Code of Regulations, the information was gathered during interactions that resulted in either a detention of any kind or in any which the officer conducted a search based on either a consensual search or reasonable suspicion. The data collection did not apply to any officer-initiated activity, or reactive.

According to the data from police reports, violent crime suspect descriptions were as follows, African American were 38 percent, white was 29 percent, Hispanic was 26 percent and Asian was 1 percent. Although females account for 51 percent of the Santa Monica population (according to US Census Bureau population estimates from July 1, 2021), males are more than twice as likely to be stopped at 69 percent than females at 31 percent.

Speaking to the Daily Press, Aklufi stressed how much of a challenge even attempting to parse data that accurately reflects every possible outcome is, comparing the task to writing a “choose your own adventure” book. Aklufi also said that this matter will almost certainly be raised in a future City Council meeting where it will be further scrutinized, but no date or agenda item has so far been set.

Race/Ethnicity | % of total stops | % Santa Monica Population | % State Population | % LA County Population | % LA County Homeless Population - SPA 5
---|---|---|---|---|---
White | 49.1 | 58.2 | 35.2 | 25.3 | 39
Hispanic/Latino | 23.3 | 20.7 | 40.2 | 49.1 | 23
Black/African American | 15.4 | 4.3 | 6.5 | 9 | 30
Middle Eastern/South Asian | 7.3 | Not Calculated | Not Calculated | Not Calculated | Not Calculated
Asian | 3.8 | 8.1 | 15.9 | 15.6 | 2
Pacific Islander | 0.7 | 0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0
Native American | 0.15 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2
Mixed Race | 0.13 | 7.9 | Not Calculated | Not Calculated | Not Calculated

FOOD: The interior of Xuntos and what will no doubt become a hotspot if you like tapas and let’s face facts, who doesn’t...

I’m very excited that we’re seeing more Spanish restaurants because there’s so many different kinds of Spanish food from all of the different regions of the country - Sandra Cordero

Buy Local Support your community!

Lisa Matthews

Santa Monica Daily Press
Classifieds

NEW AUTHORS WANTED!
FREE author submission kit! Limited offer! Why wait? Call now: 1-855-667-0380 (Cal-SCAN)

Become a Published Author.
We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-TRUSTED by Authors Since 1920. Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed.
Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution.
Call for Your Free Author’s Guide 1-877-538-9564 or visit http://dorranceinfo.com/Call (Cal-SCAN)

Prepare for power outages today with a GENERAC home standby generator. Save Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options. Request a FREE Quote -Call now before the next power outage: 1-844-439-5645 (SCANSandy)

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-426-7581 (Cal-SCAN)

LAW OFFICE Law Office of Chris C. Clauson Living Trusts | Wills | Estate Planning Call 1-760-708-2614 SB#: 316462 (Cal-SCAN)

DONATE YOUR CAR TO KIDS Fast Free Pickup - Running or Not - 24 Hour Response - Maximum Tax Donation - Help Find Missing Kids! Call 1-888-491-1463. (Cal-SCAN)


SAVE BIG on HOME INSURANCE! Compare 20 A-rated insurance companies. Get a quote within minutes. Average savings of $444/year! Call 1-844-410-9809 (M-F 8am-8pm Central) (Cal-SCAN)

Insurance

DIRECTV. New 2-Year Price Guarantee. The most live MLB games this season, 200+ channels and over 45,000 on-demand titles. $89.99/mo for 24 months with CHOICE Package. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-641-5762 (Cal-SCAN)

Help Wanted

BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. is seeking applications for the following positions in Santa Monica, CA:
- Vice President, Lead Engineer Pay range: $138,000-$210,000/yr. Duties: Coordinate individual projects, priorities, deadlines & deliverables using AGILE methodologies. Deliver high throughput, scalable, highly available, & concurrent & fault tolerant software systems. Ref code: R231297)

Sensei Ag seeks Controller to oversee & build accounting team to use new ERP system for financial reporting. BA/BS in accounting or rel field (foreign equiv) + 7 yrs accounting experience at national or international level. Santa Monica CA, but may telecommute from anywhere in U.S. 20% travel. Salary: $175,000 - $180,000. Apply at www.sensei.ag/careers. Include ref code #377 in resume.

Missouri Bar

Real Estate Loans

RETIRED COUPLE $$ $$ $$

FOR QUOTES PLEASE CALL 310-573-8074 or email cindy@smdp.com

CLASSIFICATIONS

Pets
Pets
For Sale
For Sale
Legal Services
Legal Services
Announcements
Announcements
 Autos Wanted
 Autos Wanted
 Cable/Satellite TV
 Cable/Satellite TV
Internet
Internet
Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous
 Miscellaneou
Miscellaneous

FOR QUOTES PLEASE CALL 310-573-8074 or email cindy@smdp.com
Aries (March 21-April 19). There are positive and negative ways to use every quality. Even ruthlessness can be a winning quality if it’s applied well. You’ll make a determined effort. The power of Mars surges through your efforts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You put action behind what you say, and you honor your agreements. You’ll be given responsibility. Within the responsibility is power. Tonight: Residual feelings from your childhood will influence events and relationships.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You’ll watch a problem from the sidelines deciding when and if it would be right to intervene. Do it sooner rather than later. This one has potential to escalate. Monsters are easy to manage when they are small.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You have a talent for lifting, supporting and teaching. Even when you’re in a position to correct someone or deliver less-than-pleasant news, you’ll do it with a light touch and a positive spin.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Get help with unfinished business. Physically you are more than capable of wrapping this up, but, unless you involve others, the process will be joyless and boring. With a partner, you’ll make quick work of it so all can move on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The sky that’s above you is also within you. In a sense, every intake of breath is a heavenly intermingling, every exhale an interpretation of the universe.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Having been on both sides of oversharing, you’re sensitive to the pitfalls of revealing information that’s not useful to the situation at hand. You’ll strive for, and attain, a healthy balance between honesty and tact.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You’re luckiest when you work on something that can be completed within the day. Choose a small task. Involve a friend and there will be a thrill in every stage: preparation, process and presentation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You’ll count your blessings and weigh them against your issues, most of which are minimal on a world scale. Knowing that someone, somewhere, would relish your worst luck, you change your ideas about what’s really a problem.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just put one foot in front of the other and don’t worry about what blocks the path. Obstacles of the outside world are the easiest to get around. Limits you impose on yourself are more difficult, but still surmountable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Fates favor an all-or-nothing approach to projects. Even if you’re not entirely sure, act like you are. Confidence puts everyone at ease. Pretending can get everyone over the initial jitters and put important things in motion.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). The scenario playing out is a rerun. It matches up with a pattern that’s been with you for a long time, perhaps even since childhood. As comfortable as this cycle may be to you, does it really serve you? If not, there’s an opportunity to break it.

The characters, atmospheres and games that fill your year make it feel like one long, unforgettable party. You’ll establish a series of habits that give you the vitality to keep up with the fun. More highlights: A serendipitous moment sparks love. You’ll follow an inking to a thrilling payout. You bravely offer help, which sends you to wonderful places. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 19, 15 and 17.
Agnes
By TONY COCHRAN

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

Zack Hill
By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Heathcliff
By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew
By JOHN DEERING

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5906

Famous Australian women

Agnes
By TONY COCHRAN

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

Zack Hill
By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Heathcliff
By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew
By JOHN DEERING

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5906

Famous Australian women

Annan
Griffiths
Meagher

Anthony
Hanson
Mia Wasikowska

Bashir
Hart
Minogue

Bishop
Hinze
Olivia

Boyle
Ilsa
Rice

Cate Blanchett
Imbruglia
Ruby Rose

Chapman
Kelly
Teresa Palmer

Farr
Kernot
Tina Arena

Flo
Kylie
Trunfio

Fraser
Lyons
Ward

Gibney
Magda
Watt

Greer
McKay

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S WORDS PUZZLE.
Across the continent

Covering the city by the bay since 2001.
To advertise, email cindy@smdp.com or call 310.458.7737
SATURDAY | JULY 15

**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 Dill 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 we 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

SUNDAY | JULY 16

**SHARK FEEDING**

Feast on a little knowledge while our swell stereotypes and prejudices. Follow on Twitter @SantaMonicaLibr for updates. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pico Branch Amphitheater.

MONDAY | JULY 17

**SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION**

The Arts Commission of the City of Santa Monica exists to ensure a regular and ongoing exposure to art in its various forms. Civic Center government and enrich the lives of all citizens by and encourage the arts as a service of local assessment of arts programs in the City, develop

THURSDAY | JULY 20

**ACTIVE AGING MULTIMODAL OUTING**

The Active Aging multimodal outing provides a comprehensive experience of walking, biking, and taking transit in one set for older adults. This outing is not only a fun group hangout but also shares tips for seamless transferring between different modes of active transportation. Meeting Location: WIDE & Healthy Aging (527 4th St # 2) Bike Route: Expo Bike Path Cost: Free!

WEATHER

**SUNDAY**

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Light south wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.

**SUNSET PICNIC**

Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m. Bring your favorite picnic dinner, fancy or casual, and take transit in one set for older adults. This event is sure to be a big Dill. Probably the best day of the next 7. Slow but some rideable waves to track down. Ludy, occasionally full SW swell (best west of Dumal) primary as S swell eases. There’s a little NW winds well blending in.

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission of the City of Santa Monica exists to ensure a regular and ongoing exposure to art in its various forms. Civic Center government and enrich the lives of all citizens by and encourage the arts as a service of local assessment of arts programs in the City, develop

**DAILY LOTTERY**

**DAILY3**

- **Colors:** 10 17 33 51 64
- **Megapick:** 5
- **Jackpot:** $500 M

**SuperLotto**

- **Numbers:** 10 20 22 52 60 64 66
- **Megapick:** 7
- **Jackpot:** $50 M

**Daily Derby**

- **Number:** 3
- **Race Time:** 1:41.62

**Draw Date:** 7/12
- **Numbers:** 23 35 46 66 67
- **Powerball:** 20
- **Jackpot:** $75 M

**Draw Date:** 7/13
- **Numbers:** 23 35 46 66 67
- **Powerball:** 20
- **Jackpot:** $75 M

**Draw Date:** 7/13
- **Numbers:** 23 35 46 66 67
- **Powerball:** 20
- **Jackpot:** $75 M

**Draw Date:** 7/13
- **Numbers:** 23 35 46 66 67
- **Powerball:** 20
- **Jackpot:** $75 M

For help submitting an event, contact us at 310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com
Avoid the 405 with 10 primary care offices

The doctor’s office tailor-made for Los Angeles.

One Medical makes it easy to get in-person primary care and 24/7 virtual care for your body and mind. Visit us in our comfortable, modern offices or right from your phone — our providers will make you feel seen, heard, and cared for.

- 10 primary care offices in the area
- 24/7 on-demand virtual care via message or video
- Improved appointment lengths with minimal wait
- Request prescription refills via our app
- Simple referral process for specialists

Get $55* off your 1st year of membership with code: SMDPOM
Learn more at onemedical.com/smdp

*Terms & conditions apply