Councilmember Phil Brock harassed and pelted on Third Street Promenade

City Councilmember and lifelong resident of Santa Monica, Phil Brock, together with his partner Kathryn Boole, were involved in an unfortunate altercation on the Third Street Promenade on Sunday afternoon.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, the suspect, Sawyer Walden Allee (20) was arrested and booked for battery and grand theft from a person. He has a court date set for the end of August.

Speaking to the Daily Press, Brock explained that at approximately 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 17, outside 1335 Third Street, the pair observed a gentleman ripping up flyers and throwing them on the ground. Upon requesting that he put them in the trash, the gentleman, Allee, responded only with expletives, so Brock himself went to pick them up and deposit them in a nearby garbage can.

At this point, Allee moved to confront Brock, who politely advised him against it. Turning his back and walking away, both Brock and Allee appeared to show interest in Councilman Brock's hat quite early on in the interaction.

Part 1: Crime is still below pre-pandemic levels.

Hollywood plunges into all-out war on the heels of pandemic and a streaming revolution

To get a sense of just how much animosity is flying around Hollywood these days, watch how Ron Perlman responded to a report that the studios aimed to prolong a strike long enough for writers to lose their homes.

Perlman, the hulking, gravel-voiced actor of “Hellboy,” leaned into the camera in a since-deleted Instagram live video to vent his anger. “Listen to me, mother-(expletive),” Perlman said. “There’s a lot of ways to lose your house.”

Three years after the pandemic brought Hollywood to a standstill, the film and TV industry has again ground to a halt. This time, though, the industry is engaged in a bitter battle over how streaming — after advancing rapidly during the pandemic — has upended the economics of entertainment.

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How the ‘Barbie’ soundtrack came together, according to mastermind Mark Ronson

Mark Ronson is showing off his Barbies. Scattered throughout his studio, the executive producer of the “Barbie” soundtrack — and a musical polymath known for his work with artists like Amy Winehouse and Lady Gaga — has a few “leftovers” scattered across the room. One doll is placed in a permanent split, stretched across a Moog synthesizer. Another is styled to look like primatologist Jane Goodall.

“I went to Toys R Us and I couldn’t find a single Ken,” he laughs. Fittingly, “that’s the theme of the movie.” Mattel HQ did end up sending over a few; the Ken that remains in Ronson’s studio is, appropriately, shirtless.

Finding the sound of “Barbie,” poised to become one of 2023’s biggest blockbusters, required careful consideration and research for a film with such a rich visual palette. In the end, he produced a stacked soundtrack that included Lizzo, Billie Eilish, Dua Lipa (who also acts in the movie) and more.

But it started with a simple text message. The music supervisor on the project, George Drakoulias, shot Ronson a quick, “Barbie?” Ronson read the script and was in. He also scored “Barbie” with collaborator Andrew Wyatt. Ronson is no stranger to working on music for film, but executive producing a soundtrack album and scoring an entire movie, let alone a movie of this size, was new territory. “It was a lot of learning on the job,” he says.

The soundtrack assignment began with two tracks: a pop song for a big dance number and an ’80s power ballad for Ken (name a genre with more “self-aware, bombastic silliness,” as Ronson calls it).

The former came first. Ronson came up with a chorus and beat — a detour from his first, far too obvious plan on writing “’80s, sugar-y pop,” and instead landing on a “groovy, melodic thing … with some toughness,” perfect for Dua Lipa. It became “Dance the Night,” the Lipa track featured in the film’s main trailer.

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Watchdog calls for House committee to uninvite RFK Jr. after his comments are blasted as antisemitic

Ali Swenson
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A Democratic watchdog group has called for a U.S. House committee to rescind an invitation to Robert F. Kennedy Jr. after the Democratic presidential candidate was filmed falsely suggesting COVID-19 could have been “ethnically targeted” to spare Ashkenazi Jews and Chinese people.

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Second Alzheimer’s drug in pipeline can slow the disease by a few months but with safety risk

Lauran Neergaard
AP Medical Writer

Another experimental Alzheimer’s drug can modestly slow patients’ inevitable worsening — by about four to seven months, researchers reported Monday.

Eli Lilly and Co. is seeking Food and Drug Administration approval of donanemab. If cleared, it would be only the second Alzheimer’s treatment convincingly shown to delay the mind-robbing disease — after the recently approved Leqembi from Japanese drug maker Eisai.

“Finally there’s some hope, right, that we can talk about,” Lilly’s Dr. John Sims told reporters Monday at the Alzheimer’s Association International Conference in Amsterdam.

“We don’t cure the disease,” he said. “Diabetes doesn’t have a cure either — it doesn’t mean you can’t have very meaningful treatments for patients.”

Lilly announced in May that donanemab appeared to work, but on Monday the full results of a study of 1,700 patients was published by the Journal of the American Medical Association and presented at the Alzheimer’s conference.

Both donanemab and Leqembi are lab-made antibodies, administered by IV, that target one Alzheimer’s culprit, sticky amyloid buildup in the brain. And both drugs come with a serious safety concern — brain swelling or bleeding that in the Lilly study was linked to three deaths.

Scientists say while these drugs may mark a new era in Alzheimer’s therapy, huge questions remain about which patients should try them and how much benefit they’ll really notice.

“The modest benefits would likely not be questioned by patients, clinicians or payers if amyloid antibodies were low risk, inexpensive and simple to administer. However, they are none of these,” Dr. Eric Widera of the University of California, San Francisco, wrote in a JAMA editorial accompanying Lilly’s new data.

Lilly’s study enrolled people ages 60 to 85 who were in early stages of Alzheimer’s. Half received once-a-month infusions of donanemab and half dummy infusions for 18 months.

The study had a few twists. Patients were switched to dummy infusions if enough amyloid cleared out — something that happened to about half within a year. And because amyloid alone doesn’t cause Alzheimer’s, researchers also tracked levels of another culprit in the brain — abnormal tau.

The results: Both groups declined during the 18-month study but overall those given donanemab worsened about 22% more slowly. Some patients fared better — those with low to medium tau levels saw a 35% slower decline, reflecting that the drug appears to work better in earlier stages of the disease.

How much difference does that make? It means donanemab slowed patients’ worsening by about four to seven months, the JAMA report concluded.

Another way of measuring: Among the donanemab recipients with lower tau levels, 47% were considered stable a year into the study compared with 29% of those who got the dummy version.

The main safety concern is brain swelling or bleeding, which often causes no symptoms but sometimes can be serious, even fatal. About a quarter of donanemab recipients showed evidence of that swelling, and about 20% had microbleeds.

Scientists already know that patients getting any amyloid-targeted therapy need repeat brain scans to check for those side effects — a costly and time-consuming hurdle.

Widera noted that the possibility of stopping donanemab treatment at least temporarily in people who respond well would help limit some of those challenges.

For comparison, Leqembi is given by IV every two weeks and researchers didn’t test a similar stoppage.

“It’s too soon to know if some patients might need to resume donanemab, said Lilly’s Dr. Mark Mintun. But the amyloid “doesn’t come back with any sort of vengeance,” he said, speculating that might take several years.

Another concern: More than 90% of the study’s participants were white, leaving little data about how other populations might respond, Alzheimer’s specialist Jennifer Manly of Columbia University wrote in JAMA.

Scientists have long tried and failed to slow Alzheimer’s with amyloid-targeting drugs — and the FDA’s contentious 2021 conditional approval of a drug named Adubelm was soon fizzled amid lack of evidence that it really worked. The approval of Leqembi and promising data for donanemab has reinvigorated interest in attacking amyloid buildup.

But Mintun acknowledged additional approaches are needed, saying Lilly expects results of a late-stage study of a tau-fighting drug next year.

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Then, days after he launched his presidential campaign this April, he wrote on Twitter that “the onslaught of relentless media indignation finally compelled me to apologize for a statement I never made in order to protect my family.”

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Something is clearly off with California’s homelessness spending
KERRY JACKSON AND WAYNE WINEGARDEN

California put aside $72 billion to address homelessness in the 2021-22 state budget. Last year, there were an estimated 172,000 homeless statewide, which equates to spending nearly $42,000 per homeless person. Spending of this magnitude — which only accounts for state money — is sufficient if it were applied effectively. The worsening crisis indicates that something is off with how the state spends its resources.

This perspective is important in light of a comprehensive homeless survey by UC San Francisco. Many of its findings are enlightening, but too many of its suggestions call for more spending.

It strains credulity to believe that spending $42,000 per person is insufficient, but if bumped up to $45,000, all will be OK. California does not have the worst-in-the-nation homeless crisis because it spends too little.

Continued calls for more government subsidies supporting the state’s ineffective housing-first approach will waste money while failing to alleviate the emergency.

The survey confirms some things we already know such as most of the homeless in California (78%) are unsheltered. It also provides essential information to help sustainably address homelessness, such as the pivotal role housing unaffordability plays in driving the problem.

Solutions require policymakers to rethink their premises. The UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative does recommend some innovative policies, such as establishing homeless courts as also advocated by Gov. Gavin Newsom. While neither a perfect nor sweeping solution, a court system ordering treatment programs for the homeless could make a difference.

If the effort has the necessary scope and force, it can help move homeless people suffering from mental illness and addiction into a setting of care rather than the current invisible asylum of “the street, the jail, and the emergency room.”

Other suggestions merely throw money at the current ineffective government-run programs, a poor strategy bound to fail.

Instead, California should fund well-run and fully accountable private groups that help homeless people gain control, address any issues and then become self-sufficient. The “California Way” bias has blinded lawmakers from successful initiatives in other states and tailoring them to West Coast needs. Partnerships and nonprofits in Virginia, Tennessee and elsewhere have shown that they can sustainably address homelessness through novel methods, flexibility and personalization.

Another flaw is the government’s focus on “controlling the cost of housing” rather than removing disincentives driving the housing shortage. As rising inflation reminds us, you don’t lower the cost of anything by throwing money at people. We need to incentivize more housing supply by lowering costs and construction time through deregulation and avoiding harmful policies like rent control that worsen housing unaffordability.

The richest target for deregulation is also the state’s most firmly entrenched law: the California Environmental Quality Act. While well-intended when enacted in 1970, it has become a destructive force derailing “the possibility of homeownership” among the “hardworking members of Latino, Black and other minority communities,” says Jennifer Hernandez, an environmental and land-use lawyer who has documented CEQA’s long list of litigation abuses.

Both Newsom and before him Gov. Jerry Brown have publicly supported CEQA reform, which is a start. A better plan would be a legislative initiative to repeal and replace.

Concerns that dismantling CEQA would invite environmental mayhem are overblown. Fresh legislation relying on the volumes of knowledge gained in protecting the environment since CEQA became law, and including provisions that would prevent it from becoming another tool for abuse should not be beyond the abilities of lawmakers.

Spending $42,000 a year per homeless person is wheel-spinning on a grand scale. It shows a lack of reflection and a poverty of ideas. The progressive policy framework has made no progress on homelessness. It shouldn’t be too much to ask lawmakers to rethink their premises.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
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Gone to the dogs
Luca Bentivoglio

I don’t understand why place signs with NO DOGS ALLOWED, if dogs are actually allowed. What is it, yes or no? Dogs at the beach, dogs at the children’s playground (reside in front of Douglas Park), dogs at Farmer’s Market and no one seems to enforce it. It’s like these dog owners are special people with special privileges and God forbid you bring up to them. I thought laws were meant to obey. When will the City of Santa Monica take some action?

Thanks,
HOLLYWOOD
FROM PAGE 1

America screenwriters who have been on strike since May, a smaller clash went nuclear just in time for the release of “Oppenheimer.” As striking actors and writers mobilized to mob studio lots and streamer headquarters, Puck’s Matthew Belloni wrote, “The town is burning to the ground.”

“You cannot change the business model as much as it has changed and not expect the contract to change, too,” said Fran Drescher, SAG-AFTRA president, in a fiery press conference announcing the strike. “We’re not going to keep doing incremental changes on a contract that no longer honors what is happening right now with this business model that was foisted upon us.”

“What are we doing?” she added. “Moving around furniture on the Titanic?”

Disaster also loomed in Hollywood when COVID-19 in March 2020 shuttered movie theaters, emptied TV studios and shut down all production. The recovery is still ongoing. Over the weekend, one of the first major film productions shut down by the pandemic — “Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One” — only just reached theaters. And as its big-but-not-blockbuster opening showed, some of pre-pandemic Hollywood still just hasn’t returned. Box office remains about 20-25% off the pre-pandemic pace.

“We’ve talked about disruptive forces on this business and all the challenges we’re facing, the recovery from COVID which is ongoing. It’s not completely back,” Disney CEO Bob Iger said Thursday. “This is the worst time in the world to add to that disruption.”

Though many of the demands of SAG-AFTRA and the WGA are longstanding, much of the current dispute gathered force in the helter-skelter days of the pandemic. A digital land rush to streaming ensued, as studios, in many cases, hurried to craft their Netflix competitors. Subscriber growth and streaming profitability has remained elusive. The Walt Disney Co. says Disney+ will get there in fall 2024; Warner Bros. Discovery, which has taken the extreme step of canceling finished productions to reshape its streaming strategy, says Max will start making money this year.

Many are now girding for a prolonged stoppage that, if carried into September, would greatly impact the fall TV schedule and the film festivals (Venice, Telluride, Toronto) that launch awards season contenders. Drescher said she “couldn’t believe” how far apart her union and AMPTP are.

Ronny Regé, who penned the book “Working in Hollywood: How the Studio System Turned Creativity into Labor,” thinks this strike could play out similarly to the 1960 stoppage, when actors struck for about a month but the writers’ strike dragged on.

“I hate to bring up the cliche but history repeats itself,” says Regé. “Like in 1960, there’s a good chance the actors will reach a deal sooner than the writers. Now we’re dealing with very different companies. These are conglomerates that have other businesses. I’m not sure if (Amazon chairman Jeff) Bezos really cares.

There are also differences that favor the writers. In 1960, the strike by SAG (whose president was a then-Democrat Ronald Reagan) was fiercely opposed by some other guilds, including the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), which represents below-the-line crew members. This time, the actors and writers have near-universal support throughout the guilds. IATSE, notably, is set to negotiate its own new contract next year.

“The urgency of this moment cannot be overstated. Our industry is at a crossroads, and the actions taken now will affect the future of labor relations in Hollywood and beyond,” Matthew D. Loeb, IATSE president, said in a statement. “Their fight today foreshadows our fight tomorrow.”

Cooler heads could prevail. Perlman, for his part, later apologized for getting so heated. He implored studio executives to find “a degree of humanity.”

“It can’t all be about your (expletive) Porsche and your (expletive) stock prices,” said Perlman. “There’s got to be dignity if we’re going to hold a mirror up and reflect human experiences, which is what we do as actors and writers.”

Aron Ranen contributed to this report.
HAT
FROM PAGE 1

and Boole were then struck by first the warm, sticky liquid contents of a soda bottle and then the bottle itself, as Alle continued to shout, yell and scream incoherently.

Brock and Boole both called the SMPD and simultaneously tried to distance themselves from each other, but he remained close by and began following them as they walked away, towards Santa Monica Blvd. Then Alle tried to snatch the white budget-style hat that Brock was wearing. A tussle ensued as the couple tried to get a grip on his phone and his hat. The struggle ultimately failed as Alle was able to grab said hat.

“At that point, I was like, ‘I’m not gonna let him steal my hat’ and I kept telling him to give me back the hat, give me back the hat,” Brock said, adding, “As I tried to grab it, he stumbled backwards and fell and I ended up trying to hold him down.”

Brock shouted to a nearby community ambassador to go and get Public Safety Officers from the community policing station and they rushed to the scene along with five SMPD units that arrived shortly afterwards.

“He was put into a SUV and transported away and we gave statements. Then we walked home, a very sticky walk home because whatever it was that he’d had in the bottle was like Gatorade, Coke Cola, something really sticky and syrupy, we were covered with it,” Brock said, adding, “But we got changed, got back into the car, went out for dinner and went to see a movie. We did not let it intimidate us nor deter us from going back to our promenade.”

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BARBIE
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It speaks to why the “Barbie” soundtrack spans pop genres, including a reggaeton track courtesy of Karol G, “Watati,” bubblegum K-pop from girl group Fifty Fifty featuring Kalili in “Barbie Dreams,” and the falsetto-touched piano ballad “What Was I Made For?” by Billie Eilish.

For Atlantic Records, who released the soundtrack, collaboration and diversity was key.

“All of these artists were brought in early on to do screenings with Mark, Greta, and the filmmakers. They would see scenes they were going to write their music to,” says Brandon Davis, executive vice president and co-head of pop A&R at the label. “Each of these artists wrote lyrics about the specific ways Barbie was important to them.”

Ronson echoes the sentiment.

“Karen G was like, ‘I’m here because I love Barbie. I wasn’t expecting this incredible film. This is awesome,’” he says. “And HAIM had this encyclopedic knowledge. The only VHS they were allowed in the ‘90s, when they were kids, was this one Barbie thing. They knew every song.”

Others were tasked with a prompt: Lizzo’s “Pink,” which ends with a voiceover from Helen Mirren, was inspired by the lead Barbie, played by Margot Robbie, living through her perfect day. And because the film is a comedy with real-world complications, humor informed a lot of the songwriting: It’s in Dominic Fike’s “Hey Blondie” as well as the many samples of Charli XCX’s “Speed Drive.”

(“Soundtracks” are an area where we cracked the code and figured out how to make it work in a way where we support our partners creatively,” says Kevin Weaver, president of Atlantic Records West Coast, citing Atlantic’s work on other major soundtracks like from the “Fast & Furious” franchise, “The Fault in Our Stars,” and “The Greatest Showman,” which produced massive hits like Wiz Khalifa and Charlie Puth’s “See You Again,” Charli XCCX’s “Boom Clap,” and “This Is Me,” respectively.

But unlike those films, part of the acquisition process for “Barbie” required a trip to the doll factory, where Atlantic executives got to witness the doll-making process from inception to completion.

When working with legendary intellectual property, a soundtrack comes with some risks. Do you bring back Aqua’s 1997 hit “Barbie Girl,” or do you reimagine it? Surely Nicki Minaj must be featured — her fans are called Barbz.

“I remember — no offense — that I had a song on the “Ghostbusters” remake and I think six of the 12 songs were reinterpretations of Ray Parker Jr.’s “Ghostbusters” theme,” says Ronson. “It all dovetailed into the single we have with Nicki Minaj and Ice Spice,” he continued, referencing the reworking of “Barbie Girl.”

“I’ve never really executive produced something before,” Ronson says. “I love this film. We had an amazing partner in Atlantic Records.

“And then doing the score, but it was a lot of learning on the job. It was still a job that I’ve never really done before. It’s fun to show people different scenes and get them to dream big.”

CRIME
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to an unrelated call at about 6:10 a.m. when officers were called to the intersection of 14th and Wilshire for a report of a body in the street. Upon arrival, they found a man lying in the street, next to the curb.

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (July 18)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You’ll get out of a sticky situation, resist a temptation or go around the pitfall you once fell into. You’ll be graded by people you didn’t even know were watching.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There will be enlightening discussion on topics such as the finer things in life, what falls into the category, what’s worth paying for and how much. New purchases will reflect your changing priorities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There’s something you’re fighting for, though you’re not making a big show about it, which is to your advantage. Continue the low-key, patient and persistent approach. In the end you’ll apply the element of surprise and take the victory.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You wish you didn’t want validation from certain people, but the need for approval and acceptance is primal. If you care a little more than you want to, just remember this phase is part of the human condition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are many reasons to keep better track of your accomplishments. Make a ritual of reminding yourself of all you’ve done and are capable of. It will bolster your self-esteem and empower you to follow your dreams.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don’t like help with what you could easily do for yourself. Are you being too strict in this regard? Sure, you could do it all, but would it be wise or prudent? You’ll get offers. What’s the harm in accepting?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). You hate to be bored, but without boredom you’d never have amassed the remarkable experiences that make you who you are. Think of boredom as a signal to say, “thank you, next” and get on with learning something new about the world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Tune into the feeling in a room and how the energy is flowing. Bring enough for everyone. Inclusion will be very important. Is everyone in on the group text? Are there enough chairs? Is everyone seen, heard and informed?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You’ll be adding new friends to your life. Do it mindfully. One sweet relationship can brighten your whole world. Keep an eye out for the generous souls — the ones who give without inquiring about the tax write-off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Advances aren’t always made with action, effort and doing. Sometimes the most elevated move is to lower yourself. Sometimes the best response is silence. Today, something is improved through simply stopping.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are many small victories to honor. Go on and be “extra” about it, because if you don’t make something special out of such events, then when would celebrations occur? Not often enough!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things happen in crowds that don’t normally occur in small groups of people who are in the same room. Keep in mind that the bigger the group, and the more anonymous people feel, the more likely some will be to heed to baser instincts.

Solutions to yesterday’s Crossword:

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61. Star Wars princess
62. Free of clutter
65. Pungent slice on a burger
66. Envelope’s routing abbr.
67. Marathon or sprint
68. Large bags of potatoes
69. Tiny
70. “Small” suffix for kitchen

**DOWNS**
1. Crunchy sandwich letters
2. ___ de Cologne
3. Strict control
4. Fire-setting crime
5. Island near Oahu
6. Sound of a happy tabby
7. Spherical map
8. Large quantity
9. White gemstone
10. “Same here”
11. Hospital prep area
12. Lacks possession of
14. Stir-fry vegetable
20. Behind schedule
21. Curved part of the foot
22. Snake charmer’s snake
23. Subtle glows
28. How takeout orders are placed
29. People bringing court cases
31. “__ your pardon!”
33. Author unknown: Abbrev.
34. Chromosome component

**ON THE RISE** by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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**PUZZLES**

There’s nothing like spending time in your preferred company. You’ll have the partnership of people who really get you and complement your strengths. More highlights: a robust learning experience sometimes, and other times skipping straight to the “test” and magically acing it. Creativity will take over where the money leaves off to much applause and acclaim. Gemini and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 8, 12, 16 and 33.

Solutions to yesterday’s Sudoku:

Sudoku

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

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

Tourist attractions

Solutions to yesterday's words puzzle.

Holidays are over
**TUESDAY | JULY 18**

**DROP-IN EVENT: HANDS-ONLY CPR**
The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is coming once a month to provide drop-in hands-only CPR training. Come anytime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., it only takes about 10 minutes to complete the training. This training is:
- A life-saving skill that will help you feel more confident to respond in an emergency.
- CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths
- Only to be used on teens or adults
- No documents are required from anyone who would like to be trained.
Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive
Pacific Palisades

**AN EVENING WITH LISA SEE**
Renowned author Lisa See speaks on her process and the research behind her new book Lady Tan’s Circle of Women, one of this year’s Santa Monica Reads selections. Ms. See will sign books after her talk, and copies will be on sale.
Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY | JULY 19**

**BIZ@SUNSET MIXER**

**THE PICTURE DAY SHOW**
The Picture Day Show: stand-up comedy by national touring comics and LA’s best up-and-comers! Catch big comics on a small, intimate stage. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave., F4 Santa Monica, CA
https://jetbook.co/e/the-picture-day-show

**FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC**
Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30 - 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park (2200 Virginia Ave). Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp

**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: WISE & Healthy Aging (527 4th St # 2) Bike Route: Expo Bike Path Cost: Free! Transit fare will be covered by Active Aging Pilot Program.

**FRIDAY | JULY 21**

**SEASIDE STORYTIME WITH SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Join in the courtyard as librarians from Santa Monica Public Library share ocean-themed stories, songs, and action rhymes. For ages 2 and up. No registration required. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**LOVEBUG AND ME**
Enjoy this musical storytime for little ones at the LoveBug & Me Music. For ages 0-2.
Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. The book selection for July 20 is Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara, one of the selections for Santa Monica Reads All Summer Long, our Adult Summer Reading program. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

**SUNSET PICNIC**
It’s Sunset Picnic at Annenberg Beach House! Bring your favorite picnic dinner, fancy or casual, bring your family and friends, and your fun activities — games, dominoes, checkers. Enjoy a fun, casual beachfront summer evening with a musical duo vibing in the background and S’mores for dessert. (no glass or alcohol are allowed). Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy 5 - 8 p.m.

**WEATHER**

**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

- Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 76.

**TODAY!**

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**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

- One of the smaller days in some time unless NW windswept nudges in. Tiny southerly swells.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

- Dog days of summer with just a tiny mix of swells on offer. Flat or close to it across most of the region.

**Surf Report**

**Tuesday**

- Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 76.

**Wednesday**

- Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

**Weather**

- Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, with a high near 76.

**Wednesday**

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**Surf Report**

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**WEDNESDAY POOR TO FAIR**

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**Water Temp:** 68.0

**Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.**
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