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# SMMUSD prepares to move to new headquarters next to Samohi




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**HQ:** The school district headquarters will move to 4th Street this week.

**GRACE INEZ ADAMS**
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is moving.

Two years after the District's decision to purchase an office building next to Santa Monica High School (near the corner of 4th St. and Olympic Blvd.), the day has finally come to make the transition to what officials say is a larger, more convenient location.

Interim Superintendent Mark Kelly said last week that he expects offices at the current 1651 16th St. space to be mostly vacated by Feb. 10 with a goal to get moved into the

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# Cultural Affairs department under new management

**SCOTT SNOWDEN**
SMDP Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica has a new Cultural Affairs Manager as Shannon Daut steps down and Sofia Klatzker steps up. Daut not only leaves the role, but also the city and state as she relocates back to Colorado. She held the role for nearly seven years.

"I will greatly miss the wonderful Cultural Affairs team and the arts community here, and will always cherish the work we were able to accomplish together," Daut said in the latest edition of the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs newsletter.

"When the world turned upside down in March of 2020, our work changed significantly—but even through the upheaval I am proud we were able to create new initiatives and approaches to how and why we do the work we do in service to our community," she said.

Klatzker most recently served as the Vice President, Strategy for the award-winning 99% Invisible podcast where she focused on strategic planning and

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# SMPD's New Officers

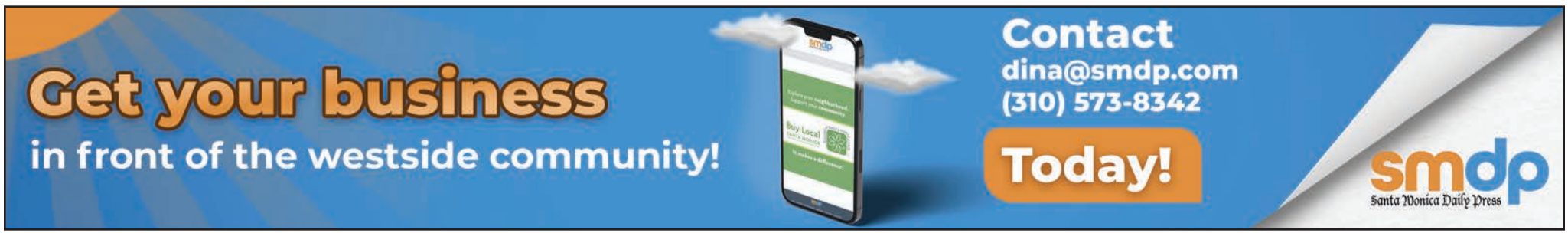







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**SWORN IN:** The Santa Monica Police Department continues to hire new officers as the organization seeks to fill long standing vacancies and replace retiring officers. Last week, SMPD welcomed four new officers and celebrated three promotions. For more information visit https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/santamonica.



# Retailers try to curb theft while not angering shoppers

**ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**
AP Business Writer

When the pandemic threat eased, Maureen Holohan was eager to scale back her online shopping and return to physical stores so she could more easily compare prices and scour ingredients on beauty and health care products for herself and her three children.

But that experience was short lived. In the past six months or so, CVS, Target and other retailers where Holohan shops have been locking up more everyday items like deodorant and laundry detergent as a way to reduce theft. And the 56-year-old Chevy Chase, Maryland resident is now back to shopping online or visiting stores where she doesn't have to wait for someone to retrieve products.

"I know they've got to do something, but locking the stuff up definitely just has me walking by that aisle," said Holohan, a business consultant.

Across the retail landscape, businesses have been putting items under lock and key as a quick way to stop thieves. Some are considering extreme measures, including Rite Aid Corp., whose chief retail officer Andre Persaud told analysts on an earnings call late last year that it's looking at "literally putting everything behind showcases to ensure the products are there for customers who want to buy it." It's also considering using off-duty police officers at some of its stores.

But by trying to solve one problem, these businesses may be creating another: turning off shoppers with overreaching measures.




Scott Snowden

**TARGET:** Companies are keeping products under lock and key

"Everything has changed. We used to be catered to," said Sheila Schlegel, 43, of Queens, New York.

But now, "if you're coming to the store, there's one person at that store, and that person you can tell has been there for 15 hours," said Schlegel, who recalled an incident where she waited for a sales clerk to unlock an item only to be told he didn't have the key. "You don't want to ask them for something if you don't have to."

For consumers of color especially, the stepped-up security measures risk alienating a population that already feels overpoliced. That could unravel some of the inroads that chains like CVS, Sephora and Walmart made in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder in 2020, when they promised to avoid racially biased practices like locking up products only for Black customers.

"Whenever there's a push toward greater criminalization, whenever there's a narrative of increased crime and things like that, it is always consumers of color that are going to be bearing the brunt," said Tiffany Gill, associate professor of history at Rutgers University, and an expert in African American Women's History, fashion and beauty culture.

CVS Health Corp. and Sephora declined to comment for the story. Walmart said that its position of not locking up beauty products for women of color remains the same. Target confirmed it was locking up more products but instead of targeting certain items, it locks up entire categories.

It's unclear how much money retailers are losing due to organized retail crime — or if the problem has substantially increased. But the issue has received more notice in the past few years as high-profile smash-and-grab retail thefts and flash mob robberies have garnered national media attention.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, said its latest security survey of roughly 60 retailers found that inventory loss — called shrink — clocked in at an average rate of 1.4% last year, representing $94.5 billion in losses.

The greatest portion of shrink — 37% — came from external theft, including products taken during organized shoplifting incidents, the trade group said. It also noted retailers, on average, saw a 26.5% uptick in organized theft incidents last year.

But while high theft in stores depletes inventory and limits sales, locking up items also reduces sales — by 15% to 25%, according

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# What to Watch: New political vibes this State of the Union

**AAMER MADHANI AND COLLEEN LONG**
Associated Press

Look for new faces and fresh political dynamics as President Joe Biden delivers this year's State of the Union address, coupled with attention to some old problems brought back into painful focus by recent events.

The president on Tuesday night will stand before a joint session of Congress for the first time since voters in the midterm elections handed control of the House to Republicans. Biden, like presidents past, will make the case that the nation is strong and that better days lie ahead. But he finds himself in choppy waters as he passes the halfway mark of his term.

After a series of legislative victories during the first two years of Biden's term, Republicans are looking to undo some of his early wins. Recent mass shootings and a police killing in Memphis, Tennessee, have brought renewed focus to the issues of gun violence and excessive police force. And on the foreign policy front, Biden faces the formidable task of keeping a Western alliance — and the American electorate — united behind Ukraine in its effort to repel Russia's ongoing invasion. He's also dealing with fallout from the U.S. downing of a suspected Chinese spy balloon that floated across the U.S. last week. On top of all that, a special counsel is investigating how classified information from Biden's days as vice president and senator ended up at his Delaware home and former office.

Some things to watch for on Tuesday night:

**WHERE DO I WATCH OR LISTEN?**

The speech is set for 9 p.m. EST and will be broadcast by the major networks and cable news TV channels. The AP will livestream the speech at APNews.com. The White House plans to stream it on its website, and make it available on its YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages. Live coverage will also be provided by C-SPAN, C-SPAN Radio and C-SPAN.org. NPR is streaming the speech on its website, npr.org, and on its app, in addition to offering live coverage to its member radio stations.

**BIDEN V. MCCARTHY**

It will be new GOP House Speaker Kevin McCarthy wielding the gavel and seated behind Biden on the dais this time rather than Democrat Nancy Pelosi. Watch the body language between the two — and how Republican legislators treat Biden overall after some sharp GOP outbursts from the audience last year.

The president and new speaker recently had a productive first sit-down but are at an impasse over the nation's borrowing limit. Republicans have refused to raise the statutory debt limit unless Biden accepts cuts in federal spending. Biden has said raising the cap is not up for negotiation, and Congress must pay the nation's bills or the country will face economic calamity.

The Democratic president last week said McCarthy made "absolutely off the wall" commitments to win the speakership. Biden's rhetorical jabs might not be so sharp in the formal address, but look for him to more subtly argue that there's an enormous chasm between how he and Republicans approach the economy, health care and Social Security.

**GUN VIOLENCE AND POLICING**

The parents of Tyre Nichols, who was severely beaten by police officers in Memphis and later died, are expected to be in the audience for Biden's address. So is Brandon Tsay, who disarmed the gunman who shot and killed 11 people last month in Monterey Park, California, along with others who jumped in during recent mass shootings.

Watch how Biden, in their presence, speaks to the recent rash of mass shootings and the beating death of Nichols, after his past efforts to address gun violence and police excesses have been sharply restricted by resistance in Congress.

**NEW FACES**

There will be plenty of new faces in the crowd as Biden addresses the nation. The nation has a new Supreme Court justice since last year's address in Ketanji Brown Jackson, and in recent years justices have tended to attend addresses by the president who nominated them. There are new legislators from both parties, as well. Among those getting outsized attention: Rep. George Santos, the New York Republican who has been in the spotlight for embellishments and lies about his education, work experience and other aspects of his personal and professional life.

**THE CHINESE BALLOON**

Look for Biden to talk about his decision to have the military shoot down a suspected Chinese surveillance balloon on Saturday, but how tough will he be on China?

His comments on the balloon will be part of a broader section on countering China's more assertive economic and military actions around the world.

**WHAT NEXT IN UKRAINE?**

Biden has repeatedly said the U.S. is committed to helping Ukraine "as long as it takes" to beat back Russia. The United States has already committed nearly $30 billion in security assistance since the start of the war.

Polls show Americans r emain broadly in favor of providing support to Ukraine as it tries to fend off Russia. Administration officials, however, have made clear to Ukraine that Congress' patience with the cost of war is not endless.

Look for Biden to spotlight that Ukraine has been able to stay in the fight with a more formidable Russian military because of U.S. and allies' generosity. He'll also try to spell out why Americans must remain committed to a war that has ramifications far beyond Europe.

**CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT PROBE**

Will Biden bring it up? Not likely.

After criticizing his predecessor, Republican President Donald Trump, for holding on to classified documents after his presidency, Biden now finds himself in

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# Biden 2024? Most Democrats say no thank you: AP-NORC poll

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Associated Press

A majority of Democrats now think one term is plenty for President Joe Biden, despite his insistence that he plans to seek reelection in 2024.

That's according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research that shows just 37% of Democrats say they want him to seek a second term, down from 52% in the weeks before last year's midterm elections.

While Biden has trumpeted his legislative victories and ability to govern, the poll suggests relatively few U.S. adults give him high marks on either. Follow-up interviews with poll respondents suggest that many believe the 80-year-old's age is a liability, with people focused on his coughing, his gait, his gaffes and the possibility that the world's most stressful job would be better suited for someone younger.

"I, honestly, think that he would be too old," said Sarah Overman, 37, a Democrat who works in education in Raleigh, North Carolina. "We could use someone younger in the office."

As the president gives his State of the Union address Tuesday, he has a chance to confront fundamental doubts about his competence to govern. Biden has previously leaned heavily on his track record to say that he's more than up to the task. When asked if he can handle the office's responsibilities at his age, the president has often responded as if he's accepting a dare: "Watch me."

Democratic candidates performed better than expected in the 2022 midterm elections, a testament to Biden's message that he is defending democracy and elevating the middle class. Democrats expanded their control of the Senate by one seat and narrowly lost their House majority even though history indicated there would be a Republican wave.

When asked about the survey's findings at Monday's news briefing, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre indicated that the results in last year's election mattered more than polling numbers.

"The way that we should look at this is what we saw from the midterms," said Jean-Pierre, noting that the relative Democratic successes were "because the president went out there and spoke directly to the American people."

Overall, 41% approve of how Biden is handling his job as president, the poll shows, similar to ratings at the end of last year. A majority of Democrats still approve of the job Biden is doing as president, yet their appetite for a reelection campaign has slipped despite his electoral track record. Only 22% of U.S. adults overall say he should run again, down from 29% who said so before last year's midterm elections.

The decline among Democrats saying Biden should run again for president appears concentrated among younger people. Among Democrats age 45 and over, 49% say Biden should run for reelection, nearly as many as the 58% who said that in October. But among those under age 45, 23% now say he should run for reelection, after 45% said that before the midterms.

Linda Lockwood, a Democrat and retiree from Kansas City, Kansas, said she is not that worried about Biden's age.

"He seems to be in pretty good condition in my opinion and that's coming from a 76-year-old woman," Lockwood said. "You might be a little more careful going down the steps as you get older, but if your brain is still working, that's the important part."

Already the oldest president in U.S. history, Biden has been dogged by questions about his age as he would be 86 if he serves a full eight years as president. He often works long days, standing for hours, remembering the names of strangers he meets while traveling who want to

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# Column: Sloppy race clouds NASCAR's return to LA Coliseum

**JENNA FRYER**
AP Auto Racing Writer

Bubba Wallace said his back and neck hurt following the bumping and banging of NASCAR's first event of the new year, an exhibition that Kyle Larson called "very violent for the majority of the race."

Austin Dillon was shocked at the aggressiveness shown Sunday night at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, especially early in the race, when he found his head going "bang, bang, back and forth, every corner" in a sloppy, caution-filled game of bumper cars.

> "There was nothing but just hammer each other and hope to come out the other side"
> - Austin Dillon

"There was nothing but just hammer each other and hope to come out the other side," said Dillon, who added that he told new teammate Kyle Busch that the steering wheel was knocked out of his hands on a particularly hard hit to the back of his Chevrolet. "You're taking some pretty good blows out there and trying to stay calm."

NASCAR brought its preseason Busch Light Clash back to the Coliseum for a second consecutive year to race on a temporary quarter-mile track inside the iconic venue. The show was a smashing success a year ago — NASCAR used heat races, last-chance qualifiers, a prerace concert and a halftime show — to dazzle a new audience that included a packed USC student section.

It was going to be impossible to duplicate the success this year — even with a Wiz Khalifa halftime set — but it wasn't supposed to be so messy. The inaugural event had just five cautions; Sunday night was marred by 25 cautions and a long stretch after the seven-minute Wiz Khalifa set in which the drivers struggled to complete two consecutive laps under green.

The racing was so amateur that it probably killed any chance of turning a third trip to the Coliseum into a points-awarding race, which seemed plausible just a day earlier. Auto Club Speedway in nearby Fontana is set to be renovated following its Cup race later this month, and its track president said the facility wouldn't be ready to host racing in 2024.

The absence of Auto Club next year puts pressure on NASCAR to remain in the Southern California market, and "a race that counts" at the Coliseum could have filled the void. But the drivers blasted that idea.

Martin Truex Jr., who went winless last season and nearly retired, won Sunday night and gave a flat "No," when asked if the race should count in the future. The Clash was run at Daytona International Speedway from its 1979 inception until last year, when NASCAR moved it to the Coliseum because, frankly, a special race wasn't so special anymore at Daytona.

The Coliseum idea was fresh and new, and it energized the industry for the start of an important season in which NASCAR launched a new car. The Clash at the Coliseum is what it is, Truex said, and if it's messy and sloppy, so be it.

"Why would you want to screw it up and make it a points race? It's like a one-off deal," he said, noting that at Daytona the ever-changing eligibility rules made a boring race "all weird."

"Now this is really cool. It's got its own identity, fun race, all the way out here in a cool venue that's got a lot of history," Truex said of the Coliseum. "I think it's kind of got a good vibe to it now. Let's not maybe screw that up."

But a secondary theme emerged at the Coliseum, as most drivers believed that an offseason fix NASCAR made to the rear bumper of its Next Gen car was not such a fix after all. The rear of the new car was designed to withstand hard hits, but the durability and rigidness of the rear clip left the driver absorbing far more energy than normal in routine crashes.

It led to at least two concussions, and Kurt Busch was forced to retire because of a July crash in qualifying. He said last week that he was in nine crashes in 2022 in which the force of impact alarmed Busch and he's still not 100% healthy.

NASCAR made some fixes to soften the rear, but Wallace sounded the alarm early Sunday night when he was hit from behind.

"Uh NASCAR, rear bumper hits are still (expletive) awful," he said on his radio.

Kyle Busch said Wallace's rear bumper was visibly damaged, "so he might have been one of the ones that got hit the hardest." He also agreed with Larson and Dillon, who said the violence inside the car "still doesn't feel good."

"Truthfully, it didn't really feel much different at that speed and just the bumper car action that you get through the middle of the corner," Kyle Busch said. "Like Austin said, when you get hit a few times, your head is getting jacked into the back of the headrest and you're getting the whiplash effect. But (the lack of) damage to the cars... like front and rear, underneath, you have no idea (it was a hard hit). But it's still a brunt of a hit."

Next up is the Daytona 500, where top speeds will be more than double the roughly 80-plus mph the drivers were doing at the Coliseum. And, the nature of the racing at Daytona typically requires one driver to slam into the back of the car in front of him to create the force needed to move through traffic.

But if the drivers are concerned, they didn't go out of their way Sunday night to sound the alarm.

"I think the positive part is NASCAR has showed us things that they're trying to do to help that area of the car," Dillon said. "We're making progress. That's the biggest thing."

The progress remains to be seen, both with how NASCAR ultimately views its return to the Coliseum and if it has done enough headed into a new season to protect its drivers.

## GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# *Newsom shuns blame for California's unseemly issues*



Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

**NEWSOM:** Gov. Gavin Newsom addresses the media after a meeting with local leaders on homelessness in Sacramento on Nov. 18, 2022.

**BY DAN WALTERS**

Gov. Gavin Newsom's obvious efforts to raise his national profile have taken two forms – touting California as a societal model and criticizing red states such as Florida and Texas for their supposed shortcomings.

Increasingly, Newsom employs a third tactic – shifting blame for California's less seemly aspects.

That tendency is particularly evident in something that Californians rate as one of their top concerns – its worst-in-the-nation incidence of homelessness, manifested in thousands of squalid encampments in the state's cities.

While running for governor in 2018, Newsom promised to appoint a cabinet-level official to concentrate on homelessness but later, when reporters pressed him, responded, "You want to know who's the homeless czar?" Newsom. "I'm the homeless czar in the state of California."

Despite that self-appointed role, as homelessness continued to grow, officially approaching 200,000 people but probably much higher, Newsom began shunning responsibility.

Last year, he blamed local officials for a lack of effective action, at one point suspending state funds. He later restored the money but continued to castigate them.

"If we can't clean up the encampments and address what's happening chronically on our streets, I'm going to be hard-pressed to make a case to the Legislature to provide them one dollar more," Newsom said as he introduced a new state budget in January.

Another example of Newsom's fingerpointing occurred last week as a congressional committee dominated by Republicans delved into why states – particularly California – handed out billions of dollars in unemployment insurance benefits to fraudsters.

The state auditor had issued a report citing the Employment Development Department's "poor planning and ineffective management" for shortcomings in handling unemployment insurance claims. But the current EDD director, Nancy Farias, sent the committee a four-page letter blaming Donald Trump's administration for as much as $30 billion in fraudulent payments.

"Unfortunately, the Trump Administration expressed no interest in establishing (a) coordinated national response when these (emergency pandemic unemployment) programs were initiated in 2020, leaving states to fend for themselves against a clear pattern of sophisticated, international criminal syndicates at work," Farias' letter, which no doubt was approved by the governor's office, said.

A third example of blameshifting also popped up last week when Fresno County District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp cited Newsom's support for lenient prison policies that allowed the alleged killer of Selma policeman Gonzalo Carrasco to be released after serving just six months of a 64-month sentence for a previous crime.

"Today, Governor Gavin Newsom, and every legislator in the state of California who supports this over-reaching phenomenon they try to disguise as legitimate criminal justice reform, has the blood of this officer on their hands," Smittcamp said.

"The governor and his political allies who continue the quest to close state prisons are increasing the incidents of violence to everyone who lives in, or visits, the state of California," Smittcamp continued. "No city or county is safe from the wrath of this misguided thinking, and this mismanaged prison system."

Newsom quickly fired back, referring to the plea bargain that Smittcamp's office accepted: "She should blame herself. I've been listening to this for years from her.

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## RETAIL

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to Joe Budano, CEO of Indyme, a technology company that sells retailers security devices.

John Catsimatidis, who owns the New York supermarket chains Gristedes and D'Agostino's, said the chain has locked up more products like aspirin and deodorant in the past year but not as many as his drug store chain rivals. His chains have also doubled the number of security guards at some of its stores

He acknowledged that the move has resulted in some lost sales from impulse shopping but the added security has made shoppers more comfortable and has helped reduce theft, although he's not sure by how much.

"This is not an exact science," he said.

Store workers, meanwhile, face the pressure of trying to do their jobs while also monitoring theft. Isabela Burrows, 20, a manager at pet supplies chain PetSmart in Howell, Michigan, noted that her store in recent months has had to lock up more items like diffusers to calm dogs and cats and electric shaving shears. But while she feels more comfortable, she's also had to deal with shopper annoyance.

"I feel overwhelmed," Burrows said. "They're frustrated with me, and I have to find the item."

In what could be a sign of the overall challenges, drugstore chain Walgreens acknowledged that it might have overblown the shoplifting threat and gone too far in its security measures.

"Maybe, we cried too much last year," James Kehoe, global chief financial officer at Walgreens told analysts during an earnings call last month. "Probably we put in too much and we might step back a little bit from that."

But a Walgreens spokesman cautioned that while the company is pleased to see retail theft levels starting to stabilize, they are "still a serious national problem affecting all retailers."

Some retailers are coming out with less intrusive solutions to store theft. Home improvement retailer Lowe's has followed Home Depot in testing technology that unlocks power tools when shoppers buy them at the cash registers instead of resorting to keeping the items in cages.

Anat Shakedd, the CEO and co-founder of Nexite, a company that makes tiny Bluetooth tags that can go on items, says her company has partnered with a top department store in the U.S. and other brands across Europe and Israel to help them monitor their inventory without locking things up.

The Freedom Case, developed by Indyme, asks shoppers for a cell phone number to opt into its service. The shoppers then receive a text message with a four-digit code that lets them open the case. Customers can retain their self-service privileges as long as they show normal shopping behaviors. But if they exhibit suspicious behaviors, store workers will be notified to provide assistance, he said.

Holohan said she doesn't mind extra security guards, but she's not interested in giving out her phone number.

"It's invasive," she said. "If they're going to make it that hard to buy something, I'll find somewhere else to buy that."

AP Retail Writer Haleluya Hadero in New York contributed to this report.


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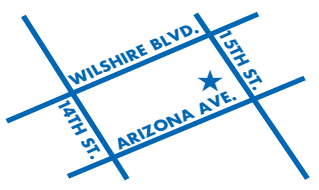
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## UNION

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the middle of a special counsel inquiry into classified documents that were found in his home and former office space.

The White House makes the case it's important to distinguish between Biden voluntarily turning over documents and the behavior of Trump, who refused to hand over hundreds of documents, prompting the FBI to raid his home.

Biden is likely to steer clear of the controversy in his address, as past presidents have tended to avoid mention of whatever's got them into difficulty.

### THE 2024 QUESTION

Biden is expected to announce he's running for reelection sometime this spring, but there's growing sentiment among voters that he should stick to one term. Will Biden address the reelection question head on? Probably not. But his speech could well be framed as an argument for an additional four years of a Biden White House. And millions of viewers will be evaluating not just Biden's words but his delivery as they weigh whether that's a good idea.

### CULTURE WARS

Arkansas' new governor, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, will deliver the Republican response to Biden's address.

Sanders has staked out ground in the early days of her term on hot cultural issues in schools by issuing executive orders targeting the teaching of critical race theory in Arkansas schools and expressing support for legislation banning instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through the third grade.

Don't expect her to hold back on the national stage in making the case that Democrats are out of touch with mainstream American values.

### THE FENCE RETURNS

It's back: the tall, imposing security fencing at the Capitol complex.

Following the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters who refused to accept Biden's election victory, a massive fence went up around the grounds as a temporary security measure.

It stayed there for six months before finally being removed. It went back up briefly before last year's State of the Union address, when Democrats were still in charge of Congress. And now it's back again for this year's address.

Associated Press writers Lisa Mascaro and Zeke Miller contributed to this report.







# What LeBron passing Kareem means to NBA, greatest debate

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When LeBron James passes Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the NBA's career scoring record, it will end Abdul-Jabbar's 39-year reign as the all-time points champion. It will shine a light on how much work James had to do over 20 seasons to catch Abdul-Jabbar. And it will show how much work somebody in the future is going to have to do in order to catch James atop the NBA list. But it will not settle the Greatest Of All Time debate, because that one cannot be settled.

It's about to happen. LeBron James is finally on the brink of passing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the NBA's career scoring record, the torch getting passed from one member of the Los Angeles Lakers to another.

James is 35 points away from Abdul-Jabbar's total of 38,387. The record-breaker could come as early as Tuesday when the Lakers host the Oklahoma City Thunder or Thursday in Los Angeles against the Milwaukee Bucks.

Here's the significance of James passing Abdul-Jabbar:

### WILL THIS RECORD BE BROKEN AGAIN?

Perhaps, but no time soon.

James is on pace to eclipse the 40,000-point mark next season and is under contract for one more season after that as well. And even then there's no guarantee that he won't continue playing; he has said many times he would like to stay in the NBA long enough for his son, LeBron James Jr. — he goes by "Bronny" — to get to the league, something that won't happen until 2024-25 at the earliest.

The closest player currently in the NBA to James on the all-time list is Brooklyn's Kevin Durant, who has 26,684 points. Durant would probably have to play at least another six or seven seasons just to catch Abdul-Jabbar's mark — and who knows how far James will raise the bar by then.

Philadelphia's James Harden and the Lakers' Russell Westbrook are just over 24,000 points apiece. Both of them are all-time greats, but they're not going to catch James.

Dallas' Luka Doncic is averaging 27.4 points per game so far in his career. But for as great as Doncic is, he'll need to average that many points for another 14 seasons or so before he gets to the 38,000-point mark.

So unless the NBA adds a 10-point shot, the record won't be broken for a very, very, very long time.

### HOW DID JAMES GET TO THIS POINT?

James entered the NBA straight out of high school; Abdul-Jabbar had a college career before he was eligible to join the league. James was 18 when he scored his first NBA points; Abdul-Jabbar was 22.

It took Abdul-Jabbar 20 seasons to get to 38,387. James will catch him in his 20th season.

James has been durable, especially over the first three-quarters of his career. He missed only 71 games in his first 15 seasons. Since joining the Lakers 4-1/2 seasons ago, he has missed nearly 100 games. But he has always avoided major injury; part of that is just good luck, but much of it is because he reportedly invests more than $1 million annually on his body.

For almost the entirety of James' career, keeping The King fit has fallen on the shoulders of Mike Mancias, one of the most-trusted members of James' inner circle. Mancias never wants any credit for his work; he shuns limelight the way James blows past defenders. But in 2019, when James was revealed as The Associated Press' male athlete of the decade for the 2010's, Mancias shed a tiny bit of light on James' work ethic.

"He does whatever it takes when it comes to fulfilling his commitments to everything," Mancias said, "especially his game and his craft."

### DIDN'T JAMES BREAK THE RECORD LAST YEAR?

Official NBA records are based solely on regular season games. Playoff games are in their own category. That's why the record, for almost 39 years now, has been Abdul-Jabbar with 38,387 points. But when adding postseason games to that total, Abdul-Jabbar actually retired with 44,149 points.

And that's the figure James — again, when adding in his playoff points — eclipsed on Feb. 12, 2022, in a Lakers loss against the Golden State Warriors. So while that is "a" record, it's not "the" record.

### DOES THIS SETTLE THE 'GOAT' DEBATE?

For those unfamiliar with the acronym, 'GOAT' is shorthand for Greatest Of All Time.

James may very well be the GOAT, based on his longevity, his accomplishments, how no one in NBA history has been so hard to stop for 20 years and counting. Abdul-Jabbar should be in the conversation as well; his sky hook — a one-handed shot released high over his head, impossible for any defender to stop without the use of a stepladder — is one of the most dominant weapons basketball has ever seen.

Michael Jordan won six NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls on his way to becoming a global icon and might have been the greatest competitor in the sport's history. Golden State's Stephen Curry is the most prolific 3-point shooter the game has ever seen and still going strong. The Lakers' Magic Johnson and Boston's Larry Bird had a rivalry that brought them both multiple championships and might have saved the NBA in the 1980's. San Antonio's Tim Duncan spent nearly two decades in the league and was maybe the most fundamentally solid player ever.

Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a game and once averaged 50 for an entire season. Kobe Bryant had an 81-point game, finished with five championships and spent years being simply unstoppable. And Bill Russell won 11 championships with the Boston Celtics.

This record doesn't even settle the debate on greatest scorer ever. James is passing Abdul-Jabbar for the most points — but Jordan still averaged the most, his 30.12 per game pace over the entirety of his career ranking just ahead of Chamberlain's 30.07. James averages around 27 per game; Abdul-Jabbar averaged around 25.

The answer to the GOAT debate is there isn't one. There are many. Personal preference prevails.

## CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### ON JANUARY 21

SMPD sworn officers responded to the 900 block of Ocean Avenue at the request of a Traffic Services Officer (TSO) for a parked and occupied stolen vehicle. While conducting normal traffic enforcement, the TSO observed a grey Honda with a traffic citation on the windshield. A check on the vehicle's license plate returned as a stolen car out of Hermosa Beach. The vehicle's occupant, Paul Muo, was arrested for grand theft auto and transported to the Santa Monica Jail and then released following a court appearance.

## SMMUSD

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new office space around the week of Feb. 21.

"We'll have some combination of working remotely and at other locations during that time and we appreciate everyone's patience during that transition," he said at the Feb. 2 Board of Education meeting.

The District announced its intention to move in October of 2020 and Board members voted to buy the office building from the Doubletree Hotel for $21 million, amid some public scrutiny.

While the decision had been discussed by the Board in closed session meetings for almost a year prior to the purchase, critics said the public was not given much of a chance to provide input before the vote.

While major Board decisions are required to be presented for public discussion, real estate negotiations are allowed to be conducted privately under the Brown Act.

At the time of the purchase, some members of the public questioned the appropriateness of buying an expensive property during the pandemic. However the Board said the move would make operations more efficient by combining all of its departments under one roof on the same block as its largest school and could become actively profitable down the line.

The new building has 31,000 square feet of space compared to 22,000 square feet in the existing office. Due to limited space at the current headquarters, the District rented out additional space for Educational Services in the back of the building and Child Development Services has worked in a separate building at 4th St. and Ashland Ave.

"It's an opportunity and this is the last chance we're going to get to do this," former Boardmember Craig Foster said at the Oct. 15, 2020 meeting. "When somebody else buys this building it's gone, and if we need to move headquarters, who knows where that's going to be or when that's going to be – it can't possibly be as convenient as this, which is actually on land we own on the Samohi campus."

The Board approved the purchase 6-1 with former Board member and current City Council member Oscar de la Torre being the only 'no' vote.

"It's almost a $30 million project and it's something that we don't really need right now," he said at the time. "No one has said we need this; it's almost like a want and we've got to respect the taxpayers."

In 2020, the District said the purchase would not impact the General Fund, and would be financed through redevelopment agency funding and by plans to lease the District's current office space. Officials said they were confident that they would be able to broker a commercial lease for the 16th St. office, which could eventually serve as a source of revenue for the General Fund to support teachers, staff and operations.

An additional update on the purchase process and the transition is expected Thursday Feb. 7 and the next Board of Education meeting on Feb 16. will still be held at the 16th St building.

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## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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implementing diversity, equity and inclusion policies, including creating pathways for women of color in podcasting.

"Sofia has a rich and diverse background in leading and producing arts programming, advocating for and supporting arts and cultural organizations, arts education and cultural equity and inclusion," said Acting Director of Community Services Danielle Noble in a statement. "She has served on local and State arts and culture councils and boards, is well-versed in governmental, non-profit and private operations and is passionate about creating innovative arts and culture experiences and possibilities."

Daut has most recently been working on bringing the international art fair Frieze LA to Santa Monica and the incorporation of a piece from the fair's Focus section of LA's emerging art galleries into the City's Art Bank collection.

Klatzker has over 20 years of professional arts experience, gained at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles County Arts Commission and Arts for LA among others. She begins her role on May 8, 2023.

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

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She has the prosecutorial discretion. Ask her what she did in terms of prosecuting that case."

Smittcamp persisted, saying, "Governor Newsom continues to demonstrate his ignorance and lack of understanding of how the criminal justice system works. His arrogant and defensive response is proof positive that he is attempting to deflect responsibility for his failed policies."

It is outrageous that the alleged killer, a self-proclaimed gang member with an extensive criminal record, was released after just six months. And it does exemplify the uber-lenient penal policies California has adopted in recent years, begun by former Gov. Jerry Brown and continued by Newsom.

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## BIDEN

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share a story about their lives with him.

Yet he's been a national political figure for a half-century, having first been elected to the Senate from Delaware in 1972, and the moments when he appears lost on stage or stumbles through speeches can garner more attention than his policies.

Voters like Ross Truckey, 35, have been watching the president carefully. A lawyer in Michigan, Truckey did not vote for Biden or Republican Donald Trump in 2020. He feels as though Biden has been the latest in a string of "subpar" presidents.

"His age and possibly his mental acuity is not where I would want the leader of the country to be," Truckey said. "He, at times, appears to be an old man who is past his prime. Sometimes I feel a little bit of pity for the guy being pushed out in front of crowds."

Biden has repeatedly emphasized in speeches that it's essential for the public to know the totality of what his administration is doing. It's notched four big legislative victories with coronavirus relief, the bipartisan infrastructure law, the CHIPS and Science Act, and tax and spending measures that help to address climate change and improve the IRS' ability to enforce the tax code and help taxpayers.

Yet just 13% have a lot of confidence in Biden's ability to accomplish major policy goals, a possible reflection of the fact that he must now work with a Republican majority in the House that wants to cut spending in return for lifting the government's legal borrowing authority.

The poll also shows only 23% of U.S. adults say they have "a great deal" of confidence in Biden to effectively manage the White House. That has ticked down from 28% a year ago and remains significantly lower than 44% two years ago, just as Biden took office.

Just 21% have a lot of confidence in Biden's ability to handle a crisis, down slightly from 26% last March.

On working with congressional Republicans and managing government spending, roughly half of U.S. adults say they have hardly any confidence in the president, and only around 1 in 10 say they have high confidence.

Republican voters are unwilling to give Biden the benefit of the doubt, hurting his ratings.

John Rodriguez, 76, backed Trump and assumes that Biden is merely doing the bidding of his aides. That creates a challenge for a president who promised to unite the country.

"I believe he's not the one who's calling the shots," said Rodriguez, who lives in Cutler Bay, Florida. "He's a puppet being told where to go, what to say."

But the key obstacle for Biden might be voters such as Vikram Joglekar, 46, who works in the computer industry in Austin, Texas. He backed the president in 2020, only to summarize his feelings about Biden's time in office as "meh."

"It's not up for me to decide whether someone should run or not," Joglekar said. "I don't know who is going to be on the ballot, but I would hope it would be someone better from his party."

The poll of 1,068 adults was conducted Jan. 26-30 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.



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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7)

This year highlights an array of special ties; you're popular and well-loved in relationships that support you in ways both expected and surprising. A commitment will give rise to a new purpose. You'll set out to serve and end up being served (lavishly!) instead. You'll collect a tidy sum after you complete a long-time goal. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 13, 21 and 7.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This is not the moment to overthink the situation or waste time planning for things that will never happen. When you get momentum on a project, ride it out. Act as you would if you had nothing to lose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll share the wealth — not money but something more valuable. If it's precious to you, it will be important to others. Just don't waste your gift on anyone who doesn't see its value at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Truly fortunate occurrences sometimes come disguised as problems. You'll get the opportunity to become a better person, grow into the person you want to be or shine in a different setting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even though your friends and family would like to help with your current dilemma, they won't think ahead like a professional would. For the things that matter to your bottom line, hire the right person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you think you can improve the scene, you'll lead the way. When you believe someone else has the magic, you'll be the first to follow. You're unconcerned with who's in power, as long as they are acting for the greater good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some of your best teachers moved out of this world years ago, leaving a record of their thoughts and life as your lesson plan. You can apprentice without pressure. You'll receive answers from beyond.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't like to accumulate indiscriminately. You collect, and yet you still have that unorganized drawer. This is the day to go through it and anything metaphorically like it to determine what you really need. Throw the rest out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll need help at home because there is currently too much else going on for you to handle all the domestic stuff, too. Business and social happenings are important to bring your best self to and will be highly fulfilling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're alone with your thoughts, you will process what you want and why. Go on and interpret the disappointments as messages of encouragement: You can conquer all. You're strong. You were meant for greatness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no right or wrong way to find your joy, but there are paths that suit you, methods that fit you and people who are comfortable companions in the journey. Achievement doesn't have to be a slog.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're doing this on your own. What happens will unfold because you unfolded it. You'll take pride in your triumphs and your mistakes alike, owning that, like the Frank Sinatra song, "I did it my way."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not fun to hear someone else tell you to "calm down" because it implies their superiority in the moment and the audacity to direct your mood. However, when you say it to yourself, the command brings an excellent result.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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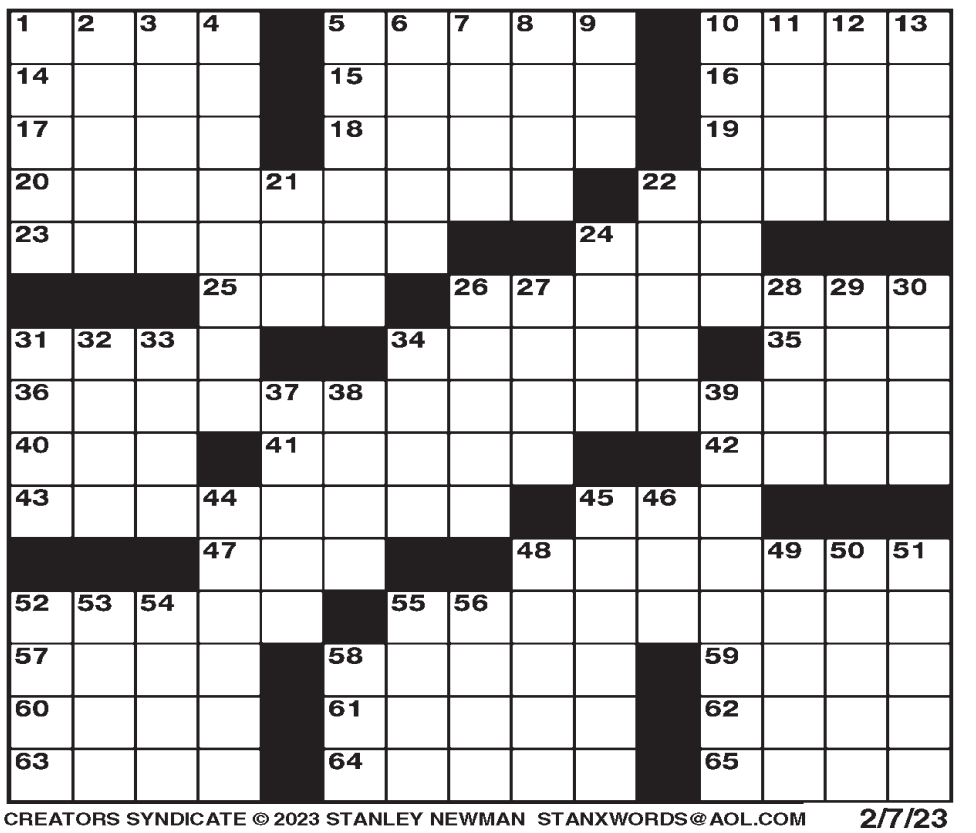
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## Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**
1 "___, can you see . . ."
5 Social composure
10 Junk email
14 Initial poker bet
15 Talk and talk and talk
16 Furthermore
17 Throw lightly
18 Hole-___ (golf coup)
19 Aluminum wrap
20 Public uproar
22 Run out, as a subscription
23 Rider who can't find a seat
24 That woman's
25 Family man
26 Most garish
31 Read a bar code
34 Ship's freight
35 Unhappy spectator's shout
36 Insights shared by sportscasters
40 "My lips ___ sealed"
41 Intuitive feelings
42 Watches carefully
43 Research facilities
45 Hair stylist's goo
47 Court romantically
48 Snore, informally
52 West Point student
55 Botanical shelter from the sun
57 Bakery hot spot
58 Go ___ for the ride
59 Vampire novelist Rice
60 Weight-loss plan
61 Impulsive speed
62 "Check this out!"
63 Small whirlpool
64 Was annoying to
65 When trains are expected: Abbr.

**DOWN**
1 Formal vows
2 Pig's nose
3 On the ocean
4 "That's partially true" answer
5 Rated (oneself) highly
6 Kitchen scale measure
7 "Are you ___ out?"
8 Maker of PlayStations and Walkmans
9 Opposite of WSW
10 African wildlife tour
11 Raindrop sound
12 Tag on damaged merchandise
13 Garden-burrowing mammal
21 Confidentiality contract: Abbr.
22 Enticed
24 Enormous
26 Scrabble and chess
27 Shirt sleeves
28 Online auctioneer
29 Achy
30 Pogo sticks and yo-yos
31 "Shoo!"
32 Center of an apple
33 Beverages like beer
34 ___ salad (main course with bacon and avocado)
37 Place to park a camper
38 Italian farewell
39 Particularly revealing
44 Bill coming out of an ATM
45 Gizmo
46 Female sheep
48 "Ho, ho, ho!" guy
49 "Whether you like it ___ . . ."
50 Italian salami city
51 Tries to find
52 Secret message
53 Extremely eager
54 Homeowner's document
55 Narrow plank
56 Sprinkler attachment
58 Cry of discovery

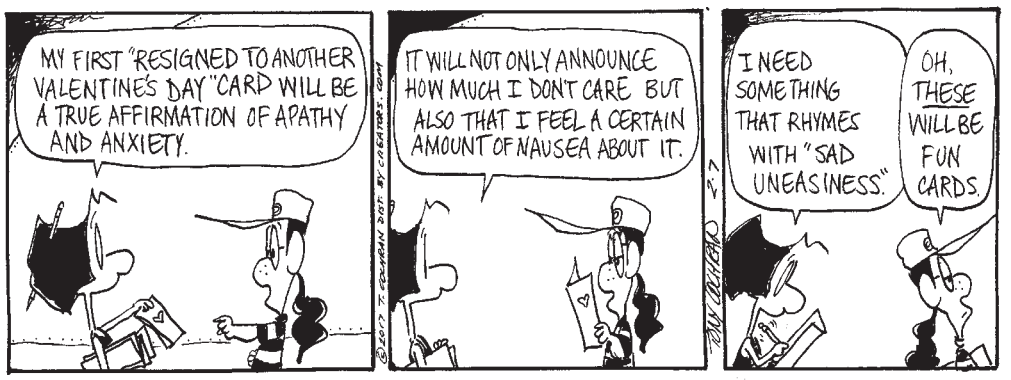


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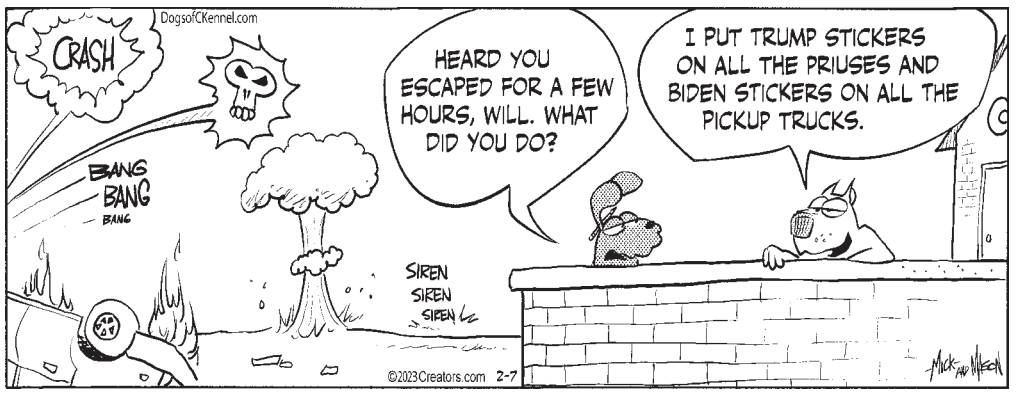
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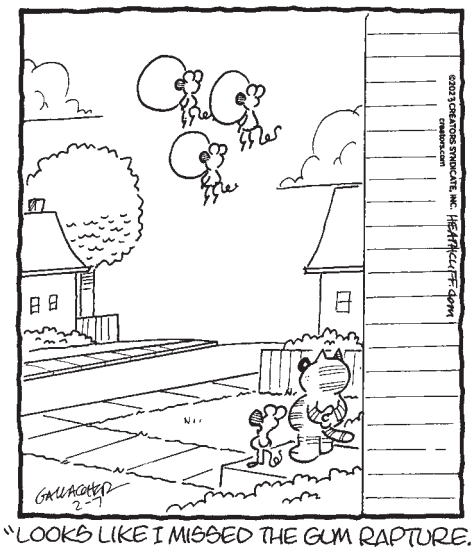

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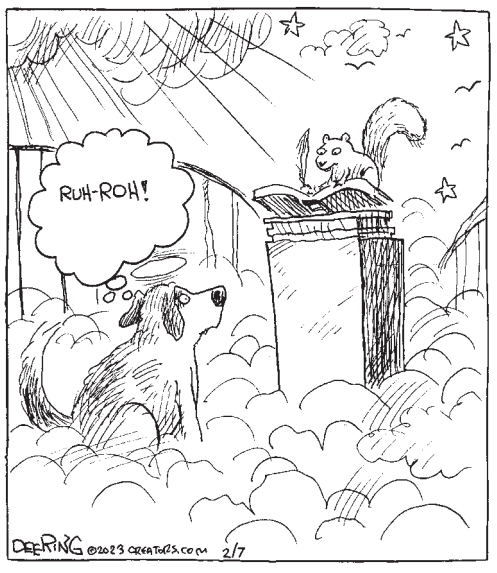
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"LOOKS LIKE I MISSED THE GUM RAPTURE."

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

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| Boil | Islands | Palm | Swim |
| Burleigh Heads | Lorne | Play | Tides |
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# What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

## TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 7

**STATE OF THE CITY**
Join Mayor Gleam Davis and City Manager David White for a State of the City address, including highlights from 2022 and progress made in three community priority areas of addressing homelessness, a safe and clean community, and an equitable economic recovery. The address will air on CityTV Channel 16 and the City of Santa Monica's YouTube channel at 5 p.m.

**ACTIVE AGING AT PALISADES PARK**
Stop by the Active Aging table and talk with staff about the program and your transportation options. Palisades Park, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**NEW YEAR, NEW OUTLOOK: MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR**
Experience the pause that refreshes with Henry Schipper, a UCLA Certified Mindfulness Facilitator and longtime local meditator. Beginners and experienced meditators looking to support their practice are welcome. The one-hour session includes a Q&A. 6 to 7p.m. / Montana Avenue Branch.

## WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 8

**LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH STUFFIES SLEEPOVER!**
Kids are invited to bring their stuffies to a storytime celebrating the library as a place for diverse voices, discovery, learning and fun. Then leave their stuffies overnight for a sleepover at the library! Pick them up the next day and receive a photo scrapbook of their adventures. For ages 3-6. 6 to 6:30 p.m. Main Library, Youth Activity Room

## THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 9

**WALK-IN TUTORING**
Volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online and paper forms, using email, resume writing, and more. 1 to 3 p.m., Main Library, Tutoring Center.

**ROCK 'N COMEDY**
Meet at Rock N Pies Pizza Co. for a carefully curated comedy show on the second Thursday of the every month and watch comedians from NBC, Netflix, Amazon Prime, BET and more! Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 online and $15 at the door. 1120 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90401

## FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 10

**CANDLELIGHT: VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL**
Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Los Angeles. Get your tickets now to discover Valentine's Day inspired music at The Historic Woman's Club in Santa Monica under the gentle glow of candlelight. Two shows at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. take place February 10 and February 14. 1210 4th St. Santa Monica, CA 90401

## SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 11

**VALENTINE'S + GALENTINE'S BOUQUET WORKSHOP**
Join Ester's Wine Shop & Bar in celebrating Valentine's (or Galentine's) Day by creating a rustic, show-stopping bouquet with artist and longtime friend of Esters Krystal Chang. Participants will receive a hands-on lesson in how to build a loose, garden-inspired vase arrangement. They will discuss structure and form, the subtleties of color, and honoring the gesture of each flower and leaf. All flowers, vases, and tools provided. Each participant will take home their own floral arrangement. Tickets include a glass of sparkling Rosé and housemade chocolate truffles! Tickets can be purchased by visiting Krystal's website (http://www.krystalchang.com/). Esters Wine Shop & Bar 314 Seventh Street.

**FEBRUARY IS CITRUS CARE MONTH**
Join the Santa Monica community gardeners in February for a free workshop on citrus care and pruning, as well as how to get the most out of your potted dwarf citrus. Garden gates open and free refreshments are served at 9 a.m. Discussion and demonstration begins at 10 a.m. Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Gardens Program with the support of Santa Monica Roots. Contact: santamonicaroots@gmail.com. Main Street Community Garden-2318 Main Street, Santa Monica. 9 - 11 a.m.

## SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 12

**SUPER BOWL LVII PARTY AT 1212 SANTA MONICA**
1212 Santa Monica has you covered with the biggest watch party in Los Angeles for Super Bowl LVII! 1212 Santa Monica 1212 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401 United States, 1:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**SNOWHITE**
A charming tale of companionship, coming-of-age, and the magical bond between mothers and daughters, this colorful and vibrant musical fantasy for kids 2 to 102 takes audiences on a magical adventure as everyone's most beloved young heroine, Snowhite, journeys to find herself, her mother, and her true destiny, aided by Seven Silly Companions, a Most Magical Mirror, and You, the Audience! No evil Stepmother here, no shadowy forests or villainous potions; just a wondrously humorous and touching story of friendship, dedication and discovery, as Snowhite, and the audience, learn that love does, indeed, conquer all. Every Saturday at 12:30 and 2 p.m, and every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Find more information and purchase your tickets here. https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/snowhite.html

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## SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **60.8**

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| TUESDAY *FAIR* | **SURF:** | 2-3ft Thigh to waist | NW swell eases, but still offers fun leftovers. SSW swell tapers off. Moderate offshore wind and clean in the morning — just watch out for the mid-AM high tide. |
| WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR* | **SURF:** | 1-2ft Knee to thigh | NW swell from the start of the week continues to drop off. New, steeper-angled NW swell filters in through the end of the day. Offshores due in the AM, along with mid AM high tide. |

## WEATHER

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 49. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 71. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
**Wednesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 52.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted (ft) | High/Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023/02/07 | Tue | 03:34 AM | 1.70 | L |
| 2023/02/07 | Tue | 09:36 AM | 5.45 | H |
| 2023/02/07 | Tue | 4:32 PM | -0.38 | L |
| 2023/02/07 | Tue | 10:55 PM | 4.01 | H |
| 2023/02/08 | Wed | 04:11 AM | 1.64 | L |
| 2023/02/08 | Wed | 10:07 AM | 5.07 | H |
| 2023/02/08 | Wed | 4:55 PM | -0.06 | L |
| 2023/02/08 | Wed | 11:20 PM | 4.13 | H |
| 2023/02/09 | Thu | 04:52 AM | 1.61 | L |
| 2023/02/09 | Thu | 10:41 AM | 4.55 | H |
| 2023/02/09 | Thu | 5:16 PM | 0.34 | L |
| 2023/02/09 | Thu | 11:47 PM | 4.25 | H |
| 2023/02/10 | Fri | 05:39 AM | 1.60 | L |
| 2023/02/10 | Fri | 11:20 AM | 3.93 | H |
| 2023/02/10 | Fri | 5:37 PM | 0.81 | L |
| 2023/02/11 | Sat | 12:18 AM | 4.37 | H |
| 2023/02/11 | Sat | 06:39 AM | 1.57 | L |
| 2023/02/11 | Sat | 12:11 PM | 3.23 | H |

## DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

**POWERBALL**
Draw Date: 2/4
2 8 15 19 58
Power#: 10
Jackpot: 747 M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 2/3
1 4 50 54 59
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 31 M

**SuperLotto PLUS**
Draw Date: 2/4
6 15 16 24 35
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 31 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 2/5
3 8 18 22 35

**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 2/5
EVENING: 2 5 2

Draw Date: 2/5
MIDDAY: 3 8 2

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 2/5
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 10 - Solid Gold
3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:41.79

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