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Santa Monica set for phenomenal four-day art extravaganza as the Frieze Festival returns

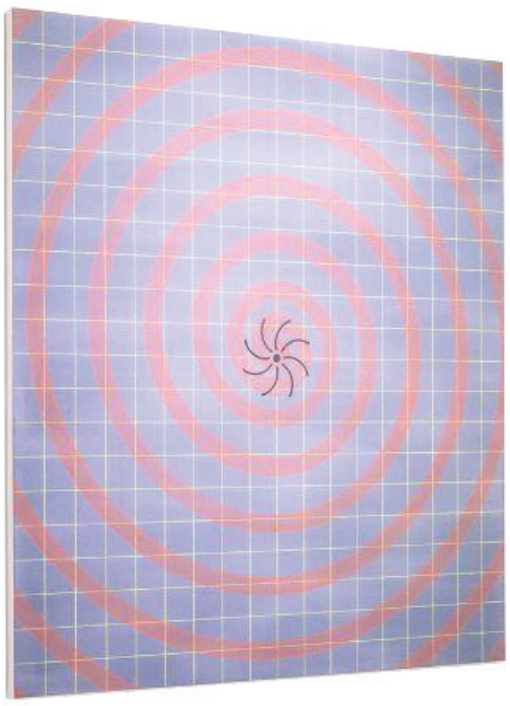
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Celebrated international art extravaganza Frieze is once again coming to Los Angeles, specifically Santa Monica for just the second time in the festival's history.

From February 29 to March 3 the fair, which began in London in 2003, will feature a program of site-specific artworks, public activations and sculpture across the Santa Monica Airport airfield.

The 2024 fair brings together more than 95 galleries from 21 countries, with nearly 50% of them operating in the Greater Los Angeles area. Moreover, 13 of them will be showing at Frieze Los Angeles for the first time.





The first show in Los Angeles was held in 2019 at Paramount Pictures Studios (and again in 2020), before everything was put on hold for the pandemic. An announcement was made in 2022, after the event was held at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, that the Los Angeles Frieze festival would relocate to the Santa Monica Airport site in 2023.

The fair is primarily concentrated in the airport's southeast corner, with a mammoth-sized marquee being erected in the approximately 648,000 sq ft parking lot space that holds the Outdoor Antique & Vintage Market on the first and fourth Sunday of every month.

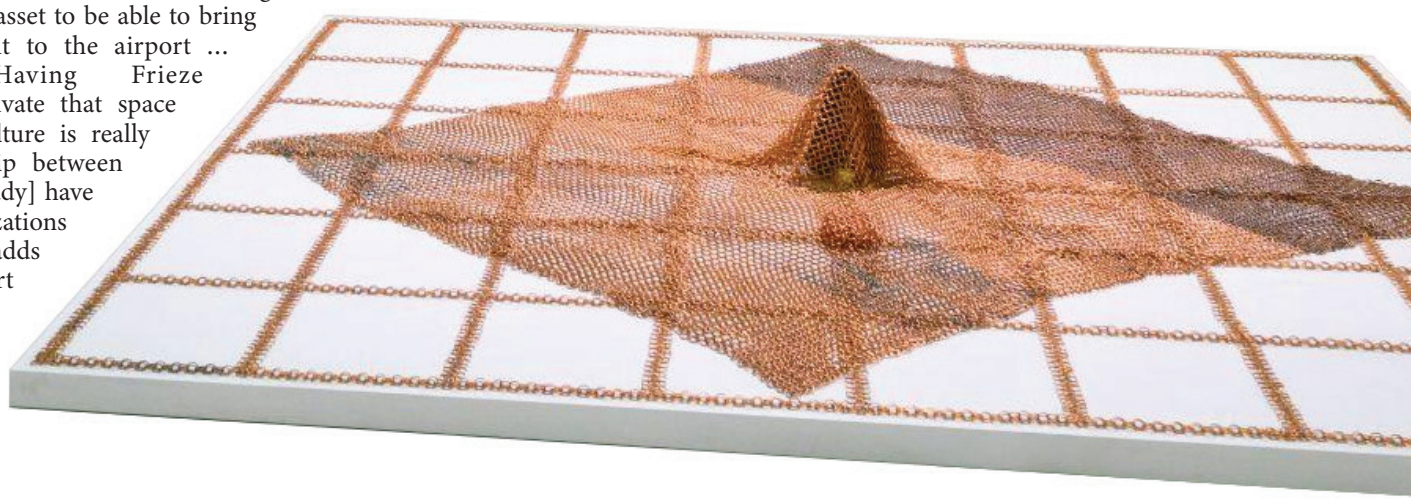
The fair's roster of participating galleries for 2024 features a concentrated group of Los Angeles-based spaces including Blum, The Box, Château Shatto, François Ghebaly, David Kordansky Gallery, L.A. Louver, Night Gallery, Nonaka-Hill, Regen Projects, Parrasch Heijnen, Hannah Hoffman, Marc Selwyn Fine Art and Various Small Fires.

A significant appointment for Frieze Los Angeles 2024 is Essence Harden, Visual Arts Curator and Program Manager for the California African American Museum, as curator of Focus. The section, for US galleries that have been operating for 12 years or less, is a platform for emerging and underrepresented voices. Supported by Stone Island, whose grants promote participation in Focus alongside Frieze subsidies, the section this year consists of 12 galleries and explores ideas of ecology.

"This seems like the perfect synergy for it to be happening here in Santa Monica," said Jenny Rogers, Director of Recreation & Arts for the City of Santa Monica. "It's been a huge asset to be able to bring it to the airport ... Having Frieze activate that space with all manner of arts and culture is really exciting. Through the partnership between the City and 18th Street, we [already] have a number of wonderful arts organizations that operate from there and this just adds more vibrancy to an already thriving art scene."

First held in Regent's Park in London and developed by the founders of the contemporary art magazine Frieze, the fair has since expanded to include editions in New York and Seoul in addition to Los Angeles and the UK capital.

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Mayor, City Manager among State of the City speakers



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STATE OF THE CITY: Santa Monica's present and future will be examined at the 2024 State of the City event.

STAFF REPORT

The topic of Santa Monica's present and future will bring the city's leaders together on Thursday. This year's annual State of the City event, beginning at 5 p.m. at the John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, will include speeches from Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock, City Manager David White and Vice Mayor Lana Negrete. A light reception will also be a part of the two-hour event. With a theme of "Leaping toward a thriving 150th," this will be the first State of the City with Brock in the Mayor position. City Manager White will be making his third speech, and in his second speech last year, highlighted several 2022 accomplishments. White pointed to the reopening of public facilities and the digging into "challenging topics like homelessness and housing" as 2022 Santa Monica highlights. Alongside homelessness and housing, White touched on topics like crime and rebuilding the local economy, which will likely also be on the agenda Thursday.

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Chatbots' inaccurate, misleading responses about U.S. elections threaten to keep voters from polls

GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press

With presidential primaries underway across the U.S., popular chatbots are generating false and misleading information that threatens to disenfranchise voters, according to a report published Tuesday based on the findings of artificial intelligence experts and a bipartisan group of election officials.

Fifteen states and one territory will hold both Democratic and Republican presidential nominating contests next week on Super Tuesday, and millions of people already are turning to artificial intelligence -powered chatbots for basic information, including about how their voting process works.

Trained on troves of text pulled from the internet, chatbots such as GPT-4 and Google's Gemini are ready with AI-generated answers, but prone to suggesting voters head to polling places that don't exist or inventing illogical responses based on rehashed, dated information, the report found.

"The chatbots are not ready for primetime when it comes to giving important, nuanced information about elections," said Seth Bluestein, a Republican city commissioner in Philadelphia, who along with other election officials and AI researchers took the chatbots for a test drive as part of a broader research project last month.

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An AP journalist observed as the group convened at Columbia University tested how five large language models responded to a set of prompts about the election — such as where a voter could find their nearest polling place — then rated the responses they kicked out.

All five models they tested — OpenAI's ChatGPT-4, Meta's Llama 2, Google's Gemini, Anthropic's Claude, and Mixtral from the French company Mistral — failed to varying degrees when asked to respond to basic questions about the democratic process, according to the report, which synthesized the workshop's findings.

Workshop participants rated more than half of the chatbots' responses as inaccurate and categorized 40% of the responses as harmful, including perpetuating dated and inaccurate information that could limit voting rights, the report said.

For example, when participants asked the chatbots where to vote in the ZIP code 19121, a majority Black neighborhood in northwest Philadelphia, Google's Gemini replied that wasn't going to happen.

"There is no voting precinct in the United States with the code 19121," Gemini responded.

Testers used a custom-built software tool to query the five popular chatbots by accessing their back-end APIs, and prompt them simultaneously with the same questions to measure their answers against one another.

While that's not an exact representation of how people query chatbots using their own phones or computers, querying chatbots' APIs is one way to evaluate the kind of answers they generate in the real world.

Researchers have developed similar approaches to benchmark how well chatbots can produce credible information in other applications that touch society, including in healthcare where researchers at Stanford University recently found large language models couldn't reliably cite factual references to support the answers they generated to medical questions.

OpenAI, which last month outlined a plan to prevent its tools from being used to spread election misinformation, said in response that the company would "keep evolving our approach as we learn more about how our tools are used," but offered no specifics.

Anthropic plans to roll out a new intervention in the coming weeks to provide accurate voting information because "our model is not trained frequently enough to provide real-time information about specific elections and ... large language models can sometimes 'hallucinate' incorrect information," said Alex Sanderford, Anthropic's Trust and Safety Lead.

Meta spokesman Daniel Roberts called the findings "meaningless" because they don't exactly mirror the experience a person typically would have with a chatbot. Developers building tools that integrate Meta's large language model into their technology using the API should read a guide that describes how to use the data responsibly, he added. That guide does not include specifics about how to deal with election-related content.

"We're continuing to improve the accuracy of the API service, and we and others in the industry have disclosed that these models may sometimes be inaccurate. We're regularly shipping technical improvements and developer controls to address these issues," Google's head of product for responsible AI Tulsee Doshi said in response.

Mistral did not immediately respond to

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **60.1**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Easing NW swell mix and holding little SSW swell. Not much but a rideable combo for the small wave gear on the early tide push. Conditions are cleanest through the AM.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Smaller NW swell mix blending with lingering SSW swell which helps the points. Not much size but some corners in the cards for the smaller wave gear. Morning conditions looking decent with a favorable tide push through mid-morning.

Weather

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2024/02/29	Thu	11:44 PM	4.54	H
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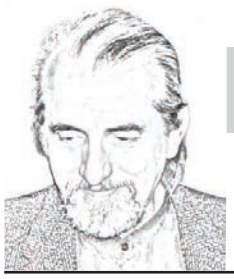
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OPINION **CURIOUS CITY**

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Union of Residents of Santa Monica II



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RESIDENTS: Election season is warming up but local candidates are still needed.

COLUMNIST'S NOTE: I never want to get anything wrong in my columns. I can picture my old journalism prof Tony Hillerman raising his eyebrow and reaching for his red pencil. I also have never had a problem with apologizing for legitimate errors, professional or personal.

There were some in my previous CURIOUS CITY column.

Important journalism rule: never get someone's name wrong. That's personal, of course. I have known OPA board member Patty Godon-Tann for at least 10 years. Why did I type "Cathy" instead of Patty? Who knows. Ask my fingers.

I listed Judy Abdo as co-chair of Forward, because that's what I thought her bio on the OPA website said. Turns out she was, but no longer is, co-chair of that pro-development group that is very influential in SM politics. I think having been co-chair there makes my point, but I do regret the error. I also wrote that she had renter/housemates on the board, when in fact I know of only one. I still think that's one too many, for conflict of interest. Let me also say this about Abdo. She has a very long resume of service to Santa Monica, in many elected, appointed and volunteer positions. She has much to be proud of. I just don't believe her current positions and activities are beneficial to our city.

I mentioned Armen Melkonian's now-defunct organization Residocracy, and repeated an accusation I heard often, that he overruled his board for his own agenda. I had a very reliable ex-member of that board tell me that they could never remember that happening. Just because you hear something several times from reliable sources doesn't necessarily mean it's true. I regret that error.

Lastly, I did not recommend excluding Ocean Park from such a residents group as my proposed URSM. Just that they not have a board member automatically be in the board. A representative could be chosen another way. Also, downtown does not have a neighborhood group, and they should also be represented.

OPA has made efforts to bring in more residents at their meetings. OPA President Sean Besser submitted a letter to the paper 2/24 that did not even mention my name. I was prepared to be crucified by their response, but they took the high ground and used the opportunity to extol the standing and accomplishments of OPA, and to urge residents to participate. I salute Besser and the group for their high mindedness. – CWA

I AM NOT A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

I can suggest ideas in this column, but when it comes to an organization addressing those ideas, there is a built-in conflict of interest if I am a prime mover in that organization.

Two weeks ago I proposed that we need an umbrella organization looking out for the interests and well being of residents here. Hardly an original idea. But I suggested that we need to do it NOW and that it needn't be a long complicated process. A Union of Residents of Santa Monica, I proposed, could be quickly set up if the heads of the relevant neighborhood associations would become the governing board. They are knowledgeable about the city's issues, and the complicated machinery of SM city government. And always looking out for their constituents.

I haven't heard directly from any of them, though other City leaders have told me they think it is a good idea, whose time has come. And I see and hear that individual residents are weighing in, favorably. I know – those neighborhood leaders have already added a lot of time and effort to their busy lives, helming those neighborhood groups. But there would be a lot of overlap, and this larger organization could be a game changer, and is worth the sacrifice, I think. So many smaller, isolated voices could join together to be a force to be

SEE **CURIOUS CITY** PAGE 8

Gavin Newsom faces another recall attempt. Will it do any better than 2021?

ALEXEI KOSEFF
Special to the Daily Press



CalMatters

RECALL: Ready for another vote?

Here we go again: Conservative activists who worked on the failed recall of Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2021 have launched another attempt, arguing that conditions in California only worsened in the two-and-a-half years since then as Newsom's attention shifted to national politics.

Rescue California, one of the main political committees behind the 2021 recall, announced today that it was pursuing a campaign to remove Newsom from the governor's office before he terms out in early 2027.

"We've got to do it again, because he's a better governor when he's under a microscope," Anne Dunsmore, a fundraiser and campaign manager for Rescue California, told CalMatters. "We cannot do this trajectory for three more years."

Newsom defeated the 2021 recall, which was fueled by anger over his response to the coronavirus pandemic, by nearly 24 percentage points. Then he won a second term a year later by almost the same margin, suggesting overwhelmingly liberal California voters have little appetite to toss the governor.

But Dunsmore said she has been frustrated to watch Newsom tout California's success in the national media and become a surrogate for other Democratic candidates across the country when the state is losing population, smash-and-grab robberies are out of control and there is a high rate of homelessness among veterans. She said extending health coverage to undocumented immigrants while California is facing a budget deficit estimated to be tens of billions of dollars was a breaking point.

Dunsmore said she hopes the recall campaign will either force Newsom to refocus his attention on solving California's problems, or damage what many presume are his ambitions to run for president in the future.

"He cannot own any bragging rights on a national level," Dunsmore said. "If he stays home and fixes these problems, he'll be a political rock god. I have no problem with that."

Prominent California Democrats immediately circled the wagons, dismissing the recall petition as political gamesmanship by Republicans. In a fundraising email, Newsom asked supporters to help him keep "some anti-science, anti-woman far-right conspiracy theorist from becoming governor of California."

"We are taking it seriously," Newsom spokesperson Nathan Click said in a statement. "These Trump Republicans are targeting Gov. Newsom because he is out there defending democracy and fighting for the reelection of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. He's not going to be distracted from that fight. Democracy's on the ballot, and he's going to keep fighting."

Rescue California could begin gathering signatures on its recall petition within a matter of weeks. The committee needs about 1.31 million valid signatures from registered California voters to qualify for the ballot, some 180,000 fewer than last time — though that attempt only qualified after a judge granted proponents additional time to collect signatures.

Dunsmore brushed off the notion that another recall campaign would primarily be a financial boon to political consultants and said her team "learned so much about what we went through two years ago," including how to qualify their petition at less cost.

She blamed the failure of the 2021 recall on voters' distaste for Larry Elder, the libertarian radio host who was the leading replacement candidate, and suggested things could go differently with a more viable alternative to Newsom on the ballot.

"The job now is to find someone who's qualified," Dunsmore said.

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According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.97/g while the most expensive was $5.89/g, a difference of $1.92/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.60/g while the highest was $6.69/g, a difference of $3.09/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 8.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.26/g today. The national average is up 16.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 11.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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Downtown

DTSM Hosts Easter Celebration on the Promenade

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM, Inc.) has announced the return of its Easter Celebration on Sunday, March 24, from noon to 4 p.m. along the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade. The family-friendly event includes free photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny, live children's music and entertainment, face painting, balloon twisters, arts and crafts, engaging games and more.

The celebration kicks off with free photos with the Easter Bunny, with the first 200 kids receiving a special surprise treat. Attendees can groove to live children's music and entertainment while exploring the various activities and attractions throughout the event.

Attendance is free, but registration is encouraged via Eventbrite.

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Supervisors address emissions through food purchasing

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has adopted a motion to set Los Angeles County on a path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) through its food purchasing practices. The motion was authored by Board Chair Lindsey P. Horvath and Supervisor Hilda L. Solis.

The OurCounty Sustainability Plan calls for the promotion of plant-based menu options given that global food system accounts for 30% of human-caused GHG emissions with animal products generating 90% more greenhouse gases than plant-based alternatives. Los Angeles County has 111 food contracts across its hospitals, facilities, schools, and institutions, presenting an opportunity to lead by example in encouraging plant-based options.

"Los Angeles County has the opportunity to overhaul outdated food policies so they match best practices today," said Board Chair Lindsey P. Horvath. "This action will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and food waste, and expand healthy food options at County facilities—all meaningful wins as we continue to lead on sustainable practices."

Addressing the climate crisis, requires changes in every sector. As our region's largest employer, seemingly small adjustments in plant-based food offerings in County facilities can have a measurable impact.

Similar policies have shown success. The City of New York's hospital system reduced both its costs and food-related carbon emissions by 36 percent and patient satisfaction of the revamped menu increased to more than 90 percent after one year of implementation.

"Los Angeles County is one of the largest contracting entities in Southern California," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "To that end, it is critical that we look at our food contracting processes and how we can incorporate alternatives that can lower our carbon footprint and reduce our contribution to global warming. Addressing greenhouse gas emissions requires both comprehensive sweeping action on a large scale, as well as collective actions locally. I'm proud that we're in this fight and encourage others to follow suit."

As part of the motion:

The Department of Public Health will review their Nutritional Standards for Prepared Foods, Snacks and Beverages, and incorporate up to date evidence-based recommendations on purchasing, selling, and serving more plant-based and plant-forward foods for integration in County food service requests for proposals and contracts.

These updates will return to the Board in 120 days with recommendations from partner departments on how to increase participation and interest, including providing incentives, and call attention to expanding plant-based food options in the County's contract solicitation process.

A review will be conducted of the County's food purchasing carbon footprint with consideration for how to track the different types of foods the County is purchasing and recommending how the County can reduce the amount of animal products being purchased, increase plant-based food options, and reduce food waste consistent with the goals of SB 1383.

A report will be conducted capturing the total amount of meat, poultry, fish, dairy, and egg products and the total amount of plant-based food products measured in volume—that are currently contracted to vendors by DHS in one calendar year.

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California Seizes Record 62,000 Pounds of Fentanyl

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced that the California National Guard (CalGuard) supported counter-drug operations in 2023 that led to the record seizure of 62,224 pounds of fentanyl in California and the state's ports of entry. Since 2021, fentanyl seizures supported by CalGuard have increased by 1066%.

"Fentanyl is a poison, and it does not belong in our communities. California is cracking down – increasing seizures, expanding access to substance abuse treatment, and holding drug traffickers accountable to combat the immeasurable harm opioids have caused our communities," said Newsom.

"The California National Guard is committed to combating the scourge of fentanyl," said Major General Matthew P. Beevers, Adjutant General of the California National Guard. "These extraordinary seizure statistics are a direct reflection of the tireless efforts of the highly trained CalGuard Service Members supporting law enforcement agencies statewide."

Cracking down on illegal drugs being smuggled into California, Governor Newsom last year increased the number of CalGuard service members deployed to interdict drugs at U.S. ports of entry along the border by approximately 50%. CalGaurd's coordinated drug interdiction efforts in the state are funded in part by California's $30 million investment in 2022 to expand CalGuard's work to prevent drug-trafficking transnational criminal organizations.

The amount of fentanyl seized in California in 2023 is enough to potentially kill the global population nearly twice over. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, a lethal dose of fentanyl is 2 mg.

Since Governor Newsom took office in 2019, California has invested over $1 billion to crack down on opioid trafficking and enforce the law, combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, and raise awareness about the dangers of opioids. The Governor's Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis provides a comprehensive framework to deepen the impact of these investments — including through a CalRx effort where California will allocate $30 million to support partners in developing, manufacturing, procuring, and/or distributing a naloxone nasal product under the CalRx label and through new legislation to address the next wave of the overdose crisis.

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Supreme Court casts doubt on GOP-led states' efforts to regulate social media platforms

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

The Supreme Court cast doubt Monday on state laws that could affect how Facebook, TikTok, X, YouTube and other social media platforms regulate content posted by their users. The cases are among several this term in which the justices could set standards for free speech in the digital age.

In nearly four hours of arguments, several justices questioned aspects of laws adopted by Republican-dominated legislatures and signed by Republican governors in Florida and Texas in 2021. But they seemed wary of a broad ruling, with Justice Amy Coney Barrett warning of "land mines" she and her colleagues need to avoid in resolving the two cases.

While the details vary, both laws aimed to address conservative complaints that the social media companies were liberal-leaning and censored users based on their viewpoints, especially on the political right.

Differences on the court emerged over how to think about the platforms — as akin to newspapers that have broad free-speech protections, or telephone companies, known as common carriers, that are susceptible to broader regulation.

Chief Justice John Roberts suggested he was in the former camp, saying early in the session, "And I wonder, since we're talking about the First Amendment, whether our first concern should be with the state regulating what we have called the modern public square?"

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas appeared most ready to embrace arguments made by lawyers for the states. Thomas raised the idea that the companies are seeking constitutional protection for "censoring other speech."

Alito complained about the term "content moderation" that the sites employ to keep material off their platforms.

"Is it anything more than a euphemism for censorship?" he asked, later musing that term struck him as Orwellian.

But Justice Brett Kavanaugh, seemingly more favorable to the companies, took issue with calling the actions of private companies censorship, a term he said should be reserved for restrictions imposed by the government.

"When I think of Orwellian, I think of the state, not the private sector, not private individuals," Kavanaugh said.

The precise contours of rulings in the two cases were not clear after arguments, although it seemed likely the court would not let the laws take effect. The justices posed questions about how the laws might affect businesses that are not their primary targets, including e-commerce sites like Uber and Etsy and email and messaging services.

The cases are among several the justices have grappled with over the past year involving social media platforms. Next month, the court will hear an appeal from Louisiana, Missouri and other parties accusing administration officials of pressuring social media companies to silence conservative points of view. Two more cases awaiting decision concern whether public officials can block critics from commenting on their social media accounts, an issue that previously came up in a case involving then-President Donald Trump. The court dismissed the Trump case when his presidential term ended in January 2021.

The Florida and Texas laws were passed in the months following decisions by Facebook and Twitter, now X, to cut Trump off over his posts related to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by his supporters.

Trade associations representing the companies sued in federal court, claiming that the laws violated the platforms' speech rights. One federal appeal struck down Florida's statute, while another upheld the Texas law. But both are on hold pending the outcome at the Supreme Court.

In a statement when he signed the bill into law, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said the measure would be "protection against the Silicon Valley elites."

When Gov. Greg Abbott signed the Texas law, he said it was needed to protect free speech in what he termed the new public square. Social media platforms "are a place for healthy public debate where information should be able to flow freely — but there is a dangerous movement by social media companies to silence conservative viewpoints and ideas. That is wrong, and we will not allow it in Texas," Abbott said.

But much has changed since then. Elon Musk purchased Twitter and, in addition to changing its name, eliminated teams focused on content moderation, welcomed back many users previously banned for hate speech and used the site to spread conspiracy theories.

The Biden administration is siding with the challengers. Lawyers for Trump have filed a brief in the Florida case urging the court to uphold the state law.

Still, Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer, cautioned the court to seek a narrow ruling that blocked the laws. Prelogar said governments maintain the ability to impose regulations to ensure competition, preserve data privacy and protect consumer interests.

Several academics and privacy advocacy groups told the court that they view the laws at issue in these cases as unconstitutional, but want the justices to preserve the government's ability to regulate social media companies to some extent.



CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 4

reckoned with, for creative governance, for residents.

THINGS ARE MOVING

In Santa Monica politics. Thank goodness.

Behind the scenes, of course, at this point, and it's going both directions. The difference is, the anti-resident forces, mostly developers and ideologues, and the politicians willing to serve them, have already been working on their strategies and on grooming candidates, for months, to retake City Council.

I have been pleading, in this column, for a long time, for some good candidates to step up, NOW, because you can't win a November election if you start in June. Everybody knows that. But getting started is so hard.

But now, in February, courage has popped up in several places. Anger, no doubt, is part of the equation, and being finally just too fed up at being used. For untested textbook social engineering that might look good on paper but does not predict or take into account human suffering, such as we have experienced here in Santa Monica, because of it.

YOU HAVE TO REALLY CARE

About Santa Monica to run for Council, because you know you will not only be attacked during a campaign, but while you serve for four years. You need a thick skin. But the rewards are tremendous. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Santa Monica we love is in danger of being destroyed. But you can prevent that, you new candidates. Yes, the state of California has legislated away most of the control that cities have had over their own zoning/destinies – all in the name of the false panacea of "more housing!" in a state with declining population (we have an affordability crisis, not a housing crisis), but while decades of corrupt Councils paved the way for a Sacramento takeover, there are ways we can fight even now. Better late than never.

STATE OF THE CITY

A good place to eat some perspectives from city leaders, and maybe engage them personally, before or after. Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m., at John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 2425 16th St. Mayor Phil Brock, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete, and City Manager David White will all give their vies on the last year, and projecting the future: "Leaping Toward a THRIVING 150th," a reference to Santa Monica's upcoming founding celebration.

I know, it sounds like a total snooze, two hours of speeches, but I've gone to many of these, and it's not. It's kind of an old style town meeting where you spot neighbors and move around the room, and buttonhole officials to give them a piece of your mind. Or, maybe, praise. I highly recommend it.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmr-music@gmail.com

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 FEB. 27

Police arrested three individuals following a series of burglaries that targeted at least six businesses in Marina del Rey and the Venice area.

Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department's Pacific Division responded to a 1:20 a.m. call regarding a shattered window at the Ulta Beauty store located at 13455 Maxella Ave.

A bystander reported witnessing the break-in at Ulta Beauty. He approached the scene and managed to detain one of the suspects attempting to flee through the damaged window until law enforcement arrived.

The spree extended to multiple businesses, including those within a shopping center on the 4200 block of South Lincoln Boulevard, according to police reports.

FRIEZE

FROM PAGE 1

Just about every art gallery across the city is joining in this long weekend's worth of art appreciation that includes Santa Monica's celebrated Bergamot Station Arts Center.

"There's an activation at Bergamot coming up this weekend, they're opening their studios as part of the Frieze weekend," Rogers says, adding that the 18th Street Arts Center is also holding events, both at the 3026 Airport Avenue and 1639 18th Street sites.

Moreover, LA's preeminent museums including Getty, The Museum of Contemporary Art, The Broad, Hammer Museum, LACMA, ICA LA and Academy Museum of Motion Pictures are hosting special events offering the opportunity to discover Los Angeles's world-class collections.

Tickets for Frieze range from $202 for the Friday night preview to $96 for general admission before 3 p.m. to $76 for general admission after 3 p.m. and are available from the frieze.com website. Early bird tickets along with tickets for "Frieze In Person LA" are now sold out.

OPENING TIMES FOR FRIEZE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday, February 29: Preview, invitation only, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1: Preview, (open to the public after 1pm) 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 2: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 3: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

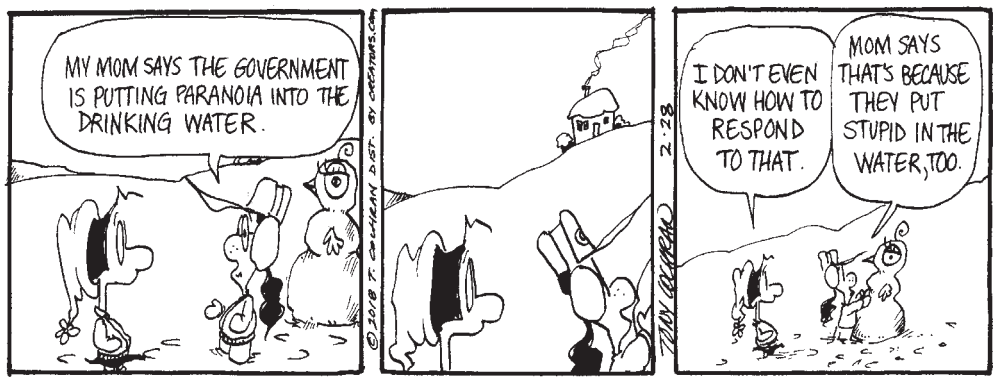
Be advised however, that the area will be congested from around 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. each day of the event. All attendees are encouraged to use rideshare. The following traffic restrictions will be in place during the event: Northbound Bundy: No left turns onto Airport Ave at all times. Southbound 23rd: No left turns onto Airport Ave Thurs–Fri 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. SMPD will be on site to facilitate traffic movement.

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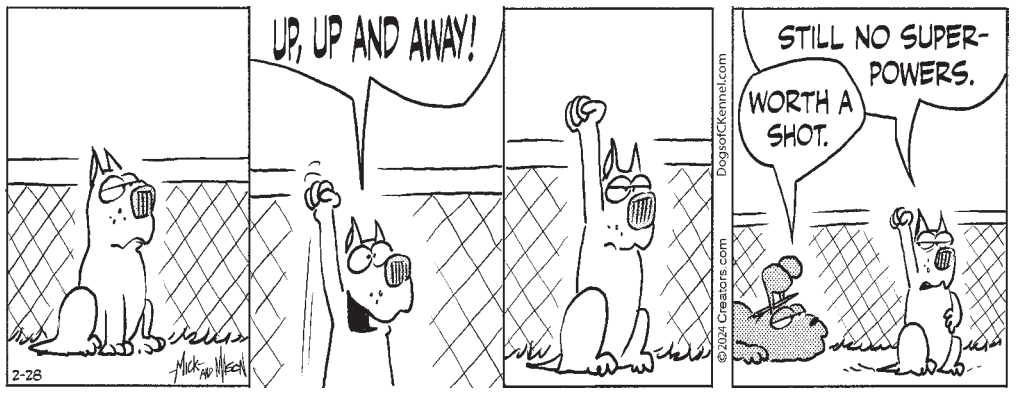
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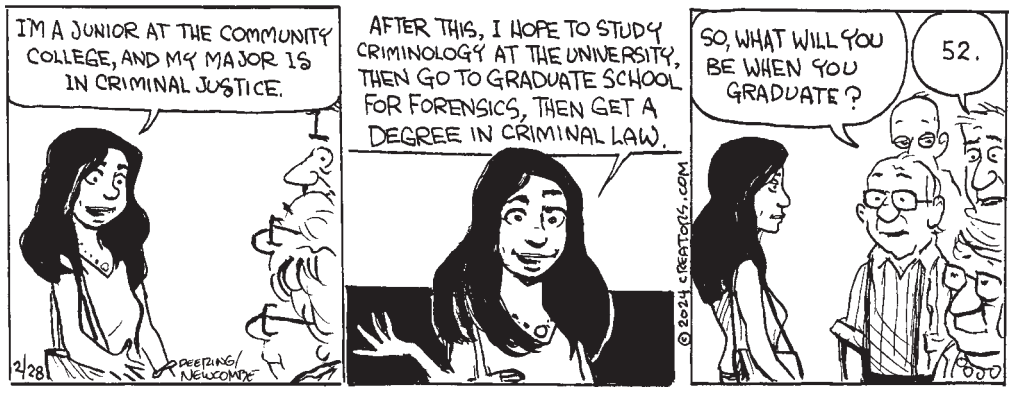
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"I'LL BE GLAD WHEN PROBE SEASON IS OVER."

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

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Your beverage of choice

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Aroma	Dark	Latte	Roast date
Black	Earl grey	Leaf	Rose
Blend	Empty	Light	Seychelles
Bloom	Even	Lunch	Smoko
Bohea	Flaky	Make	Soft
Bold	Flush	Neat	Tart
Brew	Froth	Nibs	Temi
Burned	Full	Oolong	Thin
Busy	Garden	Paklum	Weak
Cafe	Grade	Pekoe	Wiry
Chai	Iced	Puck	Woody
Common	Kandy	Pungent	Yunan
Crema	Keemun	Ragged	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28)

You embody the Latin "sui generis" more than ever, doubling down on your qualities that are one of a kind. The world will bring you all you need to honor, protect and celebrate your uniqueness. More highlights: a lucrative venture, joyful family celebrations, and the sweetest exchanges between friends and romantic partners. Scorpio and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 6, 27, 31 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The best thing to do for another person is to get comfortable and enjoy yourself. There are some tricky logistics to figure out. You'll need help. Take your time in deciding the right way to ask. Design your approach by focusing on the needs of the other person. You can't go wrong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't have to do trust exercises to know whom to trust. You've an immediate sense of it. Real life has taught you well. Someone will be as faithful to you as the tide is faithful to the moon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Rushed relationships produce misunderstandings. Instead, go slow, which is a pace that will allow for things like short-term commitments that make everyone feel comfortable, as well as trust and responsibility doled out in small increments.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just because people speak the same verbal language doesn't mean they understand one another. The actual words that fly between people hold the least of the information. Exchanges convey the most information with movement, visual information and tone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes you're the caretaker, sometimes you're the one who gets cared for — at least that's the way it should be. In one-sided relationships, that other person never quite gets around to caring for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The walls that were meant to protect you may be making you feel isolated and alone instead. Consider allowing a few more people inside. The time you spend anticipating and preparing for the demands of the day won't be wasted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To some degree, worry serves you well, helping you anticipate and avoid future problems. Feel it, then let it go. Move on to the more helpful states that will allow you to confront, gather resources and solve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's said you can catch more flies with honey, although no one has figured out why you'd want to. As for today's situation, you'll be better off taking the tone that comes naturally than forcing a sweetness you don't really feel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your solo strength is remarkable, but what you do with others will be easier to repeat. For instance, exercising with friends gives you both the endorphin boost and the accountability factor that makes it easier to establish the habit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's an upbeat day with the occasional dips. It is not possible to avoid all negative feelings, and why would you want to? You can relate to the other humans because you know what it's like to experience the full rainbow of emotion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because life is better when you don't feel cranky, you'll get the rest, food, light, company and workload that contributes to peaceful, easy feelings. The kindness you give yourself is a kindness you give the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Among the many things you love about animals — they are almost never on their phones. When they're giving you attention, it's usually their full attention, even if they happen to be a cat pretending to ignore you while observing your every move.

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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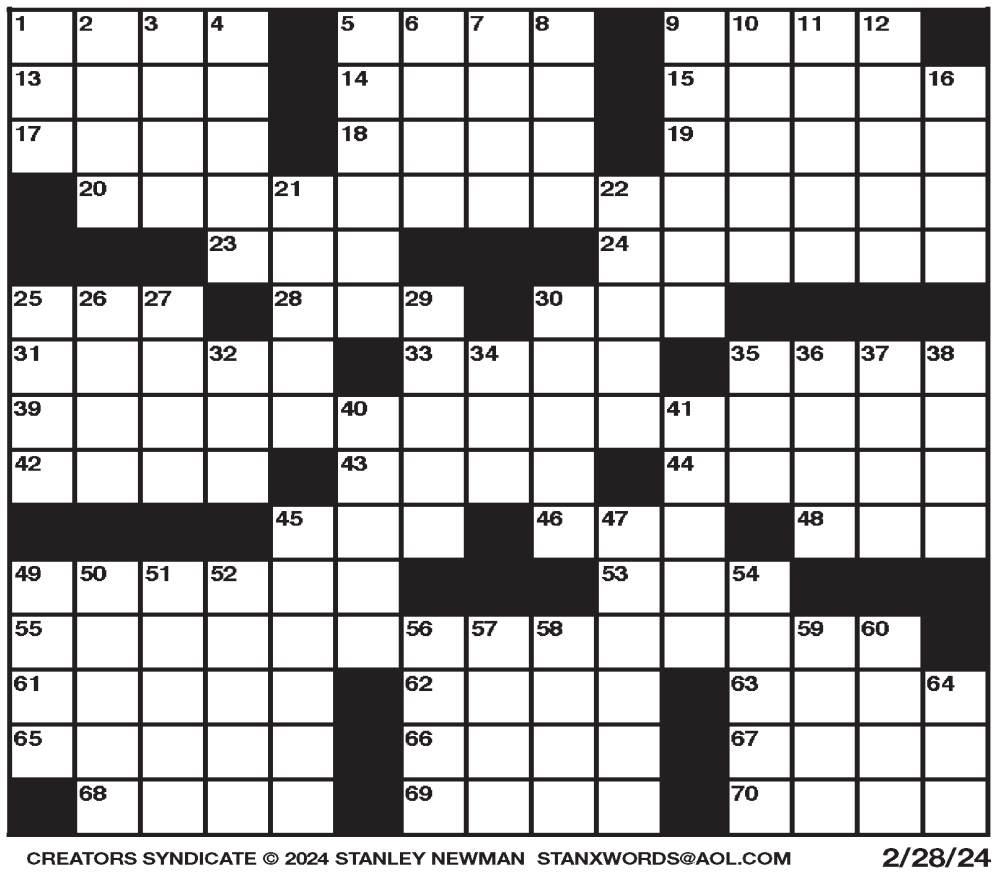
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ACROSS

1 Comedy routines
5 After-shower attire
9 Campaign-funding orgs.
13 Haul from a heist
14 Carpeting calculation
15 Pleasant smell
17 Actress Watson or Thompson
18 Shirts without collars
19 Filled with farms
20 Best woman at a formal dance
23 Youngster
24 How pills are taken
25 Showtime alternative
28 Sense of self
30 Part of TGIF
31 "Ready __ . . ."
33 Destiny
35 Mailed away
39 Best among newborn puppies
42 Lays eyes on
43 Printer paper package
44 Raucous noise
45 Pewter, in part
46 Fourth of July guy
48 Smoked salmon
49 Cheerful
53 Tachometer letters
55 Best in any group
61 Foamy coffee
62 Neighbor of Turkey
63 Forehead
65 Poker pay-ins
66 Yellow Muppet
67 Dot on an ocean map
68 Superman's other self
69 Tractor-trailer truck
70 The color of honey

DOWN

1 Pub beverage
2 Hair untangler
3 Weighty book
4 Cornfield stem
5 Family-friendly, as films
6 Creme-filled cookie
7 Burger meat
8 Sunrise direction
9 Food-peeling tools
10 Dutch Caribbean island
11 What a reef is made of
12 Tiny
16 Wartime partner
21 Deceive
22 Urban lodging
25 Moves like a bunny
26 Soft French cheese
27 Sometime in the past
29 On a regular basis
30 Lines of a list
32 Gives approval for
34 "Now I get it"
35 Mo. metropolis
36 Bibliography's "and others"
37 Evil Roman emperor
38 "King" of the dinosaurs
40 Fried: Sp.
41 '80s desktop machine
45 Most docile
47 "__ the best?" (cocky question)
49 School beside Sunset Blvd.
50 April 1st antic
51 Entertainer Midler
52 (Have) had a meal
54 Head honcho guy
56 Minor misstatements
57 Beech or peach
58 Impair
59 What -ish may mean
60 Market research tool
64 Exchange vows



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Age in place

Whilst trying to enjoy a quiet Sunday an obviously mentally ill man began SCREAMING at the top of his lungs incoherently, and frighteningly at the top of his lungs I am adjacent to the 20th street off ramp, and homeless encampment, and this is becoming regular feature of life here, and is absolutely unbearable! Please, please do something! I am 77 years old and a 35 year resident, don't I have a right to "age in place" like SMRR always touts?

Steve Keats, Santa Monica

Out of Control:

The recent story about the proposed development at 700 Santa Monica Boulevard shows how much the city is out-of-control.

No parking for cars, yet 146 bicycle parking spots? Who's going to ride their bike in the rain to get to work soaked? Affordable housing? How much does "affordable" constitute for someone who works in fast food establishments, a hotel or Starbucks?

If they own cars they can park in a nearby public parking lot. Really? Like the one behind the CVS on Lincoln Boulevard where all the alcoholic and drug addicted vagrants congregate? The members of the planning commission and city council should park their cars there. Practice what you preach.

Then there's the two other developments on Lincoln Boulevard to worry about. I'm sure they'll have bicycle parking only and no room for cars. Maybe in another dimension.

It's a bad idea all around and it's just asking for trouble.

Whitney Scott Bain, Santa Monica

CHATBOT

FROM PAGE 3

requests for comment Tuesday.

In some responses, the bots appeared to pull from outdated or inaccurate sources, highlighting problems with the electoral system that election officials have spent years trying to combat and raising fresh concerns about generative AI's capacity to amplify longstanding threats to democracy.

In Nevada, where same-day voter registration has been allowed since 2019, four of the five chatbots tested wrongly asserted that voters would be blocked from registering to vote weeks before Election Day.

"It scared me, more than anything, because the information provided was wrong," said Nevada Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar, a Democrat who participated in last month's testing workshop.

The research and report are the product of the AI Democracy Projects, a collaboration between Proof News, a new nonprofit news outlet led by investigative journalist Julia Angwin, and the Science, Technology and Social Values Lab at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey.

Most adults in the U.S. fear that AI tools—which can micro-target political audiences, mass produce persuasive messages, and generate realistic fake images and videos — will increase the spread of false and misleading information during this year's elections, according to a recent poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.

And attempts at AI-generated election interference have already begun, such as when AI robocalls that mimicked U.S. President Joe Biden's voice tried to discourage people from voting in New Hampshire's primary election last month.

Politicians also have experimented with the technology, from using AI chatbots to communicate with voters to adding AI-generated images to ads.

Yet in the U.S., Congress has yet to pass laws regulating AI in politics, leaving the tech companies behind the chatbots to govern themselves.

Two weeks ago, major technology companies signed a largely symbolic pact to voluntarily adopt "reasonable precautions" to prevent artificial intelligence tools from being used to generate increasingly realistic AI-generated images, audio and video, including material that provides "false information to voters about when, where, and how they can lawfully vote."

The report's findings raise questions about how the chatbots' makers are complying with their own pledges to promote information integrity this presidential election year.

Overall, the report found Gemini, Llama 2 and Mixtral had the highest rates of wrong answers, with the Google chatbot getting nearly two-thirds of all answers wrong.

One example: when asked if people could vote via text message in California, the Mixtral and Llama 2 models went off the rails.

"In California, you can vote via SMS (text messaging) using a service called Vote by Text," Meta's Llama 2 responded. "This service allows you to cast your vote using a secure and easy-to-use system that is accessible from any mobile device."

To be clear, voting via text is not allowed, and the Vote to Text service does not exist.



WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 28

COMPUTER BASICS - ONLINE SAFETY
Learn how to avoid scams and navigate safely online. For beginners. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 29

FREE MOVIE SCREENING OF "THE WIZ"
Part of the city's Black History Month celebration, join a free screening of an unforgettable cinematic journey. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

TECH & TASKS
Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

2024 SANTA MONICA STATE OF THE CITY
Join Mayor Phil Brock, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete and City Manager David White for the annual Santa Monica State of the City. If you're not able to make the event in person, watch live on the city's YouTube channel. John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Performing Arts Center, 2425 16th Street 5 - 7 p.m. RSVP online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-santa-monica-state-of-the-city-tickets-789548830807

FRIDAY | MARCH 1

LOS ANGELES WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL
Los Angeles Wine & Food Festival, in conjunction with Frieze Week Los Angeles, is an unparalleled food and wine experience taking place in Santa Monica, March 1st-3rd, 2024. This event brings together an impressive lineup of 90 participating chefs, including 16 headliners, each contributing their unique culinary mastery to this celebration. Our festival holds a special dedication to showcasing the talents of female-owned restaurants in LA, with special thanks to our official non-profit partner, Regarding Her (RE:Her), a national non-profit committed to accelerating the growth of women entrepreneurs and leaders in the food and beverage industry. Los Angeles Wine & Food Festival isn't just an event; it's a celebration of California's places, people, and produce in collaboration with art and entertainment. $25 - $500. Santa Monica Pier, https://tickets.lawineandfood.com/e/los-angeles-wine-food-festival/tickets

SATURDAY | MARCH 2

MARINA DEL REY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
Enjoy the diversity and excitement of the Dragon Boats as they complete for the fastest team on the water! Watch as 40 teams compete for glory. Activities include arts and crafts, entertainment and food trucks. Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. https://culturela.org/event/marina-del-rey-dragon-boat-festival/

STORYPALOOZA
Join with Read Across America to champion literacy and celebrate diversity of children's literature. Attendees receive free books, while supplies last. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica. For families.
How to Fold a Taco reading with author Naibe Reynoso
10:15 a.m. / MLK Jr. Auditorium
Space is limited; first come, first served
Create a Reading Crown Craft
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / North Courtyard
Bilingual Concert with Baila Baila
11:15 a.m. / MLK Jr. Auditorium
Space is limited; first come, first served.
Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT
Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with free performances by world-class artists. Started in 2016 by librarian, author, and musician Jeff Schwartz with composer Daniel Rothman, and funded by the Santa Monica Public Library, Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, and the Amphion Foundation, Soundwaves has collaborated with presenters including the Angel City Jazz Festival, Microfest, PianoSpheres, Jacaranda Music, the Dog Star Orchestra Festival, the Santa Monica Department of Cultural Affairs, and Cold Blue Music. Mar. 2: Chris Jonas - Music from the Deserts. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

ZUMBA AND EXERCISE- IN AMHARIC
Join the fun as they Zumba and exercise for our health and wellbeing. The classes are in Amharic. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 4 - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY | MARCH 3

JULIA MORGAN LEGACY DAY
The Santa Monica Conservancy co-hosts the annual Julia Morgan Legacy Day at the Annenberg Community Beach House. 11 a. m. - Morgan expert Karen McNeill, Ph.D. will present Julia Morgan: Engineering a Legacy, highlighting Morgan's engineering expertise and skills. RSVP required.
12 p.m. – 2 p. m. - Marion Davies Guest House will be open for touring and guests will also be able to get a close look at the Morgan designed Beach House pool. Access to the pool will be for viewing only, no lounging or swimming. RSVPs are not required to visit the Guest House and pool.
Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/julia-morgan-legacy-day-2024-registration-819245815287

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