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SMC, Chamber take plunge into ocean economy

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The future of the local economy is tied to forward thinking, finding the right industries to pivot into that will take Santa Monica's business community to the next level.

Taking the first step to that level, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce hosted an event on the future of the "blue economy workforce" at Heal the Bay Aquarium March 22, with several speakers detailing how to get further involved in ocean-related professions. The event was part of the newly-launched Chamber Talent Connect program, a collaboration between the Chamber and Santa Monica College (SMC), forging partnerships for SMC students and Santa Monica businesses.

Ocean-related "blue economy" professions include opportunities with robotics companies, deep sea farming and more areas within aquaculture and clean water. Chamber Director of Government Affairs Alex Brown stated that the blue ocean economy is "pretty vast" and is a "huge" industry throughout the Los Angeles area.



Photo Courtesy SMC

OCEAN ECONOMY: Santa Monica College's Aquaculture courses focus on endeavors like the hatching and rearing of various aquatic species.

SMC's aquaculture program is centered around two classes, "Aqua 1" which is an introduction to aquaculture and "Aqua 2" which is applications in aquaculture. In "Aqua 1," students will find the best practices for a future aquaculture industry "in the context of sustainability and the global climate crisis" and examine the ecological principles of organisms like shellfish and algae.

"Aqua 2," with classes taking place at Heal the Bay, sees students designing and building effective aquaculture systems for the hatching and rearing of a variety of aquatic species, as well as "effectively monitor aquaculture systems for efficiency and productivity."

"The target population for this program is students generally interested in the topics of aquaculture, food security and global food supply chains," SMC's website states. "The program emphasizes workforce preparation at the interface of global climate

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Hotel workers secure new contract worth $100K a year to some positions

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Hotel workers, after leading what they described as the largest hotel strike in modern U.S. history, have ratified a new union contract at 34 hotels with overwhelming support.

The contract includes wage increases, benefits, and rights for workers. By the end of the contract, workers will earn an average of 40%-50% more in wages and the union representing workers said the increase will guarantee workers can afford housing in their communities where rents are rising. Additionally, workers will maintain low-cost healthcare for themselves and their families. The contract also includes provisions for fair workloads, pre-pandemic staffing guarantees, and automatic daily room cleaning.

According to a statement provided by the union representing workers, room Attendants at most hotels will earn $35.00 per hour, or $73,000 per year, by July 1, 2027. Top cooks will earn $41 per hour, or $85,000 per year. With benefits, a hotel will pay $100,000 per year to employ a Room Attendant.

"The healthcare we were able to keep for me is life-saving. I was able to beat cancer thanks to the medical care I received, and because of that I found the strength to beat this fight too. To my colleagues who continue to fight for a contract, let's not give up. We are going to support them

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Why California Democrats are divided on retail theft bill

LYNN LA
Special to the Daily Press

Legislators may be off for spring recess, but debates about their bills are still happening outside committee rooms. One spicy intra-party exchange between Democratic Assemblymembers focuses on a measure about retail theft — underscoring the difficult balance for lawmakers responding to public concerns about crime, while not over-policing historically targeted communities.

Los Angeles Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, vice chairperson of the Legislative Progressive Caucus, introduced Assembly Bill 1990, which would allow police officers to make warrantless arrests for misdemeanor shoplifting offenses (as in, items that total $950 or less) if officers have probable cause. Officers do not need to be present when the crime occurred.

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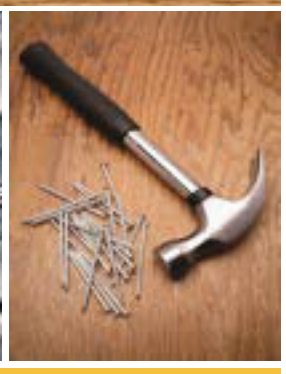
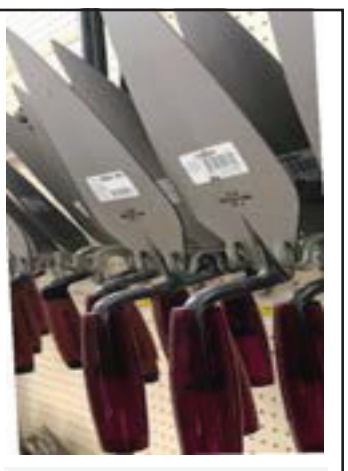
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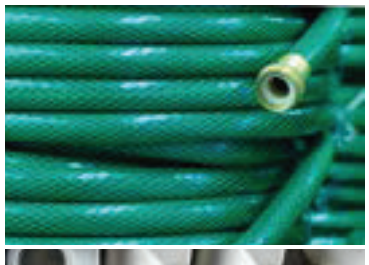
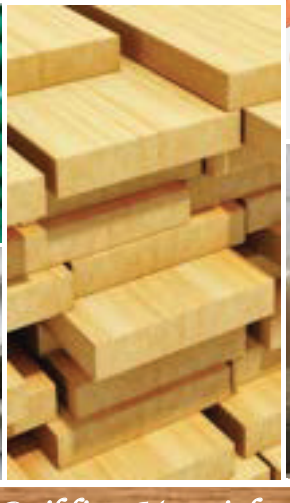
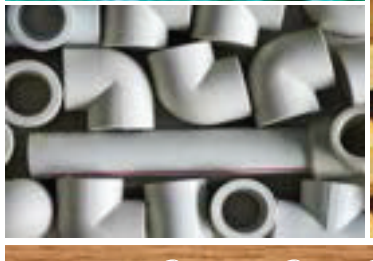
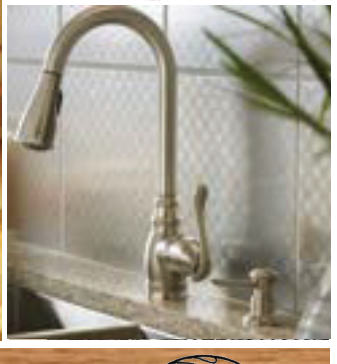
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Flag takeover leads to national honor for Samohi standout



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FLAG HONOR: The Samohi Girls Flag Football squad was successful in its first season, with co-captain Isabella Sanchez now in the running for the LaDanian Tomlinson National Player of the Year award in the sport.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Typically reserved for the National Football League's Los Angeles Rams and Chargers, the mammoth SoFi Stadium will be taken over by a crop of flag football athletes, including one that took Samohi by storm this past fall.

On Thursday evening, the stadium will host the National Football Foundation's Scholar Athlete Awards, with the first group of female flag football players honored in 2024. Receiving the scholarship and commendation is Samohi senior Isabella Sanchez, who co-captained the school's inaugural flag unit to an undefeated Ocean League championship campaign. Along with the Scholar Athlete honor, Sanchez is up for the prestigious LaDanian Tomlinson High School Player of the Year Award, which will be named on Thursday.

Samohi flag coach Ramsey Lambert was notified about the award by Samohi football head coach Carter Paysinger after the Lady Vikings' inaugural season, with Lambert stating that the application process required "extensive research." Along with on-field brilliance, applying for the honor required information like transcripts, SAT scores and other extracurriculars.

Sanchez, a wide receiver and defensive back for the 16-3 Lady Vikings, said being considered for Player of the Year was "truly an honor."

"Coach Lambert (said) this may be a long shot, but let's just try to see if we can get you this Scholar Athlete award, and I didn't really understand the magnitude of it ... I got the letter in the mail, and it was just super exciting ... I just think it's so cool to be part of something so big and be included with all the other women," Sanchez said.

Also part of Samohi's successful soccer program, Sanchez said she "always kind of loved football," and was one of the forces that got the flag unit up and running for the 2023 season.

"I just thought it'd be really cool if I would be able to play ... I brought it (up) to coach Lambert, and I (said), I don't see a reason why we couldn't at least have a flag football team," Sanchez said. "I didn't love the super physical (nature), all the concussions that came with (men's) football, and I think this is a great way to have the athleticism without so much risk. So it just seemed like an amazing opportunity."

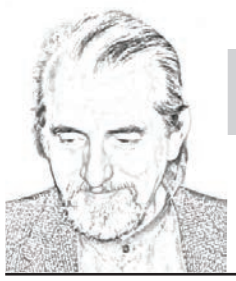
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Like the rest of the roster, flag became a "big contrast" to the other sports Sanchez played, with more structure and memorization required to figure out the playbook and rules of the game. At wideout and defensive back, she channeled her soccer background, making footwork and endurance her strengths while being able to pick up routes quickly.

Adding onto the pressure of figuring out the game was the fact Sanchez was the lone senior on the roster, with her teammates constantly coming to her for advice.

"She was the girl who people would go to and ask (questions to) ... maybe if they didn't feel like asking a coach, she would be one of the people that they would go to for that leadership, and she was such an even-keeled person that when we were in tight games, or heated games, she kept a really calm

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OPINION **CURIOUS CITY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Jack Sounds Good, Mike Tastes Good

I wrote in my previous NOTEWORTHY (music) column that our longtime, beloved Daily Press columnist had been hospitalized for weeks with some serious health considerations. I am happy to report that every time I have spoken to Jack he sounds like his "old self" – sarcastic, cracking jokes, asking questions about the latest on sports (he's a big Laker and Dodger fan, for decades) and Drumpf, in good spirits considering his circumstances of being hospitalized for weeks and feeling like "a prisoner."

In that column I suggested giving back to Jack by mailing him an avalanche of short notes and postcards of good cheer and appreciation, for his decades of writing 700+ columns) showing his love for Santa Monica and chronicling events and the lives of so many of our unique, fascinating and precious residents, stories that might have gone unnoticed but for Jack's LAUGHING MATTERS column. He writes "obits" on people while they are still alive.

In that column I gave an address for sending Jack love letters, that was incorrect by the time the column was printed. He was moved around to several rooms at UCLA Hospital, and now he is a at a different facility, so the best bet is to send those cards and notes to him at this address:

JACK NEWORTH
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Santa Monica, CA 90405
NOW, please. Thank you.

IN MY PREVIOUS CURIOUS CITY COLUMN

I said I would list all the things I stand for, not against (although the two are often intertwined), because:

"Positivity" is usually better than "negativity" (although I really don't like those two words, so often misused and more often misconstrued). Exposing misdeeds is a good thing, but often the fact finder is accused of attacking, and "being negative." Isn't failing to expose the misdeeds of a few, actually attacking the many who aren't even aware they are being shortchanged or even hurt? Is it being negative to remind people that Donald Trump, Republican presumptive nominee for President, told more than 30,000 lies while in the White House (and that he has not let up)?

Try to stick to those facts and not let your personal biases and opinions get in the way. Lay the facts out and let people decide for themselves, if they are being hurt or helped.

Framing issues in a way that both sides can relate to and find ways to work together is a lot better than just fighting. Perception is everything. Exposing the gray can make for better initial reactions, than just putting up the black and white



Courtesy photo

QUIZ TIME, KIDS: What is this?

and hoping the gray middle ground will be found.

Achieving part of what you want is better than getting nothing. That is the neglected art of compromise.

When you frame things in a "negative" way, you lose half your intended audience right away. Being more "positive" can allow both sides to find their sweet spots.

Continued "negativity" can mean you soon lose that part of your audience completely, and they will never find the parts with which they agree with you. Most writing for publication dissemination I intended to convince people of something, but it is so easy to lose sight of that and work against your own purposes.

SO, WHAT DO I STAND FOR?

A lot of things, it turns out. It's a great question for anyone to ask themselves, I think. Once you identify those things, or at least remind yourself, it then makes it easier to examine whether or not your daily practices are supporting those beliefs, or not. Not trying to get too airy fairy here. As with anything that gets into this column, take what you can use, and don't hate me for the rest.

I decided a comprehensive list of what I stand for was not the best way to go. Too much to chew on. It is an ongoing process, and I may deal with a few every column. But I find that for me trying to understand my underlying principles before taking off on something should help me approach things in the more "positive," accessible way. You can teach an old dog new tricks.

Will I slip? Probably. But what is life about than becoming more the person you want to be?

Just for fun, I will throw out one "stand for," and see what I come up with. It could be an entire column by itself.

I believe Santa Monica is a unique American city with a rich history and culture, and that we can and must develop and progress into the 21st century in a way that works and recognizes and does not throw away those fragile assets. Standing still does not work.

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Surf report WATER TEMP: **56.1**

WEDNESDAY ***POOR TO FAIR*** | **SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh

period refresh through the day — storm sending the refresh is west of Hawaii so it'll be very inconsistent. Early morning wind is looking favorable.

THURSDAY ***POOR TO FAIR*** | **SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh

period, lully WNW swell moves in. Should be joined by fresh NW swell mix late. Lightest wind through the AM, onshore WNW wind issues looking likely for the afternoon.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 52.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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UNION

FROM PAGE 1

until the end," said Arturo Huezo, houseman at the Fairmont Miramar Santa Monica for 30 years in a statement.

Workers have been protesting at hotels throughout the region since July 4 of last year. Unite Here Local 11 represents about 15,000 hotel and hospitality workers in California, including room attendants, dishwashers, cooks, front desk attendants, bellmen, cooks and dishwashers.

While a group of hotels have signed a deal with the union in the past six months including Le Merigot Santa Monica and the Fairmont Miramar, other local hotels have yet to reach an agreement.

Protests outside the Fairmont were controversial. Union members accused the hotel of instigating violence against protesters and that incident prompted calls for government intervention by union supporters. However, residents living near the hotel repeatedly attended council meetings to demand government intervention against the union saying the noise generated by protests violated local noise ordinances.

According to the union, protests will continue at hotels who have yet to come to an agreement, including several in Santa Monica.

"We – the entire city – owe them an enormous debt for their courage, and it is the only reason why we have prevailed and it is the reason why we have given hope to all working people that they too can win a living wage," said Kurt Petersen, co-president of UNITE HERE Local 11. "Aimbridge, Hotel Maya, Hotel Figueroa and every greedy hotel who is still failing to meet the new standard, listen up! We are not stopping until all workers get what they deserve."

The new contract expires in January of 2028, about six months before the start of the Los Angeles Olympics and Unite Here said their next effort is to secure an Olympic Minimum Wage for the event.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **23ENT-0198 Certificate of Appropriateness**
234 PICO BOULEVARD (Bowl Sign)
APPLICANT: Dave Rand
PROPERTY OWNER: US 216 Pico Owner, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Landmarks Commission to consider the following request:

The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider the removal, refurbishment, and reinstallation of the Landmark "Bowl" sign. The Certificate of Appropriateness application, 23ENT-0203, describes the restoration of a 1959 Googie style freestanding ground sign designated as a Santa Monica Landmark in 2013. The Landmarks Commission will consider the plan to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the "Bowl" sign a designated City Landmark, in accordance with SMMC Section 9.56.140(A).

DATE/TIME: **MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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Re: 23ENT-0198, 234 Pico Boulevard (Bowl Sign)

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Bird flu, weather and inflation conspire to keep egg prices near historic highs for Easter

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

Egg prices are at near-historic highs in many parts of the world as the spring holidays approach, reflecting a market scrambled by disease, high demand and growing costs for farmers.

It's the second year in a row consumers have faced sticker shock ahead of Easter and Passover, both occasions in which eggs play prominent roles.

While global prices are lower than they were at this time last year, they remain elevated, said Nan-Dirk Mulder, a senior global specialist with Dutch financial firm RaboBank's RaboResearch Food and Agribusiness division. Mulder doesn't expect them to return to 2021 levels.

In the United States, the average price of a dozen eggs was $2.99 in February, down from $4.21 last year, according to government data. Still, that's significantly more than the $1.59 cents per dozen consumers were paying in February 2021.

In Europe, egg prices are 10% to 15% lower than last year but still about double what they were in 2021, Mulder said.

One major culprit is avian flu. Outbreaks of the deadly respiratory disease were reported in Europe, Africa and Asia in 2020 and spread to North America in 2021. In 2022 alone, more than 131 million poultry worldwide died or were culled on affected farms, according to the World Health Organization.

Outbreaks are continuing. In December, the U.S. confirmed cases in 45 commercial flocks and 33 backyard flocks, affecting 11.4 million birds, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In South Africa, egg prices soared after 40% of laying hens were killed late last year due to the respiratory disease, Mulder said. A tray of six eggs cost 25.48 South African rand ($1.34) last month, up 21% from February 2023.

Even when avian flu dissipates, it can take a long time for the egg market to settle. It takes a farm three to six months to replenish a flock, so during that time, egg supplies are lower and prices rise, said Emily Metz, president of the American Egg Board, a marketing organization.

If farms restock with too many chickens, it can drive prices down. That's what happened in the U.S. last summer when egg prices plunged to $2 per dozen.

"It's supply and demand searching out. You have to have a profitable price," David Anderson, a professor and extension economist for livestock and food marketing at Texas A&M University, said.

And profits can be hard for farmers to come by during periods of inflation. Chicken feed represents up to 70% of a farmer's costs, and feed prices doubled between 2020 and 2022, Mulder said. Weather, COVID-related disruptions and the war in Ukraine – which drove up the price of wheat and other crops — were all contributors.

In Nigeria, the cost of a crate of eggs has doubled since the beginning of the year due to weakened currency, the removal of fuel subsidies and high costs for farmers.

Teslimat Abimbola, who runs a poultry farm in the southern city of Ibadan, said 25 kilograms of feed that cost 2,500 Nigerian naira ($1.78) in 2020 now costs 13,000 naira ($9.23). Abimbola has lost some customers as a result of price increases.

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> - Teslimat Abimbola

"Many farms have been forced to shut down due to the high costs of rearing chickens," Abimbola said.

The government of Lagos State, Nigeria's biggest economic center, has implemented a subsidy program to help consumers deal with the increased costs of eggs.

Elsewhere, government regulations play a part in lifting egg prices. Multiple states, including California and Massachusetts, have passed cage bans for egg-laying hens since 2018; this year, bans are set to take effect in Washington, Oregon and Michigan.

Converting to cage-free facilities is a big investment for farmers, and consumers may not always realize that's a factor in the higher prices they see at the grocery store, Metz said. She anticipates such conversion costs will eventually fall as more farms make the changeover.

Price peaks are inevitably followed by price drops, and egg prices will eventually settle into more normal patterns. In the short term, the holiday demand that picks up every Easter will ease heading into summer, Anderson said. Meanwhile, improving biosecurity measures should help blunt the impact of avian flu, he said.

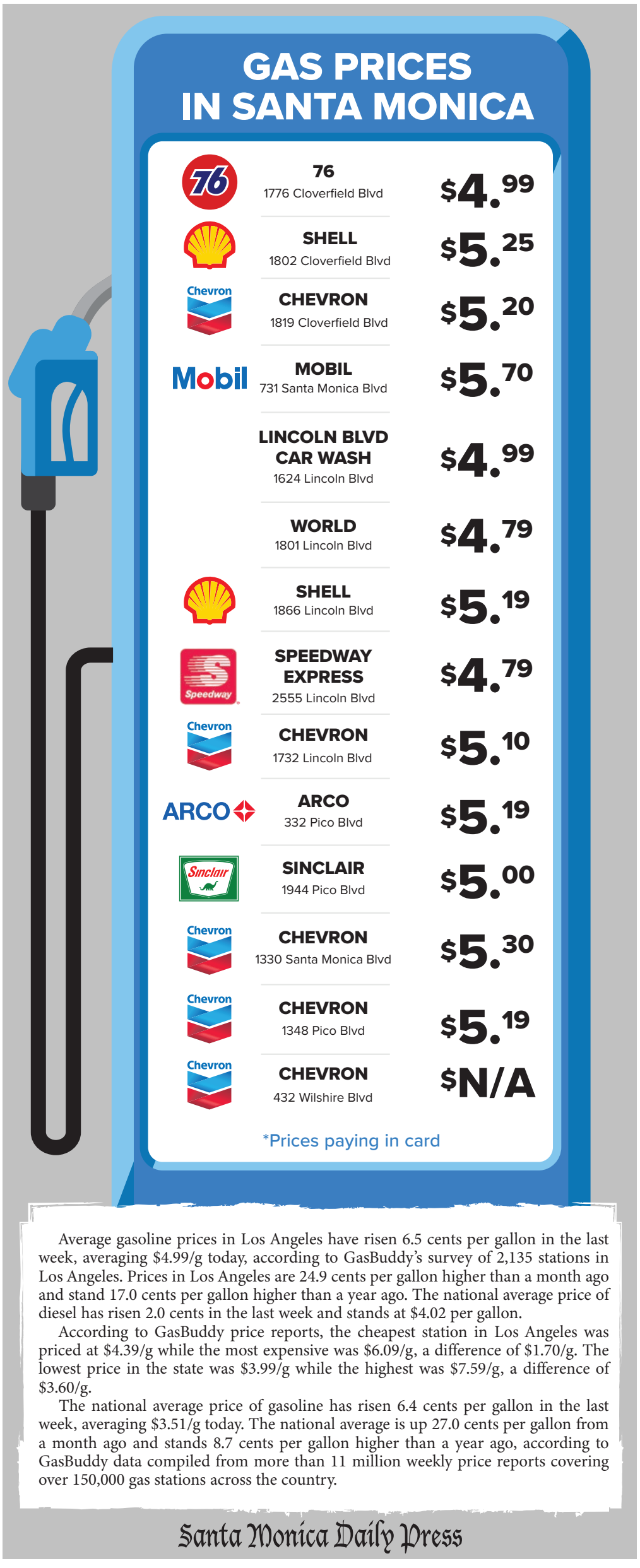
Lyncoya Ilion, who teaches cooking classes and runs a catering business called Catered by Coya in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, says she's noticed egg prices inching back up over the last two to three months but hopes she won't have to pass her costs onto clients.

"I haven't had to increase prices yet because I'm anticipating that the egg prices will decrease again soon," Ilion said.

That's a good bet. In the U.S., egg prices are expected to decrease around 2.8% this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That won't put them back to pre-COVID levels, but it should give some relief.

"People really love eggs, and they notice when that price fluctuates," Metz said. "Our farmers wish it wasn't such a sharp up and down as well. It makes everything challenging."

AP Business Reporter Taiwo Adebayo contributed from Lagos, Nigeria.



Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 6.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.99/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 24.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 17.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 2.0 cents in the last week and stands at $4.02 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $4.39/g while the most expensive was $6.09/g, a difference of $1.70/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.99/g while the highest was $7.59/g, a difference of $3.60/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 6.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.51/g today. The national average is up 27.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 8.7 cents per gallon higher 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.

Santa Monica Daily Press

California Restaurant Association says Berkeley to halt ban on natural gas piping in new buildings

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The city of Berkeley has agreed to halt enforcement of a ban on natural gas piping in new homes and buildings that was successfully opposed in court by the California Restaurant Association, the organization said.

The settlement follows the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' refusal to reconsider a 2023 ruling that the ban violates federal law that gives the U.S. government the authority to set energy-efficiency standards for appliances, the association said in a statement last week.

The office of the Berkeley city attorney did not immediately respond Tuesday to an email from The Associated Press seeking comment on the association's statement.

The association said Berkeley agreed to settle the case by taking steps to repeal its ordinance, but because the process will take several months, the city will immediately stop enforcing the ban to comply with the court ruling.

In 2019, Berkeley became the first U.S. city to adopt a ban on natural gas in new homes and buildings, starting a climate change-driven move in many other cities and counties that morphed into a culture war over the future of gas stoves.

The California Restaurant Association filed suit in federal court to overturn Berkeley's ban.

After the 9th Circuit's ruling, environmental groups contended it would not affect the majority of cities and counties that have already banned or curtailed natural gas through building codes that meet certain federal requirements. But they said jurisdictions with ordinances constructed similar to Berkeley's might be at risk.

Santa Monica joined over 60 other cities across California, including Berkeley, in passing all-electric building codes. Known as Ordinance #2722, it prohibited gas infrastructure, commonly referred to as "natural gas piping," in new buildings.

While both the Berkeley and the Santa Monica zero emission building code incorporate an exemption based on "public

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 23ENT-0203 Landmark Designation Nomination
1810 BROADWAY (AKA Philomathean Charity Club)
APPLICANT: Santa Monica Conservancy + Philomathean Charity Club, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: Philomathean Charity Club, Inc.

A public hearing will be held by the Landmarks Commission to consider the following request:

The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 23ENT-0203 for the property located at 1810 Broadway to determine whether the commercial structure in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark and, if so designated, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A).

DATE/TIME: **MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Landmarks Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Landmarks Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Stephanie Reich, Design and Historic Preservation Planner**
Re: 23ENT-0203, 1810 Broadway, Landmark Designation Nomination

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Stephanie Reich at (310) 458-2200 extension 5460 or by e-mail at Stephanie.Reich@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica sobre una solicitud para remodilar un edifecio que tiene valor historico importante. Para más información: planning@santamonica.gov



Who is Nicole Shanahan, the philanthropist picked by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as his running mate?

MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has picked Nicole Shanahan, a California lawyer and philanthropist who's never held elected office, to be his running mate in his independent bid for president, he announced on Tuesday.

An unconventional choice, Shanahan, who is 38, brings youth and considerable wealth to Kennedy's long-shot campaign but is little known outside Silicon Valley.

Shanahan leads the Bia-Echo Foundation, an organization she founded to direct money toward issues including women's reproductive science, criminal justice reform and environmental causes. She also is a Stanford University fellow and was the founder and chief executive of ClearAccessIP, a patent management firm that was sold in 2020.

Shanahan was married to Google co-founder Sergey Brin from 2018 to 2023, and they have a young daughter. She was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, where Kennedy made his announcement.

On Tuesday, Shanahan talked about her hardscrabble upbringing in Oakland, the daughter of a mother who immigrated from China and an Irish and German-American father "plagued by substance abuse" who "struggled to keep a job." Touching on her family's reliance on government assistance, Shanahan said that, although she had become "very wealthy later on in life," she felt she could relate to Americans being "just one misfortune away from disaster."

"The purpose of wealth is to help those in need. That's what it's for," Shanahan said. "And I want to bring that back to politics, too. That is the purpose of privilege."

Before the announcement, Kennedy's campaign manager and daughter-in-law, Amaryllis Fox Kennedy, praised Shanahan's work on behalf of "honest governance, racial equity, regenerative agriculture and children's and maternal health." She said the work "reflects many of our country's most urgent needs."

Kennedy, who said in an interview Monday with "The State of California" on KCBS radio that his VP search placed a priority on "somebody who could represent young people," said Tuesday that Shanahan — who he said, like him, has "left the Democratic Party" — also shares his concerns about government overreach and his distrust in major political parties' abilities to make lasting change.

"She'll tell you that she now understands at the defense agencies work for the military industrial complex, that health agencies work for big pharma and the USDA works for big ag and the processed food cartels," Kennedy said at his Oakland rally. "The EPA is in cahoots with the polluters, that the scientists can be mercenaries, that government officials sometimes act as sensors, and that the Fed works for Wall Street and allows millionaire bankers to prey upon on Main Street and the American worker."

Kennedy also said that, in part, Shanahan's heritage played at least some role in his selection of her.

"I wanted someone who would honor the traditions our nation, as a nation of immigrants, but who also understands that to be a nation, we need to secure borders," he said.

Kennedy had previously signaled interest in picking a celebrity or a household name such as NFL quarterback Aaron Rogers, "Dirty Jobs" star Mike Rowe or former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, who was a wrestler and actor.

According to campaign finance records, Shanahan has long donated to Democratic candidates, including giving the maximum amount allowed to Kennedy when he was still pursuing that party's nomination before switching to an independent bid in October.

It was unclear if Shanahan would use her own money on the campaign, but she has already opened her wallet to back Kennedy.

She was a driving force and the primary donor behind a Super Bowl ad produced by a pro-Kennedy super PAC, American Values 2024, for which she contributed $4 million. In response to criticism following the ad's release, the super PAC said its "idea, funding, and execution came primarily" from Shanahan.

The super PAC can accept unlimited funds but is legally barred from coordinating with Kennedy's team.

But as a candidate for vice president, Shanahan can give unlimited sums to the campaign directly. That's potentially a huge boost for Kennedy's expensive push to get on the ballot in all 50 states, an endeavor he has said will cost $15 million and require collecting more than 1 million signatures.

Jonathan J. Cooper contributed from Oakland.



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interest," the Santa Monica Zero Emission Building Code allowed for permit applications for the two exceptions, "cooking appliances in commercial kitchens" and "medical buildings, laboratory equipment or clean-rooms."

The Berkeley municipal code was a little stricter. Exemptions exist if "the applicant establishes that it is not physically feasible to construct the building without natural gas Infrastructure" and "an equivalent all-electric system or design is not available." However, newly constructed buildings shall "nonetheless be required at a minimum to have sufficient electric capacity, wiring and conduit to facilitate future full building electrification."

There have been no new bans since the 9th Circuit's ruling and some communities have suspended or stopped enforcing their rules, The Sacramento Bee reported Monday.

Sacramento, for example, has not enforced its electrification ordinance since August 2023, the Bee reported.

Jot Condie, president and CEO of the restaurant association, said all cities and counties that passed a similar ordinance should now undo them.

"Climate change must be addressed, but piecemeal policies at the local level like bans on natural gas piping in new buildings or all-electric ordinances, which are preempted by federal energy laws, are not the answer," Condie said in the association statement that was issued Friday.

SAMOHI

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demeanor, to where she would help recenter all of our girls and keep them focused on the task," Lambert said of his senior leader.

Sanchez's leadership style was one of constant motivation, bringing her squad from not knowing much about flag to conquering the Ocean League with an 8-0 record.

"I think it was (a) priority from the beginning that we all need to have really good communication and understand each other completely, and (understand) each other's strengths," she said. "I think it's just a matter of always being supportive, there's no tolerating any sort of negativity, (and) everyone's input was welcome … I still wonder how such a crazy array of people can have so much love for each other, but I think that's what led to so much success."

Now about to stand on the SoFi stage with the best of her peers, Sanchez recalled watching what the first women to play soccer had to overcome, feeling she can be a similar trailblazer in the flag world.

"It's kind of cool that me and all these other girls are a part of that, and hopefully girls in the future will look to us," she added. "Not just be thankful, I just hope everyone can build off of what we've done, because … I can just see how much (the sport is) gonna grow."

SAMOHI SPORTS SCORES:

SANTA MONICA BASEBALL:

Wednesday, March 20:
Vikings at Palos Verdes
Vikings win 4-3
Batting/Baserunning:
Jacob Myrow (Senior): 0-3, R, K, FC. Sage Douglass (Senior): 2-2, R, RBI, SH/B, SB. Bobby Munoz (Senior): 0-2, BB, 2 K. Spencer Levin (Senior): 0-2, BB, K. Blue Hunter (Junior): 1-3, R, BB, 2 K, SB. Isaac Liberman (Junior): 1-4, R, RBI, K. Jackson Myrow (Junior): 1-2, RBI, BB. Brady Satinover (Junior): 0-4, 2 K. Manny Lares (Junior): 0-2, RBI, SH/B
Pitching:
Eddie Jennings (Junior): 5.2 IP, W, 3 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, 1.24 ERA. Tony Ponce (Senior): 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0.00 ERA
Friday, March 22:
Vikings vs Palos Verdes
Palos Verdes win 6-3
Vikings Record: 12-3 (5-1 Bay League)
Next Game: Thursday, April 4 vs Highland

SANTA MONICA SOFTBALL:

Monday, March 18:
Lady Vikings vs Saint Monica
Lady Vikings win 8-1
Batting:
Ava Waterstone: 1-1, RBI. Cienna Burgos: 1-3, R, 2 K, HBP. Maya Paysinger: 1-3. Jasmine Arana: 2-3, 2B, 3 R, RBI, BB. Drew Vudmaska: 0-2, RBI, SF. Haley Riehl: 0-2, R, BB, HBP, FC. Sakura Krohn: 2-4, 2B, R, RBI. Talia Yermian: 0-2, R, BB, HBP. Andrea Castro: 0-2, RBI. Bella Myers: 1-2, R. Brooke Meshekow: 1-1, 2B, RBI, BB
Pitching:
Drew Vudmaska: 7.0 IP, W, 2 H, 1 R, 1 BB, 10 K, 0.00 ERA
Wednesday, March 20:
Lady Vikings at Palos Verdes
Palos Verdes win 5-2
Batting:
Cienna Burgos: 0-4, 2 K. Avey Thompson: 1-1, R. Maya Paysinger: 0-3, 3 K. Jasmine Arana: 0-1, SH/B, HBP. Haley Riehl: 0-2. Debbie Amezquita: 0-1, 2 BB, K. Sakura Krohn: 1-2, R, RBI, BB, K. Talia Yermian: 0-3, BB. Bella Myers: 0-3, K. Brooke Meshekow: 0-3
Pitching:
Drew Vudmaska: 6.0 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 1 K, 3.50 ERA
Friday, March 22:
Lady Vikings vs Peninsula
Lady Vikings win 5-2
Batting:
Savannah Lopez: 0-0, R. Cienna Burgos: 1-3, R, RBI, BB, 2 K. Avey Thompson: 0-2. Maya Paysinger: 2-3, 2 R. Jasmine Arana: 0-3, RBI, BB, K. Drew Vudmaska: 0-3. Haley Riehl: 1-4, 2B, 2 RBI. Debbie Amezquita: 1-3, K. Talia Yermian: 2-3, R, BB. Bella Myers: 2-3, RBI
Pitching:
Drew Vudmaska: 7.0 IP, W, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 6 K, 2.00 ERA
Lady Vikings Record: 10-9-1 (1-3 Bay League)
Next Game: Wednesday, April 10 at Culver City

SANTA MONICA BOYS LACROSSE:

Wednesday, March 20:
Vikings at Redondo Union
Vikings win 8-6
Friday, March 22:
Vikings at Beverly Hills
Vikings win 16-0
Vikings Record: 5-5 (1-0 Ocean League)
Next Game: Wednesday, April 10 vs El Segundo

SANTA MONICA GIRLS LACROSSE:

Tuesday, March 19:
Lady Vikings at Huntington Beach
Huntington Beach win 17-1
Lady Vikings Record: 2-7-1
Next Game: Friday, April 5 at Palisades

SANTA MONICA BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Monday, March 18:
Vikings at Redondo Union
Redondo Union win 3-1
Vikings Record: 11-8 (2-4 Bay League)
Next Game: Tuesday, April 9 vs Palos Verdes

SANTA MONICA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

Saturday, March 23:
Santa Monica Invitational:
Mens 100 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
4- Jayden Butts (Sophomore), 12.36 seconds. 6- George Frank (Sophomore), 12.48 seconds. 8- Grayson Fitzgerald (Sophomore), 12.50 seconds
Mens 200 Meter Varsity Finals:
1- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 22.41 seconds
Mens 400 Meter Varsity Finals:
1- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 50.04 seconds. 7- Roman Nicodemus (Sophomore), 55.50 seconds. 14- Mario Ducille (Freshman), 57.66 seconds
Mens 400 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
10- Joseph Misfen (Sophomore), 1:00.64. 14- Luke Shimahara (Sophomore), 1:03.70
Mens 800 Meter Varsity Finals:
1- Peter Jarvis (Junior), 2:07.53. 8- Joshua Shaw (Junior), 2:21.01. 14- Kenneth Walden (Junior), 2:27.13
Mens 800 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
1- Tobin Palmer (Sophomore), 2:13.80. 2- Phineaus Pitts (Freshman), 2:16.18. 3- Jackson Mayeda (Sophomore), 2:19.84
Mens 1,600 Meter Varsity Finals:
1- Landon Kozmor (Junior), 4:35.27. 2- Kingsley Lin (Freshman), 4:36.76. 4- David Ervin (Senior), 4:42.96
Mens 1,600 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
3- Lev Goldstein (Freshman), 5:08.75. 11- Senam Turner (Freshman), 5:24.57. 12- Sean Milne-Morrow (Freshman), 5:25.13
Mens 110 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:
3- Dylan Fanselow (Senior), 21.80 seconds
Mens 4x100 Meter Relay Varsity Finals:
1- Talib Debose (Senior), Charles Rusler (Senior), Logan Harvey (Sophomore), Roman Nicodemus (Sophomore); 45.17 seconds. 5- Arman Chibber (Sophomore), Wyatt Brown (Sophomore), Ashtin Derrick (Sophomore), Karl Lamb (Junior); 47.47 seconds
Mens 4x200 Meter Relay Varsity Finals:
5- Charles Rusler (Senior), Talib Debose (Senior), Logan Hanvey (Sophomore), Giovanni Crabtree-Ireland (Junior); 1:38.04. 7- Arman Chibber (Sophomore), Ashtin Derrick (Sophomore), Roman Nicodemus (Sophomore), Wyatt Brown (Sophomore); 1:40.60
Mens Shot Put Varsity Finals:
2- Alberto Villasenor (Senior), 44-00.00. 6- Ryan Wells (Junior), 32-00.50
Mens High Jump Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
2- George Frank (Sophomore), 5-02.00. 3- Mario Ducille (Freshman), 5-00.00
Mens Long Jump Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
3- Mario Ducille (Freshman), 16-03.25
Womens 100 Meter Varsity Finals:
2- Della Turner (Junior), 13.44 seconds
Womens 100 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
6- Demi Belle (Sophomore), 14.70 seconds. 7- Erin Arita (Sophomore), 14.81 seconds
Womens 400 Meter Varsity Finals:
2- Tessa Levine (Sophomore), 1:03.75. 4- Shenandoah Markos (Sophomore), 1:04.30. 13- Maeko Gross (Junior), 1:09.99
Womens 400 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
6- Charlie Llorente (Freshman), 1:07.28. 9- Claire Baboujon (Sophomore), 1:08.75
Womens 800 Meter Varsity Finals:
2- Ellie Holmstrom (Senior), 2:32.06. 5- Siena Tovar Burke (Junior), 2:43.43. 8- Sylvia Minzenberg (Junior), 2:53.93
Womens 800 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
2- Brooklyn Tarin (Freshman), 2:50.39
Womens 1,600 Meter Varsity Finals:
1- Phoebe Benun (Junior), 5:16.62. 2- Cleo Topp (Junior), 5:38.53. 5- Harper Snyder (Junior), 6:05.39
Womens 1,600 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
1- Brooke Merriam (Sophomore), 6:30.56. 3- Priya Mevasse (Sophomore), 7:20.69
Womens 300 Meter Hurdles Freshman/Sophomore Finals:
1- Makena Weybright (Sophomore), 52.33 seconds
Womens 4x800 Meter Relay Varsity Finals:
1- Maeko Gross (Junior), Phoebe Benun (Junior), Matilde Martinez (Senior), Cleo Topp (Junior); 9:55.98. 2- Charlie Llorente (Freshman), Sofia Santoyo (Freshman), Addy Fiore (Freshman), Makena Weybright (Sophomore); 11:01.54
Womens Shot Put Varsity Finals:
1- Aurora Ahloo (Junior), 24-05.00. 5- Sara Gonzalez (Junior), 21-09.00. 9- Olivia Kim (Junior), 16-02.50
Womens Triple Jump Varsity Finals:
1- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 32-08.50
Next Meet: 2024 Tiger Invitational at South Pasadena, Friday, April 5

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Easter 2024



The Joy We Share

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24

10 a.m. In-Person and Online Worship
The day we celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, with the waving of palms and loud Hosannas!

11 a.m. Palm Sunday Celebration - Brunch/Easter Bunny/Egg Hunt
Following worship, come for a Palm Sunday celebration, hosted by Children and Family Ministries. Featuring brunch, an Easter Egg hunt, games and crafts, a family photo opp, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Fun for all ages!

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Walk the First UMC Labyrinth / Chapel Open for Prayers
Walking the labyrinth on Good Friday allows your feet and your heart to contemplate Jesus' journey to the cross. With every step, Jesus' step. With every turn a new opportunity to contemplate Jesus' humanity, divinity, acceptance, and commitment to loving humanity. The First UMC Chapel will also be open for prayers.

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service - Outdoor Service canceled due to rain forecast
Join us for 10 a.m. service in the First UMC Sanctuary

10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship in the First UMC Sanctuary
Traditional Family Service, with Choir, Organ, Brass Ensemble, Easter Flowers, and Alleluias!

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RETAIL THEFT

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Warrantless arrests when police don't witness the crime aren't new — officers can already arrest people on misdemeanor charges for domestic violence, violating a restraining order or for carrying a concealed gun at an airport.

The bill has bipartisan support with the backing of Assemblymember Juan Alanis, a Republican from Modesto and vice chairperson of the Public Safety Committee. In a statement, Carrillo said that by "increasing enforcement against suspected shoplifters, we are sending a clear message: we will not tolerate these acts that threaten our public safety and economic vitality."

But Inglewood Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, a fellow progressive caucus member, urged lawmakers to reject the bill, saying on social media that it was "bad for black and brown folks."

In an emailed statement, McKinnor told CalMatters that AB 1990 is unnecessary and will promote mass incarceration: "We need our law enforcement partners to enforce the laws on the books, not discourage retailers from asking for help."

A 2019 report from the Public Policy Institute of California found that African Americans in nearly all California counties have higher arrest rates than whites, and that misdemeanors have increased as a share of all arrests. (Latinos, however, were arrested at lower rates than whites in 26 out of the 58 counties.)

Carrillo pushed back, however, arguing that her bill "is committed to fairness, equity, and the protection of all individuals' rights, regardless of race or background."



Photo by Loren Elliott for CalMatters

CRIME: Local business advocates hold a strike event aimed at stopping business closures and supporting public safety in Oakland on Sept. 26, 2023.

In an email to CalMatters, Carrillo also said that McKinnor hasn't met with her to talk about the measure, and that while she is "always open" to discuss policy with colleagues, "I don't legislate via social media."

Gardena Assemblymember Mike Gipson, who is one of the bill's co-authors, also stood by Carrillo, arguing that "communities of color are hurting" because of retail theft and job loss. Gipson also posed a question to his (unspecified) colleague on social media: "What do you offer besides throwing rocks? What do you offer, I ask, as any form of a solution to a statewide problem?"

The debate is emblematic of the tightrope progressive lawmakers attempt to walk on public safety. And it's an issue that Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, will have to navigate as Carrillo's bill heads to the committee.

While McCarty's office said he was not available for comment today, he spoke with CalMatters earlier this month about his approach to retail theft. The Sacramento Democrat said that lawmakers are "at the forefront" to address the issue, and that he aims to have a "balanced response" that does not "overcorrect" with unintended consequences.

McCarty, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Assemblymember Rick Zbur, chairperson of a select committee appointed by Rivas, have their own retail theft legislation.

The potential to "overcorrect" is particularly pertinent with retail theft, as the severity of a perceived crime wave remains up for debate (or as the Brookings Institution put it, "greatly exaggerated.")

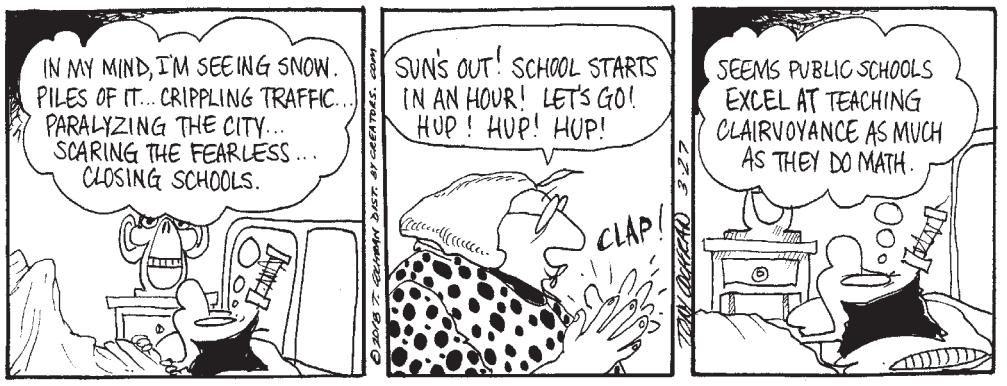
According to another Public Policy Institute of California study, shoplifting rates in California remained 8% below pre-pandemic levels in 2022. Last September, a handful of media outlets poked holes in Target's rationale to close some of its locations due to crime. And in December, the National Retail Federation had to walk back its claim that half of the $94.5 billion merchandise loss the industry experienced in 2021 was due to organized retail theft (experts put the figure closer to 5%).

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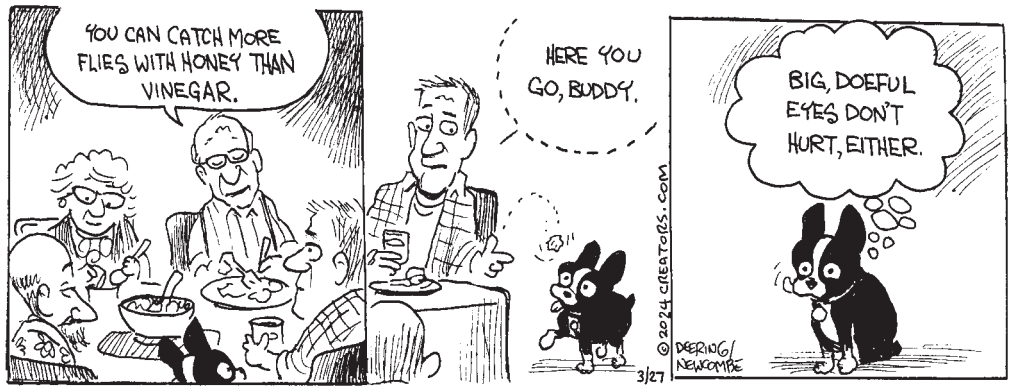
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Strange Brew

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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 27)

You feel mystically drawn to particular scenes, and when you heed the call, relationships begin. Loved ones herald your talent for turning ordinary moments into extraordinary memories. More highlights: You'll complete three impressive jobs and be up for an award. You'll inherit something that's not financial, but extremely valuable. Fabulous entertainment abound. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 2, 8, 13 and 29.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's something you've been wanting to get across, but you didn't know how. Now the inspiration will hit, and you'll have the exact right words — or, more than likely, that which communicates beyond words.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some friends get you on a level that other friends will never understand. That's just how it is. Your ability to roll with it and appreciate whatever people appreciate about you, is what keeps you rich in friendship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you grow weary of the dance of opposites within you — and you will — tell the dancers to go on break. Let them drop out of the swirling vortex of contradictions to get a coffee. Then go about your business, enjoying the quiet.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Daily habits, like getting sunshine and exercise, or putting your keys in the same place every time, make all run smoothly so you can focus on what matters — the relationships you value.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Explore unconventional methods for finding happiness and enjoyment. Creative activities will allow you to explore your inner thoughts. Art and exercise will serve as an outlet for processing feelings and gaining clarity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't make people feel, but if you could, you know just the feeling you'd want them to have. And to whatever extent you can cultivate a vibe, you will. You'll arrange an environment conducive to the mood you want to create.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Social wins lead to other kinds of wins. Avoid gossip and limit small talk. Congratulate others on their success, acknowledge the challenges, and ignore all else. Cover those bases and you'll be considered a social genius.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your powers of empathy emerge in response to someone's pain — a brand you know well. Knowing there's a possibility you could be a major part of someone's healing, you'll apply them with generosity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your accomplishment will draw attention, and that can't be helped. Luckily, your inherent kindness disallows any of the props you get for today's success from going straight to your head.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Doing what you love, putting good things in the world and creating opportunities for others charges you up and doesn't feel like work at all. You'll be doing the sort of things you can really put your heart into.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In moments of frustration, it seems something is happening that you don't want, though it's more accurate to say you're attached to something else — a different idea of what should be happening. To experience sudden contentment, let go of that attachment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The mystical side of you wants to dive into the ethereal depths, though your practical side resists. Why? You don't need gear to navigate the sea of dreams. There's nothing to fear in the currents of imagination. Surrender and play.

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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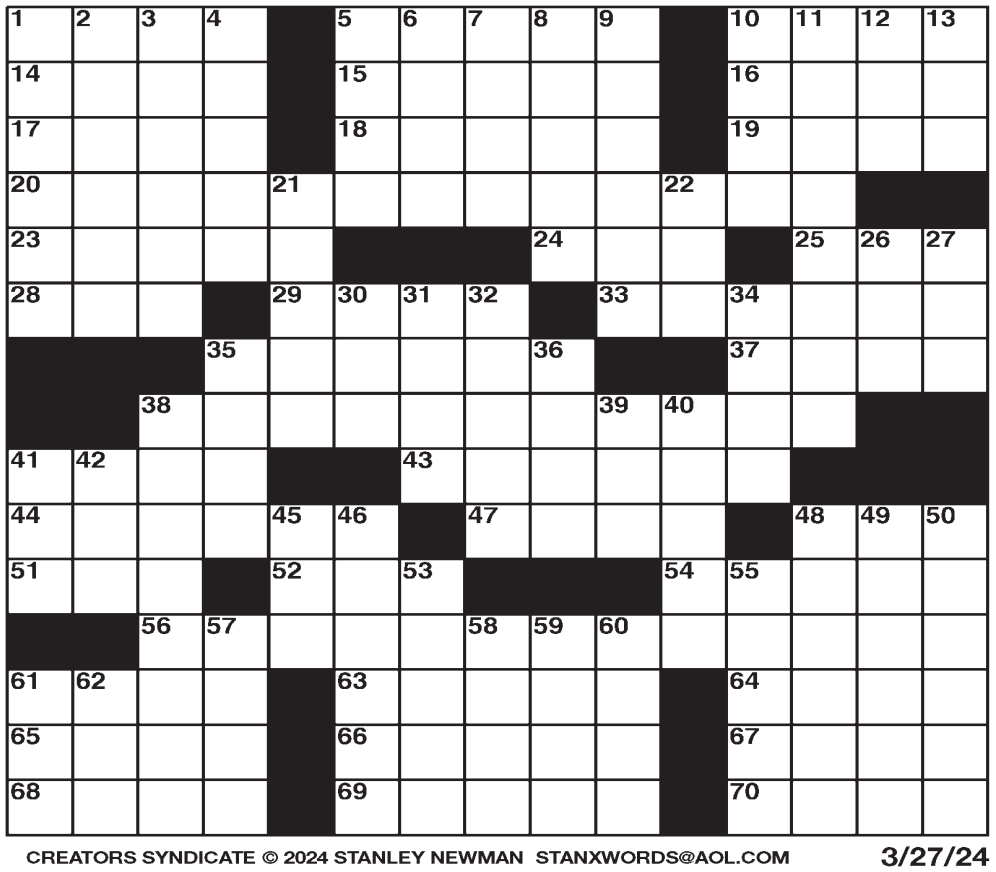
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ACROSS

1 Pulverize, as potatoes
5 Most desired group of guests
10 Weightlifter's bane
14 Creative thought
15 Hot chocolaty drink
16 Valentine's Day flower
17 Caviar fish
18 "Hello everybody!"
19 Sports cable channel
20 *A Series of Unfortunate Events* author
23 Indoor pro sports venue
24 Scheduled to arrive
25 Wooden pin
28 Money in Tokyo
29 Boston's state: Abbr.
33 Affectionate term of address
35 Dimes, to dollars
37 Raison d'__
38 "Poetic" rap artist
41 Paves, as a driveway
43 Found a second purpose for
44 Salt dispenser
47 Traditional Scottish skirt
48 Grocery sack
51 Skillet or wok
52 Neighbor of the Simpsons
54 Exclusive group
56 Mountie of cartoons
61 Snake's tooth
63 Novel that's downloaded
64 Part of a molecule
65 Skater's jump
66 Squiggle on "São Paulo"
67 Capital of Italia
68 Damp, as morning lawns
69 Got to one's feet
70 Raced along

DOWN

1 Lose temporarily
2 Stick (to)
3 Sailor guys
4 Was wearing
5 With sore muscles
6 Lane of Superman stories
7 "Not if __ help it!"
8 Sturdily built
9 After-bath powder
10 At no cost
11 Animals on neighborhood posters
12 Egyptian snake
13 Actor Kingsley or Affleck
21 Appoints
22 Under lock and __
26 Talent for music
27 College sr.'s test
30 Insect in a colony
31 Lead performer
32 Ogre of movies
34 Heroic act
35 Elephant's tooth
36 Feng __ (architectural art)
38 Never taken out of the box
39 Designer label initials
40 Taxi fare calculator
41 Recipe meas.
42 "It just occurred to me!"
45 Bring to completion
46 Finds another tenant for
48 Main circus tent
49 In one's residence
50 Lose one's temper
53 Bank account subtraction
55 Deceitful people
57 Hostile, as a crowd
58 Texter's "seize the day"
59 Bygone flightless bird
60 Approved of
61 Fleeting craze
62 Logger's chopper



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OCEAN

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change and sustainability. With consideration for environmental change, additionally, (the courses address) conservation and restoration practices for endangered species."

Heal the Bay Director of Operations and SMC Aqua 1 instructor Laura Rink stated at the event that the culmination of completing the two courses is to give students an opportunity to participate in summer internships at different aquaculture facilities, gaining hands-on experience.

"I've worked in the aquarium industry for 15 years now, and it is such a trade skill," Rink said. "But it's never been really addressed in that way … this program really gives students (a) pathway into the workforce, job career, because they're getting that hands-on trade skill that is really required. It's allowing for more accessibility, it's allowing for students who might not otherwise feel confident enough to enter this world (with) the skills (to) contribute to creating sustainable aquaculture and supporting our planet. It's a beautiful thing."

SMC also gives students a chance to complete non credit certificate courses in sustainability roles such as organic aides, services technicians and sustainability assistants. The courses are free, both online and in-person, preparing for jobs within the blue ocean economy.

"What excites me is that for so long we have been so cautious with allowing anyone to do anything in the ocean … but if we do this right, there's so many opportunities for us to use the oceans and heal the planet, reduce our carbon (and) solve our own problems," SMC Sustainability Manager Ferris Kawar said of the program.

For more information about SMC's aquaculture program, visit smc.edu/aquaculture.

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CURIOUS CITY

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GOOD CITIZEN JERSEY MIKE'S

Win, win. TODAY! Treat yourself to a few large sub sandwiches (they're great the next day too), of many varieties, from the folks I have long thought the best purveyors of subs of any I've ever had. Why am I promoting a sandwich, and why today? Because Jersey Mike's is that good local citizen we wish all corporations and businesses would be. Today they are donating ALL proceeds – not just profits – to a local charity, something they've been doing for years. So you can go hand 30 or 40 bucks to your favorite local charity, or you can let Jersey Mike's do it, and you wind up with some great sandwiches instead of just a receipt. They've been doing this for years. How about some other local businesses stepping up?

(And no, I have never gotten a free sandwich for any of these yearly recognitions.)

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 therealmrmusic@gmail.com





WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRO TO ZOOM

Get acquainted with the Zoom video chat service. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

VITA: VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

In partnership with Virginia Avenue Park, volunteers from Haven Neighborhood Services provide free tax preparation assistance. Registration required. Contact VAP staff (310) 458-8688 or vap@santamonica.gov to request a call back (include your name and phone number in the email). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 12 - 6 p.m.

SPRING BREAK READING PARTY: FEMALE HEROES & AUTHORS AT MAIN

Bring your book or discover a new one while we read together in the same room, with a different theme for each day. Refreshments provided. For grades K-5. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 3 p.m.

FLIGHTS OF FANTASY STORY THEATRE

Join the fun when the incomparable duo, Lorrie Oshatz and Theresa Amy, bring their fresh spin on folk tales, fables, and poetry in an interactive and entertaining vaudeville-style show for children of all ages. They celebrate the humor and wisdom inherent in the human experience, drawing upon the wealth of multicultural literature. Be on time for this fast-paced, storytelling theatrical delight! This program was made possible with the generous support of the Library Foundation of Los Angeles. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. 3:30 - 4 p.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades

SPRING BREAK READING PARTY: MYSTERIES & ADVENTURES AT MONTANA

Bring your book or discover a new one while we read together in the same room, with a different theme for each day. Refreshments provided. For grades K-5. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, 2 - 3 p.m.

THURSDAY | MARCH 28

HANDS-ONLY CPR

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is coming to the library to provide Hands-Only CPR training. This is drop-in training - come anytime between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. - it only takes about 10 minutes to complete. Note: this is not a certified CPR class. You will not receive a certificate. This training is a lie-saving skill that will help you feel more confident to respond in an emergency. CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths. Only to be used on teens or adults. No documents are required from anyone who would like to be trained. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades.

REAL WOMEN HAVE CURVES

"Women of Color in Film" revisits the award-winning 2002 coming-of-age feature set in East Los Angeles. A discussion follows the screening at 4 p.m. at Santa Monica College Cayton Center, 1900 Pico Blvd., Room #202.

LA STARTUP AND TECH MIXER

Kick off 2024 the right way with the best networking in Los Angeles. As seen in Entrepreneur Magazine, the premier tech networking event has one of the largest membership groups in Southern California and is growing every month. Join them 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Santa Monica Whaler, 101 Broadway, for drinks, amazing company, top companies and top talent. General admission tickets $9, VIP tickets $16. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-startup-and-tech-mixer-tickets-855586501257

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How to use the Libby icons including "Shelf."
Accessing your personal account on the library website.
Searching and requesting a physical book online through the library's catalog.
Paying fees online.
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1 p.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades.

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