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Officials welcome cycles, caviar and coffee with ribbon cuttings







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RIBBON CUTTING: A trio of snippings in Santa Monica welcomed new businesses into the community this past week. On March 25, Oasis Restaurant at 1413 5th St. was the first Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony of the week, celebrating the vast space curated by co-owners Mickey Barnes and Brenda Garcia. In addition to the grand opening, Oasis was given a $10,000 donation by Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) and Pepsi through the Pepsi Dig In initiative supporting black-owned businesses. Two days later, the Chamber commended Richard Cao and Hansel Cisneros for the opening of Bandit E-Bikes, a bicycle service and repair shop with plenty of e-bike inventory. Chamber members and local officials had fun with the vehicles at the 930c Broadway location, including Mayor Phil Brock testing out the bikes. On March 28, the Medical Center of Santa Monica at 2021 Santa Monica Blvd., adjacent to Providence Saint John's Health Center, welcomed a Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf location. Alongside the Chamber and local officials were higher-ups at the national coffee chain, as well as new store owner Jason Park.

El Segundo hires former SMPD Captain Saul Rodriguez as new Police Chief

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Former Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Captain, Saul Rodriguez, has been hired by the City of El Segundo as their new Chief of Police. With the exception of two and half years spent as a transit police officer for the LA County at the very beginning of his career, the majority of Rodriguez's impressive 30 years of law enforcement experience comes from time spent at the SMPD.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to be appointed as the Chief of Police for the El Segundo Police Department," said Rodriguez. "I am committed to working collaboratively with our officers, community members, and city leaders to uphold the highest standards of professionalism,

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Female skydivers take leap for equality in new documentary

THOMAS LEFFLER
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Typically when you're 20,000 feet in the sky, no one can sense your emotions. For one group of brave women, however, a collective sense of purpose in the air was palpable as they attempted a historic descent.

Project 19, a force for female advancement in the extreme endeavor, premiered its new documentary "Project 19: The Leap for Equality" this past week at Red Bull North America's Santa Monica headquarters. Project 19, named after the 19th Amendment that procured the right to vote for women, set out to claim skydiving records over the past several years, with the documentary chronicling the group's achievements.

During one week in 2022, the more than 100 women of the Project 19 group made 29 plunges from planes, claiming a successful skydiving world record for people in one formation. After achieving a 72-way women's vertical world record on day five of the project, the second jump was another record completion, putting 80 women within the same formation.

On the final day, the ultimate goal of a 100-way formation was cut just short, as a built 97-way formation was unlinked by just fingertips. Even though the goal was not reached, the multiple broken records was a strong step forward for equality in the extreme sport.

"In the United States, there are 42,000 active skydivers, and only

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Samohi student learns to live fearlessly despite diabetes diagnosis

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

To be diagnosed with a life-altering illness at any age is quite the shock, but even more so if a disease impacts one's youth. Fitting in monitoring the body alongside the trappings of adolescence can be a lot on one's plate, but one local student has learned to live fearlessly despite his condition.

This past month, Santa Monica High School senior Lucas Marcelo Milk was awarded the Skin Grip Diabetes Scholarship, putting $1,000 toward his eventual college education. Milk, a captain of the Samohi track team and member of the school's soccer unit, has achieved a healthy student-athlete life, even after being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in 2019. The scholarship came courtesy of Skin Grip, which produces adhesives to keep glucose monitoring devices attached to those impacted by the disease, and was facilitated by scholarship hub Bold.org.

"We (felt) like, just for us, it was a way that we could put our money to good use by being able to have full transparency of choosing who got the scholarships, so we could look at the need and (other factors) to be able to decide where our money was going," said Skin Grip Founder Isaac Parkinson.

Calling on students who live courageously with diabetes to apply for the scholarship, Skin Grip has honored 65 students with the honor over the past three years, giving out more than $50,000 toward higher education. Milk was encouraged to apply through Bold.org, submitting a video essay speaking on his athletic experiences while managing his condition.

While some might be taken aback by a serious diagnosis like Type One, Milk's reaction was actually one of relief, having gone undiagnosed for the prior year and not knowing what was wrong with him.

"I was just urinating all the time, I was vomiting (too)," Milk said. "In one class period, I had to pee like four times, the teachers thought I was vaping or something ... (it) was just a really hard time for me that whole year, I didn't really know what was wrong with me, and it just felt really isolating ... my body felt like it was tearing itself apart."

The situation became even worse after being told by a doctor that he was simply working out too much and needed to eat more, and Milk's condition deteriorated to the point he was hospitalized for two weeks due to his high blood sugar. He called the proper diagnosis a "huge turning point" in his life, allowing him to switch to a low-carb diet that helped him monitor his sugar levels.

"It kind of (was) like giving a name and a face to the enemy and (know) what you're up against," Milk added. "So in a way, it was relieving, not (that) it (wasn't) still very scary at times, but it kind of felt like I had direction again."

The scholarship was the culmination of Milk reconstructing his life and habits to the point he became a highly successful athlete at Samohi, with Bold.org VP of Donors Tori Meglio saying the honor celebrates students with diabetes and their "resilience, determination and the daily courage they exhibit in balancing their educational pursuits with health challenges."

"This recognition can inspire others, foster (a) supportive community and break down the stigma associated with chronic illnesses in general," Meglio said. "By celebrating these students, we're not only honoring their individual journeys, but also encouraging a culture of empathy, understanding and empowerment."

Milk plans to use the

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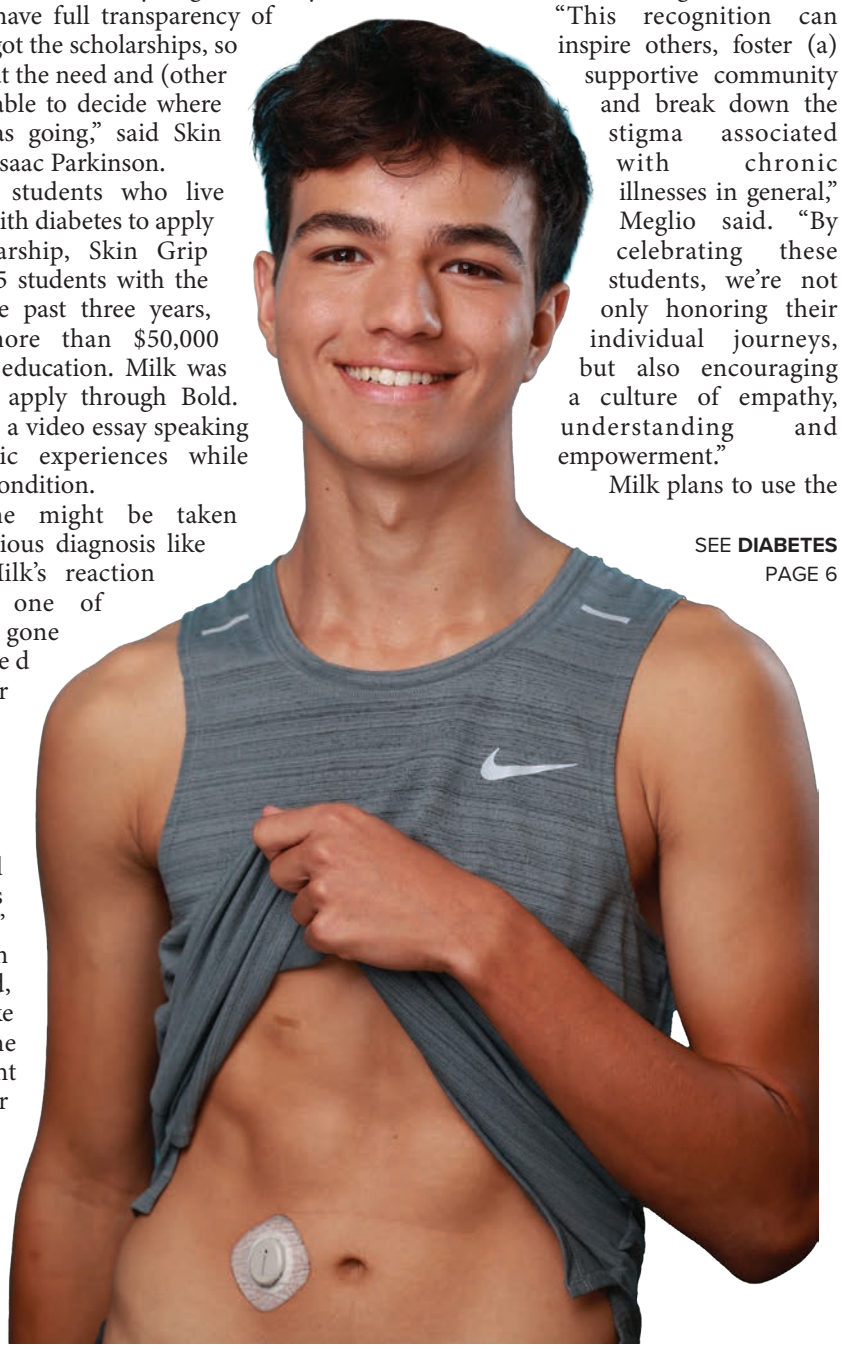


Photo Courtesy Lucas Marcelo Milk

SCHOLARSHIP: Samohi track and soccer star Lucas Marcelo Milk, seen showing off his glucose monitoring system, was recently awarded a scholarship from Skin Grip for his fearless attitude living with diabetes.

States move to shore up voting rights protections after courts erode federal safeguards

STEVE KARNOWSKI
Associated Press

An appeals court ruling that weakened a key part of the Voting Rights Act is spurring lawmakers in several states to enact state-level protections to plug gaps that the ruling opened in the landmark federal law aimed at prohibiting racial discrimination in voting.

Democratic-led states have been taking matters into their own hands because national legislation to expand voting rights remains stalled in a divided Congress. Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers in many states have tried to erode safeguards in the name of protecting election integrity amid former President Donald Trump's false claims that vote fraud cost him the 2020 election.

> As with other areas of policy, what you're seeing is, states really have to say, 'We need to make sure that ... we have a system that is free from discrimination, we need to protect the rights of voters
> - Emma Greenman, Democratic Rep.

Legislators in Minnesota, Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey and Florida are pursuing state voting rights acts, building on ones enacted by New York in 2022 and Connecticut in 2023, as well as ones enacted earlier in Virginia, Oregon, Washington and California.

"And we know of interest from other states that are considering taking up state VRAs in the next year or so," said Michael Pernick, an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York.

In Minnesota, Democratic Rep. Emma Greenman, of Minneapolis, said she felt an urgent need to act after the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year in an Arkansas case that voters and groups could no longer sue under Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act — only the U.S. attorney general.

Section 2 prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, including maps that disadvantage voters of color. Lawsuits have long been brought under the section to try to ensure Black voters have adequate political representation in places with a long history of racism, including many Southern states.

The appeals court decision currently applies only to the seven states in the 8th Circuit, which stretches from Minnesota to Arkansas. Legal observers expect the case to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"As with other areas of policy, what you're seeing is, states really have to say, 'We need to make sure that ... we have a system that is free from discrimination, we need to protect the rights of voters,'" Greenman said.

The 1965 Voting Rights Act is seen as a crowning achievement of the civil rights movement. But federal courts have "chipped away" at it over the decades, said Lata Nott, an attorney with the Campaign Legal Center in Washington, D.C., who testified for the Minnesota bill.

The biggest blow to the federal law in the view of voting rights advocates was a 2013 Supreme Court ruling in an Alabama case that stripped the government of a potent tool to stop voting bias by eliminating the requirement that jurisdictions with a history of racial discrimination in voting get "preclearance" from the federal government for major changes in the way they hold elections.

Conservatives have argued the requirement did not account for racial progress and other changes in society and that existing voting rights protections are adequate.

"It looks like this an effort by the Left in the state to do at the state level what they can't do at the federal level under the VRA," said Zack Smith, a legal fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies.

The 8th Circuit decision sounded new alarms because most lawsuits to enforce the act have come from private individuals and groups, not the Justice Department, Nott said. Administrations change, so allowing people to protect their own voting rights is a "valuable enforcement mechanism," she said.

There are broad similarities among the various state voting rights acts under consideration and the New York and Connecticut laws. They all give voters and groups a "private right of action" to challenge laws that dilute or suppress the votes of people of color, Pernick said. That's the right the 8th Circuit struck down on the federal level.

Some of the state proposals also include preclearance requirements for changes in voting to make sure they don't harm voters of color.

The Minnesota proposal is expected to get floor votes soon as part of a broader election policy bill, and the sponsors said they are cautiously optimistic about passage.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.4**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Looking small with leftover WNW swell and S swell mix. Favorable winds due early AM.

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

Small scale new NW swell mix on tap. Wind looks light for the AM with surf best-suited for the small wave gear.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 67. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 53. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

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2024/04/03	Wed	7:42 PM	3.66	H
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2024/04/04	Thu	06:17 AM	5.03	H
2024/04/04	Thu	1:26 PM	-0.76	L
2024/04/04	Thu	8:01 PM	4.14	H
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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Californians pay high gas prices and high gas taxes yet still drive on bad highways

DAN WALTERS

To state the obvious, California motorists are experiencing one of the state's periodic spikes in gasoline prices.

California's average price for regular grade gas has again topped $5 a gallon, according to the most recent American Automobile Association report. It's more than $6 in some areas. The average is up about 20 cents from a year ago and is about $1.50 higher than the national figure.

I can attest to the differential, having spent part of March driving some 3,000 miles through four western states, mostly to visit national parks, and buying about 200 gallons of fuel along the way. All of my fill-ups were under $3.50 a gallon, with the lowest price being $2.99 in Wyoming.

The difference between California prices and those in other states raises, for the umpteenth time, is the question of why it exists.

A couple of years ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom spent months vilifying oil companies as price-gouging enemies of the people and demanded that the Legislature punish them with taxes on excess profits. He couldn't win approval the tax proposal, switched to seeking civil penalties, and ultimately had to settle for relatively toothless legislation directing the state Energy Commission to gather data, establish a reasonable profit level and assess penalties for exceeding it.

"Finally, we're in a position to look our constituents in the eye and say we now have a better understanding of why you're being taken advantage of," Newsom said a year ago as he signed the bill. "There's a new sheriff in town in California, where we brought Big Oil to their knees. And I'm proud of this state."

We have heard virtually nothing from officialdom about gas prices since, and Newsom apparently didn't bring Big Oil to its knees.

The vast majority of the differential in gas prices between California and other states can be attributed to differing policies.

Severin Borenstein, a UC Berkeley economist regarded as the state's leading expert on the issue, parsed the differential in a 2023 paper, pointing out that California's direct and indirect taxes on fuel amount to nearly $1 per gallon – 70 cents higher than the national average in such taxes – and the state's unique fuel blend to battle smog adds another dime.

That left what he calls the "mystery gasoline surcharge," or MGS, of about 43 cents a gallon that cannot be directly attributed to oil prices or California's taxes and other official factors. It may be a mystery, but at least some of it can be logically attributed to the relatively high costs of doing any kind of business in California – rents, electricity and other utilities, wages and regulatory overhead, for example.

Even if the MGS could be eliminated from the equation, California's gas prices would still be at least $1 higher than those in other states.

This month's sojourn through other western states underscored another aspect of the gas-price conundrum. Despite paying direct and indirect taxes on fuel that are three times the national average, California's motorists are driving on highways that are subpar vis-à-vis those in other states.

Driving back into California from other states can be a jarring experience, and data from the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics back up that observation. As of 2020, California had the fourth-worst roadway conditions of any state with just 67% of its 26,406 miles of pavement in "acceptable" condition.

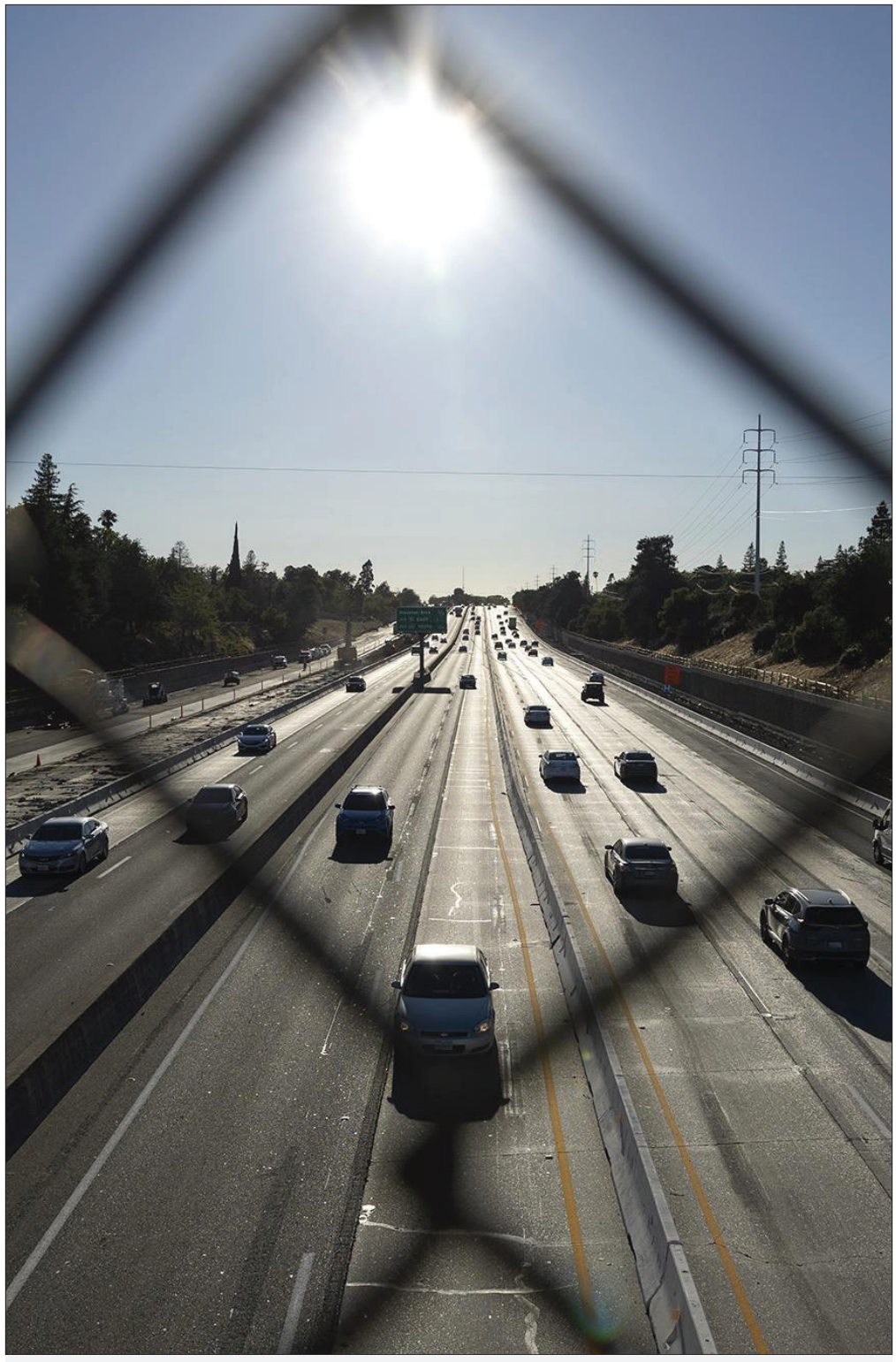


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ROADS: Traffic on Highway 50 in Sacramento on June 30, 2022.

The national average was 81%, and all four states I visited had much higher scores than California: Wyoming 94.3%, Nevada 85.7%, Utah 80% and Colorado 78.1%.

We are paying the most in gas taxes and getting almost the least in roadway quality.

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City of Santa Monica

Notice of Public Hearings for Big Blue Bus Proposed Service Adjustments

Notice is hereby given that two (2) public hearings will be held by Big Blue Bus on the following dates.

- **Tuesday, April 16 from 6pm-8pm**
  Online Public Hearing
  Register at brighterbluebbb.com
- **Saturday, April 20 from 10am to 12pm**
  Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Building, Workshop 3
  2200 Virginia Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90405

A short presentation of the proposed changes will be conducted during the first 30 minutes of each hearing, followed by a public comment period.

Service changes are being recommended as part of Big Blue Bus's Brighter Blue Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

- Improving weekday frequency to 10 minutes or better on major corridors.
- Expanding service hours earlier in the morning and later at night.
- Adjusting route alignments to connect with future Metro Rail D Line, C Line, and K Line stations.

Further details of these proposed changes will be available on **April 15, 2024** at brighterbluebbb.com.

Big Blue Bus will review all public comments submitted during the comment period between **April 15, 2024 and May 24, 2024**. Based on feedback received, Big Blue Bus may adjust the draft improvements as needed before submitting a Staff Report for Santa Monica City Council review in July 2024. If approved by Santa Monica City Council in July, service adjustments would be phased in during Big Blue Bus's regular service changes over the next five years.

Interested parties may comment in person at either hearing or may submit written comments prior to the hearing by mail at **Big Blue Bus, 1660 7th St, Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Alfredo Torales, Transit Planning and Performance**, or by submitting an email to **brighterblue@santamonica.gov**.

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Google to purge billions of files containing personal data in settlement of Chrome privacy case

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Google has agreed to purge billions of records containing personal information collected from more than 136 million people in the U.S. surfing the internet through its Chrome web browser.

The records purge comes as part of a settlement in a lawsuit accusing the search giant of illegal surveillance.

> We are pleased to settle this lawsuit, which we always believed was meritless
> - Google

The details of the deal emerged in a court filing Monday, more than three months after Google and the attorneys handling the class-action case disclosed they had resolved a June 2020 lawsuit targeting Chrome's privacy controls.

Among other allegations, the lawsuit accused Google of tracking Chrome users' internet activity even when they had switched the browser to the "Incognito" setting that is supposed to shield them from being shadowed by the Mountain View, California, company.

Google vigorously fought the lawsuit until U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers rejected a request to dismiss the case last August, setting up a potential trial. The settlement was negotiated during the next four months, culminating in Monday's disclosure of the terms, which Rogers still must approve during a hearing scheduled for July 30 in Oakland, California, federal court.

The settlement requires Google to expunge billions of personal records stored in its data centers and make more prominent privacy disclosures about Chrome's Incognito option when it is activated. It also imposes other controls designed to limit Google's collection of personal information.

Consumers represented in the class-action lawsuit won't receive any damages or any other payments in the settlement, a point that Google emphasized in a Monday statement about the deal.

"We are pleased to settle this lawsuit, which we always believed was meritless," Google said. The company asserted it is only being required to "delete old personal technical data that was never associated with an individual and was never used for any form of personalization."

In court papers, the attorneys representing Chrome users painted a much different picture, depicting the settlement as a major victory for personal privacy in an age of ever-increasing digital surveillance.

The lawyers valued the settlement at $4.75 billion to $7.8 billion, relying on calculations based primarily on the potential ad sales that the personal information collected through Chrome could have generated in the past and future without the new restrictions.

The settlement also doesn't shield Google from more lawsuits revolving around the same issues covered in the class-action case. That means individual consumers can still pursue damages against the company by filing their own civil complaints in state courts around the U.S.

Investors apparently aren't too worried about the settlement terms affecting the digital ad sales that account for the bulk of the more than $300 billion in annual revenue pouring into Google's corporate parent, Alphabet Inc. Shares in Alphabet rose nearly 3% during Monday's afternoon trading.

Austin Chambers, a lawyer specializing in data privacy issues at the firm Dorsey & Whitney, described the settlement terms in the Chrome case as a "welcome development" that could affect the way personal information is collected online in the future.

"This prevents companies from profiting off of that data, and also requires them to undertake complex and costly data deletion efforts," Chambers said. "In some cases, this could have a dramatic impact on products built around those datasets."

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> - Austin Chambers

Google is still facing legal threats on the regulatory frontier that could have a far bigger impact on its business, depending on

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Seattle

Santa Monica man sentenced to five years in prison for 23 state retail theft ring

A 27-year-old Santa Monica man was sentenced recently in U.S. District Court in Seattle to five years in prison for his organized retail theft scheme that caused more than $664,000 in damage, announced U.S. Attorney Tessa M. Gorman. Jaylan Amir Thomas was arrested in May 2023. He pleaded guilty to wire fraud on December 5, 2023. At his sentencing hearing, U.S. District Judge Ricardo S. Martinez said Thomas "persisted in this crime spree after being arrested and charged in multiple jurisdictions."

"Mr. Thomas recruited others to his criminal scheme, and thus altered the trajectory of their lives with criminal charges in various states," said U.S. Attorney Gorman. "Despite advantages such as a stable home and college studies, Mr. Thomas chose fraud as his path and in the process created higher prices for consumers everywhere."

According to records in the case, from March 2022, Thomas led a group that traveled the U.S., stopping at home improvement stores and renting two types of expensive construction equipment: jumping jack tampers and vibratory plate compactors valued between $1,500 and $2,000 each. Thomas used more than 150 fake IDs and dozens of fake telephone numbers to trick the stores into renting him the equipment. For each rental, he signed an agreement promising to return the machine on a specific date or pay a mounting fine. He acknowledged with each rental that failure to return the machine could lead to prosecution. Thomas paid small rental deposits with one of nine common debit cards, but he and a co-conspirator locked the accounts to prevent the stores from charging the card for the equipment. Thomas and others transported stolen goods in rental vans. He then sold the equipment on online marketplaces for about $700 per machine.

In all, Thomas and his crew stole more than 480 pieces of equipment from 190 home improvement stores in 23 states.

Thomas was ordered to pay $664,161.50 in restitution to the victim home improvement store.

Thomas was arrested four times in three different jurisdictions in relation to the scheme, but it did not deter him. He would bail out of jail and continue the fraud.

The group stole multiple items of equipment from stores in Federal Way, Tacoma, Vancouver, Covington, Longview, Bothell, Everett, Redmond, and Seattle.

Asking for a 51-month prison sentence, Assistant United States Attorney Lauren Watts Staniar wrote to the court, "Organized retail crime like Thomas' thefts has a significant impact on our communities: An analysis from the Retail Industry Leaders Association estimates Washington retailers lost $2.7 billion to organized retail crime in 2021. Forbes Advisor ranked Washington as the number one state impacted by organized retail theft based on six metrics. Organized retail crime raises costs for consumers and threatens the safety of stores and employees."

Judge Martinez noted that organized retail theft has been on the rise since the pandemic and costs U.S. residents some $30 billion a year.

"Mr. Thomas's multi-state retail theft scheme not only resulted in substantial financial losses for retailers but also highlighted the complex and widespread nature of organized retail crime," said Special Agent in Charge Robert Hammer, who oversees HSI operations in the Pacific Northwest. "This orchestrated fraud operation, underscores the critical need for collaborative efforts, including robust public-private partnerships, to combat such threats effectively. Homeland Security Investigations played a pivotal role in unraveling this intricate network, emphasizing the importance of coordinated efforts between government agencies and private businesses in safeguarding communities from the pervasive impact of organized crime."

The investigation was led by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lauren Watts Staniar.

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Citywide

Serial sexual assault suspect sentenced to eight years in prison

In February, Anthony Pittman, currently homeless, pled no contest to a series of sexual assaults he committed between August and September 2022.

On September 27, 2022, at approximately 4 a.m., a female experiencing homelessness was sleeping near the Santa Monica Library when she awoke to a male suspect attempting to remove her blankets. She attempted to run from the suspect but was tackled to the ground where he sexually assaulted her. A few hours after the incident, she walked to the Santa Monica Police Station and made an official report.

The other 2022 incidents occurred in LAPD's Northeast and Wilshire Divisions. Pittman was linked to his victims, who were all homeless female adults, through DNA evidence.

Pittman, a previously convicted sex offender, was sentenced to eight years in state prison for Forced Sodomy and Assault with Intent to Commit a Felony.

Anyone with information related to this individual can contact Detective Sergeant Goodwin at Chad.Goodwin@santamonica.gov, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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RODRIGUEZ

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transparency, and accountability.

"As a resident of the South Bay, my family and I are looking forward to serving this wonderful community. Together, we will ensure public safety, build trust, and enhance the quality of life for everyone in El Segundo," he said.

Rodriguez joined the SMPD as a police officer in 1997 and over the course of his impressive career, he has worked in narcotics, patrol, criminal investigations, public information, recruitment, executive oversight and various special operations including traffic enforcement, SWAT, mounted and youth and homeless services. He was consistently promoted through the ranks (six in total) to reach captain.

"On behalf of the entire department, I want to extend heartfelt congratulations to Captain Rodriguez on his appointment as the new Chief of the El Segundo Police Department." Santa Monica Police Department Chief of Police Ramon Batista told the Daily Press.

"His leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the Santa Monica Police Department and the City of Santa Monica have been exemplary. While we will miss his presence here, we know that he will continue to excel in his new role, and we wish him all the best in this exciting new chapter of his career," Batista said.

Rodriguez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management and a Master of Public Administration with a focus in Public Sector Management and Organizational Leadership from California State University, Northridge. He succeeds Chief Jaime Bermudez, who served the City of El Segundo with distinction and dedication for 32 years, before retiring on April 1, 2024. The official start date for Rodriguez is April 8, 2024.



Courtesy photo

CHIEF: Saul Rodriguez, former Santa Monica Police Department Captain, has been hired as the Chief of Police by the City of El Segundo.

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DIABETES

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scholarship funds towards his dream, studying in the University of Southern California (USC) film department, a dream Parkinson supports while cautioning that college attendees living with diabetes won't have the same support structure as before.

"New friends, new routines, new doctors in many cases, there's just a lot that goes into those big changes (a) lot of people worry about," Parkinson said. "We just want to (help) them financially so they have one less thing to worry about."

No matter where his journey takes him, Milk is proud to be an example of how to turn the detriment of living with diabetes into a strength.

"Whenever I talk to other people who are newly diagnosed, I always try to (not say) everything's gonna be okay," Milk said. "I try to really tell them, you know, this is how I've dealt with it. And you know, I'm not special, I'm just some guy, if I can do it, anyone can do it … it can be something that you have to be conscious of and you have to take care of yourself, but it can (become) something that's not such a factor in your day-to-day life."



Courtesy Lucas Marcelo Milk

SCHOLARSHIP: Lucas Marcelo Milk recently earned a scholarship from Skin Grip for living fearlessly with diabetes.

For more information about Skin Grip, visit skingrip.com. Visit Bold.org to learn more about other scholarship opportunities.

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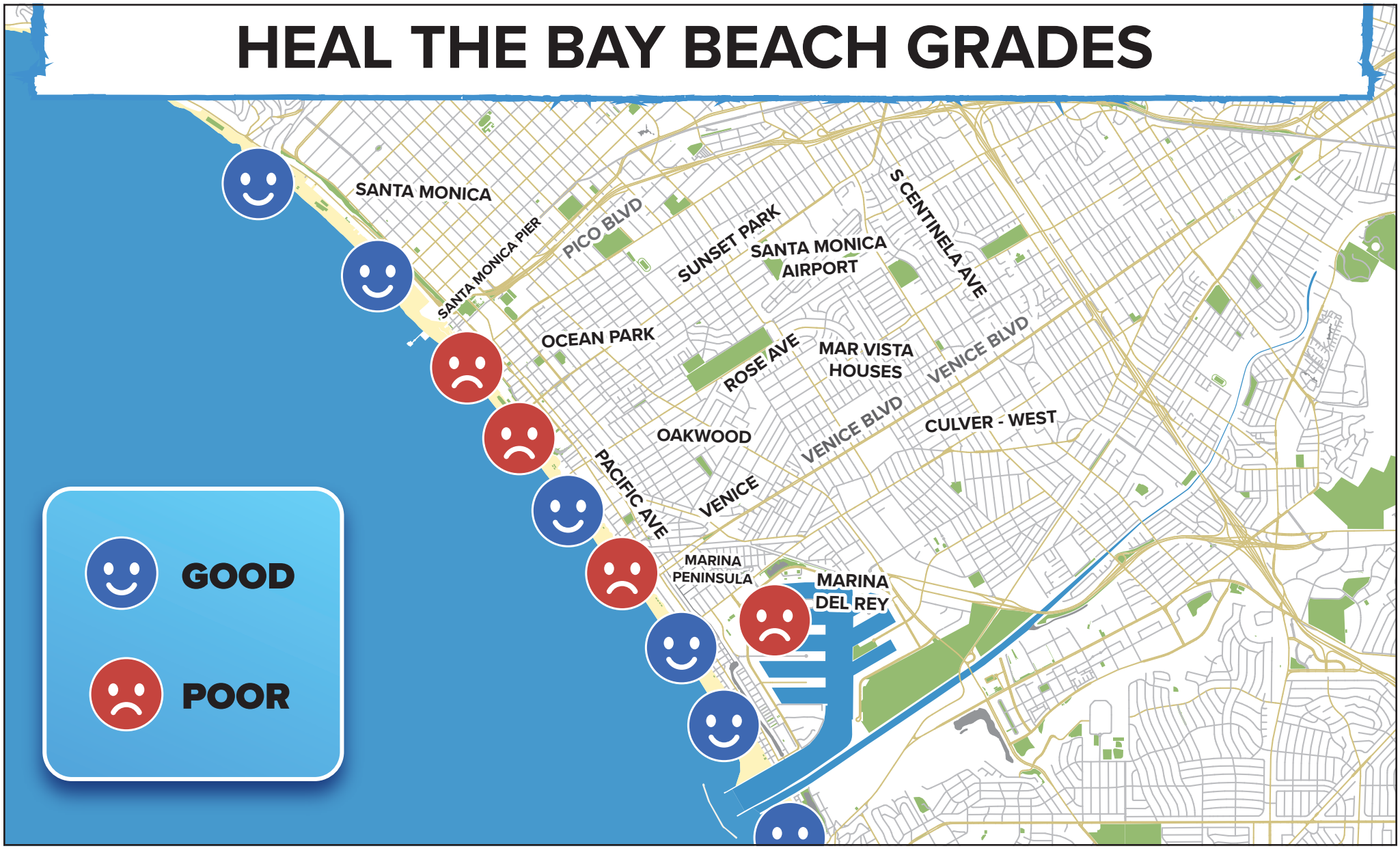
GOOGLE

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the outcomes.

After the U.S. Justice Department outlined its allegations that the company is abusing the dominance of its search engine to thwart competition and innovation during a trial last fall, a federal judge is scheduled to hear closing arguments in the case May 1 before issuing a ruling anticipated in the autumn.

Google is also facing potential changes to its app store for smartphones powered by its Android software that could undercut its revenue from commissions after a federal jury last year concluded the company was running an illegal monopoly. A hearing examining possible revisions that Google may have to make to its Play Store is scheduled for late May.



SPORTS

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14% of them are women … we are on a mission to change that," said Project 19 Co-Captain Amy Chmelecki.

The documentary paralleled the successes, failures and tribulations of the female unit with the fight for women's suffrage in the early 20th Century, laying out the sometimes-brutal history of women procuring the right to vote. Not just a statement on the success of Project 19, Chmelecki noted that she wants the documentary screened in schools because learning history "can be fun" by adding the colorful and intense visuals of skydiving.

Project 19's goal piqued the interest of Women's Skydiving Network Executive Director Melanie Curtis, who went back to her specialty to push women's involvement in what she called a "male dominated situation."

"We hear all the time that representation matters, but it really does, otherwise, how could we possible know that (this) is a place for us too?," Curtis said.

Breaking the records was a bend, but not break, to the psyche of the crew. The elevation being just below 20,000 feet, the divers had just over a minute to get into formation jumping from five different planes until three "breakoff" waves occurred at around 7,000 feet from the ground. The documentary showed some of the strife, both physical and mental, that came with such a weighty action.

"It is so rigorous emotionally and mentally, because … when you have so much experience, you know what you're doing, it's almost in a way amplified because of that," Curtis said. "But because of this leadership, when you trust the leadership to put people in the right place, to know when someone is not capable or ready, we know that they are keeping our safety as the primo decision-maker. Yes, we have this big goal … but skydiving really requires safety to be the number-one filter for decision-making."

From making sure the crew was safe, to building connections that will last a lifetime, Project 19 keeps moving forward with an ultimate goal of hitting the 100-way formation. Until then, however, the team still feels more than accomplished.

"The mission really for me, means the word," Curtis said. "I was glad I was on the skydive … I felt very strongly … to be in service of the overall goal," Curtis said.

For more about the documentary and Project 19, visit brokenrecords.world.

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Photo Courtesy Project 19

PROJECT 19: A group of female skydivers broke multiple records during a 2022 camp for Project 19, aiming for equality in the skydiving industry.

High School sports results

SAINT MONICA SPORTS SCORES:

SAINT MONICA BASEBALL:

Tuesday, March 26:

Mariners vs Providence

Mariners win 4-3

Mariners Record: 9-4 (3-2 Camino Real League)

Next Game: Wednesday at Village Christian, 3 p.m.

SAINT MONICA SOFTBALL:

Tuesday, March 26:

Lady Mariners vs Ramona Convent

Lady Mariners win 5-4

Batting/Baserunning:

Bella Lopez: 2-3. Savanna Hernandez: 2-4, HR, R, RBI. Sophia Lopez: 0-2, K. Bella Hernandez: 2-4, R, RBI. Ali Vogler: 1-3, R, RBI. Katrina Olmedo: 0-3. Dylan Smith: 0-4. Annie Lu Rios: 0-1, R, FC. Megan Garcia: 0-2, R, HBP, SB

Pitching:

Bella Urbina: 7.0 IP, W, 7 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 6 BB, 4 K, 4.00 ERA

Lady Mariners Record: 5-7-1 (3-3-1 Camino Real League)

Next Game: Tuesday, April 9 vs Saint Joseph, 3 p.m.

SAINT MONICA BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesday, March 26:

Mariners vs Salesian

Salesian win 3-0 (26-24, 25-21, 25-23)

Cooper North (Senior): 10 Kills, 1 Assist. Garrett Robertson (Sophomore): 18 Kills, 4 Aces, 1 Assist. Ivie O'Brien (Sophomore): 3 Kills, 1 Ace. Christian Gonzalez (Junior): 1 Kill. Robert Poquechoque (Senior): 2 Kills

Thursday, March 28:

Mariners vs Hawthorne Math & Science Academy (HMSA)

HMSA win 3-0 (25-17, 25-11, 25-18)

Cooper North (Senior): 7 Kills, 1 Ace. Ivie O'Brien (Sophomore): 8 Kills. Christian Gonzalez (Junior): 1 Kill. Robert Poquechoque (Senior): 1 Kill

Mariners Record: 9-14 (5-2 Camino Real League)

Next Game: Tuesday, April 9 vs Bosco Tech, 5 p.m.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00137Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Nancy Cynthia Tylim-Kupersmid for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Nancy Cynthia Tylim-Kupersmid a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Nancy Cynthia Tylim-Kupersmid to Nancy Cynthia Tylim The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 05/10/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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VOTING RIGHTS

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The Maryland proposal has had hearings, while an effort in Michigan is expected to get hearings in April, Nott said.

Several state proposals include "safe harbor" provisions to try to head off the kind of lengthy, expensive litigation that often has been needed to enforce the federal law. The Minnesota bill, for example, would require potential plaintiffs to notify political subdivisions before they sue to create opportunities to negotiate remedies first.

Minnesota has an image as progressive on voting rights, and the current Legislature is the most diverse in state history. But witnesses who testified before the Legislature recently said there are still problems.

They point to data showing county boards across the state, which make important decisions affecting communities of color, are disproportionately white. Electing local bodies by districts that minority candidates could win, instead of at-large seats, is one potential remedy for preventing vote dilution.

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon, a Democrat who is president-elect of the National Association of Secretaries of State, said he is trying to enlist as many of his fellow election officers across the country to file a friend-of-the-court brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the 8th Circuit decision if the plaintiffs in the Arkansas case appeal. But for now, he said, that ruling is the law in seven states.

"If we can no longer count on the federal Voting Rights Act to allow private citizens to protect their own voting rights, then we need a Minnesota Voting Rights Act to fill the gap," Simon testified. "And that's what this bill does. It fills the gap by guaranteeing a day in court for Minnesota voters to defend their voting rights against laws or policies that they believe discriminate against them."

Officials with groups representing Minnesota's local governments testified they support the concept but were concerned about the potential extra costs it could impose on them, an issue that raised concerns among Republicans on the committees that have heard the bill. Republicans also argued it's a heavier-handed tool than Minnesota needs.

> Our democracy is important. We want more people voting, not less. We want more people's voice to be heard, not silenced. We want people's rights to be protected, not squandered
>
> - Bobby Joe Champion, Minnesota Senate President

Democratic Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said he had not studied the proposal in detail, but he shares the ideals of making voting easy and accessible.

"If this is moving down those paths, that's a good thing," Walz said.

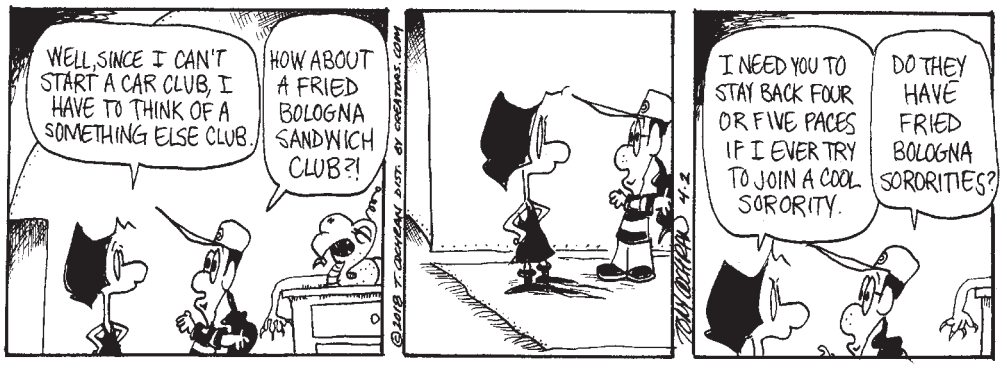
Minnesota Senate President Bobby Joe Champion, a Minneapolis Democrat, is the lead author of the Minnesota Voting Rights Act in the Senate.

"Our democracy is important. We want more people voting, not less. We want more people's voice to be heard, not silenced. We want people's rights to be protected, not squandered," Champion said.

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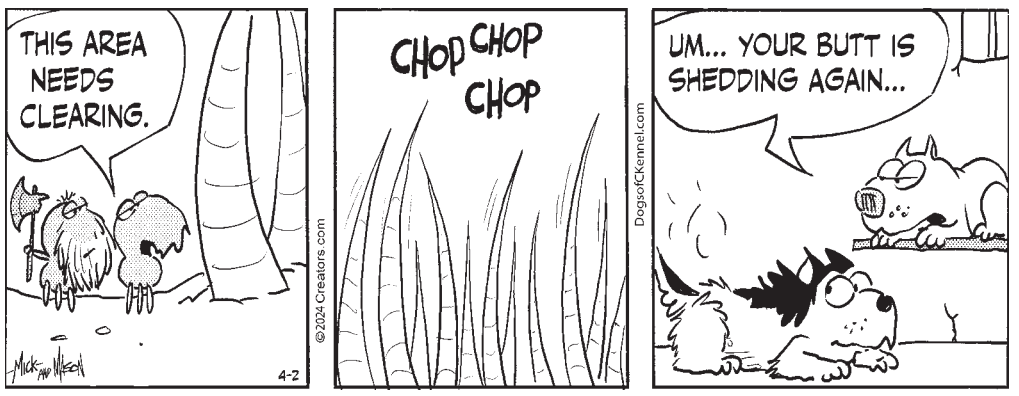
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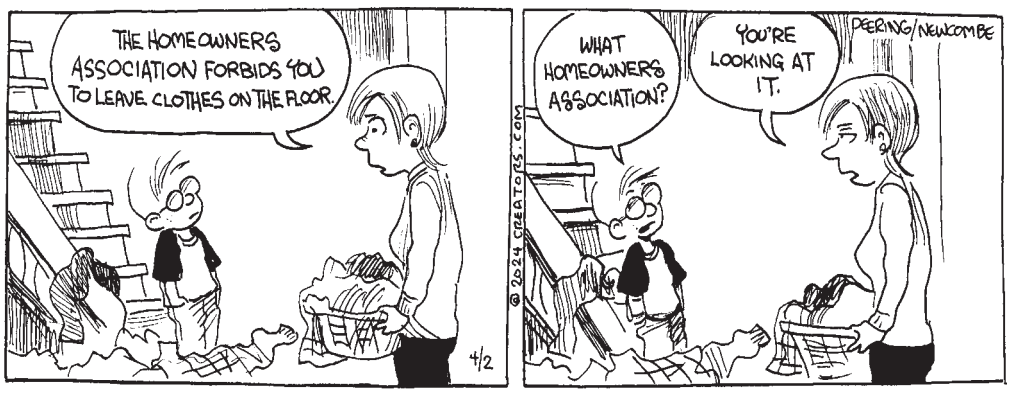
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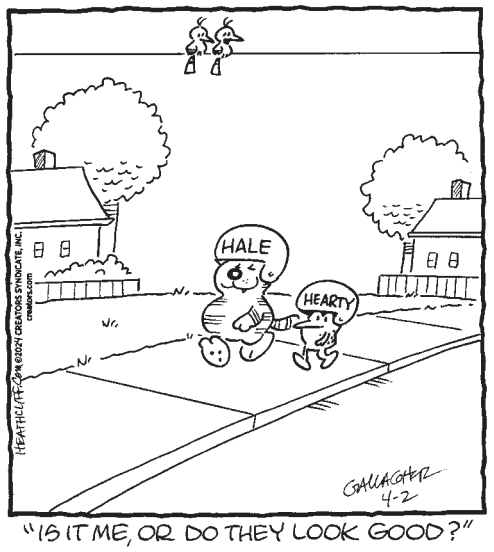
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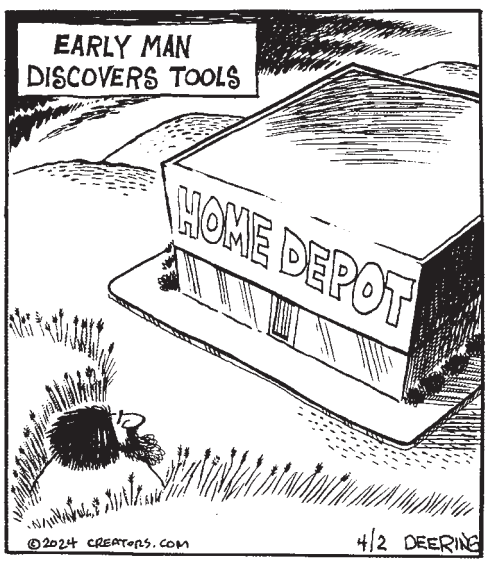
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"IS IT ME, OR DO THEY LOOK GOOD?"

Strange Brew

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

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You'll influence minds and hearts, shaping the world with your creativity, wit and humor. Love is constantly close at hand with attachments that are healthier and more nurturing than ever. More highlights: Your gift for relating to different generations, cultures and species will be at the root of an adventure. You'll get superstar treatment. You'll make a winning bet. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 25, 12 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your sensitivity is often an asset, though today will require you to compartmentalize your emotions. The more objective you can be, the stronger your position. At some point, just be sure to make the time to relax and process.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The muses will come tapping. Pay attention to what you pay attention to. Dumb questions can unlock brilliant answers. Silliness can lead to profound moments. Don't judge the path, just follow it. Creativity heals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships are like clothing. At first, the way you find out if something is a good fit is to try it on. But once you get a feel for what works and what doesn't, you can skip through the inventory and find what you're looking for.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll soon be immersed in a project so captivating you may forget the world, ignore what it wants from you, and obey only your own fascination. Your complete involvement will be rewarded by a breakthrough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's said that there's a price for every gift and all advice. Unfortunately, those prices come without a tag and often fluctuate according to the mood of the seller, which is why they are better paid sooner rather than later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will successfully apply the golden social maxim to today's interactions: People care about how you make them feel, and that's pretty much it. You'll do all you can to make them feel important, and they will come back for more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It only takes a few minutes to wish someone well, but this gesture of kindness will improve moods, forge connections and could just change everything. You will sync your heart to the beat of the world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Like the Zen master who snatches a flying insect with chopsticks, you look calm, but you're alert and ready to strike. With a quickening made possible by inner peace, you'll snap up an improbable opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You really get the energy right today. You'll get everyone marching in the same direction. Because people can feel your benevolence, they will switch to a cooperative mode when dealing with you, even if it's not their usual default.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To be successful, a move must be made. You will either change your offering to meet the need of who you're with, or you will go where there are people who need what you offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People behave as they do, not as they should. Because of this, you think about their needs, wants, patterns and motives. You factor your most educated guesses about their behavior into your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You sometimes wish you could dial down your own sensitivity. It's not always apparent to you what a rare and wonderful gift these big feelings can really be. Don't wish them away. Focus instead on creating workarounds.

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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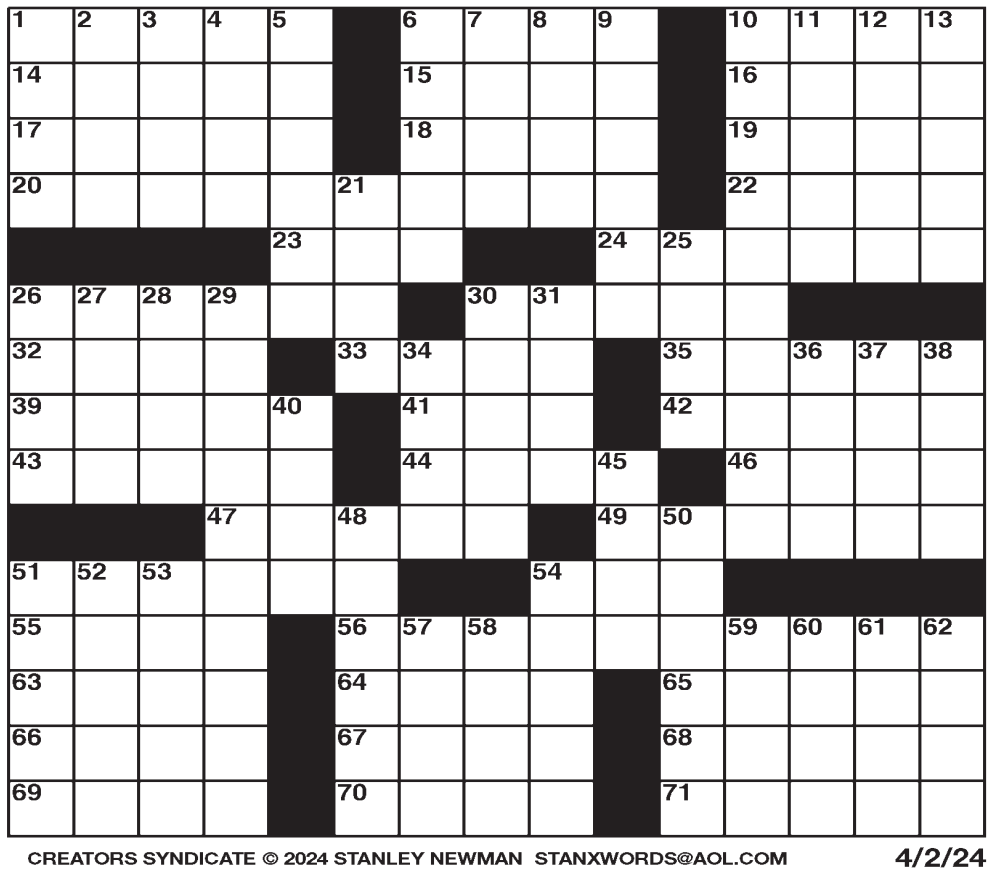
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ACROSS

1 Largest ocean mammal
6 "This is terrible!"
10 Back of the neck
14 Japanese noodle soup
15 Sit with a book
16 Software purchaser
17 Prepare to photograph
18 Graph paper design
19 Level of a theater
20 Good, as a moneymaking activity
22 Rant and __ (show anger)
23 Chili __ carne
24 Polished, as shoes
26 Message holder on a fridge
30 Annoy a lot, informally
32 Land area measure
33 Keep away from
35 Stands up
39 People from Bangkok
41 Museum display on walls
42 Tip of a pen or pencil
43 Fence of bushes
44 Null and __ (not valid)
46 Beef-inspecting agcy.
47 Relatives of rabbits
49 Help out
51 Turkey's sound
54 Ignited
55 Take __ account (consider)
56 Good, as an efficient procedure
63 Shout scornfully at
64 Notion
65 Newspapers, TV, radio, etc.
66 White gemstone
67 Fishing sticks
68 Aspirin tablets
69 TV performer's award
70 Otherwise
71 Take a nap

DOWN

1 Cover a present in paper
2 Mustache or sideburns
3 Snowballs, in snowball fights
4 Turn over a new __
5 Attempt to tempt
6 Cathedral instrument
7 Oregano or basil
8 Hammer's target
9 Most peculiar
10 Good, as healthful food
11 From Japan or China
12 Pet __ (ongoing annoyance)
13 Made a mistake
21 Little kids
25 Angelic instrument
26 Arithmetic or geometry
27 Muscle soreness
28 Diploma earner, for short
29 Good, as a person living near you
30 Coins in Spain or Italy
31 Prefix meaning "against"
34 Possess
36 Spanish repetitive agreement
37 Concludes
38 Any entry in a spreadsheet
40 Make airtight
45 Banquet platform
48 Start receiving a pension
50 Post Office purchases
51 Army action figure
52 An hr. after noon
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TUESDAY | APRIL 2

SEGUIMOS: CONTEMPORARY ART IN COSTA RICA
Seguimos features installation, video, photography, painting, works on paper and sculpture by an intergenerational group of thirteen Costa Rican artists, the majority of whom are highly regarded in Central America, but have never exhibited in the United States. The artists in this exhibition reflect a spectrum of interests and concerns facing Costa Ricans today, five of the artists identify with the queer community and all position themselves within the broadest developments in contemporary art, with particular focus on the topics of body, identity and place. Craig Krull Gallery, 2525 Michigan Ave, BLDG. B3. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

BERGAMOT COMEDY FESTIVAL
The Bergamot Comedy Festival is a week-long stand-up comedy celebration spotlighting the country's newest and most distinct rising talent. Ticket prices are $20 - $45. Along with comedy shows each night there will be FREE educational programming for the local community. Visit website for more information. https://www.bergamotcomedyfest.com/tickets. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave., F4. 8 - 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 3

PLANNING COMMISSION
Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning. City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m.

COME SING WITH THE BAND - LIVE BAND KARAOKE!
Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Online ticket sales end at 7 p.m., tics available at the door after 8 p.m. 2 drink minimum. $5. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St, https://santamonica.harvelles.com/shows/253042

THURSDAY | APRIL 4

HOUSING COMMISSION
The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all. City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY | APRIL 5

PILATES MOVEMENT
The Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., hosts a pilates movement class beginning at 11 a.m. Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of pilates mat and various styles of movement. All levels welcome. No entry after the first ten minutes. Program generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library.

SO HOW YOU DOING?
The play "So How You Doing?: A Playful Play on Co-Dependency," written and directed by Tom Parker and produced by Denise Klein, is a theatrical experience with audience participation based on codependency. The audience accepts the role of mental health colleagues and observers of a meeting of group therapy participants, sharing stories with humor, emotion and insight before tension mounts, requiring a solution. As a show souvenir, the host offers the audience a Codependency Assessment to take home "for someone who may need it." Starts at 1 p.m. at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Tickets $25. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/so-how-you-doing-a-playful-play-on-co-dependency-tickets-859861979327.

AN AFTERNOON WITH MEG MEDINA
Santa Monica Public Library and Children's Book World are honored to present an afternoon with author Meg Medina, the Library of Congress' current National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Ms. Medina will introduce her new platform, ¡Cuéntame! Let's Talk Books, a Spanish-English bilingual effort that encourages young leaders to connect with each other while talking about books. Starts at 4 p.m. in the Thelma Terry Room at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

SATURDAY | APRIL 6

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK FARMERS MARKET
The family market in the heart of Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, is widely considered to be among the best on the west coast. Featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica, beginning at Hostelling International Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St., at 10 a.m. Visit a 12-story Art Deco office tower, the British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show, the city's best example of a Queen Anne Victorian home, a lavish hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition and more. Tours are approximately 2 hours and cover 6 blocks. Reservations suggested. Open to all ages. Tickets $10. For more information, visit: https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

GEEBO THE CLOWN
The Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., hosts the incredible Geebo the Clown, El Payaso Loco, starting at 10:30 a.m. Think clown, magician, and incredible balloon animals. The whole family will enjoy this funny show full of magic tricks, sight gags and balloons. Geek's performance is to celebrate El die de los ninos/El die de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Dia, a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. This program is generously funded by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES
Love At First Sit, a pet care and dog behavior and training company in Santa Monica, hosts Community Dog Training Classes Saturdays at 12 p.m. at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class fee is $5, then pay what you can after that. Class proceeds are donated to various charities for people and animals, animal shelters, and animal rescues. Class topics explore basic obedience, manners, enrichment and more.

PET-CHEWLLA PET ADOPTION FAIR & FESTIVAL
Green Dog Veterinary Center, 210 Main St., Venice, is hosting the second annual Adoption Fair and Pet Festival starting at 1 p.m. You'll have the chance to meet adoptable dogs and cats needing great homes from eight different Los Angeles-based rescues. A day filled with furry friends, fantastic food, lively tunes and refreshing drinks. Donate to the silent auction, shop local vendors and get your face painted or a flower crown for your dog. This event is family-friendly, and leashed pets are encouraged to come.

SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT
Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with free performances by world-class artists. The show at the Edye Theater a t the Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., is Cold Blue Music-Compositions by John Luther Adams, Christopher Roberts and Nicholas Chase. Starts at 3:30 p.m.

THE ASTROLOGY OF 2024
This workshop, held at IntoMeSea, 1812 Lincoln Blvd., is designed to help you navigate these cosmic frequencies, aspects and transits. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., Gahl Sasson will walk you through the questions of 2024, and investigate things such as dates of Mercury, Mars and Venus retrogrades; Full and New Moons, how to work with Moon magic, blessed & challenging dates, eclipses and other important periods. Tickets $45. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-astrology-of-2024-the-once-and-future-year-with-gahl-sasson-tickets-853286150847.

SUNDAY | APRIL 7

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market, located at 2640 Main St., features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. Also enjoy musical entertainment from a variety of featured weekly bands, face painting, balloon designs, and bi-weekly cooking demonstrations featuring local produce. Runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

GOAT YOGA IN THE PARK
Goat yoga is back at Marine Park, 1406 Main St. (next to the tennis courts), from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hosted by Laughing Frog Yoga, it is the only yoga studio in Los Angeles currently offering goat yoga, with two baby goats who are friendly and excited to meet yoga practitioners. Classes are catered towards all levels. The last 30 minutes of class is reserved for hangout and selfie time with the goats. Tickets $45, purchase at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-in-the-park-march-24-at-930am-tickets-836906478807.

ALEICHEM SHOLOM
Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., hosts "Aleichem Sholom!: The Wit and Wisdom of Sholom Aleichem," a musical starring Chris DeCarlo and Evelyn Rudie. Part of the Jewish Heritage Series, this joyous and poignant musical follows the life of the beloved Yiddish story-teller as he spins tales of his loves and losses, his fame and failures, his travels, travails and the tremendous optimism that kept him going against all odds. Starts at 3 p.m. Tickets $35. Discounts for students, teachers, seniors and military. For tickets, visit: https://www.showclix.com/event/aleichem-sholom-01.

MONDAY | APRIL 8

LANDMARKS COMMISSION:
Established in 1975, the mission of the Landmarks Commission is "To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people." Begins at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

REBEL WILSON WITH JESS CAGLE
The scene-stealing star of "Pitch Perfect" and "Bridesmaids" comes to The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., beginning at 8 p.m. Rebel Wilson discusses her new memoir "Rebel Rising" which follows her journey from fertility issues, weight gain and loss, sexuality, overcoming shyness and rejections. General admission ticket plus a signed copy of "Rebel Rising," $55. Two tickets plus a signed copy, $80. To purchase tickets, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rebel-wilson-with-jess-cagle-tickets-845509280017.

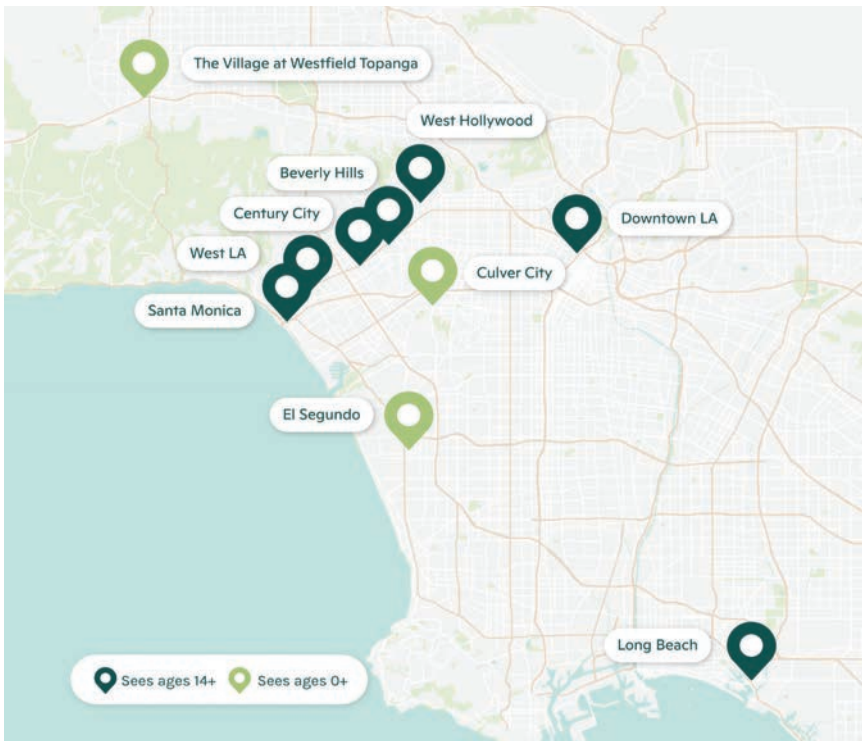
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