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OFFICIALS DISPUTE ACCURACY OF REPORT ON SANTA MONICA'S SAFETY

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

A recently released study calling Santa Monica one of the least safe cities in California has been making headlines, but a range of City officials say its flawed methodology portrays an inaccurate picture of local crime.

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Ed Foundation's Greenberg steps away after 28 years

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Linda Greenberg, the longtime executive director of the education nonprofit Santa Monica Education Foundation (SMEF), this week announced her plans to step away from the fundraising organization after three decades of service to local schools.

Greenberg came aboard SMEF in 1995 after serving as PTA president at Franklin Elementary, where she first learned about the nonprofit. For the past 28 years, she's been with SMEF, also called the Ed Foundation, first on the executive board before being hired as executive director.

"Greenberg has overseen the Ed Foundation's evolution from a nascent organization raising less than $100,000 per year to a mature non-profit with an annual operating budget of more than $3.2 million," according to a press release prepared by

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State may empower citizens to sue over illegal firearms

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

For all California's nation-leading attempts to regulate firearms, the state has not found a way to deter those happy to skirt the laws with stolen or homemade and increasingly prevalent "ghost" guns.

In just two recent examples, police say the first weapon recovered after gunmen killed six people and wounded 12 in downtown Sacramento early Sunday had been stolen and converted to being capable of automatic gunfire. The homemade assault weapon a father used a month ago and a few miles away to kill his three daughters, their chaperone and then himself was unregistered.

"People argue that we've got the toughest gun laws in the nation. But they're clearly not tough enough," Democratic state Sen. Robert Hertzberg said Monday.

The latest mass shooting in a nightclub

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 20ENT-0236 (Text Amendment)
21ENT-0138 (Appeal of Conditional Use Permit 20ENT-0237)
21ENT-0139 (Appeal of Conditional Use Permit 21ENT-0090))
849 Ocean Avenue
APPLICANT: OCBSM Owner LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: OCBSM Owner LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeals of Planning Commission denials of two Conditional Use Permit applications to provide alcohol and meal services to the general public offered by the Oceana Hotel's existing onsite restaurant. These services are currently limited only to hotel guests and their visitors. Conditional Use Permit 21ENT-0090 seeks to open the Oceana Hotel's existing restaurant to the general public within established indoor and outdoor dining facilities on the hotel property. Conditional Use Permit 20ENT-0237 seeks to amend the hotel's existing Conditional Use Permit 96CUP-009 associated with the hotel's existing ABC Type 70 alcohol license (On-Sale General-Restrictive Service) to provide alcohol service to the general public in conjunction with the hotel's full-service restaurant meal service.

The proposed project requires modifications to land use regulations contained in Article 9 of the Municipal Code. Therefore, an application to amend the Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) will also be considered by the City Council for approval and adoption. Text Amendment 20ENT-0236 seeks to amend SMMC Section 9.08 (Multi-Unit Residential Districts) to establish a new Conditional Use Permit requirement for an existing legal, non-conforming hotel restaurant located within the R2 and R3 zoning districts to request approval to provide meal service to the general public provided that certain criteria are met. At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will also be considering compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The Oceana Hotel is located in the R3 (Medium Density Residential) Zoning District. After holding a public hearing on June 9, 2021, the Planning Commission denied the Condition Use Permit applications and did not make an affirmative recommendation to Council for the proposed Text Amendment.

On February 22, 2022, the City Council voted 7-0 to approve a settlement with the applicant that included holding a de novo public hearing to consider the proposed project anew.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

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

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Re: Oceana Hotel Appeal

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

$23 Million in Incentives Available for Electric Vehicle Chargers



Emily Sawicki

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is offering $23 million in incentives to businesses, nonprofits and public entities to purchase and install approximately 5,000 electric vehicle (EV) chargers across Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Applications for funding open April 5, 2022.

The incentive funds are available from the newly established Southern California Level 2 Incentive Project, a part of the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) that addresses local and regional EV charging needs and supports state efforts to phase out gas-powered passenger cars by 2035. Level 2 chargers are the most commonly used type of equipment for daily EV charging at public locations, workplaces and many homes.

In Los Angeles County, Clean Power Alliance, the default electricity provider for 32 communities throughout Los Angeles and Ventura counties, contributed $1 million toward this project. Some $13 million of the incentives will be distributed in LA County, according to the Center for Sustainable Energy, CALeVIP administrators.

"The Energy Commission is proud to get more dollars out the door to accelerate the build out of the state's EV charging infrastructure with our partners at the Center for Sustainable Energy," said CEC Commissioner Patty Monahan. "We are committed to making charging more accessible and thrilled the Governor's budget proposal includes billions in additional funding to ensure an equitable transition to zero-emission transportation for all."

Incentives cover up to $3,500, or 75% of costs, per Level 2 EV charging connector for standard installations. An additional $500 per connector is available in disadvantaged and low-income communities as well as an additional $2,000 per connector for installations at multi-unit residences, for a total of up to $6,000.

The incentives are available for new charging stations in community locations throughout the four counties, home to nearly 18 million residents, or about half of California's total population. In addition, privately owned parking facilities may apply if the installation is for shared use parking spaces.

A minimum of 60% of total project funding in each county will be invested in disadvantaged and low-income communities, according to the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE).

"To achieve its ambitious clean transportation goals, California must ensure EV charging stations are easily available in all areas of the state to people of all income levels," said Peter Colwell, CSE's CALeVIP senior program manager. "Expanding charging opportunities in Southern California will help current EV owners and provide other consumers greater confidence in the reliability of EVs for their commuting and traveling."

"Clean Power Alliance is happy to continue our partnership with the California Energy Commission to fund incentives for publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations," said Ted Bardacke, Clean Power Alliance's CEO. "It is very important to have these stations available to businesses as well as multifamily housing units located in low-income and disadvantaged communities throughout Southern California."

Southern California property owners and managers interested in EV chargers can apply for funding online at the website CALeVIP.org. Applications can include multiple charger rebates at a single location. The website CALeVIP Connects provides information on electric vehicle installers and service providers.

CALeVIP funding comes from the Energy Commission's Clean Transportation Program, which is investing $1.4 billion over the next three years to speed up the state's zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure build-out in support of Governor Newsom's executive order phasing out the sale of new gasoline-powered passenger vehicles by 2035.

Since December 2017, CALeVIP has made more than $193 million available for EV charging installations across 12 regional incentive projects to support state goals to get 5 million electric vehicles on California roads by 2030 and to install 250,000 vehicle charging stations to service those vehicles.

SUBMITTED BY JOSEPH CABRAL

DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 288 calls on April 4

Trespassing 1100blk Pico Blvd 1:17 a.m.
Trespassing 700blk Arizona Ave 2:04 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Ocean Ave 6:01 a.m.
Trespassing 2100blk Ocean Ave 6:22 a.m.
Trespassing 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:54 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000blk 20th St 7:20 a.m.
Encampment 19th St / Olympic Blvd 7:25 a.m.
Vandalism Now 700blk California Ave 7:39 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:51 a.m.
Trespassing 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 19th St / Michigan Ave 8:00 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:01 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 5th St 8:02 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk Olympic Blvd 8:05 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk Wilshire Blvd 8:26 a.m.
Trespassing 2600blk Main St 8:38 a.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:40 a.m.
Fire Request Police 700blk Strand St 8:41 a.m.
Burglary 500blk Broadway 8:46 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 3300blk Barnard Way 8:57 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Ozone Ave 9:01 a.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 12th St 9:07 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2100blk Colorado Ave 9:24 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Just Occurred 1500blk 9th St 9:31 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:42 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1500blk 2nd St 9:47 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk Pier Ave 10:05 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 10:32 a.m.
Battery 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:38 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:00 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2400blk 6th St 11:03 a.m.
Person Down 1200blk 26th St 11:07 a.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 15th St 11:21 a.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 1900blk Ocean Way 12:05 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 12:11 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:15 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 7th St 12:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:57 p.m.
Burglary 3200blk Olympic Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300blk 19th St 1:34 p.m.
Burglary 3200blk Pico Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 2:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk Ocean Ave 2:18 p.m.
Trespassing 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:23 p.m.
Encampment 300blk California Ave 3:02 p.m.
Battery 2000blk 20th St 3:15 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 600blk Wilshire Blvd 3:29 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2nd St / Colorado Ave 3:31 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 22nd St 3:37 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1000blk The Beach 3:39 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:42 p.m.
Burglary 3200blk Pico Blvd 4:00 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300blk 20th St 4:34 p.m.
Auto Burglary 700blk Copeland Ct 4:35 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 900blk Ocean Ave 4:40 p.m.
Grand Theft 200blk Ocean Ave 4:43 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk 11th St 5:09 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 300blk Olympic Dr 5:31 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Main St / Kinney St 5:37 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 400blk Broadway 6:10 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2900blk Montana Ave 6:12 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 6:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 6:59 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 2000blk 20th St 7:11 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:14 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 2900blk Montana Ave 7:20 p.m.
Person Down 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 7:23 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 1200blk 4th St 7:42 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:53 p.m.
Auto Burglary 900blk 4th St 8:54 p.m.
Trespassing 300blk Olympic Dr 9:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:19 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 200blk Arizona Ave 10:32 p.m.

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EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:21 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 2:43 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 5th St 3:08 a.m.
EMS 800blk 20th St 3:28 a.m.
EMS 700blk Strand St 8:32 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk Ocean Ave 9:08 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk Ocean Ave 9:09 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 10:33 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 10:38 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 10:47 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 26th St 11:07 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 12:22 p.m.
EMS 900blk California Ave 12:43 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1300blk 19th St 1:34 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 2:29 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:20 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 3:32 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Palisades Park 3:35 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:35 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 5:27 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Maple St 5:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Interstate 10 / Centinela Ave 6:01 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 34th St 6:34 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 6:59 p.m.
EMS 200blk Bicknell Ave 7:03 p.m.
EMS 2900blk Montana Ave 7:22 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 7:23 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:52 p.m.
Request Fire 1200blk 4th St 8:13 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 8:14 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Ashland Ave 9:44 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Euclid St 10:00 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 10:18 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk Montana Ave 10:21 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:40 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Response to Letter to the Editor by Eve Lopez, SMDP at smpp.com, March 4, 2022:

Pilot Eve Lopez has cherry-picked data from the study about children's blood level conducted at Santa Clara Airport to try to justify her faulty claims. In response to Airport Commissioner Joseph Schmitz's March 28, 2022 letter to SMDP, raising concerns about the use of leaded aviation gas (avgas) at the Santa Monica Airport, Ms. Lopez argues that "The Commissioner's statement that Santa Monica has failed to curb children's lead poisoning by toxic avgas is not supported by the Santa Clara study and reflects a motive dressed up as a pretext of health concerns for children." She is incorrect – and her statement shows that she fails to understand the serious health effects of lead exposure for children.

The study's authors main goal was to look at increasing proximity to the airport; they concluded that the closer to the airport children lived, the more elevated were their blood lead levels. (See: https://news.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb956/files/documents/RHV-Airborne-Lead-Study-Report.pdf).

The study's RESULTS section states:

1. "Children residing within 0.5 miles of Reid-Hillview Airport present with significantly higher BLLs than children more distant of Reid-Hillview Airport."

2. "BLLs are significantly and substantively higher among sampled children residing East (and predominantly downwind) of Reid-Hillview Airport…."

3. "BLLs of sampled children increase significantly with the volume of measured piston-engine aircraft traffic at Reid-Hillview Airport from the date of blood draw. Moreover, the BLLs of sampled children increase significantly with monthly quantities of aviation gasoline sold to fixed-base operators at Reid-Hillview Airport from the date of blood draw."

The study's authors state:

- "The evidence … suggests that children residing within 0.5 miles of Reid-Hillview Airport are especially vulnerable to increases in PEA [piston-engine aircraft] traffic."
- "Children more distant from Reid-Hillview Airport (0.5 to 1.5 miles) experience a modest increase in BLLs of about 1/10th of µg/dL from an increase in PEA traffic from the minimum to the maximum."
- "By contrast, among sampled children at < 0.5 miles of Reid-Hillview Airport, an increase from the minimum to maximum exposure to PEA traffic is associated with an estimated 0.83 µg/dL increase in BLLs – an effect that is substantively higher than the increase in BLLs caused by water system failures during the FWC [Flint Water Crisis]."

Their study is consistent with other studies:

"The U.S. EPA estimates that people living within 1 km [0.62 mile] of airports are at risk of being exposed to lead from avgas." (Hitchings M. 2010. U.S. EPA aims to slash aviation gasoline emissions. Glob Refining Fuels Today 2:31–35).

"Our analysis indicates that living within 1,000 m [0.6 mile] of an airport where avgas is used may have a significant effect on blood lead levels in children. Our results further suggest that the impacts of avgas are highest among those children living closest to the airport. This study adds to the literature examining whether leaded avgas poses risks to children's health and speaks directly to the ongoing policy debate regarding the regulation of leaded avgas." Miranda, ML, et al. A Geospatial Analysis of the Effects of Aviation Gasoline on Childhood Blood Lead Levels Vol. 119, No. 10. Environmental Health Perspectives. 1 October 2011 https://doi.org/10.1289/ehp.1003231.

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR PROPOSED PARTIAL STREET VACATION OF 21ST STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

APPLICANT AND REQUESTER OF VACATION: **Providence Saint John's Health Center**
2121 Santa Monica Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90404

This partial vacation of the 250 feet of the northerly portion of the 21st Street public right-of-way between Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway is proposed in connection with the development agreement for the Providence Saint John's Phase Two Master Plan. Public utility service easements would also be vacated in this portion of 21st Street and all public and private utilities would be re-routed. The purpose of the partial street vacation is to create a publicly accessible urban open space plaza that opens onto Santa Monica Boulevard with public access for pedestrians provided between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard. The southern portion of 21st Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard would remain a public street, would continue to provide access to neighboring residential developments, and would connect to two new proposed City streets. If approved, the proposed street vacation would be subject to the following conditions:

(a) dedication of Saint John's property for two new City streets (referred to as 20th Place and Saint John's Way), to provide alternative vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle access, and
(b) dedication of pedestrian connections to provide pedestrian access through the Saint John's Campus, and
(c) completion of street improvements and utility relocations, and
(d) dedication of necessary utility easements.

The partial street vacation would not occur until all these conditions have been met to the City's satisfaction.

On March 22, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 11412 (CCS) declaring its intention to initiate the vacation of a portion of the 21st Street public right-of-way between Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway and set a public hearing for April 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The public hearing will be held by the City Council pursuant to California Streets & Highways Code Division 9, Part 3, Chapter 3, Section 8320 et. seq., to consider the request for a vacation of the public street depicted below:



Drawing No. 4798 displaying the portion of right-of-way to be vacated may be viewed online at the link below.
https://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/PCD/Projects/21st%20St%20Partial%20Vacation%20Legal%20Description%20Plat%20March%202022.pdf

For more information about the Providence Saint John's Phase Two Master Plan: https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Projects/2121-Santa-Monica-Blvd-/-Providence-SJHC-Phase-Two-Project-Master-Plan/

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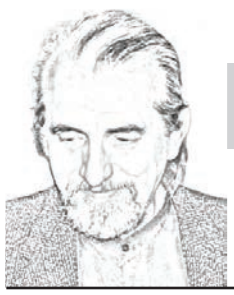
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OPINION **CURIOUS CITY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

SMPD, SMMUSD: DOING THEIR JOBS?

AT LAST

A School Board action I can agree with! Something I can even thank them for.

Don't get me wrong, I know our elected School Board members work long hours and make many difficult decisions that benefit our kids. I always applaud and thank them for that. But, that's in the job description. And there remain certain very important financial issues that can't be ignored.

Thank you for finally, finally, fixing that ugly wall at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park, at what used to be/used to be called Olympic High School. The money for that was an expenditure item generated from school bond Measure BB, passed in 2006. Out of $268M, $60,000 was "set aside"to repair the wall that was deteriorating even then... AND TO PAINT A MURAL THERE. But that $60,000 somehow disappeared, and nothing was done. There was never, for the entire 45 years of the Muir Woods mural that was painted there by Jane Golden in 1976, any effort by the District to preserve, touch up or repaint the mural. And so, naturally, it fell into ugly disrepair.

Of course by the time they got around to that repair 15 years later, it was a lot more expensive. Just the repair.

But now we have a "blank canvas" wall there, a unique wall perfect for an epic mural, say, a landscape, because the wall facing Lincoln Boulevard wraps around the corner to face Ocean Park, with no windows or doors to break the "canvas." Nothing else like it exists in Santa Monica.

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!

What a decision, for the District. The School Board, really, because they work very closely with the staff in charge of all facilities, including all buildings. And the district, with more than a billion dollars of our bond money in their coffers, has been adding facilities like crazy the last few years. Building, demolishing, building.

HOW TO DECIDE?

Some think the decision on what should go on that unique, long wall was made years ago, though not through a public process. Probably about the same time it was decided to put, loosely termed, a project-based high school there, an extension of the philosophy that SMASH (K-8), just down the block, has always operated under. Plans for that new, innovative high school have been in the works for more than a decade. But involving only a small team of educators, bureaucrats and parents. I heard of no community input.

There has been, for some time, and now immediately repainted on the repaired walls, two small black signs at the top, facing each of the intersecting thoroughfares, with the name of that new high school: Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry & Exploration. (Order some extra large diplomas.) My guess is that there is a contingent within the District that wants to put a large portrait of the Obamas there, and always had that in mind.

For nearly 50 years those walls displayed a peaceful sylvan scene at the second busiest intersection in Santa Monica. (Soon to become number one.) Now, what will our school administrators choose? Will they seek community input? (Unbiased, unmanipulated.)

Because of all the ideas of what should go there, there is one design that has many hundreds more votes than any other, and that is a repainting of the original Muir Woods rendering by Jane Golden, now a world-famous murals director for the City of Philadelphia.

So thank you, SMMUSD, for finally making that repair. Now we shall see how they go about deciding what to put up there. Something historic and known all over the world that was lost due to their neglect, something serving the community? Or something serving narrow partisan interests?

AND, THE POLICE?

Of course. We all know our police officers do a lot of good that's witnessed by few. I think the complaints many of us have with them, serious ones that need addressing, are organizational, systemic problems.

A young friend of mine returned to her car in Parking Structure 5, late yesterday afternoon, and sensed something was amiss. She saw two men sitting in the car next to hers, and walked around the car until she saw that it was jacked up on the other side. Suddenly the car sped off, toward the exit. She raced down the stairs and confronted them as they were trying to leave.

"Hey! That was my car!" she yelled and started to video them. "We didn't do it!" they yelled back – oh really, do what? – and then they started to inch their car towards

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City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED 2022-23 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan along with Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed 2022-23 Annual Action Plan, which identifies the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds to address the high-priority needs specified in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan.

The Proposed 2022-23 Annual Action Plan is now available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning April 6, 2022. Both the Proposed 2022-23 Annual Action Plan and the HUD-approved 2020-24 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs. Hard copies are available upon request through the Housing and Human Services Division by telephone at (310) 458-8701 or by email at humanservices@santamonica.gov. Written comments may be submitted by May 7, 2022 to humanservices@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All comments received will be incorporated into the final draft of the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan, currently due to HUD by May 15, 2022. The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the proposed plan on April 26, 2022.

ESPAÑOL Esto es un aviso público para invitar a cualquier parte interesada a participar en el repaso del Plan Preliminar de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2022-23. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Ivy Chang en la División de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8701.



SMEF

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SMEF on Tuesday. "The Ed Foundation now provides vital funding each year for educational and extracurricular personnel and programs to benefit every student in Santa Monica public schools, generated through annual fundraising campaigns and endowment earnings."

Greenberg said her proudest accomplishment has been the success of centralized fundraising, which she said increased educational equity by sharing donated resources across all school campuses.

"We never pick and choose what we're going to fund. We don't say, 'Well, this school already has this, so we're going to fund this at this school,' and, 'They don't need it, this one does,'" Greenberg said. "We kind of take the District's lead and if they think — and I'll keep using arts education as the example — if they think all elementary students need to have an arts education experience, then we want to fund it and make it possible for every student."

She said because of centralized fundraising, all donors feel a stake in their giving, as it is shared throughout the community.

"Today, funds are raised community-wide, from parents, non-parent community members, businesses, property owners, and civic organizations/foundations," SMEF's announcement stated. "Together, these annual gifts provide meaningful additional funding for staff and programs in all of Santa Monica's public schools, in addition to the funding generated through the Ed Foundation's endowments."

SMEF, formerly SMMEF (Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation), initially began centralized fundraising combined with Malibu, but recently split, following a request by Malibu parents.

"It was their decision to separate and it was their decision to raise money separately, and, you know, sadly, that's where it ended up," Greenberg said.

Despite the schism with Malibu, Greenberg said the decision to move toward centralized fundraising was good for funding levels overall and has been a success in sharing resources among all school campuses.

Greenberg said her most difficult period at the helm of the nonprofit has been over the last few years, since the onset of the pandemic.

"The first two years of the pandemic were unlike any other of my 28 years — they were probably the hardest years and, believe me, there have been hard years," Greenberg said. "It was really difficult because things kept changing. I reached out a lot to our school community — to families and [other] people — and I found that people had lost a lot of jobs."

But, although many families were now unable to give to SMEF, there were others who understood the need and were able to give even more.

"People's situations were so difficult, but what was really unusual and so amazingly wonderful is that those that had the resources to give stepped up and gave more," Greenberg said. "So, in truth, while it was a really painful two years … The truth is the level of funding we brought in was about the same."

When it comes to finding a successor, SMEF Board President Alison Havel said in a statement provided by the nonprofit that recruitment would begin later this spring.

"We will ensure a process by which the community, including parent and district leaders, has an opportunity to participate and have their voices heard as we launch this very important search," Havel said in a statement provided by SMEF.

"First and foremost," Havel continued, "we cannot thank Linda enough for all she has done for our schools and our community over the years. We know she will remain a vital and passionate advocate for Santa Monica public schools, and we look forward to honoring and celebrating her career and litany of achievements in the near future."

For her part, Greenberg said the new executive director should be three things: outgoing, experienced with fundraising and unflappable.

"It's about relationships," Greenberg said. "The more that someone is able to connect with people, the better."

Greenberg also mentioned SMEF's upcoming wine auction fundraiser, the nonprofit's premier annual event which was returning in-person for the first time since the pandemic began.

Learn more about the wine auction, scheduled for May 15, at smedfoundation.org.

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CURIOUS CITY

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her, at which point she bailed to the side, being sure to get the license plate.

SMPD arrived in about 10 minutes! Took info, took the jack, got a copy of her video and filed a report.

By interrupting their crime, they weren't able to steal her catalytic converter – in broad daylight, in a parking structure with cars going by all the time! (They had a lookout, she said.) They had made a cut which she was able to get welded for 100 bucks.

When mine was stolen a few weeks ago, right in front of my building, it took several calls to the police and although they said they did show up and take a look around, they never knocked on my door to talk to me, and never filed a report.

It cost $3,500 to replace, which my insurance company paid for but cost me the $500 deductible. I inquired about them paying for a shield to be put in place, which cost about $450 locally, but they said nope. Since the thieves who steal them know where that car "lives" and that the owner will have to replace it in a few days, that makes you a prime target for repeat business. So I had the shield installed, but in San Pedro, for $300.

Glad my young friend had a better experience than I did, and the nerve to chase them down, and the good sense to step aside at the right moment. But that also shows that these petty thieves have a mindset to cause physical harm if they think they might get caught. So, that word of caution.

There is a lot of this kind of theft, here and everywhere. I will follow up and report what steps the SMPD takes on an incident like this. "Bloody nothing I'm sure" my friend opined.

As Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealm-rmusic@gmail.com

CRIME

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The study ranked Santa Monica as 224 out of 230 cities for its violent and property crime rates per capita. According to the study, which relies on FBI crime statistics, Santa Monica has a rate of six violent crimes and 42.6 property crimes per 1,000 residents. SafeWise.com, a company that sells home security systems, has published the report for several years.

Statements shared by the City, the Santa Monica Police Department, the Santa Monica Police Officers Association and City Councilmember Christine Parra all criticize SafeWise.com's use of Santa Monica's 93,000 resident population to calculate per capita crime rates instead of the City's average daily population of around 250,000.

"Swelling with an average daily population of 250,000 visitors throughout the day and during peak seasons, Santa Monica serves as a jobs center and a hub for state, national and international tourism which attracts millions of visitors each year," said a City spokesperson. "To provide an accurate depiction of crime in the City, it is necessary to look at its average daily population."

SafeWise.com, acknowledges in the methodology of its study that the use of residential populations may skew its calculations and fail to accurately represent a community when complicating factors such as large commuter populations, college campuses, and incarcerated populations are present.

"The number of visitors Santa Monica receives yearly could have had an impact on the per capita crime rates for the city," said Andrew Hull, Communications Specialist for SafeWise.com, later adding, "we believe that for residents of Santa Monica and other cities with unique circumstances, it is still valuable to understand how many crimes are being reported in their city, whether they are committed by visitors or by residents."

Another quirk of the study's methodology is the equal weighting of all crimes, which include violent crime (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft).

Councilmember Christine Parra said that after reviewing the study's methodology, she did not agree with SafeWise.com's findings. Parra is the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Culver City and has a strong understanding of crime trends and emergency response systems.

"I also question a 'safety' report coming from a company who makes affiliate commissions from home safety systems that readers click on, etc., from visiting their website and reviewing their reports or recommended security systems," said Parra.

Parra also said that in her opinion there is an uptick in crime both in Santa Monica and across L.A. County that elected officials are talking about extensively and working to address.

Other local cities also ranked poorly in SafeWise.com's study. Beverly Hills was ranked at 204, Culver City at 220, West Hollywood at 212 and the City of L.A. at 200.

Recent SMPD data indicates that while overall crime rates in Santa Monica are decreasing, certain types of crime are on the rise.

In 2021, about 2.9 percent fewer Part 1 offenses — serious crimes including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, grand theft auto and arson — were reported in the city compared to 2020. This follows a 5.5 percent reduction in those crimes from 2019 to 2020, and a 16 percent reduction from 2018 to 2019.

Specific crimes that have increased include non-residential burglaries, grand theft auto, auto parts theft and arson.

SafeWise.com's study reflects Santa Monica's overall decreasing crime rates.

"In Santa Monica, crime has been on the decline for the last three years, with the violent crime rate going from 8.6 incidents per 1,000 residents in our 2020 report to 6 incidents per 1,000 residents in the last year. Santa Monica's property crime rate saw a similar trajectory, going from 51.1 incidents per 1,000 residents in 2020 to 42.6 incidents in the last year," said Hull.

Santa Monica's comparative safety rate to other California cities per SafeWise.com's study has remained relatively similar over the past four years. It ranked 221 in 2019, 227 in 2020, 222 in 2021 and 224 in 2022.

The Santa Monica Police Officers Association took issue with Santa Monica's safety rating per SafeWise.com's methodology, but also said that the SMPD has been understaffed for the last few years, which impacts the department's ability to lower crime rates.

"The SMPD is understaffed for a population of 90,000, let alone the 300,000+ who come on our busiest days. Property crime, which is a significant driver of our community's low ranking among California cities in the study simply can't be addressed without more personnel," stated the SMPOA. "We are at a critical junction and The Santa Monica Police Officers Association calls on city leadership to work with us to bolster our ranks and give our department the resources we need to ensure safety in our community."

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CRIME WATCH

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

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 AT 11:09 PM

Santa Monica PD Officers responded to Ocean Ave./Colorado regarding a subject who was wielding a knife and threatening a harbor guard. Upon police arrival the subject refused to drop the weapon and spewed nonsensical statements while making sudden movements towards the knife in his waistband. Officers from the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) were on scene to attempt to persuade the subject to cooperate. Eventually, one officer began to deploy his taser which caused enough of a distraction to handcuff the subject without further incident. Paul Carl Pitts was sent to the hospital for medical evaluation and once cleared was booked at the Santa Monica Jail for Brandishing.

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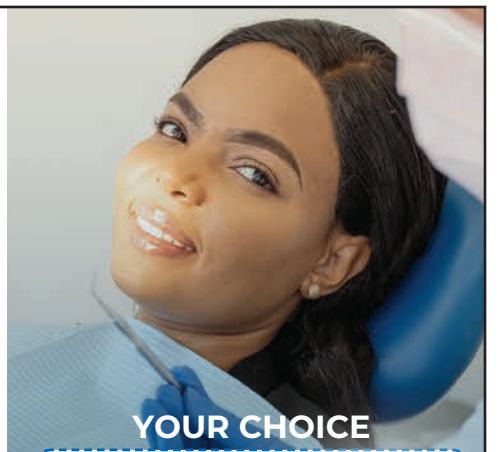
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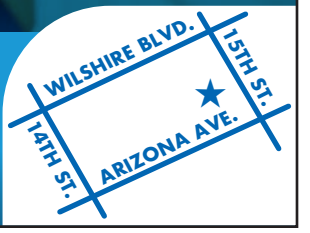
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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0009 (Conditional Use Permit)
2800 Wilshire Boulevard
APPLICANT: Nowhere Santa Monica, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: 2800 Wilshire, LLC

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

A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the retail sales of alcoholic beverages to include beer and wine for off-site consumption and to allow ancillary on-site instructional tastings of beer and wine pursuant to Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license Types 20 and 86, respectively, associated with the operation of the existing Erewhon Market located at the subject property within the Mixed Use Boulevard (MUB) District.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/yxzgxrep or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 5199209 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 634898363 and Passcode: 4173 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Rathar Duong, Associate Planner
Re: 21ENT-0009

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Rathar Duong at (310) 458-2200 ext.5114, or by e-mail at rathar.duong@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 311 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2275.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

OAKLAND

Smart & Final to pay $175K for egg price gouging in pandemic

Grocery chain Smart & Final has agreed to pay $175,000 in penalties to resolve allegations that the grocer engaged in price gouging of certain organic and cage-free eggs at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, state authorities said Tuesday.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta said that between March 4, 2020 and June 22, 2020, Smart & Final increased the price of four premium egg products beyond what was allowable during a state of emergency.

An investigation found that Smart & Final sold over 100,000 cartons of eggs that were marked up by more than 10%, violating the law, Bonta said.

California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency, triggering price-gouging protections through August 2020.

The attorney general's office said that it received many complaints about dramatic increases in the cost of eggs after Newsom's emergency declaration. Many related specifically to price spikes at Smart & Final stores across California.

"Today's settlement should serve as a warning to grocers and other sellers of essential supplies, follow state price gouging laws or you will pay the price and be held to account," Bonta said.

Smart & Final operates more than 250 retail stores throughout the western United States.

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GUNS

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area blocks from the state Capitol renewed calls for tougher firearms laws from President Joe Biden. Biden called for Congress to take many of the steps nationwide that California already has in place — imposing background checks, banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and outlawing ghost guns.

The most populous state will consider an innovative new approach Tuesday when Hertzberg, at the urging of Gov. Gavin Newsom, expects to take the first step to advance a bill allowing private citizens to sue anyone who distributes illegal assault weapons, parts that can be used to build weapons, guns without serial numbers, or .50 caliber rifles.

The penalty: at least $10,000 in civil damages for each weapon, plus attorneys fees.

But the bill would not bar anyone from possessing or using the weapons, though they're illegal under other laws. And it would not include stolen weapons unless they are otherwise made illegal, for instance by filing off the serial number.

"It's going to have hopefully a chilling effect on folks with ghost guns or assault weapons," Hertzberg said. "You've got to have millions of eyeballs looking for these guns. If someone flashes one, talks about it, all of a sudden there's an incentive among the public in a way that there's never been before to try to pull them off the street."

Yet, Hertzberg's bill is patterned after a similar Texas law allowing citizens to go after those who provide or assist in providing abortions. And even if it becomes law, Hertzberg's bill will automatically be invalidated if the Texas law is eventually ruled unconstitutional.

"This is tit for tat political gamesmanship, which is the worst reason to be passing some kind of a bill," said Chuck Michel, president of the California Rifle and Pistol Association and an attorney who wrote a book about California's complicated gun laws. "You're going to deputize a bunch of amateurs — non-lawyers, non-cops — to judge a neighbor's actions and then give them the right to drag them into court over it."

Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, which generally favors firearms restrictions, hasn't taken a position on the bill.

The center's state policy director, attorney Ari Freilich, said it "would essentially bring more enforcement oversight to some specific criminal laws in California."

"It's not something that's really been tried before," Freilich said.

He wouldn't predict if it would be effective, but said the proposal has some "potential challenges." Among them is encouraging civil actions to punish crimes, and establishing "a bounty" to be collected by those who haven't been directly harmed.

His organization is backing other bills, including one that would make it easier for people to sue gun companies for liability in shootings that cause injuries or death. Two other bills also target firearm parts and guns without serial numbers, and those made with 3D printers.

Legislative analysts also raised concerns, including that California's bill might be seen as legitimizing Texas' approach.

Much like the Texas law, the analysts said Hertzberg's legislation is written so broadly that it might ensnare, for instance, "a taxi driver that takes a person to a gun shop," though Hertzberg said that is not the intent.

Parts use to make weapons are not themselves illegal, but a California law taking effect July 1 will require that they be sold only through licensed firearms dealers.

Sen. Tom Umberg, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a Democrat like Hertzberg and Newsom, said he expects Hertzberg's bill to clear his committee "in order to continue the conversation about the absurdity of the Texas law."

Umberg said he supports Hertzberg's goal, though he recognizes that "the enforcement mechanism is susceptible to challenge."

The bill would then have to clear two other committees before getting a full Senate vote. It would also have to pass the Assembly before going to Newsom.

Hertzberg said he thinks his bill could also help root out dangerous domestic abusers like David Mora. Investigators said Mora used a homemade semiautomatic rifle-style weapon with an illegal 30-round ammunition magazine to kill his daughters at a Sacramento church Feb. 28 despite a restraining order barring him from possessing weapons.

"I think this will have bigger teeth, sharper teeth than a court order," Hertzberg said. "This goes to somebody's bank account. You win this case, you seize their bank account. Their world changes."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 6)

You are the beholder in whose eye beauty is born. If you think it's lovely, it is. Because you believe in your vision and revel in your ideas, you'll create something new in the world. Your increased powers of organization and focus pave the way to health and well-being on many levels, including financial. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 18, 21 and 12.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may be grappling with something unpleasant and yet cannot bring yourself to regret what's happened. It's because you sense the truth. These slights have forced you to discover yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Enthusiasm is potent. The right amount can grow projects, people and bonds. Too much excitement, however, just makes people uncomfortable. Test your power incrementally to see what works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's fun on offer, with one caveat: You lose all self-consciousness. Can you forget about what you look like and sound like? Can you trust the wildness of your human animal?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just because you find exceptions to a rule doesn't mean the rule is wrong. Every rule has exceptions. If the rule makes your life better and more organized, uphold it, inconsistencies and all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Inside you, there's a deep reservoir of strength and determination. You won't need to tap into it now, but just knowing it is there is enough to calm you and keep you on course throughout the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There will be no available instruction manual or check list, however all will organize around your clear objectives. So just decide what you want and barrel on forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Check in with the past but keep the visit short. Look in on the future, too -- you'll have an easy time imagining a few different versions. These time-traveling exercises give you a helpful perspective on what's going on now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll want to give to someone, but if the gift is unnecessary, it will only cause more problems. Wait to see what is really wanted and, more importantly, what's needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It takes courage to try new things. You're brave. Remember that knowing what you're doing is not a requirement. Keep attachments and expectations to a minimum. You'll figure things out as you go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to settle. You can have precisely what you want if you're willing to do what it takes. The question is, is it worth it? You'll weigh out what you want against what you're willing to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a day to notice what you are feeling, but be open to interpretation, too. Your first reactions may be incorrect, unnecessary or just the wrong intensity. Play it safe. Don't go big. Buy time to think things over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Here comes a wave of activity propelled by forces beyond your control. If you stand in the wrong place, you'll be pummeled. Angle yourself to ride the flow.

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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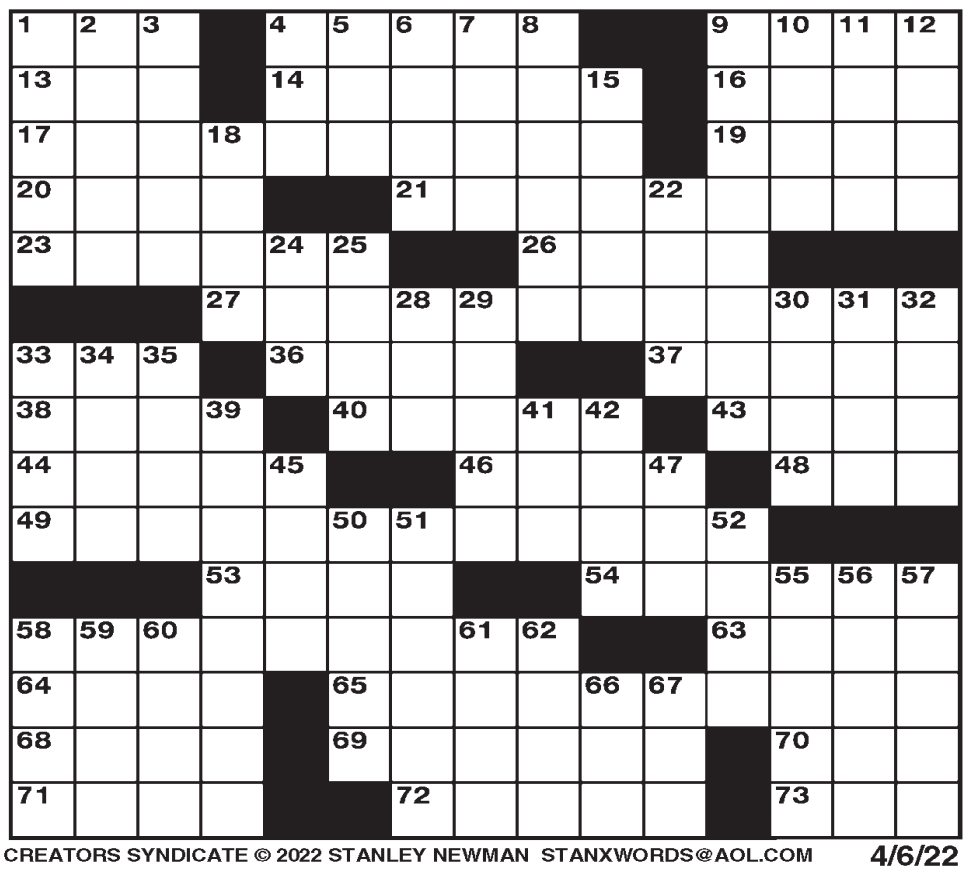
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8	5			6		1		
	7		3					
			6				4	7
5		6			1		9	

Newsday Crossword

FUEL GAUGE by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Diner dessert
4 Newspaper pundits' pieces
9 Cars in an airport line
13 Website ID
14 Ultimatum, for instance
16 Give the job to
17 Back to the beginning
19 Concept
20 Pest on a pooch
21 Left-handers
23 Hearing, sight, etc.
26 Cut back a bit
27 Actions not forceful enough
33 "Outta here!" PC key
36 Triumphant cry
37 Slithery reptile
38 Standard level
40 RPM indicators
43 Reflex-test target
44 Hide from view
46 Stops from squeaking
48 Small amt. of sugar
49 Gentle, as exercise regimens
53 Adjective follower, often
54 Did some sodbusting
58 Where to go after ball four
63 New Haven school
64 Lopsided game
65 Meaningless talk
68 Mount in Sicily
69 Win back after losses
70 Comic strip scream
71 Effortless to do
72 Sri __ (Asian nation)
73 Final-yr. students

DOWN
1 Cream-filled pastries
2 Immodest cry of victory
3 DeGeneres who voiced Dory the fish
4 Nonprescription: Abbr.
5 __ Beta Kappa
6 Makes a blunder
7 Roaring Twenties art style
8 Military courtesy
9 Striped cousin of squirrels
10 Verdi opera
11 Make some tea
12 Baltic and Aegean
15 Prefix for "four"
18 Spot for mascara
22 37 Across sound
24 Grab a bite
25 Venetian blind part
28 Vitamin regulatory agcy.
29 Georgia city
30 Vent verbally
31 __ out a living (just gets by)
32 Leak (in or out)
33 Bus. letter attachment
34 Song for one
35 Cornfield visitor
39 Essential part
41 __ Holiness (title for Francis)
42 Minor mistake
45 Lumber flaw
47 Mo. city
50 Potato or yam
51 Tooth coating
52 Rolling toy with a finger string
55 Goods for sale
56 Born first
57 Roll-tops, for instance
58 For no charge
59 Slight amount
60 Leaves in a hurry
61 Pet welfare org.
62 School 007 attended
66 Hearty laugh
67 New Deal jobs agcy.



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By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



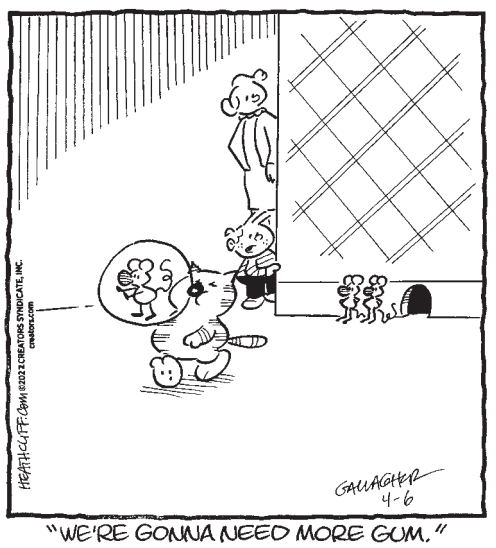
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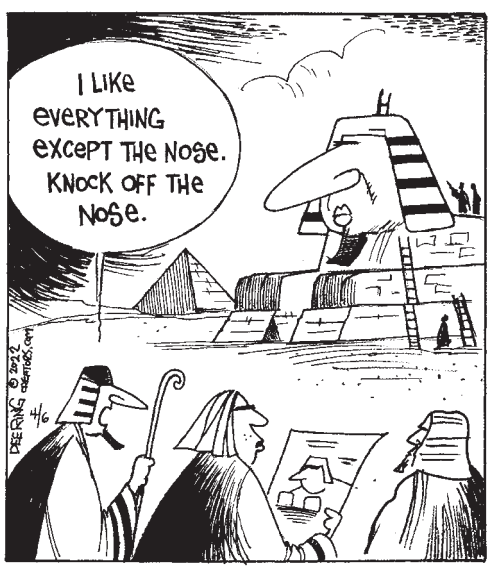
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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G N O V I F M D N H O R N E T
R E D A E O T A R A N T U L A
A D P A N S L O U G H I I H T
S D R E R N C T B R N C G P O
S U V D T K A T K U E K I R X
B S N I S S E A C B A U F E I
A K S H S E V W A S H L T Y N
T A G R T O H S L E E T A C S
S E N H I F M I B A L E O I C
H W A D E N I A S T A M B M A
O A F L I E S R K S A S P I R
E S A A M I T E E O S N A K E
S P P F O R K E D T O N G U E
L E E C H C T I R E P T I L E

Avoid
Bats
Bees
Black
Burn
Coma
Dark
Eels
Eggs
Fangs
Fear
Fire
Fleas
Flies
Forked tongue
Gnat
Goanna
Grass
Grub
Hide
Hiss
Hornet
Hurt
Itch
Leech
Lice
Mako
Mite
Moth
Pain
Pale
Pets
Prey
Reptile
Rips
Rocks
Scare
Shoes
Slough
Slugs
Snake
Sudden
Swat
Tarantula
Teeth
Tick
Toad
Toxin
Tree
Venom
Wasp
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What's Up Westside

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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 6

CANCELLED: PLANNING COMMISSION

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY | APRIL 7

NOMA MEETING
A report on current library services and a presentation by Michael Soloff, former SM Housing Commissioner, on a newly proposed City Initiative currently signature gathering for additional funding for Homelessness Prevention, Affordable Housing, and SM Schools through an increase in the real estate transfer tax will be on the agenda of the North of Montana Avenue Association (NOMA) online meeting Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. The public is invited and Zoom access can be found at www.smnoma.org.

FRIDAY | APRIL 8

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: ONLINE CHALLENGE
April is National Poetry Month. Inspired by Amanda Gorman's historic inaugural performance, we're celebrating young poets everywhere this month. Poetry can motivate us to find beauty, hope, and power, no matter what we encounter. Read, watch, and listen to poets' work through activities and log your reading to earn badges all month long. For grades K-12. Register: smpl.beanstack.org

SATURDAY | APRIL 9

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR KINDERGARTEN WITH SMPL
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PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | APRIL 10

FAMILY FESTIVAL: PERSIA
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades presents a free two-day festival, Family Festival: Persia. Experience the sights and sounds of ancient Iran through music, dance, storytelling, hands-on workshops, and interactive events. Make your own puppet inspired by Persian stories, forge a set of golden wings, or craft jewelry based upon examples from 2,500 years ago. Discover the wonders of this enduring culture in this daylong festival inspired by the Getty Villa exhibition Persia: Ancient Iran and the Classical World. https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/events/ev_3462.html

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MONDAY | APRIL 11

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Mondays / 12:00 to 2:30pm
ESL Classes
ESL, Multi Level LOW: Fridays / 10: a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
ESL, Multi Level LOW: Saturdays / 12 a.m. to 3 p.m.
ESL, Multi Level HIGH | Mondays / 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY | APRIL 12

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
The Zoning Administrator issues land use permits that are minor in nature and may adopt specific findings of fact to support the resulting decision, or require specific conditions. Some Zoning Administrator permits are administrative determinations, while others require a noticed public hearing. 10:30 a.m.
https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Zoning-Administrator/

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.0**

WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-5ft Waist to head	NW swell due to wind down through the day with fresh SSW swell showing late for N half of the bay. Wind again looking nice in the morning with a favorable low tide for the mid-morning window.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Smaller NW swell leftovers with SSW swell picking up for the northern half of the bay where size will be largest. Clean morning conditions are expected with a pedestrian tide drop to capitalize on.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 68. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North northeast wind around 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/04/06	Wed	12:07 AM	4.70	H
2022/04/06	Wed	07:48 AM	0.50	L
2022/04/06	Wed	3:11 PM	2.55	H
2022/04/06	Wed	5:21 PM	2.49	L
2022/04/07	Thu	12:42 AM	4.38	H
2022/04/07	Thu	09:13 AM	0.71	L
2022/04/08	Fri	01:37 AM	4.04	H
2022/04/08	Fri	11:00 AM	0.65	L
2022/04/09	Sat	03:31 AM	3.84	H
2022/04/09	Sat	12:08 PM	0.42	L
2022/04/09	Sat	8:00 PM	3.40	H
2022/04/09	Sat	11:57 PM	2.96	L
2022/04/10	Sun	05:12 AM	3.96	H
2022/04/10	Sun	12:52 PM	0.18	L
2022/04/10	Sun	8:00 PM	3.62	H
2022/04/11	Mon	12:46 AM	2.49	L
2022/04/11	Mon	06:17 AM	4.24	H
2022/04/11	Mon	1:25 PM	-0.02	L

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/04
2 32 39 46 69
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 246 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/01
26 42 47 48 63
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 81 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/02
3 5 13 17 41
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 31 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/04
6 10 11 28 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/04
EVENING: 1 1 7
Draw Date: 4/03
MIDDAY: 9 9 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/04
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
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