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SMMUSD testing challenges persist despite increased participation

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SMDP Staff Writer

While student participation increased during winter assessments throughout Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), some students are still lagging behind their counterparts on the standardized tests.

During the March 20 meeting of the district's Board of Education, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Stacy Williamson and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Ashley Benjamin took the board through the Q3 Lead Metrics Report. This report included winter diagnostic and interim assessment results, as well as secondary grades for the winter semester's first marking period as well as winter attendance and discipline data.

Though not reaching a goal of having 95% participation rates for all district assessments, many of the exams taken in the winter months had increased student involvement. Star Early Literacy and Star Reading participation was 90%, increased by 9 and 3 percent, respectively, from similar fall exams. Star Math participation was up by 7 percent, with 92% of students taking the diagnostic assessment.

For the English Language Arts (ELA) assessments, 68% of students were at or above benchmarks in Star Early Literacy testing, while 71% of students were at or above benchmarks in Star Reading. However, areas for growth were also shown, with 38% of English Learners and 18% of African-American/Black students having

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Historic Douglas World Cruiser aircraft on course to return to Santa Monica



Smithsonian Institution

PLANE: The restored Chicago World Cruiser is on display at the National Air and Space Museum in DC.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

One of the two remaining Douglas World Cruiser aircraft that took part in the first ever aerial circumnavigation of the world is set to return to the place where it was originally conceived designed and built, Santa Monica Airport.

This awe-inspiring aeronautical accomplishment was completed in 1924 by four aviators from the US Army Air Service, the precursor of the US Air Force. Traveling east to west, around the northern-Pacific Rim, through to South Asia and Europe before returning to the United States.

Four aircraft, each named after a US city, Seattle, Chicago, Boston and New Orleans, left Clover Field, Santa Monica, on 17 March 1924, for Sand Point in Seattle, Washington for the official start of the journey. The Seattle crashed in dense fog on the Alaska Peninsula on April 30, but thankfully everyone survived. Then on August 3, an oil pump failure forced the Boston down into the Atlantic Ocean between the Orkney Islands and Iceland. Again, thankfully everyone survived.

The New Orleans and the Chicago flew into Boston and then onto Washington DC in early September, along with the original prototype World Cruiser, now named the Boston II, that had flown to join them from California. Logging 27,553 miles in 175 calendar days with an actual flying time of 371 hours, the New Orleans and the Chicago touched down in 28 countries and had to replace entire engines and other components multiple times along the way.

The Chicago eventually ended up at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC and the New Orleans was donated to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History before being moved in 1957 to the National Museum of

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Financial-related discourse set to dominate Tuesday's City Council meeting

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Tomorrow's City Council meeting will be largely made up of financial-related conversation as there will be a public hearing and potential adoption of the Santa Monica Housing Authority draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Annual and Administrative Plans, together with proposed changes to business license tax rates under a new Business License Modernization plan but the controversial issue of a needle exchange program in local parks is also up for discussion again.

Attendees who make it to the final item of the agenda (if Council actually makes it that far themselves) will hear a request of Mayor Brock, Vice Mayor Negrete, and Councilmember Parra that the City Council adopt the a resolution objecting to the County of Los Angeles' Implementation of the Clean Needle Distribution Program in the City.

A majority of council members asked staff to return with a letter of opposition at a previous meeting and that document is attached for discussion on Tuesday night. The letter states the city supports "harm reduction" programs in general but wants the needle exchange program moved away from sensitive areas.

While making it to the very end of a council agenda is questionable, more certain will be the fiscal discussions around housing and businesses.

The Santa Monica Housing Authority (SMHA) administers approximately 1,750 rental assistance vouchers to extremely low-, very low-, and low-income

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News Binge: All of last week's stories in one place



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ICE RINK: This past winter's "Ice at Santa Monica" seasonal skating activation was more successful than anticipated.

OFFICIALS WELCOME CYCLES, CAVIAR AND COFFEE WITH RIBBON CUTTINGS:

A trio of sniping in Santa Monica welcomed new businesses into the community during the final week of March. On March 25, Oasis Restaurant at 1413 5th St. was celebrated by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce during its opening period curated by co-owners Mickey Barnes and Brenda Garcia. On March 27, the Chamber commended Richard Cao and Hansel Cisneros for the opening of Bandit E-Bikes, a bicycle service and repair shop. 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.

EL SEGUNDO HIRES FORMER SMPD CAPTAIN SAUL RODRIGUEZ AS NEW POLICE CHIEF:

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 a half years spent as a transit police officer for LA County at the very beginning of his career, the majority of Rodriguez's 30 years of law enforcement experience comes from time spent at the SMPD. Rodriguez joined the SMPD as a police officer in 1997 and over the course of his career has worked in areas like narcotics, patrol, criminal investigations, public information and recruitment. He was consistently promoted through the ranks (six in total) to reach captain.

FEMALE SKYDIVERS TAKE LEAP FOR EQUALITY IN NEW DOCUMENTARY:

Project 19, a force for female advancement in skydiving, premiered its new documentary "Project 19: The Leap for Equality" recently 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, including 72-way and 80-way women's vertical records. On the final day of the project, the ultimate goal of a 100-way formation was cut just short, as a built 97-way formation was unlinked by just fingertips.

SAMOHI STUDENT LEARNS TO LIVE FEARLESSLY DESPITE DIABETES DIAGNOSIS:

Recently, 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, was awarded for achieving a healthy student-athlete life despite 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.

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Political ritual: California labor priorities and business 'job killers' again on a collision course



Photo by Julie A Hotz for CalMatters

LABOR: Supporters of SEIU Local 1000, rally in front of the Governor's Mansion in Sacramento on June 8, 2023.

DAN WALTERS

An annual political ritual was repeated Wednesday when the California Chamber of Commerce released its 2024 list of "job killers" – nine bills that business executives consider to be the most burdensome.

"These proposals would add significant costs and burdens to California's small businesses, creating an even more challenging business climate in our state," chamber president Jennifer Barrera said in an accompanying statement.

Two hours later, the California Labor Federation released its list of high-priority legislation – 17 bills that it says will enhance the security and safety of California workers.

"Labor's agenda is focused on empowering workers to shape the future of work, instead of allowing corporations and tech companies to continue playing by their own rules and amass wealth while workers struggle to get by," the federation's chief officer, Lorena Gonzalez, declared.

With that, two of the Capitol's most influential interest groups renewed what has been one of California's most enduring rivalries.

Somewhat surprisingly, only one bill appears on both lists. Senate Bill 1116, which would provide unemployment insurance benefits to striking workers, is nearly identical to legislation that was on the chamber's 2023 job killer list and passed the Legislature only to be vetoed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

In his veto, Newsom cited the Unemployment Insurance Fund's huge deficit, upwards of $20 billion borrowed from the federal government to cover jobless benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic. Employers are now paying higher payroll taxes to shrink the debt.

The labor federation says the new legislation, carried again by Sen. Anthony Portantino, a Glendale Democrat, "will help workers make ends meet and protect them from going into debt." The chamber, on the other hand, says it would "effectively force employers to subsidize strikes at completely unrelated businesses," and increase the unemployment fund's debt.

The chamber's list of targets includes another unemployment insurance measure, Senate Bill 1434, which would raise taxes on employers to beef up the unemployment fund, although the extent of the increase is not yet specified. The measure, carried by Sen. Maria Elena Durazo, a Los Angeles Democrat, would also create a new unemployment insurance benefit for workers who do not now qualify for them.

One reason for little overlap in the two initial priority lists is that many of the labor federation's measures affect public employees, who are the majority of unionized workers in California, while the chamber concentrates

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.3**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Steep-angled new NW swell may creep up through the day. Approach angle limits size for most of North LA but there could be a few rideable waves. Winds looking like an issue.

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Steep-angled NW swell due to back down for smaller surf. Small new SSW swell creeps in. Morning winds looking favorable.

Weather

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Monday Night: Clear, with a low around 51.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 53.

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2024/04/09	Tue	10:37 AM	4.61	H
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2024/04/11	Thu	5:18 PM	1.70	L
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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Adopting Amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.22, Density Bonus, for Compliance with Updates to State Density Bonus Law Adopted by Assembly Bill 1287.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the adoption of a resolution to adopt amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.22, Density Bonus, for consistency with updates to State Density Bonus Law applicable to housing project as set forth in Assembly Bill 1287.

At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will also be considering compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
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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.

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Americans think a president's power should be checked, AP-NORC poll finds — unless their side wins

NICHOLAS RICCARDI AND LINLEY SANDERS
Associated Press

Like many Americans, Richard Bidon says he'd like to see the U.S. government "go back to its original design" — a system of checks and balances developed nearly 240 years ago to prevent any branch, especially the presidency, from becoming too powerful.

But that's mainly when Republicans are in power.

Bidon, an 84-year-old Democrat who lives near Los Angeles, said if President Joe Biden is reelected, he doesn't want him to have to get the approval of a possibly Republican-controlled Congress to enact policies to slow climate change. He wants presidents to have the power to change policy unilaterally — as long as they're from the right party.

"When a Democrat's in, I support" a strong presidency, Bidon said. "When Republicans are in, I don't support it that much. It's sort of a wishy-washy thing."

A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Opinion Research finds that Bidon's view is common. Though Americans say don't want a president to have too much power, that view shifts if the candidate of their party wins the presidency. It's a view held by members of both parties, though it's especially common among Republicans.

Overall, only about 2 in 10 Americans say it would be "a good thing" for the next president to be able to change policy without waiting on Congress or the courts. But nearly 6 in 10 Republicans say it would be good for a future President Donald Trump to take unilateral action, while about 4 in 10 Democrats say the same if Biden is reelected.

The sentiment comes amid escalating polarization and is a sign of the public's willingness to push the boundaries of the political framework that has kept the U.S. a stable democracy for more than two centuries. In the poll, only 9% of Americans say the nation's system of checks and balances is working extremely or very well. It also follows promises by Trump to "act as a dictator" on day one of a new administration to secure the border and expand oil and gas drilling.

Bob Connor, a former carpenter now on disability in Versailles, Missouri, wants that type of decisive action on the border. He's given up hope on Congress taking action.

"From what I've seen, the Republicans are trying to get some stuff done, the Democrats are trying to get some other stuff done — they're not mixing in the middle," said Connor, 56. "We're not getting anywhere."

He blames the influx of migrants on Biden unilaterally revoking some of Trump's own unilateral border security policies when he took office.

"I'm not a Trump fanatic, but what he's saying has to get done is right," Connor said.

Joe Titus, a 69-year-old Democrat from Austin, Texas, believes Republicans have destroyed Congress' ability to act in its traditional legislative role and says Biden will have to step into the gap.

"There's this so-called 'majority' in Congress, and they're a bunch of whack-jobs," Titus, a retired Air Force mechanic, said of the GOP-controlled House of Representatives. "It's not the way this thing was set up."

The current Congress is setting dubious records as the least productive one in the country's history, with fewer than three dozen bills sent to Biden's desk last year. At Trump's urging, House Republicans have stalled aid to Ukraine and a bipartisan immigration bill.

Titus said that in general he opposes expanded presidential power but would support Biden funding more immigration judges and sending additional aid to Ukraine on his own.

"There's certain things that it seems to me the public wants and the other party is blocking," Titus said.

The presidency has steadily gained power in recent years as congressional deadlocks have become more common. Increasingly, the nation's chief executive is moving to resolve issues through administrative policy or executive orders. The U.S. Supreme Court is poised to rule later this year on a case that could significantly weaken the ability of federal agencies — and thus a presidential administration — to issue regulations.

Meanwhile, conservatives are planning a takeover of the federal bureaucracy should they win the White House in November, a move that could increase the administration's ability to make sweeping policy changes on its own.

The AP-NORC poll found that voters' views of which institutions have too much power were colored by their own partisanship. Only 16% of Democrats, whose party currently controls the White House, say the presidency has too much power while nearly half of Republicans believe it does. In contrast, about 6 in 10 Democrats say the U.S. Supreme Court, with its 6-3 conservative majority, has too much power.

With Congress evenly divided between the two parties — the GOP has a narrow House majority, Democrats a narrow Senate one — Americans have similar views on its power regardless of party. About 4 in 10 from both major parties say it has too much power.

"I think Congress had too much power when the presidency and Congress were both ruled by Democrats, but now that Republicans are in the majority there's an equal balance," said John V. Mohr, a 62-year-old housecleaner in Wilmington, North Carolina.

In contrast, he complained that Biden is "sitting there writing executive orders left and right," including his proclamation marking Transgender Day of Visibility, which fell on Easter Sunday this year.

The abstract idea of a president with nearly unchecked power remains unpopular.

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Feds say LA poultry company used child labor for risky jobs then hid its product

ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE
Special to the Daily Press

Federal labor investigators are demanding an L.A.-area poultry company forfeit money they said it made by employing minors in dangerous jobs.

At least two minors had been working in "oppressive" conditions, deboning raw poultry with sharp knives at a poultry processing plant in Irwindale, the U.S. Department of Labor alleged in a lawsuit filed Saturday.

The department also alleged the owner of the processing plant, Fu Qian Chen Lu — and owners of two other associated companies — illegally shipped poultry products that had been handled by children workers, violating the "hot goods" provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act. That provision prohibits companies from shipping products that come from locations where government investigators observed child labor in the prior 30 days.

"Instead of being in school, children younger than 18 years old stand on their feet all day in a chilled cutting room surrounded by raw chicken, using knives they must constantly sharpen, to cut and debone chicken," attorneys for the labor department wrote in court documents.

The lawsuit says Chen Lu also prevented department investigators from accessing information they needed to determine if the company violated labor laws, according to the lawsuit.

On Monday a federal judge in Los Angeles issued a temporary restraining order against the defendants and their companies, ordering them to stop using child labor, to not ship any products from facilities accused of using child labor, and to provide requested information to the labor department.

DUELING CHILD LABOR ALLEGATIONS

A lawyer representing Chen Lu and the other defendants accused the labor department of planting an under-aged worker in the facilities. The labor department denies this.

Gregory Patterson, an LA-area attorney, said the labor department has demanded a multimillion-dollar "posting amount" without any meaningful evidence that workers weren't paid full wages.

He told CalMatters in an email that the labor department had a worker younger than 18 hired at Moon Poultry using false identification in late January, as a part of the investigation.

"The (labor department) then directed this person to work in a hazardous area of the Moon Poultry facility in Irwindale," Patterson wrote. "The (department) has cynically used the child labor allegation — which it manufactured — to strengthen its negotiating hand and attempt to force us into an early settlement of the overtime claims."

He said the labor department "is likely to be a defendant before this is over."

A labor department attorney said its staff did not place an underaged employee in the poultry plants or direct them to work in a dangerous job.

"The defense counsel's allegations are false. The Labor Department has previously responded to the defense counsel on this issue, but he has nevertheless chosen to press his baseless claims," said Marc Pilotin, regional solicitor for the labor department.

SEARCH WARRANTS AND INTERVIEWS

Investigators discovered children working at the poultry processing plant on March 20 when they served a search warrant against Chen Lu's company, Moon Poultry, according to the lawsuit.

The labor department said minors have worked at the Irwindale facility since at least October, and investigators identified two of the minors working as chicken deboners in the last two months. One was identified during the March 20 search and the other was found before then using Moon Poultry's payroll records, according to court documents.

The labor department said it notified Chen Lu of the child labor violations and that products handled by the minors were considered "hot goods" that cannot be shipped. Chen Lu agreed verbally and in a written statement that he would not ship the hot goods, but he did so anyway, the department said.

Chen Lu manages two other companies, L&Y Food, Inc. and JRC Culinary Group, which frequently receive poultry shipments from Moon Poultry, according to the labor department. Both companies and their owners, Bruce Shu Hua Lok and Ryan Zhong Lu are listed as defendants in the lawsuit. Zhong Lu is Chen Lu's 18-year-old son.

The labor department's investigators "discovered that 794 boxes of processed chicken and seven 1,500-pound bins of chicken had been removed from the Irwindale facility," court documents state.

Investigators visited L&Y and found that some of the goods had been shipped there. Before they could investigate further, Chen Lu arrived at the facility and refused to give them access to L&Y's poultry inventory or answer any questions about the goods, according to court documents.

Later investigators discovered all the hot goods had been removed from the processing plant, the lawsuit states.

Rather than disclosing to investigators whether it was continuing to produce and ship goods and where, Moon Poultry indicated that it would shut down, court documents say.

When investigators visited the Irwindale plant again on March 27 they found it had shut down, according to court documents.

Because the investigation is ongoing, the labor department officials said they would not answer questions about details of the investigation and some of the conditions the child workers faced.

OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Michael Eastwood, director of enforcement in the labor department's wage and hour division's western region, said when investigators execute a search warrant, they usually conduct confidential interviews with employees and review business records. Employees are told why investigators are

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on legislation affecting the private sector.

Since 1997, when the chamber launched its job killer campaign, it has defeated or neutralized about 90% of its targeted bills. In recent years, labor unions have gained more political clout as union-friendly Democrats captured about 75% of the Legislature's seats.

While serving in the Assembly, Gonzalez was one of the most successful legislators in getting bills enacted despite being designated by the chamber as job killers. She left the Legislature two years ago to become the labor federation's top executive and the organization has since become a more aggressive Capitol gladiator.

Gonzalez cites legislation raising minimum wages for fast food workers and those in health care, increasing paid sick leave from three days a year to five and allowing legislative staffers to unionize, as union victories last year.

However, the chamber also had a fairly good record in 2023. It designated 19 bills as "job killers," seven of which made it to Newsom, who signed four of them and vetoed three, including the one granting unemployment insurance benefits to strikers.

The fast food and health care wage bills had been on the chamber's 2023 list but were removed after being amended to reduce their impacts on employers.

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POULTRY

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there and that they don't ask employees about their immigration status.

In late January, labor department investigators also executed a search warrant at several other processing plants in El Monte and Monterey Park owned by at least one company listed as a defendant in the lawsuit, said Chanchanit Martorell, head of the Thai Community Development Center, a community nonprofit.

The center, along with the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs, an attorney with Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and other nonprofit partners, spoke with workers outside the plants in January and offered public services and legal support if they needed it, she said.

The labor department lawsuit asks a judge to order the defendants to give up all profits earned from child labor and pay additional civil penalties arising from labor law violations.

"Our primary concern is stopping the employment of kids doing dangerous things," Eastwood said.

The actions follow a December judgment against another L.A.-area poultry processing company, The Exclusive Poultry Inc. The labor department ordered its owner and associated front companies to pay almost $3.8 million in back wages, damages and penalties.

The department says there's been a nationwide surge in child labor in recent years. It has pressed at least 34 child labor cases in California as of December, involving 103 children employed in violation of labor laws.

Photojournalist Ted Soqui contributed to this report. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

Santa Monica Arrests

For the week of Mar 29th to April 4th

Crime	Arrests
Shoplifting	5
Resisting Arrest	4
Warrant	4
Assault & Battery	3
Corporal Injury To Spouse	3
Joyriding	3
Possession of Methamphetamines	3
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	2
Burglary	2
Obstructing a Business Establishment	2
Brandishing an Imitation Firearm	1
Child Abuse	1
Driving Under the Influence	1
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	1
Elder Abuse	1
Felon in possession of Stun Gun	1
Illegal display of license plate	1
Illegal Riding on Sidewalk	1
Loitering to Commit a Crime	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	1
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	1
Possession of Methamphetamines for Sale	1
Rape	1
TOTAL	**44**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Main Street

Ocean Park Branch Library presents an Open House

On Wednesday, April 17, from noon to 8 p.m., the Open Park Branch Library will make a splash with an ocean-themed Open House, that encourages our neighbors to visit the branch and find out what the Library has to offer. Library staff look forward to meeting the community—welcoming regular users, as well as newcomers and patrons we haven't seen for a while—and helping users sign up for library cards or apply for the branch's self-service model. We're also celebrating the 105th year of this landmark historic Carnegie library. Patrons can learn history of the branch during their visit, check out books and other materials, enjoy crafts and games with the kids, as well as partake in a few light refreshments.

For children and families, the Library will also feature two special children's programs during the day. The fun starts with a special, pre-opening Wednesday Tales storytime at 11:30 a.m. for children aged 2 to 5 and their guardians. Kids will have a whale of a time, enjoying stories, songs & silly rhymes. Tickets for the storytime are available at 11:00 a.m. Later in the afternoon, the Library presents an after-school event at 4:00 p.m. with ventriloquist and puppeteer Marc Griffiths, who'll have families cracking up with his hilarious and inspiring show. Tickets for the puppet show are available at 3:30 p.m.

The Ocean Park Branch is located at 2601 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405. This all day event is free and open to the public. For more information on this and other Library programs, visit smpl.org. All Santa Monica Public Library locations are wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call (310) 458-8600 one week prior to event. Ride the Big Blue Bus or your bike to the library. Bicycle parking racks are available at all Library locations.

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT GRAVES, LIBRARIAN II

Citywide

Santa Monica Public Library announces the inaugural City of Santa Monica Poet Laureate

Santa Monica Public Library is honored to announce the appointment of Anne Carmack as the first Poet Laureate for the City of Santa Monica.

Anne Carmack is a Santa Monica-based writer and multidisciplinary artist whose work seeks to explore the shape-shifting themes of personal narrative, individual/cultural identity, philosophy, and spirituality by wholly embracing a wide range of media including poetry, painting, photography, filmmaking, storytelling, and screenwriting. Her debut poetry collection "My Own Body Breathing" was an Amazon #1 Best Seller within twenty-four hours of its 2020 release; it can be found in the library's collection for check out: https://tinyurl.com/4wmv4w77

Throughout the month of April, National Poetry Month as well as Arts Month, the community will have a chance to meet the Poet Laureate at the following events:

· Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Main Library, Multi-purpose Room and Central Courtyard. The public are invited to participate in a poetry workshop and attend a welcoming reception for the Poet Laureate.

· Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Arts & Literacy Festival, Virginia Avenue Park. The community will have an opportunity to contribute words to an original poem by the Poet Laureate in honor of the Pico Branch Library's 10th Anniversary. The poem will be revealed and read by the Poet Laureate at the Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We are a place full of vibrant arts and culture and I am thrilled the see Santa Monica have its own poet laureate," said Mayor Phil Brock. "I look forward to the community events later on this month as the city commemorates April as National Poetry Month and Arts Month, as well as seeing the great contributions Anne Carmack will provide to our community."

"We are excited to have Anne Carmack as the City's first ever Poet Laureate," said Library Director Erica Cuyugan. "As a long-time resident and dedicated poet/artist, Anne embodies the spirit and the soul of Santa Monica through her words and her art. We look forward to experiencing the inclusive, unifying, and powerful nature of poetry in all its forms with our community."

The Poet Laureate began her two-year term on March 21, 2024. In its inaugural Poet Laureate Program, the City of Santa Monica seeks to highlight the city through the literary arts, support the creation of literary works that commemorate the diversity and vibrancy of Santa Monica, and promote arts education.

Programs and events are free and open to the public. For more information on library programs and events, visit smpl.org. Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call (310) 458-8600 one week prior to event. Ride your bike or Big Blue Bus. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN REITZ



Courtesy photo

POET: Anne Carmack has been named as the city's first Poet Laureate.

NEWS

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SEASONAL SPECTACLE 'ICE AT SANTA MONICA' EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS:

This past winter's "Ice at Santa Monica" seasonal skating activation was more successful than anticipated, according to a recent report presented by the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) Marketing and Business Development Committee. Opened on November 1, 2023, the project at the corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue was 25% bigger than any other previous year. The 2023-24 edition was a bigger, more open experience, with the entire ice rink structure constructed upon a wooden framework that had been laid flat over the uneven surface of the parking lot space using laser levels.

SANTA MONICA ANIMAL SHELTER READIES ITSELF FOR 'KITTEN SEASON':

Now is the time of year when the Santa Monica Animal Shelter is preparing to be overrun with an abundance of kittens, with each one of the cats looking for a forever home. A "kitten season," Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation Chair Elizabeth Noble explained, is the time of year when there is a larger number of kittens and cats who are soon to have their litters brought into the shelter, and Noble added that every year "kitten season" is beginning earlier and lasting longer.

BROTHERS BRING SKATE, SURF CULTURE BACK TO LOCAL ROOTS:

The Bentivoglio brothers, Galeazzo, Sante and Francesco, are the driving force behind Bay Street Boards at 3216 Santa Monica Blvd. Approaching its 10-year anniversary, Bay Street is a local love letter to skateboarding and surfing culture, particularly on the Westside of Los Angeles where the brothers grew up. Bay Street relies on being a do-it-yourself outlet, with a big bulk of the business coming from repair efforts as well as rentals for surfboards and wetsuits.

RECONNECTING TO READERS IS A JOY FOR NATIONAL AMBASSADOR:

On April 5, the Santa Monica Public Library Pico Branch at Virginia Avenue Park welcomed author Meg Medina, with the author introducing her platform "¡Cuéntame! Let's Talk Books" to Santa Monica. The tour, which has gone nationwide and included a week-long visit to California, is a Spanish-English bilingual effort that encourages youth to connect with each other while talking about books. An additional event took place April 6 at the Santa Monica Public Library Main Branch, a "human library" event which platforms first-person stories and experiences of hardship, marginalization, bias and prejudice.

THE OTHER ART FAIR RETURNS TO BARKER HANGAR:

From April 4 through April 7, the Other Art Fair returned to Santa Monica for its 11th annual Los Angeles edition, bringing together a diverse array of artists, live performances and experiences for art enthusiasts and collectors alike. Taking place at the iconic Barker Hangar, the art fair aimed to turn the traditional experience on its head by offering visitors an in-person opportunity to connect directly with emerging and independent artists from around the world, together with plainly listed artwork prices and a significantly less pretentious atmosphere.

PULITZER-WINNING PRODUCTION PREMIERES AT GEFFEN:

Taking on the challenge of transforming William Shakespeare's all-time lauded "Hamlet" was playwright James Ijames, who has set the theater world ablaze with the modern-day adaptation "Fat Ham," making its West Coast premiere at the Geffen Playhouse throughout April. The play follows Juicy, a young queer Black man who is confronted by his father's ghost during a barbecue, demanding Juicy avenge his murder in true "Hamlet" style. First premiering in 2021, "Fat Ham" has quickly become a legendary show in its own right, earning the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, joining the likes of "Hamilton" and "Rent" in award recipients. Once the show hit Broadway in 2023, it received another wave of widespread acclaim, including a nomination for Best Play at the 2023 Tony Awards.

FORMER SANTA MONICA MAYOR PROPOSES INITIATIVE TO AMEND MEASURE GS:

Two Santa Monica mayors are at odds over housing development and taxes after one filed paperwork to alter a real estate tax implemented by the other. Former Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor has filed a ballot measure with the city in an effort to amend Measure GS (that was proposed and funded by former Mayor Sue Himmelrich) to exempt the sale of multifamily housing from the city's new third transfer tax. GS, known as a "mansion tax" was approved by voters in November of 2022. The measure imposes a $5,600 per $100,000 charge on real property sales or transfers exceeding $8 million. The generated revenue is used to support homelessness prevention, housing projects and schools. However, a lawsuit was filed challenging the validity of Measure GS, arguing that it violated the "single-subject" rule in the California Constitution. The City prevailed in that case with a judge ruling the tax is consistent with the law and could be implemented. O'Connor's measure argues the tax is an impediment to new housing construction and seeks to exempt large apartment developments from the tax.

LA COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY DETAILS STRUGGLES FOR BLACK, LATINO ADULTS:

In its first release since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health recently unveiled the latest LA County Health Survey, with results skewing poorly as it relates to Black and Latino residents. The survey, covering trends in health behaviors, conditions, neighborhood settings and the needs of LA County residents, touched on the fact that Black and Latino adults continue to struggle in health sectors like disproportional access to care and economic security. Survey results found that Black adults experienced poor health outcomes related to hypertension, asthma and obesity; while Latino adults struggled with COVID-19 and healthcare access rates.

COMEDY FEST LIGHTS UP BERGAMOT:

The best of comedy and entertainment professionals graced The Crow comedy club at the Bergamot Station Arts Center this past week as part of the Bergamot Comedy Fest. The opening night on Monday was centered around "Tomorrow's Ladies of Late Night," including an educational panel and a showcase followed by the festival's opening party. Along with comic showcases throughout the week, panels featuring industry experts took place on topics like agents and managers, as well as breaking into comedy clubs.

SMMUSD

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the highest proportion of those needing Urgent Intervention in ELA subjects.

In Math assessments, 78% of students were at or above benchmark on the Star test, while 75% and 72% of 1st and 2nd graders, respectively, exceeded or met standards on their exams. Once again, though, English Learners (24%) and African-American/Black students (16%) were of the highest need of Urgent Intervention in the area.

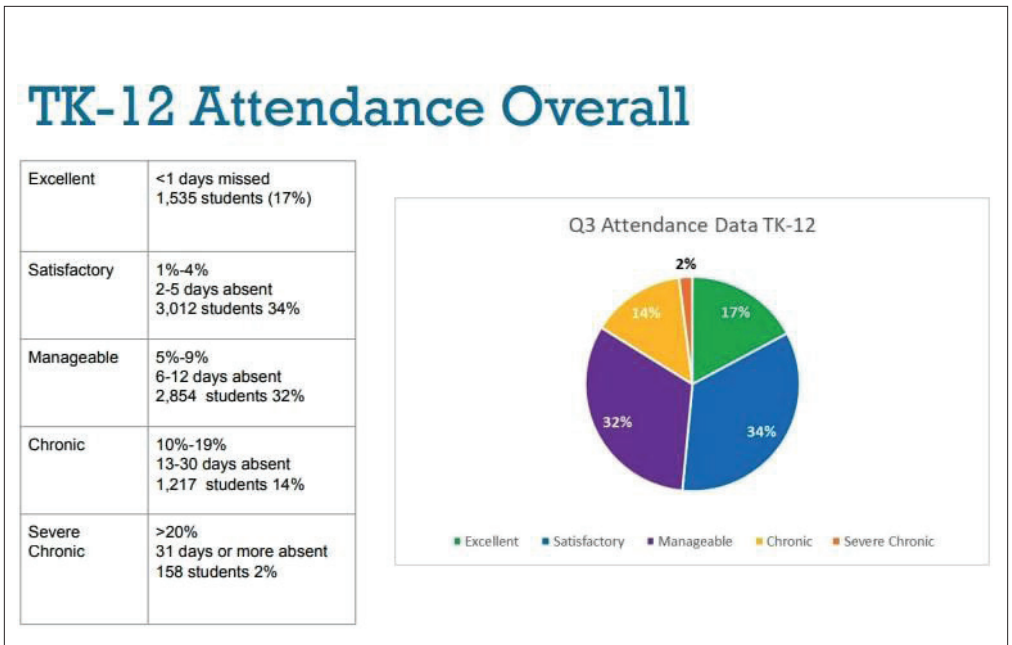
Across the district, attendance data showed that 158 students (2% of the district) were deemed "severe chronic" absentees, missing 31 or more days, while 1,217 students (14% of the district) were considered "chronic" absentees, missing between 13 and 30 days of classes. The rest of the district were in the categories of "excellent" attendance (one or fewer days missed), "satisfactory" attendance (2-5 days absent) or "manageable" attendance (6-12 days absent).

To aid students with failing grades, middle and high school campuses have several "next steps" in place as far as support systems, including mentoring groups in middle school and focused intervention during flex-time at Santa Monica High School. Attendance supports were broken down into Tier 1 prevention supports like building an engaging school climate, Tier 2 early intervention strategies like an action plan addressing barriers and increased engagement, and Tier 3 specialized support strategies such as coordinated school and community agency response.

Speaking on the support practices, board member Laurie Lieberman said she "loves" the practices in place but wasn't sure how to evaluate whether they were working or not. In response, Williamson spoke of a need for pre-practice and post-practice surveys, so that the district can pinpoint which practices are more effective than others.

"It's a pivotal moment for our teachers to realize that we need to try things, but track it along the way to see which ones are having that great effect so that we can duplicate it," Williamson said.

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METRICS: Attendance figures throughout Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) were one of the factors in the Q3 Lead Metrics report.

BIDEN

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Steven Otney, a retired trucker in Rock Hill, South Carolina, said major policies should be approved by Congress and gain approval from the courts. But he also said it depends on the topic. He wants to see prompt action on certain issues by the next president if he's Trump.

"Some things need to be done immediately, like that border wall being finished," said Otney, a Republican.

He said it's just common sense.

"If Trump got in there and said 'I want to bomb Iran,' no, that's crazy," Otney said. "Within reason, not stupid stuff either way. Something to help the American people, not hurt us."

The poll of 1,282 adults was conducted March 21-25, 2024, using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points.

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Name Change

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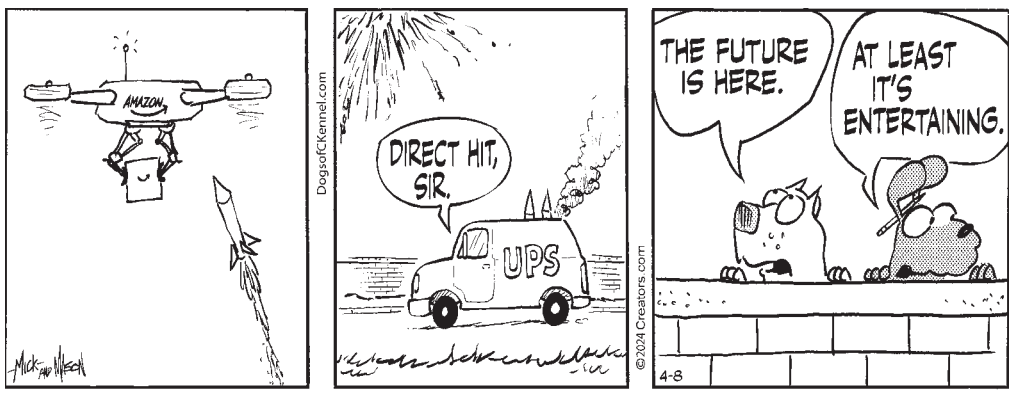
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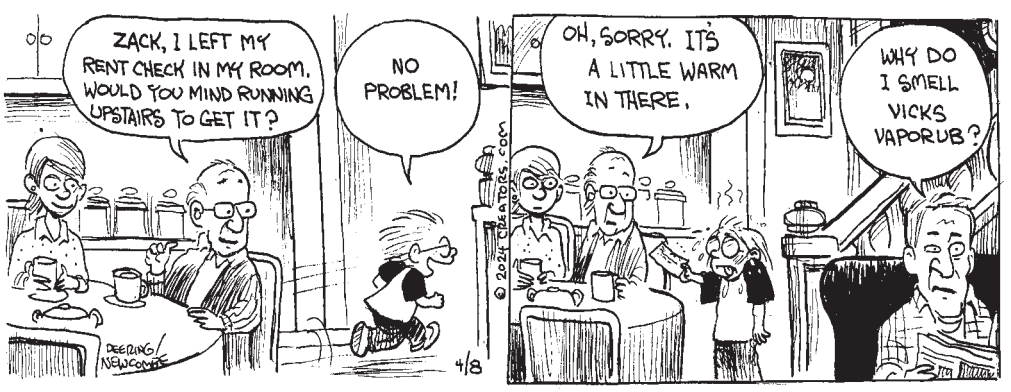
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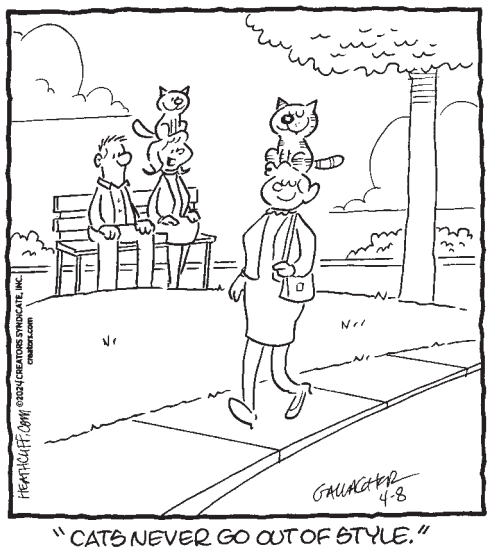
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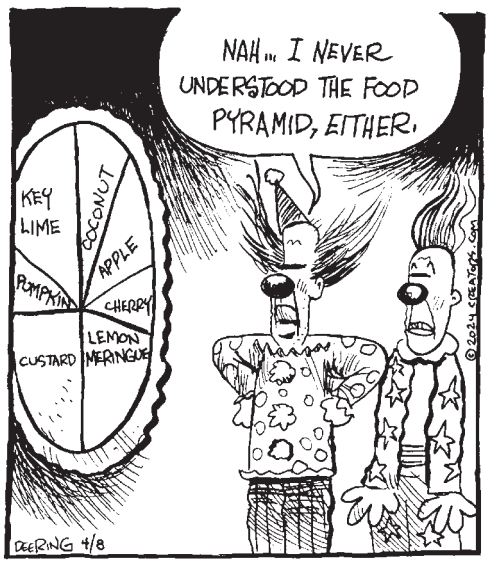
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 8)

Your Totality solar return is a powerful omen of self-directed transformation. You're like a shape-shifting superhero who can become who you want to be, so call it out. You'll leverage your experience and education to land in a prime position. More highlights: Lifestyle upgrades, trend changes, financial wins and romantic fulfillment. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 44, 31 and 6.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Getting a project in motion enlivens aspects of you that you don't get a chance to work with every day. Using your creativity will open opportunities beyond what you would expect. It's a springboard to the spiritual realms.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Check your list often to remind yourself of your wishes and plans. Life gets very distracting, and it's easy to lose sight of your intentions and drift into the tides of commonality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If necessity is the mother of invention, competition is the father. You're not interested in simply serving a need; you want to offer the best solution there. You'll do this, but probably not in the first draft. Be persistent.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Once you figure out the exact problem, you're halfway to solving it. What's working gets ignored, but not by you. You'll look at each piece and the larger context to see what the others are likely to miss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The value of a gift isn't always apparent right away. You will come into a new understanding of something you've been given, and you'll appreciate how its meaning and usefulness have changed over time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't make things too easy for others today. The quest is a game. No one likes playing games that are too simple to be interesting. Think of how much more satisfying it is to get what you want after you've worked hard for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If the optimists are correct, what you're looking for is also trying to find you. Even so, continue the search and involve as many people as possible because the more wide-open eyes on the job, the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though being relaxed makes a good impression, comfort and dressing well don't always go together. You won't be sorry for sacrificing comfort for a look that commands respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's nothing wrong with doing what everyone is doing, but not by default. Stay awake. Conforming is best when it's strategic. You want something rare, so you can't have it and be like everyone else at the same time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Collaboration motivates you to action. Caring what someone thinks of your skills, talent and professionalism will keep you pumping out the product, meeting the deadlines and turning out quality work you're really proud of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the past, you paid a pretty penny for expert help, and it didn't always seem worthwhile. There are more tools than ever available to you for learning and executing a do-it-yourself mission, and you'll be proud of what you can accomplish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are no different from anyone who's made things happen in the world. Believe in yourself, your vision, your instincts and your worthiness. This belief is the core of your power.

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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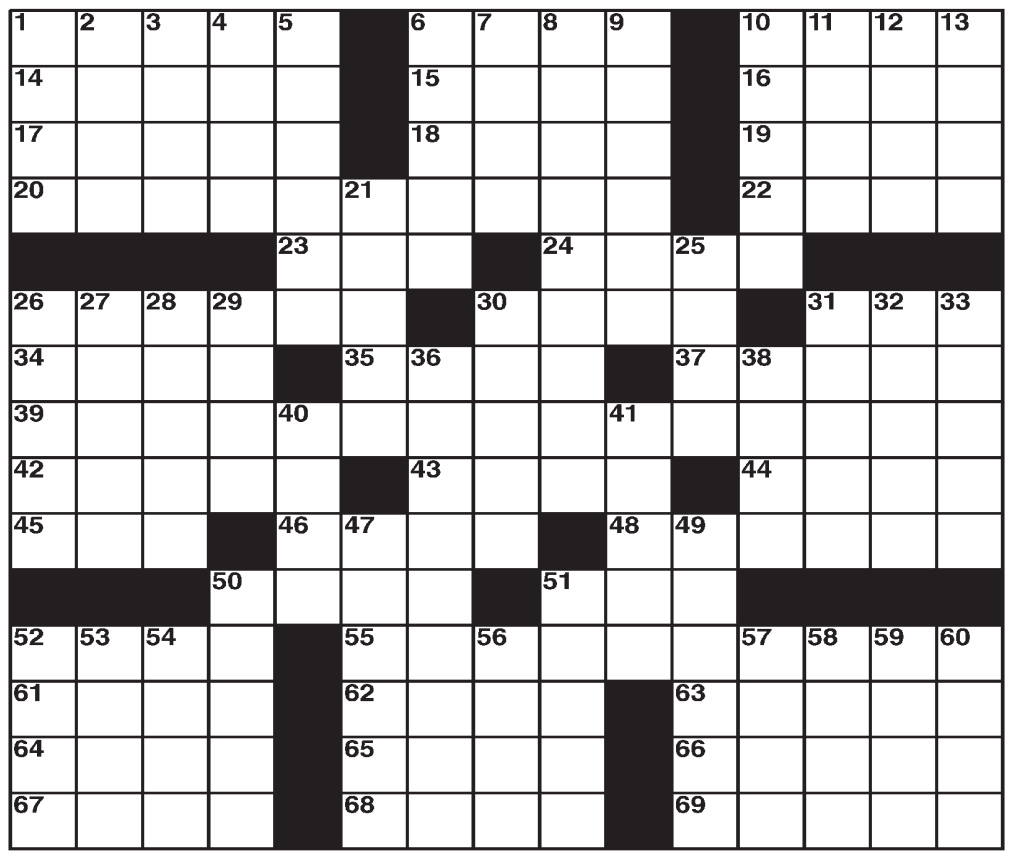
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ACROSS

1 Newspaper essays, for short
6 "__ are you talking about?"
10 Performs in a film
14 Suddenly appear
15 Rabbit's relative
16 Fabric from sheep
17 Wonderland girl
18 "So what __ is new?"
19 Carpet measure
20 Place to take a shower after a ballgame
22 Take a break
23 "With all __ respect..."
24 Obsessive expert
26 Any of several choices
30 __ dish (rice or potato)
31 Smartness measures: Abbr.
34 __ Piper of Hamelin
35 Chimps and gorillas
37 Obstruct, as a river
39 Woman getting a baby shower
42 Oscar winner Witherspoon
43 Civil rights icon Parks
44 Lawn-tunneling mammal
45 Pub serving
46 Lasting mark
48 Royal palace
50 And others: Abbr.
51 Professor's degree, often: Abbr.
52 Big smile
55 Rocks from a celestial shower
61 Assistant
62 Swelled heads
63 Ahead by a point
64 Sonnet or ode
65 __ and rave (show anger)
66 Compassionate comment
67 Remain
68 In addition
69 Toss

DOWN

1 White gemstone
2 Sport on horseback
3 Majestic story
4 Quacking bird
5 "Fast" swimwear brand
6 "__ are you going?"
7 Angelic light
8 Fire-setting criminals
9 Was overflowing
10 Oscar or Emmy
11 Center of an apple
12 Tips of socks
13 Narrow wooden strip
21 Rush towards
25 Begin again with
26 Drama with singers
27 Computer image dot
28 Conical tent in westerns
29 "Beware the __ of March"
30 Spanish mister
31 "Turn on the air conditioning!"
32 Suppress, as a revolt
33 Shopper's binge
36 Law firm's assistant
38 Bank's cash dispensers: Abbr.
40 "__ la vie!"
41 Manly
47 Picture-taking device
49 Cleverly skillful
50 Foe
51 Green pasta sauce
52 Spaces between things
53 Very funny person
54 Notion
56 2,000-pound measures
57 Twelfth of a foot
58 Rip apart
59 Money in Spain and France
60 Gush, as a volcano



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WORLD CRUISER

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the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

What is now the Santa Monica Museum of Flying at 3100 Airport Ave first started life as the Douglas Museum and Library and was located on the north side of the airport runway. During the late 80s it was decided to construct a new, dedicated building to house all the beautiful aircraft and aviation memorabilia and for over 10 years, the New Orleans was on display. However, when this incarnation of the museum was closed in 2002, the World Cruiser was disassembled and put into a storage facility in Torrance, where it has remained ever since.

When the museum was built at its current location, on the south side of the runway, conversations were conducted between the Natural History Museum and the Museum of Flying and it was decided that a special air-conditioned, climate controlled environment would be needed to preserve the fragile skin of the airframe. The 50ft wingspan also provided its own unique set of challenges. Ultimately however, the Museum of Flying was unable to fund such a specific and expensive dedicated structure, but it looks like that's going to change.

"It's always been disappointing that this symbol of Santa Monica's aviation heritage hasn't been at the current Museum of Flying. It really all came down to economics between the time that the museum was closed and then relocated on the south side. Steven Benesch, Operations Manager at the Museum of Flying, told the Daily Press.

"If there's a possibility that it could return to Santa Monica, that would be wonderful and would give everyone, young and old, a chance to enjoy and learn about the pivotal role this city has played in global aviation, giving visitors and tourists from around the world the chance to learn how important this was in creating the world of flying that we see today," Benesch said.

During a recent event held at the Cloverfield on the anniversary of the World Cruiser aircraft departing Santa Monica's Cloverfield airstrip, Beth Werling, Collections Manager for the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County said, "The museum's intention has always been to display the New Orleans someplace locally ... We're at the beginning stages and [we're] listening to the new vision for the Santa Monica airport and how they intend to revitalize not just as a center for aviation in the 21st century, but also as more of a community center, which really taps into what NHM is trying to do as far as taking history, taking our collections outside the museum walls and into the community and making it more of a dialogue, rather than just a one sided feeding of information."

"So we're at the very beginning stages, as I said, discussing partnerships and seeing what's available and of course, a lot depends on what city of Santa Monica and the community here decide they want here," Werling said.

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COUNCIL PREVIEW

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Santa Monica households across a number of federal housing voucher programs.

Each year, the SMHA is required to submit an Annual Plan and this year it is proposing discretionary policy changes in response to input from Resident Advisory Board members, voucher participants, the Housing Commission, the public, as well as mandatory policy changes required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The proposed Annual Plan FY 2024-25 remains unchanged from the existing FY 2023-24 Annual Plan, but includes the following progress updates (summarized):

One supportive housing development of 57 residences at 1413 Michigan Avenue for people experiencing homelessness. The SMHA has allocated 57 project-based vouchers to this permanent supportive housing (PSH) development.

Development of 13 residences at 1342 Berkeley Street primarily targeting young adults at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness is anticipated to begin construction during 2024. The SMHA has allocated 13 project-based vouchers to this development, eight of which will be PSH residences.

Arguably the other sizable item on the agenda is the proposed changes to the business license tax rate changes. According to the staff report, the primary deficiencies of the current ordinance are (summarized):

- The structure is regressive for small businesses and the City's exemption for small businesses is low compared to our neighboring cities
- There is a growing dependency on large taxpayers, especially where remote work is a threat
- The classifications and definitions should be updated to reflect the current business community
- The City's auto dealers cap does not exist in comparable cities and the "corporate administrative headquarters" rate is lower than other cities
- The penalty schedule is amongst the highest when compared to the neighboring cities

The proposed solutions include, but are not limited to (summarized):

- Increase the Small Business Tax Exemption threshold from $40,000 to $100,000 and expand to out of city businesses
- Residential rental three unit or less rate reduction from $3.00/$1,000 to $1.25/$1,000
- Rate reduction from $1.25/$1,000 to $1.15/$1,000 for retailers/restaurants generating under $5 million in gross receipts annually
- Auto dealers will pay business license tax on their total gross receipts at a rate of $1.25/$1,000 for sales and a rate of $3.00/$1,000 for the auto repair operations with no maximum tax
- Increase tax rate on corporate/administrative headquarters from $1.25/$1,000 to $2.50/$1,000

This proposal was also recently presented to the board of directors at Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. and following a considerable amount of discussion and further clarification was approved 9-3, with board members Lora Vrastil, Luke Cain and Julia Ladd abstaining.

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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.

TUESDAY | APRIL 9

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE
Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in-person with community members at the Park Center Building from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trained staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. Appointments can be made by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee. Begins at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM
Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 10

COMPUTER BASICS: SAVING & PRINTING
Learn the best ways to save, back up, and print your documents and files. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

GETTING READY FOR BIKE MONTH WORKSHOP
Need ideas on how to plan for BikeIt!WalkIt!BusIt!? Want to meet and collaborate with fellow community members on encouraging a robust option of transportation in Santa Monica? Register for this free online webinar to help plan your events to keep Santa Monica on the move! 12-1 p.m.
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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
The goal of the Santa Monica Human Services Commission (HSC) is to advise City Council on priorities and strategies involving the well-being, equity, and needs of vulnerable, low income, and at-risk residents including youth and families, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness. 3 p.m. SMi Room in the Civic Parking Structure.

PRODUCTION CONNECT FT. DAVE MEYERS & SCOTT CUNNINGHAM
Join organizers for a night of networking and collaboration in the entertainment industry. Whether you're a filmmaker, musician, or artist, this event is the perfect opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and learn from the best in the business. The Victorian, 2640 Main Street. 7 - 11 p.m.

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