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Community debate but no decision on the Civic Auditorium's future

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Daily Press Editor

While Council made no decision about the future of the Civic Auditorium at this week's meeting, dueling proposals to reimagine the site brought out advocates and critics on Tuesday.

The Civic Auditorium at 1855 Main Street has been vacant since 2013. The site has seen significant changes with an SMC educational facility, playing fields for the nearby Samohi and a water recycling facility all added in recent years but the central building has remained empty.

Before unused municipal property can be leased or sold, it must be designated as "surplus" with priority given to educational

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Grace Adams

CIVIC: The future of the structure is up for debate with two groups bidding for the property.

Downtown Santa Monica to renew contract with City to provide park attendant services

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Downtown Santa Monica Inc. (DTSM) is set to continue overseeing park attendant services in Tongva, Reed and Palisades Park for the seventh year in a row following some debate among DTSM board members as to whether such work is worth the time and effort and fits within the organization's mission.

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Grace Adams

PARK: A DTSM Ambassador in Tongva Park.

California cities are cracking down on homeless camps. Will the state get tougher, too?



Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

HOMELESS: Neighborhood resource coordinators Gustavo, center and Jawid Sharifi, right, keep track of unhoused residents at a homeless encampment on W Street and Alhambra Boulevard in Sacramento on April 11, 2023.

MARISA KENDALL
Special to the Daily Press

Technically, the encampment of about a dozen tents at W Street and Alhambra Boulevard in Sacramento is illegal.

The tents, tarps and associated debris — clothing, a discarded crib, boxes of rotting food — are blocking the sidewalk in violation of a new city ordinance. Located on a major thoroughfare and across the street from a neighborhood of houses, the camp is one of the most complained about in the city, said Hezekiah Allen with Sacramento's Department of Community Response.

But on a recent Tuesday morning, his team wasn't out there threatening to arrest people, or even telling them to move. Instead, city outreach worker Jawid Sharifi was greeting encampment residents, whom he knew by name, with fist bumps. Gently, he inquired whether they'd given any more thought to moving into a city-run trailer park for unhoused residents.

"Whenever you're ready," Sharifi told a man in a black hoodie who emerged from a tent. "We'll come back here in the afternoon also to talk to you guys."

As in many California cities, Sacramento's shortage of affordable housing and shelter options makes it difficult to enforce anti-camping laws. But despite obvious challenges, local ordinances designed to crack down on encampments are becoming increasingly common.

Liberal leaders in cities and counties throughout California, pushed to their

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DATE/TIME: Monday, April 17, 2023, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1452 2nd Street – 23ARB-0039: Building Design, Colors and Materials for a two-story addition over an existing one-story commercial building.
- 1521 17th Street – 22ARB-0265: Building Design, Colors, Materials, and Landscaping for a new three-unit, two-story condominium building.
- 1518 11th Street – 22ARB-0239: Building Design, Colors, Materials, and Landscaping for a new six-unit, two-story condominium building.
- 1039 7th Street – 23ARB-0038: Sign Adjustment for Saint Monica's school located in a residential zone.

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- 3402 Pico Boulevard - Building and Landscape Design for a new 2-story, 47,870 square foot office building, with three levels of subterranean parking.

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Tobacco sales ban withers in California without support from anti-tobacco advocates



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SMOKE: Shelves full of flavored tobacco products including disposable e-cigarettes, pipe tobacco and shisha at a smoke shop in Berkeley.

ALEXEI KOSEFF
Special to the Daily Press

Three years ago, advocates for reducing smoking and vaping in California won a major victory when they persuaded the state Legislature to adopt a ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products despite an intense industry lobbying campaign.

But in recent months, those same groups have been largely silent as a first-term lawmaker sought to phase out tobacco sales in the state altogether. His proposal was shelved this week without even receiving a hearing, and he will instead pursue a bill this session to strengthen enforcement of the flavored tobacco ban.

The decision by major anti-tobacco organizations to sit out another legislative fight reflects a broader disagreement among advocates about the best way to reach what they call the "endgame" of a tobacco-free future — and whether that should be their primary goal. Concerns over public backlash, political feasibility and potential cuts to programs funded by tobacco taxes are all factors.

"All these groups have the same goal," to eliminate the deaths and disease caused by tobacco, said Chris Bostic, policy director for Action on Smoking and Health, one of only a handful of anti-tobacco groups to endorse the sales phaseout bill. "But people have varying opinions of how to get from here to there."

Assembly Bill 935, introduced in February by Democratic Assemblymember Damon Connolly of San Rafael, would have taken the bold step of banning the sale of tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars and vaping liquid, to anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 2007.

The legal smoking age in California is 21, so those who would have been affected by the measure aren't able to buy tobacco from retailers for at least five more years anyway. But the proposal would have had the effect of creating a whole generation of Californians prohibited from ever legally purchasing tobacco products, with the goal of making it more difficult for them to start smoking or vaping.

It's an idea that remains on the cutting edge globally. New Zealand became the first country to adopt the approach in December, banning the sale of smoked tobacco products such as cigarettes for anyone born after 2008. The Massachusetts town of Brookline passed a more expansive ban on tobacco products, including vapes, in 2020, which faced a legal challenge from retailers and was upheld in court last year.

Lawmakers in Hawaii and Nevada also introduced sales phaseout proposals this year, but neither measure has received a hearing yet either.

BILL DID NOT GAIN TRACTION

Connolly's bill struggled to attract backing. By the end of last week, only 10 organizations, including the California chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, had sent letters of support to the Assembly Health Committee, where it was first set to be considered, according to an analysis prepared by the committee.

None of seven primary sponsors of the flavored tobacco ban — the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the

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DOJ to ask Supreme Court to put abortion pill limits on hold

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Associated Press

The Justice Department said Thursday that it will again go to the Supreme Court over abortion after a lower court ruling allowed the abortion pill mifepristone to remain available in the U.S. but reimposed past restrictions on getting and using the drug.

At stake in the accelerating court battle that began in Texas is widespread access to the most common method of abortion in the U.S., less than a year after the reversal of Roe v. Wade prompted more than a dozen states to effectively ban abortion outright.

In a ruling late Wednesday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans temporarily narrowed a ruling by a lower court judge in Texas that had completely blocked the Food and Drug Administration's approval of mifepristone. But a divided three-judge panel still reduced the period of pregnancy when the drug can be taken and said it could not be dispensed by mail.

The ruling preventing the pill from being sent by mail amounts to another significant constraint of abortion access that could be felt even in states where abortion remains legal, some of which have already begun stockpiling mifepristone over worries that the drug will become unavailable.

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> - Karine Jean-Pierre White House Press Secretary

The Justice Department said it would ask the U.S. Supreme Court for an emergency order to stop the lower ruling from taking effect.

"We are going to continue to fight in the courts, we believe the law is on our side, and we will prevail," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Thursday, speaking from Dublin during a visit by President Joe Biden.

Mifepristone was approved by the FDA more than two decades ago and is used in combination with a second drug, misoprostol.

Abortion rights groups expressed both relief over FDA approval remaining in place and outrage over the appeals court reinstating restrictions. Whole Woman's Health, an abortion provider that operates six clinics in five states, said in a tweet it was continuing to offer mifepristone in clinics and through virtual services while reviewing the decision.

In the 2-1 vote, the judges put on hold changes made by the regulator since 2016 that relaxed the rules for prescribing and dispensing mifepristone. Those included extending the period of pregnancy when the drug can be used from seven weeks to 10 and allowing it to be dispensed by mail, without any need to visit a doctor's office.

The panel's decision came just days after the Justice Department appealed last week's far-reaching ruling out of Texas that blocked the FDA's approval of the pill. The lawsuit was filed by the Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative legal group that also argued to overturn Roe v. Wade, and is representing a group of anti-abortion doctors.

There is virtually no precedent for a lone judge overturning the regulator's medical decisions.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs indicated Thursday that they were content with the court's order and did not plan to seek an appeal that might restore the Texas court's full ruling.

"The 5th Circuit's decision is a significant victory for the doctors we represent, women's health, and every American who deserves an accountable federal government acting within the bounds of the law," said Erin Hawley, an attorney for Alliance Defending Freedom.

The two judges who voted to tighten restrictions, Kurt Engelhardt and Andrew Oldham, are both appointees of former President Donald Trump. The third judge, Catharina Haynes, is an appointee of former President George W. Bush. She said she would have put the lower court ruling on hold entirely for now to allow oral arguments in the case.

Adding to the uncertainty, a separate federal judge in Washington last week ordered the FDA not to do anything that might block mifepristone's availability in 17 Democrat-led states suing to keep it on the market. The judge in that case has not yet to responded to the Justice Department seeking additional clarity this week.

The appeals court judges in the majority in Wednesday's decision noted that the Biden administration and mifepristone's manufacturer "warn us of significant public consequences" that would result if mifepristone were withdrawn entirely from the market under the lower court ruling.

But the judges suggested FDA changes making mifepristone easier to obtain since 2016 were less consequential than its initial approval of the drug in 2000. It would be "difficult" to argue the changes were "so critical to the public given that the nation operated — and mifepristone was administered to millions of women — without them for sixteen years" the judges wrote.

When the drug was initially approved, the FDA limited its use to up to seven weeks of pregnancy. It also required three in-person office visits: the first to administer mifepristone, the next to administer the second drug, misoprostol, and the third to address any complications. It also required a doctor's supervision and a reporting system for any serious consequences of the drug.

If the appeals court's action stands, those would again be the terms under which mifepristone could be dispensed for now.

Democratic leaders in states where abortion remains legal since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last year say they are preparing in case mifepristone becomes restricted. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said Tuesday that her state would stockpile 150,000 doses of misoprostol.

The White House also has contingency plans in place, but Jean-Pierre held off detailing them while legal action continued. Instead, she described a proposed new federal rule to limit how law enforcement and state officials collect medical records if they investigate women who flee their home states to seek abortions elsewhere.

At the core of the Texas lawsuit is the allegation that the FDA's initial approval of mifepristone was flawed because the agency did not adequately review safety risks.

Mifepristone has been used by millions of women over the past 23 years. While less drastic than completely overturning the drug's approval, the latest ruling still represents a stark challenge to the FDA's authority overseeing how prescription drugs are used in the U.S. The panel overturned multiple decisions made by FDA regulators after years of scientific review.

Common side effects with mifepristone include cramping, bleeding, nausea, headache and diarrhea. In rare cases, women can experience excess bleeding that requires surgery to stop.

Still, in loosening restrictions on mifepristone, FDA regulators cited "exceedingly low rates of serious adverse events."

More than 5.6 million women in the U.S. had used the drug as of June 2022, according to the FDA. In that period, the agency received 4,200 reports of complications in women, or less than one tenth of 1% of women who took the drug.

Gresko reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Mark Sherman and Lindsay Whitehurst in Washington, Colleen Long in Dublin and Matt Perrone in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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 APRIL 2 AT 1 PM

SMPD officers responded to the 1100 block of Ocean Avenue. Based on the information relayed, while attempting to contact an individual acting erratically near the California Incline, a Downtown Safety Ambassador was confronted by a subject that proceeded to pour a bottle of liquor all over them. Officers located the subject, 39 year- old Carlos Andres Herrera, and placed him under arrest without incident.

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HOMELESS

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wits' end by massive encampments and irate voters, are taking steps to ban camps. Cities including Los Angeles, Sacramento, Elk Grove, Oakland, Santa Cruz and Milpitas — all run by Democrats — passed ordinances in the past three years to target behavior such as setting up tents near schools and other buildings, blocking sidewalks or even camping at all when shelter is available. Officials in San Jose and San Diego are considering similar measures.

"It's a reflection of where we've gotten to as a society on this issue," said Democratic political strategist Daniel Conway, who led support for a 2022 Sacramento ballot measure that will make large encampments illegal if shelter is available. "Because I think there's a recognition that the kind of status quo of having over 100,000 people in California living and dying on the streets, it's terrible for those people…And at the same time there's this increased sense that people don't feel safe in their own neighborhoods and their own communities anymore."

So far, state lawmakers have been reluctant to follow with new anti-camping laws. Two bills backed by Republican legislators would take the unprecedented step of making it illegal for unhoused people to camp in certain areas — including near schools — throughout the entire state. To date, the state's involvement in encampment management mostly has been restricted to agencies such as Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol clearing camps from state land.

Broader anti-camping measures can be politically and morally fraught, as well as logistically complicated. Activists argue displacing unhoused people from their camps is traumatizing and dangerous to their health.

And such laws run the risk, particularly for liberal lawmakers, of appearing to criminalize homelessness — so far, Democratic legislators by and large have been unwilling to sign on in support.

The new local ordinances, which come with penalties that can include fines or even arrest, have become a flashpoint in a heated debate. Advocates for the rights of unhoused people argue they're cruel and unconstitutional, while some housed neighbors – sick of seeing human waste, trash and discarded needles in the street – say they don't go far enough. Enforcement of the new ordinances, which largely is driven by complaints, has been uneven, and most cities don't have the resources to respond to every encampment.

And then there's the state's legendary affordable housing shortage. Sky-high rental prices have forced multitudes of Californians onto the street, where they're confronted with a dearth of shelter beds, addiction treatment and mental health help. Though anti-camping laws may score political points for officials under immense pressure to clean up their city's streets, without places for unhoused people to go, they continue to move block by block around our cities.

For example, Sacramento County, which counted more than 9,000 unhoused residents in its 2022 homeless census, has about 2,400 shelter beds.

"The overarching issue is if you don't have actually acceptable places for people to go, then people can be forced to leave but then they'll just go somewhere else," said Jennifer Wolch, a professor emerita at UC Berkeley who specializes in issues surrounding homelessness. "And it will become a problem for another neighborhood."

SHOULD THE STATE DECIDE WHERE ENCAMPMENTS CAN BE?

Despite what's going on at the local level — and Gov. Gavin Newsom's repeated insistence that clearing California homeless camps is a top priority — Democrats in the Legislature have been reluctant to jump on board.

Senate Bill 31, which would make it illegal to sit, lie or sleep within 1,000 feet of a school, daycare, park or library, failed to make it out of the Senate Public Safety Committee and is awaiting reconsideration. The bill, introduced by Senate GOP leader Brian Jones of San Diego County and backed by seven other Republicans, has just one Democratic co-author – Sen. Bill Dodd of Napa. Representatives from 15 different organizations across the state spoke out against the bill during its committee hearing last month, calling it "misguided" and accusing supporters of prioritizing criminalization instead of health and safety.

Assembly Bill 257, another GOP bill that would make it illegal to camp within 500 feet of a school or daycare center, also was voted down in committee. Author Josh Hoover, a Folsom Republican, tried to assuage critics by narrowing its focus — it no longer applies to parks or libraries and now prohibits "camping" instead of "sitting" or "lying" — but to no avail. Even so, it's not dead yet. The bill was granted reconsideration and Hoover remains hopeful.

"I personally have found needles in the park where my kids play, and I think this is something that most of the public finds unacceptable," he said in an interview. "It needs to be addressed immediately statewide."

At least two newly elected Democratic lawmakers voted for local anti-camping ordinances while serving on city councils last year, Sen. Angelique Ashby of Sacramento and Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen of Elk Grove. But that doesn't necessarily mean they're sold on a statewide ban.

"I believe that addressing these concerns at a local level rather than a statewide level is the best approach," Nguyen said in an emailed statement.

Ashby refused an interview request and her office wouldn't say whether the senator supported the statewide efforts.

City leaders also don't necessarily want the state to step in.

"When it comes to where do you enforce a no-encampment zone, I feel like that should be a city decision," said San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan.

San Jose City Council voted in 2021 to target homeless encampments near schools for removal, and since then has cleared 42 school-zone camps. Mahan said the experiment has been successful, as people have agreed to move from the school zones without creating "a huge tax on city resources or a big controversy."

But Shaunn Cartwright, a local advocate for the rights of unhoused people, said many of those displaced from school zones just move their camps to other locations in the city.

"All it does is stigmatize unhoused people as these are people we can't trust around children," she said of the city's policy. "And it's ridiculous because many unhoused people obviously are parents."

Mahan is considering eventually implementing broader no-camping zones in places like key business districts, but only after his city increases its temporary housing capacity.

Brigitte Nicoletti with the East Bay Community Law Center said in addition to being a "really cruel and shortsighted way of addressing homelessness," ordinances that ban camping when there's not enough shelter may violate unhoused people's constitutional rights. Another problem: When clearing encampments, many cities will offer shelter not everyone can accept – whether it's because of mental or physical health conditions, or because it would force them to leave behind beloved pets or important possessions.

"It's really just pandering to people who are freaked out by health and public safety issues," she said of the uptick in no-camping ordinances, "but it does nothing to address people's actual needs."

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WANT MORE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS SHELTERS

Several factors led to the growth of massive homeless encampments throughout the state and prompted the recent spate of anti-camping ordinances. In addition to an overall increase in the state's homeless population – it's estimated more than 170,000 unhoused people lived in the state last year, compared to just over 150,000 in 2019 – many cities stopped clearing homeless camps during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing them to grow and become more entrenched.

A 2018 ruling from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals also changed the game. In Martin vs. Boise, the court ruled cities cannot penalize someone for sleeping on public property if no other options exist – which many cities have interpreted to mean they can't clear an encampment unless they have enough shelter beds for the displaced residents.

Cities' new anti-camping ordinances take advantage of a loophole in that ruling – even if they have no space in their shelters, they still can make it illegal to sleep outside in certain places or at certain times.

But no liberal California leader wants to be accused of "criminalizing" homelessness. So most are pairing anti-camping ordinances with a push for resources. Mahan of San Jose wants to build 1,000 new temporary housing units this year before he expands no-camping zones. Santa Cruz's no camping ordinance has yet to take effect, and won't do so until the city can create 150 new shelter beds and establish a place for unhoused people to store their belongings.

Sacramento's Measure O, passed by voters in November, includes a requirement to set up more shelter beds before cracking down further on camps – something city leaders plan to achieve via a new partnership with the county.

"It's first up to the society through its government to provide safe dignified alternatives to people," said Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, who has become one of the state's most high-profile examples of a progressive politician caught between the pressures to clear camps and to respond to homelessness with compassion. "And if that test is met…to say people cannot choose to live out on the streets."

UNEVEN ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of these ordinances presents a tricky question: How do cities get unhoused people to comply without punishing them for having no home? Approaches vary widely throughout the state – and even within cities.

In Elk Grove, the city can confiscate homeless people's belongings if they violate the city's new anti-camping ordinance, but can't fine or arrest them. The Sacramento suburb has not yet seized anyone's belongings.

San Diego, on the other hand, after issuing warnings and offering people shelter and other help, wrote 925 citations and made 513 arrests last year for violations of laws aimed at homeless camps, according to Voice of San Diego.

San Diego is trying to do even more. Last year, Mayor Todd Gloria directed police to target anyone who had a tent up during daytime hours. But follow-through was "somewhat uneven," Gloria admitted in an interview, due to police understaffing and COVID-related issues. Now he's backing a proposal that would prohibit all encampments on public property when shelter is available, and bar camps near schools and shelters even when it's not.

"The city is providing more solutions than it ever has," Gloria said. "And I think as a result the taxpayers helping to fund this should have a right to expect safe and hygienic public spaces."

Oakland passed a controversial encampment management policy in 2020 that prioritizes clearing camps near schools, homes and businesses, but doesn't give authorities the ability to cite or arrest people for camping. The city cleared encampments in 226 locations over the past year.

Sacramento in 2020 passed an ordinance making it illegal to camp within 25 feet of "critical infrastructure" such as government buildings, bridges and electrical wires. In August, the City Council passed a measure banning homeless encampments that block sidewalks, and in October they expanded the critical infrastructure ordinance to ban camping within 500 feet of schools.

The Sacramento ordinances are enforced selectively, generally based on complaints made by residents calling 311. The city has about 20 outreach workers, like Sharifi, who try to connect people to shelters and warn occupants of problem camps that they need to move. If they refuse, police or code enforcement may take over.

The intention isn't to be punitive, said Assistant City Manager Mario Lara.

"We've responded to thousands of calls," he said. "We've not issued any citations or any arrests."

CAMPS ON ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO SCHOOL

Though encampments still dot the city, some Sacramento residents say they've seen a little improvement. Last year, the route Amy Gardner's 8th-grade daughter walked to Sutter Middle School got so bad that she and other parent and community volunteers formed a group to escort kids past an environment she characterized as rife with snarling dogs, human waste, broken glass, needles and people in the throes of mental health crises.

It took months, but the city finally cleared the main camp on the route, under an Interstate 80 overpass, Gardner said. The kids now feel safe walking to school.

But the problem didn't go away.

"The camps have shifted and moved," she said. "It's not that everyone got shelter."

Some people from under the overpass relocated about eight blocks over, where more than a dozen tents recently lined 29th Street. Damian Newton, who has been homeless for a dozen years, was one of them. The city told him and his neighbors the bridge they slept under is off-limits because it's "critical infrastructure," Newton said.

"They just didn't want us in sight," 38-year-old Newton said. "What damage have we really done to schools? What damage have we really done to bridges?"

Soon, he'll have to move again. As he talked to a reporter on a recent Thursday, while sitting on a bare mattress in the doorway of his tent, Newton said the California Highway Patrol had been by that morning to tell him and other camp residents they had to leave their new home within four days.

Newton said he's been offered a shelter bed before, but after seeing friends accept and then end up back on the street, he doesn't see the point. Activists and those who have lived in shelters throughout California say residents sometimes chafe under a shelter's strict rules, feel uncomfortable or unsafe there or get frustrated by the lack of options to transition from there into permanent housing.

So where will Newton go next? He's not sure. Maybe across the street, until someone complains and he has to pack up again.

"Not many places that's left to go, really," he said.

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Tech consultant charged in killing of Cash App founder Lee

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Associated Press

A tech consultant was arrested and charged with murder Thursday in the stabbing death of the gregarious and popular Cash App founder Bob Lee last week in downtown San Francisco, authorities said.

Nima Momeni, 38, and Lee, 43, knew each other, San Francisco Police Chief Bill Scott said at a news conference, but he declined to elaborate on their connection. Momeni was taken into custody Thursday morning in Emeryville, a San Francisco suburb, and booked on suspicion of murder.

The stabbing death of Lee shocked the tech industry, with friends and former colleagues mourning the demise of a brilliant and generous man. Police found Lee with stab wounds in the Rincon Hill neighborhood of San Francisco at 2:30 a.m. April 4. He died at a hospital.

Scott declined to give details on how they linked the killing to Momeni. The chief also refused to disclose a possible motive. Investigators served search warrants in San Francisco and Emeryville. Scott would not say whether a weapon has been found.

San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins said in a statement that Momeni has been charged with murder in Lee's death and is expected to be arraigned Friday. Prosecutors will ask a judge to hold him without bail, she said.

It was not immediately clear whether Momeni has an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

On his LinkedIn profile, Momeni describes himself as an "IT Consultant/ Entrepreneur" as well as the owner of a company called Expand IT. Business filings with the state list Momeni as the chief executive officer, secretary and chief financial officer of Expand IT INC, described as an information technology consulting business. He signed the filing in August 2022.

According to his LinkedIn profile, Momeni has been "a dedicated technology partner since 2005" and that he started Expand IT in 2010.

Criminal records show Momeni was charged with carrying a switchblade in 2011, a misdemeanor offense. The case was dismissed the following year after he took a plea.

Publicist Sam Singer met Momeni about a month ago as Singer has an office next door to Momeni's live-work loft in the stylish Besler Building Lofts. Singer described Momeni as "very welcoming, warm" and his loft as a "typical Bay Area technology consultant's office" with a big pool table, gourmet food and high-end stereo system.

Lee is known for creating the widely used mobile payment service Cash App while working as chief technology officer of the payment company Square, now known as Block. He was the chief product officer for the cryptocurrency firm MobileCoin at the time of his death.

Lee was raised in Missouri and had recently moved to Miami with his father, but was back in San Francisco for business when he was killed. Friends described him as adventurous and fearless, and a doting father to his two children.

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"I acknowledge and understand how the loss of a young, vibrant leader and innovator has rocked our city and even beyond," Jenkins said at the news conference.

Lee's brother, Tim Oliver Lee, posted on Facebook the family's gratitude to the San Francisco Police Department for catching the suspect. Tim Lee said his brother dreamed of making technology accessible to all and that he made friends from all walks of life.

"Bob loved being in San Francisco, and San Francisco loved Bob. Walking down the street would sometimes be difficult because every young person with a dream would search him out, and he would make time for every one," his brother wrote.

After Lee's killing, prominent tech leaders, including tech billionaire Elon Musk, took to Twitter to mourn Lee's death and blame San Francisco for what they called the city's lax attitude toward crime.

Musk tweeted at Jenkins, saying that crime in San Francisco is "horrific" and that even when attackers are caught, they are often immediately released.

Mayor London Breed and other top city officials have pushed against that narrative and on Thursday, Jenkins addressed Musk directly.

"I must point out that reckless and irresponsible statements like those contained in Mr. Musk tweet that assumed incorrect circumstances about Mr. Lee's death serve to mislead the world in their perceptions of San Francisco," Jenkins said.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pico

Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party

Santa Monica Breakfast Club's 7th Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party fundraiser is Sunday, April 16 from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. at the SM Elks Lodge at 1040 Pico Blvd. This is one of Santa Monica's most colorful events of the year and the money raised benefits local families who are unable to pay for much-needed dental care for their children. This year's event honors Paul Leoni and the memory of his wife, Marilyn, much-loved longtime proprietors of Santa Monica's Patton's Pharmacy.

Guests will enjoy elegant tea service with hand-made pastries, buffet brunch and sparkling wine. The mood is elegant and eccentric, as old friends and new acquaintances enjoy conversation, Live and Silent Auctions and a Raffle of fabulous hand-made Gift Baskets.

The Santa Monica Breakfast Club was founded in 1935 and its members have been helping children in need with dental care for over 75 years.

Tickets are $95 each. To RSVP, email santamonicabreakfastclub@gmail.com or call 310-493-8004.

SUBMITTED BY KATHY BOOLE

11th Street

Santa Monica College Presents the SMC Voice Showcase April 21

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Music Department is pleased to present the SMC Voice Showcase, a concert featuring a selection of talented SMC voice students performing in different genres. The concert will be held Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

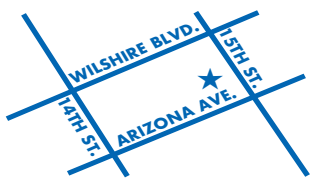
Led by SMC Concert Chorale and SMC Chamber Choir director Jeremiah Selvey and SMC Opera Theatre director Janelle DeStefano — and accompanied by Frank Basile, Sang Hee Cho, Gary Gray, Sky Lee, and Gary Nesteruk — SMC's advanced voice students will sing a selection of classical, jazz, musical theater, and contemporary commercial songs.

Tickets are $10 for general admission (a modest service charge applies). Advance tickets may be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 (Monday-Friday; limited hours). Tickets may also be purchased — starting 45 minutes before the performance begins — at The Broad Stage Box Office at the SMC Performing Arts Center. Free parking on premises. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.

Mask requirements have changed, but before heading to the performance, guests should visit smc.edu/coronavirus for up-to-date details.

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After calls to resign, Feinstein seeks Judiciary replacement

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U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, who has faced calls to resign from fellow Democrats, asked Wednesday to be temporarily replaced on the Judiciary Committee while she recovers from illness that has kept her away from Washington for weeks.

Feinstein, the oldest member of Congress at 89, said in a statement that her recovery from a case of shingles she disclosed in early March had been delayed because of complications. She provided no date for her return and said she had requested that Majority Leader Chuck Schumer ask the Senate to allow another Democratic senator to serve in her committee seat until she was able to return.

"I intend to return as soon as possible once my medical team advises that it's safe for me to travel," Feinstein said. "In the meantime, I remain committed to the job and will continue to work from home in San Francisco."

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Feinstein's lengthy absence has caused increasing anxiety within her party because it has threatened Democratic efforts to confirm President Joe Biden's nominees for federal courts in a narrowly divided chamber. Her decision to seek a committee stand-in during her recovery came shortly after two House Democrats called on her to resign after her extended absence from Washington.

Feinstein has faced questions in recent years about her cognitive health and memory, though she has defended her effectiveness representing a state that is home to nearly 40 million people.

California Rep. Ro Khanna, one of two Democratic House members who called Wednesday for Feinstein to resign, said in a statement: "This is a moment of crisis for women's rights and voting rights. It's unacceptable to have Sen. Feinstein miss vote after vote to confirm judges who will uphold reproductive rights."

Khanna, a California progressive, wrote on Twitter that Feinstein should step aside. She announced in February that she would not seek reelection in 2024, opening up her seat for the first time in over 30 years.

"We need to put the country ahead of personal loyalty," wrote Khanna, who has endorsed the Senate campaign of Democratic Rep. Barbara Lee. "While she has had a lifetime of public service, it is obvious she can no longer fulfill her duties."

Not long afterward, Democratic Rep. Dean Phillips of Minnesota tweeted that he agreed with Khanna.

Feinstein, he wrote, "is a remarkable American whose contributions to our country are immeasurable. But I believe it's now a dereliction of duty to remain in the Senate and a dereliction of duty for those who agree to remain quiet."

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Thursday from Ireland, where President Joe Biden was visiting, that Biden and first lady Jill Biden "wish Senator Feinstein the very best and a speedy recovery." She said Biden is "deeply appreciative of her support" for his judicial nominees and "respects and appreciates her commitment to public service."

Already, Democratic Reps. Lee, Katie Porter and Adam Schiff have launched Senate campaigns to succeed Feinstein.

If Feinstein decides to step down during her term, it would be up to Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom to fill the vacancy, potentially reordering the highly competitive race. Newsom said in 2021 that he would nominate a Black woman to fill the seat if Feinstein were to step aside.

Lee is Black, and becoming the incumbent could be a decisive advantage in the contest, but it's not known if Newsom would consider Lee, given her candidacy. Porter and Schiff are white.

Newsom declined through a spokesperson to comment on Khanna's statement.

"The governor is not calling on her to resign," the spokesman, Anthony York, said in an email.

Before the calls for her resignation, Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, acknowledged in remarks to CNN that Feinstein's absence has slowed down their push to confirm nominees in the closely divided panel.

"I can't consider nominees in these circumstances because a tie vote is a losing vote in committee," Durbin said.

Feinstein has had a groundbreaking political career and shattered gender barriers from San Francisco's City Hall to the corridors of Capitol Hill.

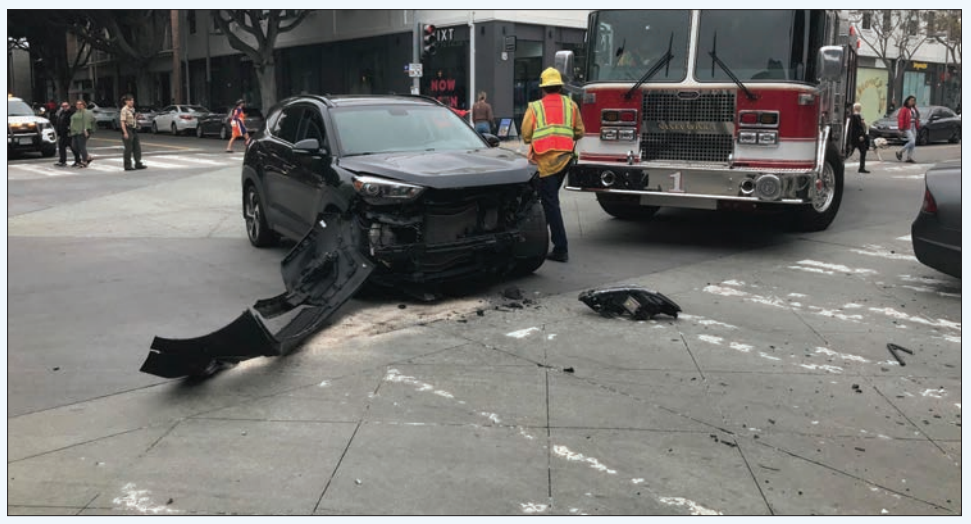
She was the first woman to serve as president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in the 1970s and the first female mayor of San Francisco. She ascended to that post after the November 1978 assassinations of then-Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk by a former supervisor, Dan White. Feinstein found Milk's body.

In the Senate, she was the first woman to head the Senate Intelligence Committee and the first woman to serve as the Judiciary Committee's top Democrat. She gained a reputation as a pragmatic centrist who left a mark on political battles over issues ranging from reproductive rights to environmental protection.

DUI driver arrested







Scott Snowden

CRASH: A DUI driver was arrested this week after running a red light and causing a collision in Downtown Santa Monica. A dark gray Honda Accord sped across the intersection, traveling north to south, against the traffic lights. It struck a second vehicle, traveling west to east on a green light with such force, that the second vehicle spun 90 degrees. The Honda Accord then hit a third vehicle, a white Lexus that was waiting for a green light to turn west onto Santa Monica Blvd. At this point, the first vehicle came to a stop and the driver fled the scene. The driver of the Accord, who fled the scene, was located in the 1400 block of 6th Street and detained for witness identification. The individual showed signs of intoxication. Following a field sobriety test, the driver was arrested for Hit & Run and DUI-drugs (CNS Stimulant). The driver of the vehicle traveling north along Santa Monica was treated for minor injuries and shock by members of the Santa Monica Fire and Police departments, who arrived on the scene incredibly quickly.

DTSM

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DTSM CEO Andrew Thomas said yes.

"These three parks, two of them (Reed and Palisades) are right on our border and Tongva Park is right across from City Hall," he said. "The experiences in these parks affect what happens in our Downtown."

DTSM is a non-profit organization, funded by an assessment paid by Downtown businesses, that works with the City to promote safety, cleanliness and economic vitality on the Promenade and the rest of the Downtown area.

DTSM has been providing park attendant services since 2016 and as the current contract expires this year, the City Council put out a public request for proposals (RFP) for the work. While DTSM expects to retain the contract, the final decision will rest with Council at a future meeting.

Thomas added that DTSM's contract with the City to provide park attendant services includes a management fee that results in a nearly $200,000 net profit for the organization that he said can be reinvested into the downtown. The City is offering $1.5 million for 600 hours of staffing a week. DTSM plans to continue using their existing service provider, Block by Block (BBB), to carry out the work.

However, DTSM Board member Leo Pustilnikov questioned the implications of DTSM being viewed as responsible for the state of the parks. In recent years, homelessness, drug use and lack of cleanliness have been prevalent issues at each of these sites. He argued that DTSM continuing to take on the staffing and management takes pressure off of the City to address these problems.

"I feel like when it's part of the DTSM, the City could point the finger at us and say, well, it's your thing, it's your problem, you fix it," he said. "Whereas if it's the City's problem… the citizens will be upset at the City, the City will have the impetus to fix it and the elected officials will eventually come up with something."

Board member Michelle Aronson argued that it is in fact beneficial to DTSM to have a presence in the parks and emphasized that the City is still footing the bill.

"It keeps us in the know about what's happening at the border, so we have direct knowledge of what's happening and we are not paying for it," she said. "It's been this way for several years now. It's not taking away from our focus and objectives and I don't see any reason why we wouldn't want to continue this."

Board member Peter Trinh said that ideally DTSM would not have to undertake this kind of work, but he said it is necessary for the organization to embrace reality and recognize the ways in which larger issues in the city affect downtown businesses.

"In a perfect world, we shouldn't have to worry about this and we should be worrying about the core thing: economic and local stability for businesses and the local community," he said. "We're becoming homeless experts because it's affecting business, we're becoming like policy experts, because how do we push things through?"

The board voted six to three to approve entering into another contract with the city to continue providing park attendant services at their April 11 meeting.

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CIVIC

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or housing uses. However, those priority windows only last for a few months and both of the current bids emerged this month.

SMMUSD wants to convert the landmarked building into a gym but given the restrictions of the landmarked property and costs associated with building up to State codes, the proposal is far from certain.

Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM) the city's largest affordable housing developer, has pitched a competing idea in partnership with the Committee for Racial Justice (CRJ) and the Metropolitan Pacific Real Estate Group. CRJ would work to recognize the site's history of racial injustice while Metropolitan would convert the Civic into new economic use.

Several speakers backed the CCSM proposal.

The Civic property was once the Belmar neighborhood and its minority residents were evicted to make way for development of the area and the freeway.

Hajar Muqtasid St. Claire said she opposed the SMMUSD proposal and said the CCSM concept would address the history of the property.

"Those pieces of property taken by eminent domain on Belmar place between Main and Third streets north of Pico symbolizes a lot of destruction and right now you all have the opportunity to do something different with that property," she said. "The fact that Belmar was historically a majority Black neighborhood is key to why they targeted it for eminent domain. This is precisely why it needs to be restored as payment for ancestral damage to the Black and brown communities."

Robbie Jones agreed saying the city should follow up on its recent Black Apology by backing the CCSM bid.

"We know why it was taken. We know what it was and it was taken from predominantly African American community who had to find homes and shelter and raise their children and families elsewhere," she said. "How can you do anything else but give it back?"

CCSM Executive Director Tara Barauskas said the partnerships behind her organization's bid would elevate the property to its best use.

"We agree that this property has a long and devastating history," she said. "And it only seems right that it should go towards community uses. We would be very interested in putting affordable housing on this property, potentially a Homeownership Program if that's something we could work together on."

Community volunteer Ann Hoover opposed both proposals saying the City should cease negotiations and work to reopen the Civic as a municipal asset.

"The auditorium has been the linchpin of Santa Monica civic life and public space for 70 years and without it what was the community as a whole, and that's everyone of all races, economic levels, everything, what would the community as a whole be left with without it? Selling it would completely gut our city's commitment to civic gathering space."

Real estate negotiations are conducted in closed session and the Council is only required to provide updates if a decision is made. No decisions were announced Tuesday leaving the future of the proposals, and the Civic, in limbo.

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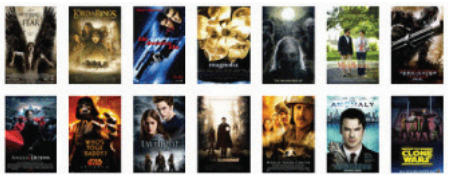
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Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Michelle A. Phillips CASE NUMBER: 23STPB03608 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Michelle A. Phillips. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Teri Hower in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Teri Hower be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: May 9, 2023 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 79 Room - Address of Court: I Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney or Party without Attorney: Ruth Koller Burke 1460 Maria Lane, Suite 360 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925-954-1268 04/07/23, 04/14/23, 04/21/23

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SMOKE

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American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, Common Sense, Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond — took a public position on AB 935. Most declined to discuss their reasons with CalMatters.

"This is not the time to tackle this. We're trying to do the clean-up on the flavored tobacco ban," said Autumn Ogden-Smith, director of California state legislation for American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. "We're having enforcement issues."

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Jason Maymon, a spokesperson for Common Sense, said that the organization's priority had shifted to protecting kids and teens from online harms. "Tobacco remains an important issue that we care about but more of our resources are focused on fixing the internet for kids," he wrote in an email.

Bo Smith, a spokesperson for the American Lung Association, which has a "strategic imperative" to "create a tobacco-free future," said in an email that the organization has "nothing to add to the story at this time."

Representatives for the American Heart Association — which has adopted a tobacco endgame strategy and received a $5.6 million grant from the California Tobacco Control Program in 2020 to help position the state to end tobacco use statewide by 2035 — did not respond to interview requests and written questions.

At the Assembly Health Committee hearing on Tuesday, Connolly accepted amendments from the committee that changed the focus of his bill. It will now authorize the California Department of Public Health and the state attorney general's office to enforce the flavored tobacco ban, in addition to local agencies.

Assemblymember Jim Wood, the Healdsburg Democrat who leads the health committee, declined an interview request. In its analysis, the committee suggested that phasing out tobacco sales in California was less urgent because adult and youth smoking rates are only slightly higher than half the national average.

"The Legislature may want to consider whether it would be more effective to focus on enforcing the flavored tobacco ban rather than engaging on a new front," the committee wrote, "and attempting to prevent a product that is legal in 49 other states, as well as on sovereign Tribal lands, from entering the state."

Connolly, who was elected to the Assembly in November and previously worked on tobacco control as a Marin County supervisor, told CalMatters that he plans to revive the sales phaseout proposal next year. He said he would continue to seek the support of anti-tobacco organizations that did not come on board with this version.

"I don't want to speak for them, but I think certainly there are shared goals around the ultimate objective," he said. "So what I would anticipate is continuing to work with those groups, and all stakeholders, around a larger set of solutions as originally embodied in AB 935."

WHY ANTI-TOBACCO GROUPS WERE RELUCTANT

Supporters of the measure said they heard a range of objections as they tried to bring advocates into the fold, including both that the bill was too aggressive and that it did not go far enough.

Some groups worry that unintended consequences, such as pushing more tobacco sales into the black market, could set back the overall movement to end smoking. Others believe it would divert finite resources into a politically challenging fight at the Capitol and distract from a nascent local campaign to persuade cities to completely outlaw tobacco sales, which has already found success in Beverly Hills and Manhattan Beach. Some see it as unjust to create a separate group of adults who cannot buy tobacco products while most still can.

Jack Maa, a Marin County physician and anti-tobacco activist who testified in favor of AB 935 at Tuesday's hearing, said the most convincing argument he heard was that the bill would give the tobacco industry a pass for decades as sales are slowly phased out and that the endgame should come sooner.

"There's not going to be one single legislative solution to the enormous problem that the tobacco industry has created over 500 years," Maa said. "I believe it will require a multi-pronged strategy."

Then there's the fiscal reality that taxes on tobacco sales fund programs in California — including health care for low-income residents, disease research, early childhood education and tobacco use prevention — some of which are led by the same groups that are pushing to reduce smoking.

Following a campaign by hospitals, doctors, unions and anti-tobacco groups, California voters passed a massive tobacco tax increase in 2016 that initially promised to raise more than $1 billion annually for the state budget. It provided $30 million for local tobacco control programs and $19 million for competitive grants last year, according to the Department of Public Health.

Bostic, of Action on Smoking and Health, said he viewed it as a victory that the debate over tobacco had reached a point where a statewide phaseout of sales could even be proposed in California. He said he was not surprised that mainstream anti-tobacco organizations did not jump on board with the idea, in part because of fear over how their movement might be perceived, but he pointed to a nationwide Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey conducted in 2021 that found that more than 57% of American adults support banning the sale of tobacco products

"We've got to get public health to catch up with the public, and then we've got to get decision-makers to catch up with both," Bostic said.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 14)

Welcome to your year of keen social instinct. The talent of picking the right person for a role has a thousand wonderful repercussions. You'll cast both personal and professional roles brilliantly. You'll become immersed in the heart of a group and fulfill whatever need you can. More highlights: A fantastic build is made possible by an inheritance or lucky coincidence; you're in the right place to take in a seldom-seen occurrence. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 19, 23, 1 and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your beliefs are unusually powerful, regardless of where they lie within the realm of probability. So, you may as well believe fun things, for instance, that you are at the beginning of a cycle of prosperity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are a lot of things you need before you embark, for instance, shoes and your house key. A fool-proof plan isn't on the list. You don't have to know what you're doing to venture, create and explore.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Is it fair to rank your days against a single metric, such as staying on a diet, making a certain amount of money or sticking to a routine? There are many beautiful aspects to your experience to celebrate outside the world of your goals.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your body doesn't always cooperate with you the way you would prefer. It could just be a communication issue, as the body and mind have their own distinct languages. Call on intuition to be your translator.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your dreams will not follow the rules of your waking existence; rather, they will cross fanciful boundaries into a poetic realm where time is different, the dead and living intermingle, and invisible forces find expression in the whispering wind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't let uncontrollable bits of life make you doubt yourself. If you fail these little tests, it won't bring your grade down. No one said you have to be all-powerful. It's enough to be capable and willing to learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll guide others without making them feel managed. You'll point the way instead of pushing. They'll feel the trust you instill in them, and they'll work to earn it. You'll act because you're driven to do what you think is right and necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Socially, it's better to break the ice than wonder if you should. And if you fell out of touch with someone, you can easily fall back in now. A short interaction is all it takes to get the ball rolling again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One of the many things you have going for you now is that you defy definition, play against assumptions and challenge categorizations. Your uniqueness will keep someone coming back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not what you do, but how you time it that matters. The same gesture can be seen as weak or strong, graceful or clumsy, controversial or appropriate considering the speed in which it occurs. Master pacing and you'll rule the scene.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "Self-taught" is a misnomer. No one really learns alone. First, you'll learn through other people's experiences, then you'll learn through your own, and finally you'll learn by comparing, contrasting and ultimately blending the two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone new has you doing what you normally wouldn't. It's the power of outsiders. An outsider's influence is automatically boosted by virtue of all that is unknown about them. The unknown, being a human's biggest fear, has great energetic potential.

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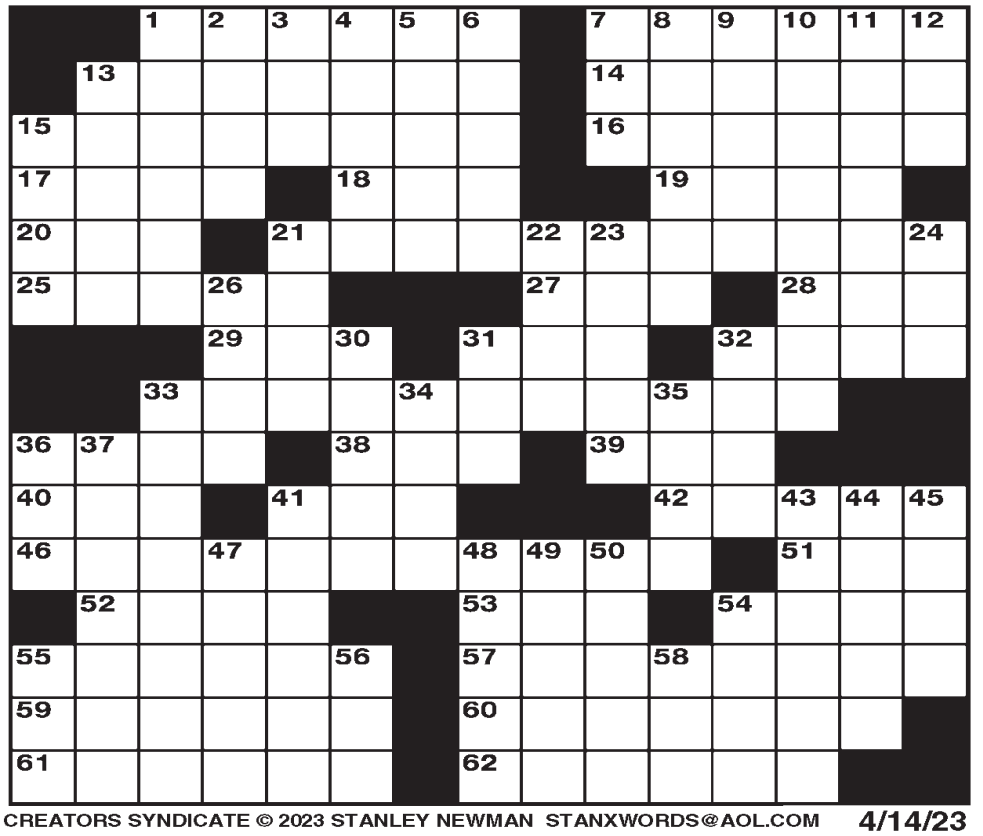
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Real hoot
7 One in the mustard family
13 French comic playwright
14 Nation on Borneo
15 Start of a quote
16 First sentence of *Green Eggs and Ham*
17 PR staffers
18 Inflation stat.
19 Results of genetic research
20 "I've seen better"
21 Part 2 of quote
25 Aviary aliment
27 Wee __ (tots)
28 Light line
29 *Canterbury Tales* refreshment
31 Chi preceder
32 Thick mud
33 Part 3 of quote
36 It means "fondness for"
38 Puffin relative
39 Good source of beta carotene
40 Sci-fi smuggler
41 Contend
42 Like spinach
46 End of quote
51 "Sweet" symbol of the South
52 Knock out
53 Outpaced
54 Shift neighbor
55 In a mood
57 To whom the quote is attributed
59 When many are walking
60 In theory
61 Tended to another's Lab
62 Nation with the Danube

DOWN
1 First to fictionalize Faust
2 Part of the MLB postseason
3 *Hamilton*'s "Aaron Burr, __"
4 Gets out slowly
5 Blank out
6 Dance club arrangement
7 MLB number
8 Pal of Porthos
9 Creator of 8 Down
10 Psychically
11 Sand dollar cousin
12 Self starter
13 John D. MacDonald detective
15 Alpo alternative
21 *Creta* or *Sicilia*
22 Ampère's pier
23 Cohesion
24 Spud bud
26 Golden Ticket creator
30 Business employing servers
31 Rd. with booths
32 She's not talking
33 Prairie Province capital
34 Ice Age novelist
35 Group around Gainesville
36 Frat letter
37 Can't remain
41 Where Mozart and Beethoven worked
43 Roman Empire invader
44 Puget Sound crosser
45 Nathan Hale alma mater
47 Chamber music
48 "Before __, there was nothing": Lennon
49 Sparkling paperweight
50 Freud contemporary
54 It's north of Baja
55 See 56 Across
56 With 55 Down, erupt
58 Can opener of a sort

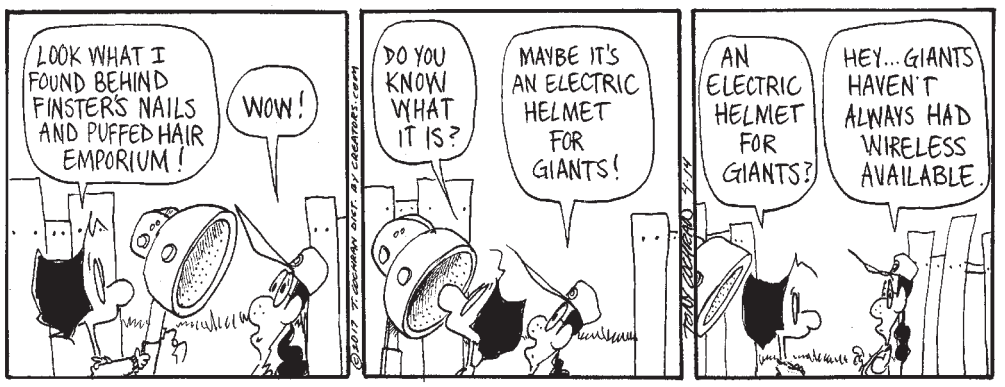


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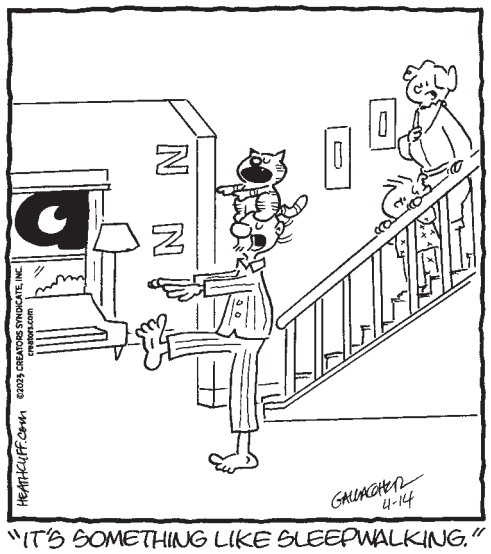
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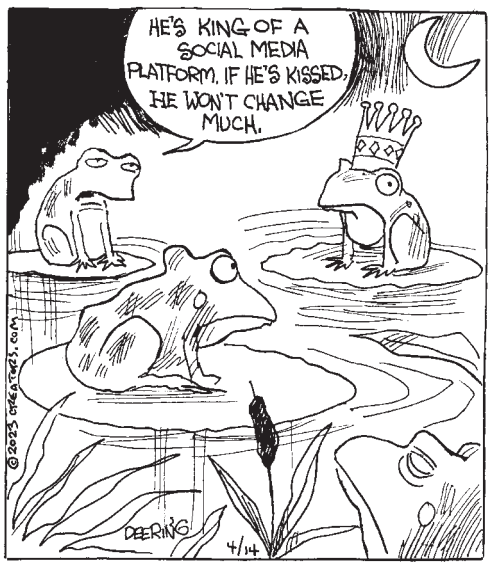
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"IT'S SOMETHING LIKE SLEEPWALKING."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 26 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5814

The olden days

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FRIDAY | APRIL 14

SANTA MONICA BEAD & DESIGN SHOW
The Santa Monica Bead & Design Show takes place April 14-16 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel and presents over 175 artisan exhibits. In sync with the spectacular setting, the show creates a dynamic and interactive shopping experience, with a diverse selection of beads and artisan supplies, jewelry, one-of-a-kind art wear, and antiquities. Fairmont Miramar 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica,

DISCO FRIDAYS
Silent Disco, Loud Moves From 7-10pm on March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th, grab your glowing headphones and party it up right on Third Street Promenade. Our silent disco DJ's will curate 3 different channels with the perfect playlist to suit your vibe. Disco Fridays are free and all are welcome. Third Street Promenade Contact Info info@smbla.org.

SWIM CENTER TEEN NIGHT
The City of Santa Monica invites you to TEEN NIGHT at the Swim Center! It's a swim party for teens with free pizza, diving boards, open recreation swimming, a live DJ and no adults! Swim Center - 2225 16th St. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Residents $2, Non-residents $4.

SATURDAY | APRIL 15

GREEN DOG DENTAL X PET-CHELLA
Not only will you be able to get a tour of the newly designed clinic and meet the staff, but you will also have the opportunity to meet adorable puppies and kittens available for adoption!
Take advantage of the chance to try out new food from local restaurants such as triple beam pizza, snag a celsius to keep you energized, or grab a cocktail while enjoying some live music.
https://mailchi.mp/9aee3b00ed45/pet-chella-rsvp

DIMANCHE
Somewhere in the near future, a family is about to spend their Sunday together as strong winds and torrential rains rage outside. Meanwhile, three filmmakers journey to the edge of the earth to document a variety of animal extinctions before meeting their own apocalyptic fate. Through an ingenious blend of clowning, puppetry, and plain old theatrical magic, "Dimanche" paints a witty and tender portrait of humanity surprised by the uncontrollable forces of nature. The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage, 1310 11th St Santa Monica, https://rb.gy/u6sna

THE PICTURE DAY SHOW
The Picture Day Show: stand-up comedy by national touring comics and LA's best up-and-comers! Catch big comics on a small, intimate stage. Produced and hosted by Macey Isaacs. Doors open at 7:45pm. Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave Santa Monica, https://jetbook.co/e/the-picture-day-showwgyt

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEANUP
Join Heal the Bay for our April Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup. https://healthebay.org/event/nothin-but-sand-beach-cleanup-14/

SUNDAY | APRIL 16

RËD HÖT - ALL-GIRL MÖTLEY CRÜE TRIBUTE
Red Hot is a hard-hitting, high energy, all-female tribute to the bad boys of rock & roll, Motley Crue. Red Hot was formed in 2021 by Heather "Mama Mars" Grace and Irene "Nikki Chixx." In the summer of 2021, Raine "Rainey Lee" Palladino stepped in as drummer. The three musicians joined forces to form what would soon become Long Island's most talked about band. TRiP, 2101 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, https://www.bandsintown.com/e/104042386

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY
Noon to 3PM at the SM Elks Lodge at 1040 Pico Blvd. This is one of Santa Monica's most colorful events of the year and the money raised benefits local families who are unable to pay for much-needed dental care for their children. This year's event honors Paul Leoni and the memory of his wife, Marilyn, much-loved longtime proprietors of Santa Monica's Patton's Pharmacy. Guests will enjoy elegant tea service with hand-made pastries, buffet brunch and sparkling wine. The mood is elegant and eccentric, as old friends and new acquaintances enjoy conversation, Live and Silent Auctions and a Raffle of fabulous hand-made Gift Baskets. Tickets are $95 each. To RSVP, email santamonicabreakfastclub@gmail.com or call 310-493-8004.

MONDAY | APRIL 17

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS
The exhibition will showcase works by an impressive lineup of artists, including Banksy, Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Fab 5 Freddy, and many more. Viewers will have the opportunity to see how these artists have transformed the streets into their own canvas, using various techniques and styles to express their unique visions. bG Gallery 2525 Michigan Ave #A2 Santa Monica.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ O'BRIEN'S
20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Every week the show has a theme, and all the questions and/or answers revolve around that theme. That makes it possible to figure out the answer even if you don't know it. And every question is followed by a song, which is usually an additional clue to the correct answer. O'Brien's Irish Pub & Restaurant 2226 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 310-829-5303

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **55.9**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Smaller leftover NW swell mix likely. Probably need to wait until mid morning with the deep high tide early.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small mix of southern hemi in the water for the most part. Could mean some ridable waves at standouts. Small wave gear suggested.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 60.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 51.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/14	Fri	04:46 AM	4.71	H
2023/04/14	Fri	12:22 PM	-0.58	L
2023/04/14	Fri	7:20 PM	3.85	H
2023/04/15	Sat	12:18 AM	2.25	L
2023/04/15	Sat	06:04 AM	4.90	H
2023/04/15	Sat	1:08 PM	-0.70	L
2023/04/15	Sat	7:46 PM	4.34	H
2023/04/16	Sun	01:16 AM	1.48	L
2023/04/16	Sun	07:08 AM	5.06	H
2023/04/16	Sun	1:47 PM	-0.67	L
2023/04/16	Sun	8:13 PM	4.85	H
2023/04/17	Mon	02:05 AM	0.73	L
2023/04/17	Mon	08:02 AM	5.10	H
2023/04/17	Mon	2:22 PM	-0.47	L
2023/04/17	Mon	8:41 PM	5.32	H
2023/04/18	Tue	02:50 AM	0.07	L
2023/04/18	Tue	08:51 AM	4.97	H
2023/04/18	Tue	2:55 PM	-0.13	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 4/12
9 36 41 44 59
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 219 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 4/11
31 35 53 54 55
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 476 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/12
11 20 32 33 43
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 50 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/12
7 12 25 28 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/12
EVENING: 1 5 6
Draw Date: 4/12
MIDDAY: 6 2 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/12
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:45.35

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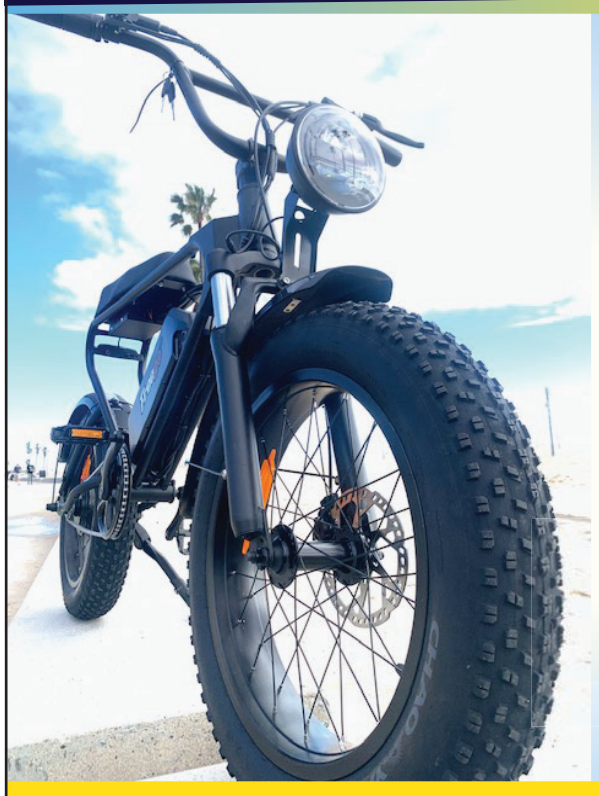
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