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Bigger, better Marmalade Cafe aims to satisfy lunchtime sandwich-seeking stomachs

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OPEN: The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony welcoming Marmalade Cafe to its new Santa Monica Blvd. location on April 18.

Popular Montana Avenue-based eatery Marmalade Cafe has finally completed its relocation to Santa Monica Blvd after more than a year of planning and development. In an official opening party and ribbon-cutting ceremony, locals and invited guests were treated to canapés and cocktails as the venue quickly filled to capacity.

In 1990 the original 1,400 sq ft Marmalade Cafe opened on Montana Avenue and featured a full bakery, fresh salads and entrees for diners on the go. It quickly proved to be a runaway success and was welcomed by the community.

Less than three years later, in response to an increasing number of appeals for a full dining experience at Marmalade Cafe, founders Selwyn Yosslowitz, Robert Burns Jr. and Bonnie Burns opened the first full service Marmalade Cafe in Malibu. Despite only offering 100 covers, this too proved successful and ultimately led to an additional five outlets opening in Calabasas, El Segundo, Los Angeles Farmers Market, Sherman Oaks and Westlake Village.

"It's been a long time," said Claudia Salcedo, Marketing Manager of Marmalade Cafe. "We started this project about a year and a couple months ago ... and there are so many permits and things that you have to apply for [but] to be completely honest, I feel that it's an adequate amount of time if you want to open something like this. So in order for us to be 100% ready to deliver to the customer, it took us this amount of time."

Salcedo explains that while the Montana outlet was well known for its breakfast service and lunch service, traditionally closing at 3pm each day, this new location will offer a dinner service for the first time, plus alcoholic beverages, including

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Project learning, career education growth highlighted by school board

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SMDP Staff Writer



Photo Courtesy SMMUSD

PROJECT LEARNING: Grant Elementary School Principal Christian Fuhrer spoke at an April 18 meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education about Project-Based Learning advancements on the campus.

The number of students within Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) gaining crucial skills and knowledge for future career paths has grown exponentially, according to an update given to the SMMUSD Board of Education on April 18.

During the board meeting, SMMUSD Coordinator of Learning and Innovation Dr. Devon Smith gave a presentation on the district's project-based learning initiative and the latest news on Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways on school sites like Samohi. The CTE implementation, a priority for

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Council to debate how residents can get stoned

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Among the items scheduled for discussion at Council this week are the development of rules for adult-use cannabis establishments, a policy to use low-carbon concrete in construction projects, updates to zoning rules and a host of requests for funding special projects.

CANNABIS

The City Council previously directed staff to prepare an ordinance allowing adult-use cannabis businesses, along with creating a process for two medicinal cannabis retailers to sell adult-use cannabis. They emphasized the inclusion of a social equity component to benefit communities most affected by cannabis enforcement. Subsequently, staff researched social equity programs in other cities to inform Santa Monica's program, presenting two options for its framework.

Staff developed two policy options for a cannabis equity program based on comparative research and lessons learned from other cities: the Standard Equity option and the Enhanced Equity option. The Standard Equity option, similar to programs in Palm Springs, would have a shorter development timeframe and utilize best practices from other jurisdictions. The Enhanced Equity

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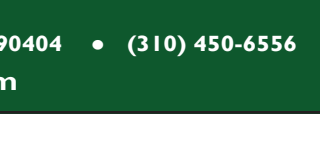
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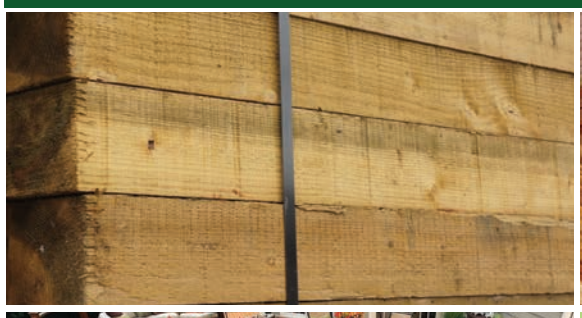
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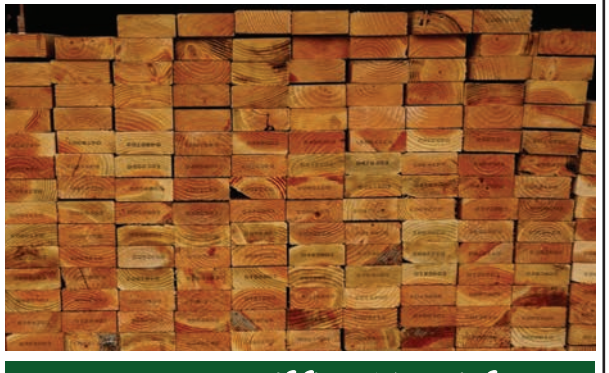
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Californians are worried about crime, setting the stage for a ballot measure showdown



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CRIME: A security guard works the front entrance of a Neiman Marcus retail location in downtown San Francisco on April 15, 2024. Retail theft has plagued the area, and numerous storefronts sit vacant.

DAN WALTERS

Democrats completely dominate California's state government, and one aspect of that hegemony is their ability to act without compunction.

When doing whatever they want to do, Democratic officeholders don't have to worry about competition from the state's shriveled-up Republican Party nor, for the most part, criticism from equally shrunken political media.

Thus, the Capitol has become an echo chamber rather than a forum for forthright debate about issues.

The syndrome explains why its leaders, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, ignored indications that as California emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, its law-abiding residents were becoming increasingly worried about crime. The concerns arose even though voters had approved two ballot measures in the previous decade to lower penalties and in 2020 rejected a measure to get tougher on some crimes.

Democrats were committed to "criminal justice reform," which meant decreasing penalties for crime, reducing the numbers of offenders behind bars and implicitly viewing them more as victims of an unjust society rather than victimizers.

Post-pandemic worries about crime were fueled by videos depicting brazen carjackings, home robberies and smash and grab assaults on stores. Just before the 2022 elections, the Public Policy Institute of California released a poll that confirmed the shift.

"Californians' perception of crime spiked during the pandemic – as did certain types of crime," PPIC found, adding, "nearly 2 in 3 Californians call violence and street crime in their local community a problem. This includes 31% who call them a big problem, a noticeable increase from February 2020 (24%)."

Changing attitudes are particularly evident in the traditionally liberal San Francisco Bay Area, where stores and restaurants have closed their doors after experiencing multiple crimes. San Francisco voters recalled their reform-minded district attorney. Across the bay, Alameda County's DA also faces a recall effort.

Facts bolster the sentiment. Last July, Attorney General Rob Bonta, a strong criminal justice reform advocate, released annual crime data, revealing that the state's violent crime rate increased by 6.1% in 2022, and property crime was up 6.2%. Homicides dipped, but robberies jumped by 10.2%.

The dissonance between the public's changing attitudes and the Capitol's unchanging commitment to softening

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California has to rid itself of a 'no' mentality to change its relationship with cars

BY SOPHIA BELLA

Editor's Note: More than 70 high school students across California submitted opinion pieces to CalMatters' second annual Earth Day contest. The 2024 contest theme was "What solution should Californians running for office support to help address climate change?"

Streamlining public transportation has long been a favored approach to combat climate change, and rightfully so. The advent of the automobile completely changed our relationship with space, redesigning the layout of our cities to specifically accommodate cars.

But over time we learned that car transport is antithetical to efficient urban life. That's where the problem lies: Sustainable cities depend on effective public transportation.

So why can't we build it?

Experiencing the public transportation system in Japan for the first time was unforgettable. As a Bay Area native, my 18-mile weekend trips to San Francisco via CalTrain and Muni could sometimes take upwards of two hours. You can imagine the sense of awe I felt when I took the Shinkansen bullet train from Tokyo to Kyoto – a distance of 280 miles – in almost the same two hours.

This stark contrast brought to mind California's own aspirations for high-speed rail. In 2008, voters sanctioned a nearly $10 billion bond to construct a rail line that could connect San Francisco to Los Angeles in under three hours.

We now know that the approach to the project was a bust. High-speed rail had an unrealistic timeline, with the system expected to be fully operational by 2020 and an estimated cost of $33 billion. Fast forward four years, and the entire route is still far from completion, with its projected cost ballooning to nearly $100 billion more than the initial budget.

Our failure to build important infrastructure is at the heart of our overreliance on cars. It was once estimated that 50% of the land in American cities is devoted to vehicular infrastructure, and nearly one-quarter is dedicated to parking lots.

In San Bernardino, for example, they account for 49% of the city's core.

If we de-emphasized cars as a pillar of our urban planning, we could reclaim half of our cities. The solution is right under our noses.

We have the technology. We have the resources. We have the knowledge. So why haven't we accomplished anything? It's easy to say that Californians running for office this year should rally behind better public transit and other infrastructural improvements to limit urban sprawl. But the reality is that there is a preliminary challenge that we need to tackle. The high-speed rail project illustrates the greater issue at large: No matter how innovative or ambitious the solution is, California just can't seem to get these infrastructure plans off the ground.

First and foremost, legislators need to support streamlining the process of infrastructure construction – and it starts with realistic project goals and transparent planning.

Our history suggests that we chronically underestimate the cost of projects, encountering scope creep that escalates both prices and stakes. Each time a new interest-holder raises a concern in the midst of a project, it becomes more expensive and more problematic. California needs planning processes that involve stakeholders from the outset – something more future-proof and inclusive.

California has already made strides in this direction, as seen in Gov. Gavin Newsom's infrastructure streamlining package. In Newsom's words, it's about tackling California's "pervasive mindset of 'no.'" Los Angeles Times columnist George Skelton observed that a big reason for this mindset is that Californians have become increasingly environmentally conscious. Yes, environmental concerns are often used as justification to oppose projects, but this awareness is a strength. More awareness means we can now make more informed and sustainable decisions, creating infrastructure that contributes positively to our surroundings rather than detracts.

Unimplemented ideas have little value. People are losing trust in the state's ability to build things, and climate change isn't going to wait.

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TUESDAY — *FAIR*
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Modest SSW swell continues. Could have just enough new NW swell mix to set up a few peaks for combo breaks. Just plan around the AM high tide.

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Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024. **Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

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City of Santa Monica

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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: 23ENT-0164 (MINOR USE PERMIT)
1700 Ocean Avenue
APPLICANT: Network Connex, on behalf of T-Mobile West, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: DTRS Santa Monica LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests the approval of a Minor Use Permit (MUP) to allow for the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility with a total of three (3) antennas and ancillary antenna equipment located behind three (3), 10'-high rooftop antenna screening enclosures, measured from the finished roof surface, with each measuring approximately 15' x 4' in area. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.040(A), the Zoning Administrator may approve a Minor Use Permit for a new wireless telecommunications facility if all the findings described in SMMC Section 9.32.060(B) can be made. This item was continued from the April 9, 2024, Zoning Administrator public hearing.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, AT 10:30 AM**

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Why more Angelenos are finally beginning to embrace LA City Council expansion

JIM NEWTON

Viewed from afar, Los Angeles' 13th City Council district looks fairly uniform: It's liberal – perhaps the most liberal district in one of the most liberal cities in America. Voters here not only elect Democrats, but also agree to tax themselves to help pay for homeless services and public transportation.

If there are Donald Trump supporters here, they are well-hidden.

But the district is more complex than that. It's huge, for one thing: It can take more than an hour to drive across its surface streets. Its western edge abuts the Sunset Strip. Moving east, it takes in clubs and bars and smoke shops and mom-and-pop stores. It contains parts of Little Armenia and Filipino Town. It has a large LGBTQ population.

Apartment buildings dominate most neighborhoods in the district. Eight out of 10 residents are renters, meaning that only about 20% own homes. It sweeps in police divisions and is home to the giant Kaiser Permanente hospital complex, as well as religious facilities for the Church of Scientology and the Self-Realization Fellowship.

The district sits right at the middle of Los Angeles, and it also is at the center of a long-running debate over representation. The LA City Council has 15 members, each of whom represents a district with some 260,000 residents – a number that critics say is a relic of late 20th century Los Angeles and out of touch with the modern city.

Councilman Hugo Soto-Martinez represents the sprawling 13th district, and acknowledges that it can be difficult to get a clear sense of what constituents want. Rather than pretend to know what so many people are thinking on any given issue, Soto-Martinez trusts his instincts and his platform: He won the office as an advocate for renters, so he starts from that perspective when facing questions or an important decision.

"The thing that I think about the most is: 'What did I run on?'" he said during a recent interview.

And yet, that's not always a predictor. For example, talking with renters about transportation often reveals different views of how the city should approach that question, he said.

Still, he soldiers on.

Big districts make council members powerful. It also makes local representation difficult. It's hard even for the best-intentioned elected representatives to reflect the will of their constituents when they range from Filipino immigrants to scientologists.

In response to the persistent complaint that many LA communities do not feel represented at City Hall, some have suggested enlarging the council, creating more districts but smaller ones. That would put Los Angeles more in line with New York, which has a 51-member council, and Chicago, which has 50 aldermen representing the same number of wards.

All of this part of a larger – and protracted – discussion about how best to allow Los Angeles to grow with its increasingly diverse population. As such, it's both an exercise in local politics and a case study for California and the nation, as this city is at the leading edge of challenges in growth and diversity.

At a panel discussion Wednesday, Fernando Guerra, the founding director of the Center for the Study of Los Angeles, and Kathay Feng, vice president of programs for Common Cause, agreed that political reform is not only needed in Los Angeles but it's long overdue. Expanding the council is an important part of that effort, they said during their appearance at UCLA's Luskin Summit, though precisely how much the council should grow remains up for debate.

Guerra was part of a group of academics who formed the LA Governance Reform Project that has suggested growing the body from 15 to 25 members, 21 of whom would represent districts and four elected at large. The group's draft recommendations argue that even that modest increase in size would elevate the status of some of the city's bigger ethnic communities, notably Filipinos, Koreans, Guatemalans and Salvadorans.

Still, the addition of six more districts would hardly deliver neighborhood representation. A more significant expansion – say, tripling the council to 45 members – would bring down district sizes to the point that the immigrant communities of District 13, for instance, might end up with a representative of their own, while Hollywood homeowners might get one more in line with their priorities.

Elsewhere in the city, smaller districts might create opportunities for more gay or lesbian representation or even the election of a few Republicans to a council that currently has none.

A bigger council would be a profound change for City Hall, which has built up around the norms that come with 15 members. Today, the council acts as a legislative body, but its members also play a hand in running the government, happily boosting departments to tend to district issues.

The burden on city departments of having 45 bosses would be exhausting. To function effectively, new council members would have to retool their mission toward

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BECOMING SANTA MONICA

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Politics of fear—Santa Monica's Boomers

I had this politics professor who used to say that all great American literature is at heart about reverence for the past and contempt for the present—that things were getting worse. It's a complicated statement, but I think it's about a feeling of watching things grow and change and maybe not fully liking where they end up. How we slowly take over the mantle of responsibility as we come into adulthood and then as we age, we witness it being taken over by the next generation, all the while lamenting that it was once better.

It's easy to fall into that sort of thinking about our fair shining city by the sea. Things used to be cheaper, easier, more eclectic. There were more starving artists and funky shops and restaurants. It was a city for everyone, not just the rich. It's a common refrain amongst the liberal city success stories. Listen to LCD Soundsystem's 2007 song "New York, I Love You But You're Getting Me Down" for reference.

One of the reasons SMMR came into being was that early on, they could see that the city was changing, and the values they held were under threat from gentrification, as Santa Monica's location and amenities were increasingly more valuable. SMMR also represented the youth usurping the throne from the long reigning chamber of commerce—the hippies coming into their early adulthood, and enacting a city they believed could be created.

The years have passed, and the hippies became the elders. The Santa Monica they envisioned has in some ways arrived and in others been lost to the successes and failures of time. For those original SMMR folks, who are mostly baby boomers, who have headed our politics for so many years, going forward may feel outside of their comfort zone:

'Santa Monica, I Love You But You're Getting Me Down.'

In the last election I decided to run for school board because I saw real problems with our school system, that I believed stemmed from a school board that was out of touch and ineffective. I lost, but in the process, I learned a lot, and that process is what brought me to this column.

When I decided to run, I reached out to a former mayor who had been a big part of my childhood, and whom I revered highly. We spoke about why I was running and they asked me who was helping me. When I told them, they said: "those are dangerous people."

That sentiment stuck with me. "Dangerous" to who, exactly? Later, I was on Main Street at the Roctober Fest and they happened to be there. They turned and caught my eye, clearly surprised, they blurted "hi, Miles" and then kept walking. I loudly called after them, but they kept walking, refusing to speak with me. I was stunned. Heartbroken. Betrayed.

As I've thought about those moments and this person that I held in the highest of regard, I've come to the conclusion that in their mind I became one of the "dangerous" people.

When someone is "dangerous" you don't engage them. You don't listen to what they're saying. You keep walking. It is a way of invalidating and demonizing them. It is in many ways the opposite of liberalism and progressivism. It comes inherently from a place of fear. Fear of what though?

There is a kind of paternalism and sanctimoniousness from the boomers who run the political committees and organizations that shape our city. Leaders in the school board, SMMR and The Dem Club seem to react to criticism with a sentiment of 'you must be against us, if you disagree or find fault with anything we say'—you must be dangerous.

This fragility to critique reflects narcissism, but the 'dangerous' sentiment ultimately has to do with a desire to keep the good that they've built, but to somehow magically bring back the good they've lost too. These boomer leaders and their cohort want to make Santa Monica Great Again, and for them that means a return to relatively cheap apartments that allowed artists and bohemians to roam our streets in creative flourishes and for retail leases that were approachable to funky shops and out-there restaurants.

To be clear I miss that Santa Monica too—I miss a less corporate, clean cut and let's be honest, boring city. But giving credence to those that brought us here, can go along with critiquing them, and wanting to make things better. It's not dangerous. We can disagree and still be friends. We can take a look at our mistakes and own them without forfeiting our whole vision. And the boomers can let go of the reigns without it being a danger to everything they created.

Miles Warner is a Santa Monica parent and resident. His column will explore the emerging and changing identity of our city and stir the pot...a bit

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DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 041524SH
TITLE : ESPORT BROADCASTING PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **ESport Broadcasting Project.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: April 23, 2024, at 10am sharp

BIDDER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE JOB WALK IS MANDATORY. SIGN-IN IS REQUIRED. LATE ARRIVALS NOT PERMITTED. BIDDERS ARE TO MEET AT CMD CAMPUS COURTYARD 1660 STEWART ST., SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. THE BID PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY A BIDDER WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE(S) DID NOT ATTEND THE ENTIRETY OF THE MANDATORY JOB WALK WILL BE REJECTED BY THE DISTRICT AS BEING NON-RESPONSIVE.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $55,000.00

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: May 7, 2024, at 2pm . All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at:

https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#

The Contractor is required to have a C-7 or C-10 license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

Posting Dates: 04/15/2024 and 04/22/2024

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Santa Monica Arrests

For the week of Apr 12th to April 18th

Crime	Arrests
Shoplifting	5
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	4
Parole Violation	4
Assault & Battery	3
Corporal Injury To Spouse	3
Possession of Methamphetamines	3
Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury	2
Burglary	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
Unlawfully Occupying Property	2
Warrant	2
Aggressive Solicitation	1
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	1
Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger	1
Driving Under Combined Influence of Alcohol And Drugs	1
Drunk in Public	1
Failure of Transient Sex Offender to Inform of Move	1
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	1
Grand Theft	1
Illegal Riding on Sidewalk	1
Larceny	1
Obstructing a Business Establishment	1
Obstructing a Pedestrian or Vehicular Traffic	1
Organized Retail Theft	1
Peeking While Loitering	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	1
Possession of Child Pornography	1
Public Nudity	1
Resisting an Executive Officer	1
TOTAL	**50**

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP #405 BBB MOBILE TICKETING FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP #409 LEGAL ONLINE RESEARCH SUBSCRIPTION**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 1, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

UNMUTED

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

DEVAN SIPHER

Newsflash: The Santa Monica City Council voted to eliminate drug use from city parks. Well, no. The Council voted to eliminate the needle exchange program from city parks. Actually, they didn't do that either.

The Council passed a resolution to express their disapproval of the way the needle exchange program is being implemented by the county. For the record, the disapproval wasn't unanimous, and the councilmembers jousted feistily over what can best be described as a non-binding memo.

Currently, Los Angeles County sponsors mobile health units that provide unhoused people who use drugs with overdose prevention medication, disease screening, and, most controversially, syringe (needle) distribution. Despite decades of medical research supporting the effectiveness of such programs, there's a yuck factor to facilitating addiction, and that multiplies when the facilitating takes place in public parks.

The four councilmembers who want the program removed from the parks (Brock, De La Torre, Negrete, and Parra) are short on scientific facts, but they compensate with moving personal anecdotes about children finding syringes in playgrounds. Finding the words "children" and "syringes" in the same sentence is alarming, which would seem to give sway to the councilmembers' argument.

Except...

The program is located in the parks because that's where it's effective.

There's a California state law supporting needle exchange programs, officially called "harm reduction," and cities that have banned the practice have been sued by the state, a costly effort with mixed results.

Most important, getting rid of the needle exchanges in the parks won't get rid of the needles, because it won't eliminate the source of the problem: the large number of unhoused people inhabiting the parks. Councilmember Parra has spoken of upsetting incidents in Reed Park going back ten years, but that's long before the current program was initiated.

The three Councilmembers defending the status quo (Davis, Torosis and Zwick) have done so with a litany of data showing these programs exponentially increase participation in drug treatment, significantly reduce the spread of hepatitis and HIV, and save lives from overdoses (12 lives saved each month in Santa Monica).

The data is compelling, but the scolding tone seems counterproductive. Councilmember De La Torre told me that he found it condescending. "Councilmember Davis brings in all this evidence to suggest we're wrong and she's right," he said, "but common sense tells me that we're right, and she's wrong."

That's a natural response – and very problematic. We have too many people in this country substituting their own personal beliefs for facts, whether the topic be climate change, election fraud, or measles vaccines. And the repercussions are magnified when those people are elected officials.

Everything has become us vs them, saint or sinner. But the truth is the Councilmembers are neither. They're well-intentioned public servants who are entitled to disagree about challenging issues. There's nothing wrong with having opposing opinions, as long as they're willing to listen to one another and accept facts, including facts that contradict their opinions.

To that point, the Council resolution as written violates CDC guidelines, and some Councilmembers have claimed hepatitis and HIV aren't current priorities, though each new case of HIV in an unhoused person costs taxpayers $400,000. Meanwhile, Mayor Brock has expressed distress about "helping people commit suicide by drug abuse," which may not be scientific, but it's a real feeling that many residents agree with, which is a fact of its own.

"We have to show compassion to those who are unhoused," Mayor Brock told me, "but we also have to show compassion to residents and businesses."

So the question's how do we reduce harm for the marginalized homeless population while also reducing harm to vulnerable children, and other parkgoers? I would like to have asked Councilmembers Torosis and Zwick this question, but both rejected my interview requests, which is their prerogative. They don't need to talk to me, but they do need to talk with their fellow council members, and vice versa.

There are compromises to be found, including the County adding needle cleanup service with the needle exchange, which the CDC recommends. But if everyone insists they have the high moral ground, then we'll find ourselves isolated on mountaintops, bellowing at each other.

This is my first column for the Santa Monica Daily Press, and my goal is to initiate a conversation to break through some of the cognitive dissonance from the past years of quarantine, warfare, and alternative facts. I doubt we can alter the dysfunction in D.C., but I hope there's a silent majority who want to see our local leaders engage with each other and to do so with honesty, empathy and competence. Maybe that's too much to ask from politicians. Or maybe in an election year, anything is possible. At the very least, I hope I can, pardon the pun, move the needle.

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COUNCIL

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option, akin to programs in Long Beach, San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles, would require more time and resources. Staff recommends pursuing the Standard Equity option alongside developing an adult-use cannabis ordinance, as it aligns with existing resources and would incorporate some equity components without necessitating additional staffing.

CONCRETE

The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, adopted by the City Council, recommends implementing carbon-neutral construction codes for new residential, commercial, and multi-family properties. According to staff, a proposed low-carbon concrete amendment to the Building Code could significantly reduce the City's building sector concrete embodied carbon by 14%-33%.

Staff said traditional concrete production is carbon-intensive, with cement production alone contributing to 60% of concrete emissions. Low-carbon concrete, which reduces cement usage and replaces it with alternative materials, offers a cost-effective solution to reduce emissions without impacting overall building costs.

Staff are proposing the City Council adopt and amend a measure in the California Green Building Standards Code to establish cement and global warming potential limits for concrete used in Santa Monica.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council will make some administrative revisions to zoning rules to bring local laws into compliance with state mandated density bonuses. The proposed ordinance amends the City's density bonus ordinance for consistency with state rules and staff said that it should be noted that even if the City does not have an updated density bonus ordinance, the City is still required to implement the state rules.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommendation to rescind the appointment of Courtney Lauretano to the Housing Authority Board for failure to attend meetings since appointment; and, authorization for the City Clerk to publish vacancy.

Request by Mayor Brock to direct the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to return with an amendment to the Council Rules to provide that Council 16 items may be handled like consent items, with the Council voting on them as one item, except for Council appointments to boards, commissions, and other bodies, and except for certain items that may be pulled for discussion at the Council meeting.

Request of Councilmember de la Torre that the City Council allocate $5,000 from its discretionary funds to the Association of Mexican American Educators in support of the Samohi Latino Graduation, organized by student group Legado Latino.

Request of Councilmember de la Torre that the City Council authorize use of existing travel funds to cover the costs (registration and travel expenses) of participating in the NALEO 41st Annual Conference, taking place June 18-20, 2024 in Las Vegas, NV.

Request of Vice Mayor Negrete and Councilmember Parra that the City Council: 1) allocate up to $4,681.72 from the Council Discretionary funds to cover costs associated with the rental of sound systems, a small stage, chairs, and related expenses for the Memorial Day event the Elks Lodge and American Legion Post are hosting at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica on May 27, 2024 to honor and pay tribute to those who have bravely fought to protect our nation, and 2) direct the City Manager to promote the event on the City's social media platforms.

City Council will meet in chambers at City Hall, 1685 Main Street on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.

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CRIME

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criminal penalties reached a climax last year when the Assembly Public Safety Committee rejected legislation that would have reclassified human trafficking of a minor as a "serious felony," thereby increasing punishment for committing it.

Similar legislation had repeatedly died in the Legislature but the 2023 rejection touched a nerve and became a media sensation. Newsom and legislative leaders sensed the backlash and quickly revived and enacted the bill.

Having finally gotten the message, Newsom and other Democratic figures began to recast themselves as crime fighters. The governor pledged to crack down on street crime and dispatched dozens of California Highway Patrol officers to bolster Bay Area policing. Legislative leaders now want to fine-tune criminal statutes to crack down on retail theft without materially changing the criminal justice reform measures that the Legislature and voters had enacted.

They also hope to head off a November ballot measure that would go further in undoing some of the previous softer-on-crime decrees. On Thursday, law enforcement groups, big city mayors and major retailers submitted 900,000 signatures for the measure, virtually guaranteeing it a place on the November ballot.

Its heavyweight proponents can easily spend the millions of dollars a full-fledged statewide campaign requires. In a statement, the coalition said "half-measures" are not good enough, an apparent reference to the legislative package.

A head-on collision over crime appears to loom, but it's also possible that the measure's backers and Democratic leaders, including Newsom, could reach a compromise that the Legislature would enact and the ballot measure would be withdrawn. It's happened before.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SMMUSD invites sealed proposals for: RFP #24.20 – DISTRICTWIDE AS-NEEDED LANDSCAPING AND TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES. All proposals must be electronically submitted via Secure Bids at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/landscaping on or before: May 30, 2024 2:00 P.M. RFP forms and specifications may be obtained in the link provided within this notice.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4488 TRANSIT BUS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT BRAKE PARTS
Submission Deadline is May 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 041224SF SANTA MONICA COLLEGE ECE FENCING PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: Furnish all prevailing wage labor, equipment, supplies, materials, services and transportation necessary to complete the Santa Monica College ECE Fencing project in accordance with bid documents.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: 05/07/24 by 2:00pm

All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: 04/23/24, 10:00am sharp. Meet at the SMC Early Childhood Education Center (ECE) 1802 4th St. Santa Monica, CA 90401, at the corner of 4th St and Civic Center Dr. Bidder attendance at Job Walk is mandatory. Sign-In required & late arrivals not permitted.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $25,000.00

CONTRACT DAYS: 60

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: N/A

The Bidder is required to have at time of bid submission and throughout the duration of the project a CSLB C-13 license and CADIR registration. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

Post Dates 04/15/24 & 04/22/24

Classifieds

Probate Sale

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Vera Rink CASE NUMBER: 23STPB03791 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Vera Rink A Petition for Probate has been filed by Gene Rink in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Gene Rink 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 2024 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 67 Room - Address of Court: 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

Probate Sale

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. Law Offices of Thomas A Nitti 1250 6th St. Suite 305 Santa Monica, CA 90401 310-393-1524 04/09/24, 04/16/24, 04/23/24

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024073816 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/4/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Venice Beach Bites 1019 Ocean Front Walk Venice, CA 90291Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/ are Venice Beach Bites LLC 10811 Washington Blvd, Culver City CA 90232If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: A limited Liability Company The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/24Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Venice Beach Bites LLC. Title: CEO Daniel SZabo

DBA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/4/24. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS.04/08/24, 04/15/24,04/22/24,04/29/24

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00158Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Tanya Cortes by Claudia Reyna Garcia Cortes for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Tanya Cortes by Claudia Reyna Garcia Cortes a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Tanya Cortes to Tanya Xitlali Cortes The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 05/24/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

CTE

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the district during the 2023-24 school year, has led to a bevy of students taking in the experiential focus at the high school level. After 10 SMMUSD graduates completed a CTE program in 2022-23, that number has risen steadily to 64 expected CTE graduates this year.

The district's vision for high school CTE pathways, which includes college credit and leadership opportunities, industry certifications and work-based learning in a host of industries, has students gaining key experience in a plethora of topics. Of the 64 expected to graduate with CTE completion in 2023-24, 27 chose the photography pathway, 10 students chose the graphic design and computer science tracks, while others selected pathways in journalism, television, film and automotives.

Overall completion numbers show a similarly rapid growth, as 34 students completed CTE programs in 2022-23, with 111 expected to complete programs by the end of this school year. For 2024-25, the district expects 173 graduating students to have finished a CTE program, and 273 to complete a program in total.

Smith noted that the CTE program is vast in the types of opportunities given, including associations with Santa Monica College and the local business community for "expansion" in post-secondary situations, like dual enrollment and internships.

"(The program) allows (students) to get a taste of the working world now, get a taste of college now, and then once you get that college class under your belt … nobody can tell you that you can't do college," Smith said.

The board concurred with that assessment, with SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton stating that it is important for students to be multi-talented and have a multitude of options, while board members highlighted the importance of skill-based training during the school year.

"Nowadays, everywhere you go, people are looking to hire somebody that has skills already, and if you don't have skills, that's not going to get you in the door, no matter if you have a Masters, they want to see what you can do," board member Maria Leon-Vasquez said.

The next major breakthrough on the Samohi front will be the continued launch of "integrated academies," featuring a CTE or non-CTE course integrated with an academic subject. Examples include the newly-launched health and wellness pathway, which will integrate CTE learning into 12th grade physiology classes next fall, as well as the current engineering pathway that partners with several 12th grade courses.

SMMUSD's success with CTE starts with project-based learning on the elementary level, part of the district's "general exposure" approach that makes students accustomed to CTE alignment with regular coursework. One of the district's shining examples of this PBL work on the elementary level comes at Grant Elementary School, with Grant Principal Christian Fuhrer speaking to the board alongside several teachers and students at the meeting.

Project-based learning, in which students actively engage in real-world and personally meaningful projects, was an initiative restarted by Grant in 2023 after having to pause during the COVID-19 pandemic. This school year, Grant has been dedicated to ensuring that the teaching practices of PBL "become a major component" of the school's instructional model, crafting units for each grade level that have students asking "driving questions" and then researching topics further.

For example, a PBL unit for Grant's third-grade students focused on "natural hazards" and how communities can be safe and prepared for such disasters. Breaking down this real-world scenario into smaller questions, students eventually crafted solutions shown off at a "design solutions fair," something both teachers and students found joy in.

"I have been very fortunate … to have our school come together to do this work … to have this work examined and really pushed is why I'm still here," Grant third-grade teacher Virginia Ripley said.

Other units included a second-grade project on "heroes in the community" and how to make a difference in the world, with the students receiving visits from Dr. Shelton and Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock as part of the experience. Fourth-grade students undertook a unit on "tiny houses," focusing on home design that meets certain needs.

The transition to PBL units, Dr. Smith said, has been a "productive struggle" for teachers working through the discomfort of something they aren't traditionally trained in, and switching their role during the units into being a "facilitator of learning" rather than being the be-all, end-all source of knowledge.

"We as educators have to get away from the idea that we're the purveyors of all knowledge," Smith said. "I know we don't want to act that way, but we kind of feel that pressure sometimes. But we don't have to if we bring experts into the room, and so it moves you off the stage as the central provider of knowledge to being a co-learner and a guide to the students."

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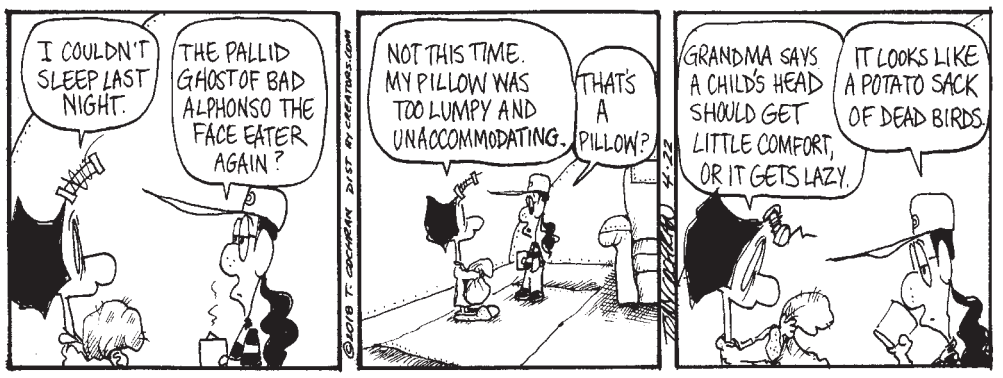


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PBL: Students from Grant Elementary School recounted their experiences in Project-Based Learning units at a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education meeting April 18.

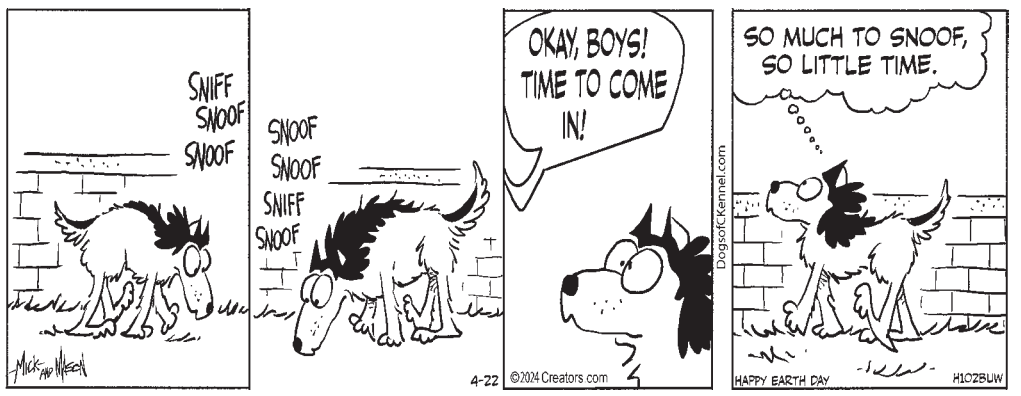
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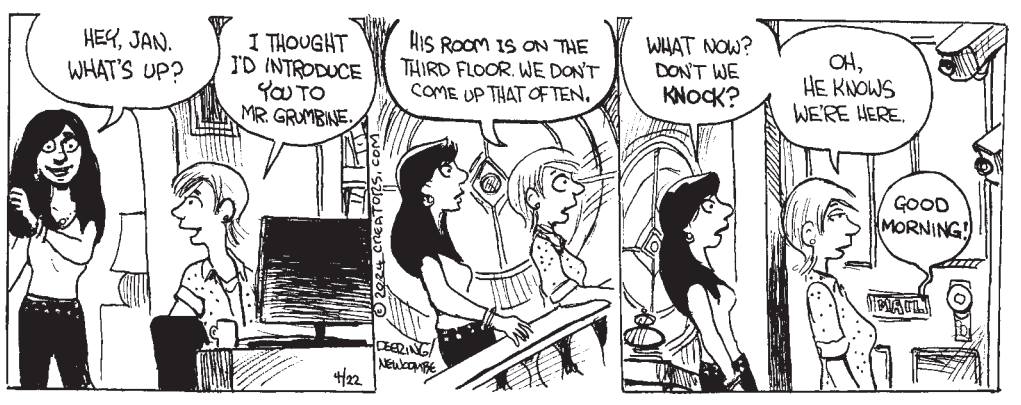
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 22)

Acting fast is your gift, and you'll move on sweet investments and turn bright ideas into adventures. New guidelines come together for your relationships that work to keep you in good vibes and productive workflows. More highlights: a peaceful resolution, financial recompense and self-education you will later teach and/or publish. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 14, 40 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being careful with your money can make you feel like you don't have enough, or it can make you feel like you're in control and have plenty. Saving for something special is the frugality that gives a feeling of richness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some truths are like unremarkable socks. It's likely everyone is wearing them, they do their job, and they draw no attention. Then there's the truth that's a statement sock. It's a risk to mention, and yet you feel remiss if you don't. It does, after all, exist to be seen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People understand you and respect the way you get to the point. They know what you want because you say it succinctly right up top and don't make them wait or discover.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When it shows up, willpower is a welcome friend, though you've noted it can be a fair-weather friend indeed. By now you've learned not to waste time waiting for it; instead, you dig for more reliable fuel, like need or even stronger motivations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Anyone with a television remote is welcome to switch from sorrow to sorrow and will be at no loss for finding ever-new ones, as they are in constant rotation. But you've too many delights to turn your mind to now, and you'll enjoy them wholly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because the purity of your intention is felt, you won't need to think too much about how to approach things. The perfect words just come, the ideal people want to help, and loveliness will ring through all efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your energy will rev and dip. While it's high, try new things, share with new people and work. When it's down, rest. Don't caffeinate and keep going until you burn out. Your subconscious mind needs a chance to integrate all you've learned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be moved to do something unusual, outside the routine, out of the norm. You can always reinvent yourself, not just out of necessity but just for fun. Learning new facets of you allows you to experience new facets of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a game today, and knowing when to advance or retreat is part of it. Which way would be more appropriate? How should you fight the good fight?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've seen many kinds of praise, and because you're doing praiseworthy things today, you'll get at least two flavors: the kind aimed at getting a particular result (you'll see through it) and the real deal (you'll feel the love).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). That thing you're scared of? You'll head straight into it, at first just to get it over with. Then you'll do it again because it gets a little better every time. And you'll repeat for good measure because bravery is your nature.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's not one ideal future, but there are many that will make themselves known to you in glimpses as you peruse the various options of the day. You'll get the very visceral sense you are building something, choice by choice.

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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Newsday Crossword

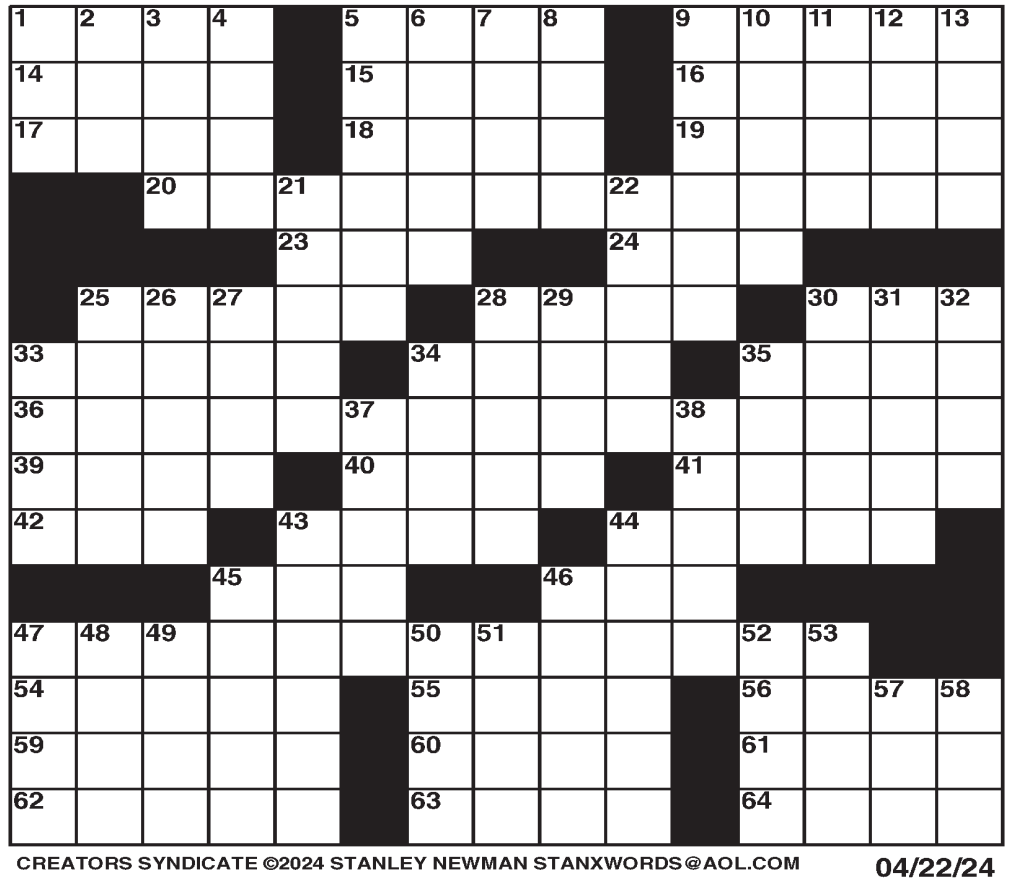
ON ENVELOPES by Doug Peterson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Potential for a loss
5 Angler's enticement device
9 Glide on a roller rink
14 __ vera (skin-soothing plant)
15 Immediately, in a memo
16 Potato, informally
17 Make preparations
18 Song
19 Pleasant smell
20 "Forever" purchases for envelopes
23 Slippery as an __
24 Tennis court barrier
25 Distorts unfairly
28 Misfortunes
30 Gorilla or orangutan
33 Doorbell's sound
34 Gradually lose color
35 India's continent
36 Upper-left envelope writings
39 Has a meal
40 Decorates with frosting
41 Hot, as a temper
42 Sarcastically funny
43 Lumberjacks' tools
44 Boxer's weapons
45 Sis's sibling
46 Close friend
47 Printed stickers affixed to envelopes
54 Coins in Italy and Spain
55 Train track
56 Sedan or coupe
59 Aircraft without a pilot
60 Farmland measure
61 Cover a present in paper
62 Contents of hourglasses
63 Untidy room
64 Shipped out

DOWN

1 Sharp knock
2 Feeling under the weather
3 Cake to wash with
4 Number-picking casino game
5 Coffee-and-milk drinks
6 As typically seen
7 Pressed a doorbell
8 Fencing sword
9 Oregon and Oklahoma
10 24-__ gold
11 Part of a molecule
12 Fill-in worker, for short
13 Historical periods
21 Storm drain
22 Scornful smile
25 Clip fleece from
26 Baby pet that purrs
27 Large Australian birds
28 Walks in shallow water
29 Bet-payoff ratios
30 Any thing of value
31 Ship docks
32 Simple to do
33 Ship's staff
34 Clock dial
35 "No guarantee" condition
37 President before Ford
38 Submit taxes online
43 Crops up
44 Aesop's tales
45 Fair-haired guy
46 Twosomes
47 Prescription drugs, for short
48 Subtle glow
49 Smooths creases in clothes
50 Metric weight measure
51 Shoestring
52 Legal regulations
53 Fully confident
57 Light brown color
58 __ out (don't participate)



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MARMALADE CAFE

FROM PAGE 1

beer, wine and cocktails. And all of that is in addition to the existing, familiar bakery and pastry products.

However, Salcedo stresses that given the location of this new site, at 525 Santa Monica Blvd, a "grab and go" menu will be a key focus point.

"When I decided to embark on this project, my message to the team was that I want to be everything to everyone. I told them we are [now] on Santa Monica Boulevard, [with] its bustle and hustle of working people, students and so on," she says, adding, "I would stand and watch people going past throughout the day and I knew we needed a quality menu offering food that people could walk in and collect or order in advance. So an important part of what we're going to offer is our 'Quick Menu.'"

While the opening times are still awaiting official confirmation, Salcedo says that she expects to be open at 7am each morning with a full espresso bar for coffee craving commuters. It will then close at 9pm after the dinner service and operate every day of the week. This eatery will also feature the same, full menu that other Marmalade Cafe outlets offer. She also hopes that the venue will be fully utilized for functions, organized dining events and even weddings.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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legislating and away from the current role of co-managing.

Moreover, even 45 districts would not give every group its own representative. Some of LA's communities of interest are spread out – homeowners, for instance – so smaller districts would not always create new opportunities.

And then there are the politics of this idea. At Wednesday's panel, Guerra and Feng both noted the disenchantment with the council, fueled by the distribution of a vile recording in 2022 of council members and union leaders casually discussing carving up the city to serve their interests, is partly what has given new life to the reform agenda.

To those voters who are angry with council members, however, expansion seems to offer more of the problem, not less. It's hard to sell voters who are skeptical of their government on the idea that more of it is the solution – even if, in this case, more council members really means smaller council districts.

That's choppy water for a ballot measure, and there's history to suggest it won't be easy. In 1999, Los Angeles voters approved charter reforms that strengthened the office of the mayor, created neighborhood councils and instituted a host of other reforms. At the same time, however, they rejected separate measures to increase the size of the council to 21 and to 25.

And yet, there are signs that this idea may finally be ripening. In the 1990s, council members fought off attempts to enlarge their group. Now, some are reluctantly coming around.

Councilman Soto-Martinez, for one, favors an increase. He's considering what might be optimal, but he's convinced that the existing structure needs improvement.

"It definitely needs to be bigger," he said.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP: PREFERRED CATERERS FOR ANNENBERG BEACH HOUSE EVENT SERVICES**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.



MONDAY | APRIL 22

BABY TIME: SESSION 1
Introduce your child to storytime with interactive books, bounces, and more! Free tickets available at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. For ages 0-17 months 10:30-10:50 a.m. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

SENIOR WRITING GROUP
1 - 2:30 p.m. No RSVP is required. For questions, you can email Kathy at kathleenkatims@gmail.com or call 310-569-3492. Kathy Katims, founder of Saved by a Story, will be leading an ongoing writing group for seniors. New members are welcome to all sessions. Write to prompts, share (if you want), connect with fellow seniors in the neighborhood, hone your writing skills, and find your story. RSVP is recommended but not required. If you RSVP Kathy will send you a welcome packet, guidelines, and a reminder the day before the meeting. More information and to RSVP, email Kathy at kathleenkatims@gmail.com or call 310-569-3492. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades.

AIRPORT COMMISSION
Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street. 7 p.m. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the administration of Santa Monica Municipal Airport and other aviation matters affecting the City. The Airport Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, except in August and December when the Commission is in recess.

PIZZA PARTY! A COMEDY SHOW
7:30 - 9 p.m. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4, $15. What do you get when you have LA's sauciest comedians and three boxes of hot pizza? A Pizza party! Join organizers the fourth Monday of every month for a comedy show with the funniest pepperonis in town... when it when it comes to comedy they deliver! https://jetbook.co/e/pizza-party-a-comedy-showxg7o

DANCE CHURCH
Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice, presents Dance Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. Discover the joy of movement with an all-level dance class. Led by professional dance artists, this class offers a fun and inclusive approach to dancing. It's designed for people of all shapes, sizes, backgrounds and identities, providing a communal space for anyone who wants to move their body.

TUESDAY | APRIL 23

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE
Virginia Avenue Park, in partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program, resumes Social Service Assistance from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help with facility nutrition and health care access from trained community health workers. 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 or 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.

PASSOVER SEDER QUEST
Open Temple's Freedom Seder Quest intersects seder legends any mythos with Venice murals, music and history as we deepen our personal quest for freedom. With local musicians from Venice's past, present and future, as well as surprises. Check-in begins at 4 p.m. at The Open Temple, 1422 Electric Ave., Venice. Enjoy a catered meal after the crawl. To RSVP, visit: https://opentemple.org/passover-seder-crawl-5784/.

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, Audit Subcommittee. Begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 24

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Enjoy Santa Monica's downtown farmers market from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

FAIR HOUSING SYMPOSIUM
The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office is hosting a symposium that is part of the City's celebration of Fair Housing Month. Speakers will include Shayla Myers, Senior Attorney in the Unhoused Persons Justice Project at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, attorneys from the Consumer Protection Unit of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, and other special guests. Topics will include: The barriers unhoused persons face in obtaining permanent housing; the impact of fair housing laws on tenant screening policies, including source of income and housing status discrimination (newly passed in Santa Monica); and a basic overview of fair housing laws. Begins at 2:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Main St. Registration is required and parking will be validated. Register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfX5gNgCIMx16KBkokev1_khRfw7iEDbeH-hLe4bfcplWiydw/viewform.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING
Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

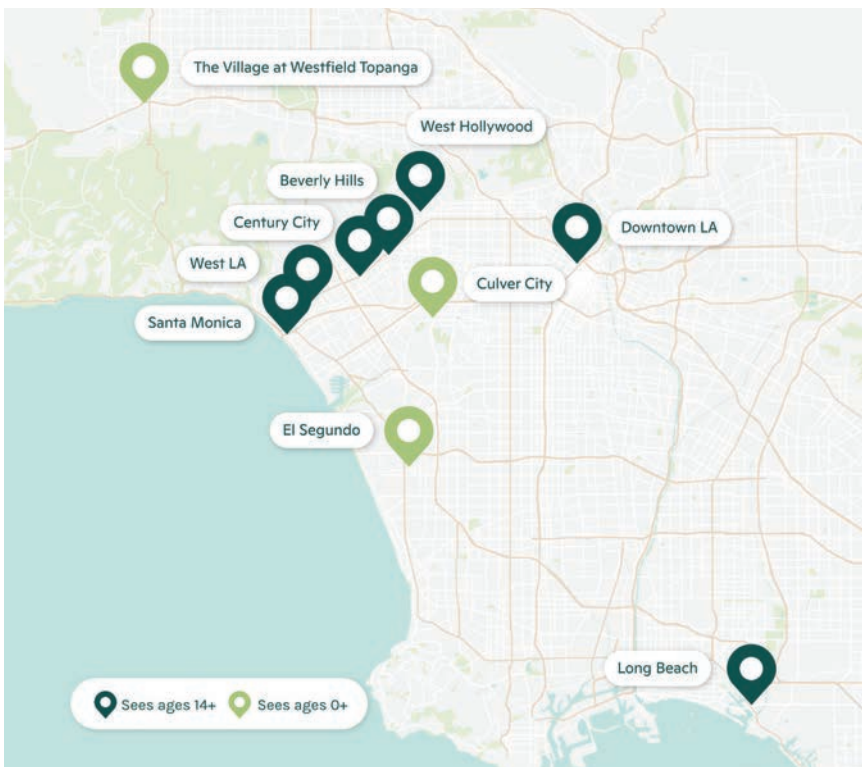
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