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RUNNERS: The Fartleks, a group of Track & Field athletes at Samohi, have been raising money for local nonprofit The Painted Turtle through sponsored races including the UCLA Bruins 5K and the Big 5K at the Los Angeles Marathon. Fartlek, otherwise known as the Swedish method, is a middle- and long-distance runner's training approach in which terrain and pace are varied to eliminate boredom and enhance the psychological aspects of conditioning. This group of friends chose the nickname, "The Fartleks," because of their ability to boost each other's spirit while running together and share their passion for giving back to The Painted Turtle with each step take. According to the charity, there are more than one million children in California with chronic and life-threatening illnesses many of which are unable to attend a traditional summer camp due to their medical conditions. The Painted Turtle has provided more than 138,000 camp experiences to children and their families — absolutely free of charge — since 2004. The team includes Hadley Mathews, Carla Santini, Ava Roker, Sylvia Minzenberg, Josie Kramarsky & Josephine Gelinas and Molly Lister. Visit https://www.thepaintedturtle.org/post/fartleks-best-friends-running-together-for-the-painted-turtle for more information.

Rent Control Board backs measure to expand rent control to new buildings

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's Rent Control Board took a stance on several proposed laws last week backing measures that would allow tenants to relocate, expand rent control to newly constructed buildings and facilitate payments to landlords who are making their buildings earthquake safe.

During the most recent Rent Control Board meeting, all members expressed their support for the consideration of resolution AB 1620, which would require landlords statewide to permit permanently disabled tenants who live upstairs to move downstairs for simplicity's sake. It would in fact be the first change to the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act in 28 years, something Chair Anastasia Foster noted would be "historic."

"It would help seniors, it would help disabled veterans and citizens and residents of all ilk to benefit and to have their disabilities recognized and it would transfer their exact MAR [Maximum Allowable Rent] from one unit to another, which typically under Costa-Hawkins is not allowed or required so it will go with them," Foster said.

Commissioner Kurt Gonska raised the valid concern of what if

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Glass walls and large windows emerge as point of debate in design of future Roosevelt and Lincoln campuses

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Community fears over glass-walled classrooms reached a fever pitch at last week's school board meeting with a host of public speakers opposing large glass walls for newly constructed classrooms but officials said their fear may be premature as no design designs have been finalized and public input will be a factor in the decision making process.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education reviewed campus improvement plans for Roosevelt Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School last week and approved contracts to officially begin the design process for the first phase of construction and renovation projects at each of these sites.

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RENDERING: Potential renderings of the future Roosevelt Campus.


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2739 (CCS) and Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Confirm the Applicability of Certain Zoning and Health and Safety Regulations to Wireless Facilities Subject to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.32, Personal Wireless Service Facilities

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending interim zoning regulations established by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2739 (CCS) adopted by the City Council on March 14, 2023, that confirmed the applicability of certain zoning and health and safety regulations to wireless facilities subject to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.32, Personal Wireless Service Facilities.

The City Council will also consider amendments to the text of Article 9 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) to confirm the applicability of certain zoning and health and safety regulations to wireless facilities subject to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.32, Personal Wireless Service Facilities. On April 12, 2023, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 23-009 recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt the proposed amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2739 and Proposed Amendments

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-2200 ext. 5522 or by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2275.

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California's lowest paid health workers want a pay boost. Why industry leaders are pushing back



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local
PAY: A medical personnel working on her computer in the corridor of Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital in Hollister on March 30, 2023.

ANA B. IBARRA
Special to the Daily Press

Supporters of a proposal to raise the minimum wage for California health workers point to Inglewood, where last fall voters approved a wage hike that primarily applied to staff at dialysis clinics and at the city's only hospital. But the implementation of that local measure has been bumpy, signaling potential problems for the larger effort.

Inglewood's ordinance went into effect Jan.1, raising the minimum wage for those workers to $25 an hour. Then in March, Centinela Hospital Medical Center, a 362-bed acute care facility owned by Prime Health Care, laid off 48 workers and reduced hours for others, according to a complaint filed earlier this month by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West. The union led Inglewood's measure and is sponsoring the statewide bill.

The union alleges hospital administrators made the cuts in retaliation to the newly implemented wage increase, even though the city ordinance prohibits health facilities from funding the pay increase by laying workers off or reducing their benefits.

Centinela officials maintain that the hospital is complying with Inglewood's minimum wage ordinance. They say they laid off workers after a thorough assessment that determined the hospital was overstaffed in certain units. Centinela offered nearly half of the affected staff other positions within the hospital and many accepted, according to a hospital spokesperson.

"The recent reduction in force was entirely unrelated to the ordinance and affected 2% of the staff," Susan Lowe, Centinela's spokesperson, said in an email. "It was related to strategic changes in operational needs and improvement measures, and staff have been added in areas that positively impact patient care and address community needs."

While the lawsuit is pending, the union is advocating for a broader pay hike for California health workers via Senate Bill 525, by Los Angeles Democratic Sen. Maria Elena Durazo, a longtime labor leader. Durazo's bill calls for a minimum hourly wage of $25 that would be adjusted annually for inflation. California's minimum wage is currently $15.50, although it's higher in some cities and counties.

If the proposal becomes law, the new minimum wage would go into effect in January 2024 and benefit an estimated 469,000 health workers. It would include people who make slightly more than $25, who would likely get a corresponding pay increase, according to an analysis by UC Berkeley's Labor Center.

Qualifying workers would receive an average increase of $5.74 per hour, which would increase operating costs at health facilities by about 3%, the report said. Some lower paid workers in health facilities include nursing assistants, patient aides, medical technicians and janitorial workers.

The proposal faces a great deal of opposition from industry heavy hitters, including hospital executives, clinic leaders and the doctors' lobby, which argue this isn't something all providers can afford or easily implement, especially when they're dealing with other stressors in their budgets. The California Chamber of Commerce lists the bill as a "job killer."

But union leaders say the time is now, especially as the industry grapples with workforce shortages that are burning out current staff. "Twenty-five dollars an hour

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Across the aisle: Can bipartisan caucuses change the California Legislature?

BY SAMEEA KAMAL

Every other week, the 21 members of the Problem Solvers Caucus gather for lunch to hear presentations on different policies. This session, they're focusing on clean energy and homelessness — issues they say impact every legislative district in California.

Inspired by a similar group in Congress, the caucus is an experiment — made up of both Democrats and Republicans, Assemblymembers and state senators — with the goal of creating a "neutral space" that puts policy before politics.

Launched in 2021 by then-Assemblymembers Adam Gray, a Democrat from Merced, and Jordan Cunningham, a Republican from San Luis Obispo, the caucus includes equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats, as well as proportional Assembly and Senate representation, according to Sen. Josh Newman, a co-chairperson and Democrat from Brea.

That structure — different from even other bipartisan caucuses — is designed to make it truly impartial. One condition of membership: No one can actively work against another member's bill.

While it has a fundraising arm, the Problem Solvers' focus is not on supporting causes or candidates, but on bringing in more "smart people," Newman said.

Those presentations have already helped Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua think more about the fiscal impact of bills, said the Democrat from Stockton and another of the four co-chairpersons.

"You think of a bill — of what it does, and it may be really, really good," he said. "But … it opens up my eyes more to look not just at the bill, but spend a lot more time on the fiscal part — like what is the cost of the bill? … Is it coming out of the general fund? Is it going to be a tax? So it really brings more awareness."

Despite the policy focus, the caucus also has its political benefits. Sen. Scott Wilk, a caucus member from Lancaster who finished two years as Senate Republican leader in December, sees it as a way for Republicans to stay in the game.

"Based on the policy that's coming out of the Legislature, it's pretty clear the progressives are getting their way," he said. "So what can I do to be relevant and positively affect the lives of 40 million Californians? I think the best — the only — hope is the Problem Solvers."

It's not the only caucus trying to make a difference in the Legislature. These alliances of lawmakers, who form along issues or identities, are a way to gather support for their own bills and present a united front on shared interests, including proposals that cater to different demographic groups.

On their own, the caucuses don't enact laws. But some do have influence over what gets prioritized and passed. Lawmakers say the caucuses help them form relationships and decide on issues, even changing their minds.

"Caucuses can be pretty influential. One of the reasons is they can help set the agenda," said Christian Grose, director of USC's Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy. "They have an ability to bring things up in sort of complementary times with the leadership, sometimes in conflict with the leadership. It's a way to percolate ideas."

Besides the four party caucuses, there are 16 official caucuses listed on the Assembly and Senate websites. In the Assembly, for a caucus to formally exist, it must be recognized by the speaker. In the Senate, they don't require recognition by the president pro team.

While the number of caucuses hasn't changed dramatically, veteran lobbyist Chris Micheli said that as the ranks of some caucuses have grown, so has their power.

The now 12-member Legislative Black Caucus was the first, established in 1967, followed by the now 35-member Latino Caucus in 1973. There's also a Women's Caucus (now with a record 50 members), an LGBTQ Caucus (12 legislators), a Rural Caucus, a Mental Health Caucus (15 members), even an Aviation Caucus (21 members).

Some caucuses meet every two weeks. Some haven't met for years, but still take in new members. Some have died out, while others exist in name only, once their active members term out.

Lawmakers say caucuses help them understand which bills are important. Caucuses have their own staff, which, for larger caucuses, outnumber each legislator's staff and can help members weed through the thousands of bills each session.

Caucuses can also be beneficial in helping to grow the ranks of a particular group. The California Legislative Black Caucus, for example, runs a leadership training program to increase representation at all levels of state government.

The Legislative Native American Caucus formed in 2021 after the election of Assemblymember James Ramos, a Democrat from Highland, as the first and only Native American legislator, to amplify issues important to tribes across California.

At their meeting last week at a restaurant near the Capitol, the 56-member caucus discussed plans for a series of events in May to raise awareness about missing and murdered indigenous women, including a select committee hearing to talk about concerns with a federal law that addresses criminal activity jurisdiction on tribal lands.

In a statement, Ramos said that the caucus informs legislators and the public "about Native American issues, culture and tribal-related legislation." By sponsoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Week and California Indian Cultural Awareness Day, the caucus "increases the visibility and knowledge about the diversity of California's tribes," he added.

The Native American Caucus is among several that are bipartisan and include Republican members. Others are bipartisan according to their bylaws, but only have Democratic members.

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City of Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2741 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN OUTDOOR SPACE PROGRAM ALLOWING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY ON PRIVATELY-OWNED PROPERTY AND OTHER AMENDMENTS RELATED TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PERMIT TIMEFRAMES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2741 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2741 (CCS) (the "Ordinance") amends the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance, Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapters 9.01 to 9.52, to:

- Establish an Outdoor Space Program to allow outdoor commercial activity on privately-owned property and make other zoning changes related to emergency response and economic recovery, including, but not limited to, amendments to provide flexibility in offsite sales of alcoholic beverages by restaurants and to ensure consistency with expanded authorization to allow outdoor commercial activity on certain public outdoor spaces.

- Extend deadlines to exercise and continuously pursue the rights granted under planning entitlements, permits and approvals issued under the Zoning Ordinance by two years, and allow applicants for planning entitlements, permits and approvals issued and still active to request a First Time Extension or Other Extension pursuant to SMMC Sections 9.37.090(C)(1) and 9.37.090(C)(2) at any time at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the permit. Eligible permits must be: (a) issued and active as of March 13, 2020; (b) issued between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2022; or (c) issued pursuant to a complete application submitted between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2022 generally starting in March 2020 and ending in December 2022.

The Ordinance makes permanent emergency interim zoning regulations first adopted by the City Council to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and to further economic recovery efforts.

The Ordinance was adopted on April 11, 2023, and will become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2743 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL DISTRICTING MAP FOR CONSISTENT DESIGNATION OF IDENTIFIED PARCELS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2743 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2743 (CCS) (the "Ordinance") amends the City's Official Districting (Zoning) Map. The City has reviewed and analyzed the currently adopted General Plan Land Use and Official Districting Maps and identified specific parcels for which there are inconsistencies between the two maps that require resolving. The Ordinance amends the Official Districting map for parcels identified in the Ordinance to ensure consistency with the Land Use Map of the City's General Plan.

The Ordinance was adopted on April 11, 2023, and will become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

BIPARTISAN

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Still, caucuses give Republicans, who are vastly outnumbered in the Legislature, another avenue for influence. Otherwise, they can usually only get their way when enough moderate Democrats join them, as happened last week when Assembly Republicans forced a special hearing on Thursday on bills to address the fentanyl crisis.

But GOP influence depends on the caucus. In the Legislative Women's Caucus, for example, the eight Republicans are even more outnumbered by 42 Democrats, compared to the overall partisan breakdown among women in the Legislature.

That means on issues such as abortion rights, which the Women's Caucus has prioritized since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Roe decision last June, there isn't always universal agreement. Most recently, caucus leaders joined Gov. Gavin Newsom for an event last week vowing that they were prepared for any abortion pill ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court (which on Friday preserved access to abortion medication for now, until a full appeal).

Sen. Janet Nguyen, a Republican from Huntington Beach and the senate's Minority Caucus Chair, said she doesn't always agree with the positions taken by the Women's Caucus, including on abortion. But she sees value in the opportunity to make women's issues prominent.

Nguyen has been able to find more allies on her bills in the Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus.

"I've found that the AAPI caucus — especially under the leadership of the current chair, Evan Lowe — they make every effort to be bipartisan. He's made it a priority to work across the aisle," she said. "He understands that we don't always can't get along. But you know, when we can, we do."

Bipartisan caucuses offer a benefit for supermajority Democrats, as well, giving them a chance to tout working across the aisle, since caucuses can serve as branding tools to voters and donors.

That could prove beneficial in a political environment where despite the partisan extremes, most Californians report being politically in the "middle-of-the-road," according to a February survey by the Public Policy Institute of California.

According to Newman, the number of legislative districts that are solidly Democratic or Republican leads to a "kind of maximalism on both sides."

"I would argue that's not all good, nor is it actually what the average Californian wants," he said.

But Assemblymember Lee, who is also vice-chairperson of the 30-member Progressive Caucus, says its influence is a reflection of a "deeper blue" state. "More people care about universal healthcare, education, housing — things that are very economically sort of equal," he said.

What about partisan caucuses?

The identity and interest-based groups are distinct from the better-known party caucuses, which wield far more power, especially for Democrats, who hold supermajorities in both the Assembly and Senate.

Just ask Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains.

Last month, the Democrat who represents oil-dependent Bakersfield was the sole Assemblymember of her party to vote against a bill to amp up oversight of the industry and to potentially cap profits. While some other moderate Democrats abstained from voting, Bains celebrated her dissent, tweeting with #StandAlone.

Soon after, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, the leader of the Democratic caucus, booted her off the Business and Professions Committee. While she'll still get to vote yes or no on bills out of the committee on the Assembly floor, she won't get as much of a chance to shape them.

There are also unofficial caucuses within parties — notably moderate Democrats who have aligned along shared pro-business outlooks to defeat or water down bills.

On the Republicans' side, their smaller Assembly and Senate caucuses are active and united on bill votes and priorities. Most recently, for example, Senate Republicans came together to issue a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission about their concerns with a "fixed-charge" electricity price proposal.

Sarah Anderson, a political science professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said the power of a caucus, other than its size, depends on how polarized the parties are, and how close the votes might be on a particular measure.

"If the caucus can come together to make collective demands on their own party, then that is potentially still powerful."

Caucuses aren't subject to the same open meeting and public record laws as other state and local public bodies. They are also permitted to meet in closed session if they're all members of the same party.

But even some that are bipartisan aren't open to the public, such as the Problem Solvers Caucus. That gives lawmakers a space to have "frank conversation," Wilk said.

There are also no standard rules on membership. That's why the Latino Caucus, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, came under fire once again for not allowing Republican lawmakers to join.

Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes, a Corona Democrat and caucus chairperson, told the Sacramento Bee that the caucus advocates for "the nearly 16 million Latinos in California," and would "continue as our founding memberships' precedent set forth."

That's permitted, since each caucus has its own bylaws and enforcement. There are also no overarching rules on how caucuses can spend their money, according to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

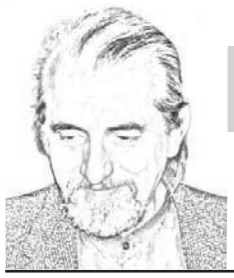
In fact, there are some perks: Caucuses typically have nonprofit arms, and while California law caps the amount donors can contribute to politicians' campaigns, donations to these nonprofit foundations are unlimited and have fewer disclosure requirements.

As a CalMatters investigation found, much of the money comes from corporations and labor unions with business before the Legislature. The cash is typically spent on events or on trips that might provide access to lawmakers from specific interests.

In 2022, the second biggest sponsor of legislators' travel was the Legislative Jewish Caucus, which spent about $231,000 (about one fifth of all spending on sponsored trips that year) to take 14 legislators to Israel. The Latino Caucus ranked fifth with about $25,000, according to a CalMatters analysis of financial disclosure forms filed by legislators.

In 2021, the Problem Solvers Caucus Foundation ranked third in travel spending, with nearly $23,000.

CalMatters data journalist Jeremia Kimelman contributed to this report. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



OPINION **CURIOUS CITY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Don't Kill the Messenger



Courtesy photo

GANDHI: Gandhi for council.

A FRIEND TOOK ME TO TASK

Over my previous CURIOUS CITY column.. In response to my admonition to "not vote for any Republican anywhere, not even for Dog Catcher." (Is that still an elective office? Maybe in some rural communities.)

My friend protested that had little or no relevance in Santa Monica, where there are very few (if any) elected Republicans, and that all the damage to our once-fair city has been wrought by progressives, liberals and hard-line Democrats.

I agree with most of what you say, I told him. (Though history shows that liberal Democrats in Washington have stood for, fought for, and passed laws that we all cherish: civil rights, women's rights, workers', education, gay, children's, marriage, reproductive, disabled rights, care for veterans, child labor laws, Social Security, Medicare, banking, drug, food, transportation protections, air and water quality, and other safety regulations. Basically, equality of opportunity for every American, and a government that protects us all. The GOP has always and continues to rail against regulations – because it limits local legislative discrimination, and the billions more that unregulated industries could generate, if only they didn't have to worry about a few folks being poisoned or injured or even killed. States rights! Freedom! Liberty! The Second Amendment! – except for the first part of it.)

HERE IN SANTA MONICA?

I have always contended that the letters R and D are meaningless to our local politics. Sides are drawn around more complicated issues of growth, power and transparency. Yes, I agreed with my friend that local, and state, Democratic organizations are the ones pushing us to build to the sky and leave little that's recognizable of Santa Monica, in the name of disproven or locally inappropriate growth philosophies. In the process we have many power mongers who are building a big city for those who don't live here yet, and wreaking devastation on those who do, often our cherished residents of many decades, who are being forced out. They preach diversity, inclusion and compassion and progressive values, but their actions scream otherwise, leaving many of us trying and without hope.

Oops, there I go again, sneaking away from a positive message. But this is a positive message. You can't solve a problem until you identify it, and plan solutions, which includes discerning and naming the obstacles, be they things, policies or people.

HERE'S THE TRICKY PART

History, and our hearts, tell us you can't find a lasting, equitable solution by hating. No matter how big and bad the dragon you need to slay. Jesus had love in his heart as he angrily cleared the money changers out of the temple. Gandhi remained a pacifist aesthete as he kicked the British butts out of India. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. always preached and practiced non-violence, even as dogs and police batons attacked his body, even a bullet fired by a hidden coward.

I don't hate Republicans. I do hate their actions and what it does to good, honest people. I don't hate Gleam Davis, Jesse Zwick or Caroline Torosis, Denny Zane or Sue Himmelrich (we recently exchanged pleasantries at a memorial service), or any of the current crop of advocates for unrestrained overbuilding in Santa Monica. I don't hate Kevin McKeown, Terry O'Day, Richard Bloom, Judy Abdo or their contemporaries, controlling members of SMRR and the Democratic Club, or all those wieners in Sacramento whose flood of legislation is stealing local control of zoning from the residents of California cities. "We know better – you need lots more apartment buildings because that will solve the affordable housing and homelessness crises." Except. Supply and demand does not apply in places like Santa Monica, and shelter without services does not get people off the street. And have you noticed, Gov. Newsom, that CA is actually losing population?

WHEN THINGS DON'T MAKE SENSE

You have to figure someone is trying to bamboozle you, because they have their own agenda. And of course, it usually involves that $$$ you need to follow. At this point we're not sure why the despicable Tucker Carlson is out at Fox, but it does show that no one there is bigger than their ethos, which is making money by telling their defined audience what they want to hear. "News," as in journalism, has nothing to do with it. It's entertainment, for those who naively think they are getting news.

There is always a rationale. All the "overbuilding" politicians I listed above would protest and have a rationalization to give you. But you have to look at results not rhetoric, and those results are now sadly all around us, and growing larger. Once a tall, wide building goes up, it won't easily, or soon, come down.

SO WE NEED TO ATTACK

Those rationalizations, those bogus philosophies, not the people who spout them. Because mostly they don't believe them, and will switch to something more useful if necessary. A freshman U.S. Representative from Florida recently stated, on the air, that "I've only been here 100 days but I can tell you from my past experiences in business and the military that most of these people here making the most noise do not believe what they are yelling, but they know it gets them coverage and the ability to be re-elected, and to raise a whole lot of money from the easily fooled."

THAT'S the enemy. Hard to pin down. But this is a battle for the soul of America (which is certainly felt here, by all of us), and the soul of Santa Monica, and it's not the most guns that will win the war.

Ukraine sure doesn't have the most guns, but my money is on them. And I'm betting on us, to save what's left of Santa Monica.

Now – who has the passion, dedication, heart and thick skin to step up and declare, I will run for City Council, to help get things right and make this a great little city again? That... is what we need, right now.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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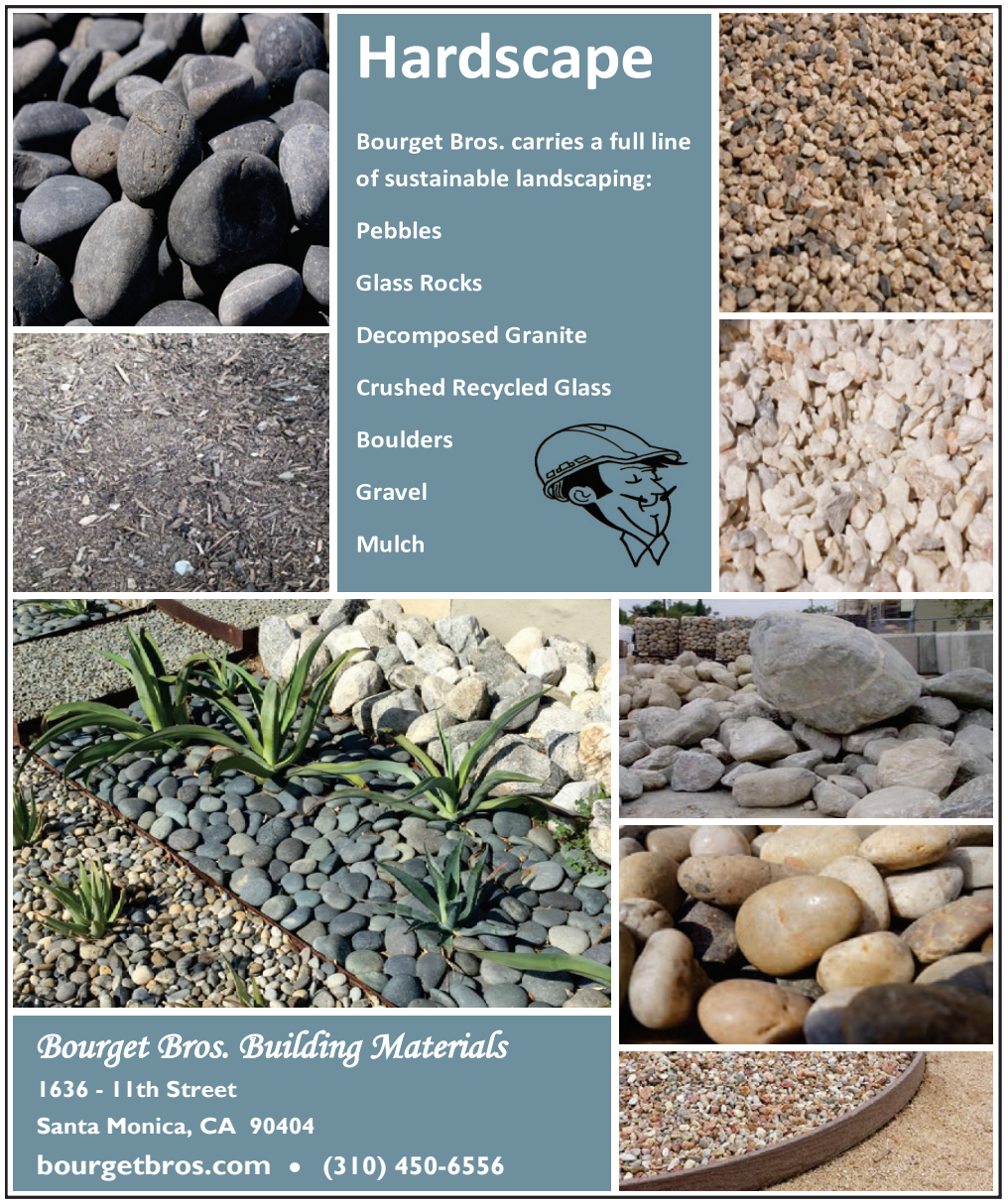
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CRIME WATCH

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

ON APRIL 8

Officers responding to the 700 block of Ozone Street for an individual on the reporting party's porch that was refusing to leave. The reporting party stated that he was inside his home when he noticed someone looking inside his living room window. After asking the individual to leave, the male subject demanded to be allowed inside. When the homeowner opened the door to admonish the suspect, the suspect pushed his way past the owner and stepped inside the home. The owner was able to shove the individual back onto the porch. Upon arrival, officers quickly took Robert Edward Jones into custody and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail.

RENT

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there wasn't a comparable unit available on the first floor? "Is there any sort of provision that would still help them?"

If an accessible floor unit becomes open, this is a first right of refusal to the disabled person on an upper floor, Foster said. "They do not have to take it, they do not have to take the first one. They could wait and take one in five years, but it's very malleable."

"More specifically," she added, "It'd be the same number of bedrooms and bathrooms or smaller. It would not be a larger unit on the bottom floor. A landlord would not be forced to exchange, say, an owner's unit with three bedrooms or four bedrooms in the front of the building for a one bedroom upstairs."

A motion was made to adopt the resolution AB 1620 by Vice-Chair Ericka Lesley and seconded by Commissioner Lonnie Gunn before being passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SB 466

Senate Bill 466 was introduced by Sen. Aisha Wahab in February of this year and would alter the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act that stipulates how rent control rules are applied in local jurisdictions. While elements of the bill have momentum, experts said a wholesale revision to the rules will be difficult given entrenched interests.

"This is a wholesale modification to the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act," said Foster. "We brought this one forward for resolution of support because it's in keeping with the mission of our charter to preserve the affordability and the existence of our rent control housing stock."

As it stands today, Santa Monica's rent control rules apply only to multi-unit housing and to units built prior to the adoption of rent control in 1979. The revisions proposed by SB 466 would have originally extended rent control to single-family-homes and condos while changing the threshold from a fixed point in time (locally, pre-1979) to a rolling date that brings all construction into rent control after 15 years. However, RCB staff said the proposal was modified to keep the exemption for single-family homes meaning it now just targets the date at which rent control is implemented.

"Under Costa-Hawkins, single family homes and condos that are used as rentals are exempt from rent control," Foster told the Daily Press. "Because so many houses were scooped up and used as rentals during the financial crisis, this bill sought to return them to the housing stock that is rent controlled. For reasons unknown, the bill's author has agreed to remove this provision, meaning single family homes that are used as rentals will not be subject to rent control if her bill passes."

The Board's General Counsel, Alison Regan, clarified that the Board will be "voting to adopt the resolution as amended to strike that portion of the resolution that refers to pricing."

"The ability to bring apartment buildings under rent control is preserved and Wahab [SB 466] at this time and still, to my mind, is an achievement that furthers the mission of our charter," Foster said before the vote was cast.

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Commissioner Danny Ivanov moved to adopt resolution number 23 dash 002 as amended and Gonska seconded. It was passed unanimously.

The RCB also voted to support a bill that would allow payments from the State to landlords who need help paying for seismic upgrades to their property (AB1505).

The Board voted to oppose a bill that would have "unbundled" parking spaces from housing units (AB1317). The Board said the bill would violate rent control charters and could allow landlords to charge separate fees for parking spaces that would amount to an illegal rent increase outside the established caps on rent increases.

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CAMPUS PLANS

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Specific design elements of the projects will be discussed and determined in coming months with opportunities for community input, however initial conceptual renderings of the future campuses presented at the April 20 Board meeting have already drawn significant feedback, centered primarily on one element: large amounts of glass.

In an era of frequent school shootings, multiple teachers took the mic at the meeting to say they would not feel safe teaching in spaces with large windows and glass walls, as presented in renderings.

"We are here tonight to ask you to reconsider campus improvement plans that involve large expanses of glass," said SMMUSD teacher Tashi Buccioni. "I hate that I have to bring this up, but the reality right now is that in 2023 there have already been 14 school shootings that have resulted in injury or death."

Shelly Ehrke, a teacher at Lincoln Middle School said that she and over 200 other educators in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District had signed a petition "detailing our concerns around glass walls."

Fellow Lincoln teacher Victoria Chang said she surveyed her eighth graders to get their perspective on the matter.

"The survey question I asked was: how safe would you feel if our current classroom wall facing the track and field was replaced by clear glass, on a scale from one to five – one being not safe and five being very safe," she told the board. "133 students responded, and close to two thirds of the students said they would not feel safe, that's 82 out of 133 students, 61% of our eighth grade respondents saying that they would rate this a one or two on their safety levels."

SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton said that he understands the concerns surrounding safety and emphasized that the renderings presented at the meeting were meant to show the proposed layout of the campus buildings and that details such as material and design will still be open to discussion and debate.

He said the reason the renderings featured these details was to allow viewers to better visualize and understand the overall concept.

"What we find is when we just put big blocks in people have, sometimes, difficulty reading and understanding those plans," he said. "So we provide renderings, potential renderings, of buildings, in many ways to get the very kind of comments and responses that we got."

Board members said they appreciated the teachers' concerns and intend to take them into account going forward with the plans.

"We have heard those comments and I share with them those concerns..." Board Vice President Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein said. "I work at Santa Monica College, we had an active shooter, we lost our friends on that campus that day so we know... I get it, so I understand completely...I just wanted to say that it's not lost on me and I would be one to give direction that this is a top concern."

However, he and Upton both said it is also important for the new buildings to facilitate learning and that part of this is the inclusion of features such as natural light, views of nature and flexible indoor-outdoor spaces.

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"This is an ongoing conversation that we've been having with teachers and one of the questions for the district is how to appropriately balance achieving our educational goals while we are maintaining safety for our students and our teachers..." Upton said. "In all of the buildings that we are building, we are putting in substantial safety measures, and everything is being considered for safety – the question as to how much glass, how much visibility and how the building functions are all parts of things that we have to discuss substantially more."

Board Member Laurie Lieberman noted that it is necessary to approve moving forward with the design process for those conversations to be possible and that the specifics of the campus plans are not yet solidified.

"We all need to be clear that we are approving something conceptual...and some of that will stay the same and some of it has the potential to evolve." Laurie Lieberman said.

The board voted to approve contracts with dsk Architects and A4E to begin the design process for the first phase of each project at Roosevelt and Lincoln respectively. For Roosevelt this includes new early education buildings and a new library and for Lincoln entails renovating Building 500 on that campus.

Each of the projects consists of multiple phases that are expected to be carried out over the next 15 plus years.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that at its regular meeting of April 13, 2023, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended regulation 9002 to conform to Measure RC, which was passed by the voters on November 8, 2022.

These changes will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in the newspaper.

City of Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2742 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE GOALS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE 6TH CYCLE (2021-2029) HOUSING ELEMENT; FOR CONSISTENCY WITH UPDATES TO STATE LAW RELATED TO HOUSING PRODUCTION AND MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS; AND TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES, CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS, INCLUDING CORRECTION TO PARCEL COVERAGE LIMITATIONS FOR EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE R1 (SINGLE-UNIT RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT AND MODIFICATIONS TO STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2741 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2741 (CCS) (the "Ordinance") amends the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance, Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapters 9.01 to 9.52, to:

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- Implement all or portions of the following programs of the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element:
  - 1A, By-Right Approvals for Housing Projects;
  - 1B, Streamline the Architectural Review Process and Ensure Design Review Objectivity for Housing Projects;
  - 1C, Incentivize Housing Development on Surface parking Lots in Residential Zones;
  - 1D, Reduce Minimum Parking Requirements for Housing Projects;
  - 1F, Revise the Downtown Community Plan Development Standards to Support Housing Projects;
  - 1G, Incentivize and Facilitate the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units through an ADU Accelerator Program;
  - 1J, Rezoning by Revising Development Standards to Ensure that Housing Projects are Feasible and Incentivized Over Commercial Development;
  - 2A, Establish a Moderate-Income Affordable Housing Overlay;
  - 2C, Update the City's Affordable Housing Production Program to Increase the Number of Affordable Housing Units at all Income Levels;
  - 2D, Update Density Bonus Ordinance to Ensure Consistency with State Law and Integration into the City's Land Use System;
  - 4A, Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Permit Multiple-Unit Housing in Non-Residential Zones Where Not Currently Permitted;
  - 4B, Facilitate the Development of Housing on Surface Parking Lots Owned by Community Assembly Uses; and
  - 4C, Provide New Housing Choices and Affordability in High Opportunity Areas Through Incentives for Additional ADUs in R1-Zone Neighborhoods.
- Ensure consistency with recent changes to State law, including, but not limited to, State law changes that a) require local agencies to ensure that certain qualifying housing projects are permitted minimum floor area ratios; b) prohibit a public agency from imposing minimum parking requirements on residential, commercial, or other development projects located within 1/2 mile of public transit, with certain limited exceptions; and c) further incentive production of accessory dwelling units.

  Make minor changes, clarifications and corrections, including modifications to parcel coverage limitations for existing structures in the R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District and modifications to standards for accessory structures.

The Ordinance makes permanent emergency interim zoning regulations first adopted by the City Council to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and to further economic recovery efforts.

The Ordinance was adopted on April 11, 2023, and will become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

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HEALTHCARE

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breaks down to roughly $50,000 a year," said Renee Saldaña, a spokesperson for SEIU-UHW. "It's not asking for the moon, this is just the baseline of a fair wage for the people who provide vital treatment."

WHO WOULD BENEFIT

Eneryk Santana last month joined the tens of thousands of people who commute daily across the San Diego-Tijuana border for work or school. He's a medical assistant at San Ysidro Health Center in Chula Vista and the high cost of living on the U.S. side, he said, forced him to look for housing in Mexico.

To avoid rush hour traffic at the border crossing, he tries to leave his place by 4 a.m. While the border cities are less than 20 miles apart, the process of crossing the border can take up to a few hours on busy days. The commute has been an adjustment, but he said his monthly rent in Tijuana is about $1,000 less than what he was paying in Chula Vista — a significant difference for someone making $22 an hour.

For Santana, a boost in pay would allow him to consider moving back to the U.S., he said. Ideally it could also mean more people attracted to this type of work. "Being short-staffed, when someone calls off, we don't have much staff who can cover," Santana said. "And it's hard not only for workers, but also for the patients, who sometimes have long wait times."

Workers in clinics and hospitals account for about half of all workers who would see a boost in pay under Durazo's bill, according to the analysis from UC Berkeley's Labor Center. Because of their current low earnings, workers in home health services and nursing homes would see the biggest difference — approximately a 40% increase.

Three-fourths of the workforce who would receive a raise under the bill are women, and almost half are Latino, according to the report.

THE FIGHT AGAINST INDUSTRY

Hospitals are leading the opposition to the wage hike, arguing that some facilities are in precarious financial situations. A handful of hospitals in the state have reduced or plan to reduce services. Last week a Montebello hospital filed for bankruptcy and a hospital in the San Joaquin Valley closed its doors at the beginning of this year.

Having to boost minimum wage pay, hospital leaders say, would only add to that strain. A wage hike at this time "takes a very serious problem and makes it impossible," Carmela Coyle, president of the California Hospital Association, recently said in a call with reporters.

Punctuating its point, the hospital association released a report earlier this month that found that 1 in 5 hospitals are in an "unsustainable financial position" and at risk of closing. Hospitals are considered at-risk if their incomes aren't covering costs, meaning they are losing money, and have increasing debt, said the report, which sampled 114 hospitals.

Union leaders have pushed back on hospitals' arguments, noting that most hospitals are part of large health systems that can weather rough patches.

Health economists have described the current landscape of California hospitals as a mixed bag with independent and rural hospitals, especially, experiencing severe financial pressures.

During the peak of the pandemic, hospitals had increased expenses, but also received financial aid from the federal government. That funding phased out in 2022. The state has not yet audited totals for this last fiscal year, but in 2021, altogether California hospitals posted earnings of $11.9 billion, up from the $8.5 billion hospitals recorded in 2019, according to financial data from the Department of Health Care Access and Information.

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A coalition of counties has also voiced its opposition to the bill, noting the bill would apply to workers at county public health and mental health departments, as well as clinics and hospitals operated by counties.

Implementing such a bill would cost the counties hundreds of millions of dollars annually, said Kalyn Dean, a legislative advocate with the California State Association of Counties. To absorb that cost, she said, counties could be forced to reduce services and cut jobs in other government departments.

Meanwhile, clinic leaders say that while they support the idea of boosting pay for their workers, they are subject to strict reimbursement rules that do not allow them to take on the additional expense. The vast majority of community health centers' patients are covered by Medi-Cal, the health insurance program for low-income people. Medi-Cal pays these centers a fixed amount per patient visit. Modifying that amount to afford a wage increase would require both state and federal approval, said Dennis Cuevas-Romero, vice president of government affairs at the California Primary Care Association, which represents health centers.

"Unlike other businesses, we can't just say, 'OK, the state requires us to increase the minimum wage, let's just increase the cost of our services.' We are prohibited from doing so," he said.

Some provider groups are likely to seek an exemption from this bill, but community health centers say they would like to find a way to make this work because a "nightmare" scenario would be for their clinic employees to leave for better-paying jobs at a nearby hospital.

"Our health centers want to get there," Cuevas-Romero said. "I think the questions are: Where's the money coming from? And how do we implement it?"

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 26)

Welcome to a year of serendipity! You'll be responsible for accidental creations and useful inventions. Excellent organizational and record-keeping systems will help you make the most of this good luck. More highlights: Social success will lead to financial success. You'll build something that lives on for centuries. A cash win leads to a spree. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 29 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). New things will interest you. Your heart will become light, your spirit playful. Anyone who meets you in this mood is a friend you can call on time and again. You're especially compatible with air signs now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To be of service is a pleasure and an honor. You'll accommodate a need so well that you'll soon be depended on to do it repeatedly. There is fulfillment, opportunity and money in this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You care how things look and feel, mostly because you realize such things can create an emotional response. Lighting, scent, color, temperature — it all matters. Your talent for arrangement will shine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The best conversations will end conclusively or lead to the next steps. But even if you only start a dialogue and nothing actionable comes of it, that's still better than no communication.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to be agreeable. If you decide it feels more authentic to present a challenge, this is a legitimate tactic to heighten the situation. It's better than being predictable, which will only cause others to take you for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to do anything more, different or better. It's a comfort to know you're loved how you are, but it doesn't stop you from wanting to improve and see just how far you can go toward fulfilling your potential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Focusing on the right things will build your confidence. Refrain from comparing yourself to friends and neighbors. The likeliness of getting what you want will be proportional to the degree you believe in yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Each person's perception is self-created — a mental formation of the bits they've absorbed. You cannot control what another person is capable of sensing or understanding about you. It's not always worth it to meet the preferences of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once your attention is engaged, you are totally focused on the one who commanded it. That said, it won't be easy to get your attention today. Only the most interesting people need apply.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because others have accomplished what you're aiming for doesn't mean there's less room for you. Truly, your version will be unique, so go for it! Through the effort, you will gain friends and fans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). So much is going right in a relationship. The parts that aren't working can safely be ignored. It's better to put your effort into growing the more promising aspects than to try for a perfection that is ultimately not attainable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Confidence isn't thinking a lot of yourself. Rather, it's the opposite. Your curiosity and selfless generosity will orient you in such a way to be unconcerned with your own interests, unworried about how you're coming across and all the more attractive because of it.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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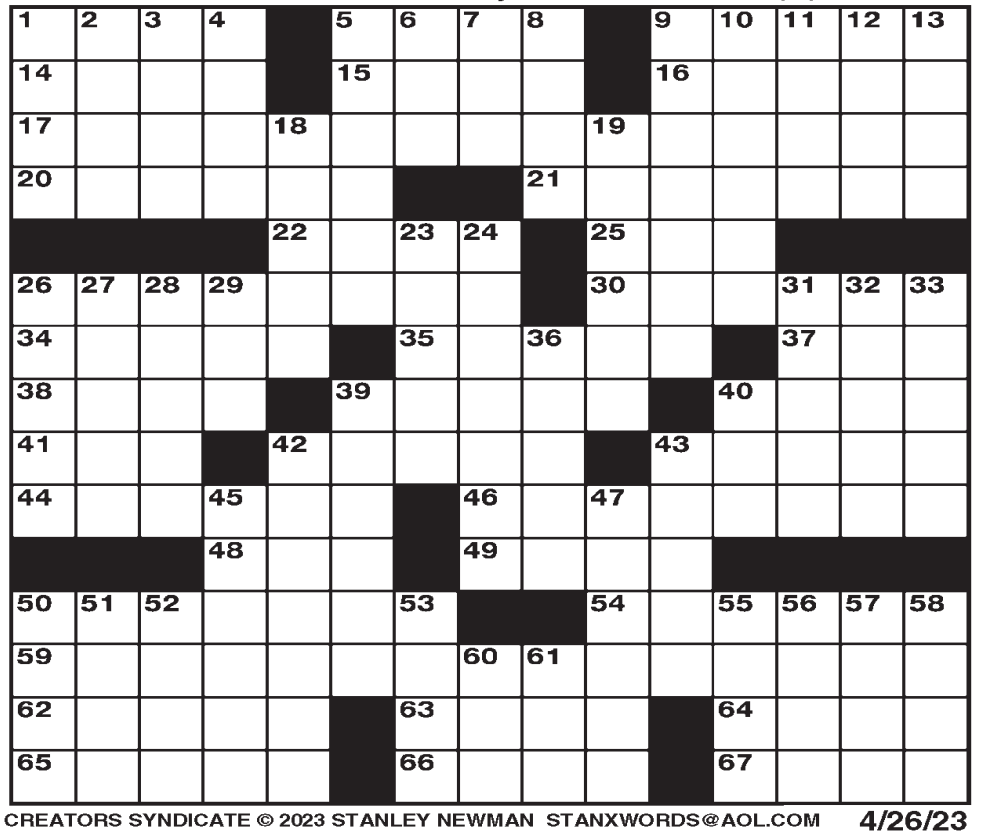
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5 Tablet computer downloads
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16 Diet drink phrase
17 Full-range, height-wise
20 "Hurray!"
21 Spanish painter Pablo
22 Assist in a crime
25 Colorful pond fish
26 With 46 Across, full-range, wealth-wise
30 Bit of progress
34 Nickname for a southpaw
35 Major German river
37 UN observer grp.
38 "That's a shame"
39 Swiss miss of kid lit
40 Guitarist Clapton
41 Waiting room reading, for short
42 Laboratory's ___ dish
43 Pile of poker chips
44 As much as one can see
46 See 26 Across
48 Shirt's sleeve
49 Air pollution
50 French bottled water brand
54 Main ideas
59 Full-range, ship-wise
62 Catlike animal
63 Tasting like lemons
64 Where Japan and Jordan are
65 Edible parts of sunflowers
66 Clothing, informally
67 Performed a tune

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7 Touch gently
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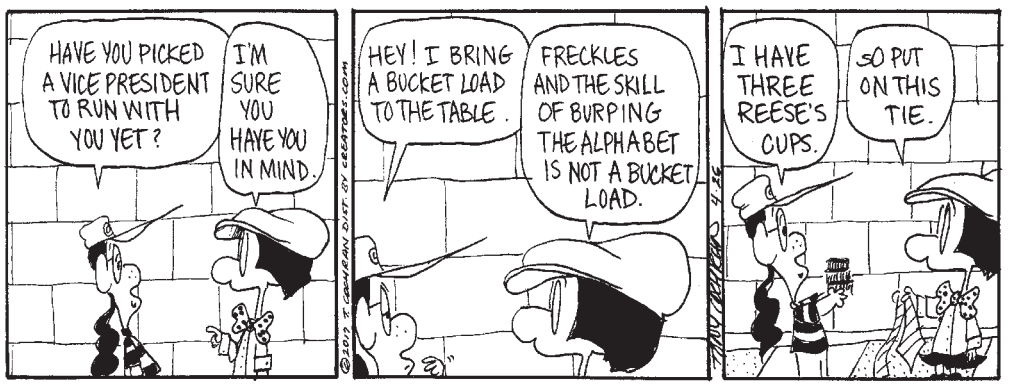


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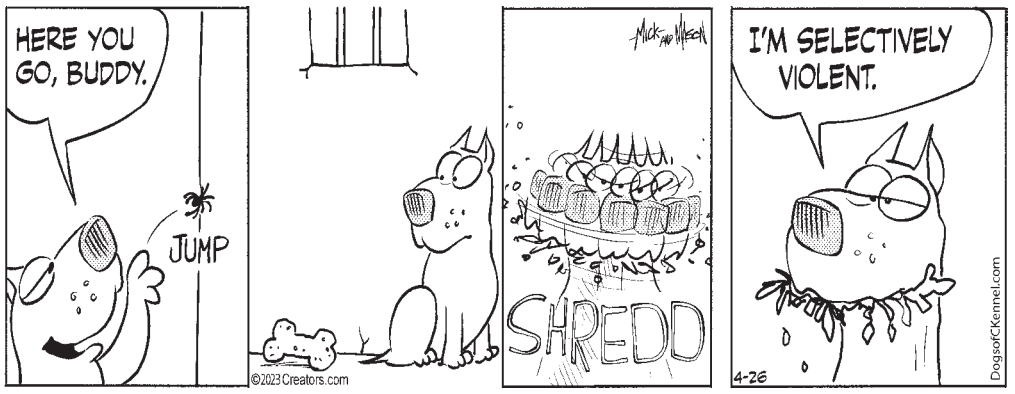
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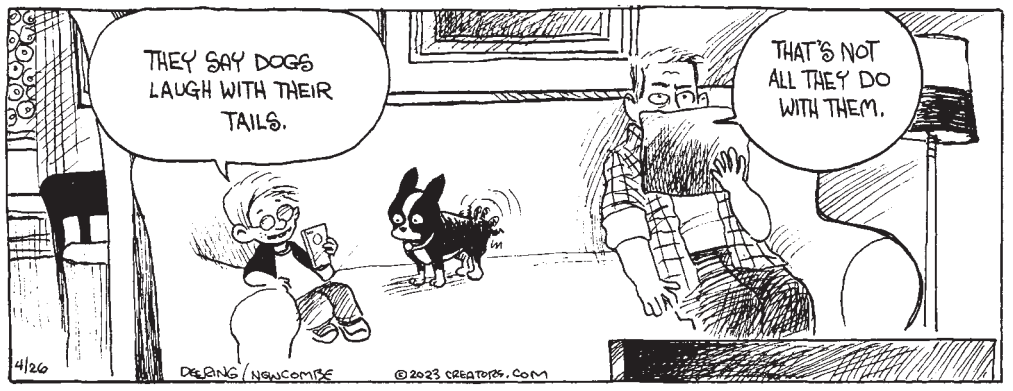
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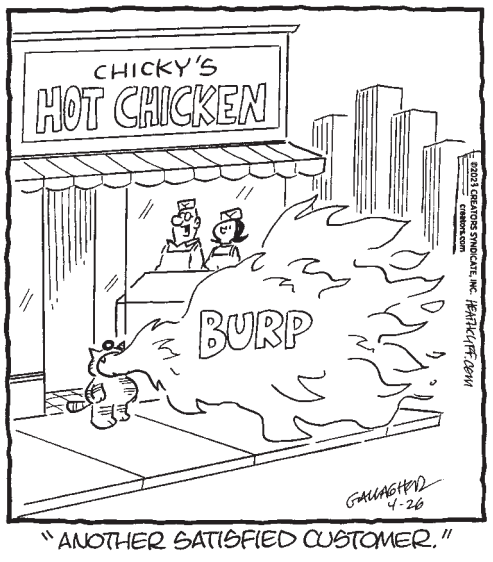
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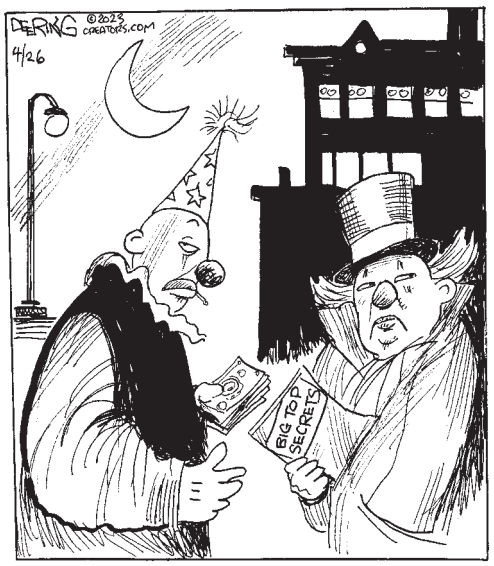
By PETER GALLAGHER



"ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER."

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

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A day at the zoo

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

Addax	Echidna	Ibis	Otter
Alpaca	Eland	Impala	Picnic
Apes	Emus	Jackal	Puma
Armadillo	Exit	Joey	Quokka
Cages	Feed	Kite	Sheep
Camel	Fish	Llama	Snake
Cats	Food	Mammals	Specialist
Climb	Frog	Mole	Tiger
Cubs	Gnus	Monkey	Vixen
Deer	Goanna	Ocelot	Wolf
Dingo	Hippo	Okapi	Wombat
Dubbo	Hound	Open	Zebra

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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 26

FREE COMMUNITY RUN CLUB IN SANTA MONICA
Run Club Every Wednesday Night Starting at Road Runner Sports in Santa Monica. Check in at 5:30pm, run from 6pm-7pm. Walkers also welcome! Come log your mid week miles and make some new friends. Road Runner Sports 1338 4th St. Santa Monica, CA

THURSDAY | APRIL 27

OZOMATLI
Over the course of Ozomatli's 25 year career, the group has sold hundreds of thousands of albums, won two Grammy Awards, consistently sold out concerts around the world, and performed on high profile TV shows like The Today Show, Jimmy Kimmel, Tonight Show w/Jay Leno, and Austin City Limits. 8:00 PM (Doors 6:00 PM) The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, CA 90291 https://www.ticketweb.com/event/ozomatli-the-venice-west-tickets/12957305

FRIDAY | APRIL 28

EMBROIDERY- YOUTH ENRICHMENT
The Enrichment Program at Virginia Avenue Park is a component of the Virginia Avenue Park After School program. The Enrichment program is comprised of Artists in Residence who are hired to teach enrichment classes to the youth in our program. These programs are high quality and teach the youth with a hands-on approach. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica, CA 90405

SATURDAY | APRIL 29

WOMENS HEALTH & WELLNESS GALA
A gala event focused on womens' health and wellness featuring: food, music and dancing renown broadcast journalist master of ceremony guest dignitary speaker business awards to 5 entrepreneurial women charity fundraiser with donations to women's resources Submit your award nominees. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A. Santa Monica, CA (310) 458-8901

SUNDAY | APRIL 30

CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN: BETSY AWARDS & FUNDRAISER
Every year, Connections for Children hosts a fundraising event honoring early childhood champions. The Betsy Awards are named after nationally renowned early childhood pioneer Betsy Hiteshew, who helped found Connections for Children in 1976. This year, we plan to posthumously honor long-time Chamber member Iao Katagiri and Baby2Baby-who was instrumental in helping Connections for Children provide diapers, wipes, and other essential items to hundreds of child care providers during the pandemic. The event will include a seated luncheon and awards program, along with live music. All funds raised will benefit Connections for Children. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/connections-for-children-betsy-awards-fundraiser-19254

MONDAY | MAY 1

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

TUESDAY | MAY 2

DEADENDIA BOOK LAUNCH WITH AUTHOR HAMISH STEELE
Join us for a release day book launch event with Eisner Award-winning author Hamish Steele for the deluxe editions of his DeadEndia graphic novels. Main Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

WEDNESDAY | MAY 3

GEEKS WHO DRINK TRIVIA NIGHT AT NOSTALGIA BAR AND LOUNGE
Modeled after pub quizzes in Ireland and the U.K., Geeks Who Drink is an authentic homegrown trivia quiz. It's a great way to drink with friends, without burning brain cells. And it's where useless knowledge means everything. Nostalgia Bar and Lounge 1326 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA

THURSDAY | MAY 4

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
The Government Affairs Committee meets monthly to discuss legislative and public policy issues of importance to Chamber members, and recommend any positions on those issues to be taken by the Board of Directors. https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/government-affairs-committee-05-04-2023-18628

FRIDAY | MAY 5

SMC APPLIED MUSIC SHOWCASE
Jimmy Cheesman, Director. Don't miss this fantastic concert performed by some of SMC's most gifted music students! The eclectic program includes solo and group performances in a broad variety of styles. 7:30 - 9:30 pm. SMC Performing Arts Center The Broad Stage

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.9**

WEDNESDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Small again but will probably be clean at least in the morning. Little SSW swell pulses up a touch more, although average breaks likely top out at waist high, with most waves under that.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 4-5ft Chest to head	A day to watch. Overlapping SSW swells for fun-zone surf with a teeny bit of NW energy mixing in to help cross up the more walled-up lines. Lighter wind is in the forecast, potentially the cleanest morning of the week.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 55.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/26	Wed	01:11 AM	4.30	H
2023/04/26	Wed	09:59 AM	0.38	L
2023/04/27	Thu	02:39 AM	3.92	H
2023/04/27	Thu	11:14 AM	0.40	L
2023/04/27	Thu	7:09 PM	3.50	H
2023/04/27	Thu	11:30 PM	3.01	L
2023/04/28	Fri	04:26 AM	3.80	H
2023/04/28	Fri	12:06 PM	0.35	L
2023/04/28	Fri	7:21 PM	3.74	H
2023/04/29	Sat	12:28 AM	2.52	L
2023/04/29	Sat	05:42 AM	3.87	H
2023/04/29	Sat	12:44 PM	0.33	L
2023/04/29	Sat	7:35 PM	4.01	H
2023/04/30	Sun	01:08 AM	1.98	L
2023/04/30	Sun	06:38 AM	3.99	H
2023/04/30	Sun	1:14 PM	0.37	L
2023/04/30	Sun	7:50 PM	4.32	H
2023/05/01	Mon	01:43 AM	1.42	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/24
19 21 55 66 68
Power#: 3
Jackpot: 37 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/21
3 21 29 46 63
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 26 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/22
12 22 41 42 43
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 53 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/24
2 5 12 13 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/24
EVENING: 9 8 4
Draw Date: 4/24
MIDDAY: 5 6 6

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3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:46.83

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