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Too many units, too little time

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The clock is ticking for Santa Monica to complete a plan to build almost 9,000 new units by 2029 and avoid further penalties and funding cuts from the state.

Following the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) rejection of Santa Monica's initial Housing Element plan on Feb. 8, the City has until Oct.15 to bring its plan into compliance. Council members say that's not enough time and during an April 26 meeting voted to request an extension from the state.

Santa Monica is not the only City struggling to come up with an approved plan to meet HCD's ambitious housing targets. Beverly Hills, Culver City, Redondo Beach and the City of LA all had their initial Housing Elements rejected. Pasadena and West Hollywood both tried to appeal their Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA).

Santa Monica's RHNA calls for 8,895 new units of which 6,168 must be affordable. The City's initial Housing Element, which outlined proposed programs and zoning changes to meet this target, was deemed insufficient by the state for several reasons and HCD requested a series of revisions.

During the April 26 meeting, Planning Manager Jing Yeo said that HCD's complaints fall into three general buckets.

Firstly, HCD would like to see the City make concrete commitments and timelines for constructing housing on the City owned sites identified in its Housing Element.

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Santa Monica Dems endorse Stern for Supervisor, Strong for Sheriff

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If you're a progressive on the west side, the Santa Monica Democratic Club (SMDC) has suggestions for how to cast your vote in the upcoming June 7 primary elections.

More than 60 members of the Club gathered for a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 27, to select their endorsements for the upcoming primary.

The SMDC, which describes itself as a progressive club, selected a slate of candidates including Eric Strong for Sheriff, Henry Stern for Third District Supervisor, Rick Chavez Zbur for Assembly District 51 (Santa Monica's newly redrawn Assembly District), Malia Cohen for State Controller and Ricardo Lara for Insurance Commissioner.

With supporters speaking up to cite his progressive platform, environmental backing (including a recent endorsement from the Sierra Club) and experience attending Santa Monica-Malibu schools, the club voted to endorse Stern to take the Third District seat that will soon be vacated by retiring Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

Among the 50 votes cast, Stern

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SMPD promotes and hires officers







Courtesy photos

SMPD: The Santa Monica Police Department recently hired several new officers including Elvia Medina, Bryan Sanchez, Tyler Bonura and Marcos Rubio. Several officers have also been promoted including Lt. Cody Green, Lt. Tina Greer, Lt. Erika Aklufi and Lt. Lewis Gilmour.



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City introduces policy for police department's use of military equipment

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Military-style equipment is not a new tool in the Santa Monica Police Department's arsenal, but per a new state bill it must now have a use policy approved by City Council.

While only two pieces of SMPD's equipment were directly purchased from military surplus, the Santa Monica Police Department, like other major police departments, has a significant inventory of items that qualify as military equipment under Assembly Bill 481. This includes, but is not limited to unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles; Humvees; command and control vehicles; breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature; flashbangs; and firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater.

The new military use policy serves three key functions. It provides a publicly available inventory and cost summary of the equipment; it outlines the training and authorization requirements for the equipment to be deployed; and it establishes an annual report and opportunity for individuals to provide input on the department's use of military equipment.

City Council unanimously approved the initial reading of the policy in an April 26 meeting. Council also required that the department bring the policy before the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Committee for input before it returns to Council for final approval.

The inventory of the drafted use policy lists 32 different types of military equipment,



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GEAR: Santa Monica's police equipment is designed for police, not military, use.

including drones, armored vehicles, a mobile command post, less lethal munitions and breaching tools.

"The equipment that we have on hand, although deemed military equipment by California law, is equipment that was made solely for domestic policing, domestic public safety in the United States," said Police Chief Ramon Batista.

According to the use policy, the only two items that SMPD purchased through a military surplus program are two spotting scopes designed to recognize objects at a long distance. In general, SMPD's military equipment is used to assist in specialized emergency situations.

"When it comes to our inventory of this type of equipment, it doesn't mean that it's used on a daily basis, most of the time in our city items like this are only used during critical incidents, whether it be a special weapons and tactics team [SWAT] call out, which is a variety of critical situations; kidnapping, bank robberies, hostages, things like that, that we don't normally see every day," said Captain Candice Cobarrubias.

One highly useful piece of technology for emergency situations is SMPD's mobile command post. This is a command-and-control vehicle equipped with communication and audio-visual devices that allows for decision making and resource placement to be deployed by the scene of an incident. During the 2013 Santa Monica College shooting, the mobile command post was key for coordinating all mutual aid resources.

SMPD also has a BearCat large armored vehicle that provides ballistic protection to officers and citizens, allowing SMPD to maneuver close to a threat and complete critical rescue missions. The large vehicle can seat 10 to 12 officers and is also utilized by the LAPD, NYPD and Boston PD.

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Other key parts of SMPD's military equipment include less lethal munitions, drones and breaching tools. Drones help the department obtain aerial coverage of high risk locations and guide the strategic deployment of resources. Less lethal munitions are used to disperse violent or rioting crowds and have strict guidelines around when they may be deployed. Breaching tools such as battering rams allow officers to enter barricaded locations, which can be critical during kidnapping or active shooter incidents.

The drafted policy and full inventory of SMPD's military equipment can be viewed at https://tinyurl.com/SMPDMilitaryEquipment.

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Battery 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Armed Robbery Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 12:50 a.m.
Fire Request Police 5th St / Colorado Ave 1:19 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1700Blk Sunset Ave 1:41 a.m.
Domestic Violence 37700Blk Tackstem St 2:32 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:50 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:11 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 11th St / Montana Ave 6:18 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 5th St 6:42 a.m.
Encampment 2200Blk Virginia Ave 7:06 a.m.
Encampment Main St / Pico Blvd 7:26 a.m.
Encampment 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:28 a.m.
Encampment 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1200Blk 17th St 7:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1300Blk Ashland Ave 7:37 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:39 a.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 7:48 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Neilson Way / Bay St 7:50 a.m.
Burglary 1700Blk Oak St 8:18 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 8:27 a.m.
Lost Property 800Blk To 1000Blk Of 5th Street 8:49 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:53 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1800Blk 18th St 8:59 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900Blk 2nd St 9:15 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Harvard St 9:22 a.m.
Burglary 1900Blk 6th St 9:34 a.m.
Burglary 1300Blk 17th St 9:37 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk Exposition Blvd 9:45 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 2800Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:46 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:01 a.m.
Vandalism 2500Blk Kansas Ave 10:04 a.m.
Petty Theft 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 10:18 a.m.
Encampment 600Blk Idaho Ave 10:21 a.m.
Loud Music 900Blk Palisades Park 10:26 a.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:39 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3200Blk Nebraska Ave 10:40 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:43 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:46 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk Berkeley St 10:49 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:53 a.m.
Battery 00Blk Pico Blvd 10:55 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1100Blk 6th St 10:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2700Blk 3rd St 11:08 a.m.
Battery Now 800Blk Pico Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100Blk Yale St 11:12 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 2nd St 11:19 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600Blk Main St 11:23 a.m.
Burglary 200Blk Ocean Ave 11:23 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 7th St / Michigan Ave 11:28 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100Blk Yale St 11:43 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 900Blk Pico Blvd 12:05 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 4th St 12:21 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:22 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Ocean Ave / Pacific St 12:29 p.m.
Burglary 2800Blk Main St 12:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk Berkeley St 12:57 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2300Blk 4th St 1:11 p.m.
Burglary 1300Blk 17th St 1:20 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 2900Blk 10th St 1:20 p.m.
Battery 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:29 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1300Blk Montana Ave 1:38 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1500Blk Ocean Ave 1:47 p.m.
Petty Theft 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:52 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 1:54 p.m.
Grand Theft 700Blk Broadway 2:18 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Stewart St / Colorado Ave 2:22 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 7th St / Broadway 2:56 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1100Blk 3rd St 2:59 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 3:14 p.m.
Petty Theft 21st St / Pico Blvd 3:20 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 3:27 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1900Blk California Ave 3:49 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 4:14 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:17 p.m.
Battery 800Blk Navy St 4:22 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 900Blk 17th St 4:25 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Neilson Way / Hart Ave 4:33 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1500Blk 14th St 4:47 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 900Blk 7th St 4:49 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1300Blk 14th St 4:51 p.m.
Petty Theft 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 4:55 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 800Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:24 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Rape 2nd St / Colorado Ave 5:38 p.m.
Burglary 1200Blk 11th St 5:40 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 5:48 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 600Blk Pico Blvd 6:03 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 10th St / Montana Ave 6:22 p.m.
Overdose 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 6:27 p.m.
Loud Music 2600Blk Highland Ave 6:50 p.m.
Construction Noise 5th St / Pacific St 6:53 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 100Blk Strand St 6:55 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:37 p.m.
Lewd Activity 3200Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:21 p.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 8:27 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 900Blk Washington Ave 8:36 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 400Blk Broadway 8:41 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:16 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 9:23 p.m.
Loud Music 600Blk Navy St 9:31 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk 4th St 10:00 p.m.
Construction Noise 2700Blk Broadway 10:12 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1300Blk 2nd St 10:12 p.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft In Progress 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:41 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 10:46 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200Blk 2nd St 11:33 p.m.
Burglary 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:35 p.m.
Vandalism 1300Blk 2nd St 11:42 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 900Blk 22nd St 11:48 p.m.
Attempt Suicide 1500Blk 5th St 11:56 p.m.

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EMS 3000Blk Virginia Ave 12:32 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:48 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 1:14 a.m.
Broken Water Main Neilson Way / Bicknell Ave 1:28 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 2:16 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 6th St 2:20 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 5:11 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 5:46 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 3rd St 5:51 a.m.
Structure Fire 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:47 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:49 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 9:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk Broadway 9:26 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:43 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2300Blk Pico Blvd 10:56 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk Washington Ave 11:19 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Pico Blvd 11:28 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 11:33 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2400Blk Olympic Blvd 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk Princeton St 12:17 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Montana Ave 1:24 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 4th St 1:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Interstate 10 / Centinela Ave 2:07 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 19th St 2:47 p.m.
EMS 3200Blk Urban Ave 4:45 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:17 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:19 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk 3rd St 5:52 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Pico Blvd 6:07 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 6:16 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 9th St 6:17 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 700Blk 24th St 6:32 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 7:32 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:23 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:00 p.m.
Smoke Investigation Main St / Colorado Ave 9:08 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ocean Ave 9:15 p.m.
EMS 100Blk San Vicente Blvd 10:17 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 3rd St 10:57 p.m.
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earned 30, giving him 60 percent of total votes. West Hollywood Mayor Lindsey Horvath came in second with 17 votes and Senate Majority Leader Emeritus Bob Hertzberg came in at a distant third with three.

"There are things that are broken about LA County, but we're going to need progressive solutions to fix it," Stern, a current State Senator, said while addressing the SMDC prior to the endorsement vote. "We can't snap back and revert back to some conservative indulgence here, where we start locking people up again, or criminalizing homelessness. And I'm really concerned that in this moment in LA, there's so much negative energy that things are going to swing that way, unless you've got somebody with the reach to get into the San Fernando Valley and speak Valley, which I've been doing for the last six years since being a senator."

While many in the SMDC brushed off moderate candidate Hertzberg, who did not attend the supervisorial debate hosted by the Club in March — "Bob Hertzberg was not seemingly interested in coming to speak to the club. You know, he seemed like his scheduling conflict wasn't really related to the day of the week that we were proposing," SMDC President Jon Katz said — many in the club spoke in favor of Horvath, who also espouses progressive ideals, although she has not gone on record with the SMDC or on her campaign website identifying herself as a progressive.

> The Club also backs Zbur for Assembly and Cohen for State Controller

"Her career in public service has really been dedicated to standing up for the people who need it most," member Abby Arnold said at the Wednesday meeting. "She has very strong relationships with the LGBTQ+ community, advocating on their behalf [and] of course, on [behalf of] women. In the City of West Hollywood she's created age friendly, sustainable neighborhoods, and she's endorsed by Planned Parenthood and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl." Arnold added she felt it was important to see a woman in the role, citing the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Currently, all five LA County Supervisors are women.

In response, Stern said he hoped his gender and race would not count against him, saying he hoped the Club could "look past the fact" he was a white man.

"I think Justice Ginsburg would want it that way, too," he added.

In the race for Sheriff, the SMDC chose not to offer an endorsement to embattled incumbent Sheriff Alex Villanueva, whom the Club threw its support behind in 2018.

In the years since, the SMDC has distanced itself from that endorsement, going so far as to call for Villanueva's resignation in 2020, writing in a letter to Kuehl: "We regret our 2018 endorsement of his candidacy, which now serves as a cautionary tale for those of us who rightly demand change in our community."

For the 2022 primary, SMDC selected Strong, an LA County Sheriff's Lieutenant and reform candidate who lists Mike Bonin on the top of his endorsement page of his campaign website. Strong earned 32 of the 57 votes cast, earning 56.1 percent of votes. Cecil Rhambo earned 18 votes, and Alex Villanueva earned three.

"We have a lot of work to do with law enforcement in our communities," Strong said following the announcement of his endorsement from the Club. "And I'll tell you, it's going to take somebody that just really cares and wants to put community first, and that's me. I want to tell you all: Thank you so much for taking the time to really look at the candidates. They all have great resumes, you know, but what it's really going to take is that person who's going to work with you all — individually, as all the Democratic clubs with all the communities — and give everybody a seat at the table, because the reality of it is no one person can fix the problems that we have. It's going to take a collective effort."

Strong's supporters said they were particularly impressed by the Lieutenant's responses during the February Sheriff's candidate forum. Member Dan Hall noted Strong supported a charter amendment to potentially give the LA County Board of Supervisors the power to vote out a sheriff. He was also impressed that Strong said he had led an investigation into deputy gangs.

"The other thing that really stood out to me was that he was the only candidate who said he had witnessed fellow officers use excessive force and that he had supported or reported it to a supervisor or internal affairs," Hall added.

The SMDC endorsement meeting is available to watch on YouTube by searching for the Santa Monica Democratic Club.

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Secondly, HCD is requesting more research into the goal of affirmatively furthering fair housing, which means working towards an equitable distribution of affordable housing and diverse tenants across the city. Lastly, HCD wants to see plans to address the shortfall of sites to accommodate lower income units and the removal of constraints to building these units.

There are several consequences for being out of compliance, which will worsen the longer it takes for the city to get its Housing Element approved.

Santa Monica currently has lost a degree of local control over development and must approve any project with at least 20 percent affordable to 60 percent area median income or 100 percent moderate income housing, even if the project exceeds zoning or general plan maximums. The City is also currently ineligible for funding from the Local Housing Trust Fund and Permanent Local Housing Allocation.

"Another key consequence is that the City has lost access to funding by being out of compliance on the Housing Element," said Yeo, later adding "This has very, very real impacts on the City's ability to produce affordable housing."

The City is also facing a lawsuit from a local developer and a local real estate broker over its failure to pass a complaint Housing Element.

City Councilmembers expressed frustration during the meeting when discussing the path ahead.

"We're faced with insurmountable charges that are going to destroy the character of our city and I'm not sure that there's any relief in sight from the state at all and that's tragic," said Councilmember Phil Brock.

Councilmember Christine Parra said she was worried that the Pico neighborhood will bear the brunt of densification under the plan as the land there is cheaper for developers to construct housing on.

"We have to meet our numbers for RHNA, and I know that the state, you know, doesn't really care how we do it. We just have to do it. I mean, that's what it feels like," said Parra.

Planning Manager Jing Yeo maintained that the best thing the City could do in this situation is seek a six month extension for completing its rezoning and Housing Element plan.

"I can't read the mind of legislators... what we can do given the situation is really ask for time, just to be able to proceed in a sensible way through this," said Yeo. "I don't think it's in anyone's interest to attempt to rezone twice in the next year, this allows us the time to complete the work, get the policy done and get it certified and then proceed into zoning."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Summer Adventure Program Provides Educational Fun

For the first time since 2019, Summer Adventure – a fun and affordable summer enrichment program co-sponsored by the Santa Monica Education Foundation and Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs – is running again this summer.

The program was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but both organizations are thrilled to open their doors again for local students to benefit from a well-rounded and educational summer experience.

The program is open to incoming kindergarten through ninth-grade students, and runs for five weeks from June 20 through July 22. This year's elementary program will take place at Roosevelt Elementary School, and the middle school program is at Lincoln Middle School.

Elementary classes include STEM, sports, art, chess, video game design, theater, and more. A full-morning program for incoming kindergarteners is a popular option, supporting an easy transition to elementary school in the fall.

Middle school students will have a chance to sing, cook, produce their own songs, create art, make films, play field games, and so much more. Incoming sixth graders can take advantage of a "Middle School Masters" class, preparing them for their transition to middle school. The middle school program is offered on a weekly basis, for up to five weeks.

"We are especially proud of our transition classes that have helped countless students ease into their new school experience, whether they are starting kindergarten or sixth grade," Alison Havel, Ed Foundation Board President, said.

Summer Adventure gives students the opportunity to enjoy an enriching summer camp experience in a relaxed school setting, where most classes are taught by SMMUSD teachers who are excited to share their passion in a specific area with students for a few weeks over the summer.

"We are proud to offer such a comprehensive summer enrichment program for our students," said Gabrielle Cohen, President of the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs. "For the past 39 years, students have had a lot of fun, have made new friends, and have stayed engaged in learning during the summer. We're so excited to be back in person again this year."

With 16 PTA units, from preschool through high school, the Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council is where all SMMUSD PTAs come together to share and exchange information, connect with the broader education community and build leadership skills as advocates for all children and families. SMMPTA's mission is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

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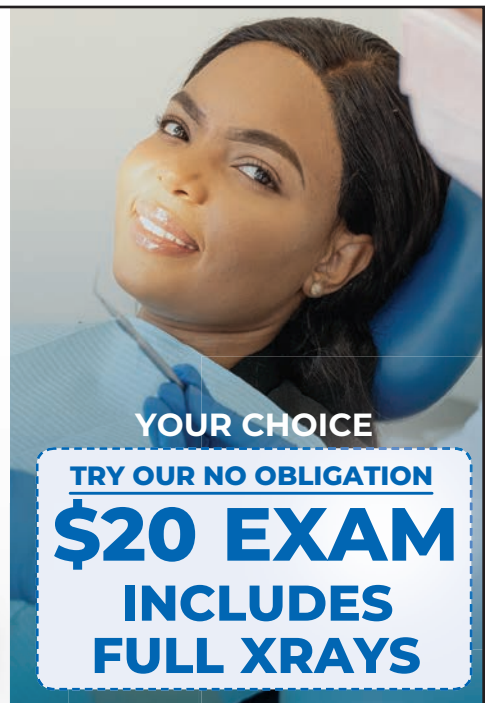
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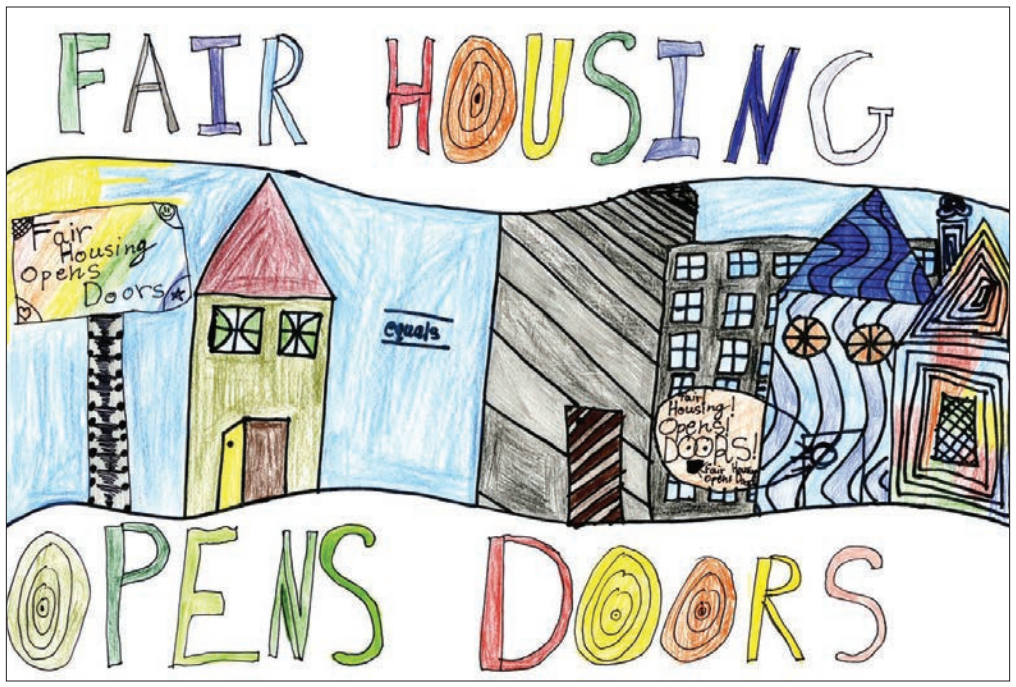


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City Attorney's Office Commemorates Fair Housing Month With Focus on Tenant Protection Laws



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HOUSING: The City Attorney's office has worked on a variety of fair housing issues.

It has been fifty-four years this month since the passage of The Fair Housing Act of 1968, and discrimination-free housing is still a critical factor needed for the general health and welfare of the Santa Monica community.

Fair housing outreach, pioneering laws, and vigorous enforcement all help to combat housing discrimination in its many forms and to protect the housing stability of the City's tenants, especially the most vulnerable. On behalf of the City, the Public Rights Division (PRD) of the City Attorney's Office continues with these efforts and commemorates Fair Housing Month.

FAIR HOUSING OUTREACH EFFORTS

The federal, state and Santa Monica fair housing laws prohibit discrimination in the rental of housing. Fair housing's protected classes include race, national origin, disability, gender, families, source of income, sexual orientation, and many others. For at least the past two decades worth of Aprils, the PRD has celebrated the Fair Housing Act by launching campaigns that include public forums such as workshops and symposiums, public service advertisements, Daily Press columns, and a fair housing poster contest among local students.

Fair housing workshops and forums: The PRD commemorated the 54th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 with a virtual Fair Housing Workshop on Tuesday, April 26. The online workshop covered several topics, including reasonable accommodations for tenants with disabilities, the City's Right to Return program, pandemic-related issues in fair housing, and source-of-income discrimination laws which protect Section 8 voucher-holders and users of rental assistance.

The PRD has planned and hosted such workshops for each April since 2007. Over the years, hundreds of tenants and housing providers have attended. The workshops have covered a range of fair housing topics such as protections for Section 8 voucher-holders, immigrants, and families with children, along with reasonable accommodations for tenants with disabilities.

The workshops have also featured a dynamic variety of speakers, including from the Santa Monica Rent Control Board staff, tenants' rights attorneys from the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) and Housing Rights Center (HRC), landlord attorneys, and disability support groups such as the Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC). The PRD's workshops continued even through the pandemic, with a switch to virtual settings.

The staff have also made fair housing presentations to other local and regional groups. Just since April of 2020, they have presented or even co-hosted housing rights events sponsored by Santa Monica Rent Control Board, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Western Center for Law & Poverty, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, Fair Housing Council of San Diego, ACLU of Southern California, WISE & Healthy Aging, St. Joseph's Center, and the Santa Monica Committee for Racial Justice.

Student Poster Contest: Except for the pandemic years, the PRD has sponsored a fair housing poster contest every year for at least two decades. One purpose is to have elementary and junior high students begin early-in-life conversations with their teachers and parents about fair housing rights and responsibilities. Most years, more than 300 students participate by creating a poster with the year's theme, such as Fair Housing Opens Doors.

Public Service Messages: The PRD has frequently published large full-color fair housing awareness displays. The ads feature the winning posters by Santa Monica students.

The Public Rights Division has also produced Follow John to Fair Housing, an innovative public service video about fair housing rights in which animators brought to life one of the student's posters. And ever since its creation, Follow John has had a life of its own, running on City TV and with over 8000 views on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttGwtZHLPH8 and over 14,000 views on Facebook.

Newspaper Columns About Fair Housing: The PRD staff have written and published over thirty columns about fair housing rights and responsibilities in the Santa Monica Daily Press and in the legal newspaper, The Los Angeles Daily Journal. The columns' topics have ranged from the legislative history of the Civil Rights Act (aka The Fair Housing Act) of 1968 ("The Fair Housing Act's Long and Stormy Trip") to fair housing in COVID time ("Pandemic Heightens Importance of Housing Rights in Santa Monica").

The City's comprehensive multi-prong approach to fair housing outreach helps prevent housing discrimination from occurring and increases reporting when it does occur.

FAIR HOUSING LAWS AND ORDERS

The City's Municipal Code includes three sets of ordinances that help protect Santa Monica residents from housing discrimination, some of which have been pioneering laws influencing the rest of the state and country.

The Housing Anti-Discrimination Ordinance: This law, found at Santa Monica Municipal Code chapter 4.28, prohibits various types of housing discrimination—such as refusal to rent, differential treatment, discriminatory statements—on the basis of disability, age, source of income, parenthood, pregnancy, or the potential or actual occupancy of a minor child.

In 2015, as an affordable housing measure, the City added Source of Income as a protected class and then added an extra layer of protection with a pioneering definition for Source of Income. For the first time in Santa Monica and in California, the fair housing law expressly protected recipients of rental assistance such as Section 8.

Santa Monica was one of the first cities in the country to adopt a law that expressly protects Section 8 participants. The PRD drafted the law, successfully defended that law against a lawsuit by the Apartment Owners Association of Greater Los Angles (AAGLA), and then began enforcing it (often working closely with LAFLA and the Santa Monica Housing Authority) to turn dozens of housing providers' no's into a yes. Many Section 8 voucher holders have either escaped homelessness or been able to stay in Santa Monica thanks to the City's law. In 2019, the California legislature began consulting with the PRD about its enforcement and decided to amend California law to also protect Section 8 voucher-holders, beginning in 2020.

The Tenant Harassment Ordinance (THO): The THO prohibits landlords from various types of conduct made in bad faith. The prohibitions, found at S.M.M.C. section 4.56.020, include attempts made in bad faith to do the following: to refuse repairs, cut off services, abuse right to enter a tenant's home, attempt to coerce or intimidate or defraud a tenant to vacate the unit, interfere with privacy, interfere with the quiet use and enjoyment of the unit, or attempt a baseless eviction.

While the protections in this section apply generally to protect all protected classes from housing discrimination, the THO has a unique fair housing prong that borrows the state and federal fair housing laws to allow the City and the CAO to pursue bad faith housing discrimination against all protected classes for any type of unlawful housing discrimination.

As with its decision to protect Section 8 recipients from housing discrimination, the Santa Monica City Council was a pioneer in the fight against tenant harassment. In 1995, Santa Monica became one of the very first cities to adopt such an anti-harassment law. Since then, many cities and countries have adopted very similar laws, including recent adoptions by the cities of Los Angeles and Culver City.

The Tenant Protection Ordinance: Found at S.M.M.C. section 4.27.050, this innovative law protects teachers and students from being evicted during the school year and thus prevents disruptions to school.

Emergency Eviction Moratorium: In response to the pandemic and economic shutdown that affected many tenants' ability to pay rent, the CAO's Public Rights Division helped draft one of the nation's very first eviction moratoriums and then conducted outreach and enforcement for that moratorium throughout the emergency period. As such housing crises invariably include a disproportionate and adverse impact on protected classes such as race and disability, the moratorium was no doubt itself a fair housing measure

"Santa Monica has enacted innovative, comprehensive and outstanding tenant protection laws beyond what almost any other city has done for its residents," said LAFLA senior attorney Denise McGranahan. "Santa Monica enforces its laws through its City Attorney's office and a network of agencies. Our work at LAFLA—to prevent homelessness and to help provide Santa Monica tenants with fair and habitable housing—has been dependent upon the array of these critical

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tenant protection laws"

INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

The PRD takes fair housing complaints from Santa Monica residents. For the past two years, the top two protected classes identified in these complaints have been source of income and disability. Most of the cases are resolved informally, using demand letters, calls, and meetings to either to persuade the need for a change in what the landlord is doing or to conclude that there is insufficient evidence of a fair housing violation. However, if there is sufficient evidence of ongoing fair housing violations and the landlord has refused to correct the problem, then the PRD often files a lawsuit in court to enforce the fair housing laws.

Here are examples of the fair housing cases litigated in the past two years by the CAO's Public Rights Division:

• A Santa Monica landlord allegedly rented exclusively to young female students, then regularly used his key to walk into their home without notice. The PRD obtained a preliminary injunction preventing the conduct and then a $100,000 award for the tenants and City.

• A landlord allegedly engaged in a campaign of unfair demands and rules to make life exceedingly difficult for a single mother and her severely disabled daughter. The PRD obtained seven injunctions against the landlord, including one that prohibited the landlord from coming within fifty feet of her rental property. The case goes to trial in October of 2022.

• A Santa Monica landlord (main tenant) allegedly threatened to report her subleasing tenants to the police based on their immigration status if they did not pay a higher rent or leave. The PRD obtained a first-of-its-kind injunction that prevents the defendant from subleasing apartments.

• Two different local landlords have allegedly refused to allow their disabled, senior, and severely rent-burdened tenants to use a Section 8 voucher to help pay the rent. The PRD has filed lawsuits in both cases and obtained an agreement pending trial in one in which the tenant only pays what would have been her share of the rent under the voucher pending trial.

• A landlord harassed a single mother with children by, among other things, refusing to make much needed repairs. The PRD and the tenant together obtained a permanent injunction that requires the landlord to hire a professional property manager. The landlord also paid $200,000 to the City and tenant.

• A landlord allegedly committed housing discrimination based on a tenant's race and national origin discrimination. Among other violations, the City alleged that the landlord made a discriminatory and racist remark to a tenant from Japan. For that remark, the City obtained a stipulated judgment for $19,000 and a permanent injunction against the landlord this month.

As mentioned above, many of the fair housing cases opened and closed in the past two years have been Section 8 discrimination cases in which housing providers eventually agreed to take the applications of voucher holders after initially saying no to the voucher. The PRD, often working with LAFLA, has resolved dozens of these cases in which the Section 8 voucher holder either got a new home or the severe rent-burden in their existing home was lifted. In one case in which PRD and LAFLA staff intervened, the mother of two children was finally able to move her family from a shelter on skid row and into a beautiful new apartment in Santa Monica.

"The passage of a bold source of income anti-discrimination law here in 2015 led to other cities and the state enacting similar protections," said McGranahan. "With the collaboration of the City Attorney's office, we have successfully assisted at least 15 voucher-holders in the past two years, to the benefit of the City's goals to maintain diversity and reduce homelessness."

OTHER EFFORTS BY PRD

There are three other projects by the PRD works that either directly or indirectly support fair housing. First, the division works with the Housing Division to help monitor compliance with the City's affordable housing laws and filed deed restrictions. As we have said before, affordable housing for people of all walks of life is a crucial piece of a community's fair housing puzzle. The division has also filed several first-of-their-kind lawsuits to enforce affordable housing rules and restrictions.

Second, the PRD helped spearhead outreach to all Santa Monica residents (both tenants and landlords) to help make them aware of how to apply for state's COVID-19 rental assistance. To date over $28 million dollars has been paid to Santa Monica tenants and landlords from the State's COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program.

Third, and in another effort to confront the expected post-pandemic wave of eviction attempts, the City has implemented a two-year pilot Right to Counsel program. The purpose of this program is to assure that low-income tenants caught in the squeeze created by the economic shutdowns have direct legal representation in eviction proceedings.

Under the City's pilot program and Los Angeles County's parallel program, StayHousedLA, LAFLA has already helped 40 Santa Monica tenants facing eviction obtain full-scope legal representation. Another 42 have received limited scope services. (For more information on how to apply for this service, go to StayHousedLA.org or call 888-694-0040.)

In conclusion, fifty-four years after the Fair Housing Act of 1968, it continues to be a challenging time for fair housing in our community. The Public Rights Division will continue to work with other City divisions and community partners to do all we can to keep the public aware of fair housing rights and obligations, and to use enforcement of our laws to help stop housing discrimination in Santa Monica whenever it appears.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 9069, the City of Santa Monica has filed petitions with the Los Angeles County Superior Court to recover apparently abandoned graves at the City of Santa Monica's Woodlawn Cemetery, Mausoleum, and Mortuary. The City is seeking to recover possession of the grave sites that were sold more than 50 years ago, but have not been used for interment purposes. Hearings on these petitions will be heard at 9:00 a.m. beginning May 13, 2022 and continuing through June 3, 2022 according to the schedule below in Department G of the Los Angeles Superior Court, West District (the Santa Monica Courthouse), located at 1725 Main Street. Any person may review the petitions in person at the office of the cemetery at 1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, or at the City Clerk's Office, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, or online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/cao/

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Turner	Hugh Miles & Florence	21SMCP00609	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 29)

Where there is a lack of community, you bring people together. Attractions develop. A warmhearted someone opens personal and professional doors for you. You'll make money with a talent for speaking, presenting or sales. Summer brings exciting and passionate encounters. A renovation changes your day-to-day life. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 22, 19 and 15.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Preconceived notions are obstacles to overcome. Having zero expectations makes it easier to accept what is. You'll be amazed at what you can do when you deal in realities instead of fantasies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Usually, the things you spend the most time doing will bring you the most results. Today is different. Something you do for only a few moments will be the source of your joy and good fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't think about how fun a job is. If it needs to be done, the mature person gets in there and gets it done with as little resistance as possible. The fun happens quite by accident.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The problem may not seem to be about you. And yet, if you're the one having it, it's unlikely a cosmic mistake. The interesting challenge of the day is in figuring out how much responsibility to take for what's happening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Social excitement erupts like a fire. Getting it started might take a moment, but once it gets going it will keep going until the fuel is exhausted. Fun times!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before you add anything, you should think twice because even a small addition can change the entire picture. This cannot be avoided. More moving parts result in more complexity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you're embarrassed by what you did a few years back, that's an excellent sign of your growth. If you're embarrassed by what you did a few weeks back, good! It's a sign of rapid improvement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you want to get good at something, there's much you could add to your practice. But if you want to get great, this will require you to go the opposite direction. Eliminate the extraneous and isolate only what works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Energy has dipped and progress has slowed down. Things will pick up after a good rest. If you needed an excuse to take one, consider this your permission slip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will connect the dots of a formerly fuzzy sketch. When you help someone learn things for the first time, you will relearn them in the process — everybody wins!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People are always trying to influence what you think. Take note of what you thought before you thought what they wanted you to think. Trust your free associations, first impression and gut responses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's true that things have taken a different shape from what you'd once envisioned. You'll note how fewer things frustrate and irritate you now. You are growing in compassion, including self-compassion.

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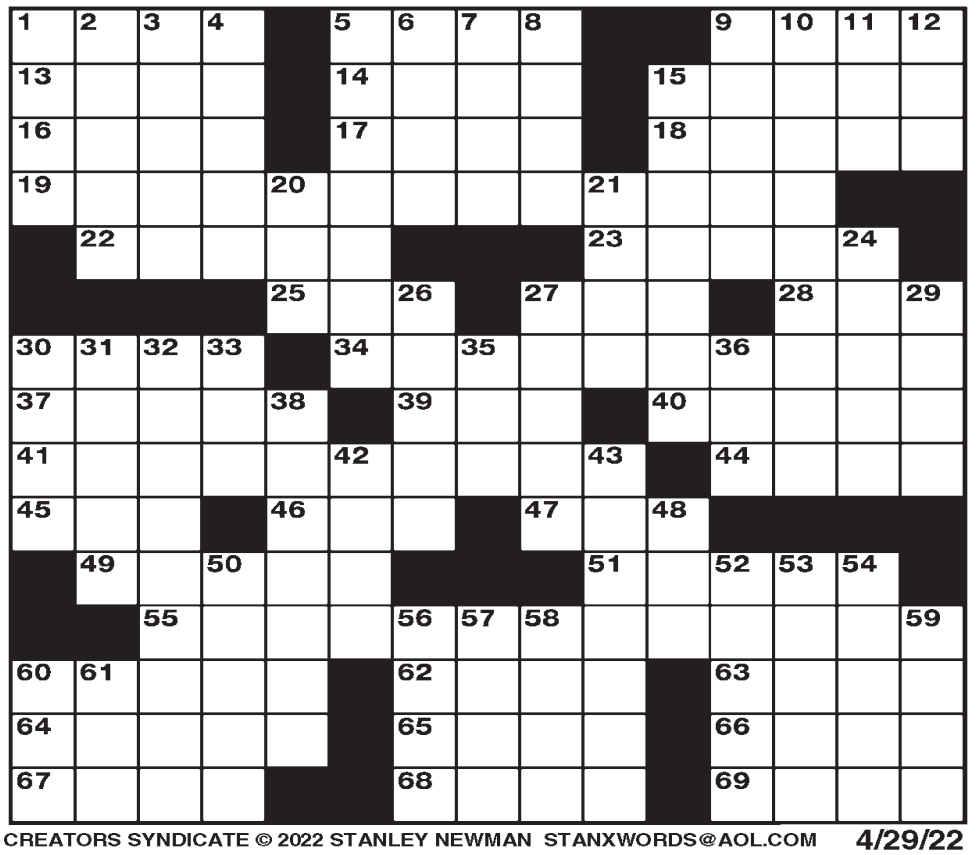
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Newsday Crossword

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9 Chip source
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14 One of five on an 18-wheeler
15 One of Africa's largest cities
16 Sorority letters
17 Symbol of belligerence
18 Nest-building primate
19 2000's UN head
22 Rinse or spin
23 Amazon speakers
25 Notable time
27 FNMA part, familiarly
28 Not just any
30 Marc Antony descendant
34 Goggles, gloves, parkas, etc.
37 Belief, in brief
39 What to read in the paper
40 Efforts
41 Chair's ruling
44 Innermost area
45 Colo __, CO
46 Cosmetics regulator
47 Lament loudly
49 Oscar actress Marisa
51 Forrest Gump's friend
55 Parts of some patios
60 Cultural character
62 Skyscraper beam
63 Minestrone __ Milanese
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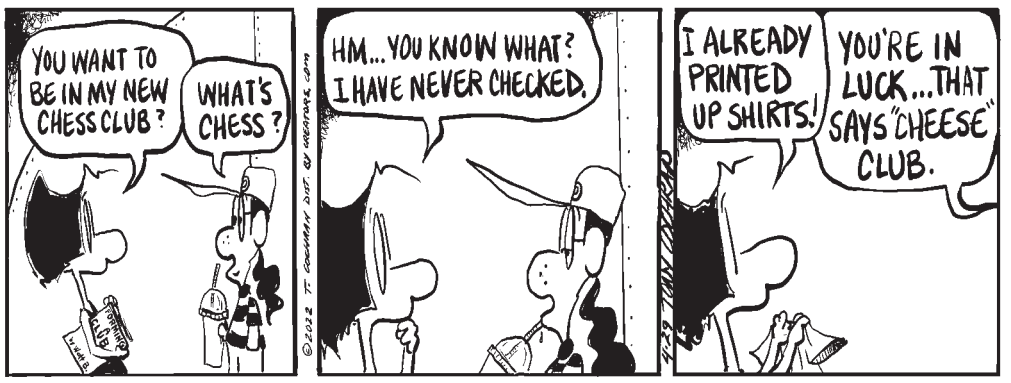
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10 Chamber music piece
11 Fancy vase
12 Track tenaciously
15 Designer's starting point
20 Toaster's choice
21 Tidal adjective
24 Diaphanous
26 Director Kurosawa
27 Whips up
29 Besides that
30 Sgts. and cpls.
31 Burst forth
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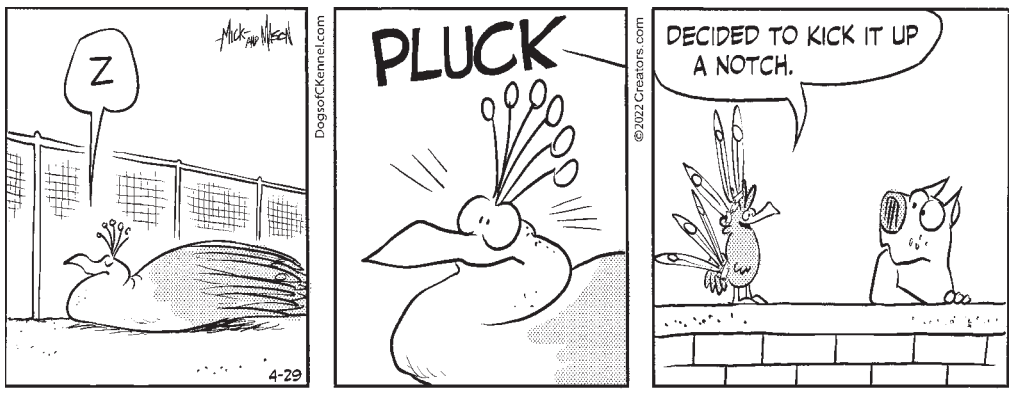
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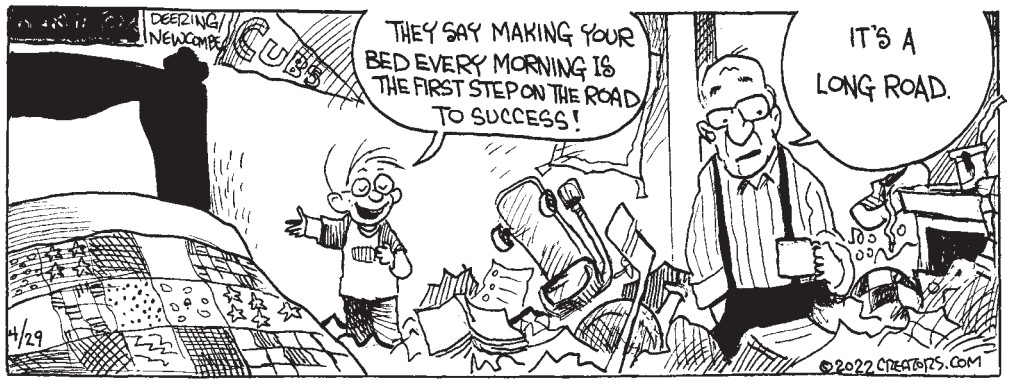
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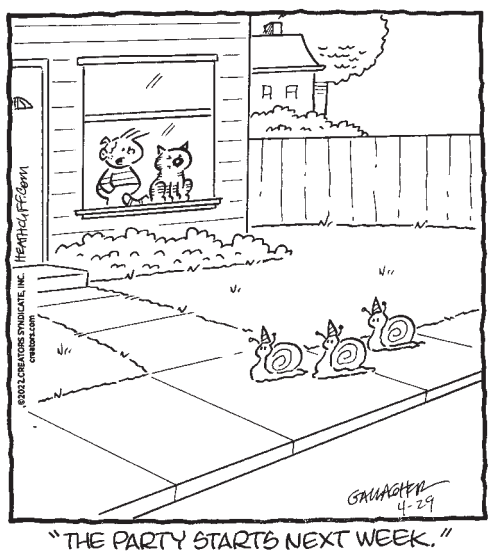
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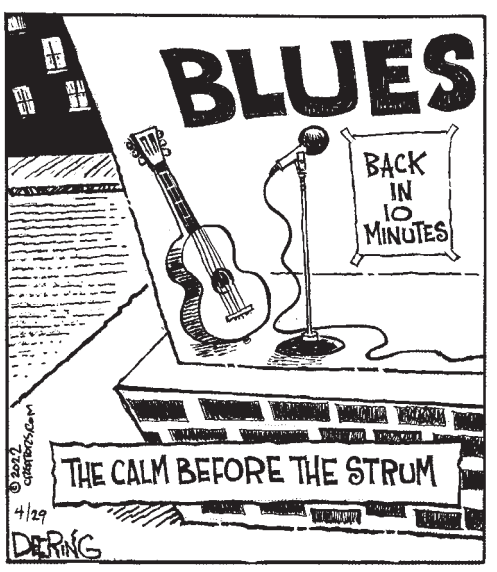
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"THE PARTY STARTS NEXT WEEK."

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

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FRIDAY | APRIL 29

AN EVENING WITH FRAN LEBOWITZ

In a cultural landscape filled with endless pundits and talking heads, Fran Lebowitz stands out as one of our most insightful social commentators. Appearing live in conversation at The Broad Stage following the unmitigated success of her Netflix series Pretend It's a City, this event promises her trademark, spot-on observations about contemporary living, mixed with the opportunity to ask Lebowitz your own scintillating questions. Purveyor of urban cool, Lebowitz is a cultural satirist whom many call the heir to Dorothy Parker. Broad Stage, 1310 11th St. $55-$110. https://thebroadstage.org/performances/arts-lectures/franlebowitz.

SATURDAY | APRIL 30

LAAMP OPEN HOUSE

The Los Angeles Academy for Artists and Music Production offers an avocational one-year program for contemporary artists, songwriters and music producers, founded by the legendary producer duo Stargate. If you would like a firsthand look into LAAMP here is your chance. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Laampmusic.com.

WELLNESS & WAVES

Whether you're looking to reset after a long and busy week, or are just wanting to get your sweat on, Wellness & Waves is here for you. Join for a free yoga workout that includes good vibes, ocean breezes and epic views. Come elevate your practice by connecting with nature, and meditating with the sunshine. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. 200 Santa Monica Pier. Register online at https://www.santamonicapier.org/happenings.

ARTS AND LITERACY FESTIVAL

The City of Santa Monica welcomes families back to Virginia Avenue Park on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for the annual Arts & Literacy Festival. This year's theme is "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs," and the event will host over thirty different community organizations offering games and activities that align with Santa Monica Cradle to Career Building Blocks for Kindergarten campaign. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Avenue.

BERGAMOT STATION ARTS CENTER SPRING FLING

Bergamot Station Arts Center invites you to our station-wide Spring Fling event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Don't miss this unparalleled arts and community celebration in Santa Monica. Bergamot Station is an internationally renowned creative arts complex, boasting over 20 galleries and creative businesses. The Spring Fling highlights gallery exhibitions and brings together artist talks, curator walk throughs, local vendors and special events. Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Avenue.

WALKS WITH BROCK

Meet Councilman Phil Brock at 8:30 a.m. at Hotchkiss Park (2302 Fourth Street) to talk policy. Street parking and bike racks available.

SUNDAY | MAY 1

WALK & TALK WITH ARCHITECT JOHN BERLEY

In this walk you will discover the intentions and hidden mysteries of the landmark Beach House, and hear how the past, present, and future are interrelated through design to harmonize the historic setting into an experience of delight, wonder, and a sense of well-being. Leading this walk and talk is John Berley, former Senior Associate with Frederick Fisher and Partners, who was responsible for managing the design and construction of the Annenberg Community Beach House. Walk & Talk with John Berley is a free event. Registration is requested (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-walk-talk-with-architect-john-berley-registration-310156254707). In-person registration will be available at Guest Services. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, 10 - 11 a.m.

STUDENTS TALK WITH AN EXPERT ABOUT RACIAL TRAUMA AT SCHOOL

The Committee For Racial Justice will hold a student forum for their free monthly workshop which is open to all. This forum will provide a safe space for students to share some of their difficult experiences at school and talk with an expert in racial trauma and its generational effects. Follow link to register in order to be sent the link to join the meeting: 6:30 - 8 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlf-ChrDsqGdbB9SKU7dddMqAIQy1juhwz

MONDAY | MAY 2

SNOOZER'S STORYTIME ADVENTURES

Weekly on Mondays: May 2, 9, 16 & 23 / 12:00 p.m. / Access via link below. Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a virtual series that brings children's books to life with an uplifting story, craft, and song. Access the program here: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists.

TUESDAY | MAY 3

LIVE COMEDY AT HI SANTA MONICA

Join Comedians from The Tonight Show, Conan, Comedy Central, and more as they perform comedy in English to a group of foreign tourists every Sat. and Tues. at 8:30 p.m. at HI - Los Angeles Santa Monica Hostel, with an after Party "Hang" at The Craftsman (2nd & Broadway). Event is free but registration is recommended. Please register on https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-live-comedy-every-tues-sat-830pm-1436-2nd-st-santa-monica-ca-tickets-229214435547. Free Snacks and Refreshments! BYOB Also Allowed.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **61.2**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Fresh SSW swell tops out as lingering WNW swell mixes in. Morning conditions leave something to be desired as SE/S eddy wind continues.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Nice morning with clean surf and incoming tide. SSW swell continues with a little NW swell blending in. Best at Southern Hemi focal points.

WEATHER

Friday: Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 66. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/04/29	Fri	03:25 AM	-0.10	L
2022/04/29	Fri	09:27 AM	4.26	H
2022/04/29	Fri	3:05 PM	0.72	L
2022/04/29	Fri	9:19 PM	5.63	H
2022/04/30	Sat	04:00 AM	-0.37	L
2022/04/30	Sat	10:08 AM	4.00	H
2022/04/30	Sat	3:30 PM	1.13	L
2022/04/30	Sat	9:43 PM	5.67	H
2022/05/01	Sun	04:36 AM	-0.49	L
2022/05/01	Sun	10:50 AM	3.71	H
2022/05/01	Sun	3:53 PM	1.53	L
2022/05/01	Sun	10:07 PM	5.62	H
2022/05/02	Mon	05:12 AM	-0.49	L
2022/05/02	Mon	11:35 AM	3.42	H
2022/05/02	Mon	4:15 PM	1.90	L
2022/05/02	Mon	10:31 PM	5.47	H
2022/05/03	Tue	05:51 AM	-0.38	L
2022/05/03	Tue	12:26 PM	3.14	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/27
11 36 61 62 68
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/26
5 7 19 46 69
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 43 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/27
3 11 13 23 34
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 38 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/27
1 4 18 23 25

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/27
EVENING: 7 7 3
Draw Date: 4/27
MIDDAY: 4 1 1

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Draw Date: 4/27
1st: 05 - California Classic
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3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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