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Council continues to dissect the already convoluted issue of cannabis retail

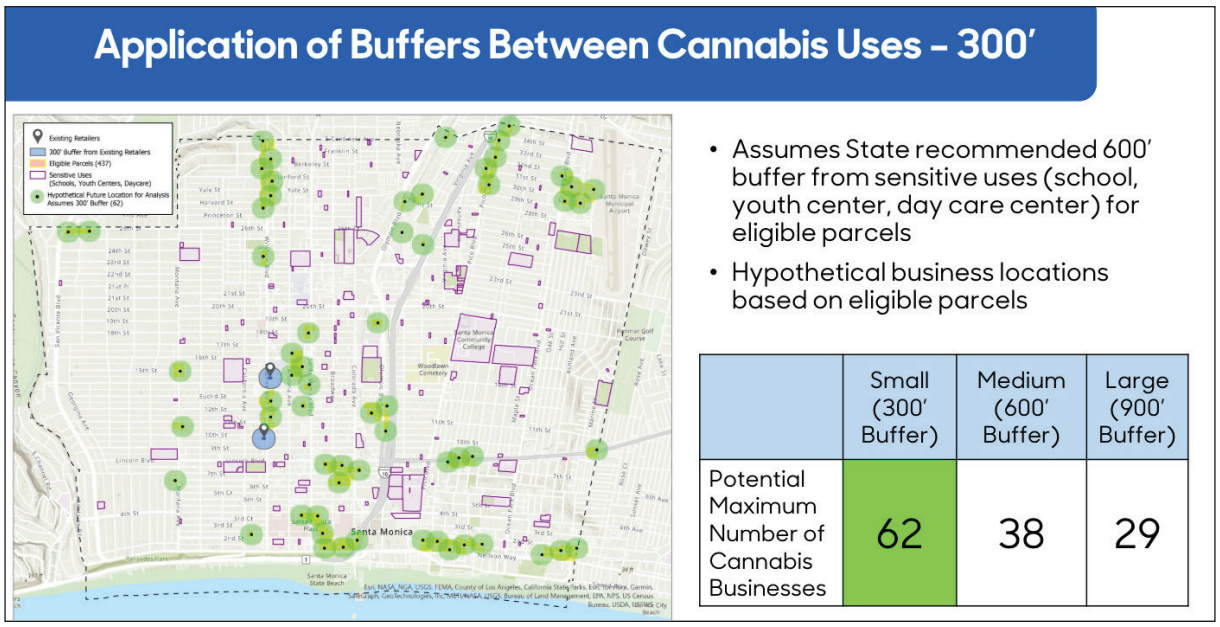
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While the City of Santa Monica is well behind the times when it comes to allowing and regulating cannabis sales in town, officials are attempting to turn that bug into a feature by embedding social equity rules into as-yet unwritten laws that will allow recreational cannabis dispensaries into the city.

Santa Monica has issued permits for two medical dispensaries but is expanding rules to allow recreational businesses to open. Those rules will incorporate some restrictions on proximity to sensitive sites but the focus of discussion last month was on ways to incentivize certain populations to enter the business.

According to the staff presentation, "cannabis social equity" recognizes "the long-term impact of the criminalization of cannabis upon minority communities" and "promotes equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry" and finally decreases "disparities and improves outcome among identified groups that have been most affected by the war on drugs."

The city has already secured a $40,000 Cannabis Equity Grant from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to fund a cannabis equity assessment. That assessment looks at what the local impacts of cannabis enforcement policies have been, and the groups that have been most strongly impacted. Staff said that once the assessment has identified



Courtesy City of Santa Monica

DISPENSARIES: Santa Monica is behind the times when it comes to regulating cannabis sales in the city.

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Employee union to receive wage increases in tentative agreement with the school district

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After an elongated negotiation period between Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) officials and Union SEIU Local 99, district employees have received many of their asked-for provisions, including pay raises and extended working hours.

Local 99, which represents many of the district's employees, has reached a tentative contract agreement with SMMUSD that secured union members an 18% wage increase through the 2025-26 school year. The agreement included a 5% wage increase plus retroactive pay to January, a 3% wage increase effective July 1, and two-step adjustment wage increases of 5% during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

UNION: Union SEIU Local 99, seen here in a March rally outside of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District headquarters, recently reached a tentative agreement with the district.

Other provisions in the tentative agreement are a $1,000 bonus for all members upon agreement ratification, increased bases for positions like Security Officers and Food & Nutrition Service workers,

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Captain sentenced to four years following boat fire in 2019 that killed 34

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The captain of the charter boat MV Conception that caught fire during the night and killed 34 people on board near Santa Cruz Island on Labor Day 2019 was sentenced to four years in prison for gross negligence on Thursday.

In the Los Angeles federal courthouse that was packed with relatives of the victims, US District Judge George H. Wu handed down the four year sentence to Jerry Boylan, 70, which will be followed by three years supervised probation with the condition that he participate in mental health treatment. A restitution hearing was scheduled for July 11, at which time, or shortly thereafter, Boylan will begin his sentence. Until then, he remains free on a $75,000 bail bond.

Boylan remained in an almost catatonic state throughout the hearing. He refused to say anything or make eye contact with any of the victim's relatives, even when one demanded that he do so.

"I cannot make the defendant look at you," Wu said after it was clear that Boylan was not going to move.

On the night of September 2, 2019, shortly after 3am, the 75-foot (23-meter) dive boat caught fire and eventually sank off the coast of Santa Cruz Island. The boat was anchored overnight at Platts Harbor, a small undeveloped bay on the island's north shore, with 33 passengers and one crew member asleep below decks when the fire broke out. Five crew members,

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KIOSK: Residents have been intrigued with the recent installation of a Wayfinder Kiosk at the southeast corner of Wilshire Blvd. and 4th St.

SMDP STAFF REPORT

SAMOHI STUDENTS GET A WAGE OF POTENTIAL FUTURE PROFESSIONS:

On April 24, Santa Monica High School hosted the Samohi Futures Fair on campus, with a host of local businesses coming out to share information and possibilities with Samohi students. Put together by former Santa Monica City Councilmember Greg Lorena, a committee of Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce members and Samohi leadership, the fair included businesses in five district fields: Hospitality, Retail, Real Estate, Technology and Government. In addition, Samohi seniors were able to take part in a flex-time panel that included Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock and Mayor Pro Tem Lana Negrete.

MULTIPLE OFFICERS BURGLARIZED IN SMDP'S BUILDING:

An unknown suspect broke into the building that houses the Santa Monica Daily Press offices in the property and ransacking several. The suspect is believed to have broken the window of a vacant office to gain entry to the building and then used a fire extinguisher from the building to smash the door handles of most suites, forcing doors open that were not dead-bolted. While the building is predominantly vacant, a handful of offices, including the Legal Aid office and the Santa Monica Daily Press remain. While some tenants said they would close until further notice, SMDP remains open.

SAMMY'S LAW PUSHES PAST STATE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

In April, the California State Senate Judiciary Committee voted 9-0 to move SB 1444, also known as the Let Parents Choose Protection Act of 2024 or Sammy's Law, onto the Senate Appropriations Committee. Authored by state Senator Henry Stern, D-Calabasas, the bill would require large social media platform providers "to create, maintain and make available" a set of third-party software applications to manage a child's "online interactions, content and account settings," which would notify parents or guardians when a child's account is interacted with by harmful solicitors such as drug or firearm dealers. Fighting for this bill are a group of parents who have linked their childrens' interactions on social media platform Snapchat, run by Santa Monica-based company Snap, Inc., to drug-related deaths.

FOLLOWING RECENT OFFICE BURGLARIES, SUSPECT ATTEMPTS TO SET FIRE TO SMDP OFFICE BUILDING:

A homeless man tried to set fire to the SMDP building this past week, with the suspect remaining on the loose. The incident occurred just days after the building was burglarized and follows a recent squatting incident at the adjacent property. On April 29 at about 9 a.m., SMDP employees saw a man approach the building from the south end of the 1600 block of 5th Street. The suspect appeared to be trying to enter the property and when employees went to contact building security, they saw the suspect crouching at the corner of the front door trying to ignite debris. SMDP employees saw the suspect holding a piece of flaming trash and exited the building to confront the suspect who threw the ember into the storm drain underneath the sidewalk before walking away. The debris and trash in the storm drain quickly caught fire sending smoke into the street prompting multiple calls to 9-1-1. The Santa Monica Fire Department responded within minutes to extinguish the flames.

SAMOTECH CONTINUES SUPERNOVA ASCENT TO TOP OF ROBOTICS FIELD:

In March, the SaMoTech Robotics team in partnership with local middle school squad

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BECOMING SANTA MONICA

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Escaping The Once Glorious Promenade's Death Spiral

MILES WARNER

There is a scene in the 1986 film 'Pretty In Pink' where Ducky, (Jon Cryer) professes his love for Andie (Molly Ringwald), by lip syncing Otis Redding.

It's a bittersweet moment, one that encapsulates the longing and rejection of young infatuation. Set in a cute little record shop (remember those) called 'Trax' on the corner of Broadway and Third Street, it is a time capsule of a long-ago forgotten place we all once knew: The Third Street Promenade.

Indeed, the Promenade seems like a shadow of the place that was once the hub of the city's retail world. A place where people would come from all over the Westside, if not the world to congregate, to buy things and to see movies.

The promenade didn't just happen organically. It was a scheme that developed over many years, starting with the advent of pedestrian only access in 1965 and growing into a place that locals and tourists from around the world alike visited.

When I walk around the promenade these days, which I will admit is rare, I find a retail center that hardly resembles the famous Third Street Promenade of my youth.

I see lots of empty storefronts, with an estimated 20%-30% retail vacancy. Along the cobbled path, the line of cute Adirondack chairs, are mostly filled with sleeping unhoused people. Used needles occupy dark corners between buildings and it seems that the majority of patrons are international tourists—the locals have moved on.

The promenade's fall from grace is complicated. It coincides with a litany of issues: brick and mortar retail undergoing a huge transformation, the opioid epidemics' arrival on our preverbal shores, declining movie theatre patronage, the connecting of downtown LA and downtown SM via the Expo line, and other crosstown retail options that are newer, shinier, cleaner... just to name a few.

But there are also clear issues created by the city. Highly restrictive zoning made the natural evolution of the street, which might've become a place with nightclubs and bars or at the very least more restaurants, impossible. These rules made it very dependent on retail that for now just isn't there like it used to be.

Some folks have decried the needle exchange at Reed Park and the county's shrouding of its existence, suggesting that it attracts users. Like so many national issues, it seemed like the opioid crisis might not touch us. With our variety of industries and rise in affluence over the past few decades, we weren't like those rust-belt towns where young people seemingly had few opportunities—where older Americans were dying deaths of despair. No, we were different.

Not this time. We didn't escape dystopia. We're overdosing too.

Some have suggested harsh measures to rid downtown of its ever-present mentally ill population, who episodically act out in ways that are disturbing to those around them. Police in local communities used to just drop unhoused people off on skid row and walk away. Problem solved. Nearly twenty years ago the ACLU sued Santa Monica for using police to arrest or harass unhoused people in order to get them to go elsewhere, so that option is legally off the table, not to mention reprehensible.

Over forty years ago, Reagan successfully deinstitutionalized the mentally ill and while there's a lot to unpack there, it effectively put mentally ill people who needed help onto the streets. While we spend millions of dollars trying to help these ill people, what's evolved since then is not working.

What are businesses supposed to do? It's hard to attract patrons when there is someone screaming nearby or violently throwing up in a public trash can, as was recently witnessed.

The Santa Monica Place has been put in "Special Servicing" which is an alternative to default, receiving its final loan extension after several failed attempts at new financing.

Store owners complain of an unprecedented uptick in shoplifting, and the powerlessness that they experience when the police don't or can't do anything about it even when thieves are caught.

What percentage of the unhoused in Santa Monica are mentally ill? What percentage are addicted to drugs? How does increased homelessness effect the crime rate? How many are coming here because they've heard we have great homeless services? These aren't pleasant questions, but they're things many of us think about.

My aim over the next few months is to explore these and many more questions. I have reached out to the Santa Monica Housing and Human Services Director and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. in hopes that they can shed light on what Santa Monica is doing and plans to do to tackle these issues.

Our days with Ducky in the Trax record store will likely never return, but I'm certain there is a way forward for the promenade and for our humanitarian desire to help those without homes. It may be like so many times before, where Santa Monica has to lead the way forward for the rest of the state and the nation. Or it may be that we need greater societal changes. But somethings gotta give.

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



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.9**

MONDAY — ***POOR TO FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Worth keeping an eye on. NW swell mix could clean up as late season coastal low exits the region. Also some small SW/SSW swell in the mix. Not a great outlook but the beachbreaks west of Dume could be fun enough.

TUESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Morning wind is looking light, but deeper mid AM high tide slows many breaks. Should be up in size for the summer points as long period SSW swell builds from Monday and there's enough NW energy left to help shape west of Dume.

Weather

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 66.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

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After losing population in recent years, California is starting to grow again. Is that a good thing?

DAN WALTERS

After Jerry Brown became governor of California for the first time nearly a half-century ago, he declared that the state had entered "an era of limits."

Citing "sluggish economic growth, increasing social instability, widespread unemployment and unprecedented environmental challenges," Brown told state legislators in his 1976 state of the state speech, "In place of a manifest economic destiny, we face a sober reassessment of new economic realities, and we all have to get used to it."

At the time, his rather gloomy observation seemed to be in line with current events. California had seen startling population growth and economic expansion in the decades after World War II, becoming the most populous state in 1962 during the governorship of Brown's father, Pat Brown.

However, population growth slowed in the 1970s after the postwar baby boom had waned. By then the state's economy was undergoing a dramatic, dislocating transformation from industrialism to post-industrial domination by trade, services and technology.

As it turned out, however, the conditions Brown cited, which he translated into fiscal austerity for state government, were merely a pause, not a permanent new reality.

California boomed in the 1980s, with Ronald Reagan's administration pumping many billions of dollars into the state's aerospace sector for a military buildup and a population surge driven by waves of migration, mostly from Latin America and Asia, and a new baby boom.

Between 1980 and 1990, California's population increased by more than 6 million people to nearly 30 million. The 26% gain meant California gained a whopping seven new congressional seats after the 1990 census.

However, things began to slow down shortly thereafter. In the 1990s, the end of the Cold War with the Soviet Union manifested itself in sharp cutbacks in military spending, leading to a recession and an exodus of aerospace workers and their families.

Population grew slowly over the next two decades and declined during the COVID-19 pandemic as stay-at-home workers fled to states with less expensive housing, foreign immigration slowed, the death rate rose and the birth rate declined.

However, a new report from the state Department of Finance's demographics unit says that after four years of population loss, California gained a tiny bit in 2023, "driven by decreased mortality and a rebound in legal foreign immigration."

The gain was 67,000 residents, bringing California's population to 39,128,162, the department's demographers found as they calculated the various factors that influence population changes. What they call "natural growth" – births minus deaths – increased from 106,700 in 2022 to 118,400 in 2023, largely because the death rate dropped after spiking upward during the pandemic.

California's 1980s baby boom is just a faint memory, however. At one point Californians were producing more than 600,000 babies each year, the equivalent of more than one birth every minute, but the state's birthrate has dropped to a record low and it now has one of the nation's lowest fertility rates, according to a new study released this week.

The Birth Industry Lawyers Group, which specializes in maternity legal issues, used federal data to report that California's fertility rate over the past several years, 55 per 1,000 women, is below the national rate of 58.8 and ninth lowest among the states. South Dakota is the most fecund state with a 71.2 fertility rate, followed closely by North Dakota.

The new Department of Finance report projects that with the effects of pandemic worn off, California's population will continue to grow, albeit slowly.

The new data raise an old question: Is California better off with an increasing population or do the demands of more people just make things more complicated by increasing competition for jobs, housing and other necessities of life?

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

GET IT DAILY...

COMMUNITY NEWS

11th Street

Santa Monica College Annual Student Art Show Gallery Reception May 11

The Santa Monica College Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery will present the annual SMC Art Department Student Exhibit. The theme for this year's show is "Are You Seen?" The exhibition — featuring 70 pieces chosen from more than 150 works submitted by students in SMC's art classes — will be open to the public from Monday, May 6, through Monday, May 20, with a gallery reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

SMC art students selected the exhibition's theme with these thoughts in mind:

Consider your past, present, and future self — how do you want to be seen internally or externally? To be seen is to feel loved, accepted, respected, included, and validated. What does perception mean to you and what is it all for? Your perception differs from those around you, so how has your personal experience affected your own perception of the world around you? Allow for your inner vision to portray how you feel seen.

SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery is located at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica. Exhibits, gallery talks, and opening receptions are free.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, please call 310-434-3434.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

11th Street

SMC Symphony Orchestra and CSUN Animation Department to Present Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" May 12

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present the SMC Symphony Orchestra and the California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Animation Department in a performance of "Pictures at an Exhibition," by Modest Mussorgsky. The concert will be held on Sunday, May 12, at 4 p.m. in The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Director Mercedes Juan Musotto and Concertmaster Andrea Sanderson will lead the orchestra in a lively concert. The music will be accompanied by animations created by CSUN students guided by Animation Professor Mark Farquhar.

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

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323. All performances subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Immigrants enhance our communities

Editor:

Every single day, I see folks who've come here to the U.S. from other countries, contributing to our communities in multifarious ways. Like those of us fortunate enough to have been born in this country, immigrants and their families here are living, working, striving, surviving, aspiring to make a better life, and, in many cases, thriving. That's what the American Dream is all about! Statistics (dull as they are) show that newcomers contribute way, way more to local economies, compared with the value of government-provided services they may receive. There's almost no way to avoid seeing it. Construction workers, hotel & restaurant employees, teachers aides & educators, nurses & physicians, small business owners, vendors at farmers markets, and so on. It may be challenging at times, not to be swayed by divisive rhetoric from certain media outlets (you know what you are, Fox). All the more reason to celebrate the richness & diversity in culture, language, cuisine, etc. that immigrants bring!

Hal Bogotch, Santa Monica

Bad service

Editor:

USPS —Today, Santa Monica. Long line, one clerk. I waited maybe 40 minutes. The clerk had to go get packages elsewhere = 0 clerk. I returned at 4:30 knowing they would add a clerk. they did around 4:40 so I waited less than 30 minutes...what a way to run a gov office.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24SMCP00194 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Duane Yoichi Kumagae for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Duane Yoichi Kumagae a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Duane Yoichi Kumagae to Duane Kumagai The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 06/07/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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CANNABIS

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affected communities, the city can explore a variety of policy options for promoting equity, which could include priority application and expedited licensing for equity applicants, technical assistance, and investment of future cannabis tax revenues in community programs.

"In addition to the cost of developing and funding the equity program, the anticipated staffing needs would escalate depending on the policy option chosen," Ana Fernandez, Associate Planner, City of Santa Monica said.

Council were asked to provide feedback on the scale of the equity incentives and whether they should be incorporated into the rules allowing recreational sales or passed after the fact.

"I think that we know that for decades, there's been an over criminalization of Black and Brown communities, specifically for minor drug offenses," said Councilmember Caroline Torosis. "And the whole point of these social equity programs is that we're centering the people who have been harmed by the war on drugs, you know, investments in who can have an advantage of coming into the industry, and earning revenue off of that industry. So I would say to me, having a social equity program is non negotiable."

Councilmembers were also asked to consider a cap on potential cannabis businesses as means of protecting against market saturation. However, Santa Monica's extremely delayed approval process for medicinal permits combined with the overall state of the industry prompted the Council to approve a limitation of only one business per block rather than an overall cap on businesses in the city.

The first cannabis dispensary opened in the city of Santa Monica back in June, more than a year and a half after the permit was granted in October 2021, six years after the application was requested in December 2017 and over 26 years since medical marijuana was made legal in the state of California.

A second dispensary was approved in January 2022, at 1416 Wilshire Blvd, but there's still no news on when that might actually open. It wasn't even mentioned in this meeting. Moreover, the license to move from medical to recreational retail was only granted to the sole outlet in the city in December of last year.

Council gave direction for distancing requirements to maintain the state-required 600-foot buffer from sensitive uses and to add an additional 300-foot buffer between cannabis businesses.

Councilmember Jesse Zwick asked, "Do we allow bars to sell alcohol or gas stations to sell cigarettes within 600 feet of sensitive use sites in Santa Monica? Yes, so let's talk about why we need to do this at all."

"The state requires a 600 feet buffer from the sensitive uses, that's their default," Shira Moch, City Planner, City of Santa Monica responded. "At the last council study session, it had been brought up that we look into buffers between cannabis uses. So that's why we brought these different options. But I wanted to point out that some other cities actually do treat some of the cannabis uses similarly to alcohol, where it's not actually treated any differently than that type of entitlement."

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UNION

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and improved health care benefits for part-time workers. Voting to ratify the contract amongst Local 99 members will take place between Monday and Wednesday.

"We extend our gratitude to our bargaining team, (SMMUSD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mark Kelly) and the district's team for their tireless efforts and dedication in reaching this agreement for our members," said SEIU Local 99 Chief Steward Chris Mock at the May 2 SMMUSD Board of Education meeting. "Most importantly, we want to thank our SEIU Local 99 members for their unwavering support, patience and presence in board meetings and various sites. Together, we stand united, strong and as one."

Another highlight of the deal, Mock noted, was an agreement to extend work calendars for Paraeducators, Health Office Specialists and Food & Nutrition Workers from working just the school year to a 10-month schedule, which Mock said allows for "much needed time for training and other professional development opportunities."

The Paraeducator position also played a role in the future of district Physical Activity Specialist (PAS) staff members at elementary sites. SMMUSD board passed a resolution in February to reduce PAS positions by 6.75 full-time equivalent positions, equal to nine employees.

After this reduction, Local 99 engaged with each of the impacted employees individually, with Mock announcing at the May 2 meeting that these employees have either accepted district positions as Paraeducators or plan to enter credentialing programs to return as teacher trainees at school sites.

A federal program monitoring report from the California Department of Education in September 2023 stated that the district was non-compliant as far as PAS employees not possessing requisite teaching credentials or specific physical education training. In a board discussion about the PAS reduction in February, Dr. Kelly stated that the impacted employees could credentialing programs through the Los Angeles County Office of Education or a class at a local college, with a credential able to be obtained through having a Bachelor's Degree plus a fifth year of study in a credentialing program. The Paraeducator position, namely Paraeducator-3, was also mentioned by Kelly as a potential role since the position is in the same pay range as a PAS.

Mock also stated that Local 99 has been collaborating with SMMUSD Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Dr. Steven Richardson, in planning new elementary school physical education programs, which includes input from PAS staff to develop schedules. The program, Mock added, contains the possibility for new PAS openings which was "exciting" for the Local 99 official.

During his board meeting report, SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton said the district is moving forward in the school year "in a way people feel valued," and thanked Dr. Kelly as well as Assistant Superintendent of Business and Fiscal Services Melody Canady for their work in achieving the tentative agreement.

"Having this leadership in place and working with and through the support and guidance of our school board, this was made possible," Shelton said.

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LIONS ROAR

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LIONS: The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions have been busy, including planting two trees at the Santa Monica Airport Park on April 25.

The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions have been busy this month with tree planting, working with young children, leadership training and having elections.

Enjoying the sparkling California sunshine, Lions and potential Lions joined with the SM Urban Forrest team in celebrating Arbor Day. This year we planted two trees at the SM Airport Park on Thursday, April 25th. Making the event even more fun was seeing fellow service club members from the Kiwanis, Women's Breakfast Club and Rotary.

A few days later, on Saturday, we participated in the annual SM Arts & Literacy Festival hosted at the Virginia Avenue Park. This year's theme, "The Robots Are Here," was a big hit with children and adults alike. We had a steady stream of families helping create their own colorful robots at our booth and it was fun watching each child be so creative. The other booths were filled with more creative projects, children were walking around in robot costumes, there was a train families could ride circling the event and the story stage drew a large crowd. We were in the perfect spot with a robot racing track on one side of us, Curbie, the SM Recycling robot on the other side, and Coco the food delivery robot zipping around across from us.

One of our co-president elects, Derrick Beerensteyn, attended a District Leadership Conference a couple of weeks ago and shared at one of our meetings his experience and the inspiration he received from meeting such a diverse group of Lions from all over California. They shared challenges, successes and their love of serving their communities. Derrick took full advantage of it and is excited to bring some new ideas to the Club as one of our new leaders.

To bring as many new ideas to our Club as possible, we will have four co-presidents next year. While Kathy Boole and Susan DeRemer will continue for another year, Derrick and Pam Andrews will be joining the quartet. A full list of officers can be found on our website.

If you are looking for new ways to become a part of the Santa Monica and Pacific Palisades communities, come join us for a meeting or at one of our volunteer events. Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm at the SM Elks Lodge. If you are interested in possibly becoming a member or joining any of our community activities, please contact Kingsley at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. You can also learn more about us from our Facebook, Instagram and website.

Submitted by Susan DeRemer, visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/santamonica/index.php for more information.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notification hereby is given that Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, 101 N. Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104, has filed on May 6, 2024 an application with the Comptroller of the Currency, as specified in 12 C.F.R. 5.30 of the Comptroller's regulations, for permission to change the location of its Santa Fe Springs branch from 11701 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County, CA 90670 to Gateway Plaza, 13360 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County, CA 90670.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with Large Bank Licensing, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 7 Times Square, 10th Floor Mailroom, New York, NY 10036 within 30 days after the date of this publication. The public may find information about the filing in the OCC's Weekly Bulletin available at www.occ.gov. Additionally, the public portion of the filed application is available upon request.

CONCEPTION

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whose sleeping quarters were on the top deck, survived while everyone else on board died.

The cause of the fire has never been officially confirmed, but it's believed that the likely point of origin was in the aft part of the salon deck and the most likely source was the electrical distribution system. Simply put, the boat was built before a time when paying passengers had iPhones, cameras and a whole host of other electrical devices that all needed charging.

The incident is considered the worst maritime disaster in modern California history. Boylan's sentencing is for a single charged count of misconduct or neglect of ship officer, a pre-Civil War law also known as "seaman's manslaughter."

The National Transportation Safety Board concluded "the probable cause of the accident on board the small passenger vessel Conception was the failure of Truth Aquatics, Inc, to provide effective oversight of its vessel and crewmember operations, including requirements to ensure that a roving patrol was maintained, which allowed a fire of unknown cause to grow, undetected, in the vicinity of the aft salon on the main deck."

Many of the relatives were angry, some banged their fists on the lectern, some sobbed uncontrollably. Many showed photographs of their loved ones who had been lost, Robert Kurtz, father of the sole deckhand killed, Alexandra Kurtz, brought a small urn containing her ashes.

Some, who weren't angry, just wanted an appropriate sentence that might set a higher standard in maritime safety. In total, 18 people spoke in an emotional series of addresses that lasted nearly two hours. However, everyone wanted a longer sentence than four years.

Following a 15 minute recess, the defense council, led by Georgina Wakefield. Deputy Federal Public Defender, asked if they could read a prepared statement from Boylan.

"For almost five years, I've wanted to send a message to everybody affected by the fire. Because of the advice from my lawyers, I haven't been able to. I know that my words will not change anything. But I hope it might help in some way. I'm not someone who shows a lot of emotion, but I've cried almost every day since September 2, 2019. I offer my deepest condolences to everybody affected by the fire on Conception. By everybody, I mean everybody. The people that died, the crew that barely survived and the families and friends, everyone that was touched by this. Not an hour goes by without me thinking about you. I wish I could have brought everyone home safe. It was my goal and I failed. I am so sorry," Wakefield read.

Wu remarked that this was among the hardest decisions he'd had to make in his professional career. "This is actually one of the most difficult set of things that I've ever done. And I've been a judge for 30 years in both the state court and federal court," he said.

Among the victims was Santa Monica resident Charles McIlvain, a visual effects designer who had worked at Netflix, Disney and Sony Pictures. McIlvain, who'd recently celebrated turning 44, had gone diving on the Conception with Marybeth Guiney, a friend who lived in his condo building in Santa Monica. Guiney, 51, was a sales director who had previously worked for the New England Patriots.

Yadira Alvarez, the mother of 16-year-old Berenice Felipe who had dreamed of becoming a marine biologist and was the youngest of the 34 victims killed on the boat. "He's not a victim. He is responsible for my daughter not being here. Can you imagine my pain?" Alvarez said, sobbing.

Speaking to gathered media on the steps of the courthouse, Martin Estrada, United States Attorney said, "I want to be very clear that what happened here in this incident was not an accident. This was a criminal act. If this defendant had not failed to take basic security measures, those victims would still be with us here today. And all these families behind me would not have to suffer the grief that they have been going through.

"This defendant never accepted responsibility for his actions. But he was convicted. Thankfully, a jury convicted him for his crimes. And today he's been sentenced to four years. And certainly, four years was not what we wanted. We wanted 10 years, we thought the appropriate sentence was 10 years in this case, but the sentence is determined by the judge. We respect that process, the judge determines the sentence, but certainly we thought 10 years is appropriate here," Estrada said.

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REACTION: Martin Estrada, United States Attorney, spoke to the members of the press gathered outside the Federal Courthouse in LA.



SMPD Arrests Apr 26th to May 2nd

Crime	Arrests
Assault & Battery	5
Drunk in Public	5
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	5
Warrant	5
Possession of Methamphetamines	4
Shoplifting	4
Assault	2
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	2
Corporal Injury To Spouse	2
Parole Violation	2
Possession of a Controlled Substance	2
Violation of Stay-away Order	2
Battery on a Peace Officer	1
Brandishing a Deadly Weapon	1
Burglary	1
Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger	1
Drinking in Public Park or Beach	1
Driving Under Combined Influence of Alcohol And Drugs	1
Driving Under the Influence	1
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	1
DUI of Alcohol And Drugs Causing Bodily Injury	1
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	1
False Impersonation	1
Fugitive	1
Illegal Riding on Sidewalk	1
Kidnapping	1
Loitering in Parking Structure	1
Obstructing a Business Establishment	1
Possession of ammunition by prohibited person	1
Possession of Drugs for Sale	1
Probation Violation	1
Public Nudity	1
Rape	1
Resisting an Executive Officer	1
Resisting Arrest	1
Robbery	1
Sexual Battery	1
Trespassing	1
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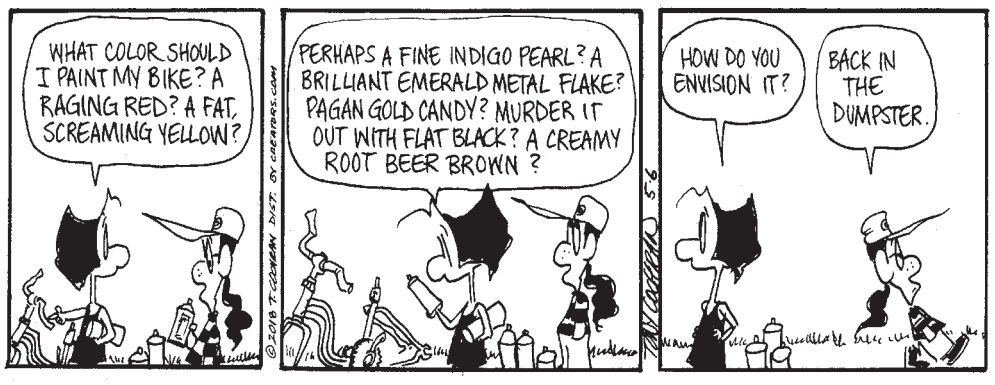
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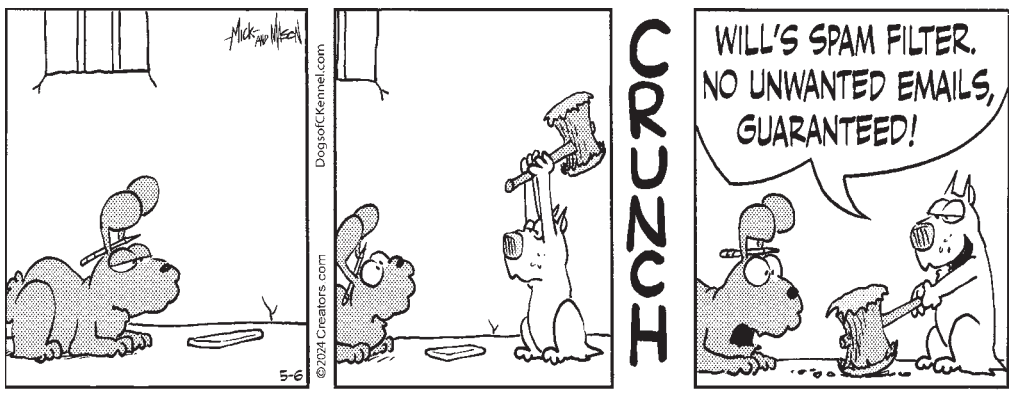
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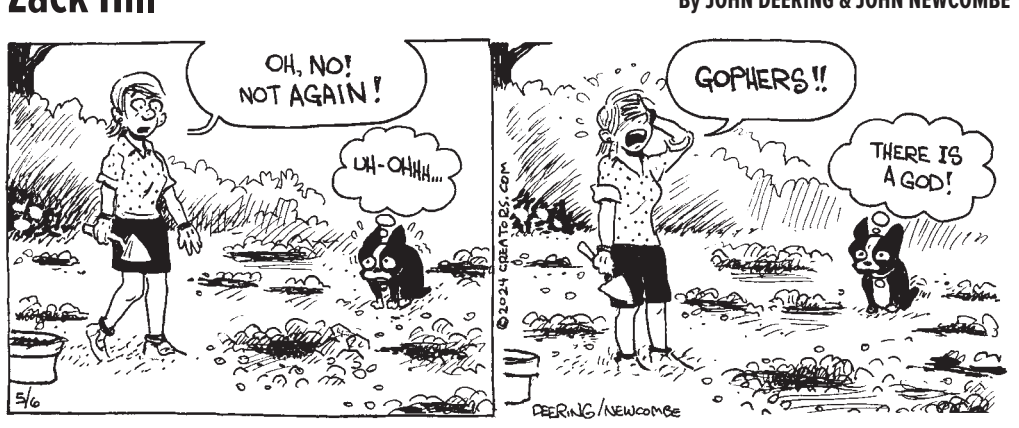
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Attack	Flags	Real	Signs
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Belt	Goggles	Rescues	Ski
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6)

It's a year when people roll out the red carpet for you, work extra hard to stay in business with you, and create events and memories to make you smile. More highlights: Leisure gets exciting. Shared challenges feed excellent relationships. You'll complete an important project that gives a new direction to your work. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 3, 33, 1 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your attention to health and vitality will lend variety to the day. In earlier times, you would be foraging for this, but now you're reading labels and clarifying terms. It's a rabbit hole, and a very interesting one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've an exceptional talent for planning, specifically chunking down big projects into doable tasks. With humor and charm, you will keep everyone engaged in your world and work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Improving self-control is not so hard — it's removing every temptation that's the hard part. Thereafter, the rest is easy. To dance around the same thing you're trying to abstain from is silly, if not cruel.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What are the methods you are using to monitor your progress toward a goal? Decide early on so you can check in on your results a few times during the course of this highly productive 24-hour period.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Generosity resonates on deep, intangible levels, recognized by individuals with the capacity to feel it. Like an elephant can sense the lower notes that other creatures can't hear at all, those with a generous spirit can feel the tone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll view others through a lens of optimism, expecting the best from them. Someone may fall short of these expectations, but time is a potent remedy, gradually revealing hidden depths and surpassing initial impressions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When was the last time you faced yourself in a mirror like they do in the movies to give yourself the you-to-you talk? It's been a while, and the time has come to get into it again with positivity and kindness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make your intentions clear and avoid setting up expectations you can't or won't want to fulfill. It's better to do little and promise nothing than to get mixed up in something that will make next week stressful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your priorities are different than they've been in recent times — the early signs of a larger shift that's coming over the next three months. Transitions can be tough. Give this emerging you a lot of love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Question authority, especially your own. Every power move is a mighty responsibility, too. These are not casual decisions to make, thought it might be cool to plan it and then make it look casual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can read a room. You look around and assess what people are thinking and feeling and wanting. You'll use this information to get your best possible outcome.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). New and challenging circumstances have a way of inciting unhelpful mental chatter. For clarity, subdue the noise with deep breathing while you calmly observe the scene.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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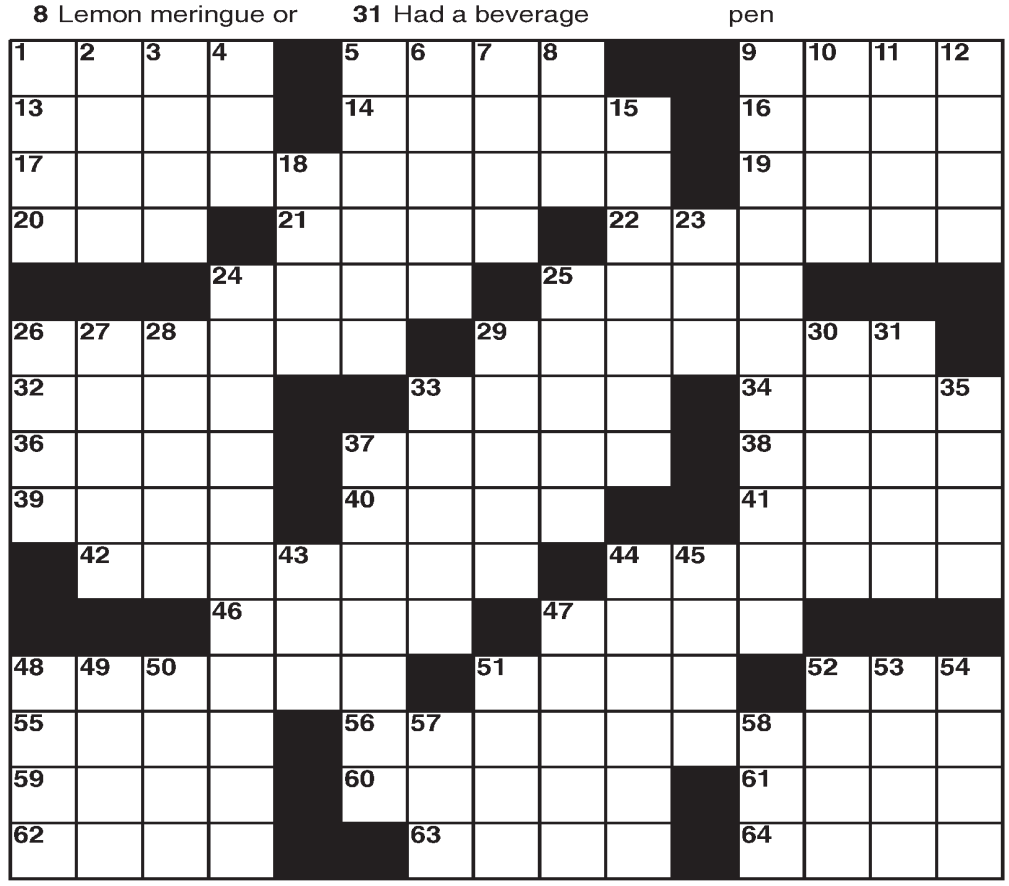
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ACROSS

1 Hair tool with teeth
5 Get ready, informally
9 Netlike fabric
13 Vicinity
14 AM/FM device
16 Unpleasant, to a toddler
17 Band's main vocalist
19 Crispy potato snack
20 Place with parking spaces
21 Initial poker payment
22 Shiny hubcap metal
24 Bump __ (encounter)
25 "Scat!"
26 Fails an exam
29 Made a trade
32 "How clumsy of me!"
33 Burn slightly
34 Army medal recipient
36 Iron corrosion
37 Pianist's group of notes
38 Word-of-mouth
39 Stadium level
40 In __'s way (in danger)
41 Three-quarters of 12
42 Classroom pupil
44 People from Athens
46 Encounter
47 Service charges
48 Mom or dad
51 Levelheaded
52 Hawaiian necklace
55 Prophetic signal
56 Sound-boosting boxes
59 Couch or chair
60 Fraternity dwelling
61 Hammer target
62 Concludes
63 Metallic rocks
64 Joint above the shin

DOWN

1 Reach by phone
2 Sandwich cookie
3 What vegans avoid
4 Wicked
5 Makes a hard copy of
6 Raced towards
7 Outer border
8 Lemon meringue or Boston cream
9 Devices that performers speak into
10 Bouncing sound
11 Peruse quickly
12 Promote excessively
15 Farm with fruit trees
18 Descended gradually
23 Move like a frog
24 Drums, guitars, etc.
25 Bunch of bees
26 Military outpost
27 St. __ (Missouri city)
28 Unexpected sports win
29 Brief in duration
30 Spooky
31 Had a beverage
33 Repetitive shout
35 Spanish cheers
37 Very fast African cat
43 Grizzly bear's lair
44 Spirits inside magic lamps
45 Coral formation
47 True/__ test
48 Work as a model
49 Prayer's last word
50 Sit with a book
51 Goad to act
52 Low in fat
53 A Great Lake
54 Maui or Ireland
57 Cow's sound
58 What fills a fountain pen



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NEWS

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CyberDragons once again went far in the SoCal Regional Championship of the FIRST Tech Challenge. In a competition where each team is challenged to design, build, program and operate robots in head-to-head challenges, the two teams lost in a double tie-breaker in the Regional Semifinals. The CyberDragons began as the official team of John Adams Middle School in 2015, and have since become an independent unit, the same status of SaMoTech. Working out of parent Chris Rowe's backyard, SaMoTech has gone 28-0 in head-to-head competitions over the past two years.

NEXT GENERATION BRAINSTORMS SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE WITH LOCAL GROUPS:

At the New Roads School on April 28, the NextGen Climate Summit spearheaded by the local nonprofit Sustainable Works offered resources and information to students on environmental issues. Along with Sustainable Works, participating organizations included Climate Action Santa Monica, Heal the Bay and The Climate Reality Project. The summit's main activity was a brainstorming of what a sustainable future could look like in the city, a discussion led by Walker Wells, a principal with sustainable consulting service Raimi + Associates and the former Executive Director of Global Green USA.

DANCE DAY HELD AT SMC:

For the second year in a row, the Santa Monica College Department of Dance hosted area high school dance students for an immersive "dance day" on April 24 and April 25. The experience provided high school students with a taste of college-level dance classes and introduced them to dance education opportunities at the college. Visiting students experienced a diverse dance curriculum through classes in Tahitian, Indonesian, African, Hip Hop, Ballet and Contemporary dance forms.

CITY OFFICIALLY UNVEILS FIRST, FULLY-FUNCTIONAL STRUT-PLACED WAYFINDER KIOSK:

The first Wayfinder kiosk was officially unveiled last week on the southeastern corner of the Wilshire Blvd. and 4th Street intersection, already proving popular amongst locals. According to officials, there is no cost to the City for the kiosk installation, rather the City will begin earning 50% of adjusted gross revenues as soon as the first kiosk goes live. A minimum annual guarantee of $5 million will become effective once all 25 kiosks in the first phase are operational. City Communications and Public Information Manager Lauren Howland told the Daily Press that initial advertising space on the kiosks is already sold out and that the city is "optimistic" that revenues "will meet or exceed" expectations.

STATE OF PLAY ALIVE AND WELL WITH NEW VENICE EXPERIENCES:

On April 27, the Zeno Space in Venice became a playground for locals' inner children, competing in "marble runs" by building contraptions to launch a marble as far as they could. The event, under the Something New banner crafted by Venice local Sean Jordan, also had a goal to break the Guinness World Record for the longest marble run in recorded history. While the groups inside Zeno Space didn't end up breaking the record, Jordan said that he succeeded in his mission to bring people together in the name of play.

FRESH FACES AND FRESH HOMES IN STORE FOR SANTA MONICA:

Rejuvenation for both Santa Monica residents' bodies and homes were celebrated in April as the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce welcomed one business while embracing another's rebrand. On April 24, the Chamber held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly-branded Rejuve scalp-hair heads treatments location at 319 Wilshire Blvd. The space well-known as Cha Spa introduced the Rejuve branding in order to promote the unique scalp hair treatment arriving to Los Angeles from Japan and Korea. The following day, the Chamber cut the ribbon alongside Vicki Galvan at her House of Designs & Interiors at 2011 Pico Blvd., which offers a wide variety of home design services covering categories like kitchens, bathrooms, furnishings, decor, wallpaper and drapery.

FAMILIES TAKE PART IN VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK 'ROBOT INVASION':

On April 27, Virginia Avenue Park hosted the 2024 Arts & Literacy Festival, the 10th festival held by the City of Santa Monica in collaboration with Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. This year's theme was "The Robots Are Here," with robot-themed activities and demonstrations from the likes of the SaMo Tech Robotics team and the Santa Monica Resource Recovery Recycling organization. The activities aligned with the Santa Monica Cradle to Career Building Blocks for Kindergarten campaign, which promotes social and emotional development and other early learning skills.

FROM MUSIC TO MORTGAGES, WINSTON BERNARD CENAC JR. DIES AT 73:

Santa Monica resident and realtor extraordinaire Winston Bernard Cenac Jr. passed away on January 22, 2024 at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, California, aged 73. Born on December 23, 1950, on the Caribbean island of Aruba, he contracted polio at a young age and was forced to endure numerous operations throughout his childhood. Cenac persevered, however, and was driven to succeed with a career in music, working with the likes of Motown Records and then CBS Records before managing punk band The Ratz, later renamed The Knack. After leaving the music industry, he remained successful in business for 20 years with his company Bulldog Realtors, personally selling or supervising the sale of properties in Santa Monica, Venice and Westside communities exceeding a total value of more than $3 billion.

RICH HISTORY OF SANTA MONICA PIER THE FOCUS OF NEW BOOK BY JIM HARRIS:

Executive Director at the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, Jim Harris, has written his second book detailing the rich history of the popular Pacific pier. Entitled "Santa Monica Pier: America's Last Great Pleasure Pier," it features a forward by Robert Redford and an afterword by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Harris was excited to write the new book to add "much more color and wonderful rich stories" to show the Pier as being vital to the community and the world at large. The book's release date is May 21 and is available to preorder from Angel City Press.

MEDITERRANEAN CULINARY EXPERIENCE CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR ON OCEAN:

On April 30, Mon Ami at 1541 Ocean Ave. celebrated its one-year anniversary with a ribbon cutting ceremony alongside the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, with Director of Events Courtney Lawrence and Executive Chef Daniel Ulrich letting Chamber members and the public know about its celebratory plans for the anniversary. Those plans took place on Sunday, as the restaurant combined its anniversary party with a Cinco de Mayo celebration, partnering with Don Londres tequila to bring the Mexican flavor to the Mediterranean dining experience.

CIRQUE HOMECOMING, A DECADE IN THE MAKING, SET FOR OCTOBER:

In a homecoming a decade in the making, Cirque du Soleil announced this past week that its "KOOZA" production will take over the iconic Big Top at the Santa Monica Pier beginning in October. The first Cirque performance in Santa Monica since 2014, the Pier has played a pivotal role in the touring production's rapid rise, with Cirque making its United States debut there in 1987. The "KOOZA" production pays tribute to traditional circus with ambitious aerial stunts combined with slapstick comedy by the show's clowns.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS DRIVE LOCAL QUALITY OF LIFE TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IN YEARS:

This past month, the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs and Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies released its annual Quality of Life Index, which polls a cross-section of Los Angeles County residents on the quality of about 40 aspects of life organized into different categories. For the 2024 index, the overall quality of life for the LA residents polled dipped to the lowest number since the index began in 2016, a 53 out of 100 which also occurred in 2022. Out of the nine categories, "cost of living," which includes issues related to housing, was ranked last in a rating of satisfaction amongst residents, with the 38 score also the lowest since the beginning of the index.

MORE LAWS PROPOSED IN SACRAMENTO TO PROTECT RENTERS:

At the April 11 meeting of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, legislative advocate Brian Augusta presented key bills making their way through state government pertaining to rent control and rent protection. Despite a strict budget in Sacramento and this year's lack of bills with a direct impact on local rent stabilization policies, there are still a number of bills aimed at protecting tenants. Bills came under three themes, those being the broad categories of "tenant screening," "information sharing" and tackling corporate ownership of housing.



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DISABILITIES COMMISSION

The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the SMi Room in the Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

AN EVENING WITH DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN

The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., will be hosting "An Evening with Doris Kearns Goodwin," discussing her book "An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s." One of America's most beloved historians artfully weaves together biography, memoir and history, taking you along the emotional journey she and her husband, Dick Goodwin, embarked upon in the last years of his life. General admission tickets $25, general admission ticket plus a signed copy of the book $50, VIP reception from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. plus a reserved section seat and signed book $125. For tickets, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-doris-kearns-goodwin-tickets-837980982677.

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SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Virginia Avenue Park, in partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program, resumes Social Service Assistance from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help with facility nutrition and health care access from trained community health workers. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal or Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

EMPOWERING PARENTHOOD

Part of a free Family Constellation Workshop series presented by SMMUSD teacher Aileen Salmaggi, parents will explore hidden family dynamics and understand how they shape their parenting. Through guided exercises, participants can gain insights, ultimately empowering them to create a more positive and nurturing family environment. The second workshop on the topic of "Give and Take" will take place at The Annex at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., beginning at 5:30 p.m.


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