2
Prices high
As inflation persists.

3
Noteworthy
Explaining Marley.

5
A right to housing
In the state constitution?

THURSDAY
05.11.23

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

Volume 22 Issue 149

smdp.com

Samohi to host mental health panel open to the public

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica High School will host a panel of mental health experts this week as part of an event series being put on throughout the Los Angeles area by non-profit ONE Recovery (ONE) with support and funding from the L.A. Department of Mental Health during May, which is recognized as mental health awareness month.

The upcoming Santa Monica Ask the Experts Panel will feature Timothy Fong, a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at UCLA and Don Grant, a media psychologist, published researcher and educator with specific expertise in technology's impact on mental health. The discussion will be led by ONE CEO and founder Lynne Pedersen.

The goal of the organization is to provide preventative and early intervention services to young people who are struggling.

She views adolescence as an incredibly difficult time for many reasons, and feels that the current young generation is experiencing additional challenges that have serious implications for their mental health and wellbeing.

"They've got school shootings, they've got social media, not just an image of like 'I need to be perfect' with that pressure, but the availability on Snapchat and Instagram to get drugs that they would never otherwise have access to" Pedersen said, adding climate change and a tense political climate to the list. "I believe that this is the

SEE **MENTAL HEALTH** PAGE 8

Council votes unanimously for settlement that reins in otherwise unrestricted development



Santa Monica City Council

REMEDY: Of the 13 projects covered under the deal, three will be withdrawn and 10 will be downsized, including the project at 3030 Nebraska.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

In Tuesday's lengthy meeting Council voted unanimously to bring 13 Builders Remedy projects back into the regular development pipeline through incentives created as part of a settlement with the developer WS Communities.

The settlement offers WS a number of incentives to reenter the normal development process. It allows the developer to combine affordable housing requirements from individual projects into a single location, while preserving State density bonuses that would otherwise be invalid if affordable housing were combined. It also offers increased allowable parking in their developments.

SEE **BUILDERS REMEDY** PAGE 7

Search for new school superintendent continues with interviews

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

SMMUSD Board of Education Members spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week interviewing candidates to lead the district in the future as the new superintendent.

The interviews are one of the final phases in the district's superintendent search process. An announcement of who will fill the position is expected in early June, approximately six months after former SMMUSD superintendent Ben Drati announced in November 2022 that he would be leaving the district at the beginning of 2023.

The Board appointed Mark Kelly as interim superintendent on Dec 15, effective beginning in January 2023. In February they hired the executive search firm Leadership Associates to head up the process.

Following this week's interviews, future steps will include a thorough background and reference checks of any potential candidates. Board members may also visit candidates' current district and meet with officials and staff there, according to SMMUSD spokesperson Gail Pinkser.

As the search has played out over the past few months, Leadership Associates have SMMUSD board gathered community input via an online survey and meetings with various stakeholder groups, developed and posted an official position description outlining desired experience and qualities and screened candidate applications prior to proceeding with an

SEE **SUPERINTENDENT** PAGE 8



US prices stay high, showing inflation pressures persist

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

Consumer prices in the United States rose again in April, and measures of underlying inflation stayed high, a sign that further declines in inflation are likely to be slow and bumpy.

> This is a story of still-sticky core inflation at an elevated level
>
> - Blerina Uruci, chief U.S. economist

Prices increased 0.4% from March to April, the government said Wednesday, up sharply from a 0.1% rise from February to March. Compared with a year earlier, prices climbed 4.9%, down slightly from March's year-over-year increase. It was the smallest annual increase in two years.

Even with price pressures rising in April, the latest data did provide some evidence of cooling inflation. Grocery prices fell for a second straight month. And the cost of many services, including airline fares and hotel rooms, plunged. Though apartment rents rose in April, they did so more slowly than in previous months.

The Federal Reserve's policymakers have been closely watching services prices, and April's figures could lead them to do what they had signaled after their meeting last week: Pause their rate hikes, after 10 straight increases, while they assess the economic impact the higher borrowing costs have had.

Measured year over year, last month's decline in inflation was much less than in previous months, underscoring that consumer price increases might not fall back to the Fed's 2% target until at least well into next year.

Excluding volatile energy and food costs, so-called core prices rose 0.4% from March to April, the same as from February to March. It was the fifth straight month that they have risen at least 0.4%. Core prices are regarded as a reliable gauge of longer-term inflation trends. Compared with a year ago, core inflation rose 5.5%, just below a year-over-year increase of 5.6% in March.

"This is a story of still-sticky core inflation at an elevated level," said Blerina Uruci, chief U.S. economist for fixed income at T. Rowe Price. "This report puts the Fed on track to keep rates high this year."

For everyday consumer items, Wednesday's inflation report was mixed. Gasoline prices jumped 3% just in April. By contrast, grocery prices dropped for a second straight month. Used car prices surged 4.4%

> Consumers don't have unlimited capacity to keep spending at these price levels
>
> - Thomas Simons, an economist at Jefferies, the investment bank

after nine months of declines.

Airline fares, though, dropped 2.6% in April, and hotel prices plunged 3% after four straight monthly increases.

The Fed is paying particular attention to a measure of services inflation that covers such items as dining out, hotel stays and entertainment and that has remained chronically high for much of the past year. This measure, which excludes energy services and housing, rose just 0.1% from March to April, the smallest increase since last July.

Consumers and businesses continue to struggle with higher costs, and there are signs that some are responding by reining in their spending.

Donald Minerva, who owns the Scottadito Osteria Toscana, an Italian restaurant in Brooklyn, says he has had to raise his prices several times since the pandemic struck to keep pace with rising costs for raw ingredients, all kinds of insurance and higher wages.

Minerva has tried to find ways to save on costs. He has stopped serving lunch during the week and is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Even with the reduction in hours, though, his labor costs are about 10% higher than before the pandemic.

With consumers starting to resist higher prices, Minerva said, he's been forced to drop expensive menus for such holidays as Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. He introduced a more costly prix fixe menu for New Year's, only to see some customers cancel.

"People are not spending as much money," he said. For New Year's Eve dinner, "we

SEE INFLATION PAGE 4

Eric Uller at Police Activities League (PAL) sexually abused hundreds of children in the late 1980s – early 2000s

Santa Monica has paid almost $230 million to victims.

There *may* still be time to file a claim.

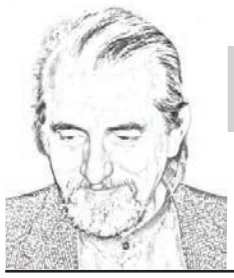


McGEE | LERER & ASSOCIATES

Sexual Abuse + Personal Injury Attorneys

Free confidential case review
(310) 231-9717
www.mcgeelerer.com

Ad. No guarantee of outcome. Each case is different.



OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Marley, Otello, Emmylou



Courtesy photo

MARLEY: Steffens explains marley

NO VAN, MAN, DAMN!

The info out there that I went by was apparently incorrect or it has changed. No Van Morrison concerts this weekend at the Shrine. The following weekend, yes, but you will have to go to Copenhagen. Not a bad idea, actually. Cool city. But Van – Charles! Don't you know...? Yes, of course, with mate Eric Clapton, anti-science, anti-vax nonsense, but this anti-authority stance is not new territory for Morrison. As my longtime concert ticket mogul friend Barry Finkenberg says, paraphrasing the great philosopher Charles Barkley: trust the art, not the artist.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

LA OPERA, "OTELLO" – I'll have more to say about this next week, but you won't want to miss this powerful achievement by Guiseppe Verdi, along with "Falstaff" his final two, and considered by many to be the zenith of Italian opera. Sat, Wed 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $29-349.

LA OPERA, "OTELLO" live big screen simulcast – OK, you've ignored my supplications for years, oh, opera, that's not for me, you wouldn't even throw down the cost of lunch to see a three-hour extravaganza, fully costumed, spectacular scenery, great acting and even better magnificent singing, to superb compositions by masters. And you didn't want to drive downtown and pay for parking and a couple hundred per ticket. Well, what's your excuse now?.... chick-kennnnn! Sat 7:30 p.m., Santa Monica Pier, free.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, sometimes breakneck Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it was, it couldn't possibly be better than this. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. They manage to record and play high-profile gigs and still show up every Monday night here, for years. Aren't we lucky? Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EMMYLOU HARRIS, DWIGHT YOAKAM – What a great pairing. Emmylou has been all over the place in her long recording career, but her bedrock is deep respect and understanding of true country music. The same exploration can't be said of Yoakam (though he did put out a fine bluegrass album), but his similar reverence for authentic country led him from Kentucky to Bakersfield, to mine those fields for the ghosts of the masters of that niche, sometimes overlooked but very rich vein of country music. They are very different troubadours of country, but both sitting in exactly the same place. I hope they do quite a few duets. Next Thurs, 7 p.m., Greek Theatre, LA, $39-299.

RECOMMENDED:

TODAY! - ENDS SUNDAY! - BOB MARLEY ONE LOVE EXPERIENCE – Finally got to go this past weekend. Glad it was so worthwhile because that drive into the heart of Hollyweird is no fun. We added to the value of the effort by going a few blocks east to Musso & Frank's, where the food is still good, the drinks strong, the history and atmosphere thick, and attitudes can be curt. I guess in that dicey neighborhood you have to shoo away the looky loos. Such fun. This traveling exhibit about one of the most incredible performers ever is about to travel on, so hurry to book the 1:00 or 3:00 tours Saturday or Sunday because those are the ones led by Silverlake's Roger Steffens, the world's foremost authority on Marley, if not reggae itself, and his personal insights and anecdotes are priceless. Forget the sometimes tacky or overblown settings, Steffens will take you straight to the heart of the man who so influences world music and politics 40 years after his early death from cancer. This covers only "the Island (record label) years," but that's what most people are familiar with. One more reason, and opportunity, why living in LA is so special. Thurs-Sun-Wed 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri-Sat 11 a.m. -10 p.m., Mon-Tues 11 a.m. -5:30 p.m., Ovation Hollywood, $20-70, kids under 6 free.

TONIGHT! - LA PHIL, BEETHOVEN, STRAUSS – Ludwig's 4th Piano Concerto is, as you might guess, luscious and powerful, and the Strauss is from "Der Rosenkavalier" and is less sweet and cliched than some Strauss I don't care for (but there are waltzes here), and more heroic. Should be a great evening. Next Thurs 8 p.m., Sat, Sun 2 p.m.,Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $40-209.

"PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE" – Read carefully. It's an "absurdist comedy." By the inarguably absurd comic Steve Martin. I laughed, but it is not intended to have you in stitches the entire time. It is the absurd and thought-provoking fantasy that Picasso and Einstein may have hung out together in a Paris cafe in the early 20th century, before either was famous. What might they have been like? Who else might have passed through? No one knows so Martin could go anywhere. One place he went was to make the "ordinary" women involved sound smarter than those two wise guys. People are diggin' this show – it's been extended through May 21. But some shows are selling out, so... Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica Airport, $20-35.

LIBRARY GIRL – I'm serious: treat your mother to this tonight. She may be fine with it or she my say oh no, thanks dear but not my cuppa tea, but that's all the more reason to hogtie her if you must and just keep telling her, these are always great, Mom, you may not love every reader but some you will want to adopt and the others you will invite over to talk about why they have such issues with their sweet mothers. You are going to thank me for this, Mom, and want to go next month too. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre Santa Monica airport, $20 (includes free parking and dessert).

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Could be the most memorable 12 bucks you ever spent. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's,

COMING ATTRACTIONS: EMMYLOU HARRIS, DWIGHT YOAKAM, Greek Theatre, 5/18; BOB MARLEY ONE LOVE EXPERIENCE, Ovation Hollywood, 5/19, 20, 21; "PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 5/19, 20, 21; LA OPERA, "OTELLO," Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 5/20, 28; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 5/21, 28; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 5/22, 29; LA PHIL, SALONEN, BARTOK, STRAVINSKY, Disney Hall, 5/18, 19, 21; DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, "BEETHOVEN 7TH," Disney Hall, 5/25, 26, 27; DUDAMEL CONDUCTS MOZART, 6/1, 2, 3, 4.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at Charles Andrews

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

PARTNER
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Charles Andrews,
Jack Neworth,
David Pisarra.

CIRCULATION
Guadalupe Navarro
ross@smdp.com

Keith Wyatt
ross@smdp.com

AWARD WINNER

STAFF WRITERS
Grace Inez Adams
grace@smdp.com

Scott Snowden
scott.snowden@smdp.com

DIRECTOR OF ADVERTISING
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

MARKETING MANAGER
Dina Araniva
dina@smdp.com

PRODUCTION
Esteban Inchaustegui
production@smdp.com

Julio Davalos
julio@smdp.com

Cristina Rios
cristina@smdp.com

AWARD WINNER

Santa Monica Daily Press

1640 5th Street, Suite 218
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

The Santa Monica Daily Press publishes Monday - Saturday with a circulation of 8,200 on weekdays and 8,000 on the weekend. The Daily Press is adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles and covers news relevant to the City of Santa Monica. The Daily Press is a member of the California Newspaper Publisher's Association, the National Newspaper Association and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The paper you're reading this on is composed of 100% post consumer content and the ink used to print these words is soy based. We are proud recipients of multiple honors for outstanding news coverage from the California Newspaper Publishers Association as well as a Santa Monica Sustainable Quality Award.

PUBLISHED BY NEWLON ROUGE, LLC

© 2019 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

WINNER

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters to the Editor can be submitted to letters@smdp.com. Receipt of a letter does not guarantee publication and all content is published at the discretion of the paper. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content. All submissions must include the author's name, address and phone number for the purposes of verification.

INFLATION

FROM PAGE 2

did what we normally did, and we lost the holiday."

"Consumers don't have unlimited capacity to keep spending at these price levels," said Thomas Simons, an economist at Jefferies, the investment bank. "That is going to lead to some re-budgeting and lower consumption in the future."

> They're demonstrating this incredible resilience
>
> - Frank Mendicino, the company's executive vice president

A slowdown in consumer spending, which drives most of the U.S. economy, could help ease inflation in the coming months. At the same time, average paychecks are still rising rapidly. Though beneficial for workers, that trend likely means that many companies will keep raising prices to offset their higher labor costs.

And some companies are still experiencing strong consumer spending. Delaware North, which runs food and hotel services at resorts, sports stadiums and national parks in the United States and abroad, is still enjoying healthy demand at destination resorts at places like the Grand Canyon.

"They're demonstrating this incredible resilience," said Frank Mendicino, the company's executive vice president. "People are traveling to these bucket-list destinations like the Grand Canyon."

Mendicino acknowledged that the company has raised prices for some of its hotel rooms mostly in response to higher demand, not because of its higher labor costs.

For more than two years, high inflation has been a significant burden for America's consumers, a threat to the economy and a frustrating challenge for the Fed. The central bank has raised its key interest rate by a substantial 5 percentage points since March 2022 to try to drive inflation back down to its 2% target.

Besides making borrowing far more expensive for consumers and businesses, those higher rates have contributed to the collapse of three large banks in the past two months and to a likely pullback in bank lending. The result could be a further weakening of the economy.

Even more ominously, the government's debt ceiling may be breached by early June, and Republicans in Congress are refusing to raise the cap unless President Joe Biden and congressional Democrats agree to sharp spending cuts. If the debt ceiling isn't raised in time, the nation would default on its debt, a scenario that could ignite a global economic crisis.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

- **RFP: #363 STRATEGIC ADVISOR**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 31, 2023, at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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

SMALL BUSINESS
STARTUP?
LET ME HELP YOU SUCCEED

TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • STARTUPS • CORPS. • LLCS

(310) 395-9922
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 Santa Monica 90401

Google is giving its dominant search engine an artificial-intelligence makeover

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Google on Wednesday disclosed plans to infuse its dominant search engine with more advanced artificial-intelligence technology, a drive that's in response to one of the biggest threats to its long-established position as the internet's main gateway.

The gradual shift in how Google's search engine runs is rolling out three months after Microsoft's Bing search engine started to tap into technology similar to that which powers the artificially intelligent chatbot ChatGPT, which has created one of Silicon Valley's biggest buzzes since Apple released the first iPhone 16 years ago.

Google, which is owned by Alphabet Inc., already has been testing its own conversational chatbot called Bard. That product, powered by technology called generative AI that also fuels ChatGPT, has only been available to people accepted from a waitlist. But Google announced Wednesday that Bard will be available to all comers in more than 180 countries and more languages beyond English.

Bard's multilingual expansion will begin with Japanese and Korean before adding about 40 more languages.

Now Google is ready to test the AI waters with its search engine, which has been synonymous with finding things on the internet for the past 20 years and serves as the pillar of a digital advertising empire that generated more than $220 billion in revenue last year.

"We are at an exciting inflection point," Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai told a packed developers conference in a speech peppered with one AI reference after another. "We are reimagining all our products, including search."

More AI technology will be coming to Google's Gmail with a "Help Me Write" option that will produce lengthy replies to emails in seconds, and a tool for photos called "Magic Editor" that will automatically doctor pictures.

The AI transition will begin cautiously with the search engine that serves as Google's crown jewel.

The deliberate approach reflects the balancing act that Google must negotiate as it tries to remain on the cutting edge while also preserving its reputation for delivering reliable search results — a mantle that could be undercut by artificial intelligence's penchant for fabricating information that sounds authoritative.

The tendency to produce deceptively convincing answers to questions — a phenomenon euphemistically described as "hallucinations" — has already been cropping up during the early testing of Bard, which like ChatGPT, relies on still-evolving generative AI technology.

Google will take its next AI steps through a newly formed search lab where people in the U.S. can join a waitlist to test how generative AI will be incorporated in search results. The tests also include the more traditional links to external websites where users can read more extensive information about queried topics. It may take several weeks before Google starts sending invitations to those accepted from the waitlist to test the AI-injected search engine.

The AI results will be clearly tagged as an experimental form of technology and Google is pledging the AI-generated summaries will sound more factual than conversational — a distinct contrast from Bard and ChatGPT, which are programmed to convey more human-like personas. Google is building in guardrails that will prevent the AI baked into the search engine from responding to sensitive questions about health — such as, "Should I give Tylenol to a 3-year-old?" — and finance matters. In those instances, Google will continue to steer people to authoritative websites.

Google isn't predicting how long it will be before its search engine will include generative AI results for all comers. The Mountain View, California, company has been under intensifying pressure to demonstrate how its search engine will maintain its leadership since Microsoft began to load AI into Bing, which remains a distant second to Google.

The potential threat caused Alphabet's stock price to initially plunge, although it has recently bounced back to where it stood when Bing announced its AI plans to great fanfare. More recently, The New York Times reported Samsung is considering dropping Google as the default search engine on its widely used smartphones, raising the specter that Apple might adopt a similar tactic with the iPhone unless Google can show its search engine can evolve with what appears to be a forthcoming AI-driven revolution.

Alphabet's shares surged nearly 5% Wednesday after Googles' wave of AI announcements, reaching their highest levels since Bing began melding with ChatGPT in early February.

As it begins to ingrain AI in its search engine, Google is aiming to make Bard smarter by connecting with the next generation of a massive data set known as a "large language model," or LLM, that fuels it. The LLM that Bard relies on is dubbed Pathways Language Model, or PaLM. The AI in Google's search engine will draw upon the next-generation PaLM2 and another technology known as a Multitask Unified Model, or MUM.

Although people will have to wait to see how Google's search engine will deploy generative AI to find answers, a new tool will be immediately available. Google is adding a new filter called "Perspectives" that will focus on what people are saying online about whatever topic is entered into the search engine. The new feature will be placed along existing search filters for news, images and video.

Besides using its annual tech showcase to tout its prowess in AI, Google also unveiled the first foldable smartphone in its Pixel line-up of gadgets. Google's entry into a new

SEE **GOOGLE SEARCH** PAGE 8

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How adding a right to housing in the California constitution could alleviate the crisis

Despite Gov. Gavin Newsom's historic commitment to ending California's housing crisis – and the administration's arm-twisting to try to make local jurisdictions do the right thing – we have not made the progress that Californians need. Forty percent of the state's households now spend more on housing than they can afford, and California is home to more than half of the nation's unsheltered people.

A new proposal in the Legislature, Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10, puts us on the precipice of significant change. If passed, Assemblymember Matt Haney's bill would give voters the opportunity to enshrine housing as a fundamental right in our state constitution. The constitutional amendment would provide the state with a game-changing legal tool – and an ongoing obligation no matter who is in office – to ensure that every person has access to a permanent, stable home.

Creating a fundamental right to housing is consistent with public will. Indeed, a survey found that 55% of Californians view affordable housing as a community responsibility, and 58% believe affordable housing should be guaranteed. That's not a surprise – people realize that a safe, secure and productive life is only possible with a home.

A recent report by the American Civil Liberties Union and others shows why a constitutional amendment would have real teeth and is a long-overdue step towards ending the housing crisis. In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called for every American to have a "decent home" regardless of "station, race or creed." The U.S. then led the effort for the United Nations to draft and adopt the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, including a right to housing.

Unfortunately, that right never took root back home. Instead, racism and classism has impacted U.S. housing policy at every level: From redlining that concentrated Black housing in high-poverty neighborhoods; to exclusionary covenants and zoning that limits construction to single-family homes that are unaffordable to the not-wealthy; to the kind of "reverse redlining" that steered Black borrowers who should have qualified for prime rates into subprime mortgages with teaser rates that would later skyrocket and result in foreclosure.

This history has led to the kind of housing disparities we see in California today. Nearly half of all Black residents are "housing cost burdened" with little money to invest in their families and futures, including 64% of Black renter households. Among Latino renter households, 58% are burdened by housing costs.

The proposed constitutional amendment would help reverse these trends.

It would require the government to respect the right to housing by not interfering with it. So, if a local government passes zoning laws that prevent the construction of affordable housing, it would be in violation of the amendment and the courts could intervene.

It would create an obligation to protect the right to housing from third-party threats. Consider the current financialization of our housing stock which treats our homes solely as a commodity – divorced from any obligation to keep people safe and secure. The constitutional amendment would require the government to regulate third-party profiteers, which could mean rent control, ensuring habitable conditions, tenant protections from harassment, a right to counsel in eviction proceedings, and other guardrails to keep people in their homes.

Finally, the constitutional amendment would establish a government obligation to fulfill this new right by enacting policies and budgetary allocations to ensure that all Californians have secure housing. That means scaling the solutions that we know work such as vouchers, creating social housing outside of the private market, converting government-owned vacant lots into public housing and more.

A constitutional amendment wouldn't end the housing crisis overnight. But it would require the government to raise as many resources as possible for housing without undermining the long-term viability of the economy.

Translation: Steady progress and the primacy of every individual's right to housing.

Michael Tubbs is the founder of End Poverty in California and the senior fellow for the Rosenberg Foundation. He is a special advisor to Gov. Gavin Newsom and former mayor of Stockton. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!!!
(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)

YOUR CHOICE

If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge

DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!

WE OFFER UNIQUE SERVICES
*Nitrous Oxide available
*No interest payment plans
*Emergencies can be seen today
*Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to

TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients

OR

TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$99 EXAM AND CLEANING
For New Patients
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients

AND OF COURSE WE DO
• Invisalign • Periodontist on Staff • Oral Surgeon on Staff
• Cosmetics and Implants • Zoom bleaching • and more

SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2589



WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM



3rd Annual
Rick Crocker 5K Challenge
Thursday May 18 at 4:00pm

When:
Thursday, May 18 at 4:00pm

Where:
Santa Monica Pier

This family-friendly 5K walk/run benefits the Police Activities League. Walk/run is followed by a fun, free after-party at Locals' Night on the Pier. For questions or sponsorships contact pal@santamonica.gov

FREE for Youth & Active Military! (must register)

Register at
https://rickcrocker5k.eventbrite.com

RICK CROCKER 5K CHALLENGE

Locals Night

PAL SANTA MONICA

Sponsorships still available!

ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!

Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

SMPD respond after fake 9-1-1 report

Officers from the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) responded swarmed the intersection of 2nd and California on Wednesday following a hoax 9-1-1 call.

SMPD said the first officer responded in under four minutes followed by several additional units. There were no injuries during the incident but SMPD described it as part of a common internet prank.

"Swatting is a deceptive call to emergency services personnel resulting in a police response when there is no true crime or emergency," said SMPD in a statement. "This behavior is akin to making a false police report and is illegal."

SUBMITTED BY SMDP STAFF





FDA panel backs over-the-counter sales of birth control pill

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

Federal health advisers said Wednesday that a decades-old birth control pill should be sold without a prescription, paving the way for a likely U.S. approval of the first over-the-counter contraceptive medication.

The panel of FDA advisers voted unanimously in favor of drugmaker Perrigo's request to sell its once-a-day medication over the counter. The recommendation came at the close of a two-day meeting focused on whether women could safely and effectively take the pill without professional supervision. A final FDA decision is expected this summer.

If the agency follows the nonbinding recommendation, Perrigo's drug, Opill, would become the first contraceptive pill to be moved out from behind the pharmacy counter onto store shelves. The company said sales could begin late this year if OK'd.

> "In the balance between benefit and risk, we'd have a hard time justifying not taking this action"
> - Maria Coyle

The outside experts said they were mostly confident that women of all ages could use the drug appropriately without seeing a health provider first.

"In the balance between benefit and risk, we'd have a hard time justifying not taking this action," said Maria Coyle, an Ohio State University pharmacist, who chaired the panel. "The drug is incredibly effective, and I think it will be effective in the over-the-counter realm just as it is in the prescription realm."

The positive vote came despite numerous criticisms from FDA scientists about how Perrigo studied the drug, including questions about whether study participants were able to understand and follow labeling instructions.

"We have an application with many complicated issues and uncertainties, including questionable reliability," FDA's Dr. Pamela Horn told panelists on Tuesday.

But the panel largely set those concerns aside, emphasizing the benefits of providing more effective birth control, particularly to young people and lower-income groups, than what's available over the counter now, like condoms and diaphragms.

Most birth control pills used in the U.S. today contain a combination of progestin and estrogen. Opill is part of an older class of contraceptives that only contain progestin. They generally have fewer side effects and health risks but can be less effective if they're not taken around the same time daily.

FDA's decision won't apply to other birth control pills, only Opill, although advocates hope that an approval decision might push other drugmakers to seek over-the-counter sales. Birth control pills are available without a prescription across much of South America, Asia and Africa.

Nonprescription medicines are usually cheaper, but generally not covered by insurance. Requiring insurers to cover over-the-counter birth control would require a regulatory change by the federal government.

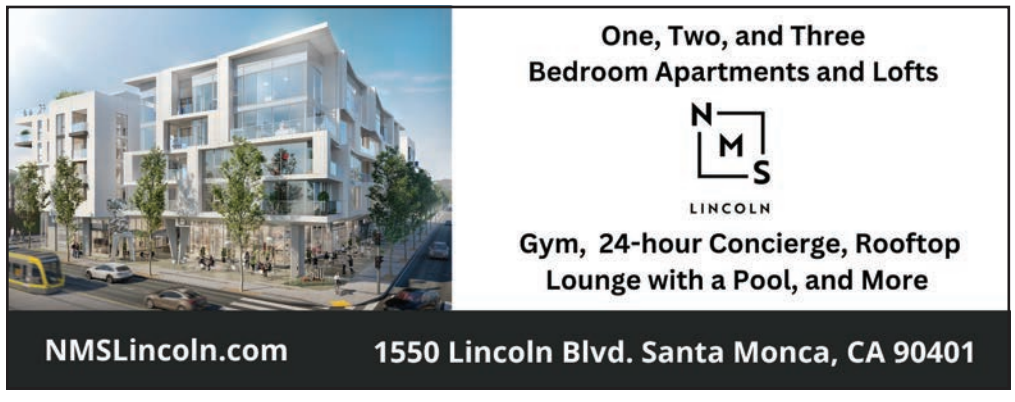
Opill was first approved in the U.S. five decades ago based on data showing it was more than 90% effective in preventing pregnancy when taken daily. But some women should not take it, particularly those with breast cancer, because of the risk that it could accelerate tumor growth. Women who have unusual vaginal bleeding are instructed to speak with a doctor before using it, because bleeding could indicate a serious health issue.

But in reading comprehension studies conducted by Perrigo, 68% of women with unexplained bleeding incorrectly answered they could take the drug. And a few women with breast cancer also told researchers they could use Opill.

Panel members said almost all women with a history of breast cancer would be under the care of a cancer specialist, who would advise them not to take hormonal drugs that could make their condition worse.

"I would think any woman who had a breast cancer diagnosis in the past would be highly aware of that, so I don't think that's

SEE **BIRTH CONTROL** PAGE 8



BUILDERS REMEDY

FROM PAGE 1

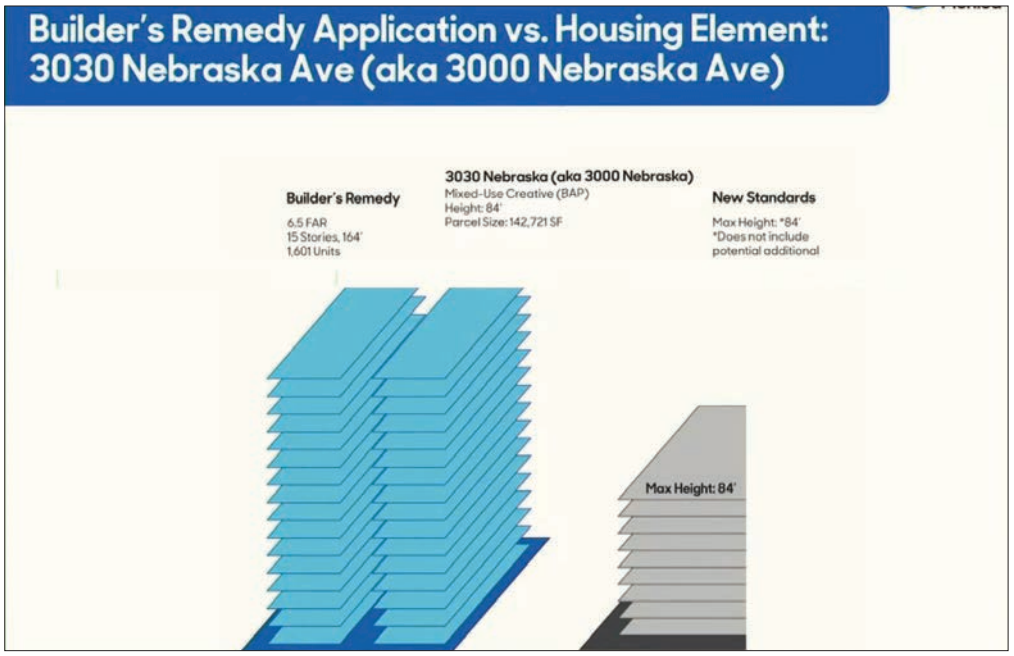
In exchange, the developer will withdraw all their Builders Remedy projects with the right to file for new projects that are within existing zoning rules.

The City of Santa Monica failed to adopt a state mandated Housing Element by the deadline, allowing developers to file for Builders Remedy projects. Those projects were entirely outside city control and could bypass all zoning rules provided they meet minimum standards for affordability. The City said it maintained the applications were not valid and the application of the provision is untested in court but chose to pursue a settlement with the developer to prevent more than 4,000 units from flooding the city outside regular development rules.

Public comment on the item focused heavily on one proposed project, 3030 Nebraska Ave, would potentially affect children attending the New Roads School and the Little Dolphins By The Sea pre-school. Parents and officials from the school generated extremely passionate remarks in the public comments section, including allegations of Brown Act violations, but a representative for the developer said the settlement was actually beneficial for the concerned parents as it would terminate the huge project looming over their schools.

Dave Rand, attorney with Rand Paster & Nelson LLP, representing the developer WS Communities attempted to address these concerns before he ran out of time.

"The settlement agreement in front of you this evening is the pathway to suspend and ultimately terminate that project and right size the development that will be coming in the future tethered to your regulations, your zoning requirements that you just adopted.



Courtesy Photo

DEAL: Under the deal, the project at 3030 Nebraska would shrink from 164 feet to 84 feet tall.

"So tonight is the potential nail in the coffin to the project that has exercised most of the people I believe in the room here tonight. There are no actual other projects that have been designed, nothing in the agreement waives CEQA [California Environmental Quality Act] where it otherwise wouldn't have been waived. Nothing in the agreement creates an administrative approval process where it doesn't already exist and the rules and regulations you've just adopted. All this does is bring the projects out from no man's land into the regulations that you've adopted, you are reining them in and regaining control."

Aside from seeking some clarification on a small number of fine details, councilmembers seemed unified on their opinions. However, several felt it was necessary for some additional explanation to those members of the public gathered at City Hall and watching on YouTube that City Council had in fact been discussing this matter for some time, but in closed sessions. Consequently, few might be aware that this vote had been carefully considered and not just thrown together ad hoc since it appeared on the agenda relatively late.

"We've been in multiple discussions in closed session and it's really hard for Council when we cannot disclose to the public what we're discussing in closed session. So I just want to be clear — as a member of the community who is very much concerned about overdevelopment in the city I grew up in — that there was a lot of thought and discussion going back and forth," Mayor Pro Tempre Lana Negrete said.

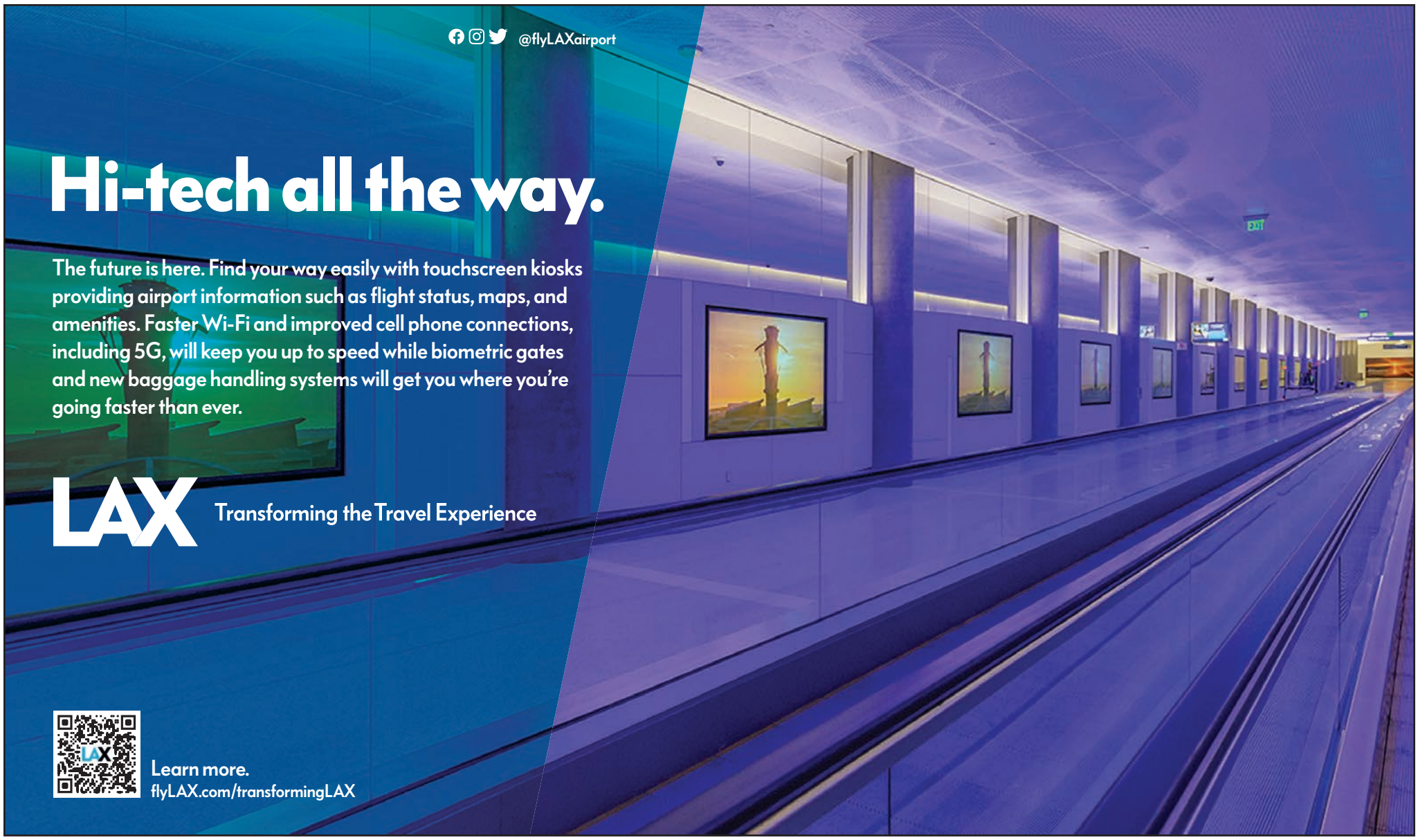
"So this is not just a hasty decision that came before us a couple hours ago. I want to reiterate that these illustrations you saw on the screen are not things that are actually happening anytime soon," she added. "It's unfortunate, because everybody comes out and there's a lot of emotions and we've got to get better at figuring out how to be able to inform the public, especially when we're in closed sessions like this and we don't have the luxury of sharing information so openly," said Negrete.

Staff said the settlement deal would expire at that night, meaning Council had to approve the deal without delay or take its chances with lawsuits that might not have any impact on the final projects.

Councilmember Phil Brock said, "The state has mandated we're going to grow. We don't have a choice. We have to fulfill our housing mandates. This agreement, right sizes, almost all of the development and eliminates the threat by Builders' Remedy," adding, "I believe this is a win for our residents."

The settlement covered 13 projects from the same developer including 1437 6th street, 601 Colorado Avenue, 1518-24 7th Street, 1443 Lincoln Boulevard, 3030 Nebraska Avenue, 2901 Santa Monica Boulevard, 1415-27 5th Street, 1557 7th Street, 1238 7th Street, 1925 Broadway, 12381242 10th Street, 1007 Lincoln Boulevard and 1038 10th Street. A total of 16 projects were approved under the Builders Remedy and the remaining three projects were not impacted by the deal.

scott.snowden@smdp.com



MENTAL HEALTH

FROM PAGE 1

most resilient generation, but we've given them a lot of challenges."

She said the ONE model provides support to any young person, whether or not they have been identified to have a specific condition or mental health issue, by connecting them to resources and each other.

"I believe that the power of human connection is what we're looking for, it is what kids are missing," she said. "So we created a space where it wasn't necessary to have a diagnosis for entry."

ONE has evolved over the years to include several different branches including on-campus and online support groups, a restorative justice program and community events to promote mental health awareness and education, such as the panel series.

Santa Monica is one of six locations selected to host one of the expert panels and Pedersen said it was selected due to what she sees as a clear need for more mental health support and intervention and education services in the city.

"It's saturated right now with a lot of homelessness, a lot of violence, a lot of drugs…" she said. "So I really felt that these kids could really benefit from it [the panel]."

She added that each panel is tailored to the unique community and that the Santa Monica one will have a focus on addiction and drug use. The City has seen multiple overdose incidents in recent years, particularly among high school students.

Pederson said that she hopes attendees come away from the event feeling encouraged and empowered.

"We want to give them hope, encourage them to rise and give them the resources to make that happen," she said.

The event is free and open to the public. It begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday May 11 at Barnum Hall on the Samohi campus. Participants will be able to ask questions during the panel and can also submit questions ahead of time via email to inspire@1Recovery.com. For more information and to get tickets visit: https://www.oneoncampus.com/take-action-for-mental-health-la/

grace@smdp.com

GOOGLE SEARCH

FROM PAGE 4

type of smartphone design that allows users to deploy the device as a mini-tablet too comes nearly three years after Samsung — the leading maker of smartphones powered by Google's Android software — introduced its first bendable model.

Foldable phones so far have remained a niche market, largely because of prices ranging between $1,500 and $2,000. Last year, about 14 million foldable phones were sold worldwide, accounting for just 1% of overall smartphone shipments, according to the research firm International Data Corp.

Google's foldable Pixel phone will sell for $1,800 and begin shipping next month. It will unfold with a hinge and, of course, be packed with AI.

SUPERINTENDENT

FROM PAGE 1

interview.

However, multiple teachers said they did not feel that they were given adequate time or opportunity to give feedback. Following a Board meeting where the matter was discussed, several additions and changes were made to the position description.

Lead consultant of Leadership Associates Peggy Lynch said that they description would primarily be used to inform and shape interview questions.

Leadership Associates is the same firm the board used to hire Drati and the SMMUSD superintendent before him. Because of this, board members have said they feel confident the firm and the process they are facilitating will help them to find a candidate that meets the district's needs.

A new superintendent is expected to start work by the beginning of July of this year, just ahead of the 2023-2024 school year. More details about next steps in the process are expected later this week.

grace@smdp.com

BIRTH CONTROL

FROM PAGE 6

going to be a concern," said Dr. Deborah Armstrong of Johns Hopkins University.

Perrigo said its 880-patient study of the drug showed that women will consistently take the pill daily if it's made available over-the-counter. But the FDA found several problems in the study, including more than 30% of participants who erroneously reported taking more pills than they were actually supplied. FDA reviewers said the problem called into question the company's overall conclusions about the drug's use and effectiveness.

FDA regulators also suggested changes in U.S. demographics since the pill was first tested — including increased obesity and other chronic conditions— could reduce the drug's effectiveness.

Despite those concerns, Opill has the support of dozens of reproductive rights and medical groups that have long pushed for expanded access to birth control.

"Opill over the counter would give us one more option for access and the more options that are available the better," said Clare Coleman, president of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association

Coleman was one of more than 25 speakers who supported Perrigo's application during a public comment session Tuesday.

Catholic groups, including the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, oppose the move, saying women should be evaluated by a doctor before getting it.

Even if the pill is approved, it's unclear how popular it might be. Opill has not been marketed in the U.S. since 2005 and was previously owned by Pfizer. Perrigo acquired the drug with its buyout of French drugmaker HRA Pharma last year.

The Associated Press Health and Science Department receives support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Science and Educational Media Group. The AP is solely responsible for all content.



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 11)

You've no interest in zero-sum games where one person's win is balanced by another's loss. You play the games in which all can succeed together, and this year brings big collective wins. More highlights: the one you chased now chases you; celebrations in a lovely environment; and an investment doubles your money. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 38, 5, 15 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Making the healthy choice may not change everything immediately, but your confidence will be strengthened each time your choices are aligned with your best self.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the balance is off between people, it doesn't sit right with you. People have different roles to play. While some come with more status and perks, all the roles are important and deserving of respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a problem-solving machine, processing a heap of unknowns. You'll gather information and figure out what's important. You'll sift everything into a master list. You'll take advice as you formulate a plan to get this project underway.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Wanting validation from others is human. It's how you go about getting it that makes the difference to your happiness. If there are better ways to get your needs met, they will stand out to you now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When it's not going right, don't worry about whose fault it is, and don't agonize. Even if this is a setback, it's nothing irreversible here to permanently thwart your progress. Assess your position and start again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Storytelling and dancing are two forms of entertainment that have been around since ancient times, and both have the power to connect people on a deeper level. Sharpening either skill will have social rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Certain environments give you a heart-thriving sense of belonging. You can have this sense no matter where you are when you belong to yourself. This is the goal to work on, as its pay-off is ubiquitous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have what it takes to handle financial decisions like a boss. The trick is to approach money from a non-emotional place. What if you assigned no special meaning or extraordinary significance to the dollars in question?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a magic influence over moods today. People feel lighter and more loved because of your attention. Also, there is a message in the timing of things. What happens easily and quickly will bring good fortune.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stay open and curious. If you cling to one idea of happiness, it might prevent you from seizing the opportunity for an even greater happiness that comes in a form you weren't expecting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As exciting as it is to meet people from different places, the most fascinating prospect exists in your realm already. You will be surprised by what you learn when you connect with someone who's been there all along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are many kinds of intelligence, including the one that tells you which kind to use in a situation. Because you trust yourself, you'll lead with that intuitive instinct and handle today's circumstance like a pro.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

P	O	O	C	H	■	P	A	S	T	A	■	T	I	P
D	U	E	T	O	■	O	I	L	E	R	■	O	D	E
F	I	R	S	T	S	T	R	I	N	G	■	F	E	E
■	■	■	■	T	O	A	S	T	■	U	S	U	A	L
■	R	O	B	U	S	T	■	■	T	E	E	■	■	■
F	A	C	E	B	O	O	K	T	H	R	E	A	D	■
O	N	E	S	■	■	■	H	O	E	S	■	E	E	E
R	O	D	S	■	G	O	A	P	E	■	L	G	B	T
M	F	A	■	I	M	O	K	■	■	■	A	E	R	O
■	F	R	A	N	C	H	I	S	E	C	H	A	I	N
■	■	■	A	S	S	■	■	A	D	O	R	N	S	■
L	I	G	H	T	■	F	I	N	E	R	■	■	■	■
A	K	A	■	O	P	E	N	I	N	G	L	I	N	E
D	E	N	■	C	H	E	S	T	■	I	O	T	A	S
S	A	G	■	K	I	T	T	Y	■	S	T	O	P	S

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

3	9	5	4	6	8	1	2	7
2	1	6	7	3	9	8	4	5
8	4	7	5	2	1	9	3	6
6	2	3	1	9	5	4	7	8
1	7	8	6	4	3	5	9	2
4	5	9	8	7	2	6	1	3
7	3	1	9	8	6	2	5	4
9	8	2	3	5	4	7	6	1
5	6	4	2	1	7	3	8	9

7			5	6		2	3	
	2				8		7	6
4			7			8		1
3	1		8					2
		4				3		
9					4		1	8
2		7			1			9
1	5		2				4	
	4	8		3	5			7

Newsday Crossword

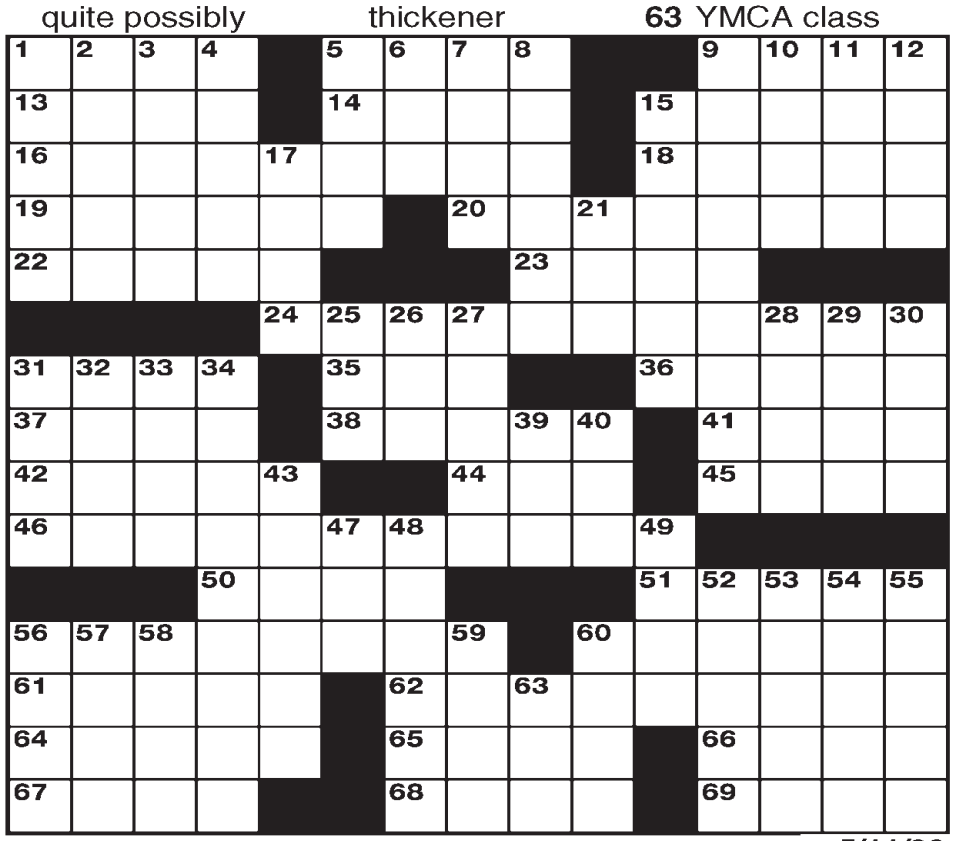
COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Exile isle for Napoleon
5 Thirsty tot's request
9 Push (down)
13 Veg out
14 Many-__ (polychromatic)
15 Relocation pro
16 Maryland seafood
18 Have one's say
19 Tailoring measure
20 Well dressed
22 Restrain
23 Gold album certification org.
24 Fast food fare
31 Become rough
35 Pic taker
36 Be too interested
37 Angry episode
38 Faint from surprise
41 Peak southeast of 1 Across
42 Midwestern hub
44 Part of a shoe
45 Racetrack fence
46 Sport for freshwater anglers
50 Go limp
51 Act broadly
56 Rule against
60 Flower part with pollen
61 Good at tumbling
62 Bike support
64 Some charity runs
65 Take notice of
66 Pronoun spoken by Juliet
67 Olympian instigator
68 Good at tumbling
69 Legendary lawman

DOWN

1 National hero of Spain
2 Michaels who created *SNL*
3 Play loudly
4 *The Zoo Story* playwright
5 Impact sound
6 Puffin cousin
7 Gardener's annoyance
8 Condense on a surface
9 Sales staff star, quite possibly
10 Zealous
11 Drive-thru display
12 Planning, in brief
15 Elephant's dental dozen
17 Starch, for short
21 Joan Watson on *Elementary*
25 Paranormal ability
26 Half-rectangle shape
27 Latte topper
28 Tiny trace
29 Name on the cover of *Beloved*
30 Translucent gem
31 Swamp thing
32 "Good one!"
33 Ice cream thickener
34 Crime reporters' photo ops
39 Informal *vous*
40 Meditative movement
43 Avoids paper returns
47 Below par
48 Adds fuel to
49 Comes by
52 Lacking luster
53 City on the Missouri
54 Train of thought
55 Eventually become
56 Office collection
57 Disney head
58 __ qua non
59 Slender trace
60 Blue-bottle vodka
63 YMCA class

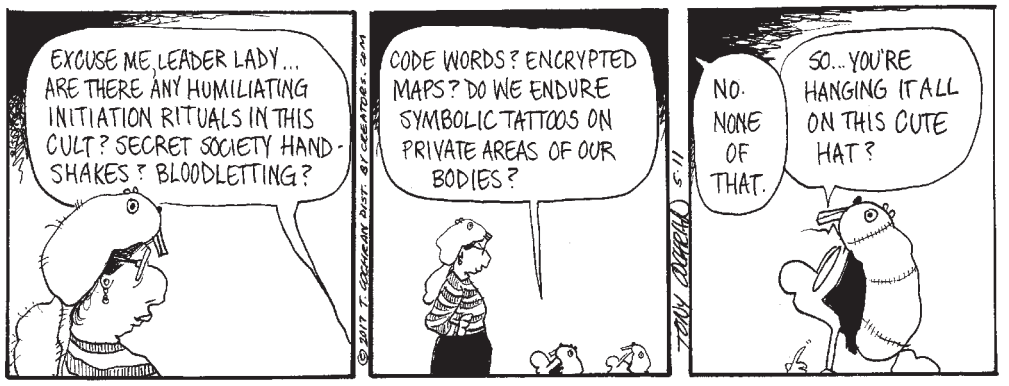


CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2023 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM 5/11/23

MORE OF STAN'S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan's archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords

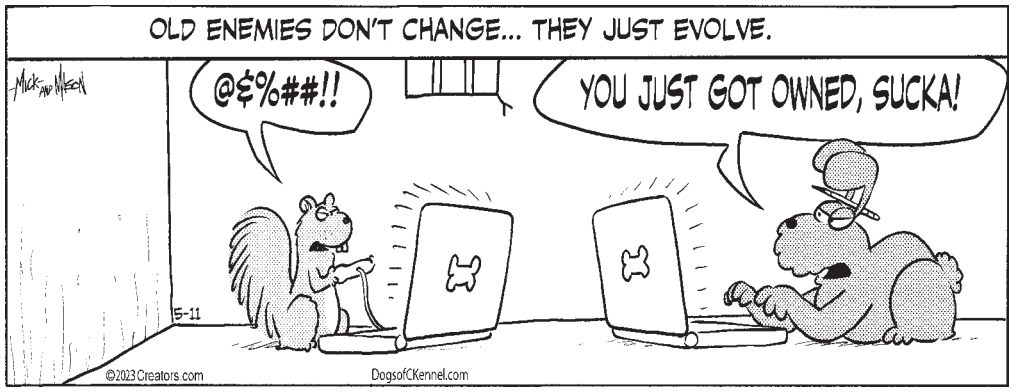
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

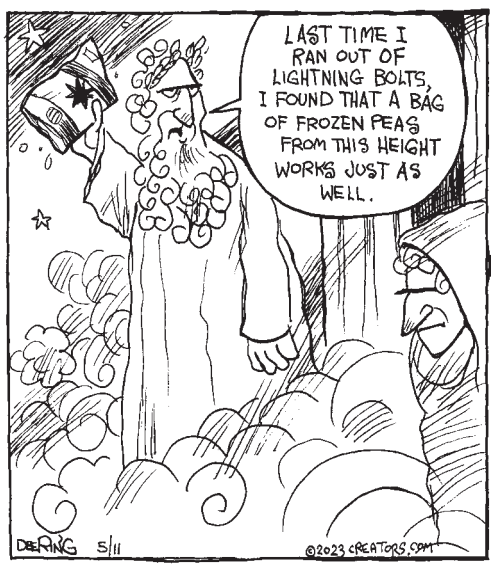
By PETER GALLAGHER



"LET'S TALK ABOUT PILLAGING."

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

© australianwordgames.com.au 5841

Out on the waves

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

Abate	Deck	Malibu	Steep
Accident	Dive	Manoeuvre	Swell
Aerial	Dump	Nose	Swim
Aggro	Exhaustion	Offshore	Tube
Aloha	Fads	Point	Turn
Birds	Foam	Rail	Wall
Break	GoPro	Rashie	Waves
Camp	Grit	Reef	Winner
Carve	Guns	Rips	Woody
Chop	Hang	Sand	Zinc
Cold	Heat	Shark	
Coogee	Hollow	Skeg	
Curl	Kahuna	Spray	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Having fun at the Jacaranda Festival

Covering the city by the bay since 2001.
To advertise, email cindy@smdp.com or call 310.458.7737
smdp Santa Monica Daily Press

What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | MAY 11

ROCK N COMEDY NIGHT
8:30 at the door 9:00pm show starts. Comedians from Netflix, BET, Prime etc. Hosted by Reid Clark. raffles, prizes and giveaways. Rock N Pies 1120 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica, CA

FRIDAY | MAY 12

SMC OPERA THEATRE PRESENTS: ELIXIR OF LOVE BY GAETANO DONIZETTI
Janelle DeStefano and Mercedes Juan Musotto, Directors. SMC Opera Theatre joins forces with the SMC Symphony Orchestra to present a fully staged production of L'elisir d'amore, Donizetti's delightful comedy about a young man who buys an "Elixir of Love" from a traveling salesman to try to win the heart of his girl before she marries someone else. SMC Performing Arts Center The Broad Stage

SATURDAY | MAY 13

BEACH WALK & SKETCH
Guided by a naturalist, join others in this peaceful pursuit to sketch our beautiful coastline. We'll provide the binoculars, drawing boards, pencils, and newsprint, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Santa Monica, CA 90402 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-walk-sketch-tickets-586017583367

ART AT THE AIRPORT
Art At The Airport is a monthly series of open studios that provides a rare glimpse into over 20 professional artist studios as well as the opportunity to buy art directly from the artists. 18th Street Arts Center Airport Center 3026 Airport Ave. Santa Monica, 90405

SUNDAY | MAY 14

BREATH OF THE DIVINE MOTHER
Join us in celebration and healing of divine motherhood through the breath. There are many ways to relate to the Divine Mother, be she your actual physical mother, your chosen mother, the mother who chose you, the internal mother or someone beyond the confines of traditional motherhood. They are all accessible at this level of consciousness reached in our breath practice. IntoMeSea, 1812 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, 90404

KIKI YEUNG PRESENTS CRAZY WOKE ASIANS KUNG POW FESTIVAL IN SANTA MONICA!
Kiki Yeung & Santa Monica Playhouse Present 2nd Annual Crazy Woke Asians Kung Pow Festival! One Night! 3 Stages! Celebrate Asian Heritage Month! 30+ Asian American comedians! Fundraiser for Seniors Fight Back and Chinatown Service Center. Event Partner Rising Filipinas. Comedians, as seen on Netflix, Hulu, ABC, HBO/Max, Comedy Central, Netflix is a Joke Festival, Laugh Factory, and more! Santa Monica Playhouse: 1211 Fourth St, Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kiki-yeung-presents-crazy-woke-asians-kung-pow-festival-in-santa-monica-tickets-582545167277

MONDAY | MAY 15

LIGHTING OF HISTORIC CITY HALL
City Hall will be illuminated in red, gold, blue, and green lights representing colors common in themes across Asian and Pacific Islander cultures to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month. 12:00 am Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street Santa Monica, CA, California 90401

TUESDAY | MAY 16

HOLLYWOOD TO FINE ART: SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION WITH 5 ARTISTS
Santa Monica Art Museum (SMAM) hosts a one-night-only screening and panel discussion on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, with five exhibiting artists about their backgrounds working in film, television, music, advertising, and their current photographic work on view at the museum. Santa Monica Art Museum _SMAM_ 1219 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hollywood-to-fine-art-screening-panel-discussion-with-5-artists-tickets-627443980837

WEDNESDAY | MAY 17

FUTURE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
We all have ideas, so the city is holding three Ideas Exchange events in May. They're part of an initiative called Future of Behavioral Health to address the causes and consequences of mental health and substance use disorder-related issues. Denver-based Initium Health is organizing the sessions and helping the city envision future steps to serve those in crisis and impacted community members. Hear best practices from national leaders and share the solutions you'd like to see. Annenberg Community Beach House

THURSDAY | MAY 18

WESTSIDE LAUGH PARTY STAND-UP COMEDY
Westside's Laugh Party is a monthly standup show produced by Dennis Gubbins featuring the best comics from around the country with surprise drop-ins by the likes of Tig Notaro, Zach Galifianakis, Ali Wong, Demetri Martin, Damons Wayans and many others! The proceeds for each show are donated to a local charity... so there is that too! Come on out and laugh! Who knows who will show up this month.... party! Purchase tickets at westsidecomedy.com 1323-A 3rd St Promenade. A stands for Alley. Santa Monica, CA

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.4**

THURSDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:** 3-5ft Waist to head	Wind looks ok in the morning and surf will be on the rise as new SSW swell builds to a peak in the PM. Not much NW running so beachbreaks pretty walled up.
FRIDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:** 4-6ft+ Chest to 1ft overhead	Wind looks light/favorable for the morning and there will be fun SSW/S swell running at the exposed breaks through the region. Not much NW windswell in the mix, so shape will be best at the summer points.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 65.
Thursday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 55. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/05/11	Thu	01:25 AM	5.10	H
2023/05/11	Thu	09:33 AM	-0.49	L
2023/05/11	Thu	5:07 PM	3.48	H
2023/05/11	Thu	8:52 PM	3.01	L
2023/05/12	Fri	02:53 AM	4.68	H
2023/05/12	Fri	10:42 AM	-0.38	L
2023/05/12	Fri	5:52 PM	3.93	H
2023/05/12	Fri	10:58 PM	2.58	L
2023/05/13	Sat	04:27 AM	4.42	H
2023/05/13	Sat	11:37 AM	-0.26	L
2023/05/13	Sat	6:28 PM	4.43	H
2023/05/14	Sun	12:15 AM	1.83	L
2023/05/14	Sun	05:48 AM	4.30	H
2023/05/14	Sun	12:23 PM	-0.05	L
2023/05/14	Sun	7:01 PM	4.95	H
2023/05/15	Mon	01:14 AM	1.03	L
2023/05/15	Mon	06:58 AM	4.22	H
2023/05/15	Mon	1:04 PM	0.24	L

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: 5/8
15 20 33 36 43
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 109 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/9
4 37 46 48 51
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 99 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 5/6
7 17 21 29 42
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 57 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/9
9 15 25 29 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/9
EVENING: 7 7 3
Draw Date: 5/9
MIDDAY: 0 4 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/9
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
Race Time: 1:43.93

ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!
Santa Monica Daily Press

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
IMPROVING LIVES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



The Art of Change

Embracing diverse voices and communities is crucial to a sustainable future. At Santa Monica College, we're redefining galleries as spaces where students use art as a doorway to social transformation. New artist-in-residency programs support and guide students and faculty alike as they collectively explore what an equitable future can look like.

Explore more at **smc.edu/barrettgallery**

"Art is transformative—it can help us think about identity, place and space."

- Emily Silver
Director, Santa Monica College Barrett Art Gallery

Photo caption: Emily Silver, artist Matika Wilbur, and SMC Art department chair Walter Meyer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Dr. Louise Jaffe, *Chair*; Barry Snell, *Vice Chair*; Dr. Susan Aminoff; Dr. Nancy Greenstein; Dr. Margaret Quiñones-Perez; Rob Rader; Dr. Sion Roy; Catalina Fuentes Aguirre, *Student Trustee*; Kathryn E. Jeffery, Ph.D., *Superintendent/President*
Santa Monica College | 1900 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 | smc.edu