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Cleanup of toxic soil at McKinley scheduled for July and August of this year



File Photo

MCKINLEY: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control updated the public on contaminant mitigation efforts at McKinley Elementary School this week.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

State officials broke down the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) at McKinley Elementary School this week, a plan to mitigate potentially harmful chemicals within the campus' soil and soil vapors.

On Tuesday, California's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) held a public meeting for the McKinley site RAW, which aims to prevent "potential future risk to human (and) environment of the site," particularly during the first phase of the school's campus master plan. In October 2023, DTSC determined that a RAW was required to move forward with construction on a new two-story building with eight classrooms and a renovated front office, after results of soil and soil vapor samples showed detections of arsenic above regulatory guidelines in the soil, as well as detections of "volatile organic compounds" in the soil vapor.

The compound was noted to be mainly tetrachloroethylene (PCE), a chemical typically used in dry cleaning. The source of PCE within the McKinley site soil vapors is potentially from adjacent dry cleaners such as TJ Cleaners at 2441 Santa Monica Blvd. Officials from DTSC stated they have been in contact with TJ Cleaners to investigate contamination of its property, adding that they have requested historical records from the City of Santa Monica for two other unnamed dry cleaning locations that "might give more information" on the potential PCE

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New restaurant Chelsea offers interesting eating to the top end of Wilshire

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The northeast end of Wilshire Blvd has needed a little injection of life since the pandemic and newly opened restaurant Chelsea aims to do exactly that. The talented father-and-son team of Moez Megji and Karim Megji are behind the endeavor and they bring an abundance of hospitality experience to the table. Former eateries include Wood & Water in Sherman Oaks, Zin Bistro Americana in Westlake Village along with Fins Creekside in Calabasas and the Gallery in Westlake Village.

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Los Angeles takes a literal bite out of Post Office deliveries

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night may prevent the Post Office from the swift completion of its appointed rounds but your dog is a whole other story.

The Post Office is in the midst of a national awareness campaign highlighting the frequency of dog attacks on mail carriers and asking residents to keep Fido inside when the mail arrives.

Incidents involving dog attacks on Postal Service employees rose to more than 5,800 cases last year according to a recently released report. California was the most

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Building a Cleaner Future for Santa Monica

As the climate crisis worsens, the urgency to reduce emissions and transition to clean energy solutions increases. Santa Monica has partnered with QuitCarbon to provide a free service that helps homeowners convert to climate-friendly, electric systems for heating and cooking.

QuitCarbon's free, expert guidance makes it simple and affordable to get fossil fuels out of our homes. QuitCarbon has helped thousands of homeowners with planning, installation, and rebates on upgrades like heat pumps, mini-splits, induction cooking, and EV chargers. QuitCarbon is the only ENERGY STAR® partner providing free assistance with clean energy upgrades.

What's at Stake

This initiative could have a huge impact. Gas-powered water heaters, furnaces, and other appliances can be replaced with electric counterparts, reducing Santa Monica residents' fossil fuel pollution. Consider the following:

- It is possible to reduce your emissions from heating your home by up to 93% by replacing a gas furnace with an air-source heat pump.
- Using a heat pump water heater instead of a natural gas water heater can reduce a home's total emissions by 49%.
- Heat pumps are 2-4 times more efficient than gas furnaces and their efficiency continues improving with technology advancements.[1]

The City's partnership is also timely, since statewide regulations are phasing out gas appliances. California's Air Resources Board voted to ban the sale of new gas furnaces and water heaters beginning in 2030.The Southern California Air Quality Management District is developing standards for zero emission equipment, which would phase out gas appliances installed in new buildings beginning as early as 2026 and would require zero NOx appliances in existing buildings when an appliance is replaced beginning in 2029 or later depending on the equipment type. (These policies are not yet finalized.) . Santa Monica homeowners can easily and cost-effectively prepare for this transition by working with QuitCarbon now.

[1] Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)

"Making clean energy home upgrades is complicated and confusing. That's why we provide simple, money-saving guidance at every step of the way, at no cost to the homeowner." said Cooper Marcus, QuitCarbon's Chief Quitter and CEO.

Marcus is also quick to point out that "quitting" is about far more than slashing emissions; it's a matter of safety and comfort. "Electric-powered upgrades improve indoor air quality, comfort, and safety compared to gas appliances," he said. "Home gas appliances create more NOx pollution than our cars and power plants – and gas stoves produce more cancer-causing benzene than cigarette smoke!"

Engaging the Community

As part of the partnership, QuitCarbon will conduct outreach campaigns to educate Santa Monica homeowners about home electrification and enroll them in QuitCarbon's concierge service.

Homeowners are guided through each step of the process by QuitCarbon's unbiased energy advisors, who develop customized upgrade plans, connect them with vetted local contractors, and assist with rebate applications and bid reviews.

During the campaign, QuitCarbon and the City will track data to better understand common objections and barriers to electrification. This will inform future policies and efforts to make residential electrification equitable and accessible throughout Santa Monica.

Interested homeowners can learn more about the process and incentives for making the switch to clean energy in an upcoming webinar organized by the City of Santa Monica and QuitCarbon.

Free registration is here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-practical-guide-to-electrification-in-santa-monica-tickets-914742528527

Sparking Change Together

Our community can – and must – take the lead on climate action. The City of Santa Monica's latest initiative, in partnership with QuitCarbon, embodies this spirit of change. By partnering to put clean-energy homes within reach, we're empowering Santa Monicans to build a healthier and more sustainable future.

For more information, visit www.QuitCarbon.com and https://www.santamonica.gov/process-explainers/how-to-electrify-your-home.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California homelessness funding is on the chopping block. Will it make the final budget?



Pablo Unzueta for CalMatters

HOMELESSNESS: An unhoused encampment on a sidewalk in Downtown Los Angeles on Feb. 18, 2023.

DAN WALTERS

It's the billion-dollar question. That's how much cities and other local governments have been receiving from the state each year to deal with California's ever-increasing population of homeless people.

But after five years, will the aid from Sacramento continue as Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders try to close a massive state budget deficit?

Newsom has been critical of local homelessness efforts and his newly revised 2024-25 budget not only pulls back an extra $260 million that local officials had counted on receiving this year, based on meeting specific goals. The proposal doesn't include anything for another year.

"I know that may not sit well with some," Newsom said as he released the revision last month, "but we're struggling with seeing the performance I want to see on the streets."

Last week, legislative leaders released their own version of the budget. Pointedly, it includes $1 billion to continue the grants to local agencies for a sixth year.

Local officials, particularly those from major cities where homelessness is most evident, are doing what they can to have the $1 billion included in the final budget that Newsom and legislative leaders must pass by next week.

"We cannot abandon this progress now," said San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, chair of the California Big City Mayors coalition, as he and other mayors issued a public plea. Without it, Gloria said, "the progress that we were making will vanish," citing consequences of closing shelters and other programs financed by the grant program.

"In short, it will be a disaster."

While Gloria cites "the progress that we are making," Newsom has repeatedly chided local officials for not making more progress. Since he became governor in 2019, the official count of homeless people in California has risen from 151,000 to 181,000 despite state expenditures of at least $25 billion, including the local grants.

But who is truly responsible for having spent so much money for so little progress?

In April, State Auditor Grant Parks issued a report that was highly critical of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), composed of Newsom administration appointees, for failing to track how the billions of dollars have been spent.

Noting that his office had warned about a "lack of coordination among the state's homeless programs" three years earlier, the April report said the agency had tracked spending for two years, but "has not continued to track and report on this information since that time."

Moreover, Parks said, "it has not aligned its action plan for addressing homelessness with its statutory goals nor has it ensured that it collects accurate, complete and comparable financial and outcome information from homelessness programs. Until Cal ICH takes these critical steps, the state will lack up-to-date information that it can use to make data-driven policy decisions on how to effectively reduce homelessness."

While running for governor in 2018, as the homeless crisis was becoming evident, Newsom promised to appoint a "homelessness czar" who would shake up the bureaucracy and focus on reducing the number of unhoused Californians.

Two years later, during a news conference, reporters pressed him about his campaign pledge. Visibly irritated, Newsom pounded the podium and snapped, "You want to know who's the homeless czar? I'm the homeless czar in the state of California."

With the state's evident failure to markedly shrink the numbers despite spending many billions of dollars, it would appear that Newsom, the self-appointed czar, wants to shift the blame.

As it stands, were he to leave the governorship two years hence with homelessness still growing, it likely would tarnish whatever next political venture he envisions.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.3**

FRIDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest

SW swell eases a bit, small S swell and NW swell mix in the background. Might be just enough energy to make a few sectiony/broken up lines at the combo spots. Surf is drained early, gets a little better on the AM tide push.

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

Surf levels off out of the SW, some smaller S and NW swell still in the mix. Similar to Fri with some sectiony lines and a drained out start. Wind stays light through the AM so best to wait for the tide push.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 60.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2024/06/07	Fri	05:05 AM	-1.39	L
2024/06/07	Fri	11:47 AM	3.58	H
2024/06/07	Fri	3:56 PM	2.40	L
2024/06/07	Fri	10:15 PM	6.37	H
2024/06/08	Sat	05:50 AM	-1.18	L
2024/06/08	Sat	12:41 PM	3.54	H
2024/06/08	Sat	4:40 PM	2.57	L
2024/06/08	Sat	10:57 PM	6.00	H
2024/06/09	Sun	06:35 AM	-0.86	L
2024/06/09	Sun	1:35 PM	3.52	H
2024/06/09	Sun	5:29 PM	2.74	L
2024/06/09	Sun	11:40 PM	5.55	H
2024/06/10	Mon	07:20 AM	-0.48	L
2024/06/10	Mon	2:31 PM	3.55	H
2024/06/10	Mon	6:25 PM	2.89	L
2024/06/11	Tue	12:27 AM	5.03	H
2024/06/11	Tue	08:05 AM	-0.06	L
2024/06/11	Tue	3:27 PM	3.65	H

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8 44 45 51 69
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 206 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/4
19 37 40 63 69
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/5
7 18 21 27 34
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 42 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/5
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Draw Date: 6/5
EVENING: 2 5 4
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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget;**
Adoption of the Resolution Establishing the City's Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and
Adoption of the Master User Fee Resolution

DESCRIPTION
The City Council, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2024-25 budget on June 25, 2024. At this meeting, the City Council will adopt a resolution determining the City's Gann Appropriations Limit for FY 2024-25. A copy of the documentation used in calculating the limit can be viewed online at finance.smgov.net/budgets-reports/Gann. The proposed changes to the FY 2024-25 Approved Budget Plan can be viewed online at https://www.santamonica.gov/santa-monica-budget.

At the June 25, 2024 meeting, the City Council will also conduct a public hearing on the proposed adoption of new fees and revisions to existing fees charged by the City's Housing and Human Services Department, City Manager's Office, Recreation and Arts Department, Community Development Department, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, and Public Works Department.

The proposed fee revisions are intended to more fully recover the City's cost of providing services, processing applications, and cost of living increases (if applicable). The proposed fee schedule will be available online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/ no later than June 21, 2024. The public hearing will also consider maintaining certain existing fees at current rates for various services.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider this request:

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Room 250, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Proposed Budget, Gann Appropriations Limit, or Fee Revisions,
June 25, 2024, City Council Meeting
councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
For more information, please refer to the Adoption of the FY 2024-25 Operating Budget and Adoption of the First Year and Approval of the Second Year of the FY 2024-26 Capital Improvement Program Budget staff report for the June 25, 2024, meeting on the City's website at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/. In addition, an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fee Study was conducted for the Fire Department and was previously made publicly available in connection with the May 28, 2024, City Council Meeting and is available at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/. You may contact the City Clerk at (310) 458-8211 for alternate availability of the City Council agenda packet.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8211 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 5, and 9 serve City Hall.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública sobre, el presupuesto propuesto para el año fiscal 2024-25, para adoptar una resolución para la determinación del límite de asignaciones de Gann para el año fiscal 2024-25, y la propuesta adopción de aumento a los cobros de varios servicios que ofrece la ciudad de Santa Monica. Para más información en español, favor de llamar a Yolanda Nunez al número (310) 434-2616.

Centenarian veterans are sharing their memories of D-Day, 80 years later

SYLVIE CORBET AND DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

World War II veterans from the United States, Britain and Canada are in Normandy this week to mark 80 years since the D-Day landings that helped lead to Hitler's defeat.

Few witnesses remain who remember the Allied assault. The Associated Press is speaking to veterans about their role in freeing Europe from the Nazis, and what messages they have for younger generations.

PAPA JAKE

"Thank you, guys. Thank you." Sitting in a wheelchair in front of the graves of fallen comrades at the Normandy American Cemetery, D-Day veteran Jake Larson wanted to let them know out loud that they are the real heroes for giving their lives for the liberation of France and Europe from Nazi Germany — not him.

The 101-year-old American, best known on social media under the name "Papa Jake," with more than 800,000 followers on TikTok, Larson said "I'm a 'here-to.'

"People say what is a 'here-to'? I say I'm here to tell you I'm not a hero. It's those guys up there that gave their life so that I could make it through. That's what a 'here-to' is."

Larson likes to describe himself as "the luckiest man in the world."

"How is it possible that I went through five battles, plus landing on Omaha Beach without getting a scratch? Say there is a God. God just protected me."

Born in Owatonna, Minnesota, Larson enlisted in the National Guard in 1938, lying about his age as he was only 15.

In 1941, his guard unit was transferred into federal service and he officially joined the Army. In January 1942, he was sent overseas and was stationed in Northern Ireland. He then became the operations sergeant and assembled the planning books for Operation Overlord.

He landed on Omaha Beach in 1944, where he ran under machine-gun fire and made it to the cliffs without being wounded.

"I'm lucky to be alive, more than lucky. I had planned D-Day. And everybody else that was in there with me is gone," said Larson, who now lives in Lafayette, California.

FLOYD BLAIR

Floyd Blair, 103, served as a fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps. On June 6, 1944, he flew in two support missions across Omaha Beach as the Allied invasion began.

"I saw one of the saddest things I've ever seen. The color of the water changed," he recalled Tuesday as he was paying tribute to fallen comrades at the American cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer.

"Those poor guys on the ground deserve all the credit they can get. The paratroopers, the armored forces, the ground troops. They are the ones," he said.

After D-Day, Blair supported and protected Allied troops. His targets included German tanks, troop trains and other threats to the advancing troops and his radio was tied directly into the U.S. tanks on the ground.

BOB GIBSON

"I'm living on borrowed time now," Bob Gibson, 100, said enthusiastically as he arrived at the Deauville airport in Normandy. "I want to see the beach again."

Gibson was drafted into the Army in 1943 and was sent to Britain. On June 6, 1944, he and his unit landed on Utah Beach in the second wave.

"Terrible. Some of the young fellows never ever made it to the beach. It was so bad that we had to run over (them) to get on the beach. That's how bad it was," he said.

Gibson drove an M4 tractor with guns, engaging the enemy day and night. He continued to serve through Normandy and headed to Germany.

"You wake up at night every once in a while too. It seems somebody's shooting at you. But we were glad to do it. That was our job, we had to do it, right?"

Gibson, of Hampton, New Jersey, pondered the time that's passed since then, and said this will probably be his last D-Day anniversary in Normandy.

LES UNDERWOOD

Les Underwood, 98, a Royal Navy gunner on a merchant ship that was delivering ammunition to the beaches, kept firing to protect the vessel even as he saw soldiers drown under the weight of their equipment after leaving their landing craft.

"I've cried many a time … sat on my own," Underwood said as he visited Southwick House, on the south coast of England, the Allied headquarters in the lead-up to the Battle of Normandy. The event Monday, sponsored by Britain's defense ministry, came before many of the veterans travel to France for international ceremonies commemorating D-Day.

"I used to get flashbacks. And in those days, there was no treatment. They just said, "Your service days are over. We don't need you no more."'

GEORGE CHANDLER

George Chandler, 99, served aboard a British motor torpedo boat as part of a flotilla that escorted the U.S. Army assault on Omaha and Utah beaches. The history books don't capture the horror of the battle, he said.

"Let me assure you, what you read in those silly books that have been written about D-Day are absolute crap," Chandler said.

"It's a very sad memory because I watched young American Rangers get shot, slaughtered. And they were young. I was 19 at the time. These kids were younger than me."

BERNARD MORGAN

About 20 British veterans gathered on the deck of the Mont St. Michel ferry bound from England for northern France, as crowds gathered on the deck and along the shoreline to wave and cheer for them on their voyage to D-Day commemorations.

"It was more pleasant coming today than it was 80 years ago," chuckled Royal Air Force veteran Bernard Morgan, who worked in communications on D-Day.

MARIE SCOTT

On D-day, Marie Scott experienced British forces landing on the Normandy coast through

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POST OFFICE

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dangerous state with 727 total attacks and Los Angeles was the most dangerous city in the nation with 65 reported attacks.

Santa Monica only reported three attacks last year but there were zero in Malibu, Venice or Pacific Palisades.

As part of the USPS 2024 National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign, the organization is offering crucial information on how dog owners can be good stewards for safe mail delivery and ensure the safety of its employees. This year's theme is "Don't let your dog bite the hand that serves you" and officials are asking residents to spread the news of the campaign with the hashtag #dogbiteawareness.

"Letter carriers are exposed to potential hazards every day, none more prevalent than a canine encounter. All it takes is one interaction for a letter carrier to possibly suffer an injury," said Leeann Theriault, USPS Manager, Employee Safety and Health Awareness. "The U.S. Postal Service consistently encourages responsible pet ownership. The national dog bite campaign is an effort to promote dog bite awareness to keep our customers, their dogs, and letter carriers safe while delivering the mail."

DOG OWNERS CAN HELP WITH SAFE MAIL DELIVERY

Letter carriers know all dogs can bite, even those perceived as nonaggressive. Dogs are generally protective of their turf, and dog owners have an important responsibility to control them to ensure safe mail delivery.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing dogs before the carrier approaches the property will minimize any potentially dangerous interactions.

WHEN A LETTER CARRIER COMES TO YOUR HOME, KEEP DOGS

Inside the house or behind a fence;
Away from the door or in another room; or
On a leash.

Pet owners should also remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child.

STAY INFORMED, SEE THE MAIL BEFORE IT ARRIVES

By using Informed Delivery, a free USPS service, customers can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet, or mobile device. More than 52 million customers have enrolled since the service was launched in 2017. Sign-up is at informeddelivery.usps.com. This service can help dog owners anticipate when their carrier will arrive.

CONSEQUENCES OF A DOG ATTACK

According to the most recent information available from the Insurance Information Institute, the average cost per insurance claim for a dog bite is $64,555. When a postal employee suffers an injury, the owner could be responsible for medical bills, lost wages, uniform replacement costs, and pain and suffering for the employee.

STAYING FOCUSED ON DELIVERING

Letter carriers are trained to observe areas where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for potentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog's territory.

LETTER CARRIERS ARE TRAINED TO:

Make a non-threatening noise or rattle a fence to alert a dog if entering a yard;
Never startle a dog;
Keep their eyes on any dog;
Never assume a dog will not bite;
Never attempt to pet or feed a dog; and
Place their foot against an outward swinging door to prevent a dog from escaping.

If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and protect their body by placing something between them and the dog — such as a mail satchel — and to use dog repellent, if necessary.

"Even though a customer's dog is friendly to most people, it can always have a bad day," said letter carrier Tara Snyder. "I know, from experience, even when a dog is in the house, customers need to make sure their door is secure so their dog can't push it open and bite the letter carrier."

Letter carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their routes. A dog alert feature on carriers' handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards must be used during mail sorting to alert carriers to addresses where a dog may interfere with delivery.

HOLDING THE MAIL

When a carrier feels unsafe, mail service can be stopped. Until the carrier feels safe enough to restart delivery, the mail will have to be picked up at the dog owner's local Post Office. If a carrier feels a house or neighborhood is unsafe to deliver the mail and there is no way to inform residents their mail service has been suspended, the residents would have to contact the supervisor at their local Post Office for more information. The residents would also have to pick up their mail at the Post Office until it is safe to resume delivery. If a dangerous dog issue is not resolved, owners can be required to rent a Post Office box to receive mail.

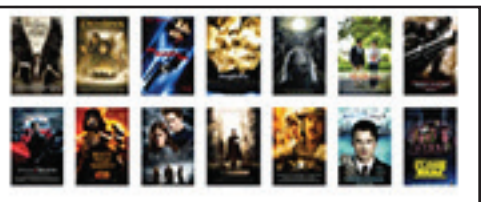
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City	State	2023	Rank
LOS ANGELES	CA	65	1
HOUSTON	TX	56	2
CHICAGO	IL	48	3
ST. LOUIS	MO	46	4
CLEVELAND	OH	44	5
SAN DIEGO	CA	41	6
DALLAS	TX	39	7
CINCINNATI	OH	38	8
PHILADELPHIA	PA	34	9
COLUMBUS	OH	33	10
KANSAS CITY	MO	32	11
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INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board/Commission	Number of Appointments	Term End Date	Requirements
Airport Commission	1	6/30/2028	Santa Monica Resident.
Architectural Review Board	2	6/30/2028	-
Arts Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside or work in Santa Monica
Building & Fire-Life Safety	1	6/30/2028	Civil or Structural Engineer
	1	6/30/2028	California Licensed Building Contractor
	1	6/30/2028	California Certified Access Specialist
	1	6/30/2028	California Registered Fire Protection Engineer
Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice & the Environment	2	6/30/2028	Reside or work in Santa Monica.
Disabilities Commission	3	6/30/2028	Reside or work in Santa Monica and self-identify as a person with a disability.
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.	3	6/30/2028	Must reside or be employed, own property, or hold business license in Santa Monica.
Housing Commission	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica
Human Services Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Landmarks Commission	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica and California Real Estate Licensee.
	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica and Licensed Architect.
Metropolitan Water District	1	6/30/2028	-
Personnel Board	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica or is a resident of Los Angeles County that is employed full-time within the City, or owns real property in the City, or has been issued a business license by the City.
Planning Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Recreation & Parks Commission	3	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Library Board	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Santa Monica Pier Corporation	3	6/30/2028	Reside, work or do business in Santa Monica.

Applications are due by noon, Tuesday, June 18th, 2024.
Appointments to be made by City Council, Tuesday, June 25th, 2024.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in these positions will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter. In addition, this position will be required to complete two hours of Ethics Training (AB1234) biennially, as well as attend other city sponsored trainings deemed necessary by the city.

Applications are available on-line at: www.smgov.net/boards. All current applications on file will be considered.

Disability related assistance and alternate formats of this document are available upon request by calling (310) 458-8211.

HOA HOMEFRONT

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Thirteen Things I Wish All HOA Service Providers Knew

KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ., CCAL

1. The client is the HOA corporation, not the President or any individual director. Make sure you know whether the person instructing you or your staff is authorized to speak on behalf of the HOA.

2. Your contract should state who is authorized on behalf of the HOA to give your staff instructions. Your staff should not take direction from residents, or even individual directors, but only the person designated in the contract. You should promptly report any resident interference. Your workers can be instructed to politely tell residents that they report to the manager, and ask that any concerns be relayed there.

3. Never get involved in the HOA's internal politics, which is a violation of your ethical duties. Your loyalty has to be to the HOA as an entity, not who is leading it. You probably have opinions about the current board, or who might be a good director – keep those opinions to yourself.

4. Lengthy contracts may violate the HOA's bylaws. Most HOAs have bylaws limiting contracts to a maximum of one year.

5. Get things in writing. If you agree to change something on the price or scope of the work for the HOA, something signed by the HOA's authorized representative can reduce the risk of misunderstandings.

6. When proposing a particular scope of work, explain why the particular work is recommended. Many HOAs do not specify how the work is to be done, but ask you to propose a scope of work. That will help them decide between the different proposals.

7. Never give valuable gifts or incentives to the manager or board members. You don't want that to be the reason you are appreciated. Instead, use your marketing representative to get the word out to HOAs and managers that your company is the best, not that your company throws the best parties or gives the best gifts.

8. Don't give preference to the directors in scheduling the work. Treat the directors like any other homeowner.

9. Keep the client informed about your work progress. It's particularly important to provide schedules so residents are aware ahead of time as to when their routines may be temporarily disrupted by the work.

10. On major projects, consider attending a board or "Town Hall" membership meeting as a client relations contribution. It will make the residents more comfortable with you as a vendor if they can meet a representative and receive meaningful updates on the progress of the project.

11. Make sure your business is licensed and fully insured for the work being performed. Nothing is more upsetting for a client than to learn that their vendor has a lapse in licensing or insurance. The HOA may stop the work or even terminate your contract if they learn of a lapse in liability insurance, workers compensation insurance, or licensing.

12. Consider having your supervisors seek the "Educated Business Partner" designation from the Community Associations Institute. The EBP credential demonstrates a commitment to meeting the unique needs of community associations.

13. If you're asked to do something illegal or unethical, report the request immediately to the client board. It's usually better to quit a job than it is to risk being sued or even prosecuted.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) announces its candidate endorsements for the November, 2024 General Election.

CEPS has announced its support for the following candidates:

Santa Monica City Council: Dan Hall; Ellis Raskin; Barry Snell; and Natalya Zernitskaya.

Santa-Monica Malibu Unified School District Board: Jon Kean; Maria Leon-Vazquez; and Jennifer Smith.

Santa Monica College Board: Anastasia Foster; Rob Rader; and Margaret Quinones-Perez.

The announcement said that all of these candidates have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public education in the community.

"At a time of challenging budgets, especially at City Hall, if they are elected these candidates will keep our children safe; assure continued City funding for SMMUSD; support essential after school programs; and advocate for secure, low-impact routes to schools," said the announcement. "We at CEPS believe preparing our youth for the future is vital if we are to combat housing insecurity, crime and the rampant spread of misinformation. Learning should be lifelong, starting with early childhood development and extending into old age. These candidates value education as highly as we do, so we urge the voters of Santa Monica and Malibu to cast their ballots for them this fall."

CEPS is are a coalition of parents, community members, education activists, alumni, teachers, and current and former elected city officials committed to the preservation and betterment of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. For two decades CEPS has successfully campaigned for increased local funding, generating more than $35 million annually in extra operational revenues for SMMUSD.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Midcity

Cancer Survivors Day at Providence Saint John's celebrates and supports cancer survivors and their loved ones

Providence Saint John's Health Center invites the community to its Cancer Survivors Day Fair on Sunday to celebrate cancer patients and provide information about the advanced clinical expertise and the array of support services available to patients and their loved ones.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Mullin Plaza in front of the hospital, 2121 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. The event will feature live music, a mural wall, free food and remarks from Saint John's Cancer Institute Executive Director Ora Gordon, M.D., and Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock.

"Providence Saint John's Cancer Support Services is a concrete example of how a community hospital with academic excellence can rise to meet the many psychosocial needs of cancer patients," said Michael Ricks, chief executive of Providence Saint John's Health Center.

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> - Michael Ricks, chief executive of Providence Saint John's Health Center

"In addition to leading-edge research and the highest quality of cancer care, we are proud to offer one of the most comprehensive patient and family supportive care programs in the area," Ricks added. "These programs, focused on quality of life, uplift patients and families and help ease their way."

Information will be available about Saint John's Cancer Center clinics, psycho-oncology, oncology social workers, patient navigation, nutrition education, radiation oncology, surgical robotics, outpatient rehabilitation, genetic counseling, the Margie Petersen Breast Center, Pacific Neuroscience Institute and Women's Health & Wellness Institute.

Community and professional partners that will participate include the Disney Family Cancer Center at Burbank's Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Ellison Institute of Technology, American Cancer Society, Cancer Support Community Los Angeles, Sharsheret breast cancer organization, WeSpark, Wise & Healthy Aging and the YMCA.

For information, call 310-829-8648.

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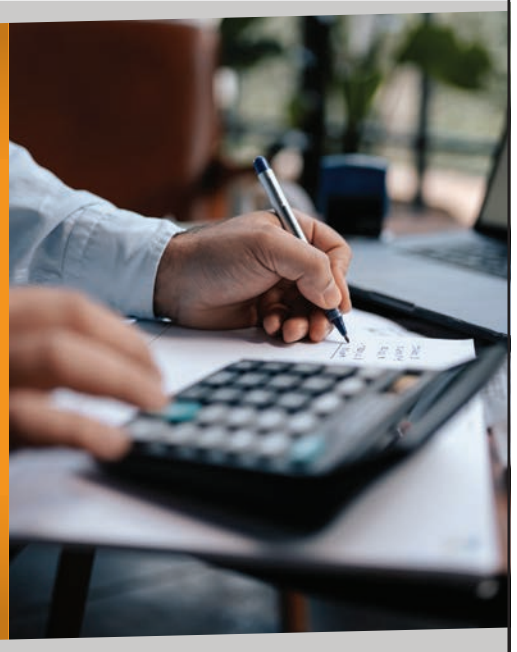
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CHELSEA

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While the menu is an eclectic mix of delicious-sounding dishes, incorporating flavors and themes from across the world, the décor has been designed to loosely resemble a restaurant that might be found in London's affluent west end suburb, where Moez lived for a time as a child.

In addition to the obvious connection to the UK capital, it also happens that the street just one block southwest of the restaurant is called Chelsea Avenue. "It was as if the stars had aligned," Karim said regarding the choice of location.

The menu too draws from this West London theme, but it also includes subtle references to Indian and East African cuisine, where Moez also spent time during his extensive travels.

"We call it New American with World influences," Moez said, adding, "I don't like the word 'fusion' anymore. If you look at the menu, we are adding spices, but we're not heavy on Indian spices."

They both stress that as many of the ingredients as possible are sourced locally, but most of the seafood is brought in from further afield, typically Maine and the surrounding area.

The entreés include New Zealand sea bass, hoisin marinated pork chops, pistachio crusted lamb chops, roasted duck breast and 16oz steak and frites. However, Moez says that the tikka masala fried chicken was his signature dish. Having sampled this, it could justifiably be described as a melt-in-your-mouth experience. The chicken is cooked to perfection and no individual flavors are overpowering, which might leave some spice aficionados wanting more, but Moez says he can turn the heat up a little bit upon request.

The accompanying mashed potato reflects that this dish, like many others, is quite literally a mash up. It's mixed with garlic that complements the chicken well and what you're left with is a gentle mix of subtle flavors that wash down very well with a glass of Italian red. Interestingly, Italy is well represented on the wine list, along with offerings from California and France.

The other dish sampled was from the Medium portion of the menu, which also includes the house burger, white wine braised pork and clam and bacon risotto. However, both Moez and Karim insisted on serving the lobster in squid ink linguini that comes with leeks, peas and scallions, served in a lobster sauce. And once again, the flavors are understated but effective. The lobster is also cooked to perfection and for a few brief moments you might believe you're on the coast of Sicily as your taste buds thank you for this Mediterranean-inspired bounty.

There are 70 covers in total, including space at the bar for full menu food. There are also a number of more private spaces tucked away for larger groups. The interior offers a sense of sophistication with a coordinated combination of colors, textures, patterns and prints, curated by designer Hema Persad.

There is also a significantly-sized, self-contained outdoor patio area, complete with wooden decking that Karim says they're gradually working to revamp, but there is no definitive timescale on when that part of the project will be completed.

Chelsea, at 2460 Wilshire Blvd, is open Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Visit chelseasm.com for more details.

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Scott Snowden

RESTAURANT: The interior of the new restaurant Chelsea is a simplistic yet stylish affair that creates an enjoyable environment to dine in.



FRIDAY | JUNE 7

PICO ROOTS MARKETPLACE GRAND OPENING

Join Pico Roots Marketplace, 1819 Pico Blvd., for a grand opening ceremony at 10 a.m. As the only small-business incubator in Santa Monica, attendees will have the opportunity to interact and purchase unique products from vendors like Adey Gojo Coffee and Catering, Tiny Bee Cards and Lucky Bug Clothing. The even will also include music by DJ KillaCam, refreshments, a community art project and a professional portrait studio. Registration is free, RSVP required. To RSVP, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pico-roots-marketplace-grand-opening-tickets-902858051737.

CHEESE & WINE NIGHT

Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave., will be hosting an evening of wine and cheese pairings beginning at 7:30 p.m. The brand-new event showcases an array of cheeses expertly matched with unique wines and complementary accompaniments. There will be six distinct cheese, wine and accoutrement pairings alone with crudité grazing boards with fruits and vegetables to nibble on between tastings. To top it all off, enjoy a dessert float using Elio Perrone's Bigaro, a sweet blend of Moscato and Brachetto. Event for ages 21+, tickets $75. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/june-7th-cheese-wine-night-tickets-900150754137.

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK FEST

Abbot Kinney Boulevard's fun and festive night in Venice will feature a food truck festival, running from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Chances are you will find whatever food you are craving, along with special merchant events. Free admission, food trucks will be at 1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd., at the corner of Palms Blvd. For more information, visit abbotkinneyblvd.com/firstfridays.

HIGHWAYS 35TH BIRTHDAY

Highways Performance Space proudly celebrates 35 years of groundbreaking performances with an exclusive event, Highways 35th Birthday, featuring Sean Dorsey Dance and honoring The Los Angeles Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence with Highways' inaugural "BEHOLD!" Award. The anniversary event at Highways Performance Space will take place on Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. The event also celebrates Sean Dorsey Dance's 20th Anniversary Season, as they premiere renewed transgender choreographer Sean Dorsey's new full-length work, "The Lost Art of Dreaming," for its Southern California premiere. Tickets are $35 for general admission and $25 for students and seniors on both dates. To purchase, visit highwaysperformance.org/shows.

SATURDAY | JUNE 8

BELGIAN BEER WEEK USA : GARTENPARTY

Tour through the best and strongest beers from another land with importers pouring over 50 offerings and limited releases in this all you can taste event. Explore the beautiful and complex flavors side by side with knowledgeable brewery reps at the showcase event in the Wurstkuche garden. 625 Lincoln Blvd Venice, 2 - 5 p.m. $50. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/belgian-beer-week-usa-gartenparty-tickets-900196972377

MYCOLOGY WORKSHOP

Discover the fascinating world of fungi at a Mycology Workshop at the Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hosted by James Oliver, the journey will delve into mushroom cultivation, identification and their ecological roles. Open house from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., workshop starts promptly at 10 a.m.

ROSÉ ON ROSE FEST

Celebrate National Rosé Day with all things rosé at the 2nd Annual "Rosé on Rose" Wine Fest on Venice's Rose Avenue from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Experience the eclectic Venice vibe of Rose Ave. with a progressive rosé crawl and street fest from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. inside and on the patios of businesses and sidewalk of Rose Ave. The day ends by the beach with the official afterparty from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Rose Room. Rosé on Rose features rosé tastings, music, vendors, photo ops, art, and rosé at only $8 a glass at participating locations. A portion of net sales will benefit the Venice Family Clinic, a leader in providing comprehensive high-quality, primary healthcare for people in need. General admission $25, VIP Wine Garden ticket $75. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-rose-on-rose-fest-tickets-852000996917.

DAN NAVARRO AT MCCABES

With a career spanning decades and a dozen albums with Lowen & Navarro, Grammy-nominated songwriter Dan Navarro is currently on tour in support of his most recent album, "Horizon Line." Navarro will be performing at McCabes Guitar, 3101 Pico Blvd., beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets $32. For more information, call 310-828-4497 or visit mccabes.com.

SUNDAY | JUNE 9

MARINA CULTURE JAM

Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way in Marina del Rey, will host an event in the Marina Culture Jam series from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Performers include Taiko Project, Musical Theatre Guild- Revolution!, Melody of China, Beth Sussman - A Touch of Classical and String Family Players - All Strings Considered. Free admission. For more information, visit beaches.lacounty.gov.

CHESS SUNDAYS

Chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. Chess Sundays are free and open to all, no sign-ups or advance resignation required. This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

HOWIE DAY 20TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE

Howie Day will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of his major-label debut, "Stop All The World Now," which was certified gold in the United States and spawned the radio hits "She Says" and "Collide." The performance at The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets $39. To purchase, visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/howie-day-20th-the-venice-west-tickets/13462453.

D-DAY

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her earphones. As a 17-year-old radio operator in the Women's Royal Naval Service, she relayed messages to the Normandy beaches and waited for the recipient to open his channel and reply.

"I heard everything," Scott, who will soon turn 98, said. "I could hear all the background noise, the machine gun fire, the bombs dropping, aircrafts, men shouting orders, men screaming. It was horrendous."

"But I had the job to do," she explained. "I had no time to be alarmed."

"When you heard that amount of firepower, you knew there had to be casualties … It was an enormous price to pay. But the price we had to pay," she said.

Scott was awarded the Legion d'Honneur, France's highest order of merit, for her role on D-Day, in 2019.

"Women are very important even in war. They may not be part of the fighting element, but we were very, very small cogs in an enormous wheel. And without those cogs, the wheel doesn't work," she said.

On Tuesday, Scott attended a ceremony at Pegasus Bridge, one of the first sites liberated by Allied forces from Nazi Germany. She said it was important for her to be back for the 80th anniversary commemorations, because "it evokes memories of a very special day for me, when I first realized the true horror of war I suppose. I think, probably, I grew up on that day so it's important to come back. Very emotional but important."

ANDY NEGRA

Andy Negra, 100, was born in Pennsylvania and was the first in his family to graduate from high school. He joined the U.S. Army in 1943 and landed on Utah Beach in Normandy on July 18, 1944, with his unit. At that point he said, German forces were still only 20 miles (32 kilometers) away from the beach.

"You didn't think of dying. ... You knew what you had to do. And when the time comes, you did it. That's the way I looked at it," he said.

"What could you be scared of if you don't know what you're going to be scared of? That was my philosophy. ... So I was never scared. I had close calls, there was a lot of action. But until you entered into that action. Why be scared?"

Negra visited this week the Normandy American Cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer and attended a series of D-Day celebrations with a group of about 50 U.S. veterans. The 80th anniversary "is the same as when I went through the towns during WWII," he said. People "were in the windows, in the doorways and they were on the streets. The difference is there were not as many people then as there are now."

Negra said he is still deeply moved by the warm French welcome in Normandy. "The celebration started when we liberated each town because they clapped and they've been clapping and saying nice things all the way from World War II, all the way until now," he said.

RICHARD "DICK" RUNG

D-Day veteran Dick Rung was 19 when he was assigned to a tank landing craft that landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Now 99, the memory is still alive as he remembers time spent hosing down the deck of the blood of those killed.

"Two of the soldiers that got hit — badly hit — we couldn't save them but we covered them with blankets and the blankets soaked up their blood. Finally, the skipper said 'we can't leave it like this' so we got out the fire hose and we washed down the deck and the blood sort of disappeared," he recalled.

"I was only a kid and most of the crew was too. I wasn't trained for this," he said. Rung's craft stayed in Normandy for almost 5 months transporting troops, supplies and vehicles from larger ships to shore. He then headed to the Pacific Theater where he spent the rest of World War II. Describing the brutality of war, Rung concluded: "I'm a peacemaker, I'm not going to do this again."

Kirka reported from Portsmouth, England, and aboard the Mont St. Michel.

MCKINLEY

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source.

Though a RAW is required for McKinley, DTSC officials added that there is "no immediate risk" associated with contamination found in soil or soil vapor. For example, levels of arsenic found in soil was taken from samples anywhere from 2-8 feet beneath pavement, with the pavement acting as an exposure-preventing barrier. DTSC also stated that there is no indication of vapor intrusion in existing school buildings, saying they are "safe for occupancy."

Removal action plans for both arsenic-containing soil and PCE-containing soil vapor were evaluated and compared based on "effectiveness, implementability and cost."

For the soil, the best course of action was determined to be capping the surface of the site and planned classroom structure with pavement, eliminating the potential to come into contact with the elevated concentrations of arsenic. Exposed soil in landscaped areas would also be replaced to a minimum depth of four feet with clean landscaping materials like mulch and top-soil. This method was deemed "the most implementable option" due to planned construction including the installation of pavement.

"Containment through surface capping would not lessen toxicity or volume of the soils containing elevated concentrations of arsenic, but would limit mobility and potential migration of contaminants," the RAW dated May 10 stated.

Estimated costs for this action include $100,000 during initial construction: $75,000 for dust and air monitoring during initial grading and earthwork, $15,000 for soil sampling as needed, and $10,000 for remedial action completion reporting. After the first year post-completion, annual inspection and reporting costs will be $5,000, along with $5,000 per year for allowance for cap maintenance and repair. Every five years, a $5,000 cost will be assessed for a five-year review, inspection and reporting.

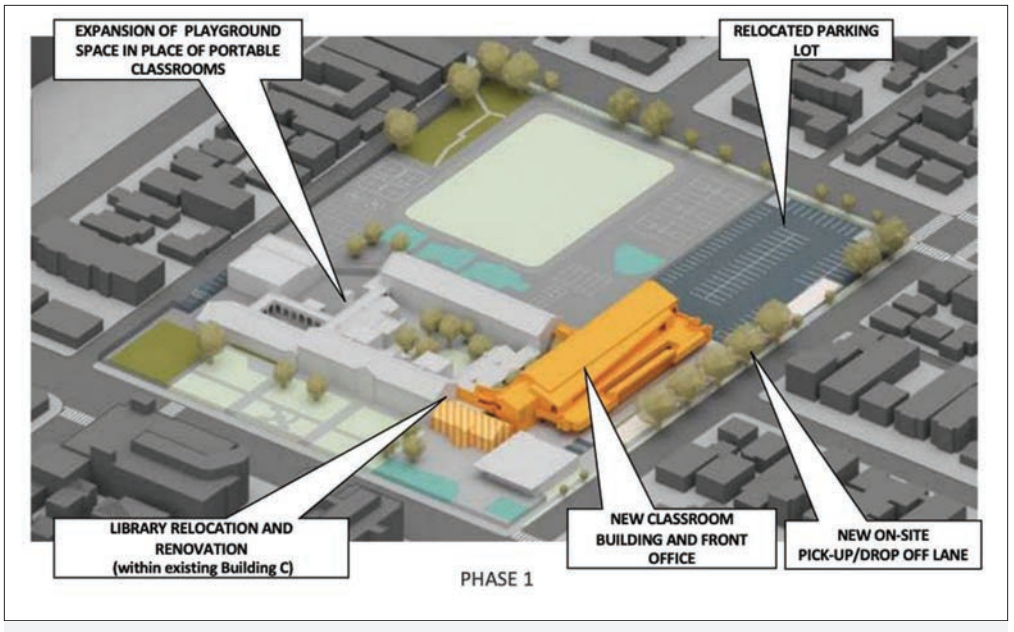
The PCE-containing soil vapors will be mitigated via installation of a soil Vapor Intrusion Mitigation and Migration Engineering Controls (VIMMEC) System beneath the new classroom building. A generally-accepted alternative for similar site conditions, this method consists of "installing a barrier membrane system and a passive vapor collection system beneath the building slab." The system, the RAW states, mitigates potential vapor intrusion risk in indoor occupied spaces, as well as reducing vapor intrusion risk in common building entry points like cracks, openings and penetrations in the building foundation floor slab.

Installation costs associated with this system are approximately $250,000 during construction; $150,000 towards materials and installation, $50,000 for quality assurance and quality control inspection, and $50,000 for initial commissioning and testing. Quarterly indoor air and sub-slab vapor sampling and monitoring will cost $25,000 per quarter during the first year, with another $25,000 for five annual monitoring. Biennial sampling and monitoring for years seven and beyond, or until vapor concentrations beneath the site are remediated to acceptable levels, will also cost $25,000. Annual allowance for repairs and maintenance are $10,000 for the first five years, then $10,000 biennially afterwards.

Though there was no attendance for the in-person portion of the meeting at the McKinley auditorium, there were several questions asked within the Zoom meeting component, including questions on the RAW implementation schedule and frequency of outdoor air monitoring. RAW implementation is anticipated to occur during July and August from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Air monitoring on outdoor air will be tested every half hour, while temporary fencing will be placed around the worksite for dust management.

Public comment period on the drafted RAW will continue through June 18, with comments to be directed toward DTSC Project Manager Lina Hijazi by email at Lina.Hijazi@dtsc.ca.gov, or by phone at 714-484-5334.

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SCHOOL: The campus plan requires mitigation of the campus' soil and soil vapors.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2780 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.75 TO PROHIBIT HARASSMENT OF BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2780 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2780 (CCS) ("the Ordinance")

The Ordinance amends Santa Monica Municipal Code to add Section 3.75 to prohibit the harassment of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Specifically, the Ordinance prohibits taking the following actions against a bicyclist or pedestrian because of, in whole or in part, the bicyclist's or pedestrian's status as a bicyclist or pedestrian:

- Physical assault or attempted physical assault;
- Threats of physical injury;
- Intentionally injuring or threats of physical injury, either by words, vehicle or other object; and
- Intentionally distracting or attempting to distract.

The Ordinance further prohibits intentionally forcing or attempting to force a bicyclist or pedestrian off a street, bicycle lane, path, or public sidewalk for purposes unrelated to public safety.

Violations of the Ordinance may be enforced by means of a civil lawsuit. Any person who violates the provisions of the Ordinance shall be liable for treble the actual damages with regard to each and every violation, or $1,000, whichever is greater, and shall be liable for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of litigation. In addition, a jury may award punitive damages where warranted.

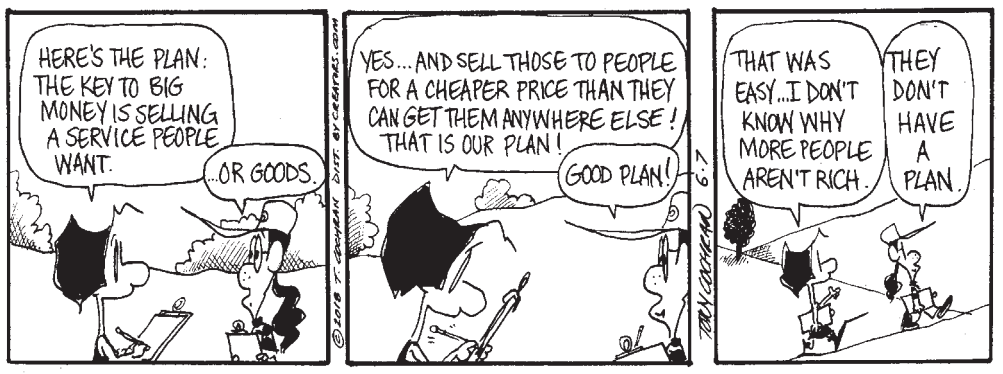
Ordinance Number 2780 (CCS) was adopted on May 28, 2024, and will become effective 30 days from its adoption.

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

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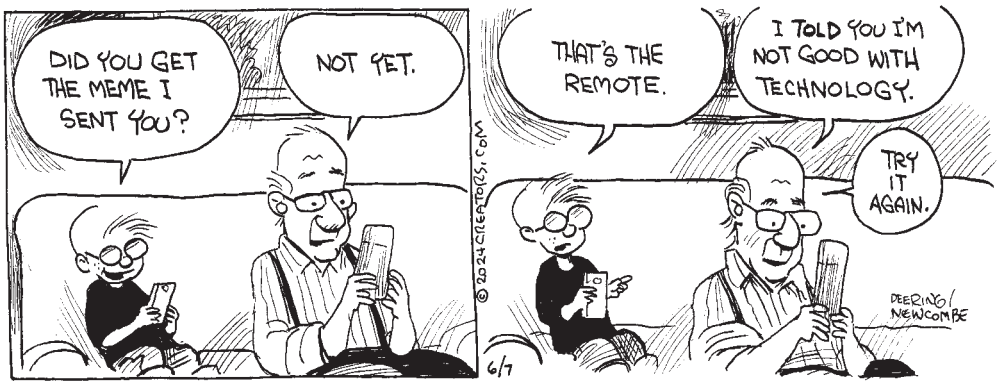
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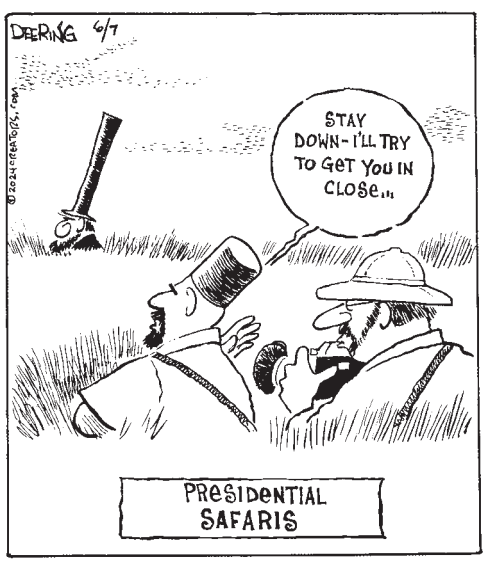
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"THE BEEF LATTE ISN'T SELLING AS WELL AS EXPECTED."

Strange Brew

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Chile	Italy	Zealand	Spectacle
Copacabana	Kenya	Nice	St Petersburg
Devon	Kuta	Onslow	Taiwan
Drink	Kuwait	Perth	Timor
Dubai	Laos	Playa del	Togo
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 7)

Welcome to a transformative year when your daring experiments culminate in a new you. More highlights: You'll confidently follow intuitive guidance and land in a position of power. You'll come up with new systems and efficiencies, increasing the health of your target and self. Your downtime with dear ones is the stuff of dreams. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 21, 28, 3 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's possible to have exactly what you want. Right now, it seems like a carrot-on-a-stick situation and though you are running toward it, every time you try and grab it, it's just as far away as the last time. Take heart. The game will end soon and you'll get the prize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your conscience won't lie, but it might be a little harsher on you than is necessary. Don't let those inner voices bully you into total submission. You deserve the win just as much as the others. Someone is going to take it home. Why not you?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It will feel wonderful to fall into step with people you like and shuffle around the dance floor of life to the same music for a song or two. There's a time for challenge and social education, but right now, enjoy this easy groove.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even as a history buff, you admit its numerous flaws, a main one being that it tends to be told by the dominant, the privileged, the war winners and the oppressors. Since their point of view can't be trusted with the whole story, you'll adjust the lens.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Finish what's on your plate before saying yes to anything new. Completion will be far more satisfying than committing to a new venture. Also note: if something slightly annoys you now, imagine how that will compound over the years.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're among creators, you'll create. When you're among givers, you'll give. When you're among funny people, you'll laugh and you'll make them laugh too. When you're among takers, you'll be taken, so avoid them for now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Introspection is like taking a tour of your own psyche, depending on the tour guide inside your head. The adventure can be a ghost tour, a haunted house or a garden adventure down a sunny park lane.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your approach to one action will mirror your approach to 10 others, which is good evidence for the statement "How you do anything is how you do everything." It's not always true, but it will definitely resonate today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One-sided relationships are too much work and often unsustainable, but that doesn't mean you can't mine gold from them when, for whatever reason, you find yourself in one. Do figure out what's in it for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your curious mind makes life more interesting. Being around others who are curious could also make things interesting, especially if they are curious about you, or curious about the same thing as you. If their interest lies elsewhere, that can be boring indeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You welcome complexity in all forms, but it's particularly exciting when embodied in a new friend. Getting to know what makes someone tick is one of the luckiest and most fascinating things you can do with your time today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though of course you have competitors, no one can do things quite like you. In social situations, you'll be as attractive as you are comfortable. Relax and own your spot — in life, in the group, in the center of yourself.

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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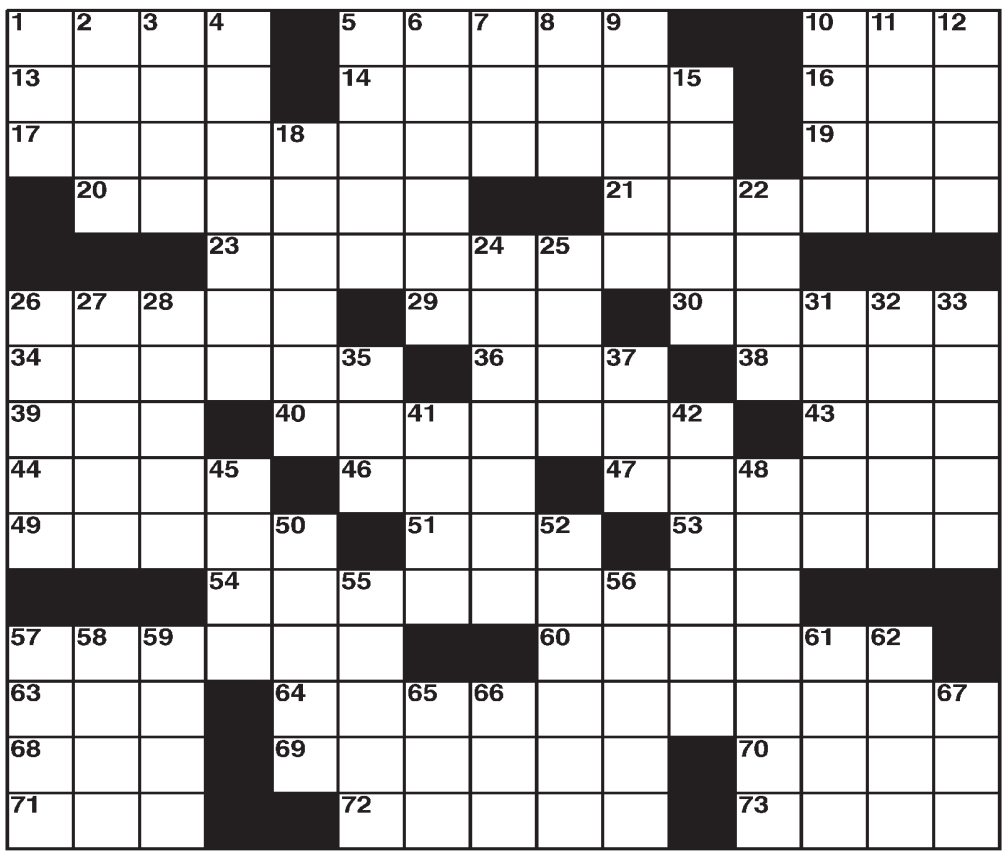
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ACROSS

1 Autobahn autos
5 Pest control brand
10 Frodo's fellow traveler
13 Italian Adriatic port
14 More than one still
16 HealthCare.gov concern
17 Card room competition
19 Outdoor card reader
20 Nissan Rogue predecessor
21 World's largest peninsula
23 Summer social site
26 Rapper's capper
29 Thou
30 Waist measure
34 Shakespearean monarch
36 Fractions of a yr.
38 Mitchell cover image
39 Little fella
40 Vegan's avoidance
43 Family nickname
44 Muslim monarch
46 Sorority symbol
47 "Gimme a break!"
49 First Muslim Peace Nobelist
51 Include discreetly
53 "Not interested"
54 Workout follower
57 Dangerous air
60 Seize and carry off
63 A lot more than a minute
64 Sans serif character
68 Eroded
69 Sushi staple
70 Historical studies
71 Jurisprudence
72 File away
73 Fountain fare

DOWN

1 Code of Advertising agcy.
2 Manifesto man
3 Bench order
4 Article supplement
5 Grammy category
6 Retail chain founder
7 RV stopover franchise
8 Addams cousin
9 Very lite
10 Volvo ex-rival
11 Musical opener
12 Toddler coddler
15 Signal indifference
18 Geneticist Mendel
22 Hardly at all
24 A question of cost
25 Salad veggie
26 Hands (out)
27 16-Across supporter
28 Updated
31 Reggae fan, often
32 Not-so-big bands
33 Padlock parts
35 Ultimately realize
37 Title with a tilde
41 Wipes gently
42 Rip off
45 Old-school encouragement
48 Mischief makers
50 Archaeology finds
52 Astonishing thing
55 Stuff of legends
56 Toon robot named for Disney
57 Edible powder
58 Sorority symbol
59 "Dawn of __ Day" ('39 World's Fair song)
61 Texan MLBer
62 What can follow each word in the five longest Across answers
65 57-Down tidbit
66 Boardroom VIP
67 ANC's birthplace



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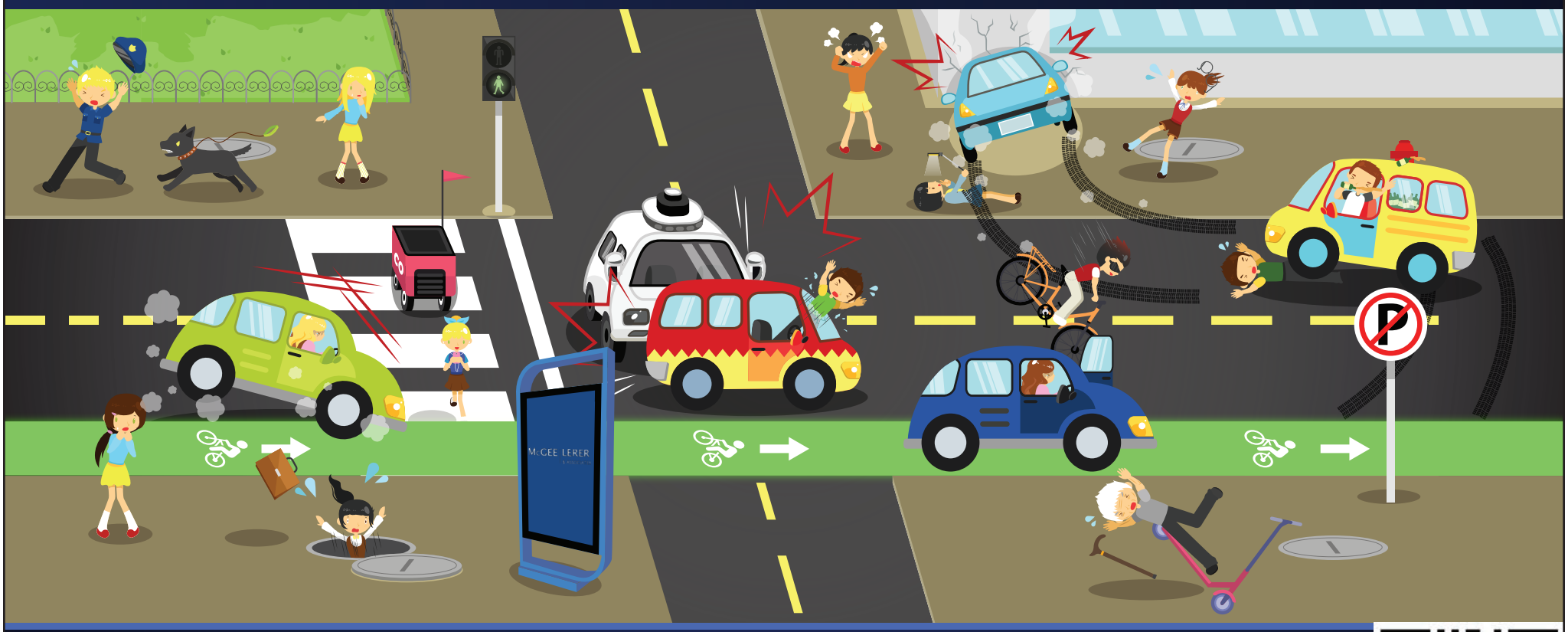
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