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# Mobility debate scoots into Council chambers this week




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**SCOOTERS:** Staff are proposing a change to mobility rules that would allow more companies to operate scooters and bikes in the city.

**MATTHEW HALL**
SMDP Editor

Santa Monica wants to make e-scooters a permanent part of the road ecosystem with a proposal to rebuild the city's micromobility transit rules from the wheels up.

The Council will hear a proposal at their July 23 meeting to transition the city away from a contract model for scooter/bike operators and into a permit model in an attempt to provide more reliable service to residents.

The city's relationship with the dockless devices dates to the start of the e-scooter revolution with one of the first companies, Bird, setting up shop here and deploying its vehicles in 2017. That kicked off a veritable scooter-storm with devices multiplying in cities worldwide, waves of companies entering the market, waves of companies going out of business and critics accusing the devices of destroying local streets.

The maelstrom yielded a set of Santa Monica regulations that limited operations of bikes/scooters to a handful of contracted companies over a multi-year pilot program with limits on the number of devices each company could put on the streets.

In March 2021, the Council recommended transitioning from a pilot program to a longer-term contract model, initially delayed due to COVID-19. The competitive selection process for contracted service began in January 2023, with six operators submitting proposals.

That process generated more controversy after Bird, who had by that point been kicked out of the city's program, was listed as potentially returning despite well documented financial troubles. Instead, Council just extended the current program while staff worked on securing new contracts.

At that point, the city had three operators that were permitted to conduct shared mobility service in Santa Monica: Spin, which was permitted to deploy 700 e-scooters; Veo, which was permitted to deploy 200 scooters and 500 class 2 e-bikes; and Wheels/Helbiz, which was permitted to deploy 100 scooters and 100 class 1 e-bikes. Lyft was

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT:** **RECOMMENDATION OF THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE CITY COUNICL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA RELATED TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, THE BERGAMOT AREA PLAN, THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO IMPLMENT GOALS POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE 6TH CYCLE (2021-2029) HOUSING ELEMENT, ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS FOR CONSITENCY WITH STATE HOUSING LAW, AND MAKING OTHER MINOR CHANGES, CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

As described further below, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider adoption of resolutions recommending that the City Council: 1) Amend the Land Use and Circulation Element of the City's General Plan, amend the Bergamot Area Plan to repeal Chapter 5 (Development Standards and Land Use Regulations) for integration of those provisions into the Zoning Ordinance and amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance to integrate development standards and land use regulations for the Bergamot Area Plan, and amend the Downtown Community Plan for consistency with the Goals, Polices, and Programs of the 6th Cycle Housing Element and recent updates to State housing laws, and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications; and 2) Amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance for consistency with the Goals, Policies, and Programs of the 6th Cycle Housing Element; to allow for the separate conveyances of primary dwelling units and ADUs in accordance with AB 1033; incorporate interim zoning regulations authorizing the establishment, by Resolution, of objective design standards for housing projects that qualify for the streamlined ministerial approval process established by SB 35 housing projects; for consistency with recent updates to State housing laws; and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications.

**DATE/TIME:** **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

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

California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which decide the numerical housing targets for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the State then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing units. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. The adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element demonstrates there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number.

On October 11, 2022, per State requirements, the City Council adopted its 2021-2029 Housing Element, which is available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. On October 14, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) confirmed the City's adopted Housing Element is in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code). The adopted Housing Element sets forth a series of goals, policies and programs to be implemented over the next 8 years of the 6th Cycle.

On March 21, 2023, the City Council adopted an initial phase of amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Community Plan, and the City's Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element programs 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1F, 1G, 1J, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4E.

For consistency with the 2021-2029 Housing Element goals, policies and programs, the City proposes this second phase of amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Community Plan, and the City's Zoning Ordinance. This second phase includes implementation of the following Housing Element Programs:

- Program 1.B (Streamline the Architectural Review Process and Ensure Design Review Objectivity for Housing Projects)
- Program 1.E (Revise the Design Standards in The Bergamot Area Plan (BAP) For Easier Understanding and To Support Housing Production)
- Program 1.H (Adaptive Reuse of Existing Commercial Buildings for Permanent Residential Use)
- Program 1.I (Ensure That Local Regulations Support Innovations in Construction Technology to The Extent Technically Feasible)
- Program 2.B (Right of First Offer Ordinance for Nonprofit Affordable Housing Providers)
- Program 2.C (Update the City's Affordable Housing Production Program to Increase the Number of Affordable Housing Units at all Income Levels)
- Program 2.I (Zoning for A Variety of Housing Types Including Special Needs Housing and Housing Access for Persons with Disabilities)
- Program 3.A (Restrict the Removal of Existing Rental Units for Site Redevelopment and Require That Protected Units Are Replaced)
- Program 3.E (Maintain a Low-Income Residential Repair Program)
- Program 5.B (Low Barrier Navigation Centers as By-Right Use)

In addition, the Planning Commission will be considering whether to recommend that the City Council make additional amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in order to: to allow for the separate conveyances of primary dwelling units and ADUs in accordance with AB 1033; incorporate interim zoning regulations authorizing the establishment, by Resolution, of objective design standards for housing projects that qualify for the streamlined ministerial approval process established by SB 35 housing projects; for consistency with recent updates to State housing laws; and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications

**HOW TO COMMENT**

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, Planning Manager**
**Re: Housing Element Implementation**

**VIA E-MAIL:** planningcomment@santamonica.gov
**VIA MAIL:** City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

**MORE INFORMATION**

If you want more information about the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element, please see the City's website: https://santamonica.gov/housing-element-update, or email housingupdate@smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 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. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**ESPAÑOL**

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 5547.

# Promenade 'place to be' for frozen yogurt fanatics




Photo Courtesy Alex Soofer

**YOGURT:** Yogurtland has officially moved to the Third Street Promenade, becoming a flagship frozen dessert destination.

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Though some businesses avoid the shopping mecca of Santa Monica, one local owner claims the Third Street Promenade "is the place to be," bringing his beloved frozen yogurt franchise on the Promenade this past month.

Yogurtland, owned and operated by Alex Soofer, opened its second Santa Monica location on the Promenade June 28, setting up shop near the corner of Arizona Ave. adjacent to Silver Lake Ramen. The frozen dessert destination in Downtown will soon become the "flagship" location in the area, Soofer said, as his other Yogurtland at 304 Santa Monica Blvd. will be closing at or before the end of October.

Operating the 304 Santa Monica Blvd. store since 2013, Soofer said it has been his "vision" to open on the Promenade, a decision that has already paid off. Calling the number one amenity of the locale the "foot traffic," Soofer noted he is already seeing double the customers at the Promenade spot.

"Not only does it bring more attention to our brand and our location, it also provides more of our product to more people, and so it really is a win-win situation because of the location itself," Soofer said. "Everybody is walking up and down the Promenade, so it really puts up right in front of people."

Soofer added that the Arizona Ave. corner is the "heart of the Promenade," able to collect traffic from Johnny Rockets and the AMC Santa Monica 7 movie theater across the street. He also attributed the increased business to the summer season, perfect for frozen treats, as well as the efficiency of the self-serve process.

Customers can craft bowls from 16 different flavors, including at least two non-dairy sorbet options always available, an increase from the other locale's 12. Topping choices are also up by 30%, with anything from sprinkles to gummy bears in play.

"The fact that it's a self-serve yogurt company actually gets our customers more involved in getting the yogurt and the experience gets a lot more (fun) for the customer, as they get to choose exactly (the) number of toppings or the variety of toppings … every customer always wants a little more (efficiency) … the yogurt (being) self-serve, that makes that available to them," Soofer added.

Another factor that "truly makes Yogurtland different" is that yogurt is produced farm-to-location, using the company's cows to produce quality milk for the endeavor.

The Promenade location is also unique for its robust outside dining space, which holds the capacity to keep customers comfortable year-round via heating systems for the wintertime.

"One of the things that we particularly wanted (were) outdoor heaters, so that during the colder months, our customer base will be able to sit and enjoy their yogurt … in the cold weather," Soofer said.

Born and raised in Santa Monica, Soofer has been a veteran of the local food industry, and wants to use the Promenade spot as a launching pad for other festive frozen locations.

"We're looking out right now for a couple of different spots to grow our footprint in Santa Monica … we do look forward to opening up a couple more spots within the city," he said.

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# California passed a law to fix unsafe homeless shelters. Cities and counties are ignoring it

**LAUREN HEPLER**
Special to the Daily Press

Now that the Supreme Court has granted cities more power to ban sleeping outside, homeless Californians face a crucial decision: Try to get into a shelter, or risk going to jail.

Those able to find a shelter bed will step into a world rife with reports of violence, theft, health hazards — and a lack of accountability. Public records obtained by CalMatters show that most cities and counties have seemingly ignored a recent state law that aimed to reform dangerous conditions in shelters.

In 2021, following earlier reports of maggots, flooding and sexual harassment in shelters, the state Legislature created a new system requiring local governments to inspect the facilities after complaints and file annual reports on shelter conditions, including plans to fix safety and building code violations.

CalMatters found that just five of California's 58 counties — Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange and Yuba — have filed shelter reports. Only four of the state's 478 cities filed reports: Fairfield, Petaluma, Santa Rosa and Woodland, according to records from the agency in charge of implementing the law, the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

"It is shocking, number one, that there is so little reporting, considering that is part of the legislation," said the law's author, Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, a Democrat who represents parts of Orange and L.A. counties. "We are asking for the basics here."

In light of CalMatters' findings, she said she has requested a meeting with officials at the state housing agency. Quirk-Silva said she will consider audits or other measures as needed.

"Maybe we need to add more teeth," she said. "There certainly could be a possibility that we will follow up with another piece of legislation."

Police call logs, shelter incident reports and other records obtained by CalMatters provide a hint of what's missing as a result of the failure to report: a child falling out of an unreinforced window in San Mateo County and being hospitalized; multiple allegations of sexual harassment in Contra Costa County; food shortages in Placer County; and deaths, mold and vermin in many places across the state.

California has spent at least $1.5 billion on shelters and related solutions since 2018, legislative reports show, on top of millions invested by cities, counties and the federal government. The facilities are designed to be a temporary stop on the road to regaining housing but increasingly function as a bridge to nowhere; the state added new emergency shelter beds at roughly five times the rate of permanent housing with supportive services from 2018 to 2023, gaining 27,544 shelter beds, federal data shows.

What happens in those shelters is largely a black box. No state agency keeps an updated list of how many shelters are operating, or where, officials told CalMatters. There is no state licensing process for shelters. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development tracks numbers of emergency shelter beds and how long people live in them, but no information about resident deaths, health or safety.

While not every city or county in California has a homeless shelter, state housing officials estimated a total of around 1,300 shelters in 2021. Municipalities continue to invest in them as a more immediate alternative to street homelessness, even as experts stress that other options – such as direct rent subsidies or housing with on-site services – are often more effective at combating the root issue.

"It's a bad idea. At the same time, so many unhoused people are living in these congregate shelters," said Eve Garrow, a senior policy analyst and advocate for the ACLU of Southern California. "We want to make sure those spaces are safe and clean for as long as people need them, but we also want to move away from that model."

The 2021 state law was supposed to help enforce minimum building and safety standards for shelters by creating a new state oversight system. When people staying at shelters or their advocates file complaints, the law requires cities or counties to inspect the facilities and report any violations to the state to reconsider future funding. The catch: cities and counties only have to report to the state if they determine that a violation is severe enough.

"Each city and county has a very unique way of processing complaints," said Mitchel Baker, assistant deputy director of the Department of Housing and Community Development's codes and standards division. "What may be perceived as complaints or violations may not ultimately result in the issuance of a notice of violation or corrective order."

As California and the rest of the country barrel into a new legal era for mass homelessness, promises of safe shelter will be key to determining how many people can avoid more frequent tickets or jail. Many public officials, meanwhile, cast the Supreme Court's Grants Pass ruling as a necessary clarification after years of conflict over when cities should be allowed to dismantle tents, insisting that they will continue to offer alternatives.

"This decision removes the legal ambiguities that have tied the hands of local officials for years," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement after the ruling. "The state will continue to work with compassion to provide individuals experiencing homelessness with the resources they need."

What those resources are is often hard to know, since many shelters are closed to visitors and so few places have filed state reports on conditions. People who have lived in shelters, however, paint a more dire picture.

Residents of one Huntington Beach shelter recently complained to health officials about mold, never-ending cases of pneumonia and neighbors walking around

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## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.6**

MONDAY
***FAIR***
**SURF:** 1-2ft
Knee to thigh
Mainly leftover SSW swell and dropping NW windswell. Could be some opportunity for the small wave gear on the AM tide push.

TUESDAY
***FAIR***
**SURF:** 1-2ft
Knee to thigh
Trending smaller for most of the region as NW windswell drops further. New SSW/S swell gradually creeps in through the day as old SSW swell drops.

## Weather

**Monday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 75.
**Monday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.
**Tuesday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 74.
**Tuesday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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| 2024/07/22 | Mon | 4:19 PM | 2.10 | L |
| 2024/07/22 | Mon | 10:32 PM | 6.73 | H |
| 2024/07/23 | Tue | 05:45 AM | -1.05 | L |
| 2024/07/23 | Tue | 12:12 PM | 4.41 | H |
| 2024/07/23 | Tue | 5:12 PM | 1.97 | L |
| 2024/07/23 | Tue | 11:19 PM | 6.29 | H |
| 2024/07/24 | Wed | 06:22 AM | -0.68 | L |
| 2024/07/24 | Wed | 12:52 PM | 4.67 | H |
| 2024/07/24 | Wed | 6:12 PM | 1.88 | L |
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Power#: 26
Jackpot: 91 M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 7/16
5 35 42 58 66
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 251 M

**SuperLotto Plus**
Draw Date: 7/17
5 14 23 24 29
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 54 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 7/18
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**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 7/18
EVENING: 1 1 4
Draw Date: 7/18
MIDDAY: 0 7 1

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 7/18
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2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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## Name Change

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# News Binge: All of Last Week's Stories in One Place

**SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL INITIATES BITCOIN OFFICE PILOT PROGRAM**

On July 9, the Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved the pilot program for a Santa Monica Bitcoin Office, spearheaded by Vice Mayor Lana Negrete in collaboration with The Proof of Workforce Foundation. The initiative aims to educate the public about Bitcoin and support the city's economic recovery.

**HOMELESS MAN THREATENS TEEN WITH KNIFE ON SANTA MONICA PIER**

On July 7, a homeless man, Francisco Daniel Espindola, held a knife to the throat of a 16-year-old boy on the Santa Monica Pier. The boy was fishing with his mother when Espindola grabbed the fishing knife and threatened him. Police quickly apprehended Espindola without incident.

**4-YEAR-OLD KIDNAPPED AND FOUND SAFE**

On July 12, a 4-year-old girl was kidnapped from a restaurant at the Pico and Lincoln Blvd intersection. The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) launched an extensive search, finding the child unharmed in a motel room within 26 minutes. The suspect was arrested.

**COUNCIL MEETING HEATS UP OVER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION LEAKS**

At the June 11 Santa Monica City Council meeting, councilmembers debated investigating leaks of confidential information from Closed Sessions. The discussion, led by Councilmembers Gleam Davis, Caroline Torosis, and Jesse Zwick, turned contentious with accusations of political maneuvering.

**CANDIDATES BEGIN FILING FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

On July 15, potential candidates for Santa Monica City Council, Rent Control Board, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board, and Santa Monica College Board began pulling paperwork. Candidates for City Council include Whitney Bain, Lawrence Doherty Jr., Stephen Garr, Dan Hall, Janet McLaughlin, Manju Raman, Ellis Raskin, and Natalya Zernitskaya.

**COUNCIL EXAMINES SUPREME COURT RULING ON PUBLIC SLEEPING BANS**

During the July 9 meeting, the Council discussed the implications of the recent Grants Pass Supreme Court decision, which permits cities to ban sleeping in public spaces. Vice Mayor Lana Negrete and Councilmember Oscar de la Torre requested the City Attorney and City Manager evaluate the ruling's impact on local homelessness.

**JANET MCLAUGHLIN ANNOUNCES CITY COUNCIL RUN**

Lifelong Santa Monica resident and former Los Angeles Times journalist Janet McLaughlin announced her candidacy for City Council. McLaughlin aims to amplify the voices of residents who feel unheard.

**MIRAMAR HOTEL RENOVATION PROJECT MOVES FORWARD**

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) unanimously recommended the extensive renovation of the Miramar Hotel on July 15. The project includes adding 60 residential condominiums, a new restaurant, retail spaces, a three-level parking garage, and public open space.

**ROCK FOR HUNGER FUNDRAISER COMBINES MUSIC AND CHARITY**

The Westside Food Bank held its second Rock for Hunger event at The Viper Room, featuring performances by the 80s cover band Wayward Sons and magicians. The event, supported by Viper Room General Manager Tommy Black, aimed to raise funds for meals for children.

**TEEN ASSAULTED BY MOB ON SANTA MONICA BEACH**

On July 14, a 14-year-old boy was attacked by a mob near the Santa Monica Pier following an illuminated drone show. The incident, which led to the Pier's early closure, is under investigation by the SMPD.

**SANTA MONICA PIER WATERS RANK HIGH IN POLLUTION**

According to the July 17 Heal the Bay Beach Report Card, the Santa Monica Pier ranked third among the most polluted beaches along the West Coast during the summer of 2023-24, with only the Tijuana River Mouth and Playa Blanca in Baja, Mexico, faring worse.

**DINE LA WEEK SHOWCASES GLOBAL CUISINE**

Until July 26, 35 Santa Monica restaurants are participating in Dine LA Restaurant Week, offering special fixed-price menus. The event highlights a variety of cuisines, including American, Mediterranean, Chinese, and Italian.

**LOCAL STAR SHINES AT NICKELODEON KIDS CHOICE AWARDS**

Santa Monica-born Jensen Gering, star of Nickelodeon's "Erin & Aaron," attended the 2024 Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards at Barker Hangar on July 13. Gering expressed excitement over the show's positive reception on Netflix and Nickelodeon.

**HOUSING ELEMENT DISCUSSED AT COMMUNITY MEETING**

Mayor Phil Brock, along with Councilmembers Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra, held a community meeting on July 17 to address housing and transportation issues. The discussion focused on the city's compliance with its 2021-2029 Housing Element, which aims to add 8,874 new housing units, with a significant portion being affordable.

**MALIBU PUSHES FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

On July 18, Malibu announced it is resuming efforts to establish its own school district, citing inadequate representation and unmet needs within the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. This move follows years of negotiation for an independent district.

**HOMELESS MAN ATTACKS SECURITY GUARD**

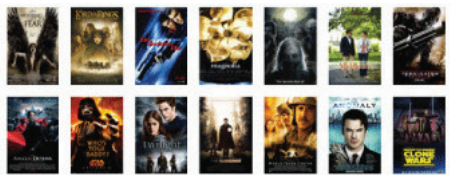
A homeless man injured a security guard on July 18 at a downtown parking structure. The incident occurred when the guard asked the man to leave the premises. The suspect attacked the guard with a sharp object, causing a minor injury, and then fled the scene. The guard continued his shift despite the injury.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Citywide**

## 12 PAL Youth Awarded $38,000 In Scholarships At Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund Celebration

The Police Activities League (PAL) hosted its annual Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarship Fund recognition ceremony on the evening of Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at St. Monica's Grand Pavilion in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica PAL youth, including 12 juniors and seniors, were honored with personal recognition and individual scholarship funds totaling $38,000. More than 100 guests joined to celebrate the student recipients at the outdoor event with special guest presenters including Senator Ben Allen, Chair of the Board of Equalization Tony Vasquez, Mayor Phil Brock, and Vice Mayor Lana Negrete.

Now in its 22nd year, more than 149 scholarships totaling more than $400,000 have been awarded to PAL youth in the Santa Monica community.

The Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund was created through a joint gift from Ed Simmons and Standard Parking and Neil and Karen Carrey. Since 2002, the fund provides scholarships for post-high school education expenses to PAL members who meet required criteria, shows financial need, successfully completes an application package, and is selected by the Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund Committee.

Several of the awardees had been active participants in PAL's youth programs for more than 7 years. Among the 12 recipients, several seniors shared their inspiring pathways to success, highlighting their plans to attend prestigious institutions such as University of California, Los Angeles, Mount Saint Mary's University, California State University, Long Beach, and Santa Monica College, among others. Each scholarship recipient was awarded an amount from $1,500 to $5,500 including Hawene Alemayehu, Rosa Cruz, Aaniyah Evans, Tia Hansen, Maribel Hernandez, Joshua Lesley, Jacqueline Morales, Jesse Morales, Chris Naelgas, Esteban Nunez, Arnoldo Paniagua, and Emily Rodriguez.

"This annual event, now in its 22nd year, owes its success to the invaluable participation of individuals and businesses, particularly Ed Simmons and Standard Parking, as well as Neil and Karen Carrey," says Eula Fritz, Director of the Santa Monica Police Activities League. "Their generous contributions help transform dreams into realities for PAL youth, many of whom would be unable to achieve their goals without this support."

The PAL Scholarship awards are in memoriam to Chris Carrey, who lived in Santa Monica for all 16½ years of his life. He was an excellent student, having attended school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Chris was very active in youth sports and especially excelled in tennis. He also played the bass guitar. However, most of all Chris wanted to become a chef. Chris performed his community service at PAL. He would have been proud of the PAL kids going on for additional education after high school. He would have also been proud that scholarships to help PAL kids with education are being awarded in his name.

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## SMPD Arrests July 11 to July 17

| Crime | Arrests |
|---|---|
| Parole Violation | 6 |
| Burglary | 3 |
| Corporal Injury To Spouse | 3 |
| Resisting Arrest | 3 |
| Unknown | 3 |
| Warrant | 3 |
| Assault & Battery | 2 |
| Assault with a Deadly Weapon | 2 |
| Possession of Methamphetamines | 2 |
| Appropriation of Lost Property | 1 |
| Carjacking | 1 |
| Criminal Threat | 1 |
| Domestic Battery | 1 |
| Drunk in Public | 1 |
| DUI Causing Bodily Injury | 1 |
| Jaywalking | 1 |
| Kidnapping | 1 |
| Lewd Conduct | 1 |
| Obstructing a Business Establishment | 1 |
| Petty Theft | 1 |
| Possession of ammunition by prohibited person | 1 |
| Possession of Drug Paraphernalia | 1 |
| Probation Violation | 1 |
| Trespassing | 1 |
| Vandalism | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **43** |

# GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# *Housing is the key to activating the power of California's young voters*

**SAA'UN BELL**




Photo by Rich Pedroncelli, AP Photo
**HOUSE:** A "for sale" sign is posted in front of a home in Sacramento on March 3, 2022.

Since my family almost lost our home during the Great Recession 15 years ago, our modest 1,200-square-foot home has become a safety net for my siblings, an oasis for extended family and friends.

Soon after my cousin lost his job during the pandemic, he moved his family of seven into the living room of our two-bedroom house in Long Beach. And when my brother began living out of his car because his minimum wage job wasn't enough for rent, my father told him to "come home."

For my father, it didn't matter how many people were packed together. He always said, no matter what, we'd always have a home.

But far too many Californians don't have this option.

Sadly, access to safe, stable and affordable housing has become increasingly rare in our state, a trend that has gotten worse over the past several years. Home values and rents in California are among the most expensive in the country. Our state has the nation's highest rate of homelessness.

California has become the epicenter of the nation's housing crisis and young people are bearing the brunt. Black youth in particular are the worst hit by the statewide and national crisis.

Power California polled 1,557 young adults, ages 18-30, recently and found 52% of young Black Californians reporting high rent as a housing barrier. In the past two years, 30% of young Black Californians moved to seek better pay and work opportunities and 18% moved because of an eviction.

This is why 57% of California's Black youth identify as hustlers and grinders, because they have to take on multiple jobs or side gigs to survive — the highest of all racial and ethnic groups.

The housing crisis also has severely impacted young Latino Californians. They are more likely to rent and the most likely to move because they can no longer afford rent, compared to other racial and ethnic groups. Two-thirds are renters, 18% live at home with parents or relatives and 28% have considered leaving the state.

Two in five Latino youth identify as caretakers, because they are the main money maker in their household, are an older sibling or they take care of someone in their household.

Despite hardships, three in four young Californians are optimistic about their futures.

California's youth of color are especially hopeful — at more than twice the rate of their white counterparts. They perceive voting, running for office and volunteering as effective ways to improve their communities. Young Black Californians especially view civic engagement as a way to make a difference on issues that matter most to them.

Young voters have demonstrated the power they wield in recent years. Record youth turnout helped President Joe Biden win the 2020 election. In 2021, California's young voters of color led the last-minute voter rush to defeat the anti-democratic recall campaign of Gov. Gavin Newsom, and in 2022, youth voters helped swing close races for Democrats in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Georgia.

In fact, more than 300 young people with Power California and allied organizations fanned out across this state to engage and activate their peers for the recent March primary elections.

As they have shown time and again, young people will be key to winning in November's general elections. Youth organizers from Power California will continue to hit the streets in critical battleground districts that could shift control of the House of Representatives this fall. In the Central Valley, Orange County, Inland Empire and across the state, young leaders of color can affect the outcome of races up and down the ballot. With numerous statewide and local housing measures on the ballot, young voters will be engaged this fall because they know what's at stake. They've identified homelessness and affordable housing as the most pressing need for local, state and federal government leaders to address.

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# HOMELESS

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with infected, open sores. Homeless people and their families have filed lawsuits in several cities over shelter sexual assaults and wrongful deaths. In San Diego, Sharon Descans has been bouncing between shelters and a borrowed van after being evicted from a newer kind of publicly-funded tent city, where she said she weathered unpaid labor, multiple neighbors' deaths and flashes of chaos.

"People are pulling swords on each other and hitting each other with two-by-fours," Descans said. "All I wanted from the day I got there is to get out."

## OLD PROBLEMS, NEW FAILURES

Up until the 1980s, many of the poorest people in California and other states could still afford rented rooms or cheap hotels. Then came a tidal wave of gentrification, wage stagnation, federal cuts to housing and cash aid, plus shocks like the AIDS and drug epidemics. In less than three decades, the state went from 37,000 dedicated beds for mental health patients to just 2,500 by 1983, according to historians at the National Academies of Sciences.

Vast numbers of people "drifted onto the streets," the historians wrote, as promised investments in community resources proved inadequate. The "modern era of homelessness" had begun.

Large emergency shelters with bunk beds and communal showers emerged as a stop-gap, despite comparisons to jail cells or military barracks. The shelter triage approach spread as California housing construction slowed and homelessness exploded, up 40% in the past five years alone, to more than 181,000 people.

Shelters boomed thanks in large part to court rulings that forbid authorities from cracking down on homeless people solely for being homeless. In Martin v Boise, courts decided that the city violated the U.S. Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment by ticketing people for sleeping outside when there wasn't "adequate" shelter available.

"What has happened is cities and counties have quite explicitly raced to build more shelters in order to criminalize more people," Garrow said. "Shelters become kind of an arm of this criminal legal system."

Quirk-Silva proposed the 2021 shelter law after a 2019 ACLU report by Garrow documented bedbug infestations, overflowing sewage and sexual harassment by shelter workers. The findings collided with Quirk-Silva's experience talking with people on the street near her Fullerton neighborhood about why they weren't in shelters. Her own brother died at age 50 after struggling with housing instability, mental health and alcohol abuse.

Shelters were growing, fast, Quirk-Silva realized, and people were staying longer. California shelter residents now stay a median of about five months, or 155 days, the most recent federal data from 2023 shows — a 30% increase since 2019.

Garrow supported the 2021 law's effort to create minimum standards for shelters. She has seen a few problematic shelters closed down in Orange County, she said, including an old transit station in Santa Ana not meant for human habitation, which previously flooded.

Still, Garrow wasn't surprised to hear about the small number of cities and counties following through on the law, which she said several amendments weakened. One removed a requirement for local officials to regularly conduct unannounced shelter inspections. Another struck a rule to add signs with information about how to file complaints at shelters.



Photos by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

**CLOSED:** A former homeless shelter in Anaheim that has been permanently shut down and boarded up. The shelter had area where folks experiencing homelessness were given space to store their belongings while staying at the shelter.

"I would attribute the low number of complaints not to the fact that shelters are now clean and sanitary and abiding by a new law," Garrow said. "But to the fact that people aren't aware."

Under the law, cities and counties that find violations in their shelters are supposed to report any conditions that are "dangerous, hazardous, imminently detrimental to life or health, or otherwise render the homeless shelter unfit for human habitation." But even places that are filing state shelter reports omit serious potential safety issues.

L.A. County, for example, has filed lists of its several dozen shelters and one-page inventories of violations related to rats, roaches, hot water outages and garbage. Not mentioned were issues like a 2021 conviction of a former shelter security guard on multiple sexual assault charges. Or reports of shelter deaths, physical attacks and other incidents that appear in police call logs requested by CalMatters.

## SHELTERS AFTER SCOTUS

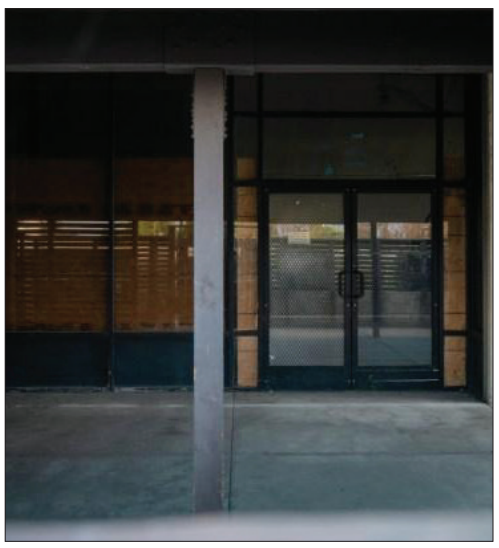
On a recent Friday in San Diego's crown jewel of a central park, Balboa Park, Sharon Descans laid down on a concrete bench under a palm tree to ease the pain in her joints after a year of constant motion. The former college swimmer said she became homeless for the first time last year, after she got sick with COVID, lost two property management jobs, fell behind on rent and got evicted.

What followed was a tour she never wanted of last-ditch housing in a city at the forefront of statewide efforts to vanquish street encampments.

Even before the Supreme Court decision, San Diego officials were moving people off the street to large publicly funded tent cities, called "safe sleeping" sites.

At a site called O Lot, Descans and many neighbors lived in Eskimo brand ice fishing huts that multiple residents said were prone to leaking during rain. Her anxiety spiked at the makeshift shelter, she said, since she didn't have a door to lock and witnessed widespread drug use and unpredictable outbursts. One neighbor died of cancer alone in his tent, Descans said, after what seemed like days without anyone checking on him.

None of that has been captured in state reports. San Diego is one of the many



California locales that has not submitted any reports after the 2021 shelter law, according to state records, despite housing more than a dozen shelters and some 10,600 homeless residents.

(Even if San Diego had filed the reports, state and local spokespeople said it's not certain they would've captured operations at O Lot. Though many homeless people have temporarily lived at the tent site, nonprofit operator Dreams For Change stressed that it is not technically a shelter under federal definitions.)

When asked whether there was any process in place for complaints about homeless shelters in San Diego county, a spokesperson said only that the county does not directly operate any shelters. Under the state law, cities and counties are still responsible for monitoring complaints and reporting violations at shelters in their area with other owners or operators.

A spokesman for the city of San Diego said that it has received five complaints since the shelter law was passed, and that "city staff are working on" evaluating why a state report had not been filed.

"At all city-funded shelters, including the Safe Sleeping and Safe Parking programs, there is a comprehensive complaint process where potential issues are quickly and thoroughly resolved," spokesman Matt Hoffman said in a statement. "Every complaint is followed up on and, if needed, action is promptly taken."

At O Lot, Descans tried to keep her head down. She made friends with another mom whose son had also wrestled at a nearby high school. The pair heard they could earn money to work their way out of the tents by cleaning bathrooms and doing laundry for the nonprofit Dreams for Change. Descans said she was never paid around $1,000 for 55 hours of cleaning work, which she documented in photos and text message complaints to a site supervisor.

In June, Descans was "exited" from the shelter — nonprofit-speak for evicted — after forms said she had a verbal altercation with staff and allowed an unpermitted visit from her 17-year-old son, who lives with other family.

"I just feel like nobody cares," Descans said. "It's like cover your ass at any expense — who even cares about these homeless people?"

A Dreams for Change spokesperson said the nonprofit cannot comment on individual cases, but that it has a process for formally hiring and paying residents who wish to work. The nonprofit added that it is one of several contractors that operate safe sleeping sites near Balboa Park.

About 80 households have secured permanent housing after living at Dreams for Change's portion of O Lot, spokesperson Kelly Spoon said in a statement. She confirmed three deaths at the site and added that, "Dealing with a diverse population, occasional altercations may arise, but physical altercations are extremely rare."

Another current resident of the safe sleeping site, who asked not to be identified due to fear of retaliation, said he was also concerned about a lack of sufficient meals, deaths, sexual assaults reported by female neighbors, and a nagging lack of information from caseworkers about housing options.

Shawn Swearigen also lived in a tent at O Lot before moving to a subsidized apartment last month. The grandson of a cattle rancher from Imperial County worked in construction for years, until family deaths and the 2008 housing crash landed him on the street.

The tent in Balboa Park "wasn't bad," he said, though it wasn't immune from theft and mental health crises that he has found are two constants of homelessness. Swearigen valued having his own space, as opposed to being "dormed up" in a bunk bed like when he first became homeless and stayed at a large shelter. It was so claustrophobic and counter-productive, he said, that he spent the next decade trying to stay out of sight, often camping in the woods.

"It was kind of like a lack of options," Swearigen said. "I really didn't want to be a burden on people."

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

According to the City of Santa Monica, local shelters have been inspected by the County. In 2018 the county Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance to set new public health standards for temporary housing county-wide.

The LA County Department of Public Health Environmental Health Division (DPH) is responsible for routine and surprise inspections of all interim housing facilities and commercial kitchen facilities. Since 2018, DPH has also been tasked with conducting annual inspections of county-adopted standards of interim housing and issuing annual permits to interim housing facilities. DPH posts all inspections on their website at: https://ehservices.publichealth.lacounty.gov/index.jsp

The city-funded shelter, SAMOSHEL, has been regularly inspected on average twice per year, with the most recent being in May 2024 with no citable violations.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024115968 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 05/29/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Studio Phonic 4208 Alhama Dr Woodland Hills, CA 91364Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Sleepy Time Productions, LLC 4208 Alhama Dr Woodland Hills, CA 92364 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/ARegistrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Sleepy Time Productions, LLC Title: President Mary Knauf This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 05/29/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS.07/01/24, 07/08/24, 07/15/24, 07/22/24

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024114867 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/19/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as1.) 1 % Broker 2.) One Percent Broker 12725 Walsh Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066. Los Angeles. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Hugh Borax 12725 Walsh Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066.If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: An Individual The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/2024Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: An Individual Title: Owner High Borax. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/19/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS., 07/1/24, 07/8/24 07/15/24, 07/22/2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024133351 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/21/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. Metal Axe Music 15315 Magnolia Ave 229 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. 2. Metal Swords Music 15315 Magnolia Ave 229 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Metal Blades Records, Inc 15315 Magnolia Ave 229 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Corporationl The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/ARegistrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Metal Blades Records, Inc Title: VIce President Heather Parsons This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/21/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS.07/01/24, 07/08/24, 07/15/24, 07/22/24

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024133526 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/21/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. Boba Time 1006 N. Western Ave Suite B San Pedro, CA 90505 2. It's Boba Time 1006 N. Western Ave Suite B San Pedro, CA 90505 2Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are EvanGelion , Inc 24244 Ward St Torrance, CA 90505If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Corporationl The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/24Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: EvanGelion Title: President John Chung This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/21/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS.07/01/24, 07/08/24, 07/15/24, 07/22/24

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business NameDocument Record # 2019329403Current File No.# 2024132456 State of California, County of Los AngelesThe following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:JMK COURT REPORTING, 848 STH STREET APT 3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on December 26, 2019 in the county of LOS ANGELES.Registered owners: JUDITH M KRUEGER, 848 5TH STREET APT 3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403This business is conducted by: An INDIVIDUAL /s/ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Published: 6/20/2024 SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS: 07/7/2024, 07/14/2024, 07/21/2024, 07/28/2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024130211 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/18/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Harper Pointe Psychological & Testing 2716 Ocean Park Blvd Suite 1055 Santa Monica, CA 90405. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Henry McCain 2716 Ocean Park Blvd, Suite 1055 Santa Monica, CA 90405If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: An Individual The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Henry McCain Title: Owner, Henry McCain This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/18/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS., 07/08/24, 07/15/24, 07/22/24 07/29/24

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024140066 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 07/01/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. Fleur and Venture 2. Fleur & Venture 24644 Golfview Dr Valencia, CA 91355. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Samantha Duquette 24644 Golfview Dr Valencia, CA 91355If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: An Individual The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Samantha Duquette Title: Owner, Samantha Duquette This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/1/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS., 07/08/24, 07/15/24, 07/22/24 07/29/24

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024129531 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/17/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Best Colonics 1148 4th St Suite 205 Santa Monica, CA 90403Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are The Best Detox LLC 1148 4th St Suite 205 Santa Monica, CA 90403If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2019Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: The Best Detox LLC Title: President , Debbie Musnicki This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/1/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS., 07/08/24, 07/15/24, 07/22/24 07/29/24

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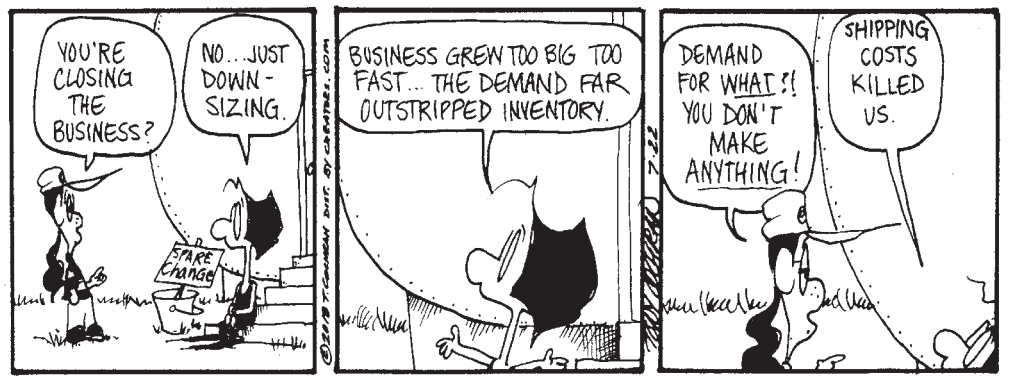
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024142227 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 07/03/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Alcheme 1211 9th St Apt 201 Santa Monica, CA 90401. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Jesyka Devi 9th St Apt 201 Santa Monica, CA 90401If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: An Individual The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2024Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Jesyka Devi Title: Owner , Jesyka Devi This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/03/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS., 07/08/24, 07/15/24, 07/22/24 07/29/24

## Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



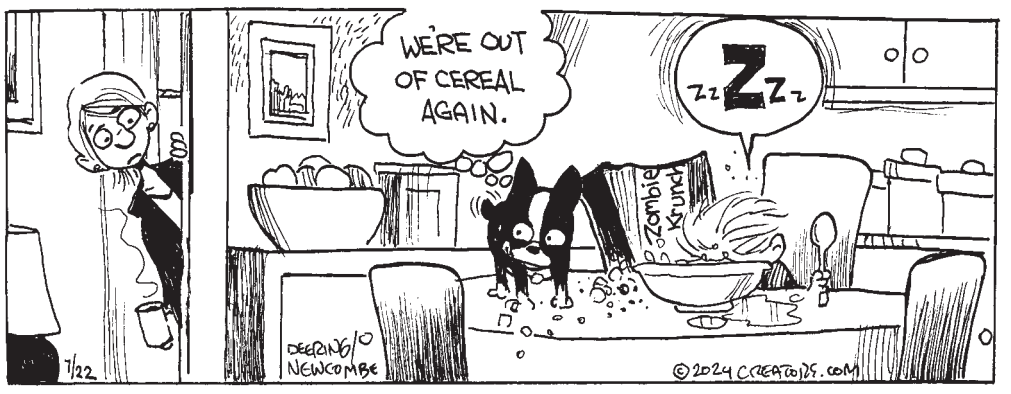

## Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART




## Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE




## Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER




"I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME."

## 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.

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## Hitting the waves

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GoPro
Grit
Guns
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Hollow
Kahuna
Leash
Lennox
Noosa
Nose
Offshore
Peak
Point
Position
Rail
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Rips
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Skeg
Spray
Steep
Surf
Tides
Tow in
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Turn
Under
Wall
Wave
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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22)

You may not always seek the spotlight, but it follows you anyway. You'll be lauded and applauded for the endearing things you do to make a difference, touch people's hearts and pump the atmosphere up with your joy. More highlights: a streak of wins in the game you love, an exchange of cherished treasures and a heart-altering, life-changing educational experience. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 20, 14, 33 and 17.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When people don't have what's necessary to solve a problem (for instance, energy, money, time, instruction, skill or other resources), frustrations mount. Read the room. Don't try to fix things. Listen, observe, defer, respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel a warmth and familiarity around certain people that is hard to account for, as you seem to be better friends than your actual friendship history would suggest. The feeling is mutual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Plato said to conquer oneself is the first and noblest of all victories, which is a little hardcore for the demands of the day. There's no need to conquer yourself, or even steer yourself today. It's a nobler victory just to accept, appreciate and enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When someone impresses you, you let them know, often in subtle ways. If they don't get the signal overtly, they'll get it subconsciously. The same goes for other messages you communicate today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're hungry to learn, and learn you will. Your education will not come through means that advertise as a school. Your teacher is action, or the proximity of one who models the action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are projects you take on with the full knowledge that you will never finish them. A project like that requires certain qualities of you — maybe passion, love or faith — and you're richer for what you learn in the process of the perpetually unresolved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's nothing like sunshine's glow to alleviate your concerns and make them appear smaller. Tonight highlights an exchange where the sentiment behind your actions matters more than any other part of the exchange.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You respect your elders, but it's your respect of youngers that will define your next breakthrough. The eyes of innocence teach by contrast, and the experiences of a new generation contribute a fascinating worldview.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The best feeling comes when you assist. Your kind help is a treasure, and there will be no shortage of takers. By focusing on the needs of others, you create a niche for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As independent as a person may feel, none really are. A solitary human can survive, but not as well or as long as one connected to the group. People need to feel seen — a requirement you'll gladly honor to stellar result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be called to solve problems, but don't solve them all. Like an expert mystery writer, you give enough resolution to create satisfaction, but keep some tension alive eternally with a loose end or two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be some red tape to get out of the way, which can be frustrating but is unavoidable and easier than starting a whole new country. Check the boxes and get through it. Tonight, you'll have something special and enjoy sharing it.

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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## Newsday Crossword

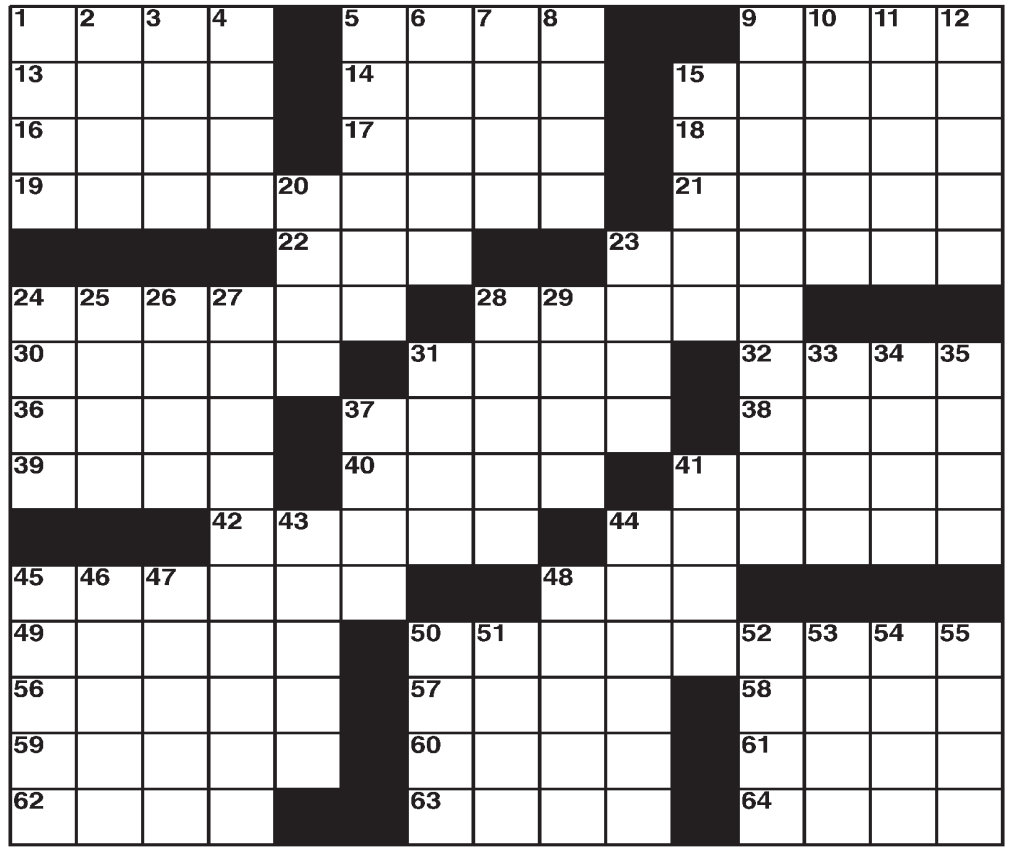
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### ACROSS

1 Immediately, in a memo
5 Be sure of
9 Wide belt
13 Holder for eyeglasses
14 Halifax, ___ Scotia
15 Florida Gulf city
16 Give off, as light
17 Internet auction site
18 Initial poker payments
19 Collectibles found at the shore
21 "___ have a clue"
22 Spanish cheer
23 Write, as a secret message
24 Competes in a bee
28 River mouth formation
30 Any song from the '60s
31 Workplace for a teller
32 Front of the lower leg
36 Hamburger meat
37 Pelicans and gulls, for instance
38 Big brass horn
39 Sensible
40 Change for a $5 bill
41 Escapes in a hurry
42 Lawn greenery
44 Mexican midday nap
45 Magazine editions
48 ___ Angeles, CA
49 Female parents, informally
50 Plastic sphere tossed at the shore
56 Keep from happening
57 Do not possess
58 Woodwind instrument
59 Prods into action
60 "That's understood"
61 Machine's coin opening
62 Makes a mistake
63 Annoying person
64 Sinks, as the sun

### DOWN

1 Cards higher than kings
2 identical
3 Largest continent
4 Poodles and parrots
5 Prepares to propose, perhaps
6 With high principles
7 Egg-shaped
8 Methods of doing something
9 Temporary palace built at the shore
10 "Are not!" response
11 Make purchases
12 Reckless speed
15 Make impure
20 Donut's center
23 Large antlered animals
24 Weeps noisily
25 "Not guilty," for example
26 Home for Adam and Eve
27 Rescuers at the shore
28 Takes a bold chance
29 Concludes
31 Storage containers
33 Color variations
34 "A likely story!"
35 Outer space agency
37 Constricting snakes
41 Try to catch flounders at the shore
43 Takes a break
44 Electrical outlet
45 Mirror's reflection
46 Enjoy very much
47 Lipstick smudge
48 Shoestrings
50 Radar screen signal
51 Make simpler
52 Company manager
53 I am ready, willing, and ___
54 Stolen property
55 Allows



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## SCOOTER

FROM PAGE 1

formerly permitted to deploy 600 class 1 e-bikes; however, they ceased operations in Santa Monica in 2022 as part of a broader withdrawal from Southern California markets. As it stands today, the city is down to two of its initial four operators, and 1,400 of its initial 2,200 permitted devices.

Now and staff are recommending a pivot away from contracted shared mobility service to a permit-based program.

According to staff, the initial plans to transition to a contract-based model aimed to improve stability, affordability, and service offerings. However, expected benefits, especially in fare affordability, did not fully materialize. In addition, the contract model opened the city to increased operator instability, including halts in service and bankruptcies, that have driven staff to believe a small number of contracted companies can leave the city without mobility services.

Despite the bumpy road so far, staff said the devices are well used and have outperformed other alternatives like LA Metro Bikeshare. In the first quarter of 2024, the local program recorded 125,736 trips, compared to LA Metro Bikeshare's 8,030 trips within Santa Monica. The devices are also touted as reducing automobile trips, reducing pollution and congestion.

Last year, Councilmembers had mixed reactions to the idea of keeping the devices in the city. While some advocated for evolving the program and keeping it alive, others said they'd be happy to remove the devices entirely. Ultimately, a majority advanced the idea of evolving the program resulting in the upcoming debate over permits vs. contracts.

"Santa Monica has been a leader in the shared mobility space since the beginning," said DOT Director Anuj Gupta. "We have worked since 2017 to address the challenges this new form of mobility has presented, while also making sure residents and visitors have ample access to multi-modal transportation. The city's shared mobility program continues to provide an important source of connectivity for community members and replaces hundreds of thousands of automobile trips every year. With this update and refresh, we aim to maximize the community benefits of shared mobility while advancing a Sustainable and Connected Santa Monica."

Council meets on July 23 in City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Closed Session begins at 5:30 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Citywide**

### Los Angeles Nonprofits Recently Awarded $3.3 Million from Bank of America

Bank of America announced it recently awarded its first round of grants for the year totaling nearly $3.3 million to 86 local nonprofits across Los Angeles providing workforce development, health resources and other basic needs to individuals and families.

Recent awardees include workforce development support for The Chrysalis Center's Chrysalis Employment Program and Adventist Health White Memorial's healthcare workforce training programs for Hispanic youth, and basic needs support for Food Forward to help expand healthy food access in Los Angeles County.

"Partnering with impactful local organizations to address important issues like youth workforce development, pathways to employment and health is part of our commitment to creating real change in Los Angeles," said Raul A. Anaya, president, Bank of America Los Angeles. "Investing in nonprofits helps provide the resources and support needed to help build thriving communities long-term."

These grants build on the $54 million Bank of America provided to Los Angeles organizations since 2019 and are part of the bank's longstanding commitment to supporting economic opportunity for diverse communities. Employee volunteerism continues to be an important and valuable contribution to local nonprofits, with Los Angeles employees logging more than 222,000 volunteer hours since 2019.

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## MONDAY | JULY 22

**FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**
Free summer lunch program for youth under the age of 18 at Virginia Avenue Park's Teen Center Courtyard. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, 12 - 1 p.m. while supplies last.

**BOOKMARK MONDAYS**
Stop by and make a different bookmark every Monday in July and learn how to take care of your books. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

**PAJAMA STORYTIME**
Wear your jammies to the library! For children of all ages (parents and teddy bears welcome). For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY | JULY 23

**FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**
The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Agenda online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 5:30 p.m.

**AUTHOR TALK WITH ELIZABETH ACEVEDO**
You're invited to learn about the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo! In this exciting author conversation and Q&A, Acevedo will provide a short reading from her National Book Award winning and New York Times bestselling novel-in-verse, The Poet X serving as the backdrop to this amazing chat! The Poet X is about an Afro-Latina heroine who tells her story with blazing words and powerful truth. Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers—especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Virtual, register online at https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/50810/register

## WEDNESDAY | JULY 24

**DJ LANCE ROCK STORYTIME AND DANCE**
The amazing DJ Lance Rock of Yo Gabba Gabba presents stories, music, and dance for a morning filled with fun and surprises! For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Boulevard, Venice, 10:30 a.m.

**HEADSPACE IRL: EVENING MEDITATION CLASS WITH ROSIE ACOSTA @ HEADSPACE**
If you've been practicing for a while through the Headspace app, this evening will be a time to deepen your practice and feel the support of a community.
If you're just starting to learn how to meditate, you will get valuable tips and guidance to help you move forward. What to bring:
Yoga mat (optional)
Blanket (optional)
Journal and pen (optional)
Meditation pillows and chairs will be provided
What does my ticket include:
A guided experience with Rosie Acosta, Headspace meditation and mindfulness teacher
1.5 hour meditation workshop on loving-kindness
Q&A and guidance for your practice
A code for a month of free Headspace
Headspace HQ, 2417 Michigan Avenue, 6 - 8 p.m.
$40, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/headspace-irl-evening-meditation-class-with-rosie-acosta-headspace-tickets-929439387227

**INTERNET BASICS CLASS**
A course for newcomers and anyone who wants a refresher or has questions. Computers provided. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
Organizers are hosting an American Red Cross blood drive to encourage donors to roll up their sleeve and help save lives with. Donate blood to receive a Fandango Movie Ticket emailed to you ($18 value-to any movie of their choice). For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, $18. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Register online at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Brntwd

## THURSDAY | JULY 25

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM: THE BEATBUDS**
Dance and sing along with The BeatBuds' interactive music show. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. For families. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

**STORY CRAFT TIME**
Hear a story and make something of it! Suggested for ages 3 years and older. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, 4 p.m.

**TAKE A BITE OF HISTORY WITH CULINARY HISTORIAN MAITE GOMEZ-REJÓN**
Santa Monica History Museum welcomes culinary historian Maite Gomez-Rejón, founder of ArtBites as we take a look at "El Cocinero Español" the first Mexican-American cookbook published in the U.S. (1898), authored by Encarnación Penedo. Pinedo's story and a tasting of her rice pudding recipe will be followed by a Q&A. Local author Terri de la Peña also joins us to share stories about the Marquez family in Santa Monica, including family culinary traditions that were passed down through the generations.
RSVP to RSVP@santamonicahistory.org. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 Seventh Street, 6 - 8 p.m.

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