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Local woman runs for President of the United States

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With the recent rise of the Vice President's star following Joe Biden's decision to not run again in the upcoming 2024 election, now might be an opportune moment to remind ourselves that the VP and her husband Douglas do enjoy frequenting our fair town.

She has been known to shop at Santa Monica Seafood Market & Café (1000 Wilshire Blvd), Brentwood Country Mart (225 26th St) and dine at El Cholo (1025 Wilshire Blvd). Other local businesses such as Alfalfa (2309 Main St) have had recent visits from her in an official capacity.

Evelyn Perez, Co-Manager at Santa Monica Seafood Market & Café told the Daily Press about how the Secret Service thoroughly checked the store and surrounding area before Kamala and her husband began shopping. "Once they felt it was clear, Doug bought some salmon ... and he was a really nice guy, he was very friendly," Perez said.

According to Perez, the Secret Service didn't disrupt any other shoppers, what few there were at that time of the morning. "There were about three or four cars, but they didn't close off the street or anything." She says that the Seafood Market was warned that the couple might make a pit stop and pop in again about six months ago following an appointment in La Jolla, San Diego.

"They came in and did all the surveillance and everything, but she didn't end up coming in that time," Perez said, adding that they are both very welcome to stop by at any time.

Just last year, Kamala paid a visit to the popular Alfalfa salad restaurant on Main Street as part of a mission to highlight how small businesses have fared under the so-called "Bidenomics" program.

Luke Leonard, Manager at Alfalfa said, "She was super-pleasant, very generous and thoughtful with our time. She made it a point to hop in the back, say hello to all of our employees and thank everybody."

"We were blown away that she [Harris] knew all of our names, she knew everything about our story and even everything that's on the menu," said Andrew Arrospide co-founder of Alfalfa, adding, "We were all just really stunned by her overall presence and demeanor ... I was planning on explaining everything to her, but I didn't need to."

Leonard did say though that the whole block was shut down, but thankfully it didn't interfere with business to any great extent. "She ordered a box of doughnuts ... a bone broth and a Peruvian chicken salad," he said, adding, "She also bought drinks for all the Secret Service guys."

"The moment when she actually walked into our back patio space was pretty special and the people having lunch there had no idea she was coming," Arrospide said. "Honestly, it was just really funny watching people's reactions, their

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Photo courtesy of Alfalfa

CANDIDATE: Vice President Kamala Harris visited the popular Alfalfa eatery on Main Street last year as part of the "Bidenomics" program.



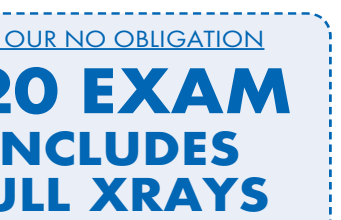
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Crime is rising at L.A. Metro. Is a new police force the answer?



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TRAINS: Evelyn Aguilar takes the subway towards North Hollywood from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles, California, on July 16, 2024.

JENNA PETERSON
Special to the Daily Press

Late one recent morning at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles, Metro riders waited patiently to catch their trains. They shared the platform with a slew of "ambassadors" wearing bright yellow jackets — uniformed Metro Transit Security Officers and homeless outreach providers.

One provider, Debora Latimer, spends her days walking the grounds of Union Station and engaging with homeless people. "We meet and greet and see if we can supply them with what they may need at that moment," she said. This could include giving them kits of essential toiletries, connecting them with mental health providers or enrolling them in L.A. County's Homeless Management System, depending on the situation.

Latimer is one of 96 people specifically working to combat homelessness to "re-envision transit safety."

That effort began in 2018, but its latest reimagining is the Metro forming its own police force — the latest attempt by California public transit agencies to improve safety for commuters they're still trying to lure back after the COVID shutdowns.

Since the 1990s, Metro has contracted with the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Long Beach Police Department to patrol its trains and buses.

With nearly 2,000 buses and more than 400 rail cars, Metro carries a weekday average of nearly 956,000 riders. Through its own community public safety department, Metro will have more control over the areas officers enforce and how often they patrol. Riders could start seeing officers on Metro trains and buses within a year, the agency says, starting with five officers and building to 632 by 2029.

This isn't the first time Metro decided to take safety into its own hands. After a surge of crime in the 1970s, Metro created its own police force, but merged with LAPD about 20 years later as a cost-saving measure.

But now, the agency says ending its law enforcement contracts will cut down on costs — but only after a two-year budget increase during the transition. The new plan will cost roughly $192.6 million a year compared to the $194 million, and rising, that the current contracts cost. Metro's total budget for the 2024 fiscal year is $9 billion.

RIDERSHIP RECOVERS, CRIME INCREASES

Public transit ridership across the country — including California's five largest transit agencies — has yet to fully recover from the COVID-19 crash. As of April, according to the American Public Transit Association, national numbers were 79% of what they were before the pandemic.

However, ridership has increased each year since the pandemic at each of the big California agencies — Metro, Bay Area Rapid Transit, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, AC Transit and Caltrain.

Transportation makes up about 40% of California's carbon emissions: Increasing public transit ridership and reducing the number of commuters in cars is crucial to meeting the state's ambitious goals to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Metro said it is "optimistic" that its positive ridership trend will continue as it builds the new police force. Crime rates on Metro have increased in each of the past five years, even accounting for the rise in ridership. So far this year, there have been 2.18 crimes per 100,000 riders, compared to 1.2 at this time in 2021 and 0.84 in 2019.

"Crime on transit systems is highly visible because we are one of the last truly accessible public institutions," the California Transit Association wrote in a statement to CalMatters. "Unfortunately, the crime — both violent and nonviolent — that our transit agencies, workers, and riders experience is not just happening within transit systems. The rise in visible crime is a direct reflection of the larger societal issues we have failed to address as a state."

Several riders at Union Station told CalMatters they're generally pleased with the

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Bonds, McKinley project dominate board agenda

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

With the return to school now approaching, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education has facilities on the mind, including potentially locking into the bond measure process and reverting tactics on removing McKinley Elementary School contaminants.

Wednesday's meeting of the board will feature a vote to authorize an election in both School Facilities Improvement District #1 (Santa Monica schools) and District #2 (Malibu schools), asking for the issuance of bonds on a litany of projects. The board gave staff approval to develop bond measure resolutions, the first since 2018, for the November ballot during its June 20 meeting.

The two bond measures would ask for $495 million for Santa Monica schools and $395 million for Malibu. In Santa Monica, the measure would need be approved by 55% local vote in the November election, with November 2018's bond Measure SMS passing with 72.07% of the vote.

At the June 20 meeting, SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton ran through the list of projects for both Santa Monica and Malibu campuses, including Santa Monica's top priority of replacing outdated portable and modular classrooms at the elementary and middle school levels. Other challenges potentially tackled via the measures are developing the district's Transitional Kindergarten program, beefing up STEM and career technical education facilities, and the completion of the Malibu Campus Plan.

The other main facility item concerns the McKinley Campus Master Plan, specifically another shift in mitigation efforts to deal with contaminated soil and soil vapors. In October 2023, California's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) determined that a Removal Action Plan (RAW) was required to move forward with the McKinley plan, 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" (noted to be dry cleaning chemical agent tetrachloroethylene) in the soil vapor.

After an original plan to remove and replace soil at McKinley, an alternate mitigation process was determined wherein soil would be capped under the surface of structures with pavement, while soil vapors will be mitigated via installation of a soil Vapor Intrusion Mitigation and Migration Engineering Controls System.

However, a staff report for Wednesday's meeting notes that the plan has triggered Rule 1466 of the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), titled "Control of Particulate Emissions from Soils with Toxic Air Contaminants." The rule states that "earth-moving activities of soil with applicable toxic air contaminants" is not allowed "during school hours when school is in session."

"The utility and foundations work will need to occur while school is in session to complete the project," the SMMUSD staff report states. "While Rule 1466 allows for SCAQMD to provide an exemption when working with DTSC oversight, SCAQMD has refused to grant any exemption and refused to meet with the District."

Wednesday's meeting will look to adopt a resolution to terminate the Environmental Oversight Agreement and School Cleanup Agreement with DTSC and approve an amended mitigation monitoring and reporting program. Since SCAQMD "will not consider an exemption" for the District, staff is "left with reverting to the previous plan to remove the naturally contaminated soil," at a cost.

"This work must be done prior to school returning," the staff report states. "This work can be accomplished prior to school returning provided it starts right away. There is a significant cost, over $1,000,000, to remove and replace the soil rather than managing it in place as planned with DTSC. Otherwise, the project would be delayed for another year and extensive costs to the project and impact to the school."

Other items on Wednesday include the potential updates to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on "Alcohol and Other Drugs," an item to properly name and number the policy to align with the California School Boards Association while implementing a "progressively scaled discipline" for alcohol and drug offenses. The proposed policy changes would replace automatic three-day suspensions at the middle and high school level for first alcohol or drug offenses with meetings and counseling sessions. A subsequent offense would change from a five-day suspension to a one-day suspension followed by counselor meetings.

The board will also make two administrative appointments at the meeting, those being a new principal for Malibu High School and a new assistant principal at Grant Elementary School. An appointment for a Director of Student Services was postponed to a special August 1 meeting, while an appointment for an assistant principal at Edison Language Academy and McKinley has been postponed to an undetermined date.

The July 24 meeting begins at 6 p.m. Visit https://www.smmusd.org/boardmeetings for more information.

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Surf report

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WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Selective SSW/S swell shows a bit more energy — still on the smaller side for most of the region. Small NW windswell in the mix.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Selective SSW/S swell continues. Just minor NW windswell in the mix so the summer exposures will likely be the only option for a rideable wave.

Weather

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Light southwest wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light south in the evening.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

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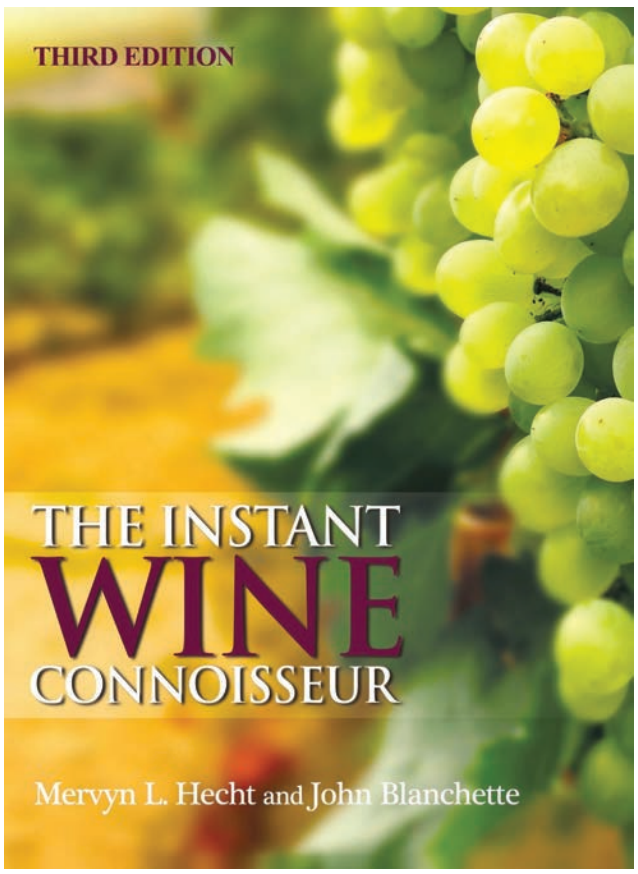
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California's image will be a weapon if Kamala Harris faces Donald Trump this year



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HOMELESS: Before clean-up and abatement begin, unhoused individuals move their belongings across the street from where they were staying in downtown San Diego on March 22, 2024. Encampments were seen in the same spot after the cleaning finished.

DAN WALTERS

"Alright, Mr. DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up."

Fading movie star Norma Desmond (Gloria Swanson) utters those words in the final scene of "Sunset Boulevard," Billy Wilder's 1950 film noir that exposes the dark reality that lies behind Hollywood's glamorous image. Desmond mistakes the newsreel cameras that will record her arrest for those of a studio that will capture her starring role in a new movie.

Her delusion comes to mind while contemplating how California will fare if, as now seems almost certain, Vice President Kamala Harris becomes the Democratic nominee for president this year.

It's no secret that California, by far the most populous state, is not held in high esteem by those who live elsewhere. In fact, a 2023 study found that California is the fifth most unliked state, behind Illinois, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia.

"A staggering nine of California's western neighbors hate their guts," the semi-serious study said. "Is it the water stealing thing? Whatever is, California doesn't have a lot of friends around. Maybe a fruit basket would help."

Non-Californians, especially those who live in socially and politically conservative states, tend to see California as a dystopia of crime and deviant behavior, unaffordable living costs and ruinous taxation.

The negative image is a relatively recent phenomenon. For decades, even before World War II, California was seen as a place of new beginnings and boundless opportunity. In 1980, its movie star former governor, Ronald Reagan, was elected president and four years later easily won a second term.

However, as the nation's politics polarized, California became one of those places that people on the other side of the political teeter-totter loved to hate.

President Joe Biden's historic announcement that he would drop his bid for a second term and throw his endorsement to Harris changes the dynamics of what would have been, and probably still is, an unpredictable contest.

Former President Donald Trump was preparing to depict Biden as a doddering old man, incapable of governing, but now he will likely face Harris, who is two decades younger. He must devise a new strategy to prevail in the half-dozen or so swing states whose voters will ultimately decide which contender secures the 270 electoral votes needed to capture the White House.

One element of that strategy will be to demonize California, where Harris was born and where she climbed the political ladder from San Francisco district attorney to state attorney general, U.S. senator and finally vice president.

There's no shortage of fodder for a "California is a cesspool" campaign in those swing states, most of which have little in common with California. Video images of California's squalid

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SMC's Drescher Planetarium Presents Three Free, Live Virtual Shows on Fridays in August

Topics: Women in Spaceflight, Polaris Dawn Mission

Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium continues its Friday evening events in August 2024 with free, live virtual shows presented online at smc.edu/planetarium. This month's friendly shows continue the Women of Space Series with an overview of women in spaceflight, and a look at the privately funded Polaris Dawn mission.

The Friday evening shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by a streamlined virtual digest of the popular Night Sky Show at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration. The shows include the chance to chat with the planetarium lecturers and ask questions.

Planetarium lecturers are currently using the Zoom platform to present shows while SMC's new planetarium and observatory are under construction. Free Zoom software is available for download at zoom.com.

The August 2024 shows are:

• Friday, August 2, at 8 Women of Space Series: "Women in Spaceflight" — Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent. Drescher Planetarium's Women of Space Series continues with a showcase of the careers of three female Space Shuttle Era astronauts: Sally Ride, Mae Jemison, and Peggy Whitson. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, August 9, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Polaris Dawn" — Planetarium Lecturer Jim Mahon. Tonight's show explores the Polaris Dawn mission, a private space mission that hopes to prove Crew Dragon is capable of supporting missions with extra vehicular activities (EVAs). Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

More information is available online at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling 310-434-3005. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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SMC Barrett Gallery to Host Opening Reception Aug. 3 for "Still Blowin' – 42 Years of Glass at SMC" Exhibition

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery will present "Still Blowin' – 42 Years of Glass at SMC," an informative and historical retrospective of Glass Art at Santa Monica College.

The free exhibition showcasing glassworks by more than 20 artists is open to the public Aug. 1 through Sept. 6. A free opening reception will be held in the gallery on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The SMC Pete & Susan Barrett Gallery is located at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica. Entry is through the Performing Arts Center's courtyard.

Curated by award-winning glass artist and SMC art instructor Terri Bromberg, "Still Blowin' – 42 Years of Glass at SMC" features beautiful, imaginative, and extensive displays of glassworks, along with photos of glass processes. The exhibit includes comments that share the personal and unique glass experiences of the SMC students and staff who created the glassworks. Many of the exhibitors now have careers as glass artists.

The SMC glass program teaches students how to create blown, cast, fused, slumped, and torch-worked glass. "Santa Monica College is the only public institution in Los Angeles County to offer glass instruction and experience to eager students," said Bromberg. "Lives have been changed through the thrill and wonder of working with glass."

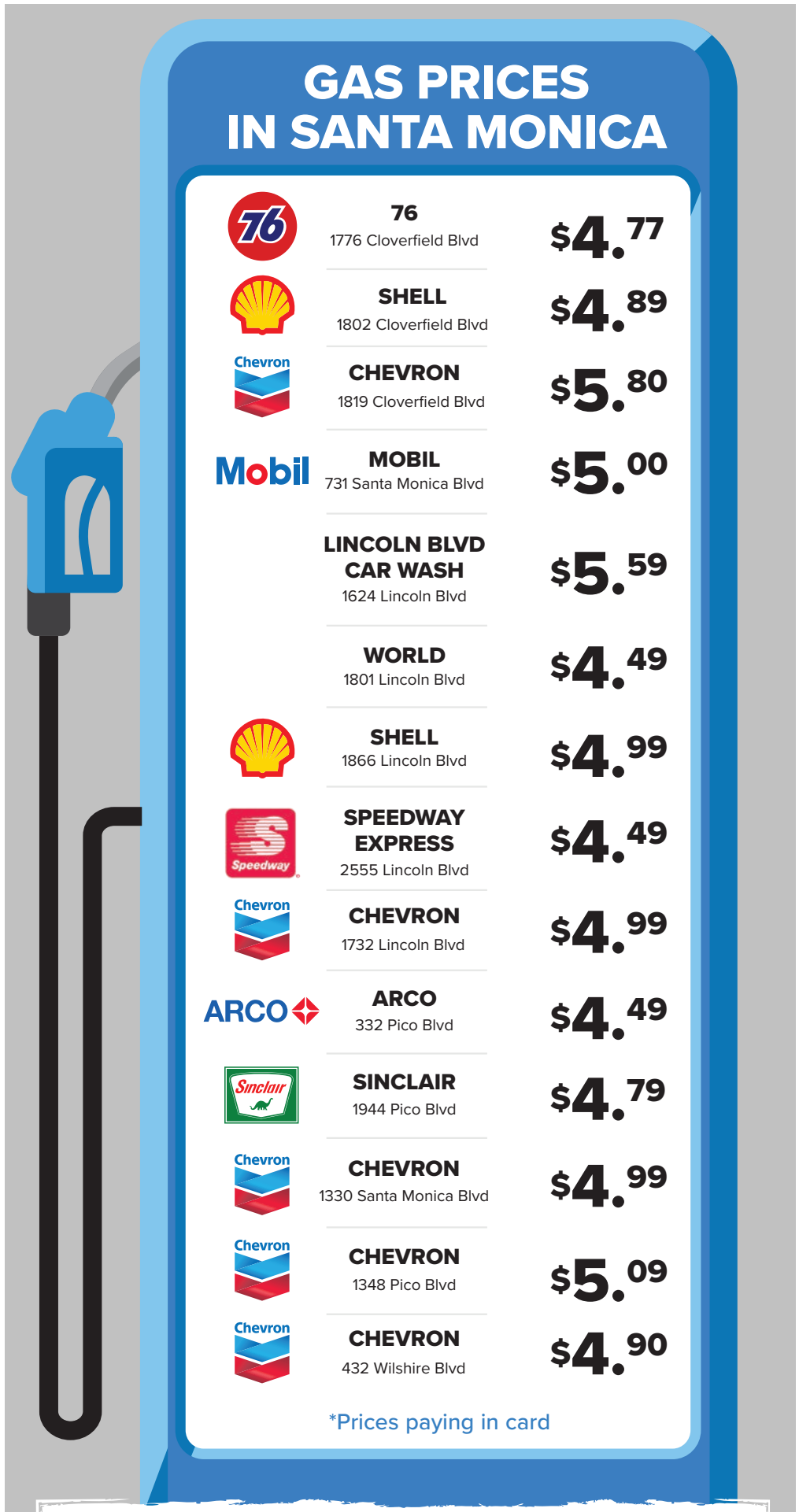
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Photo by Terri Bromberg

GLASS: A close-up photograph of heating blown glass to a working temperature — over 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit — will be on display as part of "Still Blowin' – 42 Years of Glass at SMC," an informative and historical retrospective showcasing Glass Art at Santa Monica College. A free reception will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the SMC Pete & Susan Barrett Gallery at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica. The exhibition runs Aug. 1 through Sept. 6.



Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 9.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.58/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 17.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 36.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 4.0 cents in the last week and stands at $3.79 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.77/g while the most expensive was $6.15/g, a difference of $2.38/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.63/g while the highest was $6.69/g, a difference of $3.06/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.47/g today. The national average is up 3.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 9.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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City of Santa Monica

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

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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.

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Kamala Harris is preparing to lead Democrats in 2024. There are lessons from her 2020 bid

BILL BARROW
Associated Press

Kamala Harris was greeted by a massive, cheering crowd during the first rally of her newly announced presidential campaign in 2019. Speaking on a January day outside city hall in her hometown of Oakland, California, she framed her bid as part of something bigger than winning an election.

> We are here at this moment in time because we must answer a fundamental question
> - Kamala Harris

"We are here at this moment in time because we must answer a fundamental question," Harris said, invoking Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 call for "moral leadership."

"WHO ARE WE AS AMERICANS?"

With Democrats in despair at the time over Donald Trump's presidency, the first-term California senator appeared to be an ideal cure. The daughter of an Indian mother and a Black Jamaican father, Harris evoked comparisons to Barack Obama, whose powerful biography and soaring rhetoric galvanized Democrats more than a decade earlier.

But the early promise of Harris' campaign met a more complicated reality as she spent the next 10 months struggling to break through a crowded field of candidates and churning through staff and cash. She withdrew from the race weeks before the Iowa caucuses, a disappointment mitigated only when nominee Joe Biden selected her as his running mate.

Harris began her campaign as a favorite

A former prosecutor and state attorney general, Harris launched her 2020 campaign with the slogan: "Kamala Harris: For the People." She spoke about an "inflection point" for a country riven with social fissures, economic disparities and political strife. She emphasized her biography and her "stroller's-eye view" of her parents' activism in the Civil Rights Movement.

An early entrant to the race, Harris' initial media blitz and massive opening rally solidified her status as a presumed favorite.

Her aides outlined a wide path to the nomination.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders led Democrats' progressive wing, with Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren offering his biggest challenge. Biden, then the 76-year-old ex-vice president, hadn't announced but was expected to anchor the more centrist wing, and he stood strong among Black voters who figured prominently in the first-in-the-South primary in South Carolina and many Super Tuesday states that followed.

Harris came to the campaign having hit her stride during Senate Judiciary Committee sessions, especially when questioning Trump's judicial nominees. She'd also signed on as a co-sponsor to Sanders' push for a "Medicare for All" national health insurance system. She was a regular on cable news and social media.

Some younger progressives distrusted her record as a prosecutor. "Kamala is a cop" became a social media tag line. That contingent, however vocal, was not viewed as large enough to sway a national primary contest — and its opposition actually affirmed one of Harris' arguments: "My entire career has been focused on keeping people safe," she told ABC News. "It is probably one of the things that motivates me more than anything else."

At her full potential, Harris' aides reasoned, she could appeal to nearly all branches of the party. It was, more or less, a campaign intended to chip away and eventually overtake Biden's coalition, presuming he joined the race, bolstered with a leftward reach that Biden, the white, male veteran of the Washington establishment, could never manage.

'THAT LITTLE GIRL WAS ME'

Harris' early appearances in Iowa, first in the nominating calendar, and South Carolina were dominated by working-age women, a key Democratic demographic. In South Carolina, far more diverse than overwhelmingly white Iowa, her audiences were racially diverse.

But as the field widened, Harris faded from de facto front-runner status. She became one of many candidates vying for money, media attention and votes — especially once Biden announced in the spring. She raised $12 million in the first quarter of 2019, a solid sum but not one reflecting the electricity of her opening salvo in Oakland.

The argument for a Harris presidency never crystallized. Her "For the People" motto notwithstanding, she didn't project Sanders' or Warren's economic populism. Entreaties about democracy weren't central to her brand compared with Biden, whose "Soul of the Nation" pitch framed 2020 as a singular mission: sparing the country another Trump term.

And there was another contender Harris didn't account for: Pete Buttigieg, the 37-year-old ex-mayor of South Bend, Indiana, built a grassroots network in Iowa, enjoyed glowing national media attention and became a generational counter to Biden in the primary's moderate lane.

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Clip resurfaces of Vance criticizing Harris for being 'childless,' testing Trump's new running mate

ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
Associated Press

Comments Donald Trump's running mate JD Vance made in 2021 questioning Vice President Kamala Harris' leadership because she did not have biological children have resurfaced, testing the young conservative senator in his early days campaigning as part of Republicans' presidential ticket.

During Vance's bid for the Senate from Ohio, he said in a Fox News interview that "we are effectively run in this country via the Democrats," and referred to them as "a bunch of childless cat ladies who are miserable at their own lives and the choices that they've made and so they want to make the rest of the country miserable, too." He said that included Harris, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a New York Democrat.

"How does it make any sense that we've turned our country over to people who don't really have a direct stake in it?" Vance asked. Harris became stepmother to two teenagers when she married entertainment lawyer Douglas Emhoff in 2014.

The clip has started to spread online, with Hillary Clinton sharing it in a Tuesday post on X and adding sarcastically "what a normal, relatable guy who certainly doesn't hate women having freedoms."

The Trump campaign did not respond to a request for comment. The Harris campaign contested Vance's stance, saying "every single American has a stake in this country's future." "Ugly, personal attacks from JD Vance and Donald Trump are in line with their dangerous Project 2025 agenda to ban abortion, decimate our democracy, and gut Social Security," said James Singer, a Harris campaign spokesman, referring to a policy and personnel plan for a second Trump term that was crafted by a host of former administration officials. Trump has been trying to distance himself from it.

The recirculated comment may be a sign of the ticket's troubles appealing to women voters, and on the issue of reproductive rights. It follows the explosive entrance in the race of Harris, who secured the support of enough delegates to become the official nominee in less than 32 hours after President Joe Biden ended his reelection bid.

It also lays out some of the fears expressed by strategists that Trump took a political risk in picking a running mate who has been in Congress less than two years and is largely untested on a bigger stage. Trump liked Vance's telegenic qualities and said he reminded him of "a young Abraham Lincoln."

Vance, 39, is a former Marine and businessman who was first elected to public office in 2022. He wrote the 2016 bestseller "Hillbilly Elegy," and developed a strong rapport with Trump, his son Donald Trump Jr. and leading MAGA figures with his personal story of growing up in Appalachia in poverty with a mother battling drug addiction could resonate with voters.

One of the major questions Vance is facing is on his abortion stance. Vance previously said he would support a national abortion ban at 15 weeks of pregnancy.

In 2021, Vance floated an idea to allow parents to cast ballots on behalf of their children, saying during a speech at the conservative nonprofit Intercollegiate Studies Institute in Virginia that people who don't have children "don't have as much of an investment in the future of the country."

"When you go to the polls in this country as a parent, you should have more power, you should have more of an availability to speak your voice in our democratic republic than people who don't have kids," he said.

"Doesn't this mean that non parents don't have as much of a voice as parents?" he said critics would then ask. "Doesn't this mean that parents get a bigger say in how a democracy functions? Yes, absolutely."

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pier

Pacific Park's Ferris Wheel Cheers Olympic Athletes Nightly, Celebrates 2024 Summer Games in Paris

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier salutes Olympic athletes over 17 nights with the Ferris wheel's dazzling light display filled with colors, patterns and transitions that honor and commemorate the 2024 Summer Games.

The nightly light program features the five colored rings to symbolize the Olympic rings, which have represented the games internationally for over 110 years, a spectacular 90-foot-tall waving American flag to cheer on the nearly 600 athletes that make up Team USA, a French flag for the current host country and the American flag for host country 2028.

The 2024 Summer Olympics, officially the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad and branded as Paris 2024, is set to be televised on NBC from July 26 to August 11. The Closing Ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympics will broadcast on Sunday, August 11 at 7 p.m. PDT with a special ceremony to officially hand the guardianship of the Olympic Games to the organizers of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, which will air at 10 p.m. PDT.

The Pacific Wheel is the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel featuring 174,000 LED lights that are mounted on the Ferris wheel's 40 spokes and two hubs. The Ferris wheel's lighting system features 16.7 million color value combinations to display dynamic, custom, computer-generated lighting entertainment. The eco-friendly, enhanced LED lighting provides 81 percent greater energy savings than most Ferris wheel's traditional incandescent bulbs.

The Ferris wheel soars nine stories high and lifts riders more than 130 feet above the Pacific Ocean to offer extraordinary views of the Southern California coastline from its location on the internationally popular Santa Monica Pier.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: 24ENT-0109 (Minor Use Permit)
1530 7th Street, Suite 100
APPLICANT: William Hill, Westside Dog Gang, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: PR SM San Remo, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval of a Minor Use Permit (MUP) to establish and operate a new 2,405 square-foot pet day care services use within a first-story commercial space in an existing mixed-use building within the Transit Adjacent (TA) zoning district of the Downtown Community Plan area. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.10.040, pet day care services are permitted in the TA zoning district with the approval of a MUP.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 10:30 AM**

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

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Address your comments to: Ivan Lai, Assistant Planner
Re: 24ENT-0109

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 this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ivan Lai by e-mail at ivan.lai@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided that the request is made with 72 hours of the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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CRIME

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current security, but there are times they feel vulnerable.

"During the day, honestly, it's pretty safe," said Evelyn Aguilar, who was heading further downtown on Tuesday. "At night, it gets a little sketchy."

As for the police force, she said: "It could make safety better, but at the same time I feel like it's really hard because there are so many trains and so many tracks that it's hard to pick one to take care of versus the others."

Michael Saucedo, 34, said he has been taking the Metro since he was 17, mostly to run errands, and says he's careful. "Honestly, I just keep to myself," he said. "I'm accustomed to it."

BART also has its own police force and — after hearing riders say they want more visible enforcement — focused its deployment strategy on raising the number and frequency of patrols. The effort led to a 62% increase in felony arrests and the highest number of illegal firearms seized in one year since 2003. For the past nine months, more than 12% of surveyed riders reported seeing BART officers on their commutes, a record for the agency.

Despite more concentrated enforcement, BART has consistently failed to meet its goal of fewer than two crimes per 1 million riders, and crimes against persons have trended upward over the last year. And there have been some high-profile incidents: Earlier this month, 74-year-old Corazon Dandan died after a man, described by police as homeless, pushed her into the path of an oncoming train.

At a Metro Public Safety Advisory Committee hearing last year, riders said they wanted more security officer visibility, mental health services and homeless services.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass aimed to have 9,500 sworn LAPD officers by June 30 in a plan she announced last year. As of June 25, according to LAPD, there are fewer than 9,000 officers.

When asked if Metro expects similar hiring difficulties, the agency said in a statement to CalMatters that transit forces nationwide have not reported challenges with finding recruits.

As of May, BART police only has 18 vacancies, and has the largest class of officers in the training academy to date.

COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES

As it builds the new police force, Metro is also hiring 51% more employees for its community policing programs, raising the total number of employees to 673: Broken down, Metro is investing in 5% more homeless outreach providers, 64% more "ambassadors," and a huge boost in crisis intervention specialists — from six to 87.

Alfonso Directo Jr., advocacy director at Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles, said Metro should be investing even more into these programs instead of a new police force.

"Metro has spent over $1 billion over the last seven years on a failed strategy of policing, and the incidences of unsafety that express on Metro very much call for a different approach, and that approach is into care-based safety strategies," he said.

Metro estimates that there are about 1,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night on its property. From last October through May, Metro placed nearly 2,000 people in interim or permanent housing. Ambassadors have reported saving 215 lives since the program began through administering Narcan, CPR and suicide intervention.

"Law enforcement is not going to be equipped to address those issues," Directo said.

He called attention to the demographics of Metro riders — 8 in 10 live in very low income households and 9 in 10 are people of color.

"Police force on Metro will almost certainly have a racially disproportionate impact and an economically unjust impact as well," Directo said. "The use of police force is the wrong tool to address quality of life issues, like affordable housing and mental health crises."

But at the Metro listening session, riders raised concerns about the ambassador program's limitations, including "their defined authority and inability to step in during instances of threat or harassment."

BART created similar programs in 2020, but does not currently have plans to grow them.

"At this time, the focus is on maintaining current staffing levels in a challenging hiring environment rather than expansion," Allison said.

Latimer, the clinician with Metro's community-based treatment team, said that regardless of any public safety measures Metro takes, the focus should be on the systemic hurdles for unhoused individuals to receive housing or necessary treatment.

For example, she said, the process to construct a 17-story supportive housing high-rise in Downtown Los Angeles has taken nine years so far, and isn't set to be built until next year.

"Let's say you put in three more agencies to help with the homeless," she said. "That sounds great, but we're all still hitting the same barriers. The policy needs to change, not us."

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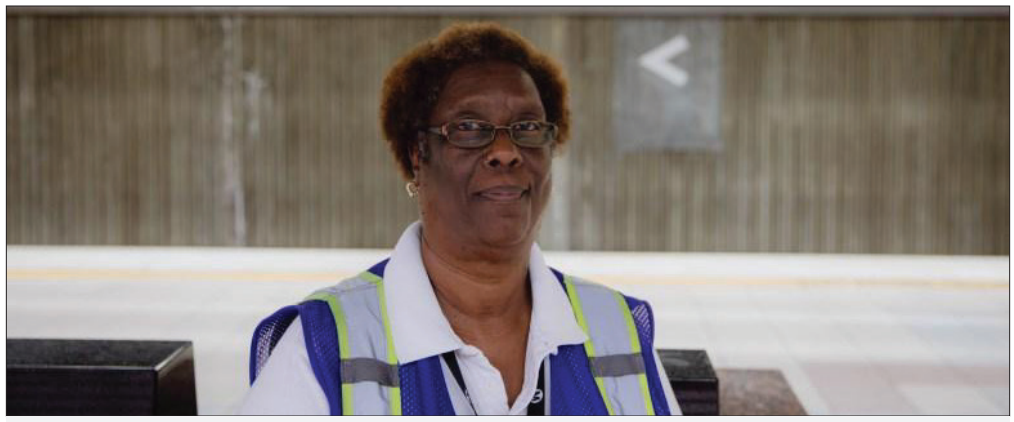
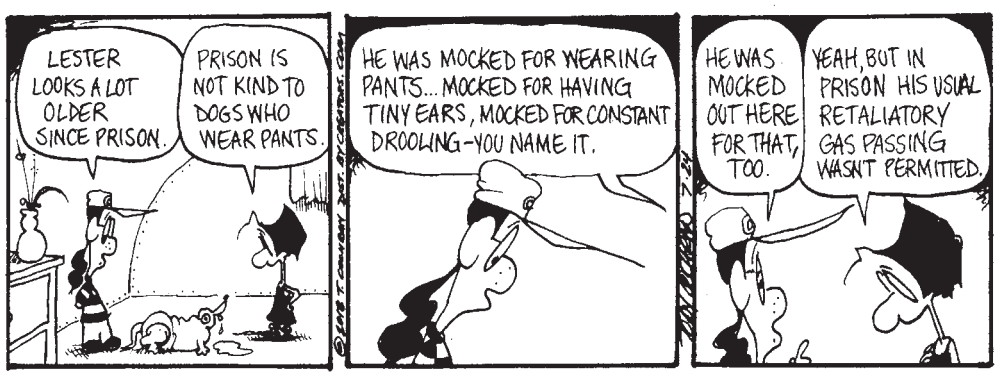


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STAFF: Debora Latimer, a clinician with Metro's Impact Team at Union Station in Los Angeles on July 16, 2024.

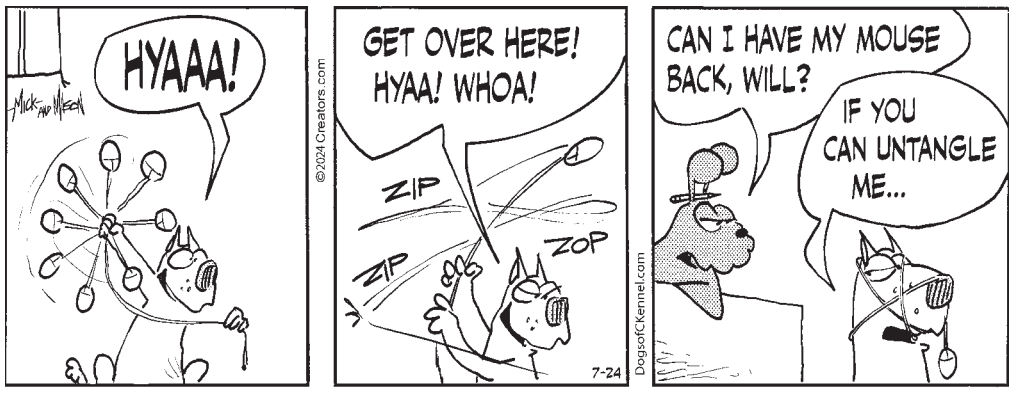
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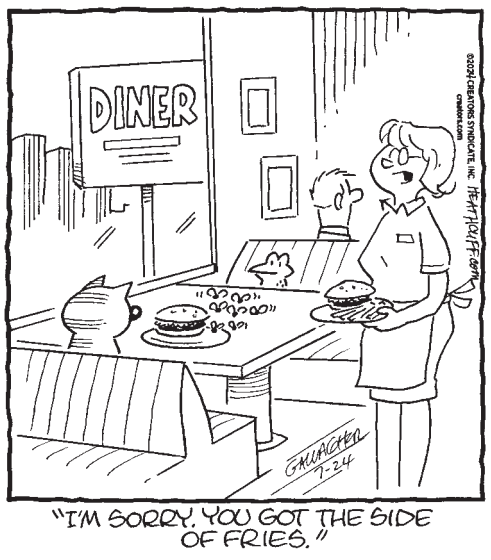
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 24)

This year has the epic feel of an Indiana Jones quest. You absolutely will get the treasure and travel. Brave faceoffs and tricky escapes will also be a part of the fun. More highlights: You cultivate self-restraint, and it pays off beautifully, helping you develop your image, investments, relationships and more. You'll upgrade certifications, transportation and domestic style. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 19, 24, 7 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While selflessness has its place, you are also a person as in need of advocacy as any. You are worthy of your own efforts to please, save, uplift, improve, challenge and educate yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People take the gift of security for granted, which is only a sign that the one offering security is doing it right. Love and attention in abundance are the best safety anyone could have. You aim to give it to someone who could use a stabilizing influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When something is both sweet and salty, it can satisfy while also creating more desire. Accumulating more of such a thing may leave you feeling perpetually unfulfilled. Consider sources of satisfaction that reward slowly over time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may feel yourself acting like a parent toward someone who is not your child. Should you guide the action, speak up and set rules? Or should you let them do what comes naturally and correct when necessary? This is what you'll figure out as you go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life's stages are filled with many seasons: gaining, losing, molting, flowering and fruition. You're not always sure which stage you're in, and that's fine, too. The important part is being where you are and letting that be enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A puzzle piece clicks into place in your mind, and suddenly, you understand a bigger picture. So much that occurred was impersonal — a matter of fit, and simply what had to happen for all to move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The future has its own vision and may not align with your preconceived notions. Don't let this deter you from dreaming. Your influence on the future, though not absolute, is significant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be too overwhelming to concern yourself with the rippling effect of every action. Some of the biggest steps you take will seem small as you are taking them. It's as though your shoes defy the laws of scale.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Nicknames and reputations are decided by others, and there's no telling or controlling the final verdict. But as long as you do what you're proud of, it will work out just fine for all. You'll be recognized in a meaningful way today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People will tell your story, which you can consider an honor. It means people feel safe with you. They feel your kind heart and want to share. Interpersonal agreements will enrich your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's like you're playing a game of poker. Worthy opponents make the game interesting. No one can control the cards they are dealt, but, if need be, you can bluff with the best of them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will approach the day with an intuitive sense for ordering. It is truly a gift to understand your priorities to the level you do. It won't always make logical sense, but you can trust the wisdom.

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

4	8	1	7	3	9	6	5	2
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Newsday Crossword

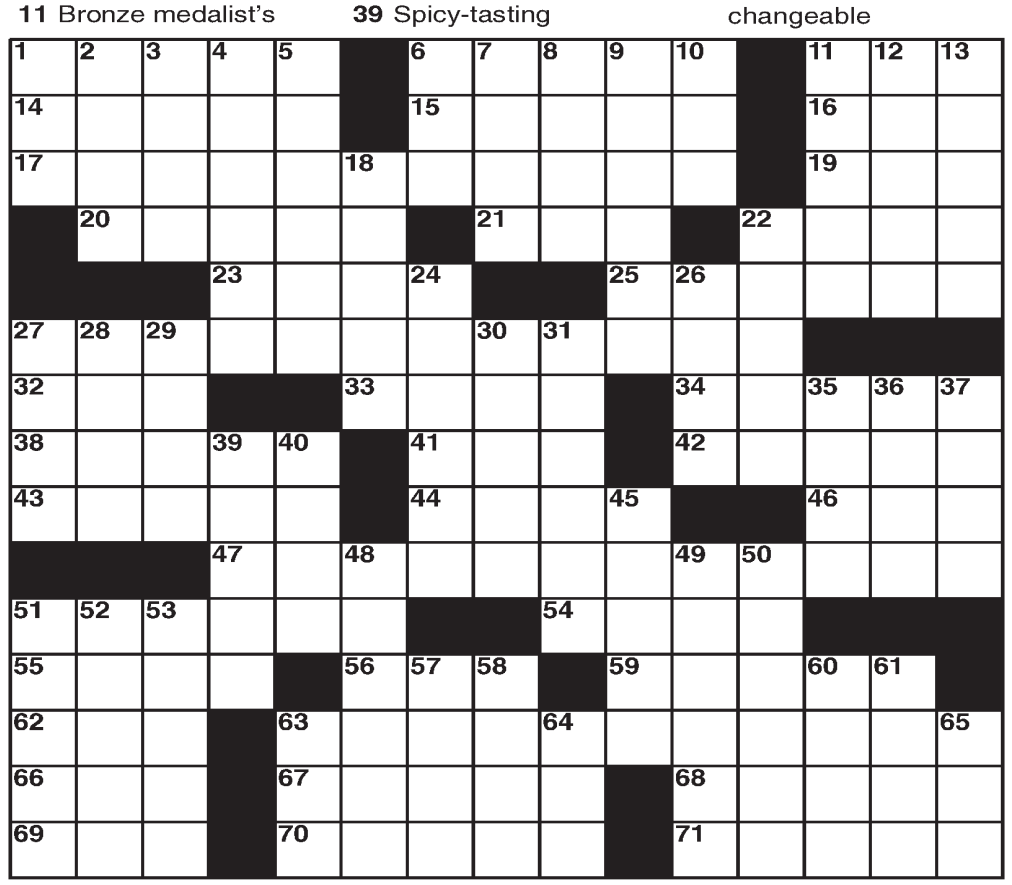
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ACROSS

1 Raises cash crops
6 Slip away from
11 Scottish cap
14 Deplete completely
15 VIPs' vehicles
16 Weed-removing tool
17 Funny stories
19 Form 1040 agcy.
20 Bet on __ thing
21 U-turn from WSW
22 __ and crafts
23 Outstanding report card
25 Typical workweek start
27 Problem-solving meeting
32 Metal in pewter
33 Roaring Twenties designer
34 Makeup powder holders
38 *My Fair Lady* lady
41 Novelist Fleming
42 Frozen rain
43 Inn near a highway
44 Mail-routing abbr.
46 Devoured
47 Minimum personnel for a job
51 Gross, as income
54 Triple-decker sweet treat
55 "Good heavens!"
56 Follower of boo or yoo
59 Declared under oath
62 Fabric tear
63 Hard-to-pronounce words
66 Explosive initials
67 Parcel out
68 Aladdin's magical pal
69 Source of tofu
70 Positive replies
71 Standing straight

DOWN

1 Bear's hair
2 Region east of Europe
3 Insurgents, for short
4 Reciprocal, as admiration
5 Corkscrew shape
6 Reindeer relative
7 Dreadful
8 Last word of a hymn
9 Musical scale starter
10 Double-curve letter
11 Bronze medalist's finish
12 Major blood vessel
13 Untidy
18 Stop doing
22 Render invalid
24 Up in the sky
26 Clumsy person's comment
27 Rose's stalk
28 Measure of 2+ pounds
29 Part of BTU
30 Governor's domain
31 Targeted, as with a mailing
35 Be scared of
36 Lavish party
37 Meat-and-veggie meal
39 Spicy-tasting
40 __-Seltzer
45 Scandinavians' ancestors
48 Breathe out
49 Modern music genre
50 "Pressure" appliance
51 Cruise stops
52 Safari beast
53 Drain completely
57 Nocturnal fliers
58 Bassoon relative
60 Philosopher Descartes
61 Red-headed Viking explorer
63 Crow cousin
64 ACLU concerns
65 No longer changeable



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KAMALA HARRIS

FROM PAGE 1

jaws were literally on the floor. And, she said 'hi' to everyone and was just so charming and gracious."

"They did as much as they could to not interfere with our regular service," Leonard said, adding, "I think it was a special treat not just for our team here and for the company, but for our community and our guests in general."

According to Agador, a member of staff at El Cholo who asked that the Daily Press not use his real name, Kamala ordered a Chile relleno and Carnitas when she was last there.

"The first time she was here, she came in with her husband and it was just those two. The second time she was here, she was with a bunch of heads of state," said Agador, adding, "They had the whole of upstairs. And it was pretty intense with all the Secret Service ... but we were able to work around it."

Agador said there was "a buzz" in the restaurant while she dined on both occasions. "She's really well liked around here," he said. "The first time she was here, she was on a date night with her husband, so as a server or a bartender, you read the table and we left them in peace. They didn't want to chit-chat very much."

According to the staff at El Cholo, another guest tried to buy their meal for them, but they're not allowed to do that. "The Secret Service won't let anyone buy them food," Agador said, "She's great, she's gorgeous, I'd love to be able to tell her that, but this wasn't the right place."

According to the Los Angeles Times, Harris raised $81 million for her White House bid in the first 24 hours after President Biden announced he would not seek reelection, the largest campaign haul over such a period in history. And as of Tuesday, she has now secured enough delegates to become the Democratic presidential nominee.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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encampments of homeless people and smash-and-grab store robberies, its embrace of undocumented immigrants, its tight gun control laws and its high gasoline prices could be potent political ammunition.

Trump will almost certainly claim that electing Harris would visit those California conditions on the nation as a whole, with illegal immigration perhaps being the most powerful potential issue in those decisive states.

Harris — or whoever else winds up as the Democratic candidate — will, of course, pound on Trump's many problems, including his conviction on felony charges and other pending criminal cases. She has been the Biden administration's point person on using abortion rights to attract swing voters in the wake of the Supreme Court's repeal of its Roe v. Wade decision.

This is not going to be a positive campaign. This is going to be a mudslinging duel to the finish, and California's image will be a major weapon.

Is California ready for its close-up?

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ELECTION

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Harris managed a hit moment in the primary's first debate in June, criticizing Biden for having opposed court-ordered busing in the 1970s as an answer to continued public school segregation. She personalized her broadside, telling of a young minority student who attended an integrated school only because of federal action.

"That little girl was me," she told Biden.

Harris' campaign immediately marketed campaign merchandise with the quote, drawing criticism the line was canned.

A SPUTTERING FINISH

The debate gave Harris her best fundraising surge since her launch. But the good news was short-lived. She clarified in succeeding days she didn't necessarily support federally mandated busing — the position Biden held as a young U.S. senator. And even with the boost, her second-quarter fundraising haul was only $12 million, well behind Biden, Sanders and Buttigieg, who doubled her mark.

In the summer, Harris unveiled her health care plan, proposing to add a Medicare-like public option to existing private health insurance exchanges. It was a shift that abandoned her single-payer position in the Senate and highlighted her difficulty finding a core message. In debates, rivals attacked her record as a prosecutor, especially her aggressiveness against drug offenders. By the fall, her speaking time on stage was middle of the pack, making it difficult to change the dynamics.

Biden was faltering in Iowa and New Hampshire. But Biden's support among Black voters remained steady, and Harris couldn't afford television ads. Harris's ideal scenario — an impressive start in Iowa, then moving ahead of Biden in South Carolina and on Super Tuesday — was closed.

"Joe Biden has always been our guy," said Antjuan Seawright, a prominent Black Democratic consultant in South Carolina, explaining it was never a rejection of Harris.

She ended her campaign Dec. 3, 2019, saying, "In good faith, I can't tell you ... that I have a path forward if I don't believe I do."

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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.

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

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

THURSDAY | JULY 25

NIGHT MARKET AT THE BUNGALOW

Brent Bolthouse's vision for the Night Market at The Bungalow Santa Monica is brought to life this summer, offering an enchanting blend of culinary delights, live entertainment, and community spirit. The ultimate foodie event of the summer with food vendors, beverage activations, family-friendly activities, live musical and DJ performances, and celebrity guest appearances. Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard, 10 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. 6 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 Seventh Street.

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

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.

FRIDAY | JULY 26

PIANO BAR NIGHT WITH MASTER PIANIST JASON PELSEY

Fairmont Miramar presents "Lobby Lounge Live: Piano Night" every Friday night from 7pm to 10pm. Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the enchanting ambiance of the Lobby Lounge as they enjoy handcrafted cocktails, delectable bites, and the unparalleled talent of master pianist, Jason Pelsey. Fairmont Miramar - Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Boulevard. 7 - 10 p.m.

THE IRL SHOW (PG-RATED STAND-UP COMEDY)

IRL Show: Every 4th Friday of the month at 8 pm Finally, a pro-level stand-up comedy show for middle school & and high school tweens & teens 10 and up. Catch comics from Comedy Central, HBO, and late night TV doing their best PG material. Talk to the comics after the show to meet and learn from the best! Tickets: $10 with student ID, $20 general admission. PLUS -- COME EARLY! The Crow orders pizza for everyone and hosts a free teen open mic at 7pm, the hour before the show. Come by to try it out and get some feedback from a pro-comic! Or hang out and watch and support the mic. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave., F4. https://crowcomedy.com/

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