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With new state rules in place, local governments say existing efforts are already working to clear camps

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California Governor Gavin Newsom's surprise order to state agencies to clear homeless encampments on state land last week has been met with a general "wait and see" attitude by regional officials who are still working to understand how the state rules will filter down to local jurisdictions.

Newsom's order follows a Supreme Court ruling allowing cities to enforce bans on sleeping in public spaces. The order mandates the removal of encampments that pose safety risks and urges cities to adopt similar protocols. It also calls for providing services to individuals who are cleared from encampments.

"This executive order directs state agencies to move urgently to address dangerous encampments while supporting and assisting the individuals living in them — and provides guidance for cities and counties to do the same. The state has been hard at work to address this crisis on our streets. There are simply no more excuses. It's time for everyone to do their part," said Governor Newsom in a statement.

While the order requires action from state agencies, it encourages and supports local agencies to take similar steps, including a solicitation for cities to apply for the newly available $3.3 billion in competitive grant funding from Proposition 1 to expand the behavioral health continuum and provide appropriate care to individuals experiencing mental health conditions and substance use disorders — with a particular focus on people who are most seriously ill, vulnerable, or homeless.

Santa Monica officials said the City Attorney's Office continues to evaluate the recent Supreme Court decision on the Grants Pass matter and is also now assessing potential regional impacts from

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CALTRANS: Caltrans has worked to clear encampments on the freeway and their model is being expanded to other state agencies.

Deal announced to save the Civic

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The plan to save the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium was revealed in an understated item at last week's council meeting.

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously voted to enter negotiations with Revitalization Partners Group, LLC (RPG) to restore and operate the historic Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

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Matthew Hall

CIVIC SIGN: The Civic has been closed for years.

Venice gang member sentenced to maximum term amidst courtroom chaos; yells "F* You" to judge

WESTSIDE CURRENT
Special to the Daily Press

In a dramatic courtroom scene on Thursday, Isaiah Caldwell, a Venice Shoreline Crips gang member, was sentenced to the maximum term of 18 years for conspiracy to commit assault with a firearm.

Thursday's sentencing finalized a trial that began on May 6. Caldwell, known on the streets as "6iix Boy," faced multiple charges, including murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and a misdemeanor for carrying a loaded firearm. He was found not guilty of all charges except for the conspiracy to commit assault with a firearm.

The case revolves around the December 2020 shooting of Ky Alicia Thomas, a 28-year-old mother, outside a scooter and bike rental shop along the Venice

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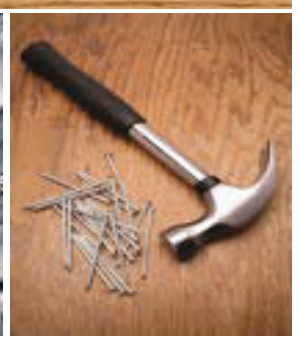
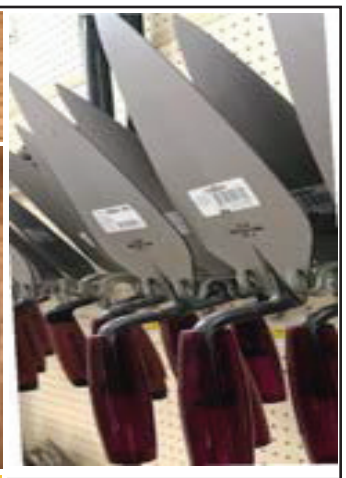
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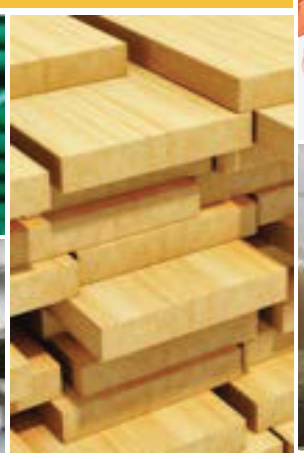
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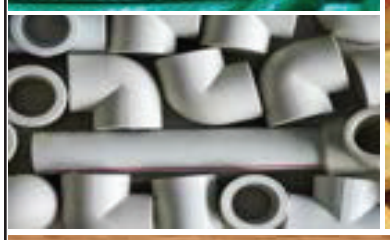
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News Binge: News from last week



Matthew Hall

SIGN: The infamous sign was again a topic of debate.

The Santa Monica City Council has condemned a sign on the Third Street Promenade, installed by property owner John Alle, that criticizes city officials over drug use and a needle distribution program. The Council argues that the sign spreads false information and harms local businesses. Alle defends his banners as free speech and claims accuracy, while the city disputes his statements, with officials saying the program is outside their control. The controversy has led to legal threats from Alle against the city.

The Santa Monica Conservancy launched a new community engagement initiative featuring events, neighborhood walks, garden tours, and open houses to spotlight local culture and history. This includes the Main Street Walk, starting monthly on the second Saturday, and the upcoming Third Street Historic District Walk. The Conservancy operates from the historic Shotgun House, now a Preservation Resource Center. They also host bi-monthly discussions and support preservation efforts, including seeking landmark status for the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Tours are free, and details are available on their website.

California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered state agencies to clear homeless encampments on state land, following a Supreme Court ruling allowing cities to enforce bans on sleeping in public spaces. The order mandates the removal of encampments that pose safety risks and urges cities to adopt similar protocols. Newsom's action has garnered support from local officials and business groups, while critics argue it is a temporary fix. The initiative is part of Newsom's broader effort to address homelessness in the state, which includes significant spending on housing and services.

Vice President Kamala Harris and her husband frequently visit Santa Monica, enjoying local spots like Santa Monica Seafood Market & Café, Brentwood Country Mart, and El Cholo. Their visits, often accompanied by Secret Service, include shopping and dining experiences. Harris recently highlighted small businesses, like Alfalfa, as part of the "Bidenomics" program. Her presence is well-received, with locals appreciating her demeanor and interaction with staff and patrons. Harris recently secured significant campaign funding following President Biden's announcement not to seek reelection.

Santa Monica City Council decided to establish a permanent e-scooter program, transitioning from a contract to a permit system. The discussion involved clarifying misconceptions about e-scooters, distinguishing between privately owned and shared e-scooters, and addressing safety concerns through geofencing. The council noted the program's role in reducing car trips and emphasized the need for improved infrastructure for scooters and bikes. Despite some criticism of e-scooters, the council unanimously approved motions to continue the permit-based program and update the municipal code accordingly, also requesting more detailed data on incidents.

The Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch (SMGF) 12U Gold All-Star team has qualified for the 2024 Western Nationals tournament in Salem, Oregon, after finishing in the top 4 at the State tournament. They have surpassed their initial $10,000 fundraising goal to cover travel and associated costs for 11 players. Head coach Mike Denbeau attributes the success to the team's strong sense of family and commitment. Assistant Coach Bobby Reynoso and his daughter, Destiny, along with pitcher Madison Denbeau, expressed excitement about the opportunity to compete and create lasting memories. The GoFundMe page remains active for additional support.

Santa Monica was not listed among the venues announced for the 2028 LA Olympics, but plans for hosting events are still being developed. The LA28 Committee revealed venues in Los Angeles, Carson, and Long Beach. Los Angeles will host various sports, Carson will host cycling and tennis, and Long Beach will host water sports. Although not finalized, Santa Monica is expected to host

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OPINION | BECOMING SANTA MONICA

Miles Warner

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We need a Kamala Harris moment in Santa Monica, districting will bring new blood and new voices

Consider that this is the first US presidential election since 1976 without a Biden, Bush or Clinton on the ticket. That's 48 years!

It makes sense then that many of us are excited about Kamala. She brings with her a feeling of turning the page on decades of the same conversations over the same candidates.

Why can't we have that same experience at the local level? Why do we continue down the same paths in Santa Monica of the same people telling us who we get to vote for?

This is why we need districting—because the barrier to entry in our city elections is too high for meaningful change.

When the same group of people control government for too long, their ideas aren't appropriately challenged. They become averse to criticism and see it as a personal threat instead of the natural evolution of policy and so we see ideological stagnation.

It took terrifying riots in 2020 for the first alternative voting block since 1979, "The Change Slate" to take control of the SM city council and de-throne the Santa Monicans for Renter's Rights (SMRR) regime.

A lot has been made of the Change Slate's failures to quickly fix the city's ills as promised, and much of that is no doubt valid, but many of the critiques miss the decades of policy that proceeded them.

Turning around a big ship does not happen quickly and the Change Slate, which has no unifying organization or machine behind them, is far less aligned then the SMRR group.

The current homelessness crisis is no doubt an extension of decades of SMRR city council policy combined with the slow march toward a society that cares only for the wealthiest Americans.

The lack of housing, and development that exploded recently because of a state mandate, is absolutely tied to years of overly strict regulation that made new development extremely slow and difficult.

Consider the regulations that tied the promenade to retail when more restaurants and music venues might elevate our once wonderous and unique mall. Regulations also make it so new businesses are in limbo; the permit process sometimes taking over a year, when in other cities, it might take weeks.

Instead of spending the money to hire more police or to advance community safety policies or to simply add much needed city staff, we continue to fight a multi-million-dollar lawsuit (to date nearly $13-million in lawyer fees) against districting, for no clear reason, other than that it maintains the political status quo.

When we look at our schools, we see enrollment continuing to fall, over-burdened class sizes, multiple lawsuits and outright fraud. The school board will no doubt ask for another blank check bond in the coming election, and well-meaning Santa Monicans will pass it, allowing more unfettered and wasteful projects that only benefit our children minimally if at all.

So why do we continue like this?

The problem as I see it, on the national level and on the local level is that barriers to entering the electoral system are so high that the same folks keep bobbing to the top. That means that the same small groups continue to decide who runs, and what options we have to vote for.

If you want to break in without a big machine behind you, one has to be independently wealthy. This means that the wealthy and the machines control our body politic.

As far as I know, councilmember Parra is not running. So the SMMR group of candidates, who were endorsed extra early this time around, will almost certainly regain control of the city council.

The Change Slate have no machine behind them, no farm team from a rent control board or school board to draw from, and there are no other organizations or slates that I know of in the mix.

There was an attempt to break into the school board in the last election, but despite all manner of bad press, including an October surprise of a $45M lawsuit, and word that the abusive aid named in the lawsuit still worked for the schools in a classroom with children, the school board incumbents easily won.

I'm sure it's easy to think I am against SMRR. I am not. (Neither am I for the Change Slate) I think over the years SMRR is responsible for many of the policies that make us a special place. But they are ideologically stuck in the 80's and 90's and our problems and population dynamics don't fit those ideologies.

It's hubris—reminiscent of a certain 82-year-old president, too old to continue to be effective and too stubborn to see it.

Look how excited we are about Kamala! Look how energized Americans are to have someone new, someone with vigor, who isn't named Biden, Bush or Clinton on the ticket.

We don't have a fascist malignant narcissist to unite against. What do we do?

We need to stop fighting against the California Voters' Rights' Act! We need to implement districts, so that people who want to run for office aren't benighted by the same machine and group that have controlled the policies for our city for so long.

That's how you break through the barrier—

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.3**

MONDAY
FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Overlapping SSW swells with the potential for enough NW windswell leftover to keep shape broken up west of Dume. Playful size for the summer points. Wind looks pretty light in the morning.

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

SSW swell due to hold, along with a little NW windswell for decent shape. Light winds and a fair tide due in the morning.

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Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
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Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

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As California cracks down on 'junk fees' it's overlooking a major culprit: credit card companies

RODNEY WILLIAMS

Inflation may be slowing, but high prices continue to dash all hopes of saving money for Californians living paycheck to paycheck.

Just this month, a new California law banning so-called "junk fees" took effect. Designed to shield consumers from undisclosed costs on purchases, it's supposed to prevent businesses from hiding extra fees, often until the end of transactions. Unfortunately, California's new law isn't enough and won't protect consumers from all the fees they endure.

Nor will similar federal protections enacted last fall. They're leaving out one core culprit: credit card companies.

Federal junk fee regulations so far have focused on concert ticketing, housing and airline fees. Excluding credit card companies when consumers are drowning in credit card debt — due in large part to bank fees — is a massive oversight. Millions of people nationwide are borrowing money to pay for planned and unplanned expenses, but not realizing how much fees are adding to the true cost of what they're paying for, until it's too late.

Many Californians turn to traditional banking and financial solutions like credit cards to borrow money, but those businesses don't always have their best interest in mind. A lot of these lending products come with hidden fees and an annual percentage rate that can be misleading for consumers and doesn't truly reveal the costs. This goes way beyond late fees, which is why it's surprising that the entire issue is not being addressed. The junk fee rules will not solve the overlying problem.

The amount of junk fees incurred when consumers borrow money is staggering. The 2023 Cash Poor Report found that Americans pay more than $25 billion annually in hidden fees. Meanwhile, unplanned expenses cost the average family living paycheck to paycheck nearly $2,000 a year. These are unavoidable, and financial companies shouldn't be allowed to take advantage of consumers in need. But still they do.

The report found that subprime credit cards for consumers with low credit scores are by far the worst for charging borrowers additional junk fees, costing consumers $11.5 billion a year in fees, including annual percentage rates, subscription fees, late fees, fast payment processing fees, application fees, monthly maintenance fees, new card fees and ATM fees.

Payday loans are the second-most costly option, totaling roughly $6 billion in additional fees. And cash advances through financial tech firms, such as earned wage access and peer-to-peer lending, offer cheaper solutions amounting to $1.3 billion in total annual fees.

It's clear that junk fees in the traditional financial system have taken advantage of many Californians. The usual industry-wide standard for comparing financial options should not be the annual percentage rate, since that isn't the total cost consumers incur when they borrow money. Borrowers face additional charges outside of the annual rate, causing even more confusion for individuals already in a financial pinch.

Regulators in California and Washington D.C. need to go further than what they're doing and address this inaccurate calculation by adopting a different approach, what we call a "total cost rate." It isn't meant to trick consumers, like the annual percentage rate; instead it includes everything that a consumer pays in addition to the principal borrowed. The total cost rate is the necessary assessment of what borrowing costs really are when they include all additional fees in addition to the principal and not limited to the annual percentage rate.

As consumers become more aware of junk fees and the true total cost to borrow, they are more likely to take action and make better informed decisions.

However, it's up to local California leaders, President Joe Biden, Congress and oversight agencies to make finance fairer by turning to systems that are not only cheaper, but more convenient and accessible.

Implementing total cost rates and including credit card companies in junk fee regulations could help usher in an era of transparent pricing that makes life easier for Californians.

Rodney Williams is co-founder and president of SoLo Funds, a community lending platform based in Los Angeles. It commissioned the independently researched 2023 Cash Poor Report. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

GET IT DAILY...

Deep-blue California is a piggy bank for Kamala Harris — and Donald Trump. How they're trying to cash in



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HARRIS: U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris addresses a crowd of supporters during her first campaign event as a candidate for president at West Allis High School in West Allis, Wisconsin, on July 23, 2024.

YUE STELLA YU
Special to the Daily Press

Within a minute or two, a free Sunday turned into a fundraising frenzy for Dale Schroedel.

Shortly after President Joe Biden withdrew from the race and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris, Schroedel — a San Francisco Democratic fundraiser for female candidates — was flooded with texts, calls and emails. From her living room, she began contacting donors for Harris for the first time.

"It just was non-stop … and I barely remember what happened the rest of the day," said Schroedel, who raised money for Hillary Clinton's two presidential bids and Rep. Barbara Lee's U.S. Senate campaign this year. "The day was suddenly gone."

The feverish fundraising highlights the historical significance of California money in presidential races. For decades, Democrats and Republicans alike have looked to the Golden State's wealthiest donors. California — boasting ultra-affluent Silicon Valley and star-studded Hollywood — is often the top-giving state.

"When you see candidates making appearances in California, that's just them making an appearance since they are here raising money," said Republican consultant Jon Fleischman.

"The term that I prefer to use is performing a 'cash-ectomy,' which is really what it is," he said. "It's the surgical removal of cash from everybody's pocket."

The wealth is already helping Harris, an Oakland native and California's favorite daughter who has decades-long personal relationships with some of the most prolific fundraisers. Some California Democratic mega donors — many of whom had paused their donations to Biden — pledged hundreds of millions to support Harris. Within 24 hours of Biden's announcement, Harris raised a historic $81 million nationwide — the most anyone has ever raised in such a period in American history — including more than 500,000 first-time donors.

But Harris isn't the only one with California ties.

U.S. Sen. JD Vance of Ohio — former President Donald Trump's running mate — brings a network of tech executives and crypto investors he built in the nearly five years he spent working in Silicon Valley. The experience is paying off: Vance frequently attends private dinners with tech moguls, many of whom have publicly endorsed the Republican ticket. A Vance fundraiser is set for Monday in Silicon Valley: $15,000 for dinner and a photo, $3,300 just for the meal. On Wednesday, he's scheduled to collect checks at Harris Ranch in Coalinga.

'IT'S OUR MONEY'

For decades, California has been a cash cow for Democrats nationwide. In 2020, money from the states helped Democrats book "every ad time slot" on TV in Atlanta and Philadelphia, said Christian Grose, professor of political science and public policy at the University of Southern California. Those are the biggest TV markets in those two key swing states, which helped put Biden in the White House.

But that same fundraising power served as leverage to force Biden to bow out of the 2024 race, Grose said.

At a Hollywood fundraiser earlier this year featuring Julia Roberts and George Clooney, Biden and former President Barack Obama raised $30 million. But the event left Clooney so concerned about Biden's mental and

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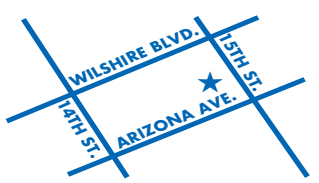
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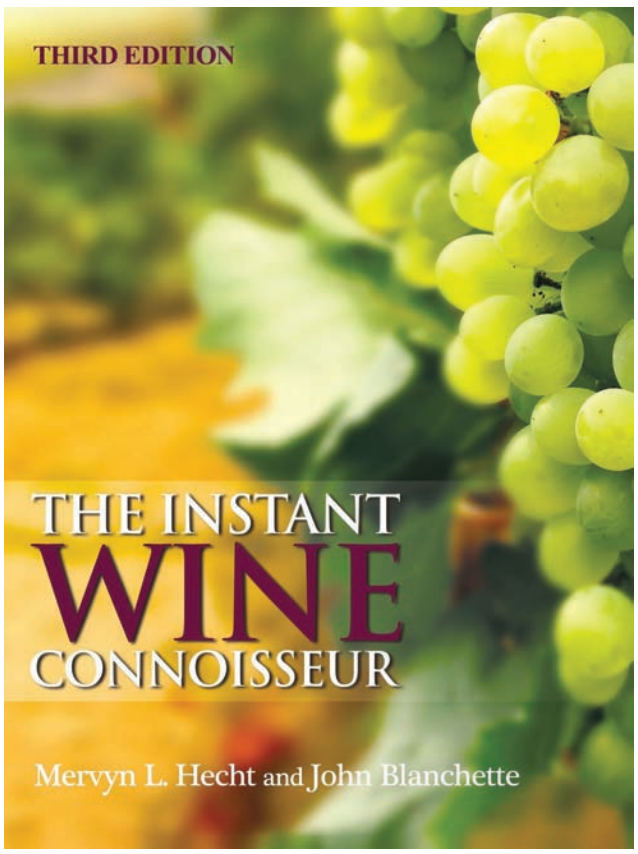
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Newsom's executive order for state agencies on encampment resolution.

State property covered by the new order includes sections of the PCH and freeway that pass through town under the authority of Caltrans. However, the new rules will have little impact on those pieces of property as according to Newsom's office, the existing Caltrans policy is actually the model for the rest of the state to follow.

"Governor Newsom's order directs state agencies and departments to adopt policies and plans consistent with the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) existing encampment policy," said the announcement. "Since July 2021, California has resolved more than 11,000 encampments, and has removed 248,275 cubic yards of debris from encampments along the state right of way in preparation for Clean California projects. Prioritizing encampments that pose a threat to the life, health, and safety of the community, Caltrans provides advance notice of clearance and works with local service providers to support those experiencing homelessness at the encampment, and stores personal property collected at the site for at least 60 days."

No immediate changes to city policy are anticipated and Communications and Public Information Manager Lauren Howland said that going forward, the city will continue to base policies and programs on best practices, at the direction of the City Council, and implement any new direction in close coordination with other regional entities.

"Santa Monica dedicates significant resources to the strategic priorities of Addressing Homelessness and Clean & Safe. This includes a robust and comprehensive strategy that combines enforcement of the city's current anti-camping ordinance with outreach, affordable housing, social services and behavioral health programs," she said. "Encampment resolution includes the Homeless Support Team (HoST), which has removed hundreds of tons of debris from Santa Monica streets since its launch in late 2023. Santa Monica also works closely with Caltrans to address encampments along the freeway. The city also consistently advocates for regional, state and national resources and collaboration to address homelessness and public safety in Santa Monica."

Reaction from the County Board of Supervisors was both cautious and hopeful.

"I applaud Governor Newsom's emphasis on urgency. He rightfully points out that local government remains at the helm of homeless encampment removals. Cities have an obligation to develop housing and shelter solutions in tandem with support services provided by County government," said Supervisor Katherine Barger. "This formula, which is largely based on partnerships, is how we can deliver permanent results. No single entity can achieve that."

Board Chair Lindsey Horavth said County efforts were already largely in line with the new state policy.

"Los Angeles County's Pathway Home Program is doing exactly what this state order calls for - urgent and humane encampment resolution," she said. "Los Angeles County is — and has been — all in on doing our part under our homelessness emergency. I look forward to Tuesday's Board discussion, which will also include Mayor Bass and Sheriff Luna, at our Board of Supervisors meeting about how Los Angeles County will continue to coordinate and scale a regional response that delivers lasting results."

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CIVIC

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RPG, a consortium of experts in live entertainment, real estate development, finance, and historic preservation, includes Geyser Holdings, The Azoff Company, The Make Good Group, Oak View Group, and Live Nation.

RPG's proposal follows the auditorium's closure in 2011 due to seismic issues and its designation as "surplus" land. The council chose RPG from four firms to negotiate an exclusive agreement. RPG will conduct studies on historic preservation, seismic engineering, ADA compliance, and acoustics, and has agreed to pay $350,000 to cover the city's costs.

The firm aims to submit a comprehensive project scope by early 2025.

In May, the resident group "Save the Civic" revealed the significant development regarding the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, announcing that the Santa Monica City Council had advanced a proposal from RPG to restore and operate the historic venue. Despite being discussed in a closed session, no official mention of a vote was made by City Attorney Doug Sloan and up to July 23, the Save the Civic email was the only acknowledgment of the process.

Bea Nemlaha, one of the residents responsible for the Save the Civic group, praised the deal.

"Tonight you have a rare opportunity to protect our city's character and history," she said. "You will do this when you authorize the city manager to enter into an exclusive negotiation agreement with revitalization Partners Group to restore and operate our civic auditorium as a performing arts and cultural center. In the future, you will be remembered as a council with vision and purpose."

Other historic preservation groups also backed the deal.

"I'm speaking on behalf of the Santa Monica conservancy to express our enthusiastic support of city council approval of the proposition to enter into an exclusive negotiating agreement with the Revitalization Partners Group and the next step in the process to revitalize the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium," said Carol Lemlein. "We all understand that revitalization of this long vacant and cherished historic landmark is very challenging. And we are fortunate that a consortium with the experience, commitment and resources has come forward. The Conservancy and looks forward to continued cooperation and collaboration with the RPG group and the city to investigate existing conditions and develop a successful route vitalization project for the auditorium."

While there was no discussion of the deal at the meeting, Mayor Phil Brock issued a statement after the vote.

"This is an impressive group of experts coming together to make something happen," he said. "I look forward to seeing what they propose and, hopefully, a bright future for this iconic venue."

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HARRIS

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physical decline that he penned an opinion piece urging the president to withdraw. "It's devastating to say it, but the Joe Biden I was with three weeks ago at the fund-raiser was not the Joe 'big F— deal' Biden of 2010," Clooney wrote.

The significance of Hollywood donors — and the potential of losing them — "is what was so frightening to the Democrats," Grose said, because that money could fund campaign staffers and get-out-to-vote efforts in key swing states.

Now, it appears Hollywood is embracing Harris.

That money will add onto Biden's warchest that Harris inherited. Between Jan. 1, 2023 and June 30, the Democratic presidential campaign account and allied groups had raised almost $54 million from Californians who each contributed more than $200, according to a CalMatters analysis of campaign finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission.

The Biden-Harris campaign committee alone raised almost $30 million from California. That is more than the $29.4 million raised by Trump's campaign and 15 other pro-Trump groups combined from California donors who gave more than $200 each.

While California is solidly Democratic in presidential races, it is still a fundraising powerhouse for Republicans since it has more GOP voters than any other state, said Fleischman, who noted that Trump collected more money from California than any other state in 2020.

But the money Trump and Vance raise in California will likely be spent in battleground states, he said.

"Our votes are no longer the commodity that makes California relevant in the presidential elections. It's our money."



Photo by Tom Brenner, Reuters

CAMPAIGN: Former President Donald Trump, right, stands with Sen. JD Vance, his Republican running mate, at a rally in Grand Rapids, Mich., on July 20, 2024.

'SHOT OF ADRENALINE'

For Harris, California donors will likely be critical, and she may have a better shot at their money than during her 2020 presidential bid.

Harris — then a first-term U.S. senator from California — was struggling to raise the necessary cash to stand out in the crowded Democratic primary field. Half of her bundlers — fundraisers collecting checks on her behalf — were also bundling for her rivals and donating to them as early as a month after Harris launched her campaign.

Within a day after Harris became Biden's chosen successor, she raised $81 million, almost double the $44 million she raised over the entire 11 months of her earlier campaign.

A Sunday Zoom fundraising call organized by a group called "Win With Black Women" drew more than 44,000 participants and another 50,000 "couldn't get on" the call, said Schroedel, the Democratic fundraiser. The event raised $1.5 million in three hours, Bloomberg reported.

The momentum behind Harris "defies every stereotype imaginable," Schroedel said. Historically, Black women running for office have had a hard time mustering enough financial support, she noted.

The timing of Biden's withdrawal and endorsement has helped Harris, Schroedel said. Harris quickly consolidated support among party delegates and key Democratic leaders, leaving little room for others to challenge her. "It's the opportunity of the moment," Schroedel said.

Democrats are now looking to Harris to prevent a second term for Trump, Schroedel added. Harris also holds a bolder stance on abortion rights than Biden, who rarely uttered the term "abortion," Schroedel said: "She's willing and able to speak about it in a much deeper and personal, profound way."

On a Thursday call for Democratic women featuring state Sen. Angelique Ashby, a Sacramento Democrat, participants hailed from Pennsylvania, Michigan and Arizona. Speakers deemed the November election a fight about advancing reproductive freedom or going backward.

"I think the scariest thing in this moment is that the men in this race, the men on the opposing side, would like to define us," Ashby said.

Kimberly Ellis, a San Francisco activist, urged participants — especially Black women — to volunteer and contribute to races up and down the ballot. "This moment isn't just about electing the first woman president to the United States of America. This moment is also about retaking Congress, keeping the Senate, flipping those swing districts that we need to and making sure we elect women, women of color and Black women at the local level," she said.

The fundraising momentum demonstrates excitement for Harris, and Harris-related memes have gone viral on social media platforms, which could resonate with young voters, said Kevin Liao, a Democratic consultant who worked on Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential bid and then on Biden's campaign in Nevada in 2020.

"The party was in a doldrums after that first debate," Liao said. "(Harris) was just like a shot of adrenaline and energy into the party."

Harris' personal relationships could help open doors. Her husband, Doug Emhoff, was an entertainment industry attorney in Los Angeles for 30 years, and Harris is also friends with some Democratic mega donors and fundraisers such as Susie Tompkins Buell and Chrisette Hudlin.

"Her existing relationships, combined with the sort of donors being less excited about Biden, has made her really situated to benefit quite a bit," Grose said.

SILICON VALLEY ELEGY

Personal relationships Vance has cultivated in Silicon Valley have also helped solidify support for Trump among some of California's wealthiest, even though the area overwhelmingly backed Biden in 2020.

Last month, Vance held a fundraiser for Trump in San Francisco and introduced prominent entrepreneurs — including David Sacks — to the former president, The New York Times reported. A few days later, Sacks hosted Trump at his own $20 million mansion in the Pacific Heights neighborhood, raising more than $12 million.

"If you've got a fellow tech-savvy, venture capitalist who's now in the race to be the second most powerful person in America and a potential frontrunner for president in four years, that sounds kind of cool," Fleischman said.

Despite his time in California, Vance is better known for "Hillbilly Elegy," his best-selling memoir about growing up poor in Ohio. It is that dual background that could help Trump make inroads among Silicon Valley's economically conservative donors, while also winning working-class votes in midwestern states, said Cathy Abernathy, longtime GOP strategist and an ally to former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

"The tech world and the rust belt are somehow in the same wavelength with someone like Vance," she said.

Even before Trump picked Vance, some Silicon Valley tycoons were already warming up to the former president.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk, for example, endorsed Trump shortly after the assassination attempt two weeks ago, and his allies helped start a super PAC to support Trump. Hedge fund executive Bill Ackman, who has largely supported Democrats, also endorsed Trump following the shooting. Ben Horowitz and Marc Andreessen, who founded venture capital firm A16Z, are also backing Trump.

In the past two decades, it was hard raising money for Republicans in the Bay area, where only Democrats got elected, Abernathy said. But the growing public support from some Silicon Valley executives signals the increasing dissatisfaction with Democratic policies on tech, tax and crime, she said.

Some executives have pointed to the Biden administration's antitrust lawsuits against Apple and Google, federal investigations into crypto businesses and Biden's proposal to increase capital gains taxes, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"How much rhetoric do you need to hear that the rich don't pay enough and we want to raise more taxes?" Fleischman said. "Well, at some point, rich people don't really like to hear that."

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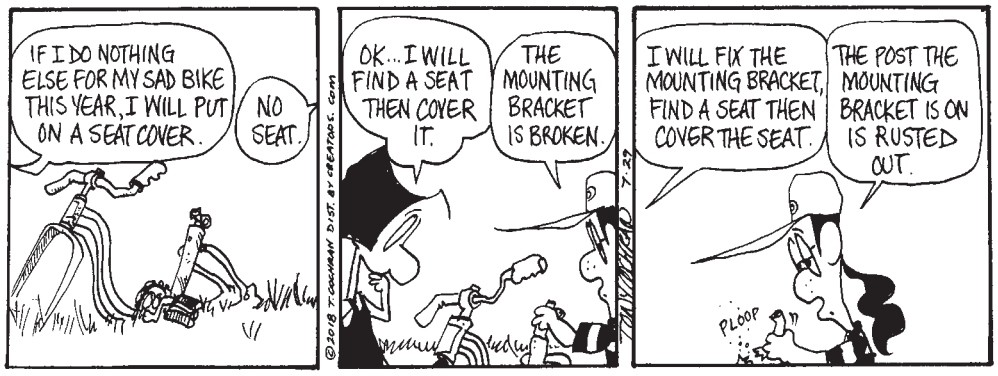
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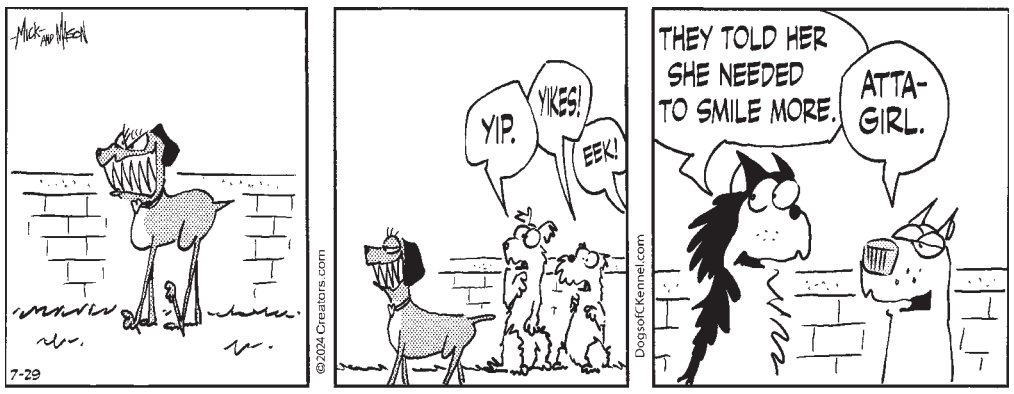
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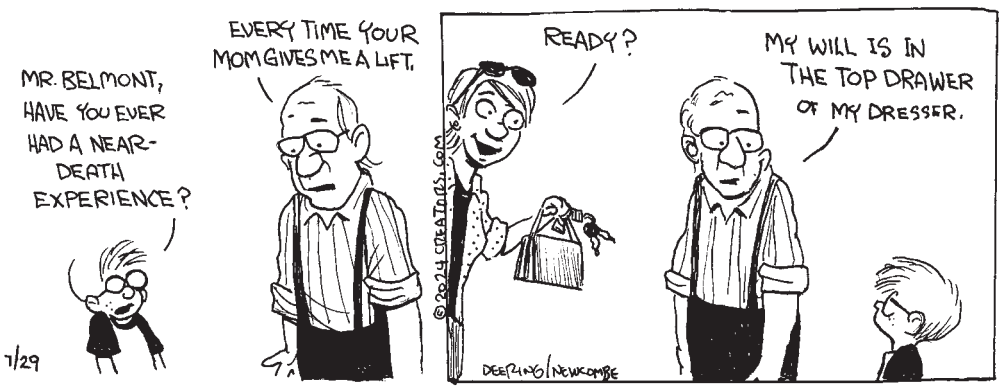
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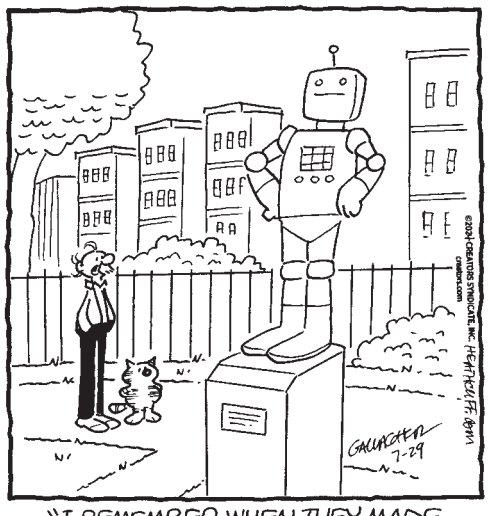
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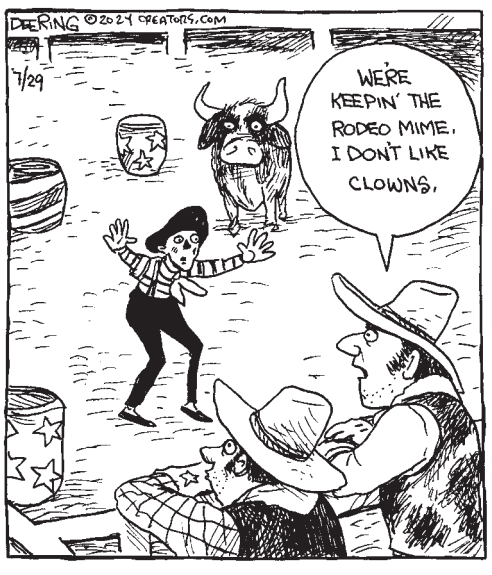
By PETER GALLAGHER



"I REMEMBER WHEN THEY MADE STATUES OF PEOPLE."

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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Adults only	Cheer	Handkerchief	Sci fi
Amaze	Choreography	Hero	Singer
Arena	Clever	Humour	Sound
Aria	Critics	Impromptu	Star
Aside	Cues	Lyric	Tune
Audience	Dress rehearsal	Magic	Unit
Award		Mask	Wigs
Bill	Epic	Music	
Cameras	Farce	Nervous	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 29)

Finally, there is congruence between the responsibility you feel toward others and the aims that serve your joy. There's a deep-rooted certainty in you as you walk in the knowledge you are loved and your value is intrinsic. More highlights: The true love that sees with the heart, and luck with games. You have nothing to prove, and yet you'll win time and again. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 32, 33, 14 and 5.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one is always one way. Different environments will bring out changes in you. Your identity is chameleon-like now, and this is a superpower that allows you to get to know many kinds of people and groups.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Self-image is a construct. Since anything that can be constructed can be deconstructed, if there's a part of your self-image that's causing you pain or is simply not helping, isolate the area and start the renovation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Loved ones don't always do things the way you'd prefer or the way they really ought to, and you'll tolerate some less-than-optimum behavior. Humor is like a windshield wiper — it doesn't stop the rain but allows us to keep going.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowing too much about a problem can keep a person from seeing it clearly. Solutions will come from the outside, especially from the naive. Children and newbies may have a more helpful take than those mired in the minutiae.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you want something enough, you'll harness any emotion as motivation. Nothing can stop you. Both positive and negative feelings can be equally useful, and you'll let them drive you toward the changes you desire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're adaptable, with a wide social vocabulary. If you have to change your communication style to get the message across, you will. Understanding your listener will be key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's nothing wrong with a bleak outlook — it's necessary for someone to look at the dark side and help everyone watch out for what could go wrong. Even so, a little goes a long way. A drop of sour makes the sweet stand out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A new fascination becomes even more enchanting. Is the attraction an enhancement of your worldview, opening doors to fresh perspectives and deeper understanding? Or is it a blockage, blinding you to other possibilities and narrowing your vision?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pity is not a particularly helpful emotion, and you'll do your best to reframe any situation that would bring it up, preferring action instead. You're bold enough to ask, "What can I do for you?"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in the middle of a learning process, and this is the part where it gets very frustrating. You may even wonder if it's time to quit. It seems like this is not what you signed on for, but hang in there. You'll be glad you did.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This simple, respectful statement of independence packs a lot of power. If applied widely, it may just be the secret to the elusive aspiration of world peace: "To each his own." Or, in the modern parlance, "To each their own."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To be likable, interesting and pleasant is no small accomplishment. You may not be fully aware of the thousands of negotiations between the ego and the id that occur to pull this off, but you have a sense of the energetic cost.

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.

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	9	5		3		7	8	2

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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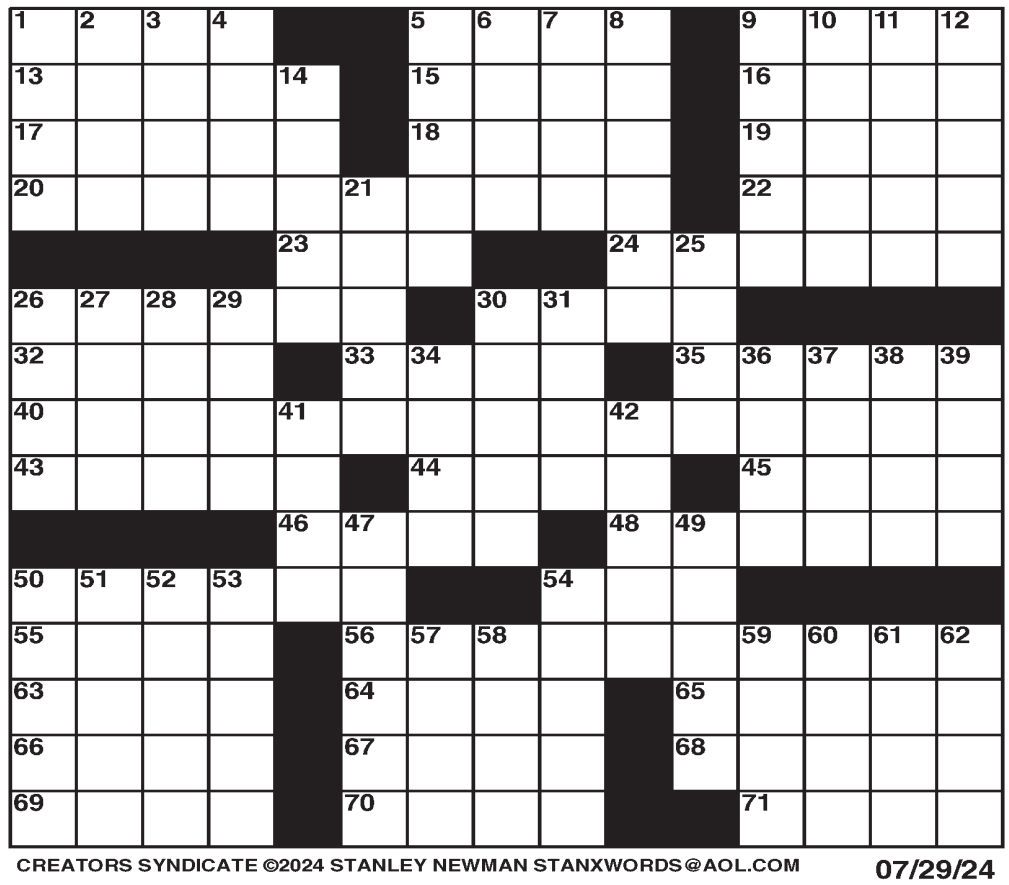
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ACROSS

1 Lustrous blouse fabric
5 Baby horse
9 Deep affection
13 Frosting on a cake
15 Provoke to anger
16 De-wrinkling appliance
17 Juliet's beau
18 Barge __ (interrupt)
19 Husband or wife
20 Bits of a blizzard
22 Any line on a grocery list
23 Body part for listening
24 Casual restaurant
26 Bring in from abroad
30 "Hey you!" whisper
32 Catch fire
33 Get __ (take revenge)
35 Island nation near Sicily
40 Bad weather with lightning
43 Traditional Native American dwelling
44 Epic story
45 "Now it's clear!"
46 Money borrowed
48 Baby cat
50 __ to the core (wicked)
54 Gave a meal to
55 Muscle soreness
56 Icy pellets from the sky
63 Sphere on a necklace
64 Apex
65 Higher in rank
66 "Marching" musical group
67 Afternoon snoozes
68 Aladdin's wish granter
69 Deep black
70 Saucer or plate
71 Dog's squeal

DOWN

1 Knights' titles
2 Clickable smartphone image
3 VIP's vehicle
4 Was sure of
5 __ Tuck (Robin Hood pal)
6 Pig's sound
7 Lotion's soothing ingredient
8 The glasses in eyeglasses
9 Maximum road speed
10 Give a speech
11 Person casting a ballot
12 Adversary in a battle
14 Errand runner, informally
21 In a little while
25 Bank's cash dispensers: Abbr.
26 "A likely story!"
27 Stubborn farm animal
28 Get ready, for short
29 A single time
30 Nut in Southern pies
31 Sudden obstacle
34 Border-crossing document
36 Going __ (arguing)
37 Misplaced
38 Oak or willow
39 Prayer's last word
41 Prefix for phone or vision
42 Spots for canoeing
47 Near and available
49 Conventioneer's badge
50 Synagogue leader
51 Vast body of water
52 Express gratitude to
53 Toy stuffed bear
54 __ and blood (relatives)
57 "Superfruit" purple berry
58 Mischievous kids
59 Do as you're told
60 Nary a soul
61 Wicked
62 Flow in slowly



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ARREST

FROM PAGE 1

Beach boardwalk. Just weeks after giving birth, Thomas was on the boardwalk with her husband, Steven Nobles, when the tragedy struck. The prosecution suggested that Nobles, purported to have ties to a rival gang, was the likely intended target of the shooting.

During the sentencing, The judge cited Caldwell's extensive criminal history, which dates back to his teenage years. "Mr. Caldwell has demonstrated a persistent and unrepentant commitment to a life of crime," the judge stated. "He is an undeterred and resolute hardcore gang member and proud of it."

As the judge was reading the sentencing, Caldwell put his feet up on the defense table, prompting the judge to order him to put his feet down. When he did not comply, the bailiff walked over and repeated the judge's order. The judge remarked that Caldwell's behavior during the trial had been consistently disruptive. "His behavior in court has made it evident what Mr. Caldwell has shown himself to be," she stated.

Dressed in a blue jail jumpsuit with "LA County Jail" on the back and shackled by his hands, Caldwell began yelling at the judge and then lunged toward the court clerk. Five deputies restrained him as he shouted profanities at the judge and yelled "Venice Shoreline." The courtroom then became highly energized, with both the victim's and the defendant's families yelling at each other and at times asking Caldwell to calm down. The courtroom was temporarily cleared, and Caldwell's father, Isaiah Caldwell Sr., who had testified about his own 25-year prison term and expressed remorse for his son's path, was allowed to stay.

When court was back in session, Caldwell Jr. was wheeled in strapped into a safety chair. The judge, explaining her sentencing, stated she believed that Caldwell could have been found guilty of second-degree murder, citing potential confusion with evidence and witness statements. She referenced a recorded jail phone call where Caldwell implied his involvement in the crime. "While you were incarcerated you said on the phone, 'I want to be the fat person. I'll be that.' That shows he wasn't the one who said, They aren't trippin."

The judge noted the strong likelihood of Caldwell reoffending and stressed the need to keep him off the streets of Venice and away from gang influences. "He has continued to embrace gang life, even after his arrest," she remarked, referencing Caldwell's new gang tattoos.

The defense attorney then accused the judge of bias, claiming she had already formed an opinion on Caldwell's guilt. He also stated he believed given the District Attorney's stance on juvenile leniency that Caldwell's juvenile crimes shouldn't be included in the sentencing.

The Judge rebutted, asserting that the court record would reflect the fairness of the proceedings. She also noted that "Society must be considered not the policies of the DA's office. "DA's often change seats and their policies have no weight in the courts."

The judge once again began reading her sentencing terms when Caldwell erupted once more, shouting profanities: "You can stop talking now, bitch. F*** this bitch. You are going to drop dead."

The deceased's mother, Cortlyn Bridges, and Caldwell's family pleaded with him to calm down as he was wheeled out of the courtroom.

Earlier, Bridges had delivered a poignant victim impact statement. "This week, I broke down," she began. "Regardless of the outcome, I asked God for what will be done. I don't hate you [she said to Caldwell]. My daughter is gone. It's a hard pill to swallow."

"I begged the district attorney to let me see what happened to my daughter," she continued. "The hardest part is coming into this courtroom as a mother and seeing no remorse." Caldwell interjected, "I do". "I've had to walk these hallways. I'm a mother. It hurts."

"My heart is broken. My granddaughter doesn't have a mother." Bridges then played a recording from her granddaughter, Ky's seven year old daughter, in which she said she just wanted everyone to love each other.

Bridges called for peace within the African American community, emphasizing the need for love and unity. "Our communities are suffering," she said. Caldwell Sr. echoed her sentiments, expressing his sorrow and commitment to advocating for change.

Caldwell was denied probation and credited for three years time served. The next court date will determine restitution. The defense announced plans to appeal Thursday's decision.

BINGE

FROM PAGE 2

Beach Volleyball in a temporary 12,000-seat stadium near The Pier. The city has launched the "Celebrate28 initiative" to prepare for the Olympics, involving city staff, community leaders, and businesses in planning and resource allocation.

Alex Soofer, owner of Yogurtland, recently opened a new location on Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade on June 28, positioning it as the flagship store while planning to close the older location on Santa Monica Blvd. Soofer attributes the Promenade's "foot traffic" as key to doubling customer numbers. The store offers 16 flavors, including non-dairy options, and increased topping choices. Unique features include outdoor seating with heaters for year-round comfort. Soofer, a Santa Monica native, aims to expand Yogurtland's presence in the city with additional locations.

BECOMING

FROM PAGE 3

you make the barrier smaller, so that you don't have to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to win a city council or school board or rent board seat—a candidate just has to walk around their neighborhood and meet their neighbors and tell them who they are and what they stand for.

That's why those in power have continued to fight against districting, because they know the barriers to entry that they have created and maintained, keep them in power.

It's not working anymore. We need new blood and we need a new direction. We need that fabulous excitement and energy we're seeing with a Gen X Woman of Color who has something different to say, and represents the future, not the past.

Exploring the emerging and changing identity of our city. And stirring the pot ... a bit. Send comments to editor@smdp.com or reach Miles directly at @mileswarnerSM



MONDAY | JULY 29

BABY TIME: SESSION 1
10:30 - 10:50 a.m.
Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Introduce your child to storytime with interactive books, bounces, and more. Free tickets available at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. For ages 0-17 month

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: TWILIGHT (2008)
4:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Join organizers for a screening of Twilight, based on Stephenie Meyer's YA novel of the same name. Pizza and light snacks will be provided. Film starts at 5 p.m. Runtime: 121 minutes. Rated PG-13. For ages 13-18

TUESDAY | JULY 30

AUTHOR TALK WITH DAN SANTAT
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Graphic Novels are Life! Telling Your Own Story in a Graphic Novel with Dan Santat. Join this year's winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Dan Santat, as he inspires tweens and teens to tell their own stories through graphic novels. His winning book, A First Time for Everything, is a graphic memoir based on his own awkward middle school years and the trip to Europe that changed his life. Dan Santat began drawing as a young boy and although he first studied microbiology, he pursued his passion in illustration. He spent many hours as a child and teenager teaching himself to draw by copying illustrations from comic books until he developed the unique, recognizable style that we see today. His talk will inspire listeners to draw their own story as well as give them practical tips on the creation of graphic novels. Virtual https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/51238/register

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WEDNESDAY | JULY 31

ANIMAL FEEDING DEMONSTRATIONS
1 - 3 p.m. Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk. Swim by and visit the Aquarium every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday to observe local marine animals, and watch live feeding demonstrations by Aquarium staff. Join them for Mealtime at 1 & 3 p.m. every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday!

HANDS-ONLY CPR
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is coming to the library to provide Hands-Only CPR training. This is drop-in training - come anytime between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m - it only takes about 10 minutes to complete. Note: this is not a certified CPR class. You will not receive a certificate. This training is: A life-saving skill that will help you feel more confident to respond in an emergency.
CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths
Only to be used on teens or adults
No documents are required from anyone who would like to be trained.

LOBBY LOUNGE LIVE : PIANO NIGHT
7 - 10 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows presents Lobby Lounge Live: Piano Bar Night with master pianist Jason Pelsey Every Friday | 7pm-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. Get ready be to serenaded with his captivating melodies and make requests throughout the night. Pelsey's dynamic repertoire spans the latest hits to timeless classics, promising an evening of musical delight for all. As a special treat, six lucky attendees will have the opportunity to join Pelsey at the piano for an unforgettable musical experience (first come, first serve). Don't miss your chance to be part of Santa Monica's newest tradition! For more information, visit fairmont-miramar.com/events/lobby-lounge-live-piano

COMEDIANS VS. AI: STAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE
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$18-25
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THURSDAY | AUGUST 1

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS AT THE LIBRARY - GROUP TWO
1 - 3:30 p.m. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, Space is limited! Please sign up online at https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/dungeons-dragons-library-group-two.
Kids and teens aged 9-14 are invited to join us for summer D&D Adventures! These will be incredibly fun adventures in fantasy taking place over three weeks and led by a professional Dungeon Master.

HOUSING COMMISSION
6 p.m. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all. 1685 Main Street.


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