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Parking facility tax revived on the November 2024 ballot to pay for more public safety



SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Following a tiny tweak in the text, members of the Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously 7-0 to place a parking facility tax revenue measure on the November 2024 Ballot.

The measure, if successful, will increase the City's parking facility tax rate by 8% and exempt City-owned lots and structures from the tax increase, which would be accompanied by an advisory measure that would allow voters to express their preference that at least half of the additional revenue generated by the Parking Facility Tax Measure should be allocated to address public safety and homelessness.

The measure was originally rejected during the June 25 meeting, however, during the July 9 meeting Vice Mayor Lana Negrete — who had originally opposed it — asked the City Council to direct the City Manager to halt the process to identify tradeoffs and budget reallocations within the existing budget.

Consequently, it was agreed to bring the item back to the dais during the July 23 meeting and the City

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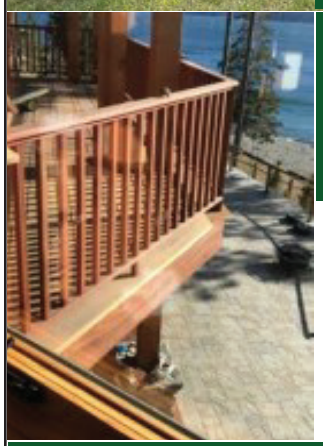
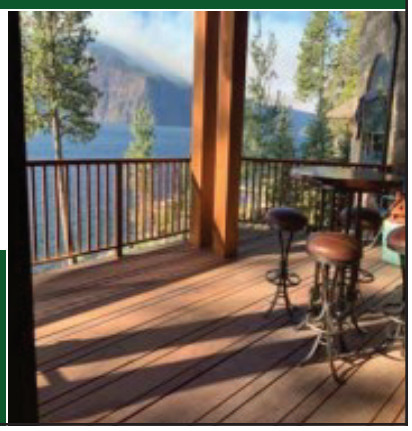
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Chariots bring elegance, spirituality in 48th annual affair



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FESTIVAL: The 48th annual Los Angeles Festival of the Chariots brings the 35-foot-high constructions through Santa Monica and Venice on Sunday.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The oldest street festival in the world is nearing five decades of its Los Angeles spinoff, acting as a true celebration of life, spirituality and Indian culture.

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, the 48th annual Los Angeles Festival of the Chariots begins at the corner of Pico and Main Street in Santa Monica, a two-hour affair that will transform into a daylong festival at Venice Beach's Windward Plaza. The event, also known as Ratha Yatra, features 35-foot high chariots elegantly decorated with symbolism of deities like Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra.

Over a million attendees travel to the Indian coastal town of Jagannatha Puri for the event each year, where spectacular chariots created out of wood are pulled via ropes by parade participants. Festival Communications Director Karuna Gunn stated that while figures of God are on the chariot, the event is not "idol worship," rather a more celebratory occasion.

"It's the idea that God is going out among the people, he leaves the temple where he is worshiped in seclusion by the Brahmin priest, he leaves and comes out to greet the people. So all the people come to meet him, that's why a million people show up," Gunn said.

The Los Angeles affair began in 1976, part of a global movement spurred by Srila Prabhupada, the Founder Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Originally following the tradition of using wood to construct the chariots, organizers eventually figured out how to make them out of aluminum in a way that they "collapse upon themselves." Folded down and put onto trucks, the three chariots are rolled out prior to the parade, erected and decorated for the morning's festivities.

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"(When) they're set up ... big ropes are attached to them, huge ropes that are eight inches in diameter," Gunn said. "The crowd literally pulls these chariots by hand with no motor from the Santa Monica Civic (Center) to the Venice Pavilion area, which is about

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School alcohol and drug policy revisions approved by board

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

While the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education was deeply entrenched in facilities talk last week, other changes to district policy were able to make their way to the forefront.

Namely, the board officially approved an update to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on Alcohol and Other Drugs, which hones in on first offenses by transitioning from a traditional suspension model to a more counseling-intensive method.

Initially broached in June, the updated policy replaces an automatic three-day suspension for an alcohol or drug offense with meetings and counseling sessions. SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton, making his presence felt on the subject after an absence during the June 25 discussion, said the counseling is based on "what harm has occurred" and what needs to be addressed from the student's perspective.

Shelton added that the district is "not doing away with consequences," and that authorities are notified of each offense, stating that the district may work with local police to find a potential diversion program for a struggling student. The revised policy does not factor into the selling of controlled substances, which still results in an immediate suspension and mandated expulsion from campus.

On the first offense revision, Shelton recalled his time as Samohi principal as a factor in his support for the shift.

"We suspend the kid, the kid then goes home, the kid is now home by themselves," Shelton said. "If they're home by themselves and there's a problem, what are they going to do? Continue that problem. As a former high school principal, (I understand) that is not necessarily what we want to occur."

Meetings will be held with a counselor trained in alcohol and drug dependency, and will work with both students and their families to provide recommendations on the issue and dig deeper into the psyche behind the usage during school time.

"The majority of the time, there is something that is underlying that is going on why a student is turning to a substance ... we're wrapping the mental health piece into this, we're wrapping the counselor into this, so that the counselor support that's needed is provided," Shelton said.

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> - Dr. Antonio Shelton, SMMUSD Superintendent

Subsequent offenses of alcohol or drugs will now result in a one-day suspension followed by counselor meetings, crafting an individualized "action plan" for the offending student. The updated policy and regulation were unanimously approved, with board member Laurie Lieberman lauding the "good, full discussion" in June and feeling "comfortable" with adopting the revisions.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.9**

FRIDAY
FAIR
SURF: 1-2FT
Knee to thigh

Small scale surf likely to continue. Blend of S swells and some NW windswell. Wind looks pretty light in the AM.

SATURDAY
FAIR
SURF: 1-2FT
Knee to thigh

Surf down a bit off smaller mix of S swell and NW windswell. Early morning winds look light and tide push helps then.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 76.
Friday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 64. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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2024/08/02	Fri	8:41 PM	6.44		H
2024/08/03	Sat	03:59 AM	-0.77		L
2024/08/03	Sat	10:29 AM	4.10		H
2024/08/03	Sat	3:09 PM	2.35		L
2024/08/03	Sat	9:18 PM	6.41		H
2024/08/04	Sun	04:31 AM	-0.64		L
2024/08/04	Sun	10:57 AM	4.18		H
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2024/08/04	Sun	9:53 PM	6.25		H
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Captain in 2019 scuba boat fire ordered to pay about $32K to families of 3 of 34 people killed

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Associated Press

A scuba dive boat captain was ordered Wednesday to pay about $32,000 in restitution to the families of three of the 34 people killed in a fire aboard the vessel in 2019.

Jerry Boylan's criminal negligence as captain of the Conception led to the deadliest maritime disaster in recent U.S. history. Wednesday's restitution order by a federal judge comes nearly five years after the Sept. 2, 2019, tragedy off the central California coast, which prompted changes to maritime regulations and several ongoing lawsuits.

Boylan was convicted last year of one count of misconduct or neglect of ship officer following a 10-day trial in federal court in downtown Los Angeles. The charge is a pre-Civil War statute colloquially known as seaman's manslaughter that was designed to hold steamboat captains and crew responsible for maritime disasters.

He was sentenced to four years in prison and three years of supervised release. Boylan was also ordered to pay restitution to the families of the victims.

Wednesday's order granted restitution payments to just three of the victims' families who submitted documentation for $32,178.82 in funeral expenses. Several other cases are still in dispute, as well as claims for lost property on the boat.

Other claims for restitution for psychological counseling, lost income, travel expenses and legal fees were not granted.

Several families said they did not know to keep receipts for funeral expenses, or that it was too emotionally difficult to go through which physical belongings were lost on the boat.

"It's too hard," said Christina Quitasol, who lost her sisters Evan, Nicole, and Angela Quitasol as well as her father Michael Quitasol. She described covering her entire living room with documents and files sorted by family member.

"It's expensive to lose five members of one family," Christina Quitasol said, but she emphasized that at the end of the day, it wasn't about money, but accountability.

"Holding Boylan accountable for what was lost," she said. "Their lives were priceless and to value them at the cost of their funeral expenses is upsetting and sickening."

At a previous hearing, Boylan's attorney Gabriela Rivera said Boylan had no significant assets and would not be able to pay restitution. Rivera said Boylan was living off Social Security payments, had no family, and no "meaningful job prospects."

Prosecutors disagreed, arguing that Boylan had assets totaling six figures and that a restitution order would mean that if he ever did come into money, he would have to pay the victims.

Boylan was out on bond and scheduled to report to the Bureau of Prisons by Aug. 8, but his defense attorney argued at a Monday hearing to allow him to remain out of prison while his appeal is ongoing. The judge did not issue a final ruling yet.

The Conception was anchored off Santa Cruz Island, 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Santa Barbara, when it caught fire before dawn on the final day of a three-day excursion, sinking less than 100 feet (30 meters) from shore.

Thirty-three passengers and a crew member perished, trapped in a bunkroom below deck. Among the dead were the deckhand, who had landed her dream job; an environmental scientist who did research in Antarctica; a globe-trotting couple; a Singaporean data scientist; and a family of three sisters, their father and his wife.

Boylan was the first to abandon ship and jump overboard. Four crew members who joined him also survived.

Prosecutors blamed Boylan for failing to post the required roving night watch and properly train his crew in firefighting. The lack of the roving watch meant the fire was able to spread undetected across the 75-foot (23-meter) boat while passengers were sleeping. The exact cause of the blaze remains undetermined.

Victims' families are still locked in civil lawsuits against boat owner Glen Fritzler and his wife, who own Truth Aquatics Inc., which operated the Conception and two other scuba dive boats. Also pending is a case against the Coast Guard for what they allege was lax enforcement of the roving watch requirement.





As conflicts far and wide shake the planet, can the Olympics unite the world?

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Associated Press

More than 100 conflicts fester around the world. The Middle East teeters on the brink of a regional war. In Ukraine, Russia advances slowly but steadily in the east, reducing towns to rubble.

The "Olympic Truce," clearly, is not being heeded.

In the run-up to every Olympics over the past 30 years, the United Nations passes a resolution upholding the Olympic Truce, which in theory halts hostilities in the name of granting athletes safe passage and promoting world peace. It's supposed to last from seven days before the Olympic Games begin until seven days after the Paralympic Games end. Not even two weeks into it, the news of missile strikes, annexations and heightened tensions is omnipresent.

"Stepping into the Olympic Village, you realize like generations of Olympians before: 'Now I am part of something bigger than myself. Now we are part of an event that unites the world in peace,'" International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said to athletes at the opening ceremony. He did temper his usual robust optimism with an acknowledgment that they lived in "a world torn apart by wars and conflicts."

It's a pitch the IOC has made often enough that it has become part of the brand that the Games project: the Olympics as the great uniter, one that has the potential to transcend all divides.

Reality, though, can interrupt even the tightest messaging.

GOOD INTENTIONS, INTERRUPTED BY EVENTS

By Wednesday, in the wake of the assassination in Iran of Hamas' top leader, the international body had scaled down and adopted a more dejected tone.

"A culture of peace is what we try to create in a very modest way," IOC spokesperson Mark Adams said at a news conference. "We're unable to bring peace. We can call for peace, but we probably won't achieve it."

For an organization that has often waded into geopolitics — the normally stoic Bach choked up last week while remembering his late friend Henry Kissinger's "invaluable advice" — Adams' remarks seemed to signal a retreat in the IOC's ambitions, at least in the moment.

"We can only do what we can do. We're a sports organization," he said. "Our job is to let the politicians, unfortunately, get on with what they want to get on with."

The Olympic Truce was revived in the immediate post-Cold War era, with roots in ancient Greece.

"We live in a divided world where conflicts are proliferating in a dramatic way. The horrendous suffering in Gaza, the seemingly endless war in Ukraine, terrible suffering from Sudan to the DRC, from the Sahel to Myanmar," U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said after meeting with Bach before the opening ceremony. "In a moment like this, it is important to say that the first recording in history (of a) real peace initiative was the Olympic Truce."

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Then and now, it's never quite worked. Russia alone has broken the Truce three times, most recently in 2022 with the invasion of Ukraine — a handful of months after the country voted for the U.N. resolution. (This time, it abstained.)

In November, 118 countries voted to adopt the resolution. No country voted against it, although Syria joined Russia in abstaining. In past years, the resolution received more full-throated support — the U.N. has 193 member-states, after all — but among those who voted for "building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal" were Iran, Israel and Lebanon, all embroiled in the latest flare-up.

"When we talk about sports, uniting people and bringing people together, yes, that is an aspirational ideal," said Lindsay Sarah Krasnoff, a sports diplomacy expert who lectures at New York University's Tisch Institute for Global Sport. "And a lot of that is reality. When you look at, typically speaking, sport does have that power."

The Olympics, she says, are an implement in the toolbox of striving for peace. "I don't think the Games themselves can transcend the worlds wars, conflicts, and complex, complicated problems," she said. "But I think

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Paris Olympics sweetheart: Rugby player Ilona Maher promotes body positivity through social media

JENNA FRYER
AP National Writer

Ilona Maher, America's rugby-playing social media sweetheart, walked onto the terrace of Team USA House carrying a sandwich, the United States' first ever rugby sevens Olympic medal hanging around her neck.

In between a rapid-fire media rotation, she squeezed in bites of her snack and reapplied her trademark red lipstick. It was authentic Maher, who uses the platform she has built to promote body positivity and the sport she loves, all while insisting women who run, tackle and throw stiff arms can still be feminine.

Maher, who first shot to stardom three years ago by using her wicked sense of humor to document behind-the-scenes life at the Tokyo Olympics, helped lead the U.S. to the bronze medal at the Paris Games with a heart-stopping finish in a 14-12 victory over Australia. The bronze medal match ended with Alex "Spiff" Sedrick scoring on a length-of-the-field try as time expired, then putting a kick through the uprights.

Maher's tear-filled interview after the match was enough to make any American want to run through a wall for the 27-year-old Vermont native who has both a nursing degree and a masters in business but really just wants to play rugby and promote the sport to girls across the world.

"I think the stereotype around a rugby player is this idea that you need to drop your femininity and play a very masculine, brutal sport," Maher said Wednesday, a day after the medal match. "Myself and my team and some others on the circuit like Australia and Ireland, are showing that femininity. We are doing our makeup before games, wearing makeup, wanting to feel pretty out there.

"But that doesn't take away from how amazing we tackle and hit and run. You can be those things, and the stereotypes around women's sports just should be thrown out the window now."

Maher, who uses the hashtag #beastbeautybrains on social media, became the most-followed rugby player on Instagram during these Games with 2 million followers. She has 1.9 million followers on TikTok.

She has continued to document life at the Olympics and called the Athlete's Village "The Villa" in a nod to "Love Island" (she watches the British version, and thinks she could be on the show but "wouldn't be a bombshell"). But her biggest impact has been her messages of body positivity and a 2-month-old post resurfaced this week in which she clapped-back at a commenter who mocked her for having a body mass index (BMI) of 30.

"I think you were trying to roast me, but this actually is a fact. I do have a BMI of 30 — well, 29.3 to be more exact," Maher said on TikTok. "I've been considered overweight my whole life."

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> - Ilona Maher

She revealed she weighs 200 pounds (90 kilograms) and is 5-foot-10 (178 centimeters): the two measurements used to calculate BMI. A BMI between 25 and 29.9 is considered in the overweight range, and a BMI of 30 and above is considered obese.

Maher said she was humiliated by the label, particularly when she turned in paperwork from a high school physical that labeled her overweight.

"I was so embarrassed to turn that in and have that written there," Maher said in the TikTok. "My whole life, I've been this way."

She said she was surprised that "body-positive posts posted months, a couple of years ago, weeks ago" have resurfaced, but that its an important message for her to deliver.

"It's just like I always preach, and it is really important for me to constantly preach because the message never stops and young girls have to be like, 'Oh, man, OK, I feel great about my body,'" she said. "I love it. It has to be a constant stream. I think there's this idea about what female athletes are and this need to be lean and fit. But, no, there's athletes of all shapes and sizes competing at the Olympics."

Sally Horrox, World Rugby's director of women's rugby, said Maher is an "unprecedented" athlete who will help rugby grow.

"She's not following anyone. She is leading

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF OFFICES AND NOMINATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to § 10224.5 of the Elections Code of the State of California, relating to the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following officers are to be elected:

For four (4) members of the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For two (2) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

I, Nikima S. Newsome, City Clerk Elections Official certify I have furnished nomination papers to the incumbents for the following open offices:

Three (3) of the four (4) incumbents for City Council
One (1) of the two (2) incumbents for Rent Control Board
Three (3) of the three (3) incumbents for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education
Two (2) of the three (3) incumbents for Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees

Nomination papers may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica between the following dates August 5-9, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and by appointment only.

Completed nomination papers may also be filed at the City Clerk's Office between the following dates August 5-9, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and by appointment only.

/s/ Nikima S. Newsome, City Clerk
August 1, 2024

City of Santa Monica

AVISO DE CARGOS Y NOMINACIONES

POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE COMUNICA que de conformidad con § 10224.5 del Código Electoral del Estado de California, relativo a las Elecciones Municipales Generales que se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes 5 de noviembre de 2024, se elegirán los siguientes cargos:

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Para dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Control de Alquileres	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Mónica-Malibu	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito de Colegio Comunitario de Santa Mónica	Período completo de cuatro (4) años

Yo, Nikima S. Newsome, Secretaria Municipal de Elecciones, certifico que he proporcionado los documentos de nominación a los titulares para cada uno de los siguientes cargos vacantes:

Tres (3) de los cuatro (4) titulares del Concejo Municipal
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Tres (3) de los tres (3) titulares de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Mónica-Malibu
Dos (2) de los tres (3) titulares de la Junta Directiva del Distrito de Colegio Comunitario de Santa Mónica

Se puede obtener la documentación para nominación en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal en el Ayuntamiento de Santa Mónica, 1685 Main Street, Sala 102, Santa Mónica.

Los documentos de nominación completos tambien se pueden presentar en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal solamente con cita entre las siguientes fechas, del 5 al 9 de agosto de 2024, y entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 3:30 p. m.

/f/ Nikima S. Newsome, Secretaria Municipal
1 de agosto de 2024

HOA HOMEFRONT

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Reader Questions – What is the Right Board Size and Where Can Boards Find Education?

KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ., CCAL

Hi Kelly, we are a small HOA with about 60 units. Our bylaws call for a 5 person board. We are having trouble getting residents to run for the board. Since we have about 30 active residents, what are the pros and cons of reducing the size of our board to three. This still represents 5% of our residents. We are a pretty simple HOA with no common areas or amenities. Enjoy your column, R.E., San Diego

DEAR R.E.:

As you know, your HOA bylaws specify the size of your board, so any change in board size would require a membership vote. In choosing board size, there are several considerations. Does the HOA have a lot of things going on? A very busy or complicated HOA with multiple active committees might need more directors to share the workload. Larger HOAs often have larger boards, but there is a point at which boards can become too large for an association, even ones of the largest size. There are some very large HOAs with boards as large as eleven, and those often struggle with over-deliberation and unproductive volunteers filling seats. I think more than nine directors is too large. Boards should be sized for the unique aspects of each community but also with an eye toward the difficulty in obtaining volunteers.

A board of 3 or 5 could be just right for your HOA of around 60 members, but it depends upon what best suits your HOA. Best regards, Kelly

Question: Please shine some light on the different education options out there for board members and owners alike. CAI offers courses, ECHO offers educational seminars. Which of these courses bring the most benefit to owners and board members in understanding the proper workings of a CID? Thank you. G.H., San Diego

Dear G.H.: The Community Associations Institute (CAI) is an international organization that educates managers, homeowner leaders, and service providers. California's eight CAI Chapters have many courses ranging from a 3-hour Basic Board Education course to a multiple evening or all-day "Essentials" or "Leadership Training Program" event. CAI's headquarters also have many online courses, which can be accessed at www.caionline.org. They also have a news and resources page at www.hoaresources.com. An excellent introductory course from the headquarters is the "Board Leader Development Workshop." The Executive Council of Home Owners ("ECHO") is primarily active in Northern California and periodically offers live and online education. For information visit www.echo-ca.org. Their "ECHO HOA University" is a series of about 11 one-hour HOA board education classes and is reasonably priced.

HOA governance in California is increasingly complicated and HOA directors and board candidates should become educated to reduce learning by trial and error. CAI's Nevada and Illinois Chapters created a designation called the Dedicated Community Association Leader ("DCAL"), involving over thirty hours of coursework and other activities and is growing particularly in Nevada. I hope that California Chapters will follow suit and offer the same type of program, providing homeowners with confidence in board candidates or incumbents who have expended the time and energy to attain such credentials.

Maybe one day California will require some minimum education to govern an HOA, but right now it's strictly optional.

Thanks for your question, sincerely, Kelly.

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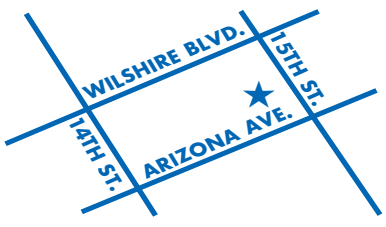
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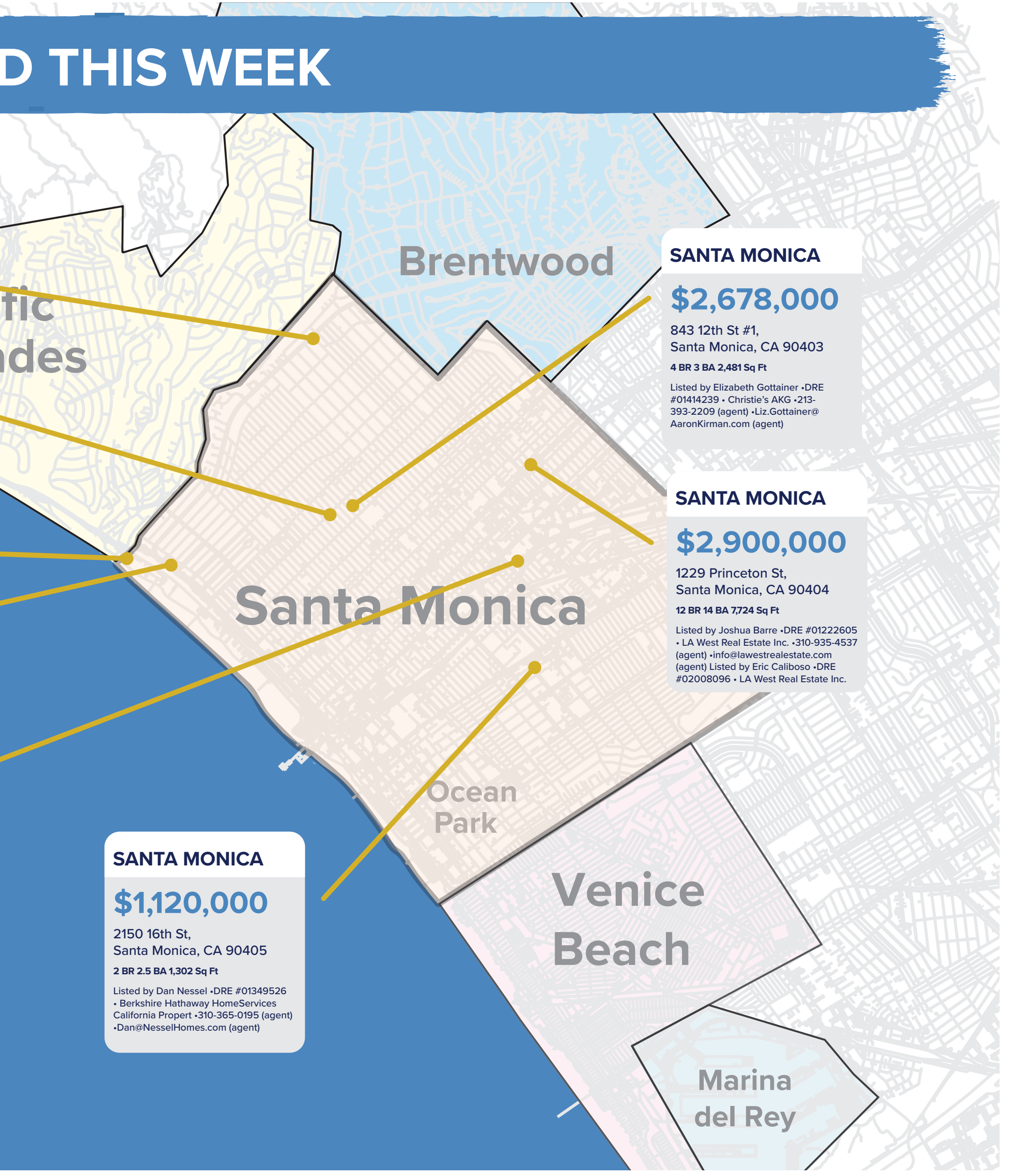
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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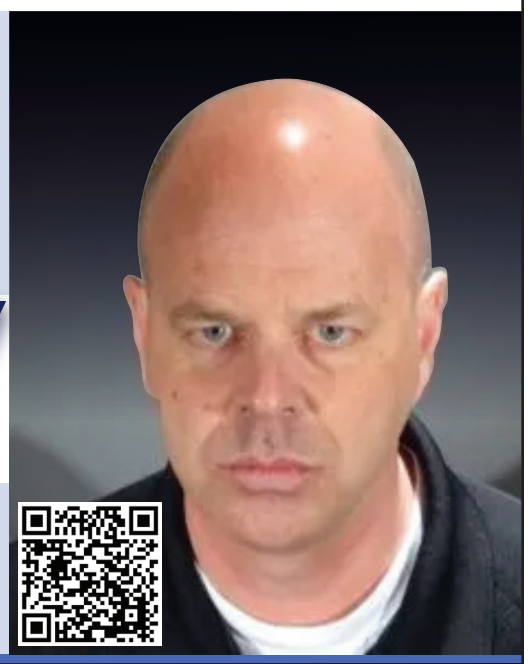
WHAT WE KNOW:

- Over 300 victims (boys and girls).
- Over almost 30 years (late 1980s to early 2000s).
- Some victims, parents and city and PAL employees reported Uller.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW:

- Why were reports of abuse and/or inappropriate conduct by Uller not acted on?

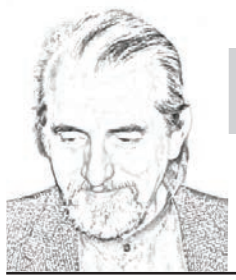
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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Theatricum Gala Saturday

NOTEWORTHY!!!

But not about music, or the arts (directly). I learned Tuesday that all three members of "The Slate" – PHIL BROCK, CHRISTINE PARRA, OSCAR DE LA TORRE – pulled papers to run again in November for City Council. They are considering adding a fourth candidate.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM, "Echoes In The Forest" – TB's annual gala returns with hosts Wendie Malick and Dan Lauria, with Keith Carradine, Inara George, and other surprises. Explore the gardens at 6 p.m., enjoy delicious food and beverages, surrounded by music and other artistic offerings. At 7:30, enter the theatre to celebrate the influences of Woody Guthrie with company members and surprise guests, culminating in presentation of the Will Geer Humanitarian Award to Woody Guthrie, accepted by his grandson, Damon Guthrie. (All hosts and guests are subject to availability.) Sure, the ticket price is high – it's a fundraiser, a gala! And this superb theatrical ensemble, presenting outstanding, thoughtful productions in a unique forest setting, for more than half a century, certainly deserves your support. Geer and Guthrie were buddies (there is a tiny log cabin on the grounds, where Woody used to stay when passing through). All the galas have been special LA theatre experiences, but this one may be the topper. Sat 6 p.m., TB, Topanga Canyon, $150.

More THEATRICUM - B: "The Winter's Tale" is one of Willie the Shake's last, a tragi-comedy in five acts. TB's ever-evolving staple "A Midsummer Night's Dream" has been performed by them every season, for more than half a century now. Molière's classic "Tartuffe" is brought forward a few centuries, and right into today's headlines. "Midsummer" next Thurs, 7:30 p.m., "Winter" Fri 7:30 p.m., "Tartuffe" Sun 7:30 p.m., $15-60.

MAVIS STAPLES, NORAH JONES – Mavis Staples is one of the premier soul gospel pop singers on the planet, and a living embodiment of American history. And I've always had a crush on Norah - who doesn't? Sun 7:30 p.m., Greek Theatre, LA, $100-175.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

"WILD THINGS ARE HAPPENING: THE ART OF MAURICE SENDAK" – Now you can see them much bigger than a page in a book. This is the first complete retrospective of his art since his death in 2012, and includes his work in many areas of the arts. 7/18-9/1, Skirball Museum, admission price? Parking fee - call for info and hours.



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MAVIS!: Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

"THE SUBSTANCE OF FIRE" – Is gaining steam. Drawing actors like Bryan Cranston, Kevin Pollack, Dann Florek, Laurence Fishburne. ("They all loved it," said Ruskin's Mike Myers.) And the rave reviews are piling up too. And now they are adding Thursdays, starting 8/8. Starring Rob Morrow and Marcia Cross, both with extensive credits and awards for stage, film and TV. Go soon, you may well want to return, and take friends. Fri, Sat, next Thurs 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $25-40.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): Wild Things Are Happening: The Art of Maurice Sendak," Skirball, 8/1-9/1; Theatricum Botanicum - "A Midsummer Night's Dream" 8/1, 8, 15, 29 - "The Winter's Tale" 8/2, 10, 16, 24 - "Tartuffe-Born Again" 8/4, 11, 18, 25, 30 - "Wendy's Peter Pan" 8/9, 18, 25; "The Substance of Fire," Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 9/; Schumann & Bruch, LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl, 8/1; Theatricum Botanicum's Annual Gala, "Echoes In The Forest," 8/3; Mavis Staples, Norah Jones, Greek, 8/4; Reggae Night XXII: Damian and Stephen Marley, Hollywood Bowl, 8/4; Hives, Foo Fighters, BMO Stadium, 8/9; Jon Batiste, Greek, 8/10; Wailing Souls, Levitt Pavilion, 8/10; Alanis Morisette, Joan Jett & Blackhearts, Kia Forum, 8/10; Library Girl, Ruskin Theatre, 8/11; Pretenders, Foo Fighters, BMO Stadium, 8/11.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or hate mail to: therealmrmusic@gmail.com



FRIDAY | AUGUST 2

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: MR. ELECTRIC
2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street. Experience lightning right in front of your eyes at this high-energy, interactive show all about electricity. For families.

TEEN SWIM NIGHT
7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Santa Monica Swim Center, 2225 16th St. Come join the fun at the Swim Center Teen Night, with free food, rec swim and no adults. All access just for teens. Residents $2, non-residents $4.

POP LOCK N FLOAT IT
7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Starting at Cabo Cantina, 1240 3rd Street Promenade. The water may be contaminated but the vibes are immaculate at the beach block party of the summer, Pop Lock n Float It. Make your own journey or party with friends with DJ performances from Brittany Guttheim, DJ ColEco and DJ YOHO. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.whatthefloat.com/coming-events/2024/august-float-la.

SATURDAY | AUGUST 3

RECYCLING EVENT
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. City Yard Parking Lot, 2500 Michigan Ave (second gate entrance). The City of Santa Monica is hosting a free recycling event for Santa Monica residents only. Bring your used mattresses, box springs, electronic waste and up to five boxes of paper for shredding. Shredding will happen on-site and the paper will be recycled. For questions, call 866-311-7266.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hostelling International Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St. Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica. Visit a 12-story Art Deco office tower, the British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show, the city's best example of a Queen Anne Victorian home, a lavish hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition and more. Tours are approximately 2 hours and cover 6 blocks. Reservations suggested. Open to all ages. Tickets $10. For more information, visit: https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

FAMILY THEATRE MUSICAL- CINDERELLA
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. The beloved Rudie-DeCarlo musical Cinderella celebrates its 40th anniversary with a stunning multi-media makeover at the Playhouse. It's Cinderella like you've never seen her before, with new songs, special effects, a silent movie segment and dazzling costumes. Tickets $15, $12.50 for kids 12 and under. To purchase, visit: https://www.showclix.com/event/cinderella-2023-the-musical. Also playing Sunday from 12:30 - 2 p.m.

MIRAMAR JAZZ NIGHT
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd. Fairmont Miramar is thrilled to announce an exciting new partnership with BroadStage Santa Monica, bringing the soulful sounds of live jazz featuring talented resident piano players Yuko Mabuchi and Sam Smylie. Free admission in the Lobby Lounge.

SUNDAY | AUGUST 4

Santa Monica Airport Antique Market
7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave., next to the Museum of Flying. Noted as one of the top 10 "flea markets" in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. A destination for decorators, designers, boutique owners, families with their friendly dogs and collectors of all ages.

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

CANCER IS A DRAG
5 - 8 p.m. Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th Street. Gusty Gorgeous' Drag Debut will raise money and awareness for CureSearch, which will benefit children's cancer research, and First Descents, which provides outdoor adventure therapy and connections for young adults dealing with cancer and MS. Gusty's debut will be hosted by Jordan Jayro and will have other performances by Gemini Sexton and Cake Moss. There will be drag bingo, comedy, lip syncs and a whole lot of surprises. Tickets $33.80, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cancer-is-a-drag-fundraiser-hosted-by-gusty-gorgeous-and-friends-tickets-909519566507.

MONDAY | AUGUST 5

DISABILITIES COMMISSION
6:30 p.m. Civic Center Parking Structure SMi Room, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community.

TUESDAY | AUGUST 6

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Virginia Avenue Park in partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program, resumes Social Service Assistance. Help with facility nutrition and health care access from trained community health workers. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal or Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Get up close to amazing animals and learn interesting tidbits to appreciate how we share this planet. For families. Tickets are available starting at 2 p.m. Space limited.

CYANOTYPE & PINHOLE CAMERA WORKSHOP
4 - 6 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House Sand & Sea Room, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Led by Camera Obscura Art Lab Artist-in-Residence Marzieh Karimi, join for a fun and immersive workshop where you can learn about the fascinating world of camera obscura and how to make and use a basic pinhole camera to create your own unique artwork. You will also learn the compelling art of cyanotype, a camera-less technique for creating prints. Event is free, space limited, to register visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinhole-camera-and-cyanotype-workshop-with-artist-marzieh-karimi-tickets-965352022887?aff=ebdssbdestsearch.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
5 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Police Chief Ramon Batista and the members of the Santa Monica Police Department would like to invite the Santa Monica community to celebrate this year's National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, aimed at making our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. This year's theme is "Past, Present and Future!" With 80s and 90s nostalgic snacks and games, historic PD items, displays of current technology and presenting plans for the future. Participants can meet police personnel (human and 4-legged), ask questions about police vehicles and equipment, and enjoy music, food and family-friendly activities.

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 7

HOMELESS CONNECT DAY
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Venice Family Clinic Health and Wellness Center, 604 Rose Ave., Venice. People experiencing homelessness can connect with Venice Family Clinic services, including medical care, dental cleanings and consultations, health insurance enrollment, CalFresh enrollment, overdose prevention supplies, testing for Hep C and sexually transmitted infections including syphilis, for which L.A. County Department of Public Health will provide initial treatment onsite. L.A. County Homeless Court will help with pedestrian and traffic tickets, and celebrity stylist Jason Schneidman will give free haircuts. Venice Family Clinic will also provide hygiene kits, showers, a bike valet and hot meals.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

AUTHOR TALK WITH DR. JENNIFER LEVASSEUR
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Santa Monica College Library, Floor 1, 1900 Pico Blvd. You're invited to virtually step inside one of the greatest international achievements with a behind-the-scenes guide to space exploration with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum curator Dr. Jennifer Levasseur. Revealing a new perspective into the world of space exploration and the daring astronauts who make it possible, Dr. Levasseur will guide you through the Smithsonian's "Behind the Scenes at the Space Station" and take you on a once-in-a-lifetime virtual tour of the International Space Station. To register, visit: https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/52409/register.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CHARACTER CREATION
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library Annex, 2201 Pico Blvd. Curious about Dungeons & Dragons? Come craft a character to participate in upcoming adventures. Materials provided. For ages 9-14.

PRIEST RANCH ON THE ROAD TOUR
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Local Kitchen, 1736 Ocean Park Blvd. Priest Ranch is taking its show on the road in 2024 with winemaker Cody Hurd and CEO Judd Wallenbrock. Local Kitchen will dish up light bites to pair with a selection of Priest Ranch wines, including a 2023 Priest Ranch Sauvignon Blanc, 2021 Priest Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019 Snake Oil Cabernet Sauvignon and 2019 Remedy Red Blend. Tickets are $45 and includes wine tasting and light nosh. To purchase, visit: https://www.priestranchwines.com/Visit/Events/Priest-Ranch-on-the-Road-Tour-2024.

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CHARIOTS

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two and a half miles ... there's nothing else (like) the crowd participation."

Gunn added that it takes about 40 people to carry the massive constructions, 20 on each of the two ropes. Along with the chariots, the parade route featured Kirtan call-and-response music, chants to express devotion to spiritual ideals. Narrating the activity will be Raghunath Cappo and Kaustubha Das from the popular "Wisdom of the Sages" yoga podcast.

Once the procession ends in Venice, the party continues throughout Sunday, featuring a performance from Viji Prakash and the Shakti dance troupe, free feast offerings, children's activities and a marketplace with arts, crafts and literature. Showcasing the entire breadth of the Indian experience is "attractive," Gunn said, due to giving people "a complete understanding of the spiritual culture."

"America is so young, relatively speaking compared to this culture," Gunn said. "So our religious culture here in America is rich, but it doesn't have that same kind of nuance that you can experience through this. It's a different, very deep and mystical (experience) and it's all about celebrating the love of God, love of life and love of gods. There's a lot here that can be gained from having a good deep look."

> "America is so young, relatively speaking compared to this culture
>
> - Karuna Gunn, Festival Communications Director

For more information on Sunday's festival, visit www.larathayatra.com.

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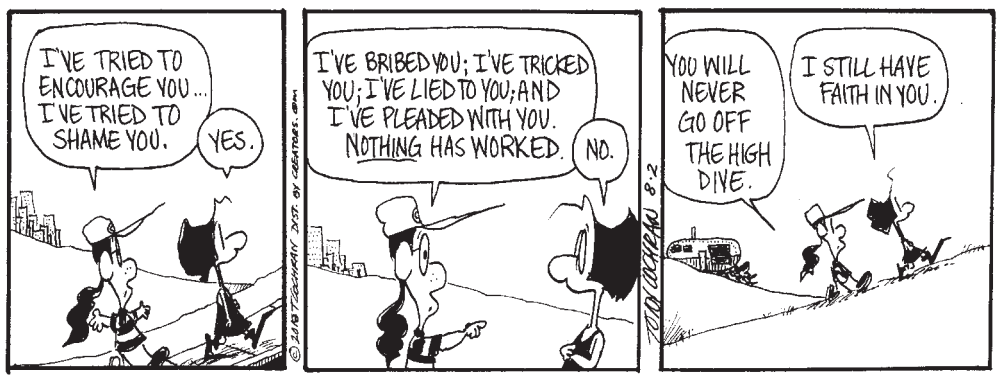


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FESTIVAL: The annual event brings arts, entertainment, food and activities through Santa Monica and into Venice on Sunday.

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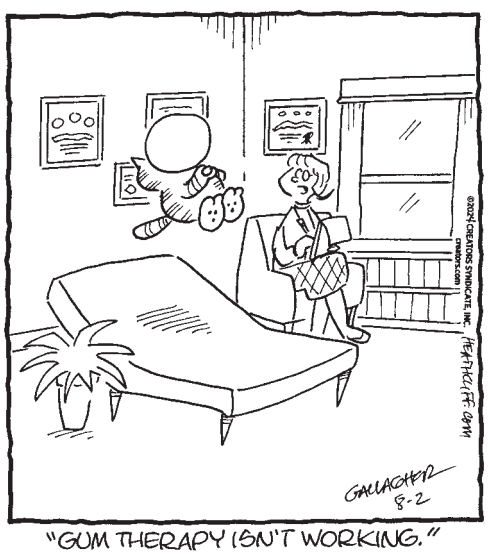
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You'll carry the profound sense that you're a part of something vast and magnificent, a vital piece of the world's intricate puzzle. People think of you as their rock, coach and cheerleader who asks nothing in return. Their esteem will be among your greatest treasures. More highlights: a physical goal achieved, winning races and spectacular dates. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 4, 18, 22 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone awaits your signal and will not go until you give the nod. This subtle gesture will start an irreversible chain of events. These are exciting times — the start of something very fun for all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Take your time. Some of what you throw into the mix won't work out, but it's all good information to your process. Eliminating a few options is crucial to the rest of your journey and will help you determine your style with everything going forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will acknowledge your emotions without letting them rule you. Through emotional awareness, you can respond thoughtfully and deliberately, leading to more balanced and fulfilling experiences.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are hundreds of ways to accomplish a task. You sense what's going to work for you, but you don't know until you dive in and start making your own mistakes and earning your own points, awarded to you by you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Laughter is among the very few medicines without side effects. The humor on offer today is easy for you to pick up on, and when you do, it will exercise your insides and give a gentle massage to your heart, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today you will know the satisfaction of accomplishment. That's an easy thing to know. You'll also sense more nuanced things; for instance, you'll get the feeling someone's thinking about you and you'll guess their next move with accuracy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People will do as you wish, as long as they know what that is. If you can, be clear and specific about your vision. But if you're not sure, share your whimsy and your best guesses as to how you might create mutual benefit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No-decision is a decision. In fact, not deciding is the best decision you can make on a day like today when you're simply not convinced of the correctness of any direction. More options will become available tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Spend time in nature, observe the world around you and let curiosity lead the way. This process of taking things in fuels your next moves with energy and perspective, enabling you to create more than you thought possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Self-knowledge comes from action. It's not found in idle contemplation, but in the heat of doing. As you engage in your tasks, whether mundane or challenging, your role and purpose become clear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be tempted to tinker with things that don't matter. It's not a total waste because it teaches you about your taste and you gain skill with this kind of play. Still, move quickly through the exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The familiar comforts and typical pleasures might fall short. This can be unsettling, but it's in these moments of unexpected dissatisfaction that surprises can arise. From the discomfort, new opportunities and insights often emerge.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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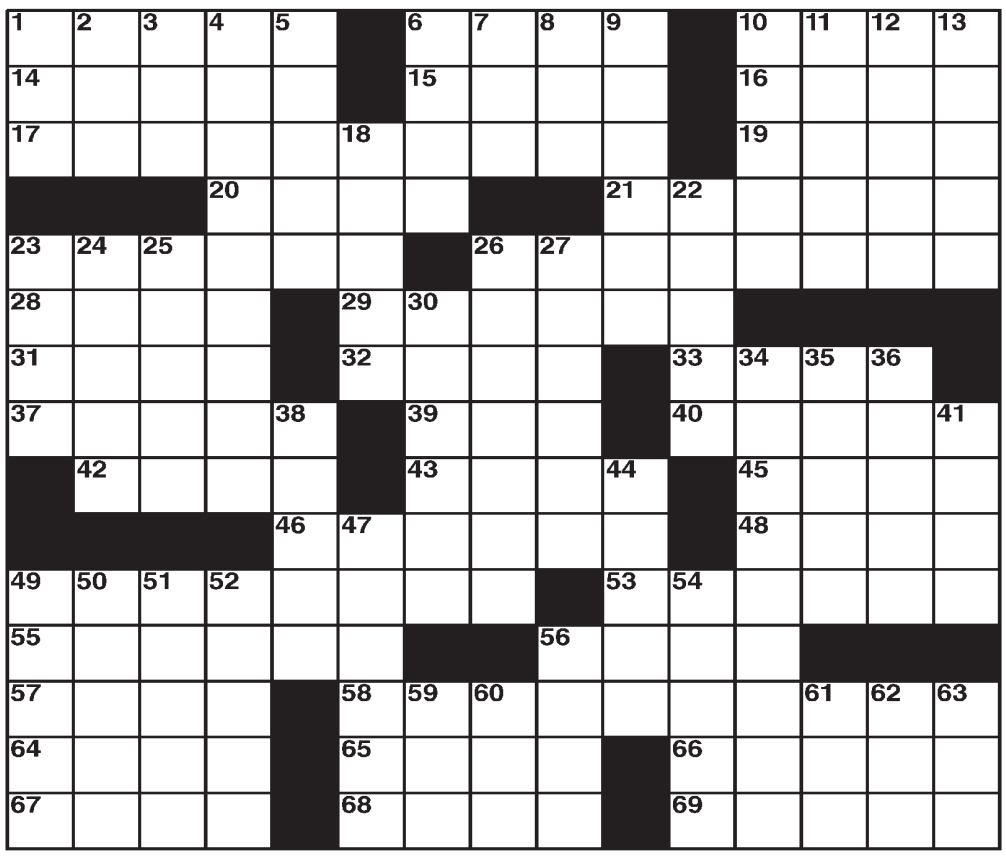
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ACROSS

1 Brick bakers
6 Crime lab sample
10 League member
14 Sling mud, say
15 Recital range
16 Stretch for a ride
17 *Life goal agenda
19 *Not booked
20 Pop sensation
21 Sore
23 *Some kings and queens
26 *"Oh, really?"
28 Wagered
29 More evasive
31 Volkswagen group brand
32 Came down
33 Sews up
37 Backup course
39 Hoops rival of Duke
40 Persian rulers
42 Norse name
43 Soldier for hire
45 Tussling
46 Cast out
48 Vena __
49 *_Jaws_ sighting
53 *Hoffman/Beatty film flop
55 Many's morning meal
56 Bailiwick
57 *Before, not at present
58 *Not surprising
64 Rock band selections
65 Sound-off setting
66 Lunar view
67 Lunar effect
68 Split __ (what the answer lines with starred clues have)
69 Edible coating

DOWN

1 007 foe
2 Marker
3 Inc. relative
4 "Oh, really?"
5 Nobel, by birth
6 Campus building
7 2010s two-Oscar actor
8 No-apostrophe possessive
9 Photo editing option
10 Hello or goodbye
11 Hit a ball hard
12 Chorus of approval
13 Hand-struck drum
18 Puccini opera
22 Rock on stages
23 Digital rebuff
24 First of six popes
25 Actor Quinn
26 "Uncle!"
27 Long-necked instruments
30 NFL retirees
34 Ballroom trio
35 Vex
36 Hindu Trinity member
38 Slavic cake
41 59-Down, e.g.
44 Cheery comment
47 Burning
49 Rush off
50 Monsieur Matisse
51 Rainbowlike
52 Hershey contemporary
54 Percolates
56 Chops down
59 Day light
60 Gate stat
61 Frat letter
62 Key for getting out
63 High grade? Uh-uh



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PARKING TAX

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Attorney and City Manager were directed to develop an advisory measure for the new tax indicating that half of the additional revenue generated by the measure should be allocated to address public safety.

According to the staff report, this proposed ballot measure has been vetted twice within the community through polling and the language now reflects the direction of Council, as well as the feedback received during polling to focus on public safety.

"I also want to thank Councilmember Negrete for bringing this forward. It's no secret that we absolutely need revenue. We all want to enhance public safety. We all want to make sure that we have safe streets, clean and safe," Councilmember Caroline Torosis said, adding, "I think we all have heard that multiple times and I feel that this is squarely in line with our clean and safe objectives. And unfortunately the money is not flowing into the city coffers from settlements and everything that we've been used to in the past. And so we need this and I'm ready to support this."

Councilmember Jesse Zwick, who has been an advocate for this since the beginning, suggested amending the text. "I did have a question about the phrasing just in terms of actually whether or not there was one way to just emphasize the notion of public safety even more in the way that I hear it worded currently," he said.

"I thought I had seen it written in a different way in a previous measure where that clause [to maintain essential city services] was at the end of a list where essentially the phrasing might go 'to enhance public safety, create safe routes to school, and lower the risk, lower the risk of fatal traffic accidents and maintain other essential city services,'" Zwick said.

In a refreshing state of affairs, this small but significant amendment was welcomed by everyone on the dais.

"I think this is really important [sic] that we brought this back and that we are being thoughtful in terms of how we give an opportunity for our residents to take action as well in the election, to enhance our resources so that we can do the job of strengthening our public safety plan," Councilmember Oscar de la Torre said, adding, "I think it's really important to use the word enhance versus maintain. I think there's a big difference."

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As such, following the amendment, the language now reads, "To enhance public safety, create safe routes to school to protect children, lower the risk of fatal traffic accidents and maintain other essential city services, shall the measure increasing the city of Santa Monica parking facility tax by 8% for users, including visitors and tourists, causing no additional costs in city owned lots and structures, including downtown and the beach because of a partial city exemption generating approximately $6,700,000 annually until ended by voters be adopted."

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RUGBY

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the way," Horrox told The Associated Press. "That profile in the States and her global profile growing, that will do wonders for rugby and for women's sport. She speaks so powerfully about what rugby has done for her in terms of body self-confidence, body image, opportunity and she wants that for girls, in particular, and if it happens to be rugby, great.

"But she'll talk about that purpose and the value of sport and health and lifestyle, and she'll do that outside of the rugby arena. I'm really impressed, and she should be very proud of what she's doing."

Her teammates all share the same passion for Maher's messaging. Sammy Sullivan, who took up rugby at West Point, where she graduated in 2020 and is an active Army captain, said the biggest stereotype women rugby players have to fight is that they can't be girly girls.

"People see us as having a lack of femininity, and I think it's the complete opposite," Sullivan said. "I think strength and power and aggression can be feminine and can be beautiful if you want it to be. Our team is the epitome of that. All of us show our femininity in different ways and that's something beautiful behind the women of U.S. rugby."

It's worked for Maher, who said Wednesday she hopes to play in Los Angeles in 2028. She now has a bronze medal and will be seeking gold — and to continue shutting down the critics of her body, like she ended her video message.

"I'm going to the Olympics," she said. "And you're not."

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

Re: "Santa Monica's second recreational cannabis dispensary finally opens" Harvest House of Cannabis was formally operated by Trulieve, but it is now 100% owned by Dabbs and investors local to the Santa Monica area.

Re: "As Council formally opposes Promenade sign, its owner threatens legal action" Property owner John Alle has said he has not received any legal letters over his signs and no changes have been made due to outside pressure.

OLYMPICS

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what they can do is provide pockets of space for people to have these conversations."

CAN IDEALISM HELP ALONG A MESSY WORLD?

Ultimately, the Truce is well-intentioned but toothless. There are no consequences to breaking it, aside from possible condemnation in the court of global public opinion.

For example: Ahead of the Games, French President Emmanuel Macron publicly suggested a cease-fire between Russia and Ukraine during the days of competition. Not unexpectedly, both sides refused, and the war goes on with the same intensity.

Russia and Belarus have been barred from the Paris Games after a lengthy campaign from Ukraine's Olympic committee, which argued that Russian athletes should not compete even under a neutral flag, while Moscow's troops persist with their deadly invasion. (Some Russian and Belarusian athletes are still competing as neutrals, approval contingent on not supporting the war. That allowance has not endeared the Games to its erstwhile host country.)

Ukrainian athletes are under no illusion about Olympic idealism. For them, the Olympics are no longer about their achievements but rather proof that their country is still alive despite the war that began while the last Olympic flame was still lit. They do not see the Games as respite from the war; it's a way to shout loudly about it so the world doesn't forget.

Zoriana Nevmerzhytska, 31, attended a flash mob in view of the Eiffel Tower to highlight the hundreds of Ukrainian athletes and coaches, both amateur and professional, who have been killed. Participants bore posters that read "world champions in raping," depicting Russian soldiers, and "unmarked troops," referring to the neutral athletes.

> When we talk about sports, uniting people and bringing people together, yes, that is an aspirational ideal
>
> - Lindsay Sarah Krasnoff

"For me, it's not about something that promotes peace," she said of the Olympics. "It can be about unity, but not this time."

There will be a next time, though. When asked why the world keeps returning to the Truce for Olympics after Olympics, despite incessant conflict, Krasnoff noted that "we all like the idea that sport in and of itself can be omnipotent, even though we know in reality it is not."

"I mean, that's kind of the whole thing about sports," she said, drawing an analogy. "You don't dwell on what you haven't been able to achieve in a given performance. You say, 'OK, well, that was that game. On to the next.'"

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