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Softball success



Photo by Mike Denbeau

SOFTBALL: The Santa Monica U12 softball team recently returned from the Western National Championships in Salem, OR. After a rough start during pool play, the girls found their mojo during bracket elimination play and made it all the way to Championship Sunday, winning four games in elimination play against very tough teams. They ended up finishing fifth (out of 31 teams) at 12U Nationals – quite an accomplishment, and one of the best showings for a 12U Santa Monica team in league history.
Front Row (left to right): Bobby Reynoso (Asst. Coach), Sophia Urbina, Charlie Albores, Leah Coughlan, Bella Denbeau, Maddie Denbeau, Mali Gutierrez, Mike Denbeau (Head Coach).
Back Row (left to right): Daisy Campos, Sloane Le Chang, Ella Schneider, Jailyn Lopez, Destiny Reynoso.

Pottery palace spins up wellness on the wheel



Photo by Thomas Leffler

POTTERY: Nicole Peredo's commitment to wellness has led to a unique spin on the pottery studio with ARTime Barro.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The concept of "being present" is oft-cited as doing wonders for mental wellness, and few activities are more present than crafting a ceramics piece.

Nicole Peredo found that peace via clay creations early in life, and is now spreading the wellness word at Santa Monica's pottery palace, ARTime Barro. The 302 Pico Blvd. location opened three months ago,

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LACOE meeting clears air between Malibu, SMMUSD

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

After threats of walking away from a school district unification process, the City of Malibu is now back on board to an originally-planned schedule to form a Malibu Unified School District.

On Wednesday, the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) County Committee on School District Organization held an informational update on the years-long unification process between Malibu and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD). The committee requested the presence of attorneys Christine Wood (representing the City of Malibu) and David Soldani (representing SMMUSD) after a back-and-forth between the parties through the month of July.

After requesting the committee set a public hearing on its original 2017 petition for unification, Wood reversed course and stated that Malibu and SMMUSD have made a "considerable amount of progress" on its three key unification tenants: revenue

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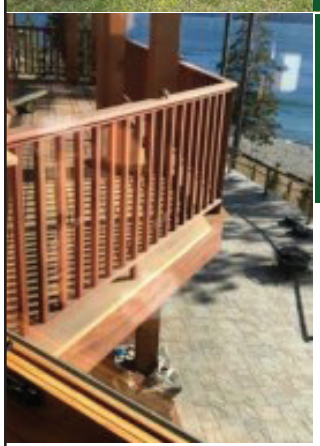
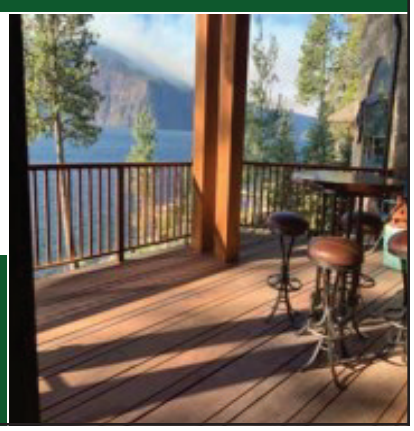
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How Karen Bass is using a charity to prevent more Angelenos from becoming homeless



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CHARITY: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass speaks during the ninth Annual Conference of the African American Mayors Association at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington D.C., on April 21, 2023.

JIM NEWTON

Karen Bass' campaign to eradicate homelessness in California's largest city features several defining aspects that none of her mayoral predecessors tried: She has made herself accountable for results, she has devoted her full and sustained attention to it, and she has tapped the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles to help drive the response.

It is part of the Los Angeles leader's call to address the problem holistically, and it is — however tentatively — working.

The Mayor's Fund is not Bass' invention. The charity was created more than a decade ago by Mayor Eric Garcetti, who used it to strengthen city services with private partnerships and help advance his agenda. It was particularly useful during the all-consuming response to COVID-19.

Running a major city effort outside the normal structure of government has attracted some ethical concerns, and the fund has adopted rule changes to make sure it's operating cleanly. With those issues thus addressed, Bass has turned the organization into a limber vehicle for leading what is in some ways the most complicated aspect of the homelessness crisis: prevention.

To spearhead that effort, Bass turned to Conway Collis, a respected veteran of Los Angeles public service with a lifelong commitment to combating poverty and its many manifestations and effects. In turn, Collis has reoriented the Mayor's Fund into Bass's principal vehicle for stemming the influx of newly homeless people.

In March 2023, just after Bass took office, Collis directed the Mayor's Fund to focus on keeping Angelenos in their homes, primarily intervening to prevent renters from being evicted. That was a matter of sudden urgency, as evictions that had been forestalled by COVID-era prohibitions were being lifted.

"It was clear that the preventive piece was not being dealt with," Collis told me last week. And so, the nonprofit moved beyond acting as a fundraising vehicle and instead developed its own program of action.

Initially working out of a City Hall office, the fund identified areas of the city where evictions were concentrated. As it focused on those neighborhoods, it also recruited lawyers to provide pro bono assistance to anyone facing eviction, and it developed a "benefit navigator" to identify federal and state assistance that might be available to renters at risk of losing their home.

The fund spread the word in at-risk areas, connecting with some 411,000 Angelenos in its first year. That's both impressive and, in some ways, a wasted effort, as the vast majority of people did not require its services. Over time, however, the fund has deepened its knowledge about evictions and those at risk of them — it now confidentially collects information about tenants who have received "unlawful detainer" notices, the first step in evictions.

That has helped to focus the work, and the results are plain. Where the fund's hotline once received about 35 calls a day, it is now fielding twice that. To date, the fund has provided assistance to 23,000 people who had faced eviction but are now in a stable housing situation.

Even in the soul-deadening scope of homelessness in Los Angeles, that is a notable number. Some 75,000 people are without housing every night in Los Angeles County,

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Councilmember Christine Parra will not seek re-election, cites family priorities



Courtesy Photo

ELECTION: Councilmember Christine Parra and her family: Her husband, Jose and their sons, Desi (13), Mateo (16) and Diego (19).

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Councilwoman Christine Parra has withdrawn from the November election less than two weeks after declaring her intent to run for reelection.

Parra said family challenges prompted her decision.

In a statement sent to the Daily Press, Councilmember Christine Parra said the following…

"After much thought and deep reflection on both my personal circumstances and the needs of our community, I have decided not to seek re-election for my position on the City Council.

"Serving on the City Council has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together and the progress we've made in our city. However, recent personal challenges have led me to reassess my future commitments.

"My family is currently facing a significant challenge — my mother's ongoing battle with cancer. This situation has understandably shifted my priorities, and I feel that my focus needs to be on supporting my family during this difficult time. Balancing these responsibilities with my role on the Council has become increasingly challenging, and I believe it is essential for me to be fully present for my family right now.

"I've given considerable thought to the needs of our community. I believe it's important for our city to have leaders who can dedicate themselves entirely to addressing the issues we face. The choice is clear in this election, we can either continue the momentum I helped initiate in 2020 for a cleaner and safer city, or we can return power to the special interest elected councilmembers

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Main Street

SuperAwesome Cuts for Kids- The coolest place for kids cuts!

Announcing the official launch of SuperAwesome Cuts- a new, fun, modern kids hair experience. This idea came to Owner Galit Ptalis when I was working at Google as the head of YouTube Brand Safety and was challenged to find a place to take my three kids for haircuts. Every visit to the barber or salon felt like a chore, filled with long waits, dated and uninspiring interiors, and an overall lack of excitement from my children.

I was determined to transform this mundane task into something different. Thus, the idea for "SuperAwesome Cuts for Kids" was born.

Ptalis said that at SuperAwesome, each child can choose their own adventure. They can opt for colorful hair braids, buzz styles, non-toxic hair colors, or even sparkling hair tinsel. The choices are endless, allowing every child to express their unique personality and style.

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SuperAwesome Cuts carries a line of branded hair products that are natural, safe, and tear-free.

As a mother of three, Ptalis was committed to ensuring that every product used in my SuperAwesome locations was gentle and nurturing, aligning with my own values and the needs of her own children.

SuperAwesome is more than just a place for haircuts; Ptalis said her mission is to make every haircut a memory that empowers the child, celebrates their individuality, and embraces the uniqueness that makes them extraordinary.

They are now taking appointments at their first location at 2721 Main Street, Santa Monica equipped with four of their own parking spots to relieve any additional "parking stress."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

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

Small'ish but potentially kinda fun as a new SSW swell fills in & slowly becomes dominant source of surf. Likely lully, but could be some pretty crisp little lines at the points and maybe still just enough NW running for peaks at beachbreak.

TUESDAY — ***FAIR TO GOOD***
SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder

A bit more SSW and less NW than Friday is likely - so potential for fun little lines at the points with more walled up shape at the beachbreaks. Stay tuned.

Weather

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

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2023/10/13	Fri	9:24 PM	4.87	H
2023/10/14	Sat	03:17 AM	1.02	L
2023/10/14	Sat	09:30 AM	5.58	H
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SANTA MONICA
LANDMARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, August 12, 2024, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Review and possible recommendation to the City Council to enter into a Mills Act contract for the following properties:

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Sometimes California officials do things that are mind-boggling, or just interesting



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

OFFICIALS: Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis tours a fleet of Tesla Semis at PepsiCo Beverages North America's Sacramento facility on April 11, 2023.

DAN WALTERS

Every day — indeed, every minute of every day — California's officialdom makes decisions in the name of governance that are mostly predictable and not noteworthy.

Occasionally, however, their conclusions are interesting, even mind-boggling. Several popped up recently that merit attention, in no particular order:

VANCE BASHING

There is absolutely no doubt that Vice President Kamala Harris and her new running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, will capture California's trove of presidential electoral votes this year. California hasn't voted for a Republican presidential candidate since 1988, and its voters revile their Republican foe, former President Donald Trump.

So why is California Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis starring in a new television ad, airing only in California, that bashes Trump's vice presidential choice, Sen. J.D. Vance, and urges voters to support the Harris-Walz team?

Simply put, it's the opening media buy — up to $1 million — for Kounalakis' 2026 campaign for governor.

The ad is being paid for by one of her campaign funds, Californians for Choice. The fund is mostly supported by a $4 million contribution from Graton Rancheria, an Indian tribe that operates a casino near Santa Rosa and, like all casino-owning tribes, operates under pacts negotiated with governors.

A DEEPER HOLE

The Oakland A's baseball team is moving to Las Vegas, which, among other things, means the city's baseball/football stadium, the Coliseum, no longer has a major sports team. The city has reached a deal to sell its half ownership in the stadium, and the A's will sell the other half.

That makes perfect sense, but what Oakland intends to do with its $100-million-plus from the sale makes no sense. Mayor Sheng Thao and other city officials intend to use the windfall to offset a $155 million city budget deficit, thus easing spending cuts that otherwise would be necessary.

That would violate every principle of prudent governmental money management. One-time revenues should never be used to finance ongoing expenses. It just digs a deeper hole, as state budgets have demonstrated on occasion.

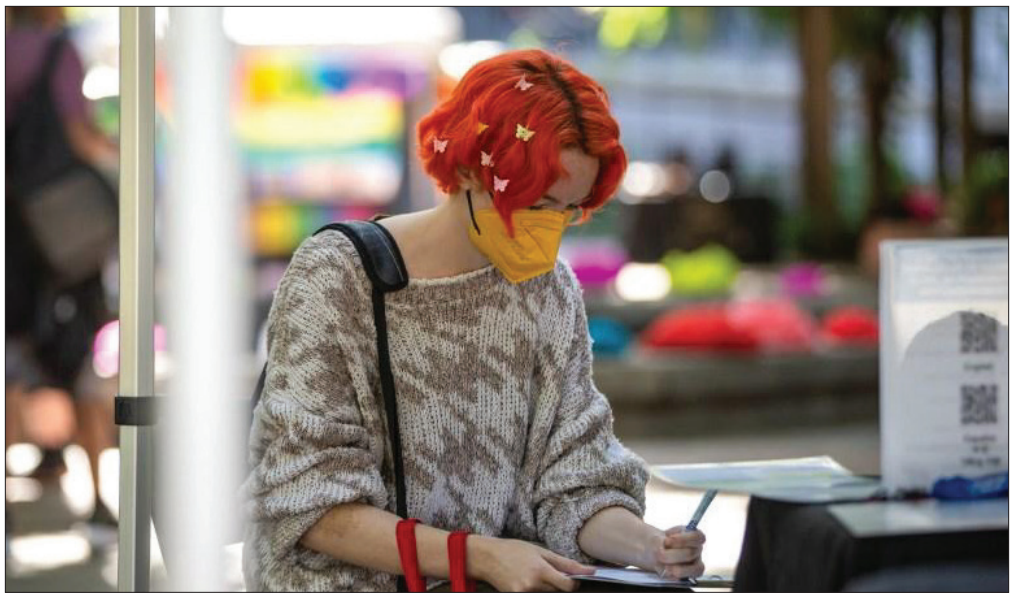
LAWYERLY LAPSES

— The State Bar of California, which licenses lawyers, periodically releases lists of attorneys who have been disbarred for ethical lapses. The individual case files are especially intriguing official documents.

The agency characterizes the latest list of 40 legal miscreants this way: "The disbarments included attorneys who misappropriated client funds, as well as an attorney convicted of felony battery for stabbing a former partner. Two other attorneys were disbarred after they were found guilty of vehicular manslaughter

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TikTok, Brat and Kamala Harris: Will newly fired-up young voters flip elections in California?





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YOUNG VOTERS: Students register to vote at Sacramento State University in Sacramento on Oct. 20, 2022.

MATTHEW REAGAN AND JENNA PETERSON
Special to the Daily Press

Christian Figueroa isn't jumping on the Kamala Harris bandwagon. He doesn't need to: The San Gabriel Valley native has been on board ever since her first presidential campaign sparked his passion for politics when he was 13.

"To say it had an impact on me is definitely an understatement," Figueroa said, recalling his trip to Los Angeles Southwest College in 2019 to hear the then-U.S. senator speak. "My life is politics. I feel like I sleep, eat and breathe politics."

Even for young people who aren't as politically aware, the presidential race — particularly Harris, who officially secured the Democratic nomination this week — has been front and center in the social feeds of young voters through memes and other fan edits featuring her speeches and signature laugh.

Democrats are hoping, whether it's because of her record or the good vibes online, that young voters will turn out at higher rates and boost Democrats in competitive House races, including in California.

Besides voting for president for the first time, Figueroa, a 19-year-old Stanford student, is trying to do his part by working as an organizer with Youth Save Democracy and as one of the youngest California delegates to the Democratic National Convention later this month, when Harris formally accepts the nomination.

This week, Harris is barnstorming battleground states alongside her new running mate Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, a favorite of progressives and young voters. Walz went viral for using "weird" to describe former President Donald Trump and his vice presidential pick, Sen. JD Vance of Ohio.

Figueroa says that and other Harris memes can only help: "Whether excitement will get you across the line in November or not, certainly from my perspective, it is fueling a lot of the donations, fueling the volunteer base and fueling the grassroots efforts across the country."

YOUNG VOTERS MORE EXCITED BY HARRIS THAN BIDEN

Since President Joe Biden dropped out and endorsed Harris on July 21, analysts and young people interviewed by CalMatters agree, the vibe has shifted. Renewed enthusiasm online

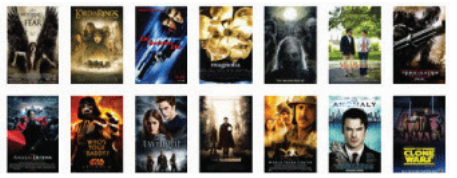
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UNIFICATION

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sharing, joint powers and operations. She added that the revenue sharing agreement is "virtually finished," almost all terms of the joint powers agreement have been agreed to, and that the operations agreement is 75% complete. Soldani later responded by stating the latter agreement is more in the 95% range of being done.

Wood said that she sent the request for the original petition to be heard due to concerns "about the lack of urgency that (SMMUSD) is placing on the process."

"The City felt again that it was in our best interest to return to the county committee so we didn't have any further delays," Wood added.

Speaking to the Daily Press, Malibu Mayor Pro Tem Marianne Riggins said the city's side "didn't feel that we were resolving issues that we were encountering," feeling it best to have LACOE schedule the petition for hearing. She then said that "fortunately," talks continued and both sides now feel they'll be able to finish off a completed unification package.

"We discovered that the impasse that had lasted (several) meetings was because what we have been proposing was misunderstood," Malibu City Councilmember Paul Grisanti added. "So we managed to get that clear … we got through it."

In Soldani's update, the attorney stated that a timeline was set in June for a November hearing on the completed unification package, and that the district would "remain at the table" as long as that schedule is adhered to. If Malibu were to have scheduled a hearing earlier than that time, SMMUSD would "no longer participate in mediations." In a July 17 email to the committee, Soldani added that SMMUSD "vehemently opposes" the 2017 petition due to the fact the petition would likely fail the majority of criteria laid out by the committee.

"Every once in a while, we'll have a little bit of a hiccup, but to date, we've been able to surmount any of those challenges and that remains true today," Soldani said. "We had a little bit of a stalemate on an issue of two, and we're breaking through that now and still working together."

The November date was made so that the final hurdles in the package could be finalized for an October 24 vote by the SMMUSD Board of Education. The committee eventually agreed unanimously to hold public hearings in both Santa Monica and Malibu before the Thanksgiving holiday. SMMUSD Board of Education Vice President Jon Kean, who has been on the negotiating subcommittee for the past six years, said that "no one is as tired as me" of the elongated process, but feels that both sides of the table are still on track.

"Negotiating committees want the same thing, two independent school districts with an equitable split of resources so both can operate in a similar manner on day one," Kean said. "We believe we can deliver that."

Kean subsequently told the Daily Press that the impasse necessitated the SMMUSD and Malibu subcommittees sitting together "to really talk about what our goals were and what we wanted."

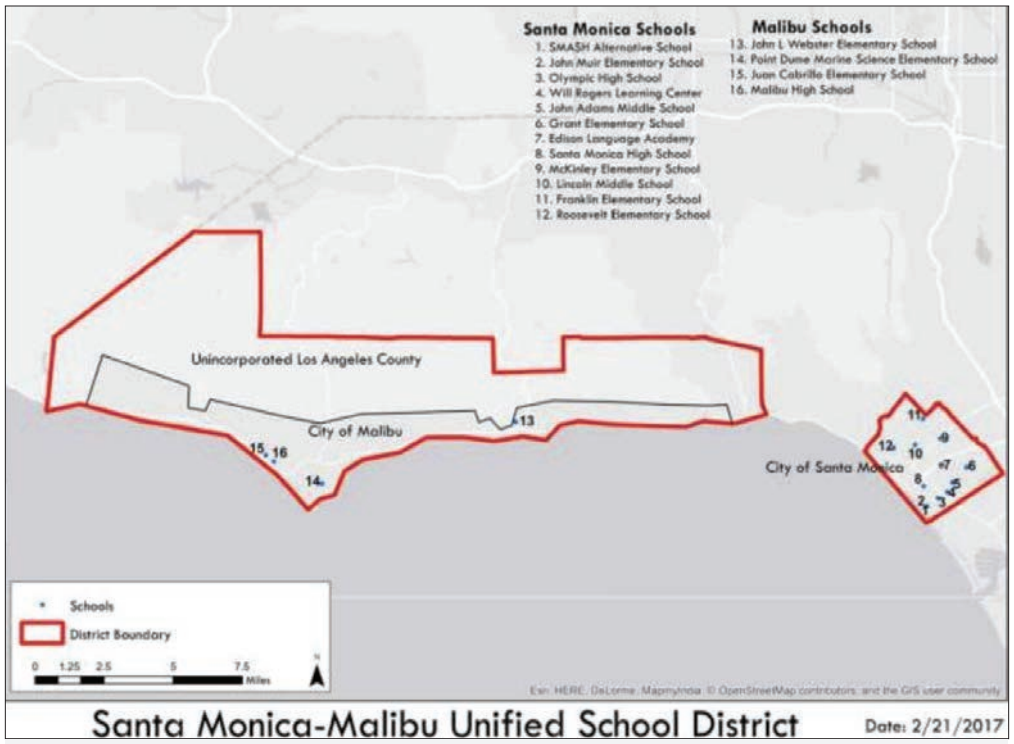
"Once we were able to do that, we really were able to sit down, we were able to find solutions … that's always been the goal, so I'm glad we were able to get things back on track," he said.

Several public comments from the Malibu side agreed, while stressing their desire for a resolution that provides "local control" over educational decisions.

"We always hear that we're close, but somehow, we never get there," said former Malibu Mayor Lou LaMont. "The one thing both parties do agree on is that separating these school districts is in the best interest of the students in both cities, who are already physically split apart by 25 miles and by community character … we respectfully request that (the committee) help expedite the petition and give our children the separate Malibu Unified School District they deserve and are entitled to," LaMont said.

If the full unification package is approved by the SMMUSD board, the November public hearings would take place, followed by a committee staff feasibility study on the action before potential committee approval of the term sheet.

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UNIFICATION: A proposed map in 2017 shows the differences between Santa Monica and Malibu school district boundaries, showcasing the desire for unification on both sides of negotiations.

POTTERY

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and the artistic communal space is already keeping stressful minds at ease.

"When I would teach my students, I would always hear them say that working with clay is already so therapeutic, and it's like therapy for them coming in … it's the most present mediation thing you could do … because I like to do it personally in my own life, attending sound baths and practicing meditation … I thought that it could be a cool way to bring the two together, even though they're already kind of melding into one," Peredo said.

Already having successfully started studios in places like Costa Mesa and Laguna Beach, Peredo's caring for clay came from her mother, who would hold lessons for locals in her youth. Now in Santa Monica, she wants to bridge art and wellness with the space via activities like yoga and sound baths. A "sound bath" is a meditative experience where participants are "bathed" in sound waves created from instruments like gongs and chimes, a healing tactic going back thousands of years.

The pottery pro noted that these wellness ventures serve Santa Monica's entertainment industry workers, who often need an escape from constant stressors.

"They come (in) a little stressed," Peredo said. "We talk about what they've done and they (come here) because they were in need of something that's more wellness and grounded and creative in a different way … (we're) a resource for people that are in the industry still or were before, where they can continue on their creativity."

That's not to say the focus is entirely on these events, as clay creations are still Peredo's bread and butter, stating the spot is "like a gym for ceramics." Barro, the Spanish word for clay, was added to her ARTime branding to "bring in a culture" and make a distinction from previous endeavors, with the owner adding that "it's very much a niche that can do well in LA." Making her own pieces has taken a back seat to helping others pick up the art form, with teaching coming "naturally" from past experience as a swim coach and an English teacher during her time in Spain.

"A lot of people come in and say that they're not creative, and I like to kind of show them that there's different ways to be creative, specifically with ceramics," Peredo said. "It's really special because it's so hands-on … and I think it's a lot of fun because it's not just a painting, it's something you can use every day, (like a) bowl, cup, mug. People tend to be very proud of what they make because it's something very utilitarian, but it is art at the end of the day."

First-timers can get their feet (and hands) wet with the one-hour, one-time class that teaches two basic creations, one molded on a table and another on the wheel, an exciting non-committal experience best served for groups and private events. Another one-time class focuses on the potter's wheel exclusively, using basic techniques to craft a flower pot for home use.

Those that get hooked can continue their clay careers with ongoing project-based classes, as well as semi-private two-hour classes with no more than four participants being taught all the techniques by an instructor. Three months in, the class schedule has been flowing smoothly, with Peredo particularly enticed by the beach vibes of her clientele.

"It seems like it's a very accepting, beautiful community … they're excited to be able to have another space to be creative," Peredo added. "I subconsciously chose Santa Monica because I feel a very good energy whenever I have come and the people have proven to show me that they're really great (people) here."

To sign up for ARTime Barro classes and wellness workshops, visit artimebarro.com.

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Photos by Nicole Peredo, Thomas Leffler

POTTERY: Ceramics classes and wellness workshops craft a unique package at ARTime Barro, led by Nicole Peredo at 302 Pico Blvd.

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is one measure.

Another barometer: Polling conducted in the days after Biden's stunning withdrawal from the race found 72% of registered voters 18 to 29 said they were either "very likely" or "almost certain" to vote in the presidential election. That's up from 64% in a poll earlier in July.

But perhaps more important, particularly for down ballot candidates, is the flood of donations. Last week, the Harris campaign announced it raised $310 million during July.

Before Biden's withdrawal, many Democrats worried about the down ballot impacts of an unenthusiastic party base, particularly among young voters.

While the Harris campaign may be flush with cash, it is short on time to reintroduce her to Democratic and undecided voters, with less than 90 days before Nov. 5.

What's helping is young people creating viral social content — for free. In recent weeks, coconut emojis, Brat green tinted fancams and "Veep" memes have cast the vice president as a relatable, quirky leader for voters who get their news mostly from their social feeds.

For those not as much in the know, the coconuts are a nod to a viral line from one of Harris' speeches ("You think you just fell out of a coconut tree?"), Brat green is the color of British artist Charli XCX's viral "Brat" album and "Veep" is the HBO comedy starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

"They're effective for what she's trying to do, which is create some initial excitement and get some dollar donors in," said Martin Bertao, chairperson of the California College Republicans and a 19-year-old UC Berkeley student voting in his first presidential election.

Celebrities with followings among young voters are also supporting Harris in ways they were not backing Biden. Appearances by artists like Megan Thee Stallion and Quavo at Harris' Georgia rally last week were an attempt to portray her as young, vigorous and fun, said Mindy Romero, founder and director of the Center for Inclusive Democracy at the University of Southern California.

"I think all of the momentum and activities that we've been seeing can grab the attention of young people, maybe get them to give her a chance," said Romero.

But she stressed that Harris must still lay out a policy platform that young people can believe in: "She still has to have the goods."

WHY YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T VOTE

In California and across the country, those between the ages of 18 and 24, have historically voted at a far lower rate than every other age group.

In the 2020 presidential election, turnout among voters 18 to 29 spiked 11 percentage points to 50%, which was key in helping Biden defeat incumbent Donald Trump. But that was still significantly lower than the 66% turnout for all voters. In California, just 47% of eligible young voters cast ballots, compared to 67% of the entire eligible population.

Nationally, reasons for lower participation include young people's tendency to move a lot, having class on Election Day and some states not accepting student IDs as a form of identification for voter registration.

But another cause is that young voters may not know their influence, said Andrea Hailey, CEO of Vote.org, a get-out-the-vote technology platform.

"Young people are the largest voting bloc in America when they decide to show up, and they have an incredible amount of power, and can really change power dynamics in the United States if they use their voice," Hailey told CalMatters.



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VOTERS: Vice President Kamala Harris shares a laugh with the crowd while speaking at a "Get Out the Vote" rally in Los Angeles, in 2022.

There are 41 million Gen Z eligible voters, including 8 million who turned 18 since the 2022 primary elections, equating to about a fifth of the electorate.

The Harris campaign is relying on young voters, who tend to lean more liberal regardless of party affiliation, to boost her campaign in swing states.

Vote.org announced that it saw the largest-ever surge in voter registration in the 10 days after Biden's announcement. In California, there were 11,583 new Vote.org registrations — 80% of people were between 18 and 34 years of age.

Before that, the biggest spike was in September, when Taylor Swift posted a link to Vote.org on her Instagram story.

"It's going to give us an edge in tapping into first-time voters, independents and folks that were otherwise going to stay home," Hailey said of the shakeup at the top of the Democratic ticket.

WHICH ISSUES DO YOUNG VOTERS CARE ABOUT?

Harris must still convince California's young voters, many of them further left than the national party, that she can deliver a progressive agenda on issues they care about.

"One of the key things that sticks out to me is how Harris has been tough on oil and gas corporations in her career," said Ariela Lara, 18, who lives in the Bay Area and works as an organizer with the Sunrise Movement, an advocacy group on climate action.

Lara said she wants to see Harris go further than Biden on climate issues and commit to declaring a national climate emergency, embrace a "Green New Deal" and end approvals for new oil and gas projects. As vice president, Harris largely agreed with Biden and touted the climate investments made by the Inflation Reduction Act. During her time as California attorney general, she sued automotive and gas companies for environmental violations.

"With her just like getting so much support from young people, there's also a level where that support comes with expectations," Lara said.

Olivia Johnson, a 19-year-old studying mass communication at Cal State LA, said that Harris' stance on gun regulations is important to her: "Her campaign's been teaching me a lot of things about policies and how they've been affecting us — especially gun laws because mass shootings are very scary."

Johnson said she's also energized by Harris' stances on abortion and healthcare, and that she feels better about her first vote in a presidential election than when Biden was the nominee.

"I know a lot of people who had health issues like breast cancer, miscarriages and abortions," she said. "Having access to health care is really important to me, especially as a lot of people I grew up around are low-income and rely on Medicare."

Harris' generally slight policy differences with Biden could help her with young voters, according to Dean Bonner, a research fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California. The war in Gaza is one example where taking a different tone than Biden could win her support from young people passionate about seeing an end to the violence.

Harris was notably absent when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed Congress last month. Then after urging him to pursue a ceasefire during a White House meeting, Harris said she would "not be silent" about the suffering of Palestinians.

Beyond policy, Bonner said that the history Harris could make as the first woman, Asian and woman of color to be president is likely to bring out young people.

"I do think that Harris has fundamentally changed what's going to happen with the younger folks in this election," he said.

WILL YOUNG VOTERS DECIDE THE HOUSE?

California is solidly Democratic in presidential elections, so Gen Z voters could have a bigger impact further down the ballot, particularly in a half-dozen key U.S. House races.

In 2022, Republicans swung three seats to help the GOP take control of the House. In the 13th District centered on Modesto, Republican John Duarte beat Democrat Adam Gray by just 564 votes — and the youth turnout was only 23%. The pair have a rematch in November, and the results could be different if more young voters show up.

"Obviously, Kamala being a younger candidate for the Democrats, it's definitely going to energize more Gen Z of that typical liberal vote that was considering not coming out," said Bertao, the California College Republicans chairman. His organization will be working to bring out young conservatives, particularly conservative leaning Gen Z men, to support Duarte.

Duane Dichiara, a campaign strategist for Duarte, said he isn't concerned about the potential increase in young voters. "My guess is that in working class districts like CA-13, younger voters are going to be even more inclined to vote Republican because working class people across the board are voting more Republican," he said.

In each of the other five battleground districts, registered Gen Z voters would have been enough to flip the races, according to data from the Center for Inclusive Democracy.

According to some recent polling, Harris is leading Trump by 18 percentage points among young voters 18-29. When Biden was the nominee, he trailed Trump by 8 percentage points among the same age group. With the top of the ticket generally driving turnout in presidential election years, if large numbers of young people come out to support Harris, it may push other Democrats across the finish line as well.

"You can do everything right, but if the top of the ticket isn't there, the political climate isn't there, a lot of voters will stay at home," said Giovanni Chavez, president of California Young Democrats.

Now, he said, "a lot of these swing district candidates are filled with hope."

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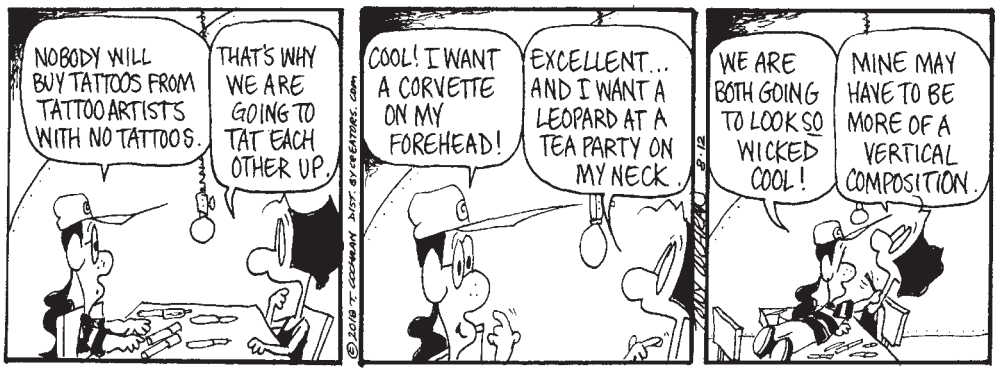
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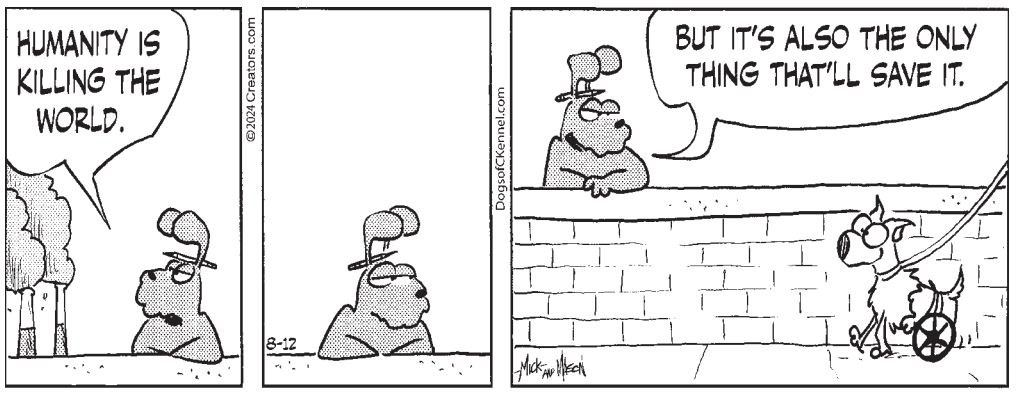
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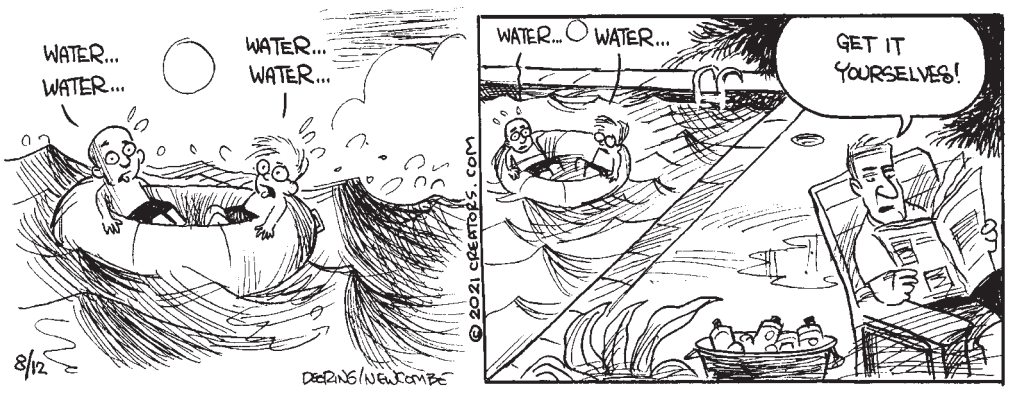
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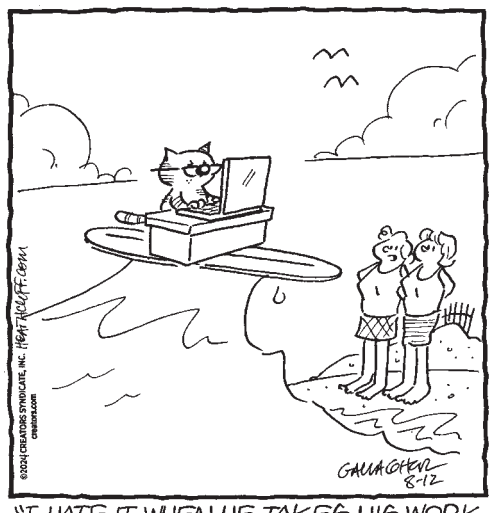
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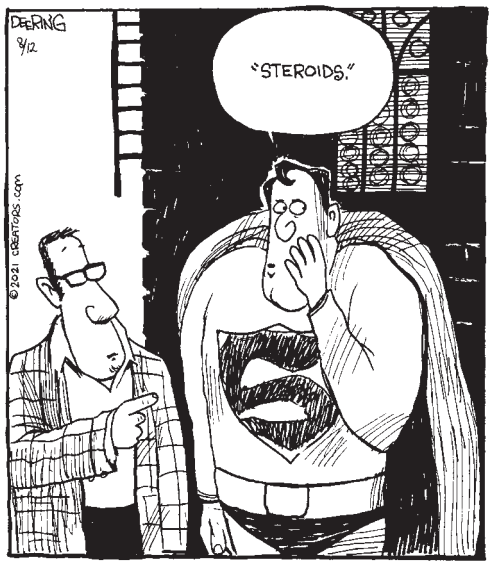
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Grace will be a mix of clarity, kindness and assertiveness. You'll articulate your thoughts and make things happen, all while contributing to a community that shares your values.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). One tweak to your daily routine can change everything, especially when it's geared toward nutrition or fitness. Something you enact now will lead to a significant improvement in your energy level and mood as early as next month.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sacrifices and trade-offs are part of the equation. There's no score to keep here, rather there's a balance to strike. Communicate expectations, and boundaries.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not a pack rat but you do feel compelled to save certain collectible or sentimental things, and later, you'll be very glad you preserved them. These items hold memories and are cherished connections to your past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Learning what another person likes, wants and needs is a challenge best approached with more curiosity and less ego. First, one must avoid deferring to one's own means of expression because everyone expresses desire a little differently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Small acts of kindness are so easy for you, you might consider small acts of self-service, which will feel strange, but you'll be saving someone else from having to serve you later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The thing that sends exuberance buzzing through you should be appearing more regularly in your day-to-day life. What would make it so? It's up to you to initiate this plan, at least in the early stages.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll come up with an idea that is so stellar, you won't need to sell it. When you talk about it to the right people, they'll want in right away. Those who are a good fit will naturally involve themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're looking out for your friends and you show up strong. You're funny, stylish and brave. If needed, you'll swoop in and save the day. If not, you'll just give your superstar support while looking every bit the part.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's competition on the scene. It happens at work, at play, in your relationships - and it's not a bad thing. The stakes seem heightened, amping up a pressure to perform that makes things interesting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A reboot is featured. The new version is sturdier. Those who respect your arrangements with attendance make you smile. The one thing you can't abide is people who don't show up where they said they would be. Cut them loose.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

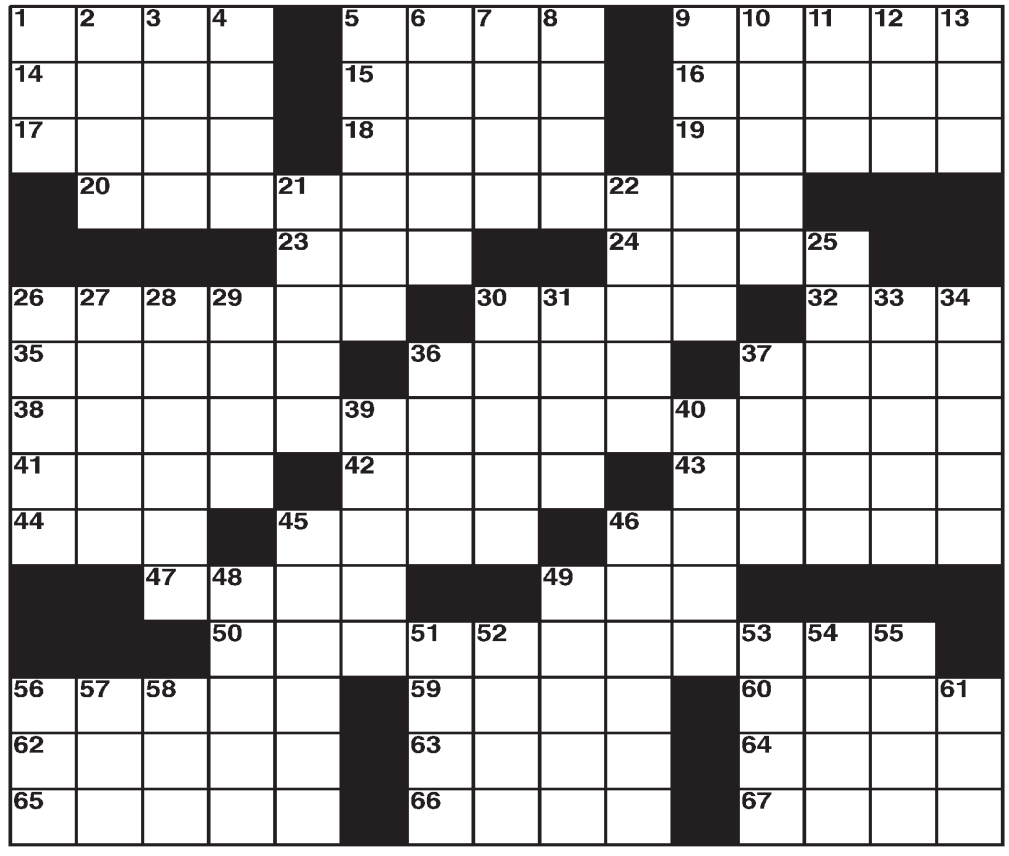
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ACROSS

1 Just hanging around
5 Wartime medal recipient
9 Fireplace remnants
14 Quick haircut
15 Turn __ a new leaf
16 T-bone or sirloin
17 "Half" prefix for circle
18 Office assistant
19 "I apologize"
20 Office dispenser making a "glug-glug" sound
23 Superlative ending
24 24-hour cash sources: Abbr.
26 Back on dry land
30 Pre-college exams: Abbr.
32 Reward for a waiter
35 Futuristic story category, for short
36 Military outpost
37 Sheet of glass
38 Office furniture in a meeting room
41 __ for (selects)
42 Incoming flight stats: Abbr.
43 Measuring stick
44 Golfer's peg
45 Lasting mark
46 People paid to park cars
47 Facts and figures
49 __ Vegas, NV
50 Office device that duplicates sheets
56 Bravery in battle
59 Flat-topped hill
60 Radio knob
62 Office worker filing papers
63 Group seen in a play
64 Vegetable in gumbo
65 Jockey's straps
66 __ vera (medicinal plant)
67 Give temporarily

DOWN

1 Part of TGIF
2 Made a sketch
3 Peru's capital
4 Give off, as heat
5 Raspy-voiced
6 Force out, as a tenant
7 Give a new look to
8 Triple-decker cookie
9 Things of value
10 Blizzard or hurricane
11 __ Majesty (queenly title)
12 Listening organ
13 Rainbow's place
21 Spooky
22 Foamy coffee
25 Home for horses
26 Broad necktie
27 Sharpshooter's viewfinder
28 __ at (suggested subtly)
29 Show-__ (boastful people)
30 Submarine's tracking device
31 Curved lines
33 Small bay
34 Social equals
36 Crumbly Greek cheese
37 McCartney or Revere
39 Postgame summary
40 What fills a dumpster
45 Birds on birth announcements
46 Leave (the premises)
48 Nut from an oak
49 Rodeo rope
51 Community recreation center: Abbr.
52 Brunch or dinner
53 Person who is revered
54 Rival of Reebok
55 Deserve to receive
56 DVD player ancestor
57 Pub beverage
58 Hawaiian necklace
61 Young boy



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CHARITY

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so keeping 23,000 in their homes significantly limits the size of the crisis.

The fund has encountered challenges. Its offer of legal services, for instance, has been welcomed by many who contact it, but the numbers far exceed what its pro bono lawyers can provide. Collis says the organization is working on ways to expand its legal assistance.

Moreover, the idea of a homeless operation under the mayor's direction but outside the normal checks of government offers at least the possibility of worrisome conflicts.

Imagine that you were a wealthy person in Los Angeles, and you wanted some favor from Mayor Bass for work that requires city approval. You could donate to the Mayor's Fund, without the restrictions of contribution limits, and know that you were winning her appreciation. It would not be a campaign contribution and thus not subject to those limits or regulations.

Recognizing the potential for conflicts of interest, the fund last year adopted internal rules limiting its fundraising: No developers or lobbyists, for instance, are allowed to contribute to the fund; all contributions are publicly reported; and no person or company with pending city business or contracts may contribute.

Self-regulation and public reporting may prevent or at least minimize the risk of conflicts, but the role of the fund does beg a question: Why not simply create a city agency or office to do the prevention work that the fund has taken on?

"We can turn on a dime," Collis said. "And that's exactly what we've done."

Indeed, the speed with which the Mayor's Fund has refocused its efforts, stepped up fundraising and built up services, including the navigator, are sharply in contrast to the city and county's lumbering efforts to grapple with these issues.

The city of Los Angeles is not known for its speed or quick response time. It is a place where good ideas can languish for months or years, time that Bass is unwilling to waste in response to an unfolding human tragedy that claims lives every day.

Emphasizing its independence from city government, the fund moved from City Hall to the offices of the California Endowment, where it is now located. Speed, said Collis, is paramount.

"People are becoming homeless as we are having this conversation," Collis asserted.

The challenge is always changing. Just last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom startled many who work in this field by issuing an executive order directing state agencies to "move urgently to address dangerous encampments while supporting and assisting the individuals living in them."

That followed a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld an ordinance in Grants Pass, Oregon, that levied fines when people camped outside in the city.

Newsom's order does not have much direct impact on Los Angeles, where officials say most unhoused people accept offers of a place to live. They do not, therefore, require authority to forcibly break up encampments, as Newsom's order permits and even encourages.

But if other cities around Los Angeles adopted a more coercive approach — threatening homeless people with fines or arrests — that could push more people into the city, a prospect that Bass has warned against.

"The mayor is doing this the right way," Collis noted. "Very, very few people refuse to go."

The solutions to homelessness are exceedingly difficult to execute, but they are not that hard to articulate. As Collis emphasized, combatting homelessness means preventing it where possible, finding temporary housing and services for those who need it, and "building a hell of a lot of new housing."

The Mayor's Fund will not solve all those issues, but it is making a significant difference on one of them.

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PARRA

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that deprioritized residents and business owners.

"Shortly a new Pro-Safety 'Change Slate' consisting of Mayor Phil Brock, Councilmember Oscar de la Torre and two amazing Santa Monicans will be announced and I wholeheartedly support them and hope that they can earn your trust and support as well!

"I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the residents of Santa Monica for your trust and support throughout my time on the Council. Your engagement and dedication to our community have been incredibly inspiring. Though I am stepping away from my official duties, I remain committed to the betterment of our city and will continue to support our shared vision in any way I can.

"Thank you for understanding, and for allowing me the privilege of serving as your City Council member."

The news was announced just 10 days after Parra, Mayor Phil Brock and Councilmember Oscar de la Torre announced they would run as a slate.

"I totally respect Councilwoman Parra's decision to put her family first. We will move forward and continue the momentum we started to prioritize public safety, effective and accountable solutions to homelessness and prioritizing the needs of our local businesses and residents. Fortunately there are some great candidates that share our vision for a cleaner and safer City," Oscar de la Torre told the Daily Press.

"I'm very disappointed in Christine's decision, but having known her for a number of years and worked with her as colleagues, I know how much family means to her and I respect her decision to put family first in this instance," Mayor Phil Brock said. "I wish her well, and I will continue to work with her wholeheartedly until her term ends."

When asked whether he thought this might affect his chances of re-election, Brock told the Daily Press, "I think my voters are her voters and vice versa. So I believe that everyone who stands for a city that thrives for all and is a safe city and who would've voted for Christine, would also vote for me. Both of us are only concerned about our neighbors and our neighbors are all the residents of our great city."

The other sitting councilmember up for reelection, Gleam Davis, has said she will not run again this year and while the initial deadline for candidates to file was Aug. 9, it will be extended to Aug. 14 as at least one incumbent did not file.

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MONDAY | AUGUST 12

TAKE & MAKE KIT: SHARING STORIES WITH READY ROSIE

Get to know Ready Rosie, a digital platform that helps families boost learning at home. The kit includes supplies to make stick puppets and links to short Ready Rosie videos, demonstrating how families can share stories together with books and the puppets they make. Available at the Main Library Youth Services desk and at all branch locations, while supplies last. For families. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Established in 1975, the mission of the Landmarks Commission is "To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people." Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY | AUGUST 13

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. 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.

AIRPORT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the administration of Santa Monica Municipal Airport and other aviation matters affecting the City.

ETANA

Singer, and songwriter, Etana is a powerhouse vocalist & 2 X Grammy Award nominee. It a been a decade since her debut as a reggae artist; she is now a recognized and respected entertainer in her native Jamaica and is also well-known worldwide. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, $20. https://www.ticketweb.com/event/etana-b-royal-the-venice-west-tickets/13805373 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 14

COMPUTER BASICS - ORGANIZE FILES & PHOTOS

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Learn how to create and name folders, copy and move files, and more. For beginners.

GRAPHIC STORYTELLING WITH MAX BRALLIER, JULIE BUXBAUM & SARAH MLYNOWSKI

Wrap up summer vacation meeting authors Max Brallier (The Last Comics on Earth), Julie Buxbaum (The Area 51 Files: Friend or UFO) and Sarah Mlynowski (Whatever After, The Graphic Novel: Fairest of All), who discuss their exciting middle grade graphic novels. A book sale and signing follows. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 p.m.

CLEAN BEACHES COMMITTEE MEETING

The mission of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee is to uphold the mission of the City of Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan. Meeting begins at 6:30 in the SMI Room of the Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr.

THE BONEDADDYS

The Bonedaddys, are L.A.'s original "Worldbeatniks" (since 1985) and one of the very first American bands to be described as Worldbeat. The Bonedaddys still take a "wide stance" stylistically, and claim influences ranging from Charles Ives to Burl Ives and much in-between; with the common musical denominator being a fun, dancable party ambiance. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, $15, 8 p.m.

CALIFORNIA

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— in one instance, an attorney driving under the influence crashed his vehicle, and a passenger died; in the other, an attorney fled the scene of a hit-and-run crash without rendering aid for a victim who died."

No comment required.

TICKETING A CRITIC

A local ordinance in San Diego makes it a crime to make a "loud noise" in public or use "noisy, boisterous, vulgar, or indecent language."

Last year a park ranger charged a local artist, William Dorsett, with violating that law after Dorsett criticized the park ranger while filming the ranger issuing a citation to another artist in the city's Balboa Park. The other artist uses soap bubbles, and the ranger cited that artist, saying the bubbles endangered the public.

Dorsett was found guilty of the loud noise charge and fined $150 but appealed. A three-judge Superior Court appellate panel unanimously overturned the conviction and declared the ordinance an unconstitutional abridgement of free speech.

"The freedom to speak without risking arrest is 'one of the principal characteristics by which we distinguish a free nation,'" Presiding Judge Albert Harutunian wrote.

That should have been obvious when the law was passed, but officials at all levels often favor political gestures over constitutional rights in their decrees.

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