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Santa Monica Brew Works hosts hit canine-themed charity event













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DOG'S DAY: The Santa Monica Brew Works and Los Angeles non-profit dog rescue, HIT Living Dog Rescue, teamed up with Hot Dog on a Stick to host a charity fundraising event on Sunday in the glorious summer sunshine. Snacks were available for everyone, including milk-bone treats for the canine attendees and hot dogs on a stick for their human companions. In order to raise much-needed funds, event-goers were asked to make a donation to the rescue organization upon which they received a generous cup of refreshing, hand-stomped lemonade. And while everyone enjoyed their tasty snacks, they could wander about a mini village of vendors offering all manner of dog-themed treats.

Education Foundation fundraising up over 10% for school district programs

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Not many things get people excited like a large check presentation, and that's exactly what the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education will be receiving this week.

During Thursday's meeting of the board, the Santa Monica Education Foundation (SMEF) will give its annual report on fundraising efforts for the district, highlighting an uptick in community donations. SMEF's funding for 2024-25 district programs totals $2,409,000; more than $200,000 than last year's campaign, anchored by a record-setting wine auction event in May.

Held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, SMEF raised $435,000 at the wine auction, part of a long-term partnership between the organization and the hotel. In late January, the Fairmont matched donations to SMEF up to $25,000, an endeavor hotel General Manager

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Election candidates will be known this week, but who and how many remain in flux

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's candidate window for the November election is now in extra time and while there may be as many as 17 individuals vying for the four open seats on City Council, the rest of the election is looking decidedly less competitive.

The initial deadline to file for the November election was Aug. 9 and while candidates can no longer withdraw nomination papers, the window to return an application is automatically extended to Aug. 14 when an incumbent does not file. This year, both Gleam Davis and Christine Parra chose not to seek reelection extending the

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‘We gotta be somewhere’: Homeless Californians react to Newsom’s crackdown

MARISA KENDALL
Special to the Daily Press



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HOMELESS CRACKDOWN: Tré Watson outside the Housing Matters shelter in Santa Cruz on Aug. 7, 2024.

Gov. Gavin Newsom’s message on homelessness in recent weeks has been clear: The state will no longer tolerate encampments, and cities shouldn’t either.

Californians who live on the streets, as well as the outreach workers who support them, say they’re already feeling the difference. Places where someone used to be able to pitch a tent and sleep in peace have suddenly become inhospitable. Police seem to be clearing camps more often and more aggressively, and are less likely to give advance notice before they come in with bulldozers and trash compactors, according to anecdotal reports in some cities. Even in cities where officials said publicly nothing would change, unhoused people and activists say it’s become harder to be homeless.

But the shift, sparked by a Supreme Court ruling and then further fueled by an executive order, hasn’t caused a significant increase in shelter beds or affordable housing.

That’s led people on the streets to ask: Where are we supposed to go?

“We gotta be somewhere,” said Tré Watson, who lives in a tent in Santa Cruz, and says unhoused people are running out of places to go. “We can’t hover. We come here, they run us away. We go to any park and they run us away. We go to the Pogonip (nature preserve), and they bring bulldozers.”

Homeless Californians and activists from San Diego to Sacramento told CalMatters that enforcement has become more frequent and more aggressive. Some city leaders have made their intentions to ramp up enforcement explicitly clear. The Fresno City Council recently passed an ordinance, which, if it gets final approval later this month, will make it illegal to camp on public property at all times. San Francisco Mayor London Breed said the city will launch a “very aggressive” crackdown, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Others have said they won’t make changes to their encampment strategies. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors last month reaffirmed that the county won’t use its jails to hold homeless people arrested for camping, the Los Angeles Times reported. Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass also has been critical of criminalizing public camping.

NEWSOM PUSHES FOR A CRACKDOWN ON HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

Homelessness has been a defining obstacle of Newsom’s career ever since he was mayor of San Francisco in the early 2000s. And it’s only become more pressing — California’s estimated homeless population has swelled to more than 181,000, at the same time Newsom is widely rumored to have presidential ambitions.

Earlier this summer, the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court handed cities a new cudgel to crack down on the encampments that proliferate across California’s parks, sidewalks and open spaces. Per the Grants Pass v. Johnson ruling, law enforcement can now cite or arrest people for sleeping on public property — even if there are no shelter beds available to them. That’s a major change from prior legal precedent, which said it was unconstitutional to punish someone for sleeping outside if they had nowhere else to go.

Roberta Titus, 67, sits outside a juice shop on Front Street in Santa Cruz on Aug. 7, 2024. Photo by Manuel Orbegozo for CalMatters

A month later, Newsom responded with an executive order directing state agencies to ramp up enforcement against encampments, and encouraging cities to do the same. The order didn’t technically require cities to act, but last week, Newsom made it clear there will be consequences for cities that don’t.

If he doesn’t see results in the next few months, and if he doesn’t feel local leaders are acting with a “sense of urgency,” he’ll start redirecting their funding, Newsom said during a news conference outside a homeless encampment in Los Angeles.

“We’re done with the excuses,” he said. “And the last big excuse was, ‘Well, the courts are saying we can’t do anything.’ Well, that’s no longer the case. So we had a simple executive order: Do your job. There’s no more excuses.”

The state agencies that will be most immediately affected by Newsom’s order — Caltrans, California State Parks and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife — did not answer questions requesting details about how the executive order will change how they clear encampments on their property, nor did they provide data on their prior abatement efforts. State Parks referred questions to the governor’s office, which did not respond.

WHAT IT’S LIKE FOR HOMELESS CALIFORNIANS

In Santa Cruz, enforcement has become particularly “brutal” in recent weeks, said Keith McHenry, an activist who hands out food and other supplies to homeless communities through his organization Food Not Bombs. Though, as in many cities, it’s hard to tell how much of the change is a direct result of the Supreme Court decision and executive order. The tide already was shifting toward enforcement before the justices ruled.

In April, Santa Cruz pushed between 30 and 40 people out of a major encampment in a community park, according to the city. Many of the people displaced from the park then set up tents on Coral Street, outside the local homeless shelter, McHenry said. The city cleared that camp in June. After those sweeps, some people relocated to the Pogonip nature preserve at the edge of the city. Late last month, the city swept the nature preserve.

The city says just five people were removed from the Pogonip in that sweep, but McHenry suspects it was more.

The city says its strategy for dealing with homeless camps hasn’t changed.

“The City’s current practices have proven effective and are already consistent with Governor Newsom’s suggested encampment-related policies for local governments contained in his recent executive order,” city spokesperson Erika Smart said in an email.

On a recent Wednesday morning, a man who goes by the nickname Spraq was packing his belongings onto a bike trailer, preparing for the sweep he thought might come later that day on Coral Street. Spraq, who ended up on the streets after the truck he was living in got repossessed about 10 years ago, was camping in the park until police kicked everyone out. He and his ex-girlfriend moved to a nearby street, and two days later, police found them, threw away his ex’s clothes and other possessions, and forced them to move on, Spraq said. So they moved into a parking spot on the street outside Costco – a place where they’d camped without issue many times before, he said. Again, police found them, said they couldn’t be there, and threw away their belongings, Spraq said.

“They kept doing that until we had nothing,” he said.

Combined, McHenry says the recent sweeps mark the biggest push to dismantle encampments that he’s seen in Santa Cruz in years. Before, he said, people would relocate after a sweep and the city generally would leave them alone for a while. This time, police have been coming back regularly to spots like Coral Street to make sure people don’t return, he said. The city recently erected a chain-link fence and orange, plastic barricades along the sidewalk to deter campers.

“There’s just a full-court press to keep people from being settled anywhere,” McHenry said.

CITIES RESPOND TO NEWSOM’S PUSH FOR A CRACKDOWN

Enforcement seems to be ramping up along the bank of the San Diego River, where about 300 people live in tents and make-shift shacks — many of whom ended up there after police kicked them out of other camps closer to town, said Kendall Burdett, an outreach worker with the nonprofit PATH. Lately, the authorities have been clearing camps along the river multiple times per week, Burdett said. Before Newsom’s executive order, sweeps happened closer to a few times a month, he said.

The riverbank includes land controlled by Caltrans and by the city, and it’s not always clear who is sweeping camps, Burdett said. But he said he’s noticing the authorities are less likely to give advance notice before sweeping, leaving him and his co-workers scrambling to help their clients. That’s making it harder to get people into housing, Burdett said. People often lose their identifying documents in sweeps — which they need to get into subsidized housing.

“That sets the whole thing back,” he said.

Other times, Burdett can’t find clients after they’re swept. As a result, sometimes clients end up losing their housing placements.

San Diego already had been ramping up enforcement, passing an ordinance banning encampments in certain areas last year. But the city says recent developments have changed nothing.

“There has been no change or move to increase abatements after the Supreme Court decision or following Newsom’s executive order,” city spokesperson Matt Hoffman said. “It’s just business as usual as of now.”

In San Francisco, where Mayor Breed promised an aggressive crackdown following the court ruling, the city removed 82 tents and five other structures from the streets the week of July 29 through Aug. 2. Abatement teams engaged with 326 people during those operations — 38 of whom accepted a shelter bed — and arrested or cited nine people, according to the city.

Other cities are passing or considering new,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Editor:

Re: Newsom vows to take away funding from cities for not clearing encampments
Where are they supposed to go?
This not a rhetorical question, theoretical or speculative?
It is an existential state of affairs already.

Santa Monica has done all that it possibly could since Robert (St Robert) Meyers was city attorney and the problem has not abated but gotten even more critical.

This past week I saw the CHP clear the encampments in support of county assets on Lincoln (Hwy 1) in MDR , home to yachts and Captains Row condos built with county funds to begin with and Howard Hughes' world war profiteering fortunes, only to see the destitute return by sundown there.

The motor homes on Jefferson too have been cleared. PCH to county line as well.

The Hotel Dodge, Hotel Ford, Cadillac and Chevrolet, cited, impounded and ordered to move on gasoline fumes with no known Hooverville destinations of our times?

To be sure the problem is complex. There are those who will not, nor cannot find work, housing and adequate shelter and food, healthcare and sustainability other than falling to the ground in our time of this SCOTUS and that in and of itself is unacceptable to say nothing of times of world pandemic and historical heat?

And what of the children?

For this nepo governor of privilege and opportunity of his own to cut off funding over the situation is cruel at the least and criminal in the era of hundred thousand dollar cars and trinkets and multi million dollar homes that Siri manages.

Newsom is wrong here as he fails to lead, follow or get out of the way, but only cuts off the oxygen that financial aid provides to the less fortunate.

Stand up to him I say!

Stewart Resmer, Los Angeles

Editor:

I am sharing an experience with you as a long-time resident of Santa Monica and a dedicated reader of Santa Monica Daily Press. Most likely, there is not much you can do about the incident; however, I appreciate you keeping us, the residents, informed of happenings in our city.

Santa Monica has become thieves' heaven. It breaks my heart and spirit to say this, and to have experienced it multiple times. The most recent experience relates to my car.

My car, well- respected European car with alarmed lock system, was stolen from my building's gated/secured/clicker operated garage. The incident happened sometime between Wednesday, 7/31, 3 p.m. to Thursday, 8/01, 2:30 p.m.

I called SMPD Dispatch at around 2:30 p.m on Thursday, 8/01. Dispatcher took my information (name, address, phone) and the make/year/license number of the car. SMPD officers showed up at 10 p.m. - 7 hours later - to take an incident report. The report was approved by SMPD on Monday, 8/05 - almost five days after the theft. As of Tuesday, 8/06, no detective was assigned to the incident. Today marks the seventh day that my car was stolen and I have not heard from SMPD since the reporting more than a week ago.

No wonder crime is up in Santa Monica. The City has become a playground for the thieves, and SMPD a laughing stock. Thieves know the police will not act immediately, and by the time they act, the car is either dismantled and/or at south of the border. Lack of sense of urgency by SMPD serves the criminals and the criminal activity only. My car was stolen by sophisticated thieves - no doubt about that; and, when the police gives them seven days (so far) to clean up the act, no wonder crime is up in Santa Monica.

We live in a city with one of the highest tax rates in the country. Our tax dollars are to support civic infrastructure, including law enforcement. What happened to protect and to serve?

Thank you for reading,

Giselle Yilmazer, Santa Monica





Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.7**

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3FT
Thigh to stomach

SSW swell continues, along with a little NW windswell. Early morning winds likely best of the day.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4FT
Waist to chest

Fun pulse of SSW swell tops out through the day and there's enough NW windswell in the mix to open some beachbreak corners. Structured breaks still best. Light AM wind has decent odds.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2024/08/14	Wed	5:39 PM	5.27		H
2024/08/15	Thu	01:39 AM	0.31		L
2024/08/15	Thu	08:47 AM	3.49		H
2024/08/15	Thu	12:03 PM	3.11		L
2024/08/15	Thu	6:36 PM	5.73		H
2024/08/16	Fri	02:17 AM	-0.22		L
2024/08/16	Fri	09:02 AM	3.74		H
2024/08/16	Fri	1:04 PM	2.82		L
2024/08/16	Fri	7:26 PM	6.23		H
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2024/08/17	Sat	09:23 AM	4.01		H
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2024/08/17	Sat	8:12 PM	6.65		H
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HOMELESS

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more punitive rules as a result of Newsom's executive order. In Fresno, the City Council granted preliminary approval last month to an ordinance that would ban camping on public property at all times, the Fresno Bee reported. Fresno County approved a similar measure.

Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln said on Twitter the city must "move urgently" to ensure public safety while also supporting those in need. He made plans for a public study session later this month to discuss how the city will enforce anti-camping ordinances going forward.

In Sacramento, the city is distributing fliers to educate its unhoused residents about the changes under the Supreme Court ruling. The light-blue notices, titled "Attention: Unlawful Camping," warn that people can be charged with a misdemeanor for camping on public property.

"They're forcing someone under threat of arrest to pack up and move all their belongings," said Niki Jones, executive director of the Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness. "And people's bodies literally can't handle the physical stress."

'WHERE DO WE GO?'

While Newsom has provided an influx of money for shelter beds and other services in recent years — including $1 billion in this year's budget for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funds that cities and counties can spend as they see fit — his recent executive order comes with no additional funding. Last year, California cities and counties reported having roughly 71,000 shelter beds. They'd need more than twice that to accommodate every homeless Californian.

"Folks are rightly asking, 'Where do we go?'" Jones said.

Even when shelter beds are available, sweeps often fail to fill them. Santa Cruz, for example, estimates between 30 and 40 people were living in the park encampment it swept in April. Just 16 of those people accepted a shelter placement. No one kicked out of the nature preserve accepted shelter.

People living on the streets of Santa Cruz say police often tell them to go to a sanctioned encampment on the National Guard Armory property — where residents sleep in tents and get meals and showers. But many people won't even consider it. Several unhoused people CalMatters spoke to said they didn't want to live somewhere with strict rules and a curfew.

Stephanie Ross, who has been living on the streets of Santa Cruz for seven months, recently lost everything in a sweep. All she had left was the outfit she was wearing — a dinosaur-print dress, pants covered in pink flowers and a sweater she found on the ground. On Wednesday, she met up with McHenry to pick up a new tent to replace the one she says was confiscated by police a few days ago.

Ross said she can't concentrate on finding a job or doing anything else, because she's constantly worried about hiding her blankets and other possessions from the police. Even so, she worries she'd chafe under the rules of the Armory tent shelter.

"I need a little bit more freedom than that," she said.

Demarr Clark, 42, said no one offered him a bed when police recently kicked him out of his camp on the sidewalk outside the Santa Cruz shelter. He lost everything he owned, including his tent, he said. Afterward, Clark moved across the street with a new tent gifted to him by a friend.

Clark grew up in Santa Cruz, and the city always seemed like a place where you could find somewhere out of the way to camp, he said. But that's changing, he said. "It just seems like they have no tolerance for it anymore."

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California's great debate resumes about how to cope with volatile swings in tax revenues



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REVENUE: The podium before Gov. Gavin Newsom addresses the media to unveil his 2024-25 January budget proposal at the Secretary of State Auditorium in Sacramento on Jan. 10, 2024.

DAN WALTERS

For the last two decades, California's governors and legislators — and lobbyists for countless groups with stakes in the state budget — have engaged in a running debate over ever-increasing volatility in tax revenues.

As the revenue stream grew, personal income taxes became the dominant source. The state's highest-income taxpayers generated half those taxes largely from profits on their investments, which can vary widely year to year.

Moreover, as revenues became less predictable the state's spending became less flexible. For example, a 1988 ballot measure, Proposition 98, requires that about 40% of state revenues be spent on public schools and community colleges.

When revenues plummeted during the Great Recession and the state faced historically large budget deficits, then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders created a commission to recommend solutions to revenue volatility.

The commission debated for months but was hopelessly divided over whether to overhaul the tax system to de-emphasize income taxes or increase budget reserves to cushion periodic decreases in revenues. Its report, favoring the former approach, was promptly filed away and largely forgotten.

A few years later, Schwarzenegger's successor, Democrat Jerry Brown confronted the lingering deficits from the Great Recession's sharp revenue declines. He covered the gaps with a temporary tax increase approved by voters in 2012, primarily income taxes on the wealthy, and proposed a "rainy day fund" to ease the impact of future revenue downturns.

Voters approved that approach in 2014 and the reserve, along with other smaller reserve funds for specific purposes, amassed substantial balances, roughly $30 billion, during the ensuing half-decade.

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Republicans target Kamala Harris' 'California-ness.' Do swing-state voters care?



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

HARRIS: Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz walk on stage at during Harris' presidential campaign rally at the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport in Romulus, Michigan, on Aug. 8, 2024.

YUE STELLA YU
Special to the Daily Press

A pair of ceiling fans spun lazily inside the jam-packed hangar as the sun blazed down on thousands of supporters outside. As the crowd of 15,000 — the largest of the 2024 Democratic presidential campaign — waited for Vice President Kamala Harris, some began to faint.

That didn't stop the supporters from bursting into waves of deafening cheers that lasted two minutes as Harris took the stage. It was what her new running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, called a "warm Midwestern welcome."

"OK, come on, we've got business to handle," she finally said.

The rally outside Detroit on Wednesday afternoon marked the third stop on a five-day, cross-country tour to woo voters in battleground states, which began in Pennsylvania when Harris introduced Walz as her vice presidential pick. The duo plan events in North Carolina and Georgia before rallies tonight in Arizona and Saturday in Nevada. The Harris campaign has jolted the Democratic base in the three weeks since President Joe Biden dropped out and endorsed her, bringing in record amounts of money and drawing massive audiences.

Although California has sent three Republicans to the White House, it has never produced a Democratic president. Several tried — including former Gov. Jerry Brown, whom critics nicknamed "Governor Moonbeam," and Harris herself in 2019. Some political strategists blame the sorry track record in part on the Golden State's liberal image.

Can Harris finally break through in 2024?

To reach the White House, she may need to overcome any California-ness qualms, and must aggressively defend her California record against intense attacks from former President Donald Trump's campaign. In a new 1-minute ad released Thursday, Harris leaned heavily into her Oakland upbringing and her California prosecutor career. She also agreed to the first debate with Trump, on Sept. 10.

Harris' California roots are already under attack. Labeling her as a "California radical" and "San Francisco liberal," Republicans have hammered her stances, particularly on crime and immigration. Sen. JD Vance of Ohio, the GOP nominee for vice president, is trailing Harris' travels this week and holding press events to criticize her. Trump told reporters at Mar-a-Lago on Thursday: "She destroyed the state of California along with Gov. Gavin Newscum," he said, using his pejorative for Newsom.

Harris has backed away from some of her more liberal campaign promises from 2019 and no longer supports a fracking ban or a single-payer health care system. But she must also navigate criticism from progressive Democrats, who want her to go further than Biden on abortion and climate policies.

Her California ties have given some undecided voters pause, but those connections are likely not the deciding factor, according to 20 voters, consultants, officials and political experts interviewed by CalMatters in some of Michigan and Arizona's most purple districts. And some voters and experts argued that Walz' Midwestern roots could help balance the ticket.

"People will understand through the Walz lens that Kamala, it doesn't matter where she's from geographically," said Democrat Carl Marlinga, who is running for Congress in Michigan's competitive Macomb County. "Maybe she says things a little differently, but she wouldn't have picked a guy like us if she didn't want to connect with people like us."

Growing up Republican in Michigan, Michael Taylor knows well a common Midwestern conservative sentiment toward California: His mother often told him the state is a "hellscape" detached from the rest of America, with rampant crime, illegal migrants and unfettered homelessness — even though he said he disagrees.

"There's a lot of … media portrayal that the West Coast liberals are just out of touch and don't really know what's going on in the heartland," said Taylor, mayor of Sterling Heights since 2014.

His blue-collar city of 132,000 is home to

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The Blue Notebook - A Weekly SMPD Recap July 14-20

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PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

For the week of July 14th to July 20th there were 46 bookings. Of these arrests, 19 were felonies and 27 were misdemeanors.

DEPARTMENT wide stats for the week

-2,552 Total CFS (Calls for Service) / YTD is 71,101 CFS

NOTABLE EVENTS

-1900 block of Broadway: Officers responded to a disturbance at a business of a homeless person refusing to leave. A warrants check revealed an outstanding no bail warrant for a parole violation.

-Near Structure 7: On July 20th, officers observed a suspect wanted for carjacking. The suspect fled on foot when the officers attempted to contact him. After a foot pursuit the suspect was taken into custody in the 1500blk of Ocean Ave. A credit card from one of the original victims was found in the suspect's wallet. Criminal Investigations Division was notified. Robbery and carjacking charges were filed by the District Attorney.

-Wilshire/Harvard: Homeless suspect forces occupants out of vehicle and attempts to leave with their car. Witnesses intervene and officers take the suspect into custody. Suspect arrested for carjacking.

-2900 block Delaware: Officers responded to a burglary investigation, review video footage of the incident, and conduct a search of the area. They located the suspect nearby and placed him under arrest for burglary and narcotics offenses.

-On Tuesday July 23rd Officers were recognized for their efforts in reuniting a family with their child related to a call of a kidnapping.

HOMELESS LIAISON PROGRAM (HLP) TEAM

-510 Homeless related CFS (20% of total) / YTD is 11,683 Homeless related CFS (16% of total)

-28 Total Encampment CFS (869 YTD) -this does not include 311 calls regarding encampments.

HLP TEAM STATS

-82 - calls for service
-54 - 311 requests handled
-63 - Self-initiated activity
-1- Felony arrest
-39 - Field interviews/advisal's
-9- Citation
-68 - Referrals to services
-7- Encampments addressed

The HLP team is pleased to announce three new additions to the unit. The new members are currently going through the onboarding process with the unit and bring a wealth of personal experience to the team.

On 07/18/2024, the HLP team, in collaboration with the Salvation Army and Clare Matrix outreach teams conducted a successful joint operation of Tongva Park and Douglas Park. Several individuals were contacted, provided information, and connected to service providers.

On 7/18/2024 HLP Officers contacted a known homeless individual who recently returned to the city and has been establishing large encampments in several locations. Officers cited him for violations of the municipal code. The subject cleaned up the encampments. HoST came and discarded the remaining trash.

On 7/17/2024 HLP Officers cited multiple known transients and referred them to STEP COURT.

On 07/18/2024, Team members conducted follow up at the civic auditorium regarding several homeless subjects trespassing. When team members arrived, all subjects had left the area but left trash and various items. City maintenance contractors assisted team members with cleaning the area.

On 7/20/2024 HLP team members responded to the 900 block of 2nd Street for a Vandalism/ Burglary call. HLP team members contacted a suspect who was holding a rock and a water hose. The suspect appeared agitated and continued to say he was carrying the rock to protect himself. After speaking with the suspect for some time he dropped the rock. Subject was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

On 07/22/2024 HLP Team members conducted a periodic check of the 1900 Block of the Expo Bicycle Path. The team contacted two known subjects who both had set up encampments. Both Subjects took down their encampments and relocated.

DART (DIRECTED ACTION RESPONSE TEAM) NOTABLE EVENTS

Annual Vendor / Pedicab Permit Inspections

DART assisted Code Enforcement with Annual Vendor and Pedicab Inspections in Lot 4 South from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. hours. DART was on scene to keep the peace during the inspection process.

Response to Community Complaints at 1500 Pal Park

DART and Code Enforcement modified work hours for an early start at 6 a.m. hours to address unattended food carts in the 1500 block of Pal Park and those blocking the bike lane during loading/off-loading from trucks. Coordination with Traffic Division who responded to provide citations for violators of the loading zone parking. DART is working in conjunction with DOT to educate the vending community about compliance.

Attempt to Mediation performer complaint with Shutters

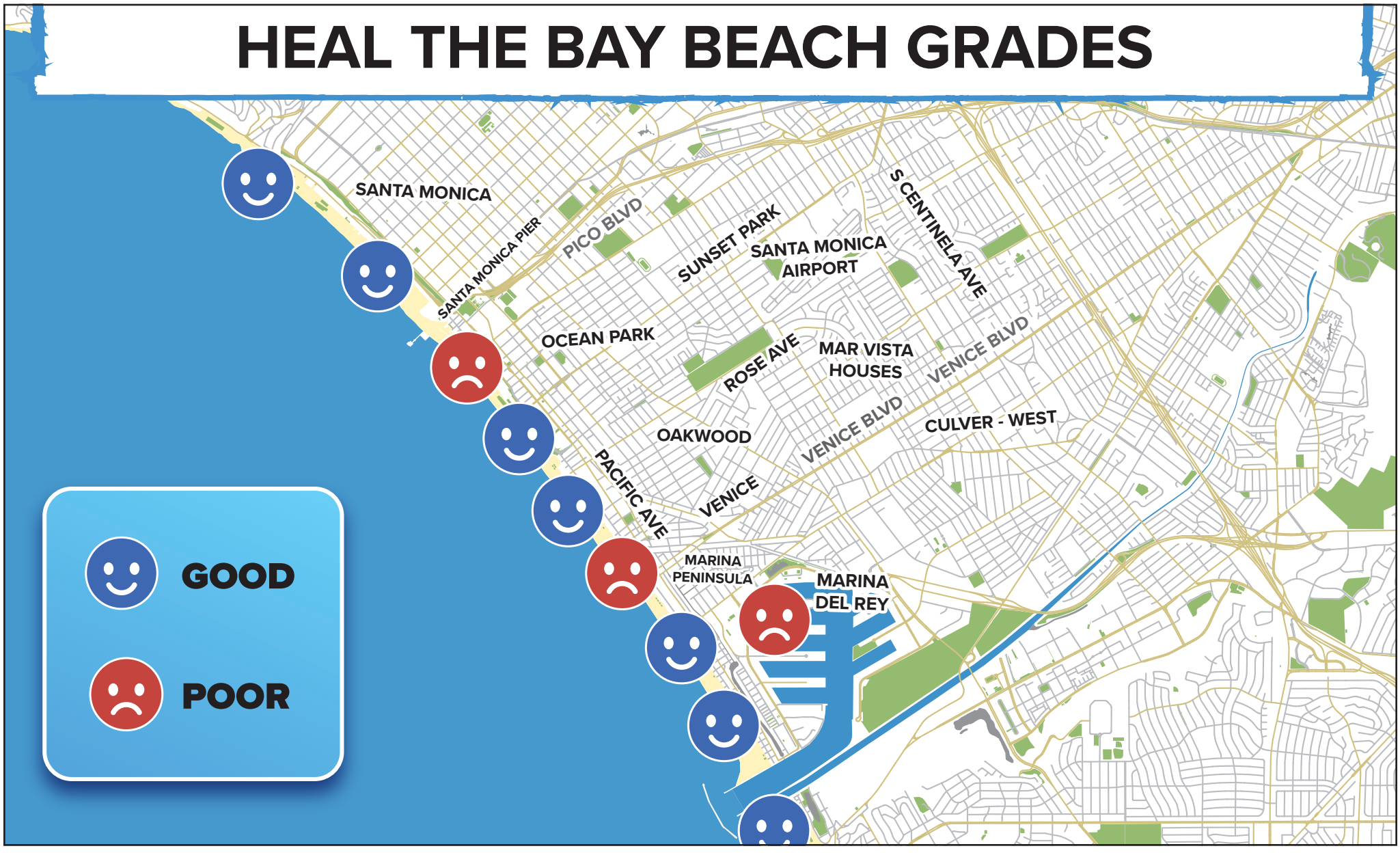
The DART team has been working on chronic issues between a performer on Ocean Front Walk and the management at Shutters Hotel. DART will continue their mediation efforts.

Vendor Related Incidents / Disturbances / Arrests

DART responded to a call for service of vendors in a fight on the SM Pier. Upon arrival, it was determined the victim was attempting to purchase churros and was bumped by a vendor. An argument ensured and the suspect pushed and punched the victim. The victim wanted prosecution for the battery. The suspect was arrested, booked in the Santa Monica Jail, and issued a citation.

DART responded to fruit vendor on fruit vendor fight - 1200 blk of the Beach. The victim and suspect got into a physical altercation after the victim started filming the suspect for a code violation. The fight escalated when the suspect put the victim in a choke hold. Incident captured on cell phone. The suspect was arrested for felony battery.

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CANDIDATE

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council nomination period. As of August 12, 21 individuals had pulled paperwork for the Council race. Four of those individuals (including Parra) withdrew leaving 17 individuals currently contemplating a run for Council.

The number of candidates actually qualifying to run in City Council races has varied over time with an average of 13 people per year over the last 10 years. The two notable exceptions were 2018 where only eight individuals qualified and 2020 when 21 people were on the ballot.

In addition to City Council, the deadline has also been extended for the Rent Control and College Board races. In the race for School Board, all three incumbents filed for reelection (plus one challenger) so nominations are now closed for that race.

Only two individuals have pulled paperwork to run for the Rent Control Board. If a third candidate does not run, the election for that race would be canceled and the two candidates would assume the two open seats.

Three individuals have qualified for the three open seats on the College Board but a fourth candidate has taken out the paperwork and could return it this week.

To run for elected office, candidates are required to establish a Campaign Committee to raise or spend money in support of their election, file a Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State and set up an electronic filing account through the City Clerk's Office (though specific contribution limitations apply to Council or Rent Control Board candidates). Candidates need at least 100 valid signatures from registered voters in their jurisdiction to qualify for the ballot, as well as fees for filing and submitting a Candidate Statement for the Sample Ballot.

The Secretary of State will hold its public drawing to determine the order of names on the ballot on Aug. 15.

Individuals who miss the August window can still run for office if they qualify as a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates must fulfill the same requirements as regular candidates but do not have their names included in the ballot. The window for write-in applications is from Sept. 9 - Oct. 22.

Ballots will be mailed to voters starting on Oct. 7. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 21 and Election Day is Nov. 5. However, vote-by-mail ballots can be returned starting in October and there may be in-person voting centers open prior to Election Day.

CITY COUNCIL (4-YEAR TERMS) 4 SEATS

Whitney Bain
Phillip L. Brock (Incumbent) - Qualified
Oscar de la Torre (Incumbent) - Qualified
Stephen Garr
Dan Hall - Qualified
Nathaniel I. Jones
Wade Kelley
Ericka Lesley
Jonathan Louis Mann
Janet McLaughlin
Marcus Owens
John Putnam - Qualified
Ellis Raskin - Qualified
Dr. Vivian A. Roknian - Qualified
John Cyrus Smith
Barry A. Snell - Qualified
Natalya Zernitskaya - Qualified

RENT CONTROL (4-YEAR TERMS) 2 SEATS

Kay Ambriz (Incumbent) - Qualified
Phillis Dudick

COLLEGE BOARD (4-YEAR TERMS) 3 SEATS

Anastasia Foster - Qualified
Zoe Muntaner
Margaret Quinones-Perez (Incumbent) - Qualified
Rob Greenstein Rader (Incumbent) - Qualified

SCHOOL BOARD (4-YEAR TERMS) 3 SEATS

Christine Falaguerra - Qualified
Jon Kean (Incumbent) - Qualified
Maria Leon-Vazquez (Incumbent) - Qualified
Jennifer Smith (Incumbent) - Qualified

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Gov. Gavin Newsom used reserves a bit in 2020 to offset a revenue decline during the COVID-19 pandemic and, when facing a nearly $50 billion budget deficit this year, he and the Legislature turned to them again.

Initially Newsom proposed a $13.1 billion draw from reserves, but the final 2024-25 budget approved in June took just $5.1 billion from the rainy fund and envisions another $7.1 drawdown in 2025-26. It also largely drains two other reserves, including one for schools.

This year's deficit resulted from a massive overestimate of revenues by Newsom's administration in 2022, rather than an economic turndown, and some critics have complained that misusing reserves this year could leave them unable to cope with a recession.

The wonkish debate over budgets, reserves and revenue volatility resumed this week during an Assembly Budget Committee hearing — specifically over whether the state needs a larger rainy day fund.

Newsom, whose 2022 projection of a huge budget surplus from explosive revenue gains proved to be incredibly wrong, now wants the state to avoid spending estimates of windfall revenues until they are actually in the bank — a prudence that should have been adopted many years ago.

However, his proposal and/or increasing rainy day reserves run afoul of groups that believe the state should be spending more on support for poor Californians rather than setting more money aside.

Scott Graves of the left-leaning California Budget & Policy Center warned legislators that "significantly raising the cap for the rainy day fund could tip the balance too far in the direction of saving, leaving less revenue to meet the immediate needs of Californians. This would make it harder to address poverty and inequality and to create an equitable California where everyone can share in the state's prosperity."

The hearing essentially sets the stage for a potential 2026 ballot measure to revise the state's budget reserve, but it could also renew the revenue aspect of the perpetual debate, because in 2030 the latest extension of Jerry Brown's 2012 income tax increase will expire.

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KAMALA

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four automotive assembly plants. Thursday, Harris spoke at a Detroit rally hosted by the United Auto Workers, which endorsed her last week, citing her "proven track record of delivering for the working class."

Sterling Heights is in Macomb County, the quintessential swing county where disillusioned Democrats ditched their party for Republican President Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. The county went for Democrat Barack Obama twice before favoring Trump in 2016 and 2020. Taylor, who now identifies with neither major party, supported Trump in 2016 but voted for Biden in 2020.

California is perceived as elitist and progressive and seems distant to a lot of Macomb County voters, sometimes even himself, Taylor said.

"I sense that from talking to Republicans. There's this conflict between the real America and the America of the little blue islands along the coasts," he said. "When you talk to some people, they almost act like California is a different country."

That's true for Republican Cheryl Costantino, a teacher in Macomb County's Shelby Township: "To us, California is like its own weird, liberal place where people poop on the sidewalks and live in tents."

McClellan Grote, a registered independent and nuclear engineer from Gilbert, Arizona, hesitates to vote for Harris. Although he supported Trump twice and still favors his policies, Grote said he must vote against Trump's vitriol. But he's reluctant to support Harris, partly due to the liberal image of California and Newsom, who Grote also calls "Newscum."

That perception represents a "key vulnerability" that Harris must overcome to win moderate voters, said Matt Grossmann, a political science professor at Michigan State University. Historically, Black and female candidates are considered more liberal than white men, he said, and Harris' history representing a largely Democratic state, particularly in the U.S. Senate, may cement that impression.

Republicans are hoping to cash in on that exact sentiment. In a National Republican Senatorial Committee memo, executive director Jason Thielman deemed Harris a "radical" from San Francisco.

While it's too soon to tell if those attacks have dented her support, Grossmann noted that down-ballot Democrats in swing states have suffered in previous elections when tied to former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco. "That gives (us) a reason to expect that the same attacks would be successful against Harris," he said.

The person who may help counter those critiques is Walz, whom Democrats are counting on to help connect with Midwesterners with his rural roots and his background as a gun owner, hunter, public school teacher and veteran. The Trump campaign, on other hand, quickly tried to paint Walz in an emailed statement as a "West Coast wannabe" who wants to spread "California's dangerously liberal agenda."

Walz is "a perfect description of a Democrat who could win in Macomb County," said Marlinga, a self-described moderate Democrat who lost by a razor-thin margin to Republican U.S. Rep. John James in 2022 and is set for a rematch this November.

Marlinga called the Minnesota governor a "positive populist" who is easy-going and approachable. Walz called Trump and Vance "weird," just like an "ordinary guy … sitting down for dinner at a deli somewhere" would, Marlinga said.





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FIRST: Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz speaks to the crowd at a campaign at the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport in Romulus, Mich., on Aug. 8, 2024. Last: Supporters hold up signs at the Harris/Walz campaign rally at the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport in Romulus, Mich., on Aug. 8, 2024.

"We like conservation, we like sports, we like fishing, we like hunting," he said. "We're not like the Democrats in New York and California, because we're not here to grab your guns and to change your life and to preach to you about things."

In the Republican attacks on Harris, her record on crime is coming under intense scrutiny, as she leans into her prosecutor background in contrast with Trump — a convicted felon who was found in a separate civil case to have sexually abused writer E. Jean Carroll.

"She prosecuted sex predators. He is one," an ad for Harris' 2020 presidential campaign said.

Republicans are portraying Harris as a soft-on-crime prosecutor from California, especially as San Francisco is now under the national spotlight for its homelessness crisis and retail theft — so much so that even its Democratic mayor, London Breed, is backing a statewide November ballot measure to enhance penalties on petty crimes.

The Trump campaign is trying to associate Harris with previous California ballot measures that reduced penalties for petty crimes and granted earlier releases to nonviolent offenders. Voters approved those measures during her tenure as the state attorney general, even though she remained neutral on them, and her record on crime is more nuanced.

The attack resonates with some Michigan Republicans, including Robert Wojtowicz, who is running for a competitive state House seat in Macomb County.

While courting voters at a Clinton Township polling station on Tuesday, Wojtowicz associated Harris with California's recent increases in some violent and property crimes, even though she left to serve in the U.S. Senate in 2017. He argued the state's prosecutors "are not prosecuting … serious crimes," echoing California conservatives who are advocating for tougher penalties.

Costantino, the Shelby Township teacher, noted that the number of violent crimes in San Francisco rose during Harris' early years as district attorney. The city's current struggle with crime is something Harris still should own, Costantino said.

"The fact that she's from California should make her more sensitive to those issues, not less sensitive," Costantino said. "Just because she goes to Washington doesn't mean that she should be removed from them."

But most of the Michigan voters interviewed by CalMatters spoke more about policies from her time as vice president, not while she served in California. While conservative voters blamed the Biden-Harris administration for increases in gas prices, illegal border crossings and national debt, Democrats celebrated her for advocating for abortion rights — an issue that turned out a historic number of Michigan voters in recent elections and helped flip the state Legislature blue.

And some Michigan voters — both Republicans and Democrats — said they did not know Harris for her time in the Golden State.

Joe Koch is a 58-year-old electric operator and a self-described "Christian conservative" in Clinton Township, where Biden won by less than 1 percentage point in 2020 after Trump won it by 4 points in 2016. He called California a "mismanaged" state, blaming Newsom for the state's budget deficit. "He's just a populist guy, good hair, but I don't see him governing," Koch said.

But Harris' California roots are "secondary" compared to her policy stances, Koch said. "She could be from New Mexico or Washington," he said.

Tamela Washington, a 55-year-old Democratic voter, also does not associate Harris with California. She said she only began to notice Harris when she was in the U.S. Senate.

"It doesn't matter whether she's from California, Hawaii, Timbuktu. Doesn't matter. It just blinds us from … what connects us and what keeps us wanting to make this country just better every day," she said.

Among Michigan's Arab community, Harris' California roots fade even further into the background.

Boasting the nation's second-largest Middle Eastern population, Michigan is home to Dearborn, the first and the largest Arab-American majority city in America. Democratic voters here, partly angered by Biden's support for Israel in the Gaza war, overwhelmingly voted "uncommitted" over Biden in the March primary.

During Wednesday's rally, a small group of pro-Palestinian student protesters from the University of Michigan briefly interrupted Harris' speech before security escorted them out. They chanted: "Kamala Kamala you can't hide, we won't vote for genocide!"

"It seems that the number one driving factor in this race will be the Gaza issue. People are not looking at much else," said Qarim Abdullah, an imam at the American Muslim Center in Dearborn since 2018. A sense of "betrayal" by Biden's Gaza policies, he said, has driven some to vote for Trump.

And in Arizona — a traditionally-red Sun Belt state that Biden narrowly flipped in 2020 — Harris' record on illegal immigration at the border will come into laser focus.

The Grand Canyon State's border with Mexico makes immigration a top concern among its voters. The state's GOP-led Legislature placed a controversial measure on the November ballot that would allow state and local law enforcement to crack down on illegal border crossings, even though courts deem it a federal power.

Harris — portrayed by Republicans as a liberal "border czar" lenient on illegal migrants — has gone on the offense, tapping into her background cracking down on transnational gang activities as California's attorney general.

"In that job, I walked underground tunnels between the United States and Mexico," she said at a rally in Atlanta. "I went after transnational gangs, drug cartels and human traffickers that came into our country illegally. I prosecuted them in case after case, and I won."

But on other issues, Harris' California brand could prove to be an advantage, especially abortion.

Arizona Democrats hope her outspokenness on abortion rights — another proposal that could also land on the state's November ballot — appeals to independent voters and disenfranchised Republicans.

"She's always been an advocate for women's health care, and she's a woman. She gets us," Patti O'Neil, chairperson of the Maricopa County Democratic Party, said of Harris.

Harris' support for abortion rights won over Karla Grote, a developer in Gilbert and a former Republican who re-registered as independent after becoming disillusioned with Trump.

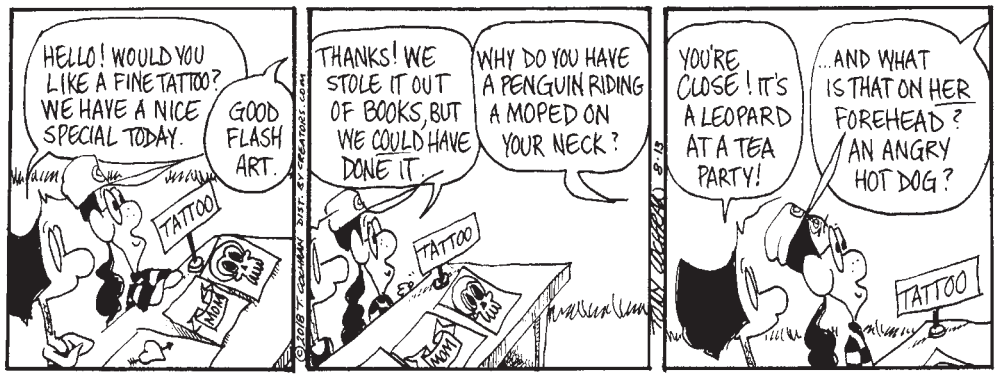
"I don't hate her policies. I don't hate her thought patterns. Well, she's pro-choice! That's a big one for me," Karla Grote shouted while talking to her husband at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, waiting for a delayed flight back home to Arizona.

"Anybody miss that?" McClellan asked while rolling his eyes, drawing a few chuckles from passengers nearby.

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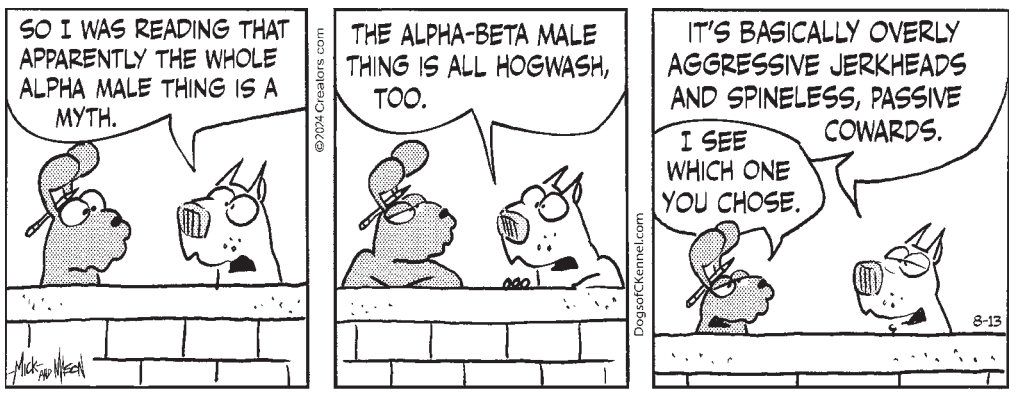
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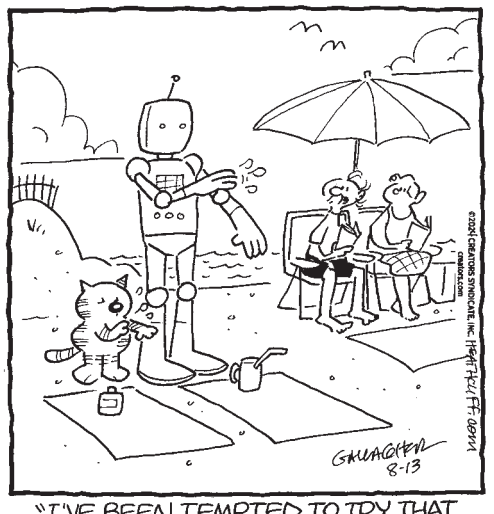
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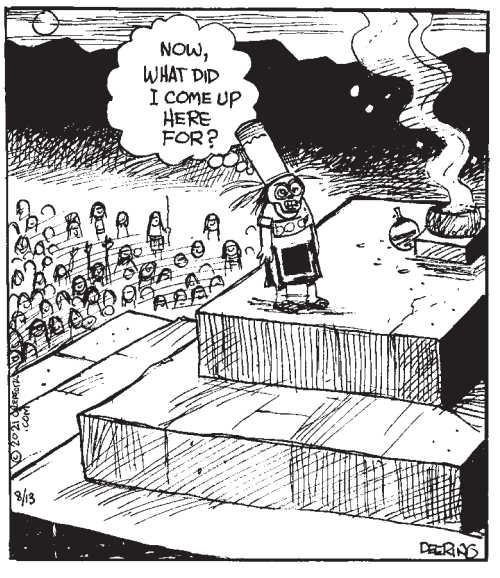
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"I'VE BEEN TEMPTED TO TRY THAT ROBOT OIL."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Your creativity will be often employed, and every time you dip into imagination, your supply of ideas will be replenished and augmented. Your family thrives under your care and models your example. More highlights: You'll gain a reputation for exceeding expectations and gain friends and greater income from this. You'll use your influence to learn and teach valuable skills. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 3, 45, 2, and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you dare to give up some of the demands you make of yourself, you will not devolve, get lazy or regress. Instead, you will create a more compassionate space inside yourself. You will thrive without the pressure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some of the things you enjoy are uncommon interests, so it's more exciting when you meet others who appreciate the niche. Today's sharing will be significant and will open up your world a bit, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whatever is holding you back (and it's probably a belief), you'll see it in a new light today. This perspective will show you how to move things out of your way. People will hear your thoughts and seek your counsel.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whether carefully chosen or serendipitously acquired, your possessions speak to your unique experiences, tastes and character. From cherished heirlooms to practical tools, what you own will reveal layers of your identity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The big truths are reinforced today: Life is what you make it. Love is how you take it. A heart is defined by its mending. To love is to agree to break it. Be proud of the shape your relationships have taken because you dared to risk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you judged a relationship solely on how you feel around a person, what rating would it get? There is so much more that goes into your decisions about who to spend time with, but taking this metric out of context will provide you with insight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a problem that seems inflicted on you. Though none of it is your fault, if you think of yourself as a victim, you won't be empowered to rise above. Seek perspectives that give you energy and agency.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Amateurs tend to be more critical than professionals. It seems like it wouldn't be so, and yet those who have limited knowledge are very excited to share all of it, while those who have an abundance of knowledge hold back judiciously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Should you drum up enthusiasm you don't genuinely feel? It will be easier to look for the good until you strike on something that gives you a genuine feeling instead of faking the reaction you think is expected of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You hate to interrupt, but today brings a situation that could use a pause or a shake-up. You have the wisdom, good timing and boldness to say what needs to be said, and others will back you up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Gratitude, empowerment, perspective are all ways to the same goal. Pick the one that feels easiest to you and focus there until your spirit glows brighter and you feel more able to do the next right thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll honor a connection by nurturing it through genuine communication and shared experiences. Being open and honest about our emotions will enrich the connection in a meaningful way. It works regardless of how the other person feels.

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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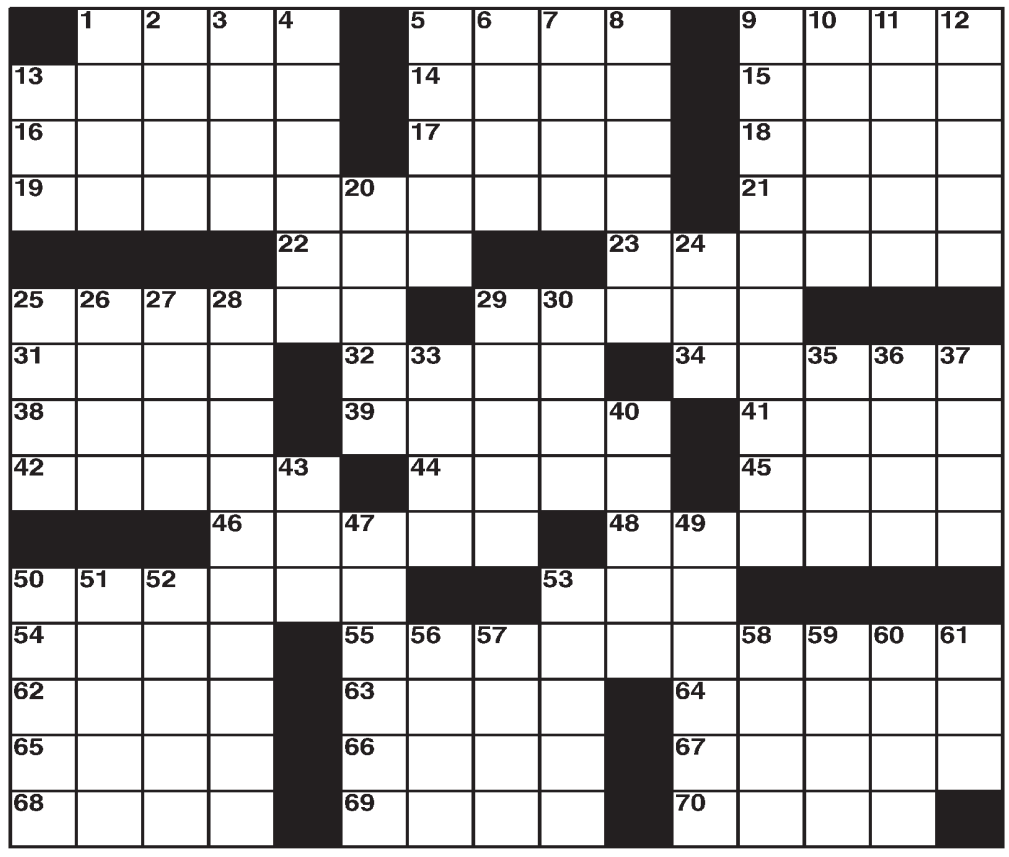
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ACROSS

1 "Please continue..."
5 Old-fashioned "Yikes!"
9 Port on Hawaii
13 Phi Beta __
14 Opera solo
15 "Beauty __ the eye..."
16 Group of navy ships
17 Substantial, as a profit
18 Talks on and on
19 People who RUN for office
21 Rabbit's relative
22 Away from the office
23 Feline family member
25 Rent payer
29 Small jeweled crown
31 Very amazed
32 "Street" reputation
34 Wash suds from
38 Any sports squad
39 Pay tribute to
41 Wasn't truthful
42 Just waking up
44 Bit of land in the sea
45 Topped with frosting
46 Bookstore partner of Barnes
48 Major blood vessel
50 Right next to
53 Beerlike beverage
54 __ and crafts
55 RUN up, as debts
62 "Billy" farm animal
63 Earth's rocky orbiter
64 __ Says (kids' game)
65 Slight advantage
66 Revise, as writing
67 Plant firmly
68 Impolite look
69 TV rooms
70 Banquet platform

DOWN

1 Formal party
2 Ready for customers
3 Newspaper's essay page
4 Australia or Austria
5 Bother greatly
6 Sandpaper coating
7 Personal assistant
8 Place to be pampered
9 RUN away
10 Sir __ Newton
11 Scales constellation
12 Initial phase
13 Colonel Sanders' chain
20 From the Netherlands
24 Make a blunder
25 "Bye-bye!"
26 Mothers of lambs
27 With no clutter
28 RUN, as a project
29 Feeling nervous
30 Role model
33 Make turbulent
35 Pleasant
36 Crystal ball gazer
37 Swirling water
40 Royal domain
43 Curtain holder
47 Smiled broadly
49 Found a new purpose for
50 Ring-shaped roll
51 Wear away
52 Theater platform
53 Mother's sisters
56 Secret writing
57 Nickel or dime
58 Bean in some stews
59 Prefix meaning "both"
60 Pedicure targets
61 Finale



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EDUCATION

FROM PAGE 1

Sam Jagger hoped "inspires others in our community to support our public schools."

"We are honored to continue our support for such an important cause, for the children in Santa Monica's public schools," Jagger said in January. "We remain dedicated to being involved in our community, and a core way of doing that is through our partnership with (SMEF), with a mission to help Santa Monica's students thrive in enriching academic, arts, STEM and other programs."

Overall, SMEF attracted 2,404 donors in the 2023-24 fundraising campaign, up 8% from the prior year, taking in $980 per donor. Although major donors were down 4%, SMEF's efforts were inflated by parent participation, which was a 17% increase from last year. Another success came from the "Corporate Heroes" program, bringing in $340,741, a staggering jump of 80% from the prior campaign.

Out of the $2,409,000; the majority ($1.8 million) goes toward annually funded district programs; while $361,000 is given to endowment-funded programs, $120,000 goes toward the Samohi Scholarship Fund and approximately $128,000 will boost the district's athletic programs.

The board will also be looking forward to November elections at its meeting, recommended by staff to adopt a resolution supporting Proposition 2 on the state ballot. The proposition, titled "Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024," would provide $8.5 billion to California K-12 schools, including $4 billion for modernization endeavors and $3.3 billion for new construction.

District officials are already broaching how much Proposition 2 would impact each school site, as five-year modernization eligibility amounts proposed include over $23 million going to Samohi, just over $7 million towards Lincoln Middle School and over $6 million going to John Adams Middle School. The district may also be eligible for grants in new construction, Transitional Kindergarten program efforts and Career Technical Education.

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Photo Courtesy SMEF

SMEF: The Santa Monica Education Foundation's annual wine auction fundraiser was record-setting in 2024, raising $435,000 for local school programs.

CRIME

FROM PAGE 6

Unpermitted Beach Event (Thursday)

DART and multiple patrol and overtime officers responded to the 1400 block of Palisades Beach Road regarding an unpermitted event. "Fuerza Regida" a well-known Mexican music artist, was holding an album release party/free beach concert at the location and promoting it on social media. Officers on scene imposed several closures of the beach lots and increased the number of police personnel assigned to the area to maintain the peace and ensure public safety. The organizers were confronted about the permitting violations and agreed to end the event early.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

BEAT 1 -A security assessment of 500 Broadway, Target, was completed. During the assessment items of concern were addressed and identified with likely ways to correct the problem issues. There was an agreement to keep the Broadway entry/exit locked and closed until 9:30 am as theft tends to be higher in the morning when the store is without security.

BEAT 2 -Department personnel attended the Virginia Park Advisory Board meeting. Crime statistics were given, and questions were answered regarding recent vandalisms.

-Department personnel met with management at Firestone, 1817 Lincoln Blvd., about scheduling a future "Etch and Catch" event.

-Department personnel attended the Mid-City Community Meeting. Crime statistics were shared and questions regarding several municipal code violations were discussed.

BEAT 3 -Department personnel attended the Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board monthly meeting. Questions were answered and the Advisory Board was invited to National night Out. The Advisory Board will be joining the Virginia Park and Parent Connection table at NNO.

-Community Relations received several complaints regarding individuals trespassing inside of a closed restaurant in the 3100 block of Pico Blvd. The owner of the property boarded up and secured the structure. A trespass letter was completed.

BEAT 4 -A resident contacted Community Relations regarding several transient individuals at Douglas Park. Department personnel confirmed no crime had occurred and reached out to the Salvation Army outreach team to offer services. This was coordinated with the assistance of Homeless Liaison Program.

The Santa Monica Police Department is now providing a regular recap of police activity online via the City's blog at santamonica.gov/blog.



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.

LOS ANGELES INVESTOR LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Ruth's Chris Steak House, 13455 Maxella Avenue, Marina del Rey. Join Los Angeles investors for lunch and presentations at Ruth's Chris in Marina del Rey. There are networking opportunities with other professionals, investors and entrepreneurs. Opportunities include TTI Gaming (Blockchain Gaming Company), TTI Metaverse (Crypto, Metaverse and Blockchain software), Utility Rescue (Pre-IPO Cost Reduction FinTech Company) and more. Tickets are free for qualified active accredited investors, others may attend by paying a $100 ticket fee. To register, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/los-angeles-investor-luncheon-ruths-chris-registration-952340675597.

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.

THURSDAY | AUGUST 15

AUTHOR TALK WITH DR. IRENA SMITH

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Santa Monica College Library, 1900 Pico Blvd and online. Dr. Irena Smith, a former Stanford Admissions Officer, will talk to parents about constructive and healthy ways to approach the college application process, preserve relationships with their teens and help them define success on their terms instead of chasing the elusive "golden ticket." Free event. To register, visit: https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/52840/register.

SUNSET PICNIC

5 - 8 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. It's Sunset Picnic at Annenberg Beach House, so pack your favorite picnic dinner, fancy or casual, bring your family and friends and your fun activities (games, dominoes, checkers). Enjoy a fun, casual beachfront summer evening with a musical duo vibing in the background and s'mores for dessert. No glass or alcohol are allowed.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

6 p.m. City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council. The Commission will also assist in the planning and promotion of a recreation program for residents and solicit the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION

6 - 7 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. August's selection is "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

AUGUST VENICE ART CRAWL

6 - 10 p.m. Venice Canals, Venice. This vibrant event will be held on the Venice Canals. Meet inspiring artists, discover hidden gems and experience the magic of this iconic neighborhood stretch.



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