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Gas price drop is a silver lining within costly consumer price report



Photo by Thomas Leffler

PRICES: Although consumer prices remain high, a drop at the local gas pump provides some relief, with several local gas stations nearing $4 per gallon.

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If there's butterflies in your stomach whenever you see a bill at the grocery store or your monthly rent payment come up, it's not just paranoia, it's the continual squeezing of the wallet from a host of sources.

Wednesday's release of the Los Angeles area Consumer Price Index from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics confirmed the feelings of many, as area prices were up by 0.2% in July and up 3.4% from a year ago. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) takes into account item categories like food, housing, transportation and medical care that represent the day-to-day living of consumers.

Though the CPI-U numbers have been more stagnant the past few months, an upward trend has been afoot in the area since June 2023, slowly climbing back up after a sharp post-pandemic fall of prices in Winter of 2022 and Spring of 2023.

Despite the overall increase, some positives were represented in the report, such as an 0.9% drop in the energy index, brought on by a 3% fall in gasoline prices. The gas drop mirrors the slight relief Americans are feeling at the pump, with a GasBuddy report stating that the national gas average was $3.41 per gallon as of Monday, and diesel

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Heal the Bay awarded a $30,000 grant to support local Adopt-A-Beach program



Courtesy image

FUNDRAISER: The plates support grant funding for beach projects.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

California's quirky Whale Tail license plates are making a splash along the Santa Monica beach this month by funding one of the City's long standing water watchdogs.

Heal the Bay, a prominent environmental advocacy group

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Gluten-free donut duo dares to make mornings healthier



Photo by Thomas Leffler

DONUTS: The gluten-free treat duo of Nancy Truman and Thom Furtado have made a statement with their new Fōnuts Bakery location on Montana Avenue.

THOMAS LEFFLER
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A husband-and-wife duo are changing people's minds about gluten-free products by bringing a healthier start to the day on Montana Avenue.

Now open at 709 Montana, Fōnuts Bakery is the culmination of Los Angeles native Nancy Truman's kitchen exploits, searching for 25

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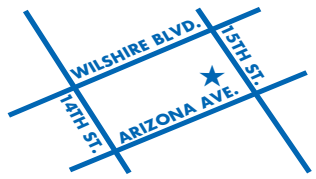
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 081924JI- TITLE : FY 24-25 Schedule of Classes Printing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **FY 24-25 Schedule of Classes Printing**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM Local Time. All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/13721/bo/bo-detail/119254

Post Dates: 08/19/24 & 8/26/24

GET IT DAILY...

News Binge: All of last week's stories in one place

SOFTBALL SUCCESS:

The Santa Monica U12 softball team recently returned from the Western National Championships in Salem, Oregon. After a rough start during pool play, the girls found their mojo during bracket elimination play, winning four games and making it all the way to Championship Sunday. They ended up finishing fifth out of 31 teams, one of the best showings for a 12U Santa Monica team in league history.

POTTERY PALACE SPINS UP WELLNESS ON THE WHEEL:

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, something Nicole Peredo has brought to the community at ARTime Barro. The 302 Pico Blvd. location opened three months ago, bridging art and wellness with activities like yoga and sound baths. Peredo noted that these wellness ventures serve Santa Monica's entertainment industry workers, who often need an escape from constant stressors.

LACOE MEETING CLEARS AIR BETWEEN MALIBU, SMMUSD:

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. At an August 7 Los Angeles County Office of Education County Committee on School District Organization meeting, Malibu attorney Christine Wood stated that the city and Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District representatives have made a "considerable amount of progress" on its three key unification tenants: revenue sharing, joint powers and operations. The meeting came after Wood requested the committee set a public hearing on its original 2017 petition for unification, which both parties noted was a temporary impasse. The district Board of Education is planning on voting on a full unification package in October.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTINE PARRA WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION, CITES FAMILY PRIORITIES:

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, such as her mother's ongoing battle with cancer, which made balancing her Council responsibilities "increasingly challenging." 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. Another sitting council member up for reelection, Gleam Davis, has said she will not run again this year.

SANTA MONICA BREW WORKS HOSTS HIT CANINE-THEMED CHARITY EVENT:

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 August 11. 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 lemonade.



Photo by Scott Snowden

DOGS: 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 August 11.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING UP OVER 10% FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS:

During the August 15 meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, the Santa Monica Education Foundation (SMEF) gave 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.

SCENTS OF SANTA MONICA CUSTOM-MADE BY CANDLE WIZ:

The latest addition to the Third Street Promenade is Candles on Tap, a hands-on experience where customers can craft a custom candle from about 85 fragrances to choose from. Open for about a month now, owner Chantel Briann brings the bar to the Promenade after a successful run in San Diego. When a customer comes in, he or she can peruse a catalog of single-scented notes, writing down their favorites on a worksheet, followed by selecting a "candle vessel" with different price points depending on the size and style of the jar.

COUNTDOWN TO 2028: SANTA MONICA MAYOR TAKES PART IN LA OLYMPICS HAND-OFF EVENT:

August 11 marked the closing ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, featuring a preview of Los Angeles' endeavor in 2028, with LA Mayor Karen Bass taking the stage in Paris. Locally, an LA28 event in Inglewood's new Cosm Los Angeles venue featured a viewing party for the closing ceremony and the Olympic flag transfer. Santa Monica

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OPINION | BECOMING SANTA MONICA

Miles Warner

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The Ideological success says nothing of the resulting failure

We in Santa Monica, have been governing by ideology for many years. We measure our policies and their effects by vague standards of moral righteousness, not by quantitative results—not by the numbers—and it's not working!

We see this all over the West Coast, as liberally minded folks want to achieve a just and fair society, and so policy is enacted to achieve that end—but without quantitative results, what that end looks like can be vague and leave both sides of any issue claiming victory.

We see this in the homelessness emergency in Santa Monica where basic information on the number of homeless in our city is unreliable because the city implemented several measures to combat homelessness, without implementing a system to measure those policies and was not making public the information it did have, as our partner agencies had stopped collecting or sharing their data.

In a meeting the city manager told us that measuring the success was less urgent than getting aid to those in need. While I understand his point, it clearly illuminates that we are operating under a mandate to achieve an ideology before specific results, since the means to quantitatively measure success are not incorporated into the policies themselves.

When you work to achieve an ideology, you succeed just by doing it.

We are the home of the homeless. We are a humanitarian bastion. We have achieved our ideological goal. AND we are in a homelessness emergency with no clear measure affirmed plans to move us beyond, because that would require goals that are about achieving specific quantifiable results.

Look at our school system where we hired a consultant team in 2015 to help us improve test scores (measures) for our students of color.

In many ways SMMUSD did not enact the cultural changes the lead author, Dr. Noguera suggested. Instead, the school board continued to operate as it had, with all kinds of ideological fanfare. Every student now must take Ballet Folklorico and 9th grade honors English has been abolished. Problem solved!

They sent out a DEI plan with lots of fancy programs, but the actual issues Dr Noguera highlighted in his report; connecting teaching staff, principals and district administrators, are still not being properly addressed:

"Williamson noted that one of the biggest challenges lies in the area of improving instructional outcomes through professional learning and collaboration, as the work on integrating English Language Development standards and culturally and linguistically responsive practices has not allowed for any spending on the priority." https://smdp.com/2024/02/19/district-lcap-priorities-include-dei-and-expanded-learning-supports/

So ideologically we are doing all sorts of fancy things but the numbers are not significantly changing for our students of color.

There are so many examples of this... Take 'no cash bail'. What a great idea, right? People of color and low means are regressively affected by bail, so let's get rid of it to make our society a more just place.

Well, I agree ideologically... except what's happening if you speak with local police officers, is that people are committing minor crimes, being let out "the back door" and then committing more minor crimes. They don't have the 12-to-24-hour period to think about what they've done. To feel the burn of having to call their family to bail them out. There is no period of consideration and the behavior essentially goes unabated.

Or how we capped rent-control hikes in Santa Monica at $76, which means that the wealthiest renters benefit the most. Ideologically we are capping rent hikes to make rent more affordable, but actually, we're regressively benefiting mostly those who have higher end apartments. The intended result is unclear, but the ideology is crystal.

How did we get here?

Imagine if you will, a time when Santa Monica was a sleepy little beach side town. It's city hall run mostly by members of the chamber of commerce, its shopping districts, including the promenade, somewhat small and quaint. There were jobs at Douglas airlines and beautiful beaches.

Everything was just fine and dandy—as long as you were a male, middle class+, white, homeowner.

Then came the 60's cultural revolution, as well as the interstate 10 freeway, a federal behemoth that carved the city in half, plowing through the Pico neighborhood that had been mostly residents of color (ironically later named 'the Rosa Parks Freeway'.)

In January of 1965, the final segment of the 10-freeway opened for business and modern Santa Monica was born.

It was the 60's, man. Things were afoot. The stodgy square ways of doing things were on the out and the hippies were here to challenge the status quo. It would take a new ideology to change the way of operating, and folks like Tom Hayden changed the way our society and our city engaged with policy.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **69.6**

MONDAY
FAIR

SURF: Thigh to waist 2-3FT

Run of fun zone SSW swell continues to start the new week. NW windswell bumps back up from previous days — that opens a few corners west of Dume but shape will favor spots with some structure. Early tide push will be the window to target.

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: Thigh to waist 2-3FT

SSW swell due to ease a bit, along with the smaller NW windswell. Shape continues to favor structured breaks. Early AM tide push helps, and winds look light then.

Weather

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 75.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 78.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2024/08/19	Mon	04:00 AM	-1.03	L
2024/08/19	Mon	10:17 AM	4.62	H
2024/08/19	Mon	3:26 PM	1.62	L
2024/08/19	Mon	9:39 PM	6.88	H
2024/08/20	Tue	04:34 AM	-0.91	L
2024/08/20	Tue	10:49 AM	4.95	H
2024/08/20	Tue	4:15 PM	1.28	L
2024/08/20	Tue	10:23 PM	6.56	H
2024/08/21	Wed	05:08 AM	-0.57	L
2024/08/21	Wed	11:23 AM	5.27	H
2024/08/21	Wed	5:07 PM	1.05	L
2024/08/21	Wed	11:11 PM	5.96	H
2024/08/22	Thu	05:41 AM	-0.03	L
2024/08/22	Thu	12:00 PM	5.53	H
2024/08/22	Thu	6:04 PM	0.93	L
2024/08/23	Fri	12:04 AM	5.16	H
2024/08/23	Fri	06:15 AM	0.65	L
2024/08/23	Fri	12:40 PM	5.68	H
2024/08/23	Fri	7:07 PM	0.91	L
2024/08/24	Sat	01:06 AM	4.26	H
2024/08/24	Sat	06:48 AM	1.39	L
2024/08/24	Sat	1:25 PM	5.71	H
2024/08/24	Sat	8:24 PM	0.94	L

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8 9 23 29 62
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 35 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 464 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 8/14
3 6 17 42 45
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/15
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Want property taxes to go up? Why California should reject ballot measure easing bond votes

In November, California voters will decide the fate of Proposition 5, which would make it easier for local governments to borrow money for housing and various public infrastructure projects. Below, a taxpayer watchdog says Prop. 5 will essentially let governments increase property taxes whenever they want. The opposing view: A local mayor says the measure will help public agencies pursue vital projects that can make California more affordable.

Proposition 5 makes it easier to raise property taxes.

The November ballot measure gets around Proposition 13's limitations on property tax increases by making it easier for local governments to pass bonds, a method of borrowing money that is then paid back — with interest — by adding extra charges to property tax bills, sometimes for decades.

When property taxes rise, there's little consideration of a homeowner's ability to pay, or any hardship or disability. If people fall behind on their property taxes, their homes can be sold out from under them.

Currently, local bonds require a two-thirds vote of the electorate. This type of taxpayer protection predates the 1879 California Constitution and was first inscribed during the state's inaugural constitutional convention three decades earlier.

The handwritten document from the Gold Rush era states, "It shall be the duty of the legislature to provide for the organization of cities and incorporated villages, and to restrict their power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money, contracting debts, and loaning their credit, so as to prevent abuses in assessments and in contracting debts by such municipal corporations."

Today's legislature thinks it knows better. Prop. 5 would slash the two-thirds vote requirement down to 55%, allowing cities and other local government entities to pile debt onto residents.

In 2000, voters were persuaded to pass Proposition 39 and cut the vote threshold for school bonds from two-thirds down to 55%. In the years since, that's made it much easier for districts to pass parcel taxes to pay for school buildings. We can see the impact on our tax bills.

Prop. 5 would cut the vote requirement for nearly everything else. If the proposition passes, governments will be able to more easily borrow money for "public infrastructure," which includes everything from facilities, parks and emergency services to transit improvements, libraries and ports. The lower vote threshold would also apply to new debt for utilities, disaster protections and home hardening.

It's not just cities and counties that can take on debt, either. So can "a transit district, a regional transportation commission, and an association of governments."

That's not the end of it. There's also the housing component — everything from affordable housing to homelessness facilities, including for people with mental illnesses.

The lower vote threshold similarly applies to new debt to pay for "down payment assistance programs" and "first-time homebuyer programs."

Taken altogether, Prop. 5 is worse than a tax increase — it's a turbo engine to try and raise property taxes whenever government agencies want.

In a sneaky maneuver, the Legislature wrote a provision into Prop. 5 that makes it apply retroactively to any infrastructure and housing bond measure that appears with it on the November ballot. Had Bay Area officials opted to stick with a proposed $20 billion housing bond instead of withdrawing it, it would have only needed 55% approval if Prop. 5 passed at the same time.

Higher property taxes generally raise the cost of housing, and not just for homeowners. Tenants will see higher rents as landlords deal with increases to the cost of providing rental housing. Even the smallest businesses will see rent increases as higher property tax bills are passed onto commercial tenants.

Ultimately, Prop. 5 creates a perverse incentive for local governments to misallocate public funds.

When it's easier to borrow money, some elected officials are likely to spend existing tax revenues on everything except high-priority needs. In future years, municipal budgets could become increasingly strained as more and more revenue gets diverted to repay investors for old debt.

Early Californians had the right idea: The power to incur debt or liability must be tightly controlled to prevent abuses. The two-thirds vote requirement to pass local bonds is a crucial protection for California residents now and in the future.

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If California wants to build more housing, the ballot measure easing bond votes is crucial

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A key principle of our democratic process is that the will of the people prevails. But right now, one-third of our voters can override the will of everyone else.

In California, the will of the majority has historically been vetoed by the will of the minority, especially on issues that impact working-class families and people of color. Since the late 1970s, California's Constitution has required that local bond measures for housing and infrastructure must meet a two-thirds voter threshold to pass.

This has resulted in difficulty meeting the current needs of Californians, many of whom struggle to pay the rent, live paycheck to paycheck and make painful sacrifices to support their children.

In November, Californians will have an opportunity to remove some of the barriers local governments face when building affordable homes. If approved, Proposition 5 will lower the voter threshold for approving bonds used for housing and public infrastructure from two-thirds to 55%.

This isn't novel, either. More than two decades ago, California voters approved Proposition 39 to lower the threshold to pass school bonds to 55%. Since then, school districts throughout the state have been able to get voter approval to fund safety improvements and modernize school facilities.

Roughly 44% of Californians are renters, far more than the national average. More than half are rent burdened, according to the California Housing Partnership, including 28% who are severely rent burdened, spending more than half their income on rent. With the state facing a significant shortage of homes, housing costs remain far too high for California families.

Californians agree that affordable housing is an important issue, yet for decades, the state has struggled to deliver on its end of the bargain and provide it. Part of that is due to the procedural barriers that make it more difficult to build affordable housing, especially in affluent areas.

Under Article 34 of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for increasing the number of low-rent housing projects that receive state or federal funding. Local zoning laws have been used to block the creation of affordable housing, a tactic that was invented in Berkeley in 1916 with the introduction of single-family zoning, which was used to block people of color from moving into an affluent neighborhood.

While Berkeley is working to repeal exclusionary zoning and the state has introduced measures to make it easier to develop affordable housing, more needs to be done to address the deficit of 2.5 million homes that has exacerbated our housing affordability crisis.

As mayor of Berkeley, I'm proud of the work we have done to increase housing production, especially affordable housing. In 2018, Berkeley voters approved Measure O, a $135 million bond for affordable housing. Since its passage, 535 units of housing have been built or are in development, with hundreds more coming. In 2010, there were around 1,100 units of affordable housing in Berkeley. That number is expected to nearly double to above 2,000 in the next few years.

Over the last two years, homelessness in Berkeley has decreased by 20%, including a 45% drop in unsheltered homelessness. These achievements could not have been possible without the support of voter-approved measures.

In response to the continued need to develop affordable housing and address homelessness — in addition to modernizing aging infrastructure — in 2022, the city council placed Measure L on the Berkeley ballot. The $650 million bond would have created more than 1,500 units of affordable housing, rehabilitated crumbling roads, improved traffic safety, buried utility wires and revitalized public buildings.

The measure received 59% of the vote, a convincing majority, but not enough to pass.

While it is too late for Berkeley's Measure L, there are other opportunities ahead.

As Californians, it is our right to tell the government how it should spend our taxpayer funds. If a majority of people believe that general obligation bonds should be issued for critical housing and infrastructure needs, then it should not be blocked by a minority. People may not always agree on everything, but our democratic system allows us to debate the best path forward and collectively implement the will of the people.

Prop. 5 will give more control to the voters in how our money is spent, while making it easier to address some of the most critical issues of our time.

Jesse Arreguin is the mayor of Berkeley and vice president of the Association of Bay Area Governments. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

The Blue Notebook - A Weekly SMPD Recap August 1-11, 2024

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Santa Monica Police Department statistics for the week:

Total Calls for Service (CFS): 2,725 this week. 76,509 YTD (through 8/3). Source of calls:

Citizen Initiated: 1,629 this week. 45,893 YTD (60% of total CFS).

Officer Initiated: 1096 this week. 30,616 YTD (40% of total CFS).

Disposition for CFS: Homeless related = 17% YTD.

Encampment Calls: 41 this week. 935 YTD.

5150 Calls: 7 this week. 399 YTD.

Arrests: 58 Total this week. 1,621 YTD.

Patrol Operations Division

Hate Crime – 3200 block of Pico Blvd. Unknown person(s) painted swastika symbols on the victim's business sign. A report was taken and forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Division for follow up.

Sexual Assault/Robbery – 1500 Palisades Park. The homeless victim was forcefully grabbed and pulled into some bushes where he was sodomized and robbed of his belongings. A report was taken and forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division for follow up. The suspect is believed to be homeless.

Assault with Deadly Weapon/Handgun – 00 block of Arcadia Terrace. The victim confronted the suspect, who was in the process of stealing a bike. As the suspect walked away, he pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the victim. The victim stopped following him and called the police. The suspect left prior to police arrival. A report was taken and forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division for follow up.

Lewd Activity – 1700 block of Ocean Ave. A group of social media influencers known for setting up and catching child predators on YouTube contacted the police and advised them they had a suspect detained for attempting to contact a minor for sexual purposes. The suspect was arrested. A report was taken and forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division for follow up.

Felony Warrant Arrest – 100 block of Pico. Officers stopped a subject for a Municipal Code violation and determined he had a felony vandalism warrant. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Domestic Violence – 1900 block of Ocean Way. The suspect (boyfriend) was engaged in a heated argument with the victim (girlfriend). During the argument, the suspect punched the victim. Officers took the suspect into custody without incident.

Assault with Deadly Weapon/Knife – 400 block of Colorado. Officers were flagged down regarding a suspect attempting to stab people with a knife. The suspect ran from the officers. After a short distance, the suspect was taken into custody. The knife was recovered at the scene.

Sexual Battery – 200 block of Broadway. Officers were in their patrol car at an intersection when they observed the suspect slap the buttocks of a female as she walked past him. Officers took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect is homeless.

Commercial Burglary – 1400 Ocean Ave. The suspect made entry into the building and took items from within business. Officers responded and observed the suspect running away from the location. Officers caught up to the suspect and took him into custody. The suspect is homeless.

Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) Team

HLP Team stats for the week

562 Homeless related CFS (19% of total) / YTD is 12,787 Homeless related CFS (17% of total)

41 Total Encampment CFS (935 YTD) -this does not include 311 calls regarding encampments.

HLP Team Stats

98 - Calls for service

21 - 311 requests handled

86 - Self-initiated activity

1 - Felony arrest

64 - Field interviews/advisal's

7 - Citations

83 - Referrals to services

10 - Encampments addressed

DMH/HLP Clinician Stats

3 - 5150 evaluations/mental health holds

Meetings and Collaborations

HLP Team members met with a sergeant, senior lead officer, and patrol officer from LAPD's Pacific Division. The meeting established stronger lines of communication between the two entities, specifically to address encampment issues along Santa Monica's southern border.

NOTABLE EVENTS

On 8/1/2024 HLP Team members, West Coast Care and Salvation army conducted a livability operation on the beach area north of the Pier (1500-1200 blocks). Multiple subjects were contacted, advised of violations, referred to either Project Homecoming and connected to local city resources.

On 8/2/2024, HLP Team members performed checks of the south beach area bordering Venice for active encampments and tents. Several contacts were made and three written advisals were issued. Each contact was advised of the municipal code violations and educated on the resources available to them in the city.

On 8/7/2024, HLP Team Officers observed a large, abandoned collection of trash on the corner of Santa Monica Blvd and Euclid. The HOST Team was contacted and within the hour the trash was removed, and the area cleaned.

On 8/8/2024 HLP Team members contacted a subject who was in an encampment on the sidewalk by Main and Colorado. The encampment was preventing pedestrian movement on the sidewalk. The subject was unwilling to provide her name and she was subsequently detained for blocking the sidewalk. A department fingerprint reader was utilized which revealed her name. A criminal records check revealed she had a warrant for public camping. The subject was arrested for public camping, blocking the sidewalk, and delaying a peace officer. During a search incident to arrest it was discovered the subject had a meth pipe in her possession. The subject was arrested for the above violations and subsequently placed on a mental health hold (a "5150 hold") by the department's DMH Clinician partner. The subject was transported to a Downtown medical center.

On 8/8/2024, HLP Team Officers received an email from a local business owner of the 'Palms and Paws' veterinary center. The owner was requesting help with a subject who had been camped in their alley for over a week.

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Classifieds

Summons

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF HAND State of South Dakota County of HandIn Circuit Court Third Judicial Circuit Case 29CIV24-000018Plaintiffs BETH JULIAR, NEAL JULIAR, DIANE HOLT, ALAN HOLT, BRIAN HOLT, DAVID HOLT, JANET FOUSHEE, AND DARYL FOUSHEEVsDefendant MARVIN L FOUSHEE SUMMONS NOTICE: THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint of the above-named Plaintiffs, which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the subscriber of the office of Victor B. Fischbach at Fischbach Law Office, 14 2nd Ave SE, PO Box 1456, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57402-1456 within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Complaint upon you, exclusive of the day of such service. You are further notified that if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default may be rendered against you as requested in the Complaint. Dated this 5th day of April, 2024 Luster B. Frishbash. Victor B. Fishbash Fishbash Law Office Attorney For Plaintiff14 2nd St Ave SE/PO Box 1456Aberdeen, SD 57402-1456605-225–1000 .

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No/ 24SMCP00390Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition Stephanie Eve Urness for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Stephanie Eve Urness a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Stephanie Eve Urness to Stephanie Eve Bender The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 09/20/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: -. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LASC North Central District Burbank CourtHouse 300 E Olive Ave Burbank, CA 92502. . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No/ 24SMCP00403Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition Sharzad Taji Mohajerian for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Sharzad Taji Mohajerian a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Sharzad Taji Mohajerian to Sharzad Taji. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 10/04/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: -. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LASC North Central District Burbank CourtHouse 300 E Olive Ave Burbank, CA 92502. . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No/ 24STRCP00302Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition Jon Bentley Coast for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Jon Bentley Coast a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Jon Bentley Coast to Jon Bentley Roberts Coast. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 09/20/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: M Room: 350. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LASC North Central District Burbank CourtHouse 300 E Olive Ave Burbank, CA 92502. . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No/ 24SMCP00391Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition Katrina Samantha Nicdao for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Katrina Samantha Nicdao a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Katrina Samantha Nicdao to Katrina Samantha Nicdao. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 09/20/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90034 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00345Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Hisayo Noguchi for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Hisayo Noguchi a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Hisayo Noguchi toHisayo Mann The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 08/30/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 11725 Main St. Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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DONUTS

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years for the perfect treat that tackled her gluten intolerance. What came of it was the always-baked, never fried new sensation of Santa Monica.

"As a baker, I couldn't find anything that was good enough, that tasted like it wasn't gluten-free, and I'm super particular," Truman said. "So I just started (making) my own stuff. I would take recipes I love that were filled with sugar, gluten, etc., and I would just modify them dozens and dozens of times until they tasted as good, if not better than the original, but healthier."

The recipe that initially put Truman on the map was the gluten-free, low-sugar Banancy Bread, a mesh of chocolate and "really ripe bananas" that added the sweet touch. Selling the bread at the Mar Vista Farmers Market, she caught the attention of enough customers that she evolved into embracing other creations like the "fōnut."

Hailing from New York City in a design management operations background, Thom Furtado embraced both the product and the person, eventually wedding the cuisine queen and becoming an integral part of the Fōnuts expansion.

Though he laughed when asked if he wanted to join his wife's endeavor, he said that being asked to do so turned out swimmingly.

"She convinced me six years ago or so, I just joined as operational design support," Furtado said. "She's definitely the genius, (this is) nothing without her brilliance."

Truman feels differently, crediting her husband for the store's design choices along the way. Before popping up on Montana, the Fōnuts movement was already in full swing in West Hollywood and Studio City, with Furtado a key piece of the latter store's aesthetic.

"I would not have the business without my husband," Truman said. "He designed and built the entire shop, he's behind the scenes, he does everything ... I'm just in the kitchen, I only create the things, he does everything else."

Furtado said he wanted to "do something different" than other locations, bringing a "cleaner" and "more modern" vibe to Montana's high-end business scene.

"Nancy was really inspired by the old European bakeries with everything in the window, so we wanted to try and do that, that's why we pulled the counter right up to the window ... (we) wanted to have a rich feel," he added.

The space is just the donut hole to the actual Fōnuts brand, with Furtado noting that the public has gravitated toward the basics. The churro-flavored fōnut, he said, is "hands down" the pick of the litter, and that customers also crave strawberry shortcake, blueberry earl grey, vanilla and double chocolate.

Also crafted in mini-size, the signature item of the shop is just the beginning, as the duo has added to the menu in recent years. Truman has updated past recipes such as a Crostata, an Italian cake recipe given to her from her best friend's grandmother 30 years ago.

Going even further back, she has also modified her mother's original carrot cake recipe from 50 years back, adding to the assortment of fōnuts and cookies. Truman is also looking toward the future, currently working on gluten-free dog treats to serve during September's Day of the Dog festival.

Stating that "one of the most satisfying experiences" is turning the tide on people's opinions of gluten-free treats, Furtado wants Montana Avenue to know that the elevated snack is here to stay.

"There's only a couple spots where our product really is going to thrive, and Montana is definitely one of them ... we're really excited," he said.

Fōnuts is now open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, and online orders can also be made through fonuts.com.

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Thomas Leffler

DONUTS: The selections at Fōnuts provide top-level taste and give Montana Avenue customers a healthier donut option.

CRIME

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HLP Officers contacted the subject and offered resources, unfortunately he refused them. The subject was ultimately issued a citation and he agreed to take his property and leave the location. The remaining trash left by the subject was disposed of by the Mariposa team. Other business owners in the alley expressed their gratitude for the work that was performed.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT (CAU)

Beat 1

The Beat 1 Neighborhood Resource Officer received a complaint from Red O restaurant on Ocean Avenue. The manager from the location advised that a vendor was selling t-shirts in front of the restaurant and harassing customers. The vendor was identified and the NRO advised the Red O manager of steps to take in the future should the vendor return. NROs have been conducting extra patrols in the area.

The Beat 1 NRO and Crime Prevention Coordinator (CPC) attended a Community Corp Santa Monica (CCSM) walk-through at a building on Lincoln Blvd. The purpose of the walk thru was to identify any security concerns for the building. During the walk-through some issues were observed. The CPC will forward the information to CCSM and assist with solutions.

Beat 2

The Beat 2 NRO and CPC attended a Neighborhood Watch Meeting for residents living on the 2100 block of Marine Street to address general complaints involving catalytic converter thefts, residential burglaries and general safety. Crime statistics were shared, and questions answered.

The Beat 2 NRO and CPC attended a Neighborhood Watch Meeting for residents living at the 1300 block of Grant Street. Most complaints revolved around homelessness, vehicle burglaries / thefts and asked about resources available to residents. Residents were very appreciative and inquired if meetings could be conducted on a regular basis.

The Beat 2 and Beat 3 NROs met with residents in a multi-unit apartment complex on Pico Blvd. They complained of children being loud and being disruptive. They were referred to the Community Corp SM administrator to file complaints on other tenants. They were also instructed to call police dispatch (emergency and non-emergency) regarding any confrontations with any tenants.

Beat 3

The Beat 3 NRO received a request from a synagogue asking for assistance in August with the transportation of their Torah due to security concerns. Community Affairs will be assisting with traffic control for the two-block escort.

NRO Galvan spoke with a resident in the 1400 block of Princeton regarding a subject on a dirt bike speeding and doing wheelies up and down the street. The resident was asked to call dispatch when this occurs, and NRO's will be completing periodic checks in the area.

NRO Galvan received a complaint from residents in the 1200 block of 17th St. regarding trash left on their private property from a transient. The residents were told the city cannot remove trash from private property and they could dispose of the trash however they felt appropriate. NROs will be checking with Code Enforcement to see if anything further can be done.

Beat 4

The Beat 4 NRO handled a reoccurring issue around 7th Street and Arizona Avenue of suspicious subjects seen walking by a residence. One subject appears to drop an unknown item in front of the yard. The NRO was unable to find any evidence of a crime.

The Beat 4 NRO trained two new hires for a segment in the New Hire Orientation explaining the roles of NROs and Community Affairs.

PRICES

FROM PAGE 1

prices in particular have deflated further.

"As summer driving season comes to a gradual close, we continue to see gasoline prices declining in most of the country as demand remains muted," said GasBuddy head of petroleum analysis Patrick De Haan. "Incredibly, the drop has also caused diesel fuel prices to crumble to their lowest level since before Russia's invasion of Ukraine."

The national and Los Angeles decreases also match up locally, with Santa Monica prices taking a strong dip over the summer months, even during the height of vacation-bound driving. From June 11 to August 13, 12 of the 14 gas stations covered each week in the Daily Press' Gas Buddy feature graphic saw drops anywhere from 26 cents per gallon to 80 cents per gallon. Averaging the two-months stretch, the 14 gas stations dropped an average of 41 cents per gallon.

Food prices in Los Angeles saw the slightest of noticeable decreases, 0.1%, with the Bureau breaking the necessity into six categories: Cereals and Bakery Products, Meats, Poultry, Fish and Eggs; Dairy and Related Products, Fruits and Vegetables, Nonalcoholic Beverages and Other Foods.

Although food costs are technically down, it still doesn't feel that way for grocery shoppers, and taking a macro view of the nation's costs shows locals why. According to pricing databases Numbeo and Payscale, both Santa Monica and Los Angeles prices on everyday foods blow past the national average in many cases.

Per Payscale, Santa Monica's grocery prices are 11% higher than the national average, with Numbeo providing specifics. For a dozen eggs, both Santa Monica and Los Angeles' average prices are at $4.91, more than a dollar over the national average ($3.68). This trend continues when looking at a loaf of fresh white bread, which is $3.58 nationally, $4.41 in Santa Monica and an even more pricey $5.07 in Los Angeles.

When speaking on prices, one of the most highlighted categories is usually housing, which went up by 0.6% in the CPI-U (taking into account both rent and utilities), and 4.8% year-over-year. Payscale adds that housing expenses are a jaw-dropping 389% higher in Santa Monica than the national average, while utility prices are 11% above the average.

One silver lining is that median rent in Santa Monica has dropped 4.9% over the past year, according to ApartmentList, with a current median rent being $2,307 per month for a one-bedroom and $2,765 for a two-bed. Out of the 26 cities within the Los Angeles metro area, the 4.9% drop is the second-sharpest, trailing only West Hollywood's 5.3% fall.

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HEAL THE BAY

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based in Santa Monica, has secured a $30,000 Whale Tail grant to support its Adopt-A-Beach program. The grant, partially funded by sales of the Whale Tail specialty license plates, is aimed at advancing coastal stewardship and environmental education across California.

Whale Tail grants are awarded to initiatives focused on experiential learning and conservation of the state's coastline and watersheds. Projects can engage participants of all ages and take place anywhere in California. For the fiscal year 2023-2024, the grant program will distribute approximately $2 million, with individual awards capped at $50,000. At least 25% of the funds are earmarked for small grants of $20,000 or less.

The program receives financial backing from state budget allocations, donations through the Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund — an option on California state tax forms — and sales of the Whale Tail Coastal Protection License Plate. Since its inception in 1998, the Whale Tail Grants Program has awarded $23.5 million to over 1,000 environmental projects across the state.

Proceeds from the Whale Tail plates support key initiatives like the California Coastal Commission's Adopt-A-Beach Program, Coastal Cleanup Day, and various other conservation projects statewide.

"Adopt-A-Beach is a statewide program that the Coastal Commission is the coordinator for statewide, but the program is actually run on the ground by local organizations like Heal the Bay, and it's in almost every coastal County in California," said Christiane Parry, Director of Public Programs, California Coastal Commission, adding, "And there are something like close to 300 adoptable beaches statewide. And if you go on the website, you can see the list of adoptable beaches and beach managers and you can get a sense of the scope of the program."

In Los Angeles County alone, there are 22, including Santa Monica Beach, north or south of the Pier at 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk and Venice Beach, between Washington Blvd, Rose Ave, or Venice Blvd. Parry explains that different cities each have a slightly different approach. Here, in the Santa Monica Bay, lots of people can adopt the same beach, that way, she says, there's a greater chance that it will remain clean and cared for.

Much of the time, it tends to be school groups, businesses or various other community organizations, but sometimes individual people or families choose to adopt. But in order to adopt, simple commitments must be made, including a minimum number of beach cleans. Heal the Bay organizes beach cleans fairly regularly and often they'll include an education element too.

"It's all about trying to be a good steward of the ocean," said Sarah Christie, Legislative Director, California Coastal Commission.

Heal the Bay was founded in 1985 by a group of citizens led by environmental activist Dorothy Green. The organization has become a prominent advocate for the environment in California and is particularly known for its annual report card ratings of the water quality at beaches along the Pacific coast. It was also active in advocating for restrictions on plastic bags in California.

The subject of water quality was recently making headlines again, although this time it was regarding the cleanliness of the River Seine and the Paris Olympics together with the fact that in four short years, the Olympic Games will be coming to Los Angeles. The water quality in Santa Monica Bay is something that's of great importance to both the California Coastal Commission and Heal the Bay, in particular the area surrounding the Pier.

In November of last year, City Council voted to look into ways to reduce the amount of avian fecal matter that significantly affects the water. The seemingly innocent act of feeding birds near the Pier actually contributes significantly to bacterial contamination in the waters surrounding the iconic Santa Monica landmark, which prompted councilmembers to unanimously approve new rules that prohibit feeding birds and animals in that area.

"The end goal is to get Santa Monica Pier off of the 'beach bummer list,' so I am optimistic, but right now, there's just so many questions, it's hard to say what the solutions are going to be," said Annelisa Moe, Associate Director, Science & Policy for Heal the Bay.

She said that since run-off water wasn't being discharged anymore from the Pier pipe and was instead being redirected to a water treatment facility, the quality has definitely improved.

"I think it was 2018 or 2019 when that facility came online. And actually for a couple of years, we saw an improvement – that was the two years when the Pier came off the 'bummer list,' it was still like, a D grade, it wasn't great, but it did improve a little bit,' Moe said, adding, "But since then, it's declined again. So we know that was an issue and it got addressed. But it's not the silver bullet of what's going to fix water quality."

Moe said that as long as there's a pier, there will be problems. "When you have food, you have people, you have trash, it's going to attract birds … There's also the issue that an area is always in shade, so you don't get the same UV radiation that can help break down bacteria and things like that," she said.

Heal the Bay is currently in discussions with the City of Santa Monica to put together a task force to look extensively at what has been done and can be done. "I know that the city has done things like putting up bird bedding, although right now, if you go down there and take a look under the pier, it's in disrepair right now. There are definitely major gaps where the netting is ineffective," Moe said.

"The end goal there is to get Santa Monica Pier off of the beach bummer list. So I am optimistic, but right now, there are just so many questions, it's hard to say what the solutions are going to be," Moe said, adding, "Honestly though, if people walk just 100 yards in either direction of the Pier, it's perfectly safe to swim. So it's really just making sure that folks aren't entering the water right there at the Pier.

For more information, visit the coastal.ca.gov website or the Heal the Bay site at healthebay.org.

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BECOMING

FROM PAGE 3

We needed something far reaching to change the way people saw their world, and the hippies brought it. Following the 10-freeway connecting our once sleepy town to center of Los Angeles, our local folks saw that renters were at risk of getting priced out of their homes and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights was born.

It took a vision, and a strong ideology to break the cultural norms and to make our city one that took care of its least privileged citizens. It took doing "the right thing" to enact rent control and put our schools and public works first—to build out the promenade etc. It took careful zoning and a belief that we should lead the way, with far reaching building regulation to create a more functional and just society.

But ideology may help you break the barriers that seem unbreakable, but it will only get you so far. You need to have specific achievable and quantifiable results in mind if you want to actually succeed. You need to use the data to retool programs, cutting those that don't work and adjusting those that the data suggests need editing.

Because any vision can be a success—if success is measured solely by how things feel and sound.

So, Santa Monica, are you ready to grow up? To move beyond the cultural revolution and actually govern—actually put achieving results ahead of the ideological success? To start with a clear result, and work towards specifically achieving that?

Miles Warner is a Santa Monica parent and resident. His column will explore the emerging and changing identity of our city and stir the pot…a bit

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Increase the Maximum Allowed Height of Fences, Walls, and Hedges in the Front Setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 Zoning Districts and to Address the Rules for Measuring the Heights of Fences, Walls, and Hedges Located on Top of Retaining Walls.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum allowed height of fences, walls, and hedges in the front setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts and to address the rules for measuring the heights of fences, walls, and hedges located on top of retaining walls.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

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

At the August 27, 2024 Regular Meeting of the City Council, pursuant to SMMC Section 9.46.030(A), the Council will be considering the adoption of a Resolution of Intention directing the Planning Commission to initiate an amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance for the above. If the City Council does not adopt the Resolution of Intention on August 27, 2024, the Planning Commission will not conduct this public hearing on September 4, 2024.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Shira Moch, Associate Planner**
Re: Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Limits Text Amendment

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

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

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

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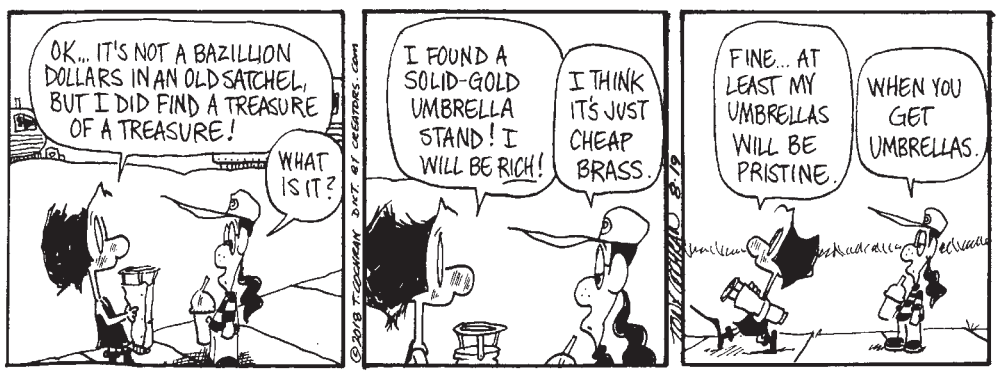
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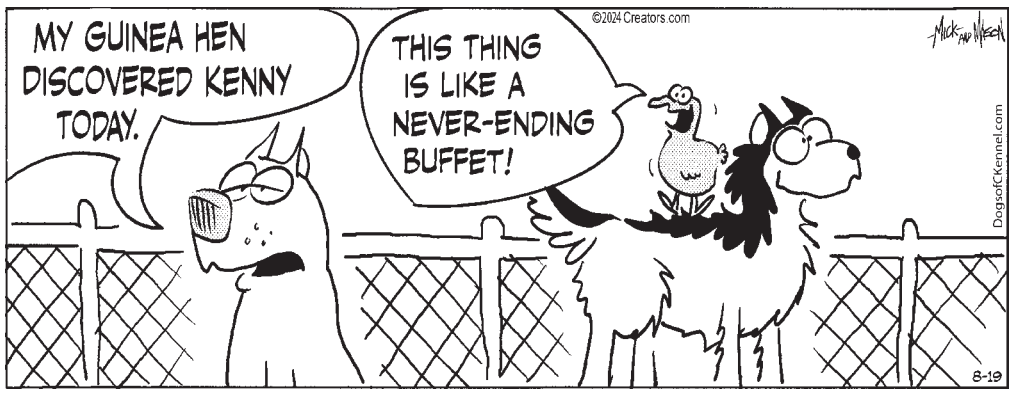
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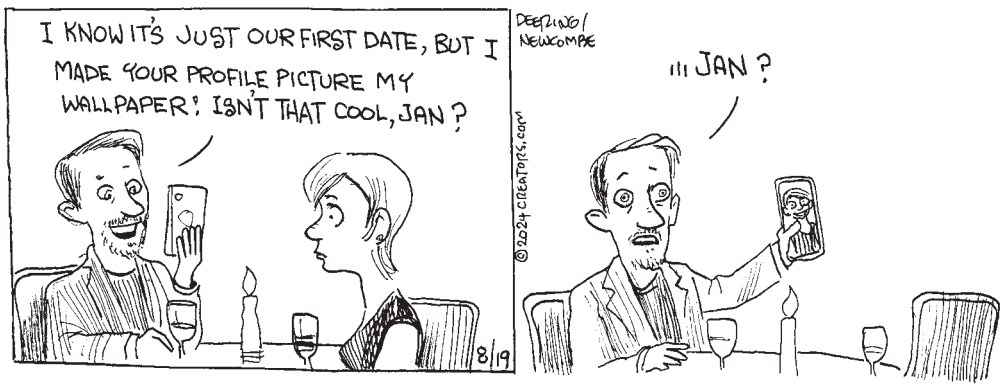
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FIND THE WORDS

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 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Amphibian	Deer	Gnus	Otter
Apes	Dingo	Guanaco	Panda
Badger	Dubbo	Horse	Picnic
Barn	Eagles	Impala	Possum
Bats	Emus	Jackal	Puma
Bears	Exit	Kite	Quokka
Bird	Feed	Lion	Rhinoceros
Bison	Fish	Lizard	Sheep
Camel	Food	Llama	Snake
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19)

You will create, live and tell many stories in the months to come. Cycles of excitement will be tempered by periods of tranquility. Comfortable rhythm develops between extremes. Stress melts away as you focus on making yourself — your life, your environment — a nurturing place to grow the riches of your soul. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 30, 31, 13 and 8.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no reason to focus on the shame of unrealized goals, past mistakes or current shortcomings. Your courage can be put to better use by focusing on what's going right and well. You hold the keys. Break free.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your time and attention are precious, and you'll figure out just how to apply them to the best effect. Knowing what matters will save you from fussing over what doesn't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've seen things, yet you're not jaded. This is the beauty of your mind, a mind that remains open and curious. Who else benefits from your optimism? Anyone you're close to, as your perspective brightens the way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Responsibilities have weight. Some feel heavier than lead. But if you don't raise yourself to the highest standards, who will? Your commitment to excellence will make you strong and shape you into a person of integrity and resilience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Greatness has little to nothing to do with perfection. In fact, things that are "too perfect" are widely considered uncool. Your greatness will come in a less-than-perfect form. Be proud and soak in the applause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Problems take up mental space, and solutions free up space. The real trick is in protecting that space and building something intentional there instead. If you don't do this, a new problem will drop right in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll stand where fellow travelers stood. A feeling will come over you. The smooth stones underfoot hold stories of countless others, each faced with their own decisions, which brings the choice ahead of you into vivid focus.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who do nothing aren't criticized like those who put themselves on the line regularly. Temper the feedback by giving yourself a lot more credit for having the courage to initiate. Your courage is admirable and should be commended.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you choose who you want to hang out with, you are, in a sense, choosing who you want to be. People pick things up from those close to them. The company you keep will influence you in noticeable ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll improve your lifestyle in one way that ends up touching several other areas of your life over the course of the season. This is why you can never underestimate the power of small, lovely gestures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Avoid competitive people today. Their covert mission to best you will only complicate your mission to be your best. It's more fun to be around agreeable people who keep it light and bring a spark of playfulness to the scene.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though it's stressful to be battling it out, either side you're on is going to be less stressful than the middle position, striving for diplomacy and neutrality. At least on one side, you know where you stand and what you're fighting for.

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

1	2	4	6	3	8	9	7	5
3	7	5	1	2	9	6	4	8
9	8	6	7	4	5	3	2	1
5	4	2	3	1	7	8	9	6
6	3	1	9	8	4	2	5	7
7	9	8	2	5	6	1	3	4
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Newsday Crossword

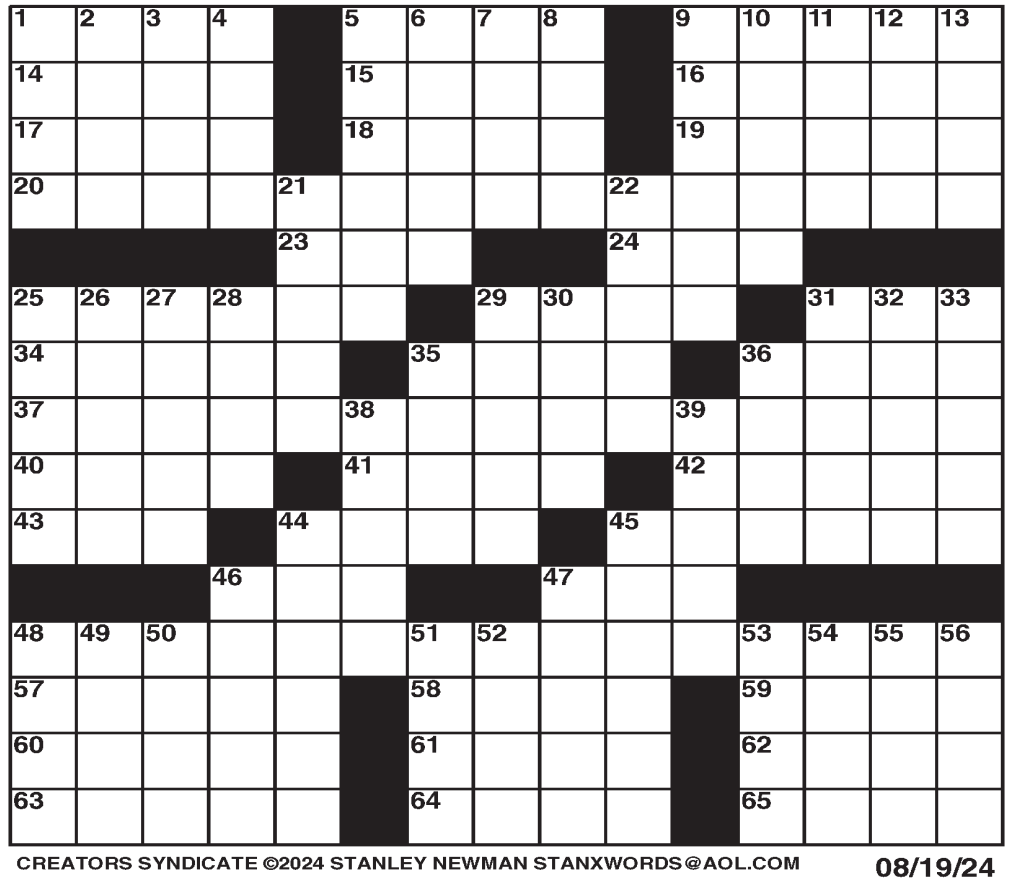
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ACROSS

1 __ yet (so far)
5 This-for-that trade
9 Reads electronically
14 Letterhead emblem
15 Threesome of performers
16 Hot chocolaty drink
17 A sight for __ eyes
18 Fathers of lambs
19 __ a limb (in a risky position)
20 "Buy it all here" store convenience
23 Billboard postings
24 Service charge
25 Pass by, as time
29 Chillier than cool
31 "That's what YOU think!"
34 Pester persistently
35 __ fish sandwich
36 1000 grams, for short
37 Store's outdoor convenience for motorists
40 Stare at
41 "Electric" fishes
42 Ocean's coral structures
43 Very small
44 Change for a $20 bill
45 Attends, as a concert
46 __ Diego, CA
47 Dapper __ (well-dressed guy)
48 When a never-closed store is open
57 Became victorious in
58 Very, very impressed
59 Go by car or horse
60 Blacksmith's heavy block
61 Whodunit's hint
62 Top pair in poker
63 Hair arrangement
64 Sports cable channel
65 Mailed away

DOWN

1 In addition
2 Any day now
3 Fairy tale beast
4 Opponents
5 Walked with long steps
6 Prepares a gift package
7 Points at a target
8 Expensively furnished
9 __ out (examined carefully)
10 Two-door sporty car
11 First part of a play
12 When AM meets PM
13 Performed a tune
21 Eat a sample of
22 Court __ (trial venue)
25 Establish, as a scholarship
26 Big T-shirt size
27 Physically nimble
28 Install, as a sidewalk
29 Ringlets of hair
30 Major burden
31 Stays out of sight
32 High in the air
33 "In what way?"
35 At that time
36 Bendable leg part
38 Very small
39 Clothes-pressing appliances
44 Tell a secret
45 Home's plot with vegetables
46 Slow creature in a shell
47 Next to be at bat
48 "__ the night before Christmas..."
49 Refuses to
50 Jealous emotion
51 Look directly at
52 Birds that hoot
53 Historical periods
54 "...and __ versa"
55 Home for Adam and Eve
56 Home built by a bird



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NEWS

FROM PAGE 2

Mayor Phil Brock was in attendance, noting that the city is still intended to be the venue for Beach Volleyball and that he is busy "beginning to prepare to make sure Santa Monica shines." Olympic golfing will also be in the area, officially announced as taking place at The Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades.

DISTRICT TK EXPANSION BUCKS STATEWIDE ENROLLMENT TRENDS:

Despite statewide concerns about stagnant enrollment in California Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs, those concerns don't apply to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), as the district's TK expansion has continued into the upcoming school year. With all districts required to offer the four-year-old grade level beginning in 2025-26, the SMMUSD TK program has added two new classrooms this year and is now at 14 classrooms in total. While the majority of classrooms are general education, two of them are "co-teaching" arrangements featuring a gen-ed teacher and a special education teacher sharing the curriculum and assessment.

SANTA MONICA STARTUP IS OFFERING THERAPY THROUGH AN AI-BASED LEARNING APP:

A local Santa Monica startup has developed a unique software application that encourages the user to write a journal, which then allows an artificial intelligence to "get to know you" and offer positive mental health advice. Called Rosebud, it "provides personalized feedback and guidance" as you write, getting to know your life, goals, challenges and relationships. Co-founded by Chrys Bader and Sean Dadashi, they form half off a team of four based in a small office on Main Street. The app recently became available for the first time on iOS and Android through the App Store and Google Play.

COUNCIL RACE TAKES SHAPE WITH 11 INDIVIDUALS FILING FOR FOUR SEATS:

Santa Monica's options for the November election have mostly taken shape with a combined 21 candidates running for seats on City Council, Rent Control Board, School Board and College Board. As of 5:30 p.m. on August 14, 11 of the 21 individuals that had initially pulled papers in the race for City Council filed their applications. Four candidates are already running as a slate (Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell and Natalya Zernitskaya). Incumbents Phil Brock and Oscar de la Torre are expected to announce two individuals to join them as a competing slate.

RENT CONTROL BOARD AMENDS REGULATION ON SECURITY DEPOSITS, ALIGNING WITH STATE LAWMAKERS:

At the end of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board's August 8 meeting, the board unanimously revised regulations to align with a new state law, prohibiting landlords from collecting a security deposit on an apartment above one month's rent. Requiring two or three months of rent as a deposit has been a barrier preventing apartment hunters from finding their abodes, and California is now the 12th state in the nation to limit deposits in this manner. Elsewhere, a bill currently making its way through the state legislature would make several changes on the actual return of security deposits from landlord to renter after their tenancy, holding landlords accountable to provide evidence of repairs if a deposit is withheld.

SANTA MONICA RUGBY CLUB PLAYS WITH PRIDE DESPITE TOUGH SEVENS TOURNAMENT:

Following qualification for the USA Rugby National Sevens Championship for the first time in six years, the Santa Monica Rugby Club traveled to Madison, Wisconsin this month to play the best in the country. Despite not progressing beyond their group stage, the team finished two places above their seeded position and given the semi-pro standard of some of the squads they faced, it can still be considered a victory. Rugby Club President Steven Johnson said the outing was a positive and is "something to build on for next year."

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MONDAY | AUGUST 19

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led online discussion of a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. August 19, 2024: The Universe in a Nutshell by Stephen Hawking. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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.

TUESDAY | AUGUST 20

BOOKS AND BAGELS
Join organizers the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. They will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things they've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert. Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Boulevard. 12:30 p.m.

MYSTERIOUS BOOK CLUB
Join organizers for the next meeting with readers who love mystery and suspense. They are reading Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz. They welcome new members. Come even if you haven't read the book. You can meet everyone and you'll know the title for next month. Moonflower Murders is a deviously dark take on vintage English crime fiction. A book within a book. This book has some of the characters from Magpie Murders, both real and fictional (real in the book at least) - Susan Ryeland, the fictional Atticus Pund, and the hovering presence of Alan Conway the author, in a sense, of the murders both fictional and "real." If you haven't read Magpie Murders don't worry. You don't have to have read the first book to enjoy this one. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. 1:30 p.m.

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
This lively group of avid readers meets on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss a work of nonfiction. Books selected for discussion can be new or old and come from a wide array of genres, styles, and authors. August 20: The Pigeon Tunnel by John LeCarre
Titles for the upcoming month are available to check out at the Brentwood Branch Library circulation desk. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles. 5:10 p.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 21

FALL PREVENTION DO'S & DON'TS
WISE and Healthy Aging is presenting a program on fall prevention. Falling is not a natural part of aging. Learn about the risks for falling and how you can prevent them. At the end of the hour participants will receive a free nightlight. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. 11 a.m.

AUTHOR TALK WITH SHELBY VAN PELT
Remarkably Bright Creatures is a luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium—and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago. Charming, compulsively readable, and full of wit, Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a beautiful exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope—a reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible. Register online at https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/53271/register. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC
Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 4:30 - 7 p.m.

COME SING WITH THE BAND - LIVE BAND KARAOKE!
Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM.
Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM.
2 drink minimum.
Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St,

THURSDAY | AUGUST 22

JOB HUNTING HELP WITH CHRYSALIS
Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their free employment training and job placement programs. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

TECH & TASKS
Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

NIGHT MARKET AT THE BUNGALOW
Brent Bolthouse's vision for the Night Market at The Bungalow Santa Monica is brought to life this summer, offering an enchanting blend of culinary delights, live entertainment, and community spirit. The ultimate foodie event of the summer with food vendors, beverage activations, family-friendly activities, live musical and DJ performances, and celebrity guest appearances. Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard. 5 - 10 p.m.

Play in Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica's Inaugural Golf Tournament!

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