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District staff hones in on key priorities before school return



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PRIORITIES: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) staff took part in team-building activities Monday focusing on the district's six key priorities.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The leaders of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) are in lockstep heading into the 2024-25 school year, creating unified priorities to guide the district in what's sure to be an intriguing 10 months ahead.

With students officially back on campuses Thursday, SMMUSD's staff gathered at Samohi's Barnum Hall Monday for an annual convocation event, gaining insight into the district's six priorities: Reclassification, Special Education, Transformative Approaches, Maintenance, Fiscal Services and a Guaranteed Viable Curriculum.

"These approaches will support and maintain our focus on key areas that will support all of our students," SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton said of the priority list.

Reclassification deals with multilingual learners' path to becoming proficient in English reading, writing, listening and speaking. District Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Ashley Benjamin stated at a recent Board of Education retreat that 103 students were reclassified in 2023-24, and that 138 of the Class of 2024 graduates met the criteria for the State Seal of Biliteracy, achievements the district can build on in 2024-25.

"We ensure that our multilingual learners thrive academically by monitoring their progress and by providing explicit and intentional instruction in English language development," Benjamin said.

The district's Special Education focus will continue this year as well, which includes a continuation of campus "life skills classrooms" that pilot what Director of Special Education Victoria Hurst called a "unique learning curriculum," adopted for the Alternative Diploma Pathway. In addition, elementary and middle school Specialized Academic Instruction teachers were recently provided with initial training on a "science of reading" aligned intervention plan that can be used for struggling students.

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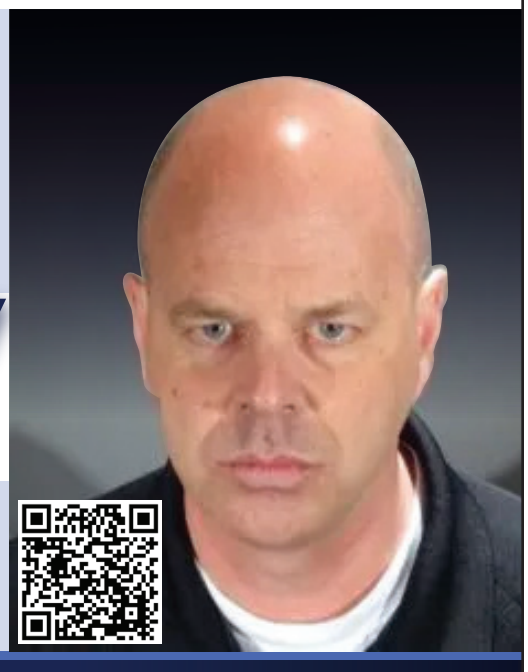
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WHAT WE KNOW:
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Palisades' Partain, partner pumped for Santa Monica's Olympic spotlight



Photo by Thomas Leffler

VOLLEYBALL: Andy Benesh and Miles Partain made a name for themselves in Paris, and are now looking ahead to 2028's Beach Volleyball competition in Santa Monica.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

When asked what having the 2028 Olympics Beach Volleyball games take place in Santa Monica meant to him, Pacific Palisades native Miles Partain said he's already made some plans for the occasion.

"If there's no red lights, it'd probably be like a four minute drive, maybe five-six minute drive from my house … I definitely could bike there, AirBnB the house, and make a bunch of money or something," Partain said with a smile. "We'll see what our family does with that, but it'll be cool. I grew up playing at that beach."

The 22-year-old volleyball phenom's light-hearted but confident answer echoes the maturity process for Team USA's youngest-ever men's beach volleyball athlete. Although Partain and Rancho Palos Verdes native Andy Benesh didn't grace the medal stand in the Paris Olympics, taking fifth for the U.S., the duo became closer as a unit and will vie to represent both their country and home area in 2028.

Benesh added that it would be "iconic" to play in Santa Monica with the Pier in the background, but the road to 2028 will have them staving off other contenders on the national circuit.

"It's a long ways away, but we'll try our hardest to be able to be in that position to represent our country again," Benesh said.

The two first met when Partain was still at Palisades High, serving as a true student-athlete. At Palisades, not only was the athlete a three-time California Interscholastic League All-City Division 1 Team member, he also was named the Valedictorian for the class of 2020. Partain stated that he knew the track of classes he needed to take for the honor, maximizing the probability of being rewarded for his academic excellence, and added that AP Chemistry was the class that stuck with him.

"I had some really good teachers along the way, (had) some clutch test scores that helped … I didn't feel like I was naturally the smartest kid there, but the way I planned it helped tremendously," Partain said.

Benesh took note of his younger counterpart's dedication both in the classroom and on the court, eventually teaming with the high schooler to great success.

"He's obviously very talented," Benesh added. "I think he approaches the game in a really mature way, and I think that obviously, as a partner, that's attractive … you could see him getting better every single year."

He said it was "pretty easy" to build chemistry both in and out of the sport, stating

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Governor signs Zbur bill as part of a package targeting retail theft in the state



Courtesy photo

RETAIL THEFT: Assemblymember Zbur speaking in a press conference about the California Retail Theft Reduction Act and bill package in April.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Governor Newsom has signed new legislation to further crack down on property and retail crime at the behest of local lawmakers including Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Hollywood).

The new laws provide tougher criminal penalties for repeat offenders and additional tools for felony prosecutions.

The California Retail Theft Reduction Act cleared both houses of the Legislature and was signed last week. Also known as AB 2943, it's been described as a pivotal bipartisan legislative package aimed at curbing retail crime.

"Let's be clear, this is the most significant legislation to address property crime in modern California history. I thank the bipartisan group of lawmakers, our retail partners, and advocates for putting public safety over politics. While some try to take us back to ineffective and costly policies of the past, these new laws present a better way forward — making our communities safer and providing meaningful tools to help law enforcement arrest criminals and hold them accountable," said Governor Gavin Newsom in a statement.

Authored by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Assemblymember Zbur, the bill is part of a multi-bill package designed to address retail crime and related thefts. The Select Committee on Retail Theft, chaired by Zbur and including Principal Coauthors Assemblymembers Juan Alanis, Matt Haney, Liz Ortega, Blanca Pacheco, Cottie Petrie-Norris and Pilar Schiavo, has been key in pushing this legislation forward.

"I [was] getting approached by businesses and property owners in my district, telling me that they were very worried about the levels of retail theft and how much it had grown ... and my district is one that's harder hit than others in the state, in Hollywood in particular," Zbur told the Daily Press.

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> - Rick Chavez Zbur, Assemblymember

The bill places great emphasis on stopping organized crime rings that are harming our communities. It does this by creating a new crime targeting "serial" retail thieves, with a penalty of up to three years behind bars for

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **70.2**

WEDNESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: Thigh to waist 2-3FT

SSW/S swell lingers as NW windswell comes down a notch. It'll be a relatively smaller day than the start of the week but the summer focal points are rideable on the right gear. Tide is drained early — wait for it to build.

THURSDAY — ***POOR TO FAIR***
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

The surf currently looks small but probably rideable off a little mix of swells (dying NW windswell and maybe a touch of new tropical S swell). I'd prepare for small/longboard conditions, although we may need to adjust based on the tropics.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
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Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
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2024/08/23	Fri	12:40 PM	5.68	H
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2024/08/24	Sat	01:06 AM	4.26	H
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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
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Address your comments to: **Shira Moch, Associate Planner**
Re: Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Limits Text Amendment

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
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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.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Crime was once California's biggest political issue. It's made a major comeback

DAN WALTERS

There was a time, four-plus decades ago, when crime was California's most powerful political issue.

The state was experiencing a serious spike in crime but the Legislature, controlled by Democrats, ignored pleas to do something about it. Republicans sensed an opportunity and for more than a decade, while accusing Democrats of being soft on crime, scored a series of electoral victories.

GOP challengers knocked off several Democratic legislators. George Deukmejian, the state's tough-on-crime Republican attorney general, was elected governor in 1982 and succeeded by Republican Pete Wilson in 1990.

Republicans also mounted a successful campaign in 1986 to remove three liberal members of the state Supreme Court, including Chief Justice Rose Bird.

Democratic legislators finally jumped on the bandwagon, and during the 1980s and 1990s enacted a torrent of bills — most notably a three-strikes law in 1994.

New laws and tougher attitudes by prosecutors and judges put tens of thousands of offenders behind bars. Even though the state built dozens of new prisons, an eightfold increase in inmates meant severe overcrowding that eventually triggered federal court reduction orders.

As the century turned, Democrats regained dominance in the Capitol. A decade ago and with voter support, they began modifying or even repealing the tough sentencing laws of the anti-crime heyday, citing mass incarceration for relatively minor crimes. The inmate population is now half of what it once was and prisons are being closed.

However, the state is experiencing a spate of property crimes such as shoplifting, car burglaries and smash-and-grabs, as well as certain violent crimes. Unsurprisingly, crime is once again a potent political issue.

Retailers, law enforcement groups and local government officials, angered that the Legislature seemed to ignore their pleas, qualified a ballot measure, Proposition 36, that would boost punishments for some crimes, partially repealing Proposition 47, a 2014 ballot measure that reduced certain penalties.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders tried to fashion a softer countermeasure for the ballot but couldn't get it done, primarily because Democrats were not unified. They did, however, put together a 10-bill package that doesn't go as far as Prop. 36 in cracking down on crime.

When Newsom signed the bills last Friday at a Home Depot in San Jose, he called it "the most significant legislation to address property crime in modern California history," adding, "This goes to the heart of the issue, and it does it in a thoughtful and judicious way."

Prop. 36 advocates weren't impressed, saying, "State leaders have had years to address California's crime and drug crises, yet little has been done to tackle the root causes. These newly passed legislative bills are half measures, failing to address the fundamental issues of habitual repeat theft, the fentanyl epidemic, and the ongoing homelessness crisis, which remains unaddressed due to the lack of strong incentives for drug treatment."

By happenstance, as Newsom was signing the 10 bills, UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies released a poll that found Prop. 36 leading by a whopping 56% to 23%. It's an impressive and perhaps unassailable margin, reflecting Californians' renewed concerns about crime.

One looming uncertainty is whether Newsom will be content with the legislative package or will mount a full-fledged campaign to defeat Prop. 36.

As it stands, the anti-Prop. 36 coalition consists of liberal groups, some progressive legislators and some union officials, but doesn't appear to have the millions of dollars that a serious opposition campaign would require.

Newsom has the money or could raise it, but he's been spending much of his time and fundraising lately on increasing his national political standing.

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Young adults in Los Angeles with unstable housing face challenges to avoiding becoming chronically homeless, report finds

Young adults in Los Angeles County who do not have stable housing typically lack education and employment, often have mental health struggles and may have had involvement with the criminal justice system, according to a new RAND report.

More than one-third of the people aged 18 to 25 surveyed by RAND researchers reported involvement with the foster care system, indicating there is a strong association between foster care and housing instability for transition age youth.

Despite these barriers, more than 95% of survey respondents expressed interest in becoming housed, more than 60% were not in school but planned to attend, and nearly one-half were unemployed but actively looking for work.

> While this group faces challenges finding support, it's encouraging that most of them are motivated to successfully transition and become stably housed
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> - Sarah B. Hunter

"While this group faces challenges finding support, it's encouraging that most of them are motivated to successfully transition and become stably housed," said Sarah B. Hunter, the report's lead author and a senior behavioral scientist at RAND, a nonprofit research organization. "It's important to target this group for help as a strategy to reduce the number of people at risk of chronic homelessness."

Although substantial investments have been made to address homelessness in Los Angeles County, the number of people experiencing homelessness has continued to grow over the past decade.

Researchers say that transition age youth who are 18 to 25 years old represent an important population of focus because resolving homelessness at an early age may prevent chronic homelessness and the consequences of living unsheltered, such as earlier mortality and increased morbidity.

The county's annual point-in-time count of unhoused residents found there were 3,718 transition aged young people experiencing homelessness in the region in 2023.

RAND researchers surveyed 399 transition age youth experiencing housing instability in Los Angeles County, with an emphasis on youth with foster care involvement. Participants were solicited from 18 youth-oriented shelters and transitional housing programs, 15 drop-in centers for young people, and 11 street venues where homeless transition age youth congregate.

Participants reported significant barriers to successfully transitioning to adulthood, including a lack of education and employment, with more than one-quarter having less than a high school diploma or equivalent. The median monthly income among the group was $450.

A serious mental health disorder was reported by 57% of survey participants and 20% reported their overall health as "fair" or "poor."

Nearly one-third reported jail or probation experience as an adult and one-fifth reported experience with the juvenile justice system. One-quarter of participants reported having children, suggesting a high need for parenthood supports.

Researchers found increased risk factors for youth with involvement with the foster care system, including lower educational attainment, more involvement with the juvenile justice system, higher reports of serious mental illness and increased probability of parenthood. Despite exiting the foster care system through adoption, family reunification or placement with a legal guardian, many youth still became unstably housed.

"Despite increased investments over the past decade to support foster youth in Los Angeles County up to the age of 21, involvement with the foster care system is still strongly associated with housing instability," Hunter said. "Connecting youth to traditional approaches to increasing stability and income, such as educational and employment supports, will help to promote successful transitions to adulthood."

The report, "Understanding the Needs of Transition Age Youth Navigating the Foster Care and Housing Systems in Los Angeles County," is available atwww.rand.org.

Support for the project was provided by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Other authors of the report are Joan S. Tucker, Jason M. Ward and Rick Garvey.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: 24ENT-0129 (Major Modification)
614 14th Street
APPLICANT: Peter Kim
PROPERTY OWNER: Teresa Zien

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests a 20% reduction of the minimum required 15-foot aggregate side yard setback to 12 feet to allow a new 149 square-foot addition with a proposed 7-foot-wide north side yard setback to an existing single-unit dwelling in the Single Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. An existing 5-foot-wide south side yard setback would remain. The development standards for the R1 zoning district require an aggregate of both sides of the side yard setback for a two-story structure to be 30% of the parcel width. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.43.030, a modification can be requested to grant relief from up to 20% or 5 feet, whichever is less, of the required front, side, and rear setback standards.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 AT 10:30 AM**

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

City of Los Angeles to Pay $20.8 Million for Discharging More Than 12 Million Gallons of Untreated Wastewater into Santa Monica Bay

The City of Los Angeles has agreed to pay a total of $20.8 million to fix issues at the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant and to complete related environmental projects in connection with the discharge of millions of gallons of wastewater into Santa Monica Bay in 2021.

Hyperion, the City's oldest and largest wastewater treatment facility, collects, treats, and disposes of wastewater for Los Angeles and several other municipalities, including Beverly Hills, Culver City, El Segundo, Santa Monica, San Fernando, and West Hollywood. Hyperion's service area includes more than 4 million people.

Hyperion treats an average of 260 million gallons of wastewater per day, of which 225 million gallons are discharged through its 5-Mile Outfall to the Santa Monica Bay and 35 million gallons are conveyed to a water recycling facility for advanced treatment and reuse. Treatment of wastewater begins in a portion of the facility called the Headworks area, which involves the use of bar screens to remove large objects such as branches, plastics, and rags, from the entering wastewater.

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> - Martin Estrada, United States Attorney

"We in Southern California love our beaches and people in our community deserve clean waters free of contamination when they visit the beach," said United States Attorney Martin Estrada. "This agreement requires the City to take concrete steps and commit substantial funds to improving the Hyperion facility and thereby prevent a disaster like this from reoccurring. Our office is committed to protecting our environment and we will continue to use our federal authority to ensure the safe use of our natural resources for future generations."

In July 2021, the Headworks became inundated with debris, causing wastewater to flood that area. Hyperion's relief system was triggered and approximately 12.5 million gallons of untreated wastewater was discharged through the Facility's 1-Mile Outfall into the Santa Monica Bay. Offshore water quality testing and monitoring subsequently conducted around the 5-Mile Outfall showed exceedances of applicable water quality standards for total coliform bacteria, E. coli, and Enterococcus.

To resolve the U.S. Attorney's criminal investigation, the City has agreed to spend no less than $20 million to perform and complete various projects at Hyperion, which the City agreed to perform under an Administrative Order On Consent previously issued by the EPA. That work includes improvements on Hyperion's Distributed Control System, such as integrating bar screens, level sensors and other ancillary equipment, integrating the alarm or status screens software to remove the antiquated alarms, training Hyperion operators responsible for control room operations on the updates, and constructing high-level channel overflow manage improvements.

In addition, the City has agreed to continue and expand upon its water quality testing program in compliance with its permits and will add two additional water quality testing sites between Dockweiler Beach and King Harbor. The City will also complete its rapid bacteria testing study and seek accreditation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency so it can test for bacterial levels in ocean water on a more rapid basis. The City will also retain a qualified third-party auditor to conduct annual audits of Hyperion's operations to determine whether it is in compliance with the work described above and the Clean Water Act

Finally, the City has agreed to perform a one-year community outreach service project in coordination with the Los Angeles Sanitation and Environmental Department and a nonprofit. That work will include meetings with local government officials and community members, developing an improved emergency communications plan, and coordinating educational outreach with residents and schools. The cost of the additional monitoring, rapid bacteria testing study, and the community outreach project is estimated to be no less than $800,000.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation Division is investigating this matter.

Assistant United States Attorneys Dennis Mitchell and Mark Williams of the Environmental Crimes and Consumer Protection Section, as well as Assistant United States Attorney Mack Jenkins, Chief of the Criminal Division, are prosecuting this case.

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OLYMPICS

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he's "fortunate" to have Partain as a partner.

"We share very similar thoughts in terms of volleyball, so that was easy (and) it fit well together pretty naturally," Benesh said. "Off the court, it's good, we share a hotel room probably for 20 weeks out of the year ... we've grown really close as friends, too, off the court, so I think that's been probably the coolest part of the journey."

That journey led them to Paris as one of two men's beach volleyball duos, alongside Miles Evans and former basketball pro Chase Budinger. After a preliminary stage loss to Cuba in their first outing, Partain and Benesh turned it around with a straight-set victory over Morocco and a three-set win over Brazil to clinch a spot in the single-elimination field. The duo didn't just have to beat Morocco in the second contest, but beat the heat as well, with an air temperature of 92 degrees Fahrenheit and the sand sizzling at 110 degrees.

"It's just one of the environments we had to learn how to play in," Benesh said. "We're playing in rain sometimes, cold weather, and play when it's really sunny or really windy or really hot, so I think it just comes with building experience playing on the court ... you can always dump water on yourself."

Outside of the sometimes-scorching conditions, the duo had the ultimate praise for the volleyball venue, a stadium adjacent to the worldwide landmark Eiffel Tower. Partain added that training courts were even closer to the Eiffel with no obstructions, and that the atmosphere in the stadium peaked at night with the tower lit up.

"I think we're still digesting (the experience) a little bit ... (but) playing in front of that many people was really cool, I think as the tournament went on, we adjusted well to kind of block out some of the chaotic noise around it and just play volleyball," Benesh said.

The duo is truly around-the-clock with the sport, immediately signing up to play the Manhattan Beach Open this past weekend. Losing in the championship contest, Partain said it was "a hard tournament to pass up" as the biggest annual domestic gathering of volleyball professionals, and "was an easy decision" to play considering still being in Olympic shape.

Partain and Benesh also made time for their fans in Manhattan Beach, signing merchandise and representing the Skechers brand at its store by the beach. Benesh said that having a worldwide company sponsoring them "is pretty surreal," and thanked the apparel company for their support in the team's worldwide travels.

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> - Andy Benesh

They won't have to travel far in 2028, however, if the duo indeed represents the U.S. in Santa Monica. Though they didn't offer up many tips on what Los Angeles could do to put on an event rivaling Paris, they both put their excitement behind the opportunity.

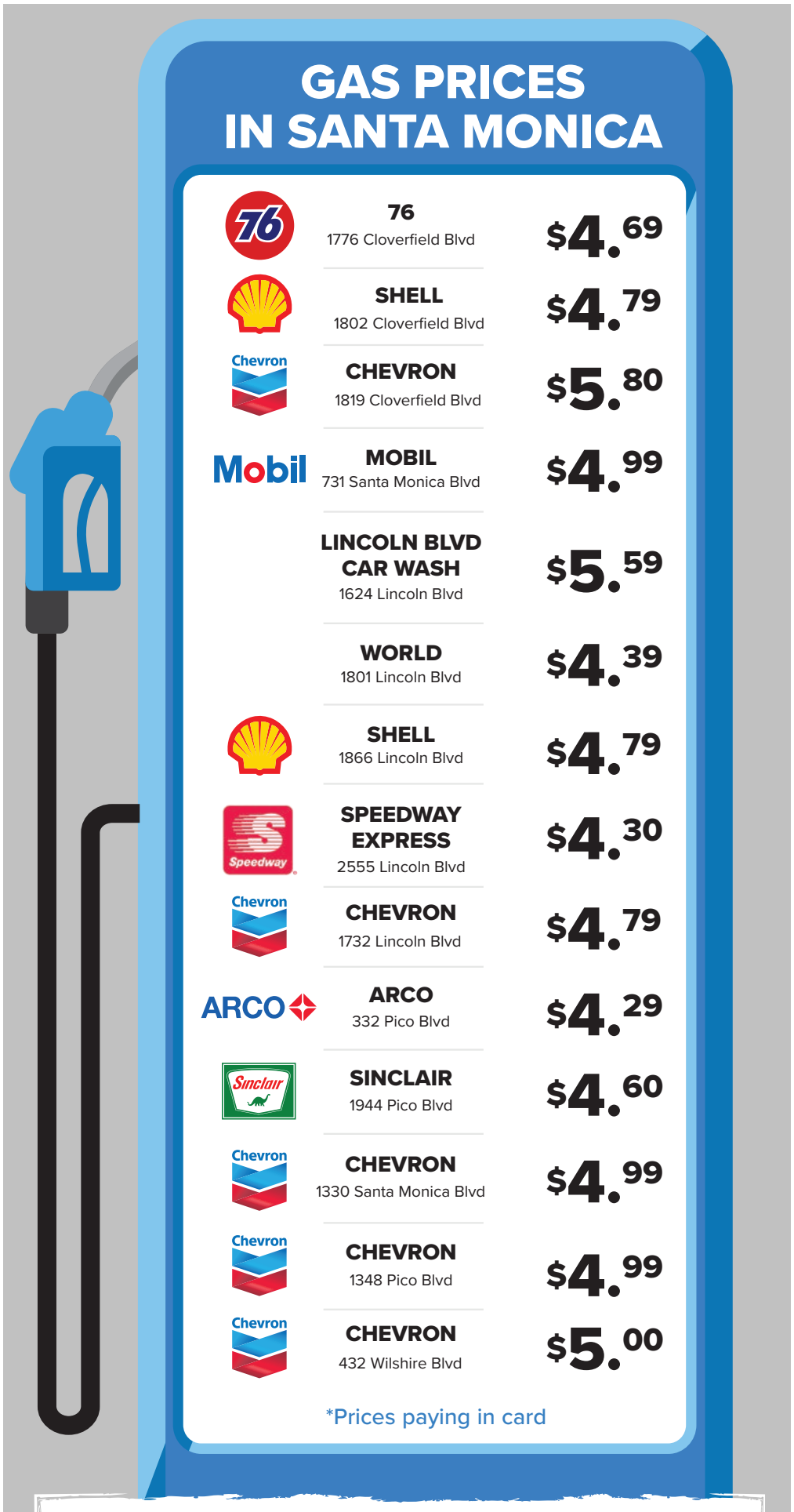
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VOLLEYBALL: Miles Partain and Andy Benesh took time after the 2024 Paris Olympics to sign Skechers-branded clothing for fans in Manhattan Beach..



Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 3.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.48/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 12.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 81.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 2.6 cents in the last week and stands at $3.69 per gallon- the lowest level in 940 days.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.75/g while the most expensive was $5.67/g, a difference of $1.92/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.59/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.20/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 4.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.37/g. The national average is down 11.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 47.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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SMMUSD

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"We are focused on communication, training and compliance with all of our educational partners," Hurst said. "In addition, it's wonderful to work in a district that focuses on inclusion and belonging for all students."

A priority of "Transformative Approaches" deals with both restorative justice practices as well as the district's Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways, of which there are 10 currently available, seven at Samohi and three at Malibu High School. Districtwide enrollments in CTE programs increased 8% this past year, to 657 in total, and this year's introduction of the Samohi Exploration Building was noted to enhance CTE instruction at the campus. In addition, new pathways on Health & Wellness and Law & Public Policy are set to be launched.

"Transformative approaches allow us to create conditions for curiosity, belonging and empowerment," SMMUSD Learning and Innovation Coordinator Dr. Devon Smith said. "As students come into a learning experience and they're engaged, they really want to learn about the project. They also explore their passions, they explore and find out what they're really interested in. Thus, learning is more personalized for them."

The priority of maintenance is a wide-ranging one, as Director of Maintenance and Operations Glen Infuso noted that the area entails "all types of repairs," from classrooms and outdoor areas to surfaces of sidewalks and driveways. The district completed 93% of its work orders this past year, 5,733 maintenance and operations orders in total, and will continue with a host of facility improvements this year. In addition to the opening of the Exploration Building and Gold Gym at Samohi, construction is proceeding at a number of campuses, such as work at Will Rogers Learning Community that has already led to a new track and field at the site.



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BACK TO SCHOOL: Musical performances from Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students serenaded the annual Convocation event for district staff.

With November's local elections on facility improvement bonds approaching, the SMMUSD Board of Education recently put its unanimous approval behind a state measure, Prop 2, which would provide $8.5 billion to K-12 schools for modernization and new construction projects. District Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton stated that SMMUSD would have up to $73 million in fund eligibility with Prop 2, broken down into $59 million for Santa Monica schools and $14 million for Malibu schools.

The funds would come via matching grants, with state money generally covering 30-35% of projects. Upton noted that Prop 2 money could go towards modernization projects such as the Santa Monica Alternative School House Water Intrusion Project.

"While we cannot guarantee that we would get any of these funds, we do know that the school facilities across the state are in deep need," Upton added.

The final two areas, fiscal services and a guaranteed viable curriculum, were also stressed as important pieces of the SMMUSD puzzle, with Board of Education President Jennifer Smith throwing her support behind providing an "exceptional education experience" via district curriculum. Finances are entrusted to the team of Gerardo Cruz and Melody Canady, who stated that they'll ensure that every campus "has the budget allocations they need."

"We're always looking at the best equipment, the best things that the students can sit on, right down to the best pencil that they could possibly use out there," Assistant Superintendent of Business and Fiscal Services Canady said. "We want to make sure that (staff isn't) having to think about those types of things, of what they're actually needing, and it just makes for a smoother, more productive day for both students and staff."

At the August 15 Board of Education meeting, the board also finalized leadership at Malibu High School, approving the appointment of Denise Johnson as the new Assistant Principal, joining new principal Dr. Adam Almeida in Malibu's administration. Beginning her education career as a counselor in the Simi Valley Unified School District, Johnson worked her way up to the assistant principal role in both the Las Virgenes Unified School District and the Oxnard School District, playing a vital role in daily school operations.

"I am excited to join the (SMMUSD) team … I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with innovative leadership and experienced staff to provide opportunities for our students in the classroom and beyond," Johnson said. "As a mom, I deeply understand the importance of parents entrusting us with their students and deeply value building trusting relationships with our families."

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Agnes

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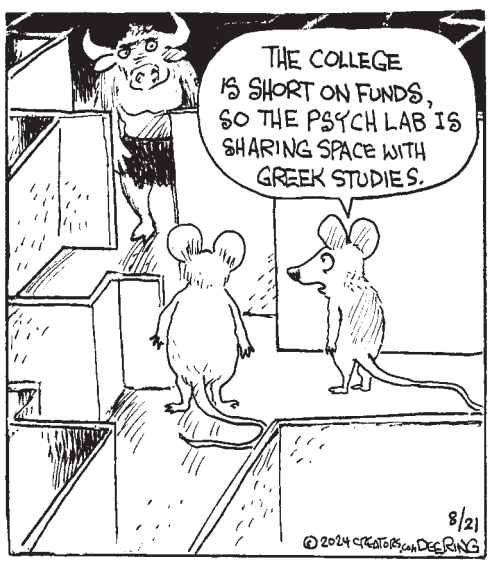
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"THE CARDS NEVER LIE."

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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Adelaide attraction

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Acts of great love are the theme. You are finally able to give someone what you always believed they deserved. Your pride in this accomplishment will be quiet and private, although the world can see a beautiful confidence grow in you. More highlights: Your easygoing vibe will be balanced by exciting games and challenges. Competition looks good on you. You will be surprised by what happens in your quest for mastery. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 4, 14 and 20.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This is a knowledge you possesses deep inside yourself — intention is power, especially when that intention is to elevate those around you. You'll be galvanized by a beautiful idea and you'll move forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't need help, but it's better to have it than not, so accept people's offers. What you get more than help is an insight into people's styles of interacting and a sense of where to take your relationship from here.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even when you're pretty sure you know the winning answer, you'll still benefit from asking friends for their thoughts and input. If nothing else, it gives you a deeper understanding of the uniqueness of your perspective.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may feel as though hours spent networking are stealing from your productive time, but it really is more important to connect. Meeting new people will always be more valuable. You'll be paid back in ways you currently can't imagine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not what happens but what you think about it that makes the big difference in your experience. You'll have ideas that give you a sense of hope and expansion. Feeling better about your circumstances just might free you from them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's impossible to teach those who think they know it all already. That's like trying to park in a space that already has a car in it. This is why it will benefit you to forget what you know and go in with an open mind and naive eyes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People have short attention spans today and will respond only to the most memorable part of an interaction. Let your purpose cut through the noise. In a world full of chatter, brevity is your greatest ally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel duty-bound to help, include and support. Doing so not only solves problems for others, it fortifies your soul. Your quiet strength and thoughtful presence will communicate something profound.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's nothing fancy about how you get there. Tenacity is the answer. Don't give up. Don't stop. Don't veer from the path. Keep it pushing, eyes ahead, one foot in front of the other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make comments out of the blue that strike a resonance in others. You will also randomly choose conversational topics that are coincidentally what is on the mind, heart and schedule of another person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Grace in silence leaves room for the minds and imaginations of others. Calm the part of you that feels it must speak up to be heard. Deeper connections are formed in comfortable silence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). "Better late than never," goes the saying. In today's case, better late than on time is also true. If things had happened according to the original plan, the result wouldn't be nearly as wonderful as what actually unfolds.

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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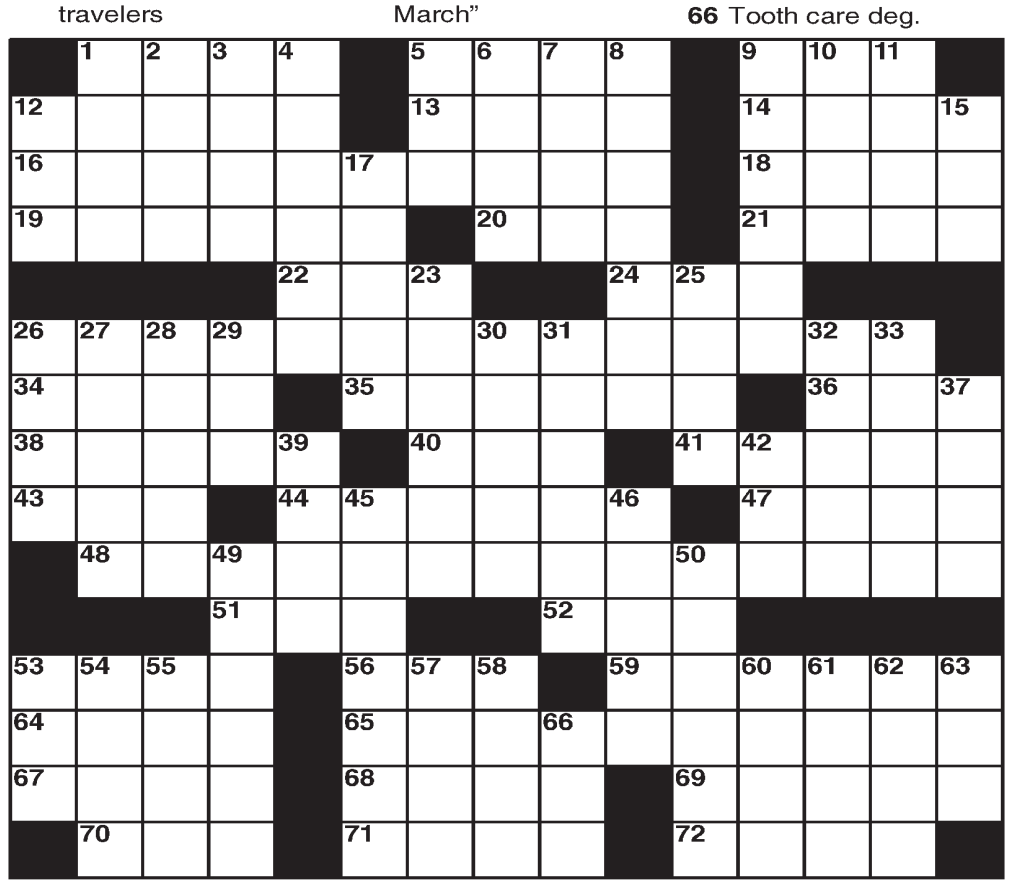
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ACROSS

1 McGregor of *Star Wars* film
5 Somewhat moist
9 Dec. follower
12 Quick and nimble
13 It's east of Indiana
14 Villainous
16 Makeup removers
18 Author Morrison
19 Real __ broker
20 Casino transaction
21 Even exchange
22 Ooh and __
24 *Simpsons* bartender
26 Skin-shade balancing makeup
34 Elvis' middle name
35 Student skipping school
36 Architect I.M.
38 More sensible
40 __-tac-toe
41 Rowed, as a boat
43 HS math
44 Newly unwrinkled
47 Bottom of a statue
48 Makeup spreading tools
51 Salesperson, for short
52 Poetic "over there"
53 Compact __ (container for makeup)
56 NFL tiebreaker periods
59 Bahamas port
64 Gawk at
65 Pad-shaped makeup applicator
67 "Pop" class test
68 Old-timey "Oh my!"
69 Photocopy ancestor, for short
70 Chimp, for instance
71 Catches, as a criminal
72 Surface for skiing

DOWN

1 Parts of psyches
2 Droop, as flowers
3 *M*A*S*H* star
4 Bee's collection for honey
5 Deer's daughter
6 *Moby-Dick* skipper
7 Silent performer
8 Guys delivering mail
9 Trendy group of travelers
10 Testify under oath
11 Ship of 1492
12 Star pitcher
15 __ liner (makeup tool for the mouth)
17 Give feedback
23 Seuss elephant who "hears a Who"
25 Prefix meaning "eight"
26 Mexican home
27 Colgate competitor
28 Vowel sound of "ewe"
29 Early afternoon hour
30 Feeling bad about
31 Zoom past
32 TV host Winfrey
33 Witherspoon of films
37 "Beware the __ of March"
39 Teeming (with)
42 Belly muscles
45 Unwrap impatiently
46 Airplane with no pilot
49 Turn to ice
50 Deprives of weapons
53 Chicken, on French menus
54 Water, in Spanish
55 Minor mistake
57 Formal wear in old Rome
58 Safety __ (cotton-tip makeup applicator)
60 Whirl around
61 Japanese wrestling
62 Not too many
63 ET's vehicle
66 Tooth care deg.



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RETAIL THEFT

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possession of stolen property with intent to resell. It also specifies that the value of thefts from different victims can be aggregated to reach the threshold for grand theft.

Moreover, the bill helps get at the root cause of theft by expanding the use of diversion and rehabilitative programs like drug court through increased supervision for shoplifting and petty theft. It also expands tools for police to arrest for shoplifting based on a witness' sworn statement or video footage of the crime.

Finally, the bill extends the ability of police to keep repeat offenders, together with those committing organized retail crime, in custody and it protects businesses and retailers that report retail crime by ensuring they will not have "nuisance actions" brought against them simply for doing so.

Zbur says that getting the bill this far has not been without its challenges. "[There are] some members of the legislature who basically have not experienced it as much in their district and didn't think it was that much of a problem," he said, adding, "Because the data on this is so sparse and spotty, people were saying, 'Well, the data doesn't justify us doing something.'"

He explains that it was essential to be data driven, in order to properly understand the circumstances. "And then the other constraint was the fact that we had Prop 47, which meant there were some things that we could do legislatively, but some things required going to the ballot," Zbur says.

Thankfully though, the team behind this bill were able to come up with a legitimate work-around.

"We could solve retail theft [in a way] that did not require us to go to the ballot. We could do things within, within our legislative authority, that were equivalent to some things that you could do to the ballot," he says.

Zbur himself is no stranger to this sort of legislation. A former Executive Director of Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, he worked to advance civil rights and social justice for the diverse communities to which LGBTQ+ people belong, including communities of color, communities of faith, immigrants, women and people living with HIV.

He also fought to address climate change with urgency as an environmental lawyer and 20-year board member of the California League of Conservation Voters, now renamed California Environmental Voters and was its president for six years

"I understand the legislative process. I have deeper relationships with existing members of the legislature, because I'd been working with them [for] so long before I got here. And then the speaker put me in the role of leading this, because he trusted me. I'm his Democratic Caucus Chair. I'm part of his key leadership team. And and then on top of that, I have very good working relationships with the folks in the governor's office," he says.

"Probably over 80% of the retail theft that's occurring in the Los Angeles region is actually happening through these crime rings ... What the Governor's proposal, which is embedded in my bill, focuses on, is giving law enforcement the tools and prosecutors the tools to really target these repeated thieves," Zbur says.

"If we can tackle these crime rings, a big chunk of the retail theft is taken off the table. And I think the public doesn't really understand that ... Our bill also embraces diversion and rehabilitation programs and so it's twofold," he says, adding, "What has an impact is the likelihood that you're going to get caught, and once you're caught, the likelihood of being convicted of something and having a meaningful impact. So people actually think they're going to have to go to prison for one or two years

"Think about it in the same way that you do traffic violations. I mean, people generally comply with our traffic laws and we're not putting people in prison for 20 years for doing certain things ... The reason why people comply is because we have enough enforcement so people understand that if you have a pattern of driving in a way that violates the law, you're going to get caught. And once you do, there's a consequence."

The California Retail Theft Reduction Act takes effect January 1, 2025.

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Help Wanted

Manager, 3D AR Design (5) sought by Snap Inc. (Santa Monica, CA) *Hybrid work permitted - Snap practices a "default together" approach & expects team members to work in Santa Monica ofc at least 80% of time (avg 4 days/wk). Create new, optimized AR experiences for Snap strategic partners. Base salary: $167,523-$189,000/yr. Eligible for discretionary performance-based bonus award. Eligible for equity in form of RSUs. Our Benefits: https://careers.snap.com/benefits. Email Resume: apply2snap@snap.com. Ref. Job Code #M3DARD5-SM-0824. EOE.

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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 p.m. Show starts at 9:30 p.m.
Online ticket sales end at 7 p.m, tics available at the door after 8 p.m. 2 drink minimum. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. The Annex at Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. This is your chance to level up your Dungeons & Dragons characters before the next campaign begins. Materials provided. For ages 9-14.

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.

FRIDAY | AUGUST 23

SUNSET SWIM
Enjoy an evening around our historic 1920's pool at the former oceanfront estate of actress Marion Davies built for her by media mogul, William Randolph Hearst. Swim, hang out with friends and make new friends poolside We will provide the s'mores and pool floaties. Adults Only, 18+ 6 - 9 p.m.

- Pre-purchase your Sunset Swim pool passes online; or purchase at the door on the day of the event, per availability. https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/activity/search/detail/97116?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true
- If you pre-purchase pool passes, please pick up your pool passes by 6:30pm
- If the pool is at capacity when you arrive, you may be added to a waitlist and notified when space is available
- Parking: Pay upon arrival. $12/day or $3/hour; payable at the park and pay machines in the Beach House parking lot.
- Outside food welcome, no glass, no alcohol
- $10 Adult (age 18 – 59)
- $5 Senior Adult (age 60 & above)
- Half off with pool pass of the day

Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

GRILLED CHEESE & WINE NIGHT
7:30 - 10 p.m. Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave. In a new twist on grilled cheese events, the shop will be serving plates with decadent open faced grilled cheeses, each paired with an interesting wine. Starts with a starter salad, followed by four open faced grilled cheeses paired with a wine, and finished off with a float using Elio Perrone's Bigaro, a sweet blend of Moscato and Brachetto. This is a 21+ event, all sales final. Tickets $80, to join the waitlist visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/august-23rd-grilled-cheese-wine-night-tickets-962049845987.

SATURDAY | AUGUST 24

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thelma Terry Building, Workshop 3, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department. The VAPAB is composed of seven Santa Monica resident board members. The Board represents the social and ethnic diversity of the park's neighborhood and includes but is not limited to representatives of the following segments of the community: park users, park neighbors, park program participants, seniors, families with children, community organizations and older youth.

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY BOOK SALE
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Venice Branch Library, 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice. Select from a large assortment of quality fiction, non-fiction, children's books, cookbooks, classics, poetry, arts & crafts, politics and history. CDs and DVDs also on sale, plus eclectic items are sometimes available like calendars or puzzles and games. All proceeds benefit programming and collection development at the Venice Branch. Cash and local checks accepted.



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