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SMEF hires new executive director

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About four-and-a-half months after longtime Santa Monica Education Foundation Executive Director Linda Greenberg announced her imminent retirement from the nonprofit, the Ed Foundation recently announced it had selected her successor: veteran fundraising professional Mikko Sperber.

A Los Angeles native and Venice High School alumnus, Sperber comes to Santa Monica with years of nonprofit management experience including on the Westside, where he currently serves on the board of the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga.

Most recently, Sperber has served as the managing partner of a nonprofit management and fundraising advisory firm he founded called Fundamental Strategy.

A press release from the Ed Foundation detailed Sperber's extensive resume of work in the nonprofit sector: "Sperber is an active leader in the greater Los Angeles non-profit community. He has been heavily involved as a member of the Los Angeles County Equity in County Contracting Project Team for the past two years, working to streamline and improve contracting policies and practices for the benefit of all nonprofits who do business with the county."

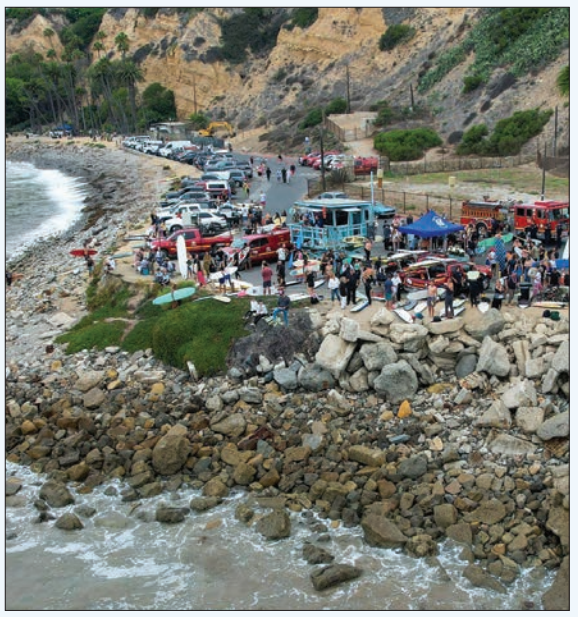
In addition to serving on the board of directors of Theatricum Botanicum, Sperber is also on the board of Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles and the Claremont Courier, as well as on the advisory

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Lifeguard memorial







Courtesy photos

PADDLE-OUT: The Los Angeles County Fire Department, together with its Lifeguards Division and other county agencies, family and friends, mourned the death of ocean lifeguard Derek C. Traeger on Sunday with a paddle-out memorial service at Royal Palms Beach near San Pedro. Traeger, a lifeguard stationed in Santa Monica, died in a crash on the San Diego (405) Freeway in Torrance last Sunday, Aug. 14. He was 28 and had served with LACoFD - Lifeguard Division for six years.

Cost estimate for Muir/SMASH repair nears $20 million

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The millions of dollars needed to restore the heavily water damaged John Muir Elementary/SMASH (Santa Monica Alternative School House) campus in Ocean Park are expected to soak up funding that was earmarked for modernization projects on other elementary school campuses.

When it comes to financing the so-called Water Intrusion Project, currently estimated at $19.6 million, the local school district needs to make some tough financial decisions, deferring projects at other school sites around Santa Monica.

SEE **MUIR SMASH** PAGE 8

Rent relief program opens Monday

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SMDP Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica announced it would open up applications for rent-burdened residents to apply for relief beginning this Monday, Aug. 29, at 8 a.m.

The program is designed for residents in rent controlled units who are unable to afford this year's Rent Control General Adjustment, which is set to increase rents for all rent controlled tenants 6% (up to $140 per month) beginning Sept. 1 — the highest hike in more than 30 years.

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Student loan help for millions coming from Biden after delay

SEUNG MIN KIM, MICHAEL BALSAMO, CHRIS MEGERIAN AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

President Joe Biden on Wednesday is set to announce his long-delayed move to forgive up to $10,000 in federal student loans for many Americans and extend a pause on payments to January, according to three people familiar with the plan.

Biden has faced pressure from liberals to provide broader relief to hard-hit borrowers, and from moderates and Republicans questioning the fairness of any widespread forgiveness. The delay in Biden's decision has only heightened the anticipation for what his own aides acknowledge represents a political no-win situation. The people spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss Biden's intended announcement ahead of time.

The precise details of Biden's plan, which will include an income cap limiting the forgiveness to only those earning less than $125,000 a year, were being kept to an unusually small circle within the Biden administration and were still not finalized on the eve of the announcement.

Down-to-the-wire decision-making has been a hallmark of the Biden White House, but the particular delay on student loans reflects the vexing challenge confronting him in fulfilling a key campaign promise.

The plan would likely eliminate student debt entirely for millions of Americans and wipe away at least half for millions more.

The nation's federal student debt now tops $1.6 trillion after ballooning for years. More than 43 million Americans have federal student debt, with almost a third owing less than $10,000 and more than half owing less than $20,000, according to the latest federal data.

The continuation of the pandemic-era payment freeze comes just days before millions of Americans were set to find out when their next student loan bills will be due. This is the closest the administration has come to hitting the end of the payment freeze extension, with the current pause set to end Aug. 31.

Wednesday's announcement was set for the White House after Biden returns from vacation in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. The administration had briefly considered higher education schools in the president's home state for a larger reveal, but scaled back their plans.

Biden was initially skeptical of student loan debt cancellation as he faced off against more progressive Democratic Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, who had proposed cancellations of $50,000 or more, during the 2020 primaries.

As he tried to shore up support among younger voters and prepare for a general election battle against then-President Donald Trump, Biden unveiled his initial proposal for debt cancellation of $10,000 per borrower, with no mention of an income cap.

Biden narrowed his campaign promise in recent months by embracing the income limit as soaring inflation took a political toll and as he aimed to head off political attacks that the cancellation would benefit those with higher take-home pay. But Democrats, from members of congressional leadership to those facing tough re-election bids this November, have pushed the administration to go as broad as possible on debt relief, seeing it in part as a galvanizing issue, particularly for Black and young voters this fall.

The frenzied last-minute lobbying continued Tuesday even as Biden remained on his summer vacation. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., one of the loudest advocates in recent years for canceling student loan debt, spoke privately on the phone with Biden, imploring the president to forgive as much debt as the administration can, according to a Democrat with knowledge of the call.

In his pitch, Schumer argued to Biden that doing so was the right thing to do morally and economically, said the Democrat, who asked for anonymity to describe a private conversation.

Inside the administration, officials have discussed since at least early summer forgiving more than $10,000 of student debt for certain categories of borrowers, such as Pell Grant recipients, according to three people with knowledge of the deliberations. That remained one of the final variables being considered by Biden heading into Wednesday's announcement.

Democrats are betting that Biden, who has seen his public approval rating tumble over the last year, can help motivate younger voters to the polls in November with the announcement.

Although Biden's plan is narrower than what he initially proposed during the campaign, "he'll get a lot of credit for following through on something that he was committed to," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who worked with Biden during the 2020 election.

She described student debt as a "gateway issue" for younger voters, meaning it affects their views and decisions on housing affordability and career choices. A survey of 18- to 29-year-olds conducted by the Harvard Institute of Politics in March found that 59% of those polled favored debt cancellation of some sort — whether for all borrowers or those most in need — although student loans did not rank high among issues that most concerned people in that age group.

Some advocates were already bracing for disappointment.

"If the rumors are true, we've got a problem," Derrick Johnson, the president of the NAACP, which has aggressively lobbied Biden to take bolder action, said Tuesday. He emphasized that Black students face higher debut burdens than white students.

"President Biden's decision on student debt cannot become the latest example of a policy that has left Black people — especially Black women — behind," he said. "This is not how you treat Black voters who turned out in record numbers and provided 90% of their vote to once again save democracy in 2020."

John Della Volpe, who worked as

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Outdoor Watering Restrictions
Effective July 5, 2022

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 303 CALLS ON AUGUST 22

Armed Robbery 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:23 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:15 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Arizona Ave 2:31 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800Blk Pico Blvd 2:56 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:36 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:43 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:27 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800Blk Main St 6:49 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1800Blk Oak St 8:08 a.m.
Found Property 1100Blk Bay St 8:10 a.m.
Burglary 600Blk 11th St 8:17 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600Blk 10th St 8:31 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 400Blk Hill St 8:33 a.m.
Missing Person 1000Blk 12th St 8:37 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 7th St / Montana Ave 8:55 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 9:02 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Montana Ave 9:03 a.m.
Burglary 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Grand Theft 1200Blk Washington Ave 9:33 a.m.
Expired Registration 2300Blk La Mesa Dr 9:34 a.m.
Expired Registration 2300Blk San Vicente Blvd 9:57 a.m.
Petty Theft 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:00 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200Blk Princeton St 11:08 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Navy St 11:11 a.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 22nd St 11:12 a.m.
Burglary 700Blk 9th St 11:23 a.m.
Public Intoxication 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:31 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1700Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:32 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:38 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600Blk Arizona Ave 11:46 a.m.
Fraud 1100Blk Montana Ave 11:52 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800Blk Main St 11:53 a.m.
Battery 100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2100Blk 20th St 1:00 p.m.
Loud Music 2200Blk Ocean Front Walk 1:21 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1700Blk Michigan Ave 1:22 p.m.
Fraud 900Blk 7th St 1:30 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk Oak St 1:35 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:54 p.m.
Expired Registration 2400Blk Oak St 1:55 p.m.
Found Property 1100Blk 4th St 1:56 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 900Blk Princeton St 1:59 p.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 2:03 p.m.
Fraud 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:05 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300Blk Harvard St 2:09 p.m.
Battery 4th St / Colorado Ave 2:20 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200Blk San Vicente Blvd 2:29 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1500Blk Euclid St 2:33 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:35 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2nd St / Arizona Ave 2:45 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1600Blk Franklin St 3:06 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:08 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:23 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3300Blk Barnard Way 3:34 p.m.
Found Property 2200Blk 27th St 3:43 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 4th St 3:45 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:46 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk 12th St 3:56 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1700Blk Ocean Ave 4:05 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2nd St / Broadway 4:10 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk 2nd St 4:12 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk Harvard St 4:13 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1600Blk Appian Way 4:17 p.m.
Battery 2600Blk Main St 4:27 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk 14th St 4:38 p.m.
Grand Theft 900Blk 7th St 4:48 p.m.
Person With A Gun 10th St / Broadway 4:49 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1300Blk 2nd St 5:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 5:31 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 17th St / Olympic Blvd 5:35 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000Blk 12th St 5:38 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:40 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200Blk Euclid St 5:47 p.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 5:47 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto In Progress 1600Blk Franklin St 5:55 p.m.
Loud Music 2600Blk Barnard Way 5:56 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:57 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 6:09 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 26th St / Olympic Blvd 6:17 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 6:33 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:48 p.m.
Battery 3000Blk Arizona Ave 7:02 p.m.
Grand Theft 700Blk Broadway 7:04 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Strand St 7:49 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk 4th St 8:05 p.m.
Burglary 300Blk Bay St 8:18 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 900Blk 7th St 8:18 p.m.
Battery 200Blk Marguerita Ave 8:19 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 10th St 8:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:32 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Strand St 8:39 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1100Blk 3rd St 8:46 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk 23rd St 8:57 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900Blk Pico Blvd 9:20 p.m.
Burglary 2900Blk 2nd St 9:44 p.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 9:56 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:29 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:38 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 10:58 p.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bay St 10:59 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:24 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700Blk 21st St 11:28 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Arizona Ave 11:41 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 47 CALLS ON AUGUST 22

EMS 2200Blk Colorado Ave 12:00 a.m.
Public Assist 900Blk Franklin St 12:03 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Main St 12:08 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 5th St 12:30 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 23rd St 2:17 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Pacific St 3:01 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 3:20 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 14th St / Colorado Ave 4:16 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 14th St 5:55 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 2nd St 7:09 a.m.
EMS 24th St / San Vicente Blvd 7:47 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk 18th St 7:55 a.m.
EMS 900Blk California Ave 8:13 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Ocean Ave 9:05 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 9:18 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk Olympic Blvd 9:19 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Colorado Ave 9:27 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900Blk 31st St 10:00 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk 3rd St 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Montana Ave 10:32 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 4th St 10:48 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 11:55 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Pine St 12:05 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:25 p.m.
Wires Down 1200Blk 25th St 12:47 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:23 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000Blk Pico Blvd 1:42 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 2:06 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:50 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 2:59 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 3rd St 3:29 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk 9th St 4:12 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Bryn Mawr Ave 4:32 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Marguerita Ave 4:48 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:56 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Colorado Ave 5:29 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Adelaide Dr 5:56 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 4th St 6:03 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500Blk 21st Pl 6:09 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Main St 6:10 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 6:47 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 900Blk 16th St 7:17 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:20 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Broadway 8:11 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:32 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900Blk Colorado Ave 9:15 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Delaware Ave 10:06 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON AUGUST 20 AT ABOUT 11:58 PM

Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) officers responded to investigate a robbery that occurred at 2nd St. and Washington Ave. Victim was outside of his apartment when he was approached by 3 subjects. One male pointed a handgun at the victim and demanded his cellphone, however the victim refused. The suspects then assaulted and took the victim's phone before they fled in a vehicle. Officers locate the suspect vehicle in the area of 23rd and Arizona. The victim positively identified all three individuals as the suspects in the incident. The victim's phone along with a replica handgun were recovered from inside of the suspect vehicle. SMPD Officers took into custody SALAZAR, WILSON (18 YRS), ALVARADO, DAVID (22 YRS), AGUILAR, JASON (21 YRS) all of Los Angeles. On August 23, 2022 the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed one count of Robbery against all three suspects.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4429 LCNG FUEL FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

Submission Deadline is September 19, 2022 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

City of Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS

Applications and letters of interest are invited to fill one unscheduled vacancy on the Santa Monica Rent Control Board for a partial term ending November 2022. The person appointed will serve until the next general election in November 2022.

All persons are invited to apply regardless of race, sex, age, disability, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual preference, or ancestry. Applicants must be residents and registered voters in the City of Santa Monica. No Santa Monica City employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

All interested parties please send applications and/or letters of interest to:

Alvin Ho, Board Secretary
City Hall
1685 Main Street, Room 202
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Alvin.Ho@santamonica.gov

Applications are due in the Rent Control Board office by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Applicants will be invited to make a presentation of up to 3-minutes to the Rent Control Board at a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022. The Rent Control Board will appoint a new commissioner that evening.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicant appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter. In addition, this position is required to complete two hours of Ethics Training (AB1234) biennially.

Applications and information on Board duties are available from the Rent Control Board Office, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, by phone at (310) 458-8750 or online at www.santamonica.gov/rentcontrol.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Street vendor bill needs some adjustments

Tourism is slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels at popular tourist destinations such as Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, the Santa Monica Pier, San Diego's Balboa Park and the countless other gems the Golden State has to offer. While we are thrilled to see more visitors coming to experience our famous sights, we must address the increasingly concerning behavior of street vendors whose practices endanger Californians, visitors and other vendors.

We are actively working toward a solution at the state level and believe we can strike a balance that will work for everyone. We do not agree, however, that Senate Bill 972, the proposed legislative fix, will accomplish this unless revised.

This is not a matter of city government vs. vendors. Nor is concerning street-vendor behavior a problem of any one city; it is a widespread problem. For example:

A vending cart exploded on a crowded day in June last year on Fisherman's Wharf, creating chaos.

Vendors have sold unrefrigerated meat products without the appropriate health permits or following sanitation guidelines in Santa Monica.

Numerous instances of alcohol and cannabis being sold illegally to minors are reported in San Diego.

Officials closed a BART station plaza in San Francisco a few weeks ago to deter an "untenable" illegal vending situation.

Individuals are operating unpermitted carts in restricted areas, where they sell food without public health department oversight, creating an experience some have described as the "Wild West." This behavior is an unintended consequence of legislation signed into law in 2018 to decriminalize street vending. Unfortunately, it has led to more vendors operating without regard for health and safety laws.

In this legislative session, SB 972, introduced by state Sen. Lena Gonzalez, a Long Beach Democrat, aims to address some of these challenges by amending the California Retail Food Code to make it easier to secure permits. The bill, however, unwisely strips municipalities of tools needed to enforce public safety rules. We are fully on board with efforts to make the permitting process more efficient and simpler. But any new legislation must retain the current level of local control, not reduce it.

We propose a solution that maintains the vending culture throughout the state, and protects the public from unsafe foods, dangerous and unsanitary cooking practices, and other harmful ways of running a business. Sen. Gonzalez's bill will be up for discussion this week by the Legislature. The time is now: I implore you to call your state legislator to educate them on the state of the vending environment in our communities and ask that they work with Sen. Gonzalez to amend her bill to find a solution that works for everyone.

This article was originally published by CalMatters. Randall Scott is the executive director of the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District in San Francisco.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Park Condition Assessment Project
Project No. SP2672

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from qualified persons or firms interested in providing professional services for the Park Condition Assessment Project (SP2672).

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide professional services for the comprehensive review of the maintenance, repair, and replacement (MR&R) needs of selected City-owned and City-maintained parks and the preparation of a strategic capital plan for the subject project.

RFP questions to be submitted to **via OpenGov Procurement**, no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2022.**

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov Procurement, no later than **12:00 p.m. on Monday September 26, 2022.** **Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

Independent Spirit Awards make acting awards gender neutral

LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

The Film Independent Spirit Awards will now feature gender neutral film and television acting categories and raise its budget cap to $30 million, the organization said Tuesday.

"We're thrilled to join the other festivals and award shows that are already moving to celebrate great acting without reference to gender," Josh Welsh, Film Independent's president, said in a statement. "We're also happy to welcome non-binary performers into the Spirit Awards without forcing them to choose to identify as male or female."

The Spirit Awards honor smaller budget indie films and are known for its starry, free-wheeling ceremony that's part of the awards season runup to the Academy Awards.

It joins several prominent awards organizations that have made the switch to non-gendered awards, including The Grammys, The Gotham Awards and the MTV Movie & TV Awards. The categories will now be "best lead performance" and "best supporting performance.

Raising the eligibility cap from $22.5 million to $30 million for a film production is intended to acknowledge the rising costs of making films.

"It has been a long time since we substantially increased the budget limit for eligibility," Welsh said. "This new cap allows us to continue to celebrate the same breadth of work that we have in the past."

Film Independent also set the date for its next show for March 4, 2023, the weekend before the Oscars on March 12. Nominations for the 2023 Spirit Awards will be announced on November 22.

RENT RELIEF

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The 11th hour reprieve was "intended to keep families housed, shield tenants from eviction, and help both property owners and tenants manage this year's unusually high General Adjustment increase," according to information provided by the City of Santa Monica in a press release shared late on Tuesday afternoon.

The City of Santa Monica set aside three quarters of a million dollars for the program, with assistance prioritized for households most in need — "With priority given to very-low- and extremely-low-income households" who have received notice their rent will be going up in accordance with the 2022 Rent Control General Adjustment and who pay 50% or more of their income on rent.

Tenants in need of financial assistance should apply as soon as possible: the program will be open for about three weeks only, from Aug. 29 at 8 a.m. to Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board passed a 6% rent increase back in June, one of the highest in the agency's history. Rent Control Board members at the time said their hands were tied; rent control increases are tied to inflation data and cannot be overridden by the board.

The announcement of the 2022 Rent Control General Adjustment sparked a political firestorm that eventually led to a ballot measure set to go before voters in November that would set a new annual cap for rent increases in rent controlled units to 3% or $70 per month.

The relief program is designed to bridge the gap between previous rents and the newly adjusted rates, meaning the City will cover up to $140 per month for those who qualify.

To qualify, tenants must prove they reside in a rent-controlled apartment in Santa Monica; that they received notification of a 2022 General Adjustment increase; that they pay more than 50% of their household income toward rent; and that they are not a rental housing voucher recipient (who already receives government assistance with their rent).

"We know the 6% increase is going to burden residents in rent-controlled apartments, and the City of Santa Monica is stepping in to provide support," City Manager David White said in a statement provided by the City. "We are committed to quickly deploying available resources and have mobilized a team to assist our community due to the unforeseen impacts of inflation."

Residents who believe they qualify and are able to access the internet can visit santamonica.gov/programs/rent-control-adjustment-relief to apply; for those who do not have online access, the City will also provide applications at Virginia Avenue Park Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., as well as hosting a community clinic there on Sept. 10.

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The community clinic is set to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 10, with in-person support available in English and Spanish and automated translation services for other languages. Appointments are required and can be made by calling (310) 458-2201, ext. 5771.

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Pfizer COVID shots appear 73% effective in children under 5

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine was 73% effective in protecting children younger than 5 as omicron spread in the spring, the company announced Tuesday.

Vaccinations for babies, toddlers and preschoolers opened in the U.S. in June after months of delay. Only about 6% of youngsters ages 6 months through 4 years had gotten at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by mid-August, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Health authorities authorized tot-sized vaccine doses made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech based on a study showing they were safe and produced high levels of virus-fighting antibodies. But there was only preliminary data on how that translated into effectiveness against symptomatic COVID-19.

The new update analyzed COVID-19 diagnoses between March and June in Pfizer's ongoing study of the three-dose vaccine. There were 21 COVID-19 cases among the 351 tots who got dummy shots — compared to just 13 among the 794 youngsters given three vaccine doses.

The child cases primarily were caused by the BA.2 omicron version that was circulating at the time. Today, another omicron relative, BA.5, is causing most COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and much of the world.

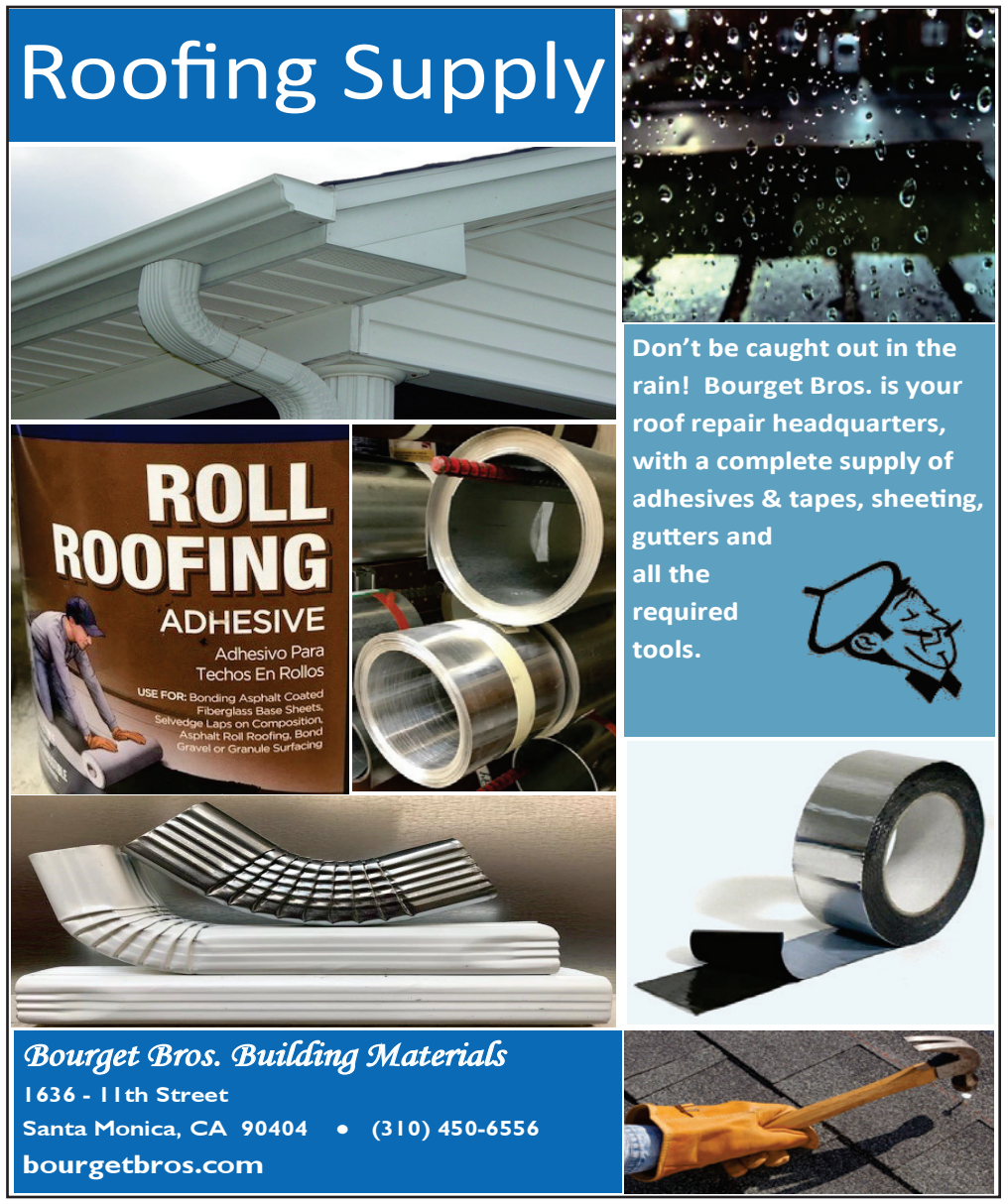
In older children and adults, the COVID-19 vaccines have been used long enough to prove that they remain strongly protective against severe disease and death even as the coronavirus mutates — while early protection against infection wanes. Still, scientists track that initial effectiveness rate as extra evidence of vaccine performance — and to look for signs of how they initially hold up against new mutants.

Pfizer this week asked U.S. regulators to authorize modified vaccine doses that better match the newest omicron variants for people 12 and older as boosters this fall. The company said it also is developing updated shots for kids under 12.

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Suit: Brink's driver asleep during Los Angeles jewelry heist

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Associated Press

One of the drivers of a Brink's tractor-trailer was asleep inside the big rig, parked near a remote Southern California rest stop earlier this summer, when thieves broke a lock and stole millions of dollars worth of jewelry and gemstones, according to a lawsuit filed by the security company.

While the second driver was getting food inside the rest stop early July 11 — spending nearly 30 minutes away from the vehicle — the thieves stole 22 bags of jewelry from the vehicle and fled.

The heist nabbed a haul that's been described as worth less than $10 million or roughly $100 million and the value is now the subject of two lawsuits filed this month. If the latter figure is accurate, it would be one of the largest jewelry thefts in modern history.

But Brink's, in a federal lawsuit filed Aug. 4 in New York, stated that the pickup manifests signed by the jewelers reported a total of $8.7 million worth of merchandise in the 22 stolen bags.

The security company's lawsuit alleges that the jewelers under-declared the value of the items that were being transported overnight from a jewelry show in the San Francisco Bay Area down to the Los Angeles region for another event. The theft occurred near the "Flying J" rest stop and gas station in the unincorporated community of Lebec, about 75 miles north of downtown Los Angeles.

Brink's is seeking to limit potential payouts to the jewelers, who say their cargo was worth $100 million and that the security company is trying to deny compensation to its customers for a theft "its drivers practically invited to happen."

Fourteen jewelers and jewelry companies alleged breach of contract and negligence in a lawsuit filed Monday against Brink's in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

A spokeswoman for Brink's declined to comment to The Associated Press on Tuesday, citing the pending litigation. Lawyers for the jewelers in the state lawsuit did not respond to a request for comment, nor did the Los Angeles County sheriff's sergeant who is investigating the case.

The Los Angeles Times first reported the lawsuits on Tuesday.

Brink's lawsuit states that the driver left his partner in the big rig's sleeping berth while he went to get food — a move the company says was "per Department of Transportation regulations."

He was gone for 27 minutes and returned to find the lock broken, though the sleeping driver said he hadn't seen or heard anything unusual, according to the lawsuit. It was not immediately clear whether the driver was supposed to be gone for so long, and if the sleeping berth is sound-proof.

In their lawsuit, the "mom and pop" jewelers are seeking $100 million in damages and $100 million in restitution from Brink's. The jewelers allege that a Brink's employee told them to under-value their merchandise on the pickup manifests "in order to save money, because the cost of shipping would be too expensive if they declared the full value of their goods."

LOAN

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a consultant on Biden's campaign and is the director of polling at the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics, said the particulars of Biden's announcement were less important than the decision itself.

"It's about trust in politics, in government, in our system. It's also about trust in the individual, which in this case is President Biden."

Combined with fears about expanding abortion restrictions and Trump's reemergence on the political scene, Della Volpe said student debt forgiveness "adds an additional tailwind to an already improving position with young people."

Republicans, meanwhile, see only political upside if Biden pursues a large-scale cancellation of student debt ahead of the November midterms, anticipating backlash for Democrats — particularly in states where there are large numbers of working-class voters without college degrees. Critics of broad student debt forgiveness also believe it will open the White House to lawsuits, on the grounds that Congress has never given the president the explicit authority to cancel debt on his own.

The Republican National Committee on Tuesday blasted Biden's expected announcement as a "handout to the rich," claiming it would unfairly burden lower-income taxpayers and those who have already paid off their student loans with covering the costs of higher education for the wealthy.

"My neighbor, a detective, worked 3 jobs (including selling carpet) & his wife worked to make sure their daughter got quality college degree w/no student debt," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, the top Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, tweeted Tuesday. "Big sacrifice. Now their taxes must pay off someone else's student debt?"

Biden's elongated deliberations have sent federal loan servicers, who have been instructed to hold back billing statements while he weighed a decision, grumbling.

Industry groups had complained that the delayed decision left them with just days to notify borrowers, retrain customer service workers and update websites and digital payment systems, said Scott Buchanan, executive director of the Student Loan Servicing Alliance.

It increases the risk that some borrowers will inadvertently be told they need to make payments, he said.

"At this late stage I think that's the risk we're running," he said. "You can't just turn on a dime with 35 million borrowers who all have different loan types and statuses."

Associated Press writer Collin Binkley contributed from Washington.



SMEF

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board of Angel City Sports.

"I'm excited to join a community of people who are aligned in their desire to ensure that all students in Santa Monica's public schools receive a vibrant education rich with opportunities in and out of the classroom," Sperber said in a statement provided by the Ed Foundation. "I know that requires our philanthropy to supplement the District's funds so they can hire the staff and fund the programs that impact all students in Santa Monica's public schools."

Sperber's prior experience also includes stints working with alumni leadership development for UCLA Anderson School of Management as well as fundraising for the MPTF (Motion Picture & Television Fund).

In the coming weeks, Sperber will be working closely with Greenberg to learn the ropes of the Ed Foundation before she departs on Sept. 9. The Ed Foundation's press release stated Greenberg, who has helmed the nonprofit for 28 years, was expected to remain involved beyond her official retirement date, "providing her wealth of experience and community contacts as resources to Sperber as he assumes the Executive Director's role."

"One of the many great legacies of Linda's leadership of this organization over nearly three decades will be her incredible relationships throughout our community," Ed Foundation Board President John Baracy said in the press release. "We are so fortunate and grateful to have her expertise and her commitment to this organization continue even as she transitions toward a well-earned retirement."



Courtesy photo

MIKKO SPERBER

During Greenberg's tenure, the Ed Foundation grew from raising less than $100,000 per year to an annual operating budget of $3.2 million.

Her contribution to the community will be recognized in a "celebration of Greenberg's career and impact on Santa Monica's public schools," which Baracy said was still in the planning stages.

"We look forward to honoring Linda in the coming weeks with a lasting recognition of her incredible impact," Baracy said.

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California targets local recall election 'hyperpartisanship'

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Democratic state lawmakers moved Tuesday to limit the "hyperpartisanship" they said has increasingly corrupted California's local recall elections, over the objection of Republicans who said it could boost costs and thwart voters' will.

Currently, voters generally decide whether to recall a sitting official and choose that official's replacement at the same time and on the same ballot.

But that could result in a replacement taking office with a minority of votes in a multi-candidate field, and with potentially fewer votes than the official who is ousted.

That "offers bad actors a powerful incentive for targeting an elected official with whom they disagree, in order to replace them with someone who would otherwise not enjoy the support of a majority of voters," said Democratic state Sen. Josh Newman.

The pending bill still would allow voters to recall a sitting local government official but eliminate the second step, leaving the local government to appoint a replacement or call a special election to fill the vacancy.

"Elections will be restored to their intended purpose of allowing for a referendum on the integrity or fitness of the recalled official, and not as an end-around to subvert standard electoral processes," said Newman, who himself was recalled from the Senate in 2018 before regaining his seat two years later.

California is one of 30 states that allows for the recall of local officials, and it has recently had some bruising battles. Voters in San Francisco in June ousted their district attorney in mid-term, though voters there already use a process similar to the pending legislation. And opponents of Los Angeles' prosecutor have failed twice to mount recall elections there.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, last year easily defeated a recall attempt that critics said could have replaced him with a Republican who received a minority of votes.

Statewide recalls would not be affected by the pending measure, and Democratic Sen. Steve Glazer said he fears prospects for broader reforms "have dimmed over time."

But local recall efforts in California have soared in recent years, from an average of 13 that qualified for the ballot annually between 2010 and 2020. However in 2021 alone 70 local officials faced recalls, Newman said.

That is voters' right, though "we may not like it, particularly if we are the target of that recall," objected Republican Sen. Melissa Melendez.

"I don't know that we need to meddle with laws that have been in place for decades that have worked and are doing their job," added GOP Sen. Brian Jones. "It's a solution in search of a problem."

The Senate approved the bill 29-8, sending it back to the Assembly for a final vote.



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 22STCP02419 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Justin Lawrence Irribarren for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Justin Lawrence Irribarren filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Justin Lawrence Irribarren to Justin Luna.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 8/08/2022 Time: 10:00 a.m, Dept:74 , Room: 735. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,1725 Main Street Santa Monica CA 90405. 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. Date: 06/27/2022.

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MUIR SMASH

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On Sept. 1, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education will be tasked with deciding whether to pursue a full replacement of the damaged Muir/SMASH campus or embark an extensive repair; in addition, board members will be asked to determine what capital projects are priorities in order to gather the funds necessary to restore use of the 26-year-old campus, which is located on Ocean Park Boulevard between 5th and 6th streets.

When classes resumed for students across the city earlier this month, the nearly 500 pupils formerly attending school on that campus were displaced, making the restoration of the John Muir/SMASH campus a high priority for school district leadership. But what future improvements to other campuses should be shelved — temporarily, staff hope — is a tougher decision to make.

On Monday evening, Aug. 22, the Santa Monica Facilities District Advisory Committee met to discuss options in order to make suggestions to the SMMUSD Board ahead of its upcoming meeting.

When it came to the $19.6 million cost estimate, committee member Sam Levitt said he suspected the final tabulation may be much higher than the current $3 million built-in contingency.

"You've got a $3 million contingency because, as we've all readily admitted — as we've heard everyone admit here — this building has been mismanaged from the get-go," Levitt said, later adding, "What we've heard in this outline is that the site hasn't been managed and the repair work that's been done hasn't been impactful. And so, yeah, it's sunk cost, but it's a whole lot of sunk cost that's been lost on a building. And what's the confidence level in the next set of work actually remediating the issues at hand, and frankly, that the contingency is going to cover what we continue to find as we open up walls, and as we as we dive into these things?"

Staff argued that, despite the long history of water damage and ineffective repair work at the campus, a full replacement would be more costly and time consuming than the repairs they envisioned.

Bond Program Manager Steve Massetti said it was "silly" to compare the cost of replacing the current building with the actual cost of a new building, since if they were to start over, the District would opt for a larger facility with more modern amenities in its place, not to mention a full replacement would take about two years longer than a repair — "We're looking at something like $15 million versus $55 million, Massetti estimated.

Committee member Alexis Dennis-Heuther said a full replacement would potentially harm public trust in the District.

"For sustainability purposes, we don't want to tear a building down that has plenty of things that are still usable ... ," Dennis-Heuther said. "So, I would be very strongly recommending that."

Staff also affirmed their prioritization of the Muir Elementary site for a local elementary school, noting that although the SMMUSD has space to fit students in at various other schools, class sizes would be larger than their own preferences (also known as ed spec).

In the end, the committee voted, 4-1, to suggest the repair of the campus rather than its replacement, with Levitt voting "no" and another committee member, Thomas Malayil, abstaining.

Committee members were split as to which other projects should be paused in order to make the repair work happen.

Funding for all of this work will come from the $485 million 2018 Measure SMS school bond, which passed with overwhelming support from Santa Monica voters. The majority of that bond money went toward the overhaul of Samohi's aged campus, but the District intended to use the remainder for modernization of several other schools.

A little more than $88 million remains in the bond, which as of February was set aside for projects at Will Rogers, Grant, Franklin and McKinley elementary schools, plus John Adams Middle School (JAMS). Because the JAMS project is by far the smallest, with a $1.6 million price tag, staff and committee members did not consider it to be delayed. That leaves the four elementary school projects on the chopping block.

Among the six committee members present at the Monday meeting, opinion was split, with three voting to recommend deferring the $37.4 million McKinley Elementary project (to replace portable classrooms with a new classroom building and makerspace) and three voting to recommend deferring both the $13.9 million Grant Elementary project (a new library, remodeled courtyard and new pre-K and kindergarten facilities) and the $10.4 million Franklin Elementary project (a new makerspace and patio/outdoor classroom).

All three committee members who voted to defer the McKinley project did so for the same reason: the financial flexibility it would afford. They requested District staff inform School Board members of the reasoning behind their decision.

"The summary that I would provide would be that the committee was split between deferring Grant/Franklin and deferring McKinley," Levitt said. "Those that were choosing to defer McKinley were worried about some of the financial implications of the remaining projects and potential overages, and thought that deferring McKinley allowed for more flexibility with funds that deferring Grant and Franklin would not."

SMMUSD Chief Facilities Officer Carey Upton, speaking at the Monday meeting, said that prices were continuing to rise steadily at a rate of about one percent per month.

"We've been seeing escalation [of] about 1% a month," Upton told the committee. "So, every month we delay — you know, every six months, every year — is money. And so, the sooner we get in, the sooner we get there."

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GET IT DAILY...



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 24)

The year brings deeper levels of self-acceptance and the integration of things you celebrate about yourself with things you're working on. You'll establish rhythms and relationships to bring about optimal productivity and satisfaction. More highlights: a juicy bit of poetic justice and finally hearing words you yearned for. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 15, 13, 9 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It makes sense to be discerning in the early stages of a relationship. You go out of your way to show up strong for your people, so you want to make sure that new candidates are doing the sorts of things you'll love showing up for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Something about an interaction doesn't seem quite right. Make a mental note to consider in your private contemplations. Your subconscious is alerting you, though it may not be quite time yet to act on the information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Blending in works well for you now. You can be interesting and interested at the same time. In fact, interesting people are usually the ones who follow their curiosity, ask the questions and listen very well to the answers.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes your own behavior can be a mystery to you, but you can be sure the action serves you in some way, otherwise you wouldn't do it. You'll get creative in this regard, imagining other ways of handling a challenge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A fun goal will add sparkle to your days leading up its realization. Plan an exciting event about 90 days from now. It will be the sort of target that puts a dozen other desires and aims into alignment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though complaining to the right people can be the first step in changing a dynamic, the complaining itself is not what fixes things. You'll skip this step and go straight to coming up with possible solutions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People stick to their own agenda unless given something better to do. To get what you need, you'll first have to get their attention. You've a keen sense of what people want, and you'll use it to charm and disarm them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You exude warmth and empathy. In your embodiment of loving qualities, boundaries can still be maintained. Help people set reasonable expectations of you by making your preferences and limits known up front.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been influenced by memorable people. If not for the lasting impression they made, you wouldn't still be following their advice and examples. You'll now consider how you can create such memories for others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Think about what you need. It would be nice if people around you would notice your situation and figure out how they can fit into it, but you'll probably have to be the one to come up with deals, pitches and collaboration ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Include more people in your life and plans. There's a point in which involving too many will make things complicated and cumbersome, but you have a long way before you hit that number, so keep the invites rolling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Keeping relationships vibrant isn't about doing what's expected. It's about going beyond those expectations, which should always be in a state of flux. You aim to surprise and delight, and you'll certainly deliver today.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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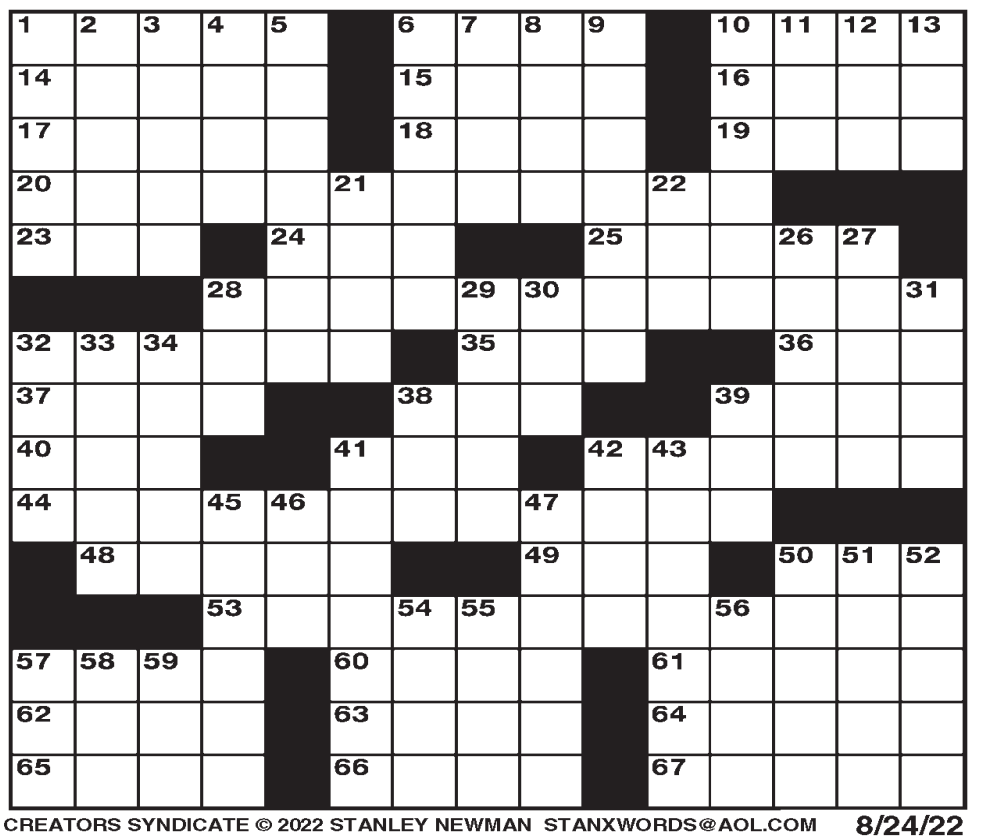
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1 Delay on purpose
6 See 26 Down
10 Car horn sound
14 "It's absolutely true!"
15 Act sulky
16 Fairy tale fiend
17 Maturing, as wine
18 Story line
19 Unable to decide
20 "Social" message for your friends
23 Deploy
24 Your and my
25 WWII sub
28 "Social" photo upload
32 Fridge decoration
35 Car fuel
36 Quid ___ quo
37 Shakespeare's river
38 Animation collectible
39 Pub pints
40 Parcel for parking
41 Hurried away
42 Truthful
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48 Loads, as cargo
49 Before, in poetry
50 Sound booster, for short
53 "Social" film-scene upload
57 Untidy one
60 Lode locale
61 White gems
62 Riding sport
63 Diabolical
64 Shipping department supplies
65 Pyramid's high point
66 "Polka" pattern
67 Lauder of lipstick

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1 Major muddle
2 *Julius Caesar* costumes
3 Guest of the Mad Hatter
4 Row of people waiting
5 Tibia or femur
6 Obtain from overseas
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8 Each, informally
9 Driving diversions
10 Lowest part
11 Concern for oneself
12 Goof up
13 Cartoonist's tool
21 Banish
22 Start-up loan agcy.
26 With 6 Across, tablet brand
27 Is ready for a rest
28 Rustic lodging
29 Deal negotiator
30 Gadot who portrays Wonder Woman
31 Amount paid
32 Brewer's grain
33 States firmly
34 "Understood"
38 Common vacation rental
39 Now-then link
41 Continued after a pause
42 "This is for you!"
43 Narrowest of election margins
45 Holder of trains and trucks
46 Early afternoon
47 Mutineers, e.g.
50 Adjust to fit
51 Big brawl
52 Deputized pursuers
54 VCR descendant
55 Group of soldiers
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57 Healthful retreat
58 Slice (off)
59 Spaniard's soccer shout

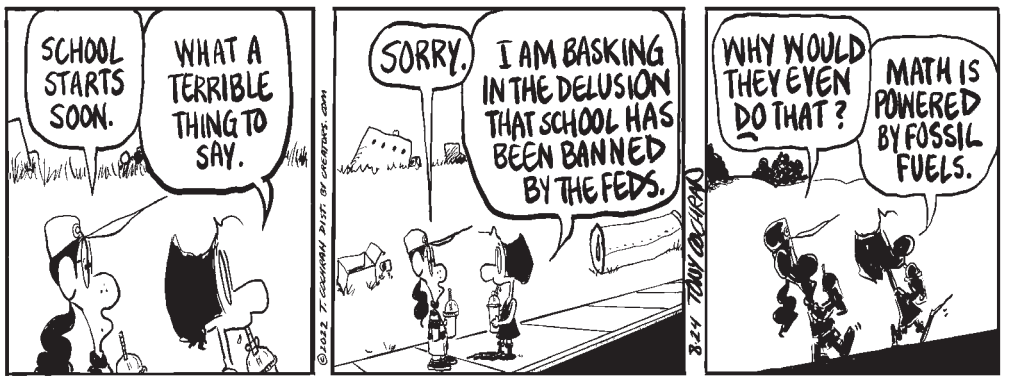


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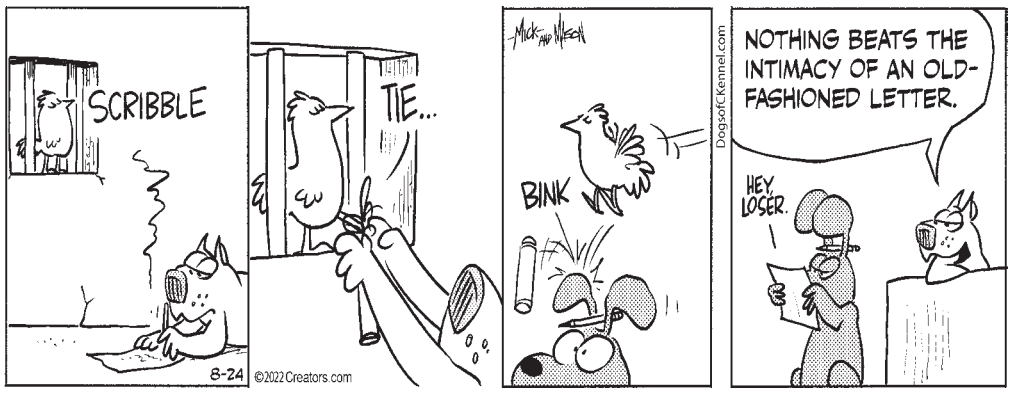
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By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER."

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

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C	O	A	L	D	N	A	L	D	E	H	T	R	O	P
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Agate	Coen	Gold	Onyx
Alarm	Diver	Heat	Port
Aquifer	DVDs	Invar	Hedland
Argon	Dyke	Iridium	Rain
Axes	Ebor	Jade	Rich
Azimuth	Euroa	Lead	Seam
Beryl	Feasibility	Lisle	Sellheim
Bowen	Flotation	Lode	Shift
Camps	Focus	Lucky	Spar
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Coal	Gems	Marl	Yass
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24

MAIN STREET FOOD TRUCKS

The California Heritage Museum is proud to announce the return of the weekly Gourmet Food Truck event, taking place every Wednesday evening. Come taste delicious food located one block from the beach, in the parking lot of the California Heritage Museum at 2612 Main Street (on the corner of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard), in beautiful Santa Monica.

Available are a variety of food trucks, each hosting a different type of cuisine. Among the trucks scheduled to attend are "Rice Balls of Fire" and "Cerda Vega Tacos". A preview of each truck's menu can be seen by visiting the museum's website.

Parking is available within the museum's lot. Additionally, visitors to the museum event can find parking in adjacent parking lots.

For additional information, please contact the California Heritage Museum's staff directly by calling (310) 392-8537 or emailing the museum at mail@californiaheritagemuseum.org.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special meeting of the City Council. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information including agendas and changes to the regular schedule, visit: https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx. Meetings are available on the City's website and Youtube page.

THURSDAY AUGUST 25

FIVE SUMMER STORIES 50TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING EVENT

Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the "finest surf film ever made" at Laemmle Monica Film Center. When Greg MacGillivray and Jim Freeman's iconic surf film Five Summer Stories premiered in 1972, it took the surfing world by storm. The film's unusual format – a montage of five-plus exciting, controversial and beautiful vignettes or stories – perfectly captured a fractured era in which an explosion of creativity and revolutionary change was shaking down the old order, taking the sport of surfing into new and unknown territory. Five Summer Stories is directed and produced by Greg MacGillivray and Jim Freeman, and photographed by MacGillivray, Freeman, Bud Browne ("Going Surfin'") and George Greenough, with narration written by Drew Kampion. Music is composed by the 1970s rock/surf band Honk and features songs by the Beach Boys. The film features 35 surfers, including Gerry Lopez, David Nuuhiwa, Eddie Aikau, Jeff Hakman, Corky Carroll, Buttons Kaluhiokalani, Dru Harrison, Shaun Tomson, Margo Godfrey Oberg, Lynne Boyer, Billy Hamilton, Sammy Hawk, Herbie Fletcher, Rory Russell, and many more. The 135-minute runtime includes a 15 minute intermission. Find more information and reserve your spot here: https://www.laemmle.com/film/five-summer-stories#get-tickets.

FRIDAY AUGUST 26

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. Pico Branch Library. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SUNSET SWIM

Enjoy a fun evening at the pool, exclusively for adults ages 18+. $10 adults, $5 senior (60+). Outside food welcome, no glass, no alcohol. Annenberg Community Beach House. 6 - 9 p.m.

SATURDAY AUGUST 27

COURTYARD & SPLASH PAD OPEN

The Annenberg Community Beach House gated area, including the courtyard and splash pad, are open to the public daily. Check the Beach House website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm. Annenberg Community Beach House. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

FLOATING FITNESS WORKOUT

$20/class, pre-register online through Reserve Santa Monica. Floating Fitness Workouts with BOGAFiT builds strength, deepens flexibility, and improves balance and coordination. Wear a bathing suit or workout clothes. Be ready to get wet -- you may fall into the pool. Annenberg Community Beach House. 8:30-9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 28

POOL OPEN

The pool is open daily from through Monday, September 5.

Pool hours:

Monday through Thursday 12-6 p.m.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10am-6pm

Pool passes go on sale one hour before pool opening at the Guest Services window. Passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations. For more on the pool, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/pool.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **72.7**

WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	SW/SSW swell picks up further and peaks, showing best west of Dume. Small NW swell mix blending in to occasionally help shape.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	SW/SSW swell holds, showing best west of Pt. Dume. Small NW swell mix blending in to occasionally help shape. New SSW swell creeps in late in the day.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 73.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 74. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/08/24	Wed	03:05 AM	-0.07	L
2022/08/24	Wed	09:36 AM	4.07	H
2022/08/24	Wed	2:18 PM	2.49	L
2022/08/24	Wed	8:24 PM	5.91	H
2022/08/25	Thu	03:31 AM	-0.17	L
2022/08/25	Thu	09:55 AM	4.19	H
2022/08/25	Thu	2:50 PM	2.23	L
2022/08/25	Thu	8:56 PM	6.05	H
2022/08/26	Fri	03:56 AM	-0.19	L
2022/08/26	Fri	10:16 AM	4.33	H
2022/08/26	Fri	3:22 PM	1.99	L
2022/08/26	Fri	9:27 PM	6.07	H
2022/08/27	Sat	04:21 AM	-0.13	L
2022/08/27	Sat	10:38 AM	4.50	H
2022/08/27	Sat	3:55 PM	1.79	L
2022/08/27	Sat	9:59 PM	5.94	H
2022/08/28	Sun	04:45 AM	0.03	L
2022/08/28	Sun	11:01 AM	4.67	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 8/22
12 27 34 55 67
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 100 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/19
12 18 24 46 65
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 116 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 8/20
1 7 18 22 38
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 18 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/22
9 10 16 22 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/22
EVENING: 9 0 6
Draw Date: 8/22
MIDDAY: 8 1 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/22
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
Race Time: 1:45.50

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