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City departments make their cases for a piece of the Measure K-funded pie

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During the three-and-a-half hour long study session, a number of separate dives down various rabbit holes resulted in some lengthy, super-specific discussion over all manner of reasons why each and every City services department needs more money.

Back in July, Council directed staff to return with a study session on the best ways to make strategic investments to enhance public safety and address our homelessness crisis. This was done in conjunction with placing a Parking Facility Tax measure (Measure K) on the November 2024 ballot.

The measure was originally rejected during the June 25 meeting, however, during the July 9 meeting Vice Mayor Lana Negrete — who had originally opposed it — asked the City Council to direct the City Manager to halt the process to identify tradeoffs and budget reallocations within the existing budget.

If approved by voters in November, Measure K is estimated to raise an annual $6.7 million, at least half of which would be spent on public safety and addressing homelessness.

The staff report provided three funding scenarios that focus the resources to address different but equally important goals and strategies around public safety and homelessness:

- Visibility – increasing visibility of city resources in the community
- Systemwide – increasing capacity across the public safety system
- Rightsizing – restoring staffing and budget or narrowing funding gaps in existing services



Photo by Thomas Leffler

MEASURE K: Public safety topics were once again addressed during a City Council discussion on Measure K.

City Attorney Doug Sloan began the appeal, presenting his case for needing more lawyers. "The city attorney's office is down five positions, or about 10%, from pre-covid, and two of those positions were in criminal prosecution. So with or without the parking tax funds, we need more positions just to keep up with PD as it is," he said, adding, "We have a hard time keeping up right now, and if those PD positions are filled [and] adding more, we're going to be writing more tickets, arresting more people. We won't be able to keep up with that."

Lindsey Call, Chief Resilience Officer with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), which incorporates 911 dispatch, was next. "In 2020, to 2023, our communication center lost 25% of our staffing and experienced tremendous difficulty hiring dispatchers," she said, adding that under the guidelines, one full time lead dispatcher as an incremental first step to support the city's emergency response was essential.

Santa Monica Fire Department Chief, Matthew Hallock appealed for funds to help the FD deal more effectively with incidents involving homeless individuals, specifically to create what he called an Advanced Provider Unit, or APU which would include one nurse practitioner and one firefighter paramedic. "We're actually requesting the implementation of two of these units … simply because that would give us specialized services, [available] seven days a week," Hallock said, adding, "We have two ambulances in our fleet that could be put into service to make this a reality, therefore not creating any capital outlay for apparatus."

Next up was Police Chief Ramon Batista who covered a considerable amount of ground, including the still under-quota numbers of staff, plus the technological elements of operating an effective police department, including the Drone First Responder (DFR) unit, changes coming in street camera surveillance, license plate recognition and smart video analysis software. All of which incur expense and in the case of the DFR, an additional operator is required to have the unit functioning seven days a week.

City Manager David White then reiterated everything Batista had just said and with the presentations over, discussion began. Regarding the use of additional staff and therefore cost to enforce the City's no sleeping in doorways policy, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete raised some pertinent questions.

"DTSM is spending a ton of money, in part, to address this exact issue. So … So just curious why we picked that to happen in that particular area when there's [sic] already efforts happening there, and then also why would we use code enforcement when we have this downtown service, police unit that's kind of addressing these issues? She asked.

Heather Averick, director of the Department of Housing and Human Services responded, "The downtown area is just a hot spot … not only for people experiencing homelessness, but [also] for our visitors and our tourists and our community members," she said, adding, "Code enforcement can write citations, and the DTSM Ambassadors, to my knowledge, cannot."

To which Negrete, thankfully, pounced upon the obvious issue with that, "So writing citations to me, if I'm being honest, just seems silly for somebody who's unhoused," she said.

Jenna Grigsby, from the City Attorney's Office, attempted to justify this procedure by saying when citations add up, they provide support in a court of law — should a case get that far — to illustrate that previous attempts to correct an individual's behavior had been

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LA County office mishandles recent SMMUSD tax statements

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For the second time this past week, a Los Angeles County office was noted as incorrectly printing information concerning residents within Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD).

On Oct. 7, SMMUSD informed senior residents that the 2024-25 Measure R exemption was excluded from their most recent property tax statements. The exclusion was a mistake from the LA County Assessor's office, joining the LA County Recorder-Registrar/County Clerk's office in mishandling SMMUSD information this week.

A SMMUSD statement read that the Assessor's office is aware of the issue, and is in the process of updating tax profiles. Tax statements should reflect the adjustment by Monday.

"Revised tax bills will be mailed by the tax collector subsequently," SMMUSD Community & Public Relations Officer Gail Pinsker stated. "We apologize for this confusion and are hopeful this issue will be rectified quickly. Thank you in advance for your patience."

The Measure R parcel tax was approved by voters in Santa Monica and Malibu in February 2008, but allows exemptions to senior property owners at least 65 years of age that own and reside in their property as their primary residence. Seniors with any questions can call the SMMUSD Measure R Office at 310-450-8338 ext. 70263.

Also this past week, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office sent out faulty ballots to SMMUSD voters, putting both Santa Monica and Malibu-related school bond measures on their ballots.

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan stated that voting materials cannot be modified for the Nov. 5 Election Day, but his office "will ensure" that only votes cast in defined boundaries "are reported and certified." Voters in Santa Monica will be casting ballots for or against the $495 million bond Measure QS, while Malibu will vote on the $395 million bond Measure MM.

During his Superintendent's report at the SMMUSD Board of Education Meeting Oct. 10, Dr. Antonio Shelton reiterated that the district has been in communication with the Registrar's office and that "corrective actions have been taken" to ensure voters know which bond measure they are eligible to vote for.

"Measure QS pertains only to Santa Monica voters and funding improvements to Santa Monica schools, I want to make sure everybody understands that ... as Measure MM pertains only to Malibu voters and funding improvements to Malibu schools," Shelton said.

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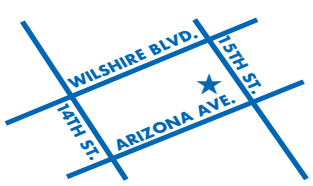
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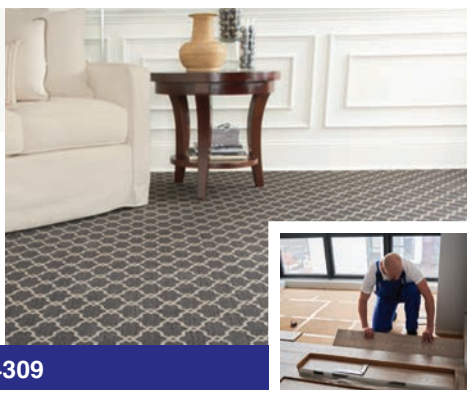
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The Blue Notebook - A Weekly SMPD Recap September 28-October 4, 2024

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National Coffee with a Cop Day - SMPD hosted two Coffee with a Cop (CWC) events this week in honor of National Coffee with a Cop Day. CWC is an international program bringing police officers and community members together in a casual setting. Residents stopped by 7-Eleven (16th and Santa Monica Blvd.) and UnUrban Coffee House (Pico and Urban) to grab a cup of coffee, chat with their local officers, and help build connections.

DEPARTMENT-WIDE STATISTICS

Total Calls for Service (CFS): 2,723. YTD (through 9/28): 997,931.

Source of calls:

Citizen Initiated: 1,625 calls for service. 59,221 YTD (60% of total CFS).

Officer Initiated: 1,098 calls for service. 38,710 YTD (40% of total CFS).

Disposition for CFS: Homeless related = 18% YTD.

Encampment Calls: 44. 1,249 YTD.

5150 Calls: 12. 512 YTD.

Arrests: 40 total arrests. 2,080 YTD.

PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Notable Incidents

Grand Theft – 1200 Block of Princeton Street. The victim, an elderly male, parked his vehicle along the curb and walked onto the curb to pay the meter. The suspect drove alongside the victim and asked him for directions. The suspect exited his vehicle, telling the victim he wanted to thank him for his help. When he was close enough, the suspect handed the victim some worthless jewelry and placed a necklace around his neck. The suspect then quickly got back into his vehicle and drove away. It was then that the victim realized the credit card he was holding in his hand was missing as well as his necklace.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon / Robbery – 2000 Block of the Beach Path. The victim was assaulted, stabbed, and robbed by a group of young males. The victim suffered two non-life-threatening wounds to his back. The suspected fled on foot. The victim could not provide any other information about the suspects.

Gang Graffiti - 2900 Pico Boulevard. Gang graffiti was located by officers. A report was taken, and a request was made to Public Works for removal.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 2500 Block of 28th Street. Officers responded to a residence regarding a stabbing and discovered two brothers had been fighting. One of the suspects used a pair of small grooming scissors to stab the victim twice on the shin. The victim had two small puncture wounds and was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Grand Theft – 1300 Block of Wilshire Boulevard. The victim had just parked in the lot for a business on Wilshire when the suspect approached her door and accused the victim of hitting her car. When the victim exited her car to look for damage, the suspect took the victim's purse from the front passenger seat and fled.

Burglary – 1500 Block of Street. Officers responded to a call of a burglary at a church. The reporting party stated he heard noises coming from the main room and saw a subject exiting the building. The suspect was seen leaving in an older white sedan. A walk through of the building revealed a missing piano and a bass. The suspect made entry through a window.

Traffic Collision with Injuries - 1500 block Pico Boulevard. An adult male was riding a bicycle without a helmet westbound on Pico. The bicyclist performed a lane change and was struck by a vehicle from behind. The vehicle and driver remained on-scene. The bicyclist was transported to a local hospital and underwent emergency surgery for a head injury. Driver determined to not be under the influence and released.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 2500 Block of Main Street. Officers responded to a call of a stabbing. The suspect and victim were last seen running southbound on Main Street. Officers arrived and located a crime scene. An area check was negative for the suspect victim and suspect were in a verbal altercation when the suspect produced a knife and stabbed the victim, possibly in the arm. Local hospitals were advised, and the scene was processed by forensics.

Vandalism - City Hall. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a window to the City Clerk's Office. It did not appear that entry was made to the location.

Residential Burglary (HOTPROWL) – 400 Block of 24th Street. Suspects cut the rear screen to a sliding door, entered the location, and were startled by resident who was returning home. The suspects fled the location and possibly left in a vehicle described as a white mid-sized 4-door sedan.

Threats – 2400 Block of 16th Street. Officers responded to a report regarding a student who was planning on taking a gun to school. The information was sent through text messages and FaceTime. The Department's Youth Services Division contacted the school district and took the lead in tracking down the student and ensuring no violence would occur on campus.

Traffic Collision – Palisades Park / Wilshire Boulevard. SMPD officers responded to a single vehicle traffic collision into the cement bluff barrier in Palisades Park at the Ocean Avenue/Wilshire Blvd intersection. Both adult occupants were out of the vehicle prior to police arrival. The driver sustained a very minor injury, and the passenger was unharmed. The cement barrier stopped the vehicle from falling down the bluff, onto Pacific Coast Highway. The driver was deemed not to be driving under the influence.

Traffic Collision / DUI - 1500 Block Pacific Coast Highway. In the early morning hours, a solo vehicle rollover occurred in the southbound lanes of 1500 Block of Pacific Coast Highway. The vehicle came to rest on its rooftop, blocking the entrance to the McClure Tunnel - E/B I-10 Fwy. Due to the road closure an SM Alert was issued. SMPD

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

MONDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: Waist to shoulder 3-4FT+

A quality day likely - AM wind looks favorable, the swell combo peaks. Long period SSW swell tops out and WNW swell lingers. Deep AM high tide is about the only thing to knock in this setup.

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: Chest to head 4-5FT

Fun run due to continue as SSW swell holds, old WNW swell eases and a fresh NW swell joins in. Morning winds look light, while the deep early AM tide remains an issue.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 64.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2024/10/14	Mon	01:32 AM	-0.16	L
2024/10/14	Mon	07:57 AM	5.11	H
2024/10/14	Mon	1:43 PM	1.26	L
2024/10/14	Mon	7:42 PM	5.62	H
2024/10/15	Tue	02:06 AM	-0.08	L
2024/10/15	Tue	08:23 AM	5.68	H
2024/10/15	Tue	2:28 PM	0.47	L
2024/10/15	Tue	8:32 PM	5.59	H
2024/10/16	Wed	02:38 AM	0.18	L
2024/10/16	Wed	08:52 AM	6.21	H
2024/10/16	Wed	3:14 PM	-0.20	L
2024/10/16	Wed	9:22 PM	5.37	H
2024/10/17	Thu	03:11 AM	0.57	L
2024/10/17	Thu	09:24 AM	6.61	H
2024/10/17	Thu	4:02 PM	-0.67	L
2024/10/17	Thu	10:13 PM	4.97	H
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Candidate Questions: Vivian Roknian

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VIVIAN ROKNIAN

The vast majority of Santa Monica's homeless population were made homeless somewhere else and traveled to Santa Moncia. What is the city's role and responsibility in addressing homelessness given the regional nature of the problem and the disproportional impact the crisis has on Santa Monica?

Homelessness is a complex, deeply human issue that affects the well-being of our entire community. Santa Monica's crisis is largely driven by individuals migrating here from across Los Angeles County and beyond, with some coming from out of state. This constant influx puts immense pressure on our city's resources, and we need to recognize this in order to develop policies that respond effectively.

Despite the city's significant investment of nearly $9 million annually, the number of sheltered individuals has dropped by 62% from 2012 to 2024, even though our Point-In-Time (PIT) counts have stayed between 700 and 900 people since 2009. It's disheartening to see that 47% of shelter beds remain unused, as noted in the November 2022 Homeless Study by Moss Adams. We owe it to both the homeless individuals in our community and to the residents who want a safe and welcoming environment to ensure our efforts are making a real impact. To do this, we need to tie homeless service contracts to measurable outcomes, ensuring that services are truly reducing the number of people living on our streets. If certain providers are not meeting expectations, we need to find those who can.

In February 2023, the city declared a Homeless Emergency, noting that 78% of our homeless population struggles with mental health issues, while 75% faces substance abuse challenges. These are individuals who need care, but they also highlight a breakdown in the county's policies, given that the majority come from LA County. We must engage more effectively with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to improve services and address the root causes of homelessness. At the same time, we need to reconsider practices that aren't helping—such as the distribution of drug paraphernalia in parks where families gather.

Santa Monica is also affected by the end-of-line transit policies that drop dozens of individuals into our city every night. This puts an unfair burden on our community, and we need to work closely with LA County's transit systems to find solutions that are fair and compassionate for everyone.

Lastly, with LA City and County dedicating nearly $2 billion annually to homelessness services—approximately $26,000 per homeless individual—Santa Monica must work in partnership with them to make sure resources are used effectively. Together, we can reduce the number of unhoused individuals and create a safer, more supportive environment for all.

The city's economy continues to lag and a recent study said Santa Monica was among the most expensive places to operate a business. What will you do to address the City's economic challenges and increase local revenues?

Santa Monica has always been a place of opportunity, creativity, and innovation, but I understand that our local economy is struggling. The rising costs of doing business here have put immense pressure on small businesses and entrepreneurs—the very people who give Santa Monica its unique character. As a small business owner myself, I know how challenging it can be to navigate these hurdles, and I believe we must act now to support those who make our community vibrant and strong.

To address the city's economic challenges, I would prioritize making it easier and more affordable to do business in Santa Monica. This means reviewing and streamlining the permit process, reducing fees, and cutting through the red tape that too often slows business owners down. By simplifying these processes, we can help local businesses thrive and attract new ones that will invest in our community.

At the same time, we need to focus on revitalizing our commercial districts by improving public safety and cleanliness. A safer and more welcoming environment will bring back both residents and visitors, creating the foot traffic that businesses depend on. When our streets and public spaces feel safe, businesses flourish—and with that, local revenue increases.

Another key component of economic recovery is collaboration. I would work closely with local businesses to understand their needs, ensuring that policies reflect the challenges they face. By fostering a supportive partnership between the city and its business community, we can create an environment where businesses feel valued and supported, allowing them to grow and contribute to Santa Monica's long-term prosperity.

Ultimately, I believe we can restore Santa Monica's economy by focusing on these practical solutions and ensuring that our local businesses have the resources they need to succeed. I'm hopeful that together, we can bring back the economic vibrancy that makes Santa Monica a special place to live, work, and visit.

Candidate Questions: Ericka Lesley

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ERICKA LESLEY

Every candidate who spoke to the Daily Press brought up Public Safety as a top priority. What has driven this subject to the forefront of local politics and what are you going to do to make residents feel safe in their public spaces?

Our post pandemic world has been turned upside down by organized crime, human trafficking, and increased lethal drug distribution. The relaxed conviction strategies that have been enacted in an attempt to enact equitable justice reform is not taking into account the career criminals. Leading to the increased crime rates without accountability.

My top two priorities for public safety are;

1.The increase of our police force and police presence in our business and residential areas is essential to reclaiming our city and ensuring that our communities cries for safe streets are being answered.

2. The relocation of the needle & glass pipe distribution program.We must continue to advocate for this program to be restructured and relocated at every level of governance possible until we get results. To ensure the safety of one of our most vulnerable populations, our children.

"No country can truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens." -Michelle Obama

Classifieds

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24STCP03787 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Erik Thomas Spangenberg for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Erik Thomas Spangenberg a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Erik Thomas Spangenberg to Angel Thomas Monroy . 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 11/22/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 111 N Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

Name Change

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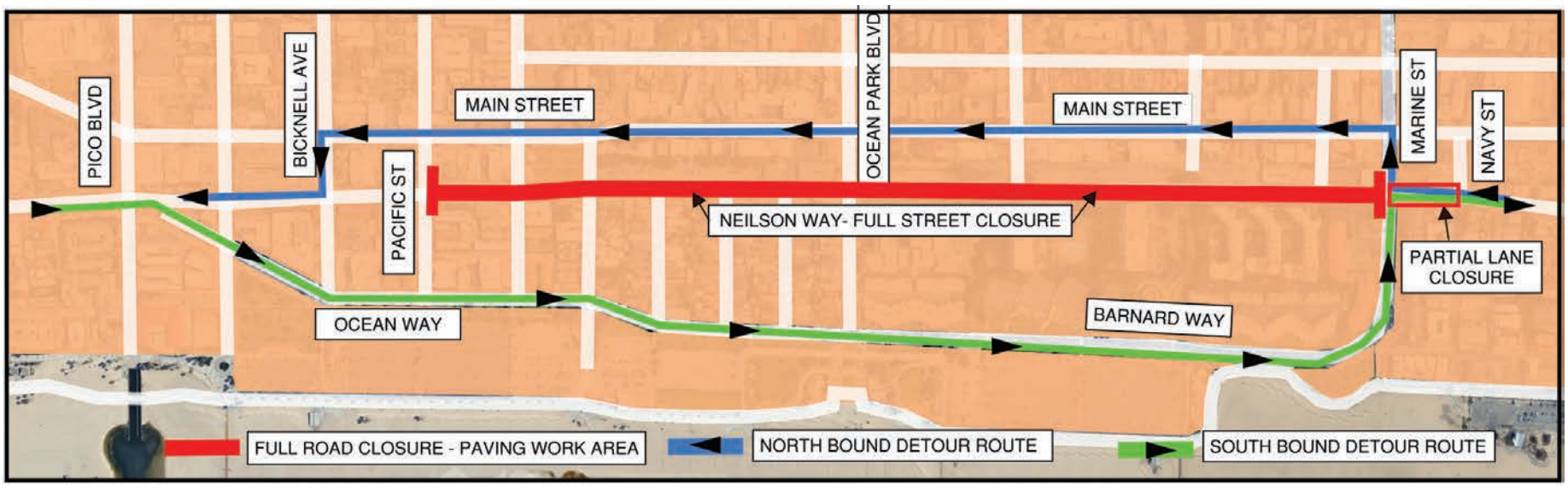
NOTICE

FULL STREET CLOSURE FOR ROAD PAVING WORK ON NEILSON WAY BETWEEN PACIFIC AND NAVY STREETS

Full Street Closure Dates: October 21, 2024 thru October 25, 2024
Work Hours: Monday to Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

Dear Neighbor,
The City of Santa Monica has contracted with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. to repave the street on Neilson Way between Pacific Street and Navy Street. The work will start on October 17 and will be completed in three phases:

- Phase 1 (October 17-18): Short duration partial lane closures to prepare for paving.
- **Phase 2 (October 21-25): Northbound and southbound Neilson Way will be fully closed from Marine Street to Pacific Street for grinding and repaving. See the detour map below, which would be used during the paving work.**
  All driveways will be accessible, however expect delays and plan for additional travel times when crews will be working adjacent to driveways.
- Phase 3 (October 28- 29): Short duration partial lane closures to readjust utility lids.



- Please follow all detour signs and temporary construction signs in the work zones.
- Local access to the one-way streets will be maintained.
- Street Parking will be restricted temporary “No Parking” signs will be posted in advance to inform residents for parking restrictions.
- The paving work will be a moving operation where intersections will be temporarily closed while crews are working at a location.
- After paving work is completed, the roadway will be tabbed with temporary safety markers to indicate lane locations.
- After the asphalt has cured for approximately 1-2 weeks, permanent roadway markings will be installed.

Schedule changes may occur due to weather conditions. For most up-to-date project schedule, please visit our project website: https://www.santamonica.gov/annual-paving-and-sidewalk-repair-project.
Este aviso está publicado en español en la siguiente página web que se encuentra aquí: https://www.santamonica.gov/annual-paving-and-sidewalk-repair-project

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this process. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve our community.

CRIME

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and CHP Units responded and contacted the driver (sole occupant) of the vehicle and performed Field Sobriety Tests. The driver, who was not injured, was arrested for DUI.

Petty Theft / Resisting Arrest - 1406 Marine Street (Marine Park). A reporting party from the 1300 Block of Ashland Avenue called about a homeless male trespassing on their property. As the officer arrived, the subject was seen walking away holding items from the residence. When officers attempted to detain the suspect, he forcibly resisted arrest, causing minor injuries to two officers. The suspect was cited out and taken to a local medical center on a mental health hold.

Traffic Collision with Injuries – 2200 Block of Olympic Boulevard. Officers responded to the 2200 block of Olympic Boulevard for a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian on a motorized scooter. The victim, a female in her late 40s, was transported to a local hospital for treatment of severe injuries. The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. No DUI was involved.

Traffic Collision with Injuries / City Property Involved - 1800 blk Ocean Ave. Two vehicle collision, resulting in damage to city property (center median electrical pole and foliage) causing debris field that shut down Ocean Ave (Olympic to Pico) for several hours. Non-life-threatening injuries to both parties.

DIRECTED ACTION RESPONSE TEAM (DART)

Code Enforcement:

126 Contacts, including 55 verbal and 3 written warnings

DART:

8 Citations

14 Field Interviews

2 Arrests

11 Encampments Advised / Removed

Found Property - 900 Block of the Beach. DART officers responded to a call of found property in 900 block the beach. LA County Lifeguards located a firearm at the waterline. Found property report taken.

Warrant Arrest - 1100 Block of 7th Street. DART officers contacted three subjects for possessing open containers of alcohol in Reed Park. One of the individuals had a No Bail warrant for Vandalism. A second suspect had a $30K warrant out of SMPD, also for vandalism. The first suspect was taken into custody, the second issued a citation, and the third was identified and released.

Pedestrian Stop / Check the Status - 2000 Block Ocean Avenue (Lower Crescent Bay Park). DART conducted ped check on known homeless and vulnerable female. DART facilitated temporary housing for the subject at SamoShel.

Check the Status / Mental Health Hold – 300 Block of the Pier. DART officers were dispatched to a call of an agitated person on the Pier. The officers responded with the SMPD DMH Clinician who performed an evaluation and placed the person on a mental health hold. Officers transported the subject to a local hospital.

Citizen Flag/NARCAN use – Ocean Avenue/Moomat Ahiko Way. DART officers were flagged down to assist a subject who was not breathing and appeared to be suffering from a drug overdose. The officers administered NARCAN and the subject regained consciousness. SMFD transported the subject to a local hospital for observation.

CRIME IMPACT TEAM (CIT)

Weekly Stats:

52 - Traffic Stops

25 – Ped Stops

12 – Bike Stops

2 – Misdemeanor Arrests

4 – Citations

17 – Field Interviews

1 - Assist

CIT conducted a crime suppression operation in the Wilshire corridor area resulting in the following:

6 Traffic Stops

10 Pedestrian Stops

1 Misdemeanor Arrest

2 Citations

5 Field Interviews

Several community engagement contacts at local businesses on Wilshire Blvd.

CIT and DART conducted a second crime suppression operation in the Wilshire corridor. The following is a recap of the activity:

7 Traffic Stops

6 Pedestrian Stops

1 Citation issued

1 Vehicle Impound

5 Field Interviews

Assisted with a radio call for a hot prowl

CIT, SPU, and CID plain clothes detectives conducted a burglary suppression operation within Beat 4 resulting in the following:

36 Traffic Stops

6 Pedestrian Stops

5 Bike Stops

5 Field Interviews

2 Citations

Notable Incidents:

A driver and passenger were stopped for a vehicle code violation. The female driver was on probation for burglary and male was on probation for firearm possession. A search of the vehicle yielded drug paraphernalia and several different types of pry tools. No burglary tool charge could be applied at the time. The driver was booked for drug possession and the vehicle code violation. The passenger was interviewed and released with the vehicle.

CIT officers observed a subject entering and exiting carports in the 1000 block of Alley 1 who matched the description of a prowling suspect from earlier in the day in the 1200 Block of Franklin Avenue. The subject was detained for investigation and found to have a $100K narcotics warrant. He was taken into custody for the outstanding warrant. The subject could not be positively identified as the prowler; his information was forwarded to detectives for follow-up.

CIT officers initiated a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation. Before the vehicle could be stopped, the driver attempted to flee by exceeding speed limits and driving through bicycle lanes. The vehicle ultimately stopped in the 2600 block of 24th Street (a dead end). Officers activated forward-facing emergency lights and conducted the stop. The driver was unlicensed and could not prove ownership of the vehicle, which was registered in Sun Valley. He was cited and the vehicle was impounded.

A traffic stop was conducted on a stolen vehicle. The officers' investigation revealed it was the driver's vehicle and he hadn't reported it recovered. The recovery paperwork was completed.

Officers observed a parked occupied vehicle in the 1400 block of Michigan, and after running the plate, learned it was stolen. The officers' investigation revealed it was the driver's vehicle and he hadn't reported it recovered. The recovery paperwork was completed.

HOMELESS LIAISON PROGRAM (HLP) TEAM

HLP Team Stats

128 - Calls for service

43- 311 requests handled

92 - Self-initiated activity

29 - Field interviews/warnings

6 - Citation

92 - Referrals to services

9 - Encampments addressed

DMH/HLP Clinician Stats

5 - Referral to services thru DMH

4 - 5150 evaluations (3 holds)

HLP Officers and Mariposa Landscaping conducted another successful monthly cleanup operation at various locations throughout the city.

HLP officers attended the monthly Samoshel/Access Center security meeting with staff from both facilities.

A monthly HLP detail operation focused on livability issues throughout the city, including the Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica Blvd, Broadway, Pico Blvd, Lincoln Blvd and Main St corridors, as well as known hotspot areas (based on HLP Team input).

The HLP Team conducted several periodic checks of the Wilshire Blvd corridor throughout the week.

HLP Team Officers contacted a male subject in the 1400 block of 16th Street. The individual has been homeless in Santa Monica for approximately 2 years and has been contacted and cited on numerous occasions. He was initially service provider resistant. This week, the individual agreed to shelter resources and was transported to Samoshel.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT (CAU)

NROs for Beats 3 and 4 have been working their way along the Wilshire Corridor from the 800 Block eastbound contacting business owners and employees, exchanging contact information, and leaving doorway stickers for posting.

CAU staff assisted in facilitating a commercial retailers meeting promoting the S.M.A.R.T Center.

NRO Wang and CPC Barreto attended the California Crime Prevention Officers Association annual training conference.

Beat 1 – NRO Hollowell with CPC Lockwood

Neighborhood Resource Officer Hollowell conducted focused foot patrol on the Promenade and responded to calls with the Downtown Services Unit. NRO Hollowell conducts these patrols to stay aware of issues and problems going on, within the downtown service area. NRO Hollowell also went to multiple businesses on the Promenade to engage business owners and their employees and explain how the Downtown Services Unit and Community Affairs are working together to address crime, consistent with the Police Department's Strategic Plan.

NRO Hollowell responded to multiple calls for service regarding juvenile e-bikers at Ocean View Park. None of the juveniles were at the location upon his arrival. NRO Hollowell attempted to contact the reporting parties, but his return calls either went voicemail or were not answered. NRO Hollowell is in continual conversations with Youth Services Division Detectives, Motor Officers, Public Services Officer supervisors, and the City Parks and Public Works departments for possible solutions for this layered problem. NRO Hollowell has recently spoken with building management for the towers located above Ocean View Park where the major problem is occurring. He has offered to host a neighborhood meeting for both buildings to attempt to educate the residents on the issues that the police department is facing. NRO Hollowell is waiting to hear back from building management about a possible meeting with the residents.

Beat 2 – NRO Navarro with CPC Barreto

NRO Navarro and Galvan conducted periodic checks regarding transient encampment at Clover Park. No violations observed and information will be reported to community stakeholder.

Beat 3 – NRO Galvan with CPC Barreto

NROs Galvan and Navarro attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting (2400 Block of Ocean Park Blvd) regarding the recent arrest for water meter vandalisms. The SMPD detective assigned to that case assisted in answering questions about the investigation and next steps.

NRO Galvan along with CPC Lockwood completed safety training at a business in the 400 Block of Broadway. General safety concerns were addressed regarding customers who have been refused service due to their actions.

Beat 4 – NRO Wang with CPC Lockwood

NRO Wang spoke to a community member from Montana Avenue Merchants Association regarding trends, updates and issues within the business district.

NRO Wang reconnected with library staff and scheduled a meeting for Thursday October 10th.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP #426 PARKING CITATION HEARING EXAMINER.**
- **Submission Deadline Is November 1, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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Approximately 300-sf of offsite improvements adjacent to pearl street sidewalk.

Job Walk Date: 10/23/2024 at 10:00 AM
Prequalification Deadline: 10/24/2024
RFI's due: 10/24/2024
Bid Date: 11/7/2024

Lead Estimator: Travis Miinch travismiinch@ericksonhall.com

Project Address: 2368 Pearl St, Santa Monica, CA 90405

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All bids are to be submitted to Erickson-Hall Construction Co. bids@ericksonhall.com

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If you are planning to bid this project, we encourage your participation and welcome your bid. All qualified bidders will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Erickson-Hall Construction Company requires all subcontractors submitting bids in excess of $50,000 to be prepared to furnish performance and payment bonds issued by a corporate security. Erickson-Hall Construction Company, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to waive this requirement or permit substitute security or alternate guarantees. We offer assistance in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies materials, bonds, lines of credit and insurance.

Erickson-Hall Construction provides notice to all contractors of the adoption of SB 854, this requires subcontractors to comply with the requirements as set forth on the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) website at http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/publicworks.html. SB 854 requires all contractors who perform public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after, unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Renters Unite to Combat Misinformation Targeting Candidates for SAFER SANTA MONICA

As the election season intensifies, renters in Santa Monica are banding together to counter misinformation campaigns aimed at discrediting the Safer SANTA MONICA candidates: John Putnam, Dr. Vivian Roknian, Oscar De La Torre and Mayor Phil Brock. This grassroots movement aims to clarify facts and dispel false narratives that the Establishment slate is pushing.

In recent weeks, texts, robo calls, and door to door campaigners have been alarming renters by stating that the Safer SANTA MONICA slate will raise rents and take away renters rights.

This could not be further from the truth.

These messages have raised concern among tenants and it is nothing but gaslighting and manipulation. This is an attempt to distract from the real issues facing Santa Monica residents today. Crime and violence have been plaguing the residents of this city for far too long.

"They are misleading us to try to get us to vote for them," said María González, a long time Pico neighborhood resident. "They are trying to scare and confuse us but we know the truth that the Safer Santa Monica candidates will protect rent control and renters' rights."

Safer Santa Monica incumbents Mayor Phil Brock and Council member Oscar de la Torre have fought for low income families and seniors and have vowed to protect rent control and tenant protection laws.

To combat the false narratives tenants are getting involved, informing neighbors of the misinformation. "We're focusing on the facts!" said González. "We want our community to understand what's really at stake. Our safety and well being are at stake in this election." Local resident Kazia Schulloff shared her experience: "I've lived in Santa Monica for over 3 decades, and I've seen how dangerous Santa Monica has become. I know that my rights are protected as a tenant as they are enshrined in the city charter."

In response to the misinformation, many voters are expressing skepticism toward the tactics employed by the Establishment slate. "It feels desperate," said renter Mary Cornejo. "I want candidates who are honest and who genuinely care about our community." This sentiment was echoed by decades long renters,Elaine Korowitz and Monique Mendelovitz. As Election Day approaches the mobilization of renters aims to ensure their voices are heard.

"We will not listen to the misinformation. We will support the candidates who will listen to us and stand up for us," affirmed Mary Cornejo.

With community support growing, SANTA MONICA tenants remain determined to push back against falsehoods and secure a future where we are all safe and renters' rights continue to be protected.

Dominic Gomez

CITY COUNCIL

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unsuccessful.

The Santa Monica Police Department is currently budgeted for 232 officers, yet there are 214 on the force now. Councilmember Gleam Davis asked Police Chief Ramon Batista when they might be able to get to 232.

"That's a complex question," Batista replied, explaining that between June 2023 and July 2024, they took in 1,331 applications that eventually resulted in 21 hires. "You've got a lot of factors going on, retirements. You've got officers in training and training takes 18 months. You've got folks that can't complete training, you've got folks that sometimes can't complete probation," he said, adding, "If we were to continue just to do what we do today, then we'd be working under the flawed belief that at some point we're going to catch up."

Batista went on to say that he had high hopes for a new piece of recruitment software that would potentially enable a faster turnaround in the screening process. However, that's not to say that the number of applicants would increase, which is precisely why recruitment pop-ups at events like National Night Out, anniversaries at the Pier, or the recent Douglas Day celebration at the Santa Monica Airport are so critical.

He finally gave the date of sometime between 2025 and 2026 as when the department might have 232 officers on staff.

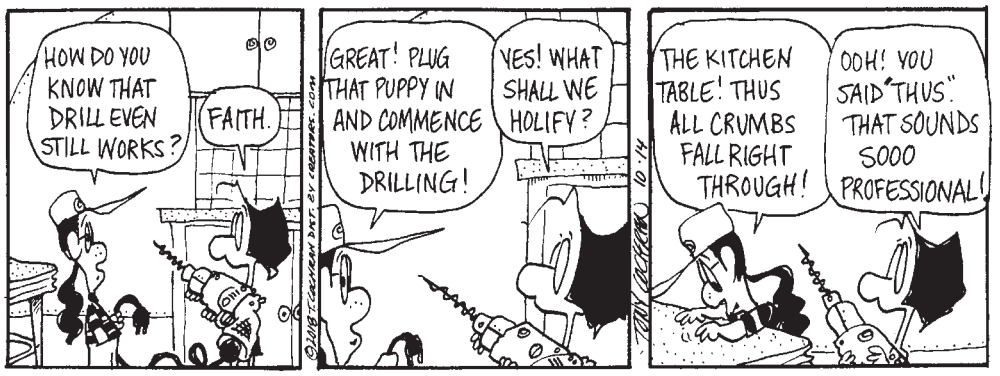
Ultimately, the discussion descended into six of one and half a dozen of the other with what felt like a rush from Mayor Phil Brock to get a motion onto the floor amid the confusion, even though this item did not actually require a vote. In the convoluted befuddlement, a shockingly vague motion was made by Negrete and seconded by Brock to add two officers to the special investigations unit, not to move forward with the downtown plan, take out the code enforcement officers and trade that up for yet another police officer. The Fire Department will also, potentially, get its APU.

Voting went along predictably political lines, with Davis, Torosis and Zwick voting no and Negrete, Parra, Brock and de la Torre, voting yes. There were no substantive budgetary changes, because that required five votes. Moreover, this decision is in no way binding and everything could change as a result of the November elections anyway. It was all, in essence, theoretical.

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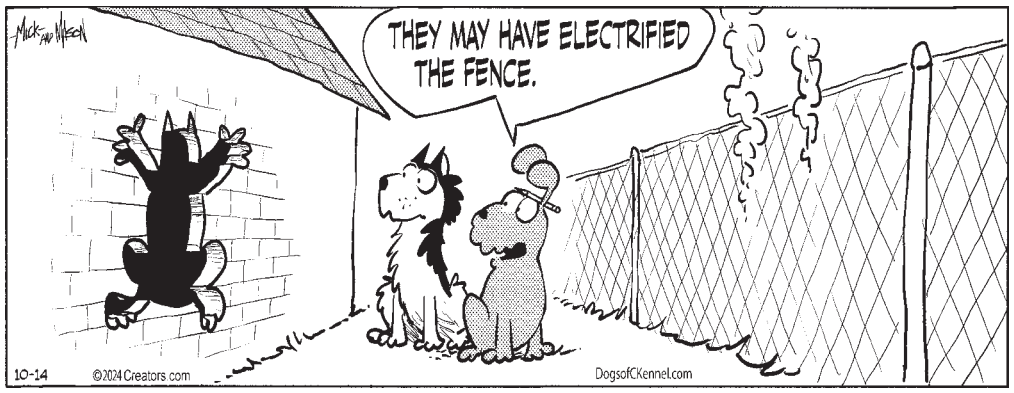
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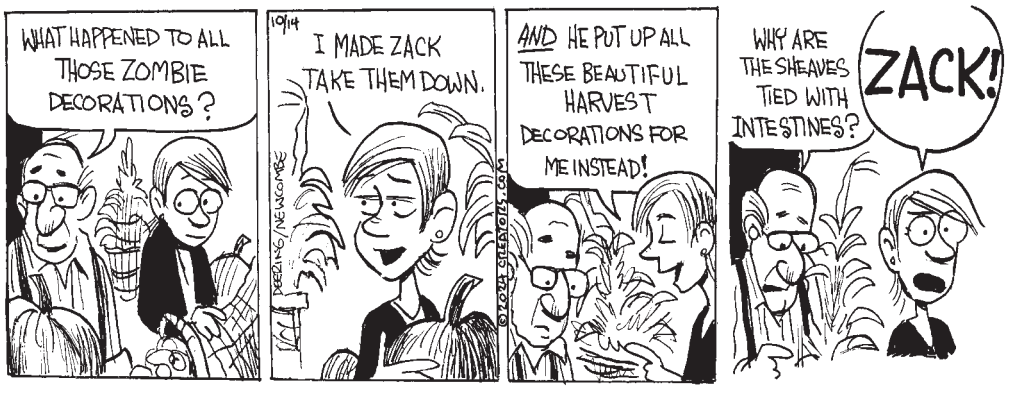
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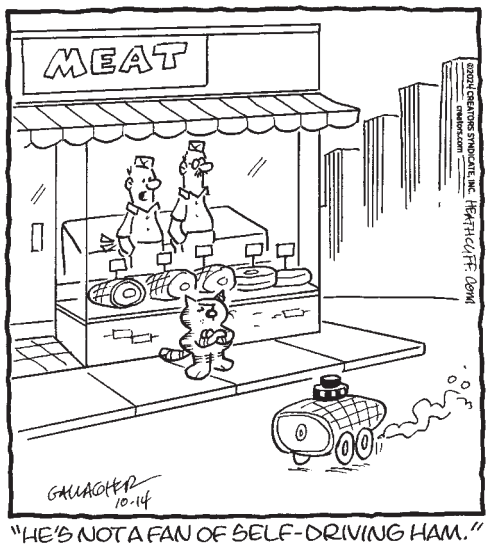
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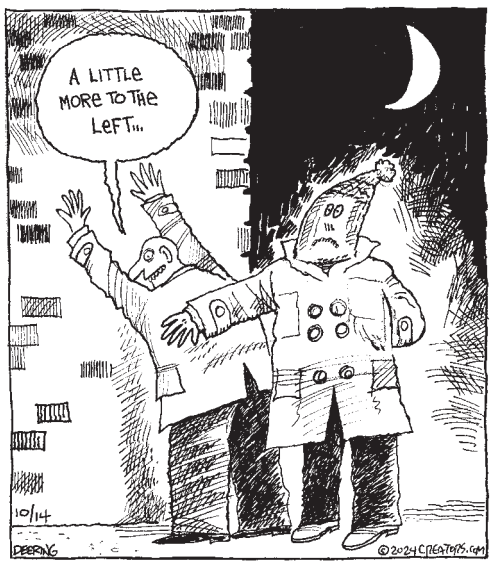
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"HE'S NOT A FAN OF SELF-DRIVING HAM."

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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6363

Escape to the country

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Bargo	Ebor	Manjimup	Scone
Bulli	Eden	Megalong	Silos
Clare	Eureka	Miles	Snakes
Colo	Fences	Moonbi	Sowing
Corn	Gold	Orange	Towns
Cowra	Highway	Peel	Tractor
Creeks	Horses	Pests	Vet
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Dams	Isolation	Rain	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 14)

You won't have to invent the fun this year, as it will be served to you, you'll be swept up in it, or it will rush to embrace you. There's a new scene behind every door, and life becomes a choose-your-adventure situation. More highlights: People will go the distance to make relationships functional, lovely and special with you. Financial, educational and social realms open. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 33, 2 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's common not to understand where a boundary is until it's crossed. You can declare yourself without causing ripples. Limits are not weaknesses but rather structures that provide form.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Today features colorful glimmers that keep you making the climb.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You would like to think that all parts of you are rooting for the same idea about what it means to be healthy, happy and wise. There will be moments when it seems there's more than one version of you rooting for opposing sides.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everybody is in their own spot. If you can meet them where they are, you'll have an easier time. Honor another person's ability to make the choice that's right for them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Most people don't intend to eat the whole bag of chips. When tired, so-called decisions don't feel like a choice at all. You'll help yourself by planning ahead for those moments when you're vulnerable to falling into suboptimal behaviors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Among your favorite feelings is the joy of accomplishment. Ticking items off a to-do list is a distinct kind of pleasure. They do not have to be difficult tasks to give you the rush of satisfaction that comes from fulfilling your own intentions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is said that the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Out of a sense of vision, or just instinct, you'll plant something today that, 20 years from now, you'll be very happy you seeded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your energy may seem diffused, which has its own kind of beauty - like a soft light that reflects the world with more glow, less spotlight. In this softened state, you find clarity not through force but through flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You long to know someone better, but if you ask direct questions, the guard will go up and you'll have less opportunity for insight. Relax and get into an easygoing groove of sharing space.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The whisper of the wind in the trees is caused by friction. The song of the violin depends on tension of the strings. As for your own experience in an exciting relationship, where do you think the sparks come from?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though sometimes it's smart to assess the competition and use comparative analysis to strategize your next move, you don't always have access to all the data. Trust your creative leanings. Your signature style is working for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You would love to calm your mind at will. The ability can be learned, and it's a worthy aim, since a calm mind makes you better at just about everything. Know that a customized approach will be necessary, as your peace will be unique to you.

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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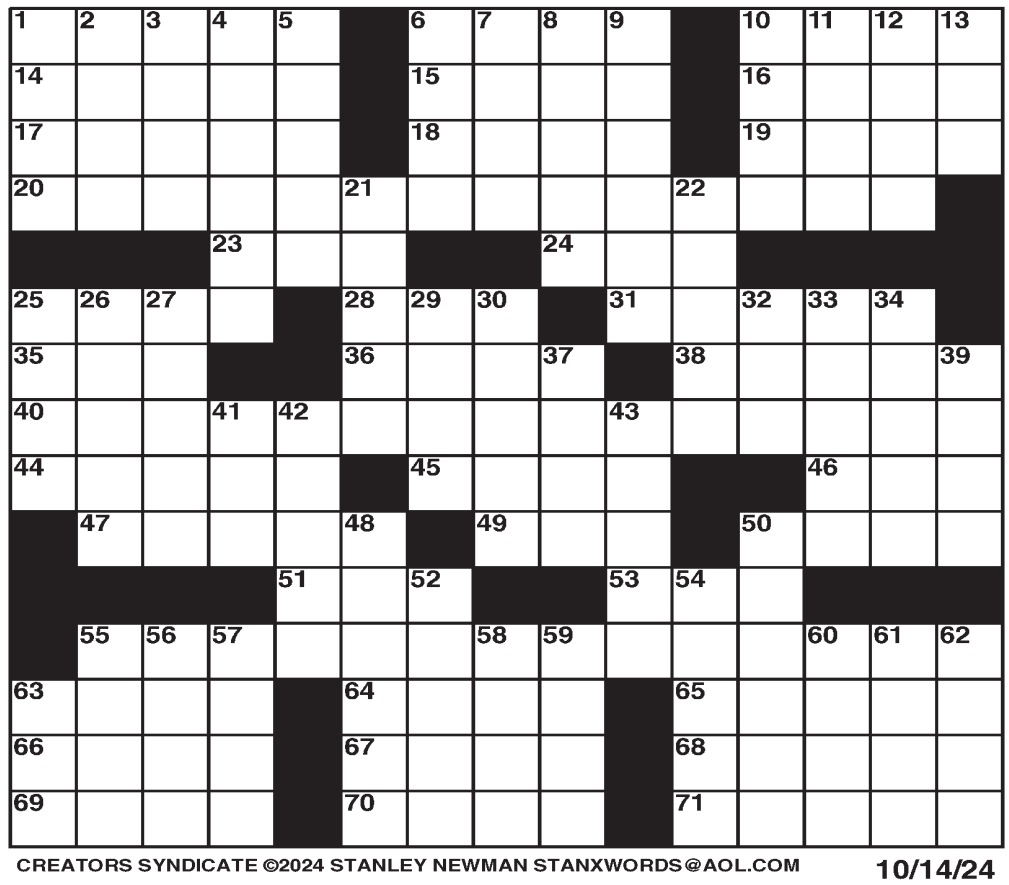
PLACES TO PLAY by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Self-assurance
6 Tex-Mex folded food
10 Young male horse
14 Made simpler
15 Memo letters meaning "right now"
16 Region
17 Be unselfish
18 Roster
19 Performed in a choir
20 Completely mistaken
23 Compass point opposite WNW
24 Prince William, to King Charles
25 Vessels for cooking soup
28 A pair of
31 Remove the soap from
35 Wedding vow
36 All __ (listening attentively)
38 Backs of necks
40 "Build that somewhere else!"
44 Barely detectable amount
45 Window ledge
46 American spy organization: Abbr.
47 Got some shuteye
49 Coffee alternative
50 Computer whiz
51 Fireplace residue
53 Masseuse's workplace
55 Something easy to do
63 Perfume bottle
64 Threesome
65 Pine product in varnish
66 Outer boundary
67 Be a retailer in
68 New Hampshire neighbor
69 Golf pegs
70 On an even __ (well-balanced)
71 Amount bet

DOWN

1 Mexican money
2 Honolulu's island
3 "Time __ a premium"
4 Any weekly TV show
5 Blissful places
6 Folk story
7 "A likely story!"
8 Performing groups
9 Choose
10 Box for a violin
11 Spoken aloud
12 Provide temporarily
13 Luggage label
21 "Don't care what they do"
22 How contracts are signed
25 Half a quart
26 Aromas
27 Sum's bottom line
29 Methods
30 Satellite's path
32 Thumbs-down vote
33 Sufficient room
34 Spine-tingling
37 Reduced-price event
39 Mount Rushmore's state: Abbr.
41 Figure-skating surface
42 Himalayan nation
43 Don't go well together, as colors
48 Sounds of disapproval
50 Watch with amazement
52 New person on the payroll
54 Long-lasting hairdos, for short
55 Assistant
56 Hourly pay
57 Pub brews
58 Egypt's major river
59 Turnpike charge
60 Japan's continent
61 Hockey venue
62 Midleg joint
63 Doggie doc



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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24STCP03062 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Tiffany Kennetta Payne for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Tiffany Kennetta Payne a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Tiffany Kennetta Payne to Mahogany-Tiffany Kennetta Payne . 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 01/10/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 86 Room: 836 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 111 North Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24VECP00472 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Alessia Aril Marie Huntington Costanda for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Alessia Aril Marie Huntington Costanda a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Alessia Aril Marie Huntington Costanda to Isabella Ariella Figueroa . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 10/14/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: O Room: 571 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NW District East Courthouse 6230 Sylmar Ave Van Nuys, CA 91401. 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.

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
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MONDAY | OCTOBER 14

SANTA MONICA INNOVATION HUB

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Palisades Park, Ocean Ave. Santa Monica's Ocean Avenue and Palisades Park will be the site of a street fair focused on technology, innovation, investments and the future of business, hosted by the City of Santa Monica and StartUpStarter. This one-day event kicks off LA Tech Week and brings together more than 2,000 key players from LA's tech ecosystem. Beyond the networking and business opportunities, the fair will feature VR/AR activation, a co-working lounge, a sound stage and a beer garden. Tickets $39, to purchase visit: https://lu.ma/santa-monica.

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 15

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare.

¡GUELAGUETZA!

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Latino Center, Main Campus Quad, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd. Join Santa Monica College for a traditional celebration dating back to indigenous times in Oaxaca, Mexico. Guelaguetza is a time for the SMC community to come together and enjoy Oaxacan presence, culture, live music and food.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

7 - 8 p.m. Virtual. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. This month's selection is "A Dangerous Man" by Robert Crais.

HOUSING COMMISSION

7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all.

AN EVENING WITH CHRIS WALLACE

8 - 9:15 p.m. John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1630 Pearl St. Chris Wallace, anchor of CNN's "The Chris Wallace Show" and host of "Who's Talking to Chris Wallace?" On Max, will be discussing his book "Countdown 1960: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of the 312 Days that Changed America's Politics Forever." General admission ticket and signed copy of the book $55. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-chris-wallace-tickets-1009185439817.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 16

ALL YOU CAN CARRY PUMPKIN PATCH

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Downtown Farmers Market, intersection of Arizona Ave. and Second St. The All You Can Carry Pumpkin Patch is set during the Downtown Farmers Market. For $10 per person, kids and adults can take home all the pumpkins that can be carried in one trip. No helpers, no carts, no bags, just a bit of muscle, some luck and tons of fun. All are invited to try to beat last year's record of six pumpkins.

ANGELENO HOUR

4 - 7 p.m. The Georgian Hotel, 1415 Ocean Ave. Angeleno Amaro, California's celebrated amaro, will host its signature event series Angeleno Hour, a one-night-only event that offers attendees a unique opportunity to savor Angeleno Amaro in a stunning setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean. At Angeleno Hour, guests will enjoy three expertly crafted cocktails: Angeleno Spritz, The Rodriguez and MexiCali. For more information, visit https://angelenoamaro.com/.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

4:30 - 7 p.m. Park Center, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with housing issues. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- RFP #425 AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.
- Submission Deadline Is November 11, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.


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