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Editor's Note: Today is the second part of SMDP's annual Year in Review. SMDP staff have summarized stories from throughout the year and all 12 months will run in chronological order this week. In today's edition, you'll find news from April through June.

APRIL

The Samohi Surf Team produced powerhouse surfers who racked up competitive victories including an impressive team win against the historically dominant Palos Verdes surf team.

The Venice Family Clinic Art Walk & Auction came to a gallery in Santa Monica. Over 200 donated artworks were on display at Santa Monica Place and open to all members of the public. The fundraiser also featured the clinic's first NFT art auction and the digital art pieces were on display both in the gallery and on Nifty Gateway.

With citywide water use down around 18-20 percent from 2013 baseline levels, new water restrictions recommended by Gov. Newsom did not result in belt-tightening locally as Santa Monica was already operating at reduced water usage levels.

The County opened an online portal for landlords to request a penalty cancellation if they were unable to pay property taxes due to unpaid rent as a result of the pandemic.

Linda Greenberg, the longtime executive director of the education nonprofit Santa Monica Education Foundation (SMEF), announced her plans to step away from the fundraising organization after three decades of service to local schools.

A study ranked Santa Monica as 224 out of 230 cities for its violent and property crime rates per capita prompting alarm from residents and pushback from officials. Statements shared by the City, the Santa Monica Police Department, the Santa Monica Police Officers Association and City Council all criticized SafeWise.com's use of Santa Monica's 93,000 resident population to calculate per capita crime rates instead of the City's average daily population of around 250,000.

Southern California sweltered under an early-season heatwave and the temperature in Santa Monica reached 92 degrees Fahrenheit.

Restaurant Week returned offering discounted set menus at over 300 restaurants across Los Angeles, including 29 in Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Fire Department continued efforts to adapt to its newfound role in the homelessness crisis. After a report highlighted the massive resources devoted to a few individuals (one 35-year-old homeless man racked up $272,665 in costs from fire department responses, ambulance transports and emergency room visits for 62 calls to 911. Another 50-year-old homeless man generated $182,947 for 24 calls over the same time period, and a 54-year-old homeless woman cost $112,429 through 17 calls), department launched a new Community Response Unit to help with the calls.

A 21-foot-tall kinetic sculpture of David Lynch's head was installed at the new apartment building at 1550 Lincoln — near the intersection of Lincoln and Colorado boulevards to meet public art requirements for the new development.

BookMonster, Santa Monica's last traditional bookstore, closed.

Mail service resumed on the 1300 block of 14th Street after a brief suspension due to alleged assaults on mail carriers. The U.S. Postal announced the suspension due to several alleged assaults on multiple carriers. However, SMPD only had one reported assault from January and in that case, the victim did not want to press charges. The suspension of service made national news after residents posted the letter on social media and service officially resumed quickly with letter carriers escorted by members of the United States Postal Inspection Service, a law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the mail.

In a city known for sky high rents, 2021 was an aberration according to the Rent Control Board's annual report that said market rate rents for newly leased rent controlled units dropped by an average of 9 percent.

Following community push back and

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SPRING: Springtime in Santa Monica included recognition for local students who had achieved language skills and visit from the Secretary of Energy to tour local sustainability efforts.


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2732 (CCS) to allow certain 100% affordable housing projects to request waivers or reductions of development standards pursuant to State Density Bonus Law**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2732 (CCS) that was originally adopted by the City Council on December 13, 2022. This Interim Zoning Ordinance allows certain 100% affordable housing projects, except in the Pico Neighborhood Area as outlined in Santa Monica Municipal Code Figure 9.40.020.A, to request waivers or reductions of development standards pursuant to State Density Bonus Law. The interim zoning regulations set forth in Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2732 (CCS) will expire on February 11, 2023 unless extended by the City Council.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 AT 6:30 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2732 Extension

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Roxanne Tanemori at (310) 458-2200 ext. 8202 or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2275.

YEAR

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concerns over equity in response to its cashless fare pilot program, Big Blue Bus once again accepted cash fares.

Scores of union members representing Teamsters Local 911 – City of Santa Monica Trades & Maintenance Bargaining Unit rallied outside Santa Monica City Hall for a meeting to receive updates on contract negotiations.

SMPD deployed its CNT, or crisis negotiation team, six time in three weeks. The team utilizes de-escalation techniques to free hostages, calm violent suspects and preserve the lives of suicidal people, among other scenarios. It responded to several calls where suspects refused to exit vehicles or homes and several suicide threats. All were resolved peacefully.

A long awaited third Trader Joe's opened underneath the new development at 5th and Broadway.

Santa Monica bid farewell to the powder-blue "E" Expo Line insignia, as its trains were consolidated with the Gold Line expanding the ability of riders to ride one day all the way out to Whittier (in a proposed Phase 2 extension of the existing Gold Line). The trains kept the "E" but took the gold color.

A brief video depicting a man hitting his dog in Hotchkiss Park went viral on Nextdoor, but to many neighbors' dismay the dog was returned to his owner after receiving medical clearance from the City's veterinarian.

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A man was arrested for stabbing an acquaintance at a local beach. SMPD responded to a radio call of unknown trouble near Lot 1 South, near the Pier, which possibly involved car theft and stabbing. Officers located the described vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the 2100 block of the freeway. The investigation revealed a stabbing victim in the vehicle and officers provided first aid until SMFD personnel arrived.

The Santa Monica Rugby Club Dolphins mens team walloped Eagle Rock Rugby Club by a score of 39-7 in the first round of the 2022 postseason.

Venice-based Sameday Health paid $26.45 million to settle allegedly faked COVID test results for at least 500 customers.

Santa Monica College opened a food distribution program on campus that offered fresh produce, together with prepared foods, artisan baked breads, shelf- stable staples and hygiene products, all free of charge.

Ukrainian refugees began arriving in the area including a family who were hosted by Santa Monicans as Russia's invasion of the country continued.

U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm visited Santa Monica on an Earth Day mission to study what she called Santa Monica's "magic elixir" — the special sauce that has led to the City achieving LEED Platinum certification, the highest possible status for green energy use and conservation.

Heidi Marston, executive director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, announced her resignation, citing pushback from the LAHSA Commission over her decision to raise the organization's minimum salary to $50,000. Marston joined the organization as chief program officer in February 2019 and has served in the executive director position since January 2020.

The Rite Aid pharmacy located at 1808 Wilshire Boulevard, near the intersection of Wilshire and 18th Street in Santa Monica, closed. The nearby Rite Aid location at 1331 Wilshire remained open.

The Rent Control Board debated a proposed City Charter amendment that would make several revisions to its powers. However the proposal did not include a way to roll back inflation related rent increases and Council ultimately rejected the RCB's proposal in favor of a different measure that did expand the Board's powers while limiting rent increases to 3 percent a year.

The Bay Foundation asked regulators to formalize its Santa Monica Sand Dune Restoration Project just north of the Annenberg Beach House, while also expanding from three to eight acres of protected beach habitat in the area.

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After a Planning Commission rejection, a City Council rejection and a lawsuit, the Oceana Hotel finally prevailed in its pursuit of a permit to expand its restaurant service to the general public. The Oceana Hotel is located on Ocean Ave between California and Washington, where hotels are not a permitted use, but is able to continue operating as it predates this zoning ordinance. In 2021, it applied for a conditional use permit to allow non-hotel guests to dine at its twelve table restaurant, after a protracted application and appeal process, the lawsuit finally prompted Council to agree.

Sheriff Villanueva threatened to stop patrolling public transit throughout the county unless his department was awarded a larger contract to do so. Metro had a contract with LASD for partial law enforcement services but the Sheriff wanted to be the sole agency working the trains and buses, including at Santa Monica's Expo stations. Deputies were not removed from the lines despite the threat.

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The iconic Vince Lombardi Trophy made its way across Southern California as part of the LA Rams' Super Bowl Trophy Tour and it stopped in Santa Monica. The sterling silver Tiffany & Co. football was on display on the western end of the Santa Monica Pier and available for local football fans to take selfies to their hearts' content.

Santa Monica was not the only City struggling to come up with an approved plan to meet HCD's ambitious housing targets. Beverly Hills, Culver City, Redondo Beach and the City of LA all had their initial Housing Elements rejected and several cities tried to appeal their Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA).

The Santa Monica Police Department hired several new officers including Elvia Medina, Bryan Sanchez, Tyler Bonura and Marcos Rubio. Several officers were also promoted including Lt. Cody Green, Lt. Tina Greer, Lt. Erika Aklufi and Lt. Lewis Gilmour.

The City named a traffic circle after Donald Brunson. Born in 1907, he achieved many notable "firsts" in his lifetime. He created the first Black boy scout troop in the city, was one of the first Black men to purchase a house outside of a redlined district, and was a founding member of the First AME Church in Santa Monica.

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Speaking to the Santa Monica Democratic Club (SMDC) State Senator Ben Allen said he was advocating in Sacramento for ways to see State money directed toward infrastructure, education and climate resiliency.

Cody O'Connor, a 25-year-old cancer survivor from Cincinnati, Ohio, finished a cross-country walk from New York to Santa Monica. O'Connor walked across the country on a "Walk for Hope" for nine months to raise $300,000 for pediatric cancer patients and to shine a light on the ongoing mental and emotional toll that a diagnosis can have on a person and their family.

Iao Katagiri whose resume of community contributions was almost too long to list died from a swift progression of cancer at age 70. Katagiri worked at the RAND Corporation from 1975 to 2016 where she began her career as a researcher and went on to serve for many years as the Director of Community Relations. Katagiri seemed to only become busier in retirement, doubling down on her commitments to the many non-profit boards she served on.

City Councilmember Phil Brock said public safety Downtown was at a crisis point and wrote in an email that he supported dissolving the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. Board and replacing the safety ambassador program with armed private security and more SMPD personnel.

City Hall said its current facilities use agreements, also called joint use agreements, with SMMUSD will continue until 2027. Each year, the City of Santa Monica pays the SMMUSD about $10 million to keep district facilities open outside of school hours.

Los Angeles police arrested a suspect after an early morning stabbing on the Venice Boardwalk. Officers were called to Ocean Front Walk and Navy Street when a man was stabbed in the neck. Police said the victim was conscious and taken to hospital in stable condition.

Supervisors Sheila Kuehl, Holly Mitchell, Janice Hahn, Hilda Solis and Kathryn Barger approved support for a proposed Senate Bill, that increased abortion access in the state. The bill included a $20 million state budget request to further its efforts toward providing abortion access to California residents and non-residents.

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Amazon announced plans to create more than 2,500 corporate and technology jobs over the coming years in multiple cities across California including 1,000 jobs at Santa Monica's Water Garden. The company will expand its Tech Hubs in San Diego and the Los Angeles area, including Irvine and Santa Monica.

In a 3-2 split the L.A. County Board of Supervisors narrowly passed a motion proposing a new master government entity in charge of coordinating a County wide response to the ever spiraling homelessness crisis. Critics said the list of government agencies currently addressing homelessness in LA County resembles alphabet soup and has led to an uncoordinated response. The recommendation to create a new entity with direct responsibility, accountability and authority for handling homelessness came out of the County's Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness.

The Westside School of Ballet welcomed three professional dancers after they left their homes, friends and career behind in Russia. The group performed at Santa Monica's Broad stage with other guest dancers and current Westside students.

School District officials celebrated what they hoped would be a return to normalcy as virus cases remained low following the winter spike and spread was relatively nonexistent at school sites.

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 22STCP04050Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 No. Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012.Petition of Anthony Irving Stuartfor Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney:Anthony Irving Stuart filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Anthony Irving Stuart to Antony Irving StuartThe 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 01/09/2023 Time: 9:30 a.m, Dept: 26 , Room: 316The address of the court is Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 No. Hill Street 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. Date: 11/14/2022.

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people tallied compared to the most recent data available but a significant increase in the number of people on the streets compared to in shelters. In tandem with the release of the 2022 homeless count data, the City unveiled a series of proposals to strengthen its fight against homelessness.

Santa Monica's 2021 tourism statistics painted a bright picture compared to 2020, but remained nowhere near as hot as the 2019 numbers. Visitorship rose by 72.5 percent, from 2.03 million visitors in 2020 to 3.5 million in 2021, yet reflected less than half of the 8.41 million visitors in 2019. So while total spending rose by 65.3 percent from around $453 million in 2020 to $750 million in 2021, it paled in comparison to $1.89 billion in 2019.

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) provided information on its drone program. The $12,000 drone is on call 40 hours a week from its perch above the Santa Monica Public Safety Facility, ready to fly off at a moment's notice to answer service calls. The drone, also known as a UAS, or unmanned aircraft system, is steered by a sworn officer and overseen at all times by a non-sworn licensed pilot who stands on the facility's roof with eyes on the drone at all times.

City Council announced Douglas Sloan would be the new City Attorney. Sloan worked for the City of Fresno for the past 16 years and headed the legal department for the past nine.

The California Department of Education recognized McKinley Elementary for "demonstrated efforts to support students in four target areas: student engagement, distribution of technology, nutrition services, and social emotional well-being of students."

Community Corporation of Santa Monica announced plans for a shared marketplace specifically for hyper-local vendors. The collaborative retail space will offer an opportunity for small businesses to get their products in front of customers without paying the often prohibitively high costs of entering a brick and mortar. The marketplace is slated to open in January 2023 in the ground floor of CCSM's new 48-unit affordable housing development Brunson Terrace, which is located at 1819 Pico Blvd.

Four people were arrested following a stabbing in Tongva Park including three juveniles and one 19-year old man. The adult, Los Angeles resident Joseph Zachariah Theus was booked for providing a false ID to police and then released. The three minors (two male, one female), were arrested for robbery and one of the males faced additional charges of assault with a deadly weapon. The group was accused of stabbing a homeless man after they tried to steal his phone.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive returned after an unplanned two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic. The annual food drive collected donations for Santa Monica-based Westside Food Bank and residents were asked to leave out nonperishable food items to be picked up by letter carriers.

Traffic was snarled on the PCH due to a strange set of circumstances. The backup began when a tent blew onto the busy road forcing traffic to avoid one lane. While the tent created its own backup, a second incident began that increased congestion as an elderly man drove his motorized scooter onto the road with an SMPD officer in very slow pursuit. When the pair encountered the rogue tent, the officer stopped to remove it from the road and while the officer battled the wind, the scooter made a turn onto the Incline. After securing the tent in his car, the officer caught up to the scooter who had subsequently turned into Palisades Park. The man was given a verbal warning to stay off roads and sent on his way.

City Hall released a report on the state of transportation in the city. All modes of transportation were still lower than pre-pandemic levels. Parking transactions also plummeted but rebounded to the point that monthly average parking transactions overtook monthly Big Blue Bus ridership, which used to dwarf parking. About three quarters of respondents to a survey said they had used a shared scooter and a third used a shared bike.

Inflation eased slightly after months of relentless increases but remained near a four-decade high, making it hard for millions of American households to keep up with surging prices. Consumer prices jumped 8.3%. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, so-called core prices jumped twice as much from March to April as they did the previous month. The increases were fueled by spiking prices for airline tickets, hotel rooms and new cars. Apartment rental costs also kept rising.

Despite ongoing understaffing issues, SMPD announced it would increase patrols in Downtown Santa Monica by restructuring existing priorities and creating a new special operational unit that would work in the Downtown and Promenade area.

Vote by mail ballots hit mailboxes for the June primaries ahead of the November midterm elections. Vote by mail ballots were sent to every registered voter in Los Angeles County as part of the expanded efforts to encourage voting.

The Santa Monica Main Library hosted the Korean Classical Music and Dance Company. Under the artistic direction of Don Kim, the company performed the ceremonial and social dances that are an integral part of Korean culture. Dances included a "flower crown dance" and country drum dances traditionally performed during the harvest season.

With Santa Monica, Los Angeles County and the State embroiled in a mental health care crisis city officials began exploring a partial solution to problem on a local level by opening a behavioral health care center. Where that center will be located, what services it will offer, how many beds it will hold and what population it will serve are all up for discussion.

City Council voted unanimously, 5-0, to allow the outdoor "parklet" program, which included dining, retail and gyms, plus other outdoor uses such as fitness classes in parks, to continue to operate fee-free for the summer.

A five-member City Council voted unanimously to support a motion directing the City Manager's Office to prepare a study session on allowing the sale of non-medicinal cannabis. In 2017, shortly after recreational marijuana was legalized statewide, Santa Monica passed an ordinance restricting local sales to medicinal purposes. This ordinance only allows for two dispensaries to operate, lays out strict rules for where they may be located and requires hefty permitting fees. The ordinance is set to expire in 2023, at which point Council may vote to extend it or include recreational sales.

Jamie Riddle and Vittoria Lopes earned first-place finishes at the Herbalife24 Triathlon Los Angeles International Distance race. The event welcomed over 2,000 athletes, including elite and amateur triathletes and more than 50 professionals from the United States, the United Kingdom, Asia, and South America, who battled it out across the finish line.

Candidates for races in the June primary wracked up endorsements including traditional players like local democratic clubs and less traditional including Kim Kardashian.

Motional, a driverless car company with offices in Santa Monica, began offering food delivery through Uber Eats. The offering was an expansion for Motional who have been working on driverless taxi service for several years.

District officials releases a report detailing significant damage at John Muir Elementary / Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH). The extensive and severe water damage, combined with suspected insect damage and dry rot, would eventually cause the displacement of nearly 600 students enrolled at the 5th Street campus in Ocean Park as the District rushed to investigate and

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SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS
LEASE LEASEBACK (LLB) RFQ/P #23.09.SMS
FOR PRELIMINARY AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

SMASH/Muir Water Intrusion Remediation Project

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) issues a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) to invite the submission of statement of qualifications and proposals (Response(s)) from contractors to perform construction services and preliminary (preconstruction) services for the District's SMASH/Muir Water Intrusion Remediation Project pursuant to the lease-leaseback delivery method. (Ed. Code, § 17406.) **The Project construction cost is estimated to be between $16,000,000.00 - $16,600,000.00.**

The scope of the Project will include demolition including removal and disposal of all roofing, flashing, vertical surfaces to expose the plywood sheer walls, complete removal of the bottom four feet of plywood sheer walls, all gutters and rainwater drain lines, all architectural structures mounted to the exterior of the buildings, and exterior MEP elements; environmental work including eradication of environmental hazards including biological growth; structural work including upgrade of the structural systems to meet current seismic codes and replacement of some other structural; sitework including replacement of underground storm-drain and sewer elements; water-proofing including restoration of all outdoor water-proofing elements including exterior walls, roofs, windows, doors, flashings, drains, and all building penetrations. Reinstallation of all exterior MEP systems as well as replacement of all guardrails, handrails, and other architectural building elements.

A MANDATORY SITE VISIT located at 2526 6th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405 will be conducted **on January 5, 2023 at 11:00 AM. All attendees must bring & wear a KN95 mask in order to access buildings during the walk.** All attending Contractors should arrive at least 5 minutes before the scheduled commencement of the Site Visit. Failure to attend or tardiness will render the Contractor ineligible to submit a Response.

Contractors that intend to submit a Response to the RFQ/P must prequalify with the District by submitting the District's Prequalification Questionnaire through QualityBidders located at the following link: https://www.qualitybidders.com/, on or before **January 11, 2023**; hold a Class B Contractors License that is current, valid, and in good standing with the California Contractor's State License Board, and meet the minimum project requirements noted within the RFQ/P. **Contractors that have prequalified within a year of the deadline for the submittal of Proposals set forth in the schedule in the RFQ/P do not need to submit the Prequalification Questionnaire.**

The RFQ/P can be found on the SecureBids website at https://colbisecurebids.com/opportunity/view/173, or by contacting Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org. Electronic Responses must be received by **3:00 p.m. on January 25, 2023** via the SecureBids website, https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/LLBRFQP2309SMSSMASHMuir.

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remediate issues discovered on campus.

Homeless individuals in Santa Monica with access to Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) were given priority access to the City's affordable housing system, second only to Santa Monica residents who were facing no fault evictions. The addition of voucher-holders reordered the wait list for the City's limited affordable housing supply to those facing eviction, EHV holders, Right to Return participants and individuals who live or work here.

One year after Gov. Newsom first proposed universal prekindergarten for all California four-year-olds, SMMUSD leaders prepared to phase in the free program, which would gradually expand the current transitional kindergarten, or TK, programs for students just a little too young to start kindergarten.

An ongoing leadership dispute within the Housing Commission over who was actually Chair scuttled months of meetings just as the city was scrambling to address a deficient housing element that jeopardized access to state funding and local development controls. The fiasco prompted City Council to suggest temporarily suspending the Commission, but following strong pushback from commissioners, Council backed down from the proposal and allowed the group to agendize a new election to select a Commission Chair.

Olympic High School Principal Anthony Fuller announced his resignation in a scathing 1,200-word letter describing what he felt was "hypocrisy" amid school district leadership, alleging they deprived Olympic students from advantages afforded to other Santa Monica students; in response, Superintendent Ben Drati wrote his own letter calling Fuller's accusations misinformation.

The Santa Monica Planning Commission approved a luxury hotel, apartment, retail and public space project on Ocean Avenue at Santa Monica Boulevard, designed by renowned architect and longtime Santa Monica resident Frank Gehry. At the hearing, many of the seven commissioners were effusive in their praise of the project, which has been nearly 10 years in the making.

Los Angeles County moved from low to medium severity Covid environment but deaths remained low despite an increase in most metrics including case counts, transmission rates and hospitalizations.

Santa Monica Dolphins Rugby Club qualified for the postseason en route to Club Nationals in Atlanta. The Dolphins emerged atop the Pacific Super Regionals trouncing the Portland Eastside Tsunami before besting Olympic Club of San Francisco.

In a fast-paced forum at Venice's Rose Room, hosted by The Westside Current, Circling the News, the Santa Monica Daily Press and the Acorn, all six candidates for County Supervisor, District 3 had a chance to present their positions in advance of the primary election.

The long delayed demolition of Parking Structure official began with small work inside the structure but became significantly more visible with the start of "major structural demolition" that temporarily impacted traffic on 4th Street. The structure, on 4th Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, was demolished to make way for a city-owned mixed-use residential / retail building with services for formerly homeless individuals, as well as affordable housing.

Advocates and Santa Monica residents Miki Lamm & Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns attended the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM) 2022 Forum in Washington, DC to discuss legislation with Congressman Ted Lieu. The advocates hoped to secure support for key legislation toward Alzheimer's care, treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure for Alzheimer's disease and all dementia.

More than 80 young SMMUSD students were reclassified from English language learners to proficient in English. The students joined more than 200 parents, staff and well-wishers as they received certificates marking the occasion.

SMMUSD's budget was once again in the black. The data put the final unrestricted general fund balance for the SMMUSD at around $37.4 million for the 2021-22 school year. Three percent, or a little under $6 million, of that had to be set aside for what the State of California calls "economic uncertainties," meaning the real final balance is just under $31.7 million. That was $6 million more than had been expected.

With a resurgence of the dangerous "pass out challenge" on social media, Santa Monican Judy Rogg redoubled her ongoing advocacy work to address the behavior. Her son, Erik Robinson, died from the activity 12 years ago while a student at Lincoln Middle School.

The Crow comedy club opened. Founded by Santa Monica native and mother of two Nicole Blaine, The Crow sought to elevate comedy culture and create a welcoming space for comics of all ages, gender and abilities.

Santa Monica officials responded to a horrific Texas school shooting by increasing security at local campuses and providing resources to individuals who need them.

City Council began debates over raising revenues through a ballot measure. Following debates over which taxes and priorities should be addressed, Council eventually supported an increase in taxes paid by hotel guests and an increase in fees paid by home sellers for sales over $8 million. Mayor Sue Himmelrich gathered signatures to put a separate housing tax measure on the ballot that also targeted home sales. The Mayor's measure passed as did the increase in hotel tax and a tax on recreational marijuana sales.

The American Red Cross Los Angeles Region honored community heroes who demonstrated extraordinary acts of courage and humanitarian service at its 17th Annual Hometown Heroes Ceremony including two Santa Monicans, Jose Barron and Anthony Diaz. The two employees of the Santa Monica Community Recreation Division witnessed an off-duty city police officer suffer a cardiac arrest at the Memorial Park gym. They dialed 9-1-1 and, relying on instructions from dispatcher Joanna Worgen, initiated CPR and used the defibrillator. For their efforts, the pair received a Santa Monica Fire Department's Citizens Award.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva announced "Operation Safe Travel": his plan to remove an estimated 5,700 homeless people he said are currently living on trains and buses across Los Angeles.

A parking lot located off Venice Boulevard in Venice was among 26 city owned properties that Los Angeles Controller Ron Galperin urged city officials to take advantage of to house people experiencing homelessness.

The city's FY 2022-23 budget, showed how $664.7 million will be used to cover growing costs and replenish pandemic-drained coffers, ultimately leaving little leftover for service enhancements that many residents were eager to see. There were several financial factors and needs constraining the City's ability to focus the FY 22-23 budget on service restoration. These included inflation, supply chain disruptions, the need to rebuild reserves, the need to increase staff compensation and the need to resume replacement of dated city equipment.

Scores of runners, walkers, sprinters and amblers joined together on a bright and breezy afternoon for the 2nd annual Rick Crocker 5K Challenge. The event commemorates former SMPD Officer Rick Crocker, who was killed in 2005 by a rocket propelled grenade while he was serving in the Marine Corps in Iraq. All proceeds from the event support the Police Activities League, an organization that Crocker passionately supported.

As rates of suicide, homelessness and mental illness continued to spike across the County, the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health targeted new strategies to improve the under performing status quo of mental health care. The department lobbied for an exemption from the longstanding Medicaid exclusion of mental health care facilities with more than 16 beds. Additionally, it worked to strengthen discharge protocols

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS
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FOR PRELIMINARY AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Will Rogers Elementary School Early Elementary Building & John Adams Middle School Library Renovation Project

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) issues a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) to invite the submission of statement of qualifications and proposals (Response(s)) from contractors to perform construction services and preliminary (preconstruction) services for the District's Will Rogers Elementary School Early Elementary Building & John Adams Middle School Library Renovation Project pursuant to the lease-leaseback delivery method. (Ed. Code, § 17406.) The **Projects construction cost is estimated to be $19,000,000 for Will Rogers ES & $1,000,000 for JAMS MS for a combined total estimated value of $20,000,000**

This Project consists of two separate DSA project numbers at campuses on adjacent properties which will be contracted to a single LLB Contractor, each project will have a separate LLB contract. The scope of the **Will Rogers Early Elementary Building Project** will include the construction of a 11,250 GSF one-story, Type IIB, seven classroom building as well as a 5,730 SF covered exterior space, an 8,600 SF landscaped play area with play equipment, a new 26,425 SF artificial turf field and hard court play areas. Other scope includes the removal of six portable classrooms and a restroom building, two off-site curb cuts, fencing and gates, play equipment, paving and landscaping. The scope of the **JAMS Library Renovation Project** will include the interior renovation of an existing library space as well as a new outdoor deck, stairs, fencing and other amenities. The renovation will include abatement and demolition of the existing building, new finishes throughout, and new MEP systems.

This Project is subject to the March 2, 2017, Project Labor Agreement by and between the District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (PLA). A copy of the PLA is included in "ATTACHMENT 3 – District's Lease Leaseback Contract" of the issued RFQ/P.

A VOLUNTARY SITE VISIT located at 2401 14th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405 will be conducted **on January 5, 2023 at 12:00 PM.** All attending Contractors should arrive at least 5 minutes before the scheduled commencement of the Site Visit. Failure to attend or tardiness will render the Contractor ineligible to submit a Response.

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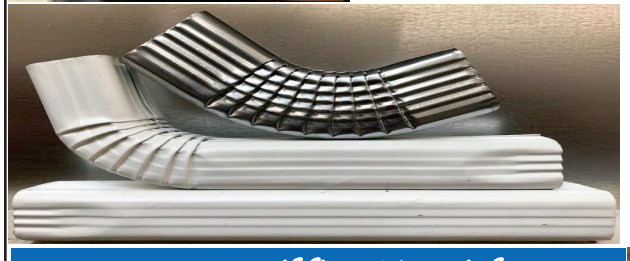
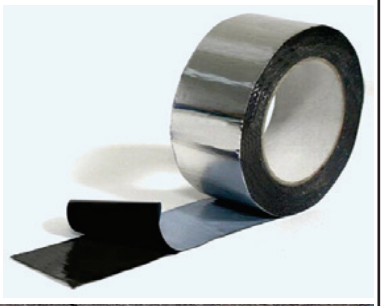
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and outpatient care at these facilities in an effort to break cycles of repeat inpatient stays.

The nonprofit Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation (SMASF) held its first fundraiser and open house. The shelter, which is run by the City of Santa Monica, is a city service that receives support from the SMASF, an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit with a volunteer board.

Mark and Addie Van Gessel purchased Rick's from Owner Howard Alpert, reopened the space as Tavern on Main.

JUNE

Erica Cuyugan was appointed Library Director. She first served as interim director following Maria Carpenter's departure in 2016 and held the interim role again for ten months following Patty Wong 's departure. Cuyugan first joined Santa Monica libraries as a teen services librarian in 2006 and spent the last sixteen years rising through the ranks and becoming familiar with almost every nook and cranny of the five library branches.

The Santa Monica Elks with the help of the Girl Scouts, Daisies, Boy Scouts, and community members put flags on the graves of Woodlawn Cemetery. There were 50 scouts and community members helping the 23 Elks in attendance. The Santa Monica Elks started the official Memorial Day activities over 75 years ago at Woodlawn Cemetery.

A $250,000 grant from Providence Saint John's Health Center to the Santa Monica Salvation Army Corps was used to bring resources directly to unhoused individuals through the launch of a street outreach team.

The Santa Monica community came out in force to support local school children at the Santa Monica Wine Auction raising $400,000 for programs at Santa Monica's local public schools. The Wine Auction at the Miramar Hotel was the first to be held in person since 2019 and was dubbed a success by organizers. All together, the last seven Wine Auctions have raised a combined $1.75 million for public schools.

A pair of separate proposals, each with the power to dramatically reshape SMMUSD, were formally joined at the hip. Staff for the LA County Office of Education (LACOE) said they would pause discussing a petition meant to force SMMUSD away from at-large voting while negotiations over splitting the district into separate Malibu and Santa Monica school districts continued.

LA County COVID metrics were on trend to reach the CDC's high community transmission level which would have triggered the return of an indoor mask mandate. Despite flirting with the mask mandate throughout the year, the county did not implement any new mask rules.

Santa Monica Brew Works announced their latest collaboration celebrating local businesses would be a partnership with DK's Donuts to create a Purple Porter named "Ube Heaven."

The three female students, who were all enrolled in SMMUSD, were transported to the hospital after reportedly overdosing on fentanyl-laced drugs. The overdoses prompted increased efforts by the district to warn about fentanyl and came on the heels of an announcement from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health that a large amount of ecstasy pills contaminated with fentanyl entered the Los Angeles illicit drug market.

The Frieze Los Angeles art fair announced it would be held across several sites at the Santa Monica Airport in 2023. There will be over 100 exhibitors from countries all over the world, as well as the local community, showcasing their artwork in both a central exhibition tent and several surrounding activitations.

Santa Monica High School students staged

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CHASE: Perhaps the slowest police chase in City history occurred when a man on an electric scooter got onto PCH only to have his police escort distracted by a rogue tent that had blown in from the beach. .



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CRU: Firefighters adapted to the homelessness crisis with the use of a new unit.

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a walk out to protest for stricter gun control laws and show support for the families affected by the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Students marched from campus to City Hall where they held a moment of silent to mourn the victims of gun violence in schools across the nation.

The City of Malibu Planning Commission approved the proposed Malibu High School reconstruction plan. The Commission made a few changes, but recommended that the city council OK both the multi-year overall plan and the exact plans for the high school complex.

The Summit for the Americas came through town. President Biden and the First Lady hosted a Leaders' Dinner at the Getty Villa in the Pacific Palisades. Security was tight throughout the area in advance of the dinner including a partial closure of the PCH, increased helicopter activity and additional security measures throughout the local area.

The SMC Board of Trustees voted to place a new bond measure on the Nov. 8 ballot — to the tune of $375 million. Measure SMC was designed to replace temporary classrooms, an obsolete shop-lab, Veterans success center and additional construction projects.

The year's primary elections were marked by low-voter turnout (around 15 percent of registered LA County voters), shoo-in races and several nail-biters. The tightest races of local relevance were those for County 3rd District Supervisor (Horvath and Hertzberg advanced), County Sheriff (Luna and Villanueva advanced) and LA City Council District 11 (Park and Darling advanced).

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden hosted a luncheon for the spouses of visiting dignitaries at the Marion Davies Guest House as part of the Summit of the Americas. The Summit of the Americas brought together leaders from North, South, and Central America, and the Caribbean and takes places approximately once every three years.

The Main Street July 4 parade announced a planned return. The annual patriotic event was launched in 2007 and had a two year pandemic-induced hiatus.

LA Animal Services announced shelters were at capacity across the County. While Santa Monica has its own animal shelter that was not overrun, officials still asked local residents to foster pets from across the county to help with the crisis.

Notorious among Venice residents for its fires, fights and a shooting incident, the approximately sixty tent encampment at Centennial Park was shut down. Following an outreach period, all unhoused residents accepted temporary housing placements or left the area.

Wall Street tumbled into a bear market after fears about a fragile economy and rising interest rates sent the S&P 500 more than 20% below a record set early this year.

Bound by a set formula in their charter, the Rent Control Board reluctantly passed a 6 percent annual rent adjustment, one of the highest hikes in the agency's history. Commissioners did not have the ability to enact a lower annual adjustment as it is determined by a calculation based on inflation levels.

The city of Los Angeles moved forward with an ordinance to prohibit bicycle chop-shops on municipal property.

Council approved an Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance to implement Phase 2 Outdoor Watering Restrictions. The new rule limited outdoor watering to two days per week and prohibited watering between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in response to ongoing drought conditions across the State of California.

A federal judge gave final approval to a lawsuit settlement that committed the city of Los Angeles to sheltering or housing thousands of homeless residents within five years.

Santa Monica Place, in partnership with Streetlet, created a retail pop-up, the 'Made with Pride' Marketplace. The market showcased over 15 LGBTQIA+ business owners, highlighted their stories, and featured local goods and services made, conceived, and curated in Southern California.

One year after becoming a federal holiday, Santa Monica geared up for its 30th annual Juneteenth celebration with a weekend of community festivities. The longstanding and rich Juneteenth celebration in Santa Monica is thanks to 65 year local resident LaVerne Ross, who in 1992 successfully convinced

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City Council to establish a Juneteenth event.

A Pico-neighborhood man was injured when his apartment caught fire. The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire on the 2300 block of Kansas Ave. with multiple callers reporting fire blowing out of multiple windows of a two-story apartment building. Several engines responded to the scene and found a fully involved fire in an upstairs unit.

U.S. regulators authorized the first COVID-19 shots for infants and preschoolers. The Food and Drug Administration's action followed its advisory panel's unanimous recommendation for the shots from Moderna and Pfizer.

Councilmembers voted to repeal two recently designated landmarks, including a property built and formerly occupied by man who fought to prevent Black people from purchasing property in Santa Monica. The two properties are a 1914 multi-unit residential structure located at 1665 Appian Way and a 1937 industrial warehouse located at 631 Colorado Ave. The second property lost its designation due to a lack of historic significance.

Councilmembers voted unanimously to have staff research a ballot measure that would allow the City to place a Santa Monica tax on the sale of recreational cannabis. The measure was ultimately drafted and approved by voters.

A pandemic-era pilot program designed to make local bus trips safer and more efficient — at the expense of rider convenience, according to many — came to an end with the resumption of cash payments aboard the Big Blue Bus. BBB also permanently discontinued paper passes and tokens and added a new 10-ride pass.

WISE & Healthy Aging hosted its first in-person community event since 2019. Sponsored by RAND and Santa Monica College, the Celebration of Caring event was held at The Broad Stage at Santa Monica College's Performing Arts Center.

Nick Gabaldón Day returned recognizing the effort of the pioneering Black surfer. Nick Gabaldón Day is run in partnership with the Black Surfer Collective and Santa Monica based non-profit Heal the Bay. The Black Surfer Collective organized the first celebration as a tribute to Gabaldón's life and a means to inspire more surfers of color. Heal the Bay quickly became a partner, recognizing Gabaldón's contributions to Santa Monica history and the opportunity to act on their mission to expand coastal access.

The Santa Monica Pier has been a notorious "beach bummer" on Heal the Bay's annual water quality list for almost 30 years, but after a hopeful three year hiatus, the Pier regained its status as one of the most polluted beaches in the state.

Emergency officials planed an active shooter drill at John Adams Middle School (JAMS).

Initial payments to test and investigate the water damage at (SMASH) / John Muir quickly mounted to $180,000.

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Santa Monica Pier hosted the return of Pier 360, kicking off summer with a bang. The festival featured sports competitions, live music, a beer garden and more. Pier 360 was founded in 2010, one year after the centennial celebration of the Pier's establishment in 1909 when directors were thinking of creative ways to expand upon their already existing events. This brainstorming resulted in Pier 360, which serves as an ode to the Pier's past.



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BEACH: Workers cutting a channel from the storm drain to the ocean sunk into the wet sand when they got too close to the waterline.

In an effort to address barriers to participation at civic meetings, City Council voted to pilot a series of meeting reforms to try to ease the ability for people to provide public comment earlier in a meeting.

While every Councilmember had issues with the revisions to Santa Monica's state mandated plan to demonstrate capacity for almost 9,000 new units of housing by 2029, they begrudgingly approved the draft in a six to one revote. Santa Monica originally submitted its Housing Element in October 2021 and in February 2022, it was rejected by HCD. The City was deemed out of compliance and was therefore currently ineligible for state funding for a variety of programs and at risk of incurring penalties, including the loss of local control over approval of certain housing projects. That loss of control ultimately occurred through several "builders' remedy" projects.

SMPD had a busy month, responding to as many as 41 reports of illegal fireworks displays. With illegal fireworks displays ramping up leading up to Independence Day, pet experts continued to offer advice to dog and cat owners on the best ways to ease anxiety and prevent runaways.

Chef Dan Smulovitz opened his new restaurant. Located in the former Sushi Sho space on Montana Avenue, Savida is an intimate raw seafood restaurant with an ocean to table driven menu. Most dishes consist of around four ingredients and are anchored by the highest quality fish that Smulovitz prepares by hand daily in his tiny kitchen space — which, at just 80 square feet, fits neither an oven nor a stove.

Local veterans demanded the return of a piece of beachfront property in Santa Monica that they believed was deeded for use by disabled veterans in a 1888 land deal. Research into the acquisition showed the property had been legally sold back to the city shortly after being donated.



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 28)

You'll get a shimmering vision of what could be. The prospect of exciting work will seduce you. Your cosmic gift will be great fortitude and follow-through. Early wins bolster your confidence, but you'll need to add people to your team to make this work. Eventually, you'll conquer what you set out to and luck into some unexpected bounty along the way. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 15, 9 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People will be interested in catching up with you. Brevity is the way to keep it that way. You'll lead with a fun energy and keep your stories short and intriguing. Less minutia is more mystery.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Descartes said, "Cogito ergo sum," or "I think, therefore I am." Maybe, though it's what we do, not what we think, that goes down in the records. You'll make sure to line the two up today, putting what's on your mind into action.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The level of fun you can reach correlates to the level of duty you perform. Just as soon as you complete your responsibility, life gets very fun and exciting indeed. But if you don't fulfill an obligation, all else will be stalled.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want all to do the right thing, including and especially you, since anything less makes you very uncomfortable. Stay awake and aware of social nuances. You learn a lot when you don't expect everyone to be like you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone says unexpectedly silly things once in a while, but if you can manage to say them more often, you'll break the ice, build rapport and help people feel comfortable enough to share real information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While no person's reputation in the world is entirely under their own control, you have a good handle on what you think of you — an idea that will translate into confidence that everyone around you senses and responds to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The ability to see things differently will be like a superpower. Life is kaleidoscopic now, susceptible to changing with the slightest shift of your position and vantage point. Slide over but an inch and the pattern changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Other people's kind of fun can be an interesting experience, and you're willing to give it a whirl. In the overlap between your kind of fun and theirs is an opportunity to expand your capacity for joy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An inner calm serves to sharpen you in unexpected ways. Your powers of observation are augmented. You'll notice things about people, things that were there all along, but you're now able to see with great clarity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Of course, complaining is useless. If you can fix it, you will. If you can't, there's nothing to talk about. The simplicity of this will make your life and relationships much better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Caution is often a sign of intelligence. But it is also possible to be overly cautious, micromanaging movements and stumbling in the process. You'll find balance with a sweeping gesture of trust and goodwill.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The ones in the middle of the two-lane road are only as safe as the drivers around them. As much as you'd like to remain neutral, you'll avoid trouble now by choosing a side and getting into the flow of traffic.

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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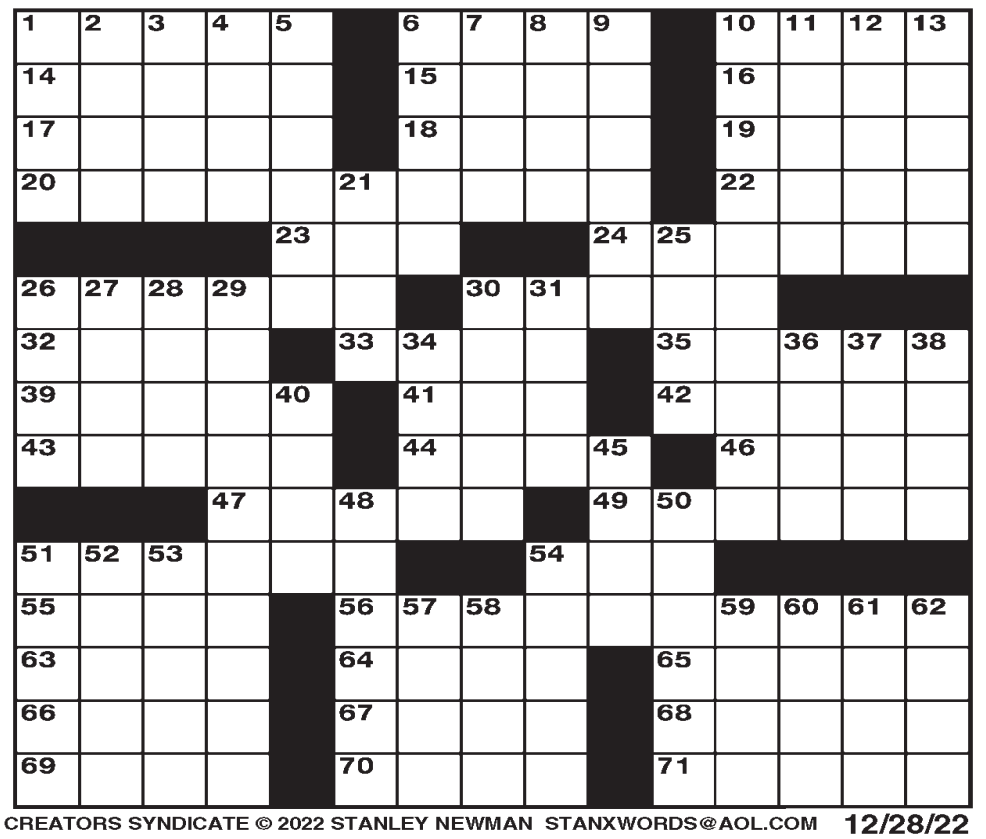
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Newsday Crossword

TIME TO CHOOSE by S.N.
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ACROSS
1 Stacks of things
6 Triangular sails
10 Give approval for
14 What surrounds Hawaii
15 Pac-12 sch.
16 Renown
17 Jousting weapon
18 Web-footed diving bird
19 Shorten slightly
20 Unable to choose
22 Carry on, as a battle
23 Reheat in a microwave
24 Exactly correct
26 Prepared, as prunes
30 Native American carving
32 Auto for hire
33 Steer clear of
35 Gave as an example
39 Writer of poetic tributes
41 Exist
42 Untrustworthy person
43 Hiking trails
44 Misplace
46 Made a sketch of
47 Informal conversation filler
49 Turnover or Danish
51 Window-shop
54 Make repairs to
55 Peru's capital
56 Unable to choose
63 Long time
64 Incite
65 Had title to
66 Close by, in verse
67 Sitcom-streaming service
68 Defeated in chess
69 WWII turning point
70 Quick scissor cut
71 Floor of a building

DOWN
1 Sport on horseback
2 Optimist's comment
3 Gave for a while
4 Apiece
5 Allergic reaction, maybe
6 Bourbon drink with mint
7 Computer screen symbol
8 Voting coalition
9 Most sensible
10 Unable to choose
11 Gold purity measure
12 Panamanian pal
13 Saudi Arabia neighbor
21 Short-lived crazes
25 Quick kiss
26 Go no further
27 "See, I did it!"
28 Freeway off-ramp
29 Unable to choose
30 *Presumed Innocent* author
31 Cash register compartment
34 Saintly symbol
36 Sour-tasting
37 At any time
38 Moist, as a morning lawn
40 "For shame!" sounds
45 Heroic story
48 Sounds from a stable
50 Self-evident truths
51 Without much flavor
52 Inflexible
53 Last Greek letter
54 Out of patience
57 Adjective follower
58 Artist Salvador
59 Police crisis team
60 Obsessed by
61 Turn suddenly
62 Whirlpool



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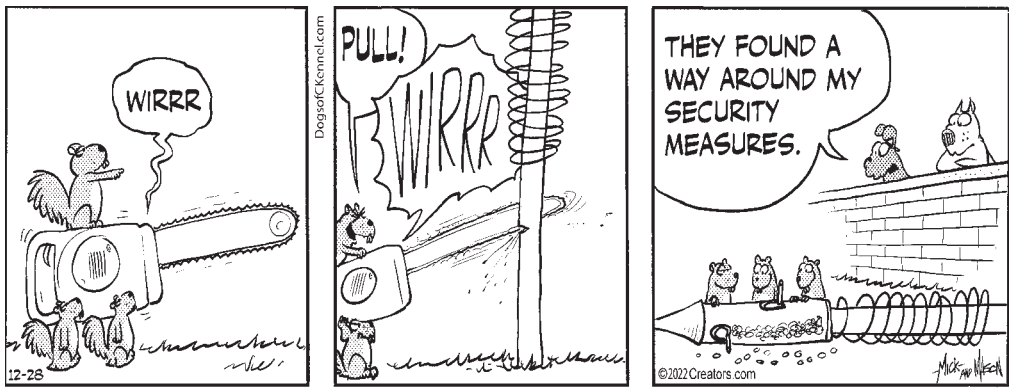
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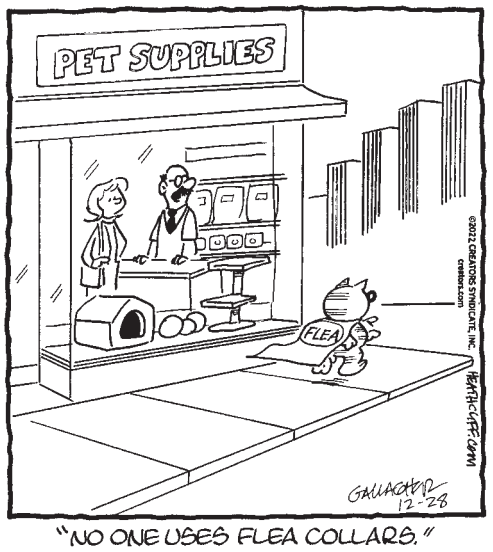
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"NO ONE USES FLEA COLLARS."

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

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Animal kingdom

K	A	N	N	A	O	G	E	S	T	A	T	I	O	N
E	C	S	A	Z	P	L	T	W	E	E	T	F	O	S
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Y	A	K	S	C	R	A	O	R	H	O	O	T	R	B
E	A	R	E	E	D	W	J	W	H	I	S	T	L	E

Alert	Canoe	Dogs	Gestation	Quokka
Alpaca	Carp	Dove	Goanna	Roar
Ants	Cats	Dragon	Grip	Rock
Arctic	Cavy	Drum	Hair	Soft
wolf	Claws	Duck	Hoot	Tiger
Arid	Climb	Eagle	Joey	Tweet
Beauty	Coypu	Eels	Meow	Unique
Blackbird	Crab	Egret	Mole	Whistle
Bray	Crow	Euro	Oink	Yaks
Bugs	Cute	Feed	Park	Yelp
Buzz	Deer	Free	Puma	
Caiman	Dodo	Frog	Purr	

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WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 28

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE BUNGALOW
Meet at The Bungalow at Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows every Wednesday for Trivia Night. Test your knowledge, enjoy the food and fare and win over $500 worth of prizes every week. The Bungalow, 101 Wilshire Blvd. 7 - 9 p.m. https://thebungalow.com/santa-monica/#calendar.

KARAOKE NIGHT PARTY AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Sing a song, sing it loud and sing it strong at Tavern on Main's Karaoke Night Party, every Monday and Wednesday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. https://www.tavernonmainsm.com/events/karaoke-night.

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 29

DISCO MIXER AT STELLA BARRA
Follow the call of the disco ball! Stella Barra is partnering with X by Glenmorangie to bring a groovy mixer with guaranteed good vibes. Enjoy signature cocktails featuring this single malt Scotch, bar bites, games, music and more. Stella Barra Pizzeria, 2000 Main St. 6 - 9 p.m. https://www.exploretock.com/stellabarrapizzaria-santamonica/event/private/b4985856-24aa-4489-8582-88959601a47d

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC AT LOEWS SANTA MONICA BEACH HOTEL
Sip on handcrafted holiday cocktails and let the festive entertainment bring the magic of the season to life at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. All That Jazz – Thursdays from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave.

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on 12 – 2 p.m. Schedule subject to change, call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 30

FRIDAY NIGHT JAMS AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Start those weekend vibes buzzing with hot tunes by a roster of rotating DJs at Tavern on Main. This is a 21+ event with no cover charge. Enjoy lively music, great drinks and the best food. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St 9 - 10:30 p.m. https://www.tavernonmainsm.com

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 31

NYE WOMEN'S WELLNESS EVENT
Vision boards, guided meditation, crystal healing and a restorative sound bath. Body Fit Training Santa Monica, 401 Wilshire Blvd #101 W. $75. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nye-womens-wellness-event-tickets-442267492977.

NYE COUNTDOWN AT THE PACIFIC WHEEL
Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will once again countdown to the new year with a dazzling display of lights on the Pacific Wheel situated over Santa Monica State Beach. The New Year's Eve West Coast countdown to 2023 on the Ferris wheel is live on December 31, beginning at 11:30 p.m., and will feature fun designs, colorful displays, and a 60-second countdown at 11:59 p.m. in huge 90-feet tall animated numbers. You can see the enormous, 90-foot-tall display from the beaches south of the Santa Monica Pier or online at https://www.pacpark.com/live.

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK/PICO BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
The family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/farmercontent.aspx

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The Saturday market was established in 1991 and presents the largest percentage of certified organic growers of Santa Monica's four markets. Locals and tourists browse over 40 farm stands at this weekend market which is adjacent to the Third Street Promenade. 155-199 Arizona Ave

SUNDAY | JANUARY 1

ICE AT SANTA MONICA
Visit Winterlit's Ice at Santa Monica to experience all-day ice skating. Skate under the stars at the only 8,000 square-foot outdoor ice rink on the Westside and enjoy no timed sessions, no limits and an all-day skate pass lets you skate to your heart's content and includes re-entry. $20. 1324 5th Street. https://downtownsm.com/winterlit

MONDAY | JANUARY 2

KARAOKE NIGHT PARTY AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Sing a song, sing it loud and sing it strong at Tavern on Main's Karaoke Night Party, every Monday and Wednesday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St tavernonmainsm.com/events/karaoke-night

TUESDAY | JANUARY 3

VINTAGE BOOK SALE AT FRIENDS BOOKSTORE
Inviting all collectors, book dealers and book lovers: reserve your spot to browse Friends Bookstore's 1,500 item special collection on January 3 from 3-7 p.m. Santa Monica Public Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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SURF REPORT
WATER TEMP: **58.6**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Continued WNW swell with decent size at exposures. Wind and quality are the question mark as a storm could impact the region. May see some windswell join as well. Stay tuned.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	WNW swell and some windswell due to ease. Exact winds still to be determined, but could be manageable. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of rain before 10am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.
Wednesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 50. North northwest wind around 10 mph.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of rain after 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/12/28	Wed	01:52 AM	4.19	H
2022/12/28	Wed	06:56 AM	2.41	L
2022/12/28	Wed	12:44 PM	4.78	H
2022/12/28	Wed	7:50 PM	-0.01	L
2022/12/29	Thu	02:50 AM	4.47	H
2022/12/29	Thu	08:41 AM	2.22	L
2022/12/29	Thu	2:06 PM	3.98	H
2022/12/29	Thu	8:46 PM	0.60	L
2022/12/30	Fri	03:44 AM	4.82	H
2022/12/30	Fri	10:22 AM	1.67	L
2022/12/30	Fri	3:46 PM	3.41	H
2022/12/30	Fri	9:43 PM	1.14	L
2022/12/31	Sat	04:33 AM	5.15	H
2022/12/31	Sat	11:38 AM	0.97	L
2022/12/31	Sat	5:25 PM	3.10	H
2022/12/31	Sat	10:28 PM	1.68	L
2023/01/01	Sun	05:12 AM	5.48	H
2023/01/01	Sun	12:36 PM	0.28	L

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Draw Date: 12/26
17 41 47 60 61
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 215 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/23
15 21 32 38 62
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 565 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 12/24
2 30 34 42 43
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 19 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/26
16 27 33 37 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/26
EVENING: 6 5 6
Draw Date: 12/26
MIDDAY: 9 8 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/26
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:45.87

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