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# Residents rally behind Bergamot Arts Center as Council pledges more support

Councilmembers voted unanimously 7-0 to create an economic support program to ensure that the Bergamot Station Arts Center is thriving and continues to be a leading arts and cultural hub in Tuesday's meeting. However, the specifics of what exactly will be undertaken were not confirmed.

**SCOTT SNOWDEN**
SMDP Staff Writer

Almost every speaker under Item 6, that permits public input on remaining agenda items, was in attendance to talk about this issue, a clear indication of how strongly residents and local artists feel about this matter, many of whom have been living and working at the site for over two decades.

"I'm here along with other arts tenants at Bergamot to ask you to change the city's thinking about Bergamot. We urge you to consider it an art center first and a revenue generator second," said Charles Duncombe, Executive Director of City Garage Theatre.

"You have always supported the idea that it should be an arts center, one that is vibrant and inclusive. For that reason, we urge you to level the playing field, make it fair and accessible for all. The privilege of being at Bergamot should not be weighted toward those with the greatest ability to pay," he said.

Members of the arts community wrote a proposal to the Council submitted by Jeffrey Gordon, President of the Bergamot Tenants Association in which they ask for three initiatives. (Summarized.)

• The City assume the ownership expenses of management fees and security costs currently being passed as CAM (common area maintenance) charges and empower a representative to assist in leasing and tenancy issues.

• The City expedite approval for hardship tenants to give back a portion of their spaces, adding a lease clause granting this ongoing right to all tenants

• The City equalize rental rates to match the legacy rental rate of $1.80 per square foot, reduce the rental rate for non-profit tenants to $1 per square foot and reduce rent for exterior space to 30% of the new rate.

"Bergamot Station is not only a local treasure, not only a regional treasure, but it is an internationally recognized center for all aspects of the arts. From the most contemporary, from the most family friendly, from the most challenging, from the most innovative, from the most traditional, Bergamot Station constitutes a free museum," Michael Masucci of the Santa Monica Arts Commission said.

Tarrah von Lintel, gallery owner and board member of the Association of American Art Dealers said," In the last year we've already seen a number of galleries leave Bergamot Station because of lack of sales. The condition of the buildings and the availability of one year leases only will make it hard to find other galleries to fill vacancies."

Lois Lambert, owner of the Lois Lambert Gallery, said, "I've been at Bergamot for 30 years. I want to speak to you about the most

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Photo by Matthew Hall

**ARTS:** Tenants of the Bergamot Arts Center are struggling and have asked City Hall for help.

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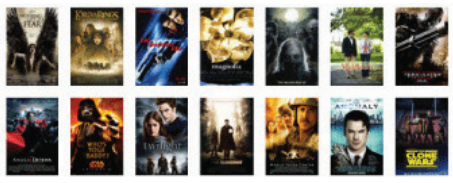
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# Barefoot beachgoers join first mile of ambitious hike

Photo by Thomas Leffler

**WALK:** Anton Nootenboom took his first steps of a 3,000-mile cross-country barefoot trek at the Santa Monica Beach on Feb. 17.

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

A group of roughly 30 beachgoers marched the Santa Monica Beach for the first mile of a 3,000-mile cross-country trek, walking in solidarity with Guinness World Record holder Anton Nootenboom.

Otherwise known as "The Barefoot Dutchman," Nootenboom began the groundbreaking journey the morning of Feb. 17, setting out to travel from Los Angeles to New York City on his bare feet via sneaker brand Barebarics, which provides a near-barefoot sneaker connecting feet to the ground while still providing protection. A Dutch Afghanistan veteran, Nootenboom has made worldwide news for his exploits, including being the first person to walk barefoot to the base camp of Mount Everest in 2019. The Guinness record came for Longest Barefoot Journey, walking 1,876 miles along the eastern coast of Australia in 2021.

Nootenboom intends on making the 3,000-mile walk, a considerable step up from his record, as part of the #BraveMenTalk campaign, which calls attention to male mental health globally. The walk will raise awareness and funds for several mental health charities, including Movember, the leading global charity for men's health, as well as We Are Mind, a Dutch non-profit providing mental health resources for those in the Netherlands. Nootenboom's own charity, Brave Men Talk Foundation, will also benefit from the trek.

"I'm excited, I'm nervous … but above all, I have been super, super grateful to see all of you here. For me, it's mind-blowing. When I started (in) Australia, I was by myself … going from there to standing here, seeing all of your faces … it blows my mind," Nootenboom told the group of walkers on the beach adjacent to the Annenberg Community Beach House.

After the first mile down the beach, walking toward the Santa Monica Pier, Nootenboom will be taking approximately 7.5 million barefoot steps over at least the next 240 days, crossing 13 states. He will traverse unique locations like Death Valley and the Rocky Mountains along the way.

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He told his fellow walkers that his barefoot endeavors have proven to be beneficial to mental health, and that others can feel the same way if they choose the activity.

"These are your two pillars that you stand on, these are your two pillars for life," Nootenboom said. "The more you take care of the two pillars that you stand on, the better you feel."

For more information on Nootenboom and the walk, visit bravementalk.com.

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Gavin Newsom wants to resolve California's long debate over mental health

**DAN WALTERS**

After California became a state in 1850, one of its first acts was to establish the Insane Asylum of California in Stockton, the first of 12 state hospitals meant to care for those with mental illness.

At their peak in 1959, the hospitals housed 37,489 people, but by then, mental hospitals had acquired a bad reputation as "snake pits," treating their patients as inmates and doing little to treat their illnesses. Reform efforts were already underway.

Eight years later, newly elected Gov. Ronald Reagan signed the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, named for its three legislative authors, that aimed to reduce hospital populations and involuntary commitments and redirect those with mental illnesses into treatment in their own communities.

However, as journalist Dan Morain explained in a deeply researched article last year, the LPS was the product of political tradeoffs, lacked any financing for community-based treatment or housing, and eventually was disowned by its three legislative sponsors.

Nevertheless, the hospitals were depopulated and seven of them were closed. It left countless thousands of mentally ill Californians – and their families – in the lurch, trying to find care in a jumble of private and public clinics and seeking ways to pay for it.

For decades, politicians, mental health professionals and patient advocates have squabbled incessantly over the obvious crisis. Democrats blame Reagan for signing the LPS without funds for local services, but Republicans point out that Democrats controlled the budget process.

In 2004, 37 years after LPS was passed, voters passed Proposition 63, which placed an additional tax on incomes over $1 million and dedicated proceeds to local mental health services. It was sponsored by Darrell Steinberg, then a state legislator from Sacramento with experience with mental health issues in his own family.

Over last two decades, Prop. 63 has pumped billions of dollars into those services. However, California still has an immense population of unhoused and untreated victims of mental illness, many among the state's nearly 200,000 homeless people.

While running for governor in 2018, Gavin Newsom pledged to make mental health reform a high priority, calling for a "command structure" that would standardize care throughout the state and hold caregivers accountable.

Newsom first won approval of "CARE Courts" that, at least partially, repealed the LPS ban on involuntary commitments. It would allow those with schizophrenia or other major mental conditions to be involuntarily placed in treatment after trial-like hearings.

Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

**GOVERNOR:** Gavin Newsom addresses attendees during his inauguration for a second term at the Plaza de California in Sacramento on Jan. 6, 2023.

Proposition 1, the only statewide measure on the March 5 ballot, is Newsom's second big move, but faces widespread – if politically weak – opposition from counties which have been spending Prop. 63's revenues, up to $3 billion a year, for the last two decades.

The measure, backed by millions of campaign dollars, would increase the state's share of Prop. 63 money from 5% to 10%, thus reducing counties' share, but also would require them to spend more on housing, education and support services for the mentally ill, reducing funds for treatment.

Opponents say the practical effect would be to deny care to patients that need it.

The other half of the measure, which is not as controversial, would authorize $6.4 billion in bonds to build mental health treatment facilities and housing for homeless veterans and those with mental illnesses.

Although veterans' housing has nothing directly to do with mental health, it was obviously included to draw voter support and, in fact, television ads for the measure, featuring Newsom, mention nothing other than helping veterans.

Proposition 1 will very likely pass. It and the CARE court program will be the newest episodes in a decades-long debate. They will also be Newsom's legacy, for better or worse.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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**SURF:** 3-4f
Waist to chest
Wind and conditions could improve some for the morning as W/WNW swell backs down through the day.

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*FAIR*
**SURF:** 2-3ft
Thigh to waist
Approachable W swell leftovers. Storms may finally start to clear out and leave more favorable conditions.

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**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**
**BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**DATE/TIME:** **Recommendation to the City Council on Adoption of Amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.22, Density Bonus, for Compliance with Updates to State Density Bonus Law Adopted by Assembly Bill 1287.**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider adoption of a resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.22, Density Bonus, for compliance with updates to State Density Bonus Law applicable to housing projects as set forth in Assembly Bill 1287.

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

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

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Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, AICP, Planning Manager**
**Re: AB 1287 Implementation**

**VIA E-MAIL:** planningcomment@santamonica.gov
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1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
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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**
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# Biden heads to California to rev up his fundraising in anticipation of a costly rematch with Trump

**AAMER MADHANI**
Associated Press

President Joe Biden started a three-day swing through California on Tuesday as he looks to soak up more cash for his reelection bid.

Going into the trip, Biden's campaign and the Democratic National Committee announced Tuesday that they had collected $42 million in contributions during January from 422,000 donors. Biden ended January with $130 million in cash on hand. Campaign officials said that is the highest total amassed by any Democratic candidate at this point in the cycle.

Biden campaign manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez called the haul "an indisputable show of strength to start the election year."

> While Team Biden-Harris continues to build on its fundraising machine, Republicans are divided – either spending money fighting Donald Trump, or spending money in support of Donald Trump's extreme and losing agenda
>
> - Julie Chavez Rodriguez

"While Team Biden-Harris continues to build on its fundraising machine, Republicans are divided – either spending money fighting Donald Trump, or spending money in support of Donald Trump's extreme and losing agenda," she said.

The figures suggest Biden is cementing an early cash advantage over Trump, his likely general election opponent. But the numbers still lag behind what Trump had amassed during a similar period in 2020, when his campaign routinely smashed fundraising records.

Raising money is only part of the equation. How well that cash is spent is also a major factor — as Trump well knows. His 2020 campaign effectively lit his massive cash surpluses on fire through a series of questionable spending decisions.

This year, Trump retains his impressive ability to hoover up campaign cash, particularly from grassroots donors who typically chip in small amounts online. Trump, who hasn't released his January fundraising numbers yet, also faces a new threat to his campaign's finances: the staggering legal bills he racked up while defending himself in four separate criminal cases.

In order to maintain an edge in what's widely expected to be an expensive rematch with Trump, Biden's campaign will need to accelerate his fundraising.

This week's trip to Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area will mark Biden's third visit to California in just over two months for political events. He's trying to make up for lost time after largely avoiding the Democratic donor stronghold during last year's strikes by the Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA.

Biden heads first to Los Angeles, where he will take part in a fundraiser. He'll also make campaign stops in San Francisco and Los Altos Hills this week and deliver a policy speech near Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Biden made a quick visit to Los Angeles earlier this month for a meeting with supporters in the city's upscale Bel Air neighborhood. He and first lady Jill Biden also spent a weekend in December in the Los Angeles area for campaign events.

The first lady is traveling Tuesday to Guilford, Connecticut, to hold a campaign fundraiser on behalf of her husband.

While the Bidens will be pursuing deep-pocketed donors this week, the campaign points to the number of smaller donations it has raised as an encouraging sign for the president.

The campaign says 97% of the 3 million donations it has received thus far were under $200 each. Biden has also received pledges from 158,000 "sustaining donors" who have committed to donating monthly. That's more than double the amount Biden had at this point in the 2020 cycle, when his cash-strapped campaign limped out of Iowa following a fourth-place finish in the state's February caucuses.

The new totals include donations to Biden's political operation and to a network of joint fundraising arrangements with the national and state Democratic parties. Biden's 2020 campaign raised over $1 billion, and could need even more in a likely Trump rematch.

"This haul will go directly to reaching the voters who will decide this election," said Biden campaign senior communications adviser TJ Ducklo.

Biden in recent days has seized on comments by Trump that call into question the U.S. commitment to defend NATO allies from attack as "dangerous" and "un-American." Trump earlier this month said he once warned that he would allow Russia to do whatever it wants to NATO member nations that are "delinquent" in devoting 2% of their gross domestic product to defense.

The Biden campaign launched digital ads last week in three battleground states —

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# Mariners CIF division championship runs come to close, hoops still in State hunt

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Saturday's dreary skies were appropriate for the Saint Monica athletics program, as both the school's girls basketball and girls soccer squads were stopped in the semi-finals of their respective California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section championship brackets.

In a morning contest, the previously-undefeated Mariners girls soccer unit was bested by Maranatha, 3-2, ending a 20-game winning streak in the CIF-SS Division 7 semi-finals. The Minutemen from Pasadena matched a season-high of goals scored against the Mariners, matching totals from the Mariners' 4-3 win against Notre Dame Academy on Dec. 6, 2023, and a 4-3 victory against Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary on Jan. 13. The team's defense was outstanding throughout the campaign, as those three contests counted for 9 of the 14 total goals scored against the Mariners in 2023-24.

Despite the disappointing loss, the squad's 20-1 season was a boon for Saint Monica's.

"Everybody (was) really excited and encouraging, and we try to give all of our teams the same sort of attention and accolades, but when a team really (rose) like this, they clearly (had) a special year, I think people really (got) excited about it," Saint Monica Athletic Director Jason Bowers said of the squad during the playoff run. "I think it's been fun to see the community get excited for this group of girls."

Later in the day, the Mariners girls basketball team hosted St. Margaret's in the CIF-SS Division 3A semifinal, dropping the contest 49-41 despite a rousing fourth quarter comeback attempt. The squad kept the game close throughout the first half, trading three-point bombs with the Tartans from San Juan Capistrano, going into the break down 22-16.

In the second half, the Tartans outscored the Mariners 12-3 in the third quarter, followed by a 5-0 run to begin the final frame. Down 39-21, the team's offense began running through the quick decision-making of Kim Macias, and dwindled the deficit to just seven points in the final minutes. Down 46-39, Mecias was fouled on a three-point attempt with 59 seconds remaining, but the junior missed all three attempts.

Despite the late misses, Mecias was sparkling on offense, leading the Mariners with 16 points. Other offensive contributors for the squad were junior Melina Werhlie (9 points), senior Kaya Ghobrial (6 points), senior Shadel French (6 points) and sophomore Sydney Ghobrial (4 points).

While the soccer season is over, the Mariners basketball season stays alive, as all CIF-SS semi-finalists qualify for the CIF State Championship bracket, which will begin on either Feb. 27 or Feb. 28.

Photo by Thomas Leffler

**MARINERS:** Saint Monica's Kaya Ghobrial (#4) helped the Mariners put up a fight in the CIF Southern Section semifinals.

**SPORTS SCORES:**
**SANTA MONICA BASEBALL:**
**Tuesday, February 13:**
Vikings at Loyola
Loyola win 6-0
**Batting/Baserunning:**
**Angel Lomeli:** 0-2, BB, K
**Blue Hunter:** 0-2, BB, SB
**Bobby Munoz:** 0-3, 2 K
**Brady Satinover:** 1-3
**Isaac Liberman:** 2-3, K
**Jacob Myrow:** 0-2
**Manny Lares:** 1-2, 3B
**Sage Douglass:** 0-3, 2 K
**Spencer Levin:** 0-2, BB
**Pitching:**
**Aaron Heirigs:** 2.1 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 4 K, 3.00 ERA
**Eddie Jennings:** 3.2 IP, L, 5 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, 9.55 ERA
**Thursday, February 15:**
Vikings at Brentwood School
Vikings win 3-0
**Batting/Baserunning:**
**Aaron Heirigs:** 0-1, K
**Angel Lomeli:** 0-2, FC
**Blue Hunter:** 0-2, BB, K
**Bobby Munoz:** 1-3, RBI, K
**Brady Satinover:** 2-4, R, 2B, 2 K
**Isaac Liberman:** 0-2, R, K, Sac Bunt
**Jacob Myrow:** 0-1, K, Sac Bunt
**Manny Lares:** 0-2, BB, 2 K
**Sage Douglass:** 0-2, BB, 2 K
**Spencer Levin:** 0-2, BB, 2 K
**Theo Smith:** 1-1
**Pitching:**
**Gavin Kirtley:** 5.0 IP, W, 1 H, 4 BB, 4 K, 0.00 ERA
**Ton Ponce:** 2.0 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 3 K, 0.00 ERA
**Saturday, February 17:**
Vikings at Windward
Vikings win 5-0
**Vikings Record:** 3-1
**Next Game:** Tuesday vs Highland, 3:15 p.m.

**SANTA MONICA LACROSSE:**
**Tuesday, February 13:**

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**
**BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATE/TIME:** 3ENT-0164 (MINOR USE PERMIT)
**1700 Ocean Avenue**
APPLICANT: Network Connex, on behalf of T-Mobile West, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: DTRS Santa Monica LLC

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

The applicant requests the approval of a Minor Use Permit (MUP) to allow for the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility with a total of three (3) antennas and ancillary antenna equipment located behind three (3), 10'-high rooftop antenna screening enclosures, measured from the finished roof surface, with each measuring approximately 15' x 4' in area. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.040(A), the Zoning Administrator may approve a Minor Use Permit for a new wireless telecommunications facility if all the findings described in SMMC Section 9.32.060(B) can be made. This item was continued from the February 13, 2024, Zoning Administrator public hearing.

**DATE/TIME:** **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024, AT 10:30 AM**

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

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Address your comments to: **Liku Abera, Associate Planner**
**Re: 23ENT-0164**

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

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

**ESPAÑOL**
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# Vikings baseball nabs weekend win

Photos by Thomas Leffler

**VIKINGS:** The Samohi Vikings baseball squad picked up its second-straight win on Saturday, shutting out Windward on the road 5-0. It was also the second straight shutout for the Vikings after defeating Brentwood 3-0 on Feb. 15, led by just two combined hits allowed by pitchers Gavin Kirtley and Ton Ponce. The Vikings are now 3-1 on the season, and have been pushed on the offense by Brady Santiover and Isaac Liberman.

## BERGAMOT ARTS

FROM PAGE 1

troubling part of what has happened to me at Bergamot, which is the increase of CAM charges. We have no heater, or air conditioning, no water and in most of the buildings, only one public bathroom with a code to get in. Which, when we have events of hundreds of people, is unsatisfactory.

"During the rains last week, our roof leaked, flooding the upstairs, causing drywall damage downstairs, along with damage to two pedestals on a table. We had been told the roof was fixed, it was not," Lambert said, adding how pandemic-reduced rent repayments have nearly crippled her gallery. She also spoke of parking issues and how the spaces at her end of the site have given over to businesses and as such, she regularly has to deal with complaints.

"I love Bergamot, I do not want to leave. I have been in business for 30 at Bergamot, I do not plan on retiring as I love what I do … We need you to help us survive by lowering our CAM charges significantly. By only offering one year leases it is almost impossible to attract anyone to take over part of the spaces," Lambert said, before adding, "Why are we not listed on the Santa Monica website?"

The request to direct the City Manager to create an economic support program originated from Councilmembers Oscar de la Torre and Jesse Zwick. Councilmember Gleam Davis raised the question of whether creating this program would interfere with the housing element and potentially undermine the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

"We have a contractual obligation with the state to deliver affordable housing on Bergamot and what we have allocated across all of our city owned properties, about 150 units per acre. So for the Bergamot properties that does result in about 707 units of housing, which we do have an obligation to deliver on," City Manager David White responded.

Support for this issue was undeniably positive from every member of council. "We've been trying to work with Bergamot for a while with the CAM charges [and] the quality of life issues for the businesses over there," Councilmember Christine Parra said.

"We tout ourselves as a cultural art center, but here we are, they're begging and we're still in the midst of an economic recovery. And so I think that it behooves us to do what we can, to do what we can to lift them up. And so I think that we really need to look at this very deeply, to be able to make it work," Parra said.

Zwick moved the item with the additional recommendation that Council directs the City to "begin the long term planning process for the site. And we do that not just with an eye towards accommodating future and current residents and others who might live there, but accommodating galleries, whether it's at that site or at other potential sites in our city."

The motion was seconded by de la Torre and passed unanimously.

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# Pier visitors bite into Whopper of a weekend

Photos by Thomas Leffler

**WHOPPER:** Fast food giant Burger King put the juice in more than just their burgers this past weekend, adding some flavor to the Santa Monica Pier with its Million Dollar Whopper World pop-up. On Saturday and Sunday, lines got longer and longer on the Pier's parking deck despite dreary skies, as the creative construction invited visitors into a makeshift cavalcade of food and family fun. The event included Burger King-related games, live DJ sets on a makeshift dancefloor, and the opportunity to don the restaurant chain's famous paper crowns. For foodies, the exclusive Santa Monica Whopper was unveiled at the pop-up, promoting the Million Dollar Whopper competition that encourages fans to submit an idea for their dream Whopper sandwich with up to eight toppings. The Santa Monica burger featured a flame-grilled all-beef or Impossible patty topped with Monterey Jack cheese, birria, citrus aioli, pickled roasted fresno chili slices, heirloom tomatoes, red leaf lettuce and smashed avocado on a sesame seed bun. Later this year, three finalists in the Whopper contest will be tried out nationwide for a limited time, with the finalist receiving the most votes taking home a $1 million prize.

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## MARINERS

FROM PAGE 5

Vikings at Agoura
Vikings win 11-10
**Vikings Record:** 1-0
Next Game: Wednesday vs Mira Costa, 3:30 p.m.

**SANTA MONICA SOFTBALL:**
**Wednesday, February 14:**
Lady Vikings vs Schurr
Schurr win 3-2 (11 innings)
**Batting/Baserunning:**
**Cienna Burgos:** 1-5, 2B, K
**Avey Thompson:** 1-4, 2 K, Sac Bunt
**Maya Paysinger:** 0-4, 3 K
**Jasmine Arana:** 1-4, K
**Drew Vudmaska:** 1-5, 2 K, FC
**Haley Riehl:** 0-1, K
**Sakura Krohn:** 1-5, R
**Talia Yermian:** 3-4, R, BB
**Andrea Castro:** 2-4, RBI
**Bella Myers:** 2-5, 3B, RBI, FC
**Pitching:**
**Drew Vudmaska:** 11 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 10 K, 1.91 ERA
**Friday, February 16:**
Lady Vikings vs Apple Valley (Neutral Site)
Lady Vikings win 8-3
**Batting/Baserunning:**
**Ava Waterstone:** 0–0, R
**Cienna Burgos:** 0-3, 2 BB, K
**Avey Thompson:** 0-0, R
**Maya Paysinger:** 2-4, R, 2 RBI
**Jasmine Arana:** 1-3, R, FC
**Drew Vudmaska:** 2-4, 3B, RBI, FC
**Haley Riehl:** 1-1
**Debbie Amezquita:** 1-3, 2 RBI
**Sakura Krohn:** 2-4, R, RBI, FC
**Alyssa Gonzalez:** 1-1, R
**Talia Yierman:** 0-3, BB
**Andrea Castro:** 1-3, R, RBI, K
**Bella Myers:** 1-4, R
**Brooke Meshekow:** 1-1
**Pitching:**
**Drew Vudmaska:** 7 IP, W, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 6 BB, 7 K, HBP, 3.00 ERA
Lady Vikings vs Aquinas (Neutral Site)
Aquinas win 12-8
**Batting/Baserunning:**
**Savannah Lopez:** 0-1
**Cienna Burgos:** 2-4, 2B, R, RBI
**Avey Thompson:** 1-4, 2B, 3 RBI
**Drew Vudmaska:** 0-4, RBI
**Haley Riehl:** 0-2, R, 2 BB
**Debbie Amezquita:** 3-4, 2 R, RBI, K
**Alyssa Gonzalez:** 0-2
**Talia Yierman:** 2-4, R, SB
**Andrea Castro:** 2-4, R, RBI, K
**Bella Myers**: 3-4, 2B, 2 R, RBI, K
**Pitching:**
**Drew Vudmaska:** 6 IP, 13 H, 12 R, 12 ER, 2 BB, 5 K, 2 HR, 2 HBP, 14.00 ERA
**Saturday, February 17:**
Lady Vikings vs Jurupa Hills (Neutral Site)
Lady Vikings win 3-0
Lady Vikings Record: 2-2
**Next Game:** Tuesday vs Bell Gardens, 3:15 p.m.

**SANTA MONICA GIRLS LACROSSE:**
**Wednesday, February 14:**
Lady Vikings at Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks)
Notre Dame win 16-5
**Lady Vikings Record:** 0-1
**Next Game:** Tuesday at Saugus, 3 p.m.

**SAINT MONICA BASEBALL:**
**Tuesday, February 13:**
Mariners vs Westchester
Mariners win 3-0
**Thursday, February 15:**
Mariners vs Wiseburn-Da Vinci
Wieseburn Da-Vinci win 3-1
**Mariners Record:** 1-1
**Next Game:** Tuesday at Malibu, 3 p.m.

**SAINT MONICA GIRLS BASKETBALL:**
**Wednesday, February 14:**
Mariners vs Jordan, 2024 CIF Southern Section Girls' Basketball Championships-Division 3A
Mariners win 66-45
**Saturday, February 17:**
Mariners vs St. Margaret's, 2024 CIF Southern Section Girls' Basketball Championships- Division 3A
St. Margaret's win 49-41
**Mariners Record:** 22-10 (10-2 Camino Real League)
**Next Game:** CIF State Playoffs, vs TBD

**SAINT MONICA GIRLS SOCCER:**
**Wednesday, February 14:**
Mariners vs Oakwood, 2024 CIF Southern Section Girls' Soccer Championships-Division 7
Mariners win 3-0
**Saturday, February 17:**
Mariners at Maranatha, 2024 CIF Southern Section Girls' Soccer Championships-Division 7
Maranatha win 3-2
**Mariners Final 2023-24 Record:** 20-1 (12-0 Santa Fe League)

**SAINT MONICA SOFTBALL:**
**Tuesday, February 13:**
Mariners vs Academy of Careers & Exploration (ACE)
ACE win 25-15
**Batting/Baserunning:**
**Bella Lopez:** 0-3, RBI, BB, 2 K
**Savanna Hernandez:** 2-5, R, 2 RBI
**Sophia Lopez:** 1-4, R, 2 K, FC
**Bella Urbina:** 3-4, 2 R, BB
**Bella Hernandez:** 2-4, 3 R, RBI, K, HBP
**Ali Vogler:** 4-5, HR, 3 R, 3 RBI, SB
**Katrina Olmedo:** 3-5, 2 R, 3 RBI, FC
**Bella Czer:** 0-3, R, BB, 2 K
**Dylan Smith:** 1-4, 2 R, K, HBP
**Pitching:**
**Bella Lopez:** 0.2 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 K, HBP, 31.50 ERA
**Bella Urbina:** 5.0 IP, L, 8 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 3 HR, 4 BB, 6 K, 12.60 ERA
**Katrina Olmedo:** 1.1 IP, 6 H, 12 R, 6 ER, 2 HR, 4 BB, 3 K, 3 HBP, 31.50 ERA
**Thursday, February 15:**
Mariners vs Palisades
Mariners win 5-4
**Batting/Baserunning:**
**Bella Lopez:** 1-2, R, K, HBP
**Savanna Hernandez:** 1-4, RBI
**Sophia Lopez:** 1-3, RBI, 2 K
**Bella Urbina:** 0-3, K
**Bella Hernandez:** 2-3, 3B, 2 R
**Ali Vogler:** 2-2, R, RBI, BB
**Katrina Olmedo:** 1-3, R, RBI
**Bella Czer:** 0-2, RBI, K, HBP
**Dylan Smith:** 0-4
**Pitching:**
**Bella Urbina:** 7 IP, W, 4 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 5 BB, 7 K, 2.00 ERA
Mariners Record: 1-1
**Next Game:** 2/22 vs La Salle, 3:15 p.m.

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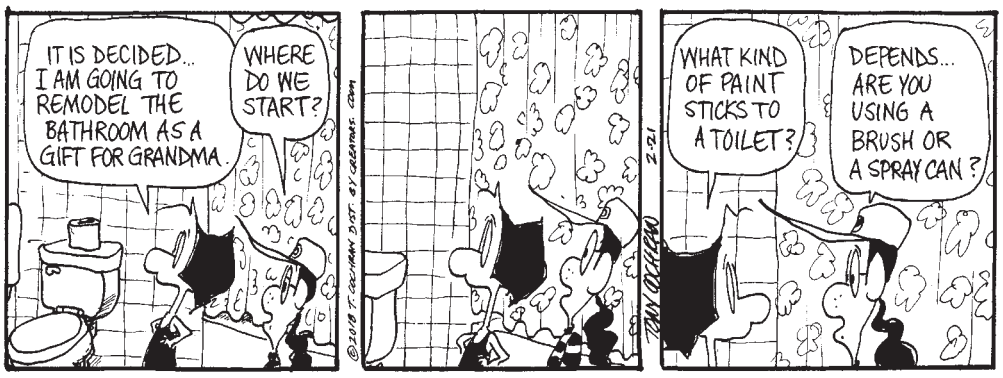
## Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN




## Dogs of C-Kennel

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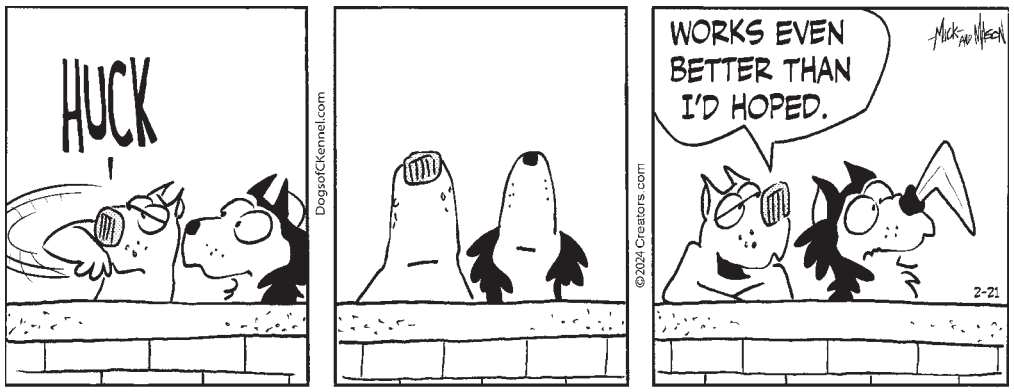


## Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

## Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

"WE ACCIDENTALLY GOT A GNOME FEEDER."

## 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 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6127

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21)

It's a year of boldly following your intuition, which leads to fascinating encounters and lucrative ventures. More highlights: You'll have lots of the best luxury of all — quality time with your favorite people. You'll lead a team to do productive and impactful work. Your successes will be acknowledged on a stage. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 17, 30, 27 and 3.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll learn new skills, which leads to positive development. You'll take risks that align with personal values and long-term goals. You'll pursue what's meaningful and fulfilling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll use your augmented charisma to create a change the world needs. A mentor will help you align with the people and ideas that will flow to the best possible outcome.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). "There never was a good war or a bad peace," Benjamin Franklin wrote in 1783. Since, there have been many contenders, none of which came close to the tension and resolution you get to today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't be so quick to dismiss situations that look stressful or difficult. The best things will be won through trial. Tension and friction are precursors to exciting movement and change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll read the signs. The tendency to take them as warnings has more to do with the "negativity bias" inherent in human thought than any actual bad omen. Think the best. You won't go wrong with it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's possible that individuals with authority over the scene came into the position by chance. They don't always know what they're doing. Even so, you'll give your respect and help. You could just make yourself indispensable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Developments start in the spirit of reciprocation. You admire someone who will later come to admire you. The long and short hands of the clock are moving ever forward - gentle nudges into new adventures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Desire announces itself with all the subtlety of a flashing neon sign. Not this time, though. This time, it's starting deep within the earth of you - a subtle stirring - and you won't be entirely sure what it is until it surfaces.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All is temporary. Any effort to acquire or cling to things will be tempered by this wisdom. Accept the fleeting nature of ownership and make room for happiness with the things, people and time you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reckless behavior involves little to no planning. Unhealthy risk-takers may ignore or downplay potential negative consequences. They may be driven solely by the desire for immediate gratification.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're fascinated by the way a person conducts business - restrained, disciplined and focused strictly on what matters. What you don't fully realize is that you have the same qualities you so admire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll do a psychic deep clean. No single thing is too scary in there; it's just the quantity of things that can be overwhelming. You've been storing memories and ideas for a while now. Some are trash; others are worthy of framing.

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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## Newsday Crossword

**HAVE A SEAT** by Steve Faiella
Edited by Stanley Newman
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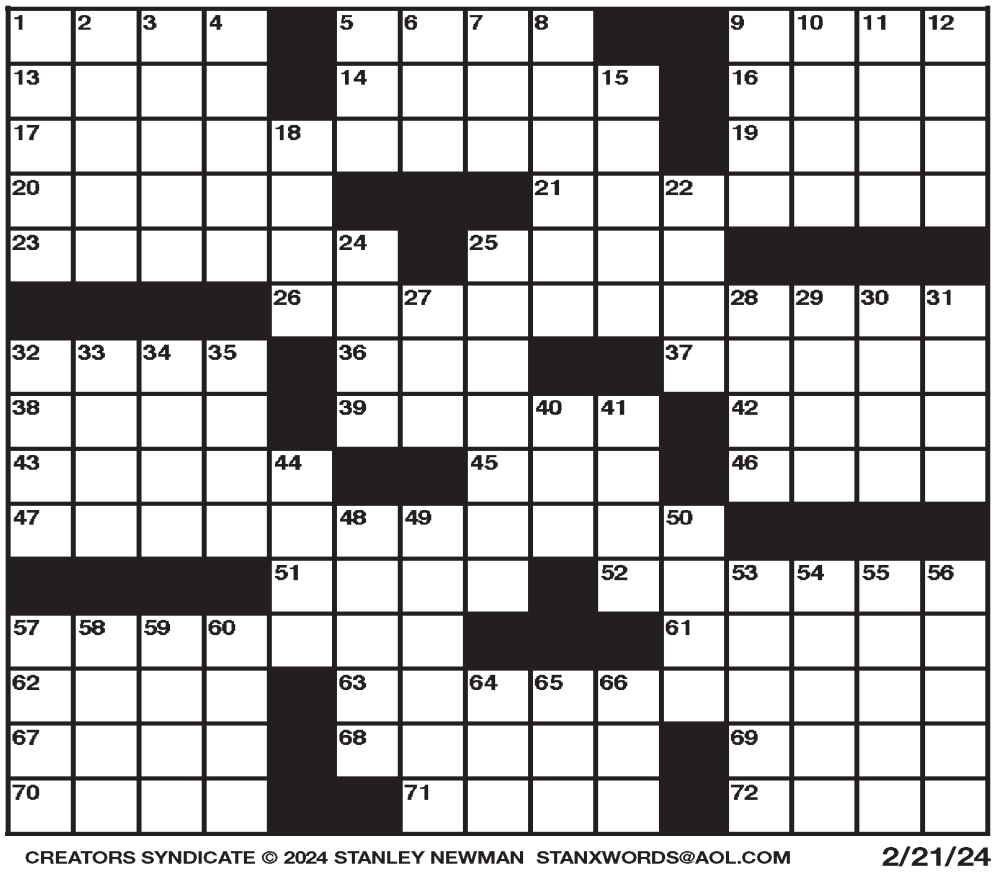
**ACROSS**
**1** Sandwich fish
**5** Pasta nutrient, for short
**9** Purina alternative
**13** Throat-clearing sound
**14** French farewell
**16** Regretted
**17** Certain committee head
**19** __ out (barely managed)
**20** Money spent
**21** Captain Kirk's weapons
**23** Films a movie
**25** Leave port
**26** Police informant
**32** Doing nothing
**36** Rainbow shape
**37** Tot's three-wheeler
**38** '70s Israeli leader
**39** Rule a kingdom
**42** Makes a mistake
**43** Do great on a test
**45** "Shaky" prefix for center
**46** Affirmative votes
**47** One glued to the tube
**51** Stylistically pretentious
**52** Pitch a tent
**57** Loyal citizen
**61** Divided Asian peninsula
**62** Sandwich cookie
**63** Exercise for the pecs
**67** Falsehoods
**68** Wipe clean
**69** Pesky insect
**70** Country road
**71** Twirl around
**72** __-bitsy

**DOWN**
**1** Tex-Mex shells
**2** Informal assent
**3** Old-style "Cool!"
**4** Spanish male friend
**5** Crow's cry
**6** "Without further __ ..."
**7** Goblet's edge
**8** "C'mon, help me out!"
**9** Greek war god
**10** Skywalker of sci-fi
**11** Social equal
**12** Racetrack ratio
**15** Not trendy
**18** Goes bad, as fruit
**22** Got off a horse
**24** Headliner
**25** High __ (elite group)
**27** Metallic rock
**28** Western author Zane
**29** Dublin's land
**30** Gumbo ingredient
**31** Loch __ monster
**32** Apple desktop computer
**33** 1920s style, for short
**34** In __ of (rather than)
**35** Guitarist Clapton
**40** Coll. transcript stat
**41** Evening, on marquees
**44** Bangkok native
**48** Thorough investigation
**49** Playful aquatic mammals
**50** Working, as spud-peeling GIs
**53** Welsh __ (dog breed)
**54** Do not exist
**55** Flat-topped hills
**56** Ashen-looking
**57** Opinion survey
**58** Diva's solo
**59** Adolescent
**60** Stood up
**64** Short snooze
**65** CBS police franchise
**66** Barnyard cackler



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## BIDEN

FROM PAGE 4

Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania — criticizing Trump for his threat to NATO countries. Biden has also railed against House Republicans for blocking a $95 billion foreign aid bill that includes $60 billion in funding for Ukraine's war with Russia.

"The idea that we're going to walk away from Ukraine, the idea that we're going to let NATO begin to split is totally against the interests of the United States of America and it is against our word we've given ... all the way back to Eisenhower," Biden told reporters Sunday.

AP writer Brian Slodysko contributed to this report.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**
**BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATE/TIME:** 23ENT-0194 (APPEAL) of 23ENT-0062 (MINOR MODIFICATION)
**2525 4th Street**
APPELLANT: Neal Wiener/ 2519 4th Street HOA
APPLICANT: Benito Sanchez, KCK Architects
PROPERTY OWNER: Work XYZ LP

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

Appeal of the approval of an administrative Minor Modification (23ENT-0062) to allow a 13.5-foot rear yard setback for a portion of a new building where a 15-foot setback is required. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.43.020 (B)(1) and (C), modifications to dimensional standards may be granted for properties that contain a Historic Resource. The project will include the addition of two Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) allowed by-right and one apartment unit to a landmark parcel.

**DATE/TIME:** **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024, AT 10:30 AM**

**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 planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 5:30 P.M. the day before the meeting will be distributed to the Zoning Administrator prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments. You may also comment in-person at the Zoning Administrator hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Gina Szilak, Acting Senior Planner**
**Re: 23ENT-0194**
**VIA E-MAIL:** planningcomment@santamonica.gov
**VIA MAIL:** City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

**MORE INFORMATION** If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Gina Szilak at (310) 458-2200 ext. 5216 or by e-mail at regina.szilak@santamonica.gov The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided that the request is made with 72 hours of the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free). Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**ESPAÑOL** Esto es una noticia 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) 458-2201 ext. 5547.

## WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 21

**STUART HOUSE PRESENTS: SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**
10 - 11 a.m. Conversations around body safety should happen in every family and can be done with ease and without fear or discomfort. Join this virtual workshop to discover how you can start this conversation with your child today.
Las conversaciones sobre la seguridad del cuerpo deberían ocurrir en todas las familias y se pueden hacer con facilidad y sin temor ni incomodidad. Venga a descubrir cómo puede iniciar esta conversación con su hijo/a hoy.
Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkde-tqzovH9xH6tI6ybCECrHRHZNVbIzX#/registration

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

**AUTHORS IN CONVERSATION: RASHEED NEWSON & LAURA WARRELL**
Author Rasheed Newson discusses his debut novel, My Government Means to Kill Me, a fast-paced coming of age story about a young, gay Black man in the mid-1980s, with fellow novelist Laura Warrell (Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm). A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m.

**CLEAN BEACHES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**
The mission of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee is to uphold the mission of the City of Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan: to restore a healthier balance between the urban environment and the natural ecosystem, including the Santa Monica Bay, by reducing the pollution in urban runoff, reducing urban flooding, and increasing water conservation, recreation opportunities, open space, and wildlife and marine habitat. The Citizens Oversight Committee consists of five (5) residents of the City of Santa Monica. The Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee meets quarterly on the 2nd Wednesday of February, May, August, and November at 6:30 P.M. at the Civic Center Parking Structure, 330 Olympic Drive, 2nd floor Santa Monica Institute (SMI) Room, Santa Monica, California.
https://www.santamonica.gov/watershed-management

## THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 22

**LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS**
A legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 23

**AN EVENING WITH CHRISTY MATHEWSON:**
The Santa Monica Playhouse will be hosting a showing of "MATTY: An Evening with Christy Mathewson," written and performed by Eddie Frierson and directed by Kerrigan Mahan. "Matty" is the story of Christy Mathewson, legendary pitcher for the New York Giants (1900-1916) who inspired a generation of fans to make baseball America's pastime. Begins at 7:30 p.m., tickets $20, $15 for kids under 12. For more, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com/matty.

**GRILLED CHEESE AND WINE PAIRING:**
In the newest event at Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, the shop will be doing its famous grilled cheeses paired with some amazing and unusual wines. Starts with starter salad with fresh greens, followed by four open grilled cheeses expertly paired with a unique wine and finished off with a float using Elio Perrone's Bigaro, a sweet blend of Moscato and Brachetto. Begins at 7:30 p.m., tickets $80, can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/february-23rd-grilled-cheese-and-wine-pairing-tickets-804210644687.

**IRL SHOW:**
The Crow at Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave, Santa Monica, will host IRL Show: Comedy Show for Teens 13+, beginning at 8 p.m. The Crow orders pizza for everyone and hosts a free teen open mic at 7 p.m., with feedback from a professional comic. Show features curated comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. Tickets $15, $10 with student ID, for more visit www.crowcomedy.com.

## SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 24

**SANTA MONICA GREENS FESTIVAL:**
The City of Santa Monica and the Black Santa Monica Community Group will host the 9th annual Black History Greens Festival, a free community celebration that is part of the city's Black History Month events. This year's theme is "Acknowledging the Past, Living in the Present, Building for the Future." The event begins at 10 a.m. at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., Santa Monica. Event attendees can check out greens cooking demos with local chefs in addition to a wide array of activities like book readings and giveaways, dance performances, vendors, wellness information and special guest master of ceremonies Arron "Bobo" Arnell of KHLH Radio. Guests are encouraged to bring picnic blanket and/or lawn chairs. Walking and biking are encouraged.

**AUTHOR EVENT:**
Join local author Christine Van Zandt at the Venice- Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice, for the release of her new book "Milkweed for Monarchs." Learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly and how changing environments make it harder to find food. There will be a butterfly-themed craft and snacks generously provided by the Friends of Venice Library. Begins at 11 a.m.

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# Help Us Improve big blue bus

**Attend an upcoming public workshop and share your thoughts on how we can improve Big Blue Bus.**

**Virtual Workshop**
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
Register at: **brighterbluebbb.com**

**In-Person Workshop**
Thursday, March 7, 2024 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Santa Monica Main Library
Multipurpose Room
Register at: **brighterbluebbb.com**