School district names Dr. Antonio Shelton as its new Superintendent

**MATTHEW HALL**
Daily Press Editor

The local school district may have conducted an “arduous national search” but the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District found its next Superintendent within its own walls.

Dr. Antonio Shelton, former Principal of Samohi and the District’s current Executive Director of Secondary Schools was hired for the Superintendent role on June 1. He is the first internal candidate selected in at least 60 years.

In a statement, the District said Dr. Shelton is an experienced

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Cops targeting drivers and alcohol sales to reduce DUls

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With Memorial Day kicking-starting the summer season in Santa Monica, law enforcement agencies are warning residents about the dangers of drunk driving.

The Santa Monica Police Department recently arrested a suspected DUI driver on the 1100 block of 26th Street. In that incident, the driver of a Jeep Patriot hit two parked cars and flipped the vehicle on its roof. According to SMPD he had minor injuries and officers determined the driver was intoxicated and almost twice the legal limit for alcohol and the incident was one example of the accidents that local officers are seeing on a regular basis.

DUI, like many crimes, has steadily increased from a pandemic era lull. There were 182 DUI arrests reported in 2019 and that number fell to 126 in 2020. It grew slightly to 131 in 2021 and then to 167 last year. In the first quarter of this year, SMPD reported 35 DUI arrests.

During last week’s Memorial Day weekend the CHP arrested 314 people in the first 24 hours of their Maximum Enforcement Weekend,

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Santa Monica celebrates the Most Loved Awards

**MOST LOVED:** Santa Monica recognized its best businesses on June 1 with the annual unveiling of the Most Loved contest winners. More than 60,000 votes were cast in this year contest and finalists were invited to the annual award show at City Hall.

The contest is a partnership between the Santa Monica Daily Press, the City of Santa Monica and the local business community. The magazine highlighting this year’s winners is available now and can also be found online at smdp.com/ml23.

**We are a #MostLoved Santa Monica Business!**

Fran Lyness, Kathleen Murphy and SMDP.
Container Gardening 101: Do Not Contain Your Joy

If you have any inclination to garden, explore it. Gardening is good for the brain and the body, lowering stress, improving concentration, even increasing serotonin. It is a moderate form of exercise. Any vegetables produced will have a positive effect on your diet. Still on the fence? Let this sink in: every single plant you grow puts a little more oxygen out into the world. You don’t need acres of land, or a big backyard, or even a plot in a community garden. If you have a windowsill, a balcony, or patio access, you can create a container garden. Urban agriculture thrives in small spaces. Container gardens can be efficient, economical, and easy. All you need is good gardening information, the soil, seeds, water and sunlight and...

Containers! Here is the skinny on container gardening: the containers you choose are as important, if not more important, than the variety of plants you choose to put them in. Did you know that square or rectangular pots and beds need less watering than round or tapered ones? Vegetables grown in straight-sided containers generally have much stronger root systems. Tapered pots have more soil at the top than the bottom, and the soil at the top of any planter dries out quickly. Square or cylindrical containers have more soil volume in the lower half of the container which retains moisture better.

Roots do generally follow water downward, sure. But did you know that most plants’ main roots start developing 2-3 inches beneath the topsoil? The more tapered the window box or fanned out the flower pot, the more wasted soil volume at the top. If you’ve ever thought you didn’t have a green thumb just because that herb garden in those adorable, little, 3” plastic pots died, that may not have been your fault. Let’s try again. Wooden planter boxes are a good choice for growing vegetables in a container garden because they are...
Protests erupt outside Los Angeles elementary school’s Pride month assembly

Police officers separated groups of protesters and counterprotesters Friday outside a Los Angeles elementary school that has become a flashpoint for Pride month events across California.

People protesting a planned Pride assembly outside the Los Angeles Unified School District’s Saticoy Elementary School wore T-shirts emblazoned with “Leave our kids alone” — and carried signs with slogans such as “Parental Choice Matters” and “No Pride in Grooming.” Tensions at the school have been rising since last month, when a social media page was created to urge parents to keep their children home Friday, the day of the planned assembly.

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- Kelly Gómez

Across the nation, Pride month celebrations are kicking off amid rising backlash in some places against LGBTQ+ rights. Community parade organizers, school districts and even professional sports terms have faced protests for flying rainbow flags and honoring drag performers. While some Republican-led states are limiting classroom conversations about gender and sexuality and banning gender-affirming care, some Democratic cities and states are looking to expand LGBTQ+ rights and to honor the community’s contributions.

Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member Kelly Gómez said the assembly went on without issue. It included a reading of “The Great Big Book of Families,” which includes details about different family structures including single parents, LGBTQ+ parents, grandparents and foster parents, she said.

Gómez said the school board wants to “listen and to have these tough conversations” with parents who don’t support the assembly.

“Because I think it’s really important to be factual about what content was shared today, the fact that it is age-appropriate and that it’s simply about providing inclusive, welcoming environments to all of our students and families,” she said.

Outside the school, protesters against the assembly outnumbered those who were there in support. Some protesters identified themselves as parents of students in the district but would not give their full names during interviews, saying they had agreed not to, as a group, citing safety concerns. Broadly, they said they felt elementary school was too young to discuss LGBTQ+ issues.

Arielle Aldana, whose 6-year-old son attends Saticoy, said she didn’t know about the assembly until she dropped him off at school Friday morning. She joined the protest against the assembly and said it was “frustrating” that the school didn’t tell parents about the topic ahead of time.

Aldana said she doesn’t feel it’s age-appropriate for elementary school, but added that she thought it would be fine for when her son is in middle school. “It has to do with where he is in development,” she said.

Ray Jones, who uses the pronoun they, said they are a drag queen in North Hollywood and do not have children in the school but thought it was important to show up. Jones said they believe LGBTQ+ topics are appropriate to teach at elementary school. The demonstrators who feel otherwise, they said, are sending the wrong message to students who have LGBTQ+ parents.

“I just don’t stand for that in my community,” Jones said.

Hector Flores and his husband picked up their 6-year-old daughter after school on Friday wearing pride T-shirts. He said their family felt supported by the counterprotesters.

“All families are different and we need to respect them,” Flores said. “It all starts with a conversation and kids these days, they’re growing up so quick. That’s probably a topic that we should have at an early age.”

An Instagram page called Saticoy Elementary Parents called Pride “an inappropriate topic for our kids!” In one post, the page says that Christian families and those who “share conservative values don’t feel this material is appropriate to teach to the children and believe it’s a parents’ right to choose.” It’s not clear who started the page, which also includes phone numbers and email addresses for district and school officials, urging parents to call them to protest the event.

In May, a transgender teacher’s small Pride flag displayed outdoors was found burned. The school notified parents, saying it was being investigated as hate-motivated.

District Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho watched the protest outside the
COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Soundwaves Presents The Smudges

The Santa Monica Public Library’s acclaimed Soundwaves concert series presents a free performance by The Smudges, on June 3 at 3:30 p.m., in the Pico Branch Library Annex in Virginia Avenue Park, at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield.

The Smudges are a local band with a rich history. They have been playing together for over 30 years and have released several albums. Their sound is a blend of rock, jazz, and classical influences, and their performances are known for their energy and versatility.

The Smudges’ concert is part of the Soundwaves series, which features a diverse range of musical acts. The series is held in Virginia Avenue Park, a popular destination for community events and concerts. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs for seating, as the park provides a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for all to enjoy.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

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

All current applications on file will be considered. Disability related assistance and alternate formats of this document are available upon request by calling (310) 458-8211.

PROTEST

FROM PAGE 3

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Money stored in Venmo and other payment apps could be vulnerable, financial watchdog warns

KEN SWEET AP
Business Writer

Customers of Venmo, PayPal and CashApp should not store their money with those apps for the long term because the funds might not be safe during a crisis, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau warned Thursday.

The alert comes several weeks after the failure of Silicon Valley Bank, Signature Bank and First Republic Bank, which all experienced bank runs after fearful customers with uninsured deposits pulled their money en masse.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures bank accounts up to $250,000. But money stored in Venmo or CashApp or Apple Cash is not being held in a traditional bank account. So, if there is an event similar to a bank run with those payment apps, those funds may not be protected.

Some of the funds may be eligible for pass-through insurance coverage if customers do certain activities with the apps, the CFPB said, but generally by default the apps are not covered by deposit insurance. For example, if a customer opened a PayPal Savings account, it would have deposit insurance through PayPal’s partner bank, Synchrony Bank. But the general PayPal account is not covered by insurance. For Apple Cash, which can be insured through Green Dot Bank, it requires a user to verify their identity to get deposit insurance.

“We find that stored funds can be at risk of loss in the event of financial distress or failure of the entity operating the nonbank payment platform, and often are not placed in an account at a bank or credit union and lack individual deposit insurance coverage,” the CFPB said in its report.

“Consumers may not fully appreciate when, or under what conditions, they would be protected by deposit insurance,” the agency added in its report.

Peer-to-Peer payment apps and non-banks offering bank-like services have exploded in popularity in the last decade. Venmo now has more than 90 million customers and recently announced it was going to allow parents to create accounts for their teenage children, potentially bringing in tens of millions of new customers for the app.

Apple recently announced a savings account tied to its Apple Card that is operated by Goldman Sachs. The savings account took in billions of dollars in deposits within days of its launch.

The Financial Technology Association, an industry group that represents PayPal as well as Cash App’s owner Block, emphasized in a report that the apps are safe. “Tens of millions of American consumers and small businesses rely on payment apps to better spend, manage, and send their money. These accounts are safe and transparent, with users receiving FDIC Insurance on their accounts depending on the products they use,” the association said.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica (the “City”) will hold a Public Hearing on June 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Santa Monica Council Chambers Room 250, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA, to discuss adopting increases to its solid waste service fees.

Proposed Rate Increases: After a three-year rate freeze in 2020, 2021, and 2022 during the COVID-19 pandemic, an increase in solid waste rates is necessary in order to recover sufficient revenues to operate and maintain the City’s solid waste operations. If approved, rate increases would become effective on August 1, 2023, and subsequently each July 1st through 2028.

The Ordinance amends the text of the City’s Zoning Ordinance to confirm the City’s intention, in accordance with Federal law, to limit zoning regulation of personal wireless service facilities to the provisions of Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.32, Personal Wireless Service Facilities, and exempt “over the air reception devices” (“OTARDs”) from zoning regulations while expressly requiring compliance with applicable public health and safety regulations.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.
an increase over the 241 arrested in the same time last year.

According to SMPD, every day, about 37 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes — that’s one person every 39 minutes. In 2021, 13,384 people died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic deaths — a 14% increase from 2020. These deaths were all preventable.

“You can’t drive safely if you’re impaired. That’s why it’s illegal everywhere in America to drive under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, opioids, methamphetamines, or any potentially impairing drug—prescribed or over the counter,” said SMPD in a statement. Driving while impaired by any substance—legal or illegal—puts you and others in harm’s way.

SMPD conducts regular traffic enforcement operations, including DUI checkpoints and efforts targeted at specific kinds of violations such as motorcycle awareness or bike/pedestrian safety that also net drunk drivers.

Consequences for DUI violations vary by severity of the incident but can include probation, fines, loss of a license and for more serious felony charges, jail is a possibility.

SMPD also conducts decoy operations to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors, including a recent sting that resulted in one clerk being cited for sale to an underage customer. Those who sold to the minor face a minimum fine of $250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage license of the business where alcohol was sold to a minor. That may include a fine, a suspension of the license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

ABC is conducting the compliance checks statewide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken driving fatalities than the general adult population.

Minor Decoy operations hold accountable those who sell alcohol to minors

- Eric Hirata ABC Director

"Minor Decoy operations hold accountable those who sell alcohol to minors,” said ABC Director Eric Hirata. “Keeping alcohol away from youth is a priority.”

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DUI: Like many crimes, DUI arrests dropped during the pandemic and are on the rebound.
Superintendent
FROM PAGE 1

Dr. Shelton was selected by the Board as Superintendent for SMMUSD following an arduous national search with the assistance of our consulting firm, Leadership Associates. We reviewed 35 applications and held in-person interviews with top candidates, Dr. Antonio Shelton rose to the top and was selected by the Board,” said Board President Maria Leon-Vazquez. “Our communities are special and demand the best, and so does the Board. We welcome Dr. Shelton into his new role as the Superintendent of Santa Monica and Malibu. As a current member of this amazing school community, I believe that we can continue to perform at a high level. This district is truly a gem in Los Angeles and the state of California. I hope to inspire students and staff to continue being the shining light that we have been since our inception.”

Dr. Shelton expressed his enthusiasm and gratitude for being appointed. He said that with his experience, he aims to continue the district’s high performance and maintain its esteemed reputation within the Los Angeles area and California. Dr. Shelton acknowledged the trust placed in him by the school board and pledged to lead the district to the best of his abilities with the support of the entire school community.

His goals include fostering strong relationships with educational partners in both Malibu and Santa Monica, promoting fiscal responsibility and transparency in financial decision-making, and utilizing data and research to drive instructional practices and student support. Dr. Shelton emphasizes the importance of creating an equitable system where students are heard, seen, and engaged in the learning process, while also prioritizing academic success, professional growth for staff, and intervention opportunities for students in need.

He believes that progress is being made regarding English learners and expects continued growth in the number of students being reclassified. He said he seeks to build consensus and collaboration with educational partners to ensure that all students have access to the best educational opportunities. He expresses gratitude to the Santa Monica Malibu community and envisions a journey of collaboration, trust, and student engagement as he leads the district towards its goals.

“I just really want to quickly share, this is really, really a special place. And, as you all know, it brought tears to my eyes, just of joy and the fact that I am entrusted with this great school community and this great staff that we have around us,” he said. “I’m truly excited and humbled to serve as Superintendent of Santa Monica and Malibu. As a current member of this amazing school community. I believe that we can continue to perform at a high level. This district is truly a gem in Los Angeles and the state of California. I hope to inspire students and staff to continue being the shining light that we have been since our inception.”

He said he remained committed to working collectively.

“To me, this is all about collaboration, coming together,” he said. “And that’s what this is all about collaboration, coming together,” he said. “And the best thing about that we will have an honest conversation with each and every person and review those areas that need, may need, further support, reimagining. I always say we can go back and we can figure out how we move forward. Maybe something that once was doesn’t work anymore. So how do we reimagine that our innovative diverse and creative school district will continue to engage our staff and community in challenging conversations? Because we will have them that will lead to a more equitable system. I want to build consensus with our educational partners that will allow us to support this excellent school district, to ensure that all students are getting the best educational opportunities possible.”

Dr. Shelton holds a Bachelor of Arts in history, a Master of Arts in social studies, a Master of Arts in educational administration, and a doctorate in educational leadership. He will take up the new position on July 1.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S 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 CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 NINE ___ (anagram of PUNISHMENT) (4)
7 Russia before Peter the Great
14 Engraver admired by Charles Lamb
16 One-vowel North American capital
17 Not seasonal
18 Most nominated male singer at the 2020 Grammys
19 Unionization of a sort
21 Reaction to something pleasant or unpleasant
22 Exciting, these days
23 Realize
27 Buttonhole
30 Proceed with caution
32 What clickers often augment
33 Word on the Big Ten city list
34 Runner
35 Runway frequenters
36 One you’d expect to hustle
39 Their first home field was Tulane Stadium
40 Muggers
41 Runner who became a baron in 2000
42 Future of Beauty Awards
43 Fill in
44 It’s kept at arm’s length
45 Be upset, say
46 Father
47 Something to check at the door
49 Competitors in the IPA market?

DOWNS
1 Middle of five Shakespearean four-letter title words
2 Father
3 Orange derivative
4 “Don’t walk behind me, I lead”
5 Tomatoe sister brand of V8
6 Sabermetrics, for instance
55 One-vowel North American capital
58 Ready to show some muscle
59 Speculator starter
60 Wide receiver’s extremity
61 They’re seen in shower scenes
62 Fuel addition
7 Showbiz coinage circa 1915
8 Stretch
9 Salutation (téléphonique)
10 Went off on
11 Genentech’s pre-merger ticker symbol
12 Extended play, for short
13 Tops
15 Kate Middleton designation
20 In other places
24 The Apollo 17 crew took a full photo of it
25 CS Lewis’ “natural organ of truth”
26 Kept in a space-saving way
27 Slow
28 Glorify gleamishly
29 They’re not too swift
31 Antonym of “hence”
37 2 (Russia’s first moon crasher)
41 Cheaters, casually
44 6, 15, 16 (Clue from the previous day)
45 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY’S SUDOKU

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (June 3)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What if you found out that getting what you wanted would diminish your happiness instead of adding to it? Optimize your current circumstance and revel in what’s good about it. The surest moment is always the present.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Does a relationship distract you from your purpose or bring you closer to it? Does it support who you are, or make you feel alienated from your core? You’ll see the opportunity in anything and everything that comes up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You deal with a gnarly bit of complexity, but don’t worry — difficult problems get solved every day. You’ll be able to relax into the solution, which comes to you in a stress-free moment of driving, walking or showering.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whether there are too many people involved, too much information to include or too many options to choose from, you’ll be in a position to make cuts. Get sharp, be swift and don’t look back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Put your money where your heart is. You’ll be glad you invested in interesting projects, and in the activities and people who make you happy. This is also an excellent time to investigate what it will take to start a business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You’ll deal with a gnarly bit of complexity, but don’t worry — difficult problems get solved every day. You’ll be able to relax into the solution, which comes to you in a stress-free moment of driving, walking or showering.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Can’t seem to come up with your next move? Don’t worry. New ideas are just old ideas turned upside-down, inside-out or sideways. Start with what you admire that already exists in the world and give it a different spin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Competence will take you halfway. To break through the tape at the finish line, you’ll need nothing short of mastery. Think long-term with an emphasis on building routines to keep you engaged in the step-by-step process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Handle the minor issues and be proactive about maintenance. This will keep them from growing into big, inconvenient problems. Tonight brings an opportunity to tell an old story in a new and improved way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Adversity and challenge can reveal a person’s level of fortitude, adaptability and creativity. But if you really want to know a person’s character, observe how they behave under the pressures of power.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There’s an idea that keeps popping to mind. Since it’s not going away, you may as well entertain a brainstorm and make hypothetical plans. Toy around with the notion until it becomes too irresistible not to act on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Getting unstuck is a matter of understanding the blockage or the snag, which always feels massive, though it’s possible to be caught up by the smallest cord or loop. One snip may be all it takes to set you free.
Agnes

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5664

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**SAMO PRIDE**

SaMo PRIDE kicks off on Saturday, June 3rd with a PRIDE Festival that will turn the entire downtown district, from Third Street Promenade through Santa Monica Place to the Santa Monica Pier, into a party zone. All ages are welcome to enjoy musical performances, PRIDE-related treats, free swag, games, and much more. A family zone located at Santa Monica Place will provide kid-friendly PRIDE programming and an engaging place for kids to play and learn about queer history. Downtown & Third Street Promenade, 3rd St Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401

**2023 SANTA MONICA ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISER**

Enjoy a fun afternoon for the whole family to raise much needed funds for the Santa Monica Animal Shelter. At the event: Win fantastic items in our raffle and silent auction. Enjoy a live performance from School of Rock West LA House Band. Face painting by the wonderful The Magical Atelier. Awesome balloon animals, headbands and bracelets from Wild About Balloons L.A. and much more! All funds raised help the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and made a difference in the care and well-being of the animals. Santa Monica Animal Shelter, 1640 9th St Santa Monica, CA 90404

SUNDAY | JUNE 4

**PARTY ON! A SOBER COMEDY SHOW**

Party On! is more than just a night of laughs, it’s a celebration of recovery and a testament to the power of humor in overcoming addiction. Headlining comics from HBO, Netflix, and late night shows, will speak to the sober experience, but every comedy fan will love this show. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave., F4 Santa Monica, CA.

THURSDAY | JUNE 8

**SPECTRUM GESTALT 10**

Reception Saturday June 10th 5-8pm. Join us for the 10 Year Anniversary of Spectrum Gestalt. Ig Gallery Bergamot Station, 2525 Michigan Ave, Space A2 Santa Monica, California 90404

FRIDAY | JUNE 9

**AIDS/LIFECYCLE RIDE FINISH LINE EVENT**

We welcome the riders of the AIDS/Lifecycle Ride to Santa Monica for the first time as they finish their 454-mile ride from San Francisco near the Santa Monica Pier at Beach Lot 4 South. They are also seeking volunteers to make sure the Finish Line Festival is as fun and exciting as possible! Santa Monica Beach Lot 4 1230 Ocean Ave Santa Monica, CA 90405

SATURDAY | JUNE 10

**MAIN STREET CG OPEN HOUSE**

Come visit the Main Street Community Garden on Saturday June 10th and check out our Summer Craps and Flowers. The Annual Tomato Tasting competition is around the corner, keep an eye out for the dates! Main Street Community Garden 2318 Main Street Santa Monica, CA

**SUNABER SEAFISH BEACH DAY • CLEAN UP**

Saba Surf, the Venice-based surf lifestyle brand, invites you to join their beach day and clean up on June 11th at 9am at Breakwater in Venice Beach (look out for the large SABA SURF tent). Grab coffee, a pair of gloves from the check-in table, and join the beach-clean up starting at 9:30AM. Guests will be invited to meet back up at the Saba Surf tent at 10:30 for a chance to win a month’s supply of Saba Surf Wax, Saba T-Shirt, and more. Breakwater, Venice Beach Ocean Front Walk. Venice, CA https://www.instagram.com/p/Csjkdw9yP8A/

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