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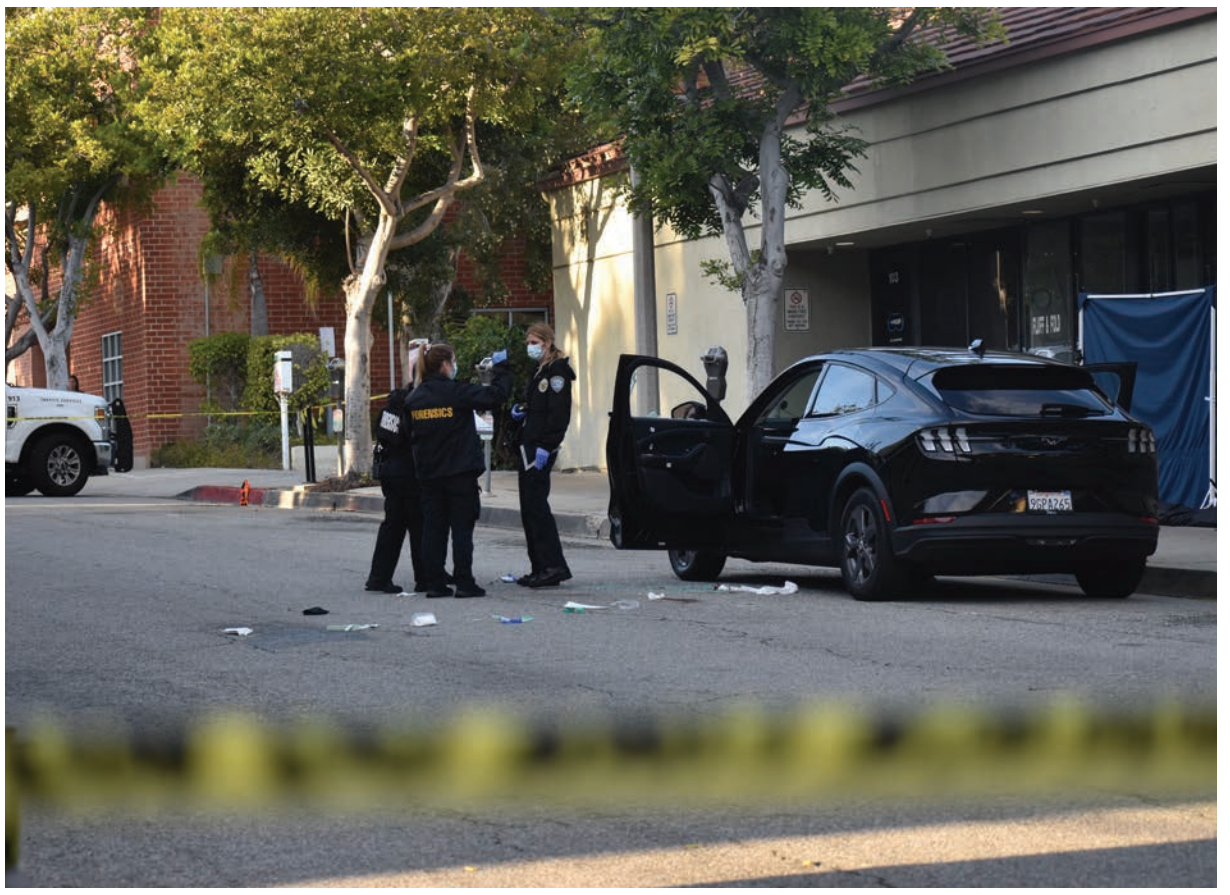
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Shooting just off Ocean Park Blvd. leaves one man dead



Matthew Hall

SHOOTING: A man was shot in his car on the 2600 block of 29th Street, just off Ocean Park Blvd.

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Staff Writer

A man was killed on Thursday morning after being shot in the Sunset Park neighborhood.

According to SMPD, officers received a call of shots fired in the 2600 block of 29th Street at about 10:25 a.m.

Officers located one victim who was transported to a local hospital but died shortly thereafter.

"Unfortunately, the victim involved in the recent incident on 29th and Ocean Park succumbed to his injuries at a local area hospital," said SMPD in a statement. "Our investigation into this matter is ongoing. The safety of our community is our top priority and we are committed to maintaining a strong presence in the area..."

The suspect escaped on foot and officers were still searching at press time.

Witnesses described seeing an argument between a suspect and the victim before the shooting but SMPD said they had no details on the motivation or suspect by press time.

Murders are rare in Santa Monica. In the most recent reporting period from last year (January through August) there were a total of two murders. In all of 2022 there were only three.

After a pandemic era decline, serious crime, known as "Part One" crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and larceny) increased in 2022 to 4,719, surpassing 2019 levels (4,602) but still below the 2018 total of 5,441.

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Holocaust Remembrance Day marked amid a raging war and an increase in hate

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This weekend, gatherings across the globe will honor the victims and survivors of a monumental tragedy, telling their stories and sharing much-needed educational opportunities.

Saturday, January 27, is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, with the date noted as the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau camp complex. The date is meant to remember the victims of the 20th Century's most tragic event, a period in which six million Jewish victims, as well as millions of others in persecuted groups, were tormented by the Nazi political regime.

While the horror may seem like ancient history to some, almost 80 years after the Holocaust, about 245,000 Jewish survivors are still living across more than 90 countries.

Nearly half of them, or 49%, are living in Israel; 18% are in Western Europe, 16% in the United States, and 12% in countries of the former Soviet Union, according to a study by the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, also referred to as the Claims Conference.

Their numbers are quickly

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Matthew Hallock appointed Santa Monica fire chief

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Staff Writer

City Manager David White has announced the appointment of Matthew Hallock as the new Chief of the Santa Monica Fire Department.

Hallock comes to Santa Monica from the city of Monterey Park, where he has served as fire chief since 2020.

According to the announcement, Hallock brings 24 years of experience in public safety after starting his fire service career as a reserve firefighter in 1994, then returning as a firefighter in 2002 and rising through the ranks. He also has experience working in the private sector, spending four years as an emergency preparedness planner at Southern California Edison.

As chief in Monterey Park, he was in charge of the department through the tragic shooting at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio and during the pandemic.

"Chief Hallock showed outstanding leadership and compassion during his tenure in Monterey Park, shepherding the fire department and the entire community through two major crises," White said in a statement. "And with his vast experience in emergency preparedness and response, I am confident he will be a tremendous asset to our city

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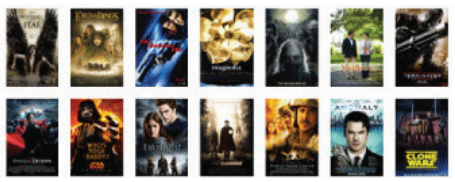


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Youth representation key in annual homeless count



Photo by Thomas Leffler

YOUTH COUNT: Safe Place for Youth (SPY) Director of Development and Community Impact Kenneth Jones and SPY Housing System Supervisor Maria Rodriguez were busy on Wednesday, facilitating the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Youth Count for Service Area 5.

THOMAS LEFFLER
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While locals in Santa Monica were readying up for the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count on Wednesday evening, volunteers gathering in Venice took to the streets on a similar mission.

The headquarters of Safe Place for Youth (SPY) served as a daytime hub for the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Youth Count, with employees and citizens alike coming and going with new survey data taken from area youth. Wednesday's count covered Service Area 5, which includes Santa Monica, Malibu, Venice, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades and Playa del Rey.

Running concurrently to the adult homeless count, the Youth Count is different in data collection methods, acting as a survey-based count where youth (unaccompanied children under 18 and young adults ages 18-24) are asked about their housing status. According to the Youth Count's website, this is "because housing status cannot be visually assessed for youth." Another factor is the potentially uncounted young people couch surfing or in non-voucher hotels/motels.

The 2023 Youth Count, covering Los Angeles County's eight service areas (outside of Pasadena, Glendale and Long Beach), showed that the point-in-time estimate of homeless youth was 3,894 persons, a 38% jump from the 2022 count. The 3,894 number was made up of 1,743 sheltered and 1,852 unsheltered individuals.

> "(They came out) to support and identify areas where their peers and other friends who still may be unhoused are staying, so we really value their input
>
> - Maria Rodriguez, SPY Housing System Supervisor

Service Area 5's increase from 2022 to 2023 was even more significant, with the 236 youth counted making for a 63% rise. Of the 236 counted in the local service area, 132

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Los Angeles homeless count is one of the nation's largest

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Los Angeles County's annual count of homeless residents began this week — a crucial part of the region's efforts to confront the crisis of tens of thousands of people living on the streets.

Up to 6,000 volunteers with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority fanned out for the effort's main component, the unsheltered street tally.

The so-called "point-in-time" count took place over three days and aims to estimate how many people are unhoused and what services they may require, such as mental health or drug addiction treatment.

LA County's undertaking is the largest among similar tallies in major cities nationwide. The tally, which also makes use of demographic surveys and shelter counts, is mandated by the federal government for cities to receive certain kinds of funding.

The count this year comes amid increasing public outrage over the perceived failure — despite costly efforts — to reduce the surging population of people living in cars, tents and makeshift street shelters.

The 2023 effort reported more than 75,500 people were homeless on any given night in LA County, a 9% rise from a year earlier. About 46,200 were within the city of Los Angeles, where public frustration has grown as tents have proliferated on sidewalks and in parks and other locations.

Since 2015, homelessness has increased by 70% in the county and 80% in the city.

Karen Bass, the mayor of Los Angeles, joined city and county officials to kick off the count Tuesday night in the North Hollywood neighborhood of LA's San Fernando Valley.

The count "is an important tool to confront the homelessness crisis," Bass said in a statement. "Homelessness is an emergency, and it will take all of us working together to confront this emergency."

On her first day in office in Dec. 2022, Bass declared a state of emergency on homelessness. One year into her term, the mayor, a Democrat, announced that over 21,000 unhoused people were moved into leased hotels or other temporary shelter during 2023, a 28% increase from the prior year. Dozens of drug-plagued street encampments were cleared, and housing projects are in the pipeline, she said last month.

City Hall, the City Council and the LA County Board of Supervisors have said they intend to work together to tackle the crisis. Progress hasn't always been apparent despite billions spent on programs to curb homelessness.

> "Homelessness is an emergency, and it will take all of us working together to confront this emergency"
>
> - Karen Bass, the mayor of Los Angeles

Santa Monica conducted its count on Wednesday night. Volunteers gathered at St. Monica's church before being dispersed across the city. The results of this year's count, which will be made available in approximately three month's time, Results released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the 2023 count showed that homelessness increased by about 45% in the Santa Monica area.

Homelessness remains hugely visible throughout California with people living in tents and cars and sleeping outdoors on sidewalks and under highway overpasses.

The results of the LA County homeless count are expected to be released in late spring or early summer.

City of Santa Monica

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Ordinance Number 2773 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA Amending Santa Monica Municipal Code SECTION 4.68.160 RELATED TO 5K AND 10K RACE ROUTES IN SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2773 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2773 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Section 4.68.160, Athletic Events, to add one additional 5K route and one additional 10K race route, and to move the earliest allowed start time of a race from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.5**

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Another fun one with WNW swell easing as favorable wind sets up a clean early window. Just be sure to account for the AM high tide. Afternoon wind could stay manageable for the low tide. Stay tuned.

SATURDAY
POOR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Favorable wind but most spots struggle with the AM high tide with size down a notch or two from Friday. More opportunity midday as tide drops. Smaller WNW swell leftovers early before and end of the day refresh.

Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest in the morning.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. North northwest wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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The Battle to Ban Pay Toilets

When it comes to political elections I was raised in an unusual household. An avid supporter of FDR, my mother was an organizer of Democratic Clubs in West Los Angeles and in 1960 worked with Ted Kennedy going to Bakersfield, Fresno and other smaller cities to create such a club to support JFK's presidential campaign in 1960.

She had met the Kennedy's and anybody who was anybody at the Democratic National convention held at the L.A. Sports Arena as she was in charge of the seating. A joke I admittedly used before, if one is in charge of seating at a 5 star restaurant or a national political convention, you automatically become a big shot.

So it was that my mother instilled in me an interest in politics from the time I was eight in 1952. Even though it was a school day she drove us to the airport in San Diego to join the crowd there greeting Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic Nominee for President.

As he was about to pass us my mother gave me a gentle shove that Stevenson took to mean I wanted to shake hands. "Aren't you a confident young man?" he said as he shook my hand. (I wasn't confident, my mother was a good pusher.)

My father was even more liberal than my mother. But what I got most from him was his sports and comedy. He loved Jackie Gleason and I loved how laughter relieved his tension.

In my freshman year at UCLA I got involved in a political campaign that I found hilarious, a state proposition to ban pay public toilets. My hero, other than Sandy Koufax, was Ralph Story, whose real name was Ralph Bernard Synder, an extremely popular CBS TV channel 2 humorist and because of that I took a TV Broadcasting class.

My professor, Dr. Kingston, was very stoic in manner and even in looks and was very much like James Lipton the creator, executive producer, writer and host of Inside The Actor's Studio which



ran on TV for 22 years viewed in 95 million American homes and in 115 countries and received a record 17 Emmy nominations.

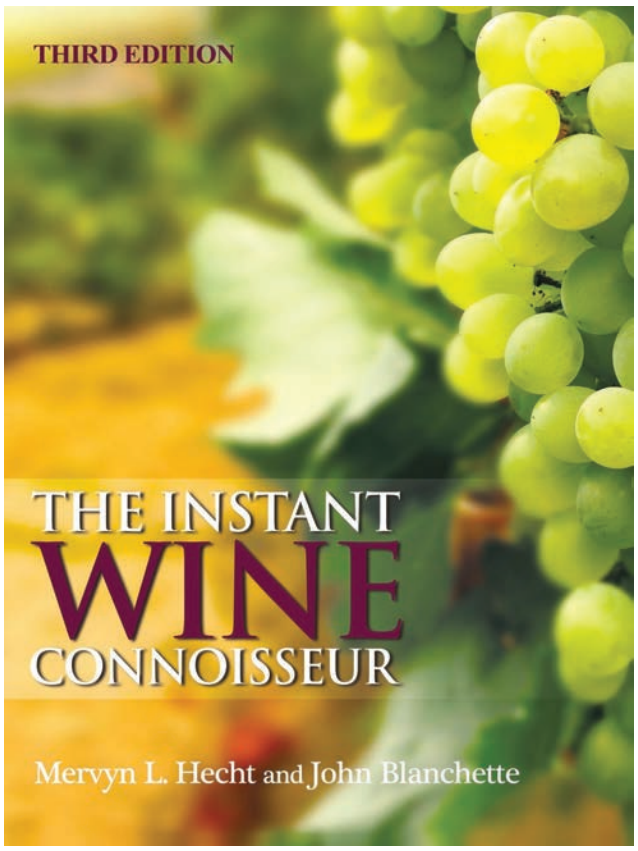
Much like these columns, during the week I would research and write my copy which was to run no longer than five minutes and on each Friday I would often nervously recite my hopefully humorous shtick into a TV camera. Only I made a considerable mistake in how I joined the grass roots campaign. But first, a few comments on the current presidential campaign.

Trump and his Maga followers attack President Biden's cognitive issues. And yet, the twice impeached and four times criminally indicted Trump takes the cake. After bragging how he "aced" that absurd cognition test from years ago, three times the stable genius confused Nikki Haley with Nancy Pelosi and blamed her for Jan 6.

In his muddled mind, Trump somehow thinks he ran against Obama and is going to beat him again and predicts the Democrats are going to start WWIII. He called COVID a hoax and suggested

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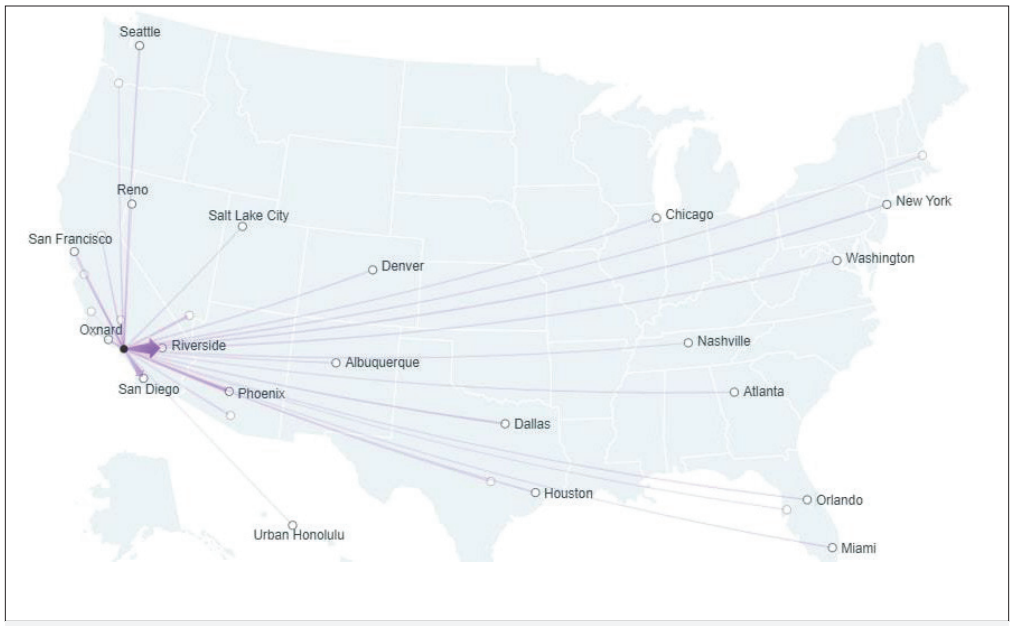


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Recent reports reinforce migration trends out of LA, California



Courtesy of Apartment List

MIGRATION: A new Apartment List report shows where apartment searchers in Los Angeles are looking to move to, with Phoenix and Dallas being two popular out-of-state options.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Even with all of the amenities and beauty, the Los Angeles metro area and the state of California have both seen notable migrations over recent years, something once again seen in a new report.

According to a January renter migration report from Apartment List, 32% of the website's users in the Los Angeles metro area have been looking elsewhere, searching for apartments in a different metro area. Popular destinations are noted in both Los Angeles' Southern California contemporaries like Riverside and San Diego, but out of state metro areas like Phoenix, Seattle and Dallas were also popular searches.

By comparison, less users outside of the city are looking inward, as 25% of renters searching for Los Angeles apartments are from out-of-town areas like Riverside, San Diego and San Francisco.

Of those looking to move out of the Los Angeles area, 67.8% of users sought out another metro area, while 32.2% of users searched for cities outside of a metro. The number of Apartment List users searching to move metro-to-metro has dipped in recent years, going from 41.4% in 2021 to 40.7% in 2022 and 38.5% in 2023.

Migration has encompassed the entire state, according to 2023 state-level population estimates from the Census Bureau. Out of the states with the largest losses in net domestic migration (population lost to other states), California led the pack significantly with over 338,000 citizens lost. The state's population outflow outpaced New York (216,778), Illinois (83,839) and New Jersey (44,666), and accounts for 0.9% of California's population.

Apartment List platform data helps get a hold of the question on where Californians in general move to, not just those in the Los Angeles metro area. According to the site's searches, renters wanting to move out are looking toward Nevada (12% of outbound searches), Texas (12%), Arizona (11%), Washington (8%) and Florida (5%). Many of these options, Apartment List states, "represent a flight to more affordable Sun Belt states."

> "Migration to states in the Southeast and Southwest is still very pronounced"
>
> - John Taylor, U-Haul International President

The move to states like Texas and Florida also holds true in the 2023 U-Haul Growth Index, which reflects state net gain or loss of one-way U-Haul movers. California reflected the largest net loss of one-way movers for the fourth year in a row, while Texas and Florida were the top net gainers for the third straight year.

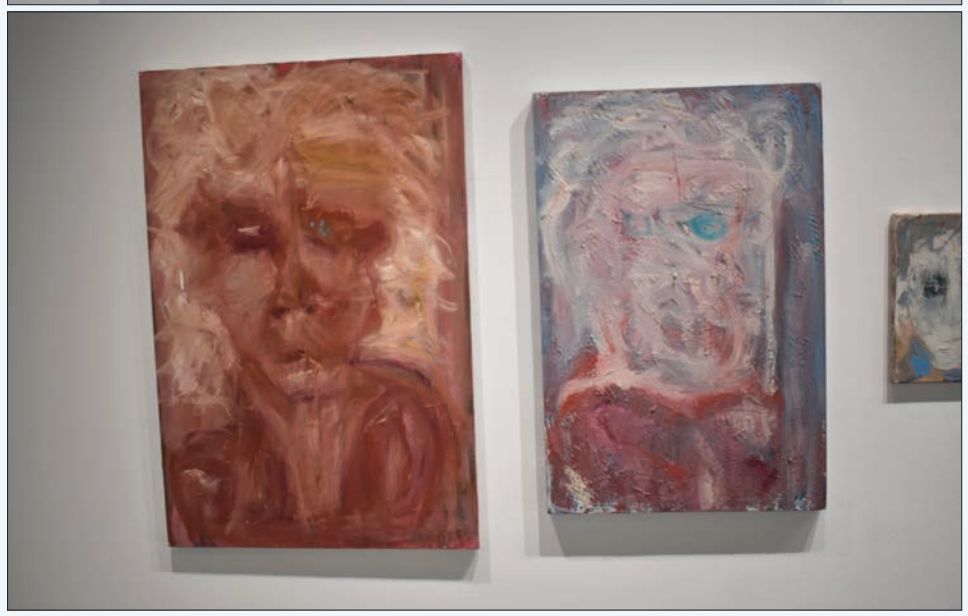
"Migration to states in the Southeast and Southwest is still very pronounced," U-Haul International President John Taylor said. "Demand for one-way equipment out of certain markets (on) the ... West Coast mirrors what we have seen during recent moving cycles."

Average rent prices have played a role in the migration, as according to RentCafe, California laps the rest of the country in average rent price. The website states that the average California apartment rent price is $2,531 with an average apartment size of 851 square feet. By comparison, California movers' destinations are much more affordable, such as Texas' average of $1,451

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Emeritus Gallery showcases one of its own in exhibition







Photos by Thomas Leffler

SMC GALLERY: Santa Monica College's Emeritus Gallery is featuring the works of one of its own to kick off 2024. On Jan. 18, the gallery began hosting the exhibition "Anna Conley: The Invisible Man," which will be available for viewing through March 22. Conley, who has an extensive background in music, began coming to Emeritus College in the mid-2010s. "I had a conversation with myself, I was sitting alone and I thought 'what is it that I would miss out (on) if I dropped dead tomorrow,' and my answer to that was paint," Conley told Emeritus Gallery Curator Jesse Benson during an online presentation discussing the exhibition. "I didn't know where to go, where to start, and I came into Emeritus." The expressive and abstract imagery of "The Invisible Man" was inspired by a friend's bout with cancer, but is also a self-reflective set of paintings. The gallery can be viewed on campus at 1227 2nd Street from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Citywide

Santa Monica Education Foundation Launches $25,000 Match from Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows

Donors to the Santa Monica Education Foundation can have their donation doubled for students thanks to a $25,000 match offered by Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows. The Fairmont Miramar has been a steadfast and generous supporter of Santa Monica's public schools for nearly a decade and will match all donations made to the Ed Foundation, up to $25,000, from January 22 through January 31 of this year.

This is the seventh year in a row that Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows has offered this matching gift opportunity to the Santa Monica community, raising over $1.2M for Santa Monica's public schools.

"We are beyond thrilled that Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows has once again stepped forward with such a generous incentive for our community to support our students," said Linda Greenberg, Interim Executive Director of the Ed Foundation. "From their ongoing support as a matching gift donor, to hosting our annual Wine Auction event since 2016, the Fairmont Miramar has been an incredibly committed partner of the Ed Foundation. Our students have benefited exponentially because of their ongoing generosity, and I couldn't be more grateful to them."

"We are honored to continue our support for such an important cause, for the children in Santa Monica's public schools," said Sam Jagger, General Manager of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows. "We remain dedicated to being involved in our community, and a core way of doing that is through our partnership with the Santa Monica Education Foundation, with a mission to help Santa Monica's students thrive in enriching academic, arts, STEM and other programs. We hope this gift inspires others in our community to support our public schools."

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows' matching gift comes at a critical time for the Ed Foundation, which ends its annual parent fundraising campaign on January 31st. The Ed Foundation is hoping that many in the community will be motivated to donate as a result of this matching gift opportunity.

The Fairmont Miramar has also hosted the organization's annual Santa Monica Wine Auction since 2016. This year's event will take place on Sunday, April 21. Featuring outstanding wine and food tastings around the hotel's iconic Moreton Bay Fig Tree, with silent and live auctions, the Wine Auction brings parents and community members together to sip, savor and support students.

For more information about the Ed Foundation, or to make a donation to support Santa Monica students, go to smedfoundation.org.

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The Beach

Children's Rally for Palestine: A Call for Solidarity and Healing in Santa Monica

On Sunday, Jan. 28, Santa Monica will transform into a powerful space for solidarity and healing as CODEPINK joins in solidarity with several organizations for the Children's Rally for Palestine.

The rally aims to shed light on the devastating impact of Israeli airstrikes, which have claimed the lives of more than 10,000 Palestinian children. Beyond being statistics, these children are remembered as martyrs, and their stories demand our attention and support.

CODEPINK invites the community to join this Palestinian-led initiative, emphasizing the importance of coming together during these challenging times. The event will feature various community healing activities, including storytelling, art building, dabke tutorials, Palestinian folk songs, and more. Attendees are encouraged to wear keffiyehs and bring their own maklouba and other Palestinian cultural food and coffee to share.

Kites for Peace will be a prominent feature of the event, offering participants the opportunity to decorate kites or bring their own. Additionally, friends and family are invited to learn the art of dabke, adding a cultural touch to the rally.

This gathering serves as a platform for community building and healing, fostering an environment of unity and understanding. Everyone is urged to participate and spread the word widely.

"Solidarity is not just a word; it is a commitment to the safety and well-being of Palestinian children. Children across the country recognize the pain and suffering of Palestinian children and do not want to grow up in a world where that is allowed," said Jodie Evans, co-founder of CODEPINK.

In DC on Wednesday, children skipped school to advocate in the halls of Congress for an end to the brutal murder of children in Gaza. The young advocates, hailing from the DC metropolitan area and as far as Michigan, joined forces to make their voices heard on the urgent need for a ceasefire in Gaza.

CODEPINK calls on individuals from all walks of life to stand in solidarity with Palestinian children, making a collective statement that transcends borders and fosters a sense of global community. Together, we can make a difference and contribute to a brighter and more compassionate future.

For more information about this event, please contact Ysa at ysabel@codepink.org. January 28, 2024, from 12-4 p.m. Ocean View Park at 2701 Bernard Way

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CHIEF

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leadership team."

The former Chief, Danny Alvarez, left Santa Monica in August of last year after less than two years in the position.

Alvarez came to Santa Monica in January of 2022 from Burbank, where he had spent 25 years, and returned to that city to become their chief in August of 2023.

Wolfgang Knabe rejoined the City of Santa Monica as interim fire chief in September of 2023. Chief Knabe, a 43-year veteran of the fire service, retired as Fullerton/Brea's fire chief in 2018. He previously served as Santa Monica's interim fire chief from June 2021 to February 2022, and has also completed stints as interim fire chief in Manhattan Beach from July 2020 to June 2021, and interim deputy fire chief in Beverly Hills from March 2022 to August 2022.

"Santa Monica is known for its commitment to community safety, and I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the exceptional Fire Department team," Hallock said. "I look forward to building upon the department's strong foundation and working collaboratively with our community to ensure the highest level of emergency services."

Hallock has a master's degree in public policy and administration from California State University, Long Beach and is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer program through the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy.

He will join the department on Feb. 12, with an annual salary of $303,588.

SMFD operates out of five stations and a Public Safety Facility that houses the Department's Administrative Offices and Fire Prevention Division. The Fire Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, Training Chief, Fire Marshal, and three Battalion Chiefs are supported by over 136 personnel. The Department had a total operating budget of $44,514,250 last year and responded to approximately 19,000 calls annually.

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TOILET

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bleach as a possible remedy. He holds his rallies at night because during the day he's in court, where a jury found him guilty of sexual assault and the Judge labeled him a rapist.

As for my "mistake" on the pay toilet ban, still living at home, I typed a letter on my mother's typewriter to the author of the proposition expressing my interest. Except the only paper I could find in her desk was California Democratic Council stationary through which I drew a line and typed on the blank back of the page.

Almost immediately I got a letter back from the author of the proposition thanking me. I interviewed him about his history and that of the unusual proposition. I then wrote about it for my TV class and got huge laughs.

Unfortunately, the overly optimistic man somehow assumed that the CDC was backing his proposition and called them directly. In fact, my overly busy mother came home exhausted after work and asked if I knew anything about a campaign on public pay toilets. I felt guilty for deceiving her and the poor campaign manager.

I soon apologized to my mother who wasn't half as angry as she had a right to be. In fact for my birthday she and my father bought me my own typewriter and reams of blank paper, along with a proviso I was never to use their typewriter. I got off easy.

The ban on pay public toilets didn't pass but many years later they are all but gone in America but still flourish in many corners of the world. In fact in Mexico, a majority of pay toilets have turnstiles.

In my senior year I took Dr. Kingston's class again. It turned out CBS was looking for an intern for Ralph Story whom I met again. I didn't get the job because of my draft status as they didn't want to train me and have me wind up in the army. I carefully left out some of the nefarious details but our meeting was nonetheless a thrill for me.

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Reader Questions – Assessment Increases - What If I Can't Pay?

KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ. CCAL

Dear Kelly: Can HOAs increase the 20% for monthly dues plus add a 5% special assessment at the same time? P.M., Pacoima

DEAR P.M.:

HOAs are not as flexible as individual homeowners in their ability to readjust cash flow or draw on credit to pay for unexpected household expenses. HOAs set a budget annually for the twelve-month calendar year, but sometimes mid-year expenses arise or increase beyond what the budget anticipated. Because of this, California law gives HOA boards some latitude in adjusting HOA assessments. Civil Code Section 5605(b) allows boards to increase regular assessments up to 20% over the prior year and to impose a special assessment in an amount equal to up to 5% of the HOA's budget gross expenditures for the year.

Some CC&Rs or Bylaws (usually older ones) have more strict limitations on what the board can do without a membership vote. However, Section 5605(b) says "notwithstanding more restrictive limitations" in the governing documents, the board can follow the permission of the statute and impose assessments or increases within the statute without a member vote.

Even though HOA boards have the legal power to impose substantial assessment increases, they owe it to their neighbors to provide a specific explanation as to why assessments must be increased.

Sincerely, Kelly

Dear Mr. Richardson: What can HOA unit owner do if they don't have and won't have the money to pay for a special assessment? F.B., Redondo Beach.

Dear F.B.: Special assessments are normally the way associations handle unexpected expenses, which cannot be handled within the association's budget.

A special assessment may be necessary for a variety of reasons. Many HOAs in the past few years have had to impose major special assessments to pay for unexpected huge insurance cost increases, and sometimes major project refurbishments require a special assessment to make bank loan payments. Another factor causing special assessments in many HOAs is the new Civil Code Section 5551, requiring inspection of certain balconies, walkways, and stairs. Lastly, many HOAs have not prudently followed their reserve studies by accumulating funds to offset the ongoing deterioration of common area elements and are increasingly at risk of major special assessments to fund those repairs.

Homebuyers should look closely at the overall health of the HOA's finances when buying into an association. Sometimes the assessments can seem affordable, but homes in unhealthy HOAs may be less affordable than appearances.

If the HOA has passed a special assessment or an increase in regular assessments, homeowners should know that the inability to pay assessments is not a legal excuse. HOA boards must work to collect the assessments from all owners, regardless of their situations. The HOA cannot function if everyone doesn't pay their fair share.

If a homeowner is unable to pay assessments the consequences can be very expensive and even disastrous. At some point, the HOA will send the matter to collection, and the assessment collection company will begin adding their fees to the debt. Once the debt, excluding late fees, interest, and collection costs, reaches $1,800 the HOA can begin foreclosing on the member's property. The quicker a homeowner gets in front of the delinquency, the better. The problem only becomes worse with time, so address delinquency early.

Best regards, Kelly

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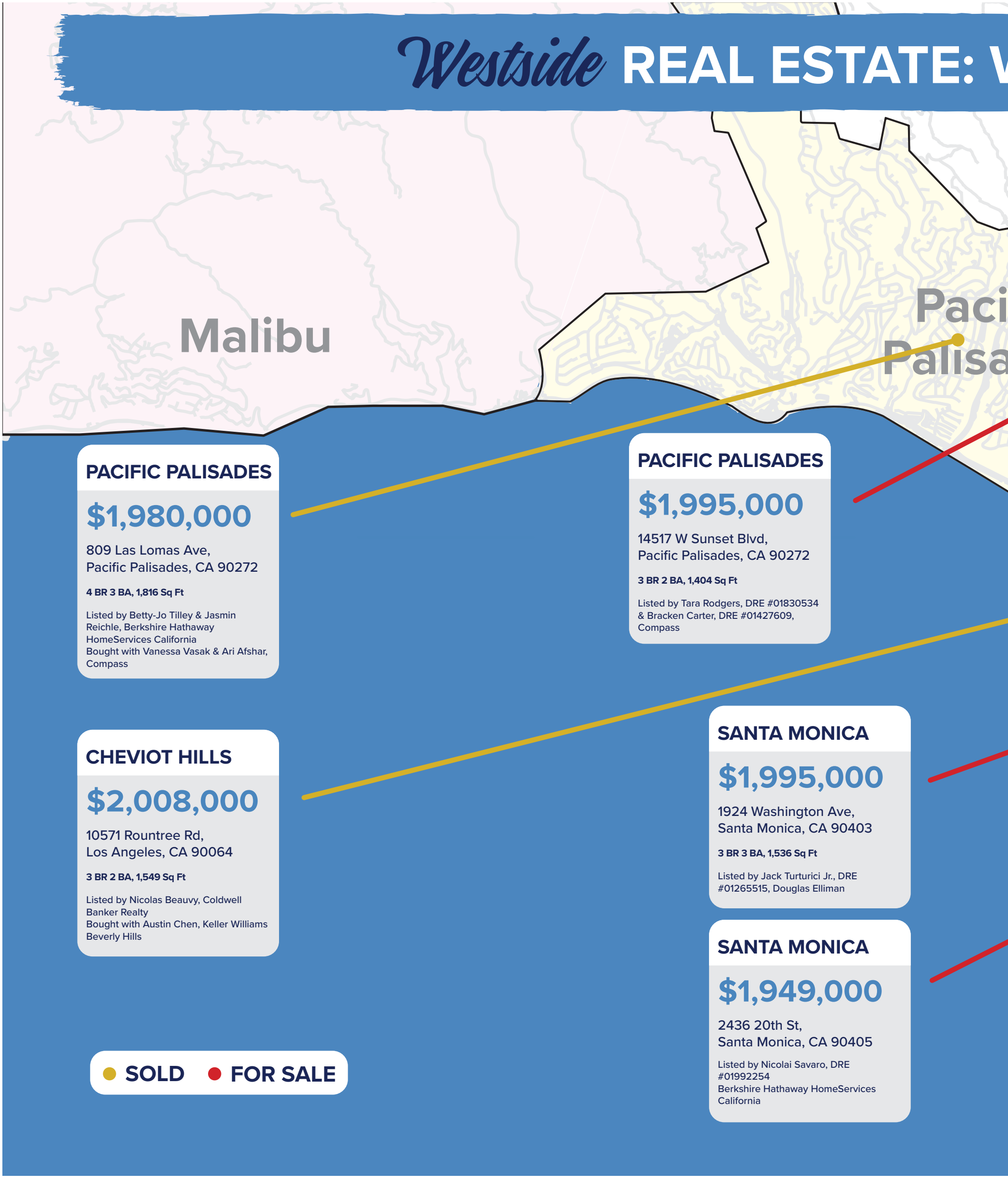
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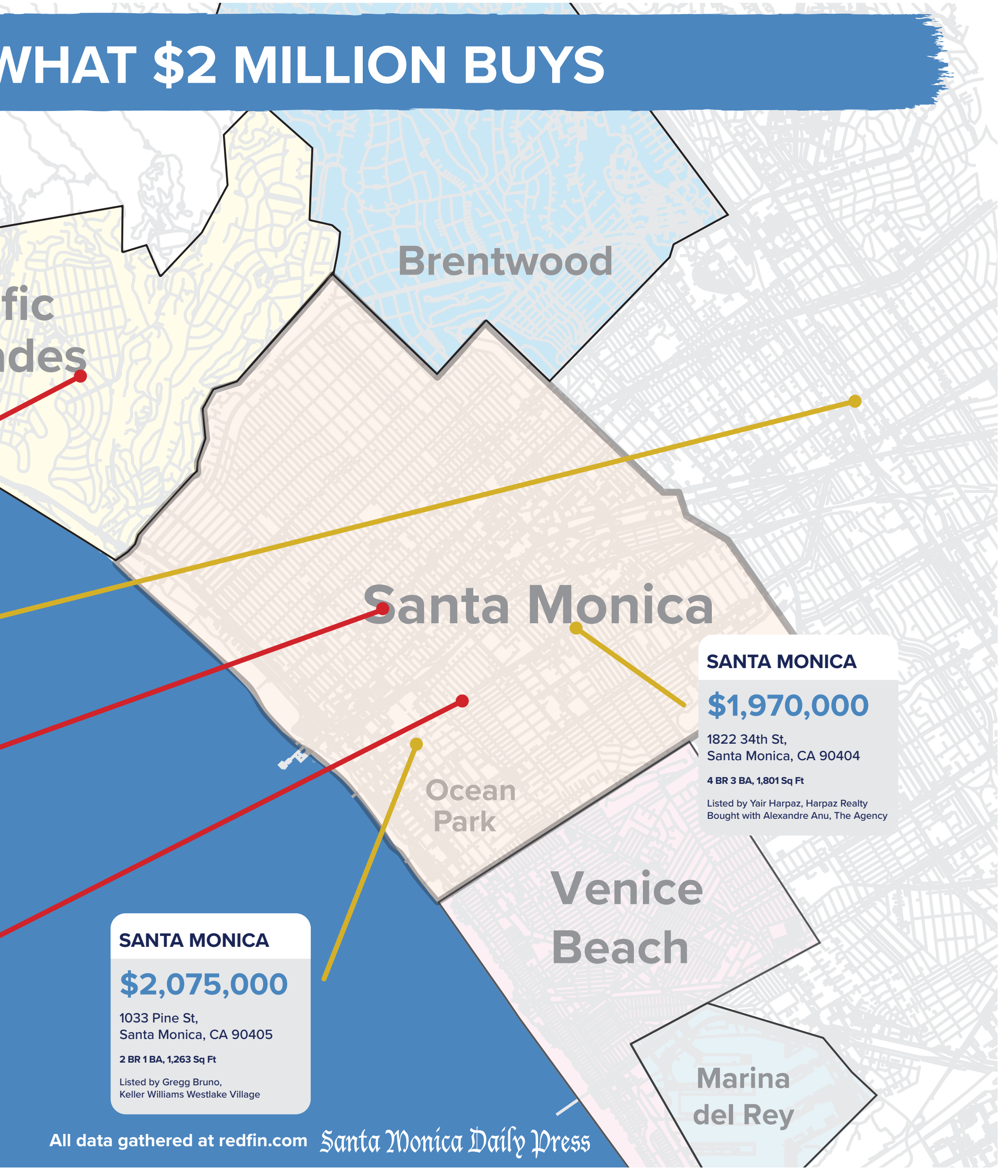
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MIGRATION

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and Arizona's average of $1,597.

Outside of apartment renting, those migrating out of California may be persuaded by dreams of home ownership, especially for youth. Per Point 2 Homes, those 25 and under "refrain from putting down roots in expensive hubs like LA" due to home ownership being a "pipe dream" in the area.

In a report of the country's largest cities, Los Angeles was ranked sixth-most difficult to become a homeowner for Generation Z, with home prices over 22 times above the average young person's household income. Seven California cities (Fremont, San Diego, San Jose, Riverside, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Chula Vista) make up the top 10 of the Point 2 Homes difficulty report.

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Big U.S. Cities Where It's Most Difficult for Gen Z to Become Homeowners



City	Score (Out of 100)	Home Price-to-Income Ratio	Home Price Change	Inventory	Homes Sold Over Price	Days on Market	Gen Z Homeownership Rate	Gen Z Unemployment Rate
1. Fremont, CA	11.63	22.8	6.34%	6.4	70.2%	10	1.4%	11.4%
2. San Diego, CA	20.95	22.8	8.43%	8.5	39.2%	17	6.1%	8.7%
3. Lexington, KY	23.85	11.4	6.98%	11.4	37.5%	55	3.5%	12.8%
4. San Jose, CA	23.95	15.7	4.90%	4.7	59.3%	17	1.8%	7.0%
5. Riverside, CA	24.00	9.4	9.80%	12.8	48.4%	35	1.8%	11.1%
6. Los Angeles, CA	25.53	22.1	5.72%	14.4	42.7%	43	5.6%	10.6%
7. Sacramento, CA	25.73	9.9	6.73%	16.7	45.0%	19	2.8%	9.3%
8. Chula Vista, CA	26.73	8.9	6.67%	4.9	50.6%	11	7.1%	20.8%
9. Richmond, VA	27.18	11.8	4.57%	37.9	51.2%	10	1.5%	9.0%
10. Newark, NJ	27.30	23.2	9.64%	11.5	64.7%	54	16.0%	17.8%

Home Price-to-Income Ratio shows how many household incomes (where the householder is under 25) fit into the median home price.
Y-o-Y Median Sale Price Change reflects the difference in home price in 2023 compared to 2022.
A higher Inventory (per 10,000 residents) means more housing options available to potential homebuyers.
A higher Share of Homes Sold Above Listings Price and fewer Days on Market denote a competitive market.
A higher Homeownership Rate among adults under 25 reflects a higher probability for them to achieve homeownership.
A lower Unemployment Rate means higher chances of financing homeownership.

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MIGRATION: The loss of hope for youth to gain home ownership in Los Angeles is one reason for the migration out of the area.

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YOUTH

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were sheltered and 104 were unsheltered. The service area's population skewed male (55%) for gender, with the most counted race being Black/African-American (101 individuals or 43%).

Starting at SPY, community members traversed the service area, guided by youth volunteers who acted as navigators. Together, they honed their search through various census tracts, created by volunteers and youth to input data of where unhoused individuals may be staying.

"(They came out) to support and identify areas where their peers and other friends who still may be unhoused are staying, so we really value their input," said SPY Housing System Supervisor Maria Rodriguez.

Rodriguez noted that the Youth Count cutoff of 24 years old was part of the 18-24 "transitional age," considering the unique challenges youth face compared to adults.

"There's different housing options for youth, (this is) geared toward some youth vulnerabilities that are a bit specific to that age range, (like) students experiencing homelessness that are going to college, or foster youth," she added.

SPY began as a volunteer group in 2011, and has since evolved to an organization with over 100 employees, dedicated to serving at-risk youth through services like housing, education and employment. The organization's Director of Development and Community Impact, Kenneth Jones, said the Youth Count is one way to give youth "resources to be successful to thrive," as county officials use the data to identify causes of youth homelessness and connect youth to services.

"We gotta meet them where they're at ... be trauma-informed, non-judgmentally low bearing," Jones said. "I think at-risk youth ... (they're) facing a number of vulnerabilities, whether its foster care, the juvenile justice system ... substance abuse, mental health, (they go) through a range of issues."

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YOUTH COUNT: Safe Place for Youth (SPY), located at 340 Sunset Ave. in Venice, acted as a hub for the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Youth Count.

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HOLOCAUST

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dwindling, as most are very old and often of frail health, with a median age of 86. Twenty percent of survivors are older than 90, and more women (61%) than men (39%) are still alive.

The vast majority, or 96% of survivors, are "child survivors" who were born after 1928, says the report "Holocaust Survivors Worldwide. A Demographic Overview'" which is based on figures that were collected up until August.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. notes that commemoration sites typically honor victims by "reading their names, by lighting candles, and by learning about the Holocaust." The educational component of the date is a crucial part of its recognition, particularly hearing the stories of those that lived through the ordeal.

According to the Claims Conference, which advocates for restitution for Jewish victims and their descendants, many young Americans are already forgetting the facts.

The organization described the results of a 2020 study looking at all 50 states as "shocking."

It found that 63 percent of all national survey respondents do not know that six million Jews were murdered and 36 percent thought that "two million or fewer Jews" were killed during the Holocaust. Additionally, although there were more than 40,000 camps and ghettos in Europe during the Holocaust, 48 percent of national survey respondents cannot name a single one.

There are a few local events this year marking the date.

On Friday, Belmont Village Senior Living Westwood will host a presentation from one of its residents, 97-year-old Paul Kester. During the ceremony, Kester will read translated personal letters from family members who later died at Auschwitz. The letters were written to Kester when he was 13 years of age in 1939, while he was transported to Sweden via the Kindertransport. While in Sweden, Kester met his wife, Susanne, who had also fled Germany.

Los Angeles will have several events, including at the Museum of Tolerance, which will be holding a "The World Must Not Forget Them" event at 11 a.m. Friday, bringing together survivors of the Holocaust and survivors of the October 7, 2023 Hamas attacks in Israel. The museum has also scheduled a film screening of "Traces: Voices of the Second Generation" Sunday at 3 p.m.

Holocaust Museum LA will be holding its own screening of Emmy award-winning documentary "Return to Auschwitz: The Survival of Vladimir Munk" with a post-screening conversation with film co-author Julia Canepa, beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday.



Courtesy Photo

REMEMBRANCE DAY: The Holocaust Museum LA will host a film screening this weekend to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day, honoring the victims and survivors of the tragedy.

Using media as a conversation-shaping tool rings true for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education member Jon Kean, who has worked extensively in documenting genocide and the Holocaust, including directing the 2017 film "After Auschwitz."

"One of the things I like to focus on are stories of human spirit and spiritual resistance, how we experience trauma and yet try to move forward from that trauma," Kean said. "Not heal from that trauma, but still find joy, still find happiness, still find meaning."

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Kean noted that he would like to see more Santa Monica-based events around the remembrance day, citing the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition celebration as a "wonderful event" for the community that could also work for remembering the Holocaust. Part of what holds back remembrances and gatherings, he added, is the rise in antisemitism that has forced museums and commemorative sites to up their security budgets.

"I think people are scared, there are protests outside of Jewish institutions, there are bomb threats, there are other types of threats," he said. "This isn't loose speaking, this is the reality of what's happening right now."

According to a Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission report, 2022 saw the second highest level of reported hate crimes in more than 20 years, and crimes targeting Jewish persons rose 59% from 2021. Those crimes made up 83% of crimes against religious denomination. Tensions are even higher this year due to the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas. Critics of Israel's actions in response to the Oct. 7 massacres have accused the country of committing genocide against the Palestinian people including an official accusation in the United Nations.

South Africa says more than 50 countries support its case at the United Nations' top court accusing Israel of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. Others, including the United States, the U.K. and Germany, have strongly rejected South Africa's allegations. Many more have remained silent. The world's reaction to the landmark case at the International Court of Justice in The Hague shows a predictable global split when it comes to the inextricable problem of Israel and the Palestinians. The vast majority of countries backing South Africa's allegations against Israel are from the Arab world and Africa.

Those criticism have been heard locally with pro-Palestinian events being held along the Santa Monica beach, including one scheduled for the day after Holocaust Remembrance Day at Ocean View Park.

For Kean, a return to nuanced conversation is key to lower violent rhetoric and actions.

"The answer is dialogue, we need to get together and speak one-on-one, two-on-two," he said. "When you get these large groupthink meetings, you tend to just hear one voice. But when you meet with somebody one on one, even if you have (different) views, you tend to hear each other a little bit, you (say) 'I disagree with you, but at least I know where you're coming from.' We don't have to agree with everybody, but we have to at least be able to listen to one another. That is what this day is about, this day is a chance to step back and say this is what happens when society does not respond to violent rhetoric ... this is exactly what can happen."

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> - Jason Hohl, national spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses

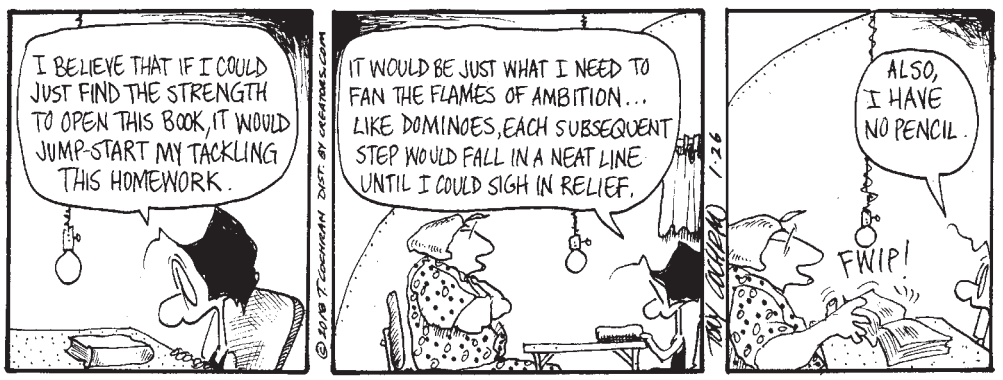
Also remembered on the date are other groups persecuted by Germany and Nazi-occupied territories, such as Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals. Out of around 35,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in those territories, about 1,600 were killed after their capture, including 548 by execution, per the Jehovah's Witnesses United States of America organization.

"We acknowledge and appreciate that Nazi persecution is first associated with the systematic murder of some two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population," said Jason Hohl, national spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "The scale of horror is without equal. We also recognize that other groups, including Witnesses, suffered profoundly."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

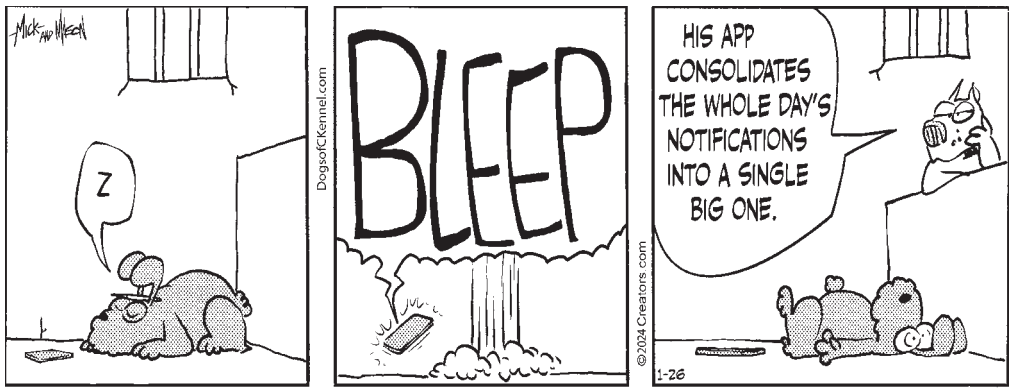
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Apple	Cool	Knead	Rise
Bags	Cream	Lamb	Scone
Beat	Crimp	Macaroon	Seeds
Beef	Curdle	Melt	Self-raising
Blend	Delicious	Mince	Skin
Boil	Dust	Organic	Stir
Bowl	Eggs	Ovens	Tart
Brioche	Flaky	Pans	Tricky
Buns	Fold	Peel	Warm
Cake	Fruit	Pies	White
Chop	Glaze	Pipe	
Coat	Gluten	Pita	
Combine	Gravy	Plate	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 26)

Your instincts will be clear and keen. You'll be optimistic, but not naive. You'll take risks because you're compelled to, and you'll win jaw-dropping prizes. Dear relationships unfold organically requiring little effort from anyone. You'll get numerous chances to prove what you wish to, but the thing that's most impressive is the proof of how thoroughly you can enjoy yourself. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 5, 41, 32 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you work hard for your money, overpriced items and pleasures that are costly and temporary do not appeal to you in the least. Maybe you'll splurge later, but it's today's sensible financial decisions that will allow it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll challenge yourself to embody the distinction between existing and truly living. It's the pursuits that make you a little nervous with anticipation that push you into a life more vivid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In many games there is no winning because even if you technically win, the cost makes a loss of the victory. Such a game is in view today. Consider walking away from the conflict, dropping the argument or ending with a draw.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whether it's as stimulating as a tickle of the mind or as maddening as a burning mystery, there's always something uncomfortable about curiosity, which lives in the tension between knowing and not knowing. Today, you'll be well aware of curiosity's sensation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Tensions between people arise like subtle knockings from a car engine. What follows is a strong urge to check under the hood of the relationship, rehash unresolved history and the like. Though, if you wait, it will pass; maybe you should let it!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Definitely you should not wage war against yourself in any shape or form. You are the most worthy of your own pardon, your peace treaties and your developmental assistance. Take up yourself as a cause and find as much support as you can for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Self-awareness is the foundation of social and emotional intelligence. Don't let the distractions of social media and the like steal your attention from the nuances of interpersonal relationships and human dynamics.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Decisions made by committee will be rife with compromise likely to weaken the thrust of an idea. Go with the strength and impact of a singular vision wherever possible. If not possible, keep the group small.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your accounting is off in some way. Give another look to the cost of having a thing; it may be greater than previously thought. The time involved is a big factor and there is an emotional investment to consider too. Consider the big picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Instead of the usual human inclination to hide insecurity, you'll do the unusually brave thing, exposing what you perceive as a weakness in order to gain knowledge and insight about it. Oddly enough, it's a power move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A sense of being stuck can be easily remedied by letting go of one attachment. What can you release? Freedom will fill the space. All you need is a little wiggle room to start the progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If people think you're "in," you are. If they assume you have power, you do. Maybe rules and protocols should be followed, but first stay aware of what's needed and expected. Don't ask for permission unless you must.

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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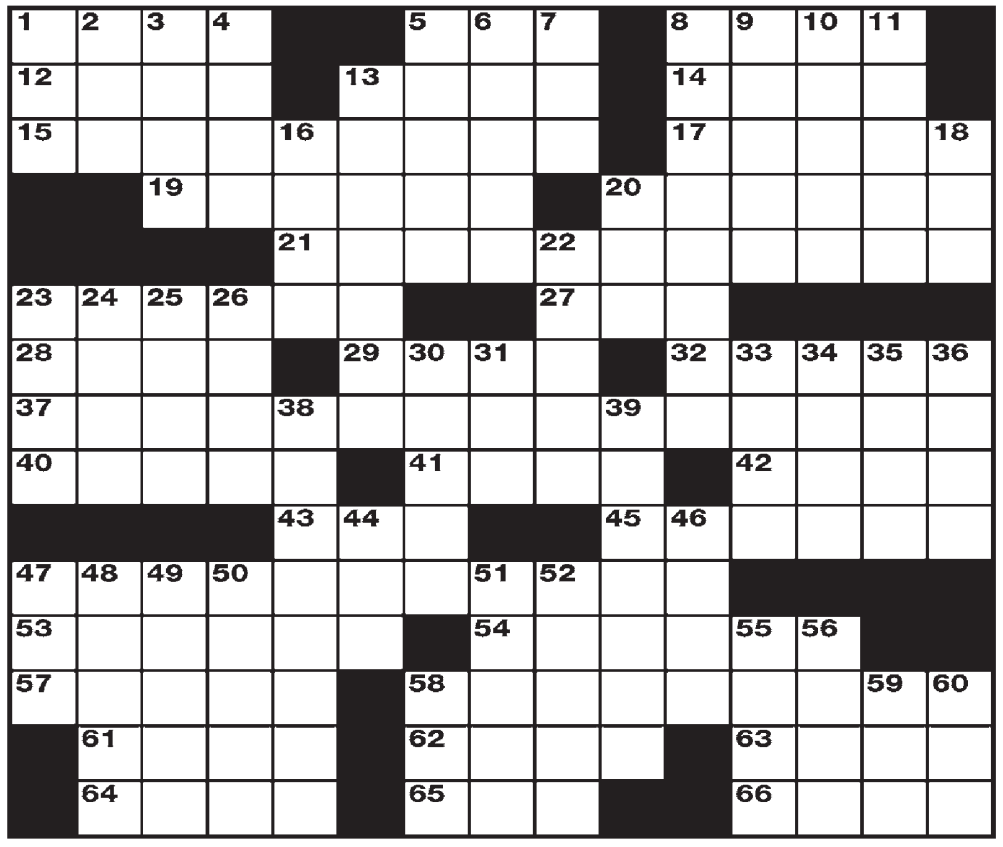
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ACROSS

1 Urge to move
5 Almost depleted
8 Leave a mark on
12 Singer McEntire
13 Slow-to-decide refusal
14 Rafter's propeller
15 Acquit
17 Spa on Lake Geneva
19 It borders Juárez
20 Ineffective
21 How long it takes
23 Orange areas
27 Starter like atm-
28 Test of quickness
29 Qualify for
32 SoCal student
37 Family budget calculation
40 Burkina Faso neighbor
41 ABC sister channel
42 Correct punctuation
43 CBS All Access offering
45 Circular currents
47 What much pottery is
53 UN official language
54 Package with pastels and pencils
57 Journalist/author Farrow
58 Pulitzer-winning WWII correspondent
61 Gaze at
62 Capital of Samoa
63 Sooner, familiarly
64 Amalgamate
65 Profit from
66 Removal instruction

DOWN

1 Start to fix
2 *Toy Story* dinosaur
3 Marching band rarity
4 Boone, familiarly
5 Capital in the Himalayas
6 Above all
7 Troubles
8 Fast play for a gamer
9 Wish for
10 Whodunit trope
11 Province
13 Large ex-lake
16 Three-sided weapon
18 Born
20 Commission, for instance
22 Stock stat service
23 Peck, to pals
24 Incautious
25 Numerical starter
26 Literary style
30 Ordered out
31 Hi-__ monitor
33 Included with a duplicate
34 California wine center
35 *Cherie femme*
36 Ends up with
38 Formed in a factory
39 Newtonian concept
44 Rather dry
46 Hockey ploy
47 Place for a ring
48 Woolf's __ *of One's Own*
49 Pastureland
50 Sport for tots
51 Distortions
52 PGA great's nickname
55 Walkman descendant
56 Nipper
58 __ Claire, WI
59 Short, for short
60 Theme of the puzzle



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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS TO THE

DISABILITIES COMMISSION, HOUSING COMMISSION, AND ARTS COMMISSION

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Disabilities Commission:
Two seats available for a term ending June 30, 2025 and one for a term ending June 30, 2026.
Applicants must be Santa Monica residents.
Two must self-identify as a person with a disability.

Housing Commission:
One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2025.
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.

Arts Commission:
One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2027.
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, March 12, 2024.
Appointments to be made by City Council, Tuesday, March 19, 2023.

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 which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in these positions 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.

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FRIDAY | JANUARY 26

GRILLED CHEESE AND WINE PAIRING

In their newest event they have listened to the people and will be doing their famous grilled cheeses paired with some of their amazing and unusual wines for you. They will be serving plates with their decadent open faced grilled cheeses, each paired with an interesting/great/unusual wine. This is unlike any pairing they have done before and you do not want to miss it. It all starts with a starter salad with fresh greens, followed up by four open faced grilled cheeses each expertly paired with a unique wine and finished off with a (wait for it) float using Elio Perrone's Bigaro, a sweet blend of Moscato and Brachetto. It doesn't get any better than that!
Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave. $80.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/january-26th-grilled-cheese-and-wine-pairing-tickets-782689534467

REVIVAL PRESENTS - 5 BANDS 4 5 BUCKS!

DON LUXE , SPACEYY , ODD ARMY , THE FRICK FRACKS and MOON FUZZ. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Online ticket sales end at 7 p.m., tickets available at the door after 8 p.m. 2 drink minimum. $4.99. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th Street https://santamonica.harvelles.com/shows/248071

SATURDAY | JANUARY 27

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT: PLUGGED

Featuring Beginning Band, Intermediate Instrumental Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, American Music Ensemble, and Advanced Jazz Ensemble! Metered street parking is readily available. JAMS Performing Arts Center, 2425 16th St. $20, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-music-concert-plugged-tickets-789567085407

ALL THAT 90'S PARTY

Gather your squad and meet at The Venice West on Saturday, January 27th for a trip back to the 90s decade! R&B, New Jack Swing, House, Grunge, Alternative, Electronic, Rap and Pop music. Whether you were born in the 90s, raised in the 90s or just love 90s music, this party is going to be all that and a bag of chips. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice. $10. https://www.ticketweb.com/event/all-that-90s-party-the-venice-west-tickets/13422503

SUNDAY | JANUARY 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARION!

Join the Santa Monica Conservancy in celebrating Marion Davies — silent film actress, famed party hostess and the original Beach House resident. Guests are welcome to come in their favorite Gold Coast era attire. Happy Birthday Marion! is a free, all ages event. Reservations are recommended. Getting Here: The Annenberg Community Beach House is located at 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking is available for $3 per hour or $8 per day. Please pay for parking at the machine upon your arrival. Cash and credit card accepted. Ample bike parking is available; please bring a lock. The Annenberg Community Beach House is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant. For disability related accommodations, please call Guest Services at 310-458-4904. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/happy-birthday-marion-registration-770017080817

TASTING NOTES: AN ELEMENTAL MUSIC CELEBRATION

The event will feature tasting tables from local wineries, restaurants, spirit distilleries, live music, and more all in support of Elemental Music's high-quality music education programs. Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica, 530 Pico Blvd $175. https://give.elementalmusic.org/event/tasting-notes-2024-an-elemental-music-celebration/e536299

MONDAY | JANUARY 29

BUS DRIVER HIRING EVENT: CITY OF SANTA MONICA BIG BLUE BUS JOB FAIR

This special event includes on-site application processing, interviews, medical testing and fingerprint-based background checking. Candidates can apply for the Motor Coach Operator Trainee position on the spot and potentially leave with a conditional job offer. Come speak with friendly staff to learn more about the Motor Coach Operator position and receive on-site assistance with the online application. No experience necessary. Upon successful completion of the training program, you'll earn $26.67/hour, and full-time bus operators may earn up to $33.34/hour plus benefits. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

POP QUIZ TEAM TRIVIA

Trivia Night! Team up with groups of up to 6 people to compete for gift certificates and prizes. Questions range from pop culture to geography to the natural world... and everything in between. The Daily Pint, 2310 Pico Blvd, 7 - 9 p.m.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 30

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