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Union rallies at district offices to demand more staffing, better pay



Photo by Thomas Leffler

UNION: A group of individuals representing union SEIU Local 99 rallied outside of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District headquarters March 7.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

As the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education was set to convene for its March 7 meeting, a union group stood outside the district offices with their message for officials.

Union SEIU Local 99, which represents many of the district's employees, held a rally to demand more staffing for student services and increased pay for what the union calls "essential education workers." The union was also protesting layoffs in the district, such as the recent decision to reduce the district's amount of physical activities specialists at elementary school sites.

Union representation stated that SEIU has been in negotiations with the district for two years on issues like pay rate and number of hours, urging the district to invest more in staff that provides student services.

"At this point, we need the district to move forward with offering livable wages for workers who live and contribute to the school district, [so they can] live in Santa Monica," SEIU Communications Director Blanca Gallegos said. "Many workers have to commute every day to get to the school district. They're very dedicated to students and to education, we feel their contributions to student learning should be recognized and rewarded with living wages."

Roughly 25 individuals attended the rally, including Henry Placencia, who has worked for SMMUSD for 13 years as a skill maintenance worker. He said his personal lack of pay raise has led to additional assignments and roughly 60 hours of overtime each month to earn a substantive wage.

"[We're here] to raise awareness amongst the families of Santa Monica-Malibu, the people of Santa

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Venice Heritage Museum opens the doors of its new, permanent site on Main St



Courtesy Photo

MUSEUM: The vast, invaluable archive of Venice's origins, development and all-around history now has a home at 228 Main Street.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

There's no denying that Venice is positively dripping in history. Not only is it a hotbed for creative talent, but the architecture, the magnificent murals and even the actual history of the community itself, is fascinating.

Legendary science fiction author Ray Bradbury lived here, The Doors originated from Venice as do Jane's Addiction. Venice played a pivotal role in the development of both surfing and skateboarding and has long held a bohemian vibe that many folk seek out and make a pilgrimage to. Well known landmarks have appeared in countless movies including, *Colors*, *LA Story*, *White Men Can't Jump*, *Point of No Return* and *The Big Lebowski*. Plus, well known residents of the area include Margot Robbie, Emilia Clarke, Paul Hogan, Jay Adams, Owen Wilson and Ian McShane, to name a few.

And now, finally, all of that history has a permanent home, the Venice Heritage Museum at 228 Main Street. But it's been quite a long time in coming.

"Sure, this is an exhibition opening, but the big umbrella is that this is the opening of the Museum's first actual physical space," said Anthony Carfello, Museum Manager, adding, "The Museum has existed as an idea for about 15 years and has been part of events and exhibitions, working in partnership with local businesses."

During that time, the concept was constantly being refined and attempts were made to raise funding. When the Daily Press went to visit the site, preparations were still underway at a frantic pace, but Carfello – despite clearly being exhausted – was 100% confident that everything would be ready in time.

Carfello rather wonderfully compares the Venice Heritage Museum to a hermit crab, "Up till now, we've been in different shells at different moments, but this is our home now."

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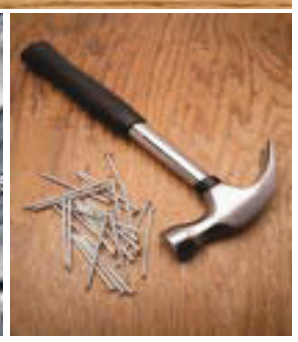
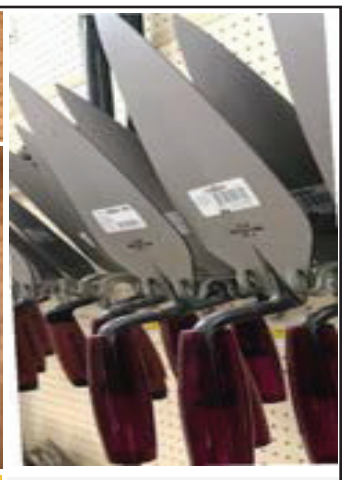
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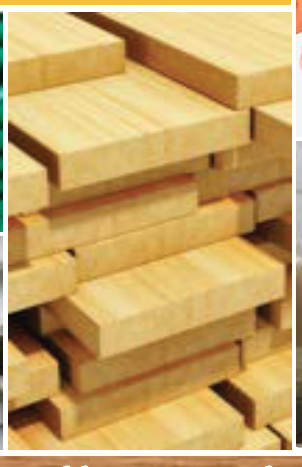
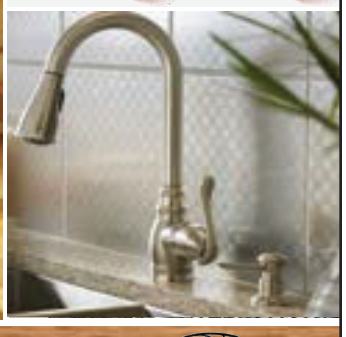
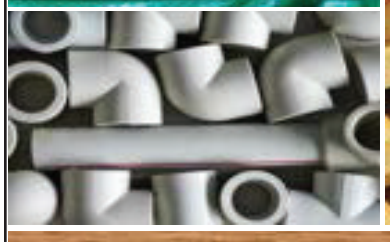
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Samohi string sound brings Spring to Barnum Hall







Photos by Thomas Leffler

ORCHESTRA: Santa Monica High School's finest orchestra musicians packed the stage at Barnum Hall on March 7, blooming into the upcoming season with its 2024 Spring Concert. The itinerary was filled with powerful performances from the Combined String and Concert Orchestras, as well as the Concert, Sinfonia, Intermezzo, Chamber, Philharmonic and Symphony orchestras. The orchestra program has had much to celebrate in 2024, as 13 students earned California All-State Music Educators Conference All-State Orchestras and Bands honors in February. The concert's program included an "in memoriam" section for famed cellist Antonio Lysy who passed away in February, noted as "a treasured member of this orchestra family" who has continuously supported Samohi students.

News Binge: All of last week's stories in one place

SMDP STAFF REPORT

THRIVING CITY 'SHINES ONCE AGAIN' WHILE LEADERS FOCUS ON TOP ISSUES:

Local leaders gathered at John Adams Middle School on Feb. 29 for the 2024 State of the City event, touching on city successes and the challenges to come. The community packed into the school's performing arts center to hear speeches from Mayor Phil Brock and City Manager David White, with Brock reflecting on city accomplishments and future goals with an eye toward Santa Monica's 150th birthday in 2025. Brock also passionately asked for residents to petition California legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom to "give us our city back" when it comes to local control over zoning.

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's John Adams Middle School (JAMS) was recognized as being "exceptional" for both closing the achievement gap and demonstrating student performance in February, named as part of 293 middle schools and high schools selected for the 2024 California Distinguished Schools Program. Schools are recognized for exceptional student performance as well as closing the achievement gap.

KLEIN DAZZLES WITH SECOND STRAIGHT NO-HITTER FOR SAMOHI:

In a March 1 baseball matchup between the Samohi Vikings and Grace, senior pitcher Jackson Klein pitched seven scoreless innings without giving up a single hit, his second straight no-hitter after also achieving the feat against Hamilton on Feb. 24. Klein threw a total of 25 strikeouts over the two contests, and won his first four outings of the 2024 season without giving up a run or earned run over 23 innings.

HISTORICAL NOVEL 'FINAL FRONTIER' FOR LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT VETERAN:

Local entertainment industry veteran Catherine Butterfield has penned and published her first novel, the historical novel "The Serpent and the Rose" based on the life of 16th Century French princess-turned-queen Marguerite de Valois. The novel is told in diary form, voicing de Valois' concerns with religion, her oppressed status by the patriarchy and constant bad press from politically-charged attacks.

TOP ATHLETES BEGIN EXPEDITIONS WITH PIER STARTING LINE:

Paul Johnson and Andrew Linder began their respective cross-country runs across America at the entrance point of the Santa Monica Pier. Johnson, a Navy officer, is running in support of military veteran wellness nonprofit Team Red, White & Blue, attempting to break a world record of a 42-day pace for the roughly 3,000 miles from Los Angeles to New York City. Linder's "Pier to Park" trek will be the first cross-country run completed with a 15-pound weighted vest with the athlete running in support of Sisters Rising Worldwide and the fight against human trafficking.

FRESH FOOD SPOT CUTS INTO COMMUNITY WITH CEREMONY:



Courtesy Photo

MAKING FUNGI FUN: MUD\WTR Founder and CEO Shane Heath brings a unique cafe idea to the 2515 Main Street location.

On Feb. 28, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce welcomed Rabano Handcrafted Food & Drinks to the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The restaurant at 2507 Main Street is Rabano's second location alongside a spot in Hermosa Beach, and everything on the menu is made with locally sourced ingredients.

TRAVEL EXPENSES DETOUR COUNCIL'S BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Feb. 27 council meeting took an unexpected twist when the administrative task of approving the 2023-24 Midyear Budget was derailed over travel allowances for councilmembers. A proposal to increase travel allowances caused a rift, resulting in a number of counter-proposals and re-votes before landing on an acceptable proposal. The motion puts $15,000 into a discretionary fund. The funds are not earmarked for any specific project and can be used for any purpose, including paying for travel.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FORCE CUTS TO SMMUSD PHYSICAL EDUCATION STAFF:

The Board of Education approved of a shift in the district's physical education staffing at a special Feb. 27 meeting, reducing the number of physical activities specialists by nine people to stay compliant with federal program monitoring requirements. The district was notified that it was out of compliance in the elementary school physical education (PE) program, as the program is not being run by certificated teachers in that area.

LADY MARINERS DROP STATE TOURNAMENT CONTEST AMID IMPRESSIVE SEASON:

A second straight trip to the CIF State Girls Basketball Championships ended in defeat for the Lady Mariners of Saint Monica, as the 2023-24 season came to a close in a 59-46 loss to Francis Parker in the state tournament Feb. 27. The squad, retooled around first-year head coach Doug Kim, went 22-11 overall and achieved 20-plus victories for the second straight season.

MUD\WTR HOPES TO CLEAR THE MIND WITH MUSHROOM BASED CAFFEINE ALTERNATIVE ON MAIN STREET:

A new cafe with a unique concept has opened up in an interesting location at 2515

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.4**

MONDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Steep-angled NW swell should have enough push for the small wave gear, and maybe a little more, with some modest SSW swell mixing in. Will just want to be on it early before the tide gets too high in the AM.

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Steep-angled NW swell looks to hold, providing enough push for small wave gear at good exposures. SSW swell backs down through the day. Best winds and favorable tide push in the early morning.

Weather

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2024/03/11	Mon	10:39 AM	5.53	H
2024/03/11	Mon	4:54 PM	-0.44	L
2024/03/11	Mon	11:07 PM	5.61	H
2024/03/12	Tue	05:25 AM	-0.29	L
2024/03/12	Tue	11:29 AM	4.79	H
2024/03/12	Tue	5:26 PM	0.22	L
2024/03/12	Tue	11:43 PM	5.69	H
2024/03/13	Wed	06:20 AM	-0.28	L
2024/03/13	Wed	12:26 PM	3.96	H
2024/03/13	Wed	5:57 PM	0.94	L
2024/03/14	Thu	12:22 AM	5.58	H
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Jackpot: 16 M

Fantasy 5
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Sad Read

Editor:

What a sad read your commentary in the March 6, 2024 edition of the SMDP was.

Imagine any CEO of a company saying their unfunded pension liability was $265 million and he "hoped it would be manageable in 20 or 30 years...."

But hey, CALPers manages our investments, and "There's nothing we can do about it" ~ we can always increase taxes (call them fees) or sell more bonds!

Yup, as long as governments work this way, we're on a road to nowhere...

If this happens at City level, one gets giddy thinking what goes on at State and Federal levels.

Peter von Geusau, Santa Monica

What Has Happened to the Santa Monica Library?

Editor:

When I moved to Santa Monica from the east coast 22 years ago, before all the boxes were even unpacked, I headed to the library to get my library card. As an avid reader, a library card has been for nearly all of the 80 years I've been on this planet, a crucial part of my life.

During the pandemic, access to books, as to so many other things, was severely restricted. But, while we are no longer stockpiling toilet paper, or waiting on long lines to be admitted to Trader Joe's, the Santa Monica library has not returned to anything resembling normalcy.

As soon as I read about a book I know I'll want to read, I have always reserved it at the library. But now, with the exception of a very few obvious bestsellers, everything at SMPL is perpetually "on order". It is a futile endeavor.

I am fortunate to live within walking distance of both the main library and the Montana branch. But, now, with great sorrow, I have started to reserve books from the LA library system, and driving to Brentwood when they are ready, putting another car on the road, struggling to park in their hilariously tiny and inadequate lot.

Why is the library, one of civilization's greatest resources, not sufficiently funded? I can understand that hours may have had to be shortened, and that two branches, Ocean Park and Fairview, are now "zombie" locations, but to purchase only a tiny handful of newly published books, leaving the majority of the most important, significant works of contemporary fiction and non-fiction unavailable is unworthy of our allegedly forward looking town.

I would like to know the thinking behind this. Is part of the problem that the budget is severely impacted by the necessary presence of several security guards at all times, given that the main library is essentially serving as a de facto homeless shelter?

It should be noted that the personnel at the library are invariably pleasant and helpful. The librarians are not the problem.

I hope that those of us impacted by the loss of the library we used to enjoy will find some way to influence the decision makers.

Laurie Brenner, Wilmont



Smoke and Mirrors

Editor:

Listening to Phil Brock and David White boast how great and safe our city is can be the greatest cure for insomnia.

With the recent break-in of an 80 year old woman who was accosted by an unhinged vagrant, Brock's encounter with another vagrant which Brock had his tail waxed by him all caught on video and the violent mugging and beating of John Alle by a deranged vagrant which Mr. Alle's major injuries left him with four brain operations while the perp sits in jail having the powers-that-be decide whether or not he's fit to stand trial are just a few incidents at the tip of the iceberg of the constant crime in this city.

Brock states that we should plant trees for shade for people that don't have air conditioning.

Where? Since this city is constantly being developed by carpet baggers that have turned it into an sea of cement and steel. The Earth can't breathe when it's covered up. Just keep thinking that, Johnny Appleseed.

Brock states that when the city closes the airport in 2028 it'll be a park. That's 227 acres that will take ten years to develop at a current cost of $2.2 billion dollars.

Since the airport neighbors the existing cities of West L.A., Mar Vista and Venice those residents are more likely to use to before Santa Monica residents do.

Gleam Davis has gone on record that a park could change and that affordable housing will be considered along the lines of the Gelson's project.

I remember when I ran for city council in 2014 and 2020 and yes, I will be running again in 2024,that people were adamant saying, "it has to be a park.

The city council says so!" Sure.

Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain and keep wearing those rose colored glasses.

The money that the city has thrown away on the useless Legion and Good Guard security companies could have been better spent on hiring more police officers.

Brock's master plan is to tear down the old Fisher Lumberyard where the city stores many of their vehicles and create more pickle ball courts instead of using the property for something more profitable as an indoor ice skating rink.

Brock also states that we should write our legislators with our demands against density and other problems. Really? Isn't that why you were elected. We gripe to you and you gripe to the legislators. That's your job. Why should we do your work for you?

We have a 40% vacancy of businesses on the Promenade, rampant drug and alcohol use in our parks as wells as a needle exchange program the city council could care less about adding to the problem of drug use and crime instead of stopping it, stores with shattered windows that cost the owners thousands of dollars. Just ask

Lana Negrete where her music store was broken into three times and the lowest crime of all, breaking into St Monica's stealing from the collection boxes, stealing video equipment and trashing the interior of the church. None of the perps were ever caught. None of this was ever addressed by Brock, White or the city council.

Back in May 2021, the City Wi-Fi for the areas of Sunset Park, the Pico neighborhood and Montana Avenue areas were shut off. This was during the pandemic where people needed it the most; seniors, people who work from home, students and kids. When I investigated this, Joseph Cevetello, the man who was in charge of the city's IT at the time said that it wasn't for public, but when I stated that we had been using it for ten years without any minor problems he stated that he knew of eight people using it in Cloverfield Park. Five minutes later, I get an e-mail from Brock stating that he knew of eight people using the City WiFi in Clover Park. Wow, what a coincidence that they knew the same eight people!

When I e-mailed Cevetello who ordered those shut downs in those areas if it was him or the city council I never received an answer. It's a simple question and there should have been a simple answer.

When I asked Cevetello why the antennas were still up at 21st and 26th Street and why the public was shortchanged, he stated that they were going to take those antennas down. That was three years ago and they're still there more or less functioning, but not for the public.

Cevetello left his position in 2023 and I e-mailed his temporary predecessor who didn't have a clue. I petitioned city records to see what the problems were in May 2021 regarding work orders and discovered there was nothing there they could help me with. I found it strange that the city didn't keep such important records.

They did refer me to the new IT tech, but I decided that I would look into this problem on my own since I never got a straight answer.

We have a population of 91, 105 people and there is a 10% tax on internet, television, satellite services that goes to the city that goes through the providers. The Los Angeles County has a population of 12, 598,000 and they pay a tax of 4.5% for the same service. This is a case of where less is more.

Draw your own conclusion.

Our city leaders need to be held accountable for they are the ones people have voted for. We give them our trust and they betray us giving the public ping-pong talk. They use a band-aid to heal a major injury filled with gangrene and tell us; children will sing, flowers will bloom and we all live in a Disney cartoon.

Whitney Bain, Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY

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The Olympics could be an 'accelerator' for progress on L.A. issues. For Bass, they also bring risk



Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles City Mayor's Office

OLYMPICS: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass meets with Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo in Hidalgo's office at l'Hôtel de Ville in Paris on March 7, 2024.

MICHAEL FINNEGAN AND JIM NEWTON

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass arrived in Paris Thursday for a three-day visit to study France's plans for the 2024 Summer Olympics, a gigantic undertaking that Los Angeles and California will host four years from now.

With the Paris games less than five months away, Bass said the trip offered a chance to see what Los Angeles might learn from how France is grappling with security, transportation, the environment and homelessness – issues Los Angeles is facing to different degrees and will have to address before Southern California takes the global stage in 2028.

The city's goal, Bass said, will be to use the two weeks of international athletic contests – and the run-up to those events – as an "accelerator" to develop public infrastructure, notably transit, in a way that will have lasting benefits for California and the nation.

"We certainly are expecting a lot of investments from the federal government, state government, absolutely," she said after a City Hall meeting with Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo. "I mean this is the games for the United States. So we obviously focus where the games are, but this impacts our entire country."

The Olympics offer an exceptional opportunity – and some risk – to Bass. She did not work for the games or even ask for them. That was an accomplishment of her predecessor, Eric Garcetti. And yet, should she be re-elected in three years, it's Bass who stands to reap the advantages that the Olympics confer.

In that sense, the Olympics are a gift.

Los Angeles was chosen in part because it already has the facilities required for sporting events and housing, so major construction in those areas is not necessarily needed. But the influx of expected guests will place demands on the city's hotels, transportation systems and security arrangements. It also will generate significant economic activity.

The 1984 Summer Olympics are fondly remembered by longtime L.A. residents for the festivities that surrounded the games and the respite from traffic that careful planning supplied. Those games also turned a profit, and helped fund sports programs and other city initiatives long after they ended.

The 2028 games provide incentives and potential resources for addressing the city's most pressing issue, both in moral and political terms: its tens of thousands of unhoused people.

Garcetti, in a fit of exuberance, once suggested that the city could eliminate street homelessness by the time of the Olympics. That seems unlikely, but if Bass is still in office in 2028, it will be five years into her work on this issue, enough time for her to demonstrate substantial progress or to be held accountable for a lack of it.

Homelessness in France is nowhere near as extensive as it is in California. On Friday, Bass and her delegation, which includes three L.A. City Council members, plan to meet with volunteers who distribute clothes and other necessities to unhoused people in Paris.

After meeting with Hidalgo at Paris City Hall, Bass said she was not worried about the world focusing on California's difficulties housing its population in 2028.

"I'm convinced, and I'm sure my colleagues here on the city council are convinced, that Los Angeles will look

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

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Consideration of proposed amendments to Regulations 3301(b) to comply with changes to state law.

The agenda and staff report are available on the Board's website at:
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SP2644

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM
Virginia Avenue Park – Thelma Terry Building
2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Parking available on-site, closest parking lot off Virginia Avenue

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $950,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 120 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $700.00 Per Calendar Day

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Santa Monica Arrests

For the week of Mar 1st to 7th

Crime	Arrests
Shoplifting	4
Possession of Methamphetamines	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	4
Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance	3
Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger	3
Warrant	2
Vandalism	2
Resisting Arrest	2
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	2
Driving Under Combined Influence of Alcohol And Drugs	2
Burglary	2
Aggressive Solicitation	2
Unlawfully Occupying Property	1
Trespassing	1
Sexual Assault with Intent to Commit a Felony	1
Resisting an Executive Officer	1
Prohibition against camping in public places	1
Possession of Methamphetamines for Sale	1
Peeking While Loitering	1
Parole Violation	1
False Identification to a Police Officer	1
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	1
Elder Abuse	1
Drunk in Public	1
Domestic Battery	1
Corporal Injury To Spouse	1
Brandishing a Deadly Weapon	1
Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury	1
Attempted Murder	1
TOTAL	**49**



UNION

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Monica and Malibu, that it's not just about us that we're fighting for, but for their students when they come to school." Placencia stated.

Negotiations between SEIU and the district are continuing after both the rally and several public comments during the SMMUSD board's Feb. 27 meeting echoing the demands.

"SMMUSD continues to negotiate in good faith with our SEIU bargaining unit through the interest-based bargaining process," SMMUSD Community & Public Relations Officer Gail Pinsker told the Daily Press. "We continue to listen to expressed interests as we collaboratively work through this process in a manner that has worked successfully for all groups in prior years."

The union also stated its intentions to negotiate regarding the layoffs of physical activities specialists in the district. During the Feb. 27 meeting, the SMMUSD board passed a resolution by a 5-2 vote in the reduction of physical activities specialists by 6.75 full-time equivalent positions, equal to nine employees. District officials stated that SMMUSD was found out of compliance with a federal program monitoring report from the California Department of Education for 2023-24, and that the elementary school physical education program is not being run by certificated teachers in that area.

Franklin Elementary School activities specialist Michael Thompson was one of the impacted parties, who attended the rally in an attempt for district officials to give the impacted employees "a leg to stand on" regarding the opportunity to be properly credentialed for the role.

"What they're doing is very disheartening," Thompson said. "[It's] just completely outright outlandish how they're going behind closed doors as a district, either taking their cue from the state or coming up with it on their own, but trying to move a lot of people … they're really trying to shuffle us out."

He added that he first heard the rumblings his job may be in jeopardy from one of his students in the fall, and that short-staffing the PE department will cause chaos on elementary campuses. For the 2024-25 school year, the district is looking to fill five elementary PE openings, as well as retain seven of the specialists to support implementation.

"Hopefully, we can come to a better solution," Thompson said. "Hopefully, [the board will] reconvene at the table … and they're able to say 'hey, okay, let's step back for a second' … not 'this state is forcing us' because when it comes down to it, when you make moves like this … it's money."

Though the board did not make any comments regarding the PE layoffs during its March 7 meeting, Santa Monica-Malibu Council PTA President Erika Bell offered support during her regular report.

"We truly appreciate our coaches and how they connect and work with our students," Bell said. "They are an important part of our community and we trust that the district is doing what it can to help them during this transition."

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NEWS

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Main Street. Called MUD\WTR, the liquid refreshment is not made with coffee beans, or even tea leaves, instead utilizing almost every kind of conventional, non-psychedelic member of the mushroom family. Founder and CEO Shane Heath's mother worked for Monterey Mushrooms, arguably the biggest grower in North America, primarily for gourmet mushrooms.

YOUTH LEADERS HONORED FOR SIZABLE LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

The future of Santa Monica was on full display on Feb. 27, as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica hosted a ceremony at Lunetta to honor the organization's 2024 Youth of the Year and runner-up. Earning the honor was youth leader Jayson Bautista, a senior at University High School Charter and a dedicated advocate of the Mar Vista Gardens branch, while Samohi student Haley Castanaza earned the runner-up distinction.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE AREA VOTING PETITION DENIED BY COUNTY COMMITTEE:

The years-long saga of a petition attempting to shift Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District from at-large elections to trustee area voting ended on March 6, as the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization voted 9-1 to deny the petition. The committee members specifically voted on the legality of the map submitted by Malibu attorney Kevin Shenkman in 2022 on behalf of residents, saying it was not legal.

PUBLIC PROTESTS PERSIST FOR GELSON'S REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Residents packed the Santa Monica Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting at City Hall on March 4, voicing their concerns with the proposed mixed-use housing development poised to replace Gelson's grocery store and surrounding shops at 2601 Lincoln Blvd. During the meeting, the ARB approved of the design, colors, materials and landscape plans for the Lincoln Center Project (with several conditions), which calls for a six-story, 65-foot tall development consisting of 521 residential units (53 of those being affordable units) and 30,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space. Despite the limited scope of the ARB, over a dozen public commenters bemoaned the project's overall size and unwieldy nature that residents felt did not match the environment of the Ocean Park neighborhood.

BIG BLUE BUS BEGINS SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM:

Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus transportation system took the next step in rider safety on March 10, introducing its fleet of safety officers onto high-traffic routes and specific bus stops. The program was passed unanimously by Santa Monica City Council on Jan. 23, with the officers contracted from California-based company Good Guard Inc. specifically trained in assisting riders with navigation and safety concerns.

DISTRICT DISCUSSION PAVES PATH TO POTENTIAL SMARTPHONE POLICY:

Grant Elementary School held a Smartphone Town Hall on March 5, attended by SMMUSD parents as officials like members of the district's Board of Education. Moderated by Grant Principal Christian Fuhrer, the town hall involved a panel and question-and-answer session for intrigued parties, wanting to know more about district policies and what can be done about the increased smartphone use on campuses, specifically at the middle school and high school levels.

What you need to know about California housing and corporate landlords

BEN CHRISTOPHER



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HOUSING: California legislature will consider several bills this year regarding the availability of single-family homes.

Some of the state's most powerful legislators want Big Landlord out of California's single family neighborhoods.

The Legislature will consider at least three bills this year to keep so-called institutional investors from gobbling up too many of the state's widely coveted single-family homes.

Apartment buildings have long been an asset of interest for big investment companies, but the Big Money-owned single family rental is a 21st Century invention. During the Great Recession new companies began cobbling together rental empires out of the nation's glut of foreclosed single-family homes.

Defenders of the business model applaud the role it played in propping up local housing markets and quickly filling homes that would have otherwise sat vacant and derelict. Critics liken these investors to financial vultures depriving would-be homeowners of a shot at the American Dream while hoarding the profits of the last decade's run-up in national home prices and rents.

That debate ratcheted up again during the pandemic when millions of white collar renters, suddenly freed from the office, sought out more space further from the country's urban cores. Today's high interest rates have slowed that boom, but most analysts predict that the industry is here to stay, absent new restrictions.

California may be the first to enact some.

"Who are we fighting for? Are we fighting for the corporate interests?" San Diego Assemblymember Chris Ward, chair of the Assembly's housing committee and author of one of the three bills, said on the Assembly floor last month. "Or are we fighting for Californians, for their dream of homeownership?"

For all the debate, open questions about the industry's size and its effect on the state's affordability crisis abound. That's in part because publicly available data about rental properties is scarce — something some state lawmakers have tried, but failed, to remedy in the past.

As lawmakers gear up to take on corporate landlords, here are seven things to know:

1. WHAT WOULD THESE BILLS ACTUALLY DO?

Assembly Bill 2584, written by Assemblymember Alex Lee, a Milpitas Democrat, would ban an institutional investor from buying or investing in additional single family home properties and then renting them out.

Senate Bill 1212, by Senate Housing Committee Chair Nancy Skinner, a Berkeley Democrat, would go a step further. It would ban institutional investors from "purchasing, acquiring, or leasing" a single-family home or duplex for any reason.

Assembly Bill 1333, authored by Ward, would ban developers from selling homes in bulk to big investors. This is aimed at increasingly popular "build-to-rent" projects, in which developers build single-family subdivisions with the specific aim of selling them to single-family rental companies. This bill is backed by the state's association of REALTORs, who have an interest in banning bundled sales that cut their members out of the buying and selling process.

2. WHAT ARE "INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS" ANYWAY?

It depends on whom you ask. Even the three bills described above use different definitions.

Lee's bill uses the size of a company's investment portfolio as the cut-off, deeming any "business entity" with at least 1,000 single family homes on its books as "institutional." That would apply to just four companies who own a total of 17,300 homes, according to estimates compiled by the California Research Bureau, which conducts research at the request of state lawmakers.

Skinner's proposed ban would apply to a broader category of investor: Any managed fund, including private equity funds, and real estate investment trusts , which are publicly traded companies that invest in real estate.

Ward's bill uses Lee's 1,000-property cut off, but also specifically calls out those trusts in his bill language.

3. DO CORPORATE LANDLORDS OWN A LOT OF HOMES?

Businesses that own at least 1,000 single family homes own roughly 446,000 properties nationwide, according to an estimate by the Urban Institute, though the report's authors concede that the "data and definitions are somewhat fuzzy."

Nearly half a million homes is a big number on its face. It's more than the total number of homes in San Francisco. But compared to the housing stock as a whole, it's less than half a percent. Even looking at just single-family rentals, the vast majority of which are owned by small and medium-sized landlords, the Urban Institute's "large institutional" share makes up around 3%.

"I think that the investor problem is kind of a boogeyman for the housing market," said Daryl Fairweather, economist with the real estate listing website RedFin. "People want to blame someone for high home prices and it's easy to blame investors just because they're, like, an opaque group of people…Really, the problem is just the lack of supply of housing."

A Flourish pictogram

The industry's critics counter that nationwide figures mask clustering in particular regions — and within regions, in particular cities, or even neighborhoods. They also say that the industry is growing.

Earlier this month, RedFin estimated that roughly 13% of all the homes sold in the final quarter of last year were single-family homes bought by investors.

That's a sizable chunk, but again, the devil is in the definition. RedFin labeled an investor as any buyer with one of a number of tell-tale corporate signifiers in its name, such as "LLC" or "trust." That would likely include a lot of "mom and pop" landlords, who have opted to put their properties into corporate structures to shield themselves from legal liability.

4. WHAT ABOUT IN CALIFORNIA?

Lists of top single-family rental markets vary, but Atlanta, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Jacksonville, Florida regularly come out on top. California does not appear to be a destination of choice for the nation's largest investors. Less than 2% of single-family homes are owned by investors with 10 properties or more, statewide, according to the California Research Bureau.

What institutional investor-friendly markets have in common: Rapidly growing populations and relatively low real estate prices compared to rents.

"That does not describe California at all," said Laurie Goodman, an economist at the Urban Institute.

When big investors do show up in California it's disproportionately in the state's quickly growing, still relatively affordable regions: the Inland Empire, the southern half of the San Joaquin Valley and the Sacramento suburbs. The county with the highest share of single family homes owned by big investors is Fresno at 5.9%, according to the California Research Bureau.

Fresno is a bit of an unusual case, in that the largest single owner there, JD Home Rentals, is a local outfit whose portfolio of some 2,000 homes are clustered in that region.

Statewide, the largest single corporate owner is also the country's biggest. Invitation Homes kicked off the corporate single-family rental rental trend when it started buying up distressed houses, rehabbing them and putting them on the rental market in 2012. Originally funded by the private equity giant Blackstone, the company has since become its own publicly traded company. The company owns 84,567 homes, of which 11,862 are in California, according to its most recent filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

5. DO CORPORATE LANDLORDS CAUSE RENTS TO GO UP?

There are plenty of anecdotes of big investors sweeping into a neighborhood, only for rent hikes to follow. Do big investors cause rents to rise or do rising rents attract big landlords? When researchers have tried to disentangle those two trends, they've produced mixed results.

One national overview found that rising rents in a city reliably preceded an increase in single-family investor activity three months later. But they didn't find that the reverse was true, implying that investors chase after rising rents, but don't cause them.

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But another study found that single-family areas with higher concentrations of corporate ownership did, in fact, see modestly higher rents than comparable neighborhoods. These companies were able to exploit their relative control over a neighborhood's housing stock to extract higher than fair-market rent from tenants, the researchers found. But the researchers also found a second explanation behind the rental run-up: By beefing up security across a slew of properties in the same area, they were able to lower crime rates and "enhance neighborhood quality."

Many larger landlords also use rent-setting algorithms designed to squeeze the highest rent possible from new tenants. Defenders of the industry say those programs simply allow landlords to find an area's market rent, though renters, prosecutors and federal regulators have argued that, at least in the apartment rental industry, it has amounted to illegal price-fixing.

6. DO BIG BUYERS TAKE HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AWAY FROM FIRST-TIME BUYERS?

Every house that's bought by a major investor and converted into a rental is one fewer opportunity for a would-be first-time buyer. That zero-sum trade off is particularly acute in places where few new homes are being built. A study out of Atlanta found that an influx of institutional investment in a neighborhood predicted a decline in the area's homeownership rate. In contrast, a study in the Netherlands found that the reverse was true: When cities banned investors from converting homes into rentals, the number of first-time buyers shot up.

Defenders of the industry offer a counterpoint: So what? In places where home prices are out of reach for the average person, putting more single-family houses on the rental market gives more people the opportunity to enjoy some of the trappings of the American Dream — a yard, a garage, maybe a better school district — even if they can't afford a down payment. The fact that major investors specialize in buying up homes in need of repair means they are often "competing for separate types of products" than first-time buyers anyway, said Goodman.

There's also some evidence to suggest that allowing more rentals in single-family neighborhoods, no matter who the landlord is, makes those neighborhoods more economically and racially diverse. Case in point: The study of the Dutch corporate landlord ban also found a decline in the number of rentals, an overall rise in rents and an influx of older, richer and whiter residents in the neighborhoods in which those restrictions went into effect.

It's unclear how relevant that all is in California. "We sell 99% of our homes to individuals," said Dan Dunmoyer, president of the California Building Industry Association,

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VENICE MUSEUM

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While not as gigantic as say The Getty or as colossal as the California Science Center, this diminutive dedication to the history of arguably one of the most well known neighborhoods on the West Coast, represents an important step in not only ensuring that knowledge is preserved, but also in making it accessible.

The ground floor has been divided into a series of subsections that Carfello explains will change in theme depending on what is being exhibited. There's a quaint reception area that doubles as the gift shop and then upstairs is where all the precious archives are located, safely storing every newspaper, photograph, painting in addition to a whole host of other weird and wonderful memorabilia.

According to Carfello, the building, which also houses the curiously-named Crap Eyewear along with the Main Street Design Center, was originally built as a Ford garage and dealership. "The other day, somebody sent us a scan of a receipt of the Ford her mom bought here in 1928 and cost, like 800 bucks or something," he beams.

The site also offers the Museum a respectable amount of outdoor opportunity in the form of a parklet-style space directly outside, that Carfello says will be utilized very soon. Moreover, for the grand opening held on Saturday, the entire parking lot was used, incorporating food trucks, seating, vendors and merch stalls plus a DJ.

"What people will see in the show is things from different eras of Venice, but it's not necessarily a chronological walkthrough of Venice … It's more of a look at different moments in history where people are viewing Venice as a place that you can make into what you want it to," Carfello says.

"Every tourist has some assumptions of what Venice's history is, so we want visitors to be able to learn something … we don't want somebody to come here once and then come back four years later and see the same thing. And as they keep coming back, we intend to make it exciting for them to see something new."

The Venice Heritage Museum is now open at its permanent site at 228 Main St. and its regular opening hours will be Thursday–Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Entry is free. Check out the website at veniceheritagemuseum.org for more info.

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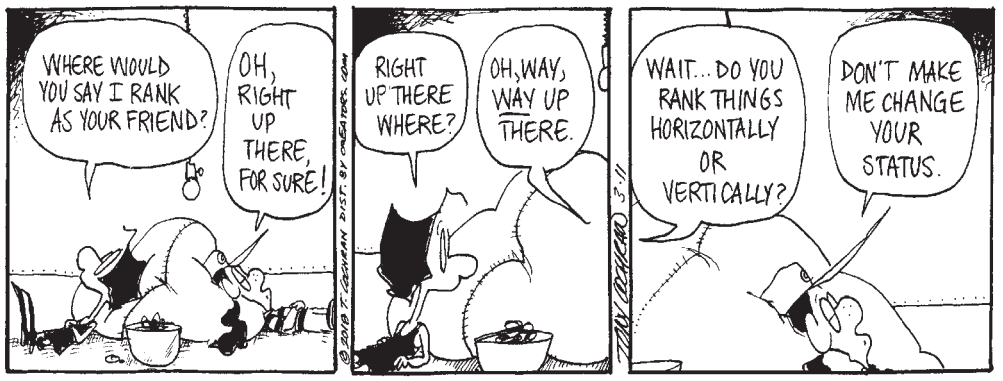
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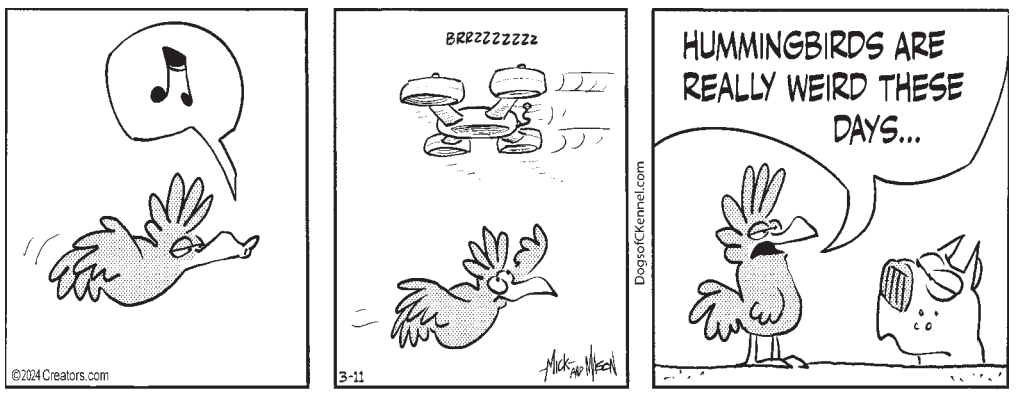
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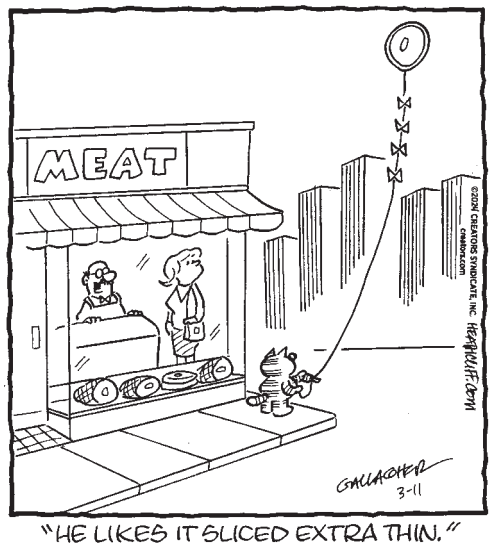
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Bike	Dust	Meat	Shoot
Birth	Early	Pests	Sows
Bloom	Eggs	Plough	Stable
Bran	Ewes	Pump	Stock
Bunk	Germ	Raise	Tank
Calf	Goats	Rake	Task
Care	Hay bale	Rams	Toil
Churn	Heifer	Reins	Trees
Colt	Isolated	Remote	Tube
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 11)

The year rolls with a free-flowing style, exploring various themes including identity and the interconnectedness of all aspects of your existence. The world celebrates your talent and pays you well for it, too. More highlights: Your understanding of people will deepen. Your insights will lead to artful ideas. Nutritional changes lead to increased vitality. Scorpio and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 4, 44, 18 and 1.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's been said that a loan to a friend has the potential to lose both. Instead of loaning, consider gifting. Only give what you can afford to lose. Only hand over what you can immediately forget about and will never want back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Over the course of a day of excellence, you'll turn out work that's stellar and not so. You'll make mistakes. You'll make adjustments. You'll start over. Excellence is about tenacity, not perfection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is no universal concept of ownership. You will wonder what belongs to you, and you'll get a very real sense that this is a subjective construct. What's worth fighting for and what can be let go of is a personal decision.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's some impatience with the work at hand, but as long as you're learning, you're golden. It's OK to think differently than others seem to want you to. It will be interesting to note how your thought process converges and diverges with the norms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't worry about whether you have enough. It will often appear to you like you don't. But once you're doing the work, you'll find that you can get all you need by making use of the resources you have.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your exceptional powers of observation will help you navigate a tricky and competitive atmosphere. Ultimately, what you notice can be applied later. For now, keep track of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll ask for and learn from the opinions of others. A moment of empathy will broaden you. It's your heart that benefits the most, though you'll also use what you absorb to conduct relevant business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your interest goes in so many different directions today. You needn't give into the pressure to choose. Explore and enjoy. You'll know when the time is right to narrow your focus.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A memory isn't a story until you turn it into one. Taking the time to do this will give you insight into yourself and help others know you, too. Storytelling will be one of the best ways to help people understand and align with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Unwilling to gamble with other people's expectations of you, you'll underpromise and overdeliver. Encourage a realistic view of what you can do for others and discourage them from placing you on a pedestal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). At first, today's problem seems more complicated than it really is. A little research is all it takes to free you. Ask around. Do an internet search. Read articles. You'll soon get enough of a feel for things to make an informed decision.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The best way to learn is to put yourself out there and get some feedback. You're ready for it. What you gather will point you straight to your next good move.

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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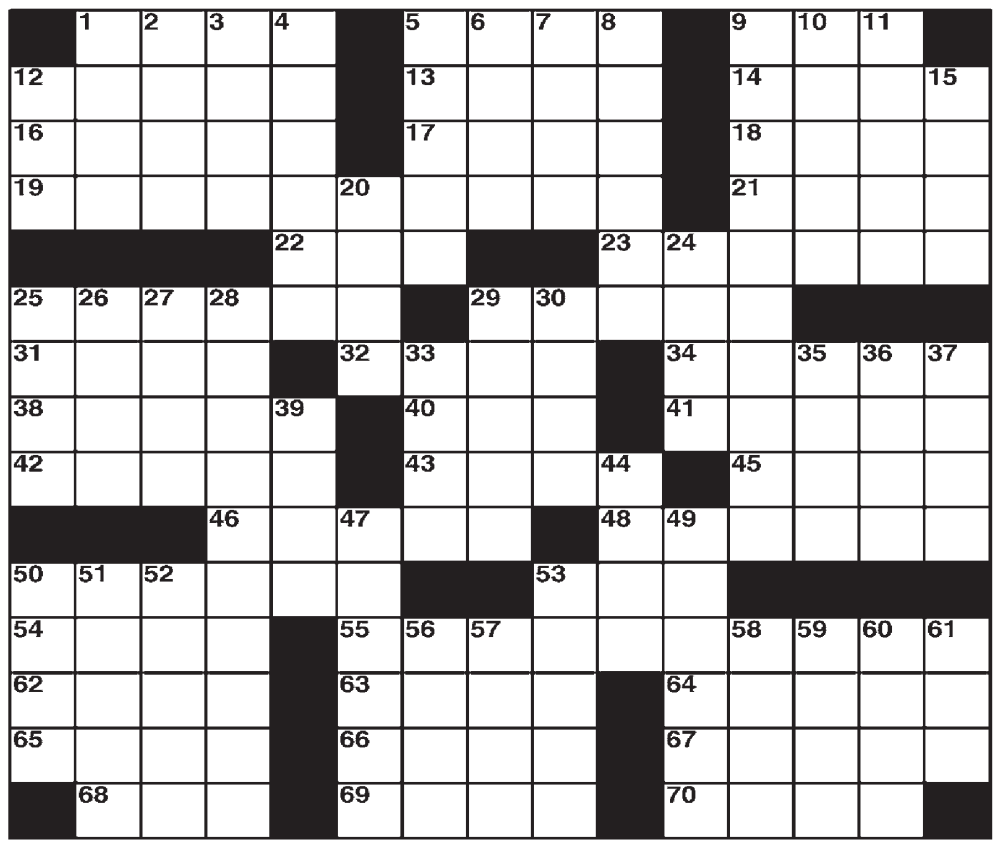
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ACROSS

1 Measure of land area
5 Walk unsteadily
9 Duplicate emails, for short
12 Ambulance's loud sound
13 Strong smell
14 Frozen rain
16 "__ believe it" (skeptical comment)
17 "__ Off to See the Wizard"
18 Initial poker payment
19 Louisiana Mardi Gras city
21 Top of a house
22 What we breathe
23 Special skill
25 Marshlands
29 Very near
31 Brown, fuzzy fruit
32 Factual
34 Lands surrounded by water
38 Sir __ Newton
40 Keogh plan alternative
41 Appliance with burners
42 Herb in stuffing
43 Tiny bites
45 Microwave appliance
46 "Send me, please"
48 __ Abe (Lincoln nickname)
50 Place bets in a casino
53 British tavern
54 Burn-soothing plant
55 Alamo's Texas home
62 Southwestern flat-topped hill
63 "Shoo!"
64 Building for a boxing match
65 Company officer, for short
66 Send forth, as light
67 Takes a vacation day
68 Fireplace residue
69 Depend (on)
70 Forbidden thing

DOWN

1 Personal assistant
2 Black bird
3 Nevada city
4 Trick into wrongdoing
5 Farther down
6 Notion
7 Poet's early part of the day
8 Magician's exclamation
9 South Carolina port city
10 Lake boat
11 Use as a chair
12 Moral misdeed
15 West, on a map
20 Shopper's itemized sheet
24 Without a warranty
25 Short comedic play
26 Desire granted by a genie
27 Out of town
28 Southeast Florida resort city
29 Unusual knickknack
30 __ year (2024 or 2028)
33 Doorbell sound
35 Deep affection
36 Days before holidays
37 Mailed, as a letter
39 Mobile phone, for short
44 Avoid deliberately
47 The __ of two evils
49 Acquire
50 Chess or baseball
51 Amazon's speaker voice
52 Ten Commandments recipient
53 One hamburger
56 Apex
57 Hammer's target
58 Approximately
59 Store sign gas
60 Helpful facts, informally
61 Clumsy person



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CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

240015712 – Residential Burglary

On Friday, February 16th at approximately 2:02pm, officers were dispatched to a burglary on the 2000 block of Main Street. At 1:50pm, the victim heard a noise from downstairs. When investigating the noise, the victim observed 32-year-old Gerson Perez, who had illegally entered the property in an incident one day prior, in the living room of her home. The victim ordered Perez to leave. After Perez left the property, the victim noticed Perez had stolen her house keys, vehicle keys, and phone. Officers later located Perez and recovered the stolen property from his person. Perez was subsequently arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. He remains in police custody and awaits a court appearance scheduled for March 6, 2024.

GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 5

different," she said at her joint appearance with the mayor of Paris.

Although the Olympics are awarded to – and hosted by – cities, the larger state of California will surely be affected by the games. As California becomes a case study in the culture wars, it has attracted more and more criticism – for its income inequality, the erosion of its middle class, its policies on immigrants, policing and homelessness.

For those who consider California a state in decline, the Olympics are a chance to demonstrate otherwise.

While events will be scattered across Southern California, from Pasadena's Rose Bowl to Perris Lake well east of Los Angeles, visitors are expected to extend their stays on the coast, bringing tourists to San Diego, San Francisco and other parts of California.

Still, the games come with risks, too. In the run-up to the 1996 games in Atlanta, local boosters saw it as an opportunity to modernize venues and display the modern American South. "The city too busy to hate," as Atlanta liked to call itself, wanted to demonstrate its cosmopolitan multiculturalism, its embrace of civil rights, its sheer modernity.

And then a bomb went off. The pipe-bomb explosion in Centennial Park overshadowed much of the event and left a stain on the host city, which also was criticized for transportation breakdowns and hotel shortages.

The Atlanta games were a reminder that the Olympics can bring glory, but they also bring scrutiny. Being the center of international attention is not always easy.

Indeed, France's buildup to the Olympics has not been entirely smooth. Security concerns led the interior minister to announce that just 320,000 people would be allowed to attend the extravagant opening ceremony planned for the most picturesque stretch of the Seine River between the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral – well short of the 2 million spectators initially promised.

Labor unions have threatened to disrupt the games unless their members get big bonuses for extra work required during the Olympics, which will take place during France's peak vacation season in late July and early August. Price gouging for hotel rooms and short-term rentals during the Olympics has only recently begun to let up.

Some Parisians have been alarmed by restrictions in public access to the city's central neighborhoods. And police executed a search warrant at Hidalgo's City Hall office on Tuesday for an investigation of possible misuse of public funds in the mayor's trip last year to Tahiti, where Olympics surfing contests will take place.

The L.A. mayor's visit continues through Saturday, as Bass and her delegation visit the site of the opening ceremonies and the Olympic Village, among other stops on whirlwind visit. She returns to Los Angeles on Sunday.

Finnegan reported from Paris, and Newton from Los Angeles.

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HOUSING

FROM PAGE 7

a trade group representing the state's home builders. For most first-time homebuyers in California, "it's not like you are competing with a big institutional player, other than a rich, single person from the Bay Area."

7. ARE CORPORATE LANDLORDS BAD LANDLORDS?

It depends on what you mean by "bad."

Large institutional landlords appear more likely to run by-the-book, standardized operations. There are upsides to the corporate touch: Large corporations are more likely to operate 24/7 property management hotlines and have plumbers and electricians on retainer. Studies have also found that when filling a vacant unit, corporate landlords are more likely to use impersonal tenant screening systems, which are free of explicit (if not necessarily implicit) racial bias.

The downside: Corporate landlords can be ruthlessly efficient, with an emphasis on "ruthless." One study, for example, found that they are significantly more likely than small landlords to file eviction notices as soon as they are legally allowed to.

And even companies with in-house legal teams might not always follow the law. In January, Invitation Homes paid $3.7 million in fines and restitution for hiking the rent on nearly 2,000 tenants in excess of what state law allows. In 2021, JD Home Rentals settled a class action lawsuit over habitability complaints.

"Relationships are much more formal when it's Invitation Homes as opposed to the guy next door and there are pros and cons to that," said Goodman, the Urban Institute economist. As an example, she noted that her adult daughter had a landlord who used to accept pizza as amends for a tardy rent check.

"You can't send Invitation Homes a pizza," she said.

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MONDAY | MARCH 11

POOL TOURNAMENT

Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St, hosting a Monday night pool tournament beginning at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the tournament, there will be Arbor Venice's skateboard and snowboard footage on screens, as well as the Monday $9 burger and beer special. No charge to enter or play. For more, visit tavernonmainsm.com.

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

ALL-STAR JAM BENEFIT

Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St., will have a musical benefit for the Raffia Music School for children. Hosted by CC Thomas, special guests appear frequently, with a $5 contribution going directly to the school. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9:30 p.m. Two-drink minimum. For more information, visit santamonica.harvelles.com.

TUESDAY | MARCH 12

INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL GENETICS

In this workshop, the Personal Genetics Education Project (pgEd) will go over the recent advances in genetics, including reproductive technology, genetic testing, genome engineering, ancestry, and more. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. 12 - 1 p.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Drop in and learn how non-profits around Santa Monica make our community better and how you can make a difference. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 - 3 p.m.

COMMON GROUND FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Common Ground is the highly anticipated sequel to the juggernaut success documentary, Kiss the Ground. By fusing journalistic expose' with deeply personal stories from those on the front lines of the food movement, Common Ground unveils a dark web of money, power, and politics behind our broken food system. The film reveals how unjust practices forged our current farm system in which farmers of all colors are literally dying to feed us. The film profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black, and indigenous farmers who are using alternative "regenerative" models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save our health, and stabilize America's economy – before it's too late. Aero Theater, 1328 Montana Ave. 7 - 10 p.m. https://www.sustainableworks.org/commonground/

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Virginia Avenue Park in Partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program to resume Social Service Assistance. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME

This engaging & fun weekly series of stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 13

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave.

AUTHOR TALK

Join Santa Monica College for a chat with master storyteller and international bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with "Murtagh," the continuation of the epic fantasy. Begins at 1 p.m. at the Santa Monica College Library, 1900 Pico Blvd. To register and submit questions for Paolini, visit https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/41236/register.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway.

COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE NIGHT OUT

The inaugural event for the Community Collective Night Out series begins at 6 p.m. at Viceroy Santa Monica, 1819 Ocean Ave. Connect and converse with local movers, shakers and leaders. For more information, email rsvp@viceroysantamonica.com.

THURSDAY | MARCH 14

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Library Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Public Library. The public is welcome to attend. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on smpl.org.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Begins at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

LIVE STAND-UP COMEDY

Long Time No See brings comedians from Netflix, SNL, Comedy Central and more to the Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A 3rd St., beginning at 8:30 p.m. Seating for the event is first come, first serve. General admission tickets $25, can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/live-stand-up-comedy-tickets-811879723107.

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I'm terrified they'll claim I'm lying.

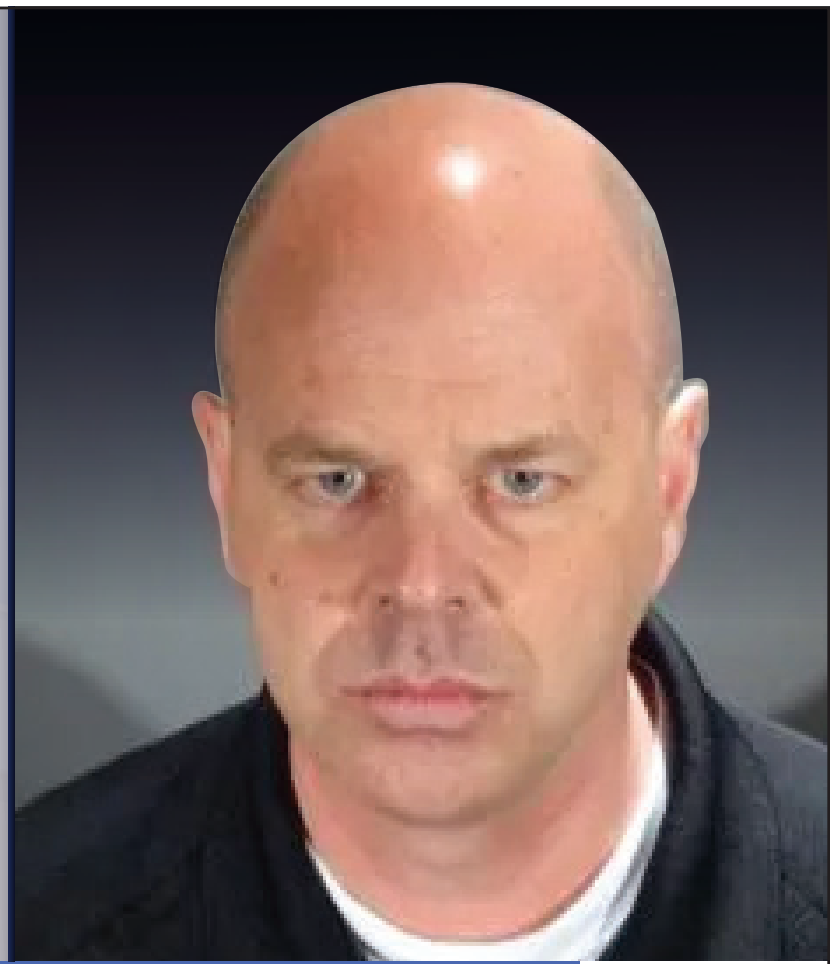
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