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- 2 State Farm**
Some customers could see refunds.
- 3 Fuel Protest**
Boycott calls for March oil cutoff.



- 4 LA Gas**
Jumps 53 cents weekly.
- 5 Beach Dune**
Restoration expands by 30 acres.

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WEDNESDAY 3/11/26

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Heat advisory issued for LA, Ventura counties as temperatures expected to reach 100 degrees

Very Hot Wednesday-Saturday

HIGH RISK FOR HEAT ILLNESS FOR MOST POPULATIONS ESPECIALLY THU-FRI

Suggestion Actions:

- ADJUST PLANS NOW to limit strenuous outdoor activities between 10am & 8pm

Key Details:

- Temperatures will be 20-30 degrees above normal.
- Several calendar day records will be shattered, with some areas potentially breaking all time records for March.
- While the heat will peak Thu-Fri, temperatures will remain well above normal well into next week.

High Temperatures
Thursday & Friday (March 12-13, 2026). High risk for heat illness.

Weather Forecast Office
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HEAT: Warnings are being issued for extreme temperatures this weekend.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A heat advisory is in effect for much of Los Angeles and Ventura counties this week, with

forecasters warning that widespread temperatures between 90 and 100 degrees could pose serious health risks — particularly for vulnerable residents.

The National Weather Service's

Los Angeles/Oxnard office issued the advisory Tuesday, set to take effect at 10 a.m. Thursday and remain in place through 8 p.m.

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Pacific Palisades teens launch world record attempt to tackle tennis, pickleball waste

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Twelve high school students who first came together while helping rebuild their community after the devastating Palisades Fire have set their sights on a new mission: breaking a world record to combat the estimated 500 million tennis and pickleballs dumped into landfills each year.

The teens, who form the newly launched Junior Board of Habits of Waste, announced their campaign called Another Bounce. The initiative aims to collect the most tennis and pickleballs ever gathered for recycling, culminating in an Earth Month collection event April 19.

"We play the sport, we see the waste, and we aren't waiting for adults to fix it," the students said in a collective statement.

Among the board members is Ford Casady, currently ranked the No. 1 junior pickleball player nationally in the under-18 division. He and his brother Boone form the

top-ranked junior doubles team in the country. Several other board members are varsity athletes.

The scope of the waste problem is staggering. Industry estimates indicate that 500 million pickleballs are produced annually, while another 330 million to 400 million tennis balls enter the market each year. Yet only about 1 percent of tennis balls are ever recycled, according to United Nations Regional Information Centre data. Stanford researchers have found that 125 million tennis balls are dumped into U.S. landfills annually, and global estimates suggest 95 percent of all balls produced are either incinerated or sent to landfills.

Sheila Morovati, founder of Habits of Waste and mother of board member Leo Morovati, said the students represent the kind of leadership needed to address environmental challenges.

"These students are proving that youth leadership is one of the most

SEE PICKLEBALL PAGE 7

Appeals court overturns diversion program for accused criminal who tried to beat a man to death with a pipe

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A California appeals court has overturned a lower court's decision to grant mental health diversion to a man accused of a racially

motivated violent attack in Santa Monica that left one victim with life-altering injuries, ruling that no evidence supported the trial court's finding that the defendant would not pose an unreasonable risk to public safety.

The Second District Court of Appeal issued

the ruling March 5, directing the Los Angeles County Superior Court to vacate its order granting pretrial mental health diversion to Job Uriah Taylor, 25 at the time of the alleged offenses, and enter a new order denying the motion. The opinion, authored by Presiding

Justice Frances Rothschild and joined by Justices Bendix and M. Kim, was certified for publication.

The appellate court's decision turned on a

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Some State Farm customers could see refunds while California homeowner rate hikes stay put

The Los Angeles County fires last year drove up insurance costs for many Californians. Now, a proposed settlement means some State Farm policyholders whose premiums rose won't see additional increases, and others should even get refunds.

State Farm, the largest insurer in the state with about 20% market share, received approval for unprecedented emergency insurance rate increases in California last May. The company told the state that the billions of dollars it expected to pay out after the deadly fires placed it in financial peril.

The proposed deal among the state Insurance Department, consumer advocacy group Consumer Watchdog and State Farm, disclosed late last week, comes after months of public hearings convened by the insurance department and settlement talks.

Consumer Watchdog, which questioned the rate increases State Farm asked for, says the settlement saves the company's California policyholders a total of \$530 million. From the proposed settlement:

1. Homeowners' rate hikes will stay at the previously approved interim rate of 17% instead of the 30% the company sought.

2. Condo owners who saw interim rate hikes of 15% will see their rates drop to an increase of 5.8%, and get refunds with interest dating back to June 1, 2025.

3. Rental unit owners with interim rate hikes of 38% will see those increases drop to 32.8%, and receive refunds with interest.

4. Renter policyholders will see an increase of 15.65% vs. the interim rate hike of 15%.

In addition, State Farm has agreed not to cancel any new policies this year, and it won't be canceling some policies it had planned not to renew in wildfire-affected areas. The insurance department characterized those provisions as important to the continued stability of the state's insurance market, which has been beset with availability and affordability issues.

"When consumer advocates are able to challenge the data and present their own analysis, excessive requests are reduced and consumers are protected," said Harvey Rosenfield in a statement. Rosenfield founded Consumer Watchdog and wrote Proposition 103, the voter-approved law that governs insurance in California.

State Farm has paid out more than \$5

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- Harvey Rosenfield

billion in claims from the L.A.-area fires so far, said spokesperson Tom Hartmann.

After consumer complaints and lawsuits, the insurance department is investigating the company's handling of claims from the fires and expects results from that examination later this spring.

The agreement, which must be approved by an administrative law judge, also requires State Farm to undergo additional review of its rates in 2027. The company will be required to make a one time 2.5% premium discount available to renewing policyholders if its ratio of premiums to available cash reaches a certain level; Consumer Watchdog litigation director Will Pletcher said the deal will give the group more timely access to the company's annual financial statements to help keep it accountable.

The insurance department expects the judge to decide on the settlement by April 7. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara will then review the judge's decision and have the final say.

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Boycott oil for the rest of March

This country is engaged in an illegal war for oil.

Don't listen to President Trump's lies: his decision to bomb Iran was an unprovoked attack on a foreign nation, even if some of the strikes successfully killed a bunch of despicable theocratic military villains. The rest of the bombs are falling on regular people who just happen to live in Iran. This oil war has been pushed for decades by war mongers and billionaires alike. And, in the end, the only ones who will pay for it are the poor and powerless people of Iran and the USA.

I know it feels like we, the people, have lost control. It feels like a ruling class makes all the decisions, and we are just along for the ride. Like we have no power. But it is not true.

The Trump regime keeps doubling down on our collective apathy. Police states in cities. Kidnapping leaders from other countries. Pardoning white collar criminals. Every day is something new and more shocking. And they expect us to just accept it and go about our daily lives overworked, underpaid, and addicted to our feeds. Quiet and in line.

So we must make noise and stand together. Let's show them who is actually in charge. We have the numbers, we just need to work together. Polls show 59% of this country does not support this illegal war. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/03/10/us/politics/polls-wars-us-support.html>). So what can we do?

Join me in boycotting oil for the rest of March.

Whenever possible walk it, bike it, train it, or bus it instead of driving. Opt out of a car ride at least once every day this month. If you have to drive, carpool. Avoid optional car trips altogether. And don't order anything that needs to be shipped to your house unless absolutely necessary. Go to the store without a car instead. Electric cars are better but stay out of those too, if possible. Walk, bike, train, or bus together in solidarity.

Resisting the temptation to consume even one drop of oil is an act of defiance. We must reject this illegal war. We have the power. We must work together.

No blood for oil. Fight war, not wars.

Kabir Chopra, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY NEWS

LA Country

Board Extends Price Gouging Protections Amid Wildfire Investigations

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to continue housing price gouging protections through March 29, 2026, amid nearly 1,900 ongoing investigations tied to the 2025 wildfires.

The motion, led by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, extends safeguards for displaced wildfire survivors.

"Wildfire survivors remain displaced and in temporary housing one year after last year's devastating wildfires," Horvath said. "Fire survivors deserve to rebuild without facing unlawful, excessive increases on rent, building materials, and more related to our recovery efforts."

The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs is investigating 1,885 price gouging cases and has issued more than 2,000 cease-and-desist orders, securing \$335,000 in restitution for impacted tenants. More than 260 cases have been referred to law enforcement for possible civil or criminal prosecution.

Investigations have also addressed unlawful price increases on essential goods, including air purifiers sold during the emergency. A department report demonstrated the need for continued safeguards, detailing ongoing complaints, active investigations and sustained rental pressures.

A recent survey confirms that a majority of survivors in Pacific Palisades and Altadena remain in temporary housing with continued concerns about long-term affordability.

Anyone who suspects price gouging can report it at dcba.lacounty.gov/pricegouging or call (800) 593-8222.

6 Wildfire survivors remain displaced and in temporary housing one year after last year's devastating wildfires

- Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 60.3

WEDNESDAY | **SURF:** 3-4ft+
FAIR | Waist to shoulder

Selective SSW swell on the rise for the summer magnets. Most size west of Dume. Summer magnets and combo breaks west of Dume are the go as long period SSW swell nudges in through the day and modest NW swell mix continues. The summer points are best late day but should be rideable in the morning. Just expect to wait on the sets. Wind looks light through the morning.

THURSDAY | **SURF:** 4-6ft
FAIR TO GOOD | Chest to overhead

SPAC season opener for summer exposures across Southern California. Light offshore wind, clean AM. Good size SSW swell en route, thanks to a storm that was significantly stronger than modeled in the central SPAC last week. Not a big swell in North LA but will get the summer spots moving. Average breaks are in the waist-shoulder high range and standouts west of Dume push head high+. Wind is lightly offshore for a clean morning window as the predawn high tide drops. Onshore NW flow expected for the afternoon.



Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the evening.
Thursday: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the evening.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

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2026/03/12	Thu	04:51 AM	4.09	H
2026/03/12	Thu	1:05 PM	0.27	L
2026/03/12	Thu	8:42 PM	3.25	H
2026/03/13	Fri	12:13 AM	2.90	L
2026/03/13	Fri	06:05 AM	4.40	H
2026/03/13	Fri	1:41 PM	-0.07	L
2026/03/13	Fri	8:37 PM	3.44	H
2026/03/14	Sat	01:01 AM	2.48	L
2026/03/14	Sat	06:57 AM	4.77	H
2026/03/14	Sat	2:09 PM	-0.34	L
2026/03/14	Sat	8:45 PM	3.69	H
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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 9 M



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3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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Los Angeles gas prices surge more than 53 cents in a week

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Drivers in the Los Angeles area are facing a sharp and swift spike at the pump, with gasoline prices jumping more than 53 cents per gallon in just seven days as the ongoing conflict with Iran continues to rattle global energy markets.

The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in Los Angeles reached \$5.18 Monday, up 53.2 cents from the week prior, according to GasBuddy, which surveyed 2,135 stations across the region. The jump marks a 66.2-cent increase from a month ago and leaves drivers paying 53.4 cents more per gallon than they were at this time last year, when the regional average stood at \$4.64.

The increases show no sign of slowing. Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, warned that gasoline prices in many states could climb an additional 20 to 50 cents per gallon in the coming days, with diesel potentially rising even more sharply, between 35 and 75 cents per gallon, as global distillate markets absorb the shock.

"In just a week, consumers have seen gasoline prices surge at one of the fastest rates in years after oil prices spiked following U.S. strikes on Iran and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz," De Haan said. "With additional attacks across the Middle East over the weekend pushing oil above \$100 per barrel for the first time in years, fuel markets are now rapidly recalibrating to the risk of prolonged disruption to global supply flows."

The price disparity within Los Angeles itself was stark. The cheapest station in the region was priced at \$3.99 per gallon Sunday, while the most expensive reached \$6.49 — a \$2.50 spread. Statewide, the gap was even wider, ranging from a low of \$3.71 to a high of \$7.09 per gallon. While the survey gathered data from a variety of sources, there were isolated reports of individual stations charging more than \$8 per gallon.

The surge is not limited to Los Angeles. Neighboring regions are seeing similar jumps, with drivers in Riverside paying an average of \$5.08 per gallon — up 57.7 cents from last week's \$4.50. Ventura County's average climbed to \$5.14, a 57.3-cent increase from \$4.57 the prior week. Orange County drivers are paying \$5.16 per gallon, up 53.3 cents from \$4.63.

By comparison, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline stood at \$3.45 Monday, up 51.1 cents from the prior week and 54.1 cents higher than a month ago. AAA placed the national average slightly higher at \$3.53 per gallon as of Monday.

California's premium prices reflect a structural vulnerability in the state's fuel supply. Some of the state's refineries have shut down in recent years, leaving California heavily reliant on gasoline imports from Asia — a supply chain increasingly disrupted by the conflict overseas.

The national average price of diesel has also surged, rising 85.9 cents compared to a week ago to reach \$4.599 per gallon.

The fuel price spike is rooted in a dramatic escalation in the Middle East. Crude oil surpassed \$110 per barrel Monday — heights not seen since 2022 — after U.S. and Israeli strikes on Iran and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway through

which roughly a fifth of the world's crude oil and liquified natural gas normally flows.

While the price has fluctuated day by day, oil prices had stood around \$67 per barrel before the conflict began, meaning crude has now surged roughly 42% to approximately \$95 per barrel, according to figures from The Associated Press. Across the U.S., drivers were paying an average of \$2.98 before the war started, reflecting an increase of about 17% since hostilities began.

"The longer this lasts, the more significant the shock would be," said Gregory Daco, chief economist at consulting firm EY-Parthenon.

The ripple effects extend well beyond the gas pump. Diesel — which powers the 18-wheelers that move goods across the country — jumped 23% since the war began. Fuel accounts for 50% to 60% of total operating costs for shipping goods by sea, according to Patrick Penfield, professor of supply chain practice at Syracuse University, meaning the broader economy will feel the strain.

"When fuel prices start to go up, everything starts to slow down," Penfield said. "So your ships slow down, your trucks slow down. People are less apt to ship things via air. And it really kind of causes a drag on the economy when fuel prices go up."

Home energy costs are also expected to rise. Europe's benchmark natural gas has surged 75% since the war began, according to Intercontinental Exchange data. Higher natural gas prices would also push up costs for products derived from petrochemical feedstocks, including plastics, rubber and nitrogen fertilizer.

Food prices may eventually follow. David Ortega, a professor of food economics and policy at Michigan State University, noted that while grocery store prices may not reflect the shock immediately, sustained high oil prices would raise the cost of farm inputs and transportation alike.

"Food gets to the grocery store on diesel, whether it's on a truck or on a boat," Ortega said.

Economists at JPMorgan estimate U.S. inflation could climb from 2.4% in January to 3% or higher in coming months if oil prices remain elevated. Daco projected that the bump in gas prices could push monthly inflation as high as 1% in March — the highest monthly increase in four years.

With prices expected to keep climbing, consumer finance experts at The Penny Hoarder (<https://www.thepennyhoarder.com/save-money/how-to-save-on-gas/>) say there are concrete steps drivers can take to soften the blow.

The fastest savings can come from apps like GasBuddy and Upside, which help drivers locate the cheapest stations nearby and earn cash back on fuel purchases — up to 25 cents per gallon at participating stations in some cases. GasBuddy's Pay with GasBuddy program offers free enrollment with savings of up to 25 cents per gallon at most national chains, while a paid version at \$9.99 per month can cut up to 40 cents per gallon.

Rewards credit cards that offer cash back on fuel purchases and gas station loyalty programs can also reduce the effective price per gallon. Some grocery chains, including

Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 53.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.18/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 66.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 53.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 85.9 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$4.599 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$3.99/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$6.49/g, a difference of \$2.50/g. The lowest price in the state was \$3.71/g while the highest was \$7.09/g, a difference of \$3.38/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 51.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.45/g today. The national average is up 54.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 41.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Police seek public's help identifying sexual battery suspect

The Santa Monica Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying a man connected to a sexual battery investigation.

Authorities released a photograph of the suspect and are working to determine whether additional victims may be connected to the case.

The individual is described as a Hispanic male between 20 and 30 years old with dark curly hair. He was wearing the clothing depicted in the attached photograph.

Police are asking anyone who recognizes the man, believes they may have had contact with him or has information related to the investigation to come forward. Anonymous tips are accepted. Contact Detective Sean Baker at 310-458-8932 (sean.baker@santamonica.gov) or at (310) 458-8491.



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CRIME: Santa Monica police released this image of a suspect sought in connection with a sexual battery investigation.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Beaches

City, Bay Foundation Expand Beach Dune Restoration by 30 Acres

The city of Santa Monica and The Bay Foundation have launched an expansion of the Santa Monica Beach Dunes project, adding nearly 30 acres of restored natural habitat along local shorelines.

Phase III of the resilience plan will establish dunes along the entirety of Santa Monica Beach, stretching from the Santa Monica Pier to the Venice border. The project provides natural defenses against sea-level rise while enhancing wildlife habitat.

The Bay Foundation established its first dune restoration site in 2016 near the Annenberg Community Beach House, covering approximately three acres, followed by five additional acres in 2024. The new project will nearly double the area of dunes in active restoration, covering nearly 20 percent of the sand.

"Santa Monica's beach is more than an iconic destination, it's a critical piece of our climate resilience," Mayor Caroline Torosis said. "As a city at the forefront of sustainability, Santa Monica is investing in nature-based solutions that strengthen our first line of defense against sea level rise and coastal flooding."

Teams of biologists, landscape crews, volunteers and schoolchildren are establishing borders and planting seeds. Thin metal posts and natural fiber rope mark boundaries while vegetation takes hold. After several years, dunes will reach about three feet tall.

California estimates oceans could rise as much as three feet at local beaches by 2100. Enhanced dunes often provide better protection against erosion and flooding than hard infrastructure like jetties and sea-walls.

The California Coastal Commission permitted the work in late 2024. Approximately \$3.5 million will support establishment, maintenance and monitoring of the restored dunes.

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DUNES: Some small beach dunes have already been created.

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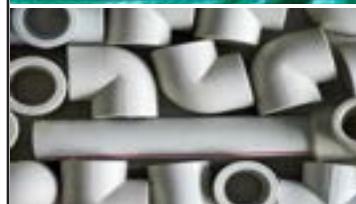
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00089. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica CA 90401. Petition of PENG DENG for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PENG DENG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: PENG DENG to LIAM PENG DENG. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 04/10/2026, Time: 8:30AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 02/23/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/25/2026, 03/04/2026, 03/11/2026, 03/18/2026

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Local Resident Urges Tax Return Donations to Childhood Cancer Fund

Santa Monica resident Kaitlyn Lee is encouraging Californians to donate to childhood cancer research by checking a box on their state tax returns this season.

Lee, executive director of the Society of Emerging Leaders within the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, became a cancer advocate after her brother was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 16. After more than three years of chemotherapy and clinical trial participation, her brother is now in remission.

"The fund needs to raise at least \$250,000 this tax season to stay on the tax form," Lee said. "Whether it's \$1 or \$1,000, every donation makes a difference."

The voluntary donation option was established through Assembly Bill 703, signed into law last July. SEL member Sahil Mehta, who lost his older brother to cancer, worked with Assemblymember Alex Lee to introduce the legislation.

Cancer remains the leading cause of disease-related death for children in the United States, with one in five diagnosed children not surviving. Less than 8 percent of the federal government's cancer research budget goes toward childhood cancer, and private industry has little financial incentive to invest in research for the smaller patient population.

Lee served as Mehta's co-campaign lead, drafting the ACS CAN petition and leading statewide distribution efforts.

"I want every child to be able to benefit from the latest scientific breakthroughs like my brother had, and this fund will move us closer to that goal," she said.

For more information, visit FightCancer.org/California.

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ATTACK

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single question: whether Taylor would pose an unreasonable risk of danger to public safety if treated in the community, as required under the Penal Code.

The court found that none of the mental health experts who evaluated Taylor answered that question adequately. The defense's psychologist, Dr. Robin Rhodes Campbell, concluded Taylor would not pose an unreasonable risk only "if his psychiatric symptoms were controlled with treatment" — a conditional opinion that left unanswered whether that control was likely. A court-appointed expert, Dr. Montgomery of the Office of Diversion and Reentry, declined to offer any opinion on whether Taylor would pose a risk if he left the unlocked treatment facility, saying she could not "predict the future."

The trial court agreed, reasoning that mental health professionals could not be expected to foresee the future — a rationale the appeals court rejected.

"The obligation to determine whether a defendant will pose an unreasonable risk of danger to the public if granted diversion necessarily includes determining whether the defendant will abandon treatment," the court wrote.

The record showed significant evidence of prior noncompliance. Taylor's sister told investigators he repeatedly signed himself out of mental health facilities in Louisiana within 24 hours of admission. Records showed he refused prescribed medication on multiple occasions. By his own account to Dr. Campbell, he was discharged from a psychiatric facility shortly before the March 2023 alleged offenses, failed to follow treatment recommendations and was using methamphetamine and PCP at the time of the attacks.

The court acknowledged the Legislature's strong preference for mental health diversion as an alternative to incarceration but concluded that preference could not override the absence of evidence that Taylor would comply with treatment. The ODR facility where Taylor would have been placed was unlocked, and staff acknowledged they could not prevent him from leaving, with court notification required only within 72 hours of an absence.

Taylor was given diversion after a violent attack left a man permanently disabled. Prosecutors allege that on the morning of March 3, 2023, Taylor went on a violent,

racially motivated rampage targeting multiple Black victims in Santa Monica.

According to the charging documents and court records, Taylor attacked Christian Hornburg while Hornburg was asleep, hitting him over the head with a metal pipe, then stomping on his head while Hornburg lay on the ground. A witness said Taylor shouted a racial slur and stated he was there to attack black residents of the city. When Jade Carter attempted to intervene, Taylor attacked her with the pipe as well, hurling additional racial slurs. All three individuals were part of a homeless encampment located next to the Downtown Santa Monica metro station.

Earlier that morning, Taylor had also threatened a man named Michael Okyere with the pipe before nearby firefighters intervened.

Both Hornburg and Carter were transported to the hospital. Hornburg sustained what prosecutors described as life-altering injuries and has subsequently been confined to a rehabilitation facility.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney charged Taylor with willful, premeditated and deliberate attempted murder of Hornburg, with special allegations of great bodily injury and a hate crime enhancement, along with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon against the other victims, each carrying hate crime allegations. Taylor pleaded not guilty.

Taylor's defense presented evidence of a significant mental health history, including diagnoses of schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder with psychotic features and multiple substance use disorders, and argued that his untreated psychiatric condition was a proximate cause of his behavior.

The trial court granted diversion in 2024, ordering Taylor into residential treatment through the ODR program.

The appellate court's peremptory writ directs the superior court to vacate the diversion order and enter a new order denying Taylor's motion, returning the case to the trial court for further proceedings.

A temporary stay of the diversion order that the appellate court imposed earlier in the proceedings will be vacated once the opinion becomes final, at which point the writ takes effect. Taylor will face the original criminal charges, which include attempted murder with hate crime and great bodily injury allegations — charges that, if he is convicted, could carry significant prison time.

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PICKLEBALL

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powerful forces for change,” Morovati said. “This is where their passion for sports and the planet converges into meaningful, systemic action.”

The campaign extends beyond simply collecting balls. Students are managing every aspect of the initiative, from sponsorship outreach and logistics to data tracking and public policy engagement.

Their advocacy work includes speaking at city council meetings in Beverly Hills, Burbank, Santa Monica, Malibu and Los Angeles to push for ordinances requiring parks, schools and private clubs to recycle tennis and pickleballs.

The teens are also targeting major manufacturers. They have launched a public email campaign urging companies including Wilson, Penn, Franklin, Dunlop and Selkirk to establish nationwide take-back and recycling programs.

“Our ultimate goal is true circularity,” Morovati said. “We are calling on industry giants like Penn, Wilson and Selkirk to step up, create take-back programs and take full responsibility for recycling their own products into the next generation of gear.”

Organizations such as Ridwell and RecycleBalls currently shred and pelletize collected balls into new products, though Morovati said the long-term goal is for manufacturers to handle recycling themselves.

The world record attempt will collect balls locally within a 30-mile radius of Pacific Palisades and nationally through shipped donations. Los Angeles-area players and clubs can schedule pickups by student volunteers.

Other Junior Board members include Dara Afshar, Max Ehrman, Rummy Goodyear, Jesse King, Miller Levin, Leo Mahmoodzadegan, Luc Montalba, Milan Ramesh and Vivienne Shiao.

Morovati said the initiative will continue beyond Earth Month as an ongoing program.

“The world record is a way to raise awareness that this issue exists and that we should all participate in the solution,” she said.

Habits of Waste is known for spearheading the plastic straw and cutlery ban in Malibu and convincing major food delivery apps to change default settings so customers receive plastic cutlery only upon request, a change that contributed to the passage of California State Bill AB 1276.

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CAMPAIGN: Teens from the new Habits of Waste Junior Board launch “Another Bounce” campaign.

GAS PRICES

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Kroger, allow shoppers to earn fuel points redeemable at partner gas stations.

Timing matters too. According to GasBuddy data, gas prices tend to be lowest on Sundays and highest on Wednesdays through Fridays as weekend travel demand increases.

Driving habits can also have a measurable impact. Aggressive acceleration and hard braking increase fuel consumption, while maintaining proper tire inflation can save about 2 cents per gallon, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Using cruise control on long highway stretches and avoiding extended idling are additional ways to stretch a tank.

For longer-term relief, choosing regular-grade fuel — for vehicles that don’t require

premium — can save 20 to 40 cents per gallon. Premium octane offers no performance or efficiency benefit in vehicles not designed to require it.

Drivers planning road trips should also map out cheaper fuel corridors before departing. Prices can vary significantly across state lines, and stations at highway exits or in urban cores typically charge more than those a short distance off the main route. Louisiana, for instance, was averaging \$3.04 per gallon Monday — well below California’s \$5.20 average.

“The situation remains highly fluid,” De Haan said, “but consumers are already beginning to feel the impact as energy markets adjust to this sudden escalation.”

Associated Press writers CATHY BUSSEWITZ, MAE ANDERSON and CHRIS RUGABER contributed to this report.

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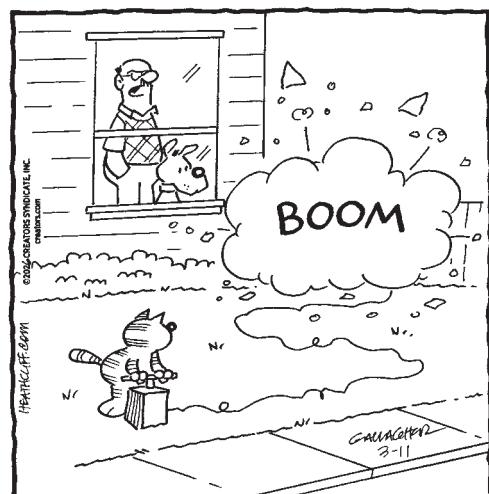
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6876

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes people don't know their own minds until they start talking or writing about it. You have something to articulate. You'll open up, figure out just how you feel, what exactly the issue is, and what you can do about it, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It would be easy to spend your time buying, using and maintaining material things, but what you're really after now is something that can't be seen, owned or controlled. Having it is therefore tricky, but you'll find a way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you notice yourself explaining, defending, or softening your truth to keep things smooth, press pause. Discomfort is a signal about fit and safety, not a demand to fix or explain anything. You can let it guide your choices without turning it into a big story.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a certain unrefined ruggedness to your thinking today and it serves you quite well. You'll have plenty of time to polish your approach later, but for now give these notions a test. The work will have much to show you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll notice that a job might not take the amount of effort you've been giving it. This is not about being lazy. It's a matter of efficiency. It conserves energy to apply your intelligence to making things easier.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're on a mission. And if someone gets weird about the way you're handling your own needs, take note. Advice is one thing; control is another. You're happy to collaborate - but not on everything, and only with worthy collaborators.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whatever you think, do or become, there are people who agree with it and people who don't. And taking on either side of that equation can be a real waste of time. You'll have more energy to apply to your work and your people when you simply skip the argument.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Laughter builds instant rapport. You'll laugh with someone and be halfway to understanding them. A shared joke will do more than small talk ever could, relaxing the room, building trust fast, and making real conversation easier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Forgiveness isn't automatic for you. If you decide someone deserves it, you think it through. You don't just hand it out or slam the door. If someone's getting another shot, it's because you've worked through it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your ability to see it from the other person's point of view will save you a great deal of time and trouble. And the rest of the time, you can do whatever you want. Your list is extensive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like wildlife and Amazon packages, moods can be tracked. Collect the data. It gives you the perspective needed to keep going with efforts to raise your general vibe, effectiveness and emotional set-point to something that feels more consistently better to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people get curious when there's a problem. You're curious even when things are going well. That's how you stay ahead. You're not just fixing; you're upgrading. Every experience teaches you something new.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 No-fat-eating Jack
- 6 Poshly furnished
- 10 Hunter's garb, for short
- 14 Advil alternative
- 15 Sweet small sandwich
- 16 Prayer's end
- 17 Meal for corporate brass
- 19 One of the Little Women
- 20 Right Guard competitor
- 21 One in pre-K
- 23 Place to graze
- 24 Kilt pattern
- 26 Constellation with a belt
- 28 Errands runner
- 29 "Plastic" way to pay
- 34 Chose from a lineup
- 35 Potato products brand
- 36 Young fellow
- 37 Out of whack
- 38 Beer barrel
- 41 Most skillful
- 43 Modern phone
- 44 Squeezer for oranges
- 48 Celestial bear
- 49 Selected, with "for"
- 50 Hostile advance
- 52 Battleship letters
- 53 "For example..."
- 56 Divas' deliveries
- 57 Deception
- 59 Modern times

DOWN

- 1 Be a drain on
- 2 UN observer group
- 3 Gave a raise to, perhaps
- 4 Warded off
- 5 ___ cotta vase
- 6 High-decibel
- 7 Large vase
- 8 Splinter group

- 9 Sounds from Santa
- 10 Hailed ride
- 11 Earhart of aviation
- 12 Shooting star
- 13 In attendance
- 18 Ford car, on registrations
- 22 Open-___ sandals
- 24 Kite's tip
- 25 Verdi opera
- 27 HDTV brand
- 30 Baseball long hit
- 31 Stand up
- 32 Takes a breather
- 33 USO show attendees
- 37 Yodeler's spot
- 38 Lantern fuel
- 39 Frozen snow queen

- 40 Gratified
- 41 Standout performer
- 42 Dorm furniture
- 43 Museum professional
- 44 Ren Faire performances
- 45 Ultimate outcome
- 46 "We got the okay"
- 47 Racehorse's father
- 51 Japanese warrior
- 54 Etching liquid
- 55 Southwest Arizona city
- 56 Equips for battle
- 58 Cut the grass
- 60 Bit of sunlight
- 61 Absconded
- 62 "Solved it!"

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HEAT

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Friday. Forecasters warned that well above normal temperatures could continue well into next week, and that additional heat advisories or extreme heat warnings may be needed.

The advisory covers a broad swath of the region, including the Malibu Coast, Los Angeles County Beaches, the Palos Verdes Hills, the Los Angeles inland coast including downtown Los Angeles, the western and eastern Santa Monica Mountains, Calabasas and Agoura Hills, the western and eastern San Fernando Valley, the Santa Clarita Valley, the San Gabriel Valley, the Santa Susana Mountains and the Ventura County coasts and inland valleys.

Cities under the advisory include Santa Monica, Malibu, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Van Nuys, Woodland Hills, Northridge, Chatsworth, Culver City, Long Beach, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Pomona, El Monte, Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Westlake Village and dozens of others across the two counties.

SENSITIVE POPULATIONS AT HIGH RISK

The NWS said there is a high risk for heat illness for the very young, the very old, those without air conditioning and those who are active outdoors.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health echoed those warnings, urging residents to take precautions against heat exhaustion, heat stroke and heat cramps.

"Heat causes more deaths in the U.S. annually than floods, storms, and lightning combined," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "Those most likely to get ill during the heat include older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes, and individuals with chronic medical conditions. Remember, your safety and the safety of others is crucial during extreme heat conditions."

Davis urged anyone experiencing symptoms of heat stroke or heat exhaustion — including dizziness, nausea, rapid heartbeat, confusion or loss of consciousness — to seek medical help immediately.

Other warning signs requiring immediate 911 response include a body temperature of 103 degrees or higher, headache, a fast and strong pulse, and hot, red, dry or damp skin.

PRECAUTIONS RECOMMENDED

Health officials offered the following

guidance for residents during the advisory period:

Drink plenty of water throughout the day and do not wait until feeling thirsty. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat or use an umbrella when outdoors. Avoid going outside during the hottest hours of the day, and apply sunscreen of at least SPF 15 when venturing out. Limit strenuous activity to the early morning or evening hours.

Residents without air conditioning are advised to take cool showers or baths, use stoves and ovens less frequently to avoid further heating their homes and seek out air-conditioned public spaces such as libraries, shopping malls or designated cooling centers.

Officials also stressed that cars can reach dangerous temperatures even with windows slightly open, and warned that children and pets should never be left alone in a vehicle. Anyone who observes a child or pet alone in a car is urged to call 911 immediately.

COOLING CENTERS AVAILABLE

County and city partners have planned cooling centers for residents who lack access to air conditioning. To find a location, residents can visit ready.lacounty.gov/heat or call 211, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 211 service is also available online at 211la.org.

Residents and business owners, including people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may also call 211 for emergency preparedness information and referral services.

For city-specific heat risk information, the NWS recommends visiting its HeatRisk website at weather.gov. The tool incorporates current forecasts, historical climate data and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Social Vulnerability Index to calculate localized risk levels.

The public is also encouraged to check on neighbors and relatives who may be especially vulnerable, including older adults, pregnant women, those with chronic medical conditions, people who live alone and outdoor workers and athletes.

Up-to-date information can be found at the county's extreme heat website (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/safety/extreme-heat.htm>) or by following the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on social media at [@lapublichealth](https://twitter.com/lapublichealth).

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4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. You're invited to join us for a virtual conversation with acclaimed author Kate Quinn about her latest fantastical work, *The Astral Library*, which poses the question: Have you ever wished you could live inside a book? Welcome to the Astral Library, where books are not just objects, but doors to new worlds, new lives, and new futures. Alexandria "Alix" Watson has learned one lesson from her barren childhood in the foster-care system: unlike people, books will never let you down. Working three dead-end jobs to make ends meet and knowing college is a pipe dream, Alix takes nightly refuge in the high-vaulted reading room at the Boston Public Library, escaping into her favorite fantasy novels and dreaming of far-off lands. Until the day she stumbles through a hidden door and meets the Librarian: the ageless, acerbic guardian of a hidden library where the desperate and the lost escape to new lives. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-kate-quinn/18044858/2026-03-12T16>

FRIDAY | MARCH 13**NEW EXHIBITION EXPLORES FOOD FAMILY AND****INTERCULTURAL TRADITIONS**

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum 1350 Seventh Street Santa Monica. Food & Family: African American and Intercultural Traditions in Santa Monica explores the evolution of African American and intercultural food traditions in Southern California, tracing the impact of the Great Migration and global immigration on Santa Monica's culinary landscape. Through the lens of shared meals, recipes, and community gatherings, the exhibition examines how food fosters a sense of belonging, connection, and cultural continuity. Drawn from the archives of the Quinn Research Center and the Santa Monica History Museum, Food & Family features photographs, oral histories, cookbooks, utensils, maps, and other materials that reveal how everyday cooking helped define home and identity for generations of Santa Monica residents. \$0.00 to \$5.00 Free for kids, students, seniors and SNAP/EBT cardholders. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/new-exhibition-explores-food-family-and-intercultural-traditions/17896831/2026-03-13T11>

WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Lee Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications, studying for citizenship. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-03-13T13>

SATURDAY | MARCH 14**BEGINNER REFORMER PILATES AT GOOD BODY PILATES STUDIO**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Good Body Pilates Studio 3229 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Good Body Pilates Studio Santa Monica. Start your Saturday feeling strong, centered, and energized with our Beginner Reformer Pilates Class at Good Body Pilates Studio, taught by expert instructor Kylie. This group class is perfect for those new to Pilates or anyone looking to reconnect with the fundamentals in a welcoming and supportive environment. No experience necessary! Located in the heart of Santa Monica on Pico Boulevard, right across from Trader Joe's, our boutique studio is surrounded by great local coffee shops and restaurants, making it the perfect place to kick off your weekend. Plenty of metered parking available on Pico Blvd, and both metered and free street parking available on Urban Ave. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beginner-reformer-pilates-at-good-body-pilates-studio/16094481/2026-03-14T10>

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10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing \$5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Sign-up at <https://www.peoplesdogtraining.com/group-classes>. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing \$5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Sign-up at <https://www.peoplesdogtraining.com/group-classes>



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