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Community donations boost school district budget

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Spending cuts and revenue increases are painting a positive picture for finances at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD).

During a meeting last week, the District received a positive certification on its 2023-24 budget 2nd Interim Report, meaning the district will be able to meet its financial obligations in the current and two subsequent fiscal years.

During the meeting, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Fiscal Services Melody Canady and Director of Fiscal Services Gerardo Cruz said the budget update showed the district's financial position as of Jan. 31, and displayed changes between the first and second interim budget periods.

For the unrestricted general fund, total revenues were down by $261,828 from the first interim budget dated October 31, 2023, but total expenditures were down by $770,149, adding $508,321 to the fund balance. The revenue decrease was more of a transfer than a loss, as the $261,828 was a change in funding that puts more money into Special Education, which creates a decrease to revenue. Expenditure decreases were seen in classified hourly, overtime and substitute salaries, as well as statutory benefits and employee health benefits. Both of these categories were noted by Canady as not a decrease in employees, but rather decrease while "looking at what vacancies we

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Operator of Pacific Park on the Pier, announces sale to SC Holdings



Thomas Leffler

PACIFIC PARK: The popular park and its famous Ferris wheel are under new ownership.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica Amusements LLC, the operating group of Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, has announced its sale to NYC-based SC Holdings (SC), an investment firm with history of working in the consumer, entertainment, and hospitality sectors.

According to a statement from Pacific Park, over the next five years, SC will make $10 million in capital investments in food and entertainment programs, supporting park operations and "keeping it a fun and welcoming destination for tourists, families, and the community."

Pacific Park has been a hub for entertainment and recreation for almost 30 years and forms part of the Santa Monica Pier, which itself welcomes over 10 million visitors annually, plus it's the only admission-free amusement park in Los Angeles county.

"Having SC as owners and investors in Pacific Park is a milestone moment," said Pacific

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Homeless man arrested after attacking a second child

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According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), the suspect involved in the recent assault on a six-year-old child has been arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department following another incident in Venice where he is accused of hitting a different child during the day on Thursday, March 14.

The suspect has been identified as 23-year-old Ahsante Lamar Morgan and is believed to be homeless. The first incident took place at the junction of Main Street and Marine on Sunday, March 10, at approximately 7 p.m.

Witness Christina Tulluck, a Venice resident, recounted that the incident occurred while she and her friends, including the young victim, were heading home from a restaurant on Main Street. They had just stopped to get ice cream when the attack happened. "The hit was violent enough that it knocked her [the 6-year-old] to the ground," Tulluck said, noting that the child was clutching her face.

According to SMPD, the suspect was sitting on a bus bench at Main Street and Marine Avenue acting erratically. A 6-year-old child and her parents were walking northbound on Main Street behind the bench when the suspect spun around and struck the child causing her to fall to the ground. Thankfully, the child was not seriously injured. The suspect, described as a male, Black, approximately 6'1", 30-35

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ocean Park Blvd.

Suspect sought after sexual assault on Ocean Park Blvd.



The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has issued a safety alert and a request for assistance in identifying a suspect wanted for sexual assault.

According to the SMPD, on March 1, a sexual assault occurred of a lone female who was waiting for a ride in the 1700 block of Ocean Park Blvd.

At about 8:15 p.m., the male suspect approached the victim while pulling down his pants and making lewd statements. The victim turned to leave the area when the suspect grabbed her from behind and began touching the victim inappropriately over her clothing.

The victim struggled with the suspect and was able to free herself and flee the area. The suspect was caught on surveillance camera leaving the location.

The SMPD urges anyone with any information about this incident or individual to contact Detective Tavera, Detective Sergeant Gradle or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427 (24 hours).

SUBMITTED BY SMPD

Long Beach

SWAT arrests domestic violence suspect in Long Beach

According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), on March 6, 2024, at approximately 6:30pm, officers responded to the scene of a significant domestic violence incident that left the victim with severe injuries requiring hospitalization.

The suspect in the incident, the victim's boyfriend, attacked the victim and then brandished a replica firearm at the victim and her daughter before fleeing the location. SMPD detectives tracked the suspect, identified as Derrick Wright (born 11/28/1977), to an address in Long Beach and obtained a search and arrest warrant.

On March 7, 2024, SMPD SWAT officers, along with members of the Criminal Investigation Division, Crisis Negotiation Team, Drone and K9 officers, took Wright into custody after he fled the first location and broke into a neighboring residence in Long Beach.

Wright has been charged with felony domestic violence with an enhancement for great bodily injury, misdemeanor child abuse for brandishing the weapon at the victim's daughter, and misdemeanor aggravated trespassing for his actions during the arrest in Long Beach. Wright has an extensive criminal history, including a misdemeanor arrest by SMPD in July of 2023 for domestic violence and a violation of parole.

We encourage anyone with information related to this individual or incident to contact Detective Holloway, Detective Sergeant Goodwin, or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427 (24 hours).

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Citywide

Justice, Equity & Diversity: Santa Monica to create plan to support vulnerable residents

The city of Santa Monica is developing a citywide action plan to enhance services for older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers, thanks to a California Department of Aging Local Aging & Disability Action Planning (LADAP) grant.

With the $200,000 grant, the city joins nearly 100 communities across California that have already implemented age- and disability-friendly action plans, programs and policies.

The award will allow the city to begin the planning process to create a local age-and disability-friendly action plan to address the current, emerging and future needs of the city's older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

"By creating Santa Monica's Local Aging & Disability Action Plan, we'll ensure that we care for our most vulnerable residents and provide them the services they need to thrive in our city," said Housing & Human Services Director Heather Averick. "This plan advances the city's key strategic priority of Justice, Equity & Diversity and I thank the California Department of Aging for selecting our city."

The city is issuing a request for proposals and select experts to help lead the planning process alongside city staff, nonprofit partners, city commissioners and other key stakeholders. The community will be notified of opportunities to engage in the planning process. Staff are set to present a draft plan to the City Council in early 2025 for discussion.

The LADAP grant awards are part of California's Master Plan for Aging, a 10-year blueprint to prepare the state for upcoming demographic changes and support California's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

For more information, visit mpa.aging.ca.gov.

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



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YACHT CLUB: A huge crowd of guests gathered in Marina del Rey on March 9 to celebrate the past, present and future of the California Yacht Club.

SMDP STAFF REPORT

UNION RALLIES AT DISTRICT OFFICES TO DEMAND MORE STAFFING, BETTER PAY:

Union SEIU Local 99, which represents many Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) employees, held a rally outside the district offices on March 7 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.

VENICE HERITAGE MUSEUM OPENS THE DOORS OF ITS NEW, PERMANENT SITE ON MAIN ST:

Venice's origins, development and overall history now has a permanent home, the Venice Heritage Museum at 228 Main Street. The concept had been in the works for over a decade, and 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 will change in theme depending on what is being exhibited.

SAMOHI STRING SOUND BRINGS SPRING TO BARNUM HALL:

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.

CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB CELEBRATES THE BEGINNING OF SAILING SEASON IN STYLE:

Just three months after a devastating fire all but destroyed its clubhouse building, the California Yacht Club celebrated the opening day of sailing season on March 9, with members and guests in Marina del Rey treated to a Mardi-gras inspired party with a banquet, activities and entertainment. On December 11, 2023, at least five fire trucks and a substantial amount of firefighters were dispatched to the Marina clubhouse, with the blaze so intense that two firefighters were injured as they tried for two hours to bring it under control. A temporary clubhouse will be erected on the west side of the site, and the club's Senior Vice President John Myers said the community will be galvanized by the efforts to repair and replace everything.

6-YEAR-OLD ASSAULTED BY HOMELESS MAN: POLICE IN ACTIVE SEARCH OF SUSPECT:

A six-year-old was hit in the face and knocked to the ground by a homeless individual while walking along Main Street. The incident happened around 7 p.m. on March 10, at the junction of Main Street and Marine. Witness Christina Tulluck, a Venice resident, recounted that the incident occurred while she and her friends, including the young victim, were heading home from a restaurant on Main Street. According to the Santa Monica Police Department, the serious nature of this incident, classified as child abuse and assault, has led to its assignment to detectives specializing in juvenile crimes.

ROTARY REACHED FOR THE STARS WITH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT:

On the evening of March 9, the Rotary Club of Santa Monica hosted its annual Wine & Food Festival at the Skirball Cultural Center, bringing together members of the club to dine as well as traverse a vast selection of wine tastings. More importantly, the club held a raffle, live auction and silent auction to help reach a goal of $150,000 to give back to food banks, local schools, community organizations and international causes.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **56.5**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Small combo surf looking likely. Small SSW swell lingers and some new NW swell expected to top out through the day. Probably a little sluggish to start with the higher tide.

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Easing mix of SSW swell and NW swell due for smaller surf. Morning winds look light but dawn patrol bogged down by the early AM high tide.

Weather

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 74.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73..
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2024/03/18	Mon	1:03 PM	-0.23	L
2024/03/18	Mon	8:17 PM	3.58	H
2024/03/19	Tue	12:43 AM	2.62	L
2024/03/19	Tue	06:23 AM	4.63	H
2024/03/19	Tue	1:48 PM	-0.39	L
2024/03/19	Tue	8:37 PM	3.81	H
2024/03/20	Wed	01:32 AM	2.18	L
2024/03/20	Wed	07:18 AM	4.84	H
2024/03/20	Wed	2:22 PM	-0.45	L
2024/03/20	Wed	8:55 PM	3.99	H
2024/03/21	Thu	02:08 AM	1.76	L
2024/03/21	Thu	07:59 AM	4.99	H
2024/03/21	Thu	2:49 PM	-0.41	L
2024/03/21	Thu	9:12 PM	4.16	H
2024/03/22	Fri	02:38 AM	1.37	L
2024/03/22	Fri	08:34 AM	5.04	H
2024/03/22	Fri	3:12 PM	-0.28	L
2024/03/22	Fri	9:28 PM	4.34	H
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Save Bill Wishart—show you give a damn about our kids SMMUSD

We all love those movies where a special teacher or coach enters kids' lives and profoundly helps them. They are universal and heartwarming stories, because we were all kids once and we understand that kids need to be truly seen and need love to thrive. SAMOHI and SMMUSD in general, have certainly had their fair share of amazing educators who profoundly impact and love the kids they teach.

Today I want to tell you about one of them; William "Bill" Wishart, and how SMMUSD's unbelievably poor budgeting and bad administration has meant that he recently received a layoff notice from the district.

Kids find their educational homes in all sort of places. We know that having a place, an inner community that feels safe and personal is important for kids to develop and gives them a reason to show up. That's why we support extracurriculars like sports, arts and music. For a select group of kids at SAMOHI that community for almost 30 years has been RWS or 'running with speakers'. RWS, is the crew of students run by sometimes teacher, sometimes Media services coordinator, Bill Wishart (he holds both jobs concurrently).

Bill is a softspoken, gentle fellow; tall and inconspicuous and like a stagehand, he's always clad in black. He is a man that makes you feel safe, and that's what the kids who help haul speakers and sound mixing equipment, who capture video and edit it for SAMO are drawn to. He gives those kids a place to be useful and to be loved. Many of them go on to work in various aspects of production and so he also gives them a pathway to a profession.

Many of these kids are what we might consider at-risk. They're neuroatypical or their homes aren't ideal, or they're just kids who need a little more love. They're the kind of kids who get lost in the mix. I know all of this because I was one of Bill's kids twenty plus years ago. I watched as he supported our rough crew of students, giving us a safe place to exist and to succeed.

Recently among the litany of pink slips that the district handed out, was one for Bill.

Even writing that sentence upsets me deeply.

At first, he was told he was going to lose his media services coordinator job, but not the teaching job. A large group of parents, students and alumni quickly formed to speak at the February 27th school board meeting, to make clear the monumental impact he'd made on their and their students' lives.

The district then told him his media services coordinator position would be retained. Which was a no brainer... imagine having to hire a team of adults to do the work Bill's crew of all kids does for free. But then, when the coast seemed clear, he received the pink slip for his teaching job. It's up for debate whether it's a done deal or whether it will be saved in June once they've gone through all of the relevant factors, but Bill is understandably exhausted from this gut-wrenching experience.

Budgets are budgets and the SMMUSD has a duty to stay within their allotment. But when they're operating in such a way that they have money for all sorts of pet projects like for three separate experimental project-based learning schools or an army of consultants, not to mention the evidence of millions in fraud uncovered last year, one can't help wonder where their priorities lie?

We parents rely on teachers to educate, guide and ultimately to love our children. We rely on the district to manage the finances so that the people that really make a difference in our kid's lives are taken care of and can continue to do what they do without financial fear.

What SMMUSD is doing to Bill is unacceptable and frankly it is how you lose excellent teachers. It's not the superintendent or the self-important school board that makes SMMUSD what it is—it's the teachers, who day in and day out show up for our kids. The parts of this district that are fantastic are all fantastic because committed teachers care enough to do amazing work and ultimately, they give our kids their love.

We have a new superintendent this year—after our last one left in the wake of a $45m legal judgment. After multiple "is this the right direction" questions, do you really drive away the people who put hearts and souls into these difficult and important jobs: teaching and loving our kids?

Get it together SMMUSD! You owe it to Bill and his thirty years of service to our kids so much more than this. You owe the students whose lives he has truly impacted and the kids who he has yet to impact. If you truly want to create spaces for diversity, equity and inclusion, if you truly care about at risk kids, and it's not just empty words to pat yourself on the back, you can't let someone like Bill Wishart go.

Miles Warner is a Santa Monica parent and resident. His column will explore the emerging and changing identity of our city and stir the pot...a bit

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Many Californians rely on this farmers market program. Newsom wants to cut it



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FOOD: A customer picks produce at the farmers' market in Fairfield on June 15, 2023.

SARAH PORTNOY

When we think of a farmers market in California, we usually picture vibrant displays of beautiful, albeit expensive, fruits and vegetables, and perhaps a tempting array of pricier prepared foods. However, the roots of farmers markets in California trace back to the late 1970s, when they first emerged in low-income areas.

They were designed to facilitate a direct connection between farmers and consumers, an arrangement that proved to be a win-win for both small-scale farmers and those seeking affordable, fresh produce.

Today, farmers markets may be more prevalent in affluent neighborhoods, but a key program has been working diligently to uphold their original spirit, making fresh fruits and vegetables accessible to all Californians. The Market Match program has successfully placed fresh produce into the shopping bags and kitchens of low-income Californians at more than 293 farmers markets across the state. Since 2010, this program has empowered shoppers who receive CalFresh benefits, allowing them to double their funds for exclusively California-grown fruits and vegetables.

Frank Tamborello, the executive director of Hunger Action Los Angeles, aptly describes the Market Match program as a "win-win-win." It helps fight hunger while promoting healthy eating habits and supports California farmers, boosting the small-farm economy and contributing to environmentally sustainable agriculture.

Despite its evident benefits, the program faces a looming threat from budget cuts as state leaders work to close a multibillion-dollar deficit. Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a $33.2 million cut from the three-year, $35 million California Nutrition Incentive Program, a move that would effectively end Market Match once the remaining funds dry up. Since 2015, the state has supported the program by matching federal funds through a grant from CNIP, enabling substantial expansion over the past nine years.

Market Match has routinely reported increases in low-income shoppers using their benefits at farmers markets. Last year, 9% of the roughly 574,000 visits were first-timers, underscoring the program's positive impact on both consumers and local farmers.

The potential loss of this program threatens low-income Californians' nutrition, especially those who live in food deserts where corner stores and vacant lots are more prevalent than full-service grocery stores. In such neighborhoods, an orange can cost more than a soda, highlighting the disparities in accessing affordable, nutritious food.

The proposed cuts would also significantly impact rural farmers who rely on the revenue generated from weekly market sales. It's a steady source of income in an era defined by its unpredictability.

In the wake of the pandemic, the number of food-insecure households in California surged as costs for fresh produce increased. A USC study last year revealed that 1 in 3 households in Los Angeles County experience food insecurity, indicating a dire need for programs like Market Match. Cutting this essential program would exacerbate the challenges faced by low-income shoppers in bringing home nutritious food for their families, compounding the intense pressure to simply put food on the table.

Access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food is a fundamental human right. As Californians confront the potential loss of the match program, we must recognize its profound impact. In a state known for its agricultural abundance, we cannot allow budgetary decisions to compromise the well-being of others in our community.

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Gala goes to Phantom status for food bank

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Local residents' email inboxes are typically filled with invitations to dinners, galas and other special events benefiting charitable efforts. To make it to these events, numerous costs are put down, such as table reservations, dresses or suits, transportation and babysitters for local parents. While these events are productive in their own right, one Santa Monica organization felt it would be hypocritical to wine and dine while fighting against food insecurity.

To maintain its mission, the Westside Food Bank did away with the gala setting decades ago, freeing up fundraising to go towards its annual Phantom Dinner tradition. Now in its 28th year, the Phantom Dinner gathers supporters to give toward food that reaches local food insecure residents via 38 food pantries, including five direct-service mobile pantries operated by Westside staff. For 2024, a pool of anonymous donors have pledged that every dollar donated through April 30 will be matched up to $100,000.

Each dollar raised turns into four nutritious meals from Westside, meaning that with the match program, the dollar is equal to eight meals for struggling families and individuals in West Los Angeles County.

Westside Food Bank President and CEO Genevieve Riutort said that while this has been a challenging time for food insecurity, with 30% of Los Angeles County residents experiencing the struggle, the organization has been in "growth mode" by providing nearly twice as much food as just a few years ago.

"We really thrive on community support," Riutort stated. "Private funding is our biggest source of funding, we don't get a lot of government funding, but we're trying to do more."

The Phantom Dinner follows the 2023 holidays Million Meals Match campaign which raised over $150,000 through over 800 donors, including matching donations made by the Johnny Carson Foundation. In the past, Westside would have a gala event, but the organization thought their energy would be better spent telling donors to stay home.

"We just realized it's a lot of work to put together a big gala, and given what our mission is, which is providing food to people that literally don't have enough to eat, it just didn't feel right to have a big event where we're wining and dining people who want to give money to us," Riutort said. "So the idea was, let's just make this really efficient, let's invite people to stay home. Here in LA, there's so many events, people are kind of grateful (to stay home) ... I've gotten notes (that say) it's so nice to know that my whole donation is going to the cause and not to pay for this meal at a hotel."

The annual fundraiser has evolved over the decades with various themes, such as a Hawaiian theme with a donor contributing a trip to the islands, as well as sharing cultural stories from around the world that echo the Phantom Dinner mission. In recent years, however, Westside has turned its attention to the people that receive its food contributions.

"We really wanted to put those people front and center and recognize that we're doing this because we're helping people, and we've been so lucky that in the last few years ... (we've) expanded our service into doing some direct work where we go out in the community with our vehicle and distribute food directly," Riutort said. "It's given us a chance to meet some of the people who receive our food, and they've been so kind and thoughtful in sending us photographs of ... the delicious meal (made) with the nutritious food (from the) food pantry."

Riutort added that the event stands out because they ask people to think about the purpose of their giving instead of focusing on a gala-type event. She said that the purpose of the organization is more important than ever because of the heightened Los Angeles food insecurity, brought on by the loss of COVID-19 pandemic economic support.

"If we can cover the food part of it and provide really good, fresh, nutritious food for free, that frees up (money) every month that struggling households can use to stay housed, pay their rent or pay for their utilities or their other basic needs," she added. "So a lot of what we do is actually preventing more people from falling into homelessness."

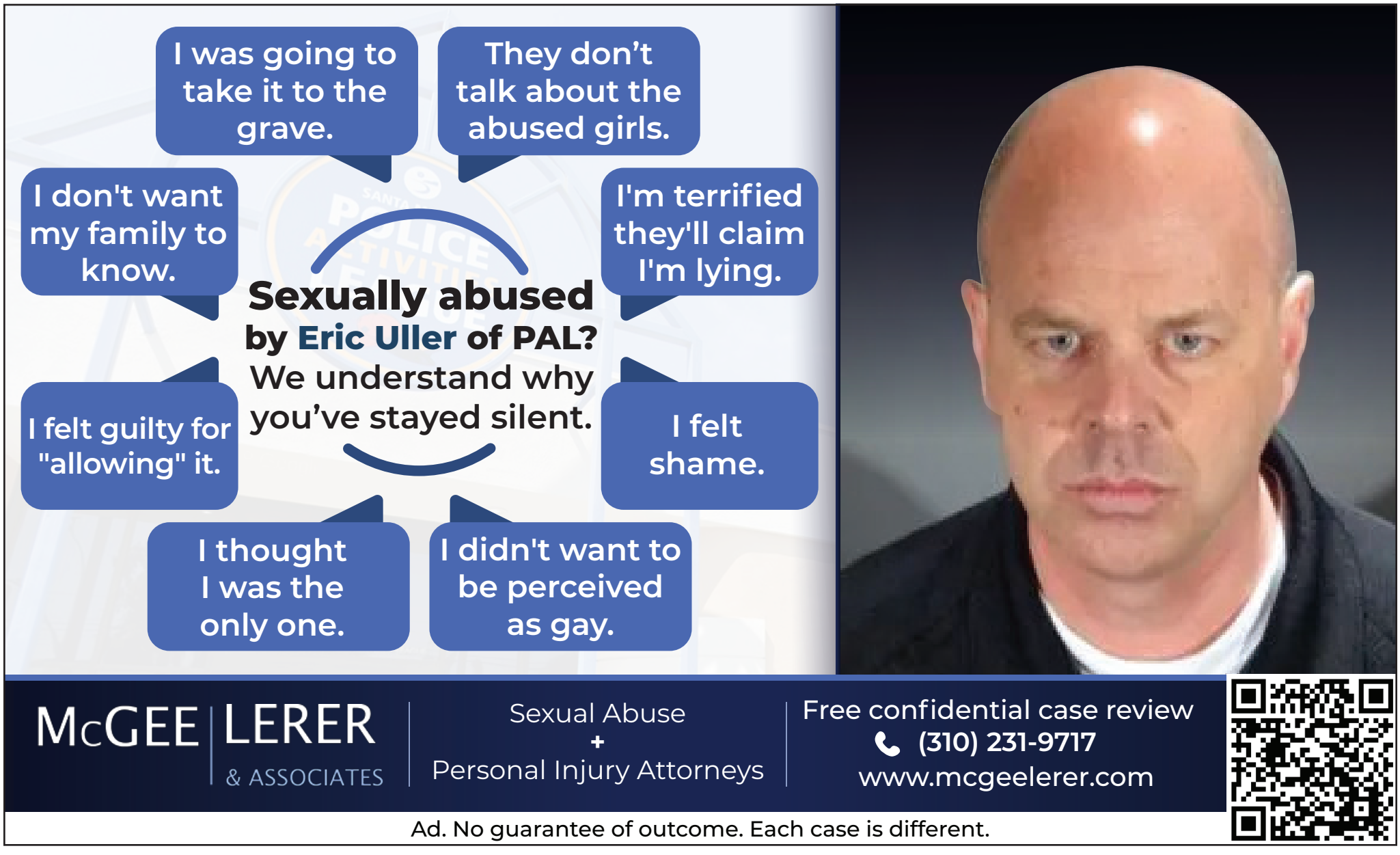
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PHANTOM DINNER: The Westside Food Bank's charitable efforts continue in 2024 with the 28th Annual Phantom Dinner, telling residents to stay home and donate instead of arriving for a fancy gala.



Santa Monica Arrests

For the week of Mar 8th to 14th

Crime	Arrests
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	3
Possession of Methamphetamines	3
Resisting Arrest	3
Robbery	3
Aggravated Assault	2
Assault & Battery	2
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	2
Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger	2
False Identification to a Police Officer	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
Warrant	2
Battery on a Peace Officer	1
Brandishing a Deadly Weapon	1
Carrying a Loaded Firearm	1
Corporal Injury To Spouse	1
Criminal Threat	1
DUI > 0.08% BAC	1
Felon in possession of loaded firearm	1
Loitering in Parking Structure	1
Loitering to Commit a Crime	1
Obstructing Sidewalk on Promenade	1
Parole Violation	1
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	1
Possession of Explosive Device with Intent to Injure	1
Resisting an Executive Officer	1
Shoplifting	1
Trespassing	1
Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance	1
Unknown	1
Vandalism	1
TOTAL	**45**



California isn't on track to meet its climate change mandates — and a new analysis says it's not even close



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CLIMATE: California's mandates for combating climate change will most likely fail, according to new analysis.

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Special to the Daily Press

California will fail to meet its ambitious mandates for combating climate change unless the state almost triples its rate of reducing greenhouse gases through 2030, according to a new analysis.

After dropping during the pandemic, California's emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and other climate-warming gases increased 3.4% in 2021, when the economy rebounded.

The increase puts California further away from reaching a target mandated under state law: emitting 40% less in 2030 than in 1990 — a feat that will become more expensive and more difficult as time passes, the report's authors told CalMatters.

"The fact that they need to increase the speed of reduction at about three times faster than they're actually doing — that does not bode well," said Stafford Nichols, a researcher at Beacon Economics, a Los Angeles-based economics research firm, and a co-author of the annual California Green Innovation Index.

"As we get closer to that 2030 goal, the fact that we're further off just means that we have to decrease faster each year."

The state is even further away from meeting a more aggressive goal set by the Air Resources Board in the state's new climate blueprint. Under that plan, greenhouse gases must be cut 48% below 1990 levels by 2030. Gov. Gavin Newsom had urged the board to adopt the more difficult goal, calling the new scoping plan the "most ambitious set of climate goals of any jurisdiction in the world."

David Clegern, an air board spokesman, said in an emailed statement to CalMatters that state officials are confident that California will hit its targets, including its goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.

Clegern said the state is in the midst of updating its climate programs and strengthening regulations, which, he said, "takes time" because they have to "translate into projects and action in the real world."

"It is more important than ever to transition existing facilities, and build clean energy infrastructure," Clegern said. "This decade is critical for implementation of the state's plans and policies. " He added, "as we have stated for more than 10 years, California's climate plans will continue to adjust to what remains a developing threat."

Greenhouse gases are spewed by an array of sources, mostly from vehicles, industries and power plants that burn fossil fuels, but also from livestock, landfills and other sources.

The report, compiled by Beacon Economics and environmental nonprofit Next 10, analyzed state data and concluded that through 2030, California would have to cut all greenhouse gases by 4.4% every year, beginning back in 2022. (Only preliminary data is available for 2022.)

To put that challenge in perspective, the state has only achieved annual cuts of more than 4% twice over the last two decades, both during major recessions, in 2009 and 2020, according to Stephanie Leonard, director of research for Next 10. And from 2016 through 2021, the annual average reduction has been just 1.6%, according to the report.

Massive amounts of emissions — more than 100 million metric tons a year — will have to be eliminated for California to

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WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS HONORED AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON:

To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce honored several female standouts in their respective fields during the 2024 Women in Business Leadership Awards at the Proper Hotel. Guests enjoyed meals and each other's company, as well as a musical performance, a comedy performance and speeches from five awardees.

AMERICAN FILM MARKET MOVES TO LAS VEGAS:

One of Santa Monica's premier entertainment events, the American Film Market, will no longer be held in the city after organizers announced this year's program will move to Las Vegas. While officials didn't specifically criticize Santa Monica when making the announcement, AFM moved to a new location last year prompting complaints from some attendees. The festival moved to Santa Monica in 1991 and was held at the Loews Hotel up until 2023, when the hotel site's closure forced a move to the nearby Le Meridien Delfina.

TUX CREATIVE AGENCY IS CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' ONE YEAR ON FROM THEIR MOVE TO LA:

TUX Creative House, which moved to Santa Monica a year ago, works closely with consumer brands to deliver luxe marketing through a variety of modes such as design, branding, production, media and digital content. TUX currently works closely with brands like Loreal, Lancome and Converse. The agency is the brainchild of co-founders and couple Dominic Tremblay and Ludwig Ciupka, who met 15 years ago after crossing paths on a creative project.

CLOSING TIME: LOCAL DEPARTURES REFLECT NATIONAL TREND:

The now-shuttered site of the Santa Monica branch of REI reminded residents that there's still a long way to go before the city has fully returned to a retail heyday. Other local closures include Interactive Cafe at 215 Broadway, The Craftsman Bar and Kitchen at 119 Broadway, Champs Sports at 1248 3rd Street Promenade, Bearfruit Jewelry at 395 Santa Monica Place and Cult Cafe at 1460 3rd Street Promenade.

BRUSHSTROKES FOR BROADSTAGE AS THEATER CELEBRATES PICASSO:

This past weekend, Santa Monica's BroadStage was transformed into a 1957 French studio, as writer and performer Herbert Sigüenza took hold of a paintbrush to portray Pablo Picasso in "A Weekend with Pablo Picasso," a one-man show based on the legend's writings and philosophy. Sigüenza, a founding member of the performance group Culture Clash, wanted to "capture the time" of Picasso in the 1950s, combining his love of visual artistry with his stage talents to dive into Picasso's later years.

SILENT SUITORS ENGAGE IN HUMOROUS DATING ESCAPADE AT MORGAN-WIXSON:

A curious shift in singles' dating behavior was embraced at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre on March 16, as Allison Goldberg's "Love Isn't Blind" show combined comedy and dating opportunities for singles in the audience as well as one bachelorette. Goldberg's show, which she said was born from dating app fatigue and a desire for people to meet each other in real life, took four male suitors and put them through multiple rounds of comedic scenarios in an attempt to win a date with the night's bachelorette.

Two decades of music tradition shared during Elemental anniversary concert:

A tradition of youth music education has hit the 20-year mark in Santa Monica, as Elemental Music's wide range of student performers hit the Barnum Hall stage at Samohi March 9 for a 20th Anniversary Celebration Concert. The showcase featured 300 musicians from Santa Monica and Westside LA, performing in ensembles for classical guitar, string orchestra, choir, concert band and full orchestra. Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock joined the program to present a commendation in honor of Elemental's 20th anniversary season.

PAL POKER NIGHT:

Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) hosted its 5th-annual Poker Tournament on March 2 at the Moose Lodge. The sold out event raised funds for PAL's enrichment and after-school programs. Winning the 2024 tournament was Ben Jenkins.

LAWSUITS UNDERMINE NEIL SHEKHTER'S ONCE GRAND REAL ESTATE EMPIRE:

Neil Shekhter, who was once the city's most prolific and controversial developer, has lost control over another three local properties as part of an ongoing inability to repay bank loans. According to The Real Deal, Shekhter recently lost ownership of 1007 Lincoln Boulevard, 1038 10th Street and 1516 Stanford Street to Bank of Southern California as part of foreclosure proceedings. The transfer of property is a result of a lawsuit filed by Bank of Southern California over a $16.2M loan covering the three parcels which according to the bank has never been repaid.

SANTA MONICA MAKES MONTH MATTER WITH CHLA BUSINESS SPECIALS:

This year marks the ninth annual Make March Matter campaign, run by Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) to benefit the comprehensive pediatric programs aiding infants, children and teenagers. Throughout the month, businesses in Santa Monica, Venice and the Westside have pledged their support to the campaign, making donations off of sales and introducing specialty items like interesting food and drink selections.

DISTRICT BOARD SPOTLIGHTS CO-TEACHING COLLABORATIONS:

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education took a look into the district's co-teaching collaborations during its March 7 meeting, receiving a presentation about the routines and successes of the program. In the district, co-teaching takes place when two teachers, a general education teacher and a specialized academic instruction teacher, collaborate to implement instruction in an inclusive general education class for students who are placed per their individualized education plans.

GIVING ST. PATRICK'S DAY THE GREEN LIGHT:

On March 17, Santa Monica residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day at its two Irish pubs and a sports bar that's Irish in name only: O'Briens Irish Pub (2226 Wilshire Blvd), Sonny McLean's Irish Pub (2615 Wilshire Blvd) plus Jameson's Pub (2702 Main St). Both Sonny McLean's and O'Briens had live music, dancing, traditional Irish food and drinks together with gazebos for the outdoor dining and patio areas.

PIER

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Park Vice President Jeff Klocke. "The Pier is a treasured part of Santa Monica, and a place where both tourists and Angelenos come for fun and relaxation. SC's investment and resources will help us expand what makes Pacific Park great today and write its next exciting chapter."

SC Holdings have been active investors in the entertainment and live experience sectors since 2019, including the SpringHill Company, the merger of Major League Pickleball and the Professional Pickleball Association, plus celebrated chef James Kent's Saga Hospitality Group.

"We're honored to support the Park's growth through investments into its programs and operations," said SC Partner Adrian Williams in a statement. "The Pier and Park are such iconic parts of Southern California's coastline, and we want to make sure they stay a welcoming place where visitors and locals can come have fun and relax."

Santa Monica City Manager, David White, said in a statement, "SC Holdings' purchase and planned improvements for Pacific Park reinforce the confidence we are seeing in Santa Monica's future. We're seeing more than a billion dollars in investment in local hotels, increased residential and retail projects and new shopping, dining and entertainment coming online throughout our city.

"Santa Monica continues to be a destination for travelers and locals alike and remains a thriving place to do business. I look forward to continued progress ahead for our city and the beloved, iconic Santa Monica Pier."

"Pacific Park is part of an ever-changing, ever-evolving industry," Jim Harris, Executive Director of Santa Monica Pier told the Daily Press, adding, "[Pacific Park] is a huge part of the attraction of the Pier and a great partner at the Pier Corporation. We're happy that this announcement means there will be continued investment and development in this world famous historic landmark to ensure it remains relevant and appealing to both residents and visitors."

According to the statement, both SC and Pacific Park will make additional announcements about growth and developments on the Pier, including new food and entertainment amenities in the coming months.

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SMMUSD

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actually have out there, and where folks are landing on those particular areas of statutory benefits."

The district's restricted general fund had a more significant balance increase from October to January, as revenues were up by $1.98 million while expenditures rose by $667,440, making for a balance jump of $1.31 million. The majority of the revenue expansion came from a $1.5 million boost in projected revenue from local Parent-Teacher Association, Booster Club and gift funding. The Jan. 31 date of the interim budget coincided with the conclusion of a fundraising campaign by the Santa Monica Education Foundation, with 32% of SMMUSD families contributing to the foundation by that date.

In a March 6 message to families, SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton called for further donations to the Education Foundation, saying that $600,000 will need to be raised by June 30 in order to avoid cuts to district programs. The foundation's annual Wine Auction in April will bring in about $300,000, leaving the other $300,000 needed from other sources.

"I can't stress enough that any amount is appreciated," Shelton wrote to families. "$300,000 might feel too overwhelming an amount, but remember - if everyone can give something, we will get there. It all adds up … I'm confident that if we all choose to support the Ed Foundation with a gift that works for you, we will reach our goals, and nothing will have to be cut."

Cruz gave an update on ending fund balances in the 2nd Interim period, stating that the district's current two-month reserve for general fund expenditures is at $17.17 million, still under the recommended statewide average reserve for other Basic Aid Districts, that being $26.8 million.

The update also included a district multi-year projection that includes state revenue cost of living increases, local revenues, employee health and welfare increases, as well as factoring in student enrollment. As of October 4, 2023, student enrollment in the district was 8,634, a decrease of 201 students since the prior year. Canady stated that she was unsure of the future of some of these factors, including the enrollment.

"Nobody knows where that wheel is going to stop … I think we're fortunate to be a Basic Aid district at this moment, because we're not feeling those types of fluctuations that your State Aid districts are feeling, this doesn't affect us as strongly … this might be the only time I say we're fortunate to be basic aid," Canady said.

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ARREST

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years old, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans, fled the location northbound on Main Street and out of sight.

Santa Monica Police Chief Ramon Batista issued a video statement and said, "An incident like this one is an affront to public safety and will not be tolerated; even more so that a child was involved. Any crime committed in Santa Monica is a crime too many."

"Our goal is to be proactive and present, providing safety and security to our residents and visitors. In addition, we are deploying our homeless liaison team of police officers and a mental health clinician to provide much needed resources to those experiencing homelessness," Batista said, adding, "Anyone with information about this incident can contact us at (310) 458-8427. Thank you for your assistance."

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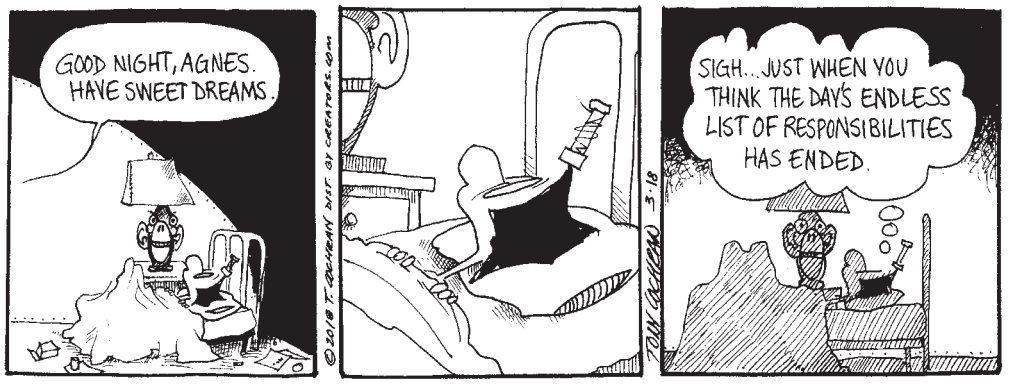
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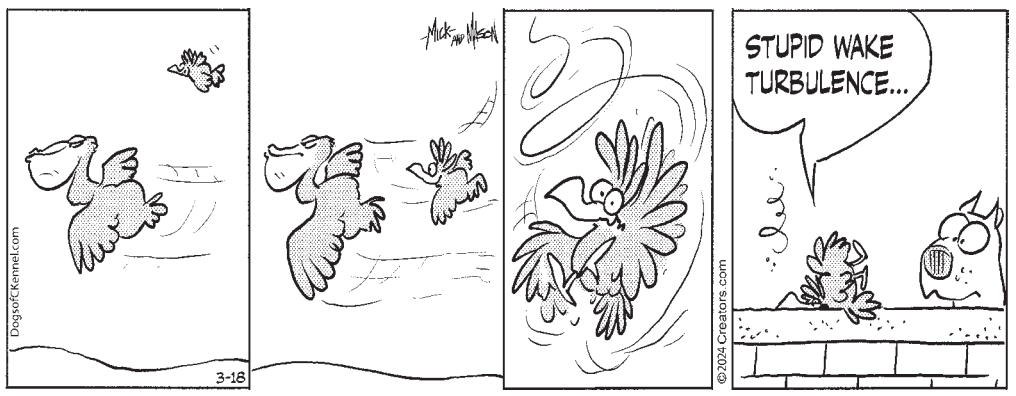
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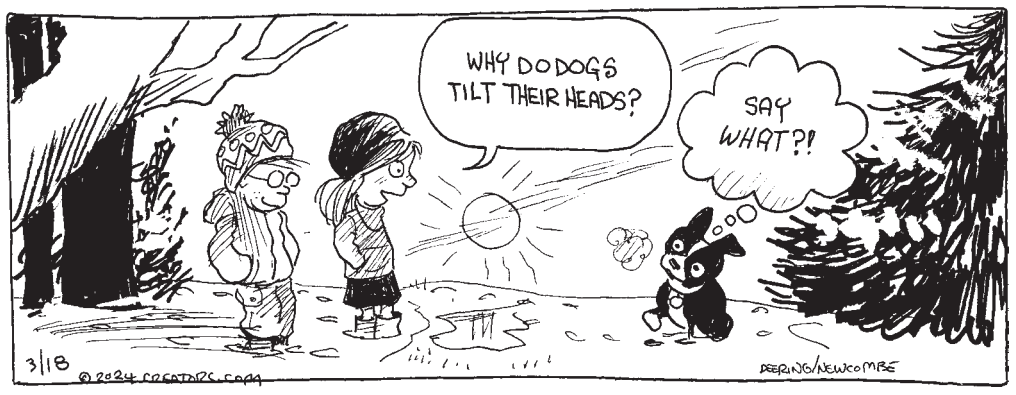
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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This solar return brings a soul-stirring journey, featuring relationships that challenge you to be more adventurous than ever. With a heart fortified by deep affection, you'll cross new frontiers professionally, emotionally and geographically. More highlights: a big check, a small but persistent bad habit lost for good, and a major completion. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 22 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Negating the truth of a situation only makes it harder to tolerate it. You're instead willing to poke around a bit and discover the nature of things. It will bring about a realization, then a change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Strike up conversations with neighbors or fellow commuters during daily routines. You'll stumble upon an unusual connection or find intersections of interest you wouldn't have guessed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some battles are just about being a human willing to live imperfectly in a world of challenges. Roll with the emotions. Let the wave of feeling do the work, showing you the highs and lows while carrying you safely back to shore.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Out of habit, you may feel like you want to keep investing time, effort and emotional energy into something that's actually complete. You have achieved success. All is resolved. The thing to do now is to believe it and move on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Learn all you can about the issue at hand without worrying about how you're going to solve it. It might not be yours to solve. You'll come to a threshold of knowledge and know just what to do — or not do — as the case may be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The attributes you want to embody exist in you already, though maybe not to the extent you would prefer. Your attractions will lead you down a path to growing and radiating these qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Dogmas are tinted glasses, coloring a worldview. Let go of a few ideas to see a more accurate picture. Everyone needs to be heard, but for how long? Too many opinions and beliefs can bog down interactions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone who has constructive opinions is rooting for you. That doesn't mean you should apply what they say. Trust your own vision. Well-intentioned people may not understand the breadth of your vision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many perks that spring from heightened sensitivity. You will be more creative, observant and productive. However, you may also be a bit on edge. It takes more energy to feel so acutely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Empty your mind onto paper. At first, it will seem overwhelming, but the first step to handling mental clutter is knowing exactly what it is you're dealing with. You'll take care of business and feel lighter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let your altruistic nature shine. In giving back to your community, you'll find the key to unlock a vault of solutions for what's been troubling you. Furthermore, profound bonds will be forged in the problem-solving.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your emotional intelligence is evident in the way you handle relationships. You are incredibly skilled at building trust and mutual respect. Your integrity and authenticity shine through in every interaction.

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

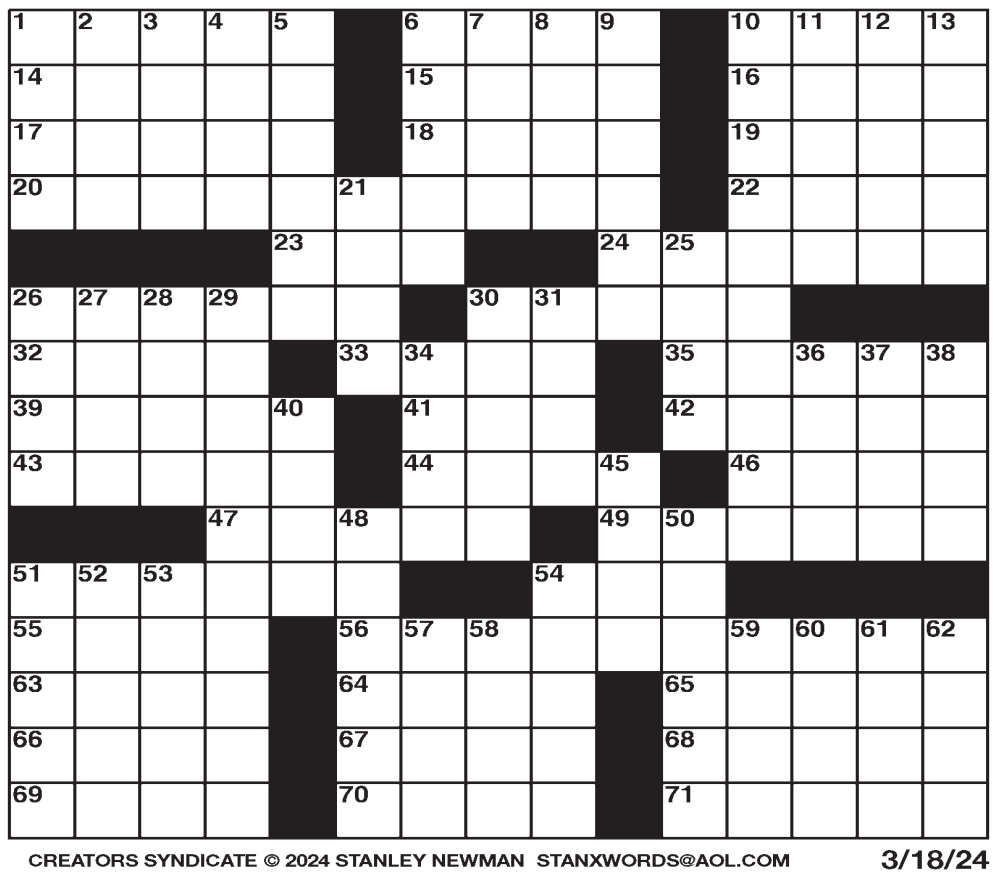
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ACROSS

1 Book of maps
6 Paper holders for coffee
10 The two of them
14 Selected
15 Keep __ (persevere)
16 Pastureland measure
17 Thick slabs
18 Outer space agency
19 12-month period
20 *Green* __ (Dr. Seuss "breakfast" book)
22 Settled a bill
23 Memorial Day month
24 Aloes and daisies
26 Peeled (off), as paint
30 Fundamental
32 Untruthful person
33 Aid in a crime
35 Be overly frugal
39 Tuna __ (sandwich order)
41 Shade tree
42 Male chorus singer
43 Energetic
44 Otherwise
46 Roam around
47 Campout shelters
49 Florida's Walt __ World
51 Take a stand against
54 "That guy!"
55 Big family
56 Green __ (broccoli and cucumbers)
63 Child's plea for permission
64 Acme
65 Green tropical fruit
66 __ of measure (mile or pound)
67 Have a fine meal
68 __ a tie (require overtime)
69 Marathon or sprint
70 Highest poker cards
71 Hairdresser's creation

DOWN

1 Have sore muscles
2 Hoodlum
3 Foot-__ hot dog
4 Requests
5 Burger bun's seed source
6 Gum drop or lollipop
7 Great Salt Lake's state
8 Leaning Tower city
9 Post office purchases
10 Green __ (Wisconsin NFL team)
11 Pacific or Atlantic
12 Personal characteristic
13 Groups of cattle
21 Nothing, in Mexico
25 Grocery shopper's sheet
26 Unsuccessful film
27 Toe the __ (be obedient)
28 Group for people 50+
29 Green __ (Superman's mineral weakness)
30 They ring in church towers
31 Bank's cash dispensers: Abbr.
34 Borscht ingredient
36 Get __ the ground floor
37 Change one's residence
38 Bird of __ (eagle or vulture)
40 Centers of hurricanes
45 Prepare for publication
48 Las Vegas' state
50 Mirror reflections
51 Happen
52 Primary strategy
53 Sudden fright
54 Witch's spells
57 Grand-scale movie
58 Bit of heredity
59 Lightly hit baseball
60 Well-mannered woman
61 Wicked
62 Mentally rational



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ENVIRONMENT

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meet the mandate. The state couldn't spew more than about 258 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions in 2030, compared to 2021's 381 million, according to the report.

Liane Randolph, chair of the California Air Resources Board, told the state Legislature's joint committee on climate change policies on Monday that there is little room for error in the years ahead.

"The challenge is that we need all of our programs to be effective and reduce emissions as laid out in the scoping plan," Randolph said. "We need each program to perform as well as or better than identified in the scoping plan in order to achieve our goals."

Power plants and cement are major emitters

California already has made substantial progress cleaning up cars and trucks. It has the world's strictest emissions controls on vehicles, including a regulation that phases out new sales of gasoline-powered cars by 2035. Last year, electric vehicle sales were up 29%, though they slowed at year's end.

But electricity generation was responsible for some of the biggest increases in emissions between 2020 and 2021, a 6.7% increase for imported electric power and 3.9% for in-state power, the report found.

That's because California's drought resulted in less hydroelectric power and more reliance on natural gas to avoid power shortages, according to Leonard. In 2020, the state faced its first non-wildfire rolling blackouts in nearly two decades after record-breaking heat. Last year, the state extended operations at three natural gas plants along the Southern California coast to shore up California's straining power grid.

Natural gas plants are the largest source of greenhouse gases among California's in-state producers of electricity. California has a law mandating zero-carbon, all-renewable electricity by 2045 but it has a long way to go: About 42% of power generated in the state came from natural gas in 2022.

The report also highlighted cement facilities, saying California has some of the planet's most polluting cement plants. As more housing is built and more cement is produced, the authors recommended "urgent action" to cut those emissions.

California's seven cement plants emit about 7.5 million metric tons of greenhouse gases per year, according to the air board, which has a working group aimed at decarbonizing the industry. Some factories are turning to low-carbon fuels, including the burning of tires.

Carbon capture and storage technology also may be used at cement plants because they are so difficult to decarbonize. These facilities capture emissions from industrial plants, then inject them underground.

"California's cement plants are an example of the challenge. Our cement is more carbon-intensive because we have older plants," said Clegern of the air board.

Wildfires were another large emitter of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases in 2021.

On an optimistic note, the report acknowledged that California has some of the lowest per-capita emissions in the U.S., and is the third-most carbon-efficient state, following New York and Massachusetts. However, many of the easiest and least costly steps have already been implemented. So finding room for future reductions will be more challenging in coming years.

"The state has shown that it is possible to grow the economy, while lowering emissions," the California Green Innovation Index says. "It will take more action, time and resources to further decarbonize the economy, but the last couple decades offer hope."

The new analysis is the most recent example of an outside entity warning that California's climate goals face major hurdles. The state's Legislative Analyst's Office said last year that California lacked a "clear strategy" for meeting its 2030 targets.

Also, last month, the state's advisory committee for its controversial cap and trade market noted that the state was not on track to meet 2030 targets. Cap and trade is the state's market that allows companies to buy and trade credits for reducing greenhouse gases.

"Too often the fact of California's historical accomplishments is cited as evidence that state policy is on track, when often the pace of change going forward falls well short of what is required to meet the state's next climate targets," Danny Cullenward, an economist and vice chair of the Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee told CalMatters.

"Unfortunately," he said, "the state is not on track for its 2030 climate target."

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City of Santa Monica

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CITY OF SANTA MONICA IS NOW ONLY ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC BID SUBMITTALS

Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals for **Bid No. SP2711** shall be received to **furnish and deliver General Lighting and Electrical Supplies,** per terms, conditions and specifications. Bids will be electronically opened at **3:00 pm (Pacific Time) on Friday, April 12, 2024** viewable on the City's e-Procurement Portal, OpenGov Procurement at https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

Vendor Queries Due: Questions must be submitted online in the "Q&A" tab. The City will only accept or respond to questions submitted through the online vendor portal. Questions regarding this bid are due Friday, March 29, 2024 no later than 3:00 pm Pacific Time.

Bid Package: *Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the City's e-Procurement Portal.*

Electronic Submissions: *Submissions will only be accepted through the City's e-Procurement Portal, OpenGov Procurement at https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. They must be received by the specified date and bid opening time.*



MONDAY | MARCH 18

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION

City art and culture programs are guided by the 9-member Santa Monica Arts Commission, which was formally established in 1982 to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of art programs in the City. Appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, Arts Commissioners advise the Council on matters of policy, and strive to encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art activity here. Meeting begins in the Santa Monica Public Library Community Meeting Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., at 6:30 p.m.

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.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." Meeting begins in City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St., at 7 p.m.

VIRGINIA AVE PARK ADVISORY BOARD

The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department. Meeting begins at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., at 7 p.m.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. The Commission closely monitors the Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan and advises the Council on plan implementation. The Commission on Sustainability, Environment Justice, and the environment is an expert panel made up of seven (7) members selected by the City Council with 4 year terms. Meeting begins at Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr., at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY | MARCH 19

SOCAL WELLNESS SUMMIT

The 10th Annual SoCal Wellness Summit will be hosted at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., beginning at 9:30 a.m. Each year explores hot topics in women's wellness and family health in a retreat-like atmosphere with experiences and unique activations. This year, hot topics include clean beauty, mental health, innovation in health tech and wellness, nutrition, family health, biohacking, pro-aging, fitness and more. Tickets are all access and include all sessions, workouts, services, light brunch and gifting stations. Come early for limited edition giveaways. Individual tickets $55. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-socal-wellness-summit-presented-by-socalmoms-registration-805289611907.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 20

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Enjoy Santa Monica's downtown farmers market from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. 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, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

Santa Monica residents can meet one-on-one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles to help with housing issues. Runs from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park's Park Center, 2200 Virginia Ave. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

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. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

L.A. TECH HAPPY HOUR

Startup Coil will be hosting a special L.A. Tech Happy Hour event at FoundrHaus, 1421 Abbot Kinney Boulevard, enjoying the sunset from the rooftop overlooking Abbot Kinney beginning at 6 p.m. Mingle by the bar on the patio. Refreshments are included with your entry ticket. Early Bird Tickets until day of $20. General admission tickets $30. To reserve a spot, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-tech-happy-hour-venice-beach-registration-842821871907.

2024 PERSIAN NEW YEAR PARTY

Join Iranian American Lawyers Association for the 2024 Persian New Year Party at 1212 Santa Monica, 1212 3rd Street Promenade, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Get ready for a night filled with delicious food, lively music and great company. Don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in Persian culture and traditions. Come dressed in your best attire. Tickets $75. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iala-2024-persian-new-year-party-tickets-857470345887.

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