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Victim of 2023 racially-motivated attack says diversion is not justice for the severe beating that crippled him

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

On March 3, 2023, the life of Christian Hornburg changed forever. He was the last of three victims that were attacked in broad daylight by one individual in less than an hour. However, unlike the previous two victims who escaped mostly unharmed, the suspect had somehow now found and acquired a metal pipe and the result was that Hornburg was beaten to within an inch of his life.

Hornburg (64), who is homeless, was just emerging from his tent that had been set up next to the 5th Street Expo station when the suspect, Job Uriah Taylor (27), attacked him from behind, while yelling racial slurs.

The next time Hornburg was conscious, he was in hospital. Speaking exclusively to the Daily Press, Hornburg shares his thoughts and feelings about the incident and life afterwards.

"I didn't even see him. I didn't know what happened," he says.

"I was coming out of a tent near the train station. It had rained and my kit was getting wet, so I dried it out. Once everything was dry, I put it away, stepped outside and boom – that's it. Didn't see the guy. He just walked up behind me, hit me in the head, started kicking me. That was

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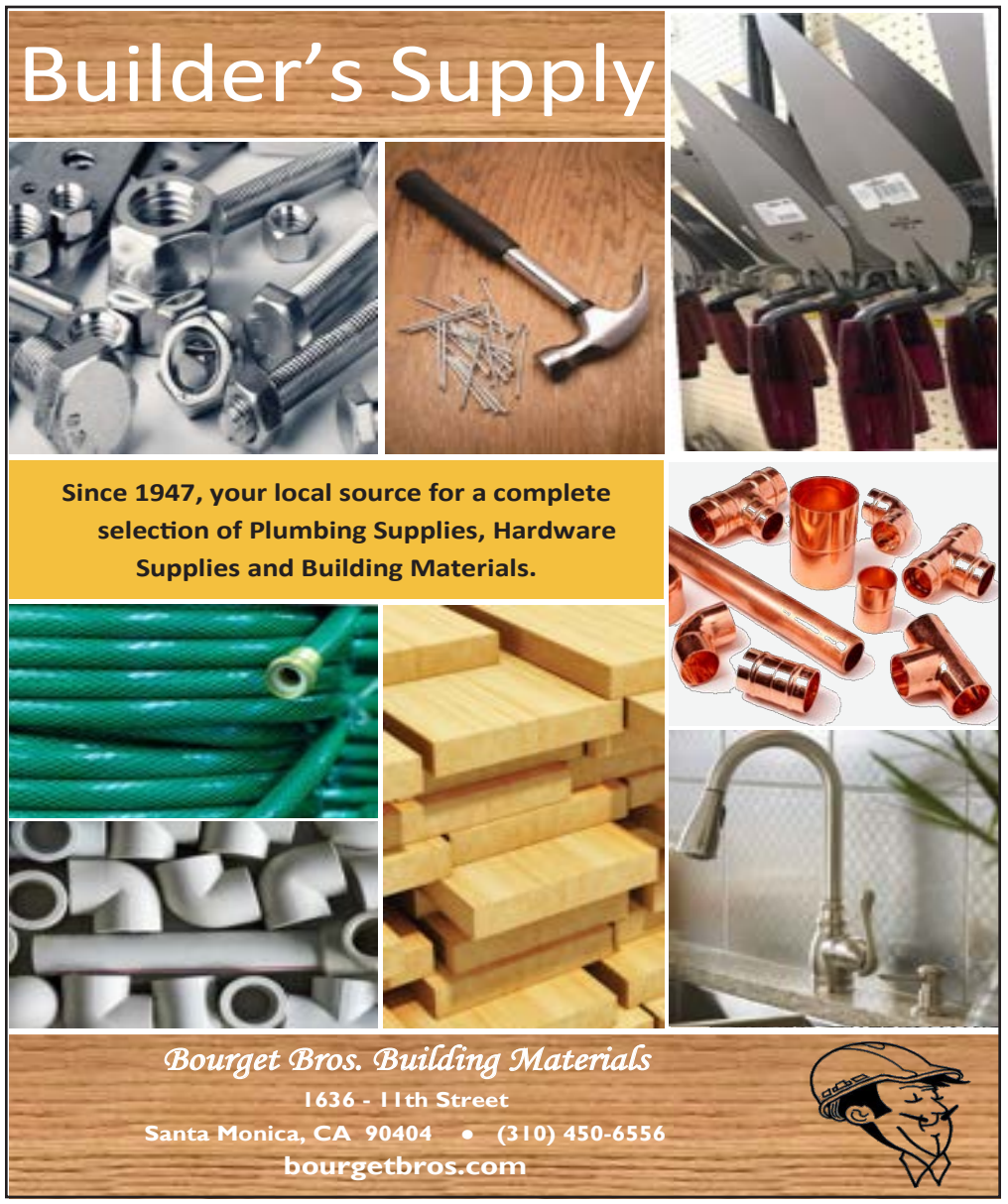
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CONFINED: The life of 64-year-old Christian Hornburg has been forever changed following the brutal, race-motivated attack in 2023.



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Participation requirement for 'elite' athletes to skip PE dropped to 7.5 hours a week

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Student athletes who want to skip physical education classes during the school day will have an easier time than first thought qualifying for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's altered Independent Study Physical Education (ISPE) program after staff dropped the proposed entry requirements from 10 hours a week to 7.5.

As it stands today, students only have to show 3.3 hours of activity per week to qualify, something officials said was out of step with the State of California, neighboring school districts and even Samohi's own sports teams.

"We understand that the increase to 10 may feel like a big shift to some," said SMMUSD's Director of Curriculum And Instruction, Dr. Ashley Benjamin, who presented the changes. "After considering community input, we are adjusting the high school hours to 7.5 hours, which is the average amount of time of all of our sports team practices."

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> - Dr. Ashley Benjamin, SMMUSD's Director of Curriculum And Instruction

District officials said the changes were prompted by compliance concerns identified during a California Department of Education federal progress monitoring review.

"While they did not audit ISPE specifically, the PE auditor did inform us that our ISPE model would be a finding as our program was out of compliance," Benjamin said.

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton warned that further adjustments might be necessary following future state audits as 7.5 hours is still lower than most other programs.

"We may have to go up to 10 in the future," Shelton said. "We are an outlier when we made this adjustment to 7.5 hours. That is very different from what everything and everyone around us is doing."

According to district officials, neighboring school districts typically require either 10 or 15 hours for both their middle and high school ISPE programs and students who participate in high level sports are more than likely exceeding 10 hours a week.

The program is designed for students engaged in elite physical activities or high-level athletic competition not offered at their schools who need extra time in their day to facilitate the kind of intensive training their sports require. Middle school students will have to show 5 hours per week to qualify. Currently, 210 students participate district-wide.

Benjamin explained that the program is intended for "students who participate in advanced levels of competition through demanding regular out-of-school elite physical activity" or those "engaged in a preparation program for regional, state, national or Olympic level athletic competition."

District officials said the distinction between recreational and competitive programs is crucial in determining eligibility.

"ISP is for the student who is competing and training like their peer counterpart who is on a competitive team on campus," Benjamin said. "A novice trying out a program is not equivalent to a high school competitive athlete, where athletes are training up to 13 hours per week plus games."

However, the program has been used by some families to allow students to secure an additional elective.

"The purpose of ISPE is not to provide an additional elective," Benjamin said. "It is intended for the highly competitive athlete who spends extensive hours participating in their physical education."

The entire board said it would support staff's recommendations, but with varying opinions on the program's purpose.

Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein opposed reducing the requirement from the initially proposed 10 hours.

"I'm opposed to reducing it to 7.5 hours. The 10 hours seemed super appropriate to me," Richard said. "If you're in an elite or competitive sport or physical activity, performing arts, those students are doing 10 hours, if not more, per week."

Board member John Kean was on the other end of the spectrum and questioned the premise of having strict requirements.

"I don't like us determining and saying you're highly competitive, you're expert, you're this or that. I don't like arbitrary hurdles for kids," Kean said. "I've seen so many children blossom as 11th graders or 12th graders who stuck with the program for many years and became D1 athletes. We don't know what a child will become when they're athletic."

Kean suggested that the district's approach might be too rigid and could discourage students from pursuing athletic opportunities.

"I would err on the side of giving the child the opportunity," he said. "I don't want to ever tell a child that you're not competitive, you're not elite, you're not this or that, even if they aren't — let them try."

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Council advances tenant protections and homelessness strategic plan initiatives

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During a recent meeting, City Council approved several key measures, including the adoption of the city's strategic plan, the Renters Protection Program, and a reorganization of the Human Services Division. Council also established new job classifications and salary rates while approving a budget amendment to reflect financial impacts outlined in the staff report.

Councilmember Ellis Raskin raised concerns about the impact of construction on tenants, citing instances where renovations have rendered units uninhabitable for prolonged periods. In response, the council directed the City Manager and City Attorney to return within 60 days with proposed updates to the city's tenant protections during construction and tenant relocation assistance codes.

The proposed changes aim to strengthen safeguards against forced displacement and ensure tenants receive adequate notice of construction activities that may affect their living conditions. The council also requested a review of per diem rates for temporarily relocated tenants, assessing whether adjustments should be made to better support larger households and those with special needs.

The City Manager and Attorney will evaluate potential modifications, including a possible cost-of-living adjustment and present recommendations at a future meeting.

Council voted unanimously 6-0 as Mayor Lana Negrete was in Washington DC and unable to attend. Councilmember Natalya Zernitskaya was attending remotely. In addition, members of council voted to extend the proclamation declaring a local emergency on homelessness. The current one expires on May 31, 2025 and this will extend it to December 31, 2026. City Council first declared a local emergency on homelessness on February 14, 2023, aiming to access additional resources and streamline efforts to address the crisis.

Also, as a result of this meeting, in April of this year, the City Attorney's Office will introduce SaMo Bridge, a diversion program offering rehabilitation services as an alternative to incarceration. Funded by an $8 million Proposition 47 grant and operated by Exodus Recovery, Inc, the initiative will provide low-level offenders with support and resources rather than entering the criminal justice system.

On December 17, 2024, the City Council authorized agreements with four vendors to implement SaMo Bridge and passed an emergency zoning ordinance to facilitate its operation. Following community engagement, officials selected a parking lot at Pico Blvd and Main Street as the program's location instead of the previously proposed Civic Center site. The grant will fund the program for three years, with future funding yet to be secured.

Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis highlighted the need for continued cooperation from every contributing office, "We have to make sure that the COG (Councils of Governments) and the county and Metro and Caltrans and everyone is at the table and maintaining their spaces and sharing resources and delivering services," she said.

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"The burden cannot fully fall on Santa Monica and ... we need a long term vision for SaMo Shell. I know that that hasn't gone to the top of the list every time we've talked, because we're in such a dire budget situation right now, but this SaMo Shell. has completely passed its useful life and if we're thinking about like long term safety, stability and asset management, we have to do something about SaMo Shell," Torosis said, adding, "We need a permanent facility, and that's why I really hope that we'll lean in with our partners at the county and the COG to make sure that we get funding for additional beds and services."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **54.5**

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Rideable/fun SW swell the 21st-23rd, best west of Dume as a little NW swell blends in. Rideable to occasionally fun surf at the better exposed North LA breaks through the end of the week/weekend. And there's enough NW swell mix to keep the beachbreaks west of Dume in semi peaky surf. Variable to light+ offshore winds and clean conditions early. Wind gradually trends onshore mid day and a WSW breeze settles in through the afternoon for some texture/bump.

SATURDAY
FAIR
SURF: Thigh to waist 2-3FT

SSW swell tops out to start the weekend, there's even some NW in the mix. Increasing confidence the weekend will have locally fun SPAC swell across North LA. Also likely there'll be enough NW swell energy for peaky surf at the beachbreaks west of Dume too. Wind is on watch with potential for SE flow in the morning. The current pattern looks pretty manageable across the region but it won't take much more wind than is currently forecast to impact conditions.

Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast after midnight.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/03/21	Fri	01:07 AM	4.33	H
2025/03/21	Fri	10:33 AM	0.82	L
2025/03/22	Sat	02:34 AM	4.14	H
2025/03/22	Sat	11:58 AM	0.45	L
2025/03/23	Sun	04:36 AM	4.25	H
2025/03/23	Sun	12:47 PM	0.01	L
2025/03/23	Sun	8:14 PM	3.30	H
2025/03/23	Sun	11:59 PM	2.81	L
2025/03/24	Mon	05:53 AM	4.62	H
2025/03/24	Mon	1:24 PM	-0.38	L
2025/03/24	Mon	8:13 PM	3.61	H
2025/03/25	Tue	12:53 AM	2.24	L
2025/03/25	Tue	06:50 AM	5.04	H
2025/03/25	Tue	1:57 PM	-0.66	L

Daily Lottery

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Draw Date: 3/19
8 11 21 49 59
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 444 M

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Draw Date: 3/18
27 28 31 32 33
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 324 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 3/19
15 22 24 35 38
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/19
17 29 30 35 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/20
MIDDAY: 0 3 4
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Draw Date: 3/19
1st: 07 - Eureka
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3rd: 05 - California Classic
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Ordinance Number 2804 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.08.095, PROHIBITION AGAINST CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES, TO OMIT CERTAIN COMFORT ITEMS FROM THE DEFINITION OF CAMP FACILITY

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2804 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2804 (CCS) ("the Ordinance")

The Ordinance amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.08.095, Prohibition Against Camping in Public Places, to omit certain comfort items, specifically sleeping bags and bedrolls, from the definition of "camp facility" as set for in 4.08.095(b)(2).

Ordinance Number 2804 (CCS) was adopted on March 11, 2025, and will become effective 30 days from its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.





GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What the closure of an iconic Los Angeles cafe says about the state of California civic life



Photo by Juliana Yamada, Los Angeles Times via Getty Images

CLOSED: People look inside The Original Pantry Cafe the day after its closure in Los Angeles on March 3, 2025. The historic diner closed after 101 years of service due to labor disagreements between unionizing workers and the owner, the Richard J. Riordan family trust.

The Pantry in Los Angeles closed down earlier this month. After decades of being open 24 hours a day, serving tens of thousands — maybe even hundreds of thousands — of diners and acting as a centralizing place of Los Angeles political and cultural life, the restaurant now is sealed off with "closed" signs and has already become a magnet for vandalism.

Lots of restaurants come and go in any major city, and The Pantry's demise is apparently the result of a complicated dispute about the responsibilities of the trust that controls it. Those things happen.

But The Pantry was not just any restaurant, and its passing touched a chord with people in a way that most eateries do not. Its disappearance speaks to larger changes in California and the nation, and it's not necessarily for the better.

Many cities have something that approximates what The Pantry was for Los Angeles: a gathering place where politicians and activists and lobbyists and journalists can come together and appreciate each other above or outside their work. Paris has its cafes, Washington has the Sans Souci, Sacramento has Frank Fat's. Show up at lunchtime or dinner hour and you can count on bumping into the people who comprise a civic culture.

The Pantry became that place for Los Angeles in the 1990s, when Richard Riordan was elected mayor. Riordan also owned The Pantry.

And so The Pantry was, initially, a place to catch up with Riordan as well as a way to understand him better. Riordan paid the staff well and treasured the loyalty that he received and reciprocated.

When the city council debated a living wage ordinance, Riordan opposed it, feeling that it was too restrictive and might eliminate entry-level jobs. Supporters of the measure accused him of being miserly, but they misunderstood Riordan's view of the issue. He believed in a living wage — the proof was The Pantry — he just did not believe in government mandating it.

There was no better way to gain insight into Riordan's politics or priorities than to have lunch with him at The Pantry. It also, incidentally, offered glimpses of his eccentricity: If he told me once, he told me a thousand times that it was smart to order bacon well-done because cooking it longer melted off the fat and thus would ward off heart disease.

Thank goodness he was a mayor and

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Tesla gets permit to ferry passengers in California, a stepping stone toward autonomous taxis



Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

RIDES: Tesla dealership in Sacramento, Calif. on Friday, July 29, 2022.

Tesla Inc. received permission from state regulators this week to begin a charter service that will use Tesla-employed drivers to ferry its employees in company-owned vehicles for prearranged rides, a step toward its plans for driverless Tesla taxis.

The California Public Utilities Commission, one of the state regulators that oversees hired vehicles, granted Tesla approval for what is known as a "transportation charter-party carrier" permit on Tuesday, acting on a November 2024 application from the company.

The permit does not allow Tesla to operate a rideshare service like Uber or Lyft, nor does it give Tesla permission to run driverless taxis. And Tesla hasn't applied for permitting for either of those functions.

"The only reasonable explanation I can come up with for why they've got this (permit) is to allow them to test some of the operational backend services required to run a mobility service," said Sam Abuelsamid, vice president of market research at communications firm Telemetry and an auto industry analyst.

To eventually provide rideshare services – with or without a driver – Tesla would need software that allows riders to request a ride, send out a vehicle to meet them, and take that rider to their destination. This charter service permit, Abuelsamid said, may be a way for the company to test out this kind of software.

Tesla did not respond to emailed questions.

Tesla's application, which the CPUC did not provide to CalMatters as of publication time, referred to transporting its employees as its "initial" use for the permit. It is not clear where in California the company would run the charter service. The company did not respond to a question regarding the operating location or what it expects to use the permit for after initial use.

Deploying driverless taxis to the public is a long regulatory road. The company would require permits from both the utility commission and the California Department of Motor Vehicles, which oversees safety for such rides. Among the required steps are testing unpaid rides with a safety driver, paid rides with a safety driver and paid rides with no driver at all.

Waymo currently offers driverless rides to the public in a limited number of areas around the state.

Elon Musk, Tesla's chief executive officer, said in a late January call with investors that the company would launch driverless vehicles in Austin in June.

"This is not some far-off, mythical situation," he said about the Texas launch. "It's literally five, six months away."

By Malena Carollo. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

BERNARDS

NOTICE OF BID REQUEST

Bernards is requesting subcontractor bids for the following Project:

John Adams Middle School STEM Building Site Ready and Gym Locker Room Modernization
Owner: Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District

This is a phased Lease-leaseback project with Phase 1 consisting of the demolition and decommissioning of the existing building L and associate infrastructure, including hazardous material abatement, re-routing of UG electrical lines and rough grading of site. There is also the modernization of the gymnasium locker rooms consisting of demolition of the existing showers and installation of new shower stalls and associated plumbing. Lastly, four existing water heaters, valves and pumps will be replaced with new water heaters and associated equipment and concrete work.

Bids must be submitted on or before 2:00 PM on April 24, 2025

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for 7:00 AM on Friday, April 4th at John Adams Middle School, 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Project documents will be available on or around March 21, 2025.

Requests for information are due on April 14, 2025 to jcruz@bernards.com

Pre-Qualification: In accordance with California Education Code 17250 and Public Contract Code 20111.6 all mechanical, electrical, plumbing ("MEP") and sheet metal subcontractors (contractors that hold a C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 license), must have submitted prequalification applications (link below) at least ten (10) business days prior to bid date and must be approved at least five (5) business days PRIOR to bid date. Be sure to check approval and expiration dates.

https://www.qualitybidders.com/pages/contractor

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Subcontractors must comply with general prevailing wage rates (PCC 1720 et seq.). Under new California law, all subcontractors and sub-tier subcontractors wishing to conduct business with any public entity must be registered and maintain good standing with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) prior to submitting a bid and during performance of the work (Labor Code 1725.5). Only registered contractors and subcontractors can be awarded public works projects. Please visit www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html for more information and to register.

Subcontractors must also meet the minimum requirements for Skilled and Trained Workforce (PCC 2600 – 2603 et seq.). Also refer to California Education Code, Sections 81703(c)(2)(F) and 17407.5; Labor Code 1777.5; and CCR Title 8, Section 230.1. Please visit https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Apprentices.html for more information.

Textura Construction Payment Management System: Subcontractors will be required to electronically sign and submit their pay applications – including invoices, sworn statements, conditional lien waivers, and unconditional lien waivers. Bernards pays for the majority of the cost for the Textura system. However, there is a small fee paid directly by each Subcontractor or Major Supplier to Textura which must be included in any bid to Bernards. For additional information and associated fees, please visit www.texturacorp.com.

The bidders will be selected using the "Best Value" competitive procurement process under California Education Code section 17400 et seq. "Best value" is a competitive procurement process whereby the selected bidder is selected on the basis of objective criteria for evaluating the qualifications of bidders with the resulting selection representing the best combination of price and qualifications.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor in the classification as required for the work to be performed at the time of bid submission and must maintain the licenses throughout the duration of the project.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact us at:

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(818) 898-4909 Fax
Contacts: Jose Cruz, jcruz@bernards.com

*Please do not contact Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District regarding this project.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR BIG BLUE BUS PROPOSED FARE CHANGES

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by Big Blue Bus on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Virtual)
Those attending must register at: bigbluebus.com/meetings

Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Main Library
Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 90401

A short presentation will be conducted at the beginning of each hearing, from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and a public comment period will be held for the remainder of each hearing, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Under the proposed fare structure, Big Blue Bus would implement the following changes:

- Increasing the cost of Single Ride, 1-Day, 7-Day, 10 Rides, and 30-Day Passes
- Elimination of the Annual Pass and Youth 30-Day Pass.

See details of this proposal at bigbluebus.com/meetings.

Big Blue Bus will review all public comments submitted during the comment period until Thursday, April 10, 2025. Based on feedback received, Big Blue Bus may adjust the draft proposals as necessary, before submitting a Staff Report for City Council consideration. If approved by City Council, fare changes would be implemented in two phases, with the first phase occurring on August 10, 2025, and the second phase occurring in 2027.

Interested parties may comment in person at the hearing, or may submit written comments prior to the hearing. Written comments may be submitted by mail to Big Blue Bus, 1660 7th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Robert McCall, Community Engagement Manager. Feedback may also be shared through an online survey at bigbluebus.com/meetings.

The Santa Monica Main Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability and interpretation accommodation requests, please contact 310-458-1975 ext. 2386 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. All written materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Big Blue Bus Routes 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 18 serve the Main Library. Visit bigbluebus.com for trip planning and schedule information.

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SMMUSD Appoints New Human Resources Director

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education has appointed Melissa Winters as its new human resources director.

Winters brings over 20 years of education experience, most recently serving as staff relations field director for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Region West Office. Her previous roles include special education administrator, principal, assistant principal and special education teacher.

In her LAUSD position, Winters managed employee-related issues, implemented collective bargaining agreements and utilized district data to meet strategic goals.

Winters holds a bachelor's degree in child development and a master's in special education from Cal State Los Angeles, along with an administrative credential from Cal State Dominguez Hills. She is bilingual in Spanish.

She replaces Dr. Douglas Meza, who was promoted following the retirement of Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mark Kelly in December.

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Malibu

CNN Climate Correspondent to Speak at Malibu Library Series

Award-winning journalist and CNN Chief Climate Correspondent Bill Weir will headline the first event of the 2025 Malibu Library Speaker Series on Thursday, April 3, at 5:00 PM at Pepperdine University's Elkins Auditorium.

The free event, presented by the City of Malibu and LA County Library in partnership with Pepperdine University, will explore storytelling's role in addressing the climate crisis as part of Pepperdine's Climate Calling 2025 and Malibu's Earth Month programming.

Weir, who has reported from all 50 states and more than 50 countries, is known for highlighting environmental issues and community resilience. His work earned him a News & Documentary Emmy Award for "CNN Special Report: Eating Planet Earth: The Future of Your Food." His book, "Life As We Know It (Can Be)," was released in 2024.

RSVPs are not required. The Malibu Library Speaker Series has featured notable authors, experts, and public figures since 2013.

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Los Angeles

LA Homeless Count Shows Second Consecutive Decrease

Preliminary data from the 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count indicates unsheltered homelessness within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care is expected to decrease by 5-10% when full results are released later this year, marking the second consecutive annual decrease.

Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, CEO of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), credited the improvement to alignment between the City and County of Los Angeles, which declared states of emergency on homelessness.

Raw data shows approximately 3,600 fewer counts of people and dwellings compared to 2024. This continues a positive trend that began in 2024, when homelessness decreased in LA City and County for the first time since 2017.

LAHSA attributes the progress to several initiatives, including encampment resolution efforts, a strike team addressing system bottlenecks, batch matching for housing placement, and master leasing of apartment buildings.

These improvements come as decision-makers consider reallocating LAHSA's funding to other departments. Final 2025 Homeless Count results will be released in late spring or early summer.

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Montana Ave.

Much Love Animal Rescue Holding Adoption Event

Much Love Animal Rescue will host a dog adoption event Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 15th Street and Montana Avenue as part of the Montana Ave Wellness Walk.

Available dogs include Smokey, a young mastiff mix rescued from February's fires; Ferrari, a German shepherd puppy; Jesse, a hypoallergenic Maltese mix recovering from a leg injury; Apex, a one-year-old husky; Picasso, a young pit mix; and Bingo, a one-year-old pit bull.

Operating since 1999, the completely volunteer and foster-based organization rescues dogs and cats from LA shelters, focusing on medical cases and seniors.

Much Love will celebrate its 25th anniversary on May 1 at Universal Studios, featuring comedian Larry Wilmore performing comedy and magic, with celebrity dog handlers including Tate Donovan and Brooke D'Orsay.

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Reader Questions – Should Management Contact Attorneys; Officer Terms

KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ. CCAL

Dear Mr. Richardson -

In reading a recent column, you mention that most HOAs don't allow homeowners to contact the corporate attorney to keep a lid on costs. Entirely appropriate, in my view. But it brings up another related issue. The board is in charge of legal affairs, so what are appropriate restrictions on management staff contacting the attorney? Should all inquiries to the attorney be routed through the board, the board president or the managing agent? J.H., Seal Beach

Dear J.H.: Management staff are trained to recognize legal issues and should be expected to alert legal counsel as soon as they arise. Managers also are usually able to relay questions more efficiently to the attorney. Restricting managers from contacting legal counsel often creates inefficiencies, because at some point the lawyer needs background information from the manager that may affect the attorney's answer. Also, managers hopefully have sufficient training that they recognize legal "red flags" that the average volunteer leader may not see. So, I prefer to have TWO points of contact – one person from the Board and one person from management. That way no one person, volunteer or paid, controls the flow of legal advice. Also, consider copying the board on questions to counsel so responses can be provided to the entire board, not just the contact person. Your lawyer works for the HOA, not the manager or the president, so it's better to keep the entire board informed.

Hoping this helps, Kelly

Question: During the annual meeting in which the board election is taking place do the current board positions like president have to be reelected if their term isn't up? J.K., Santa Barbara

Dear J.K.: Normally board officer positions are reviewed after each annual meeting when new directors are elected. Your bylaws probably say so, but you should check to make sure. So, yes, soon after the new board is elected there should be an election of officers. A common mistake HOAs make is to hold an immediate closed board meeting right after the election results are confirmed. Electing officers is NOT one of the few actions allowed in closed session – that must happen in an announced open board meeting. At least four days before the day of the election, well-run HOAs typically announce an agenda for a board meeting to occur right after the election, with the one agenda item being election of officers. That way the board complies with the Open Meeting Act.

Officer terms typically are one year but check your HOA bylaws to be sure. Officers serve at the will of the board of directors, so the board can at any time in an open meeting vote to change officers. The board does not need to state a reason for the change but only needs a quorum of the board to act, after posting the subject of officer positions review on the agenda for that meeting.

A common point of confusion is the difference between the position of officer and director. Normally directors are elected by the membership (unless the board is filling a vacancy) and the officers are elected by the board. If someone is removed from their officer position, if they remain qualified under the bylaws and election rules, they are still a director.

Best, Kelly

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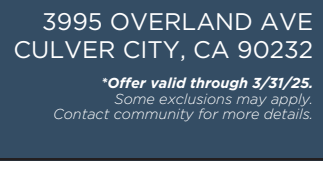
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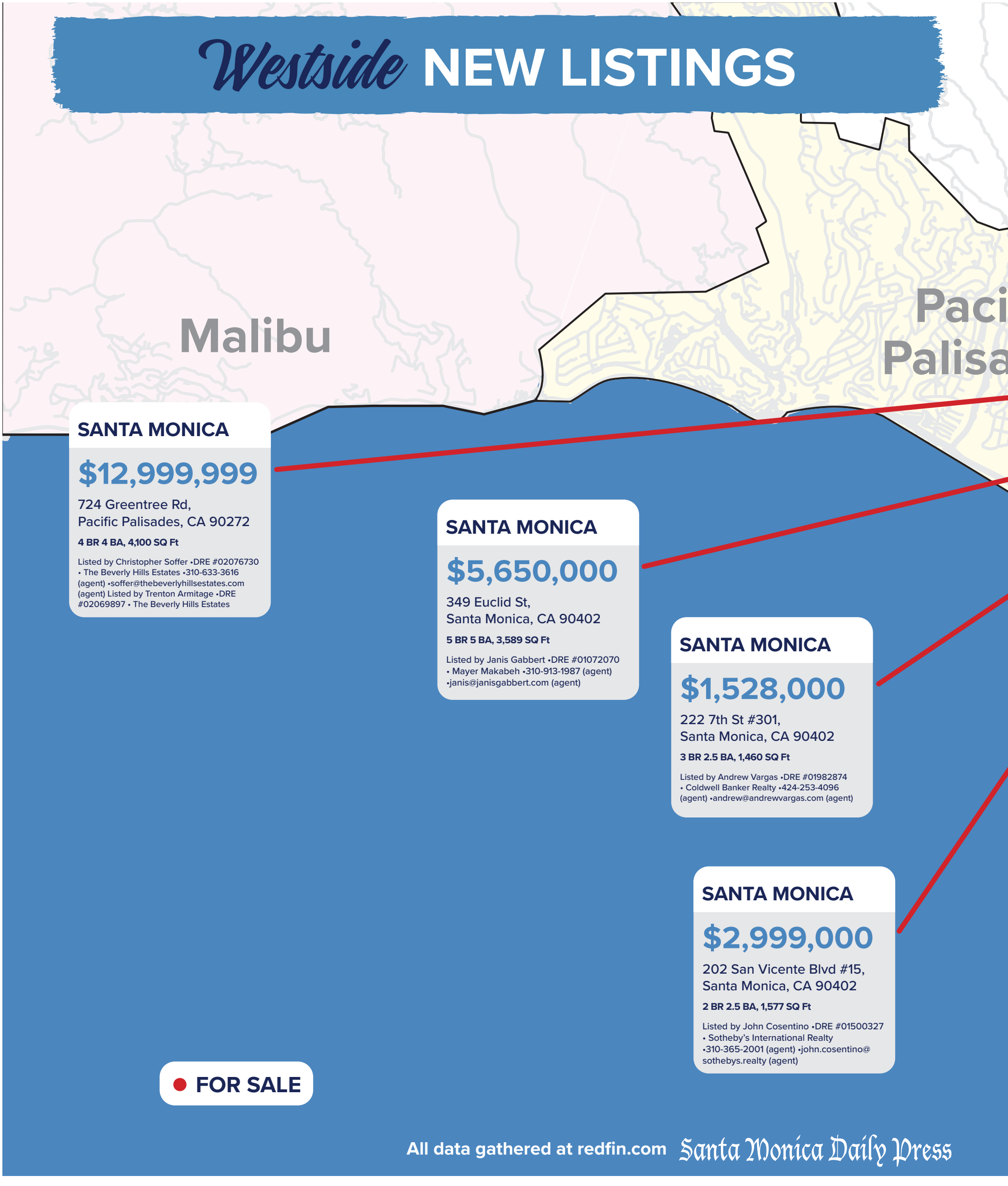
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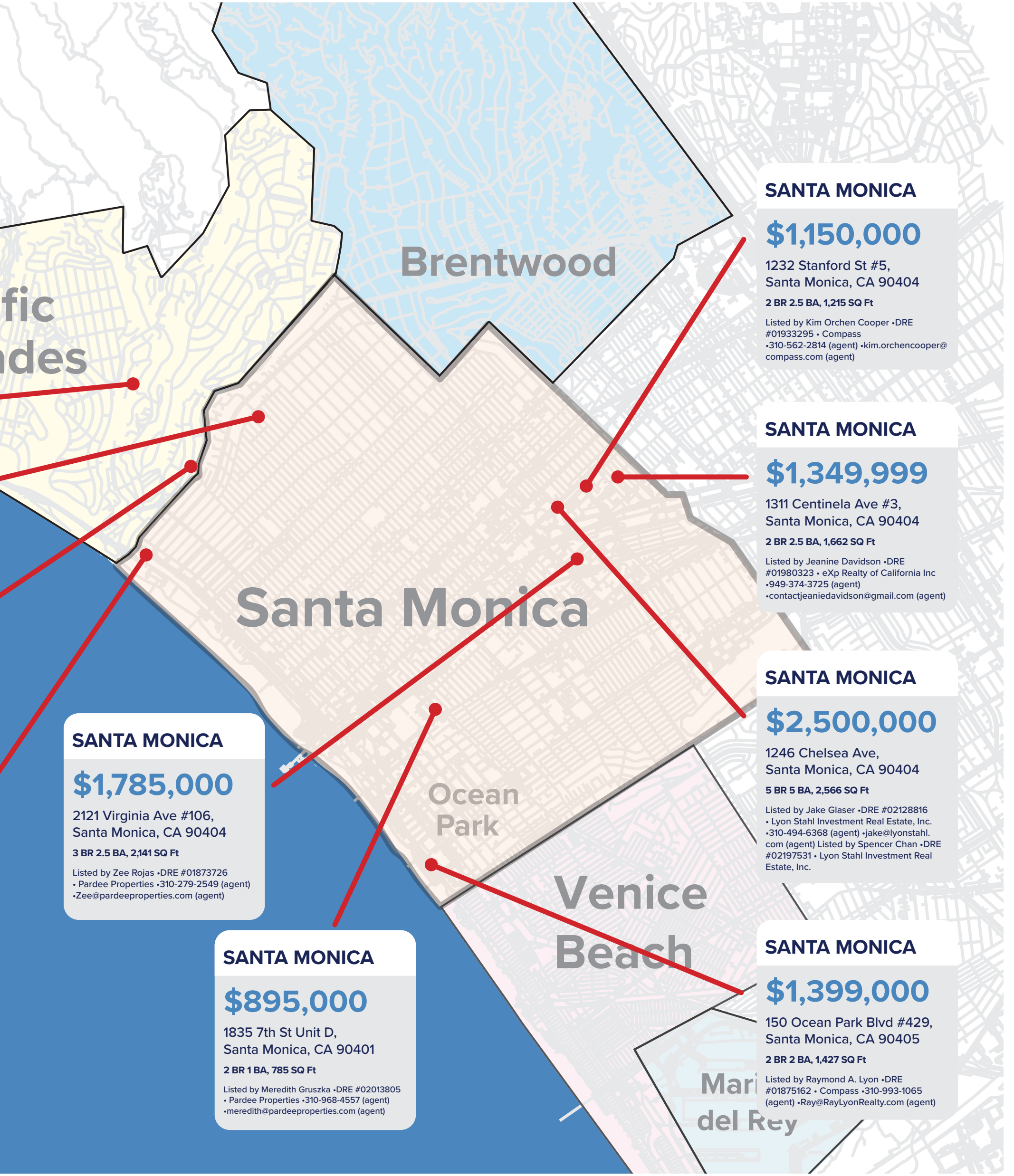
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VICTIM

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it," Hornburg says.

"I only found out what happened a few weeks ago. I have no memory of it. They have video, but they won't show it to me. They said, 'Oh, you'll see it in court. We don't want to cloud your testimony.' I said, 'Cloud what? I didn't see anything.' They showed me 20 seconds of me lying on the ground, bloody, with someone asking out of frame, 'Are you okay?' That's all I know."

For the moment at least Hornburg now resides in a care facility on the outskirts of Santa Monica near Sawtelle. He has difficulty walking and has to rely on a wheelchair almost all of the time. He says that he still aches and quickly feels dizzy when he stands up. He's also having to rely on a diaper to go to the bathroom.

"I can take a couple of steps, but then I need to hold on to something. I'm losing strength in my legs from not walking," he says and while thankfully his cognitive abilities remain intact, he can't do anything that he used to. "Just sleep, eat, wake up, take pills. That's about it," he says.

A little over a week ago, Taylor was placed in a diversion program instead of facing a criminal trial that could have resulted in a life sentence. Charged with attempted murder and multiple counts of assault with a deadly weapon, Taylor's case included a hate crime enhancement, as he was heard shouting racial slurs during the attacks. However, his defense argued that his history of mental illness – including bipolar and schizoaffective disorder – combined with drug abuse, made him a suitable candidate for the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) program.

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The ODR program provides housing and treatment for homeless individuals with serious mental health disorders instead of incarceration. Judge Lana S. Kim approved Taylor's enrollment, despite concerns from Deputy District Attorney Steve Dickman, who questioned the program's ability to monitor Taylor effectively. ODR had lost track of hundreds of participants in 2024 alone.

During court proceedings, Dickman argued that Taylor's mental health could deteriorate if he left the program or stopped taking his medication.

"It was obvious she was going to let him go to the program like she had every other person I'd seen in that court. Every time, she gives them another chance. There's no regard for him hitting a total stranger in the head and ruining my life," Hornburg says.

"They say, 'Oh, he's schizophrenic.' Well, was he schizophrenic before he took the drugs? He made a choice. Why is there no responsibility? He caused this, and now he's just sorry? Why wasn't he sorry when he hit me in the head?"

Ultimately, Judge Kim imposed stricter conditions, requiring immediate notification if Taylor violates the program. However, if Taylor successfully completes the two-year program, his case will be dismissed and he will go free. Dickman condemned the decision, calling it the worst he had seen in 30 years, while Hornburg lamented that justice had not been served.

"Yeah, I'm pretty upset. Took me six months to find out roughly what happened. Two years, I've been going to court, and they haven't even addressed what happened to me. I thought that was the whole point. I've been waiting two years. It's attempted murder. If people hadn't pulled him off me, I'd be dead," Hornburg says.

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Meanwhile, to pass the time Hornburg says he sleeps a lot and watches TV. There are two other patients in his room, with little more than a curtain to provide privacy and he says that no one here really talks to each other.

"The food?! Don't even go there. It's like, made out of food at one point, but by the time it gets to you…not very good," he says. "I'll be here another two years waiting. Even if he ends up back in court, it won't do anything for me."

With assistance from officers from the Santa Monica Police Department, Hornburg will receive a new California ID card and is now in touch with the District Attorney's Victim's Assistance office to offer service for improved housing and transportation service. Taylor will return to court on April 21 for a progress check.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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not a health official.

But The Pantry's contribution to Los Angeles was not confined to its windows into Riordan. It became one of those places that gave rise to civic life.

THE COFFEEHOUSE NEXT TO PARLIAMENT

The importance of institutions that supply such gifts has been recognized at least since the writing of Jurgen Habermas, the German philosopher who grasped the importance of the 18th-century "public sphere" in analyzing the strains of culture that allow democracy to take root and flourish. Habermas' notions, which are given another appreciation in Adam Gopnick's brilliant and desperately needed defense of liberal democracy, "A Thousand Small Sanities," include the idea that gathering places supply the rich soil in which democratic institutions germinate and grow.

As Gopnick puts it, "a parliament can only be as strong as the coffeehouse beside it."

The Pantry was that place. It hosted breakfasts and lunches and late-night confabs. I attended police retirement parties there, and met countless sources there for lunch, only to then bump into other sources on the way out.

It wasn't about the food, though the food wasn't bad. I once ordered a fruit plate, and my lunch companion looked askance. "They're not known for their fruit plate," he archly, and accurately, pointed out. The hash browns were better.

It was that rare place in Los Angeles — rare in any city, but particularly one as atomized as LA — that brought together those with business before the government under one roof to share a meal and meet one another. It helped that The Pantry was open all the time.

And if a parliament is only as strong as the nearby coffeehouse, then The Pantry's demise signals rough water ahead for the parliament of the nation's second-largest city. We are already at a moment where divergent figures barely talk to each other, where the Democratic Socialists are as irritated by centrist Democrats as they are by Republicans, where divides are cultural and deeply political — no longer viewed as differences among public-minded people who share a desire to improve their communities.

That's dangerous territory, and is reflected up and down in today's American political system, as true of Congress as it is of California politics.

This is where mediating institutions once helped. It's harder to demonize your political opponent if you're in the same bowling league or PTA. Differences of opinion are less stark when you accept that the person on the other side of that disagreement shares your love of basketball or birdwatching — or bacon.

Coffeehouses are where those points of commonality are discovered, where opponents share stories about their kids or their favorite foods rather than lobbing accusations at a public hearing or in depositions.

That's what The Pantry was, and Los Angeles was better because of it. Riordan knew it.

The neighborhood around The Pantry was pretty hardscrabble in the mid-1990s. Riordan and others had dislodged the long-stalled Disney Hall project, and it barreled to its overdue completion, bringing new life to Bunker Hill and the Civic Center. But the south part of downtown remained threadbare.

Then came the proposal to build the Staples Center and its surrounding entertainment complex. It offered great promise — since amply delivered — but it created a potential conflict for Riordan, since successful completion of the project was expected to increase tourism and energy in the area around The Pantry. The mayor recused himself from the Staples negotiations (this was back when quaint ideas such as conflicts of interest and rule of law still mattered).

But there was another option. Riordan could have sold The Pantry, removing himself from any conflict. Why, I asked him in the midst of those negotiations, didn't he simply get rid of the Pantry?

He didn't hesitate. "I'd rather give up being mayor," he said.

By Jim Newton. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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SUNDAY | MARCH 23

BEACHSIDE BENEFIT: A FUNDRAISER FOR FIRE RELIEF
12:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Join us for an unforgettable day at the beach with live music, volleyball clinic featuring celebrity guest coach Paris Olympian Miles Partain, auctions, and a sunset toast, all in support of wildfire victims, first responders, and displaced families and animals. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/beachside-benefit-a-fundraiser-for-fire-relief/15302747/2025-03-23T12 .

MONDAY | MARCH 24

VENICE CANALS NATURE WALK
3:30 - 5 p.m. Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice. Join for an afternoon nature expedition through the canals and byways of the Venice neighborhoods. The walk will be led by Cindy Hardin, Director of Outdoor Education for the Nature Nexus Institute. Binoculars will be available to lend. Meet in the lobby promptly at 3:25 p.m.

AIRPORT COMMISSION
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the administration of Santa Monica Municipal Airport and other aviation matters affecting the City.

TUESDAY | MARCH 25

BIKE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP
5 p.m. SMI Room, Santa Monica Institute, 330 Olympic Blvd. The League of American Bicyclists' hosts a workshop geared toward emerging leaders, advocates newly entering the bike movement, and anyone else interested in gaining League certification as a bike advocate. Tickets $100, to purchase: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/league-of-american-bicyclists-bike-advocacy-workshop-tickets-1109484661489.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 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. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 26

COMPUTER CLASS - YOUR ONLINE LIBRARY
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover all the amazing and free digital resources available at your library.

THURSDAY | MARCH 27

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS
2 - 6 p.m. Lobby, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law.

FRIDAY | MARCH 28

AUTHOR EVENT! REBECCA MINKOFF DISCUSSES FEARLESS
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Zibby's Bookshop is excited to welcome Rebecca Minkoff as she discusses Fearless: The New Rules for Unlocking Creativity, Courage, and Success. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/author-event-rebecca-minkoff-discusses-fearless/15302749/2025-03-28T18

SATURDAY | MARCH 29

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FILM SCREENING
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Celebrate Women's History Month with a screening of "Fly Like a Girl" followed by a panel discussion with Women in Aviation International (WAI) Greater Los Angeles Chapter Treasurer Ashley Hawley, WAI Co-Events Chair Liraz Bershadsky, and Aerospace Engineer and Chief Product Officer at Airspace Experience Technologies Dr. Anita Sengupta.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lincoln

Lincoln Middle School Students Design Arcade Games in Innovative Learning Project

More than 300 seventh-grade students at Lincoln Middle School have completed an interdisciplinary project designing and building arcade games, integrating math, science, and language arts concepts.

Guided by the question "How do we create an arcade game that builds community?", students explored game design fundamentals while connecting to the seventh-grade theme "What is a worthwhile life?"

The project began in English classes with game idea brainstorming and blueprint drafting, continued in math with geometry and probability concepts, and incorporated engineering techniques taught by the Rediscover Center.

Students visited Two Bit Circus in Santa Monica to explore real-world applications and meet gaming industry professionals. They then constructed their games using cardboard and upcycled materials.

"This wasn't just a unit, it was a launchpad," said math teacher Rosalynn Moe. "Students gained skills in critical thinking, innovation, and teamwork, all while discovering how their ideas can have an impact on the world."

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SCHOOL

FROM PAGE 2

Regarding concerns about students "gaming the system," Kean took a more permissive stance.

"Fifteen to 20 percent of our kids are gaming a system to get an extra elective," he acknowledged. "The reason why people are gaming this is because they want more. They want something different. Maybe it's wrong. Maybe people are gaming the system. It doesn't bug me. It's just kids trying to explore something different."

Other changes to the program include reformatting the application, adding an activity log, requiring outside instructors to submit coaching certifications, and moving the appeals process under the Department of Education Services.

Applications will be posted on school websites with a six-week application window closing May 2. Applicants will be notified of their approval or denial by May 23.

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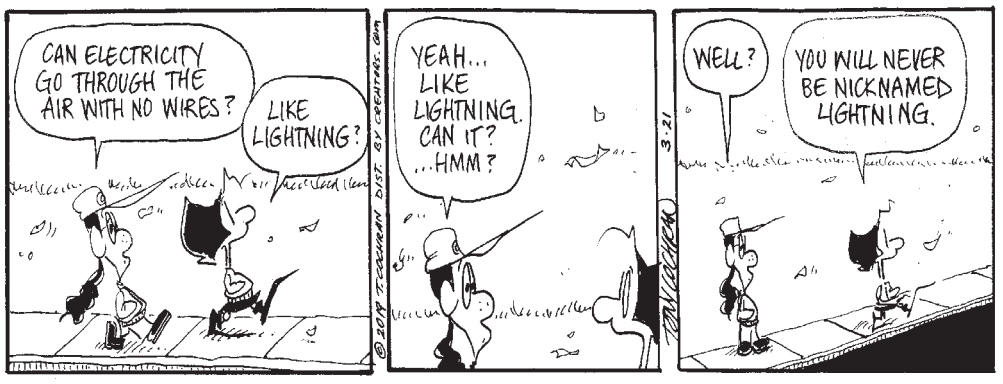
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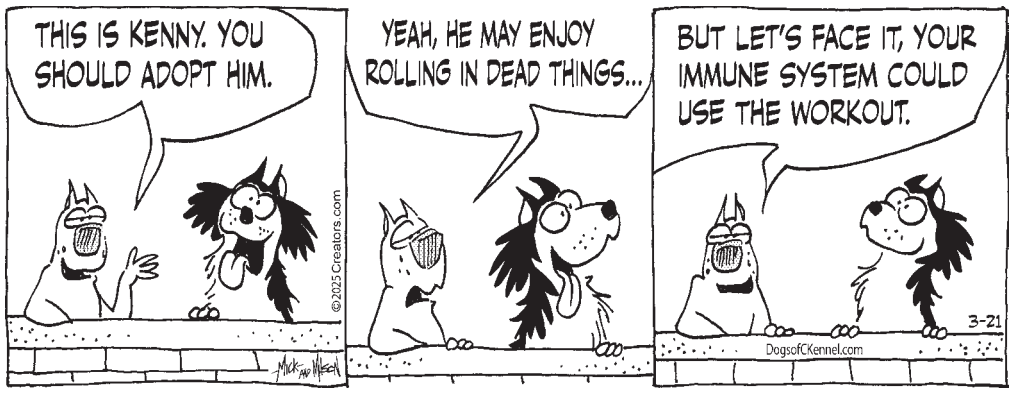
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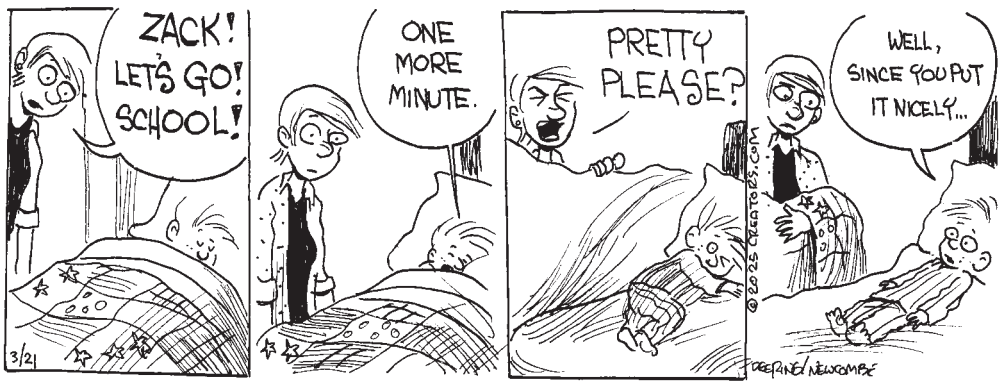
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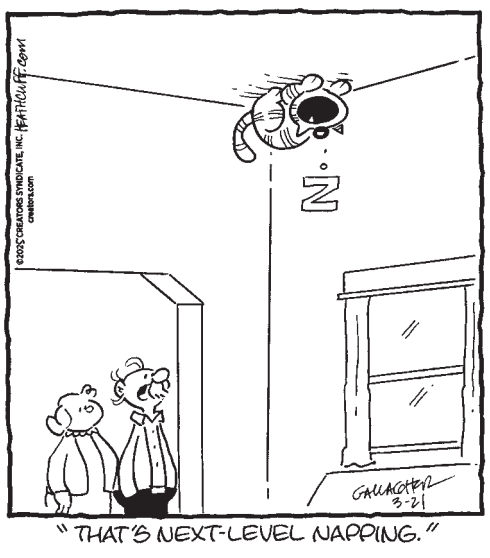
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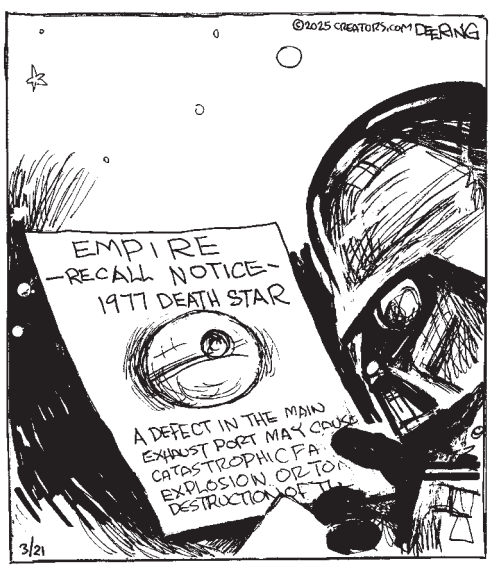
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FIND THE WORDS

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 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Back	Randall	Hudson	Pivot
Beat	Clayton	Injury	Ruck
Behind	Oliver	Jake	Scores
Brianna	Club	Stringer	Speed
Davey	Draw	Judd	Teams
Bump	Fans	Jy Simpkin	Trouble
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 21)

The universe rewards your beautiful emergence in a year when you often find yourself saying the thing you once needed to hear, giving the help you once wished for and providing the very thing you once longed for. You are capable, generous and whole. More highlights: deeply fulfilling relationships, discovering hidden talents, a financial boost from a new venture. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 29, 11, 2 and 3.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Belonging isn't always a matter of location or company; it's a feeling, a sudden alignment. In a moment, you will recognize that you belong -- that things are in the right place for that instant -- and the joy floods in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're playful and imaginative, and you have a sense of control over your own emotional state. It's a benefit that blossomed out of your effort to keep following curiosity, trying new things and keeping life fresh. Your mental habits cultivate flexibility of mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Know your weaknesses, but don't let them take up too much of your time. You don't have to be great at everything; focus on what energizes you, what comes alive in your hands. Lean into your strengths, and let the rest be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because your aim is to shape your contribution around what truly helps others, you're paying close attention to what's missing, what's needed, what sparks joy. Offer what's uniquely yours -- skills, insight, effort -- without forcing a fit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Make even one person's life easier today and you've won. Ease moves through the world like a ripple -- one kindness setting off another. The smallest relief you offer might shift an entire course. Keep sending waves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are not defined by your patterns, rather it's your essence that gets that job. What you value, what you strive for and how you rise after you falter will say more about you. Patterns shape experience, but the meaning you give life runs deeper than any habit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Who you are in any moment is the result of countless interactions woven together into something that feels continuous but is, in truth, always in motion and ever-changing. So, without agonizing, take the action that represents you right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Realistically, no one among us is inexhaustibly enchanting. Even the most captivating among us can become wearisome. Love thrives not in endless fascination but in the mutual acceptance of our imperfections.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relationships evolve. Growing apart doesn't mean you dislike a person or wish them ill, but dynamics shift, and keeping connections can be tricky. You don't have to maintain the same level of closeness if it's not bringing you joy or peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In centuries past, it wasn't at all uncommon for a person never to travel beyond their own village. But now, you would be hard-pressed to find an excuse not to venture, especially given the mind- and life-expanding benefits to doing so. When's your next adventure?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in a bit of a bind: trying to protect both yourself and another person. It's likely putting you in a position where you're not being true to your own feelings. Keep searching for honesty here. It will set you free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you break your own rules, it's usually because the unwanted behavior was bringing you a benefit or easing your discomfort in some way. Recognize this, and ask yourself: What deeper need is being met?

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.

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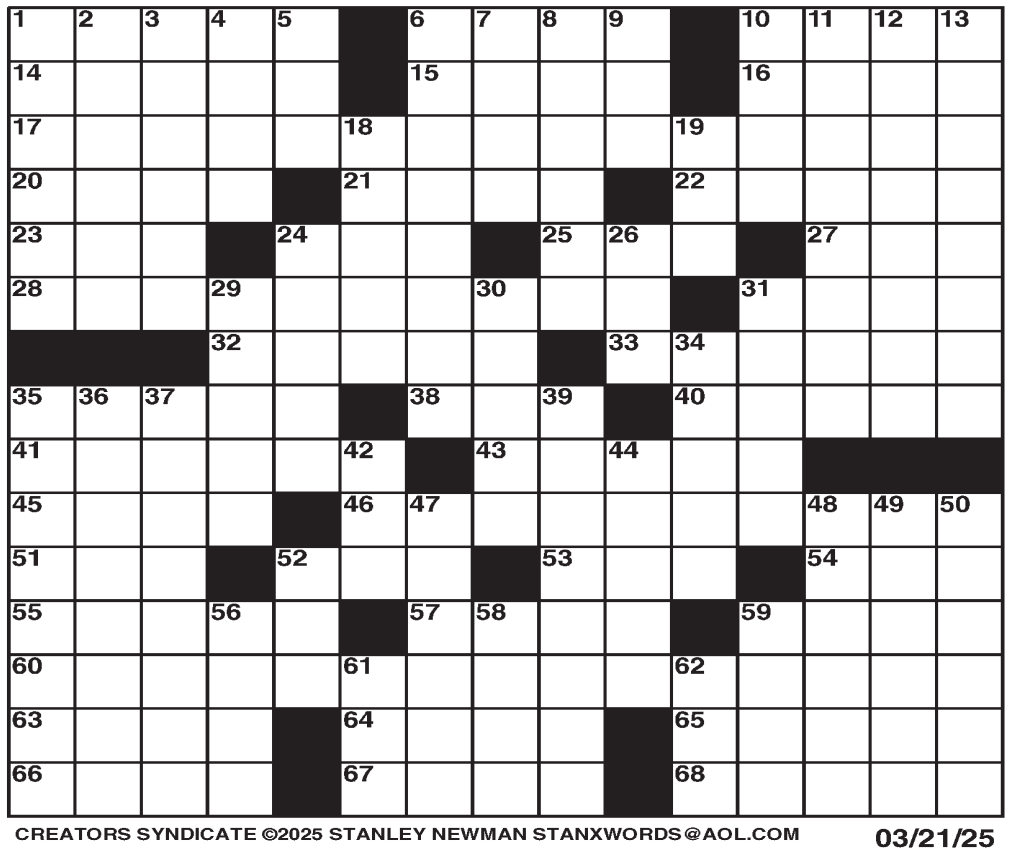
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ACROSS

1 Architectural topper
6 Got in
10 Digital wallet no.
14 Brought up
15 Some of the first TVs
16 Unhappy look
17 Change, part 1
20 Search deliveries
21 Do without
22 Darkened
23 Mister in India
24 Informal reversal
25 Eye-level organ
27 Medieval century ender
28 Change, part 2
31 River at Yuma
32 Expenditures
33 Dramatic excerpts
35 Foil giant
38 Locker locale
40 Hershey contemporary
41 Play the piccolo
43 Exodus spokesman
45 Pantry items
46 Change, part 3
51 NASA's six-person orbiter
52 Small portion of an aurora
53 GM's Bolts, e.g.
54 Exhibit excitement
55 Informed, with "in"
57 Agricultural concern
59 Pantomime performance
60 Change, part 4
63 It means "averse to"
64 Car radio choices
65 Cartographic closeup
66 Ending like -acity
67 Top spot
68 Cantina's "roasted"

DOWN

1 Go downhill fast
2 Capital on the Missouri
3 *Patria di Pavarotti*
4 Carmine's close relatives
5 Paper cutters, in brief
6 Cadbury confection
7 Palm product
8 *Barbie* beneficiary
9 Curtain hook shape
10 Last word of Revelation
11 Canary's metaphorical place
12 Manicurist's concern
13 Potential precedent
18 Run up the flagpole
19 Opposite of *norte*
24 Unsurprising
26 Nativity figure
29 Steals from
30 Devoted
31 Oscar nominee as Thelma
34 Swimmers in swamps
35 Home cooler
36 Comics bride of the '90s
37 Seeks assistance from
39 He met Dr. King in '64
42 Environmentally conscious
44 Host's emails, perhaps
47 Turn in outdoors
48 Friend of Ralph Waldo and Henry David
49 Did nothing
50 Cascade Range peak
52 Holders of many photos
56 Collegians wearing Y's
58 Abounding
59 German Johnny
61 Transportation Dept. agency
62 Ricardo's relative



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