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Church community fights hate speech



Fran Lyness

PAINT: The Church in Ocean Park held a community clean up event over the weekend to remove hate speech that had been painted on the side of the building last month. The event acted as a community building exercise for the congregation that has a history of supporting human rights for everyone.

Urban coyotes bolder than rural counterparts, study finds, as Santa Monica sees post-fire increase

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A large-scale national study of coyote behavior has found that urban coyotes are more willing to take risks around novel stimuli than their rural counterparts — a finding that arrives as Santa Monica confronts a surge in coyote encounters driven by displacement from the Palisades Fire and faces scrutiny over its lack of a formal wildlife management plan.

The study, published in Scientific Reports in December 2025, deployed camera traps at 623 stations across 16 pairs of urban and rural field sites nationwide and found that while coyotes across the



California Dept. of Fish and Game

SEE COYOTE PAGE 7 **COYOTE:** Urban and rural coyotes are displaying different behaviors.

LA28 unveils superbloom-inspired look as first Olympic ticket draw nears

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The 2028 Los Angeles Olympics has revealed a bold visual identity inspired by one of California's most spectacular natural phenomena, while the first public ticket draw

enters its final stretch.

Organizers unveiled the Games' official look Monday, built around the concept of a California superbloom — a burst of wildflower growth that sweeps across the state's hills, valleys and deserts roughly every 10 to 15 years. The design will

appear across nearly every visible element of the Games, from athlete credentials and staff uniforms to venue signage, competition sites and the athletes village.

The LA28 design team drew on

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California sues Trump to keep shut oil pipeline on Santa Barbara coast

California sued the Trump administration Monday to block what it says is an unprecedented power grab: using emergency authority to force the restart of an offshore oil operation shut down more than a decade ago. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in San Francisco, argues a March 13 order by U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright oversteps his authority under the Defense Production Act, a Cold War-era law.

wake of the Iran conflict. Sable, which bought the system from ExxonMobil in 2024, has told investors that production could increase from about 30,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day to more than 50,000 if it restarts, sending oil to refineries in Los Angeles, Bakersfield and the Bay Area.

California argues the emergency powers law is meant to prioritize contracts during emergencies — not to override state law or force a pipeline restart. The state says the administration failed to meet the law's basic requirements, including showing an actual energy shortage.

Wright's order marked the most aggressive federal intervention yet in a yearslong dispute. A March 3 legal opinion from the U.S. Justice Department had laid the groundwork, concluding that the emergency order could preempt state law — and even override a 2020 federal consent decree requiring approval from the California State Fire Marshal before the pipeline can restart.

Environmental groups and experts have argued that forcing the pipeline back into production would not lower gasoline prices but would put coastal wildlife at risk and set a troubling precedent for federal power over state law. The Trump administration has long sought to expand offshore oil leasing along the West Coast, which has drawn fierce opposition in California.

Sable is facing mounting legal pressure on multiple fronts. In December, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration ruled that the infrastructure qualifies as an interstate pipeline and issued an emergency permit approving a restart plan — a move environmental groups and the state of California challenged. That case is pending before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In February, a Santa Barbara County Superior Court judge ordered the pipeline to remain shut down, ruling that earlier federal intervention was not enough to override an injunction requiring Sable to obtain state approvals before restarting.

Representatives for Sable, the Energy Department and the U.S. Department of Justice did not immediately respond to requests for comment Monday.

Alejandro Lazo, CalMatters Climate Reporter

“No matter how much President Trump may claim there’s a so-called national energy emergency — it’s just not true

- Rob Bonta, Attorney General

“The U.S. already produces significantly more oil and gas than we use — it’s a completely fabricated claim intended to curry favor with the oil industry.”

The legal fight pits the Trump administration and Sable Offshore Corp. against California officials and environmental groups — and comes as fuel prices jump in the

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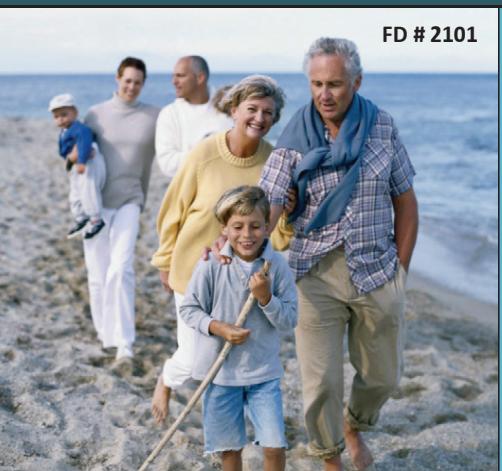
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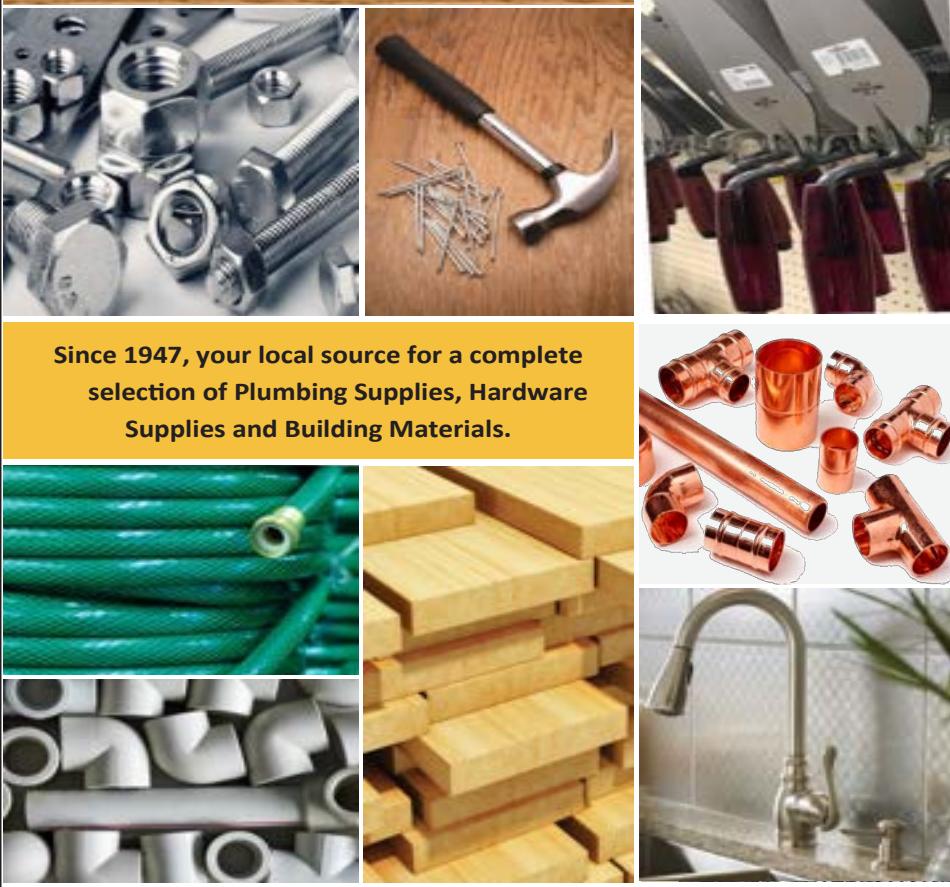


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Santa Monica deserves a straight answer about its finances

My name is Doug Trussler. I have lived in Santa Monica since 2005, built my business here, raised my family here, and plan to retire here. My entire career has been as an investor and manager. I have been involved in more than fifty businesses as an investor, employee, board member, and executive. I have sat on over fifty audit committees and participated in hundreds of audits.

I am running for City Council because I believe Santa Monica's financial situation is serious, fixable, and not being described honestly to residents.

Given my background, I am uniquely qualified to assess the City's financial position. My experience gives me the unique opportunity to solve our greatest financial threat in more than 50 years. I am running for City Council because I believe Santa Monica's financial situation is serious and that it needs to be described honestly to residents.

Yesterday, Councilmember Dan Hall sent residents an email titled "Special Edition: Santa Monica's Financial Report Card." Its timing is noteworthy. The Council is aware that fixing the City's budget is the centerpiece of my campaign. It is also aware that it is simultaneously asking residents to approve a new parcel tax, one framed as support for local schools, but which, in practice, simply allows the City to reduce its existing obligations to those same schools by an equivalent amount. Charge residents \$12 million, hand it to the schools, and reduce what the city was previously required to contribute. That is not school funding. That is a budget maneuver dressed up as civic generosity.

For the record: I support the parcel tax, because the City genuinely needs the revenue. But I support it only with a five-year sunset provision. If I am involved in City government, we will not need this tax in five years.

That tension — claiming the City is financially stable while simultaneously asking residents for more money — is the central contradiction of Mr. Hall's email, and it deserves to be named.

AUDITS ARE JUST THAT

Mr. Hall anchors his reassurances to the city's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, a document that is nine months old and looks backward. His claim that it is "one of the most reliable documents available to understand the city's true financial health" reflects a misunderstanding of what audits actually do. A clean audit confirms that the books are accurate. It says nothing about the city's trajectory, its contingent liabilities, or its prospects. There are plenty of companies that received clean audits for

decades before becoming insolvent.

Government accounting is also significantly less transparent than private-sector accounting. Governments can move money between accounts in ways that would draw serious regulatory scrutiny in the private sector. Capital assets are carried at depreciated cost, not market value, meaning Santa Monica's considerable land holdings, some of the most valuable in California, are largely invisible on the balance sheet, while a depreciated water pipe underground appears as an asset which can't be sold. Mr. Hall's email does not explain any of this.

If we want to measure how this Council is actually performing, the right document is the city's own forecasts, compared against actual results. That comparison is not flattering.

FOCUS ON THE NUMBERS AHEAD

The 2026 budget projects \$477 million in revenue — a 6 percent increase over 2025, a year in which revenue actually declined from 2024. That growth assumption requires a 15 percent increase in hotel tax receipts and a 30 percent increase in parking revenue. The parking increase may be achievable, since tax rates on residents to park were raised substantially. The hotel revenue increase will be far more difficult; 2025 was a damaging year for Santa Monica's hospitality sector. Santa Monica tourism is down more than 50% since 2019, yet other southern California cities have rebounded. Unfortunately, Santa Monica has not recovered which has severely impacted our City's financial situation.

Against that optimistic revenue projection for 2026, budgeted expenditures are \$512 million. As a result, the city plans to spend more than \$35 million more than it takes in. The 2027 forecast shows a \$20 million deficit, an improvement, but only if you believe projections that have, to my knowledge, never been met. I am hopeful the new City manager may change that.

Every resident in Santa Monica knows that if your expenses are greater than your revenues, the City is not sustainable over the long term, residents don't need the ACFR and Mr. Hall to figure that out.

Importantly, Mr. Hall characterizes the rating agency's negative outlook as "a yellow flag, not a red one." That framing undersells the practical implications. Santa Monica carries relatively little debt today, so the immediate impact is limited. As the City moves forward with financing projects (the Great Park conversion of the airport pursuant to measure LC) without a financially healthy city, that negative



Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.4

WEDNESDAY | SURF: 1-2ft
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Little waves off modest scale swell. Winds staying on the lighter side, AM most favorable. Decent size long-period SSW swell creeping up as NW swell is minimal, so shape favors structured spots (piers, points, etc.). Surf is mainly running in the thigh to waist high range. Light/variable winds along with an ebbing tide much of the morning, followed by light+ westerly onshores and nice incoming afternoon tide push.

THURSDAY | SURF: 1-2ft
FAIR | Knee to thigh

Surf up a touch as some more swell shows up. AM winds look light, then more PM onshores due. Long-period SSW swell mix bumps up, along with a little NW swell, pushing in more widespread thigh to stomach high waves, as top spots see better sets. Light winds and a fair tide early morning will be followed by a draining mid day low. Afternoon incoming tide push helps but low-end moderate onshore W winds expected to develop then too.



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Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
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Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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No new taxes – Another phantom deficit prediction by SMMUSD

Don't get me wrong, I'm a strong supporter of public schools. Our son went to Grant, JAMS and Samohi and had a great experience. What I don't like is the feigning of fiscal distress to put an additional tax burden on the financially struggling residents of Santa Monica through another parcel tax. Residents are already supporting Santa Monica Malibu School District (SMMUSD) to a great extent though property and sales taxes. SMMUSD's operating budget and reserves are in great shape.

Because of the proposed \$495 parcel tax measure, I've been looking at SMMUSD's finances though the budget reports and California Department of Education database. I find that the title of the March 21st SMDP article titled "SMMUSD school district maintains positive financial outlook despite growing deficit" to be deceiving. The school district does not truly have a "growing deficit" or ongoing structural deficit.

In the past 5 years, the initial adopted budget projected a deficit (revenues less expenditures) in 3 of the years but never had a deficit and averaged \$14M per year surplus, \$9M if the \$28M of pandemic one time funding is not included. Yet they are again predicting deficits the next 3 years.

For the last 2 years, the 2023-24 initial budget had a \$6M deficit predicted and ended up with a \$23M surplus. For 2024-2025, the initial budget had a \$11M deficit predicted and ended up with a \$10M surplus. That is why I don't trust their recent numbers saying that there will be a \$9.5M deficit this year caused in part by the decision to retain about 10 positions.

It's my belief that SMMUSD does this to hide their true financial position so that they can say they need more money. It provides the argument that if the proposed ballot measure to replace \$12M funding from the City (which hasn't been confirmed that they won't get this money starting in 2027-28) doesn't pass, teachers and staff will be fired.

Over the last 10 years: enrollment decreased 23% from 11,249 to 8623 (Census Day Enrollment), revenues increased 53% from \$147M to \$225M, reserves increased 220% from \$38M to \$84M, staffing has remained level at 1280 (plus or minus 4%), the percentage of staff that are teachers decreased from 45% to 39% (572 to 494) and non-teacher staff increased by 10% (703 to 768).

The fear mongering statement that "pandemic-era relief funds and other one-time resources that helped stabilize school budgets in recent years have now expired, forcing the district to align pre-pandemic revenue levels with ongoing expenses" is false. Base funding increased \$35M from \$96M to \$131M. SMMUSD is receiving an extra \$19M per year (from \$35M in 2018-19 (pre-pandemic) to \$54M in 2024-2025) from Local Funding that is not relief or one time funding. This is from an existing parcel tax of \$530, 0.5% sales tax revenues, Measure GS property transfer fees. and the Joint Use payment from the City. That's \$51M more per year of on-going funding while enrollment decreased 19%.

The reserves number of \$52M noted in the article does not include the \$21M in reserves in the restricted funds account. As of June 30, 2025 the total reserves were \$84M. This is \$40M over the Financial Oversight Committee's recommendation and \$62M over the state's reserve cap level if SMMUSD was not a Basic Aid district. The state doesn't want school districts sitting on piles of cash like what SMMUSD has.

SMMUSD property taxes increased significantly (\$449 for a \$1M condo) this year from the issuance of \$200M in bonds for school construction projects, with an additional increase coming when the remaining \$295M of measure QS bonds are issued. There is already a parcel tax that was \$530 which, like the proposed parcel tax of \$495, increases with the CPI and lasts forever. The 2025 tax bill for SMMUSD for a \$1M condo was \$1711 on top of the base of \$10,000 with potentially another \$495 parcel tax and \$500 bond payment coming.

Parcel taxes are regressive taxes that put a disproportional burden on lower-income residents. A condominium pays the same as a large business park.

Renters are affected too as SMMUSD taxes can be passed through.

Housing affordability in Santa Monica is an issue with over 20% of homeowners and renters paying more than 50% of their income on housing. Residents are dealing with inflation and job instability. This new parcel tax affects housing affordability. Housing affordability affects SMMUSD enrollment. This new tax will literally take food off the table of some residents including SMMUSD students. That is not right.

SMMUSD operating finances are in great shape, much better than many of Santa Monica residents.

No new parcel tax.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Palisades

Chase Reopens Pacific Palisades Branch Nearly One Year After Wildfire

Chase opened its new Pacific Palisades branch Tuesday, nearly a year after the 2025 Southern California wildfires destroyed the previous location.

The 5,500-plus-square-foot space offers a larger, modern environment designed for convenience, accessibility and community engagement.

“Reopening this branch is an important milestone for our team and our community,” said Maria Garcia, California head for the Consumer Bank at Chase. “We’re honored to welcome our neighbors back in person, and we’re committed to serving our customers, supporting local businesses, and working together to build a resilient future for Pacific Palisades.”

Following the fire, the team moved to a temporary location to maintain in-person services while the new branch was rebuilt.

In January 2025, as wildfires spread through Los Angeles, JPMorganChase provided more than \$2 million in emergency philanthropic support to the American Red Cross, the California Community Foundation and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles to aid immediate relief and recovery. The firm also offered fee relief to help customers manage unexpected expenses during evacuations and service disruptions.

Beyond immediate relief, JPMorganChase committed nearly \$7 million to support housing recovery, small businesses and long-term community rebuilding. This included \$4 million invested in housing recovery, \$1.25 million in philanthropic capital to help small businesses reopen and rehire, and more than 4,000 employee volunteer hours in 2025.

The new branch features weekday hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on-site valet parking, complimentary Wi-Fi and two ATMs. Two floors include dedicated areas where customers can meet privately with a banker.

“We never stopped serving our customers,” said Ana Rosales, branch manager. “From temporary operations to today’s opening, our team has been here for our neighbors and focused on what this community needs most.”

For more information, visit chase.com.

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LA Country

Supervisors Seek Regional Approach to Santa Monica Mountains Fire Prevention

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to assess the feasibility of establishing a regional wildfire mitigation authority to better coordinate prevention efforts across the Santa Monica Mountains.

The motion by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath follows the 2025 fires that burned more than 23,000 acres and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes, underscoring the need for a unified approach to wildfire mitigation.

Land in the Santa Monica Mountains is managed by a patchwork of federal, state, county and local agencies, as well as private landowners, each with different policies and practices despite shared risk across the region.

“Keeping our communities in the Santa Monica Mountains safe means staying prepared, strengthening prevention, and working together across agencies,” Horvath said. “Following the Franklin and Palisades Fires, we have a clearer understanding of the need for stronger, more coordinated mitigation efforts.”

The motion directs the Department of Regional Planning and the Los Angeles County Fire Department, in collaboration with federal and state agencies, nonprofits, environmental groups, academics and homeowners, to evaluate the feasibility of creating a Regional Wildfire Mitigation Joint Powers Authority.

The evaluation will include analyzing existing vegetation management practices, developing potential governance and implementation strategies, and identifying funding opportunities to support a coordinated regional approach. Departments will report back to the board in 90 days with findings and recommendations.

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- Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 27.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.84/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are \$1.18 per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.26/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 27.0 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.227 per gallon, the highest level since November 24, 2022.

According to GasBuddy, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$5.09/g while the most expensive was \$7.83/g, a difference of \$2.74/g. The lowest price in the state was \$4.39/g while the highest was \$9.89/g, a difference of \$5.50/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 24.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.92/g. The national average is up 98.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 84.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

OLYMPICS

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the orange Bird of Paradise, Los Angeles' official flower, to anchor the color palette. That single bloom expanded into a family of 13 flowers that together form the full Superbloom design system. Graphics are built on a precise grid, with visual density deliberately reduced closest to fields of play to avoid distracting competing athletes.

"We wanted the look to feel like Los Angeles itself," said Geoff Engelhardt, LA28's head of brand design. "LA is a city of incredible creativity, sitting at the intersection of sport and entertainment, and the Games will bring the world together here in 2028."

The design team also studied previous Olympic and Paralympic Games for inspiration, including the 1984 Los Angeles Games, before landing on the superbloom concept.

The unveiling took place Monday night at Intuit Dome in Inglewood, which will host basketball competition during the 2028 Games. Fans attending a Los Angeles Clippers game were greeted by a digital display of the new look on the outdoor plaza's giant screen, with a dedicated video playing inside the arena.

The design reveal comes as the first wave of LA28 ticket sales moves toward its opening window.

Organizers ran an exclusive presale opportunity for residents of communities closest to competition venues. Eligible fans in qualifying counties across the Greater Los Angeles and Oklahoma City regions — where some Olympic events will be staged — could register for the LA and OKC Locals Presale. Registration for that draw closed March 18.

Residents who registered and were selected will receive email notification of their purchase time slot between March 31 and April 4. Locals Presale purchase windows run April 2 through April 6. Those who registered but were not selected will be automatically

entered into all future draws, including the first general public drop, without needing to take any further action.

The first general ticket drop, known as Drop 1, follows immediately after. Email notifications for Drop 1 time slots will go out April 7, with purchase windows running April 9 through April 19. Each time slot remains active for 48 hours.

Ticket purchasers are subject to a limit of 12 tickets per registered account across most sports and sessions. Soccer carries a separate 12-ticket maximum that does not count against the general cap. Opening and Closing Ceremony tickets are limited to four per account per ceremony and do not count toward the overall 12-ticket limit.

When purchasing, buyers will be able to select a ticket category but not a specific seat. LA28 advised fans to consult the full competition schedule and review venue zones when planning their purchases, noting that Los Angeles' size makes travel time between sessions an important consideration.

Organizers also cautioned fans against purchasing resale tickets through unofficial channels. An official LA28 resale program is not expected to launch until 2027, and the organization said it cannot verify the validity of any tickets appearing on secondary markets before that program goes live.

Paralympic Games tickets are not expected to go on sale until 2027.

Qualifying counties for the Locals Presale include Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura in California, and Oklahoma, Canadian and Cleveland counties in Oklahoma. Eligibility was based on billing postal code, and organizers warned that providing false registration details could result in disqualification, account suspension or the voiding of any resulting ticket purchase without refund.

The 2028 Summer Olympics are scheduled to open in Los Angeles on July 14, 2028.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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outlook will translate directly into higher borrowing costs, costing Santa Monica residents millions in additional interest.

WHAT AUDITS CAN'T TELL YOU

Step outside and look at what Santa Monica actually looks like: substantial vacancy rates on the Third Street Promenade, tourism that collapsed and hasn't recovered, more than \$450 million in unfunded capital projects where key infrastructure desperately needs repair, the highest rate of homelessness of any beach city in Southern California, and commercial real estate values in sustained decline. These are not forces entirely outside anyone's control. They are the cumulative result of policy decisions, and they demand accountability, not reassurance. Currently, the City options are limited and it is choosing to fund deficits with land sales which is akin to burning your furniture to keep warm.

Santa Monica residents are educated and perceptive. Everyone can see what is happening in our streets. Our people deserve elected officials to be honest and truly understanding of the problem - not spin and no transparency.

Solutions do not emerge until problems are acknowledged by Councilmembers like Mr. Hall.

WHY I AM RUNNING

I would not be entering this race if I did not believe these problems are solvable. They are. But solving them requires elected leadership willing to say clearly: we are in a difficult position, the decisions ahead are hard, and we need to work through them together, not paper them over with backward-looking audit letters.

The financial health of the City impacts the ability to provide solutions to its residents on taxation, homeless, housing, tourism, and bringing businesses back to our City. It is the starting point for every conversation and every action the City takes.

That is the campaign I am running. No excuses. No spin. Just a serious effort to fix this city's finances so that every resident, renter and homeowner, longtime and newcomer can afford to stay and thrive in Santa Monica. The new Santa Monica will be where problems are identified and solutions are implemented.

By Doug Trussler, Candidate for Santa Monica City Council

COYOTE

FROM PAGE 1

country display consistent neophobic — or fear-of-new-things — behavior, urban coyotes ventured closer to attractants than rural coyotes did. Researchers said the behavioral gap is likely a product of reduced persecution in cities, where recreational hunting is typically prohibited and coyotes face fewer direct threats from humans.

“Solutions developed in one area could be universally useful,” the authors wrote, citing the behavioral consistency they observed across urban and rural populations from coast to coast.

The study was conducted by a multi-institutional research team that included scientists from the National Park Service’s Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Coyotes at all sites exhibited more cautious behavior — including more time spent vigilant and investigating, and less time behaving comfortably — when a novel object was placed near an attractant, compared to control sites where no object was present. At control sites, coyotes spent nearly 29% of their time in comfortable behaviors such as eating or rolling. At sites with a novel object, that figure dropped to about 12.5%.

The gap between urban and rural coyote behavior was most pronounced in western sites. Western urban coyotes were more frequently detected near attractants than rural coyotes in the same region, a difference that did not emerge among eastern coyotes. The researchers said western rural coyotes likely face greater persecution, including from predators such as gray wolves and mountain lions that persist in some rural areas of the West.

Researchers noted that even in cities, adaptive boldness has a ceiling. Coyotes that become too habituated to humans often end up killed by cars, poisoned, or lethally removed after attacking pets or people.

The study also noted that the behavioral consistency of coyotes across the country suggests management strategies that work in one jurisdiction could transfer to others — a relevant point for California cities still developing their approaches.

A POPULATION WITHOUT A LOCAL PLAN

The study’s release comes as Santa Monica continues to navigate an escalating coyote situation that wildlife experts have linked directly to the January 2025 Palisades Fire, which burned through large swaths of the Santa Monica Mountains and pushed wildlife — including coyotes — into residential neighborhoods.

The city updated its “How to Live Safely with Urban Coyotes” guidance last year, acknowledging a spike in sightings particularly north of Montana Avenue.

The encounters continued through summer. During the week of July 27, residents on the 400 block of San Vicente

Boulevard reported coyotes charging cyclists and displaying little fear of people. Officers witnessed one coyote lunge at a cyclist and observed three coyotes gathering around a tree where a resident had been leaving out pet food — a violation of California law. Animal Control issued a warning and conducted hazing patrols through Aug. 8, using air horns, water guns, and verbal deterrence.

Despite the escalating activity, Santa Monica has no formal coyote management plan. Neighboring cities including West Hollywood, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Redondo Beach have each adopted comprehensive plans with tiered response protocols. Santa Monica relies on its Animal Control Unit, housed under the police department, to handle incidents on a case-by-case basis.

A COUNTYWIDE AND STATEWIDE PATTERN

Santa Monica’s experience fits within a broader regional trend. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has documented at least 70 coyote bites on humans since 2013, though the department estimates that only 5% to 10% of bites are actually reported. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates roughly 10 to 12 coyote attacks on humans occur statewide each year, mostly involving small children.

Recent high-profile incidents include a coyote that attacked and dragged a 2-year-old girl in Woodland Hills in December 2022, an incident captured on a Ring doorbell camera. A 2-year-old was bitten on the head and face near the Huntington Beach Pier in April 2022. On Aug. 4, 2025, a 6-year-old boy required more than 20 stitches after a coyote attacked him at Del Amo Park in Carson.

The only confirmed fatal coyote attack on a human in United States history occurred in Glendale in 1981, when 3-year-old Kelly Keen was killed in a neighborhood where residents had been feeding coyotes.

A 2019 National Park Service study found that cats account for as much as 20% of urban coyotes’ diet in the Los Angeles area.

CDFW estimates between 250,000 and 750,000 coyotes live in California. Under state law, coyotes are classified as nongame mammals that can be taken year-round with no bag limit, though trapped animals must be released or euthanized on-site — relocation is prohibited. A February 2025 petition before the California Fish and Game Commission is seeking to tighten regulations on killing coyotes within urban city limits, while CDFW is pursuing state funding in the 2026-27 fiscal year for a permanent Wildlife Coexistence Program.

Residents can report coyote sightings to Santa Monica Animal Control at (310) 458-8595. Bite incidents should be reported to CDFW at 888-334-2258.

The study, “Large-scale experimental assessment of coyote behavior across urban and rural landscapes,” was published online Dec. 17, 2025, in Scientific Reports.*

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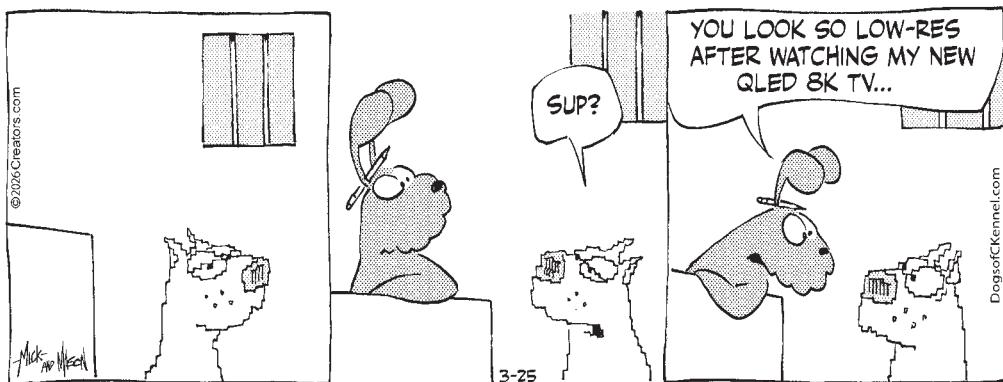
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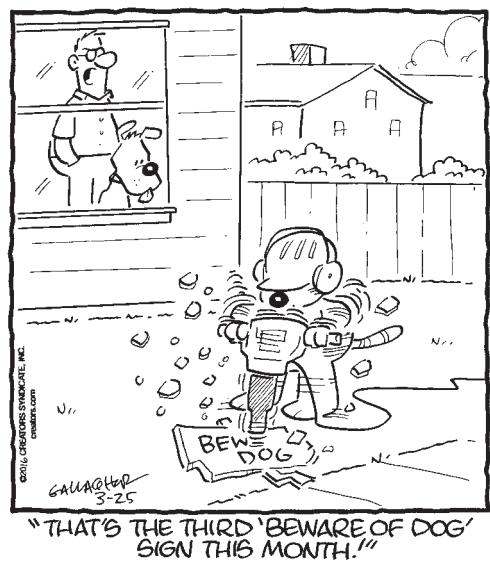
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FIND THE WORDS

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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| Bone | Dogs | Lizard | Toys |
| Broken | Domesticated | Mice | Treats |
| Cage | Duck | Oscar | Trouble |
| Calm | Exercise | Parakeet | Veterinarian |
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It's the year of Passion Flashes, when excitement and a deep sense of inner knowing stir new scenes, relationships and endeavors. More highlights: You will go on a quest that embodies your devotion to an ideal, and kindred spirits will join you. Your ideas pop inside a group, taking business in a new direction, earning everyone money and giving you a big bonus to invest where it suits you. Sagittarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 2, 28, 30 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once again, you'll put yourself in another person's shoes. Every time you do this, you get a little better at it. The exercise doubles as an act of respect that simultaneously builds your emotional intelligence and relationships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a better time when you're around generous spirits - people who treat others well, love many things and people, and show that big heart in all that they do to make the world a better place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being extremely talented at something is a function of knowing what you love about it and drilling down on that area. You love to do the thing you are wired to do. When you answer to your own preferences, you get better and better at it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You sometimes don't recognize the rhythm you're locked in until you fall out of it, feel the tension of being outside the beat and make the choice to get back in step. The metaphor can be aptly applied to your personal life today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When tasks are uncontained, they float like ghosts. They feel infinite. Make one running list, not five mental ones. When everything is written down in one place, the nervous system relaxes a bit. Getting things scheduled will relieve anxiety.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The thing to do with your feelings is not to assess them, not to judge whether they are good or bad, correlate them with events or compare them to other emotions you had a year ago. The thing to do with your feelings is just to feel them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Speed and decisiveness will work for you. You will lay down a boundary, and it's best done quickly, right from the start. One form this might take: redirecting a conversation that's headed in a direction you simply don't want to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Right now, a job seems hard, but don't let that stop you from rolling up your sleeves and getting into it. With repetition, the task will get easier and take up less energy. You're just getting used to the motion of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You pride yourself on independence, but today it benefits you to collaborate even if you don't really need to. Don't worry, it won't dilute your originality. The right alliance will actually sharpen your thinking and stretch your vision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no relationship decision that is worth agonizing over right now. Consider not making a decision at all. Being able to live in the tension of an in-between state can be a kind of art form, and you're uniquely poised to benefit from hovering in today's state of possibility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Oddly enough, sometimes you'd rather work than think about fun because conjuring fun can be more complicated than it seems. It's just one of those days when the pressure of trying new things is less appealing than the certainties of working toward an expected outcome.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will always be annoyances, limitations and things about yourself or your situation that you wish were different. Today, you'll notice what isn't ideal, accept that it's part of the package and refuse to let it dominate your focus.

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ACROSS

- 1 Online auctioneer
- 5 Vegan's taboo
- 9 Fashionable once again
- 14 Misplace
- 15 Not fooled by
- 16 Mistake
- 17 Be unsuccessful
- 18 Clothes dryer fuzz
- 19 Feeling furious
- 20 Brag excessively about skills
- 23 Upper limb
- 24 Rustic lodging
- 25 Synagogue scroll
- 29 Mr., Ms., or Mrs.
- 32 Lavish affection (on)
- 36 City street
- 38 Falsehoods
- 40 Large coffee dispenser
- 41 Implement pair given to graduates
- 44 Poetic "before"
- 45 Broadcasts
- 46 Walk unsteadily
- 47 Phase of a project
- 49 Supervisor at work
- 51 Smart-alecky
- 52 Leather-piercing tool
- 54 Sombrero, for example
- 56 Bad luck for candle lighting
- 63 Citrus beverage
- 64 Female opera star

- 65 Typical Saudi
- 67 Needing a meal
- 68 Change for a ten
- 69 Sleep briefly
- 70 Long parts of kites
- 71 Crimson and scarlet
- 72 Extremely impressed

DOWN

- 1 Santa's assistant
- 2 Canoe or catamaran
- 3 Largest continent
- 4 Holler
- 5 Any wisdom tooth
- 6 Baffling puzzle
- 7 ___ time (never)
- 8 Dog in Oz
- 9 Rule a kingdom

- 10 Quick trip to the store
- 11 Disneyland trolley
- 12 Repetitive learning method
- 13 Mine extraction
- 21 Hawaiian honcho
- 22 Call the shots for a film
- 25 Rolls of adhesive
- 26 Openly seen
- 27 Actress Zellweger
- 28 Get ___ for effort
- 30 Wish well to
- 31 Storage container
- 33 Removes from office
- 34 Oaks and elms
- 35 Contest submission
- 37 Safe to consume

- 39 Afternoon nap
- 42 Athlete on a salary
- 43 Grassy expanse
- 48 Package to mail
- 50 Removed whiskers
- 53 Unwanted garden plants
- 55 Accumulate
- 56 ___ fish sandwich
- 57 LP player
- 58 Strong scent
- 59 Highest sudoku digit
- 60 "Look what I did!"
- 61 Cornfield bird
- 62 Thin fog
- 63 Protrude
- 66 River bottom

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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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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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2026-03-04T08>

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The Crow 2525 Michigan Avenue #Unit F4 Santa Monica. A launchpad and hub for top industry executives, tastemakers, and audiences to discover the best up-and-coming comedians. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bergamot-comedy-fest-public-panel-real-talk-with-top-entertainment-agents/18134558/2026-03-25T18>

WINE WEDNESDAY AT THE WHALER

101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. \$15 wine flights & half off bottles of wine all day every Wednesday.

Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wine-wednesday-at-the-whaler/16952883/2026-03-25T00>

THURSDAY | MARCH 26

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-03-05T11>

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2026-03-05T11>

MATHEMATICS: MANAGING ANXIETY AND TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

11:15 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. An SMC counselor will help you with managing anxiety and provide test-taking strategies. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mathematics-managing-anxiety-and-test-taking-strategies/18206827/2026-03-26T11>

JAZZ NIGHT AT SHORESIDE RESTAURANT

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Shoreside® Restaurant & Bar 1515 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Ease into the weekend with live Jazz featuring different local artists each week, ranging from vocalists, pianists and event four piece bands. Pair the music with seasonal cocktails and shareable bites - whether you're lounging in the lobby or unwinding poolside, the vibe is effortlessly chic. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-night-at-shoreside-restaurant/18330383/2026-03-26T18>

WESTSIDE DIGITAL MIX: MARCH MIXER

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica. Viva Vernal Equinox! Spring is upon us, and so is another Westside Digital Mix - Thursday, March 26, in

Santa Monica.As always, WDM will be blooming with brilliant and engaging humans in media, entertainment, and tech sectors gathering over beverages & hosted appetizers, connecting here in the Entertainment Capital of the Universe. Grab your Early Bird Ticket and join us at LouLou Santa Monica, where we'll be treated to 'la belle vie' - the good life! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/westside-digital-mix-march-mixer/18290966/2026-03-26T18>

TULUM THURSDAYS AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica. Tulum Thursdays at LouLou Santa Monica Every Thursday from 6:00 PM . Step into LouLou's signature Bohemian Chic haven where the elegance of Tulum meets the coastal glamour of Santa Monica. Sunset rooftop vibes Afro-Tribal House beats by DJ YanicrashLive percussion performances Cocktails, cuisine & curated moments . Inspired by the spirit of Ibiza, Mykonos, and the Riviera Maya, Tulum Thursdays are a ritual of rhythm, flavor, and barefoot luxury. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tulum-thursdays-at-loulou-santa-monica/18215748/2026-03-05T18>

FRIDAY | MARCH 27

ALL ABOUT THE NEWS WITH JUDY

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. All About the News With Judy Learn English by discussing today's headlines. The class includes reading, writing, and speaking. Build reading comprehension and learn to express yourself verbally. For more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/all-about-the-news-with-judy/17428017/2026-03-27T10>

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (MSB 126 Planetarium) Math & Science Building, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show - Using SMC's 4K Digistar projection system, Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent will talk about the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, and present a virtual tour of constellations and other night-sky celebrities making their appearance in the evenings ahead. The Night Sky Show is followed by the Feature Program. General Admission: \$10 Children (3-12): \$7. Show Combo (Include the Feature Program at 7 p.m.): \$16 adults, \$10 children (3-12) (A \$1 per ticket service fee will be charged by the ticketing company.) There will be a short intermission prior the start of the Feature Program. No children under age 3 at Friday evening shows. Visit: <https://www.smc.edu/calendar/#event-details/b179db56-3639-4b1f-9300-4ef0b4100fce>

BERGAMOT COMEDY FEST: STAND-UP SHOWCASE

(PURPLE GROUP)

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4 Santa Monica. A launchpad and hub for top industry executives, tastemakers, and audiences to discover the best up-and-coming comedians. \$33.77. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bergamot-comedy-fest-stand-up-showcase-purple-group-/18363477/2026-03-27T20>

SATURDAY | MARCH 28

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Elks Lodge 1040 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Treasure Hunt Starts Here! Don't miss out on our community garage sale, where you can find great deals on pre-loved items. From furniture to clothing and everything in between, discover hidden gems at unbeatable prices. Indoor event with plenty of parking. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/community-garage-sale/18341984/2026-03-28T08>

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2026-03-28T08>

DADTIME

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Virginia Avenue Park (fitness room inside the Park Center) 2200 Virginia Avenue Santa Monica. Every Saturday morning dads come together to let their young children (0-3) explore, socialize, and learn from uninterrupted play. StrongStart Facilitator on hand to answer questions. Free coffee, and the Pico Boulevard Farmer's Market is just outside! Provided FREE by Early Engagement & SMMUSD. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/dadtime/17327106/2026-03-21T09>

\$5 COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing \$5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Sign-up at <https://www.peoplesdogtraining.com/group-classes>. \$5.00 —General \$5.00 then Pay-What-You-Can. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2026-03-28T10>



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