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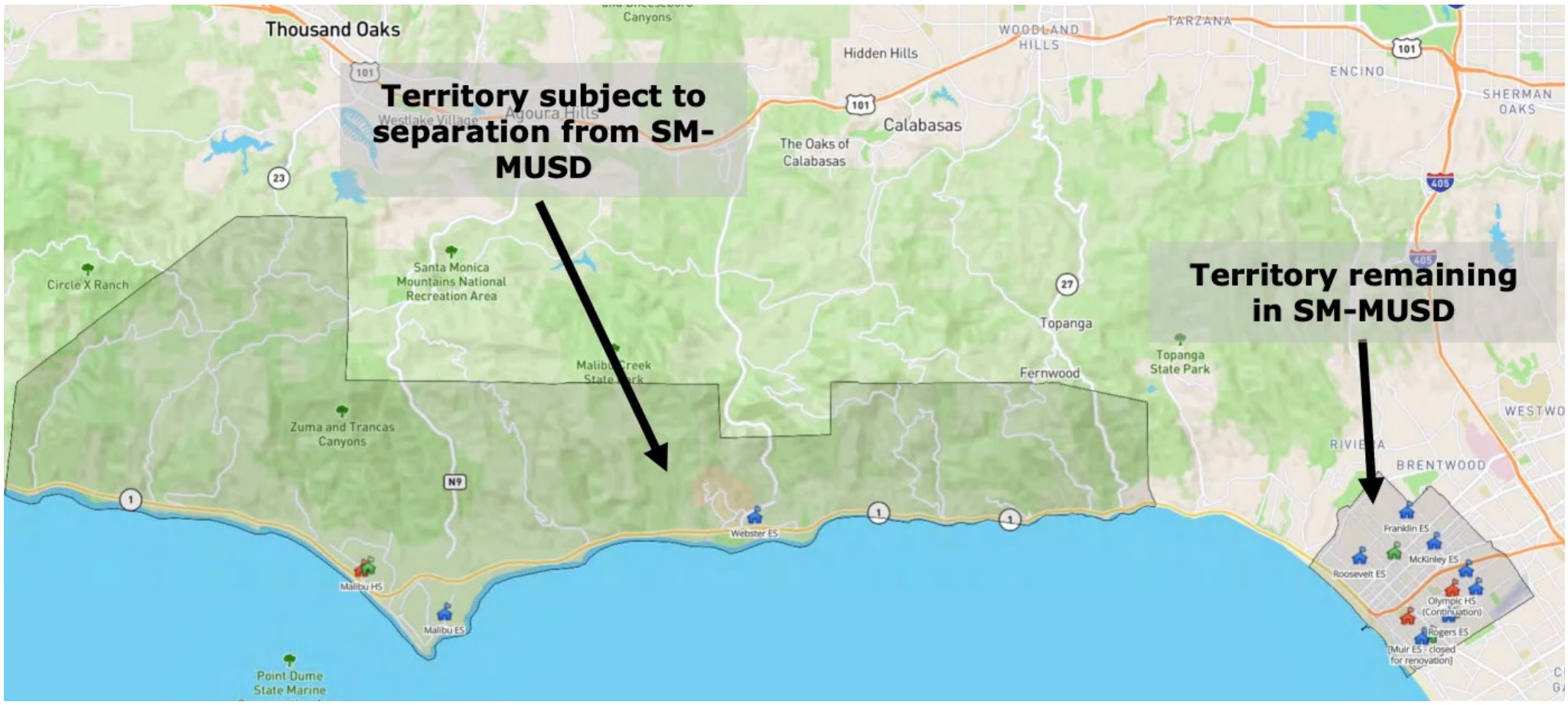
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County report says Malibu can't justify its own school district



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SCHOOLS: Malibu has wanted to withdraw from the joint school district for years but its chances have dimmed recently.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A newly released report has determined that the proposal to create a stand-alone Malibu School District fails to meet eight of the nine state criteria required for establishing an independent school district in California.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Division of Business Advisory Services prepared a Feasibility Study dated April 2, which examined the City of Malibu's petition to form its own school district separate from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD). The study, partially based on analysis from School Services of California (SSC) dated March 5, concluded that the proposed reorganization would have "a substantial negative effect on the fiscal status of the remaining Santa Monica USD" and "would not promote sound fiscal management."

LACOE staff is recommending that the County Committee deny the City of Malibu's proposal under Education Code 35753. If denied, the decision may be appealed to the State Board of Education by the impacted parties.

The report identified specific deficiencies in eight critical areas:

Inadequate student enrollment: The resulting Malibu USD would not have, nor may it be able to maintain, enrollment of at least 1,501 students.

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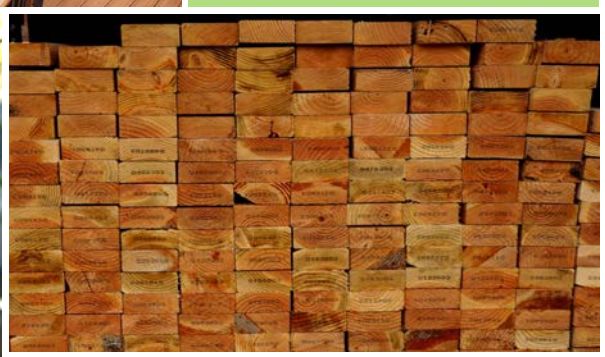
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Sacramento lawmakers introduce new measures targeting rental housing

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

California lawmakers are taking aim at different aspects of the state's housing market through legislation targeting both renters and property owners.

Attorney General Rob Bonta and Assemblymember Matt Haney (D-San Francisco) have introduced a bill to shield tenants from additional housing fees, while Assemblyman Carl DeMaio (R-San Diego) is pushing legislation to expedite the removal of squatters from private property.

The two bills address distinct challenges in California's housing landscape where approximately 17 million residents rent their homes.

Assembly Bill 1248, unveiled by Bonta and Haney with support from consumer and housing advocates, seeks to prohibit landlords from charging separate fees beyond base rent. The practice has grown more common since the 2019 passage of the Tenant Protection Act, which capped rent increases statewide.

"When landlords tack on fees on top of rent it makes it almost impossible for families to compare housing costs or plan for monthly expenses," Bonta said in a statement. "The price of housing should be clear to California tenants in the same way that the cost of a concert ticket or a hotel is clear to California consumers."

Haney called the additional fees "nothing more than a scam that drives up housing expenses and leaves tenants paying far more than they expected."

The legislation would require landlords to include all costs in the advertised rent price, prevent the addition of new fees during tenancy, and mandate that rent payments be applied to actual rent before other charges.

Consumer advocates say some landlords have been charging additional monthly fees for services traditionally included in rent, such as pest control, trash collection, and utility costs based on complex formulas that can fluctuate unpredictably.

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> - Rob Bonta, Attorney General

Meanwhile, DeMaio's "Remove Illegal Squatters from Private Property Act" (AB 897) aims to create a streamlined process for property owners to remove people illegally occupying their property without going through lengthy eviction proceedings.

"California is a Squatters Paradise because liberal politicians have enacted so many anti-property rights laws that it is virtually impossible to remove squatters from any property they illegally seize," DeMaio said in a statement. "Squatters are committing crimes against law-abiding property owners and we must put an end to their costly scams."

His legislation would define unlawful squatting, create an arrest process for those who cannot provide valid documentation of their right to occupy a property, and require judicial certification of any documentation provided by alleged squatters.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Panel Shares Lessons on Wildfire Recovery for Southern California

Paradise Mayor Steve Crowder expects his town's recovery from the devastating 2018 Camp Fire to take 20 years, offering a sobering timeline for Southern California communities facing similar rebuilding challenges.

Crowder shared his insights during a panel discussion hosted by the Center for California Real Estate last week, where experts offered policy recommendations, innovations and consumer tips for wildfire recovery.

"Pre-fire we were building houses at $175 to $200 a square foot. Overnight we went to $300 to $350 per square foot," Crowder said, noting that many homes were only insured for $150 to $200 per square foot.

The panel, moderated by Bill Fulton from UC San Diego, also featured non-combustible building expert Laurie C. Fisher and environmental land use attorney Jennifer Hernandez.

Fisher warned of additional cost increases due to tariffs on building materials. "Almost all of our lumber comes from Canada, and so we've already seen an increase of 20 to 30 percent in lumber costs," she said.

Paradise has rebuilt about 33% of its housing, constructing approximately 350 homes annually. However, Crowder said the community is changing as rising prices affect affordability. "Our median price before the fire was $250,000. Right now, our median price is about $460,000."

Hernandez emphasized the need for communities to consider equity and affordability in rebuilding plans. She advocated for carefully planned development that creates fire-resistant neighborhoods that can serve as evacuation zones during emergencies.

Panelists highlighted the need for standardization in fire-resistant building certifications that homeowners can present to insurance companies for potential premium reductions.

For individual homeowners, experts recommended fire-hardening measures like installing screens to block burning embers and replacing wood fencing with non-combustible materials.

In January, the California Association of Realtors partnered with FortressFire to provide a Wildfire Disclosure Report as part of standard residential purchase agreements, helping document home vulnerabilities and protection strategies.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Sounding the Alarm for Main Street & Ocean Park

Now that the Affordable Housing Development of 3 City owned lands are moving forward at 4th/ 5th Streets & Arizona downtown & Bergamot Station Arts Station, according to the Housing Element, the City Staff will next present a plan to build massive, multiple, 7-8 story tall buildings, with 577 affordable rental units in Parking Lots 9, 10 & 11, directly behind Main Street (from Hollister to Kinney Street) in Ocean Park. If the Santa Monica City Council gives direction to City Staff to proceed, it will forever change & destroy Main Street & Ocean Park. It will destroy local businesses that rely on the parking for patronage, it will destroy the historic character of this low rise, beach side community, & it will destroy the quality of life for residents in Ocean Park in so many unintended ways. Here are a few reasons NOT to build housing in the parking lots directly behind Main Street:

DESTROYING THE CHARACTER & IDENTITY OF THE MAIN STREET:

Imagine multiple 7-8 story buildings, 77-88 feet tall, directly behind & towering over the 32 foot tall businesses on Main Street. There would be a permanent eclipse on Main Street - the sun would disappear behind these massive concrete walls every day after 1 o'clock. These buildings would block the immediate neighborhood from the breeze, view & sounds of the beach. That open feel that defines Ocean Park would forever be gone – that is precisely what draws people here from all over the region, the country & the world. Nobody came to Ocean Park either 125 years ago or today, to live, work & play in the shadows of 7-8 story high buildings.

MAIN STREET IS THE MAIN COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR IN OCEAN PARK:

These parking lots are crucial to the survival of Businesses on Main Street. Without them, Main Street businesses will suffer badly. How would they even survive the 2+ years of construction required to build on these lots without parking? Where will their patrons park? Does the City Staff think people can park in the already overcrowded residential neighborhoods of 2nd, 3rd & 4th Streets?

The existing metered parking spots generate millions of dollars in revenue for the City every year – that would be gone. No more Farmer's market on Sunday. Who would even want to come to shop or spend time on Main Street in the shadows of these monstrosities? Lost revenue, lost charm and no parking means less sales tax for an already bankrupt city.

Visitor also park in these lots to access the beach for 1- 3 hours rather than pay $15 for a full day pass in the big lots by the sand. Will more & more Beach goers just keep circling 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Streets for day parking like they already do all summer long?

Current residents who live on the nearby beach blocks (Fraser, Hart, Wadsworth, Hollister, etc.) are also afforded parking in these lots with their residential permits. That parking would no longer be available to them. Their homes are now that much less valuable without the additional parking.

TRAFFIC:

This is heavily trafficked, densely populated area that cannot handle 577 more housing units directly behind the main corridor of Ocean Park that is Main Street. There already is an enormous volume of daily traffic on Main Street & Neilson Way. These are commuting corridors; people exit the 405 freeway to the 10 freeway, then they exit at 4th St & continue on to either 4th Street, Main Street or Neilson way to access Ocean Park, Venice & Marina Del Rey. Stand on the corner of Hill & Main from 3:30 pm to 7:30 on any week day, it's stop & go traffic for 4 hours. Adding 577 more units along this route will only make it worse.

THE CA STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW IS NOT EVEN MANDATING THIS AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

In order to be in compliance with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), the City is required to identify 8,895 new housing units, 6,168 of them categorized as affordable. First, it is an entirely made up number to state Santa Monica needs 8,995 more housing units. This is a city that has roughly the same population today than it had in 1980. Second, according to the Housing report, the city is currently experiencing "zero population growth." Third, the Housing Element even declares "Santa Monica is one of the most densely populated cities in California." Nevertheless, the City Staff's plan is to rezone much of Santa Monica & it identified 13,600 housing unit to builds, 9,944 of which are categorized as affordable. That's a 53% buffer ABOVE what the State is requiring and 3,776 more affordable units than is required. The State is not mandating this amount of development, period.

OCEAN PARK ALREADY IS A MODEL COMMUNITY FOR MEETING AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING HOUSING MANDATE OBJECTIVES:

This Housing cycle puts an emphasis on expanding housing choice in areas that have historically excluded diverse populations - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Mandate (AFFH). But Ocean Park already is an economically diverse community, with low, moderate & high income people living side by side by side. Don't take my word for it: the City Council stated this in a letter to the CA Dept of Housing & Community Development 2 years ago, when it asked to amend Santa Monica requirements & exclude Neighborhood Commercial Districts like Main Street from Upzoning. (Upzoning would have allowed developers to build housing above the local businesses on historic Main Street buildings. Local residents were outraged & after much debate, the City Council gave in).

City Council stated: "Ocean Park has always provided a variety of housing types

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: Thigh to stomach 2-3FT+

Fun swell mix but as NW wind issues continue. Chunky combo of swells looking likely - NW swell mix from Tuesday PM continues, long period new SSW swell builds further. High confidence on wind issues persisting. Overnight WNW onshore flow may ease some for the morning window before ramping back up, but even with the brief reprieve, conditions probably won't improve very much.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: Thigh to waist 2-3FT

SSW swell lingers with enough NW energy lingering to cross it up. Watching winds. Swell-wise we're set up for a modest to fun combo of lingering SSW Southern Hemi swell and easing NW swell mix. Conditions still look on the dicey side, similar to what happened Monday. The points could have easterly wind issues in the morning - decent for beachbreaks west of Dume. West wind picks up in the afternoon which flips the script, decent for the points and lumpy west of Dume.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a west northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Breezy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northeast 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 59. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before 11pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

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2025/04/02	Wed	6:09 PM	2.15	L
2025/04/03	Thu	12:54 AM	5.45	H
2025/04/03	Thu	08:49 AM	-0.33	L
2025/04/03	Thu	4:24 PM	2.82	H
2025/04/03	Thu	6:56 PM	2.67	L
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US-Canada-Mexico joint World Cup goes from unity to acrimony thanks to tariffs and '51st state' talk

Seven years ago, when a joint bid by the United States, Canada and Mexico was awarded the 2026 World Cup, rifts created by tariffs — yes, back then, too! — and a proposed border wall were glossed over because of the neighbors' longstanding political and economic alliances.

"The unity of the three nations" was the overriding theme articulated by Carlos Cordeiro, then-president of the U.S. Soccer Federation. "A powerful message," he called it.

Well, here we are now, with the soccer showcase arriving in North America in about 15 months, and President Donald Trump back in office — inciting trade wars between the neighbors, not to mention across the globe, by levying tariffs that come, then go, then return, with more promised, including what the Republican calls " reciprocal tariffs " starting Wednesday.

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> - Alan Rothenberg

It's hard to know how, exactly, the current geopolitical fissures, made all the more stark every time Trump or those in his administration talk provocatively about making Canada the 51st state, might affect the World Cup, its organization and coordination, fans' travel plans and more.

"Oh, I think it's going to make it more exciting," was Trump's take during an Oval Office appearance with FIFA President Gianni Infantino last month. "Tension's a good thing."

Will the world come to the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics?

Given that the U.S. also is preparing to welcome the world for FIFA's Club World Cup in June, golf's Ryder Cup in September and the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, the question becomes: Will the world want to come?

AND, TAKING TRUMP'S BORDER AND VISA POLICIES INTO ACCOUNT, WILL THE WORLD BE ABLE TO?

Alan Rothenberg, who ran the 1994 World Cup and successfully oversaw the bid to host the 1999 Women's World Cup as then-president of U.S. Soccer, thinks the answers to those questions are "Yes." Pointing to concerns about the last two World Cups, in Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022, he noted those still attracted attendance totals above 3 million apiece.

"People love the United States around the world — frankly, we wouldn't have the immigration issue that we're dealing with if that weren't the case — so a lot of this is government-to-government," Rothenberg said. "A passionate soccer fan is not going to be held up by that."

He doesn't think one of the host nations would drop out of the World Cup, say, or that other countries might boycott, as happened at the 1976, 1980 and 1984 Summer Olympics.

"More than anything, they'll see it as an opportunity for, perhaps, rapprochement, rather than escalating the tensions," Rothenberg said.

"Besides, from an organizing standpoint, if either Canada or Mexico withdrew" from the World Cup, he said, "the U.S. would pick up the games in a heartbeat."

SPECTATORS BOOING THE U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Still, as the White House stance on tariffs and Russia's war in Ukraine have put Europe on edge, and relations with other countries have become fraught, it might not be a surprise if soccer stadiums for the U.S. games at the World Cup offer the same sort of anti-American sentiment heard when spectators in Canada booed "The Star-Spangled Banner" during hockey's 4 Nations Face-Off in February.

FIFA, soccer's governing body, did not respond to Associated Press requests for comment, but Infantino has never hidden his admiration for Trump, which he often demonstrates via social media. They have met at least five times since the U.S. election in November.

Last week, when Kirsty Coventry was elected president of the International Olympic Committee — becoming the first woman in that position — she was asked how she would work with Trump and what she would tell athletes about traveling to the U.S. for the next Games.

"I have been dealing with, let's say, difficult men, in high positions since I was 20 years old," Coventry said with a chuckle, "and first and foremost, what I have learned is that communication will be key. That is something that will happen early on. And my firm belief is that President Trump is a huge lover of sports. He will want these Games to be significant. He will want them to be a success."

Referring to concerns about whether the administration might deny some athletes visas, she added: "We will not waver from our values ... of solidarity in ensuring that every athlete that qualifies for the Olympic Games has the possibility to attend the Olympic Games and be safe during the Olympic Games."

The overriding assumption among those involved in the Olympics is that Trump will assure the 2028 Games are a success.

As U.S. Olympic and Paralympic

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Police investigate early morning shooting near Lincoln and Pico

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SMDP Staff Writer

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, on March 29, 2025, at approximately 4:45am, officers responded to a report of a shooting at a gas station near Lincoln Blvd and Pico Blvd. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male with non-life-threatening injuries, which were not the result of a gunshot wound. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Based on the initial investigation, an unknown suspect may have fired a round into the victim's vehicle while he was driving in the area. The victim reported having exited the westbound 10 Freeway and was traveling south on Lincoln at the time. The exact location of the incident remains under investigation.

This remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact SMPD Sergeant Lozano at (310) 458-8432 or the Watch Commander 24/7 at (310) 458-8427.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Grant Elementary

Grant Elementary Launches Student Ambassador Program for Holi Celebration

Students at Grant Elementary School are taking the lead in cultural education through a new Holi Student Ambassador program that allows children who celebrate the holiday to teach their peers about the Festival of Colors.

The initiative, launched for the first time this year, places students at the center of sharing traditions associated with Holi, an Indian celebration marking the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil.

"When a student goes to a classroom to teach about some topic, it's novel," said Principal Christian Fuhrer. "Learning information from peers, especially ones who actually celebrate the holiday, is authentic."

> "There is nothing more powerful than witnessing a student beam with pride when teaching their classmates about their heritage and traditions"
> - Christian Fuhrer, Principal

The program emerged as a collaborative effort between staff, families and students, led by the school's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access Committee. Parent coordinators Nisha Mendelsohn, Aarti Porwal, Harsh Chowdary and Marya Husain helped organize the educational initiative.

Student ambassadors visited transitional kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms in pairs, presenting short videos, reading from age-appropriate books and facilitating simple activities. The presentations concluded with question-and-answer sessions.

The initiative culminated at the school's annual Jogathon event where students participated in a color-throw celebration. BollyPop! instructor Aakansha taught traditional Indian dance moves to enhance the festivities.

Fuhrer emphasized that the program reflects the school's commitment to culturally responsive education and aligns with broader instructional goals, including student-led inquiry and project-based learning.

"There is nothing more powerful than witnessing a student beam with pride when teaching their classmates about their heritage and traditions," Fuhrer said. "The student ambassadors gain confidence and build a solid sense of pride about where their families came from."

The initiative supports Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton's districtwide focus on fostering belonging, nurturing curiosity and empowering students to embrace their identities.

"Our hope is that we are creating great humans to send out into the world," Fuhrer said.

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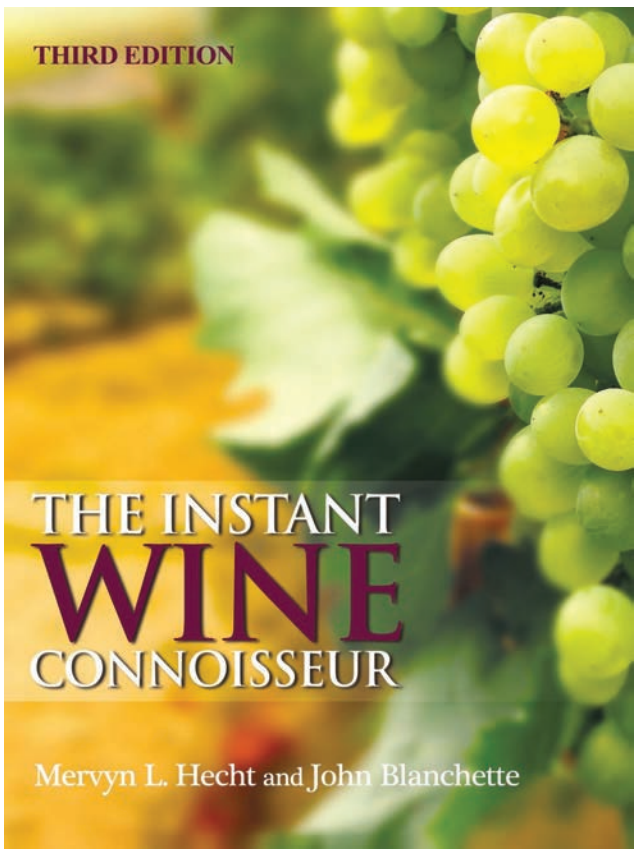
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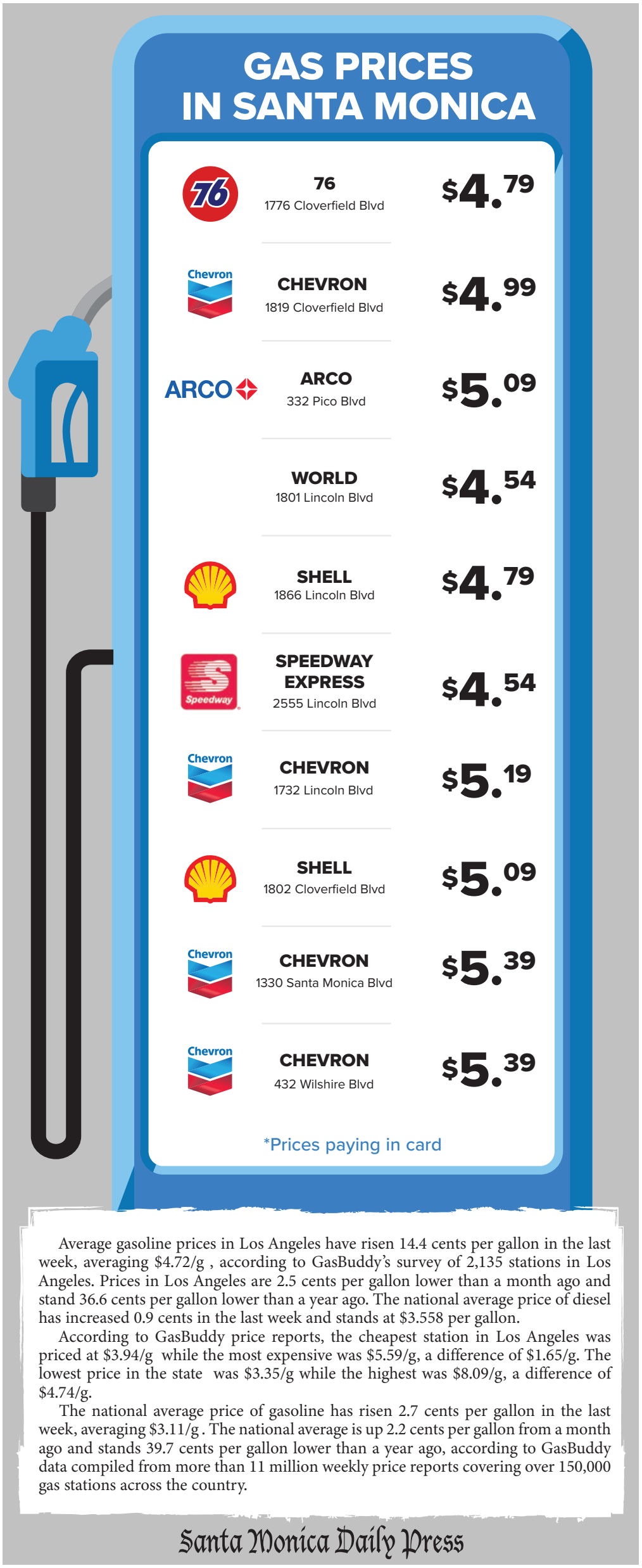
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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 14.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.72/g , according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 2.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 36.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 0.9 cents in the last week and stands at $3.558 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.94/g while the most expensive was $5.59/g, a difference of $1.65/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.35/g while the highest was $8.09/g, a difference of $4.74/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.11/g . The national average is up 2.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 39.7 cents per gallon lower 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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Red Cross Urges Blood Donations as Spring Travel Season Begins

The American Red Cross is calling for blood and platelet donations this April as seasonal travel threatens to reduce the blood supply following an already challenging winter.

With upcoming holiday celebrations and record-breaking spring break travel expected in the coming weeks, the organization emphasizes the need for donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets.

"Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days," the Red Cross said in a statement. "With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential to patient care."

Those who donate in April will be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three $5,000 gift cards. Donors between April 1-13 will receive a $15 Amazon.com gift card by email, while those donating April 14-30 will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last.

Multiple donation opportunities are available in Santa Monica throughout April, including daily appointments at the American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter on 11th Street and additional locations at First United Methodist Church and St. Monica Preparatory.

Potential donors can schedule appointments through the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, the organization's website, by phone at 1-800-RED CROSS or through Alexa Echo devices.

Donors must be at least 17 years old in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Identification is required at check-in.

The Red Cross also seeks volunteers to serve as blood donor ambassadors at blood drives or as transportation specialists delivering blood products to nearby hospitals.

The American Red Cross supplies about 40% of the nation's blood while also providing disaster relief, international humanitarian aid and support for veterans and military members.

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The Pier

Free Fitness Series Returns to Santa Monica Pier

Wellness & Waves, a free fitness series offering group runs and yoga sessions against the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean, returns to the Santa Monica Pier on April 5.

The popular program runs every Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. through October 11, inviting participants to start their weekends with movement and mindfulness at one of Los Angeles' most iconic locations.

"For over a century, the Santa Monica Pier has been a place where people come to feel better—whether through fresh air, a little exercise, or simply a moment of peace by the water," said Jim Harris, Executive Director and Historian of the Santa Monica Pier.

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Each Saturday begins with a group run from 8 to 9 a.m. beneath the famed Santa Monica Yacht Harbor sign, welcoming runners of all abilities. From 9 to 10 a.m., the action moves to the west end of the Pier for yoga and yoga-pilates fusion classes led by instructors from prominent Westside wellness studios.

The April-May instructor lineup features Beau Campbell, Leah Zaccaria, Jackie Hinton, Britt Abundant, Kari Jaffe and Kyle Descher, with the full season schedule to be announced on the Pier's social media channels.

While sessions are free and open to all fitness levels, advance registration is encouraged through the Santa Monica Pier website. Participants should bring their own yoga mat and towel.

"Wellness & Waves continues that legacy by giving our community a meaningful way to recharge and reconnect in an iconic setting," Harris added.

The program is presented in partnership with Good Body Pilates, shefayoga Venice, Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, Lifeway Kefir, and Santa Monica Travel & Tourism.

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GET IT DAILY...

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FROM PAGE 1

Lack of distinct community identity: The Malibu area has been part of the SMMUSD for over 70 years, with students attending Santa Monica area schools for more than a century. Separation is not necessary to maintain area identity.

Inequitable division of assets and liabilities: Significant questions have been raised about the financial solvency of both districts should the split occur.

Potential to promote ethnic discrimination or segregation: The reorganization would likely cause dramatic shifts in racial/ethnic demographics of enrolled students in both districts.

Substantial increase in cost to the state: The split would likely impact state funding significantly for buildings and other fiscal obligations.

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>
> - Jon Kean, school board member and unification subcommittee member

Disruption of educational programs: Given the significantly smaller enrollment of the proposed Malibu USD, it's unclear whether the new district could provide an equivalent educational program.

Significant increase in school housing costs: Reorganization would likely require new school and administrative facilities, as well as potential remediation of facilities for Malibu USD.

Negative impact on fiscal management: The reorganization would likely significantly impact the fiscal management of both districts, potentially jeopardizing the current basic aid status due to enrollment losses, reduced parcel tax revenues, and the inability to include high-value properties in assessed valuation.

The only criterion met was that the proposal was not primarily designed to increase property values.

"We understand Malibu's strong interest in local control of Malibu schools," said Jon Kean, school board member and unification subcommittee member. "We have supported that goal by putting in the work to find a fair and equitable way to accomplish unification."

The County Committee will discuss the report on April 2 at 9:30 a.m., with public comments accepted both in person and via Zoom. Meanwhile, the SMMUSD school board plans to discuss three mediated agreements at their April 23 meeting as they continue to work toward a potential solution that could satisfy state requirements.

The SMMUSD Board of Education has urged the County Committee to deny the original 2017 Malibu petition while encouraging stakeholders to work with them on finalizing the three agreements required to move forward with a viable unification plan.

The lengthy process began when the City of Malibu submitted a petition through a 2015 resolution to form its own school district separate from Santa Monica. After years of starts and stops, negotiations, and community hearings, the proposal has finally reached the evaluation stage.

If approved, the reorganization would create two independent school districts: Malibu Unified and Santa Monica Unified, replacing the current combined district structure that has existed for decades.

Supporters of the split argue that separation would allow each community to govern its schools according to local needs and priorities. Opposition has centered around financial concerns, with questions about how resources, funding, and assets would be divided between the two proposed districts.

The road to Tuesday's vote has been marked by sporadic negotiations between the city of Malibu and the school district. The parties engaged in extensive mediation sessions attempting to forge agreements on revenue sharing, operations, and other critical aspects of the potential separation but no binding agreements were reached.

Regardless of Tuesday's vote by the County Committee, the petition will ultimately proceed to the State Board of Education for final determination.

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& range of affordability levels…Ocean Park is a diverse community from the standpoint of income levels and demographics…the city believes upzoning in the NC District of Main Street is unnecessary because Ocean Park is already a model community for meeting Affirmatively Furthering Housing Mandate objectives."

OCEAN PARK IS GETTING SQUEEZED ON BOTH SIDES:

Last year there was no stopping a Builder's Remedy development called the "Lincoln Center Project" at the Gelson's site on the corner of Lincoln & Ocean Park Blvd. Residents were ignored in their attempts to modify that plan. This is a massive development project - 521 units, 12 buildings, each 6 stories tall on the east border of Ocean Park at Lincoln Blvd. Now we are facing another massive development project on the west border of Ocean Park behind Main Street. Ocean Park residents are literally getting squeezed on both sides. And after the developers are finished & gone, it will be up to the City to handle the additional load of providing services for 1000+ more units in the immediate area – increased need for water, electricity, sanitation, police, fire etc.

DESTROYING THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER WILL LEAD TO DECREASED PROPERTY VALUES & EVEN MORE DECREASED REVENUE FOR THE CITY:

Aside from the 71-ish% of renters in Ocean Park, there are other people living in Ocean Park who pay top dollar - either market rate rentals, or they pay handsomely to own mostly condos (& some single family homes - there are very few single family homes in Ocean Park). Yes, it costs more money to live in this highly desirable, walkable, low rise, beach community, with the breeze off the ocean & the sun flooding Main Street than it does to live in Van Nuys. It is fair to current residents, who have invested so greatly into the community, to build tax payer funded & subsidized affordable housing, ½ block from the beach, with Ocean Views, that destroys the quality of life here for current residents? Inevitably as the quality of life declines in Ocean Park, so will property values and so will the real estate transfer taxes that the City so desperately needs. Real Estate transfer tax is a major source of revenue for the city.

IS IT "A RIGHT" TO LIVE IN SANTA MONICA?:

Who are the recipients of these 577 Affordable housing units? There are approximately 40,000 names on the Affordable Housing Waiting List. (There are only 52,690 total housing units in the whole city). Many of these people do not live in Santa Monica, they commute here for work. The talking point is commuters having "a right" to live here because they contribute to the economy. Is it a right to live in Santa Monica just because you work here? And the idea that there are no available job/work centers other than Santa Monica, forcing people to commute 2-4 hours to Santa Monica is ridiculous. Even more absurd, advocates for this Affordable housing also believe that current tax payers should pay it. (Passed in 2022, Measure GS is an 833% increase on real estate transfer tax on residential & commercial sales, to fund the Housing Trust Fund. Through the Housing Trust Fund, the city gives "well below" market rate loans to initiate Affordable Housing Development to developers.

THE CITY COULD ACTUALLY HELP CURRENT RENTERS:

Home ownership is the way to build wealth, but in Santa Monica is seems to be a crime to do so. Studios, 1 bedrooms & 2 bedrooms make up 79% of ALL housing in Santa Monica – much of the proposed units here are the same. No wonder families are leaving Santa Monica–you can't raise a family in a Studio, 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom apartment. The City has a policy of giving below market rate loans to developers to initiate & subsidize construction, why not give below market rate loans to Santa Monica renters who can't otherwise afford a down payment or a monthly mortgage payment? A TORCA 2.0 policy would give current renters the option to buy their units & share in the price appreciation our city has experienced.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEHIND MAIN STREET WAS REJECTED IN 1989 BY MAIN STREET BUSINESSES & RESIDENTS & IT WILL BE REJECTED AGAIN:

In 1989 some of the same members of this Affordable Housing coalition tried to build 2 story parking structures with 2 stories of affordable housing on top of those parking structures. There was a tremendous backlash from both Main Street business owners & Residents. Organized opposition strung up a row of Helium Balloons 42 feet high for residents to visualize how tall this would be. They fought back and won. How disheartening for these long time business owners & residents to see this same handful of people coming around again & looking to develop affordable housing that would be twice as tall.

THE SOLUTION IS OBVIOUS. THE AIRPORT:

There's an airport closing in 2028 with approximately 200-220 open acres of land. City Council should take 50-75 acres of that land, sell some of it & build some affordable housing, alongside this utopian idea of a great park that advocates envision. Put it on the ballot & let's see how residents vote, after all a lot has changed in Santa Monica since Measure LC was passed in 2014. The city has declared a state of emergency with regards to homelessness, affordable housing & mental health, well then, the airport land is not off limits and it must be used for part of the solution. If this City Council does not show the vision or the courage to create affordable housing in an uninhabited, untouched area that disrupts no one, then they sure as heck better not attempt to build on the parking lots in the heart of the of Ocean Park. I notice there are no current City Council member living in Ocean Park. Does that not mean the interests of Ocean Park businesses & residents should not be represented?

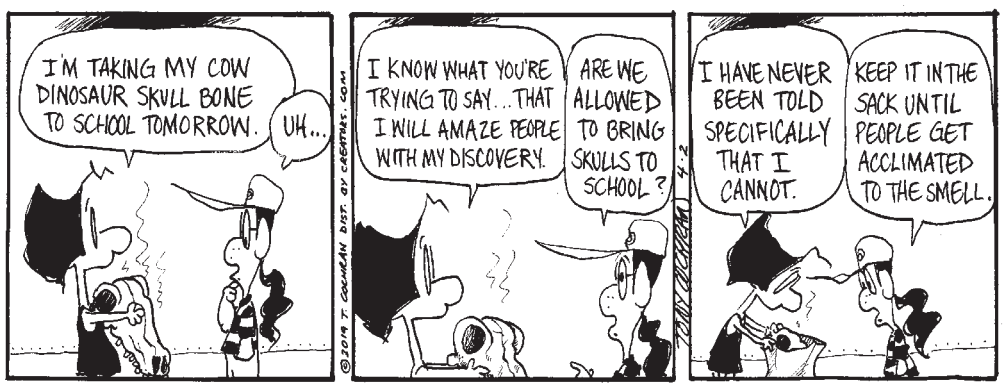
Now is the time for Ocean Park residents & Main Street businesses to stand up & make your voices heard. And it is time for the City Council to serve the will of vast majorities of current residents & businesses, not future ones that claim they have rights to live here because they work here, not financially incentivized developers, and not the handful of affordable housing advocates that have been pushing unpopular housing policies since at least as far back as 1989.

I am sounding the alarm.

-Robert Maschio, Santa Monica Resident

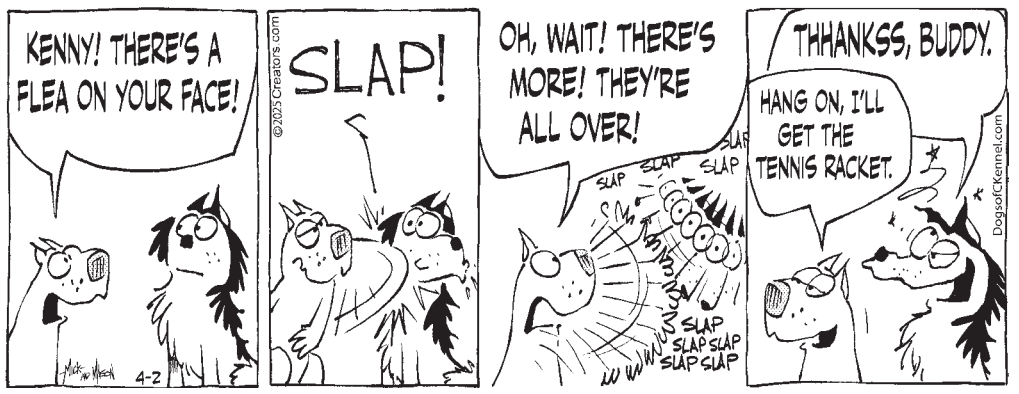
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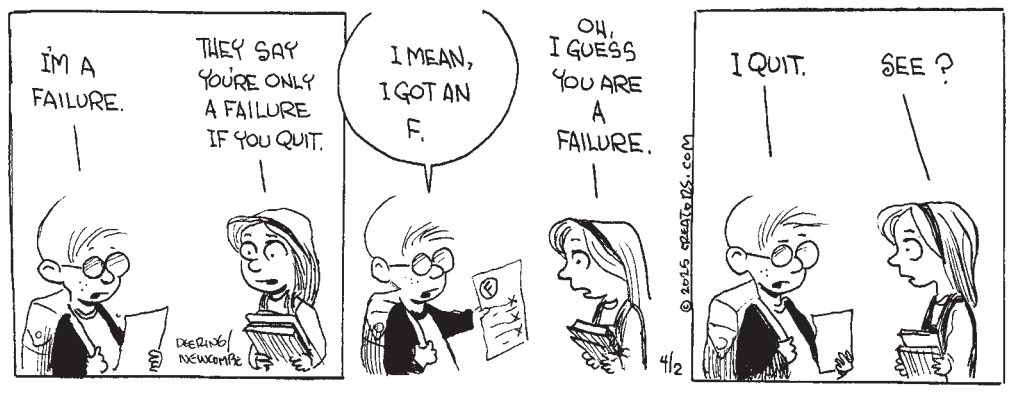
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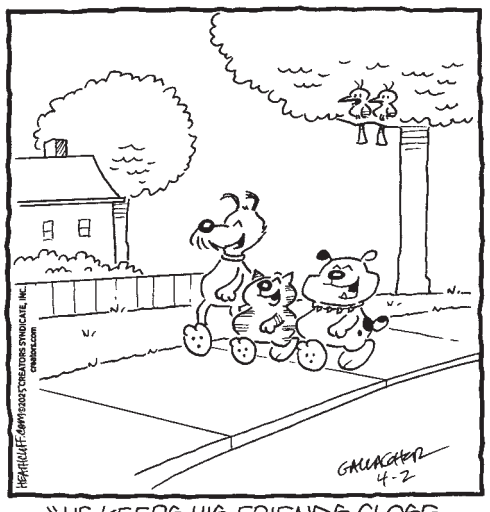
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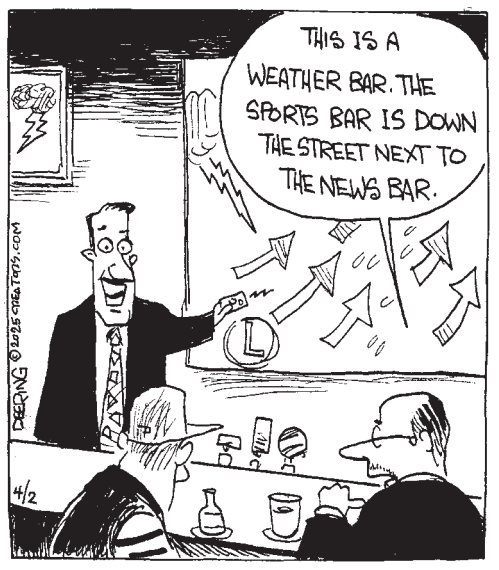
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 25 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6533

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Your third eye has a vivid and vibrant focus illuminating the path that no one around you sees. Thus, this is a year of moves that are bold, accurate and entertaining to witnesses. More highlights: Collaborations, sporty fun and team wins. A venture flourishes, and your financial strategy clicks into place. You'll receive loving letters, gestures or other signals to be treasured forever. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 3, 33 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Disharmony is erosive. What rubs the wrong way creates debris - dust that diminishes each side. Supportive arrangements galvanize. Strength in unity will be a theme. You'll seek, find and live it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a question you're mulling. The best possible answer will come to you today, which is so simple it almost seems like a non-answer: Keep moving forward, doing what must be done, letting life carry you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Indecision can create unnecessary delays, but clarity cuts through the noise. You'll make decisions. Small ones count. Your decisiveness is so attractive, each choice adding momentum and a confidence that's magnetic to those around you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Integrity guides your actions, and clarity shapes your choices on this day of striving to accomplish what is correct, respectful, kind and prudent. To achieve these foundational qualities is to achieve meaningful success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're growing into the knowledge that you are meant for reciprocity. You haven't always been attracted to people and situations that give back, but as you continue to honor yourself, the scenes with potential to fulfill you will start to feel like home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's an undeniable energy about you today, one that naturally pulls people in. As the star - charismatic, attention-drawing, naturally at the center of things - you have a responsibility to stay grounded and wield your power with compassion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Emotions may feel unrelated to actualities today. It's as though random feelings are wired to undesignated controls, and you have no idea which will do what until someone starts twisting the knobs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a walking polygraph test. You have your own methods for truth-detecting. If it hurts a little, it might be true. If it causes a laugh, a blush, a blink, an elevated heart rate - it might be true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're growing into someone who sees things for what they are and isn't afraid to reassess relationships that no longer feel right. This clarity allows you to make room for connections that truly resonate with who you are now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best way to start things off is with a clean slate with no debts, grudges or assumptions about how things will go. Unfortunately, hardly anything starts off like that. The second-best way to begin is in the spirit of openness and optimism.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). These tasks are opportunities, not obligations. There's nothing you have to do. Every option is optional. You do what you want to do because you want to do it. Believing this, you'll find every activity more energizing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The trick to your productivity is in knowing how much to do and when to stop. If you put in more effort than is needed, you will accomplish less. Tell the finish line to speak to you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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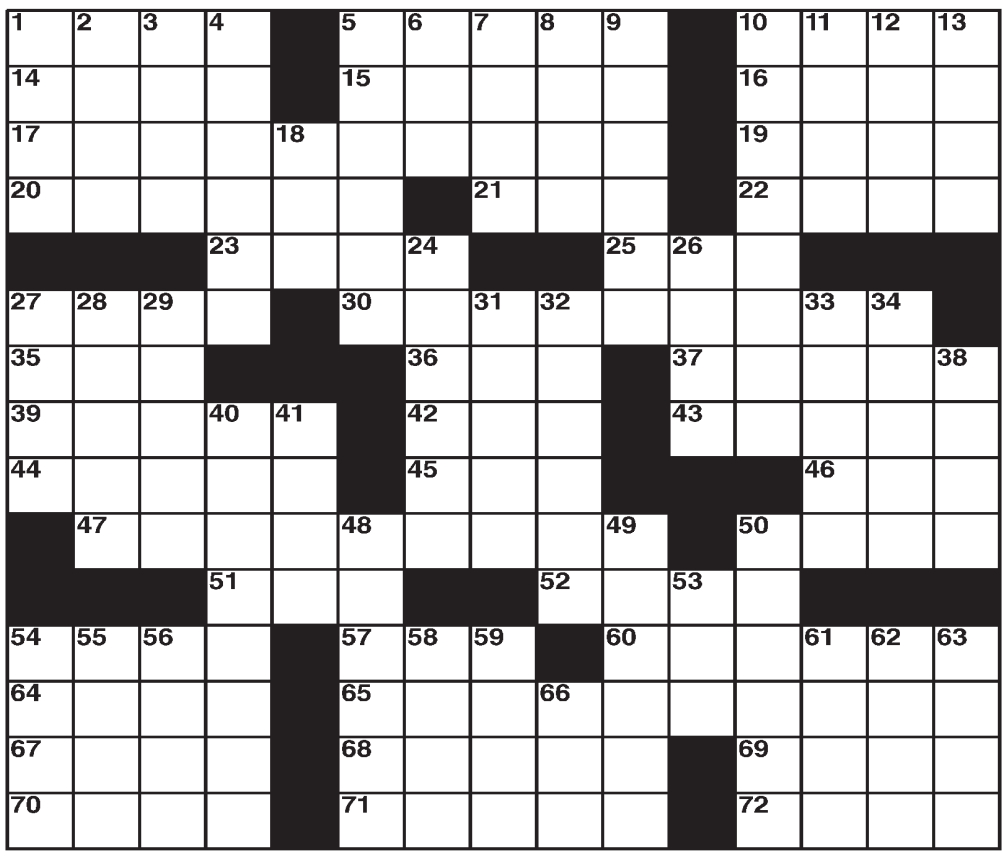
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4 Not far at all
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6 Parenthesis shape
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9 Cash-back incentive
10 Shellfish that attaches to ships
11 Sandwich cookie
12 Untidy room
13 Rubber duck's spot
18 Any member of the fam.
24 Life-story movie
26 Dutch cheese
27 Hangs out to dry
28 Cracker fragment
29 Vietnam's capital
31 Ritzy
32 Felt intuitively
33 Part of UV
34 Dog-__ (bookmarked, in a way)
38 Be optimistic
40 Cathedral musician
41 Uncool student
48 Alternative to "Yours truly"
49 Revolutionary War loyalists
50 Fuel-powered bikes
53 Jelly holder
54 Radiate, as rays
55 Identical
56 Baby beagles
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59 FBI guy
61 "A likely story!"
62 Titled British woman
63 Pack away, as cargo
66 Winter hrs. in L.A.



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WORLDCUP

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Committee chairman Gene Sykes put it: "I can't speak for him, but I think he's the kind of person who probably believes that having these go very, very well is a reflection of his leadership."

WILL TRUMP'S TARIFFS AND OTHER POLICIES AFFECT SOCCER'S WORLD CUP?

"The most likely outcome is that Trump's nonsense won't have an impact," said Smith College professor Andrew Zimbalist, an expert on the economics of sports.

"My guess is that if relations between Canada and the U.S. deteriorate to the point that there are travel restrictions and spending restrictions," Zimbalist said, "Trump would — just like he's making exceptions all the time on his tariffs policies — make an exception for a month or six weeks."

The U.S. and Canadian soccer federations declined AP requests for comment on how White House policies might affect the 2026 World Cup.

Gabriela Cuevas, who represents Mexico's government in meetings with FIFA, said she considers the tariffs and the soccer event "separate issues," adding that she believes "the World Cup could be a route to engage in a conversation."

Observers tend to agree, saying logistics such as security cooperation or team transportation from city to city — or country to country — should not be hampered when it comes to the World Cup, scheduled to take place in 16 cities across the U.S., Canada and Mexico from June 11 to July 19, 2026.

The borders might become an issue, though.

"The main thing FIFA needs to move for this event is not car parts, and it's not wheat, and it's not electricity. It's people. That's your real concern," said Victor Matheson, an economics professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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"What were previously pretty reasonable border crossings could become much more challenging, simply because both sides amp up their level of inspections and the United States, in particular, cuts down government services that allow people to move effectively between countries."

As for the fans, 29-year-old Mexican businessman German Camacho Pacheco said "soccer is religion" in his country, so when it comes to the World Cup, "I don't think they care about tariffs."

Camacho, wearing the Monterrey club jersey of defender Sergio Ramos while on the way to watch a game at a sports bar in Mexico City, said he doesn't expect there to be any effect at all on the World Cup "unless this goes from a trade war to an actual war."

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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 2

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-04-02T12

AUTHOR EVENT! NEHA RUCH X EVE RODSKY

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 1113 Montana Avenue. Zibby's Bookshop is excited to welcome Neha Ruch to celebrate the launch of her book The Power Pause: How to Plan a Career Break After Kids – and Come Back Stronger Than Ever! Neha will be joined by bestselling author Eve Rodsky! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/author-event-neha-ruch-x-eve-rodsky/15324881/2025-04-02T18

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGIN' AND WINGIN

9:00 p.m. - 11:55 p.m. Tavern on Main 2907 Main St. Wednesdays are made for chicken wings and belting out your favorite songs! Join us for a fun filled evening of Karaoke, hosted by none other than Karaoke Star! $0.50 wings special all day long - 7 flavors to choose from Happy Hour from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/wednesday-night-singin-and-wingin/14639011/2025-04-02T21

THURSDAY | APRIL 3

NOMA MEETING

Pressing residential issues are up for discussion at the North of Montana Avenue Neighborhood Association's meeting this Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Heidi Dedrick from the Montana Merchants Association will kick things off with a review of the new businesses and their offerings on Montana Ave., to be followed by SM Code Enforcement Manager Dan Mick with a deep dive into the city's 3-1-1 system and the code issues it's designed to handle; and Mary Sager McFadden, landscape architect with local firm Pamela Burton & Co, will explore the timely issue of how to plan and plant your property to increase its resistance to wildfire. The report of NOMA's nominating committee on the nominees and the upcoming Board elections will bring up the rear, and further information can be found at smnoma.gov. All are invited to attend.

SMC MUSIC ALUMNI CONCERT

7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St. Sumy Takesue and James Bergman, Directors. Featuring alumni of the SMC Applied Music Program, this concert presents a variety of instruments and vocalists in different musical styles. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/smc-music-alumni-concert/15093588/2025-04-03T19

WILD NIGHT - A VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE

9:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8:00 p.m. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/wild-night-a-van-morrison-tribute/15124692/2025-04-03T21

FRIDAY | APRIL 4

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: PILATES - CORE WORK

9:45 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mat movement. All levels welcome. Please be EARLY. Class starts on-time at 9:45am. No entry after the first ten minutes. No class the day before the Friends' Book Sales. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-pilates-core-work/14548475/2025-04-04T09

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-04-04T11

AUTHOR EVENT! TESS SANCHEZ X MAX GREENFIELD

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 1113 Montana Avenue. In person author event with Tess Sanchez and Max Greenfield at Zibby's Bookshop, 1113 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/author-event-tess-sanchez-x-max-greenfield/15396378/2025-04-04T18

RIGHT IN THE EYE - LIVE MOVIE-CONCERT OF GEORGES MÉLIÈS' FILMS

7:00 p.m. Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. Right in the Eye invites audiences of all ages on an extraordinary multimedia journey through the imaginative world of Georges Méliès, the legendary filmmaker and cinematographer. Created by Jean François Alcoléa, this live production showcases twelve of Méliès' silent films, accompanied by a spellbinding live score performed by three virtuoso musicians. Using an eclectic array of instruments—ranging from piano, guitar, and percussion to the theremin, aquaphone, and even plastic take-out lids—the music captures the technical brilliance and whimsical creativity that define Méliès' cinematic legacy. $14.00 to $19.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/right-in-the-eye-live-movie-concert-of-georges-m-li-s-films/15339535/2025-04-04T19

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