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Olympic Beach Volleyball will not be held in Santa Monica

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Santa Monica and the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA28) have terminated negotiations to host beach volleyball at Santa Monica State Beach.

The decision ends nearly two years of talks to bring the Olympic sport to the coastal city widely recognized as the birthplace of modern beach volleyball.

"There is no better place to host the Olympic beach volleyball competition than Santa Monica, where the sport was born. We would have loved to be a venue city in 2028," Mayor Lana Negrete said. "While we're disappointed that an agreement was not realized, we remain eager to share in the excitement the Olympics will bring to our region."

LA28 informed the city Friday that it plans to host beach volleyball elsewhere. The organizing committee has not yet announced an alternative location.

The breakdown in negotiations came after the Santa Monica City Council, during an October 8 study session, directed staff to pursue greater community benefits, financial guarantees, and clearer operational details regarding

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Helping Hub faces eviction to pave the way for new housing development



Stephanie Inouye

HELP THE HUB: The site at 1207 14th Street, was offered rent-free to support the recovery effort.

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SMDP Staff Writer

A donation center set up by local youth to support fire victims is being forced to close as plans for an affordable housing development have thrown the future of their physical location into doubt.

Volunteers from the Santa Monica Surf Association and the Malibu Surfing Association who

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Edison Academy named as a California Distinguished School

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

SMMUSD's Spanish dual immersion school, Edison Language Academy, has been named a 2025 California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education.

The elementary school was one of 336 schools statewide to receive the prestigious recognition, which celebrates exceptional schools in two categories: closing the achievement gap and demonstrating exceptional student performance.

"Being recognized as a 2025 California Distinguished School is a powerful affirmation of the impact of dual immersion education," said Edison Principal Elizabeth Ipina, who has been part of the Edison staff for nearly 30 years.

Since its inception in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Award has celebrated exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

"It is my pleasure to honor and recognize these 336 elementary schools for their efforts to provide exemplary public education to all

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Why water fluoridation is under fire in the US

U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has said he wants communities to stop fluoridating water, and he is setting the gears of government in motion to help make that happen.

Kennedy this week said he plans to tell the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to stop recommending fluoridation in communities nationwide. And he said he's assembling a task force of health experts to study the issue and make new recommendations.

At the same time, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced it would review new scientific information on potential health risks of fluoride in drinking water. The EPA sets the maximum level allowed in public water systems.

Here's a look at how reversing fluoride policy has become an action item under President Donald Trump's administration.

THE BENEFITS OF FLUORIDE

Fluoride strengthens teeth and reduces cavities by replacing minerals lost during normal wear and tear, according to the CDC. In 1950, federal officials endorsed water fluoridation to prevent tooth decay, and in 1962 set guidelines for how much should be added to water.

Fluoride can come from a number of sources, but drinking water is the main one for Americans, researchers say. Nearly two-thirds of the U.S. population gets fluoridated drinking water, according to CDC data.

The addition of low levels of fluoride to drinking water was long considered one of the greatest public health achievements of the last century. The American Dental Association credits it with reducing tooth decay by more than 25% in children and adults.

About one-third of community water systems — 17,000 out of 51,000 across the U.S. — serving more than 60% of the population fluoridated their water, according to a 2022 CDC analysis.

THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OF TOO MUCH FLUORIDE

The CDC currently recommends 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water.

Over time, studies have documented potential problems when people get much more than that.

Excess fluoride intake has been associated with streaking or spots on teeth. And studies also have traced a link between excess fluoride and brain development.

A report last year by the federal government's National Toxicology Program, which summarized studies conducted in Canada, China, India, Iran, Pakistan and Mexico, concluded that drinking water with more than 1.5 milligrams of fluoride per liter — more than twice the CDC's recommended level — was associated with lower IQs in kids.

Meanwhile, last year, a federal judge ordered the EPA to further regulate fluoride in drinking water. U.S. District Judge Edward Chen cautioned that it's not certain fluoride is causing lower IQ in kids, but he concluded that research pointed to an unreasonable risk that it could be.

KENNEDY HAS RAILED AGAINST FLUORIDE

Kennedy, a former environmental lawyer, has called fluoride a "dangerous neurotoxin" and "an industrial waste" tied to a range of health dangers. He has said it's been associated with arthritis, bone breaks, and thyroid disease.

Some studies have suggested such links might exist, usually at higher-than-recommended fluoride levels, though some reviewers have questioned the quality of available evidence and said no definitive conclusions can be drawn.

HOW FLUORIDE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE CHANGED

The CDC's recommendations are widely followed but not mandatory.

State and local governments decide whether to add fluoride to water and, if so, how much — as long as it doesn't exceed the EPA's limit of 4 milligrams per liter.

So Kennedy can't order communities to stop fluoridation, but he can tell the CDC to stop recommending it.

> "If you're really serious about this, you don't just come in and change it"
> - Lawrence Gostin

It would be customary to convene a panel of experts to comb through the research and assess the evidence that speak to the pros and cons of water fluoridation. But Kennedy has the power to stop or change a CDC recommendation without that.

"The power lies with the secretary," but public trust would erode if recommendations are changed without a clear scientific basis, said Lawrence Gostin, a public health law expert at Georgetown University.

"If you're really serious about this, you don't just come in and change it," he said. "You ask somebody like the National Academy of Sciences to do a study — and then you follow their recommendations."

On Monday, Kennedy said he was forming a task force to focus on fluoride, while at the same time saying he would order the CDC to stop recommending it.

HHS officials did not answer immediately questions seeking more information about what the task force would be doing.

SOME PLACES ARE ALREADY PULLING BACK ON FLUORIDATION

Utah recently became the first state to ban fluoride in drinking water, and legislators elsewhere are looking at the issue.

An Associated Press analysis of CDC data

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

LA feud is a prime example of the constant clashes between California cities and counties



Photo by Carlin Stiehl for CalMatters

CAMPS: Tents line the streets of the Skid Row neighborhood of Los Angeles on Oct. 8, 2024.

When California became a state in 1850, it had fewer than 100,000 residents and 27 sparsely populated counties. Several were larger in land area than some states.

However, its population was exploding with Gold Rush immigrants and almost immediately they began pressing the Legislature to create new counties so they could more easily access services such as filing mining claims.

Over the next 57 years, 27 counties became 58 counties — one of which, Glenn County, was carved out of Colusa County in 1891 and named for my cousin, Hugh Glenn, the state's largest farmer until his murder in 1883. All or parts of 12 new counties were formed by dividing up immense Mariposa County. The 58th, Imperial, was formed in 1907 from the eastern portion of San Diego County.

During the late 19th century and well into the 20th, California counties had a few relatively simple functions, such as rural law enforcement, road maintenance and maintaining property records. However, during the latter part of the 20th century, federal and state governments created an array of health and welfare programs and California opted to have counties manage them, rather than the state itself or cities, as some other states did.

Counties became bifurcated as both agents of the state and providers of local services, and those roles were often in conflict because the former was inescapably mandated while the latter was more important to local voters and taxpayers.

The creation of more than 400 incorporated cities in the 1900s also complicated local governance. Cities diverted streams of property and sales tax revenues from counties and also tended to have concentrations of social ills — poverty, crime, drug addiction and homelessness — that county-managed health and welfare programs were supposed to address.

Thus, California's counties and cities, particularly in highly urbanized regions, have often evolved into adversaries rather than partners in dealing with issues of high public and media visibility.

What happened last week in California's most populous county and its largest city, both named Los Angeles, exemplifies the intergovernmental tensions. The catalyst, of course, is homelessness, which sits atop Californians' list of issues.

The state has spent more than $20 billion in recent years to deal with

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Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 69.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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2025/04/09	Wed	08:06 AM	4.67		H
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2025/04/09	Wed	8:48 PM	4.72		H
2025/04/10	Thu	02:48 AM	0.70		L
2025/04/10	Thu	08:42 AM	4.56		H
2025/04/10	Thu	2:54 PM	0.26		L
2025/04/10	Thu	9:06 PM	4.93		H
2025/04/11	Fri	03:18 AM	0.35		L
2025/04/11	Fri	09:18 AM	4.38		H
2025/04/11	Fri	3:12 PM	0.57		L
2025/04/11	Fri	9:24 PM	5.11		H
2025/04/12	Sat	03:54 AM	0.07		L
2025/04/12	Sat	09:54 AM	4.14		H
2025/04/12	Sat	3:30 PM	0.90		L
2025/04/12	Sat	9:42 PM	5.24		H
2025/04/13	Sun	04:24 AM	-0.12		L
2025/04/13	Sun	10:30 AM	3.86		H
2025/04/13	Sun	3:48 PM	1.23		L
2025/04/13	Sun	10:06 PM	5.30		H
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2025/04/16	Wed	06:12 AM	-0.05		L
2025/04/16	Wed	12:42 PM	2.88		H
2025/04/16	Wed	4:36 PM	2.15		L
2025/04/16	Wed	11:12 PM	5.03		H
2025/04/17	Thu	07:00 AM	0.14		L
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Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 16 M

Fantasy 5
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OLYMPICS

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impacts on residents and businesses, particularly in the vicinity of the Santa Monica Pier. According to city officials, LA28 declined to modify the proposed agreement to meet these terms.

The analysis commissioned by Santa Monica officials found that hosting Olympic beach volleyball would bring in $14.09 million but cost the city $15.54 million, resulting in a $1.45 million shortfall. The same report projected that even without hosting the event, the city could still see $11.3 million in tourism revenue with just $650,000 in related expenses, yielding a net gain of $10.65 million.

> As the son and partner of avid beach volleyball players - and someone whose community involvement began on the Pier, which has a special place in my heart - I'm really disappointed that we couldn't make the Olympics work for Santa Monica
>
> - Dan Hall, City Councilmember

City Councilmember Dan Hall expressed disappointment but defended the city's position.

"As the son and partner of avid beach volleyball players - and someone whose community involvement began on the Pier, which has a special place in my heart - I'm really disappointed that we couldn't make the Olympics work for Santa Monica," Hall said in a statement.

Hall cited financial concerns as a primary obstacle. "As a leader who has a fiduciary responsibility to the City and community, we needed the financial backstop guarantee to provide the security, safety, and cleaning services hosting such a massive event would've required, especially while we face a financially distressed budgeting cycle."

Santa Monica is grappling with a $33.2 million hole in its budget despite recent tax measures. The financial crisis stems from several factors: ongoing legal liabilities including the Eric Uller settlement ($230 million already spent) and a California Voting Rights Act case, continued tourism decline, and an exodus of businesses reducing daytime population to 60% of pre-pandemic levels. City officials aren't planning immediate service cuts but have floated the idea of selling city property including the Fairview library. The city also faces uncertainty regarding federal funding for transit and housing projects.

Beach volleyball has been an Olympic sport since the 1996 Atlanta Games. In Olympic competition, teams of two players compete on an outdoor sand court, aiming to hit a ball over a net and have it land inside the court on the opposing team's side. Matches are won by the first team to win two out of three sets.

The proposed Santa Monica venue would have featured a temporary 12,000-seat stadium constructed just north of the Santa Monica Pier. Plans had called for a phased closure of Beach Lot 1 North over several months, with parking spaces temporarily unavailable during construction, the games, and subsequent dismantling of the facility.

Santa Monica officials had been meeting with LA28 representatives since early 2023 to finalize a Venue City Games Agreement. The city had been in discussions about hosting beach volleyball since Los Angeles first bid for the Games in 2016.

Despite the failed venue negotiations, Santa Monica plans to remain involved with the Olympics as a regional partner. The city has launched the CELEBRATE28 initiative to prepare for the influx of visitors expected during the Games, forming nine committees of city staff, community leaders, and business representatives to coordinate efforts in areas such as sustainability, transportation, arts, special events, community safety, and hospitality.

The city is also exploring various revenue-generating opportunities, including hospitality houses for numerous countries, broadcast centers, practice venues, and watch parties. Hall noted that the city "now stand[s] a great chance to profit massively through pursuit of hospitality suites, block hotel bookings, and other Olympics-related events and productions."

Misti Kerns, President and CEO of Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, expressed optimism about the city's role during the Olympics despite not hosting competitions.

"When the world shows up to Los Angeles for the 2028 Summer Olympics, we look forward to welcoming hundreds of thousands of participants and sports enthusiasts to Santa Monica for an iconic California experience," Kerns said. "With our key location and proximity to LA28 venues, our beachside city is already seeing strong demand for the summer months of 2028."

The city said it remains committed to coordinating with LA28 and neighboring agencies on transportation, hospitality, media, and event planning for the Games, which are scheduled to begin on July 14, 2028.

For more information on LA28, visit la28.org. For more information on Santa Monica's CELEBRATE28 initiative, visit santamonica.gov/topic-explainers/celebrate28.

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EDISON

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students," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond in announcing the list. "Excellent elementary schools play a critical role in the life outcomes of our young people."

SMMUSD praised Edison's Spanish dual immersion program, where students develop literacy in both Spanish and English while enhancing critical thinking and cross-cultural communication skills.

"This award underscores the success of our approach," Ipina said. "Dual immersion is not just an academic program; it is a transformative approach to education that places marginalized groups at the center by valuing their language and culture."

To qualify for the honor, Edison demonstrated strong performance on multiple state indicators reported through the 2024 California School Dashboard showing high levels of proficiency in English Language Arts and mathematics, along with a positive school climate and increased student engagement.

Schools are selected for this recognition and do not apply for the honor.

Schools recognized for closing the achievement gap must enroll at least 40 percent of students from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds and demonstrate exceptional growth in English language arts or math. They must also achieve a "blue" or "green" status on the Dashboard for all students' ELA achievement, math achievement, chronic absenteeism, and suspension indicators, or show significant improvement from prior years.

To ensure result legitimacy, schools must have at least 95 percent student participation in statewide assessments for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

Schools recognized for exceptional student performance must demonstrate high levels of achievement for all students and achieve "blue" or "green" status on one or more Dashboard indicators without receiving any "red" or "orange" status indicators.

SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton praised the achievement, noting the school's commitment to equity and academic excellence.

"Edison Language Academy's recognition highlights the power of a learning community deeply committed to equity, bilingualism, and academic success for all students," Shelton said. "This achievement reflects intentional efforts to close achievement gaps while preparing students to thrive in a global society."

Edison Language Academy has a history of educational excellence, having previously been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a California Distinguished School, a Title I Academic Achievement School, and an Honor Roll School by the Education Results Partnership. The school has also received a Seal of Excellence from the California Association for Bilingual Education.

The California Distinguished Schools program annually recognizes schools for excellent work in one of the two categories. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years, with awardees holding the title for two years.

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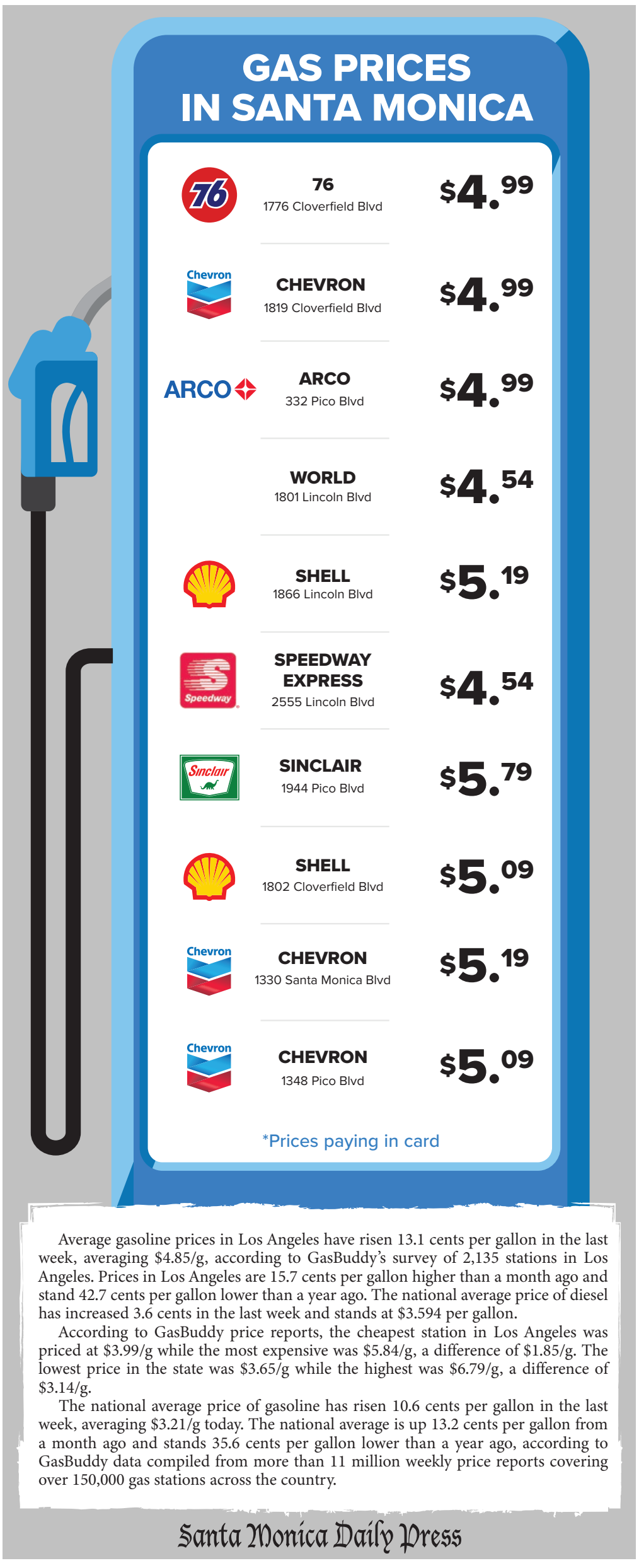
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EDISON: The school is the lone Distinguished School winner in Santa Monica this year.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 13.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.85/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 15.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 42.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 3.6 cents in the last week and stands at $3.594 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.99/g while the most expensive was $5.84/g, a difference of $1.85/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.65/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.14/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 10.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.21/g today. The national average is up 13.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 35.6 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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Fake student aid: California colleges detect more fraudsters stealing millions



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

COLLEGE: East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park on March 14, 2024.

For years, scammers have targeted community colleges across the state, posing as students in order to steal money from scholarships or government financial aid.

Recent state reports suggest the problem getting worse, and college leaders say they're worried that the Trump administration's cuts to the U.S. Department of Education could hamper fraud prevention and investigations.

In 2021, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office reported that about 20% of college applicants were likely fake. In January 2024, the state said it was up to about 25%.

Now it's around 34%, according to the most recent data from the last calendar year. "Those are all the ones that are stopped," said John Hetts, executive vice chancellor for the data team at the chancellor's office.

The scammers that aren't stopped have stolen millions in taxpayer dollars. CalMatters reported that these fake students received more than $5 million from the federal government and nearly $1.5 million from the state, according to anonymized reports that colleges submitted to the state from September 2021 through December 2023.

Faculty say they're exasperated from working as detectives, trying to suss out which students are real. They say scammers are increasingly relying on artificial intelligence to infiltrate classes, using tools like ChatGPT to pose as students. Students say these fraudsters are taking coveted seats and preventing them from enrolling in classes they need to graduate.

In the last 12 months, colleges reported giving more than $10 million in federal dollars to fake students and over $3 million in state money. Data from the first few months of 2025 show that colleges have already given away more than $3 million in federal aid and over $700,000 in state dollars.

The scope of fraud is "relatively small," said Chris Ferguson, a finance executive at the chancellor's office, especially when compared to the roughly $1.7 billion in federal aid and $1.5 billion in state aid given to California's community college students last year. He also said it's likely that colleges have improved their ability to detect fraud over time, potentially inflating the reporting numbers.

State lawmakers have allocated roughly $150 million toward cybersecurity since 2022, and the chancellor's office has brought in numerous tech companies — including ID.Me, N2N, and LexisNexis — to help authenticate students. But Hetts said none of these interventions will ever completely eliminate fraud because each time the state gets better at fighting fraud, the bad actors adapt — the tech equivalent to the "Red Queen hypothesis."

College leaders also rely on the federal education department to help find scammers. The department is broadly responsible for administering federal financial aid and for preventing and investigating related fraud. The office that administers federal aid has lost about half of its staff through layoffs, voluntary buyouts and retirements. California Attorney General Rob Bonta recently joined other Democratic attorneys general in suing the Trump administration over these cuts, alleging that they violate the U.S. Constitution.

Although not technically part of the lawsuit or the layoffs, the education department's Office of Inspector General, which is responsible for fraud detection, has also lost staff due to buyouts and early retirements. Since Oct. 1, the Office of Inspector General has lost "more than 20% of its staff," said Catherine Grant, a spokesperson for the office, including "experienced auditors and investigators."

"As for how these staffing changes affect the Office of Inspector General's ability to investigate student aid fraud in California, we are committed to fighting student aid fraud wherever we find it," Grant said. "But we are limited with what we can do based on our limited resources."

FAKE STUDENTS USING AI

In 2023, librarian Heather Dodge started to notice something odd about the students who took her online research course at Berkeley City College. To connect with students and make the class more engaging, Dodge said she always began the course by asking students to submit a video introducing themselves using their webcam or an iPhone.

"It's a very low bar," she said, but "I started noticing that there would be a handful of

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HELP

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set up the pop-up-style "Helping Hub" have been informed they have to vacate the premises by April 15.

Stephanie Inouye, one of the project's most active members, said she believes the revocation of their agreement to occupy the space is due to the pending sale of the building to a housing developer.

"It looks like they're bumping it up. I don't know how they're doing it, because when we spoke to them, they said they weren't supposed to break ground on 14th Street until the third quarter of 2026. And just a couple of weeks ago, the city council passed an ordinance allowing low-income developers ... to get a two-year grace period to secure funding," she said.

"That tells me they're having trouble with financing. If you read the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation proposal, more than a quarter of their funding is federal. As far as I'm concerned, federal funding is getting cut across the board, so they'll have to look elsewhere. Technically, what could happen is they buy the building, tear it down and then it just sits there, empty, for the next four years," Inouye says.

When wildfires swept through Pacific Palisades, Malibu and Altadena, they didn't just destroy property, they disrupted the very fabric of community life. Homes, businesses and schools were lost, but so too were the social threads that held neighbors together.

The impact hit close to home for many. In tight-knit neighborhoods like these, nearly everyone had a personal connection to the damage. Alix Gucovsky, president of the Venice Surf Association, quickly mobilized, calling on the local surf community to help. At first, donations were collected in backyards and garages, but the effort soon outgrew those informal spaces.

> That said, I'm pretty sure the city's going to want me out. But honestly, I don't know what's happening with Unleashed. I'm not sure if they'll be out by then. Maybe their lease is month-to-month? It's hard to say. I think they might be allowed to stay longer, but really, I have no idea what their situation is
> - Stephanie Inouye

That's when Inouye and the Santa Monica Surf Association stepped in, securing a physical location at 1207 14th Street, a former beauty salon next to the Unleashed pet store. The building, which has stood for a century, was offered rent-free by its owner to support the recovery effort.

"The owner, who's lovely, told me the sale is going through and I'll need to vacate by April 15. She thanked me for everything I've done, which I really appreciated. She's great," Inouye says.

"That said, I'm pretty sure the city's going to want me out. But honestly, I don't know what's happening with Unleashed. I'm not sure if they'll be out by then. Maybe their lease is month-to-month? It's hard to say. I think they might be allowed to stay longer, but really, I have no idea what their situation is," Inouye says.

Plans for a long-anticipated affordable housing project that includes the 1207 14th Street site have undergone significant changes over the past year. Initially one of three city-owned sites slated for new housing, the property is now being developed in tandem with the adjacent 1402 Wilshire Blvd parcel. The merged site is part of a revised strategy to reduce the building's visual impact along residential 14th Street by concentrating height and density closer to Wilshire.

The project, now focused exclusively on housing for seniors 55 and older, will include 82 apartments, with 40 units set aside for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. In response to resident concerns, updated plans incorporate several security features, including two on-site managers and dedicated overnight and weekend security during the first year of operation. The development will also provide 42 resident parking spaces, though the loss of existing public parking continues to draw pushback from some in the community.

The revised design received approval from the Santa Monica Architectural Review Board in February. Construction is expected to begin in winter 2025–26 and finish by winter 2027–28. The project is being developed in partnership with Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, which receives a significant portion of its funding from federal sources.

Inouye says that she's now registered the Helping Hub as a 501(c)(3) and ideally she's looking for a 1,500 sq ft storefront with reduced rent somewhere not too far from the downtown or central business district areas. In the meantime Inouye faces the prospect of having to put everything in storage if they can't find a suitable site in time.

"I'll do it if I have to, but moving twice is definitely not my idea of fun," she says.

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FLUORIDE

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for 36 states shows that many communities have halted fluoridation in recent years.

Over the last six years, at least 734 water systems that consistently reported their data in those states have stopped fluoridating water, according to the AP's analysis.

Mississippi alone accounted for more than 1 in 5 of those water systems that stopped. Most water systems that discontinued fluoridation mainly did so to save money, said Melissa Parker, the Mississippi state health department's assistant senior deputy.

During the pandemic, Mississippi's health department allowed local water systems to temporarily cease fluoridating because they could not purchase sodium fluoride in the midst of global supply chain issues. Many never restarted, Parker said.

CDC FUNDING FOR FLUORIDE IS TYPICALLY A SMALL FACTOR

Since 2003, CDC has funded a limited number of state oral health programs through cooperative agreements. The agreements run in cycles, and at the beginning of this year 15 states were each receiving $380,000 over three years.

The money can be used on a number of things, including collecting data on people with dental problems, dental care and technical assistance for community water fluoridation activities.

The current oral health funding is going to Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The states are told not to use the money for chemicals, because the funding is intended to help set up fluoridation, not for everyday expenses, federal officials have said. South Carolina, for example, sets aside up to $50,000 to help communities in that state fluoridate. Iowa spends about $65,000 to promote community water fluoridation.

Earlier this year, CDC officials declined to answer questions about how much of the total oral health money has been going toward fluoridation.

Now, there is no one to ask: Last week, the CDC's entire 20-person Division of Oral Health was eliminated as part of widespread government staffing cuts.

Congress appropriated money to CDC specifically to support oral health programs, and some congressional staffers say the agency must distribute those funds no matter who is running the HHS or CDC. But Trump-driven budget cuts have struck at a number of programs that Congress had called for, and it's not clear what will happen to the CDC oral health funding.

Fluoridation is relatively cheap compared with other water department expenses, and most communities simply incorporate the cost into the water rates charged to customers, according to the American Water Works Association.

In Erie, Pennsylvania, for example, fluoridating water for 220,000 people costs about $35,000 to $45,000 a year and is entirely funded by water rates, said Craig Palmer, the chief executive of the Erie Water Authority.

So cutting off the CDC money would not have much impact on most communities, some experts said, although it could be more impactful for some smaller, rural communities.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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homelessness but the ranks of the unhoused have continued to climb and now approach 200,000, by far the largest population of any state both quantitatively and relatively. Gov. Gavin Newsom regularly accuses local governments of dragging their feet on creating effective programs to deal with it.

In Los Angeles, city and county officials have squabbled for decades over responsibility, and in the 1980s the city even sued the county. Thirty-two years ago, they agreed to form a joint agency, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, but the infighting never stopped. In recent years, it has become more intense.

For the last five years, federal Judge David O. Carter has presided over a lawsuit filed by the LA Alliance for Human Rights, demanding to know how the authority has spent homelessness funds. Carter has excoriated the agency for a lack of action and a lack of transparency, and it has also gone through two scathing audits.

Last week, the five-member Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to pull out of the joint agency and create its own department to deal with homelessness, spurning pleas from city officials, including Mayor Karen Bass. City and county officials are also squaring off over newly amended legislation, Senate Bill 16, that would require counties to provide more money to cities for homeless shelters.

Homelessness is just one of the many issues that poison relations between city and county officials. The rational response would be a statewide reconfiguration of the responsibilities that recognizes 21st-century realities and reduces the friction.

It's not likely to happen, so the rivalry will continue to fester.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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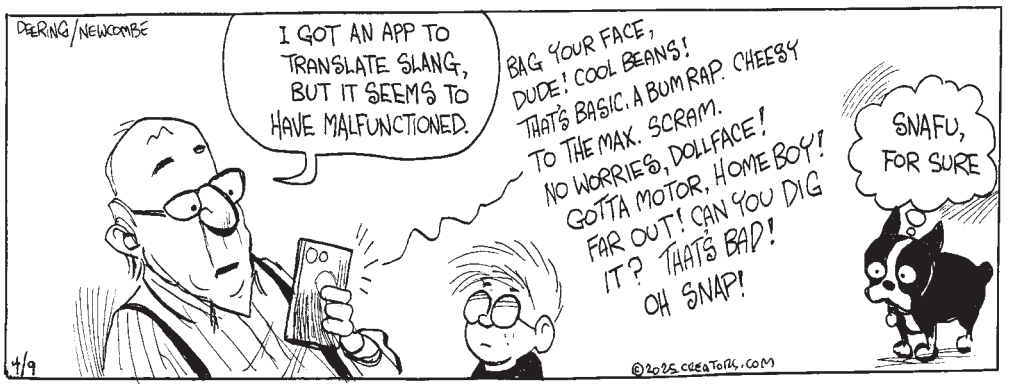
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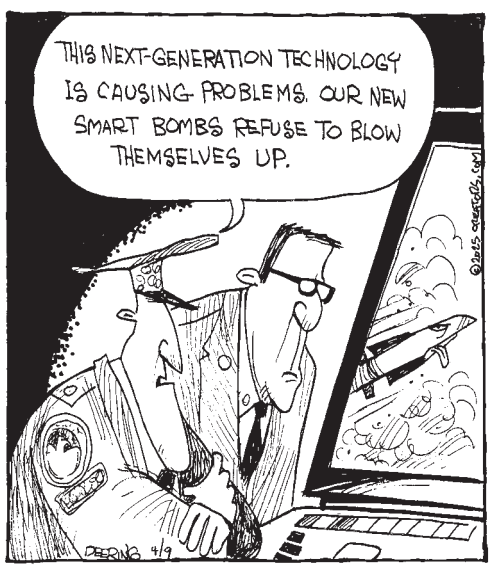
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some cannot seem to recognize the magnificence of a thing until it's gone — not you. You're feeling the magic in real time. You're capturing snapshots in your mind and in your phone, too, because the golden shine of the moment is not lost on you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What gets fulfilled will feel so right, aligning effortlessly like it was always meant to be. What doesn't align should be quickly written off and forgotten, not as a loss but as a redirection. This is one of those things that slips away simply to make room for something better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To grasp at the door as it closes is to risk a pinched finger. Stand back to observe the momentum of things you don't control. Life respects the observers. Patterns will be revealed, allowing you to move with timely grace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Primal connection is based in chemistry and instinct. It ignites and pulls you in without effort. And while primal connection counts for a lot in relationships, sustainability — which is about safety, trust and consistency — counts for more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If your days are packed yet feel strangely empty, your schedule may be full of activity but lacking in soul nourishment. Change the focus, seek different company, and try fresh environments. You'll soon find a better match for what you need to thrive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). "Good" and "bad" can be overly simplistic labels, especially when decisions exist in complex, shifting contexts. The "bad" move in one moment could lead to something unexpectedly beneficial later. It's better to think in terms of what works or doesn't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Using poor habits to cope with life can be like borrowing relief at a stupidly high interest rate. You deserve better coping mechanisms, ones that don't punish you after. Real relief doesn't come with a price tag.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Qualities like resilience, determination and grit are not comfortably attained, which is why you don't mind when the game gets a little harder. Even so, don't flounder out of pride when there are other options. Instead of guessing, just ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Emotions are the driving force that fuels action, making them just as important, if not more, than the project itself. Success often comes down to how you make people feel and how you channel those emotions to rally others around your vision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you agree to plans, you have no idea whether "future you" is going to be in the mood. That's how plans work. Today, you show up no matter what because that's how you work — with integrity. Hold others to the same standard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll keep the secrets you were entrusted with. But what people will appreciate even more deeply is how you handle the general knowledge. You don't judge, and you highlight the best in everyone. You make things feel safe and smooth for sensitive folks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're at a place of clarity about your own desires. You're not after just any relationship or the sort of superficial connection that others might settle for. You want that rare, meaningful bond, and not something to fill the space left by something that wasn't really what you needed.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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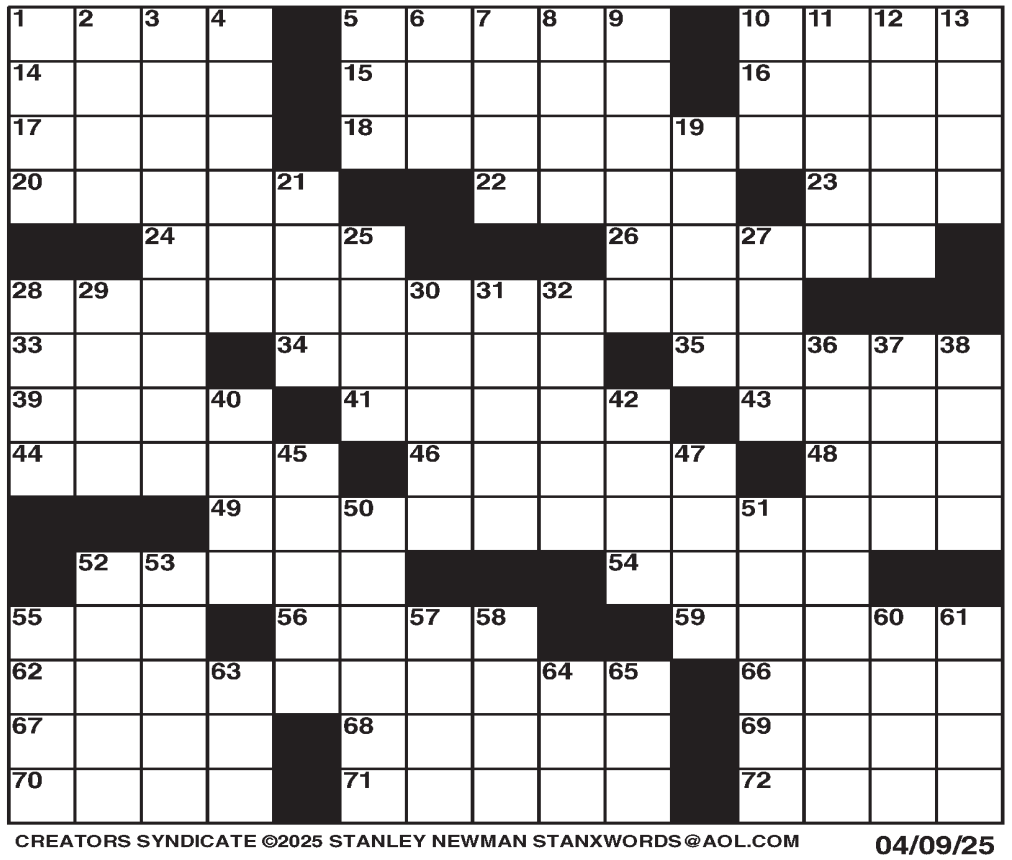
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20 Mimicking
22 Pulverize, as potatoes
23 Before, in poems
24 Avocado dip, for short
26 Bear in a crib
28 Retail outlet for overstock
33 Early afternoon hour
34 Chapel centerpiece
35 Choose by ballot
39 Conks out, as an auto
41 Brings under control
43 Concerning, on memos
44 On an ocean voyage
46 Wanders around
48 Mideast seven-member nation: Abbr.
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52 Electric car company
54 Very soft mineral
55 Long, long time
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59 Layers of tissues
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72 "Uh-huh"

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8 Former Italian money
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10 Arabian Nights name
11 Was concerned (about)
12 All possible
13 Common RSVP enclosure
19 In that spot
21 Festive celebration
25 Extremist group
27 Sandwich seller
28 Fizzy refreshment
29 Condo rental
30 Seated Beatle
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37 Rugged cliff
38 Souvenir shop wearables
40 Observes
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50 Be a snitch
51 "That's for sure!"
52 Bit of a comb
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55 Recedes, as the tide
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FRAUD

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students that wouldn't submit that assignment in the first week." First, she would send them a message, and then, if they still didn't respond, she'd drop them from the class.

SCAMMERS ARE STEALING MORE FINANCIAL AID EACH YEAR

As long as the teacher drops a student within a certain time frame, in this case the first week, their enrollment in that class is void, and the student can't seek financial aid for that course. After the first week, however, it's harder to remove them.

This semester, she said she started with 35 students. Within the first week, she kicked out a few students who didn't submit a video, but four students found a workaround, sending her a written response instead. The text was generic, she said, "like something ChatGPT would write," but she wasn't willing to drop them from the course.

"Are these students who are having technological challenges? Maybe they didn't have a webcam, maybe they didn't understand the assignment. It was really hard to suss out what was going on with them."

Dodge said she's also worried about how it looks to drop so many students in a class. Community colleges' funding is largely pegged to enrollment, and the Peralta Community College District, where Dodge teaches, is suffering from enrollment declines and faces major financial losses. "If they see I'm running a class that starts with 35 students and ends with 15, that looks terrible."

Throughout the class, the four suspicious students continued to submit generic assignments, and eventually, she said she reached out to each one to set up a Zoom meeting. Two never responded. One student did meet with her but said that their camera and microphone weren't working, so they texted instead. The other student appeared on camera but could hardly speak English, Dodge said. Each time she would ask a question over Zoom, the student would silently wait for their phone to translate. She said the student's answers "were basically nonsensical."

BOTS IMPERSONATE HOMELESS STUDENTS, FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

By statute, California's community colleges are required to accept any legitimate student, and state leaders have spent decades trying to make it easier for students to enroll. Community college students must sign an affidavit, swearing the veracity of their information, but otherwise, many colleges don't independently verify a student's address or identity.

"We serve a large proportion of students who may not have documentation for a variety of reasons," said Hetts, with the state chancellor's office, such as students who are homeless, those who are undocumented, and those who are leaving the foster care system or don't have a relationship with their parents.

The state chancellor's office contracted with ID.Me to provide verification through the state's college application portal, but students aren't required to use it. However, local districts can impose more stringent requirements.

For a while, Nicole Albo-Lopez, the deputy chancellor for the Los Angeles Community College District said her district was more lenient with college applicants who appeared to be homeless or former foster youth, but "the bots figured that out."

Last year, she said the district purged roughly a quarter of all class registrations because of potentially fraudulent activity and changed its policy, requiring almost all students to verify their identity. It also paid Socure, an identity verification company, just over $250,000 to help with its fraud detection.

But fraud attempts persisted nonetheless. As wildfires raged through Los Angeles County in January and community colleges raised millions to support students who lost their homes, scammers swooped in. Enrollment at East Los Angeles College suddenly doubled that month, but many of the students were likely fake, said Albo-Lopez. "People probably thought there was going to be fire money."

At the San Diego Community College District, where instances of fraud are also on the rise, Student Services Dean Victor DeVore said his district has found potentially fraudulent students who passed the ID.Me verification process. Now, he said his district screens all applicants, even those who have verified their identity through ID.Me.

Dodge said she asked administrators at the Peralta Community College District for help with all four suspicious students in her class since she no longer had the authority to drop them from the course. The district ultimately removed both students who had agreed to meet with her over Zoom, but she said that the other two students — the ones who never responded — are still in the course. Mark Johnson, a spokesperson for the district, said that those two students are "under review at this time."

Regardless, Dodge said that both students failed the class.

FBI INVESTIGATES FRAUD

Colleges are required to submit monthly reports about suspicious applications to both the state and to the U.S. Department of Education, though colleges say the federal government rarely informs them about what it does with that information.

Through a public records request, CalMatters found that in June 2022, the U.S. Department of Education opened an investigation into a fraud ring at Los Angeles Harbor College and West Los Angeles College, where scammers used the identities of "at least 57 individuals" to steal more than $1.1 million in federal aid and loans over the prior four years. In another memo, the Department of Education alerted the FBI about a fraud ring tied to Los Angeles City College that was enrolling people in classes "for the sole purpose of obtaining financial aid refund money," potentially stealing over $1 million using the identities of 70 different people.

Grant said the education department is still working on the Los Angeles fraud investigations but declined to comment on them, since the department has a policy of keeping information about ongoing investigations confidential.

Since 2020, the education department has also investigated financial aid disbursements at Merced College, Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz County and College of the Siskiyous in Weed. Another four California community colleges have reached out to the department for help regarding fraud or concerns about the misuse of federal aid, according to the department's records.

Community college leaders say they wish they heard more from the federal government about its fraud investigations, and some say the silence is worrisome, especially now that the education department has lost so many staff.

For Hetts, with the chancellor's office, it's a direct correlation: "When you direct less resources to combating fraud…you're going to get more fraud."

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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 9

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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. 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-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-04-09T12

CONAN O'BRIEN MUST GO

7:30 p.m. Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. Free (members-only). Aero Theatre | Q&A with host Conan O'Brien. World Premiere of CONAN O'BRIEN MUST GO Season 2 Popcorn, soda and candy courtesy of MAX Opening Night! 'This Is Not a Fiction 2025' Silver Screen-level members and above are guaranteed entry for themselves and one guest for this event. Priority entry starts at 6:30pm. To guarantee your seats, please plan to arrive at the theatre no later than 7:00pm. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/conan-o-brien-must-go/15396042/2025-04-09T19

COME SING WITH THE BAND - LIVE BAND KARAOKE!

9:00 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/come-sing-with-the-band-live-band-karaoke-/15099082/2025-04-09T21

THURSDAY | APRIL 10

ARTS/CRAFTS

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. 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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-04-10T11

ROOT TO RISE: FLOW TO RESTORE FUNDRAISING EVENT

6:30 p.m. 2515 Main St Santa Monica. oin Mad Hippie x Souljourn Yoga Foundation for an immersive evening of community, connection, and heart-opening practice. Co-hosted by Jordan Ashley, founder of Souljourn Yoga Foundation, this special event features a grounding, open-level Yin Yoga practice, followed by a revitalizing Vinyasa Flow and restorative shapes that will leave you feeling rejuvenated, refreshed, and deeply connected. This class is not just about personal wellness—it's an opportunity to support a meaningful cause. All proceeds from the event will benefit Souljourn Yoga Foundation's On the Ground Yoga Teacher Training, which aims to make yoga accessible to young women by providing the tools and time to collaboratively explore the practice. Our event is proudly sponsored by MUD/WTR and includes a Chai Banana Smoothie from bio.me x MUD/WTR after practice, along with a curated goody bag featuring Mad Hippie's Ultra-Rich Barrier Cream and more gut-friendly treats by bio.me. Free tickets are available for victims of the LA fire. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/root-to-rise-flow-to-restore-fundraising-event/15334481/2025-04-10T18

MARIA SHRIVER WITH SIMON SINEK

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater—New Roads School Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Maria Shriver with Simon Sinek discussing her book, "I Am Maria: My Reflections and Poems on Heartbreak, Healing, and Finding Your Way Home" Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/maria-shriver-with-simon-sinek/15262002/2025-04-10T20

FRIDAY | APRIL 11

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: PILATES - CORE WORK

9:45 a.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/14548475/2025-04-11T09

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible.

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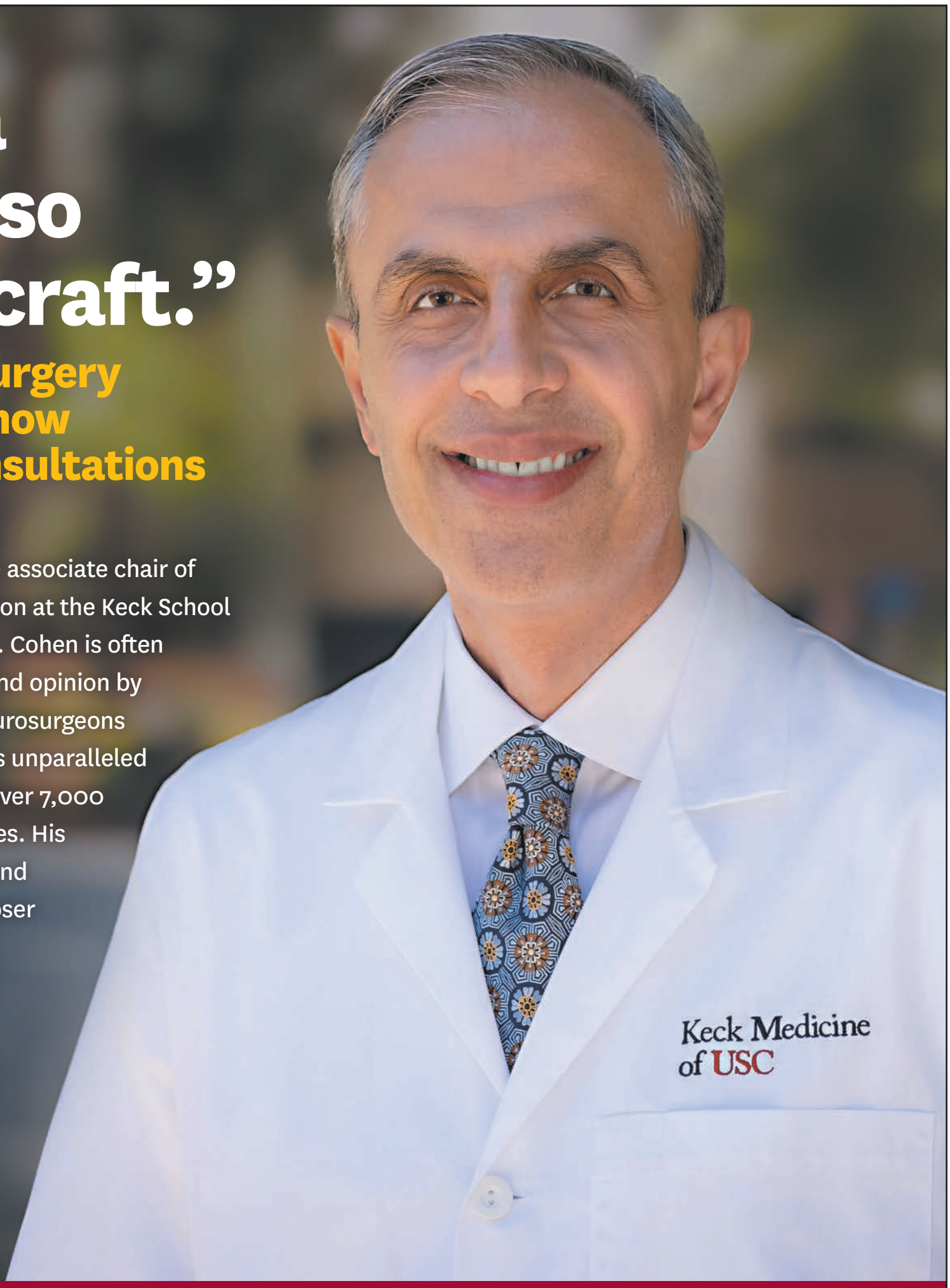
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