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Olympic beach volleyball moves to Long Beach after Santa Monica loses opportunity to host the games

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Long Beach's Alamitos Beach will host the Olympic beach volleyball tournament during the 2028 Los Angeles Games, organizers announced Tuesday as part of a comprehensive venue plan that spans the Southern California region.

LA28, the organizing committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, revealed move to Long Beach, bringing the popular event to a coastal setting that will also host coastal rowing and open water swimming competitions.

"Los Angeles is the epicenter of sports, culture and entertainment, and every venue selected for the 2028 Games will provide athletes and fans the best possible experience," said LA28 Chief Executive Officer Reynold Hoover. "The 2028 Olympic venue plan invites communities from across the region to celebrate the Games coming to their backyard."

The announcement comes after speculation about where the beach volleyball competition would be held, following the breakdown of negotiations with Santa Monica, which had originally been anticipated as the host venue.



Courtesy photo

LONG BEACH: Beach Volleyball will join several events already scheduled for Long Beach.

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Annual ceremony and fundraiser supports Japanese American Memorial monument in Venice

DEVYN HAMILTON
SMDP Intern

The Venice Japanese American Monument Memorial Committee (VJAMM Committee) is hosting their annual fundraiser and memorial on Thursday, April 17 with

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Newsom says the PCH is set to reopen by end of May after Palisades fire closure

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SMDP Staff Writer

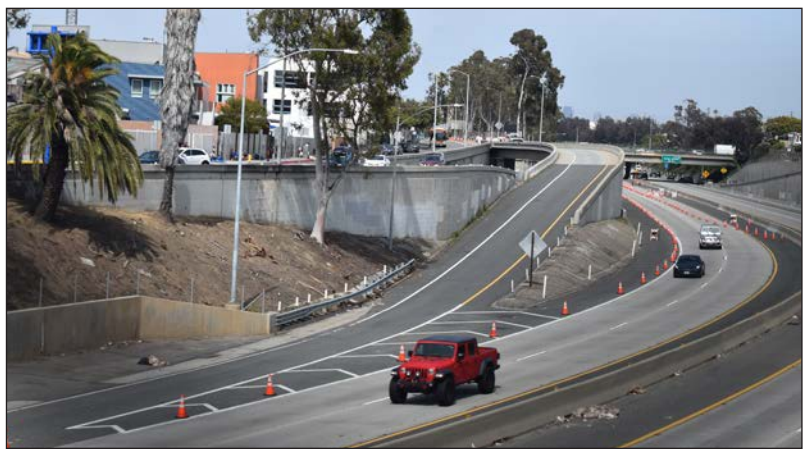
The long closed Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) will reopen in the foreseeable future with Governor Gavin Newsom saying traffic should flow again by the end of May.

The new opening date is significantly ahead of schedule, following a surge in cleanup efforts tied to the Palisades Fire.

The highway, one of Southern California's most iconic coastal routes, has been closed to non-residents since the fire in early January. Access has been limited to residents within the burn zone, essential workers and authorized cleanup crews. Upon reopening, one lane in each direction will be available for public travel.

"We understand how essential this route is for daily life and local businesses," Newsom said in a statement issued on Saturday. "Reopening [the] PCH is a top priority and we are going all-in to get this done."

Newsom framed the reopening as part of California's broader "all-in fire response," which includes



Devyn Hamilton

FREEWAY: The road to Malibu may reopen soon.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Why is it so expensive to build affordable homes in California? It takes too long



Photo by Camille Cohen for CalMatters

HOME: A construction worker walks through the Ruby Street apartments construction site in Castro Valley on Feb. 6, 2024. The construction project is funded by the No Place Like Home bond, which passed in 2018 to create affordable housing for homeless residents experiencing mental health issues.

The spiraling cost of housing in California has affected virtually every facet of life.

California has the nation's largest unsheltered homeless population and among the highest rates of cost-burdened renters and overcrowded homes.

One reason for the seemingly endless upward trajectory of rents is how expensive it is to build new apartments in California. Those costs are a major contributor to "break-even rents," or what must be charged for a project to be financially feasible.

I recently led a study that compared total apartment development costs in California to those in Colorado and Texas. The average apartment in Texas costs roughly $150,000 to produce; in California, building the same apartment costs around $430,000, or 2.8 times more. Colorado occupies a middle ground, with an average cost of around $240,000 per unit.

For publicly subsidized, affordable apartments — a sector that California has spent billions on in recent years — the gap is even worse. These cost over four times as much as affordable apartment units do in Colorado and Texas.

There's no single factor driving these huge differences. Land costs in California are over three times the Texas average. "Hard costs," or those related to improving the land and constructing buildings, are 2.2 times those in Texas. California's "soft costs," which include financing, architectural and engineering fees, and development fees charged by local governments, are 3.8 times the Texas average.

There are some unavoidable California-specific costs, like ensuring buildings are resilient to shaking from earthquakes. But the truly lifesaving seismic requirements explain only around 6% of hard-cost differences, the study estimated. The state's strict energy efficiency requirements add around 7%.

California's high cost of living may drive up the price of labor, but we found that construction wage differences explain only 6% to 10% of hard cost differences for market-rate apartments. However, for publicly subsidized apartment projects, which are often mandated to pay union-level wages, labor expenses explain as much as 20% to 35% of the total difference in costs between California and Texas.

"Soft costs" in California are a major culprit. California property developers pay remarkably high fees for architectural and engineering services — triple the average cost in Texas. It's five times as much or more if you're building publicly funded, affordable apartments in the Los Angeles and San Francisco metro areas.

Seismic engineering requirements play a role. The bigger factor are complex and burdensome design requirements for affordable housing. These are dictated by state and local funding sources, and have little to do with habitability or safety but contribute substantially to these

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OPINION | UNMUTED

Devan Sipher

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Are you an anti-antisemite?

After George Floyd, there was an obligation in some progressive circles to prove you were sufficiently against racism by defining yourself as anti-racist. Now it's President Donald Trump's turn to demand linguistic fealty in a fight against the prejudice du jour.

The problem is that Trump's war on antisemitism seems antisemitic.

Don't get me wrong. Antisemitism is real, odious and deadly, and a sincere effort to diminish it should be commended. But contrary to recent Justice Department claims, antisemitic statements aren't illegal in a country with free speech. Germany is a country that curtails antisemitic speech, particularly in reference to the Holocaust, but Vice President JD Vance has criticized Germany for this practice, claiming that its government is limiting the rights of Nazis.

So perhaps that's why I question the sincerity of the administration's efforts to oppose bigotry. Or perhaps it's because the administration seems to revel in bigotry towards many other groups. There have been outrageous stabbings, shootings and bomb threats against Jewish American congregations in recent years, but the same is true for Muslim American congregations. Yet there has been no effort by the administration to combat that and no House committee investigating anti-Muslim bias. Why are elected officials, who represent all citizens, so deeply concerned about threats to one minority community and not others? Unless the true goal is setting one group against another.

Singling Jews out for special treatment seems an unlikely way of preventing prejudice against them but a tried and true method for increasing it. In the 17th century, there was something called a Court Jew. Though it was a time of open hostility toward Jews, often resulting in massacres, Court Jews were granted special privileges in exchange for providing revenue to the members of the royal court by lending them money and collecting taxes for them. This served the dual purposes of circumventing church prohibitions on moneylending while providing a scapegoat for anger about excessive taxation.

Trump is likewise accomplishing two goals: He's successfully raising millions of dollars from people delighted by his ersatz philosemitic bludgeoning of elite universities, while he's simultaneously inflaming antisemitic sentiments on those very same campuses. And there's reason to believe he's taking equal pleasure from both, because unlike some of the students he's attempting to deport, Trump has a documented history of antisemitic rhetoric and support for neo-Nazis, including the white supremacists who rallied in Charlottesville and the pardoned January 6th "patriots" who proudly brandished signs with Nazi slogans.

Speaking of Nazis, those deportation efforts by the Trump administration have an implicitly reprehensible and hypocritical precedent in the Third Reich. Discriminatory expulsions with no due process are what Jews have experienced repeatedly for millennia before arriving in the United States. In the name of defending Jews, the Trump administration is removing one of the greatest protections they've ever had.

This week happens to be the Jewish holiday of Passover, when Jews celebrate the foundational liberation story of Moses leading the ancient Hebrews out of Egyptian bondage. Coincidentally, Trump recently defined "liberation" as the ability to impose tariffs. In this season of renewal for three major faiths, perhaps it's a good time to contemplate how we each define freedom and what we're willing to pay for it.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.3**

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

Surf size holds in the morning, then eases over the afternoon. Light winds due in the morning. Fading S/SSW swell keeps fun zone waves rolling in for the morning, then surf winds down over the afternoon. Morning expected to start off at least semi-clean with light/variable winds. Low-end moderate SW sea breeze expected to add some bump over the afternoon.

THURSDAY *FAIR*
SURF: Waist to chest 3-4FT

Bump in mid period NW swell mix as SSW refresh shows. Clean AM, building W wind for the PM. Primary S swell leftovers and a light refresh of SSW swell are joined by a little uptick in mid period NW swell mix. The beachbreaks west of Dume trend peakier but the summer points slow down compared to Wednesday. Wind looks light for the morning then builds from the W in the afternoon.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Wednesday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 53. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance related to housing production, for consistency with recent updates to State law, and to implement other changes, corrections, and clarifications; amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard for consistent designation.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt amendments to 1) the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to eliminate parcel size threshold for streamlined review of Housing Projects, increase the maximum square footage for Accessory Dwelling Units, revise provisions related to ministerially approved duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential, adjust the criteria for streamlined review of Housing Projects in Bergamot Zoning Districts on large sites, provide extensions for projects approved prior to January 6, 2025, convert parcel coverage development standards to Floor Area Ratio for the City's Residential Zoning Districts, and align density standards for the City's Multiple-Unit Residential Zoning Districts with the intensities envisioned in the LUCE, for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications and, 2) the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard for consistent designation.

On March 19, 2025, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Numbers 25-004 (PCS), 25-005 (PCS), 25-006 (PCS), 25-007 (PCS), 25-008 (PCS), recommending for approval, with modifications, that the Council adopt 1) amendments to the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to eliminate parcel size threshold for streamlined review of Housing Projects, increase the maximum square footage for Accessory Dwelling Units, revise provisions related to ministerially approved duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential, adjust the criteria for streamlined review of Housing Projects in Bergamot Zoning Districts on large sites, provide extensions for projects approved prior to January 6, 2025, convert parcel coverage development standards to Floor Area Ratio for the City's Residential Zoning Districts, and align density standards for the City's Multiple-Unit Residential Zoning Districts with the intensities envisioned in the LUCE, for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications and, 2) amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard for consistent designation.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

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Re: State Law Update Amendments

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

California consumer group sues to block insurers from adding surcharge following LA fires

A consumer advocacy group filed a lawsuit this week to block insurers from charging California customers for $500 million in costs associated with the deadly Los Angeles fires.

California's insurance commission in February ordered insurers doing business in California to provide $1 billion to the FAIR Plan, the state's insurer of last resort, to help it pay out claims related to the LA wildfires. The order allows insurers to recoup half the cost from its policyholders in the form of a one-time fee. The commissioner must approve the costs.

> We look forward to defending the rights and pocketbooks of Californians and stopping this socialization of FAIR Plan losses at the public's expense, while the FAIR Plan's profits will wholly remain with the insurance companies
>
> - Ryan Mellino, Consumer Watchdog staff attorney

The lawsuit, filed by Consumer Watchdog in Los Angeles, alleges Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara overstepped his authority and violated state laws for allowing for such cost shifting without going through the proper process. Such regulations have never been authorized in California and should have been vetted and approved by the Legislature or other oversight agencies before enforcement, Consumer Watchdog argued. The suit is asking the court to block Lara from approving the requests. There were at least three pending applications to implement a surcharge as of Tuesday, according to Consumer Watchdog.

"We look forward to defending the rights and pocketbooks of Californians and stopping this socialization of FAIR Plan losses at the public's expense, while the FAIR Plan's profits will wholly remain with the insurance companies," Consumer Watchdog staff attorney Ryan Mellino said in a statement.

The Department of Insurance said the lawsuit could make California's insurance crisis worse.

"This hurts homeowners, small business and nonprofits who need access to insurance options, while doing nothing to address the insurance crisis," Gabriel Sanchez, a department spokesperson, said in a statement. "It also serves to undermine our efforts to restore competition to all areas of our state, so people can get off the FAIR Plan and back to the regular market."

The FAIR Plan is the state's last resort option for people who can't get private insurance because their properties are deemed too risky to insure. The plan, with high premiums and basic coverage, is designed as a temporary option until homeowners can find permanent coverage, but more Californians are relying on it than ever. There were more than 555,000 home policies on the FAIR Plan as of March, more than double the number in 2020.

The plan estimated a loss of roughly $4 billion from the Eaton and Palisades Fires, which sparked Jan. 7, destroyed nearly 17,000 structures and killed at least 30 people. The plan had already paid out more than $914 million as of February.

The lawsuit will not affect the FAIR Plan's ability to pay out claims, Consumer Watchdog said.

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association, the largest national trade association representing home, auto and business insurers called the lawsuit "a reckless and self-serving stunt." Insurers have paid ten of billions in claims and contributed more than $500 million to sustain the FAIR Plan after the LA fires, the group said.

"Blocking recovery of the additional costs insurers have paid to prop up the Fair Plan would jeopardize the last-resort coverage option for homeowners — and push our fragile insurance market closer to total collapse," Denni Ritter, the group's representative, said in a statement. "It is critical that the costs be spread equitably across a broader pool of insured customers to help restore California's insurance market and protect access to coverage for all consumers."

The regulation to allow insurers to shift some of the costs used to sustain the FAIR Plan is among the strategies unveiled by Lara last year. California is undergoing a yearlong effort to stabilize its insurance market after several major insurance companies either paused or restricted new business in the state in 2023, which pushed hundreds of thousands of homeowners onto the FAIR Plan. Wildfires are becoming more common and destructive in California due to climate change, and insurers say that's making it difficult to truly price the risk on properties.

Of the top 20 most destructive wildfires in state history, 15 have occurred since 2015, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The state now gives insurers more latitude to raise premiums in exchange for issuing more policies in high-risk areas. That includes regulations allowing insurers to consider climate change when setting their prices and allowing them pass on the costs of reinsurance to California consumers.

By TRÂN NGUYỄN Associated Press

California sets aside $170 million to thin vegetation, forests to help prevent wildfires



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

FIRE: A firefighter walks through a prescribed burn area at the Sugar Pine Point State Park near Lake Tahoe on Sept. 25, 2024.

Gov. Gavin Newsom today signed new legislation that will provide more than $170 million in state funding to help prevent wildfires while signing an order aimed at speeding up the work by easing environmental permitting.

The funding — which the Democratic governor said was part of a broader effort to better protect communities ahead of peak fire season — comes as the state is under extraordinary pressure after the January infernos that devastated Los Angeles communities.

California has already experienced its second most destructive fire year on record, with more than 16,000 homes and other buildings damaged or destroyed by the two major fires in the Los Angeles area. Most of the destruction occurred in neighborhoods where development meets wildland, a high-risk area known as the wildland-urban interface.

The money comes from a $10 billion bond measure for environmental projects approved by California voters last year.

Authorized as part of a fast-tracked, early action budget bill approved by the Legislature, the funds will be paid to six conservancies throughout California. The agencies, which operate under the governor's Resources Agency, will manage the removal of vegetation and thinning of forests within their regions.

At least half, $85 million, will be directed to conservancies in Southern California, while $54 will focus on the Sierra Nevada. The approval of the funding comes after Newsom in March declared a state of emergency to clear flammable brush.

"With this latest round of funding, we're continuing to increase the speed and size of forest and vegetation management essential to protecting communities," Newsom said in a written statement. "We are leaving no stone unturned — including cutting red tape — in our mission to ensure our neighborhoods are protected from destructive wildfires."

The challenge of fire prevention in California, which experts say has been worsened by climate change, has become increasingly political. During President Donald J. Trump's first term, the president repeatedly blamed wildfires on California failing to manage vegetation growth, even though the majority of forestland in the state is under federal, not state, ownership.

"You gotta clean your floors, you gotta clean your forests," Trump said during a campaign speech in 2020, according to Politico. "There are many, many years of leaves and broken trees and they're like, like, so flammable, you touch them and it

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 6.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.78/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 15.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 56.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 4.8 cents in the last week and stands at $3.546 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.99/g while the most expensive was $5.77/g, a difference of $1.78/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.39/g while the highest was $8.29/g, a difference of $4.90/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 8.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.13/g . The national average is up 7.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 46.9 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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accelerating wildfire recovery efforts ahead of the peak summer season. The coordinated operation involves Caltrans, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which are jointly overseeing the debris removal, road repair and safety preparation necessary for reopening the route.

According to the governor's office, more than 100 USACE crews are currently working on Palisades Fire parcels with support from heavy equipment, including excavators and dump trucks. Crews are currently removing approximately 1,284 truckloads of debris per day, using the PCH as the main haul route.

The scope of work includes demolishing damaged and collapsed structures, removing toxic ash and debris, restoring roadway surfaces and reinstalling utility infrastructure. Officials said the effort is operating on a 24/7 schedule to meet the new May deadline.

The highway serves as a vital lifeline between Los Angeles, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and Orange County. It is also a key economic artery, supporting tourism and local businesses that have seen a drop in foot traffic since the closure.

"The Pacific Coast Highway is a major artery that serves hundreds of thousands of Angelenos and visitors from around the world daily," Newsom said. "This effort will support businesses and tourism by expediting fire cleanup."

Once reopened, the security checkpoints currently stationed at the north and south ends of the closure zone will be removed. However, officials said a strong law enforcement presence from state and local agencies will remain in place to ensure safety as access resumes.

Caltrans and emergency crews have been prioritizing parcels directly adjacent to the highway in order to clear the most critical bottlenecks. Though the highway will initially open at reduced capacity, the move is expected to significantly ease congestion and support the region's ongoing recovery.

The PCH is expected to be fully open to the public with limited lanes before Memorial Day on May 26, positioning coastal communities for a rebound just in time for the start of the summer season.

Ongoing updates on road status and cleanup operations are available at ca.gov/LAfires

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GET IT DAILY...

VJAMM

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a ceremony at the monument near Lincoln and Venice followed by a charity dinner at Hama Sushi.

The in-person memorial is from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on the corner of Lincoln and Venice Blvd. The monument was constructed in 2017 to honor the many Japanese-American families who were forced into internment camps after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1947. It is over 9 feet tall and has different descriptions of the deportations that took place on all sides of it. It's placed exactly where the bus stop was that took Japanese Americans to the internment camps.

"The VJAMM's obelisk shape was copied from the white obelisk in the Manzanar Cemetery, erected in 1943 by Manzanar incarcees themselves, from funds collected by the Japanese Americans imprisoned at Manzanar," said Phyllis Hayashibara, a VJAMM Committee member. "The three characters on the Manzanar white obelisk spell 'I REI TO' which means, Tower to Console the Dead. The VJAMM Committee wanted to echo the obelisk, but in solid black granite, as a reminder to those still living, that this history of discrimination must not be forgotten, or it will certainly be repeated."

The VJAMM Committee has been raising money for the memorial since 2010, and since the statue was erected has evolved to using the fundraiser money for three pathways: the Arnold Maeda Manzanar Pilgrimage Grant, the upkeep of the monument, and the outreach to promote the monument.

The Arnold Maeda Manzanar Pilgrimage Grant is where most of the funds go–students can apply to the Grant and be awarded a three day, two night stay in Lone Pine for the 56-year-old Manzanar Pilgrimage. Manzanar was an internment camp, and is now a historical site to honor the Japanese Americans who were relocated there.

Arnold Maeda was a member of the VJAMM Committee who helped fund the monument. He was 15 years old when his family was deported to the Manzanar camp, and has a quote on the monument that reads:

"Instead of being worried about where we were going, I was obsessed with the fact that I had parted with my constant companion, my pet dog, Boy. For a fifteen-year-old, that was unforgettably traumatic."

The recipients of the Grant this year are Jennifer Yamashita and Natalie Tokita for their essays on Maeda and the impact of his legacy. Both women are Japanese American students at UCLA and are aiding the Manzanar Committee with the preparations for the pilgrimage this year. Yamashita created a website to spread awareness about the difficulty that Japanese Americans went through during the deportations. Tokita committed her essay to her own family's history in relation to Maeda's, and continuously writes about the Japanese American experience in UCLA's magazine.

The Grant goes out to students to encourage them to continue activism and awareness in social issues.

"We hope these students will be inspired by Arnold Maeda, and go on to their own activism, so that no one will forget what happened to persons of Japanese ancestry in the US, and so that they will recognize unjust application of the powers of government when they hear and see it," said Hayashibara.

Following the memorial, Hama Sushi will hold their annual fundraiser in support of the organization. Customers can order anything on the menu and the restaurant will donate 10% for educational outreach including maintenance of the monument.

Hayashibara says the event is so important each year because of the need to remind people of the unconstitutional actions the government took against Japanese Americans during WWII so that it can't happen again. This year, she's especially reminded of those actions because the Trump administration is using those very laws that were enacted for the JA deportations to deport citizens who have not been proven guilty.

"More outrage will be voiced ... Invocation of the 1798 Alien Enemies Act in 2025, when the US is NOT at war, which is a condition of the Act; and its use against ALLEGED gang members without due process at all reminds us that the JA forced removal and incarceration could still be ordered again by Executive Order as it was on February 19, 1942 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt," she said. "We must all know and exercise our constitutional rights, and challenge any government effort to 'perpetrate an injustice against any group based solely on ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, race or religion."

To participate in the fundraiser call Hama Sushi at 310-396-8783 or visit them online at hamasushi.com/menus

WILDFIRE

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goes up."

In the wake of the Los Angeles fires, Trump also inaccurately blamed the state's water policies for the blazes and threatened to withhold federal aid unless the state addressed a variety of policies related and unrelated to wildfires.

Included is about $31 million each for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy, and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The California Tahoe Conservancy and the San Diego River Conservancy will receive about $23 million each.

In addition to the legislation, Newsom signed an executive order that allowed wildfire prevention projects to benefit from streamlining provisions outlined in his March emergency proclamation, which suspended certain environmental laws, including the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act for projects deemed urgent.

"Unfortunately, this money will go toward logging projects that skirt environmental review and harm forests and the climate," said Shaye Wolf, climate science director at the environmental group Center for Biological Diversity. "This funding doubles down on forest destruction rather than investing in real wildfire safety measures like home hardening in communities."

Newsom earlier this year promised $2.5 billion for various wildfire resilience projects. Prescribed burns, a land management tool designed to reduce fuel loads, are a major part of the state's strategy.

Wildfire season is starting earlier and lasting longer, exacerbated by climate change. Altered cycles of dry and wet years build up vegetation that is vulnerable to fire, and California's wildfires are acting more erratically and burning longer.

By Alejandro Lazo. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

OLYMPIC

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Olympic officials said Long Beach's selection as the beach volleyball venue represents a significant win for the city, which has been designated as an official "2028 Venue City" and will now host multiple high-profile Olympic events.

Santa Monica was originally considered for the beach volleyball venue but negotiations ended after city officials and LA28 organizers failed to reach terms. A financial analysis commissioned by Santa Monica 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 see $11.3 million in tourism revenue with just $650,000 in related expenses, yielding a net gain of $10.65 million. Santa Monica officials cited concerns about "community benefits, operational details and financial guarantees" in a statement explaining why the deal fell through.

The original plan had included a temporary 12,000-seat stadium north of the Santa Monica Pier. Santa Monica City Councilmember Dan Hall said the decision was difficult but suggested the city could better use its resources elsewhere, including "paying down our unfunded pension liabilities, rebuilding our reserves and housing trust fund, repairing infrastructure" and other priorities.

The comprehensive venue plan announced Tuesday spans the entire Southern California region, from San Fernando Valley to San Clemente, and includes both iconic locations and new venues.

> This plan brings the Games to all corners of our city like never before — from the Sepulveda Basin to the iconic shores of Venice Beach, our world-famous neighborhoods as well as our hidden gems will be on full display for all to experience and enjoy
>
> - Karen Bass, Los Angeles Mayor

Venice Beach will serve as the new home of the triathlon competition, which is relocating from Long Beach. The historic beachfront neighborhood will host the official starting locations for the marathon and cycling road courses.

"This plan brings the Games to all corners of our city like never before — from the Sepulveda Basin to the iconic shores of Venice Beach, our world-famous neighborhoods as well as our hidden gems will be on full display for all to experience and enjoy," said Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass.

The Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area in the San Fernando Valley will host Olympic events for the first time, including 3x3 basketball and modern pentathlon, alongside BMX freestyle, BMX racing, and skateboarding events.

In a nod to Hollywood's influence, squash will make its Olympic debut at Universal Studios Lot's Courthouse Square, recognizable from films like "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Back to the Future."

Dodger Stadium will host baseball as the sport returns to the Olympic program, while cricket will make its Olympic comeback after more than a century at a temporary facility at the Fairgrounds in Pomona.

Surfing competitions will take place at Trestles Beach in San Clemente, chosen for its consistent waves, while equestrian events return to Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, which previously hosted the sport during the 1984 Olympics.

The City of Carson will stage archery at its stadium, while volleyball moves to the Arena in Anaheim. Boxing will be held at the Peacock Theater and Arena in Downtown Los Angeles, and rhythmic gymnastics relocates to the USC Sports Center.

Long Beach will also host sport climbing at the Convention Center Lot and target shooting at the Convention Center, while shotgun shooting events will take place at the Shotgun Center in South El Monte.

Beyond venues, the IOC Executive Board confirmed a record number of Olympic medals will be awarded at LA28, with several new mixed team events and significant steps toward gender equality.

For the first time in Olympic history, the women's soccer tournament will feature more teams than the men's competition, with 16 women's teams compared to 12 men's teams. Water polo and boxing will achieve gender equality for the first time, with women's water polo expanding to 12 teams to match the men's tournament, and boxing adding a new women's weight class for a total of seven in both men's and women's competitions.

Six new mixed gender team events will debut across archery, artistic gymnastics, athletics (4x100 mixed gender relay), coastal rowing, golf, and table tennis.

Swimming will add six medal events with the inclusion of 50-meter races in backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly for both men and women. Sport climbing will separate the previous combined event into three distinct medal competitions: speed, boulder, and lead.

"We are opening the door for more athletes to compete, win, and live out their Olympic dream at the LA28 Games where athletes have always been, and always will be, the heart of the Games," said LA28 Chief Athlete Officer Janet Evans. "We are proud to champion an athlete-centric vision that celebrates excellence and the unifying spirit of the Olympic Movement."

The 2028 Olympic Games will bring together approximately 10,500 athletes across the 31 sports on the initial program, with up to 700 more competing in the five additional sports proposed by LA28 and added by the IOC in October 2023.

The Games, which will mark Los Angeles' third time hosting the Olympics and first time hosting the Paralympics, are scheduled to begin on July 14, 2028.

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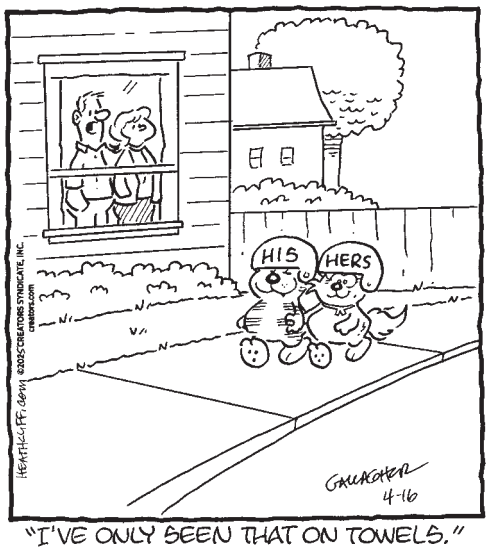
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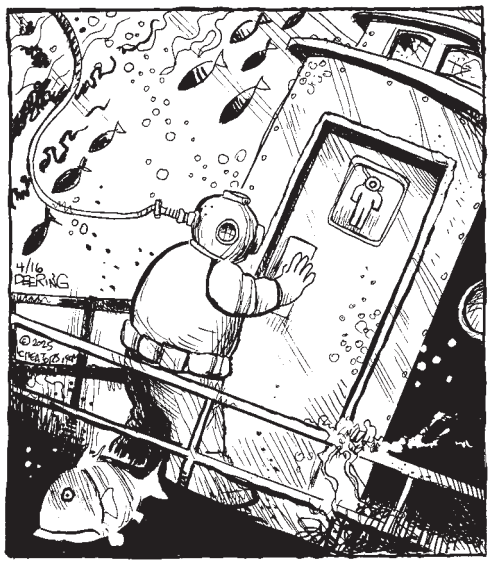
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Overnight stay

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 16)

The year brings a creative surge, fueling passions and powering breakthroughs. More highlights: Success comes from calculated risks, and your ability to pivot will turn challenges into triumphs. You'll launch a project that surpasses expectations, and it's a financial game changer. Personal relationships hit a high note as you find your people. Sagittarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 2, 14 and 6.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Regardless of the weather outside, you're a force of nature inside, buzzing with excitement about what you'll whip up. Remember, a goal isn't a goal until it has a deadline. Get clarity around your timeline and you'll be golden.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Risking your heart might seem dangerous if you were fully aware of it, but life has a way of tricking you into giving it freely. Only later do you realize that someone else is holding your most precious treasure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you desire most might be the one thing you can't have -- or, you could have it, but deep down, you know it won't be good for you or anyone else. This is one of those moments when resisting temptation is the wisest choice.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As abundant as information may be, it is but a small mound of facts next to the infinity of unknown things. The importance of continuous inquiry will be emphasized today. Practical answers bring a sense of satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's revelation: Things don't have to be perfect to create incredible opportunities. In fact, the raw, messy, imperfect things often spark the most connection and growth. People don't just want polished -- they want real.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you have an abundance of nerve to apply to your life, your stories will be glorious. However, if you don't, you can still be the hero because you don't need courage to do brave things -- you just need to act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Boredom may be uncomfortable, but it's also the spark before your next great, purposeful creation. Give yourself the time and space to be profoundly bored. You'll be amazed at what brilliant ideas rise from the emptiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Opinions and feelings get passed around -- sometimes you inherit them, and sometimes you set them in motion. But what you feel now is yours alone, not borrowed or handed down. It's an original invention, shaped by your own experience, for you and you alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When we don't agree but still need to interact, a bridge must be built, and in working together to create that bridge, real connection begins. Today sets the stage for building lasting, meaningful friendships based on true understanding, not surface-level niceties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't control anyone but yourself. You'll realize some people are content staying the same, and that's their journey. This week, your path is one of noticing where others are and accepting that. You'll even find a way of working with it or enjoying it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today's existential mood is brought on by the vastness of the unknown. But you don't have to know everything about your scene, the problem or the other people involved. You can move forward on nothing but instinct, which is on point right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To honor your feelings is to let them move at their own pace -- they will anyway. There's nothing you can do to rush emotions along, but you can certainly lift your resistance to them, and they will obey their natural flow.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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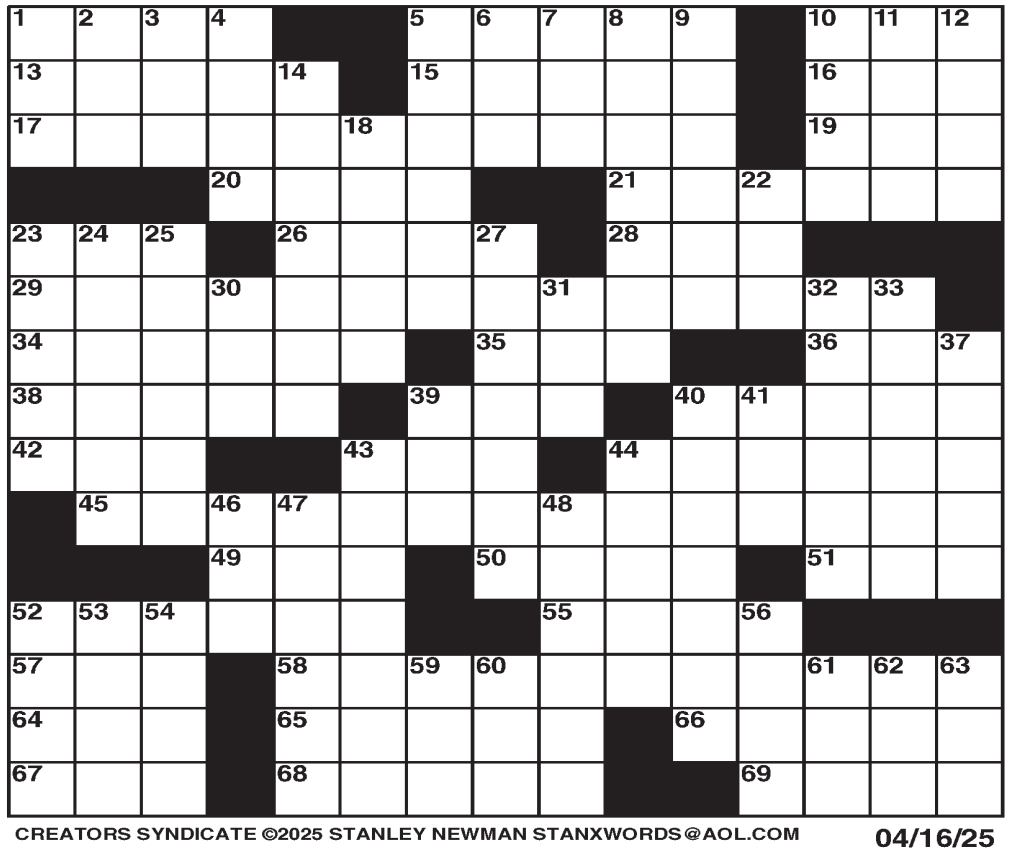
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ACROSS

1 Untidy area
5 Capital of Bulgaria
10 '70s Chinese leader
13 In the midst of
15 Storage rentals
16 Be helpful to
17 Swanky stadium seating
19 Penta- minus two
20 Borscht veggie
21 Overnight flight
23 Halloween mo.
26 Math course after trig
28 Hardly ___ (very few)
29 College athletes' awards
34 Rock concert venues
35 Ending for percent
36 Magician's traditional prop
38 Sour citrus
39 Printer resolution abbr.
40 Cooktop cooker
42 "And your point is..."
43 "Latest" starter
44 One watching for warblers
45 Carrier's best customers
49 Chewable stick
50 Where a sandal meets a sidewalk
51 Opposite of NNW
52 Jamaican music
55 Speak angrily
57 Shared by us
58 Plastic for purchases
64 "My lips ___ sealed"
65 Couric of TV
66 Cybercommerce
67 Trim a lawn
68 Shuts loudly
69 Artist Warhol

DOWN

1 It means "wrongful"
2 Ostrich's Aussie cousin
3 Boston baseballers, for short
4 Shun socially
5 With understated nuance
6 Yoko ___
7 Repair, as a TV
8 Repeat
9 Give an OK
10 Wife or husband
11 Well ventilated
12 *Garfield* dog
14 Person from Athens
18 Irish poet
22 Fabric coloring
23 Brooch shapes
24 Phrase above some addresses
25 Slight quake
27 Pre-tied bow ties
30 ___-cone (frozen treat)
31 Yale student
32 Site of an ancient Colossus
33 Coupon users
37 Not saying much
39 Poor grade
40 Total quiet
41 Give it a shot
43 Roman C, D, or X
44 Black key beside A
46 Yolk holder
47 Duck's declarations
48 Parliament's Labour rivals
52 Wander around
53 German coin
54 Expanded
56 Brit's farewell
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60 Poorly lit
61 Sought an office
62 Accomplished
63 With a hidden agenda



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GUEST COMMENTARY

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astonishing differences.

Development fees to local governments make up the largest soft-cost difference in California. Such fees, which were the subject of a 2024 U.S. Supreme Court case, average around $30,000 per unit. In Texas, the average is about $800. (Again, Colorado occupies a middle ground at around $12,000.)

In San Diego, for example, these fees on average eat up 14% of total development costs per apartment.

But the biggest thing driving up California apartment costs? Time.

A privately financed apartment building that takes just over two years to produce from start to finish in Texas would take over four years in California. It takes twice as long to gain project approvals and the construction timeline is 1.5 times longer.

That means land costs must be carried for longer, equipment and labor are on jobsites longer, and that loans are taken out for a longer term, and so on.

Most of the differences that the study uncovered stem from policy choices made by state and local governments. Many are legacies of the so-called "slow growth movement" in California, which has shaped housing production since the 1980s.

Those efforts worked. Population growth in the state went negative for a few years after 2020, due primarily to the high cost of housing. Even more recently, California's growth was half the numbers seen in Texas and Florida, with younger and higher earners disproportionately leaving.

These departures have dire implications for the state's fiscal future and political influence nationally. California recently lost a congressional seat for the first time in its history. If current national population trends hold, it could lose four or five seats in 2030.

The California Legislature has become increasingly focused on reducing the cost of living, but meeting this goal requires substantial progress on lowering housing costs. New proposals to exempt urban infill housing production from state environmental law and a package of permitting reforms are steps in that direction.

Will policymakers also take lessons from Texas and Colorado's cheaper housing methods? That remains to be seen. But the future of California may well hinge on it.

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FRIDAY | APRIL 18

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: PILATES - CORE WORK
9:45 a.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. 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/14548475/2025-04-18T09

SATURDAY | APRIL 19

COMPOSTING 101
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden 2909 Exposition Blvd. LET'S BREAK IT DOWN !! Calling all Worm Wranglers, Kitchen Composters, Three-Bin Enthusiasts and Rolling Drum Recyclers. Composting isn't a one-size fits all, so perhaps this workshop will help determine where your green waste goes to turn into amendment and soil. It's quite a steamy romance once you get hooked. We'll talk science, do's and don'ts, participation in our Composting Co-Operative and perhaps even inspire you into creating a system of your own. Lots of Kids Friendly and Adult Friendly activities to check on your garden knowledge. Compost talks start at 10:00 AM. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/composting-101/15369355/2025-04-19T09

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/uc-master-gardeners-at-pico-farmers-market/13766365/2025-04-19T10

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SEN. BEN ALLEN'S PREDATOR SHIELD LAW



OUR CHILDREN ARE UNSAFE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A study by the US Department of Education found that "more than 4.5 million students are subject to sexual misconduct by an employee of a school sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade." That is approximately 10% of all 5.8 million California public school students.

SB 832 WOULD PROTECT PREDATORS NOT CHILDREN.

SB 832 "The Predator's Shield Law" aims to do two things – make it harder for child sexual assault victims to prevail in cases involving public schools and reduce or delay payment of damages to victims if they do prevail.

THE MOST VULNERABLE WILL SUFFER UNDER SB 832.

Most children sexually assaulted by teachers or other school employees come from poor neighborhoods, communities of color, and undocumented families. School districts have a history of assigning predators schools to disadvantaged communities where they intentionally select victims who are the easiest to groom and are the least likely to disclose their abuse, fearing contact with law enforcement.

WHY IS SENATOR BEN ALLEN SPONSORING SB 832?

Ben Allen led a school district which allowed and retained predators who have sexually abused children. He was a member and President of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, when the district hid complaints about sexual misconduct from parents and the public and returned a teacher to the classroom who was disciplined for sexually harassing a 13-year-old girl. The teacher is still teaching at Santa Monica High School.

(Ari Marken vs. Michael Chwe 2012)

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