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Will Rogers students, faculty celebrate Earth Day








Photos by Thomas Leffler

EARTH DAY: In advance of Monday's Earth Day celebration, students and faculty of Will Rogers Learning Community had a green-thumbed party of their own, hosting an Earth Day Festival at the campus' regenerative farm. Students were able to engage in activities around the farm, such as an interactive storytime and being able to traverse the multitude of plantlife cultivated at Will Rogers. In addition, student projects were available to view on environment-related subjects, with information laid out in creative fashion on posterboard. Representatives promoting the documentary "Feeding Tomorrow," exploring ways to make a more sustainable world through the lens of food, were on hand to serve up freshly-cooked plates. The farm itself is a staple of regenerative agriculture in the Santa Monica area, and teaches Will Rogers students about things like crops, tree intercropping, compost and the planting of drought-tolerant pollinator flowers.

Man arrested for using a shopping cart to grill and a sword as a skewer

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A man was arrested on Santa Monica beach, close to Los Angeles County Fire Department Lifeguard station, on Sunday afternoon after he was seen grilling in a shopping cart, using a sword as a shish kebab-style skewer to cook meat.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, the individual was the source of a call for service about the open flame in his ad hoc barbecue/cart set-up on Ocean Blvd. He initially ran from the responding officer, fleeing down to the beach with the cart. The officer eventually stopped him in the 1600 block of the beach and extinguished the fire.

Shopping carts are considered the property of the store they are taken from, and possession of one is a misdemeanor theft offense. Additionally, the individual was charged with resisting arrest and reckless burning (basically misdemeanor arson). He was cited on the three charges and released.

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With homelessness on the rise, the Supreme Court weighs bans on sleeping outdoors

LINDSAY WHITEHURST AND CLAIRE RUSH
Associated Press

The Supreme Court wrestled with major questions about the growing issue of homelessness on Monday as it considered whether cities can punish people for sleeping outside when shelter space is lacking.

The case is the most significant to come before the high court in decades on the issue and comes as record numbers of people are without a permanent place to live in the United States.

It started in the rural Oregon town of Grants Pass, which began fining people $295 for sleeping outside as the cost of housing escalated and tents sprung up in

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Cyclists seize the streets in unique Venice ridealong

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The typical sounds of roaring engines on Venice streets were replaced over the weekend with music and good conversation, with a biker's paradise taking over the area.

On April 21, over five miles of Venice Blvd. were transformed into car-free open streets thanks to nonprofit organization CicLAvia, encouraging transportation like biking, skating and walking through Venice, Mar Vista and Palms. Working alongside Metro Los Angeles to clear the streets, the CicLAvia event had locals connecting with businesses and activity hubs along the route, including special pop-up booths, carnival games and musical performances.

The event was inspired by the weekly "ciclovía" in Bogotá, Columbia, and CicLAvia has been temporarily closing streets for the gatherings since 2010.

"It's always a thrill to return to Venice Blvd, where the diversity of neighborhoods is celebrated on this (route), between National (Blvd) and the beach ... we encourage participants to learn about and experience local gems along the way," CicLAvia Executive Director Romel Pascual said. Pascual added that the protected bike lanes along Venice Blvd. are available year-round, and hopes that people will use and revisit the area after participating in the car-free streets event.

CicLAvia events will continue throughout the year, with the next event in the Wilmington neighborhood of South Los Angeles on May 19. For more information, visit ciclavia.org.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

BIKING: Venice Blvd. was transformed into a car-free environment on April 21 in an event held by nonprofit organization CicLAvia and Metro Los Angeles.

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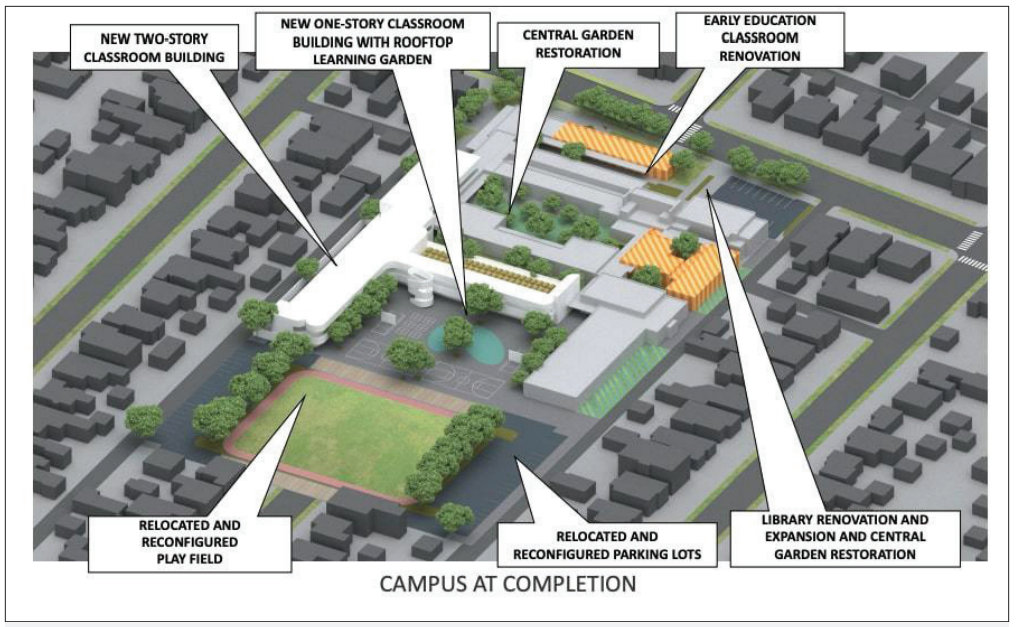
Wednesday, April 17:
Vikings at Mira Costa
Mira Costa win 10-0
Batting:
Jacob Myrow (Senior): 0-2, K. Sage Douglass (Senior): 0-2, 2 K. Bobby Munoz (Senior): 1-2. Spencer Levin (Senior): 0-1, BB, K. Blue Hunter (Junior): 0-1, BB, K. Isaac Liberman (Junior): 0-3, 3 K. Jackson Myrow (Junior): 1-1, HBP. Brady Satinover (Junior): 0-3, K. Manny Lares (Junior): 0-2
Pitching:
Gavin Kirtley (Junior): 1.2 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 0.00 ERA. Eddie Jennings (Junior): 1.1 IP, L, 6 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 31.50 ERA. Aaron Heirigs (Sophomore): 1.0 IP, 0.00 ERA

Friday, April 19:
Vikings vs Mira Costa
Vikings win 2-1 (10 innings)
Batting:
Jacob Myrow (Senior): 0-3, SH/B, K. Sage Douglass (Senior): 1-4, BB, 3 K. Bobby Munoz (Senior): 0-1, R, SH/B, 2 BB, K. Spencer Levin (Senior): 0-2, SH/B, K. Blue Hunter (Junior): 1-5, K. Isaac Liberman (Junior): 1-3, R, RBI, SF, HBP. Jackson Myrow (Junior): 1-4, BB, 2 K. Theo Smith (Senior): 1-1. Brady Satinover (Junior): 1-5, 2 K. Manny Lares (Junior): 1-3, BB
Pitching:
Jackson Klein (Senior): 6.1 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 6 K, 1.11 ERA. Tony Ponce (Senior): 3.2 IP, W, 3 H, 4 K, 0.00 ERA

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Master plan for Grant campus approved by school board



Courtesy Graphic

GRANT PLAN: The master plan for construction at Grant Elementary School includes three phases and will end with several major renovations of the campus.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The future big-picture plans for one of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's campuses are now clearer after the April 18 meeting of the district's Board of Education.

During the meeting, the board approved of a resolution certifying the Grant Elementary School's master plan, including the plan's final environmental impact report and the decision to carry out the project. SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton presented the plan to the board alongside architect Jim Favaro of Johnson Favaro Architects, followed by an update on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process by Placeworks representative Addie Farrell.

Upton noted that it has been a "long time" getting to the point of a final board approval after a Grant campus assessment was completed four years ago, with the approval and CEQA process completion the "last big hurdle" in the planning stages. The master plan is broken down into three phases, with the first phase including a renovation of the Grant library, a restoration of the campus central garden, and a renovation of early education space.

Favaro stated that the library, currently a smaller structure sitting behind the Grant auditorium, will commandeer adjacent "underutilized" spaces to expand into about 6,500 sq. ft. of library space. He added that the library "has to be sensitive to rapidly changing levels of development," and will work with all age groups by incorporating early education learning and storytime space, as well as "upper elementary" reading and study spaces.

Early education is the sole focus of another Phase 1 project, transforming four existing classrooms into transitional kindergarten rooms with support space and an early education play and outdoor classroom space running adjacent to Pearl Street. Upton stated that the first phase projects are currently in design, and if a bond measure comes forward and passes for Grant in November, the transitional kindergarten space will begin construction in December, as student enrollment for the grade level is "growing faster than expected." The library construction, Upton added, would be slated to begin in the summer of 2025.

Grant's central garden includes trees that predated the school, with Favaro stating the restoration will be "modest but extremely sensitive" to that plantlife. The restored garden is tasked to be both a gathering space and a way to navigate the campus while respecting the historical trees, and is slated to include a reconfigured central lawn, ADA accessible paved paths and California native drought tolerant plant beds.

Also included in the master plan were the outlines for a second and third phase at Grant. The second phase incorporates a new one-story classroom building with a rooftop learning garden, serving as a bridge between the west and east sides of campus, as well as relocated and reconfigured parking lots and a relocated and reconfigured play field. The third phase, called the "most ambitious" part of the plan, adds a new two-story classroom building with 15 classrooms, as well as the conversion of the parking lot in front of the auditorium on Pearl Street into a cyclist and pedestrian arrival court.

Before the CEQA part of the presentation, Upton gave the floor to board members for comment, with board member Jon Kean stating that the latest plan is part of the district's thinking of building around the "educational needs" of students, using an academic and social approach to give students more capability to "spread their wings."

"I think the architect has already taken the perfect vision of the project and created something that's more logical and workable for us … I can see that in this latest design," Kean added.

Speaking on the CEQA process, Farrell noted that various environmental issues related to potential construction were broken down into several categories. Issues posing "no impact" or "less than significant impact" were not further discussed in the Grant final Environmental Impact Report, only leaving

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.4**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

SSW swell lingers, along with a little NW swell for some peaks at combo breaks. Possible rise in southerly winds, looking lightest early AM.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Wind forecast trending favorably. New SSW/S swell showing a little better as the NW energy lingers. Might be just enough NW to keep a few corners open on the AM tide push — we'll see if the wind can cooperate.

Weather

Tuesday: Areas of drizzle before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. South wind 5 to 10 mph
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light south southwest after midnight.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63. West northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the morning.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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2024 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report

Beginning in 2022, the California Water Code requires urban water suppliers to conduct an Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment and submit an Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report to the California Department of Water Resources on or before July 1 of each year. The Draft 2024 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report recommends the City of Santa Monica remain in a Stage 2 Water Shortage Stage and continue implementation of Stage 2 Water Shortage Response Actions, which are detailed in the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

A Public Hearing for the 2024 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report will be held on May 14, 2024, at 5:30pm.

A copy of the Draft 2024 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report will be made available on the Water Resources Division website in advance of the City Council meeting at: www.santamonica.gov/UWMP

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A response to "Return Decorum to City Hall"

I am responding to the 4/18/24 Letter by Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell and Natalya Zernitskaya, ("It's Time To Return Decorum to City Hall".) I am one of the Co-Founders of The Santa Monica Coalition, a movement of over 5,000 residents, business owners and employees in Santa Monica, who organized the successful community event.

Tuesday's Protest Rally in Reed Park facing Saint Monica's K-12 School, and 100 yards from Westminster Senior Housing is one of the spots where LA County and Venice Family Clinic employees park and enter without uniform, badge or identification, carrying a backpack and distribute needles to any who provides their first and last initials. Employees do not collect or look for discarded needles in the grass or near storm drains. City employees have been injured from sharp needles and glass pipes. There is no follow-up.

* It was hard to enter Reed Park on event day. Junkies were on both sides of Lincoln, at the abandoned 1139 Lincoln property, on two sides of Miles Playhouse, and blocking the 7th Street entry. We were approached by two individuals acting erratically who asked us what we were "doing in their park."

* Two Commissioners from Santa Monica's Recreation and Parks Commission also attended. One confided of having passed a drug deal adjacent to Miles Playhouse.

* When one of the speakers addressed the group, another standing on a bench filming from behind shouted out profanity.

* Leaving the event several were approached by transients.

* Mayor Brock and Council Members Negrete, de la Torre and Parra arrived separately and did not speak to each other during the event. No laws regarding the Brown Act or State were broken, as our City Attorney asserted. The event was a lawful assembly with 80 to 100 attendees. Each speaker addressed the crowd, with their own separate and unique messages, all in opposition to the Needle Distribution. Some described deaths and overdoses that have occurred in the park and on school grounds. Others discussed deaths on school grounds across the street from those who cross over from Reed Park. Many expressed fear of entering our parks.

* There were no obscenities or signs displayed ridiculing any elected or appointed City Leader. There were signs calling for the ouster of Gleam Davis and City Manager David White,

* It was stated that City Manager David White and Council Member Davis endorsed the Needle Distribution that City Council voted against.

Public safety, drug addiction, open use of drugs, drug dealing, and rising crime, are not "right or left", nor "Republican or Democrat Party" issues. We are ALL affected. The culture of Santa Monica reflects listening, courtesy, open discussion and tolerance towards all.

I feel the letter was written to incite division, and promote the candidacies of those who signed their names.

There were no signs stating "Zwick is a d**k". Vice Mayor Negrete called out a local blogger for filming and moving about during her comments. He has targeted me at my office and home, and also Vice Mayor Negrete and Mayor Brock.

Most business owners in Santa Monica's Downtown, on the 3rd Street Promenade, as well as residents, tell us they support the "Santa Methica is Not Safe" banner calling out City Manager David White for his support of Needle Distribution that started in secret on the Promenade, 7-Eleven on Wilshire, and California Incline, These locations were IN ADDITION TO Reed, Palisades and Tongva Parks.

Business Owners and residents (86% of whom the City says no longer visit the Promenade or Downtown) realize we are better off immediately addressing the problem, rather than have it linger and forever tarnish Santa Monica's reputation. Until all of us feel safe on the Promenade or in their front yards or carports, alleyways and sidewalks where they live, we will see more decline. More businesses on the Promenade and in Downtown are closing than opening, and apartment vacancies have risen to 13%. Reasons are crime, open drug use, dealing and lack of safety.

All this is driving customers and tourists away, causing businesses to fail, employees to lose their jobs and taxes earmarked for our General Fund to sharply decline.

The four individuals who wrote the letter are unwilling to discuss this. Their letter does not promote accountability, equity, inclusion, innovation, safety and stewardship, all values of our City.

Two audio and video transcripts of the Protest Rally (including before and after) are in the links below. Please watch and come to your own conclusion.

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Will Attorney General Rob Bonta jump into the 2026 race for California governor?



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

BONTA: Attorney General Rob Bonta speaks during a press conference where Gov. Gavin Newsom signed new gun legislation into law at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento on Sept. 26, 2023.

DAN WALTERS

California Attorney General Rob Bonta has been busy lately, or so it would seem from the never-ending stream of press releases from the Department of Justice.

If he's not announcing successful prosecution for possession of child pornography (April 11) or commenting on a U.S. Supreme Court decision (April 12), Bonta's staging a news conference to announce a lawsuit against the city of Huntington Beach for imposing its own voting requirements (April 14), releasing final regulations of one-line charities (April 16), or declaring outcome of investigation into an officer-involved shooting (April 17).

Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Bonta to his position three years ago, succeeding Xavier Becerra, who became U.S. secretary of health and welfare.

Were Bonta merely seeking a full term as attorney general in 2026, he wouldn't need so much publicity-seeking activity. It would be a political cakewalk.

However, if he's setting the stage to run for governor two years hence, he would be doing exactly what he is doing: maximizing his official actions to build his image as an effective officeholder.

Bonta hasn't said he is running for governor, but while occupying what is arguably the state's second most powerful office, he needn't do so yet. Attorneys general are automatically listed as potential candidates for governor.

In recent history, governors Pat Brown, George Deukmejian and Jerry Brown all had been AGs and three others made bids, Evelle Younger (1978), John Van de Kamp (1990) and Dan Lungren (1998).

While Bonta could be, and probably is, running a shadow campaign under the guise of official duties, his would-be opponents don't have that luxury.

Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis is running, and a couple of recent governors used her office as a launch pad – Gray Davis in 1998 and Newsom in 2018. But they were, in a sense, flukes because lieutenant governors have virtually no official duties and draw almost no media attention.

As mayor of San Francisco, Newsom wanted to run for governor in 2010, but was shouldered aside by Jerry Brown. With obvious reluctance, instead Newsom ran for lieutenant governor after deriding the office as having "no real authority and no real portfolio."

Despite the obscurity of her office Kounalakis does have two potential advantages – her experience as ambassador to Hungary and very substantial family wealth – that could help her gain one of the two runoff spots in the 2026 open primary. Her father, Angelo Tsakopoulos, is a wealthy land developer in Sacramento who is also a major Democratic campaign contributor.

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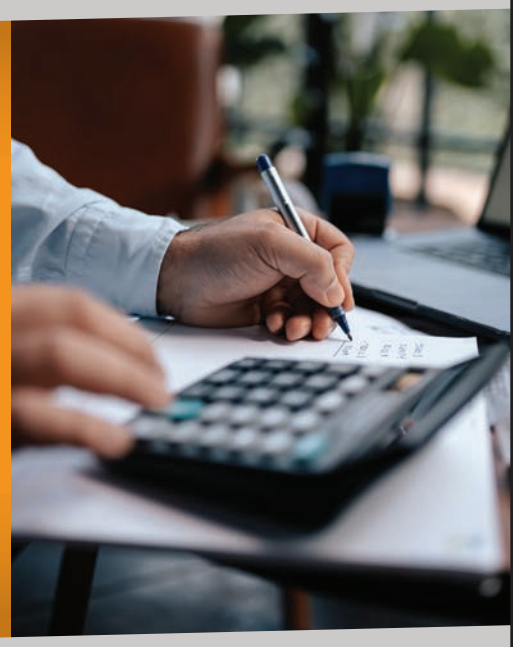
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Work starts on bullet train rail line from Sin City to the City of Angels

KEN RITTER
Associated Press

A $12 billion high-speed passenger rail line between Las Vegas and the Los Angeles area has started construction, officials said Monday, amid predictions that millions of ticket-buyers will be boarding trains by 2028.

"People have been dreaming of high-speed rail in America for decades," U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in a statement released to coincide with a ceremony at the future site of a terminal to be built just south of the Las Vegas Strip.

Buttigieg predicted the project will bring "thousands of union jobs, new connections to better economic opportunity, less congestion on the roads, and less pollution in the air."

Brightline West, whose sister company already operates a fast train between Miami and Orlando in Florida, aims to lay 218 miles (351 kilometers) of new track between Las Vegas and another new facility in Rancho Cucamonga, California. Almost the full distance is to be built in the median of Interstate 15, with a station stop in San Bernardino County's Victorville area.

Brightline Holdings founder and Chairperson Wes Edens dubbed the moment "the foundation for a new industry."

"This is a historic project and a proud moment," Edens said in the statement. "Today is long overdue."

> "People have been dreaming of high-speed rail in America for decades"
> - Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Transportation Secretary

Brightline aims to link other U.S. cities that are too near to each other for air travel to make sense and too far for people to drive the distance.

Company CEO Mike Reininger has said the goal is to have trains operating in time for the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028.

Brightline received $6.5 billion in backing from the Biden administration, including a $3 billion grant from federal infrastructure funds and approval to sell another $2.5 billion in tax-exempt bonds. The company won federal authorization in 2020 to sell $1 billion in similar bonds.

The project is touted as the first true high-speed passenger rail line in the nation, designed to reach speeds of 186 mph (300 kph), comparable to Japan's Shinkansen bullet trains.

The route between Vegas and LA is largely open space, with no convenient alternate to I-15. Brightline's Southern California terminal will be at a commuter rail connection to downtown Los Angeles.

The project outline says electric-powered trains will cut the four-hour trip across the Mojave Desert to a little more than two hours. Forecasts are for 11 million one-way passengers per year, or some 30,000 per day, with fares well below airline travel costs. The trains will offer rest rooms, Wi-Fi, food and beverage sales and the option to check luggage.

Las Vegas is a popular driving destination for Southern Californians. Officials hope the train line will relieve congestion on I-15, where drivers often sit in miles of crawling traffic while returning home from a Las Vegas weekend.

The Las Vegas area, now approaching 3 million residents, draws more than 40 million visitors per year. Passenger traffic at the city's Harry Reid International Airport set a record of 57.6 million people in 2023. An average of more than 44,000 automobiles per day crossed the California-Nevada state line on I-15 in 2023, according to Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority data.

Florida-based Brightline Holdings launched the Miami-to-Orlando line in 2018 with trains reaching speeds up to 125 mph (200 kph). It expanded service to Orlando International Airport last September. It offers 16 round-trips per day, with one-way tickets for the 235-mile (378-kilometer) distance costing about $80.

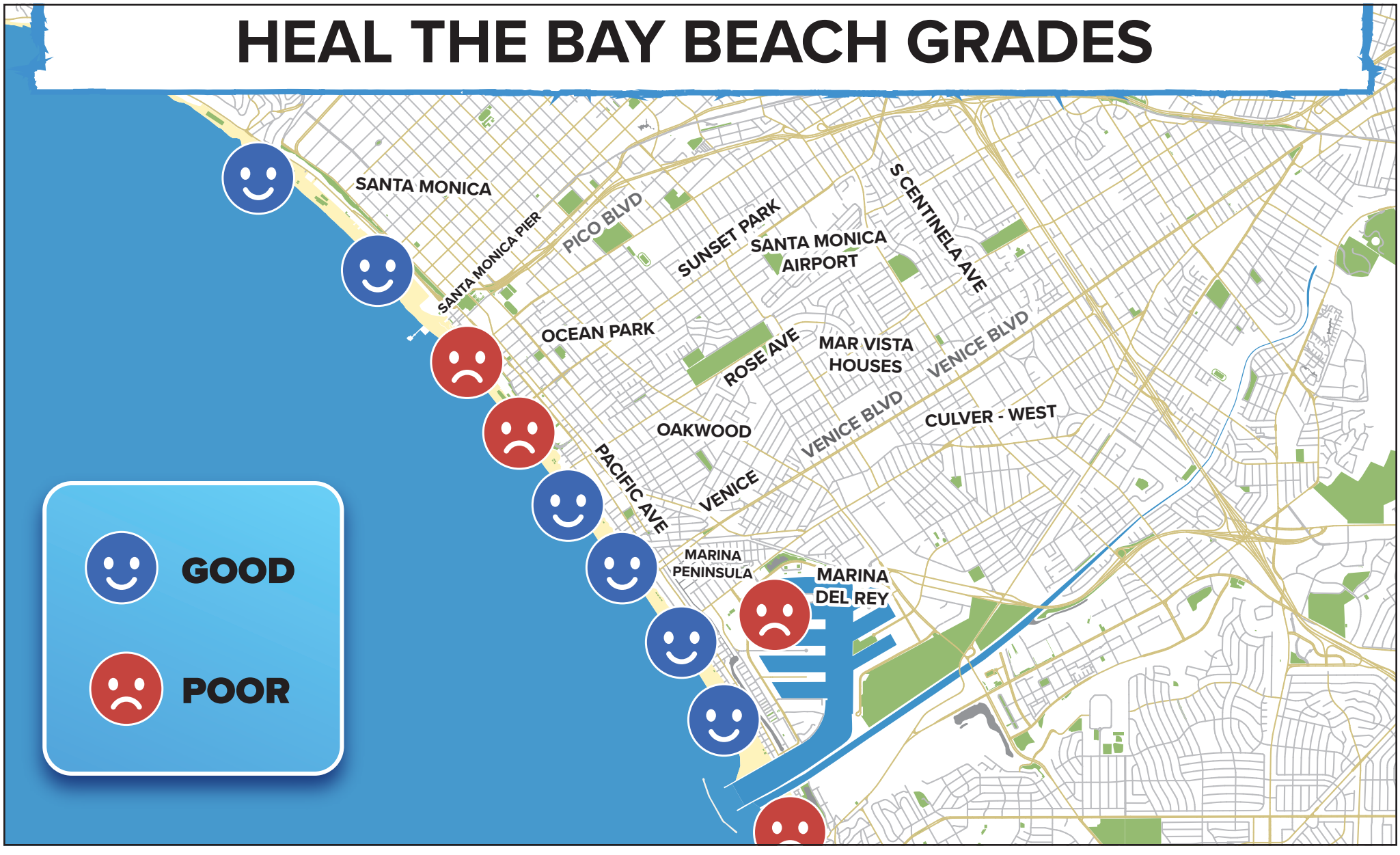
Other fast trains in the U.S. include Amtrak's Acela, which can top 150 mph (241 kph) while sharing tracks with freight and commuter service between Boston and Washington, D.C.

Passenger trains to Las Vegas ended in 1997, when Amtrak quit service it called the Desert Wind. The idea of a bullet train to Los Angeles dates to at least 2005 under various names including DesertXpress.

Brightline West acquired rights to the project in 2019, pieced together right-of-way and environmental approvals, and reached labor agreements.

Ideas for connecting other U.S. cities with high-speed passenger trains have been floated in recent years, including Dallas to Houston; Atlanta to Charlotte, North Carolina; and Chicago to St. Louis. Most have faced delays.

In California, voters in 2008 approved a proposed 500-mile (805-kilometer) rail line linking Los Angeles and San Francisco, but the plan has been beset by rising costs and routing disputes. A 2022 business plan by the California High-Speed Rail Authority projected the cost had more than tripled to $105 billion.



HOMELESS

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the city's public parks. The town appealed to the high court after the San Francisco-based U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals found that banning camping in places without enough shelter amounts to cruel and unusual punishment.

The justices appeared to be leaning toward a narrow ruling in the case after hearing arguments that showed the stark terms of the debate over homelessness in Western states like California, which is home to one-third of the country's homeless population.

Sleeping is a biological necessity, and people may be forced to do it outside if they can't afford housing or there's no space in shelters, Justice Sonia Sotomayor said.

"Where do we put them if every city, every village, every town lacks compassion and passes a law identical to this? Where are they supposed to sleep? Are they supposed to kill themselves, not sleeping?" she said.

Solving homelessness is a complicated policy question, said Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who raised questions about both the role of federal courts and camping bans. "How does it help if there are not enough beds for the number of homeless people in the jurisdiction?" he said.

Other conservative justices questioned how far Eighth Amendment legal protections should extend as cities struggle with managing homeless encampments that can be dangerous and unsanitary.

"How about if there are no public bathroom facilities, do people have an Eighth Amendment right to defecate and urinate outdoors?" said Justice Neil Gorsuch.

Other public-health laws cover that situation, Justice Department attorney Edwin Kneedler said. He said people shouldn't be punished just for sleeping outside, but argued the 9th Circuit ruling should be tossed out because the court didn't do enough to determine if people are "involuntarily homeless."

Gorsuch and other justices also raised the possibility that other aspects of state or federal law could help sort through the issue, potentially without setting sweeping new legal precedent.

The question is an urgent one in the West, where a cross-section of Democratic and Republican officials contend that makes it difficult for them to manage encampments.

Hundreds of advocacy groups, on the other hand, argue that allowing cities to punish people who need a place to sleep will criminalize homelessness and ultimately make the crisis worse as the cost of housing increases.

Dozens of demonstrators gathered outside the court Monday morning to advocate for more affordable housing, holding silver thermal blankets and signs like "housing not handcuffs."

Homelessness in the United States grew a dramatic 12% last year to its highest reported level, as soaring rents and a decline in coronavirus pandemic assistance combined with a lack of access to mental health and addiction treatment to put housing out of reach for more people.

More than 650,000 people are estimated to be homeless, the most since the country began using the yearly point-in-time survey in 2007. People of color, LGBTQ+ people and seniors are disproportionately affected, advocates said.

The court is expected to decide the case by the end of June.

Rush reported from Portland, Oregon.



Scott Snowden

HOMELESS: The Supreme Court is considering a significant case when it comes to the issue of homeless individuals sleeping outside when shelter space is lacking.

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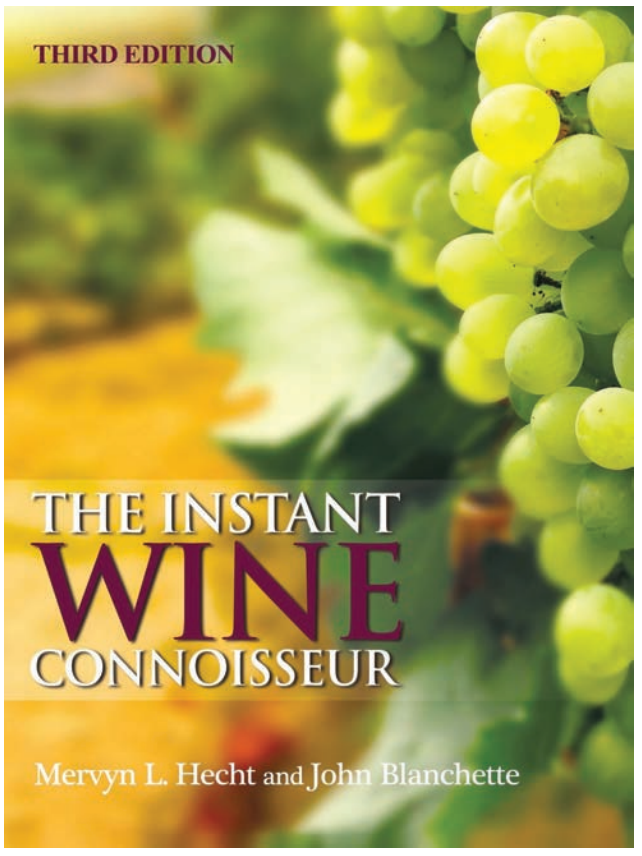
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SPORTS

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Vikings Record: 17-5 (6-2 Bay League)
Next Game: Tuesday vs Culver City, 3 p.m.

SANTA MONICA SOFTBALL:

Wednesday, April 17:
Lady Vikings at Peninsula
Lady Vikings win 16-3
Batting:
Savannah Lopez: 0-0, R. Cienna Burgos: 1-3, 2 RBI, SF, SH/B. Avey Thompson: 0-0, R. Maya Paysinger: 2-4, 2 R, FC. Jasmine Arana: 0-2, 3 R, 3 BB. Drew Vudmaska: 2-4, 2B, 5 RBI. Haley Riehl: 1-4, 2 R, RBI, K, HBP. Debbie Amezquita: 3-4, 2 R, K. Sakura Krohn: 3-4, 2B, 3 R, 4 RBI. Talia Yermian: 1-2, R, 3 BB. Bella Myers: 0-1, R, RBI. Brooke Meshekow: 0-2, BB, K
Pitching:
Drew Vudmaska: 6.0 IP, W, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 K, 3.50 ERA
Friday, April 19:
Lady Vikings vs Redondo Union
Redondo Union win 4-3 (8 innings)
Batting:
Ava Waterstone: 0-0, R. Cienna Burgos: 0-3, K. Avey Thompson: 1-1, R, RBI. Maya Paysinger: 1-3, R, K. Jasmine Arana: 1-4, 2 K. Drew Vudmaska: 1-2, 2B, BB. Haley Riehl: 1-4, 2B, 2 RBI, K. Debbie Amezquita: 0-2, SH/B. Sakura Krohn: 0-4, K. Talia Yermian: 0-3, HBP. Bella Myers: 1-3, 2B, BB, K
Pitching:
Drew Vudmaska: 8.0 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, 0.88 ERA
Lady Vikings Record: 13-10-1 (4-4 Bay League)
Next Game: Wednesday vs Culver City, 3:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BOYS LACROSSE:

Monday, April 15:
Vikings vs Palisades
Palisades win 16-8
Wednesday, April 17:
Vikings vs Beverly Hills
Vikings win 15-0
Friday, April 19:
Vikings at El Segundo
Vikings win 7-3
Vikings Record: 9-6 (5-0 Ocean League)
Next Game: Wednesday vs Culver City, 3:15 p.m.

SANTA MONICA GIRLS LACROSSE:

Friday, April 19:
Lady Vikings vs El Segundo
El Segundo win 12-11
Lady Vikings Record: 5-10-1 (1-3 Ocean League)
Next Game: Wednesday vs Culver City, 5 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Monday, April 15:
Vikings at Mira Costa
Mira Costa win 3-0
Wednesday, April 17:
Vikings vs Culver City
Vikings win 3-0
Friday, April 19:
Vikings vs Sanger
Vikings win 2-0
Vikings vs Woodrow Wilson
Woodrow Wilson win 2-1
Vikings vs Canyon Crest Academy
Vikings win 2-0
Vikings vs Valencia
Vikings win 2-1
Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 15-12 (3-7 Bay League)







Thomas Leffler

BIKING: More than 5 miles of Venice Blvd. became a cycling and walking paradise on April 21 during a CicLAvia event.

SANTA MONICA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

Friday-Saturday, April 19-20:
64th Mt. SAC Relays at Mt. San Antonio College
Women's 4x800 Relay Invitational Finals:
6- Matilde Martinez (Senior), Maeko Gross (Junior), Phoebe Benun (Junior), Cleo Topp (Junior); 9:28.49
Women's Shot Put Invitational Finals:
14- Reign Snowden (Senior), 35-8.25
Women's Shot Put Seeded Finals:
1- Reign Snowden (Senior), 38-6
Next Meet: Thursday, Bay League Championships at Mira Costa

SAINT MONICA BASEBALL:

Tuesday, April 16:
Mariners vs St. Bernard
St. Bernard win 1-0
Thursday, April 18:
Mariners at Cathedral
Cathedral win 7-4
Friday, April 19:
Mariners at St. Bernard
St. Bernard win 5-1
Mariners Record: 10-10 (3-7 Camino Real League)
Next Game: Wednesday vs Salesian

SAINT MONICA SOFTBALL:

Tuesday, April 16:
Lady Mariners vs Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary
Lady Mariners win 9-3
Batting:
Bella Lopez: 1-4. Savanna Hernandez: 3-4, 3 R. Sophia Lopez: 0-4, 4 K. Bella Urbina: 2-4, RBI, K. Bella Hernandez: 3-3, 2 R, 5 RBI, BB. Ali Vogler: 0-2, 2 BB. Katrina Olmedo: 1-4, 3B, 3 RBI. Dylan Smith: 0-3, 2 R, BB, FC. Annie Lu Rios: 1-2, 2 R, HBP
Pitching:
Bella Urbina: 7.0 IP, W, 11 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 7 K, 3.00 ERA
Thursday, April 18:
Lady Mariners vs Immaculate Heart
Lady Mariners win 17-7
Batting/Baserunning:
Bella Lopez: 2-4, 3B, 4 RBI, 2 K. Savanna Hernandez: 3-4, 2 2B, 3 R, 2 SB. Bella Urbina: 2-4, 2 R, 2 RBI. Bella Hernandez: 1-3, 2 R, RBI, BB. Ali Vogler: 3-4, HR, 4 R, 4 RBI. Katrina Olmedo: 2-4, 2B, 2 R, RBI. Dylan Smith: 3-4, 2 R, 2 RBI. Annie Lu Rios: 0-2, R, BB. Megan Garcia: 3-4, 2B, 2 R, 2 RBI
Pitching:
Bella Lopez: 2.0 IP, W, 1 H, 1 K, 0.00 ERA. Sophia Lopez: 1.0 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 1 K, 21.00 ERA. Katrina Olmedo: 2.0 IP, 1 H, 3 R, 1 BB, 1 K, 0.00 ERA
Lady Mariners Final Regular Season Record: 7-10 (4-6 Camino Real League)

SAINT MONICA BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesday, April 16:
Mariners vs Bishop Amat
Bishop Amat win 3-1
Austin Keough (Freshman): 5 Kills, 1 Assist. Cooper North (Senior): 8 Kills, 1 Assist. Charlie Meehan (Senior): 1 Ace. Garrett Robertson (Sophomore): 16 Kills, 4 Aces, 1 Assist. Ivie O'Brien (Sophomore): 2 Kills. Brody Bentzler (Freshman): 3 Aces, 25 Assists
Thursday, April 18:
Mariners at St. Genevieve
St. Genevieve win 3-2
Austin Keough (Freshman): 11 Kills. Juliam Dowd (Sophomore): 2 Aces. Cooper North (Senior): 10 Kills, 1 Ace. Garrett Robertson (Sophomore): 13 Kills, 2 Aces. Ivie O'Brien (Sophomore): 3 Kills, 1 Ace. Brody Bentzler (Freshman): 1 Kill, 2 Aces, 30 Assists
Mariners Final Regular Season Record: 13-24 (6-5 Camino Real League)

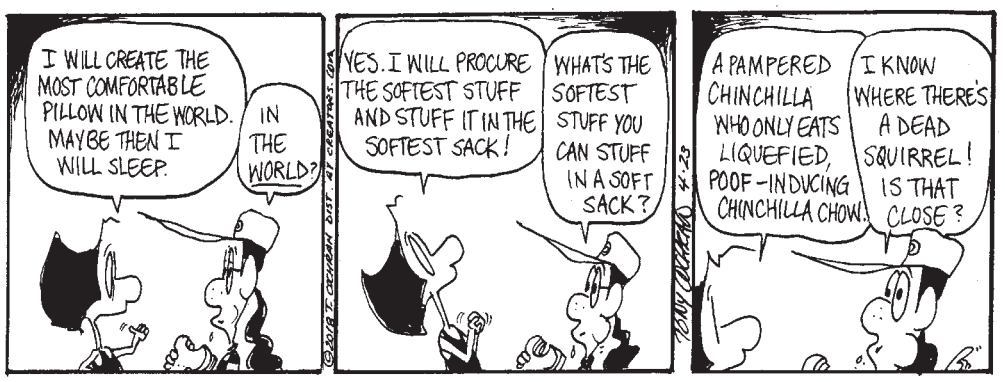
SAINT MONICA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

Wednesday, April 17:
Camino Real League Prelims at St. Paul
Men's 100 Meter Varsity Prelims:
3- Joshua Barnes (Senior), 11.12 seconds. 5- Anthony Mason (Freshman), 11.35 seconds. 7- Mason Collier (Junior), 11.43 seconds
Men's 200 Meter Varsity Prelims:
3- Joshua Barnes (Senior), 22.99 seconds. 6- Anthony Mason (Freshman), 23.44 seconds. 9- Elijah Wilson (Freshman), 23.97 seconds
Men's 400 Meter Varsity Prelims:
5- Jack Milligan (Sophomore), 54.74 seconds. 9- Isaac Nuno (Senior), 1:02.30
Men's 800 Meter Varsity Prelims:
5- Jack Milligan (Sophomore), 2:14.31
Men's 1,600 Meter Varsity Prelims:
19- Nicco Osti (Junior), 5:31.36
Women's 100 Meter Varsity Prelims:
2- Sanaa Pitter (Junior), 12.87 seconds. 5- Nina Meraz (Junior), 13.41 seconds. 7- Serenity Furbert (Senior), 13.62 seconds
Women's 200 Meter Varsity Prelims:
4- Nina Meraz (Junior), 28.16 seconds. 6- Serenity Furbert (Senior), 28.74 seconds
Women's 800 Meter Varsity Prelims:
15- Ellie Perkins (Junior), 3:18.56

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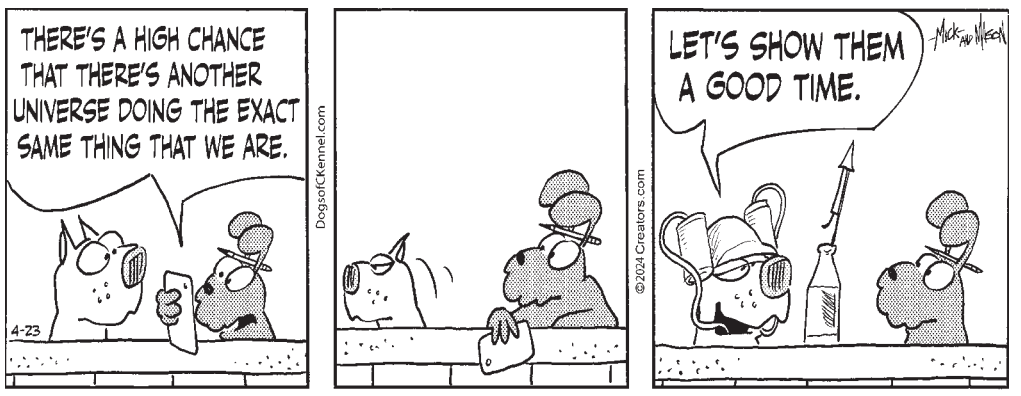
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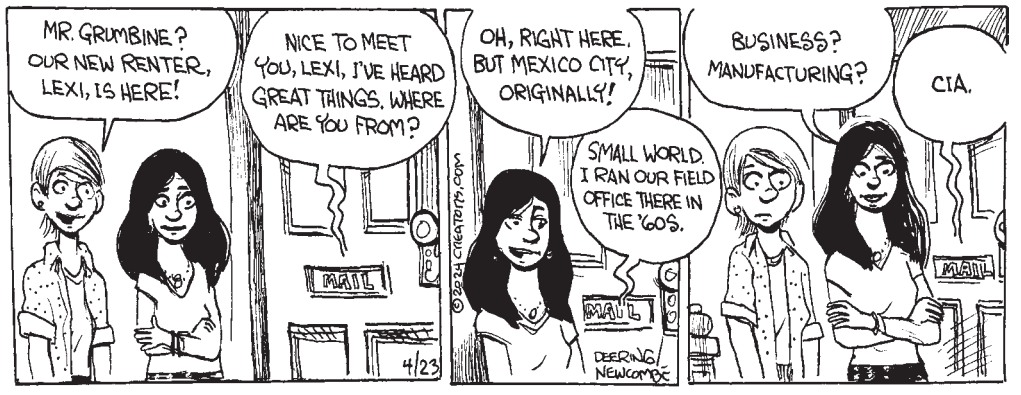
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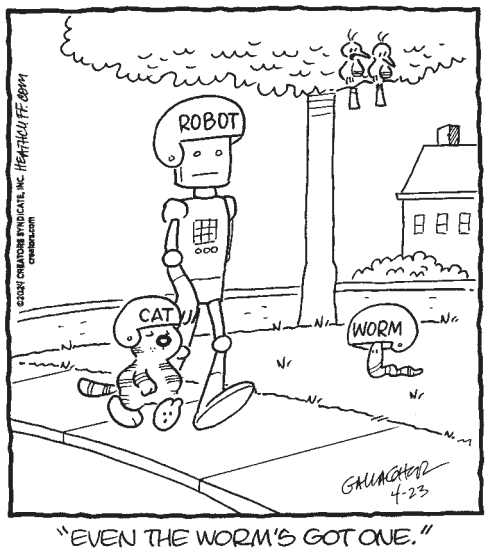
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"EVEN THE WORM'S GOT ONE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6189

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Words roll from you, not because you need to be smooth but because you really do know what you need to express. Keep using that gift, and watch it swell like a river after a storm. Speak for another, pen your musings, and let it flow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People will work harder for what they believe in than they will for a paycheck or a prize. But sometimes, what they believe in is the paycheck or the prize. Either way, you'll be right in there with the others, giving yourself over to the work of the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's easier to be disciplined in new places and in front of people you don't know very well. It's just human nature to want to bring your best self to fresh scenarios, which is why you'll like how it turns out when you go somewhere new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The world has enough criticism, enough scrutiny, enough ways to improve and sculpt and demand. It benefits you to take a full day off of needing to change, help or grow things. Enjoy who you are in this moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are days when it's easy to stay on course; you just set the autopilot and you're good to go. Today will need more navigation. Many factors affect the journey, like weather and power dynamics. Keep checking your position and adjust accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Knowing when to take liberties is an art. If you never take them, life is thrill-less for you and your audience. So you watch and wait, ever-better at reading the room and knowing when everyone could use some excitement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll hear the best that others have to say because they try harder when you're the one listening. They seek your acknowledgment. You give a quality of attention that inspires people to show up with their A-game.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Often you lead with curiosity. It takes very little courage to walk through the door because you just want to know what's behind it! Even so, you'll benefit from the insider's tour. Can you request an introduction? It will warm up the adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Out of respect for your own experience and process, you won't waste time. It will take assertiveness to keep things on track. But a cordial, confident attitude is no rare elixir for you; it's as common as coffee. You just have to stir it up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a movie — no spoilers. Nothing drives people away like full disclosure from the get-go. The unfolding is the fun part. Seduction isn't just for romance; pacing shapes all experiences. Give people the thrill of figuring things out for themselves.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your mannerisms and style are a patchwork from various sources. It's really a talent in and of itself how you bring your many interests together into an effect that is truly all your own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your patience in guiding others through a learning process will leave a lasting impact. It's the small things — the way you make everyone feel special and seen — that makes the lesson stick.

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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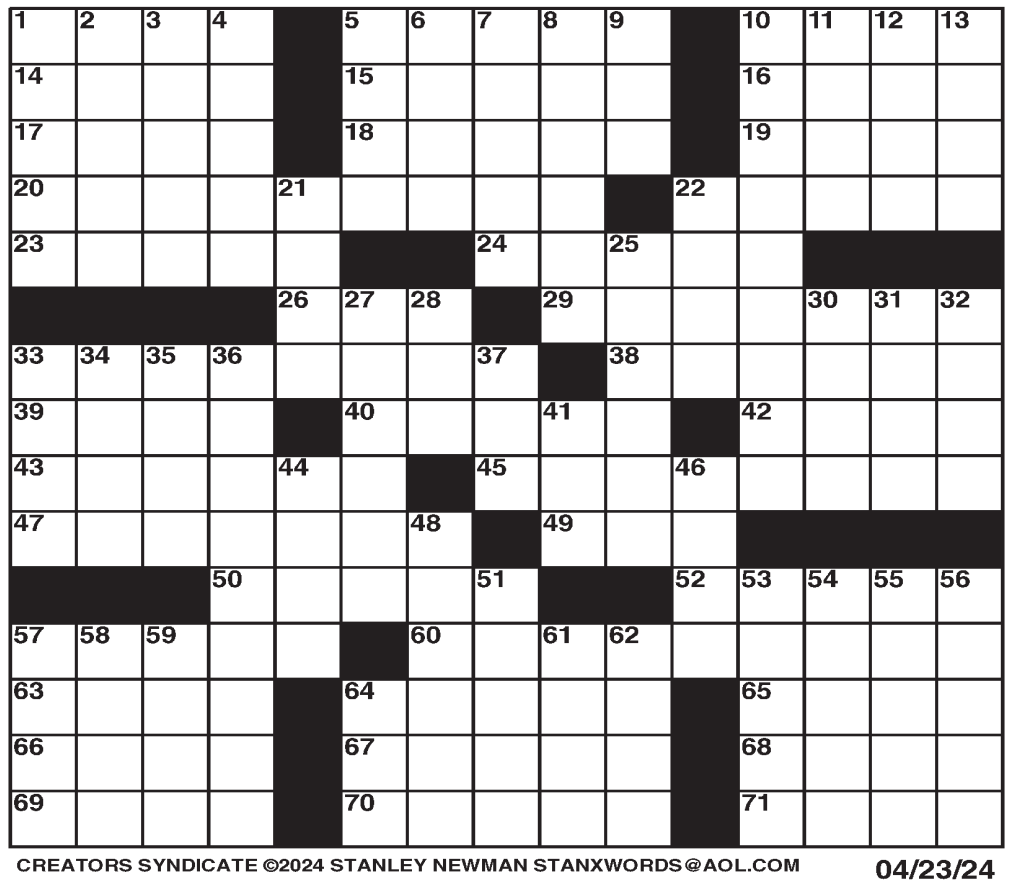
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ACROSS

1 Sandwich cookie
5 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
10 Rowboat implements
14 __ over (ponder)
15 Measuring stick
16 "A likely story!"
17 Surrounded by
18 Wed secretly
19 Sign on the dotted __
20 Lodging's big strongbox
22 Camera lens setting
23 Pro hockey venue
24 Fortune-teller's card deck
26 By the __ (incidentally)
29 Vacationing traveler
33 Toy with tracks and a caboose
38 Arrives at a base horizontally
39 HANDLE __ CARE
40 Look without blinking
42 Hold on to
43 Eight-note span in music
45 Secondhand tires
47 Putting in the mail
49 Cow's comment
50 __ God (natural disaster)
52 Bottomless pit
57 Illegal payoff
60 Find the solution to
63 Tiny amount
64 Regions
65 Sneaky plan
66 Egg-shaped
67 Fender imperfections
68 Small metric weight
69 Exchange for cash
70 Passover feast
71 Nine-digit IDs

DOWN

1 Nebraska city
2 Gossipy story
3 Privileged group
4 __ days (long ago)
5 Rocks from a mine
6 Luau dance
7 High in the air
8 Say again
9 "__ we there yet?"
10 Gusher from underground drilling
11 Just slightly
12 Nevada casino city
13 A __ in the right direction
21 Grassy front yard
22 Umpire's "not fair" call
25 Met, as a challenge
27 Give approval
28 As of now
30 Spark of inspiration
31 Bird feeder tidbit
32 Baker's amts.
33 Noah's Ark groupings
34 Sushi grain
35 Memo-directing abbr.
36 "That was fun for me"
37 Road's black surface
41 Dream-period acronym
44 Bad habit
46 Lion's bellow
48 Get paroled
51 Evildoer
53 Icy Arctic hazards
54 __ truly (letter sign-off)
55 Lazy __ (revolving tray)
56 Flower stalks
57 Life stories, for short
58 Roam around
59 Slanting typeface: Abbr.
61 Entrance through a fence
62 Cold War opponent: Abbr.
64 Commercials and billboards



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issues that have "less than significant" impact "with mitigation," as well as "significant and unavoidable" impacts. The final EIR included mitigation efforts for issues like archaeological and paleontological resources, as well as the potential release of hazardous emissions during construction, such as the potential uncovering of lead-based paint or asbestos.

The one issue that had "significant and unavoidable" impacts was temporary construction noise, which may exceed City of Santa Monica thresholds of noise at certain times during construction. Mitigation efforts for the noise include community notification of construction, using the best available construction equipment, and the use of sound blankets and noise walls near sensitive receptors. Even with these mitigation plans in place, the district still had to release a "statement of overriding considerations" in order for the final EIR to be completed, an explanation of why the benefits of the construction outweigh the noise concerns.

Another change that was raised based on public comment of the drafted EIR was the number of parking spaces proposed, with the community outreach telling architects to encourage more cycling and pedestrian entrance points at Grant. In response, the Grant plan was modified to add plans for the cyclist and pedestrian arrival court. No additional issues were raised after the final EIR was released, leading to the board resolution to certify the Grant plan.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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One other statewide officer, state schools Superintendent Tony Thurmond, is also in the mix and has been making numerous public appearances in that role to boost his image. Toni Atkins, former president pro tem of the state Senate, and former Controller Betty Yee have also declared their candidacies.

There may be more coming. Latinos are California's largest ethnic bloc, but so far no candidate is Latino. It would be stunning if the 2026 election didn't have at least one Latino candidate. Becerra, Bonta's predecessor as attorney general, is believed to be weighing a run.

So what about the Republicans? The GOP bench is thin to the point of transparency. While it may be impossible for the party to win, the presence of a Republican candidate – no matter how weak – could change the dynamics of having a large field of Democrats running in a top-two primary system.

That's exactly what happened in the March primary for U.S. Senate. The late entry of Republican Steve Garvey, a former baseball star, blocked what could have been a Democrat vs. Democrat run-off by finishing second, thanks in part to being indirectly aided by the Democratic frontrunner, Rep. Adam Schiff.

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TUESDAY | APRIL 23

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Virginia Avenue Park, in partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program, resumes Social Service Assistance from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help with facility nutrition and health care access from trained community health workers. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal or Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

PASSOVER SEDER QUEST

Open Temple's Freedom Seder Quest intersects seder legends any mythos with Venice murals, music and history as we deepen our personal quest for freedom. With local musicians from Venice's past, present and future, as well as surprises. Check-in begins at 4 p.m. at The Open Temple, 1422 Electric Ave., Venice. Enjoy a catered meal after the crawl. To RSVP, visit: https://opentemple.org/passover-seder-crawl-5784/.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency, Audit Subcommittee. Begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 24

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Enjoy Santa Monica's downtown farmers market from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

FAIR HOUSING SYMPOSIUM

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office is hosting a symposium that is part of the City's celebration of Fair Housing Month. Speakers will include Shayla Myers, Senior Attorney in the Unhoused Persons Justice Project at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, attorneys from the Consumer Protection Unit of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, and other special guests. Topics will include: The barriers unhoused persons face in obtaining permanent housing; the impact of fair housing laws on tenant screening policies, including source of income and housing status discrimination (newly passed in Santa Monica); and a basic overview of fair housing laws. Begins at 2:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Main St. Registration is required and parking will be validated. Register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfX5gNgCIMx16KBkokev1_khRfw7iEDbeH-hLe4bfcplWiydw/viewform.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

PIANO NIGHT

Chamber Music Palisades presents Piano Night at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, 1031 Bienveneda Ave., Pacific Palisades, beginning at 8 p.m. Featuring a four hands piano duo and woodwind quintet. Four hand works by Rossini and Dvorak, and sextets by Strauss and Blümer, local musicians that perform with the LA Phil and LA Chamber Orchestra. Single admission $35, students with ID free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.cmpalisades.org/tickets.

THURSDAY | APRIL 25

WESTSIDE DIGITAL MIX

Westside Digital Mix returns to LouLou Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Place, starting at 6 p.m. to connect with some of the brightest minds and best conversations in entertainment, media and technology. Featured guest speaker this month is Tech Humanist and XR Immersive Strategist Kathleen Cohen. Hosted appetizers, extended happy hour cocktails until 8 p.m. Limited advance tickets remaining for $25, door tickets $40, cash only. For more information, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/westside-digital-mix-santa-monica-edition-tickets-869465553877.

DISCO QUEEN

LouLou Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge, 395 Santa Monica Place #300, hosts the hottest new disco and drag party on the Westside beginning at 6 p.m. Disco Queen pays homage to Disco Queen nights in Paris filled with disco balls, smooth grooves and over-the-top talent. The top drag queens on the planet will host the hottest night out with resident DJ ARA playing classic disco hits. The launch event will feature a special performance by RuPaul's Drag Race veteran and Emmy-nominated actor Willam. For more information, visit loulousantamonica.com.

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION

City art and culture programs are guided by the 9-member Santa Monica Arts Commission, which was formally established in 1982 to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of art programs in the City. Appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, Arts Commissioners advise the Council on matters of policy, and strive to encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art activity here. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Public Library Community Meeting Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.



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