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SMMUSD polls residents in preparation for bond

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

With the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) considering a pair of bonds to fund separate school facilities improvement districts (SFID) for both Santa Monica and Malibu, it appears residents in both communities would support new taxes.

Santa Monica's bond seems most likely to pass, with 66% support from voters while Malibu's bond faces uncertainty in its current state with only 52% support from its community members surveyed. The district is considering a $485 million bond for Santa Monica and a $250 million bond for Malibu.

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Locals raise concerns about Playa Del Rey gas storage facility

PYPER WITT
SMC Corsair / Daily Press Staff Writer

Nestled in between Marina del Rey and El Segundo is Playa del Rey. Home of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve and the beach, this community provides a contrast to the Los Angeles concrete jungle. But the region's Playa del Rey Natural Gas Storage Facility has recently come under scrutiny by local organizations and community members.

The gas storage facility was first established in 1942, and is currently owned and managed by the SoCalGas Co. The company's website states that roughly 90 percent of homes in Southern California

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PICKET LINE

Matthew Hall

The Coalition For Affordable Housing organized a picket of the Blackstone Group on May 11. According to protesters, Blackstone has opposed expanding rent control rules statewide. In addition, protesters say that Blackstone and a subsidiary, Innovation Homes, charge "exorbitant rent increases while failing to address serious maintenance issues."

Fresh finds: artichokes



Kate Cagle

SPRING: For some residents, artichokes at the Farmers Market are a sign of the Spring season.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

With its attractive, leafy globe, potent mix of antioxidants, and California connection, the artichoke is king among spring vegetables at Santa Monica farmers markets.

"The main thing is they're delicious," said Roberto Hernandez with Suncoast Farms, which is selling mature and baby artichokes by the box or the basket at the Wednesday Downtown and Sunday Main Street farmers markets. He says wholesalers and restaurants are already demanding more artichokes than they can provide, picking up dozens of boxes each week.

The 2,000 acre farm started picking baby artichokes in April and hopes to have them for months to come. Hernandez says artichokes can technically grow year round but are most dependable in Southern California April through October.

They may look intimidating but mostly require patience, rather than skill, to cook. Steaming or boiling a large artichoke can take about 45 minutes. It's done when a fork can easily pierce the stem. The California Artichoke Advisory Board offers the first five steps to get you started: wash in cold running water, pull off small or discolored outer leaves, cut stem close to base, chop off the top quarter and plunge into cold lemon water to preserve the pretty green color during cooking.

Once it's cooked, eating an artichoke can be time consuming as well. First, tear off each leaf one by one to scrape the meat. Once the petals are removed, spoon out the fuzzy center at the base and discard. The heart underneath is the most delicious part.

The process may be the reason the state authority on artichokes chose "life is short, stop and eat the artichokes" as its slogan. The Mediterranean native became California's official vegetable in 2013. Nearly 100 percent of artichokes eaten in the United States come from California.

Hernandez of Suncoast likes the baby ver-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, May 12

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (downtown)

The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood, and offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SM Reads: An Afternoon with Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

Author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston opens the 16th year of Santa Monica Reads with a discussion of Farewell to Manzanar and her connections to Santa Monica, and shares her thoughts on how the book and her family's story resonate in today's world. A book signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The Story of David Ben-Gurion

Actor Arnold Weiss performs a dramatic reading of the historical play, The Little Giant: The Story of David Ben-Gurion, by Mark Weston, at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. On May 14, 1948, Ben-Gurion formally declared the establishment of the State of Israel and was the first to sign the Israeli Declaration of Independence, which he helped write. This year marks Israel's 70th Anniversary. Admission is free. 2 p.m. For more, call (310) 575-8273.

Sunday, May 13

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Disabilities Commission Art Show

To commemorate Mental Health Awareness Month, experience 15-20 works of art, primarily unframed paintings and drawings, by individuals experiencing mental health challenges. In the Main Library's Lobby. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. All day.

Shark Sundays at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Watch and listen to an informative presentation about these often misunderstood animals while our horn and swell sharks cruise around the tank, noses out of the water, mouths open, anticipating the meal to come. Expect a splash of seawater if you're close enough to the exhibit. Everyone is invited to make a fun shark craft to take home. The Pier, 1600 Ocean Front Walk. 3:30 p.m. $3- $12

Jazz at Mt. Olive

5 p.m. - Jeff Colella (piano) and Putter Smith (base). Donation at door, free parking, everyone welcome. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 14th & Ocean Park.

Monday, May 14

Ocean Park Association meeting

For this meeting only, they will be meeting at the Fairview Branch Library @ 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Attending the Ocean Park Association board meetings is a great way to: get involved in your community, connect with others like yourself, contribute your civic passions, learn how neighborhoods and cities work and hear about happenings in Ocean Park. 7 p.m.

ESL Classes at SMPL/ESL para Padres en La Biblioteca Pública de Santa Mónica

Santa Monica Public Library hosts a series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222 ext. 76203 to enroll. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission

The Commission normally meets on the second Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

City National Bank Names Jared Wolff General Counsel

City National Bank, has announced the appointment of Santa Monica resident Jared Wolff to serve as its executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary. Wolff will succeed Mike Cahill, who retired from the bank on April 30.

Wolff joined City National in January of this year as senior vice president and deputy general counsel.

In his new capacity, he will join the company's Executive Committee and oversee the Legal and Corporate Administrative Group, which consists of legal and corporate governance, community reinvestment, corporate premises and corporate security. Wolff will report to City National Bank Chairman and CEO Russell Goldsmith.

"Jared brings to City National a track record of very effective leadership and a wealth of legal, business and banking experience," Goldsmith said. "He will oversee an outstanding legal and corporate administrative team that supports our company's growth and dedication to helping our clients on the way up."

Wolff has extensive experience in the financial services industry, both as a general counsel and as a line executive. From 2002 to 2014, he was at PacWest Bancorp and Pacific Western Bank, where he served as executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of the holding company and as a director and president of the bank.

During his tenure at PacWest, Wolff managed line and staff functions, oversaw the execution of significant bank and finance company acquisitions and had oversight responsibility for corporate governance, risk management, compliance and internal audit, among other areas.

Immediately prior to joining City National, Wolff was co-managing partner of a Los Angeles-based specialty real estate firm focused on the acquisition and development of urban properties in the United States.

"City National enjoys an outstanding reputation for integrity and excellence because of how we treat our clients," Wolff said. "Our growth is a direct result of our values and the tremendous talent of our colleagues. I am grateful to be part of such a wonderful organization and look forward to working with my colleagues in support of City National's continuing growth and success."

Wolff graduated from Duke University and received his master's degree from Middlebury College. He earned his law degree at the University of Michigan and is admitted to practice law in both California and New York.

For more information about City National, visit the company's website at cnb.com.

SUBMITTED BY SARAH DHANAPHATANA

Malibu

Community invited to review Malibu's proposed Earth-Friendly Management Policy

Community members are invited to review and give their feedback on the environmental document for the City's proposed Earth Friendly Management Policy (EFMP) during a 30-day public comment period from May 4 to June 4, 2018. To see the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study document, visit https://www.malibucity.org/701/Environmental-Documents-Notices.

Written comments may be submitted to the City of Malibu Planning Department until June 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Comments and documents can be submitted by mail to the City of Malibu Planning Department, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu CA, 90265. Comments and documents can be submitted by fax to (310) 456-3356 and by email to BBlue@MalibuCity.org.

The City has not used non-organic pesticides or conducted trapping at any City facilities since June 2016, when it started a pilot EFMP program. As part of the process to develop a formal Malibu EFMP program for Council consideration, staff prepared an California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study document and seeks public input.

In April 2017, Council directed staff to make the Malibu EFMP an all?encompassing policy with an absolute prohibition on use of any pesticides under any circumstances. The CEQA document analyzes the environmental impact of the following proposed policies for all City property:

The use of synthetic fertilizers and organic or toxic chemical pesticides, irradiation, and genetically-engineered products containing genetically-engineered ingredients, including fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, and rodenticides would be strictly prohibited.

Animal trapping of any kind, with the exception of live-trapping of pests from building interiors that are released unharmed into the immediate outdoor environment, would be strictly prohibited. The "immediate environment" means the nearest suitable habitat.

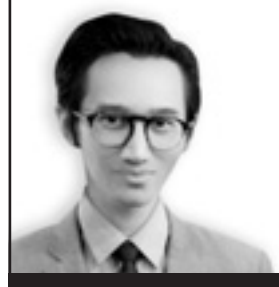
The EFMP would replace the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program with practices that incorporate an ecosystem-based strategy for managing pests, applying science and pest monitoring to determine if pest levels warrant treatment. Treatment methods would be required to emphasize avoidance of pesticides and other chemical applications.

This CEQA study focuses on the most stringent type of policy which would prohibit all pesticides, including organic pesticides, and prohibit trapping and killing rodents. It also evaluates the potential for limited use of organic pesticides in emergency circumstances as an alternative.

A public hearing for the City of Malibu Planning Commission to receive comments on the document and to adopt the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration will be scheduled and noticed at a later date.

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California governor pitches robust budget as revenues surge

JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

Gov. Jerry Brown proposed a $137.6 billion general fund budget for California Friday amid surging revenues, kicking off his last round of negotiations with Democratic legislative leaders.

Brown's latest budget is up nearly $6 billion from his earlier proposal in January. The Democratic governor wants to save most of the surplus to protect spending during a future recession, proposing to set aside $14 billion in California's rainy day fund "to weather a storm that will be more like $60 billion."

The Democratic governor warned that the revenue is "not in the bank" but "it is a prediction."

"Life is very giddy at the peaks ... but I'm not giddy," he said.

Brown's revised budget projects an $8.8 billion surplus, the largest since at least the 2000-01 state budget year. The surplus increased nearly $3 billion from the figure budget officials projected in January because revenue during the busy April tax-filing season came in higher than expected.

Brown has repeatedly warned that California is riding a wave of economic growth and the budgetary good times will eventually end.

He has generally resisted new ongoing spending on social services that he says can't be sustained and said he's determined to leave his successor a state in good fiscal condition.

"All the people who want things won't be getting what they'd like to have," Brown said, warning that the state is "on the peaks and we're about to head down into the valleys."

He compared the state's usual fiscal cycle to riding a tiger, with programs expanded in good times only to be chopped during recessions.

"It's a hell of a way to run a railroad," he said.

Still, on Friday he proposed $2 billion for infrastructure, including universities, courts, state facilities and flood control and $359 million to help local governments address homelessness.

But he's facing pressure to boost funding on a wide variety of legislative priorities including higher education, child care and firefighting.

Assembly Democrats said this week they'll push for a $1 billion boost in spending on health care, including $250 million to provide state-funded health coverage to low-income California residents living in the country illegally through the Medi-Cal program. Their proposal would also provide money to offset monthly premium costs for people who buy their own insurance coverage.

They have also proposed expanding the earned-income tax credit to help the working poor. Brown's proposal included a partial expansion for adults up to age 25 and seniors 65 and older.

Republican Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez of Lake Elsinore said it's "the stuff of fiction" to say California has a budget surplus "when the state is staring down more than $200 billion in outstanding debt and liabilities."

The Assembly budget committee's ranking Republican, Jay Obernolte of Hesperia, said the surplus means there was no need for the state to impose a $52 billion gas tax to pay for transportation projects.

Assembly Republican Leader Brian Dahle of Bieber and GOP Assemblyman Vince Fong of Bakersfield rued that taxes keep rising despite the surging revenues, with Fong criticizing state officials for "recklessly spending even more of California residents' hard earned money."

However, most Republicans supported Brown's fiscal prudence.

Brown's opening proposal in January would have spent $131.7 billion from the general fund. By law, about half of the budget is automatically directed to K-12 education and community colleges.

His January proposal would have created a new online community college that would primarily serve working adults. His administration has aggressively worked to sell lawmakers on the plan and said recently that the first curriculum would be a certificate in medical coding.

He said Thursday that his budget proposal will include $96 million for a variety of efforts to prevent wildfires, including doubling the amount of land that's actively managed through vegetation thinning, controlled burns and reforestation.

California firefighters and fire chiefs have asked for $100 million for overtime, equipment and dispatchers to better prepare for potential fires during risky weather conditions.

Brown will negotiate a final spending plan with Democratic legislative leaders. The Assembly and Senate have until June 15 to pass a budget under the state Constitution. If they're late, lawmakers' pay will be docked.

Brown has presided over a stark turnaround in California's finances. The state's budget, which has historically been subject to steep highs and deep lows, has grown 45 percent since 2011, when he took office facing a $25 billion deficit thanks to significant income growth among wealthy taxpayers. Forty percent of California's personal income tax revenue comes from people earning $1 million or more per year.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

From Barbed Wire to Boogie Woogie: Swing in the Japanese American Internment Camps

As part of the 2018 Santa Monica Reads community reading program, Rusty Frank presents Barbed Wire to Boogie Woogie: Swing in the Japanese American Internment Camps, on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Now in its sixteenth year, Santa Monica Public Library's Santa Monica Reads is a community reading initiative that encourages all residents and visitors to read and discuss the same title in book discussions and special events held throughout the city. This year's selection is Farewell to Manzanar, the classic memoir by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston, which chronicles young Jeanne's experience with her family in the World War II-era Japanese American internment camps.

Dance preservationist Rusty Frank presents the uniquely American art form of swing dance through oral history and archival clips, and discusses how it gave young people respite from their lives in the internment camps. Takayo Tsubouchi Fischer and June Aochi Berk, who met while incarcerated at the Rohwer Relocation Center in Arkansas at the age of 10, share photos, dance cards and other memorabilia.

After the presentation, Rusty and program attendees will adjourn to the North Courtyard for an easy dance lesson on the "Shim Sham Shimmy." No partner is needed.

Rusty Frank is a tap dancer and Lindy Hopper, producer, choreographer, author and dance preservationist. She founded the longest-running Lindy Hop Swing Dance program in Los Angeles, the Lindy By The Sea dance school in El Segundo, California. Rusty's "Rhythm Club" weekly swing dance in Playa Del Rey, California, is one of the few clubs in the nation featuring an evening of dancing to live bands. Learn more at rustyfrank.com.

This program is free and open to all ages. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to the event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, R10 and 18. The Expo Line and Big Blue Bus lines 2, 3, R3 and 9 stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

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Elon Musk says LA-area test tunnel almost complete

Associated Press

Billionaire Elon Musk says he's almost completed a tunnel under a Los Angeles suburb to test a novel transportation system that would scoot commuters underground on electric sleds called skates.

Musk tweeted Thursday that, pending regulatory approvals, free rides will be offered to the public in a few months. He also posted an Instagram video of the interior of the tunnel.

Last year, the Hawthorne City Council approved an approximately 2-mile (3.2-kilometer) test tunnel from Musk's SpaceX rocket plant to a point east of Los Angeles International Airport.

Musk has described a system in which vehicles would descend via elevators into tunnels and move on electrically powered platforms called skates. He envisions multiple levels of tunnels to escape congestion that plagues surface traffic systems.

"As mentioned in prior posts, once fully operational (demo system rides will be free), the system will always give priority to pods for pedestrians & cyclists for less than the cost of a bus ticket," Musk tweeted.

Musk's tunneling operation, called The Boring Co., is currently seeking approval to push into the city of Los Angeles, which requires separate authorization. So far, a committee of the City Council has agreed that the project should be exempt from environmental review.

Musk suddenly added tunneling ideas to his SpaceX rocketry and Tesla electric car endeavors more than a year ago.

A few weeks after tweeting "Traffic is driving me nuts" and "am going to build a tunnel boring machine and just start digging," he said in January 2017 that tunnel was about to get underway. He acquired a tunnel-boring machine that had been used in a San Francisco Bay Area project and put it down a shaft in a parking lot at the SpaceX facility in Hawthorne.

He has also tweeted about a vision for a tunnel that would stretch along the Interstate 405 corridor from LAX to U.S. Highway 101 in the San Fernando Valley, a span of about 17 miles (27 kilometers). It's among the most notorious examples of what Musk has called "soul-destroying" Los Angeles traffic.

Musk has also advocated another transportation concept called the "hyperloop," a network of nearly airless tubes that would speed special capsules over long distances at up to 750 mph (1,200) kph), using a thin cushion of air, magnetism and solar power.

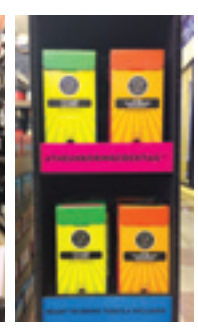
On Friday, SpaceX successfully launched Bangladesh's first satellite into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida, using an upgraded Falcon 9 rocket designed for dozens of repeat flights including back-to-back, same-day launches. The rocket's first stage was successfully recovered, landing upright on a platform floating in the Atlantic Ocean.

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sions, which are sold in groups of threes and fours for a few dollars. Because they contain only a few layers of leaves, they can be steamed much faster or pruned before sauteing the edible insides.

There's plenty of reasons to try an artichoke if you've held off in the past - they are the number one vegetable in antioxidant count, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They are rich in the phytonutrients Cynarin and Silymarin, which are associated with a healthy liver. The edible portion of an entire artichoke is just 25 calories - just go easy on the aioli.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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ARTICHOKES: Now available at the markets.

GAS

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are gas dependent. It also states that these storage facilities mitigate sudden spikes in natural gas demand and provide service during shortages, granting "safe and reliable natural gas" for members of the community.

However, some residents of the surrounding neighborhoods have concerns about potential dangers. A community of these concerned residents and environmental activists collectively form the Protect Playa Now (PPN) group that advocates for creating a safer environment and educating people about the nearby gas storage facility. Robert Vaghini, a leader of PPN, said the group was created in the wake of the Aliso Canyon Porter Ranch blowout that occurred in October of 2015.

"The natural gas storage facility there had the biggest blowout in U.S. history, spewing methane, formaldehyde, and other toxic chemicals, it was getting the community around it very sick," Vaghini said. "Tens of thousands of people had to leave their homes for months."

This incident led residents to question how safe these local facilities really were, as there are several in the greater Los Angeles area.

"If this facility were to have a similar event, like the Aliso Canyon disaster, there's upwards of half a million people that live within five miles of this facility," Vaghini said.

In addition to half a million residents, there are over 60 schools and universities within that five mile radius, as well as the fourth busiest airport in the world in less than three miles away. "Tens of thousands of evacuees from Aliso Canyon can easily lead to hundreds of thousands of evacuees around the Playa del Rey facility," he said.

Vaghini also expressed concern about the natural gas the facility intermittently vents when pressure builds during maintenance. SoCalGas is required to list what toxins have been released into the atmosphere whenever such an event occurs. Some of these toxins are formaldehyde, benzene, hydrogen sulfide, and n-hexane.

The natural gas emitted is colorless and odorless so the company adds an odorant to help detect leaks in their facility. Methyl Mercaptan is the chemical added to the gases released when pressure increases; however, this chemical is flammable and is considered an irritant for human skin, eyes, and airways.

According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, mercaptan is heavier than air and can spread through the ground. The most common method of exposure to this toxin is through inhalation, and is "rapidly absorbed in the lungs," which may lead to side effects such as "headaches, dizziness, tremors, seizures, nausea and vomiting, and lack of coordination," according to the government website.

SoCalGas declined to be interviewed for this story.

The company's website also has a list of chemicals that are vented out of the facility monthly, measured in parts per million (ppm). The latest data shows 94.46 ppm of methane, 0.42 ppm of nitrogen gas, and 0.94 ppm of carbon dioxide were released in January 2018. All months prior show similar trends.

To determine when health issues spike, a victim of the Aliso Canyon disaster, Andrew Krowne, has created the "Environmental Health Tracker" (EHT) app for the local neighborhood residents to easily report on symptoms they may be experiencing, as well as report on air quality.

The Protect Playa Now group works alongside professionals to establish more data than the given excel sheets provided by SoCalGas. One of their newest projects is a GoFundMe page to raise money to create low cost gas monitors for the communities of Playa del Rey, Westchester, Marina del Rey, Venice, Playa Vista, and El Segundo. Their goal is to distribute at least 200 gas monitors.

"We'll have all these readings from all around the neighborhoods, and if we also have spikes in health issues, then we can correlate those spikes with an increase of methane or any other toxin that is coming from the facility," Vaghini said. "We are very reliant on SoCalGas' data reporting at this time."

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BOND

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Lowering the bond amount to $150 million in Malibu increased support to 62%.

District staff polled the communities to gauge interest in a bond to further improve their respective schools, asking residents what they'd like prioritized if a bond were passed.

Paul Goodwin of Goodwin Simon Strategic Research conducted the survey, saying there was a "great deal of interest from the community" in regards to survey questions. Goodwin and his staff were able to survey 433 voting members of the Santa Monica community and 90 of Malibu's. Goodwin said Malibu's reduced sampling size is due to a smaller amount of voters and difficulty in getting interviews.

Voters were contacted in three ways for survey fielding: text message with a link to the survey, email with a link, and direct phone calls.

Topics in the survey included asking voters to prioritize bond use options such as improving arts and music program, upgrading school security, improving fire safety, and improving disabled access.

Voters were also asked to rate SMMUSD job ratings, with 50% of Santa Monica respondents giving an "excellent/pretty good" rating. Respondents who identified as Santa Monica parents were more favorable with 60% listing "excellent" while only 32% of Malibu residents gave an "excellent" rating.

In rating the job the district has done spending funds from past bonds, Santa Monicans gave a 32% "excellent/pretty good" rating and more than a third of voters saying they "can't rate" the job. Santa Monica parents were at 32% approval and 27% unable to rate. In Malibu 16% gave an "excellent" rating with about a third saying they couldn't rate the job.

"Obviously there's a correlation between ratings and support," Goodwin said. "This shows you the more you can demonstrate good use of past bond money, the more supportive supporters get."

He added that members of the community that "have no idea how the district spent previous money" are "actually pretty supportive of the new bond," noting that these community members are newcomers or residents that don't pay much attention to local politics.

Although there's a disparity in approval numbers for Santa Monica and Malibu, both communities had the same concerns — both felt fixing leaky roofs, removing hazardous materials, and improving STEM programs were of top priority, as well as finding commonplace that the communities' tax dollars "don't go to Sacramento," that bond money is locally raised and locally spent.

Goodwin said if passed, the bond(s) would cost about $2 per month from voters, a figure "voters were enthusiastic about."

The Board will have until around August 10 to make a decision in regards to the bond and staff will spend the remainder of the time working on issues of consensus and advocacy.

After the presentation, the Board unanimously passed an intent to form an SFID for Malibu.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.5°**

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Leftover WNW swell and a touch of steep, new NW swell.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small NW swell leftovers. New SSW swell may start to slowly creep up.



DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 396 Calls For Service On May 10.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Burglar alarm 1400 block 3rd St Prom 12:09 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block Broadway 12:11 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2400 block 14th 2:33 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1400 block 7th 3:23 a.m.
Shots fired 2200 block 24th 3:27 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Olympic 6:30 a.m.
Lewd activity 1500 block 4th 6:33 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block Broadway 7:14 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Broadway 7:27 a.m.
Traffic collision 16th / Ocean Park7:35 a.m.
Public intoxication 2300 block 4th 7:40 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1200 block Michigan 7:50 a.m.
Loitering 900 block Santa Monica 8:04 a.m.
Illegal weapon 400 block Colorado 9:21 a.m.
Hit and run 1600 block 7th 9:44 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Wilshire 10:11 a.m.
Hit and run 1400 block 17th 10:29 a.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block 16th 10:50 a.m.
Prowler 2500 block 22nd 11:14 a.m.
Suicide 500 block 10th 11:20 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block PINE 11:28 a.m.
Domestic violence 15th / Broadway 11:42 a.m.
Burglary 23rd / Montana11:50 a.m.
Assault 1400 block 2nd 11:59 a.m.
Burglar alarm 800 block 21st 12:20 p.m.
Hit and run 4th / Olympic 12:49 p.m.
Trespassing 900 block 2nd 12:57 p.m.
Auto theft 300 block Civic Center 1:56 p.m.
Fraud 100 block Strand 2:18 p.m.
Battery Cloverfield / Colorado 2:18 p.m.
Trespassing 1300 block 4th 2:22 p.m.
Hit and run Yale / Santa Monica 2:39 p.m.
Identity theft 1400 block 2nd 2:49 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Santa Monica 3:12 p.m.
Burglary 600 block Lincoln 3:30 p.m.
Battery 4th / Santa Monica 3:39 p.m.
Trespassing 1800 block Wilshire 3:39 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 3:44 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 4th 3:47 p.m.
Public intoxication 1100 block Lincoln 4:10 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pl 4:17 p.m.
Elder abuse 2100 block Pearl 4:22 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 10th 4:27 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block 20th 4:34 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 5:32 p.m.
Rape 2500 block Michigan 5:55 p.m.
Grand theft 2000 block Pico 6:06 p.m.
Petty theft 2200 block Virginia 6:08 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 35 Calls For Service On May 10.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Fire investigation 500 block Wilshire 12:25 a.m.
Emergency medical service 1100 block 7th 12:52 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block 14th 2:30 a.m.
EMS 2300 block 25th 3:37 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Wilshire 5:36 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Franklin 6:19 a.m.
EMS 2200 block 3rd 6:38 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block 15th 7:53 a.m.
EMS Lincoln / Santa Monica 8:18 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 9:53 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Delaware 9:58 a.m.
EMS 2200 block 24th 10:26 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 10th 10:49 a.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block 16th 10:51 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 11:02 a.m.
EMS 1800 block 34th 11:14 a.m.
EMS 800 block Lincoln 12:13 p.m.
EMS 1800 block Lincoln 12:22 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1200 block 2nd 12:45 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 11th 12:48 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 1:26 p.m.
EMS 300 block Pico 1:37 p.m.
EMS 200 block Pier 2:02 p.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 4:07 p.m.
EMS 28th / Ocean Park 5:16 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 22nd 6:16 p.m.
EMS 600 block Wilshire 8:23 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 11th 8:50 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 9:03 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Centinela 9:20 p.m.
Assist LAFD 600 block Kingman 9:22 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 9:56 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Delaware 11:10 p.m.



DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 5/9
11 16 38 50 69
Power#: 19
Jackpot: 257M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 5/8
8 15 39 64 67
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 45M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 5/9
4 7 28 37 41
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 13M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/10
18 21 23 25 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/10
MIDDAY: 6 2 2
Draw Date: 5/10
EVENING: 3 0 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/10
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:47.18

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1. a chain of mountains, usually the principal mountain system or mountain axis of a large landmass.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1998, Sildenafil citrate was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, quickly rising to become the sixth largest drug in sales at more than $2 billion a year. It was marketed as Viagra, the first oral pill to treat impotence. If it takes more than four hours to read this blurb, please see your doctor.

Medical Myths

■ In ancient Rome, it was believed that the blood of gladiators was the stuff of strength and vitality, making their post-mortem bodily fluid a hot commodity. Gladiator blood was also thought to cure epilepsy.

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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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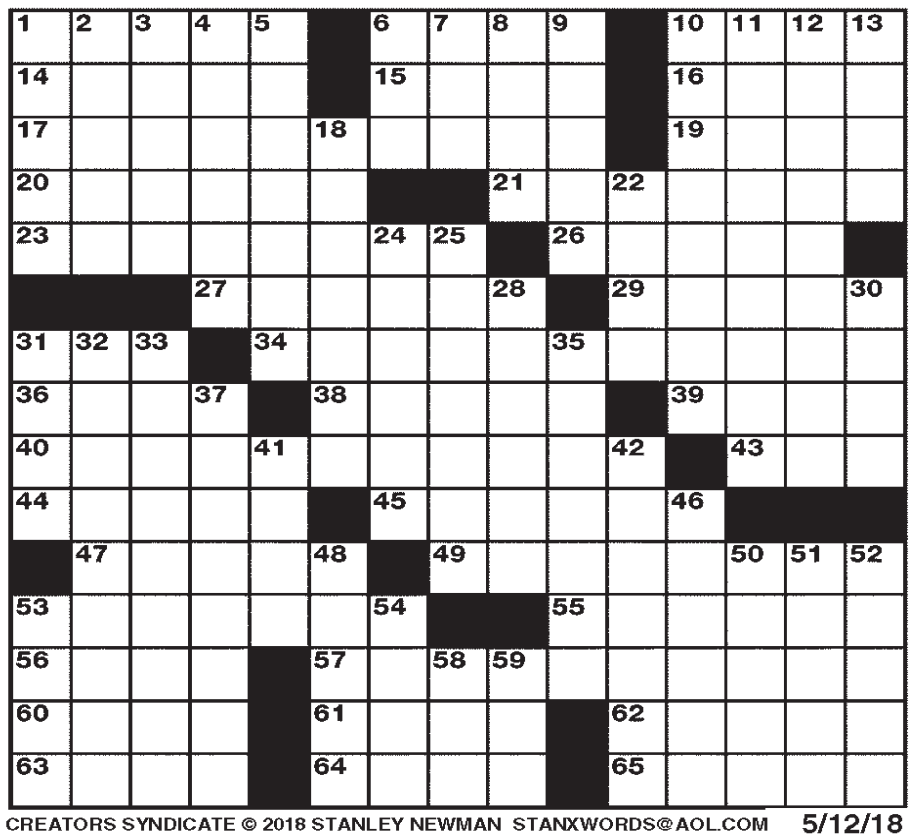
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo
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ACROSS
1 What some ranges are called
6 Reaction to some good dirt
10 Stealing master of the early 1900s
14 Hinders through entanglements
15 It may precede *parmigiana*
16 Joyous activity done in a 22 Down
17 Less than a lot
19 Top brand
20 Space-saving, in a way
21 Martial
23 Your distant cousin
26 Rabbit creator (1926)
27 Harsh conditions
29 Ben-Gurion University locale
31 One may be in a batting position
34 Stand with tangy products
36 Medal of Freedom athlete (1993)
38 Chicago Blue Line terminus
39 Doesn't settle, say
40 They may accompany stir-fries
43 Leveling blocks
44 Rather worn
45 What some ranges are called
47 Sounded like a string player?
49 *Downton Abbey* figure
53 Brings up to code, maybe
55 First Best Actor/ Supporting Actor Oscar winner
56 Binge-watch, e.g.
57 Chairlift supporter
60 Tree trunk, to botanists
61 Products measured in barrels
62 Bayer brand
63 Follower of cast, cook, or cut
64 It gives an actor visibility
65 Less willing to start fresh

DOWN
1 One of
2 One working on a bed
3 Emerged
4 Meal for mosquitoes
5 Opposite of "epicurean"
6 What some ranges are made for
7 Medal of Freedom athlete (2005)
8 Hardly hopping
9 Name on a *2001 . . .* space shuttle
10 Eerie pictures
11 Making it through little by little
12 Worked for nothing?
13 Summoned
18 Many sonata parts
22 Endless form
24 Commotion
25 Fluky
28 Strong assent
30 Piece of body armor
31 Word from the Latin for "bargain"
32 Turning red over, perhaps
33 Northern Canadian predator
35 Symbol of Utah
37 Tangles up
41 Surveying sort
42 Nation near Lake Erie
46 Port of Brittany
48 Things left after a closing bell
50 Metaphor for ardency's aftermath
51 Work through
52 "There was a laughing Devil in his __": Byron
53 Automatic intro
54 Walk
58 Gratification delayer
59 What Panama is on year-round, for short



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 12)

You may admire the lives of others but it's the ones who help you see your own life in all its glory that will be your cherished companions on this year's path. You'll showcase your talent over the next 10 weeks. There's an important trade-off to make in June. Family events will inspire new ventures. Cancer and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 12, 43 and 37.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You'll witness works of whimsy and wonder, "Who has time for that?" Clearly, somebody who thought it was important enough. This will be oddly empowering to you. Your own whimsy is important, too, after all!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The thing inside you that wants to dance will not stand by much longer. The call of the music will soon be too irresistible. So the question now is — partner or no partner?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Think twice before you add anything because any addition at all will change the whole picture. There is no way around it. More moving parts means more complexity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
There are obvious problems with this path, but that doesn't mean you're on the wrong one. If you can figure out your path through supposed contradictions, you can help others do the same.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You're working on something significant, yet your approach is playful. You're like a pen making spontaneous marks on the paper world — doodling for fun and profit, working out the intricacies of life with your whimsy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
People describe what's happening in the senses with words that apply across all five. The word "sharp" can apply to a note that leans up, a line that cuts through, a cheese that curls the tongue... and your mind in general today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You'll leave one situation and enter a better one. After this, it's going to be hard for you to think of anything as lost ever again. What's lost is never gone, it's someplace else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
All who wander are not lost, and all who meander are not wasting time. The sparks of imagination will count for something later. This is all adding up to something more tangible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
When you help someone grow, you will learn things again, the way they learn things. Together you'll move through the electric moment that bridges not knowing to knowing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
If you're embarrassed by what you did a few years back, that's an excellent sign of your growth. If you're embarrassed by what you did a few weeks back, good! You're now improving on a rapid scale.

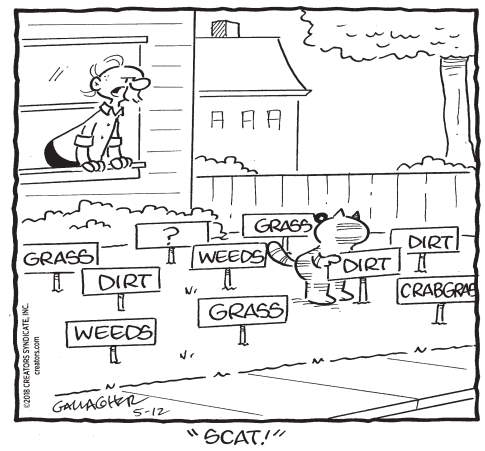
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Enjoy the benefit of experience. You're mellowing out. You've learned what's worth paying excited attention to and what's not. You know how to handle things, so you can relax even while taking on more.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
There are many things you could add to your practice in the name of getting good. But to get great will require you to go the opposite direction. Eliminate every extraneous element and isolate only what works.

Passion Planets
Mercury and Mars are doing the cosmic equivalent of pumping gas while smoking. Possibly all will end well, but there's a reason for the rule. Then, to ratchet up the risk factor, the moon in hot-tempered Aries goes poking around Saturn and Pluto to see if they're up for a fight. With this much cosmic heat at stake, it's a good time to lie low.

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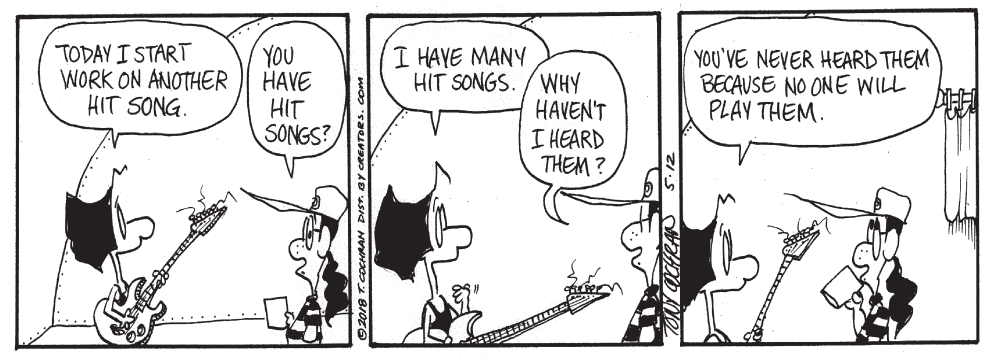


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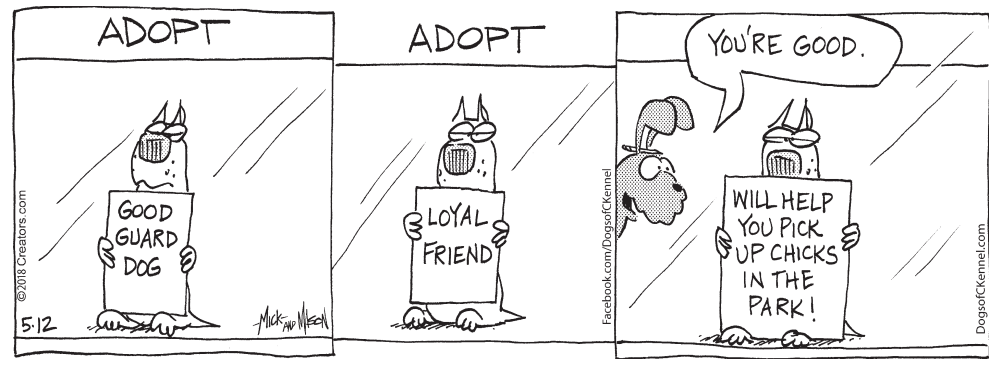
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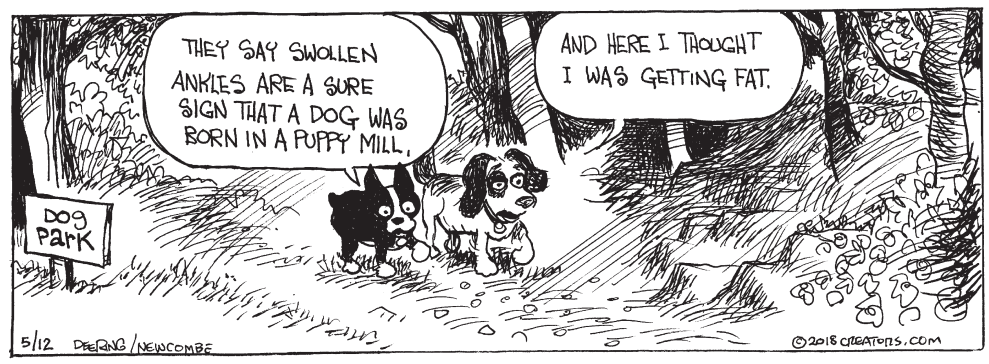
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Trump open to negotiations with Calif. on auto gas mileage

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Addressing a key concern for manufacturers, President Donald Trump instructed his administration to explore negotiations with California on achieving a single fuel economy standard for the nation during a meeting with auto industry executives Friday.

The president met with top auto executives to discuss the standards and tasked Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt to handle the talks with California officials, according to two people briefed on the meeting. The people spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private discussions.

The auto industry wants to relax the federal fuel economy standards, but not so much that they provoke a legal fight with California, which has power to impose its own stricter tailpipe pollution limits. Such a fight could create two different mileage standards in the U.S., forcing automakers to engineer and produce two versions of each of their vehicle models and driving up costs.

A Trump administration official said the two agencies have had meetings and discussions with California officials on the issue for several months.

Two auto industry trade groups confirmed in a statement that Trump was willing to talk with California, but they provided no specifics. The Alliance for Automotive Manufacturers and Global Automakers said they appreciated Trump's "openness to a discussion with California on an expedited basis."

During the meeting, one executive brought up how it would be better for the industry to have one standard instead of two, and Trump instructed Pruitt and Chao to go to California for talks, the people said.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the president and the automakers discussed "how best to move forward" on the fuel economy standards.

The EPA under Trump has proposed freezing the standards at 2020 levels for the next five years, according to a draft of the proposal obtained by Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del. Under the proposal, the fleet of new vehicles would have to average roughly 30 miles per gallon in real-world driving, and that wouldn't change through at least 2025.

The EPA under Obama proposed standards that gradually would become tougher during that period, rising to 36 mpg in 2025, 10 mpg higher than the current requirement. California and automakers agreed to the rules in 2012, setting a single national fuel economy standard.

If California splits from the federal rule under consideration by the Trump administration, it likely would be joined by 12 states that follow its standards. Together they make up about 40 percent of U.S. new-vehicle sales.

Any big change by Trump certainly would bring lawsuits from environmental groups as well as California. Leaks about the Trump EPA plan already have provoked a suit from California and 16 other states.

In testimony to Congress this month, Mitch Bainwol, CEO of the manufacturers' alliance, said the trade group urged the administration to find a solution that increases mileage requirements from 2022 to 2025 and includes California to keep one national standard.

"The resulting regulatory nightmare would ultimately harm consumers by increasing vehicle costs and restricting consumer choice," Bainwol said.

Trump said during the meeting in the Roosevelt Room of the White House that he wanted to discuss the "manufacturing of millions of more cars within the United States, for Michigan, for Ohio, for Pennsylvania" and states like South Carolina and North Carolina.

As the auto executives introduced themselves, the president joked to Sergio Marchionne, CEO of Fiat Chrysler, that "right now he's my favorite man in the room" because he's moving a plant from Mexico to Michigan.

Trump won the presidency in 2016 in part on his strength in the industrial Midwest states of Michigan and Ohio, which employ thousands of people in auto and parts manufacturing. The meeting came as the administration has been holding extensive negotiations with Mexico and Canada on a rewrite of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which the auto industry is watching warily.

Asked if the deal might adversely affect the industry, Trump said, "NAFTA has been a terrible deal, we're renegotiating it now, we'll see what happens."

"Mexico and Canada, look, they don't like to lose the golden goose. But I'm representing the United States. I'm not representing Mexico and I'm not representing Canada," he said. "We'll see if we can make it reasonable."

Automakers have been lobbying the Trump administration to revisit the fuel economy requirements, saying they'll have trouble reaching them because people are buying bigger vehicles due to low gas prices.

When the single national standard was adopted six years ago, cars, which get better mileage than trucks and SUVs, made up just under half of U.S. new vehicle sales. By the end of last year, however, trucks and SUVs were close to two-thirds of all sales.

Some environmental groups oppose any reduction in the standards, saying that the ones developed in 2012 allow for changes in consumer buying habits. Reducing the standards, they say, will increase pollution and raise gasoline prices at the pump.

Requirements now are lower for bigger vehicles such as trucks and SUVs, said Luke Tonachel, director of clean vehicles for the Natural Resources Defense Council. "The standards automatically adjust to the sales mix of vehicles," he said.

Environmental groups also say the industry marketed trucks and SUVs to the public because they make bring higher profits than cars.

Auto executives attending the meeting included Marchionne, General Motors CEO Mary Barra, Ford CEO Jim Hackett and Bob Carter, executive vice president of North America for Toyota.



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