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Santa Monica organizations coalesce around opposition to turf fields at local schools



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FIELD: Opposition to installing artificial turf on local sports fields is increasing but the school district has said it's necessary keep the fields open given how much use they get.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Seven Santa Monica neighborhood organizations and the Santa Monica Democratic Club have formally called on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to abandon plans to install artificial turf at

local elementary schools, submitting letters of opposition ahead of the school board's upcoming May 19 meeting.

The neighborhood groups — Friends of Sunset Park, the North of Montana Association, Ocean Park Association, Pico Neighborhood Association, Santa Monica Mid City Neighbors, Santa Monica Northeast

Neighbors and the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition — submitted a joint resolution urging the board to impose an immediate moratorium on new synthetic turf at all elementary school sites and pre-K centers.

The resolution also calls on SMMUSD to collaborate with the city and Santa Monica

College to expand natural grass fields and to examine a list of seven underutilized district-owned properties that could be developed into additional playing fields.

"This is not merely a preference, but an urgent environmental, health, and civic

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Newsom outlines his final budget proposal with no deficit, new major spending

California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday proposed a revised budget without a deficit for his last year of office and the next, laying out a \$350 billion spending plan that includes little new spending but also avoids major cuts.

Newsom is eager to safeguard programs that have defined his tenure as the leader of the nation's most populous state and one of the world's largest economies. As he gears up for a possible presidential run in 2028, the Democrat is promoting the budget as fiscally responsible, saying it protects California's values but also builds up the state's rainy day funds — a pointed rebuke to critics who say the state spends more than it has.

The state's spending has grown more than \$100 billion since 2020, according to legislative budget analysts.

"We're cutting deficits. But we're not cutting corners," Newsom said.

Newsom can't seek a third term and will leave office in January.

Revenues, driven mostly by the booming stock market and the artificial intelligence industry, are \$16.5 billion higher than projections in January. That will help the state avoid a \$2.9 billion deficit projected in January, guarantee no budget hole next year and cut the shortfall the following year in half, his office said. Newsom also wants to set aside \$9.7 billion in a holding account to help balance future budgets.

California faced tens of billions of dollars in budget deficits several years in a row, forcing painful cuts last year such

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- David Tangipa, Assemblymember

as a rollback on a promise to provide free healthcare to low-income immigrants without legal status. Nonpartisan budget analysts previously projected the state will see budget holes upward of \$20 billion each year in the next few years. Newsom and the analysts sometimes differ in their estimations.

Still, Democrats are bracing for federal funding cuts in healthcare and the impacts of high costs on everything from gas to energy because of the war in Iran. State

officials repeatedly have said California can't backfill all the federal dollars.

Republican lawmakers said Newsom's plan didn't go far enough to address future budget problems. Republicans are largely excluded from budget negotiations because Democrats have supermajorities in both chambers.

"Governor Newsom appears to define fiscal success narrowly: if the budget doesn't collapse on his watch, it's a balanced one," Assemblymember David Tangipa said in a statement.

Newsom also blasted President Donald Trump and his policies, including in his budget presentation a photo depicting the president and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent as characters in the movie "Dumb and Dumber." Trump "doesn't particularly give a damn about the financial situation of the average American," Newsom said.

The budget proposal will officially kick off the final stretch of negotiations between Newsom and Democrats in the Legislature, who have to pass a budget by the end of June.

State lawmakers this year are considering several proposals to increase taxes on corporations to help with budget problems. Newsom has largely avoided raising taxes to boost revenues in past years. Now, he wants to cut fees for new small businesses, limit some tax credits starting in 2027 and impose a sales tax on some digital software and cloud-based services.

The two tax measures could generate more than \$1 billion the first year of

implementation, according to the governor's estimation. Newsom is against a ballot initiative for a one-time tax on billionaires that will likely go before voters in November.

He also proposed to increase the monthly premiums for adult patients without legal status in the state-funded healthcare program, up to \$50 from \$30. The premiums were part of last year's budget and are set to take effect in July for adults under 60 years old. Democrats in the Senate already signaled they will fight the plan.

California has a progressive tax system that relies on rich people, meaning it gets about half its revenues from just 1% of the population. When the economy is good, rich people pay more in taxes and revenues can soar quickly. When the economy is bad, they pay less and revenues can drop just as fast.

The state could also see a revenue boost from expected upcoming initial public offerings by several major artificial intelligence companies, which are expected to be the largest IPOs in history. But legislative budget experts warned of a potential AI bubble that could worsen the state's finances.

Newsom's Thursday proposal also includes a \$300 million plan to backfill some of the loss of government-sponsored health subsidies, a \$5 billion education grant for teacher training and \$100 million to help Los Angeles-area homeowners rebuild after the devastating wildfires last year.

By TRẦN NGUYỄN Associated Press

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Santa Monica College grad lands apprenticeship with 2026 Special Olympics USA Games

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

A 2024 Santa Monica College graduate has been selected as the first participant in a new Television Academy Foundation program designed to help emerging media professionals break into an increasingly difficult entry-level job market.

Tarelle Butts, who majored in entertainment promotion and marketing production at Santa Monica College, will begin an eight-week, full-time production apprenticeship May 11 with the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minneapolis. He will work with the special events team in talent production and publicity, supporting large-scale, multi-sport production at an event that will unite 3,000 athletes, 1,500 coaches, 10,000 volunteers and 75,000 fans from all 50 states June 20-26.

Originally from San Jose, Butts came to the Television Academy Foundation in 2023 as an editing intern at Ping Pong Productions in Glendale. He learned about the apprenticeship through the Foundation Alumni Network, a LinkedIn page for program graduates, and was selected after a round of interviews with Special Olympics leadership.

“What drew me to this apprenticeship was the opportunity to contribute to storytelling that connects with people while continuing to build my career in television and live event production,” Butts said. “I am excited to work alongside experienced professionals in a fast paced collaborative environment while supporting an event that represents resilience, inclusion, determination and joy on such a large scale.”

He added: “Opportunities like this can truly change the trajectory of someone’s career, and I do not take that lightly. I’m very grateful for the position and honored to be part of it.”

Butts’s placement marks the debut of the Foundation’s Alumni Apprenticeships Program, announced April 23. The initiative places graduates of the Foundation’s education programs into paid media jobs, an effort leaders say is meant to address a hiring landscape that has grown harder to navigate for young workers.

“This initiative is designed to bridge the gap between education and employment, providing our alumni with real, hands-on opportunities to begin building their careers in media,” said Tina Perry, chair of the Television Academy Foundation. “We are especially honored to partner with the Special Olympics USA Games as our first employer collaborator — an organization whose commitment to inclusion and powerful storytelling aligns so deeply with our own values.”

Anne Vasquez, executive director of the Foundation, said the program grew out of a strategic planning process the organization completed last year.

“We need to build a longer runway for the most promising individuals entering the industry,” Vasquez said. “The Alumni Apprenticeships program is a workforce development initiative that operationalizes and capitalizes on the Foundation’s deep industry connections to place the next



Courtesy image
SMC: Tarelle Butts - 2026 Alumni Apprentice.

generation of entertainment professionals in paying jobs.”

For more than 45 years, the Foundation has placed dozens of interns annually at studios, production companies and agencies, serving as the employer of record. Vasquez described the new apprenticeship program as “the logical next step to that system.”

The apprenticeship is underwritten by The Loreen Arbus Foundation. Loreen Arbus, a longtime Television Academy Foundation board member, was the first woman to head programming for a U.S. network, leading Showtime and Cable Health Network/Lifetime, and has been twice nominated for an Emmy. For 17 years she has sponsored the Loreen Arbus Focus on Disability Award at the Foundation’s annual College Television Awards.

“We believe that equitable hiring must be backed by action, and that begins with giving diverse people a real chance to enter the workforce,” Arbus said. “Launching this initiative with the Special Olympics USA Games is especially meaningful, as it reflects a shared commitment to expanding opportunity and advancing representation.”

Christy Sovereign, president and CEO of the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games, called the collaboration “a testament to the Foundation’s commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable world.”

The 2026 Special Olympics USA Games will be held across Minnesota’s Twin Cities, with competitions at the University of Minnesota and the National Sports Center in Blaine.

Vasquez said the Foundation hopes to expand the apprenticeship program in coming years by partnering with other nonprofits that serve as gateways into the entertainment industry, and by working more formally with already notify the Foundation of job openings.

“We’re also looking to redefine what job creation looks like in a gig economy,” she said.

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California will make less money from greenhouse gas emission auctions

Two decades ago, when California got serious about reducing or even eliminating carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, its political leaders weighed two potential tactics about industrial emissions.

The state could impose direct facility-by-facility limits, generally favored by climate change advocates. Or it could set overall emission reduction goals that would gradually decrease and auction off emission allowances, assuming their costs would encourage reductions.

The latter, known as cap-and-trade, was favored by corporate interests as being less onerous and was adopted, finally taking effect in 2012.

Since then, the California Air Resources Board has conducted quarterly auctions of emission allowances, collecting a total of \$35 billion dollars so far, which, in theory, is being spent on projects that would reduce emissions.

The revenues have varied from year to year, but they have generally increased as the emission caps have declined. Since reaching a peak of \$8.1 billion in the 2023-24 fiscal year, however, auction proceeds have been declining.

Roughly half of the money has been given to utilities to minimize cap-and-trade's impact on consumer costs. However, the program has been widely criticized as a de facto tax on gasoline and other fuels, which were already among the most expensive of any state.

The remaining revenues have been deposited into a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that governors and legislators have tapped for various purposes, not all of them connected to emission reductions. In a sense, it's been a slush fund.

Last year Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature overhauled the program in two bills, Senate Bill 840 and Assembly Bill 1207. The program was extended, it was renamed as cap-and-invest and new priorities for spending auction proceeds were set.

Notably, the state's cash-strapped and long-stalled bullet train project would get a flat \$1 billion a year, rather than the 25% share it had been getting. Project managers hope that lenders will advance

enough money to complete its first leg in the San Joaquin Valley; the plan is to repay the loans from the \$1 billion annual cap-and-invest allocation.

Early this year, the Air Resources Board released new regulations to implement the legislative changes but faced criticism that they would increase consumer costs. That led to a revision in April that softens the rules' impact — most obviously on refiners who have been threatening to leave California — but environmental groups are very critical.

The April version would also sharply reduce net revenues from emission auctions, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office, providing barely enough for the \$1 billion allocation to the bullet train and another \$1 billion for the governor and Legislature to spend. Other programs that have been receiving cap-and-invest support, such as wildfire protection and housing, would probably get nothing.

The program has been tapped in recent years to backfill programs that a deficit-ridden state budget could not cover, so the projected revenue drop would exacerbate efforts by Newsom and legislators to close the state budget's yawning gap.

"The (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) is a relatively small portion of the overall state budget, but it has been a noteworthy source of funding for environmental and other programs in recent years," the state Assembly's budget advisor, Jason Sisney, says in an email. "Collapse of its revenues would change the state budget process noticeably. The state's cost-pressured general fund seemingly would be unable to make up much, if any, of a significant (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) revenue decline at this time."

When Newsom presents his revised budget this week, he may reveal how he intends to cover the cap-and-invest program's shortfall, particularly whether he will maintain the \$1 billion bullet train commitment that project leaders say is vital to continuing construction of its Merced-to-Bakersfield segment.

It could boil down to bullet train vs. wildfire protection.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist







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Few Angelenos thought Xavier Becerra could one day outshine Antonio Villaraigosa

For Southern California voters of a certain age, there's something disorienting about the current race for governor.

It's not that two Republican candidates may shut out the entire field of Democrats in this overwhelmingly Democratic state. Democrats are always coming up with new ways to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, so none of that is particularly new or surprising.

No, the cognitive dissonance for Los Angeles voters who remember a historic mayoral race a quarter of a century ago is this: Xavier Becerra is leading the pack. Antonio Villaraigosa is struggling in the single digits.

Seriously? How could that happen? What cataclysm took place to bring about this reversal of fortune?

Villaraigosa was always the electric one, the history-maker, the man of destiny. On completing his tenure as state Assembly speaker, he steamrolled home to Los Angeles to run for mayor in 2001. Broadcasters, after several months of butchering his name, finally began to pronounce it correctly, then quickly learned how to pronounce Cristóbal Aguilar, as in, "Villaraigosa could be the first Latino mayor of Los Angeles since Cristóbal Aguilar in 1872."

But it wasn't just that he was Latino. Labor loved him. Progressives loved him. The cameras loved him. His flashy smile was like the beacon on top of City Hall that once pointed planes toward the airport but had been shut off for decades. Maybe it was time to turn it back on.

Who could stop the Villaraigosa phenomenon? His biggest obstacle was City Attorney James K. Hahn, scion of L.A. political royalty. Other candidates made a play too.

Then Becerra entered the race, and much of Los Angeles let out a collective, "Who?"

Becerra was a Stanford-educated lawyer and native Sacramentan who served a single term in the state Assembly before succeeding the legendary Edward Roybal in Congress. He was one of the so-called Boy Scouts, earnest, clean-cut young Latino men who went to law school, focused on policy and (in image) stayed out of trouble (yet who always seemed to be just an arm's-length from some campaign trick worthy of Richard Nixon).

Villaraigosa was only a few years older, but it was an important few years. He was already a teenager during the Chicano Moratorium in 1970, a member of MEChA while at UCLA, and a labor organizer in the early part of his career. Like Becerra he went to law school, but instead of Stanford it was People's College of Law, an unaccredited school dedicated to "progressive social change."

Becerra kept his nose in the books.

Villaraigosa focused on activism.

They ostensibly belonged to two rival Latino political factions, divided by loyalties to different mentors and defined by different places on the political spectrum, different attitudes toward coalition-building, different older-brother figures whose couches they slept on while establishing residency to qualify for office.

But both men in fact worked with many of the same leaders and on many of the same causes. When Becerra was preparing his congressional run, his home was briefly Villaraigosa's couch.

In the mayoral race, though, Becerra looked like Villaraigosa's spoiler. Yet why should one Latino candidate feel obligated to stay out of another's way when no one expected state controller and mayoral candidate Kathleen Connell, for example, to defer to Hahn?

What actually seemed to separate Villaraigosa and Becerra in the minds of most voters during the 2001 Los Angeles mayoral race's first round was the electricity gap. To put it gently, Becerra was never a particularly exciting guy.

That showed up in the vote count. He won less than 6%, too little to even make him a spoiler.

In those days, city and congressional elections were held in different years, so Becerra could lose big for mayor and still return to his safe seat in Congress. Villaraigosa finished first, then Hahn beat him in the runoff, and then Villaraigosa crushed Hahn in the 2005 rematch. Villaraigosa was featured on national magazine covers and talk shows. He was a regular visitor to Washington, D.C. U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein famously said he had "a special shimmer."

Becerra meanwhile plugged along in Congress. No one ever accused him of shimmering.

But unlike Villaraigosa, whose activist legal education didn't prepare him for the bar exam, Becerra's State Bar membership made him eligible for political advancement unavailable to non-lawyers. Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Becerra to be state attorney general when Kamala Harris vacated the office to take her seat in the U.S. Senate.

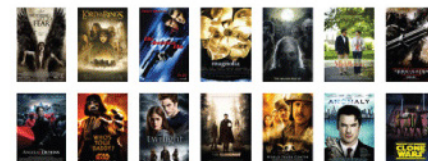
As AG (which, political pundits like to say, stands for "almost governor"), Becerra became known for his lawsuits against the first Trump administration.

Villaraigosa continued to call himself a "proud progressive" while tacking toward the political center (toward Becerra) and prepared his run to succeed Brown as governor in 2018. He got trounced — maybe even out-shimmered — by Gavin Newsom. He wandered in the political wilderness as Becerra became President

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Malibu

Malibu releases Summer 2026 Recreation Guide

The City of Malibu's Summer 2026 Recreation Guide and City Newsletter is now available online at MalibuCity.org/CommunityServices and was mailed to Malibu residents the week of May 4.

"Summer recreation programs bring our community together, promote healthy lifestyles and create memorable experiences for residents of every age," said Mayor Bruce Silverstein. "From youth camps and swim lessons to wellness classes and inclusive access programs for people of all abilities, Malibu offers something for everyone to enjoy this summer."

The guide highlights city programs, parks and community facilities designed to keep residents active and engaged throughout the season. The accompanying newsletter features updates, informative articles and contact information for city departments and services.

Programs running June through August include CineMalibu Outdoor Movies in the Park, Learn to Swim lessons with group and private options, summer day camps, and complimentary wellness workshops with The Mindry. Additional offerings include night hikes at Charmlee Wilderness Park; teen workshops in comedy, photography, poetry and self-defense; and Senior Center favorites such as chair yoga, monthly excursions and tech help.

The guide also introduces a new series of Inclusive Recreation programs created to provide accessible, adapted and welcoming activities where people of all abilities can participate together. Summer offerings include coloring, film screenings, sensory swimming and yoga.

Registration for summer programs opens Monday, May 11, at 8 a.m. at MalibuCity.org/Register.

For ongoing, up-to-date information on Community Services programs, visit MalibuCity.org/CommunityServices.

“Summer recreation programs bring our community together, promote healthy lifestyles and create memorable experiences for residents of every age

- Bruce Silverstein, Mayor

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SMC Art Mentor Program exhibit opens May 19 with 'Well Fed'

The Santa Monica College Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery will present the SMC Art Mentor Program Exhibit, themed "Well Fed," from May 19 through May 30. A free gallery reception will be held Thursday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The gallery is located at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street at Santa Monica Boulevard.

"Electric, searching, and unapologetically alive, the Art Mentor Exhibition highlights a group of artists actively building their own visual languages," said Barrett Gallery Director Emily Silver, who leads the SMC Art Mentor Program. "What emerges is an exhibition rooted in curiosity and transformation: works that wrestle with material, identity, memory, humor, politics, intimacy, and the strange poetics of becoming. The work on view challenges the rigid systems that confine us: conventional expression, rampant consumerism, technological encroachment, and informational overload."

The exhibition features work by Ava Baroni, Duncan Bielman, Alex Cruz, Charlie Danger, Caleb Deal, Louie Esteem, Kim Farbota, Jeffrey Heimer, Kate McGinnis, Ernie Mcpeek, Jenny Park, Alejandre Rodriguez, Sarah K. Skogland, Kaili Stafford, April Vásquez and Ira Zimmerman.

"Well Fed' rewrites the antiquated 'starving artist' myth," said Kim Garcia, who teaches SMC's Art 80, 82 and 84 Gallery Exhibition & Display course. "This exhibition is a testament to what can be created when artists are nourished through creative and intellectual exchange." The exhibition was curated by students in Garcia's course.

The SMC Art Mentor Program is designed for art students building portfolios with the goal of transferring to four-year arts programs. The program offers in-depth studio discourse, individual studio visits, professional artist presentations and group critiques. SMC Art Department faculty invite students with exceptional talent and a strong academic record to join the program.

SMC's Art 80, 82 and 84 course offers hands-on experience in exhibition planning, research, operation and management of exhibition spaces.

For gallery hours and more information, call 310-434-4165. Gallery activities are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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Venice

U.S. Soccer House to take over Venice Beach during World Cup

U.S. Soccer will open a free fan destination one block from Venice Beach during the 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup, the federation announced.

U.S. Soccer House presented by Bank of America will operate June 11-26 at 57 Windward Ave. in Venice, serving as the official home for U.S. Soccer fans during the tournament's group stage. The space is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"Fandom is what drives this game forward in this country, and U.S. Soccer House presented by Bank of America is about bringing fans closer to it than ever before," said David Wright, Chief Commercial Officer at U.S. Soccer.

The venue will feature a large screen broadcasting U.S. Men's National Team watch parties and select matches from other World Cup groups. Live programming will include podcast recordings, post-match shows, music performances and speaker sessions.

"Soccer brings communities together in powerful ways, and our partnership with U.S. Soccer is rooted in a shared commitment to making the game more accessible and creating meaningful experiences," said David Tyrie, President of Marketing, Digital and Specialized Consumer Client Solutions at Bank of America.

Highlights include meet-and-greets with USWNT players, USMNT legends, former World Cup referees and former coaches. The HBO Original documentary "U.S. Against the World: Four Years with the Men's National Soccer Team" will screen Episode 5 on June 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. PT.

The U.S. Soccer Podcast Presented by Henkel will record live throughout the tournament. Inclusive activations with Special Olympics and Amputee Soccer will engage athletes of all abilities. On June 21, the U.S. Men's and Women's Beach Soccer National Teams will play special matches. Banner, the official U.S. Soccer mascot, will appear on match days with giveaways and pre-match concerts.

The U.S. Soccer Store presented by Visa will offer Nike and New Era gear with on-site jersey customization. Additional activations include BofA Fan Bands, digital trading cards, face art and signed jersey memorabilia displays.

Entry is free for registered members of the U.S. Soccer Insider program. To register, visit the U.S. Soccer House webpage www.ussoccer.com/SoccerHouse2026

“Fandom is what drives this game forward in this country, and U.S. Soccer House presented by Bank of America is about bringing fans closer to it than ever before

- David Wright, Chief Commercial Officer at U.S. Soccer

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TURF

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necessity," the groups wrote in the joint letter addressed to the SMMUSD Board of Education.

The Democratic Club passed its own resolution urging a ban on artificial turf across all locally owned public land, and both groups cited research on chemical exposure, microplastic pollution and extreme surface temperatures as central concerns.

FRANKLIN BECAME THE FLASHPOINT

Opposition to turf fields crystallized after the board voted 7-0 to approve a campus renovation plan for Franklin Elementary that included replacing the school's deteriorating grass field with a newer synthetic surface. More than 1,200 residents signed a petition opposing the plan, and state Sen. Ben Allen joined in pushing back.

The district has operated synthetic turf at multiple campuses for years. Santa Monica High School has had a synthetic field since 2011. John Adams Middle School fields were first installed in 2008 and replaced in 2018. Lincoln Middle School converted to synthetic turf in 2019, and Will Rogers Learning Community received new cork-infill in 2023.

Plans call for synthetic turf at Grant Elementary in the next facilities cycle, followed by McKinley and Roosevelt elementaries. The four-phase Franklin renovation is funded by Measure QS, a \$495 million bond voters approved in November 2024. The district has said the Franklin surface decision will not be finalized until fall 2027.

WHAT THE DISTRICT'S STUDY FOUND

The district commissioned an independent study from NV5, a global environmental consulting firm, examining the tradeoffs between the two surfaces across roughly 15 acres of natural grass and 12 acres of turf.

On the operational side, the numbers favor synthetic surfaces. The district's natural grass fields consume approximately 20 million gallons of water annually, require more than 1,600 hours of labor per year and cost roughly \$361,000 annually to maintain — about \$24,019 per acre. Artificial turf maintenance runs approximately \$822 per acre per year.

The usability gap is even more stark. Natural grass can safely handle about 24 hours of weekly use before requiring recovery time, limiting annual availability to roughly 1,100 hours. Artificial turf can accommodate more than 4,800 hours of annual use. California water conservation requirements also loom, with potential penalties of up to \$10,000 daily

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Biden's secretary of Health and Human Services during the COVID pandemic.

And here we are. Neither Becerra nor Villaraigosa made any headway in the current governor's race until moderately shimmery Eric Swalwell was accused of rape and other sexual misconduct and quickly dropped out of contention, then out of Congress.

Nothing seems obvious or natural about Becerra suddenly inheriting Swalwell's support. But someone had to. After the revulsion against Swalwell and after years of big personalities in office — Newsom as governor, Donald Trump as president once, and now as president again — Democrats may be hungry for someone

for noncompliance by 2040.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS REMAIN

The same study acknowledged the health and environmental concerns raised by critics are not unfounded. Multiple peer-reviewed studies confirmed the presence of PFAS — so-called forever chemicals — heavy metals and other compounds in artificial turf. One Stockholm study found PFAS in 76% of backing samples from 103 football fields.

Research also documents that turf fields release approximately 3 to 5 kilograms of microplastics per field per year. On hot days, artificial turf surfaces can reach temperatures of 158 to 171 degrees Fahrenheit under laboratory conditions — 35 to 64 degrees higher than natural grass — though the district's coastal location provides some moderation.

The study noted that the district's use of organic cork infill rather than crumb rubber has reduced several chemical exposure pathways, and that some newer-generation turf shows non-detectable PFAS levels.

Injury research was mixed, with natural grass associated with higher rates of lacerations and fractures, while artificial turf showed increased lower-extremity injuries including higher ACL injury rates in high school football and girls' soccer.

BROADER MOMENTUM

The City Council voted 7-0 on Jan. 27 to ban new artificial turf on all city-owned land as part of its 25-year Parks and Recreation Vision Plan, though the ban does not apply to SMMUSD property. While critics of turf rejoiced at the City's ban, they have also questioned the Joint Use Agreement between City Hall and SMMUSD that effectively makes school fields function as public parks in exchange for annual payments.

LAUSD has prohibited new artificial turf at early education, elementary and middle schools. At the state level, the Department of Toxic Substances Control has included artificial turf in its Priority Product evaluation, a process that could eventually require manufacturers to conduct mandatory alternatives analyses.

The open session for the SMMUSD Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, will begin at 6 p.m., instead of 5:30 p.m. Closed session will begin at its normal 4:30 p.m. start time. The agenda is available online at <https://www.smmusd.org/board-of-education/board-meetings>.

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steady, quiet and, let's face it, a bit dull. Villaraigosa, scraping the lower regions of the polls, is not dull. Becerra may just fit the bill.

A recent poll put him in the lead alongside Republican Steve Hilton. Announcers are practicing the name Romualdo Pacheco, the last Latino California governor in 1875. The reversal of fortune is complete.

Becerra's unofficial campaign slogan may now be "cálmate," a word he cheerfully lobbed toward Villaraigosa in a recent debate. Calm down, excitable friend. Maybe that's what California Democrats want right now. A little calm.

That's also what they wanted in the 2020 presidential race. And they got it.

For a little while.

Robert Greene, CalMatters Contributor

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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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6944

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| Certificate | Jetskis | Raft | Wharf |
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 18)

Welcome to your Year of Rippling Joy, when your acts of caring affect not only those close, but they are part of the betterment of your community. Sometimes you see your work in action. Other times, you'll never know the chain reaction of happiness you start. More highlights: the leg up you need to thrive, a talent honed with an excellent teacher, and financial decisions that pay you back with security and pops of fun, too. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 2, 11 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Directness is your gift today. You'll get quickly to the heart of things - not by making piercing observations or asking incisive questions but by radiating an inviting warmth that has them dropping their defenses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Every time you finish a job, you get a little better. You keep sharpening your skills and refining the result until your product and style are unmistakably yours. The evidence is in the reorder.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not trying to impress anyone; however, you may not be able to help that. When you show up and do your thing, it fixes the problem. Of course they're going to be appreciative. The acknowledgment will be sweet.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You might be doing a job better than you ever have, but it's still taking the same amount of time. This is part of mastery - devoting yourself to the process no matter how long it takes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In some ways, you have the life that you imagined you would, and in other ways, you don't. It's those "other ways" that motivate you now. There are some dreams that haven't and shouldn't die.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're intellectually well aware of the neutrality of the day's events - none of which are inherently positive or negative, all of which are open to interpretation. But tell that to your emotions. A strong stance is forming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Consistency beats intensity. Occasional brilliance fades between appearances. Regular, solid work builds recognition and trust. Show up on a schedule people can count on, and let the body of work make the case.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone gives you part of what you need but not all, and this keeps happening. It leaves you feeling like you're settling. Today is the day to make a change, whether you clarify, inspire or cut bait.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is there a way to make yourself happy and please them at the same time? Maybe. Although, today, the outcomes are beyond your control. Choose one aim and do it very well. Either path has the potential to spread happiness wider.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your spirit radiates and others understand - not just humans. The animal world responds to your gift for communicating beyond words. Dogs trust you, birds linger, and even bees and butterflies seem to sense something welcoming in your presence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Who you know and how you treat them matters a lot to your professional trajectory. You don't have to fawn or be overly agreeable. You only have to reach out once in a while in the spirit of warmth and generosity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll win with what looks like a lucky guess. It's more than that. You sense patterns and signals. When you act on that knowing, there's an excitement that stirs the moment and invites a run of good fortune.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

WORKERS WITH ANIMALS by Guilherme Gilioli
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

- 1 24-hour money sources: Abbr.
- 5 Voice of Apple devices
- 9 Time ___ (Eastern Standard, for example)
- 13 Jockey's strap
- 14 Goatee's spot
- 15 Card game with bluffs
- 16 Elsa's sister in *Frozen*
- 17 Party thrower
- 18 Major blood vessel
- 19 Person harvesting honey
- 21 Group of students
- 22 Narrow river
- 23 Three-layer cookie
- 25 Part of a three-piece suit
- 28 More nervous
- 32 In good ___ (physically fit)
- 36 Page of a book
- 38 Very small amount
- 39 Make simpler
- 40 School corridors
- 41 Graceful feathery flier
- 42 Take a crack ___ (try)
- 43 Feathered friends that hoot
- 44 Piece of celery
- 45 Summer or spring
- 47 Bottom of a shoe
- 49 Liquids in pens
- 51 Bowling lanes
- 56 Waist straps
- 59 Guy breeding cows
- 62 Very angry

- 63 Skin-soothing plant
- 64 Local sandwich shop
- 65 Girder fastener
- 66 Allows
- 67 Grasp tightly
- 68 "___ Sir or Madam..."
- 69 "Hey you!" whisper
- 70 Centers of hurricanes

DOWN

- 1 Typical Saudis
- 2 Core principle
- 3 Person digging for coal
- 4 Python or boa
- 5 Devious plan
- 6 Breakfast restaurant chain
- 7 Stand up
- 8 Emcee's opening speech
- 9 Scientist at an animal park
- 10 Gumbo vegetable
- 11 Tennis court barriers
- 12 Historical periods
- 15 Walked back and forth
- 20 Roof edge
- 24 Football officials, for short
- 26 Cole ___ (shredded cabbage)
- 27 Reveals a secret
- 29 Des Moines' state
- 30 And others: Abbr.
- 31 Colonel or captain
- 32 Large bodies of water
- 33 Dislike very much
- 34 India's continent
- 35 Person watching your dog or cat
- 37 In addition
- 40 Car horn's beep
- 44 Offer at retail
- 46 Initial stage
- 48 Most recent, as news
- 50 Top of one's head
- 52 Narrow shelf
- 53 Manicurist's ___ board
- 54 New Haven collegian
- 55 Quick scissor cuts
- 56 Ostrich or robin
- 57 A Great Lake
- 58 Volcanic flow
- 60 Pub beverages
- 61 Young kids

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

8	5	3	7	6	2	9	1	4
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6	3	1	4	8	9	5	7	2
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5	1	4	2	3	7	8	6	9
9	2	6	8	5	4	1	3	7

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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MONDAY | MAY 18

WEEKLY PALISADIANS GATHERING IN SANTA MONICA

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Bardonna 1601 Montana Ave Santa Monica. Displaced Palisadians are welcome to join for connection and discussion. No formal agenda. No RSVP necessary. Organized by Stephanie Kana of Oasis Palisades. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/weekly-palisadians-gathering-in-santa-monica/18461166/2026-05-11T08>

COMMUNAL GARDENING @ ISHIHARA PARK

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-05-11T09>

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2026-05-11T18>

VIRTUAL BEACH CAPTAINS TRAINING

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Were you drawn to Beach Programs after Volunteer Orientation? Excited to expand your event coordination and science communication skills while networking with like-minded people? Then, the next step is to become a Beach Captain! As a Beach Captain, you'll learn how to coordinate and manage logistics for our flagship beach cleanup events, including Nothin' But Sand, Suits on the Sand, and Adopt-a-Beach. These events are the face of Heal the Bay and serve as the first introduction for many to our mission. By completing this virtual training, you'll be qualified to represent Heal the Bay on the sand at our renowned cleanups, helping lead volunteers and making a lasting impact on our coastline. When: Monday, May 18, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Where: Virtual (Zoom). Who Should Attend? Individuals who want to be leaders on the sand at Heal the Bay events. Those who desire to immerse themselves in Heal the Bay's community. Anyone who enjoys teaching others how to collect data and contribute to science. People who love engaging with diverse groups and inspiring environmental action. * Volunteer Orientation must be completed prior to Beach Programs Training. ** You will receive the Zoom link separately from the confirmation email. Please

check your spam folder if you have not received it by the time the training starts. REGISTER NOW. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/virtual-beach-captains-training/18565155/2026-05-18T18>

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Civic Center Parking Structure 333 Civic Center Dr Santa Monica. The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. The Commission closely monitors the Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan and advises the Council on plan implementation. The Commission on Sustainability, Environment Justice, and the environment is an expert panel made up of seven (7) members selected by the City Council with 4 year terms. Commissioners must have significant expertise in one or more areas of environmental policy and must reside or work in Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/commission-on-sustainability-environmental-justice-and-the-environment/13766366/2026-05-18T19>

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9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Castanea Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy 50% OFF all coffees at Castanea Venice Beach ?? Early Bird special every Mon-Thu from 9-10am. Start your morning with premium coffee at a special price - limited time offer! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-early-bird-special/18847307/2026-05-18T21>

TUESDAY | MAY 19

VCC COFFEE CONNECTION HOSTED BY CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Castanea Sicilian Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Join the Venice Chamber on Tuesday, May 19, for a morning of insightful conversation and community connection. Hosted at Castanea Sicilian Cafe. Featuring Special Guest: Dr. Greg Matos We are excited to feature Dr. Greg Matos of Matos Psychological Consulting. After three years of researching relationship and dating. \$5.00 to \$10.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/vcc-coffee-connection-hosted-by-castanea-sicilian-cafe/18847314/2026-05-19T08>

LADIES GOLF CLINIC

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Join us every Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 AM for a relaxed, social golf experience designed for women of all skill levels. Whether you're picking up a club for the first time or looking to build confidence in your game, Matchas & Mulligans is all about learning, connecting,

and having fun in a welcoming, pressure-free environment. Led by our in-house golf pros, you'll learn new skills each session. Blend light instruction with a social atmosphere - the ladies' clinic is perfect for improving your skills while meeting like-minded golfers. \$60 per person per session. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ladies-golf-clinic/18482158/2026-05-12T09>

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park. Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! For more information call (310) 458-8688

AUTHOR TALK WITH NIR EYAL

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. What if the only thing standing between you and the seemingly impossible...was belief? This is the question posed by bestselling author Nir Eyal in his new work, Beyond Belief. Most of your limits aren't physical. They're psychological. In Beyond Belief, Nir Eyal reveals how the hidden assumptions you carry shape what you see, how you feel, and what you do—and how to replace them with beliefs that unlock your true potential. Grounded in neuroscience, psychology, and unforgettable case studies, Eyal introduces the Three Powers of Belief: Attention, Anticipation, and Agency. Mastering these powers transforms how you see challenges, feel about the future, and act when it matters most. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-nir-eyal/18437791/2026-05-19T11>

SPRING 2026 JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Join us! The job & internship fair is an excellent opportunity to meet multiple employers in one convenient location. View a list of attending Local Employers.. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/spring-2026-job-internship-fair/18612179/2026-05-19T11>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-05-19T15>

TECH & TASKS

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites,

filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Assistance provided on a drop-in. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2026-05-12T16>

MUSIC & MARGARITAS WITH KCRW'S DJ WYLDEFLOWER AT HOMESTATE

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. HomeState 720 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica. Join HomeState for a weekly patio party and music series with KCRW's DJ Wyldeflower every Tuesday in May from 5:30-7:30PM. Enjoy Happy Hour (3-6 PM), free chips and salsa, "The Greatest Strawberry Margarita Ever!" Free— RSVP: <https://partiful.com/e/f17AhoGwWsiNgbF8WCvw>. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/music-margaritas-with-kcrw-s-dj-wyldeflower-at-homestate/18768154/2026-05-19T17>

OCEAN PARK TOASTMASTERS

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. dnj Gallery 3015 Ocean Park Blvd Santa Monica. Public speaking? Terrifying. Doing it with supportive people, snacks, and encouragement? Much better. Join Ocean Park Toastmasters for our kickoff meeting on May 19! Practice speaking. Meet awesome people. Grow your confidence. Enjoy light refreshments. No pressure. No experience needed. Just good vibes and growth. Free— FREE Event. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ocean-park-toastmasters/18899480/2026-05-19T19>

WEDNESDAY | MAY 20

JAZZ A GO GO AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

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