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Single occupant plus four cats rescued from apartment fire on Euclid Street



Mid Wilshire neighbors

FIRE: Flames on the 1300 block of Euclid Street prompted an emergency response on Sunday.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Following an emergency 911 call that described "heavy smoke and flames coming from the second floor" and subsequent rapid response to the 1300 block of Euclid Street by both the Santa Monica Fire and Police Departments, one person and four cats were rescued.

At 1:53pm on Sunday afternoon, emergency responders were dispatched to a residential structure fire at 1317 Euclid Street. According to the SMFD, Engine 4 was the first to arrive on scene and they were able to confine the fire to its

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County Clerk snafu on school bond measures confuses school district voters

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A snafu from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office (RR/CC) has confused voters within the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

With ballots being sent out to voters in Santa Monica and Malibu, voters noticed that school bond measures intended solely within School Facility Improvement District #1 (Santa Monica) and District #2 (Malibu) both appeared on the ballot. Santa Monica's Measure QS

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Weekend assault refocuses election on public safety debate

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

The weekend assault on a Santa Monica police officer has prompted a groundswell of support for the injured officer and reinvigorated the public safety debate going into the final weeks of the election.

A Santa Monica police officer shot and killed a man on Oct. 5 after the suspect attacked the officer with a knife. While the officer was initially hospitalized for his wounds, he was subsequently released and is currently recuperating at home.

In a letter to the community after the attack, Police Chief Ramon Batista thanked everyone for their support.

"The overwhelming kindness,

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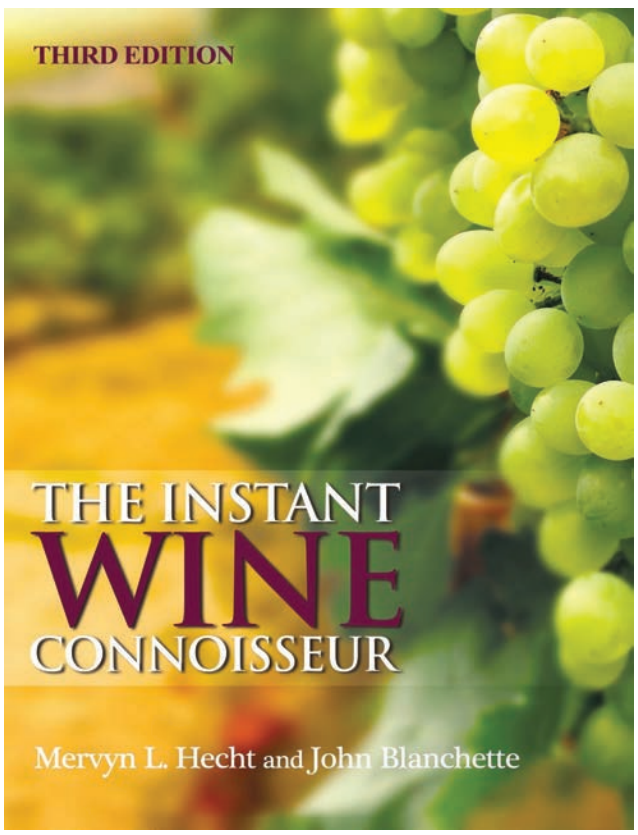
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As affordable housing disappears, states scramble to shore up the losses

JESSE BEDAYN AND ARUSHI GUPTA
Associated Press/Report for America

For more than two decades, the low rent on Marina Maalouf's apartment in a blocky affordable housing development in Los Angeles' Chinatown was a saving grace for her family, including a granddaughter who has autism.

But that grace had an expiration date. For Maalouf and her family it arrived in 2020.

The landlord, no longer legally obligated to keep the building affordable, hiked rent from $1,100 to $2,660 in 2021 — out of reach for Maalouf and her family. Maalouf's nights are haunted by fears her yearslong eviction battle will end in sleeping bags on a friend's floor or worse.

While Americans continue to struggle under unrelentingly high rents, as many as 223,000 affordable housing units like Maalouf's across the U.S. could be yanked out from under them in the next five years alone.

> "Politically, you're rewarded for an announcement, a groundbreaking, a ribbon-cutting"
>
> - Vicki Been

It leaves low-income tenants caught facing protracted eviction battles, scrambling to pay a two-fold rent increase or more, or shunted back into a housing market where costs can easily eat half a paycheck.

Those affordable housing units were built with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, or LIHTC, a federal program established in 1986 that provides tax credits to developers in exchange for keeping rents low. It has pumped out 3.6 million units since then and boasts over half of all federally supported low-income housing nationwide.

"It's the lifeblood of affordable housing development," said Brian Rossbert, who runs Housing Colorado, an organization advocating for affordable homes.

That lifeblood isn't strictly red or blue. By combining social benefits with tax breaks and private ownership, LIHTC has enjoyed bipartisan support. Its expansion is now central to Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris' housing plan to build 3 million new homes.

The catch? The buildings typically only need to be kept affordable for a minimum of 30 years. For the wave of LIHTC construction in the 1990s, those deadlines are arriving now, threatening to hemorrhage affordable housing supply when Americans need it most.

"If we are losing the homes that are currently affordable and available to households, then we're losing ground on the crisis," said Sarah Saadian, vice president of public policy at the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

"It's sort of like having a boat with a hole at the bottom," she said.

Not all units that expire out of LIHTC become market rate. Some are kept affordable by other government subsidies, by merciful landlords or by states, including California, Colorado and New York, that have worked to keep them low-cost by relying on several levers.

Local governments and nonprofits can purchase expiring apartments, new tax credits can be applied that extend the affordability, or, as in Maalouf's case, tenants can organize to try to force action from landlords and city officials.

Those options face challenges. While new tax credits can reup a lapsing LIHTC property, they are limited, doled out to states by the Internal Revenue Service based on population. It's also a tall order for local governments and nonprofits to shell out enough money to purchase and keep expiring developments affordable. And there is little aggregated data on exactly when LIHTC units will lose their affordability, making it difficult for policymakers and activists to fully prepare.

There also is less of a political incentive to preserve the units.

"Politically, you're rewarded for an announcement, a groundbreaking, a ribbon-cutting," said Vicki Been, a New York University professor who previously was New York City's deputy mayor for housing and economic development.

"You're not rewarded for being a good manager of your assets and keeping track of everything and making sure that you're not losing a single affordable housing unit," she said.

Maalouf stood in her apartment courtyard on a recent warm day, chit-chatting and waving to neighbors, a bracelet with a photo of Che Guevarra dangling from her arm.

"Friendly," is how Maalouf described her previous self, but not assertive. That is until the rent hikes pushed her in front of the Los Angeles City Council for the first time, sweat beading as she fought for her home.

Now an organizer with the LA Tenants' Union, Maalouf isn't afraid to speak up, but the angst over her home still keeps her up at night. Mornings she repeats a mantra: "We still here. We still here." But fighting day after day to make it true is exhausting.

Maalouf's apartment was built before California made LIHTC contracts last 55 years instead of 30 in 1996. About 5,700 LIHTC units built around the time of Maalouf's are expiring in the next decade. In Texas, it's 21,000 units.

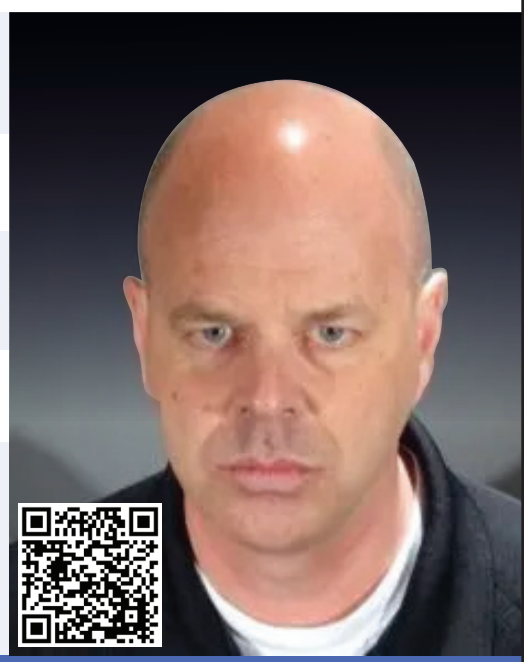
When California Treasurer Fiona Ma assumed office in 2019, she steered the program toward developers committed to affordable housing and not what she

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PUBLIC NOTICE

If your child attended Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) or went to Memorial Park or Virginia Park during the late 1980s to early 2000s, your child may have come in contact with and been sexually abused by Eric Uller. Uller volunteered at PAL.

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Dear Santa Monica Community,

On behalf of the entire Santa Monica Police Department, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for the incredible outpouring of support following the recent attack on one of our officers. In times of difficulty, it is the strength of our community that shines the brightest, and Santa Monica has once again shown its true character.

The overwhelming kindness, compassion, and solidarity we've received from residents and business owners remind us how fortunate we are to serve a city that stands united in the face of adversity. Your gestures—whether through kind words, messages, or actions—have made an immense difference to the officer, their family, and the entire department.

This unfortunate event reinforces the importance of community support and law enforcement collaboration. We will continue to work tirelessly to protect and serve you, knowing that we have a community behind us that values safety, security, and collaboration. Together, we will overcome challenges and build a future rooted in mutual respect and support.

Thank you to all the members of the Santa Monica Police Department for your unwavering dedication to our city. And thank you to our community for your unwavering dedication to the department.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Ramon Batista, Chief of Police, Santa Monica Police Department

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City Manager David White also expressed support for the officer.

"Violence has no place in our city, and it was deeply troubling to see such a horrific incident unfold outside of our public safety facility. I am thankful that our officer is at home and recovering. Our thoughts are with him and his family during this difficult time. I want to express my gratitude to Chief Batista for his leadership and to the entire department for their tireless efforts to keep our city safe," he said.

In a video posted over the weekend, Mayor Phil Brock said the incident is evidence that that city needs to prioritize public safety. Brock is running for reelection this year and has made public safety a theme for his campaign.

"This tragic incident demonstrates the repeated calls by the residents of Santa Monica for an urgent commitment by all city leaders to prioritize the safety of all our residents and visitors, no matter their age. From our children to our seniors, ALL of us deserve safe streets in Santa Monica. We cannot continue to tolerate the lack of lawlessness caused by mental illness, drug abuse, and the lack of penalties in our county that continue to raise justifiable fear among the good residents of our city," he said. "This has to STOP, NOW!"

The union representing local officers also linked the attack to their ongoing efforts to increase the size of the department.

Cody Green, representing the Santa Monica Police Officers' Association, said the incident was a sad culmination of many factors and said local officers respond to some calls without second officers to assist them.

He called that deployment pattern "unsafe."

"I have heard rumblings in the community that the POA asking for more police officers is a power or money grab. I'm here to tell you these calls have nothing to do with political power or money. It has to do with community and officer safety. You have hired us to do a job and we have been desperately telling the public that we don't have the number of officers do to that job, keeping you as safe as you should be," he said.

"One thing every Santa Monica police officer did over the weekend when they heard one of our own was attacked, knowing it would quickly hit the news, was to text our loved ones- our husbands, our wives, our children and parents to let them know we were not the officer who was stabbed. Unfortunately, one officer, one wife, one set of parents got the other call- that it was their husband, father, son."

Green said local officers are proud to serve in Santa Monica and are grateful for the support of the community.

"The Santa Monica Police Officers Association has a charity fund for those who would like to offer support, it can be found at SantaMonicaPOA.com," he said. "We can not say thank you enough for the broad support in the community you have given us."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: Knee to thigh
1-2FT

Surf rebuilds - likely not as big as mid to late week but new SW swell will be on the rise for rideable conditions.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Surf will likely be on the rise - not pumping but fairly fun as new SW swell fills in through the day. Should be a little NW swell in the mix too, which may help the shape at times for the beachbreaks west of Dume.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Patchy dense fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)	High/Low
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2024/10/08	Tue	8:36 PM	0.96		L
2024/10/09	Wed	1:03 PM	4.86		H
2024/10/09	Wed	10:17 PM	0.83		L
2024/10/10	Thu	2:48 PM	4.71		H
2024/10/10	Thu	11:29 PM	0.50		L
2024/10/11	Fri	07:17 AM	3.77		H
2024/10/11	Fri	10:50 AM	3.46		L
2024/10/11	Fri	4:35 PM	4.86		H
2024/10/12	Sat	12:18 AM	0.17		L
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2024/10/13	Sun	07:35 AM	4.58		H
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendments to the Interim Zoning Regulations Established by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2654 (CCS) and Extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2761 (CCS) Promoting Economic Recovery in the City's Downtown Including the Third Street Promenade Area, Office Campus (OC) District, and Other Minor and Clerical Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Related to Economic Recovery.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading amendments to the interim zoning regulations established by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2754 (CCS) and extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2761 (CCS) promoting economic recovery in the City's Downtown including the Third Street Promenade Area, Office Campus (OC) District, and other minor and clerical amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to economic recovery.

The Council adopted Interim Zoning Ordinance 2761 (CCS) on October 10, 2023. The proposed amendments would promote economic recovery by increasing flexibility for certain uses within the City's Downtown, allow for exclusively outdoor open-air markets and events in the Office Campus (OC) District, and make other minor and clerical amendments related to economic recovery.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

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

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

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EUCLID FIRE

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point of origin on the balcony and prevented extension into the unit, thus property damage was kept to a minimum.

Within eight minutes all visible fire had been extinguished from a room, however, units remained on scene since potential extension remained a concern.

"Excellent communications from Fire Com and interagency assistance from SMPD in quickly shutting down the street allowed SMFD resources to quickly mitigate the incident," the FD said in a statement, also confirming that the cause is currently under investigation by Fire Prevention and the unit is being assessed by City Building Engineers.

Moreover, one of the Senior Fire Inspectors confirmed that there were functioning smoke alarms inside the apartment and this week happens to be Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 6 to October 12 and this year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you."

The Santa Monica Fire Department reminds everyone to remember these key smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (such as a hallway) and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

For anyone that needs smoke alarms, the Fire Department welcomes everyone to join them for an Open House at Fire Station 1 on Saturday, October 12, from 11am–1pm. SMFD is partnering with the American Red Cross to offer free smoke alarm installations.

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Mid Wilshire neighbors
NEIGHBORS: Rescues were needed after a Sunday fire on the 1300 block of Euclid St.

BALLOT

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and Malibu's Measure MM will both be on city ballots next month, though the RR/CC office is attempting to rectify the scenario.

> We take full responsibility for this error
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> -Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/ County Clerk Dean Logan

"We take full responsibility for this error," Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan said in a Sunday press release. "Although we cannot modify the voting materials at this stage, we will ensure that only votes cast by eligible voters within the defined SFID boundaries are reported and certified. The election results will not include votes from outside these specific areas."

The RR/CC release reiterated that only votes cast by qualified voters within the City of Santa Monica will be reported and certified for Measure QS, and only votes cast in the City of Malibu and adjacent areas within the district will be reported and certified for Measure MM. Notifications to voters are currently in preparation to explain the situation.

SMMUSD officials met with the RR/CC office on Monday to further discuss the situation, with the district sending out a news release during the afternoon hours stating it in communication "to make sure the County puts in place all processes and safeguards" to ensure voters "have appropriate information" on the upcoming votes.

"We are seeking a clear and clean vote on our two bond measures," SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton said. "The democratic voting process is the foundation of our freedoms and the County Registrar is assuring us that the vote will count in your area of eligibility. We encourage everyone to share this information with neighbors, family and friends."

Measure QS calls for authorizing $495 million for facility work such as repairing and replacing leaky school roofs and other classroom upgrades. Notable supporters were listed as State Senator Ben Allen, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete and SMMUSD Board of Education member Alicia Mignano; while opponents include the Pico Neighborhood Association and Friends of Sunset Park.

Malibu's Measure MM asks for a $395 million bond to remove asbestos, lead and hazardous materials "where needed," as well as other classroom and library upgrades. Supporters include Malibu Mayor Pro Tim Marianne Riggins and SMMUSD Board of Education member Stacy Rouse, while no notable opponents were submitted on the ballot.

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> - Dr. Antonio Shelton, SMMUSD Superintendent

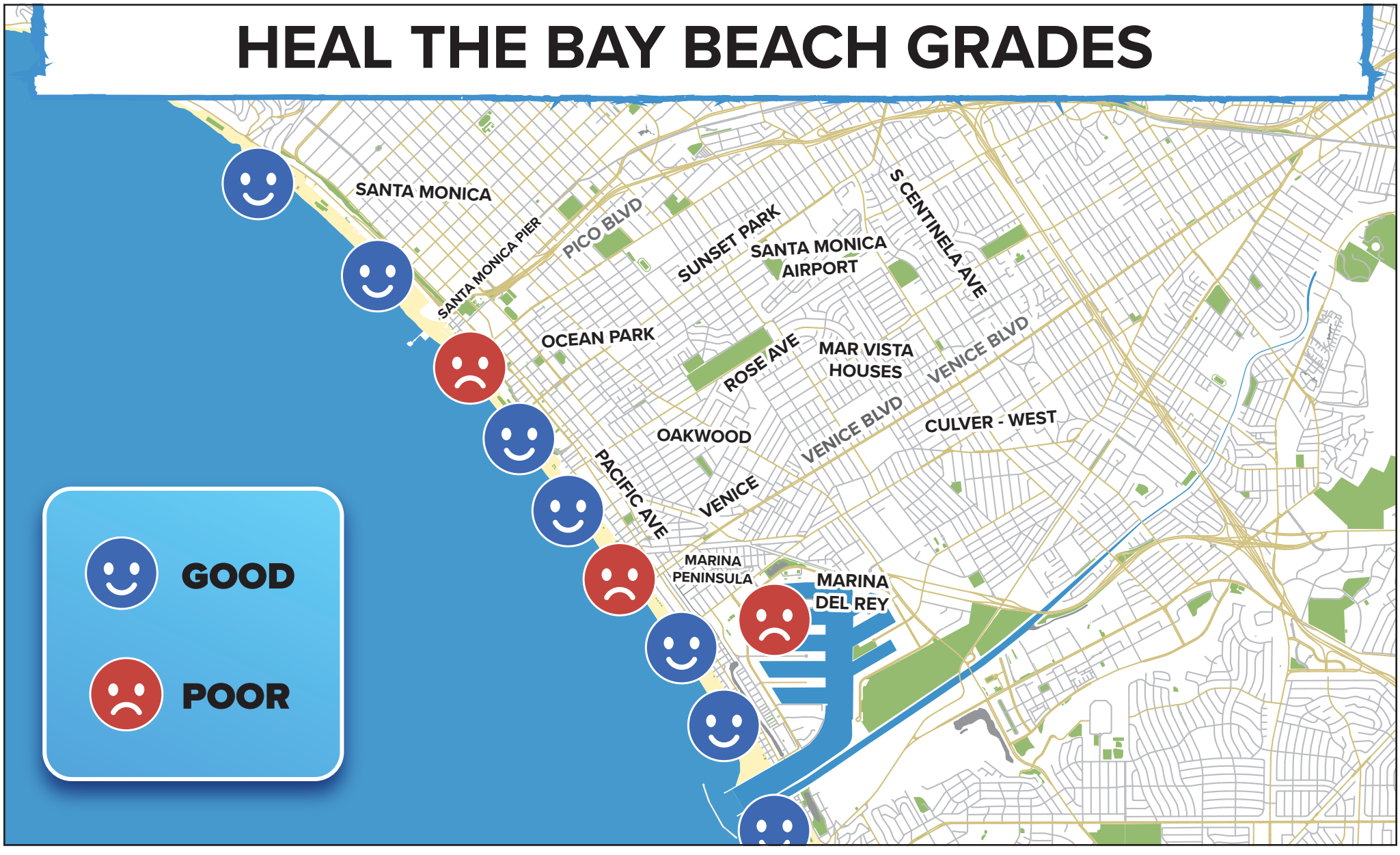
Both measures will require 55% voter approval to pass. In 2018, Santa Monica voters passed $485 million bond Measure SMS with 72% of the vote, while Malibu voters passed $195 million bond Measure M the same year with 70% approval.

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District – (1) General Obligation Bond Vote Passage- 55% of the Votes Cast	
QS	**SANTA MONICA SCHOOLS REPAIR/IMPROVEMENT BOND MEASURE:** To repair/replace leaky school roofs, outdated wiring/ plumbing; remove hazardous materials; upgrade classrooms, labs, instructional technology supporting science, math, engineering; improve education for struggling students; and increase student/ school safety; shall Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's measure for School Facilities Improvement District No.1 (Santa Monica Schools) be adopted authorizing $495,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, levying 3¢ per $100 assessed value (raising $28 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizens' oversight, annual audits, and all funds for Santa Monica schools only? **Supporters:** Ben Allen, Senator; Negrete, Vice Mayor; Ted Winterer, CEPS; Denny Zane, SMRR; Alicia Mignano, School Board Member **Opponents:** Marc Verville, Pico Neighborhood Association, Friend of Sunset Park, Northeast Neighbors
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District – (2) General Obligation Bond Vote Passage- 55% of the Votes Cast	
MM	**MALIBU SCHOOLS REPAIR/IMPROVEMENT BOND MEASURE.** To remove asbestos/lead/hazardous materials where needed; fix leaky roofs, plumbing, inadequate wiring, safety/security systems; upgrade classrooms, labs, libraries, instructional technology for competitive college and careers; shall School Facilities Improvement District No. 2 (Malibu Schools) of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing $395,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, levying 4¢ per $100 assessed value (raising $22 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizens' oversight, annual audits, and all funds for Malibu public schools only? **Supporters:** Craig Foster; Stacy Rouse, SMMUSD Board of Education Member; Marianne Riggins, Mayor Pro Tem; Jeffrey D Jennings; Wade Major **Opponents:** None submitted.

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BOND: Ballots sent out to voters in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District saw both Santa Monica and Malibu bond measures, despite only being able to vote for one.



Candidate Questions: Dan Hall

SMDP provided candidates with three opportunities to address readers this year. Candidates were asked to fill out a short form survey, provide responses to written questions and invited into the SMDP office for a one-on-one interview about their candidacy.

Over the next week, we will be publishing answers from all participating candidates online at smdp.com. We will also be printing the written answers from each candidate in the print edition.

Each candidate was sent the same three questions and given the opportunity to answer any or all of them as they saw fit. In today's edition, you'll find the unedited answers from Dan Hall and John Putnam. Visit smdp.com to find links to their survey answers and view their candidate interview videos.



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DAN HALL

Question 1) The vast majority of Santa Monica's homeless population were made homeless somewhere else and traveled to Santa Monica. What is the city's role and responsibility in addressing homelessness given the regional nature of the problem and the disproportional impact the crisis has on Santa Monica?

I support humane investments to address the current homelessness crisis, while also investing in housing to fix homelessness in the long-term.

Coordinated Mental Health and Drug Addiction Services: I believe in coordinated efforts across government jurisdictions, police, fire, and county health departments. I support working with County leaders - not against them - to expand behavioral health services and find the correct drug addiction solutions for Santa Monica.

State Legislation on Mental Health Treatment: I support state legislation that would enable treatment of unhoused individuals facing severe mental health issues.

Pro-Measure GS: In 2022, I organized for Measure GS, which established millions in funds for homelessness prevention and affordable housing.

Protecting our most vulnerable renters: I believe homelessness is a housing problem. In LA County, more people fall into homelessness than we can bring off of the street every day. We have to stem this crisis at the source by protecting our most vulnerable renters like seniors on fixed incomes, young workers and students, and low-income families with the strongest tenant protections.

Humane solutions: Banning blankets and bedrolls - which my opponents voted to do - will not magically erase folks living on our streets. Instead, we must build temporary and permanent supportive housing - which my opponents voted against - which are data-backed solutions that get people into shelter and off of our streets.

Question 2) The city's economy continues to lag and a recent study said Santa Monica was among the most expensive places to operate a business. What will you do to address the City's economic challenges and increase local revenues?

We must revitalize our downtown, which currently has vacant storefronts due to exceedingly high rents maintained by property owners. Building configurations are for an era of retail commerce long gone; we must plan for the Santa Monica of 2090 and not look back to the Santa Monica of 1990.

Retail Vacancy Tax: Establishing a retail vacancy tax can incentivize these storefronts to be filled, and a city fund should be established from such revenues to help enterprising businesses convert spaces from big box retail into restaurants, bars, clubs, and entertainment-oriented businesses.

Arts & Entertainment District: I support the Promenade 3.0 Plan which would establish the Promenade as an arts and entertainment district.

Housing: I support concentrating a greater density of housing in downtown near jobs and transit to increase foot traffic for local businesses.

Streamlining business permitting: Every business owner and Business Improvement District I have spoken with on the campaign trail has complained about permitting and inspection timelines. As a Council we must hold staff accountable to realistic timelines and standards.

Question 3) Every candidate who spoke to the Daily Press brought up Public Safety as a top priority. What has driven this subject to the forefront of local politics and what are you going to do to make residents feel safe in their public spaces?

I believe that every Santa Monican deserves the right to feel safe. As a veteran, I deeply respect the work of our law enforcement, firefighters, code enforcement, and our entire public safety staff who sacrifice so much to keep our community safe.

Pier Safety: As a Pier Board Member, I supported the Direct Action Response Team (DART) to address vendor violence and safety at the Pier.

State Legislation: I supported state legislation authored by our Assemblymember, Rick Chavez Zbur, that allows for stricter sentencing of repeat smash-and-grab offenders while simultaneously investing in diversion programs that we know work.

Funded Police Department: I support a fully-staffed and fully equipped Police Department balanced in priority with other safety investments. We should not lower the bar on the quality of recruits for our law enforcement staff; we deserve the best. As hiring catches up to funded headcount, I support deploying funds towards solutions we can implement now.

Smarter Spending on Tech: I believe in smarter, efficient spending on technology like our drone program and real-time crime center, that will scale our law enforcement programs and professionals in a safe and effective manner.

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Candidate Questions: John Putnam

SMDP provided candidates with three opportunities to address readers this year. Candidates were asked to fill out a short form survey, provide responses to written questions and invited into the SMDP office for a one-on-one interview about their candidacy.

Over the next week, we will be publishing answers from all participating candidates online at smdp.com. We will also be printing the written answers from each candidate in the print edition.

Each candidate was sent the same three questions and given the opportunity to answer any or all of them as they saw fit. In today's edition, you'll find the unedited answers from Dan Hall and John Putnam. Visit smdp.com to find links to their survey answers and view their candidate interview videos.



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JOHN PUTNAM

Question 1) The vast majority of Santa Monica's homeless population were made homeless somewhere else and traveled to Santa Monica. What is the city's role and responsibility in addressing homelessness given the regional nature of the problem and the disproportional impact the crisis has on Santa Monica?

Alright, let's be honest about what's happening in Santa Monica. This homeless crisis didn't just pop out of nowhere; it resulted from policies from LA County and beyond. Every night, dozens of homeless individuals are put off buses and trains right here at the end of the line. This constant inflow isn't manageable. It's like trying to bail out a sinking boat with a spoon.

Santa Monica has been acting like the homeless population is some static number, and that's a big part of the problem. You can't make good policy if you're ignoring the facts. The demand for services is endless, and no amount of money spent will ever be enough if we keep pretending otherwise. We've had Point-In-Time counts that hover around 700 to 900 since 2009, but we're sheltering fewer people than ever—down 62% over the last decade. Meanwhile, the city pours $9 million into homelessness every year, with half-empty shelter beds. That's not just a failure; it's an embarrassment.

Here's a solution: Let's tie funding directly to results. I propose that we put every service provider on a performance-based contract. If they don't reduce the number of homeless people in our city, they won't get paid. We must also overhaul the city's RFP process to replace service providers who can't deliver results. It's time to stop rewarding failure.

And the data's clear: nearly 80% of the homeless folks here have mental health problems, and 75% have substance abuse issues. Yet the LA County Department of Health is out there enabling addiction by handing out needles in our parks. These aren't just parks—they're the only outdoor spaces that most of our renters have. What message does that send? We're not protecting the residents who live here.

LA City and LA County spend nearly $2 billion annually on homeless services, which is about $26,000 per homeless individual. They need to step up and deploy those resources effectively, not just shuttle people into Santa Monica. They're the ones sending people our way, and it's time we made them take responsibility for the impacts on our city.

Finally, we should fully utilize the recent Supreme Court decision in Grants Pass. We now have the tools to set policies that protect our residents, entrepreneurs, and families. Santa Monica has the right to be clean, safe, and vibrant, and we're going to make sure it stays that way.

Question 2) The city's economy continues to lag and a recent study said Santa Monica was among the most expensive places to operate a business. What will you do to address the City's economic challenges and increase local revenues?

Santa Monica has been draining its entrepreneurs for far too long, treating them like an ATM to keep the General Fund afloat. This mentality is driving businesses away. Instead of supporting those who create jobs and invest in the city, Santa Monica's labyrinth of permits, endless fees, and downright unfriendly attitude toward business owners suffocates the commercial sector. This has to end.

Let's be clear: safety and security are not luxuries—they're the bedrock of any thriving economy, especially a people-based one like ours. When visitors don't feel safe, they stop coming. When residents don't feel secure, they stop supporting local businesses. We have the potential to be a world-class destination with our iconic Pier, the Promenade, our shopping district, and the Civic Center. But we've let crime and instability turn these assets into liabilities. In 2014, downtown Santa Monica accounted for 34% of our sales tax revenue. By 2023, that number had plummeted to 20%. If we don't course-correct, it's only going to get worse.

Santa Monica must become the best place for entrepreneurs in Southern California. Let's make business permits fast and easy with a one-stop process. We can assign every business owner a "permitting advocate" to help navigate the red tape, ensuring they get operational licenses without unnecessary delays. If we can approve housing developments in record time, we can do the same for businesses that keep our city running.

Remember, the General Fund depends on commercial activity—it fuels our parks, schools, and public services. If we keep driving businesses out, we're hurting the economy and every resident who relies on these services. It's time for Santa Monica to put its money where its mouth is and start treating businesses like the assets they are, not the enemy.

Question 3) Every candidate who spoke to the Daily Press brought up Public Safety as a top priority. What has driven this subject to the forefront of local politics and what are you going to do to make residents feel safe in their public spaces?

It is gut-wrenching to read headlines about violent crimes and police attacks in Santa Monica. People are understandably worried. They should be. The issue of personal safety isn't just a talking point in a city where over half the population is female. This is an absolute necessity. Having brought my kids downtown in the past, I cannot say I feel comfortable with that now. The same concerns have been expressed by other parents and residents nearby-they're concerned about their families' safety.

However, what do we hear from some members of the City Council? The presence of police somehow makes people feel less safe. They couldn't be further from the truth. As in every major destination city around the world, most people want to see officers on foot patrol. The return of uniformed, armed police isn't a luxury; it's a necessity if we want to protect our community and assure visitors that Santa Monica is a safe place.

There is a drug problem at the center of this chaos. Drug interdiction is essential, plain and simple. We must cut off the drug supply that fuels violence and takes over our neighborhoods.

In addition, let's take a look at the downtown area. Signs of decay include boarded-up shops, filthy sidewalks, and parking structures that look like they belong in a horror movie. Downtown Santa Monica is the face of the city, and right now, it looks tired and neglected. Public spaces need to be cleaned, parking structures need to be repaired, and security cameras need to be installed. Bringing back a sense of pride and safety is more than just about appearances.

Santa Monica needs to start with the basics if it is going to make a comeback. The focus should be on safety, cleanliness, and supporting local businesses. Visitor-driven economies are built on these building blocks. People will return, our General Fund will be rebuilt, and the city will get back on track. Santa Monica should be restored to the place that people want to live in and visit again if we are serious about taking action.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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called "churn and burn," buying up LIHTC properties and flipping them onto the market as soon as possible.

In California, landlords must notify state and local governments and tenants before their building expires. Housing organizations, nonprofits, and state or local governments then have first shot at buying the property to keep it affordable. Expiring developments also are prioritized for new tax credits, and the state essentially requires that all LIHTC applicants have experience owning and managing affordable housing.

"It kind of weeded out people who weren't interested in affordable housing long term," said Marina Wiant, executive director of California's tax credit allocation committee.

But unlike California, some states haven't extended LIHTC agreements beyond 30 years, let alone taken other measures to keep expiring housing affordable.

Colorado, which has some 80,000 LIHTC units, passed a law this year giving local governments the right of first refusal in hopes of preserving 4,400 units set to lose affordability protections in the next six years. The law also requires landlords to give local and state governments a two-year heads-up before expiration.

Still, local governments or nonprofits scraping together the funds to buy sizeable apartment buildings is far from a guarantee.

Stories like Maalouf's will keep playing out as LIHTC units turn over, threatening to send families with meager means back into the housing market. The median income of Americans living in these units was just $18,600 in 2021, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"This is like a math problem," said Rossbert of Housing Colorado. "As soon as one of these units expires and converts to market rate and a household is displaced, they become a part of the need that's driving the need for new construction."

"It's hard to get out of that cycle," he said.

Colorado's housing agency works with groups across the state on preservation and has a fund to help. Still, it's unclear how many LIHTC units can be saved, in Colorado or across the country.

It's even hard to know how many units nationwide are expiring. An accurate accounting would require sorting through the constellation of municipal, state and federal subsidies, each with their own affordability requirements and end dates.

That can throw a wrench into policymakers' and advocates' ability to fully understand where and when many units will lose affordability, and then funnel resources to the right places, said Kelly McElwain, who manages and oversees the National Housing Preservation Database. It's the most comprehensive aggregation of LIHTC data nationally, but with all the gaps, it remains a rough estimate.

There also are fears that if states publicize their expiring LIHTC units, for-profit buyers without an interest in keeping them affordable would pounce.

"It's sort of this Catch-22 of trying to both understand the problem and not put out a big for-sale sign in front of a property right before its expiration," Rossbert said.

Meanwhile, Maalouf's tenant activism has helped move the needle in Los Angeles. The city has offered the landlord $15 million to keep her building affordable through 2034, but that deal wouldn't get rid of over 30 eviction cases still proceeding, including Maalouf's, or the $25,000 in back rent she owes.

In her courtyard, Maalouf's granddaughter, Rubie Caceres, shuffled up with a glass of water. She is 5 years old, but with special needs, her speech is more disconnected words than sentences.

"That's why I've been hoping everything becomes normal again, and she can be safe," said Maalouf, her voice shaking with emotion. She has urged her son to start saving money for the worst.

"We'll keep fighting," she said, "but day by day it's hard."

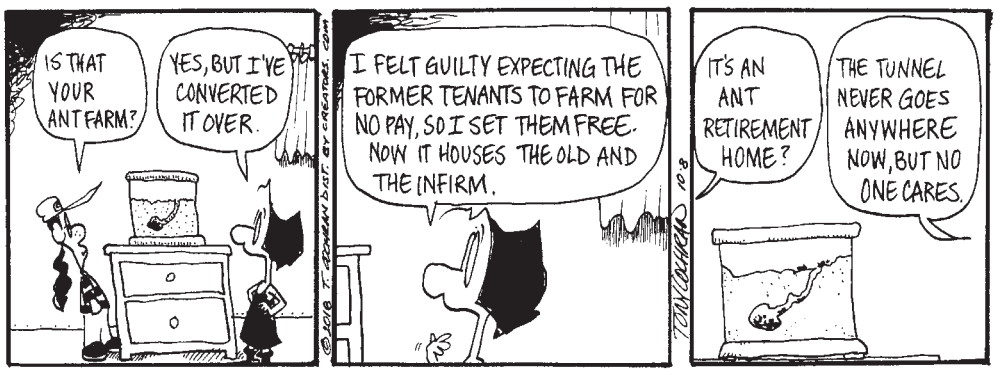
"I'm tired already."

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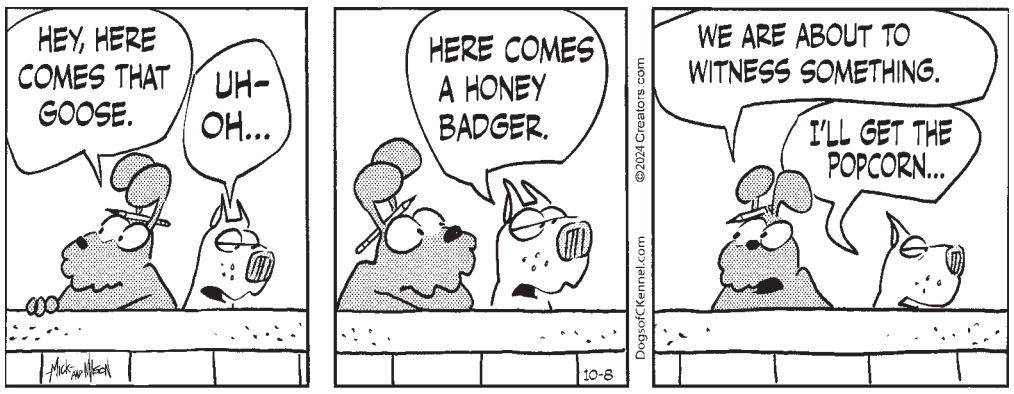
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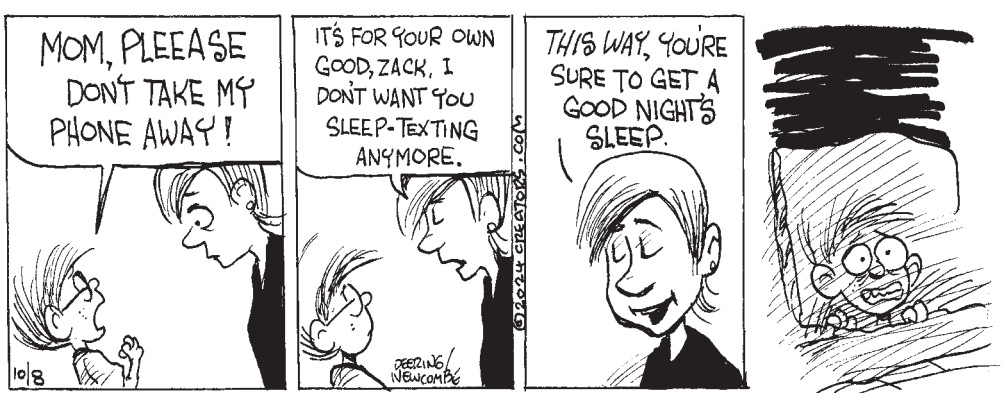
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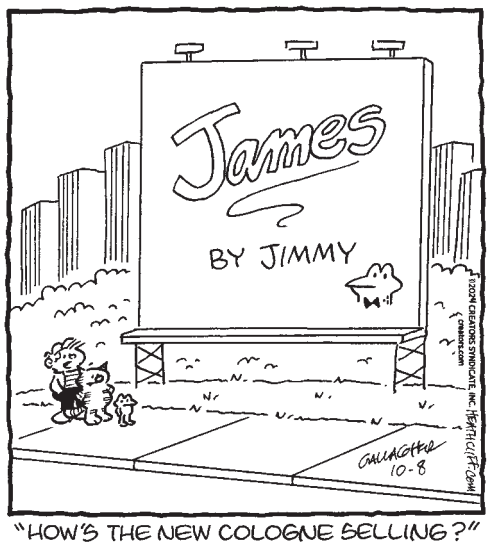
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've done what you set out to do, and now you're asking what else there is. It turns out you're only at the beginning of what's possible for you, and there's much you'll improve for others by pursuing this further.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The fun you are drawn to will inspire you in ways you wouldn't have predicted going in. This is why entertainment is a worthy expense. There are those who would argue with you about it. Perhaps it's time to ignore them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People will learn your dance to your "rhythms," but first you have to start banging that proverbial drum. As it goes with drums, it can be hard to learn quietly, but it behooves you to try. Whatever you manage will count. You have natural talent.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You thought you would thrive on peace and solitude, but a little goes a long way. Of course, the same is true of chaos. This lovely day has a small slice from each pie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to get the best and brightest minds on the scene, which is a matter of luck. It will also be lucky to make good use of whatever tools and resources are available now so you can get it accomplished in a timely manner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Every group has a unique dynamic. And though you can't completely tell what the vibe is from the outside, as long as you take the time to wonder about it, an instinct will tell you what's worthy of your involvement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People wonder what you're cooking up in your bright, playful mind. Someone who is particularly interested will be increasingly attracted to you as you let them peek into your world and possibly involve them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's strange how sometimes the quest for progress can start out by taking two steps back, but this is also how many begin a race, by giving themselves room to create the sort of momentum that will make a difference at the start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All you can do is try to make things right. You lead with heart and the intention of helping everyone feel seen and heard. It's not easy, but it's worth the effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone steered you wrong, but it's only because you let them put their hands on the steering wheel. Take it back. Use your own GPS. You're not far off and you'll easily get back on track after you make these adjustments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know you can create your own fun, but it's even more fun for you when you're stirring it up for someone else. You're at your playful best when you're paying attention to the small things that could bring delight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Often the right thing is also the tolerant thing. There's much that goes on around you that holds no appeal for you, or simply doesn't concern you. However, you've no shortage of moral courage for what really matters.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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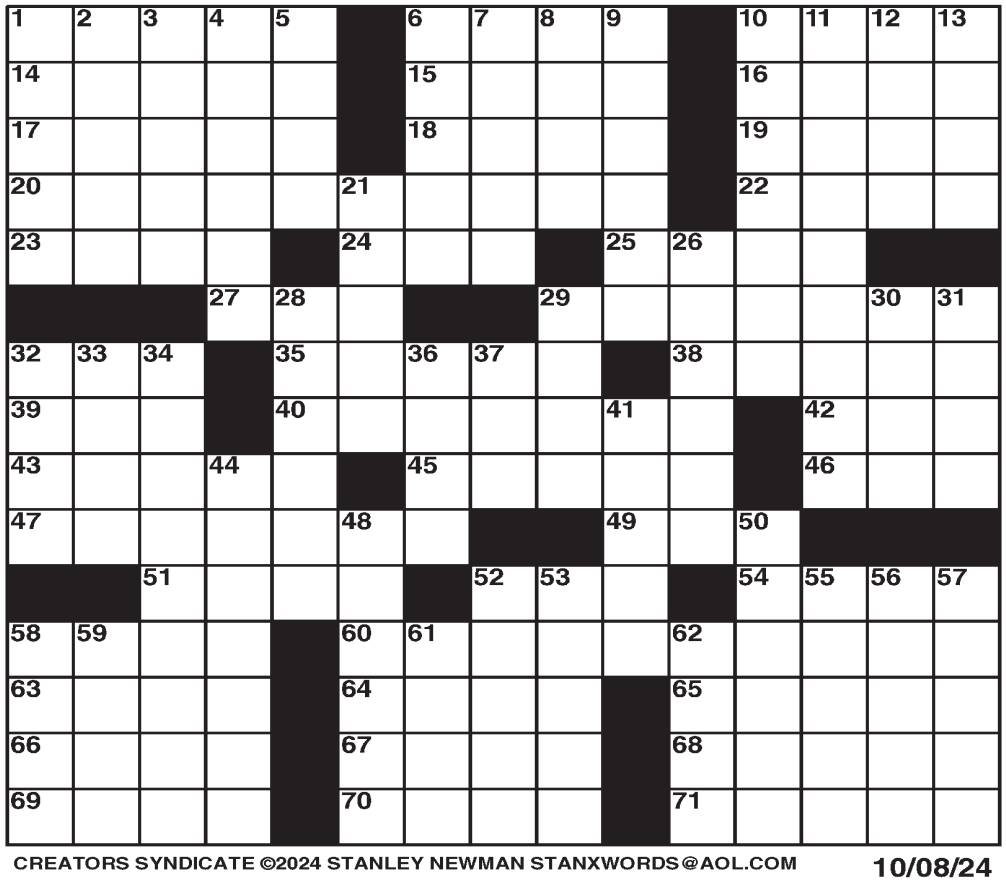
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ACROSS

1 Resell tickets illegally
6 Lower leg
10 Attention-getting sound
14 Sahara caravan beast
15 Musical postscript
16 Leaf-gathering tool
17 Disparage
18 Sandwich breads
19 B __ "boy"
20 Macaroni/mayo concoction
22 "Winning __ everything"
23 Snow queen in *Frozen*
24 Chimp or orangutan
25 Taj Mahal city
27 Fort Worth coll.
29 Underground water source
32 Assistant to Santa
35 Source of some kitchen tears
38 Courage
39 Hairstyling goo
40 Fruits "split" with ice cream
42 Feel poorly
43 Walking __ (elated)
45 Latte foam
46 Cunning
47 Choir member
49 Popeye's girlfriend
51 Kid around with
52 Point at a target
54 Make simpler
58 Intend (to)
60 Slow-cooker meat servings
63 Curved lines
64 Yale students
65 Outer boundaries
66 Large shark
67 Repetitive learning
68 In between ports
69 Special interest grp.
70 Gotten a look at
71 Eccentric

DOWN

1 Painter's suffix for land or sea
2 Secret plot
3 Accumulate
4 Anne Rice vampire
5 "Not guilty," for one
6 Small piece of paper
7 Card-game authority
8 Notion
9 Stock exchange for many tech firms
10 Treeless plain
11 Gumbo seasoning source
12 40-Across covering
13 Camping shelter
21 Steam room
26 Very hesitant
28 Snake charmers' snakes
29 Part of AD
30 Wicked
31 Depend (on)
32 Self-images
33 Former *Tonight Show* host
34 Pancakes, slangily
36 Helpful facts, for short
37 Rowing implement
41 Parts of a molecule
44 Attaches, as some patches
48 Stanley Cup contenders
50 Result in
52 Just slightly
53 Norwegian playwright Henrik
55 Uneasy feeling
56 Clay pigeon sport
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59 Historical periods
61 Burn-soothing plant
62 One cabbage



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5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee.

SCREENAGERS: ELEMENTARY EDITION
6 p.m. Grant Elementary School, 2368 Pearl St. This new version of the original Screenagers movie addresses issues that elementary school-aged kids, parents, and educators are facing, i.e., smartwatches in class, unhooking from and monitoring video gaming, social media pressures, exposure too young, and what research shows is a healthy amount of screen time, with many solutions to these and other challenges. Open for families.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 9

COFFEE WITH A COP
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Target, 1610 Wilshire Blvd. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together - over coffee - to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
3 p.m. SMi Room in the Civic Center Parking Structure, 330 Olympic Dr. The goal of the Santa Monica Human Services Commission (HSC) is to advise City Council on priorities and strategies involving the well-being, equity, and needs of vulnerable, low income, and at-risk residents including youth and families, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness.

PLANNING COMMISSION
6 - 10 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

SAMOHI JAZZ BAND AT 1212
6 - 8 p.m. 1212 Santa Monica, 1212 Third Street Promenade. Join 1212 Santa Monica for an evening of smooth jazz and great vibes. Starting at 6 p.m., enjoy all night happy hour with delicious bites and refreshing drinks while supporting the talented Santa Monica High Jazz Band.

SAINTS AND SINNERS OF SANTA MONICA
9 - 10 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A Third Street Promenade. The premiere of a sketch comedy pilot lampooning the world of Santa Monica and Venice. "Saints and Sinners of Santa Monica" features James Heaney, along with many other familiar faces from the Westside. Free screening, must be 21 with valid ID at the door.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 10

SANTA MONICA PLACE HOLIDAY JOB FAIR
12 - 6 p.m. Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Pl. As the holiday season approaches, this is a great opportunity for job seekers to explore a variety of employment opportunities across participating retailers and restaurants at Santa Monica Place. Job seekers are encouraged to stop by for a chance to learn more about seasonal positions, submit applications and participate in on-the-spot interviews. Participating retailers include Banter, Coach, Elie Tahari, Intimissimi, Pandora and Santa Monica Place Concierge.

RENT CONTROL BOARD
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations.

CLARA BINGHAM WITH ELISE LOEHNEN
8 - 9:15 p.m. Ann and Jerry Moss Theatre at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Award-winning journalist Clara Bingham will be discussing her book "The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America 1963-1973," alongside New York Times bestselling author Elise Loehnen. General admission $25, general admission plus a signed copy of the book $50. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clara-bingham-with-elise-loehnen-tickets-998118026887.

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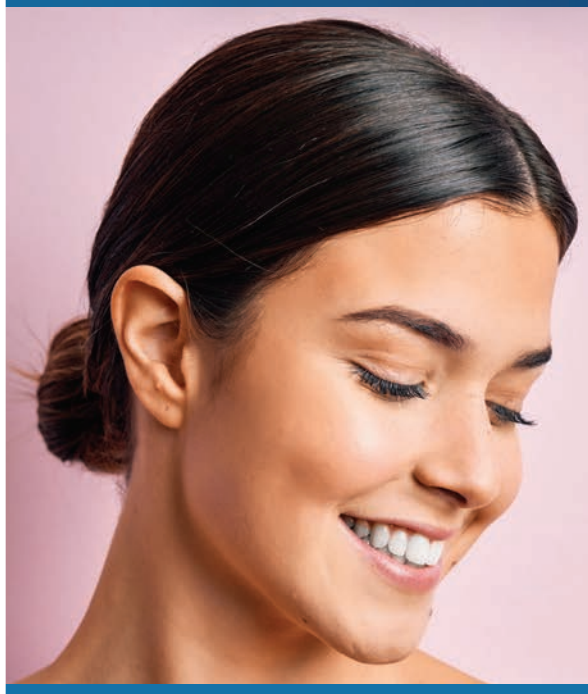
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