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Husband-wife duo bring smile back into the city

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A husband and wife team is ready to bring the smile back into the community in more ways than one.

Alinea Orthodontics, which recently opened at 2701 Ocean Park Blvd., is a collaboration between Dr. Jose Ortiz and wife and Manager Jodie Laczko, relying on the latest in orthodontic technology and a modern office space to craft customer comfort.

Ortiz met his wife while in New York City, where he completed his chief residency at the New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and his orthodontic specialty at Saint Barnabas Hospital. A creative director who has worked primarily in the beauty and fashion industry, Laczko was called Ortiz's "secret weapon" in setting up the Santa Monica business.



Courtesy Photo

ORTHODONTIST: Alinea Orthodontics at 2701 Ocean Park Blvd. had its grand opening ceremony in September.

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"She's kind of spearheaded the whole thing, and I (have) just been sort of like a client that's been saying, I like this, I don't like this," Ortiz said. "I've been very, very fortunate to have Jodie."

Her assignment was to create "more of a modern orthodontic environment you'd actually want to go to," noting that her early feedback told her that "people didn't really look forward to going to the orthodontist's office." Her creative choices included bringing bamboo trees into the back offices, something that "instantly calms" patients and makes them less fearful of having their mouths worked on.

"Everything (in the industry) felt very sort of old school, traditional, just like a doctor's clinic (with) lots of fluorescent lighting, very cold and sterile," Laczko said. "So we wanted to create something that

Yes, the King's Head building is for sale, but the business will live on

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The historic building that houses the iconic British pub, Ye Olde King's Head, has been put up for sale, but contrary to rumor, that doesn't mean that the business is also up for sale.

The advert for the real estate was seen on Loop.net not long ago and understandably, people panicked. This reporter included. It is one of the most popular venues in the area to watch an all-important England rugby match, or football game and the queue to watch the England

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

POPULAR PUB: Ye Olde King's Head at 116 Santa Monica Blvd. is located in a prime retai location, just one block from Palisades Park.

School district to hold first public meeting on full Malibu separation package

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The latest step in the school district split between Santa Monica and Malibu is to procure the public's opinion on the full unification package between the two entities.

On Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) will hold a special Board of Education meeting discussing unification agreements between SMMUSD and City of Malibu. The two entities announced on Sept. 12 that their respective subcommittees agreed on a proposed school separation package, consisting of a Revenue Sharing Agreement, an Operational Transfer Agreement and a Joint Powers Agreement.

All three agreements, along with their executive summaries, were posted on the SMMUSD Board of Education webpage with the Tuesday meeting agenda. The public previously heard the revenue sharing agreement, the first of the three agreements to be finalized, in two public hearings. Both Santa Monica and Malibu hosted meetings, with a Malibu meeting on a full unification package still to be scheduled after Tuesday.

At the last regularly-scheduled Board of Education meeting on Oct. 10, the board heard an update on the

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SEAFOOD: The Santa Monica Pier turned into the yacht party of the fall on Sunday, as hundreds of locals took part in the Off The Hook Seafood Festival. Over 20 Westside favorite restaurants and other brands showcased samples of their best dishes and treats, such as The Lobster, Santa Monica Seafood, Blue Plate Oysterette, The Albright and The Surfing Fox. Between sampling the seafood, patrons were able to take part in games, watch a live music performance from The Windbreakers, and see the popular Best in Shuck competition to see who could shuck the most oysters in two minutes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Accusations are politics and lies

This letter is in response to the latest falsehood and political attack against my candidacy for Santa Monica City Council. SMMUSD School Board member and candidate Jon Kean alleged that I made an outrageous statement in 2019 which is a lie designed to smear my name and reputation. I never made that remark and have stood up against antisemitism and hate all my life. After five years, why is this being presented to the public for the first time? The alleged comment is so offensive that Mr. Kean would have had a moral and ethical duty to publicly repudiate anyone for making such a comment when it allegedly occurred. No elected official should get a pass for hate of any kind. Why not bring it up in my re-election to the SM City Council in 2020? Why now? Clearly, it's a political attack timed to coincide with the religious holiday but is filled with falsehoods aimed at tarnishing my reputation and hurting my candidacy. Moreover, it is irresponsible to use one's role as an elected official to foment division between groups. I want to set the record straight as to who I am and why I have dedicated my life to public service.

In 1991, I along with every Latino family whose children were enrolled at Santa Monica High School received a hate letter from a group calling themselves the SAMOHI Association For The Advancement of Conservative White Americans. I was 19 years old leading a press conference in front of SM City Hall with residents and Assemblyman

Tom Hayden calling for a stepped-up investigation into the largest hate crime ever committed against Latinos and Jews in Santa Monica. The letter made horrible statements against Mexicans and named me personally. I will forever remember the threat made in the letter: "We'll gas you like Hitler gassed the Jews." That hate crime taught me that the ideology of white supremacy will always attempt to divide, oppress and disparage. It also taught me that Latinos and Jews must always stand in solidarity against hate. I saw what that letter did to our community, families were devastated reading the racism, hate and lies. Unfortunately, to this day the hate crime remains unsolved.

This hurtful incident led me to commit my life to fighting racism and hate. In my senior year at Samohi I participated in a life changing retreat sponsored by the National

Conference for Christians & Jews (NCCJ) that inculcated in me the values that I uphold in fighting for diversity, equity and inclusion. For more than 30 years I have fought tirelessly combating racism, discrimination and hate. In 1999 I worked with Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels to organize a Latino-Jewish Holocaust Remembrance event that we hosted at Saint Anne's Catholic Church. We organized this event to build solidarity between the Latino and Jewish communities against oppression and discrimination. We discussed historic parallels of oppression such as the Nazi supported Nuremberg Race Laws and the anti-immigrant law Proposition 187 that was approved by California voters in 1994. Unlike some of my critics, I have worked to bring diverse communities together to deepen our understanding of each other's culture, history and collective future. In his letter Mr Kean ridicules the alliance I forged between Latinos and Jews in the creation of the Pico Youth & Family Center. I truly believe that leaders should strive to build unity amongst diverse constituents. It is shameful to see a member of the local school board engaging in such divisive tactics to score political points. The students and parents of our community deserve better than what Jon Kean is exhibiting as an elected official.

What is behind this latest political attack by Mr. Kean? Mr. Kean supports the at-large election system within the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District where political power has been concentrated North of Wilshire since the creation of the School District.

I on the other hand have advocated for district-based elections within the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District to ensure that historically marginalized families have an opportunity to have permanent political representation on the school board, city council, rent control board and SMC college board. It is no surprise that the "establishment City Council candidates" that have been endorsed by Mr. Kean all oppose district-based elections. This is the real problem that Mr. Kean would like to distract from. The fact of the matter is that without adequate political representation SMMUSD has sustained a consistent achievement gap that relegates low income and students of color to an inferior position within our public education system and I have been met with derision by Mr. Kean for being a vocal advocate against institutionalized racism within SMMUSD.

It is hurtful and shameful that Mr. Kean is bringing this false allegation against me now because I am running in opposition to the slate of establishment candidates that he supports. I am running to enhance public safety, and his establishment slate endorses George Gascon in the DA race. I am running to stop LA County's needle distribution program in our public parks and his chosen slate supports the distribution of needles and meth pipes in our parks. Knowing that most voters in Santa Monica support my campaign for enhanced public safety Jon Kean is using falsehoods to hurt our efforts to continue the progress we are making. The establishment that Jon Kean is loyal to for his own position on the school board cannot defeat us on the merits of our policies or approach, so they deviate into mudslinging, falsehoods and dirty politics.

-Oscar de la Torre, Santa Monica City Councilmember



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: Waist to shoulder 3-4FT+

Fun run due to continue as SSW swell holds, old WNW swell eases and a fresh NW swell joins in. Morning winds look light, while the deep early AM tide remains an issue.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR

SURF: Thigh to stomach 2-3FT+

A day to watch for more quality combo surf. SSW swell is easing but still has nice size and a fresh shot of mid period NW swell is on the cards. Wind currently looks light for the morning.

Weather

Tuesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 65.
Tuesday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 60. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the evening.
Wednesday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Cloudy, with a high near 63. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy drizzle after 11pm. Cloudy, with a low around 58.

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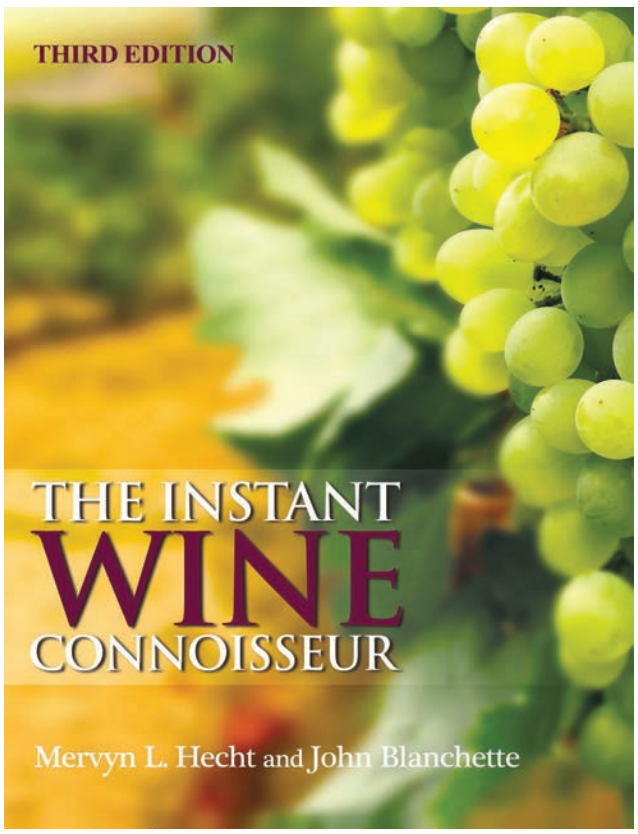
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Donald Trump holds a rally in California, a state he's almost certain to lose

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With the presidency on the line in battlegrounds like Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, Donald Trump spent Saturday night in solidly liberal California, seeking to link Vice President Kamala Harris to what he described as the failures of her home state.

Trump is almost certain to lose California, and that won't change after his Saturday stop in Coachella, a desert city east of Los Angeles best known for the annual music festival bearing its name. Still, Trump took advantage of his visit to tear into the nation's most populous state, bringing up its recent struggles with homelessness, water shortages and a lack of affordability. Harris, the Democratic nominee, was previously the state's junior senator and attorney general.

> We're not going to let Kamala Harris do to America what she did to California
>
> - Donald Trump

"We're not going to let Kamala Harris do to America what she did to California," Trump said, referring to the state as as "Paradise Lost."

The former president lost California in a landslide in 2020. He did get 6 million-plus votes, more than any GOP presidential candidate before, and his margins topped 70% in some rural counties that typically favor conservatives on the ballot.

That's an enormous pool of potential volunteers to work on state races and participate in phone banks into the most contested states. And Trump drew media coverage in the Los Angeles market, the second-largest in the country.

Trump visited Coachella in between stops in Nevada, at a roundtable in Las Vegas for Latinos earlier Saturday — where he praised Hispanics as having "such energy" — and Arizona, for a rally Sunday in Prescott Valley. He narrowly lost those two swing states to Democrat Joe Biden in 2020.

Attendees who waited in broiling temperatures that approached 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) said they didn't expect Trump to win their state but were thrilled to see him.

"It's like a convention of like-minded people," said Tom Gibbons of Palm Desert, who's backed Trump since 2016 but been unable to see him in person until Saturday, as he waited in line. "Everybody understands the heartbeat of America, the plight of the working man ... It's reassuring."

Going to California gives Trump the "ability to swoop in and leverage this big population of Trump supporters," said Tim Lineberger, who was communications director for Trump's 2016 campaign in Michigan and also worked in the former president's administration. He's "coming here and activating that."

Lineberger recalled Californians making calls to Michigan voters in 2016 on Trump's behalf and said the campaign's decision to go into safe, Democratic turf at this point was "an aggressive, offensive play."

California is also a fountain of campaign cash for both parties, and Trump will be fundraising. Photos with the former president in Coachella were priced at $25,000, which comes with special seating for two. A "VIP Experience" was priced at $5,000.

Speaking for 80 minutes Saturday night, Trump ran through the standard list of Republican complaints about the Democrat-dominated state — its large number of immigrants in the U.S. illegally, its homeless population and its thicket of regulations — and waded into a water rights battle over the endangered Delta smelt that has pitted environmentalists against farmers.

The former president was particularly scathing about illegal immigration, warning at one point: "Your children are in danger. You can't go to school with these people, these people are from a different planet."

He continued his long-running spat with Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, whom Trump called "New-scum." Trump again threatened Newsom over the water rights battle, saying that if he didn't act in favor of farmers, "we're not giving you any of that fire money that we send you all the time for all the forest fires that you have."

Republicans beforehand listed a number of potential reasons for Trump's visit.

With congressional races in play that could determine which party controls the House, the Coachella rally "is a get-out-the-vote type of thing that motivates and energizes Republicans in California, when they are not as close to what is going on in the national campaign," Republican consultant Tim Rosales said.

Jim Brulte, a former chairman of the California Republican Party, said he thinks Trump is angling for something that has eluded him in previous campaigns: winning more total votes than his Democratic opponent.

"I believe Donald Trump is coming to California because he wants to win not only in the Electoral College, but he wants to win the popular vote. There are more registered voters in California than there are residents in 46 of the other 49 states," Brulte said.

The Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles sits on the Pacific Coast, south of the city. But Trump has long had a conflicted relationship

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Labor advocates say Newsom's gas prices bill risks safety. The state disagrees.



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BILL: Gas prices at a filling station in west Fresno on May 7, 2024.

MALENA CAROLLO
Special to the Daily Press

As a bill attempting to remedy California's ongoing gas price spikes nears a final vote, questions about whether it could jeopardize worker safety have risen to the forefront.

The bill – Assembly Bill X2-1 – would require refineries to keep a to-be-determined minimum amount of gas supply on hand to help smooth out price spikes the state said happen when refineries go down for routine maintenance. The measure cleared the state Assembly earlier this month and the state Senate in a special legislative session last week, passing 23-9. A final vote on the bill, signing off on Senate changes, is expected in the Assembly today.

Those representing unionized workers in refineries argue that the legislation would jeopardize worker safety, and if storage requirements are untenable for refiners, closures and large job loss could follow. At issue is a provision in the bill that would give the California Energy Commission the ability to approve scheduled maintenance for refiners. State officials said this is meant to push refiners to be proactive in their maintenance planning, which, paired with higher reserves of gas supply on hand, would tamp down price spikes for Golden State drivers.

The state and the bill's authors said current laws governing worker safety are not affected by the bill.

"Let me be clear, ABX2-1 does not prohibit a refinery from conducting important maintenance. Refiners can and should perform the maintenance they need to to keep their workers and facilities safe," Assemblymember Gregg Hart, a Santa Barbara Democrat and one of the bill's authors, said at an Oct. 7 state Senate hearing.

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> - Gregg Hart, Assemblymember

The bill's latest version requires protecting the safety and health of "employees, local communities, and the public" in the process.

The State Building and Construction Trades Council represents many unionized workers employed in refineries. Jeremy Smith, chief of staff for the group, expressed

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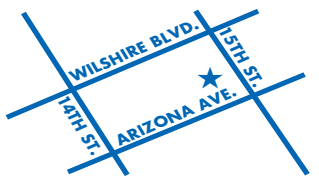
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Democrat Hakeem Jeffries stumps in California in a bid to reclaim House control

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Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries crisscrossed Southern California over the weekend in communities far from the presidential battlegrounds — Little Saigon in Orange County and the high desert of Antelope Valley — as he works to wrest control of the U.S. House from Republicans.

The Golden State is a Democratic stronghold but the party lost House seats here in recent elections, giving the speaker's gavel to Republicans. Jeffries, who is in line to become the next House speaker if Democrats regain control in November, needs to pick up four GOP-held seats to win back the majority — and there are five being eyed here in California, more than any other state in the nation.

"California is an incredibly important state at all times, but particularly this cycle given the volume of races that will help decide control of the House of Representatives," Jeffries told The Associated Press in between stops.

With the race for control of Congress as tight as ever, Democrats are trying to reverse what they view as the shortcomings of recent election cycles when Republicans scored victories in unexpected places, including districts

> "I believe Republicans are going to win the House, grow the House majority"
> - Mike Johnson

President Joe Biden had just won in 2020.

It's not just California, but Jeffries' home state of New York, that have become the surprising blue-state battlegrounds, which could very well swing the congressional elections and determine which party wins the House majority and speaker's chair.

Jeffries did not have the state to himself over the weekend. Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for the White House, declared California a "paradise lost" under Democrats, who hold every statewide office, as he rallied MAGA supporters in Coachella on the grounds of the iconic annual music festival.

The Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson was in the state as well, attending private events in California, including in South Orange County, as he works to save and potentially expand his party's majority. Republicans are trying to flip Democratic-held seats. Johnson was at an event for Republican candidate Matt Gunderson, a newcomer who is challenging Democratic Rep. Mike Levin.

"I believe Republicans are going to win the House, grow the House majority," Johnson said on CBS.

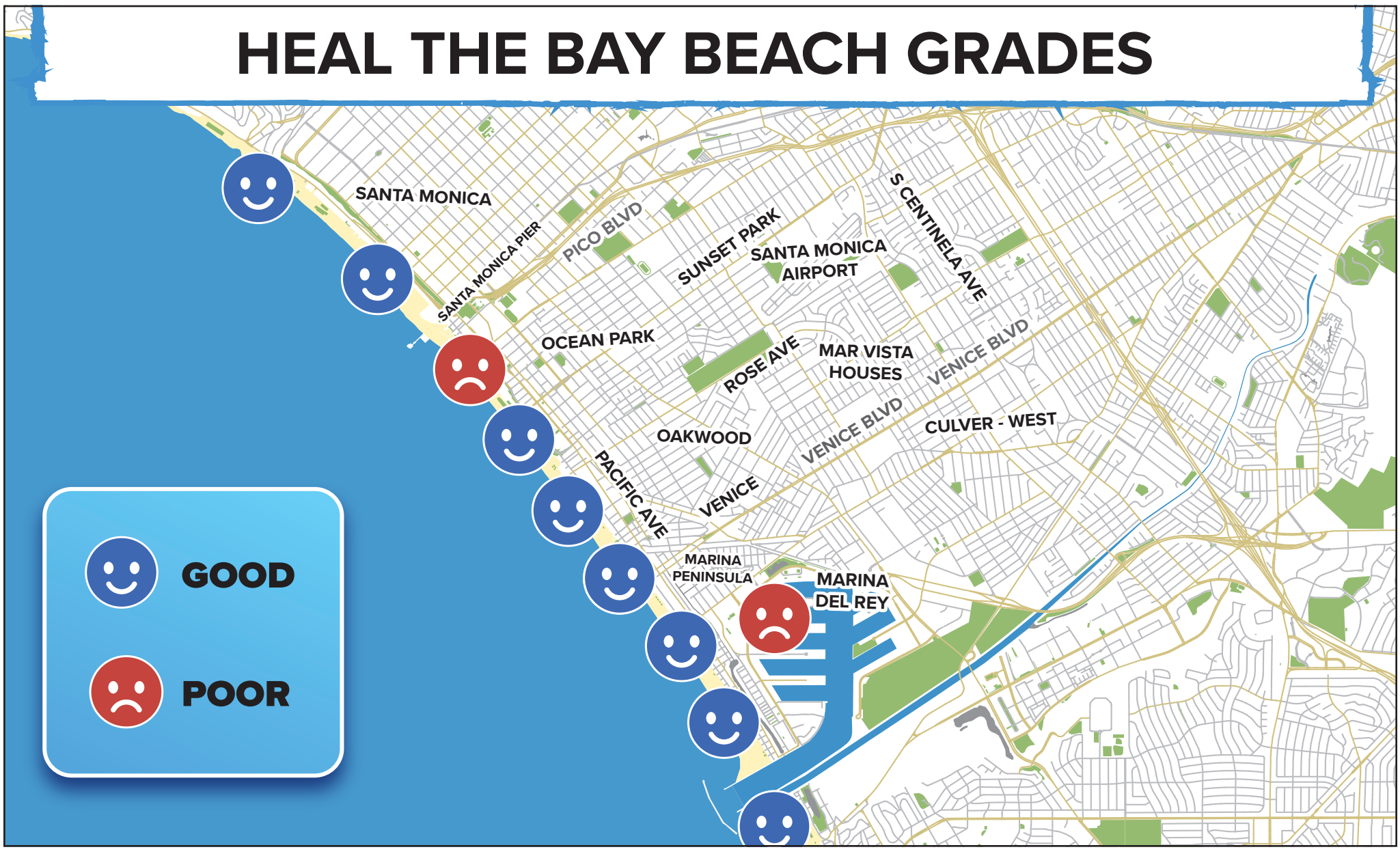
In what was once the Republican bastion of Orange County, Jeffries touched down Saturday in Anaheim, home to Little Saigon, a community with more Vietnamese Americans than elsewhere in the nation, many having settled and raised families in migration waves after the Vietnam War.

At a restaurant and banquet hall not far from Disneyland, a who's who of Vietnamese community leaders and entertainers gathered in support of Democratic candidate Derek Tran, who would become the first Vietnamese-American to represent the area in its

> Southern California races are always competitive, but Republicans keep having success
> - Lance Trover, a Republican strategist

nearly 50 years. He is challenging the Republican incumbent, Rep. Michelle

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district's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP). Born from Assembly Bill 130 in the California Legislature, ELOP provides enrichment opportunities for unduplicated students in grades TK-6.

The definition of an unduplicated pupil, per the California Department of Education, is a student who qualifies for free or reduced lunch, is homeless, a foster youth or an English Learner. ELOP programs operate for 180 school days, plus 30 intercession days, and serves students through community partnerships.

"It is not just the school district trying to do this on our own, but rather we bring in the people who know our families and our students best, all the people who surround our community," said SMMUSD Director of Early Learning Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell.

These partnerships begin with the Boys & Girls Clubs in Santa Monica and Malibu for enrichment time outside of school hours, and also extend to organizations aligning with Career Technical Education pathways in the district. Partnerships impact pathways such as engineering (with Rediscover), arts, media and entertainment (with Theatre Thirty One), information and computer technology (with PlanetBravo) and health and wellness (via SMMUSD middle school sports).

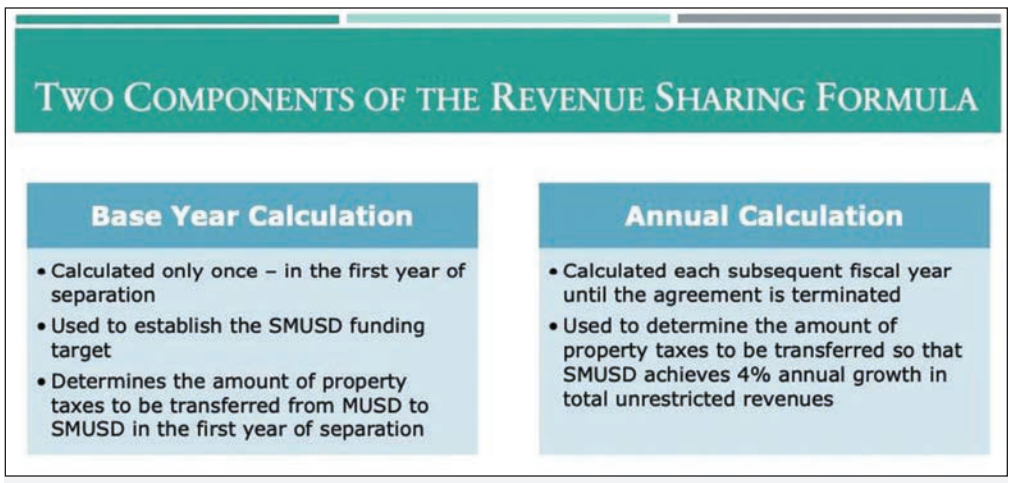
Counting one child attending one day of ELOP programs as an "attendance unit," the district counted 32,249 total attendance units across TK-6 in the 2023-24 year. Consultant Ian Keiller noted that these programs can build healthy habits for unduplicated pupils within school hours as well.

"We know that kids that attend after-school programs attend school more, we know that they do better, we know that they have better grades," Keiller said.

In his report to the board, SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton noted that the district will once again be participating in the Great California ShakeOut earthquake preparedness drill on Thursday.

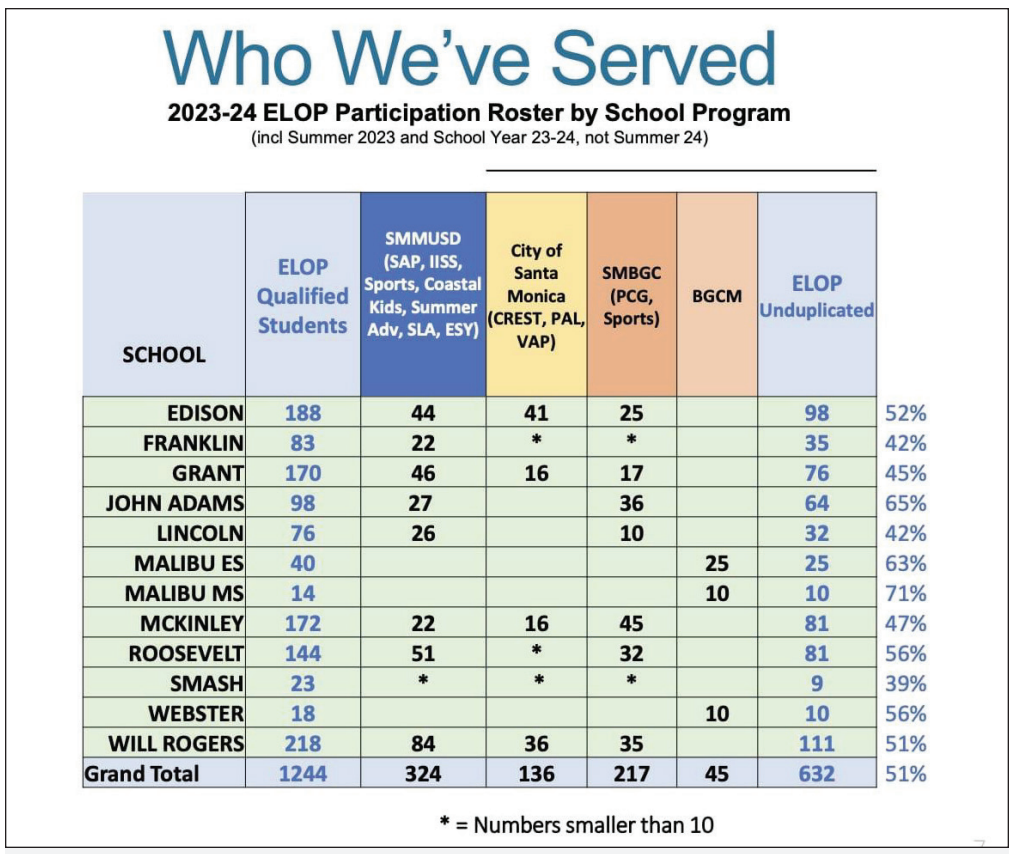
Taking place at 10:17 a.m., the annual drill sees students practice the "drop, cover, hold on" steps in class settings to protect them from earthquake-related injuries. The "drop" step has students falling onto hands and knees to lower chances of being knocked down by an earthquake and being hit by falling or flying objects.

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SMMUSD: The Revenue Sharing Agreement between Santa Monica and Malibu educational entities will be discussed during a Tuesday Board of Education meeting.



Who We've Served

2023-24 ELOP Participation Roster by School Program

(incl Summer 2023 and School Year 23-24, not Summer 24)

SCHOOL	ELOP Qualified Students	SMMUSD (SAP, IISS, Sports, Coastal Kids, Summer Adv, SLA, ESY)	City of Santa Monica (CREST, PAL, VAP)	SMBGC (PCG, Sports)	BGCM	ELOP Unduplicated	
EDISON	188	44	41	25		98	52%
FRANKLIN	83	22	*	*		35	42%
GRANT	170	46	16	17		76	45%
JOHN ADAMS	98	27		36		64	65%
LINCOLN	76	26		10		32	42%
MALIBU ES	40				25	25	63%
MALIBU MS	14				10	10	71%
MCKINLEY	172	22	16	45		81	47%
ROOSEVELT	144	51	*	32		81	56%
SMASH	23	*	*	*		9	39%
WEBSTER	18				10	10	56%
WILL ROGERS	218	84	36	35		111	51%
Grand Total	1244	324	136	217	45	632	51%

* = Numbers smaller than 10

Courtesy Graphic

ELOP: The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) served students districtwide during the 2023-24 school year.

KING'S HEAD

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v Spain final of the Euro 2024 competition almost encircled the whole of the 1400 block of 2nd Street back in July.

While some areas of Los Angeles have unmistakable pockets of foreign culture, like Chinatown, Koreatown or Little Tokyo, Santa Monica remains the unofficial Little Britain. It's not uncommon to see a wandering group sporting lobster-red suntans and Premiership playing shirts making the obligatory pilgrimage to one of the few remaining English-themed pubs in Santa Monica, enjoying a pint of Speckled Sporran and watching the footy on the telly.

The entire building spans 6,900 square feet, with a lot size of about 0.17 acres (around 8,000 square feet) and incorporates Ye Olde King's Head Shoppe, a vital source of many hard-to-find grocery items for English expats living in and around Santa Monica. And given its prime location, just one block from Palisades Park, it's no surprise that the asking price is $20 million.

The advert says, "For the first time in over 30 years [this is incorrect, it's actually over 50 years] the prime corner property at 116 Santa Monica Blvd, at the intersection of 2nd Street and Santa Monica just one block east of Ocean Avenue. Exclusively listed by MEI Real Estate Services, this redevelopment opportunity comes with full building plans and offers a developer over $52K/month in existing income while finalizing entitlements and permitting. Ye Olde Kings Head [sic] is the single tenant at this 6,900 SF property and they have occupied the building for almost 25 years. The corner lot is a 7,500 SF rectangle. OM will be available in September."

Needless to say, a lot of regular punters were very concerned. Lisa Powers, Operations Manager of the Ye Olde Kings Head, put out a statement-of-sorts on social media, that said, "We are not planning on going anywhere. The building is the only thing up for sale (not the business) so we will likely just get a new landlord. Unless big developers come in and we will need to relocate. (Even so could take many years imo.) We plan on being around for the community for many years to come."

Speaking exclusively to the Daily Press, Powers said that she has no idea on the time scale of this, saying that it could easily be five or 10 years before any kind of change.

Established in 1974, the pub has entertained hundreds of music, movie and television stars and the walls are covered with framed photographs of them. Big bands used to play here in decades past and Keith Moon, the drummer of The Who was apparently kicked out of the bar at some point during the mid-70s for trashing the place.

The "snug" bar at the western-most end of the establishment was absolutely packed during last year's Rugby World Cup and this year's Autumn International series also promises to bring a big crowd and in fact, it kicks off with England playing the New Zealand All Blacks on Saturday, November 2 at Twickenham. And it doesn't stop there, England will also play the South African Springboks and the Australian Wallabies in a month filled to bursting point of world class international rugby.

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DEMOCRATS

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Steel, who first won in 2020.

"This is going to be a close race," Jeffries told the crowd, noting that Tran would be the only Vietnamese American in the House Democratic caucus, if elected. "It's important."

Miles away in the farthest reaches of Los Angeles County, where the space industry shares space with Joshua trees, Jeffries rallied more than 200 volunteers who showed up early Sunday morning at an machinists' and aerospace workers' union hall in Palmdale to start knocking on doors to get out the vote.

It's the only Los Angeles County congressional seat held by a Republican, Rep. Mike Garcia, a Navy fighter pilot who served in the Iraq War and first won office in 2020. Trying to unseat him is Democrat George Whitesides, a former NASA chief of staff and Virgin Galactic executive, and a newcomer to politics.

Republicans remain confident in their candidates and message, particularly in California where Democrats hold such sway.

"Southern California races are always competitive, but Republicans keep having success," said Lance Trover, a Republican strategist working on both the Steel and Gunderson campaigns.

Before sending the volunteers out to canvas, Jeffries ran through his itinerary over past few weeks — from Phoenix to Portland to Albuquerque to New Haven, Connecticut to New York to Pennsylvania to Ohio and now California — all key races to win the House, alongside Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee.

Dave Guttman, an aerospace engineer from Pasadena who has volunteered to door knock for Democrats in past elections, including for Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016, said he didn't want to sit this one out. "You just got to try," he said. He said he ended up knocking on 35 doors.

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TRUMP

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with California, where a Republican has not carried the state since 1988 and Democrats outnumber registered Republicans by about 2-to-1.

California was home to the so-called Trump resistance during his time in office, and Trump often depicts California as representing all he sees wrong in America. As president, he called the homeless crises in Los Angeles and San Francisco disgraceful and threatened to intercede.

Newsom on Wednesday predicted Trump would be denigrating his state at the rally, overlooking its strengths as the world's fifth-largest economy. The governor said that for the first time in a decade, California has more Fortune 500 companies than any other state.

"You know, that's not what Trump is going to say," he predicted.

Blood reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Thomas Beaumont in Las Vegas and Nicholas Riccardi in Denver contributed to this report.

GAS

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concern that this plan could come at the expense of worker safety. If the state denies a refinery's planned maintenance, he said, it could lead to "catastrophic breakdowns."

"Maintenance must be done on a schedule based only on the condition of metals and infrastructure and the lifecycle of equipment such as vessels, pipes and valves," he said at the hearing.

A worst-case scenario could be an explosion at a refinery, trades council president Chris Hannan told CalMatters. An explosion in 2015 at a Torrance refinery owned by ExxonMobil injured two workers and led to higher gas prices.

State energy commission vice chair Siva Gunda — who was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, convener of the special session and key backer of the legislation — pushed back on such concerns. Not all refineries plan for maintenance the same way, he said, resulting in some having adequate supply for the market while others don't "because there is no incentive" to keep a higher level of supply. The energy commission identified a 15-day supply of gas as a key point at which gas prices begin to shift.

The finer details of how the state's plan would work are to be determined through a rulemaking process if the bill is passed. Gunda said the state would examine refiners' current maintenance protocols during that process to understand if they are working.

"If existing protocols currently work, we will not touch them," he said.

The state also pointed out that the legislation does not supersede other labor laws, such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

Prior legislation gave the state access to refiners' data it is currently using to support its argument that the state's price spikes are driven primarily by short supply during refinery maintenance. State Sen. Steven Bradford, an Inglewood Democrat and chairperson of the Senate special session committee, said he was "encouraged" by provisions in that earlier legislation that require meeting annually with labor representatives through an advisory committee, but noted that the six-person committee has yet to convene because Newsom's administration hasn't appointed its members yet.

Bradford previously carried legislation, unsuccessfully, that would have required the state to consult with labor groups about the impact on refinery employees and the communities around the refineries.

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> - Steven Bradford, State Sen.

The bill has drawn strong criticism from groups representing the petroleum industry over whether new storage would need to be built to meet the bill's requirements. The industry said the measure will lead to higher prices. It has also argued that it will need to build more costly storage, but amendments in the Assembly stipulate that the reserve requirements, to be determined by a special committee, cannot be larger than fits in existing tankage.

Chevron, which recently announced it is moving its headquarters to Texas, took the unusual step this week of submitting a letter to the chair of the Assembly Committee on Petroleum and Gasoline Supply contesting what it called "frankly ridiculous claims" of price gouging driving price spikes.

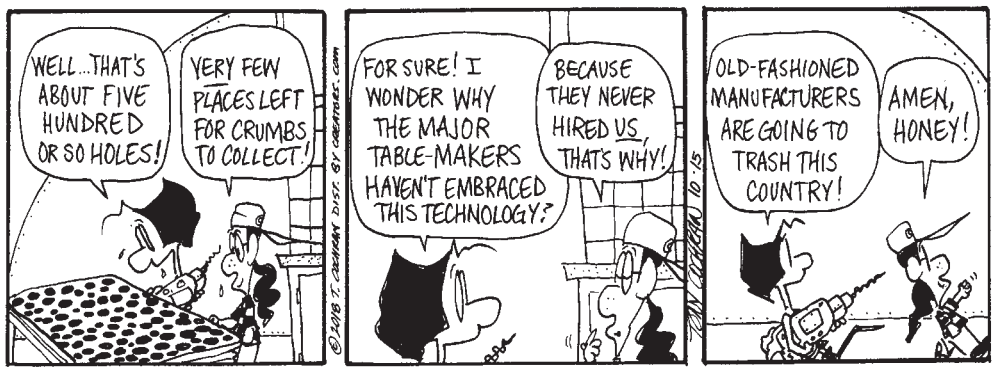
"We will do our part to ensure California consumers are informed about your role in shaping policies making life even more unaffordable," the company said in the letter.

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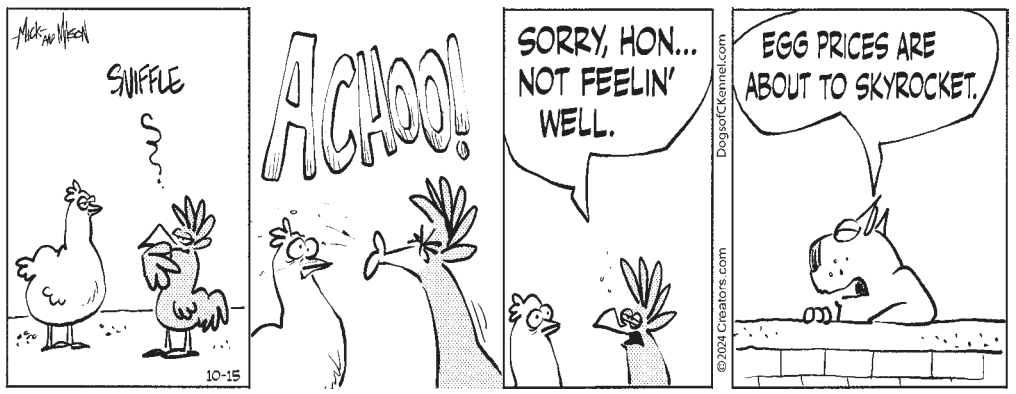
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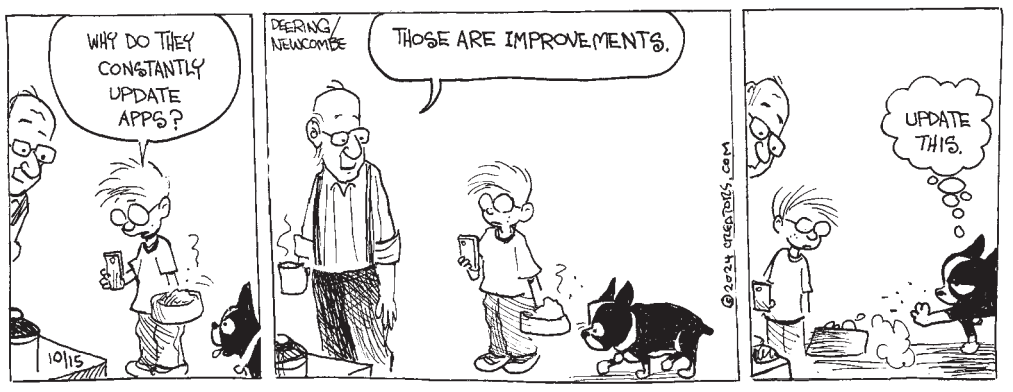
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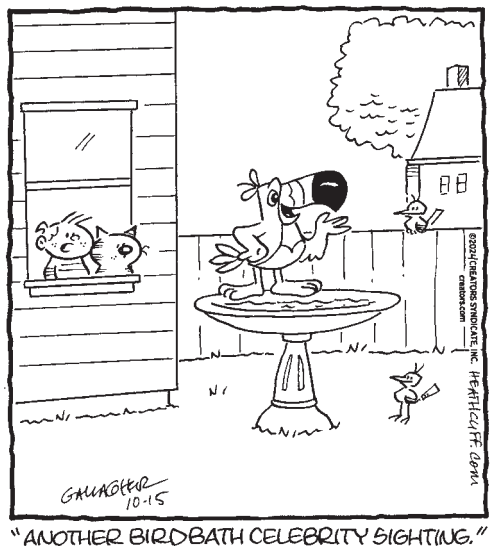
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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It feels easy to give yourself over to the needs of others, but it is much more difficult to accept their attention and praise. You'll get so much practice doing so this year, and you'll be graciousness personified. More highlights: a timely response opens a magic door, a winning ticket and the peace that restores an age-old battle. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 1, 14, 7 and 11.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Problems don't drain energy, but an approach to problem-solving might. Stay curious. Curiosity is its own kind of fuel. Let go of the need to have all the answers, which only breeds frustration. The unknown doesn't have to be scary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It appears that someone made a big result happen, but actually what you're seeing is a series of small but consistent steps over time, doable for anyone with the tenacity. You are most certainly in the category.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You give your all to the things you are passionate about. Because of this, sometimes it feels like the stakes are higher than they really are. Pace yourself and strive for balanced perspective.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's interesting when new people bring out a different side of someone you think you know well, proving that it's impossible to know everything about a person. There is always more to discover.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Of all the ways people tell you who they are, what they say informs you the least. Where, when and how they show up tells you the most. Next, what they pay attention to and what they do will speak the loudest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's the case that the minor hill before you is more of an iceberg situation, with 90% substance and impact below the surface. To understand what potentials, impacts and opportunities are before you, you must go deeper.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have a great exchange. It's not great because of the financial value traded, nor is it great because it was filled with pointed insights or funny anecdotes. It's great because you're on a mutual expedition toward understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The behaviors we find so hard to control are often messages from the primal self about needs we have that are going unaddressed. So the very thing you're frustrated about is also your key to fulfillment. It just needs to be decoded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fear can be oddly seductive. Though it's an uncomfortable feeling no one really enjoys, it's also familiar and therefore easier to choose than the brave stance that will put you at risk but also in charge. You're powerful and brave once you decide to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no decision worth agonizing over today, though there is definitely a decision that is better to make right now because too much energy will be wasted if you linger in the hesitation of choice. Life will go on one way or the other. Just choose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you're compassionate, you can't help but feel your way to a connection with others that is deeper than the business at hand. You'll communicate from the heart, and it takes surprisingly few words.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't worry about being cool. It's an elusive state and even if you achieve it, it would be impossible to maintain it at all times. It is better to focus on purposeful work with an aim of an immersive oblivion to outside opinion.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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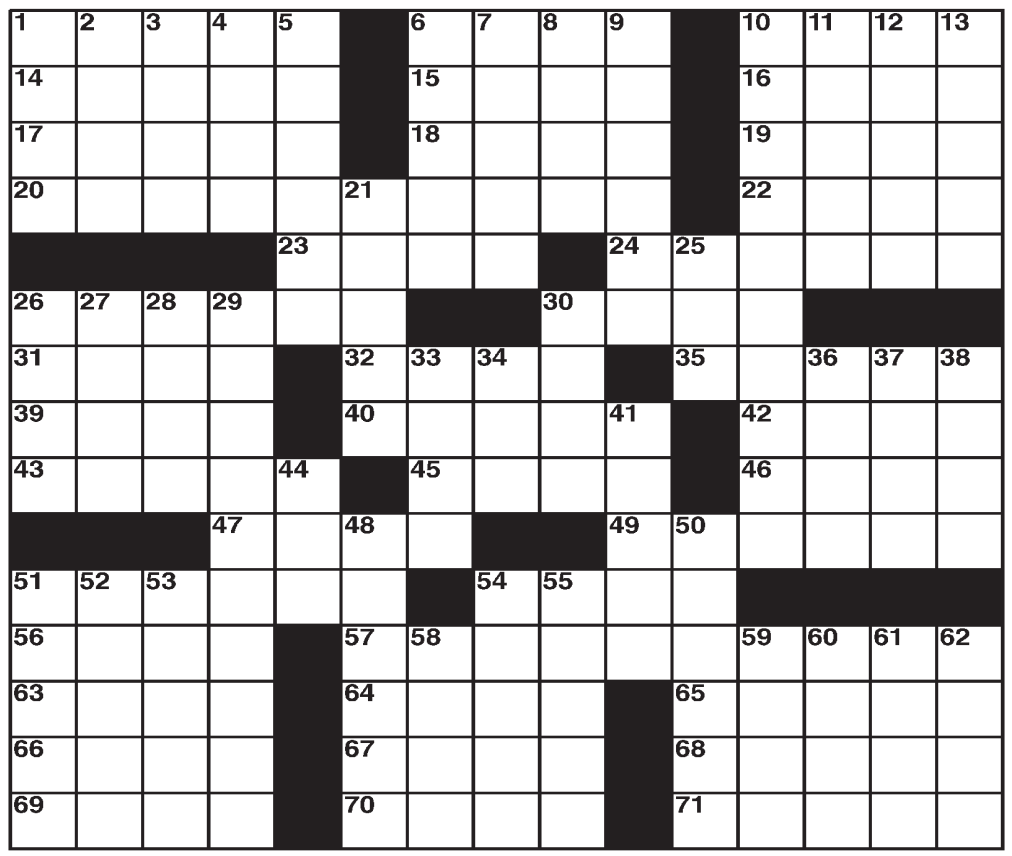
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ACROSS

1 Studies hard
6 Fuse, as metal
10 Sunset direction
14 Complete chaos
15 Sunburn soother from plants
16 "That's very funny!"
17 Get out of bed
18 Cola or ginger ale
19 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
20 Popular grilled fish
22 Narrate
23 Ultimatum ender
24 Fair way to share
26 Improvise
30 Prepare, as tea
31 Part of USA: Abbr.
32 Apex
35 Robber's crime
39 Workbench clamp
40 Kingdom
42 Wheel shaft
43 Go inside
45 Aware of
46 Legal claim, as a mortgage
47 Constantly reminds
49 Tried to lose weight
51 Major ingredient in marinara sauce
54 At that time
56 Army truant: Abbr.
57 Large game fish
63 Cozy
64 Tra __ (singing sounds)
65 Filled with much liquid, as an orange
66 Fey of *30 Rock*
67 Wicked
68 Colorado ski resort
69 Suffix for luncheon or kitchen
70 Military bugler's tune
71 Untidy

DOWN

1 Sear on a grill
2 Very hard to find
3 Eager
4 Rolling stone's supposed lack
5 Start of a play's act
6 Stinging insects
7 Marry secretly
8 Rich vein of ore
9 More beloved
10 Moby Dick, for one
11 All finished, as a meal
12 Will definitely
13 Count (up)
21 Venue for wedding vows
25 Doc for pets
26 What a surfer surfs on
27 "Sign me up!"
28 Bird's dwelling
29 Common seaweed
30 Suspenders alternative
33 Corp. bigwigs
34 Guy
36 Leave a freeway
37 Escape in a hurry
38 __ bar (serve drinks)
41 Cellphone's data-transfer device
44 Long-tailed rodent
48 Drinking glass with a stem
50 Needing help urgently
51 Sense of style
52 "Buy this now" ad phrase
53 Everest or Ararat
54 Dutch flower
55 Gets well
58 Volcanic flow
59 Deceptive scheme
60 "My __ are sealed"
61 Adds frosting to
62 Envelope abbr. for Manhattan



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ORTHODONTIST

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felt warm and inviting, something that really represented the authenticity of (Ortiz) and somewhere that you would love to visit. Obviously, most people don't want to go to the doctor, but if you do, we wanted to create a beautiful environment for people to relax in."

Once inside the office, the patient enters Ortiz's domain, with the doctor of over a decade of experience wanting to "reimagine the orthodontic experience from a patient point of view." This begins with using iTero Digital Impressions, replacing traditional mouth and teeth impressions with accurate 3D scans, providing real-time digital viewing and adjustments.

The technology changes the traditional orthodontic model of standardized braces into one that customizes every surface of a bracket to the surface of an actual patient. Ortiz says the quality of care is "like night and day" due to the customization and ability to virtually treat a case.

"We're going from standard, kind of cookie cutter treatment in orthodontics to all custom," Ortiz explained. "Our office is basically all custom, you cannot do anything that's standardized. It means we scan your mouth with a very high level scanner, and then using that scan, we 3D print the model, and every aspect of your treatment is going to be catered to your needs."

Using an advanced dental monitoring system, the doctor can track treatments remotely, with patents sending updates and images via smartphones. What used to be monthly visits can now turn into once every three months, and patients who are gone during college years can be monitored virtually and only have to come in once every 6-12 months.

While Ortiz says he's going to "miss a little bit" of the "community aspect" of seeing patients monthly, he knows the importance of providing an efficient, comfortable experience.

"With traditional braces, you have an idea, you try to get there, but it's never (perfect)," he said. "It's really, really difficult and it takes a long, long time to get to where you want (teeth) to be ... so customization, customizing your smile, customizing how your teeth and your smile first into your face, all that is what we're trying to accomplish and what's possible by leveraging all these new technologies."

Now off and running in Santa Monica, Laczko said the experience of sharing a business has made her "fall in love with (Ortiz) a little more."

"When I see him with the patient, interacting and being really authentic and warm, I just saw him be so relaxed and to me, that's been a really nice thing that I had actually never seen (before)," Laczko said. "Obviously, he comes home and we're together on the weekends and after work, but I never saw him interacting with patients before, and that has been a really nice surprise."

To get more information on Alinea Orthodontics, call 424-428-0008 or visit helloalinea.com.

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ORTHODONTIST: Alinea Orthodontics recently opened its doors at 2701 Ocean Park Blvd.



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SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare.

¡GUELAGUETZA!

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Latino Center, Main Campus Quad, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd. Join Santa Monica College for a traditional celebration dating back to indigenous times in Oaxaca, Mexico. Guelaguetza is a time for the SMC community to come together and enjoy Oaxacan presence, culture, live music and food.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

7 - 8 p.m. Virtual. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. This month's selection is "A Dangerous Man" by Robert Crais.

HOUSING COMMISSION

7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all.

AN EVENING WITH CHRIS WALLACE

8 - 9:15 p.m. John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1630 Pearl St. Chris Wallace, anchor of CNN's "The Chris Wallace Show" and host of "Who's Talking to Chris Wallace?" On Max, will be discussing his book "Countdown 1960: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of the 312 Days that Changed America's Politics Forever." General admission ticket and signed copy of the book $55. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-chris-wallace-tickets-1009185439817.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 16

ALL YOU CAN CARRY PUMPKIN PATCH

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Downtown Farmers Market, intersection of Arizona Ave. and Second St. The All You Can Carry Pumpkin Patch is set during the Downtown Farmers Market. For $10 per person, kids and adults can take home all the pumpkins that can be carried in one trip. No helpers, no carts, no bags, just a bit of muscle, some luck and tons of fun. All are invited to try to beat last year's record of six pumpkins.

ANGELENO HOUR

4 - 7 p.m. The Georgian Hotel, 1415 Ocean Ave. Angeleno Amaro, California's celebrated amaro, will host its signature event series Angeleno Hour, a one-night-only event that offers attendees a unique opportunity to savor Angeleno Amaro in a stunning setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean. At Angeleno Hour, guests will enjoy three expertly crafted cocktails: Angeleno Spritz, The Rodriguez and MexiCali. For more information, visit https://angelenoamaro.com/.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

4:30 - 7 p.m. Park Center, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with housing issues. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

PLANNING COMMISSION

6 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.

LITERARY LOUNGE

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge, a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and refreshments. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 17

LEGO CLUB

4 -5 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join us for our popular LEGO club! Explore the limits of your building imagination or try one of our suggested builds. All materials provided. For ages 18 months - 11 years old.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

6 - 8 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council. The Commission will also assist in the planning and promotion of a recreation program for residents and solicit the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

6 - 7 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in-person at the Montana Branch Library. This month's title is "The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams" by Stacy Schiff.

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