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County announces "pause" on mental health housing on Ocean Ave.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Two interim housing projects planned for Ocean Avenue will be temporarily paused to allow for more community engagement following widespread criticism over inadequate public outreach, Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath announced Tuesday.

The pause comes after constituents and neighborhood groups raised concerns about the lack of communication regarding the supportive housing facilities, which are intended to serve people with serious mental illness. The state has agreed to extend the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program grant funding to accommodate the delay.

"I am completely disappointed by the lack of proper communication with Santa Monica residents about the proposed interim housing projects on Ocean Avenue," Horvath said. "It is clear from the North of Montana Association meeting — and conversations since — that there has been inexcusably little engagement around this proposal."

Horvath said her office worked with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and St. Joseph Center, the nonprofit that would operate the facilities, to secure the immediate pause. The supervisor emphasized that while urgent action is needed to address mental health crises, transparency and community partnership cannot be sacrificed.

"We must move urgently to house people with acute mental health needs, but not at the expense of transparency or community partnership," Horvath said.

The decision to pause represents a reversal for projects that were expected to open within weeks.

"I appreciate that the County is taking the time to pause and reassess the proposed project on

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Santa Monica residents prepare for second No Kings protest on Saturday



Matthew Hall
PROTEST: A second event is planned for this weekend.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monicans will gather Saturday at Palisades Park as part of what organizers say will be the largest coordinated demonstration since President Donald Trump returned to office, joining rallies in more than 1,400 cities protesting what they describe as rising authoritarianism and attacks on democratic norms.

The "No Kings" protest is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the corner of Montana Avenue and Ocean Avenue. The event will feature a DJ but no scheduled speakers, according to organizers Santa Monica Volunteers.

All participants are asked to

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Santa Monica spared significant impacts from October rain

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A powerful October storm system that swept through Southern California on Tuesday brought heavy rainfall and gusty winds but caused minimal damage in Santa Monica, where officials reported only a water main break and scattered tree debris as the system moved offshore.

The early season low-pressure system, accompanied by a strong cold front, delivered widespread rain with isolated heavy downpours and scattered thunderstorms as it moved through the region. The front entered Los Angeles County

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Matthew Hall
WATER: A water main break was as bad as it got in Santa Monica following the first rain of the season.



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Broadway Elementary invites the community to annual BOO BASH celebration of fall



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BOO: The fundraiser will be held on Oct. 18.

Westside families are invited for a day of pumpkin painting, carnival games, bounce houses and more at Broadway Elementary School's annual BOO BASH fall celebration this Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1015 Lincoln Blvd.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Young fans of K-Pop Demon Hunters won't want to miss our one-of-a-kind haunted house! Step inside if you dare to brave the beats, battle the spirits and strike your best idol pose!

"We wanted to create something that everyone could enjoy - not just our students and parents - but neighbors and friends too," said organizer and Broadway parent Helen Kovac. "The BOO BASH is such a great way to open our doors and celebrate the spirit of our school. It's amazing to see how much heart and creativity everyone puts into it and how it connects us all beyond the classroom."

Ticketed activities include carnival games, a chance to meet real reptiles from STAR Eco Station, crafts, tie-dying, jump houses and a (kid-approved) haunted house. Show off your finest halloween costume at the costume parade and competition judged by our beloved Broadway teachers and staff.

The popular scavenger hunt is back - collect enough stamps from each station and claim your BOO BASH tote bag (while supplies last).

"The creative team has completely outdone themselves," Kovac said.

This family-friendly event raises money to support students at Venice's nearly 100-year-old public school so they can have physical education, STEM and other enrichment programs.

> "We wanted to create something that everyone could enjoy - not just our students and parents - but neighbors and friends too"
> - Helen Kovac, organizer and Broadway parent

Prospective students and parents are encouraged to attend as an introduction to

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

County Board Proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and advancing a comprehensive strategy to support survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence.

The motion, by Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis and co-authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn, addresses what officials called a public health and safety crisis.

According to the 2025 Los Angeles Continuum of Care Point-in-Time Count, 42 percent of people experiencing homelessness reported a history of domestic or intimate partner violence, with 10 percent becoming unhoused as a direct result of fleeing abuse.

Among unaccompanied women, 60 percent disclosed such histories, with one in five reporting violence as the immediate cause of their homelessness. Despite this need, fewer than 1,000 domestic violence-specific interim housing beds are available countywide, while more than 4,400 unsheltered adults reported needing them.

"Domestic violence is not only a public health crisis, but also a public safety concern and a reflection of systemic failures that too often leave survivors without the support they need to heal," Solis said.

The motion directs multiple county departments to collaborate on strategies including assessing federal and state funding risks, exploring options for local sustainable funding, expanding culturally responsive emergency housing and launching workplace training programs.

Nationally, domestic violence costs more than $12 billion annually due to lost productivity, health care costs and legal services, according to the motion. Sixty-five percent of U.S. companies lack a formal policy to address domestic violence in the workplace.

The board also proclaimed Oct. 15, 2025, as Domestic Violence Providers Appreciation Day. County departments will report back within 120 days with findings and recommendations.

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PAUSE

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Ocean Avenue," said Mayor Lana Negrete. "This decision shows a willingness to listen and collaborate. But the work has only just begun — we must continue building real accountability, transparency, and community engagement into every step of these processes. It's essential that future projects in Santa Monica receive the same level of review and community input they deserve. I'm grateful to have helped bring this issue to light for both the County Supervisor and our community."

Negrete was the first to inform the public about the project igniting a firestorm of criticism from locals. In the days since news broke, residents have been working to determine exactly who owns the property and how the deal to populate the two builds was struck.

Housing developer Leo Pustilnikov was initially described as owning the property, however, he does not own either building. He does have an option to purchase the properties and the connections between various corporations that do own the property are still being revealed.

Horvath said the proposals moved forward without what she described as the transparent coordination and communication such projects demand.

"The City of Santa Monica has been calling for more beds to address the crises we see playing out on our streets — and we agree," Horvath said. "Given the place the community is in, my office has worked with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and St. Joseph Center, and they have agreed to immediately pause the projects to allow for more community engagement."

The two facilities would convert former senior living buildings at on the 400 and 800 block of Ocean Avenue into a combined 49 units of supportive housing operated by St. Joseph Center with Los Angeles County funding. The organization had outlined plans for 24-hour professional third-party security, including two guards at a single entry and exit point to monitor access.

St. Joseph Center confirmed all residents would come from the Westside of Los Angeles, specifically Service Planning Area 5, with at least 15 of the 49 beds reserved for Santa Monica residents. Participants would be referred and vetted by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, with priority given to local residents.

The nonprofit described the target population as individuals who can live independently with support but benefit from additional services to maintain stability. Residents would need to care for themselves in daily routines, including preparing meals, maintaining personal hygiene and managing everyday activities.

Those requiring more intensive medical or therapeutic care would be referred to settings better equipped to meet those needs, according to the organization. The facility would operate under St. Joseph Center's entry and exit policies, and residents could be accompanied by staff when traveling to appointments.

The projects were expected to be temporary, with a maximum five-year operating period.

The City of Santa Monica has no regulatory authority to approve or deny the projects, which were initiated through a partnership between the owners and St. Joseph Center.

A partnership between the property owner and St. Joseph Center makes the nonprofit eligible to apply for state grant funding through the County Department of Mental Health.

According to St. Joseph Center, West Los Angeles has one of the county's most severe shortages of behavioral health beds. The projects are part of a larger state and county effort to provide housing and services for people experiencing homelessness and mental health crises. St. Joseph Center maintains a 24-hour community call line at 310-358-2835 and email contact at community@stjosephctr.org for questions or concerns.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

WEDNESDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Conditions clean up as jumbled swell mix backs down. Water quality issues likely post-rain. Still playful size early and conditions look to improve after a rugged stretch from Monday through Tuesday. NW swell mix will gradually back down through the day as modest to fun zone SSW swell holds steady for combo and summer exposures. Variable to locally light offshore wind in the morning will allow the conditions to try and clean up a bit. It'll still be a bit raw but there will be some beachbreak options on the early high tide. Rising N trending NW wind likely by mid day.

THURSDAY — *POOR TO FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Playful, clean surf in the morning as blend of swells backs down. Probably a few fun peaks at the combo breaks when wind is variable to lightly offshore in the earlier morning. Lingering SSW swell will slowly back down through the day as a smaller share of NW swell mix blends in. Still worth a look. Mind the early AM high tide. It's not super deep but it will slow down some of the more tide sensitive breaks as size on the combo of swells comes down a bit. Wind stays favorable for the initial tide drop but will gradually trend onshore from the NW.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northeast after midnight.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

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Public Notice: McKinley Elementary School
Explanation of Significant Differences McKinley Elementary School
2401 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Why this notice?
The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared this notice to inform the public about a change in the selected remedy in the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) prepared for a portion of Mckinley Elementary School (Site). The change is documented in an Explanation of Significant differences (ESD). ESD is a document prepared by DTSC to describe and document change in the remedy that was originally recommended and approved.

The Site is an approximately 0.99 acre-portion of McKinley Elementary School where a new building is being constructed. The RAW (NV5 Inc., May 10, 2024) prepared for the Site was approved on July 24, 2024, after it was made available for public review and comment. A public meeting was also held via Zoom on June 4, 2024, where DTSC presented the RAW. The RAW was prepared to address soil impacted by arsenic and soil vapor impacted by volatile organic compounds at the Site. The selected remedy in the RAW included: soil reuse/containment/capping-in-place to address the impacted soil and installing a vapor intrusion mitigation system to address the impacted soil vapor in addition to long term monitoring, operations and maintenance, and recording a land use covenant.

After the RAW was approved, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District opted for excavation and offsite disposal of the arsenic-impacted soil to be disturbed during construction activities instead of reuse/containment/capping-in-place. Since the selected remedy in the RAW that addressed arsenic containing soils did not include the removal or off-site disposal of soil at the Site, DTSC prepared the ESD to document this change.

WHERE TO FIND PROJECT DOCUMENTS:
DTSC Regional File Room:
5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630. Tel: (714) 484-5337. Appointment only.
McKinley Elementary School, 2401 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90404. Tel: (310) 828-5011 ext. 123. Appointment only.

The ESD and related documents can also be found on **DTSC's public EnviroStor website:** https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60003412

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OPINION **UNMUTED**

Devan Sipher

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Virtue signaling in Sacramento, smoke signals in Santa Monica

When Santa Monica recently announced a fiscal crisis, it was largely due to legal settlements for the actions of one man, who abused innocent children and far too many of them. However, there's another perpetrator of our municipal misery, and unfortunately, it's our state legislature.

Back in 2019, the year Jeffrey Epstein was arrested, it might have seemed like a moral no-brainer to pass Assembly Bill 218, which extended the statute of limitations for victims of childhood sexual assault. AB 218 allowed victims the opportunity to seek financial compensation for their pain and suffering, and it naturally led to a slew of lawsuits. But you can't put a price tag on justice.

However, it turns out that you can, and it's currently around $8 billion and growing. That includes the $230 million paid by Santa Monica in addition to the $4 billion by Los Angeles County (to which Santa Monica residents will also be contributing). Numerous other municipalities have been hit, and there's an estimated $3 billion of claims against the state's school districts.

Don't get me wrong. AB 218, was well-intended legislation, but the path to hell is paved with good intentions.

While there's no question that the law has helped thousands of Californians, it has also harmed millions. Children are suffering from drastically reduced budgets for schools, parks and libraries, and many Santa Monica residents have expressed anger that a formerly wealthy city no longer has sufficient funds to repair our streets and sidewalks or hire more police officers. No doubt that COVID and retail malaise have contributed to the city's shortfall, and one can't ignore the impact of crime and homelessness. But what city can survive a $230 million blow to its budget, with another $100 million anticipated?

Somehow a law envisioned to help victims has created an exponentially greater number of them. One could write it off as unintended consequences, but when lawmakers craft legislation based on best-case scenarios without considering potential negative outcomes, the results seem less like unintended consequences than deliberate sabotage.

And AB 218 is just one example. Another one is AB 1287, which attempted to address affordable housing. Legislators deserve credit for their willingness to tackle the problem and take action, but they seem more concerned about the credit than the results, including numerous high-rise buildings proposed for Santa Monica, with some over 30 stories. As a reference point, the condo canyon on the Wilshire Corridor in Westwood doesn't have any buildings taller than 23 stories.

I spent many years living in New York City, and much of Manhattan's appeal is living amid soaring towers that define the city's energy and ambition. Being part of that energy draws people there despite the way the buildings block sunlight and fresh air. But when you put tall buildings in Santa Monica, the shadows don't fall across one of the most vital urban centers in the world but on a beach town dependent on revenue from tourists looking for R&R.

The irony is that AB 1287 would have far less negative impact if Santa Monica hadn't already been confronting the housing shortage by increasing permitted building height to 90 feet (or 8 stories) in downtown and Bergamot. AB 1287 put that effort on steroids by granting automatic 50% "density bonuses" to any property providing 15% low income units—and 100% bonuses if 15% moderate income is also included. So a 100-unit building proposal can increase to 200 units, but the percentage of required affordable housing is based on the original size of the building, not the new enlarged size (with additional height bonuses from "builder's remedy" laws, also compliments of the state legislature). And the city has no authority to say anything.

"We don't review any housing projects anymore," said Planning Commissioner Nina Fresco. "We don't shape our own cities anymore. It happens from Sacramento now."

Regardless of whether one supports the housing goals, as Fresco does, it's unsettling for the state government to be bulldozing or eliminating local jurisprudence. It's also baffling given the Trump administration's similar stance towards the state's jurisprudence. While the President covets a peace prize for his effort in the Middle East, he's at war with California, and Newsom is bemoaning the behavior while imitating it.

At a time when we should be solely focused on the creeping authoritarianism coming from right-wing culture warriors, we're being distracted by the overreach of progressive ones. Santa Monica is facing too many challenges to also have to worry about friendly fire from Sacramento, and if there's one thing people in California know, friendly or not, fire kills.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Shame on Us: the breakdown of our failing response to homelessness and mental illness

I am writing this in response to the community outrage surrounding the announcement of 49 beds planned for 413 and 825 Ocean Avenue, funded by the Department of Mental Health through the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program grant dollars from the State of California and managed by St. Joseph's Center. As someone who lives in Sunset Park, adjacent to the Pico Neighborhood, where three similar facilities already exist within walking distance, I understand the frustration from all sides — those who have never had a voice or opportunity to attend a community meeting, and those who, with greater organization and resources, are now speaking up loudly. Both perspectives are valid. Both come from lived experience. And both reflect the same failure of process, communication, and transparency that has plagued how we handle one of the greatest crises of our nation — homelessness, mental illness, and addiction. Shame on us. Shame on all of us — for walking past those suffering from mental illness and drug addiction on our streets, for allowing this human tragedy to fester until it became the defining crisis of our time. When a child is in pain or acts out, parents often ask, "What did I do wrong?" Sometimes it's trauma we couldn't see coming. Sometimes it's just the hand life dealt. But when a whole city, a whole state, is hurting like this, we can't just say "it's complicated." We have to look inward — at the layers of government, the policies, and the politics — and admit that we failed. I am not willing to go along just to get along. I am willing to put myself out there and take misguided anger in the face of transparency.

A SYSTEM BUILT ON EXCUSES

I lay blame squarely where it belongs: on elected officials who hold the purse strings and the power but have not built real solutions. We've created a tangle of agencies, overlapping jurisdictions, and political finger-pointing so thick that no one is accountable. Even when we pass propositions or elect a district attorney willing to hold people accountable, we have judges releasing repeat offenders under the guise of reform and compassion. Meanwhile, our streets tell a different story — one of untreated illness, open addiction, and profound neglect. Most of the people living unsheltered in Los Angeles County today are not from here. They came because our region — out of genuine compassion — built a system of open-ended services but no system of accountability.

THE ILLUSION OF PROGRESS

We keep saying the crisis is "complex." It is, but it's not mystical. We know what works: We need state-funded hospitals, county-run detox centers, and medical professionals who can treat addiction and psychosis, not just manage it. We need to recruit the best and brightest students to train in real-world settings — to learn from and heal those suffering from severe mental illness, not turn away. Instead, we've built a multi-billion-dollar "homeless industrial complex." Tax after tax, proposition after proposition — the money sounds impressive when announced at a press conference, but by the time it trickles down, it barely wets the edges. The people doing the hardest work — the nonprofit frontline staff — are left holding the bag, while developers and consultants profit.

NO MORE HIDING THE BALL

This isn't about left or right, red or blue. It's about right and wrong. It's wrong to keep the public in the dark about new shelter projects until after the fact. It's wrong to cluster those suffering from mental illness in one area without clear communication, a safety plan, or neighborhood input. And it's wrong for a handful of political insiders to decide what a community can and cannot say without being labeled as "against progress." The residents of Santa Monica — and every city like it — deserve honest, transparent communication. They deserve to know what kind of facility is being built next door, who's operating it, and how to contact someone when issues arise. They deserve to feel safe and compassionate at the same time.

A CALL FOR COURAGE

I was chastised for sharing information that wasn't confidential but uncomfortable. I was told to stop speaking so openly about the failures in our system. But I will not be silenced. This is a democracy. I was not elected to protect bureaucracy — I was elected to protect people. We can't keep pretending that this is working. It's not. If we truly want to save lives — and our cities — we must rebuild from the ground up: Hospitals before housing. Treatment before tenancy. Accountability before applause. Our compassion must come with courage, and our policies must come with truth. Because until we stop managing the optics and start managing the problem, we will remain a city — and a state — of broken promises and broken people.

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By Mayor Lana Negrete

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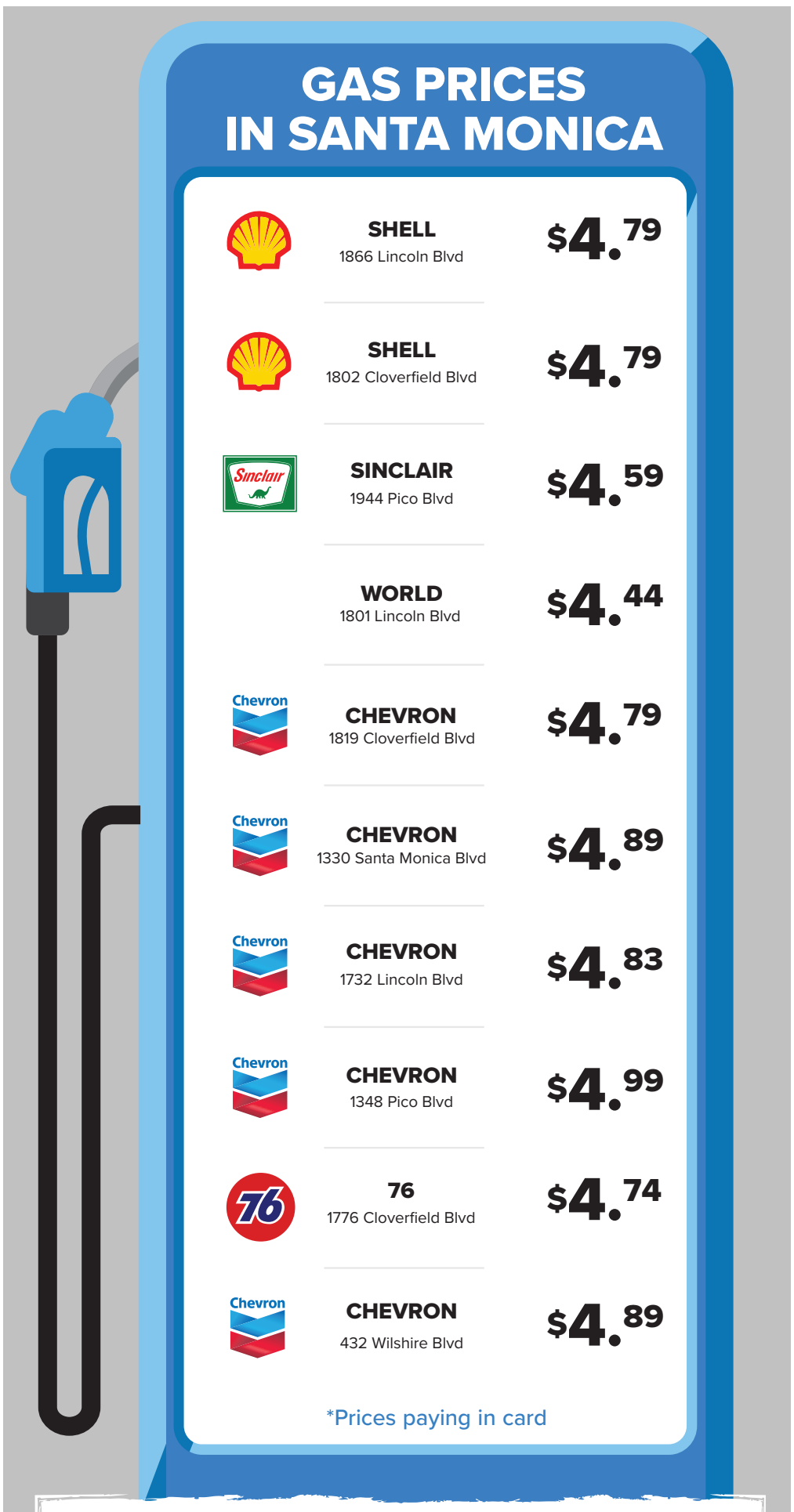

Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 3.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.67/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 2.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 15.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 3.5 cents compared to a week ago and stands at $3.628 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.97/g while the most expensive was $6.07/g, a difference of $2.10/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.67/g while the highest was $6.49/g, a difference of $2.82/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.02/g. The national average is down 13.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 14.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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RAIN

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around 6 a.m. Tuesday and exited by 10 a.m., bringing peak rainfall rates of 0.5 to 1 inch per hour.

Los Angeles County received between one-tenth and a quarter inch of rain as of Tuesday morning, with forecasters expecting total rainfall amounts to reach between 0.75 and 1.50 inches across most areas by the time the storm ended. South-facing slopes potentially received 2 to 4 inches.

The storm proved particularly intense for early October, with the San Gabriel Mountains recording the highest rainfall totals. Several mountain locations reported rain amounts exceeding 5 inches, while most other areas across the region ended up with between 1 and 1.5 inches.

Prior to the storm's arrival, emergency officials had issued evacuation warnings for the Palisades burn scar area, concerned about the significant risks of debris flows and road flooding over first- and second-year burn scars. The National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch for burn scar areas and a thunderstorm warning for the western portion of Los Angeles County, warning that wind gusts could reach 60 mph.

The storm's severity was driven by an unusually strong jet stream for October, with winds reaching 100 knots. Combined with atmospheric instability, this created favorable conditions for low-topped severe thunderstorms. Several severe storms were detected by Doppler weather radar as the system moved through the area.

Gusty winds accompanied the storm, with mountain and desert areas experiencing advisory-level gusts of 45 to 55 mph. Snow fell at resort levels above 7,000 feet, though major mountain passes remained unaffected.

The storm brought unseasonably cold conditions, with high temperatures Tuesday reaching only the lower to mid-60s — running 12 to 24 degrees below normal for mid-October. These temperatures would typically be considered below normal even for January.

Neighboring counties experienced heavier rainfall. San Luis Obispo County received approximately 1.5 inches, Santa Barbara County saw about an inch, and Ventura County's mountains collected roughly an inch, according to the National Weather Service.

Relief arrived Tuesday afternoon and early evening as clearing conditions developed from west to east, bringing dry conditions and mostly clear skies. A few lingering showers were expected through early evening, but forecasters said the major impacts had ended.

Looking ahead, dry weather is expected to continue through the rest of the week and into next week. Wednesday will bring sunny conditions with temperatures climbing 5 to 10 degrees as dry northwest flow moves around the departing upper low.

The warming trend will continue Thursday, with another 5 to 10 degree temperature increase expected under sunny skies. A light Santa Ana pattern will develop Thursday and Friday, bringing much warmer temperatures — well into the 80s across valleys and mid-70s to low 80s at the coast — along with some locally breezy northeast winds.

According to the National Weather Service, moderate offshore flow from the north is expected to develop Wednesday and continue into Thursday morning, possibly bringing some northerly to northeasterly winds, though they are likely to remain below advisory levels. Some gusts could reach into the 30s in the San Gabriels and higher valleys of Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Patches of fog may develop Tuesday night, especially in valleys with leftover moisture from the rain and rapid cooling under clearing skies. However, forecasters do not expect any marine layer formation for the rest of the week, ensuring plenty of sunshine.

The weather pattern will shift again this weekend. A switch to onshore flow Sunday will likely bring a return to coastal morning marine layer clouds and 3 to 5 degrees of cooling. By Monday, stronger onshore flow will bring more marine layer clouds, with maximum temperatures falling 4 to 8 degrees, locally 10 degrees, ending up 6 to 12 degrees below normal.

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BOO BASH

FROM PAGE 2

our vibrant and diverse community. Meet other families, wear your Halloween best and support our school!

"Elementary school is about building relationships and community," said parent and organizer Jen Ruiz. "I want to build relationships within our community and have prospective parents come see what an amazing community we have at this school."

Broadway is a unique dual-immersion school with both a Mandarin and Spanish Immersion pathway for students to learn a second language at a young age and experience both cultures through celebrations, art, food and music. This academically rigorous program aims to build second language proficiency, academic achievement and an appreciation for diversity in the heart of Venice.

Kate Cooper, Special to the Daily Press



COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Malibu Transitions from Rebuild Ambassador to Zone Captain System

The City of Malibu announced the transition from its temporary Rebuild Ambassador position to a neighborhood-focused Rebuild Zone Captain system following the completion of Abe Roy's three-month volunteer term.

Roy served as the first Rebuild Ambassador, a volunteer position created to support fire rebuilding efforts. The City Council established the position on May 21, 2025, with a three-month term that ended Aug. 21.

"Creating a temporary, volunteer Rebuild Ambassador position was an experiment, and while helpful, its term expired, and we have transitioned to our neighborhood-focused Rebuild Zone Captains," said Interim City Manager Candace Bond.

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>
> - Candace Bond, Interim City Manager

However, Roy said he quit the position over concerns the city wasn't moving fast enough to help residents rebuild. Roy said that only two rebuild permits were issued in nearly 10 months, despite 720 structures burning. Another 69 properties received preliminary approvals. Roy was extremely critical of the progress and he publicly urged Mayor Marianne Riggins to resign, suggesting she lacks crisis management skills.

However, Mayor Marianne Riggins requested a commendation to recognize Roy's contributions during the Sept. 29 City Council meeting.

The city has established Rebuild Zone Captains to collect neighborhood-specific insights and strengthen homeowner representation throughout the rebuilding process. These captains serve as a bridge between fire-impacted property owners and the city, improving access to resources and enabling direct feedback.

The city has implemented several measures to streamline the rebuilding process, including creating the Community Development Department by combining Planning and Environmental Sustainability departments, expediting permitting, adopting code amendments and opening the Malibu Rebuild Center.

The city also launched a Fee Waiver Program, eliminating city planning and building permit fees for like-for-like, owner-occupied homes. The rebuilding process benefits from the governor's suspension of Coastal Act requirements.

The Community Development Department processes applications on a site-specific basis due to geological conditions along the coast and hillsides, helping residents rebuild more resilient structures.

The city continues holding weekly meetings with Rebuild Zone Captains and hosting community meetings. For more information about upcoming events, visit MalibuRebuilds.org/Events.

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Venice

Venice Art Crawl Presents "Avant Garden" Fundraiser Experience

The Venice Art Crawl will present "Avant Garden," an immersive fundraising event combining art installations with garden-themed experiences.

The evening event promises a dreamlike atmosphere where art installations blend with avant-garde elements. Attendees can enjoy sparkling cocktails among floral sculptures, sample hors d'oeuvres and experience live music performances.

The event features curated beverages and hors d'oeuvres, raffles and a silent auction with art pieces, experiences and collectibles. Live performances will provide entertainment throughout the evening.

General admission tickets cost $100 in advance or $150 at the door and include two drinks and hors d'oeuvres. VIP admission costs $150 in advance or $175 at the door if available, and includes open bar and hors d'oeuvres. VIP tickets are limited to 25 guests total.

The fundraising event supports the Venice Art Crawl's mission to promote local artists and cultural programming in the Venice community.

For more information, visit https://business.venicechamber.net/events/details/venice-art-crawl-fundraiser-avant-garden-62450.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMMUSD

Will Rogers Learning Community Celebrates New Early Education Building

Will Rogers Learning Community held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 12 to celebrate the completion of its new early education building, made possible through voter-approved bond measure SMS in 2018.

The event drew key figures from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, including Board of Education President Jennifer Smith, board member Maria Leon-Vazquez, Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton and WRLC Principal Lila Daruty, along with staff, local officials, community members and students.

The ceremony began with the school's Friday assembly, where transitional kindergarten students led the Pledge of Allegiance and TK and kindergarten classes performed with music. TK students cut the ribbon during the assembly before the event moved to a formal program outside the new building.

"These new classrooms and play areas will give our students places where they feel safe, inspired and excited to learn every single day, while also encouraging hands-on learning that brings lessons to life," Daruty said.

The new building houses three state-of-the-art transitional kindergarten classrooms and four kindergarten classrooms designed for 4- and 5-year-olds. The spaces feature engaging technology, flexible learning areas, dedicated teacher workrooms and restrooms. Each room opens directly to outdoor learning and play areas and includes abundant natural light.

"This new space represents that promise in action," Shelton said. "It was designed with our youngest learners in mind, with spaces that inspire curiosity, support growth, encourage empowerment and nurture a lifelong love of learning."

> "What was striking was that the message was, this is okay here and this is how we treat each other"
>
> - Andra Tharp

Former Will Rogers student Charlie McCain, now a sixth grader at John Adams Middle School, spoke at the ceremony. She had requested at the groundbreaking ceremony in December 2023 that construction be completed on time.

Board member Leon-Vazquez delivered closing remarks, calling the building "more than walls and classrooms" and "an investment in generations to come."

More information on facility improvement projects is available at https://bit.ly/FIPHomepage. Details about the Will Rogers campus plan can be found at https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5598.

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CEREMONY: Ribbon-cutting ceremony by SMMUSD staff, Board of Education members Alicia Mignano, Maria Leon-Vazquez, Laurie Lieberman, principal Daruty, Charlie McCain and Superintendent Dr. Shelton.

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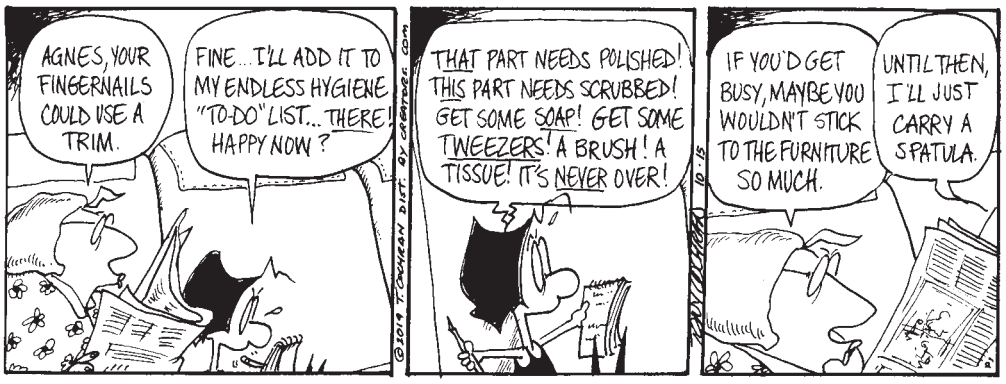

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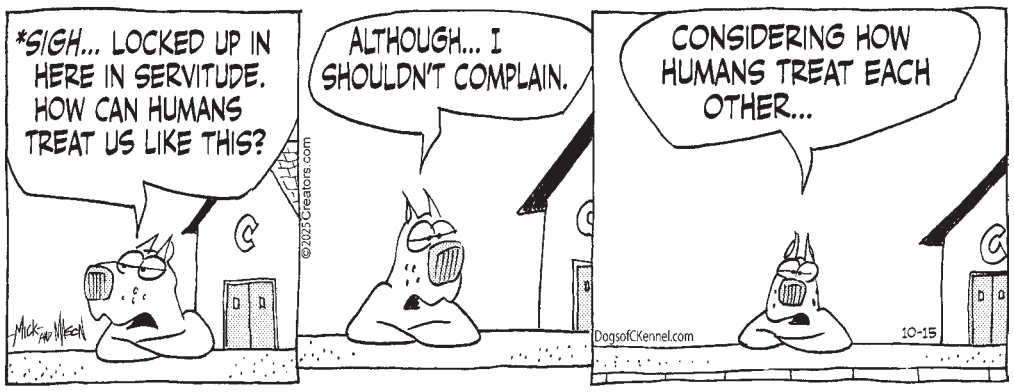

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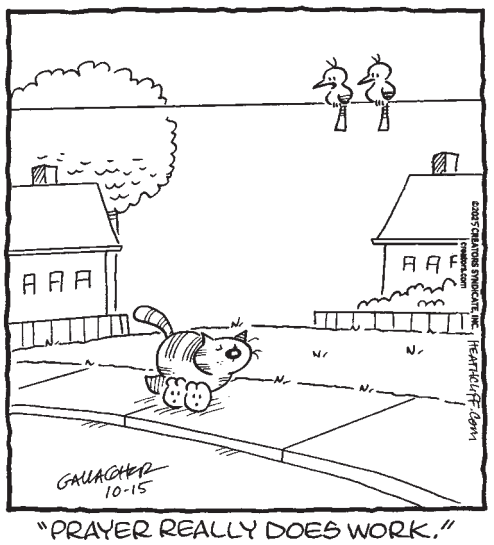

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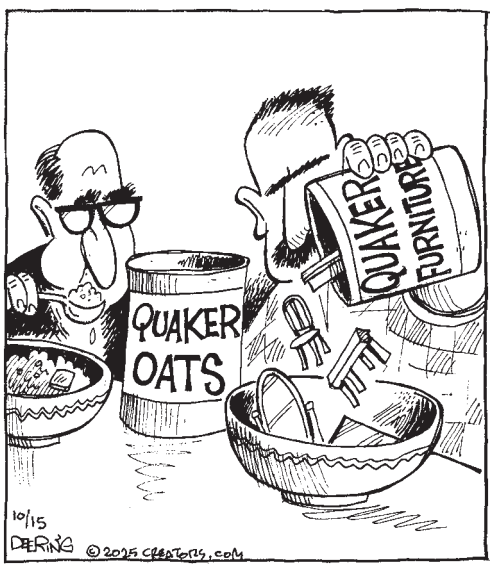
Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No need to justify your choices. You just choose. You don't audition for approval, you show up and do your thing. All the validation you need is already in your own pocket. Who has time to prove yourself when you're this busy being yourself?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's possible to feel joy that is untethered from whatever is happening in your life and relationships. Maybe situations aren't ideal, but your emotional independence from circumstance is something to celebrate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are part scientist, part dreamer today as you gather the data needed to correctly assess what you're up against, what is yours to leverage and what you still need. Then you imagine your way through the rest.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Comparing your trouble to someone else's doesn't make it smaller. It just makes you harsher on yourself, which isn't necessary now. Heed the signals that your body gives you about the rest or activity that you need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not a machine on a deadline. You're a cat on a sun-warmed windowsill. Rest isn't laziness; it's elegance. The world can wait while you purr. Tonight, trade one to-do for a long stretch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Replay a moment in your head the way you wish it had gone. See yourself saying the right words and making the right moves. Your fantasy is like a practice run that lets the mind rehearse success. Reality will echo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are some people you love so much, when they make a mess of things, it's like art to you. You even frame it, metaphorically at least. And you can count yourself in that group of zany artists. There's a fine line between "mess" and "abstraction."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Strengthening your core isn't just about doing sit-ups. It's spiritual. Life can be like going through the car wash without a car. We're not built for it. A strong core keeps us upright, or it helps us turn back and go the other way before we get knocked around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be revered for your spontaneity, and rightly so. To achieve this level of playfulness with life, you have to trust yourself, trust others or trust life's process - ideally, all three.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have big feelings - the gift that sometimes feels like a curse because the highs are as extreme as the lows. There's great power here. Learning what to do with these big feelings is like taming lightning, but it will be worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Tasks take twice as long as you predict? Then your misestimation is in line with most people's. Minutes can be like jelly beans in a contest jar - hard to guess the exact number, and the bigger the jar, the harder it gets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Beauty isn't hiding in the commonplace. You don't have to use your imagination to see it, you only have to be awake. Today, you'll be reminded of the divine present everywhere, accessible in every speck of creation.

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.

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Newsday Crossword

TWO-WORD TREES by Jerry Clarkson
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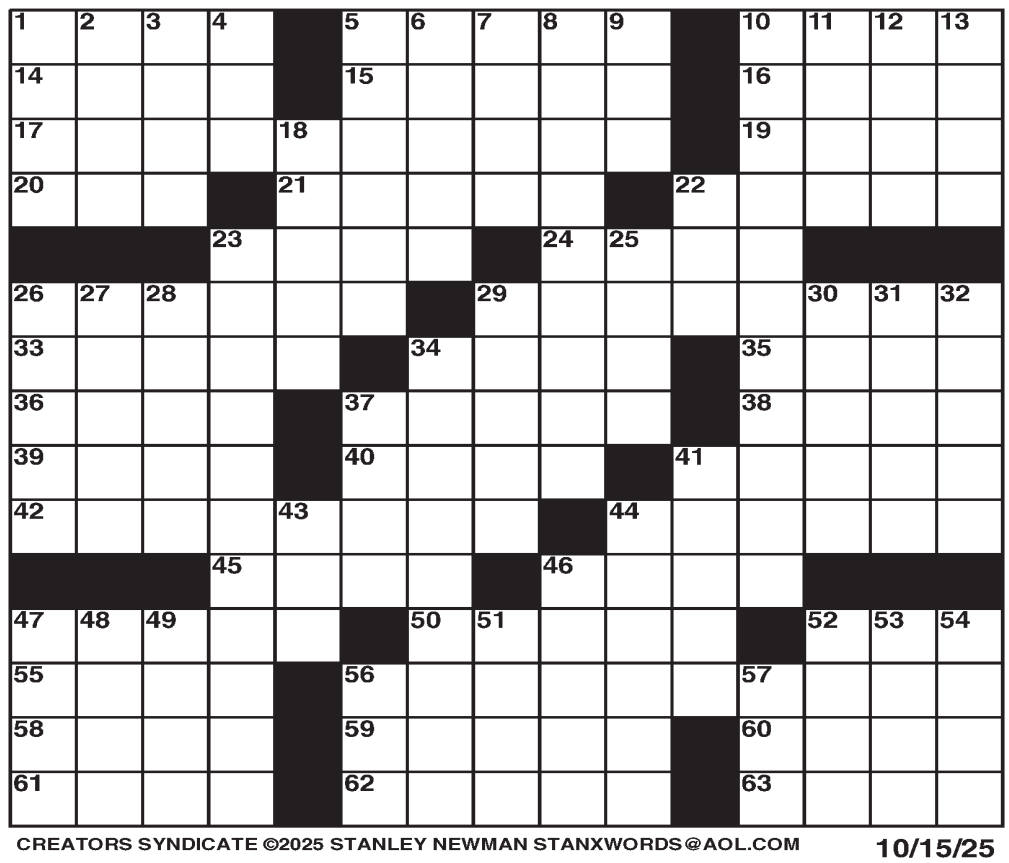
ACROSS

1 Walking stick
5 Tree-dwelling primate
10 Rolled-up sandwich
14 Assist in a crime
15 Maytag alternative
16 Detest
17 Dark-bark tree
19 Laundry appliance
20 Fully prepared
21 V-shaped cut in a log
22 Levels of a ladder
23 Knighted men
24 Soreness after exercise
26 Typeface adornments
29 Hearth fuel from trees
33 Sharp, as eyesight
34 Have a formal meal
35 Vampire novelist Rice
36 Chore to do
37 Covered with asphalt
38 Flowery necklaces
39 Are: Sp.
40 Wasn't truthful
41 Moved furtively
42 Shady lawyers
44 Two-door autos
45 Say grace, say
46 Shaker contents
47 Shuttle boat
50 Regional animals
52 Pot pie veggie
55 Meal where 38-Across are worn
56 Small tropical tree kept indoors
58 Guitarist Clapton
59 Tot's three-wheeler
60 Increase in altitude
61 All finished
62 Collect in bulk
63 Genesis paradise

DOWN

1 Cars that are "hailed"
2 Well-skilled
3 Not messy
4 List-ending abbr.
5 Works hard
6 Gives off, as steam
7 Artist Chagall
8 No longer in shackles
9 Old school cheer
10 Light-bark tree with edible seeds
11 Very hard to find
12 On the summit of
13 Ballpoints
18 Steak cutter
22 That lady
23 Evergreen native to Alaska
25 Street __ (urban reputation)
26 Overfills
27 Online money
28 Out of practice
29 Bills with Lincoln
30 A point ahead
31 Kept chilled
32 Workstations
34 Business with milking machines
37 Courtroom statement
41 Powered by the sun
43 Take a taste of
44 Boats made from barks
46 Mopes
47 Left in a hurry
48 Money in Milan
49 Picnic spoiler
51 Operatic solo
52 Took care of a bill
53 Something __ entirely
54 Last word of Handel's *Messiah*
56 School fundraising grp.
57 Opposite of post-



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NO KINGS

FROM PAGE 1

park south of Montana Avenue. Organizers emphasize their commitment to nonviolent protest and have trained volunteers in de-escalation techniques.

The October demonstrations follow a massive June 14 protest that drew an estimated 5 million participants across all 50 states. That first "No Kings Day" — held on Flag Day and Trump's 79th birthday — featured rallies in more than 2,100 cities and towns, with large turnouts in Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Seattle.

The June protests were largely peaceful, with state officials praising participants' orderly conduct. In Santa Monica, the first event packed Ocean Ave. with drum circles, speakers, creative signs and a general sense of community. However, the event did turn chaotic in Los Angeles when tensions over immigration raids spilled into the event with police eventually shutting it down.

The No Kings movement emerged in early 2025 as a grassroots response to Trump's second presidency. It began with online organizing, notably a Reddit post that sparked the formation of the 50501 Movement — named for "50 protests, 50 states, 1 movement."

Progressive groups including the Indivisible network and a coalition of more than 200 pro-democracy organizations rallied under the "No Kings" banner, driven by concerns over what they characterized as anti-democratic actions by the administration.

Specific grievances include sweeping executive orders curtailing civil rights programs and the appointment of billionaire Elon Musk to lead a federal "Department of Government Efficiency" despite his unelected status. Growing immigration sweeps have fed into the movement as have what organizers say are continued power grabs by the Federal government.

Organizers have called for Trump's impeachment, an investigation into Musk's government role, and protection of voting rights and diversity initiatives.

The October protests come amid new flashpoints, fears about the mid-term elections, threats to deploy militarized federal agents into cities, and continued mass detention of immigrants at federal camps, according to organizers.

The demonstrations also coincide with a government shutdown that began Oct. 1, which protest leaders describe as an authoritarian power grab aimed at gutting federal services.

Major labor unions have joined the coalition, with the American Federation of Government Employees urging furloughed federal workers to participate. Other partners include the ACLU, American Federation of Teachers, Common Defense, MoveOn, National Nurses United, Public Citizen, SEIU and the League of Conservation Voters.

Trump has dismissed the protesters' message calling the demonstrations partisan theatrics. Some GOP officials labeled the June events "hate America rallies," though the size and scope of the turnout drew comparisons to the 2017 Women's March and other historic protests.

As of early October, organizers had registered more than 1,600 local events across all 50 states, U.S. territories and some international cities for Saturday's protests.

"No Kings is a non-violent movement that continues to rise stronger," organizers said. "We're uniting once again to remind the world: America has No Kings."

A complete list of nationwide events is available at NoKings.org.

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WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 15

CINEHAUS MOVIE NIGHTS

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The Eden Hotel 1301 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. CineHaus presents: Sunset Screenings at The Eden. Step into old Hollywood charm as CineHaus transforms the courtyard of The Eden Hotel into a dreamy open-air cinema. Grab a cocktail or a hot drink, settle under the stars, and lose yourself in iconic films the way they were meant to be seen — together. From hot popcorn and candy to s'mores, we've got everything you need for the perfect movie night. Cozy, timeless, unforgettable — only at CineHaus. $17.00 to $185.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cinehaus-movie-nights/16585124/2025-10-15T19

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 16

GETTING THE HOMELESS HOME

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Jonathan Club in Santa Monica 850 Palisades Beach Rd Santa Monica. Come together with us to make a true difference. This event is about empowering people and creating pathways to end homelessness. Visit: Come together with us to make a true difference. This event is about empowering people and creating pathways to end homelessness. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/getting-the-homeless-home/16991463/2025-10-16T18

WAGS & WITCHES

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fairmont Miramar - Hotel & Bungalows Fairmont Miramar - Hotel & Bungalows 101 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica. Join us for a howling good time at our annual Wags & Witches doggy celebration! Sip on spooky Tito's Vodka cocktails, show off your most creative Halloween looks, and take part in our spirited Costume Contest with prizes for the best dressed. Grand Prize: An overnight stay at Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows. Thursday, October 16 | 6PM – 8PM | Miramar Gardens. Complimentary event for hotel guests & local community. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/wags-witches/16969433/2025-10-16T18

MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/montana-branch-book-group/14818668/2025-10-16T18

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 17

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-10-17T08

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SATURDAY | OCTOBER 18

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holiday. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/uc-master-gardeners-at-pico-farmers-market/16517964/2025-10-18T10

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-10-18T11

2025 DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION ON THE PROMENADE

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Third Street Promenade, 1351 Third Street Promenade. The evening festivities will feature live entertainment, large-scale art, a Latinx pop-up market, community altars, kids arts and crafts, face painting and games for all ages. More information to come! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/2025-d-a-de-los-muertos-celebration-on-the-promenade/16679544/2025-10-18T14

HALLOWEEN SING-ALONG WITH LOVEBUG & ME MUSIC

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Park, CA Ocean Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90401 Santa Monica. Join us for a family-friendly celebration full of singing, dancing, sensory play, goodies and more—where Halloween magic is in the air and sweet memories are made. The most anticipated event of the season includes an interactive concert led by our beloved Magical Music Educators, and special guest... LoveBug! Our award-winning Music Program welcomes you to a not-so-spooky Sing-Along, costume contest and fun-filled activities! $40.00 to $45.00—1st Child + 2 Adults - Siblings under 6 months: free. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/halloween-sing-along-with-lovebug-me-music/16845771/2025-10-18T15


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