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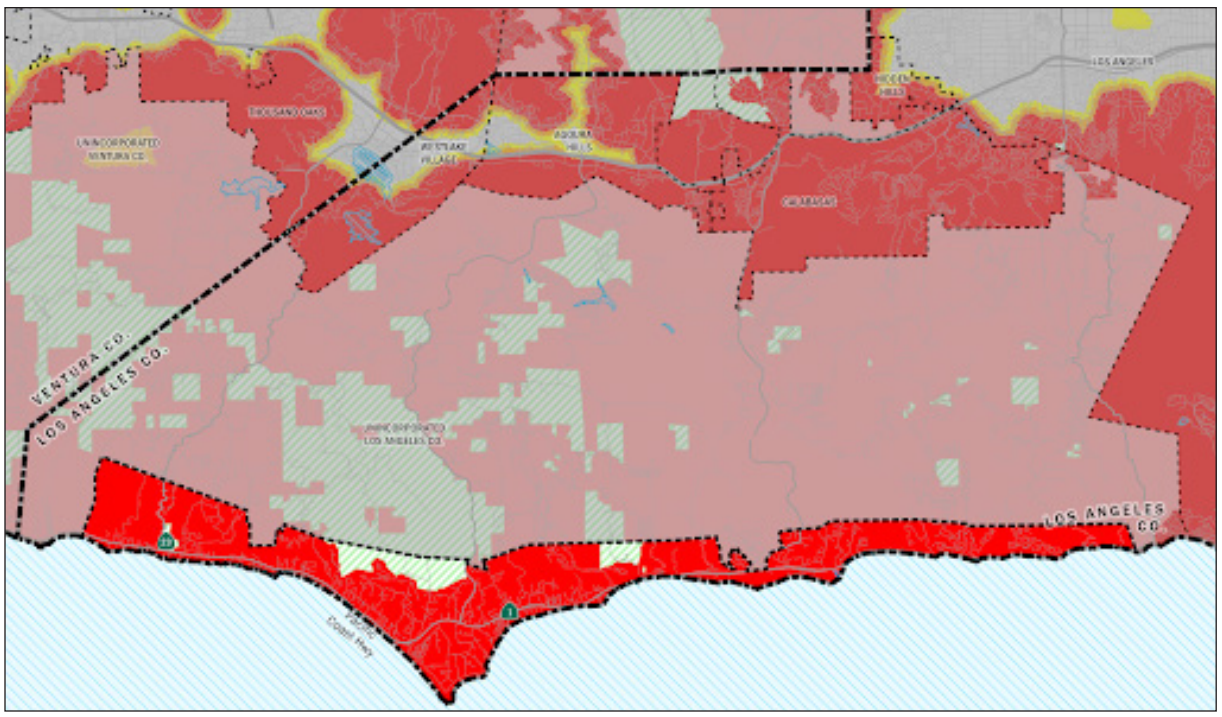
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Malibu council designates entire city as very high fire hazard zone



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ZONES: Malibu is in severe danger from fire according to the recent designation from the City Council.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Malibu City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance Monday night officially designating the entire city as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, making it one of only a handful of California municipalities where every square inch carries the state's highest fire risk classification.

The council approved Ordinance No. 527, which updates the city's fire hazard designations based on the State Fire Marshal's 2025 Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map released in March. The ordinance replaces a previous version from 2006, though officials said the new map made no changes to existing fire hazard zones within Malibu.

"There are a handful at most, and maybe not even a handful of municipalities in the state of California in which every square inch is a very high fire hazard severity zone," said Council Member Bruce Silverstein during the meeting. "Many have significant areas, but we are completely engulfed in it."

The universal designation, while highlighting Malibu's extreme fire vulnerability, also provides the city with justification for adopting more

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Santa Monica man is the latest to face jail for illegal gambling

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A Santa Monica man who ran an illegal online sports betting business was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison last week for operating an unlawful gambling enterprise, tax evasion and money laundering.

Christopher Scott King, 51, was sentenced and also received three years of supervised release. U.S. District Court officials ordered King to pay $10 million in forfeiture and $3.8 million in tax restitution as part of his sentence.

King had pleaded guilty in April to the charges, admitting he operated a Costa Rica-based online sportsbook that accepted wagers from California bettors in violation of state and federal law.

According to court documents, King concealed $13.6 million in income from the Internal Revenue Service between 2019 and 2022. On his 2022 tax return, King reported approximately $143,000 in taxable income while actually earning more than $5 million that year.

Prosecutors said King laundered his gambling proceeds through real estate development projects and gold purchases. He also used money from his illegal gambling business to fund brokerage and financial accounts.

King's attorneys noted their client is a recovering gambling addict who took full responsibility for his

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New police presence in the mall marks the start of the city's 'realignment' toward safety

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The city of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Place formally announced the upcoming opening of a new police substation in the heart of the downtown retail district last week — a cornerstone investment in the city's newly adopted realignment plan that prioritizes public safety and downtown revitalization.

The 863-square-foot facility on the ground level of Santa Monica Place will serve as both a public safety command center and community engagement hub, allowing officers to respond quickly to incidents and coordinate operations in one of the city's busiest commercial corridors. The substation, located along the Broadway corridor, represents a collaborative effort between the city and property management team Prism Places.

"This is about restoring confidence, safety, and vibrancy to

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The money spent on Newsom's Proposition 50 was unlike any other California election in one way



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ELECTION: The unusual special election has driven a new kind of spending.

Voters in Sacramento got a mailer in recent weeks declaring that "California's landmark election reform — under attack by Sacramento politicians." Orinda residents have received flyers that shout "Fight back against Trump — Vote Yes." The narrator on a video ad shared on X intones, "Two wrongs don't make a right — Vote No." These are among a barrage of advertisements, yard signs and billboards bombarding Californians with direction to support or oppose redrawing the state's congressional districts four years ahead of schedule.

But none of it was paid for by the major campaigns advocating for and against Proposition 50, the ballot measure put forth by Gov. Gavin Newsom to counter Republican redistricting efforts in Texas. Instead, nonprofits, political parties and a billionaire have financed an independent effort as election day approaches Tuesday.

Groups not directly affiliated with any Prop. 50 campaign have reported spending nearly $26 million to influence voters as of October 30, more than any ballot measure in California history, according to a CalMatters analysis of secretary of state campaign finance data. The spending does not include the $118 million reportedly spent by the three major campaign committees.

Anybody can buy ads, pay canvassers, or otherwise promote their position on a California ballot measure as long as they register a state committee, disclose major funders in the ads themselves and don't coordinate with the primary campaigns. Once they've spent at least $1,000, they must report their spending to the secretary of state as independent expenditures.

Independent spending for the redistricting measure is significantly more than the previous record-setting Prop. 32 in 2012, which drew $10.8 million in similar spending and would have restricted campaign contributions from labor unions if it passed.

The largest spenders outside of the major campaigns this time are billionaire Democrat Tom Steyer, who reported more than $12.8 million in expenditures and the California Republican Party, which poured more than $10.2 million into ads and messaging opposing the measure. As a result, Steyer and the state GOP have become the second- and third-largest independent ad buyers in state history. The only group to have spent more was run by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's "California Dream Team," which reported spending a combined $27.8 million on multiple ballot measures in 2004 and 2005.

In yet another example of how the campaign has drawn national attention, Congressional Leadership Fund, a Republican super PAC, gave $8 million to the state GOP in October, which they used to buy nearly $2.9 million worth of digital ads two weeks ago; the super PAC also gave $5 million directly to one of the major campaigns against Prop. 50 — "Stop the Sacramento Power Grab."

Some large nonprofit organizations are spending money on Prop. 50, too. The largest expenditures come from the California Community Foundation, which reported spending $800,000 to support the proposition, although that doesn't capture all of the money the nonprofit is putting into the election.

Miguel Santana, president and CEO, said that the foundation is additionally spending more than a million dollars to convince voters to participate in the election without telling them specifically how to vote, though efforts to increase turnout without taking a position are not reported to the secretary of state.

"California representation at the federal

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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A city moving forward

As a Santa Monica parent with children in elementary and middle school, I have watched our city wrestle with decline, from empty storefronts and safety concerns to a feeling that City Hall had lost its ability to deliver. But today, for the first time in years, there is reason to feel hopeful.

Under City Manager Oliver Chi and the leadership of our current City Council, Santa Monica finally has a plan that matches the scale of our challenges. The Realignment Plan they approved is practical, ambitious, and grounded in the idea that good government can make life better for everyone.

It invests in what matters most to families like mine: safe streets, clean parks, and a downtown that feels alive again. It adds police and public safety officers where they are needed most, improves lighting and maintenance, and accelerates the buildout of our protected bike network. It also looks ahead, making it easier to open restaurants and small businesses, building new housing downtown, and setting a path to long-term financial stability.

What stands out most is the competence and teamwork behind it. Hiring Oliver Chi was a turning point. He has brought a steady operational focus and a sense of accountability that had been missing for too long. This Council backed him, worked collaboratively, and showed the unity needed to move Santa Monica forward.

Progress does not come from outrage or obstruction; it comes from leadership, partnership, and a willingness to act. The results are already visible in cleaner streets, renewed energy downtown, and a city organization that is finally aligned around clear goals.

I have read other op-eds calling for a Santa Monica renaissance. I share that hope. What this plan represents is the beginning of that possibility, a city choosing to believe in its own potential again. I am optimistic that this approach will help us get there.

The Realignment Plan is not just about recovery. It is about abundance, the belief that a thriving, welcoming city is something we can build together.

Eli Gill

Recuse or resign, but Santa Monica must come first

At the October 28, 2025 City Council Meeting, Councilmember Zwick once again demonstrated that he cannot be trusted to recuse himself when appropriate, given his conflict of interest as a paid advocate for Housing Action Coalition (HAC), a statewide development promoter.

Mr. Zwick's employer's website notes that at HAC "Jesse focuses on advancing pro-housing solutions across the region by building our membership base and advancing our political and legislative goals".

During Agenda Item 4.A. – Adoption of Resolutions Approving Historic Property Preservation Agreements (Mills Act applications) – Mr. Zwick challenged the approval of the applications, all of which were recommended for approval by city staff.

Santa Monica City Attorney von Tongeln cautioned that denying applications which clearly meet established requirements and had followed the application process defined in city code could create legal exposure for the city. But this did not deter Mr. Zwick from fighting the issue, which appears to be in support of his employer's goals.

Mr. Zwick's employer, HAC, where he serves as a Director, has publicly indicated its opposition to the Mills Act for single-family (R1) properties, viewing historic preservation regulations as a tool to restrict new housing development.

Specifically, in its "2025 Legislative Strategy" document, HAC points to Assembly Bill 610, which they co-sponsored, as a way to hold cities accountable for "hidden barriers" to housing. The organization's position is that cities should not be able to "create a new historic designation to block housing" after their Housing Elements are certified.

This appears to be another clear example of Mr. Zwick's ongoing and unresolved conflict of interest between his responsibilities as a Councilmember and his paid job to advance the agenda of his employer.

Knowing his employer's position, it is stunning that Mr. Zwick did not recuse himself from this discussion and vote. His participation on the council dais during this discussion, and previous housing-related Council agenda items, creates more than a perception of impropriety. It colors the validity of the entire Santa Monica City Council.

If Mr. Zwick is unwilling to recuse himself from discussions and votes like this, then he must resign.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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In Los Angeles' MacArthur Park, a fence won't cure homelessness or addiction. But it's a start



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

FENCE: A temporary fence blocks off the closed amphitheater in MacArthur Park in Los Angeles on April 18, 2025.

Los Angeles struggles to balance its humane responses to addiction and homelessness with its more instant but often less durable alternatives — police action. MacArthur Park, a 35-acre space in the heart of L.A.'s Westlake neighborhood, is proving to be a frustrating testing ground.

Neighbors want a safer place for children to play and residents to enjoy the outdoors. Does that mean they must tolerate needle exchanges or encourage roundups of homeless people? Are plans to beautify the park just window dressing or a genuine contribution to safety?

The latest debate involves putting a wrought iron fence around the park with limited access through gates. What does a fence say about how the city approaches and resolves its toughest issues?

Los Angeles' Recreation and Parks Commission and some public speakers tackled those questions during a recent hearing. Most speakers who could make the hearing — which was held on Thursday during work hours — opposed the fence idea.

Some said it would wall off their community while doing nothing to address the proliferation of drugs or the intractability of the area's homeless population.

"We have to ask ourselves why a fence is needed," a health care worker who lives near the park said. "A fence will not bring dignity. It's only going to push people further into invisibility."

Others warned about the fence's "unwelcome" symbolism and the closing off of public space. They said it was shielding the public from the reality of homelessness, "marginalizing human beings" and wasting city money.

"I question whether this proposal is truly concerned with improving the community," another speaker noted, "or whether its true intention is to improve the aesthetics of Los Angeles."

A FENCE IS NOT A WALL

Although critics dominated the public comments at the commission hearing, the fence has supporters. A fence is not a wall, those backers argue. Its gates would be open and it could be slatted, offering clear views into the park. And it might help steady the neighborhood and regulate access to the park, cutting down on the foot traffic from surrounding sidewalks, which sometimes teem with drug-addled people who wander in and out of the park.

After the contentious hearing, during which the commission repeatedly threatened to throw out disruptive activists, the commission voted to approve $2.3 million for the project. Now city staff can produce a more complete design. But it hardly mollified the community's advocates or brought the two sides together.

Opponents of this project are roughly split between those who see the park as a magnet for crime and those who see it as a refuge for the city's most put-upon residents.

For the former group, criminal justice answers — more police patrols and crackdowns on drug trafficking and stolen

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Even California's iconic industries are cutting back in this sluggish economy

As Gov. Gavin Newsom ramps up what appears to be a 2028 White House bid, a mainstay of his pitch during television interviews and social media appearances is California's economy.

As Newsom tells it, the state's $4-trillion-plus annual economic output is not only the fourth largest in the world, were it a nation, but it's a model of entrepreneurial vigor and programs advancing equity.

Were it only true.

A year ago, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, indirectly blew the whistle on Newsom's braggadocio.

"California's economy has been in an extended slowdown for the better part of two years, characterized by a soft labor market and weak consumer spending," Petek wrote while outlining the state's deficit-ridden budget dilemma.

"While this slowdown has been gradual and the severity milder than a recession, a look at recent economic data paints a picture of a sluggish economy. Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half."

Nothing has changed since then. Employment has been stuck at virtually the same level for a couple of years. At 5.5%, California's unemployment rate is the highest of any state, with more than a million workers lacking jobs.

Meanwhile, the state has been overspending its revenues, creating what budget experts call a "structural deficit," meaning spending programs locked into law are greater than the reliable income to fund them.

California really can't afford those compassionate services Newsom boasts about creating. He and the Legislature, amid great fanfare, extended state-paid medical care to undocumented immigrants, only to be forced to roll it back after costs turned out to be double their estimate.

It should be noted that what Petek saw a year ago, and remains fundamentally true today, pre-dates Donald Trump's becoming president, so blaming him, which Newsom attempted earlier this year, is groundless.

One of the most troubling aspects of California's wheel-spinning economy is the turmoil in two revered sectors, high technology in the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California's movie and television production industry.

Silicon Valley has been shedding jobs for the past several years as it shifts emphasis to artificial intelligence. This weeks' announcement that Amazon is cutting 14,000 jobs — and may eventually double that number as it focuses on AI — was a jolt.

Not all of those cuts are in California, of course, but the online seller has been heavily involved in California, operating multiple warehouses.

"We expect to continue hiring in key strategic areas while also finding additional places we can remove layers, increase ownership, and realize efficiency gains," Beth Galetti, Amazon's senior vice president of people experience, said in a memo to employees.

Meanwhile, the Paramount production conglomerate, a mainstay of the Southern California entertainment industry for decades, also announced payroll cuts as new owners took over.

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>
> - Beth Galetti, Amazon's senior vice president of people experience

Paramount on Wednesday began cutting about 1,000 employees, the initial cohort of what could be much deeper cuts. David Ellison, Paramount's new boss, said the reduction is aimed at "building a strong foundation for the future."

The layoffs hit not only Paramount's movie production, but also staff at its CBS television subsidiary, MTV and Comedy Central. The Los Angeles Times reported that another 1,000 jobs are expected to be cut later, bringing the total reduction to about 10% of Paramount's workforce.

Movie and TV production in Southern California has been declining for years as companies have coped with high costs and been lured to other states or nations with lower costs and subsidies. Another iconic movie company, Warner Bros. Discovery, is currently for sale.

Despite California's budget woes, Newsom and the Legislature increased state tax credits — in effect, cash subsidies — for in-state TV and movie productions to $750 million this year. But the hemorrhage has continued.

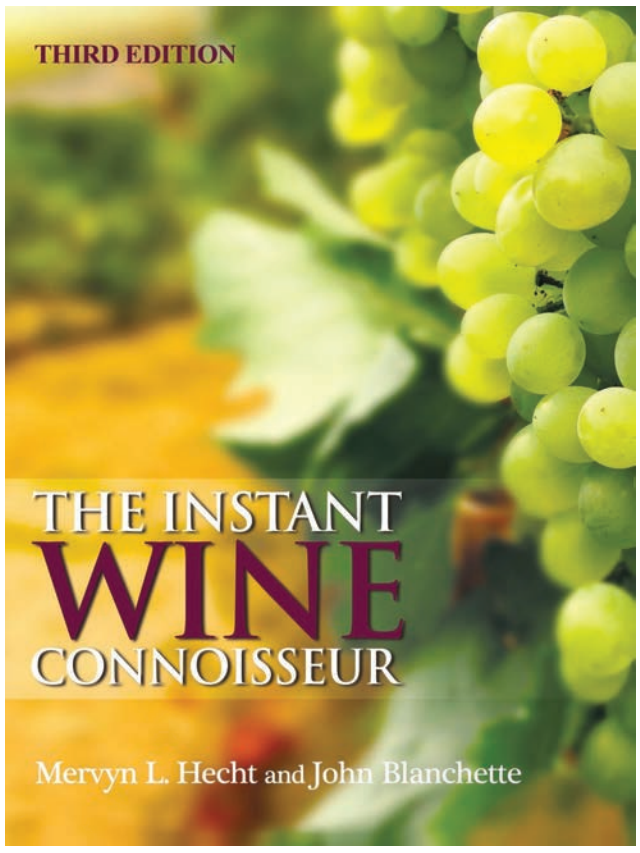
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Santa Monica College Celebrates Veterans Awareness Week with Four November Events

Santa Monica College will honor military veterans with four free events during Veterans Awareness Week in early November, all held on the main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd.

The week begins Monday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Veterans Success Center with "Flags for Heroes," where flags will be available while supplies last to honor veterans.

A Veterans Day Ceremony will take place Thursday, Nov. 6, at 11:15 a.m. in the SMC Quad, followed by two events on Monday, Nov. 10.

The "Heroes Breakfast" starts at 9 a.m. in the Veterans Success Center, offering a meal and conversation opportunities for military-affiliated students returning to education. Later that day at 11:15 a.m., the center will host "Therapy Dogs, PUP Program," featuring friendly dogs for stress relief and comfort.

The Veterans Success Center is located in the Cayton Center, Lower Level, Room 006. All events are first-come, first-served seating.

The SMC Office of Student Affairs sponsors the events, which are subject to change without notice. Up-to-date details are available at smc.edu/events or by calling the SMC Office of Public Programs at 310-434-4100.

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Pacific Palisades

James Beard Winner Nancy Silverton to Open Italian-American Steakhouse at Palisades Village in 2026

James Beard Award-winning chef Nancy Silverton will partner with Caruso and River Jetty Restaurant Group to open Spacca Tutto, a new Italian-American steakhouse concept at Palisades Village in Pacific Palisades, the partners announced Monday.

The restaurant is scheduled to open in August 2026 as part of the reimagined Palisades Village, marking a key milestone in the property's rebuild following the January 2025 fires that devastated the area.

"Los Angeles has such a strong community, and the restaurant industry has always been a big part of that," Silverton said. "I wanted to bring a new concept to the west side, pulling inspiration from the Italian flavors that Angelenos know well, alongside some new dishes inspired by a classic American steakhouse."

> "Los Angeles has such a strong community, and the restaurant industry has always been a big part of that"
> - Nancy Silverton

Spacca Tutto will draw from Silverton's original chi SPACCA roots while embracing classic steakhouse heritage and everyday dining. The menu will feature a robust steak program alongside American classics, welcoming guests for lunch, dinner or drinks.

Lighter fare including salads, seafood and seasonal vegetable dishes will accommodate both daytime meals and evening dining. A bar menu with smaller bites will also be available.

The wine program will feature nearly 250 Italian and domestic labels, paired with a "fast craft" cocktail menu designed for all-day service.

"The name Spacca Tutto reflects resilience, creativity, and courage – the same qualities driving the Palisades community to come roaring back in 2026," said Rick Caruso, founder and executive chairman at Caruso. "With Nancy and River Jetty, we're creating something bold and unmistakably Palisades."

In Italian, "spacca tutto" is colloquially used to mean "go for it" or "give it your all."

Joseph "McG" Nichol, partner and co-founder of River Jetty Restaurant Group, said the company prides itself on creating spaces that bring people together through exceptional food and genuine hospitality.

"We're honored to partner with Nancy and the Caruso team on a concept that brings that shared passion to life and celebrates the Palisades community we're so proud to join," Nichol said.

The restaurant will be designed by AvroKO, a global interior design firm known for creating extraordinary hospitality experiences.

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FIRE HAZARD

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stringent fire regulations than those applied in less dangerous areas, Silverstein noted.

However, the meeting took on added urgency as public speakers warned of impending state legislation that could dramatically alter how residents manage vegetation around their homes. The anticipated rules, stemming from Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-18-25, would mandate strict "Zone Zero" clearance requirements for existing homes by 2028, with potential fines and property liens for non-compliance.

"Presumably everybody in Malibu is going to be forced to comply with these zone zero regulations by the end of 2028 and if they don't, they'll be subject to a fine, and potentially a lien on their property," warned public speaker Darren Graves.

The Zone Zero regulations would require elimination of trees within 30 feet of any home and removal of non-ember-resistant plants within five feet of structures. Critics argue the rules could be environmentally destructive and counterproductive for fire safety.

"It would eliminate trees within 30 feet of any home," Graves said. "But it would really equate to is if you don't have a big parcel, you can't have any trees between your house and your neighbor's house. And trees are required to prevent the urban heat island effect from overwhelming our environment."

The vegetation debate revealed a philosophical split over fire safety approaches. While state regulators push for aggressive vegetation removal, some Malibu residents and officials argue that properly selected and placed trees can actually help protect homes during wildfires.

Council Member Steve Uhring, who lived through the Franklin Fire, supported this view: "The trees are a huge benefit, all right. I mean, they caught most of that stuff and never let it get near the house."

Public speaker Anne Kay also advocated for strategic vegetation management rather than wholesale clearing, emphasizing the importance of proper construction techniques to make homes more defensible in wildland areas.

Mayor Marianne Riggins acknowledged ongoing efforts by local leaders to find middle-ground solutions. She noted that neighboring cities, particularly Agoura Hills, are working to modify Zone Zero rules to allow appropriate vegetation that can help mitigate ember spread while maintaining environmental benefits.

The current ordinance maintains existing building codes and fire regulations for all Malibu parcels. Only areas under federal responsibility are excluded from the local designation, though they receive the same classification from federal agencies.

Government Code Section 51179 required the city to adopt the ordinance within 120 days of receiving the State Fire Marshal's recommendations. The city council had previously adopted the Local Responsibility Area map in June.

Sarah Flores, the city's Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the ordinance and confirmed it was exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review since it involved no physical changes to the environment.

The ordinance takes effect 30 days after adoption and will be submitted to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days, as required by state law.

The debate over vegetation management rules is expected to intensify as state lawmakers prepare new legislation similar to the vetoed SB 326, potentially setting up conflicts between state mandates and local environmental concerns in one of California's most fire-prone communities.

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GAMBLING

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crimes. Federal prosecutors reported King had already paid the agreed-upon restitution and forfeiture by late 2025. He is scheduled to report to prison in early January 2026.

The case is part of a broader federal crackdown on illegal sports betting operations in California and across the country.

In August 2024, Matthew R. Bowyer, 49, of Orange County pleaded guilty to running a five-year illegal sports betting ring that handled millions in wagers through Costa Rica websites and casino agents. One of Bowyer's prominent clients was Ippei Mizuhara, former interpreter for Los Angeles Dodgers star Shohei Ohtani, who placed approximately 19,000 bets through Bowyer's operation.

Court filings showed Mizuhara won roughly $142 million and lost approximately $183 million, leaving him with a $40.6 million gambling debt. Bowyer admitted to underreporting his income, reporting $607,897 in 2022 despite actually earning about $4 million. He faces up to 10 years in prison on money laundering charges.

Professional poker player Damien LeForbes, 48, entered a federal plea deal in August 2024, admitting he ran an illegal sportsbook and money laundering scheme that took in millions in illegal wagers over nearly three years. LeForbes accepted bets in Los Angeles and Orange counties and through a Las Vegas casino. Court documents showed he gambled approximately $148 million at that casino from January 2022 to December 2023. He faces up to 15 years in prison.

In earlier proceedings, Wayne Nix of Costa Mesa pleaded guilty in April 2022 to conspiring to operate an illegal sports betting business and filing a false tax return. His case was among the foundational investigations into Costa Rica-based bookmaking operations.

Federal authorities also announced two major indictments in October linking professional sports figures to illegal gambling. In the Eastern District of New York, a 31-count indictment charged 31 defendants — including NBA coach Chauncey Billups and former player Damon Jones — with conspiring to rig high-stakes underground poker games using concealed wireless cheating devices.

Prosecutors said the cases signal an aggressive federal push to prosecute bookmaking rings and related financial crimes. In each prosecution, defendants are accused of using offshore websites or underground networks to circumvent legal gambling regulations while evading taxes and hiding profits.

King's case was investigated by IRS Criminal Investigation's International Tax and Financial Crimes group and Homeland Security Investigations. Trial attorneys from the Justice Department's Tax Division prosecuted the case.

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POLICE

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our downtown," City Manager Oliver Chi said. "The new substation — paired with enhanced police deployments — represents the kind of visible, meaningful action we're taking to make Santa Monica a place where residents, businesses, and visitors once again feel safe and proud to be."

The substation is expected to open later this fall, with full deployment of a new patrol model phased in through early 2026.

Acting Police Chief Darrick Jacob called the facility a tangible result of the city's realignment work. "This is about partnership, presence, and prevention," he said.

EXPANDED DOWNTOWN PATROLS

As part of the realignment plan, which the City Council approved unanimously in October, the city will roll out a revised and expanded police deployment strategy in the downtown area. The plan concentrates resources on an area that accounts for 36% of crime calls and 50% of homeless-related calls citywide, according to Chi.

The Downtown Services Unit will double its sworn personnel to a base staffing level of eight to 10 officers per day dedicated to foot and bike patrols throughout the Promenade, Transit Mall, Pier and surrounding areas. Through a realigned patrol schedule, the Santa Monica Police Department will add three to five additional officers per day assigned to the downtown corridor.

Two dedicated Homeless Liaison Program officers will now be assigned to the downtown area to enhance coordination with outreach teams and strengthen service connections for unhoused individuals. The city is also adding eight new Public Safety Officers to supplement sworn operations by providing non-emergency response, visible presence and direct support for both law enforcement and business assistance needs.

The substation will serve as a coordination point for the police department's collaboration with Metro, the city's Clean & Safe Ambassadors and private security teams across the downtown network. The space will also function as a community outreach hub, hosting safety briefings, business walks and events.

The realignment plan, developed by Chi after he was hired as city manager in late 2024, is framed as a multiyear investment of roughly $60 million from reserves to restore safety and vitality.

BUSINESS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

The enhanced safety measures come amid years-long frustration from downtown businesses and residents about crime and visible disorder in the area. Despite the area including the Third Street Promenade, Palisades Park and Santa Monica Pier acting as a major tourist and retail hub, it was looted during a riot in 2020. Since then, merchants and visitors have reported shoplifting, bike thefts and aggressive homelessness.

In past public meetings, retailers have called homelessness and petty crime an ongoing crisis in the downtown core, with business owners accusing the city and police of doing too little to tackle encampments, public defecation and panhandling. In 2024, nearly 70% of all arrests involved people who were unhoused, and the department handled roughly 24,000 homeless-related calls, representing 19% of its total.

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> - Stenn Parton, founder and CEO of Prism Places

HOPE FOR A TURNAROUND

The new substation comes as officials push to revitalize the Promenade in specific. The city opened an Entertainment Zone downtown this year that allows alcohol purchased from Promenade restaurants to be taken outside. Initial results have been encouraging prompting officials to consider expanding the zone. Recent special events have also drawn praise, most recently a series of popular watching parties for the World Series.

"The new substation marks a vital step for Santa Monica Place and its return as a thriving retail destination," said Stenn Parton, founder and CEO of Prism Places.

An official opening date and additional details will be shared in the coming weeks as the city and police department prepare to make the substation fully operational and accessible to the community.

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Name Change

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PROP 50

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level matters," Santana said. "Our power is being diluted by the gerrymandering that is taking place in other parts of the country."

NOT JUST DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

Other political parties and groups in the state have also reported independent expenditures for Prop. 50. The left-leaning California Working Families Party reported spending more than $36,500 on digital ads and outreach to reach voters who might be less receptive to Newsom as a messenger.

"This isn't the fight we wanted, but I think it's important that California, the most populous state in the country, fights back," said Jane Kim, California Director of the Working Families Party. "We really want to hit younger voters who are less party loyalists."

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The Libertarian Party of California spent more than $6,400 for postcard mailers opposing the proposition. Loren Dean, chairman of the state party, said the outreach was an opportunity to raise the party's profile. "It is important to us to take every opportunity to remind people that the 'two-party' choice is a fiction built by would-be monopolists who yearn for authority over their neighbors," Dean said. "Third-party voices matter."

Though not a registered political party, the California Democratic Socialists of America reported spending more than $3,500 to try to persuade voters to vote yes while maintaining distance from Gov. Newsom.

"We are not doing this to support him," said William Prince, co-chair of the organization. "We must ally with him in the struggle against fascism."

Similarly to the Libertarian Party, the DSA also sees value in putting out campaign materials stamped with "Democratic Socialists of America."

"When voters think about who encouraged them to vote against a permanent MAGA majority in Congress, more are going to think of [California] DSA than they would have if we sat this out," Prince said.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LOCAL PARTIES HIT THEIR DISTRICTS

More than two dozen county parties, along with current and former elected officials, have reported more than $1 million in independent expenditures for and against Prop. 50.

The Sonoma County Democratic Party reported spending nearly $90,000 on postcards, phonebanking and radio ads to support the initiative, while the Yuba County Republican Party reported almost $55,000 to spread opposition signs around Northern California.

Pat Sebo, chairperson of the Sonoma County Democratic Party, said the county party spent money on its own mailers and canvassing because it wanted to move faster than its state counterpart. "We wanted to act, we had volunteers, we had them basically beating down the doors at headquarters here," she said.

"Ballot measure campaigns usually do not distribute signs to local Republican groups," said Johanna Lassaga, chair of the Yuba County Republican Party. She credited her group's expenditures for raising visibility of the party's unified position: "If you drive through the North State, you will see [our signs] everywhere."

Along with a $5,000 contribution to the main Yes campaign, former Democratic state Sen. Steve Glazer from Orinda used his ballot measure committee to spend more than $160,000 in support of Prop. 50, because he said he could reach voters in his district in a way a statewide campaign could not.

"When you're running a statewide campaign, you don't always have that luxury of microtargeting," Glazer said. "I felt that I had a good handle on the pulse of the voters in my area, where I believe I have a heightened level of credibility."

"We decided we want to do it quicker, better, faster," said Assemblymember Juan Alanis, Republican from Modesto, whose ballot measure committee reported spending more than $12,500 on signs to oppose Prop. 50. He said the short election cycle meant the statewide campaigns could not ensure enough signs would reach his district in time, so he decided to "make sure my area is taken care of."

Assemblymember Maggy Krell, a Democrat who represents Sacramento, said that the most valuable way she could have spent $8,000 was to organize door-knocking in her district. "My best contribution to the campaign is my network of volunteers — people who are going door-to-door and engaging voters one conversation at a time," she wrote in an email.

Republican Assemblymember Carl DeMaio from San Diego spent more than $430,000 from his Reform California committee, because he didn't think the official No campaign was up to the task. He released a final ad last week that urged voters statewide to reject Prop. 50.

"I don't trust the failed consultants of these mega-committees," he said. "My intuition was correct. The ads were horseshit, off-message."

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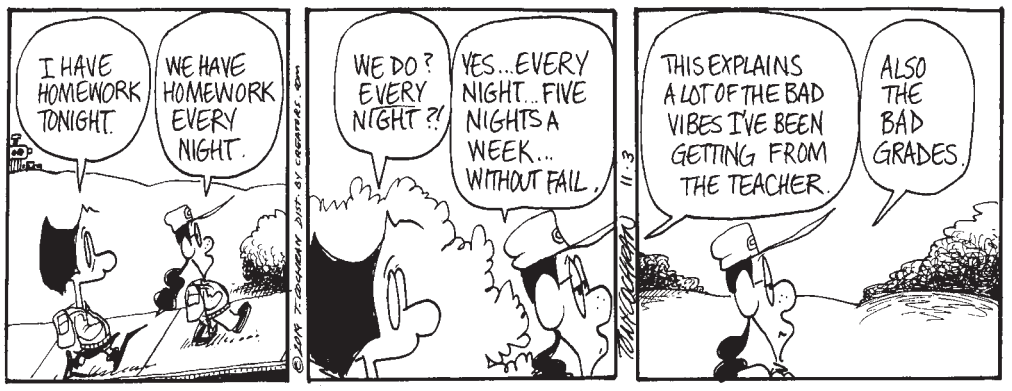
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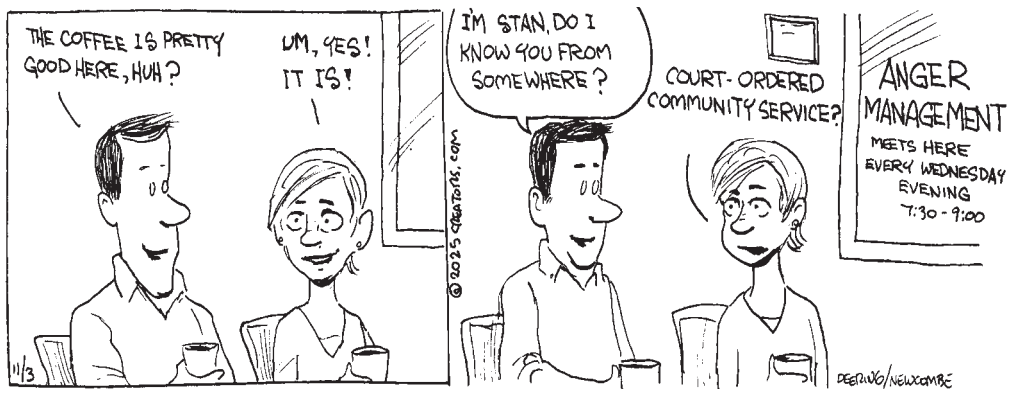
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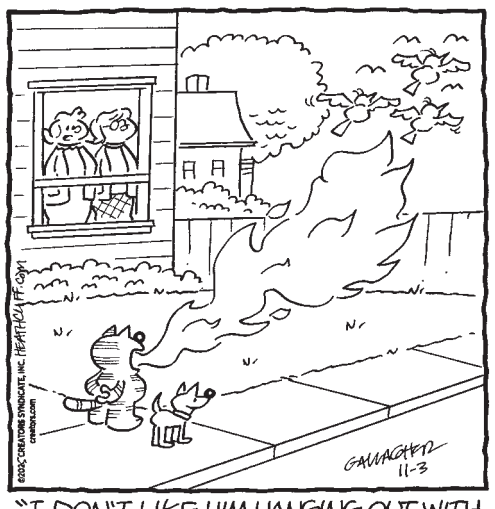
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6748

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 3)

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your actions are an extension of where you're at in a given time. Your victories, your mistakes - these are parts of your story, but don't confuse them for the totality of you. None of this completely defines you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You keep hearing the same advice, but it never actually moves you or changes anything. The advice is off, not you. Seek a new angle or challenge the usual narrative. Shake up the way you think, the words you use, or the stories you tell yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You spend your days being responsible, so of course there's a part of you that imagines what freedom would feel like if every choice could revolve around your own wishes. Say the "no" that protects your energy instead of spending it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can't force a vibe. You'll click with some people right away; with others, it'll take time or not happen at all. You'll feel the comfy energy with someone today, and it's a beautiful indication of genuine connection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Kindness is a beacon, illuminating the path of compassion for all. Your empathy will seed a supportive environment where people feel truly understood. This will be a source of great pride and joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been carrying someone else's feelings as if they were your own. To reclaim your emotional space, you can hand them back. No words will be necessary - just an internal decision by you to hand those feelings right back, silently and with love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll make the most significant progress in a break. So take your hands off of a project. Step outside of a role. Drop the goal for a minute and allow yourself to simply be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe everyone is, to some degree, a mystery, though not always a mystery people care to solve. You're different because of your magnetism, which will be a kind of power today. People will be drawn in. Direct that attention toward something meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The quickest route to clarity is curiosity. Instead of demanding answers from yourself or others, ask better questions. You'll be amazed how easily people open up when you invite them to teach you who they are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Like cotton candy in the rain, some things are fragile by nature, and no one should be blamed for their inevitable dissolution. Also, seasons and cycles don't need fixing; they only need acceptance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today calls for focus and self-trust. You already have good intuition and a natural ability to sense what's essential. When you quiet the noise and follow your own compass, you'll move faster and more efficiently toward your goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Freedom doesn't mean drifting; it means choosing your course with conviction. Today, a limit or deadline can actually liberate you. It defines the container for your brilliance. It gives your talent somewhere to shine.

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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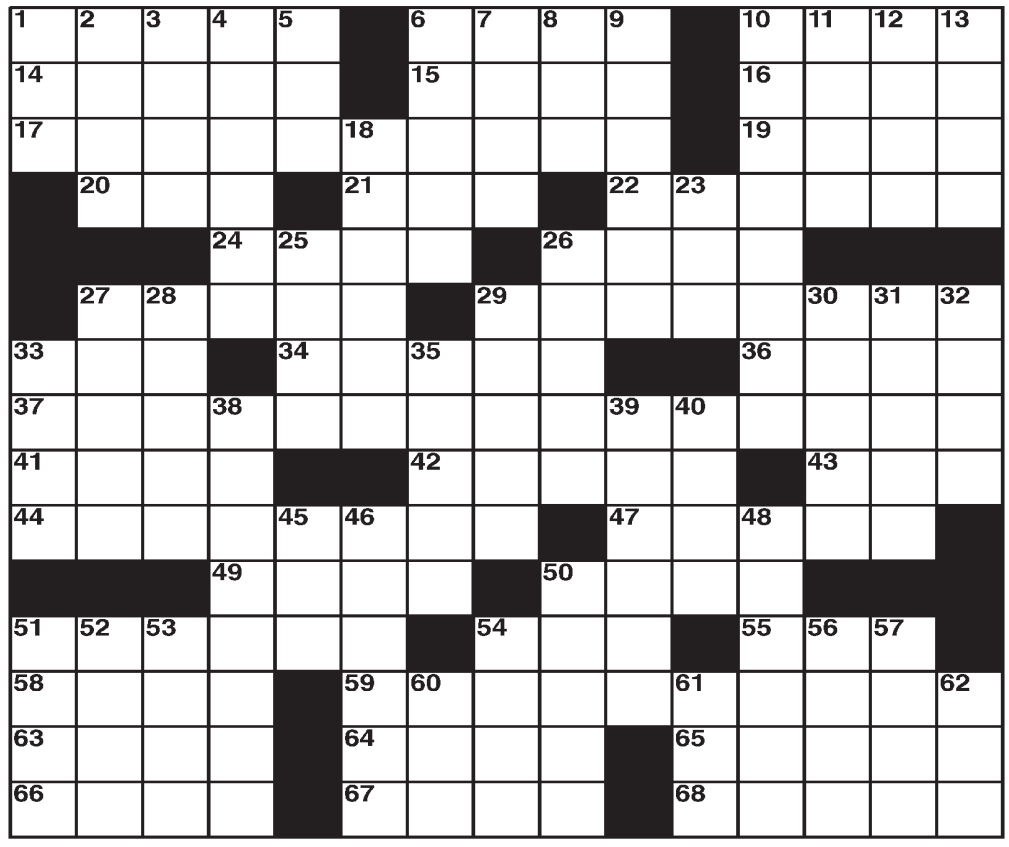
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ACROSS

1 Snapshot
6 Even exchange of items
10 Nonspeaking street performer
14 Propelled a rowboat
15 Story that might be "tall"
16 Acme
17 Running-in-place machines
19 Be concerned (about)
20 Unruly crowd
21 Noah's boat
22 Makes an even exchange
24 Totals up
26 Be afraid of
27 Was furious
29 Sites where planes land
33 Fraction of a minute, for short
34 Begins to thaw
36 Notorious Roman emperor
37 One who guides a workout
41 Korea's continent
42 Jobs for detectives
43 Have a meal
44 Valentine's Day flowers
47 Piece of paper
49 Quick swims
50 Legal claim, as a mortgage
51 To no avail
54 Assist
55 Explosive letters
58 British prep school
59 Area for changing clothes
63 Narrow street
64 Handed-down history
65 Greek fable guy
66 __ and that (miscellany)
67 Building to store tools
68 Molars and fangs

DOWN

1 Houseplant holder
2 Do damage to
3 Black-and-white cookie
4 Paper pouch for pekoe
5 Somewhat strange
6 Mixes with a spoon
7 Go on a hike
8 Everyone
9 Bother constantly
10 Elbow pasta, for instance
11 Apple's tablet computer
12 A __ pittance (very little money)
13 Former spouses
18 Make angry
23 Sharp door knock
25 Floor model, for short
26 Clenched hands
27 Actress Witherspoon
28 Bitter-smelling
29 Book of maps
30 Actress Zellweger
31 "Trick or __!"
32 Arrange in some order
33 Practice boxing
35 Shoestrings
38 Fishes tightly packed in cans
39 Dwell
40 Tennis great Arthur
45 Frying liquid
46 Competes in a bee
48 Main dinner course
50 Was fond of
51 Pool table fabric
52 Salt Lake's state
53 Author Morrison
54 Portion of farmland
56 Aroma-sensing organ
57 Trumpet sound
60 __ and aah
61 Lab maze animal
62 Speedometer measure: Abbr.



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GUEST COMMENTARY

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merchandise sales — are the logical way to make the park safer and more welcoming.

But for those who see the park's denizens as victims of misguided social policies, law enforcement solutions seem cruel and doomed to fail in the long run. They instead urge the city to use its resources to develop housing and fund "harm-reduction services," such as addiction treatment and needle exchanges.

The stark division between them has the unfortunate effect of putting advocates in silos, from which they fail to appreciate that lasting solutions are almost certainly going to require elements of both approaches.

THINGS THAT HELP CAN ALSO HURT THE PARK

It is true that the park cannot be cleaned up by arresting those who are homeless, whose principal crime is merely being poor. But it is also true that treating the problems of the park as mere symptoms of deeper societal problems postpones doing something now, and it may actually make things worse.

Take, for example, the understandable desire to treat addiction as a disease and to respond to it not with arrests but with treatment and outreach – with needle exchanges, for instance. Those exchanges save lives, but they also attract users and dealers — hardly what MacArthur Park or its neighbors need.

Police Chief Jim McDonnell has seen the benefits of needle exchanges, but he also cautions that they have their place. MacArthur Park today already is so burdened by drug abuse that anything encouraging users is misguided. "I feel like it's enabling people," he told me recently.

McDonnell acknowledged that some of the efforts at MacArthur Park will need revisiting. The temporary fencing now being used to block off merchants from selling stolen goods – and sometimes drugs – has helped protect stores along Alvarado Street, along the park's eastern edge, and helped bring down crime in the neighborhood. But the chain-link fences are rickety and fill up with trash. "It's not a good situation," he said.

No solution will succeed on its own, and some proposals are more significant than they appear. Even the objection that the park perimeter fence is intended to improve the look of the park rather than to address its substantive problems ignores the connection between the two.

THE 'BROKEN WINDOWS' THEORY OF SAFETY

The relationship between an area's appearance and its safety is not a matter of speculation. It is at the heart of the most important work of policing philosophy in the modern era, the 1982 Atlantic magazine article by James Q. Wilson and George Kelling that laid out the theory of "Broken Windows."

That article identified "order" as an essential element of community safety. Disorder, as exemplified by a neighborhood where broken windows are left unattended, is not just blight. It contributes to crime, with small offenses such as vandalism creating space and opportunity for more dangerous activity.

That is precisely what is at work in MacArthur Park today. An atmosphere of disorder is manifest in slovenly streets and the ramshackle attempts to combat it. It is a neighborhood of trash and disrepair, radiating neglect and inviting crime. And crime has followed, just as "Broken Windows" argued.

Would a fence fix that? Probably not by itself. But it is wrong to say its effect would just be aesthetic. The feel of a community can create the reality of a community — one that cares about its wellbeing and defends it. A more beautiful park would be a more orderly park, with police to enforce that order and the community to benefit from it.

That's a goal worthy of a $2-million fence.

Jim Newton, CalMatters Contributor





MONDAY | NOVEMBER 3

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2025-10-27T18

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10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-09-16T10

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THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 6

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11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-11-06T11

REBUILD COMMITTEE - SANTA MONICA & PALIBU CHAMBER
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FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 7

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