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Retail theft is a "top priority" for Sacramento lawmakers

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Santa Monica's local representative in Sacramento came to town recently to try to reassure local businesses that his new role overseeing efforts to fight retail theft would target a lack of consequences for criminals while cracking down on organized theft rings.

On Jan. 19, local business leaders were informed on state efforts during a meeting of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Hospitality and Retail Committee, discussing a bevy of retail crime issues with California State Assemblymember Rick Zbur. Zbur represents the 51st District, including Santa Monica and much of West Los Angeles, and was recently chosen as the new chair of the state's Select Committee on Retail Theft. In his talk to Chamber committee members, Zbur noted that the state assembly has made retail theft "one of the priorities to tackle this year," and his new role brings him "a lot of opportunity to really try to help our communities."

"While this is a crisis across the nation, it has a particularly acute impact in California, and especially in Los Angeles County, with my district being … especially hit hard with the areas in Hollywood, of Santa Monica … (the district is) facing significant challenges from this."

Retail crime encompasses the subcategories of misdemeanor shoplifting, commercial burglary and commercial robbery (burglary with the use of force). According to the Public Policy Institute of California's 2022 crime data, misdemeanor shoplifting (defined under Proposition 47 as entering a commercial establishment with the intent to steal property valued at less than $950 during business hours) remains at 8% below levels before the COVID-19 pandemic. However, commercial burglaries are up 15.7% from the pre-pandemic year of 2019, and commercial robberies have increased 13.3% in the same timeframe. Further highlighting the persistence of commercial robberies, Los Angeles County had the highest rate of any California county in 2022, with 60 incidents per 100,000 residents (up 19% from 2019).

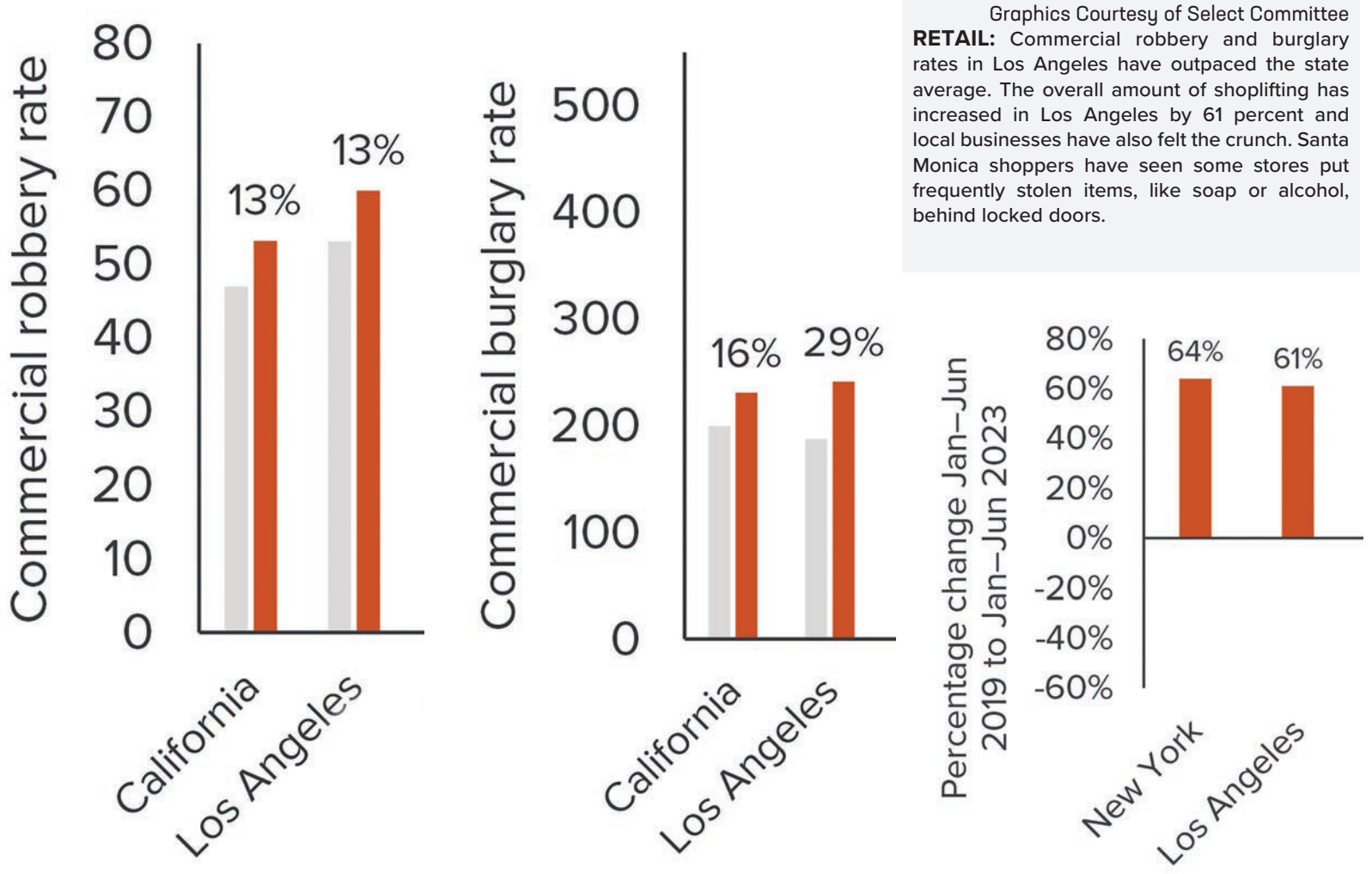
Zbur said that the newly-formed Select Committee has a goal to "provide a forum" for impacted stakeholders, like Santa Monica business owners, to help "identify policy solutions to this ongoing crisis." When asked about Proposition 47 and the $950 threshold that divides misdemeanor and felony theft, he stated that he's "more focused on understanding what's needed to stop" retail theft in the first place, more so than the dollar amount threshold. Zbur also pointed to the fact that California still carries one of the lower thresholds to trigger felony theft, particularly compared to other retail hubs like Texas where the limit is $2,500.

The assemblymember also said his attention lies within addressing the "culture of no consequences" when it comes to even minor amounts of retail theft, sympathizing with businesses that do not have effective intervention tactics for shoplifting.

"To me, the biggest issue on this is why are we not enforcing misdemeanor crimes as well," Zbur said. "When I've met with almost every major retailer at this point, have taken site tours, met with their security teams and with many small businesses, what I hear over and over … is that there's almost no consequence to most theft occurring in our communities."

Another priority for the Select Committee is figuring out how to "prevent and target" professional organized retail rings, with Zbur stating that he sees how a "small number of thieves are responsible for a large number of retail crimes" in many areas. Local law enforcement recognized this issue in 2023, as the Santa Monica Police Department joined the Los Angeles Police Department in the formation of the Los Angeles County Organized Retail Crime Taskforce. As of early December 2023, the taskforce has

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Graphics Courtesy of Select Committee

RETAIL: Commercial robbery and burglary rates in Los Angeles have outpaced the state average. The overall amount of shoplifting has increased in Los Angeles by 61 percent and local businesses have also felt the crunch. Santa Monica shoppers have seen some stores put frequently stolen items, like soap or alcohol, behind locked doors.



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Comings and goings on the 1400 block of Wilshire



Photo by Scott Snowden

WILSHIRE: Unleashed, a pet supply store at 1402 Wilshire Blvd, is here to stay.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Many of our eagled-eyed readers picked up on a big sign that appeared a few weeks ago above the Unleashed store signage on the 14th Street side of the 1402 Wilshire Blvd building. Is the city about to lose a valuable source of vital pet supplies? Thankfully, we can reassure you that's not the case.

We reached out to Petco, the parent company of Unleashed and a spokesperson told the Daily Press that the store was very much there to stay. So, how did this confusion arise? A spokesperson for the leasing and management agency, Santa Monica-based CBRE Retail Properties, explained that the building was remodeled following the 1994 Northridge earthquake. As such, from the perspective of a passer by, one could very easily believe that the whole parcel of land, from 14th Street to 14th Court is one, singularly-owned site. It isn't.

The sign refers purely to the portion of the building that contains Unleashed together with Klassy Konnections/Lashing All Over The City beauty salon on the 14th Street side and it's the second business that is leaving this site. Consequently, it's that space that's available to rent. However, the whole building is indeed for sale, but Unleashed would continue to remain in place even as per the terms of their agreed contract.

And that's not all. Along the Wilshire Blvd side, the Acology health products store is staying put, but Santa Monica's second recreational cannabis store is opening next door — to the left as you look at the store front — and next to that, by coincidence, it's believed that a brand new smoke shop is set to open.

The second recreational cannabis store is operated by Harvest Trulieve, a result of the merger of Arizona-based Harvest Health & Recreation, Inc. and Florida-based Trulieve Cannabis Corp. in September 2021 to form the new company, valued at about $2.1 billion. Trulieve is listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange under "TRUL" and trades on the OTCQX market under "TCNNF."

Back in June of last year, the first cannabis dispensary finally opened in the city of Santa Monica, more than a year and a half after the permit was granted in October 2021, six years after the application was requested in December 2017 and over 26 years since medical marijuana was made legal in the state of California. That dispensary is a branch of the Local Cannabis Company, which is owned by Massachusetts-based Calyx Peak and marks the first time the organization has opened an outlet west of Kansas City.

The request for applications ran from December 2017 through to February 2018 and saw over 21 different requests. A second dispensary, then known as Harvest of Santa Monica, was set to be situated at 1416 Wilshire Blvd was also approved, in January 2022, but it's only now that we're seeing some physical evidence of that coming to fruition.

"We're hitting the same hurdles as him [Howard Keum, Co-Founder and CEO of Calyx Peak] and Santa Monica has been one of the most difficult places for us to get an establishment opened. We have other dispensaries that we've opened and it was nothing as hard as Santa Monica," said Harvest Regional Manager Stephen, who also

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Fairmont takes on composting prototype to meet new standard



Courtesy Photo

FOOD PROCESSING: Los Angeles-based startup Dyrt's new food waste processing prototype has kept nearly three tons of food out of landfills each week at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows.

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The Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows has long been lauded as one of Santa Monica's top places to stay, with the vast food and beverage options at the resort-style experience a key reason why. Locals and tourists dining at the location can now feel good both during and after their meal, knowing that the hotel has taken on a new innovation in food waste management.

Beginning in late 2023, the Fairmont partnered with Los Angeles-based startup Dyrt on a new food waste processing prototype, keeping nearly three tons of food out of a landfill each week while producing ready-to-use compost (plant fertilizer) for projects like a rooftop garden. Dyrt Founder Lee Robinson said that the benefits of compost range from preventing methane from entering landfills to increasing biodiversity in soil and replenishing topsoil, an important part of taking on statewide agricultural challenges.

The Dyrt unit is a unique offering, consisting of a food shredder, a rotating drum and 14 internet-connected sensors to measure compost temperature and pH levels. The sensors provide real-time data to the hotel, tracking and visualizing the impact of composting by comparing the process to things like "equivalent trees planted" and water conservation.

Dyrt's technology has come onto the Fairmont's property just as California State Bill 1383 went into effect on January 1. The bill, also known as California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction law, sets goals to reduce disposal of organic waste in landfills, including edible food, and ensures that food scraps are composted. The regulations aim to divert 75% of organic waste from landfills below 2014 levels by 2025.

Before knowing that the bill would become a requirement, Fairmont management created a sustainability committee with its own goals, including reducing food waste by 30% by 2030.

"It was very, very critical for us to have this vision where we're producing but also managing that waste … we have a very strong food and beverage offering here, and it was only natural for us to look at the impact we have afterwards," said Fairmont Miramar Director of Operations Julian Labays.

Labays and the sustainability team sought answers to their goals, with the search taking them to the Rose Bowl where Dyrt had successfully pioneered a pilot program for its prototype. Over a four-month period, the prototype unit processed about 16,000 pounds of food directly at the site, turning it into compost to be used on plants like the famous roses. Robinson said that during the Rose Bowl pilot, businesses began to inquire about the "bigger picture," including composting and the elimination of trucking hundreds of miles to dispose of waste in landfills.

"The goal was to figure out a better way to manage our food waste, because it's a massive greenhouse gas emitter and not building a better planet for future generations … the whole waste infrastructure in the (United States) is so outdated, so bad, and no one looks at it … so we discovered a couple different ways to compost locally," Robinson said.

The Fairmont gave Dyrt its dumpster area space for the unit, a somewhat surprising development for Robinson, who didn't expect a top-of-line hotel establishment to become

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.5**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Fresh, longer period WNW swell tops out. The early morning high tide will slow most of the region, shape improving as the tide drops. Wind looks best in the morning right now but the afternoon wind continues to look lighter on the models.

THURSDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Should be another fun day of waves. Favorably-angled WNW swell gets refresh. Wind is offshore northerly in the morning as the high tide slows the early window, but PM wind has a decent chance to stay manageable for the lower tide.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. Northeast wind around 5 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. West southwest wind around 5 mph.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 62. East northeast wind around 5 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

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2024/01/24	Wed	07:56 AM	6.07	H
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2024/01/24	Wed	9:48 PM	3.74	H
2024/01/25	Thu	02:23 AM	2.12	L
2024/01/25	Thu	08:31 AM	6.03	H
2024/01/25	Thu	3:46 PM	-0.95	L
2024/01/25	Thu	10:14 PM	3.78	H
2024/01/26	Fri	02:57 AM	2.00	L
2024/01/26	Fri	09:03 AM	5.88	H
2024/01/26	Fri	4:13 PM	-0.76	L
2024/01/26	Fri	10:41 PM	3.82	H
2024/01/27	Sat	03:31 AM	1.93	L
2024/01/27	Sat	09:34 AM	5.62	H
2024/01/27	Sat	4:39 PM	-0.50	L
2024/01/27	Sat	11:07 PM	3.88	H
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Fantasy 5
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3rd: 11 - Money Bags
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OPINION | CURIOUS CITY

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It's Good to Know Your History

EXCEPT IN SANTA MONICA

It might make you weep.

Some here don't like to bring it up because it could be awkward for them. Our City governments and many civic leaders have spent a lot of energy and money, and years of planning, and propaganda, to implement their patriarchal "visions," their pet agendas for the future of our city. Those plans require ignoring the needs of the current residents – gosh, some might not even be able to live here anymore – and tossing aside a lot of Santa Monica history. But, you know, "progress," toward a modern, 21st century Santa Monica, requires sacrifice. Those who fight it are stuck in the past, nostalgic for a quaint beach town that hasn't been a reality for years, and no longer serves us. That's what you hear from these forward "thinkers." But none of that is true.

You can progress, and develop toward future needs responsibly, smartly. Reduce, recycle, reuse. It applies to buildings, and cities, as much as to cans and plastics. There are reasons Santa Monica is a well-known, popular destination for the world. And it has nothing to do with density or high rises on the beach. In fact, just the opposite. You can get that in a lot of places, places that don't have our history, culture or attractions. But ideologues, the ones responsible for developing us into crime and ugliness, don't care. They take something with a kernel of truth – bikes and walking are healthier for the environment, density reduces per capita water usage – and plow ahead without caring about current realities, or how residents are affected. We don't even have decent public transit. We do have a water crisis. Continuing to build high rise residential buildings with low-flush toilets may reduce the numbers per capita some, but eight stories of apartments will use a whole lot more water than the single story building that was there before. And developers have this habit of claiming there is enough water in Santa Monica for their project, without factoring in all the other projects in construction or already approved.

WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?

It's obvious the infernal combustion engine is helping mightily to choke the planet. And bring heretofore unheard of climate disasters killing hundreds of thousands and costing us hundreds of billions of dollars. But corporate America fought that notion fiercely ("Who Killed the Electric Car?" - 2006) until they could figure out how to cash in on the electric car. Corporations have only one purpose, and it is not to make our lives better. Or even to make sure they don't kill us. A "few" of us. "Collateral damage." Neither they nor the government can be counted on to protect us when there is big money involved (even though that should be the first duty of any government, from federal down to city).

With what we now know about pollution and climate change, alternative means of transportation are a modern necessity. But in Santa Monica (and Sacramento) you have those ideologues moving forward with tunnel vision, for their agenda (or maybe just for the money), passing legislation, accelerating development as fast as possible, without any regard for previous, long-standing guardrails, or local realities. You can't pretend cars are no longer needed (or parking spaces) until you have decent public transit. And here, we don't. We could have small electric shuttles criss-crossing our city, something Mayor Phil Brock has been advocating for years. But we don't.

ALBUQUERQUE, 1706

Although first settled by the Tiwa people around 1250, Spanish conquistadors built homes in what is now known as Old Town, in 1706, and it remains the top tourist attraction nearly 370 years later. The town square and bandstand remain, across from San Felipe de Neri Church, 1706. Those centuries-old buildings became restaurants and shops. They were repurposed. Recycled. Not torn down for tall developments. Albuquerque preserved its history.

I was recently impressed, and saddened, by a walking tour of downtown Petaluma. So many gorgeous old buildings, so many fascinating small businesses. Our southern LA neighbor, San Pedro, likewise knows the wisdom of preserving history, while accommodating common sense development. It can be done. Why not here?

I haven't quite figured that out. Yes, our land values are really high, but that doesn't benefit development unless there is political cooperation. Other nearby communities have sky high land values too. I think it's our "culture" of politics here, small groups of people who live for their control of "their" territory, be it the Pier or renters or the airport. They ignore the needs of the city at large. It's a strange system, but it has damaged us immensely.

The buck always stops at City Council, and until four years ago those were controlled by SMRR. You couldn't get elected without their endorsement. Long ago, SMRR, a good idea to begin with, became enamored of their political power, and worked primarily to maintain and increase the number of renters here, to keep their power. So, build, build, build, even though we already have more than 4,000 residential vacancies, even though we are already an extremely dense city, and despite the fact that building shiny new units raises the price on all rentals. Then, two elections ago...

"THE SLATE"

Came along, Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christina Parra, and did the unthinkable: they won Council seats without the endorsements of SMRR. It's been a sea change, though a slow-moving

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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How long will California lawmakers let tech companies make them look like fools?



REUTERS/Carlos Barria

TECH: Technology leaders attend a generative AI (Artificial Intelligence) meeting in San Francisco as the city is trying to position itself as the "AI capital of the world", in California, U.S., June 29, 2023.

CASEY MOCK

"Fool me once, shame on you," the saying goes.

With the benefit of hindsight, there's no better encapsulation of the experiment tech companies have conducted on humanity with social media. First introduced to the public more than a decade ago, products like Facebook and Twitter offered amazing possibilities to find long-lost friends and connect instantly with anyone on the globe.

Optimism about social media's potential, however, soon faced the horrors of what the technology has created: a teen mental health crisis fueled by social media addiction; democracies weakened by disinformation spreading online like wildfire; and civil conflicts around the world perpetrated on social media platforms.

So if social media has caused so many problems, why hasn't government regulated it?

For years, the leaders of Meta, Apple, Google and Microsoft have made a show of calling for internet regulation. We can see in retrospect the bad faith behind these efforts, as some of the richest companies in human history put their colossal lobbying operations to work, ensuring that social media remains a lawless frontier.

Just like the tobacco industry a generation ago, tech companies have been using every tool available to them behind the scenes to oppose new laws that would require any measure of accountability. Big Tech's lobbying groups have poured resources into challenging California's landmark kids online safety law in federal court, where a misinformed judge issued a poorly-reasoned preliminary injunction last year.

I know the playbook these companies have used quite well. Prior to my current job, I was a lobbyist for Amazon. I've used the same argument: we support regulation, just not this regulation – and with a similar conspicuous absence of workable alternatives.

Having once been on the inside, I can tell you with confidence: the tech companies have fooled us all.

Now, these same tech giants are now pushing their latest innovation, artificial intelligence. Just like social media, they're in a race to scale and irrevocably entangle societies with these new products as quickly as possible in order to achieve market dominance.

To make matters worse, AI has the potential to have far more severe consequences than social media:

Two billion people will vote in 50 countries in elections around the world this year, and we don't yet have an answer for the combination of disinformation, social media and generative AI content.

The release of open-source AI models is accelerating an international arms race, while the tech is already empowering scammers, sextortionists and might soon empower terrorists.

Actors, writers, journalists and other creators continue to have their work plagiarized and stolen for profit by these same companies, without their consent or compensation.

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California picks its next governor in more than 1,000 days. Why the race is already so crowded



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

ELECTION: President pro Tempore of the State Senate Toni Atkins speaks at the State of the State ceremony on March 8, 2022.

ALEXEI KOSEFF
Special to the Daily Press

Voters won't weigh in for more than two years — the primary election is not until June 2026 — but the race to be California's next governor is already growing crowded with major contenders.

Outgoing state Senate leader Toni Atkins today became the latest high-ranking Democrat to declare their candidacy, holding a kickoff rally packed with union members in her hometown of San Diego.

Three other prominent hopefuls — all current or former statewide elected officials looking for a promotion — have announced their intentions to succeed Gov. Gavin Newsom, who terms out in 2027, and there are likely to be even more who jump in. It's a reflection of the scramble to gain an upper hand in what is likely to be a fierce contest, as well as the tremendous resources required to mount a serious campaign in California's first open race for governor in eight years.

"They're letting their intentions be known so they can wave the flag," said Andrew Acosta, a Democratic political consultant who is not affiliated with any of the campaigns. "You need to consolidate, you need to get in the game, you need to go talk to donors."

Atkins follows Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, who was the first out of the gate last April, touting the opportunities that California gave her immigrant father. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond joined the race in September with a video tracking his rise from poverty. And former Controller Betty Yee said she will run for governor, though she has yet to formally launch her campaign.

Attorney General Rob Bonta, who acknowledged last year that he is "seriously considering" seeking the governorship, is still expected to make a bid. Then there's the question of who might carry the banner for the Republican Party, which has lost the last three gubernatorial elections by nearly 20 percentage points or more and has not won a statewide office in California since 2006.

Nevertheless, the race is already far more formed than it was at the same point in the 2018 election. Newsom, at that time the lieutenant governor, probably set a speed record when he announced his candidacy in February 2015, just three months after then-Gov. Jerry Brown won a second term — but then his rivals hesitated. Some waited almost another two years before launching their campaigns.

"Look what happened to them," Acosta said. "By the time people got in the race, Newsom's team had done a good job of framing that the race was already over. And it kind of was."

Racking up endorsements and fundraising is key in a state like California where, because of the sheer size, advertising trumps retail politics and millions of dollars are needed to get on the air in multiple expensive media markets. Though most voters are not yet paying attention to an election that is years away, jumping in early allows candidates to start pulling those important levers behind the scenes.

It's especially critical for someone like Atkins, who has never run for statewide office and will need to work even harder to build familiarity with voters. She hands over the office of Senate president pro tem on Feb. 5 and terms out of the Legislature at the end of

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Cal State faculty ends their strike after reaching a tentative contract agreement

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Special to the Daily Press

A Cal State systemwide strike secured what more than half a year of negotiations and partial strikes couldn't: a deal.

Negotiators of the California Faculty Association and California State University finalized a tentative agreement tonight, the union said, ending what would have been a week-long strike at the nation's largest four-year public university system.

The deal falls short of the 12% general salary increase the union sought for this academic year and instead provides a retroactive 5% raise to July 1, 2023 — consistent with what Cal State leaders were offering for the past several months.

The deal also provides a 5% salary increase starting July 1, 2024 for all 29,000 faculty — contingent on Cal State receiving at least the same amount of state funding lawmakers and the governor approved last summer. That's a shift for Cal State officials — previously, they only wanted to offer a 5% raise next year if the state increased funding to the university.

"We're messaging this as 10% in the next six months," said Kevin Wehr, chair of the faculty union's bargaining committee and a professor at Sacramento State.

The faculty union represents 29,000 professors, lecturers, librarians, sports coaches and mental health professionals.



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

STRIKE: Assistant Sociology professor William Force raises his fist as he holds a picket sign striking at the front entrance of the Fresno State campus on Jan. 22, 2024. Fresno State faculty are picketing as part of a 23-campus-wide California State University system strike.

Cal State officials argued since the fall they couldn't afford the 12% raise the union sought. Also, the contracts it signed with other employee unions last year raised wages by 5%. Some of those contracts had provisions that would reopen salary negotiations if any other union received more than a 5% raise.

Cal State said last fall that every 1% raise in salary for faculty costs the system at least $26.5 million annually.

"The agreement enables the CSU to fairly compensate its valued, world-class faculty while protecting the university system's long-term financial sustainability," said Cal State Chancellor Mildred García in a statement.

After negotiations between the two camps broke down two weeks ago, the union moved ahead with its plan to hold its first-ever systemwide strike. Faculty picketed across 23 campuses this morning. University officials maintained campuses were open but it's likely most professors canceled classes.

"I think it's quite clear that management was not happy about the strike," Wehr said in an interview. "I don't know whether they underestimated us but 23 campuses were shut down, and it was clear that they were motivated to not have the strike go another day."

At around 4 p.m. today, Cal State negotiators sent the bargaining team the outline of a deal. Union officials debated it and concluded this evening it was strong enough to call off the strike.

The deal also provides the lowest paid faculty additional $3,000 raises applied retroactively to July 1, 2023. That move alone would benefit thousands of workers the union represents who until now earn the salary floors of $54,000 and $65,000 in their respective pay ranges. About two-thirds of

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THERE ARE 2 WEEKS

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THEFT

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arrested over 90 individuals, and recently investigated a smash-and-grab style robbery that occurred at The Real Real near the 200 block of 26th Street.

The Select Committee's goal is to take these issues, as well as other points like targeting repeat offenders and shutting down distribution channels for stolen goods, and provide California State Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas with a package of legislative and policy recommendations that will be tackled in 2024.

"What we're doing this year is not a fig leaf, it's something that we want, we want to take the steps that will have a meaningful impact on this," Zbur said. "I am personally worried about the impact on the area in Hollywood and potential store closures on the Promenade in Santa Monica … I know we need to do something."

State assistance did reach Santa Monica this past year in the form of $6.125 million in state grant funding to combat retail theft, with the allocation furthering the establishment of the Santa Monica Analytical Real-Time (SMART) Center. The center will help aggregate data and coordinate police response by using technology like closed-circuit television cameras, a video management system and automated license plate readers.

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RETAIL: Issues with retail crime has forced local stores to keep toiletries and more locked up.

FAIRMONT

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the company's first business partner.

"They're strong believers in the environment, (in) doing the right thing," Robinson said. "They also have some corporate push to track and monitor this data, reduce their upstream spend, which is directly related to food waste … they're all-in, it's great."

Implementing the prototype had a few speed bumps, particularly from what Labays called the "human element" of getting staff up and running with the new system. The first weeks of the project caused headaches with items like forks, gloves, plastic bags, zip ties and Tabasco bottles contaminating the composting process. After some training on the issue, Robinson said that "everyone worked through it," and the early weeks also alleviated potential concerns about odor emitting from the unit.

"We have cooks that (have been) here for 30-plus years that never had to worry about the organic waste, and so explaining why we're doing this really took a good turn for them," Labays added. "They're really engaged, they're very proud of what they're doing."

Robinson shares in that pride, and the success of the prototype has Dyrt setting its sights on larger projects, such as potentially building communal composting farms capable of managing "thousands of tons" of food waste per day.

"It's been a whirlwind, that's for sure … the massive amount of support and people that believe in doing the right thing has been very uplifting," Robinson added.

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GOVERNOR

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the year, losing a powerful post from which to solicit donations and support.

"You'd rather be in a position where you are dictating it on your own terms," Acosta said. "So it's kind of game on."

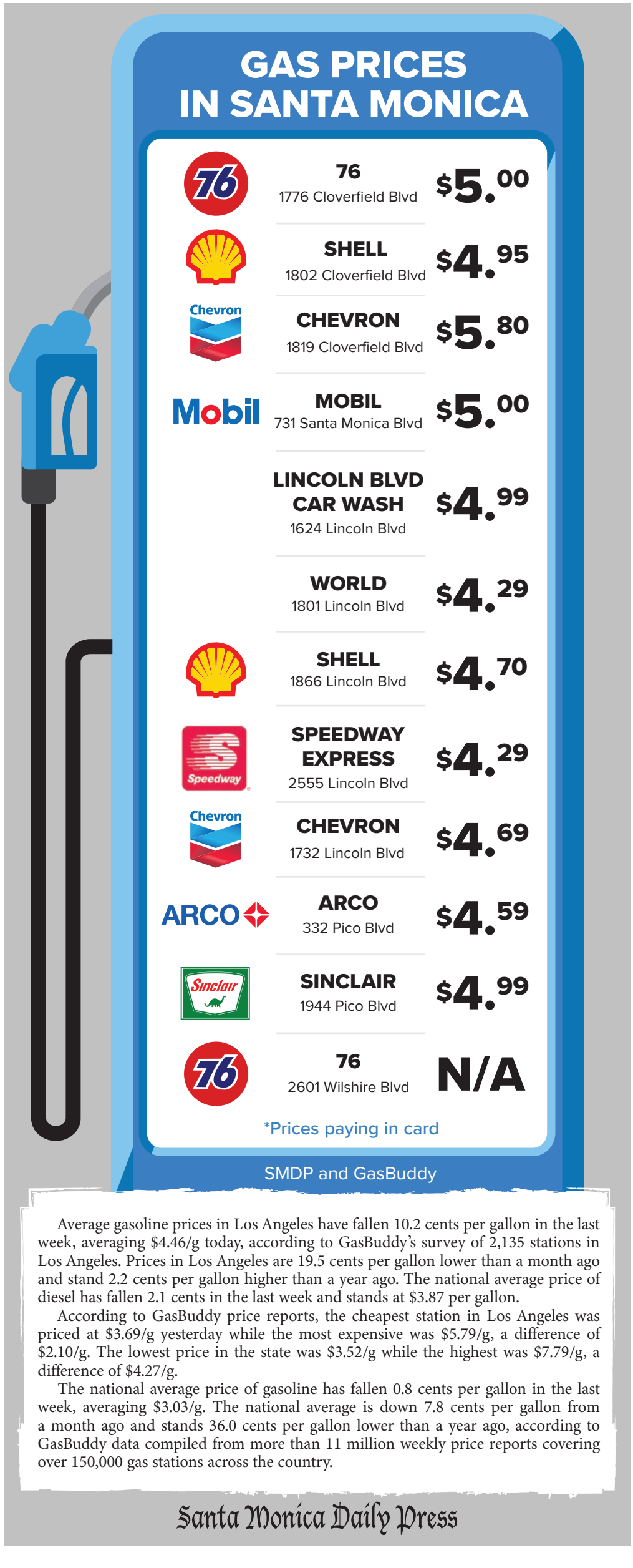
As Atkins' rally ended, Thurmond rolled out a new union endorsement, while earlier this week, Kounalakis announced that she had received the backing of another 16 of Atkins' legislative colleagues. The daughter of a wealthy real estate developer, Kounalakis has a substantial financial advantage in the race and reported raising more than $3.7 million by the end of last year.

Atkins seemed to nod to that in her remarks today, which laid out her journey from a poor upbringing in rural West Virginia to become the first woman who has led both houses of the California Legislature, where she has carried bills making it easier to build housing and protecting abortion rights.

"You shouldn't have to be a millionaire to make it in California," she said. "You should only have to have a dream and people who care enough to help you reach it. Let's achieve that dream together."

Expect to hear a lot more about the history that could be made by this slate of candidates. Atkins, Kounalakis or Yee would be the first woman governor in California history. Atkins would also be the first openly LGBTQ+ person to lead the state, while Thurmond would be the first Black person and Bonta or Yee would be the first Asian American.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 10.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.46/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 19.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 2.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 2.1 cents in the last week and stands at $3.87 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.69/g yesterday while the most expensive was $5.79/g, a difference of $2.10/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.52/g while the highest was $7.79/g, a difference of $4.27/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.03/g. The national average is down 7.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 36.0 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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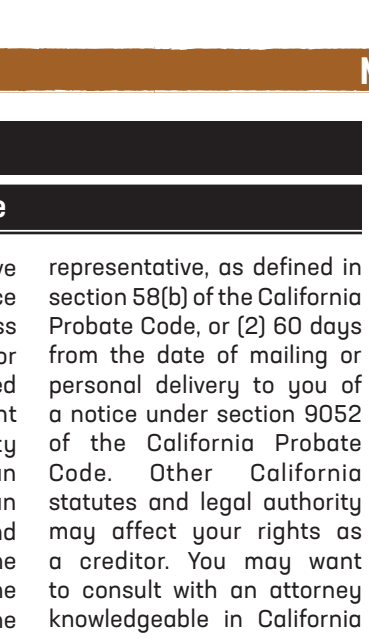
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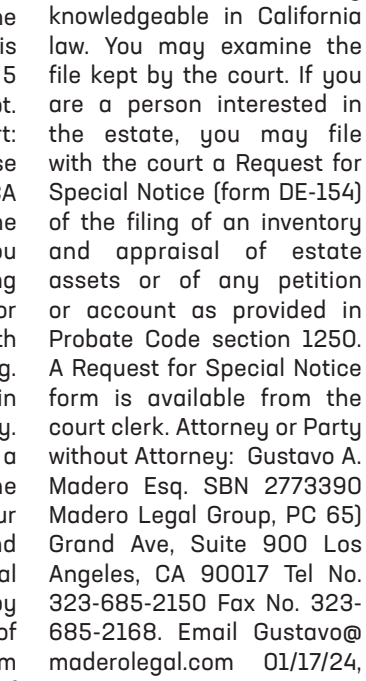
Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Inigo Renas Saiz CASE NUMBER: 24STPB13392 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Inigo Renas Saiz . A Petition for Probate has been filed by Valeria Carriles Martinez in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Valeria Carriles Martinez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: Apr 5 2024 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 79 Room - Address of Court: l Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney or Party without Attorney: Gustavo A. Madero Esq. SBN 2773390 Madero Legal Group, PC 65) Grand Ave, Suite 900 Los Angeles, CA 90017 Tel No. 323-685-2150 Fax No. 323-685-2168. Email Gustavo@maderolegal.com 01/17/24, 01/24/24, 01/31/24

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asked that we not print his last name.

The team behind Harvest say that they're hoping to open by the end of March of this year and also hope to open with a full recreational permit, much like the Local Cannabis Company was finally granted at the end of November, last year.

The fact that Santa Monica's only two cannabis dispensaries are so close together has nothing to do with Hotelling's law as Stephen says, "The city council only gave us a certain area that we could open in and we had no choice. We had a very, very, very limited area where we could actually open the shops and Howard also had no choice where he had to do it."

"The City of Santa Monica will be making a lot of tax, just like the city of Los Angeles makes a lot of tax revenue from cannabis. And that's I'm sure that's one of the reasons that City Council's looked to change [the permit] from medical to recreational and it will help the city of Santa Monica. That's what they're looking for, the benefits to the City of Santa Monica and I believe that's why they went recreational," Sam says.

The space offers about 1,000 square feet of showroom space and the Harvest team very much want to create a neighborhood look and feel. "We want this to be a kind of your local speakeasy pub for cannabis," Stephen says, adding that while other outlets might have a more stylistically-themed aesthetic, "We wanted to turn that on its head and just make it a small neighborhood, with really engaging employees that make it feel like everyone here knows your name."

Little is currently known about the rumored smoke shop coming next door and in a statement to the Daily Press, a spokesperson for the City said, "We do not [currently] have a business license application for a smoke shop and are verifying whether a smoke shop would be permitted in that location."

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CURIOUS CITY

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one. They are still a minority vote, but when appointed member Lana Negrete sides with them, as she often does, things are different. The last election added two voices for overdevelopment to Council, along with established ideologue Gleam Davis. The next election here, in November, will make a huge difference. I have recently heard rumblings of more organization among the residents, and good candidates testing the waters.

Many of my readers know all this. But for those who don't, I think it's important to try to unravel why we have the problems we do, so we can fix them with a City Council that will respect our unique history. This is an amazing little city, and deserves our protection. Take the "For Sale" sign off Santa Monica. Organize, and vote.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealm-rmusic@gmail.com

LAWMAKERS

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This all brings us back to the second part of that famous saying: "Fool me twice, shame on me."

Indeed, shame on all of us if we allow Meta, Amazon, Google and Microsoft to fool us again – this time with AI.

Our elected leaders at all levels of government have given these companies the benefit of the doubt for far too long. Lawmakers can no longer take the tech industry's word when their armies of lobbyists make the case that they police themselves and shouldn't be held accountable – when the basis for that trust is nonexistent.

The ultimate test of these companies' good faith is whether they will be willing to accept accountability for the harms that their products have created and may create. Rather than listen to arguments from companies and their lobbyists, lawmakers need to push ahead with regulations that makes them liable for the products they create. Vermont is charting a path, as recently introduced AI liability legislation shows.

That can start here in California – where so many of these tech giants were born and still call home. Legislators must not be fooled again by their tactics, and instead heed the concerns of their constituents who are overwhelmingly concerned about the dangers AI poses to democracy and want transparency and accountability from these tech behemoths.

It's time to show Big Tech that they can no longer make us for fools.

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STRIKE

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the union's membership sit in those bottom two pay ranges and a majority of those members receive the base pay.

Another $3,000 raise will kick in for faculty who currently earn the lowest salary of $54,000 starting July 1, 2024. About a third of faculty will see additional 2.65% raises.

Though it's not the 12% raise in 2023-24 the union demanded, Wehr thinks the union members will "overwhelmingly" ratify the contract once it's put to a vote.

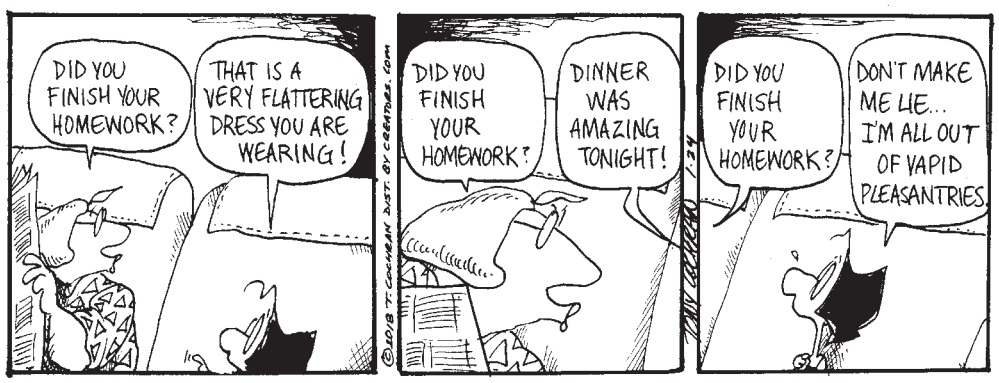
He said a public version of the tentative agreement could go public by Friday once university officials and union leaders finalize the language.

According to a message to faculty, the contract's highlights also include paid parental leave growing from six weeks to 10 weeks — less than the full semester the union sought. Other aspects of the tentative deal include providing a union representative when faculty deal with police, "improving access" to spaces to pump breastmilk and extending the current contract by one year to June 30, 2025.

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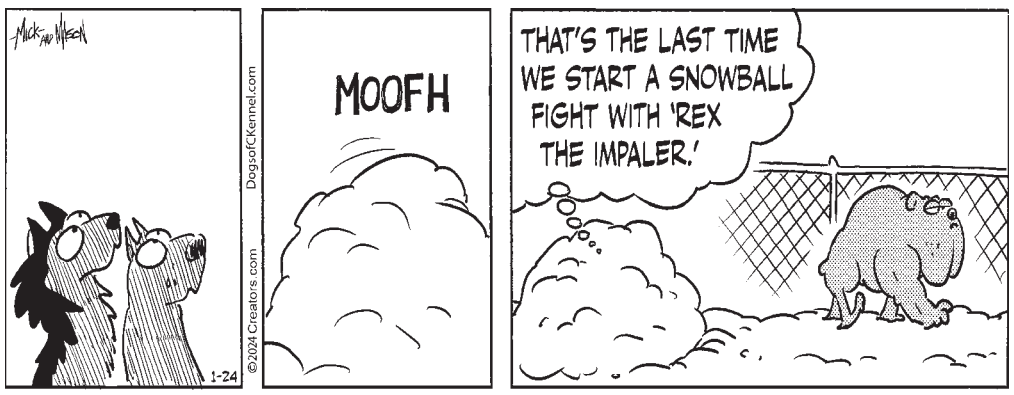
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FIND THE WORDS

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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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People accused you of having idealistic notions, but this year, even you will be surprised by what blossoms into a stunning reality. The highlights: professional breakthroughs, personal victories and interpersonal wonders as relationships develop through the seasons. Money flows from a hot tip, and something you teach changes lives. Scorpio and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 19, 2, 20 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll make your best decisions in the morning. Lay out your plans early and capitalize on your peak willpower. When the moment comes to put those decisions into action, deliberation will be unnecessary. You'll already be doing it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your inner boss is snapping to hurry you along because there's more work to be done. Consider possible obstacles ahead. The more prepared you are for the outcomes you don't want, the less likely they are to occur.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). So tenacious is our need of answers that our brains have been known to fill in the blanks with anything that enables us to move forward. This is how assumptions are born. Today's acute psychic tension will be resolved with an answer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success that depends solely on luck is not particularly helpful to you. Experiment to try and get the same result repeatedly. Analyze, hypothesize and repeat. Your scientific approach will eventually get a favorable result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll strive to make a certain kind of impression. Strategic timing will be as important (if not more) than strategic effort. Position yourself well and you'll go from being the underestimated contender to being the undisputed champion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll persuade someone to your side without making them feel as though they've left their own side. It takes charm and a match of humors. Make them laugh and you've won; laughter is a kind of agreement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is normal when faced with difficult feelings to reach for a distraction. But if you can resist such a dodge and instead move through difficult feelings, you'll soon feel better, uplifted even, and more able to take on what comes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a difference between running away and distancing yourself from forces of negativity. You're willing to journey on to safer, lovelier and more interesting territory. It's not because you're scared; it's because you're smart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Lady Luck can be fickle, but today, you feel the warmth of her affection. And you're not wrong, so don't categorically rule anything out. You could win at yesterday's losing game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships can become like a card game, and it's not a bad thing. Of course, it's more fun when you feel you are winning. Don't let anyone see your best cards. Play them strategically.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Embrace the changing state of things instead of clinging to one idea of perfection. Ideal moments are rare, and even when they do come, you might not recognize them as they are unfolding. It takes hindsight to see their perfection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some destructive energy is necessary to clear the way for creation, but it is a very small amount. The powers of creation and destruction run on different measuring scales. What takes years to build can be destroyed in a single moment.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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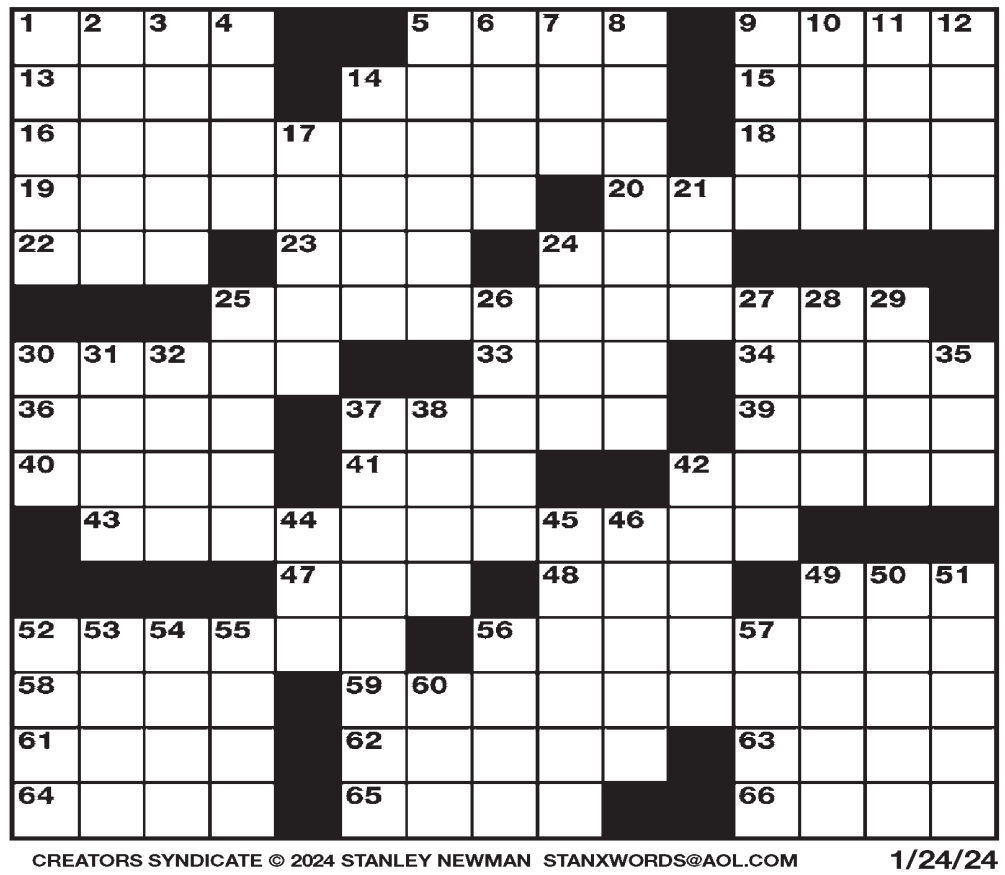
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14 Improv performer
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16 Fleet of vacation ships
18 Make angry
19 Suggested subtly
20 Seen (to)
22 Used a chair
23 Goo for driveways
24 Cause damage to
25 Team's starting players
30 Colorado ski resort
33 Resource from a mine
34 Foam ball brand
36 Young lady
37 Part of USMC
39 Prepare, as water for tea
40 Verbal exam
41 Nonprescription: Abbr.
42 One cent
43 PC message plus replies
47 Cow's complaint
48 Solo of *Star Wars*
49 IRS ID
52 Upper-arm muscle
56 Chomp on
58 Venerated one
59 What the vertebrae surround
61 Not as expensive
62 Specialized vocabulary
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65 Digital watch readouts, in brief
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10 Very zealous
11 Hayloft bundle
12 Winter vehicle
14 Aromatic wood
17 Begin taking effect
21 Be mistaken
24 New-car sticker no.
25 Guy, informally
26 Olympics symbol
27 Not up yet
28 Storefront sign
29 Wide smile
30 Prior to now
31 Thoroughbred's father
32 Brit's baby buggy
35 Spider prey
37 Huge
38 *Simpsons* bus driver
42 Group of reality TV judges
44 Devilish kid
45 Beasts seen on safaris
46 Annoy a lot
49 Napper's noise
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51 Central points
52 Invoice
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Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. has an oppty for an Assoc Mgr, Engrng. $146,578.00/yr to $207,400.00/yr. May wrk from our HQ office in Santa Monica, CA or reside anywhere in the US & wrk remotely from home. May wrk at other US locatns not prsntly known. Email resume w/Ref# SMSVA to recruitment.to@csod.com. Must be legally auth to work in the US w/o spnsrshp. EOE

ASSOCIATE
B Squared Partners LLC is seeking an Associate, in Santa Monica, CA (and other US locations), to lead the prep. of client materls and play active role in clint meetngs. Salary $120,000/yr. Devlp and implmnt fin models. Min BS in Data Sci, Stat, a rltd field +2 yrs of exp in job offered or any Analyst rltd job titles. Telecommuting available. Email your resume and CV to hello@bsquaredpartners.com

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BIOTECH/SCIENCES.
Kite Pharma Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, has an opening in Santa Monica, CA for Senior Process Engineer I (KPE05): Define efficient experiment design, author and communicate protocol-driven studies to the process design team, scale down model qualification, execute of experiments and communicate of analyzed/ summarized results to CMC teams. Position may require up to 5% domestic and/or international travel. Annual salary range for this position is $159,650 to $166,200. For all positions listed, compensation will vary depending on experience and qualifications, and for benefits visit: https://www.kitepharma.com/careers/culture-and-benefits. Ref. code and email resume to globalmobilityservices@gilead.com.

Help Wanted

Senior Logistics Manager (Culver City, CA) Responsibilities incl: Plan and manage logistics, warehouse, transportationand customer services; Direct, optimize and coord full order cycle; liaise and negotiate w/ suppliers, manufacturers, andretailers; monitor OTIF and maintain metrics and analyze data to assess performance and implmt improvements; analyzethe fin'l impact of logistics. Salary ranges from $110,594 - $125,000 /yr. Must have a Bach's Deg or foreign equiv inFinance, Acctg, or Supply Chain Mgmt, + 12 months of exp as a Logistics Manager in a Food Production Co. Please mailCVs to Daring Foods, Inc. c/o Leyana Olavarria, 5920 Blackwelder St, Culver City, CA 90232 or email toleyana@daring.com.

FINANCE
Clocktower Group, L.P. has multiple opptys: Analyst, Ref# SMQZA - $70,000.00/yr to $85,000.00/yr - Understand & curate external hedge fund prfmnce & exposure data sets from major portfolio mgmt sys and risk mgmt sys; Associate, Ref# SMRXI - $86,070.00/yr to $100,000.00/yr – Help drive our relationships w/ hedge fund mgrs. May wrk from our HQ office in Santa Monica, CA or reside anywhere in US & wrk remotely from home. May wrk at other US locatns not prsntly known. Email resume w/Ref# to tnagle@clocktowergroup.com. Must be legally auth to work in the US w/o spnsrshp. EOE

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Software Engineer II-Front End (Job ID#: SE0922) sought by BuildOps, Inc. in Santa Monica, CA, offered: $125,000/Yr:Write quality Javascript code w/ 80%+ code coverage; Create new React components as well as improve existingcomponents in our Material-UI based Frontend Library; Dvlp, support, and improve Node-based Backend API; Improvethe tech'l quality of our work through regular tech'l dsgn and code reviews. Reqmt: Master's deg in Engg, Comp Sci, InfoSystems, or related fields. Proficient in dvlpg web-application using HTML, CSS and JavaScript; Familiarity w/ React.js todvlp and optimize web applications; Proficient in working w/ the Material-UI component library; Comfortable working w/Node.js environment for back-end dvlpmt; Telecommunications w/in the U.S. is available. Apply, mail CV w/ Job# to 2118Wilshire Blvd. Ste 975, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

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WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 24

COMMON APPLICATION WORKSHOP
1 - 2:30 p.m. Virtual. The Common Application is a web based application that is used by over 600 local and out of state colleges and universities (e.g. USC, Pepperdine, and LMU to name a few). An SMC counselor will explain how to complete the Common Application.
https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/7cf28761-b400-4d1b-9e3a-d55fd54fb9d0

E-MEDIA Q&A
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard. Want to learn how to get e-books, audiobooks, movies, and the NY Times, WSJ, Washington Post for free? Access Consumer Reports? Would you like to go to the zoo, CA state parks, Grammy, or Natural History Museum for Zilch? Stream 20M songs? Come learn how it's all free with your library card! Bring any questions you have about our e-media resources or the library in general, and we'll assist or just come in to listen and learn. Very casual, small group.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 25

TK-K ROUNDUP
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District TK and Kindergarten Roundup will take place at neighborhood schools throughout the day, and is an opportunity for Santa Monica and Malibu parents of children entering TK or Kindergarten for the upcoming year to meet the principal and teachers of their neighborhood school, learn about before and after school care, and begin the registration process for the school year. Franklin Elementary begins at 8 a.m., McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community and Grant Elementary begin at 9 a.m. Webster Elementary School begins at 1:45 p.m., and Malibu Elementary School begins at 2 p.m. For Edison Language Academy and Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH), check with school.

POWER OF BUSINESS
The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will host its second annual business summit, "Power of Business," from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Santa Monica Brew Works, 1920 Colorado Ave Suite C. Topics covered include workforce, markets and procurement. Includes Emmy Squared best "Detroit-style" pizza and unique craft beer. Tickets $75 for members, $95 for non-members. For sponsorship opportunities contact judy.kruger@smchamber.com. For vendor tables contact leann.oliver@smchamber.com. Registration can be done at: https://santamonicachamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/22035.

CAROUSEL OF FOOLS
Rogue Artists Ensemble presents a one-night-only immerse carnival party, Carousel of Fools, at the Santa Monica Pier in the historic Looff Hippodrome from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Features new original interactive performances and visits from colorful characters of Rogue past. The night will include a special taste of Rogues' work in development, "Schlitzie: Alive and Inside the Decaying Sideshow." General admission tickets $40, Carnival VIP $240. Tickets can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/carousel-of-fools-tickets-742611841007.

MARINA HOTEL DINNER
An Evening with Buckhorn Vineyards at The Marina del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, begins at 7 p.m. with the esteemed Buckhorn Portfolio. Savor a seated dinner complemented by exquisite wine pairings from Duckhorn Vineyards, Decoy, Canvasback and more. General admission ticket, $95 per person, comes with a welcome glass of Decoy Brut Cuvée Sparkling Wine and a three-course dinner. Tickets can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-duckhorn-vineyards-at-the-marina-del-rey-hotel-tickets-768652920577.

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS
2 - 6 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law.

ONLINE BANKING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
4- 5 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Certified financial coaches from Haven Neighborhood Services share tips for navigating online banking apps, shopping securely online, avoiding scams, and understanding monthly online statements. A Q&A follows the presentation.

TECH & TASKS
2 - 4 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 26

GRILLED CHEESE AND WINE PAIRING
In their newest event they have listened to the people and will be doing their famous grilled cheeses paired with some of their amazing and unusual wines for you. They will be serving plates with their decadent open faced grilled cheeses, each paired with an interesting/ great/unusual wine. This is unlike any pairing they have done before and you do not want to miss it. It all starts with a starter salad with fresh greens, followed up by four open faced grilled cheeses each expertly paired with a unique wine and finished off with a (wait for it) float using Elio Perrone's Bigaro, a sweet blend of Moscato and Brachetto. It doesn't get any better than that!
Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave. $80.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/january-26th-grilled-cheese-and-wine-pairing-tickets-782689534467

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