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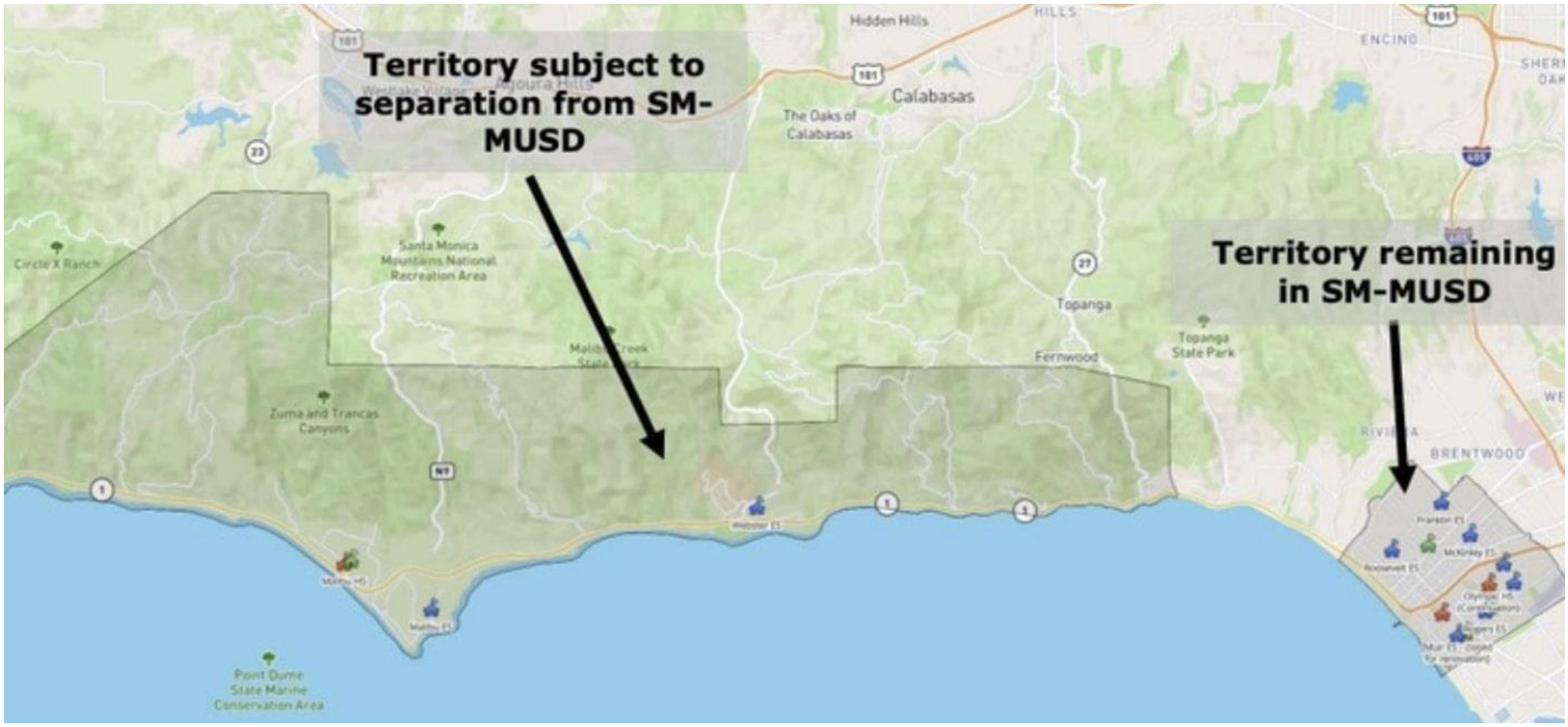
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After fire delay, April date set for Malibu unification petition vote



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PETITION: It's an April date with destiny for the 2017 Malibu unification petition, with its fate to be decided by the Los Angeles County Office of Education Committee on School District Organization.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The unification process between Malibu and Santa Monica schools has been delayed time and again, but this time, the delay came from an unforeseen circumstance and not a request by one of the parties.

In late November, the City of Malibu introduced a new feasibility study as part of its 2017 petition to split the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) into Malibu and Santa Monica contingents. The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Committee on School District Organization had 120 days to review the study, and was to give an update on the petition on Jan. 8.

However, real life got in the way in the form of the Palisades Fire, which began seriously burning acreage the day before the LACOE meeting. The committee moved the update to its February meeting this past Wednesday, and unsurprisingly, the fire's impacts will push back final review of the feasibility study and petition. Originally with a goal to have

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GET IT DAILY...

Local rotary groups pivot to fire relief fundraising



Courtesy Photo

ROTARY: Volunteers of all ages have been helping out with Marina Del Rey Rotary Club's wildfire relief efforts.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The latest club in the local rotary scene has established itself this past month as a key contributor to wildfire relief.

Just two days after the Palisades Fire began in the area, The Marina del Rey Rotary launched its relief and recovery efforts, starting with a donation drive in collaboration with the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, and followed by the launch of its Heart of the Harbor initiative.

Established last July, the Marina rotary club took advantage of its members coming from different industries and backgrounds, getting the word out to corporate partners and a mass of volunteers for the Jan. 11 donation drive.

"What we thought would be 30 of our members, 30 of (Yacht Club) members, a couple of trucks of stuff, turned out to be significantly bigger," said Club President Kurtis Sundblom. "We had nearly 1,000 volunteer donors come through, cars and truckloads of stuff being dropped off and delivered … we realized very quickly that this became so much bigger."

One Marina Rotarian used connections within the port's Fisherman's Village to start up the Hart of the Harbor pop-up relief center, which has been running every single afternoon for weeks. Since the launch, the center has been a transport spot for nearly 500,000 pounds of essential supplies, taken via U-Haul trucks to distribution points.

Distribution locations included the Boys & Girls Clubs of Malibu, Boys & Girls Club of Monterey Park and Deliverance Tabernacle Church in Pasadena. One essential supply going to these places and more was water, as corporate partner Niagara Water gave 40,000 pounds of water to the Rotarians as well as another 40,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs.

"It's been a little bit exhausting emotionally, you're going up and down the roller coaster with all the families who've lost everything," Sundblom said of the past month. "We're all connected in some way or form to someone who's lost their home, or they're impacted … in one way, it's great to see the community all kind of come together to help, and then in another way, it's just so sad."

Helping to give out the goods have been a laundry list of volunteers, including teens from the Boys & Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley's Brent's Club program. The teens from the drug and alcohol prevention program have taken on a special project, curating care packages for impacted families and delivering to those who lack transportation.

"They have all lived through the crisis of the pandemic, they all experienced what it was like to go into distance learning and virtual learning, and now they're all experiencing this crisis," Sundblom said of the volunteers. "So whether they've been impacted directly, or they know their peers have been impacted directly, they get to feel good giving back. They've been able to make an impact."

While Heart of the Harbor will be transitioning into a weekends-only general

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With Valentine's Day on the horizon, Most Loved voting opens for your favorite businesses

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's iconic shoreline is often home to beachcombers plumbing the sandy depths for valuables but the city's real treasures often lie in its neighborhood businesses and it's time to select the crown jewels via the annual Most Loved Contest.

Starting February 10, residents and visitors can cast their votes for their favorite businesses in the month-long celebration of local enterprise now in its 12th year.

The contest runs through March 14 and offers businesses in 110 categories ranging from restaurants to auto repair shops the opportunity to showcase how much their customers love their services.

This year, the contest comes as the region recovers from the massive wildfires and organizers said the timing couldn't be better as it provides a much needed boost to everyone involved. While the businesses themselves benefit from the increased publicity, it's also a way to showcase the kinds of services everyone needs and to support those who need help right now.

"We're doing a big push also to encourage people to buy gift cards to help support fire victims," said Santa Monica Economic Director Jennifer Taylor.

She said people are still struggling post-fire but the disruption of not having a permanent place to settle is hard to endure. Supporting them via gift cards is a boon to both the businesses who need customers and the individuals in need of specific items.

Taylor said that the Most Loved contest also offers locals a chance to share their favorite local spots with others and that there are still hidden gems to be discovered in the City, whether it's a medical specialist you're newly in need of or a recently opened baker that you're keen to try out.

This year's contest introduces technological innovations to make participation easier. Businesses can now generate customized QR codes that pre-fill their information in the voting form, and free window clings with built-in QR codes are available to encourage customer participation.

The voting process, designed to ensure fairness, requires participants to cast votes in at least five categories through a verified email address. "Winning comes down to hundreds of votes, not thousands," said Ross Furukawa, Santa Monica Daily Press Publisher, emphasizing how even small businesses can compete effectively.

Winners receive more than just recognition. They're celebrated at an awards ceremony at Santa Monica Brew Works, where a special Most Loved IPA will be released for the occasion. Winners also receive official city commendations and photo opportunities with the mayor and city council.

The contest has evolved since its 2010 launch by the Buy Local Santa Monica Committee and various business improvement districts. What began as a simple local poll has grown into a comprehensive guide that shapes both resident and tourist experiences throughout the year.

The Most Loved magazine, distributed throughout hotels, businesses, and visitor centers, serves as a trusted guide for authentic Santa Monica experiences.

This year's categories include traditional favorites like "Best Brunch" and "Most Loved Coffee Shop," alongside new additions reflecting the city's evolving business landscape. With over 21,000 businesses in Santa Monica, winning places a business in the top 2% of local establishments.

For participating businesses, the contest offers free publicity and a chance to strengthen community connections. The impact extends beyond the voting period. Previous winners report sustained increases in customer traffic, with the Most Loved designation becoming a trusted marker of quality for both locals and tourists.

Voting opens February 10 at smdp.com/vote. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony, followed by the publication of the annual Most Loved magazine.

For more information about participating or voting, For more information and contest rules visit SMDP.com/mostlovedresources.com or email mostloved@smdp.com.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 25SMCP0012 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mickie Alisa Scholes for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Mickie Alisa Scholes with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mickie Alisa Scholes to Mickie Alisa Arias . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 02/21/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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After the fires, the mandate for Karen Bass remains the same: House the people of Los Angeles



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HOUSING: The aftermath of the Palisades Fire, as clean-ups and infrastructure repairs begin, in Pacific Palisades, on Jan. 14, 2025. Residents are still not allowed access to the area, and the National Guard is in place to thwart looters and sightseers.

Any student of California history knows the story of the 1906 earthquake. San Francisco was torn apart by the quake itself, then ravaged by the fire that followed. California's great city, a hub of the Gold Rush, was reduced to smoking rubble.

What happened next is lesser-known. In the wreckage, displaced residents were forced into makeshift shelters. Resilient rats scampered through the city's detritus. Earthquake and fire preceded the plague, which swept the city beginning in May 1907, reviving an epidemic that had struck San Francisco before the tremors, but had seemed under control.

The plague was one of history's most notorious killers, and its presence in San Francisco was not only lethal to those who contracted it but also threatened those responsible for the city's recovery and well-being. City leaders tried to downplay the dangers, suggesting that it was confined to Chinatown and hinting that white people didn't need to fear it. Dozens of people died while civic leaders tussled over the size and scope of the problem and the merits of drawing attention to it.

Los Angeles today faces a challenge comparable to that of San Francisco 119 years ago. The fires have done their damage. Now comes the test of leadership. It will separate those seeking to make hay from the tragedy from those dedicated to the region's welfare. And it will be judged by whether Los Angeles can rise to the most formidable housing struggle in its history.

Even before the fires, Los Angeles was hundreds of thousands of units short of what was needed to house its population. The Palisades fire, which struck within city boundaries, destroyed another 6,800 buildings — most of them homes.

The early evaluations of the civic response have been mixed at best. Mayor Karen Bass took heat for being out of the country when the fires erupted, and then took more heat for her unsteady public comments after she returned. She aggravated local officials last week when she first prepared to open Pacific Palisades and then announced that she had worked out a deal with Gov. Gavin Newsom to keep the National Guard in place.

Malibu Mayor Doug Stewart was among those annoyed by the back-and-forth.

"These last-minute, uncoordinated decisions create unnecessary confusion and disruption," he said in a statement.

The issue was resolved quickly, but it foreshadows the difficulties that lie ahead in what will be a long recovery. Clear messaging is important in crises, and the signals from Bass have not always met the moment.

And yet, Bass also has summoned city resources, led scores of meetings and streamlined the work of city departments. At a community meeting last week just outside the fire zone, she was warmly welcomed by leaders and residents. Many worked their way to the front of the room to receive a hug, and several thanked her for her compassionate management of the recovery so far.

With the fires now contained, she may have the liberty to speak more forcefully

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California's surge in EV sales has stalled — so what happens to its landmark mandate?

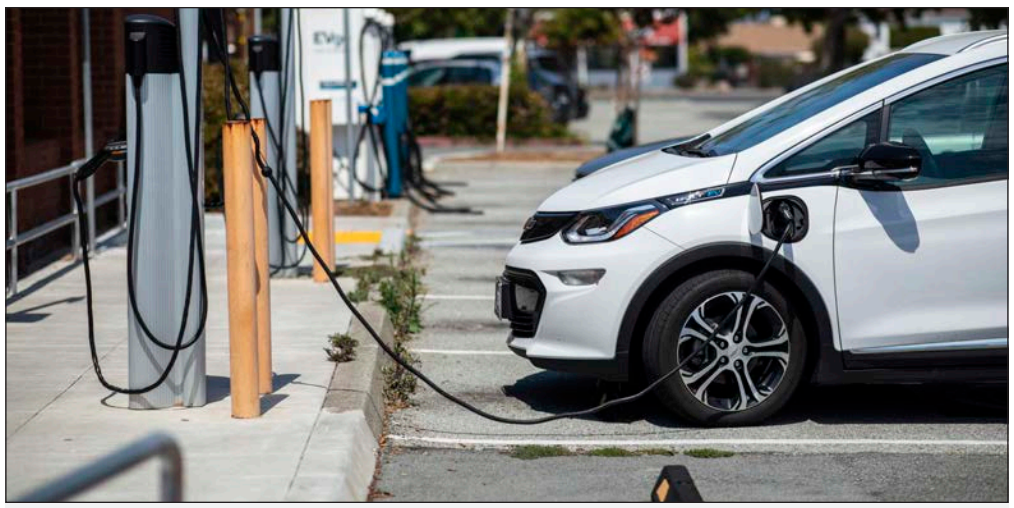


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EV: The sales of electric vehicles have been stalling throughout California.

California's push to electrify its cars is facing a potentially serious problem: People aren't buying electric cars fast enough.

After three straight years of strong growth, sales have stabilized in California, raising questions about whether the state will fail to meet its groundbreaking mandate banning sales of gas-powered vehicles.

About a quarter — 25.3% — of all new cars registered in California in 2024 were zero emissions, just slightly more than 25% in 2023, according to new California Energy Commission data. The flat sales follow several years of rapid growth — in 2020, only one in 13 cars sold was zero-emissions. Their share of California's market is now three times larger than four years ago.

But the slowed pace of growth in the market puts the state's climate and air pollution goals at risk. Under California's mandate, approved in 2022, 35% of new 2026 car models sold by automakers must be zero emissions. That leaves considerable ground to make up as some 2026 models begin rolling out later this year.

The requirement ramps up to 68% for 2030 models, and in 2035, California's rule bans all sales of gasoline-powered cars.

ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE SALES REMAINED FLAT IN 2024

David Simpson, who owns three car dealerships in Orange County, said he is not seeing increased demand for electric cars. While the initial rollout of some models, such as the GMC Hummer EV, did well at first, the demand did not continue. Sales of the Chevrolet Equinox and Blazer EVs do alright, but aren't strong, either, he said.

"The sales are declining," Simpson said. "We've filled that gap of people who want those cars — and now they have them — and we're not seeing a big, huge demand. I don't see households going 100% EV."

Dave Clegern, a spokesperson for the California Air Resources Board, which oversees the electric car mandates, said in an email that while sales of zero-emission vehicles in California are "less dramatic than in years past," the flat sales occurred in the context of an overall plateauing of car sales last year.

Although the rules limit what automakers can sell, Californians are not required to buy electric cars. That means if consumer demand doesn't increase, it could be a major black eye for Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has made electric cars a cornerstone of his agenda to fight climate change and clean the air. A spokesman for Newsom declined to comment.

The state mandate, however, has some flexibility, Clegern said. First of all, it's a multi-year formula: Each manufacturer's sales of 2026 zero-emission vehicles must be 35% of its total sales averaged for model years 2022 through 2024.

Manufacturers also can buy credits from automakers that have exceeded the target — companies that only sell electric models, such as Tesla or Rivian. To enforce compliance with California's sales requirements, state officials could impose steep penalties of $20,000 per vehicle on manufacturers that fall short of quotas.

"Manufacturers may still be in compliance even if they do not achieve these specific sales volumes," Clegern said.

Brian Maas, president of the California New Car Dealers Association, said automakers could seek to avoid the fines by reducing the number of gas-powered cars they send to California dealers. He said that could leave fewer options for buyers, drive up prices and push some consumers to Nevada or Arizona to find the car they want, while others will hold on to their older, more polluting vehicles.

"We're just not going to make the mandate as presently drafted" so automakers will have to take action, Maas said. "The most rational is to constrain inventory."

The auto industry group Alliance for Automotive Innovation has been raising these concerns since at least December, when it published a memo entitled, "It's gonna take a miracle: California and states with EV sales requirements." The group warns the mandate could depress auto sales in California — as well as in other states that adopt its rules.

Last month, John Bozzella, the group's chief executive, called California's rules "by any measure not achievable" after President Donald Trump signed an executive order repealing federal rules promoting electric vehicles.

"There's a saying in the auto business: You can't get ahead of the customer," Bozzella said.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 25SMCP0012 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mickie Alisa Scholes for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Mickie Alisa Scholes with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mickie Alisa Scholes to Mickie Alisa Arias . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 02/21/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25CHPCP00038 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Jenny Joo for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Jenny Joo with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Jenny Joo to Francis Jenny Kim . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 04/02/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 9425 Penfield Ave Chatsworth, CA 91311. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Nearly 7,000 property owners join LA County's wildfire debris removal program



Courtesy of Newsom's office

WILDFIRE: Thousands of property owners have joined efforts to rebuild Los Angeles.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Efforts to rebuild Los Angeles are in full swing as local, county, state and federal agencies are celebrating another milestone on the path to reconstruction as the Los Angeles County has begun transmitting validated Right of Entry forms to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Nearly 7,000 property owners have opted into the government-run debris removal program, demonstrating a strong community response to the wildfire aftermath. The county carefully validates each form to verify property ownership, protecting residents' rights and preventing potential fraud.

"Los Angeles County's commitment to a swift recovery continues today with our Department of Public Works submitting their first verified batch of Right of Entry forms to the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps is finalizing their construction contracts now and Phase 2 debris removal for the Palisades Fire will begin next week," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath.

In the Altadena area, which was impacted by the Eaton Fire, similar progress is being made. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger emphasized the importance of debris removal, noting that the remnants left by the fire pose significant health and safety risks to the community. The first batch of Right of Entry forms for the Eaton Fire has been delivered to the Army Corps of Engineers, paving the way for cleanup operations.

Local municipalities are also taking proactive steps to support recovery efforts. The Malibu City Council has initiated comprehensive measures to streamline the rebuilding process for properties damaged by the 2025 Palisades Fire, 2024 Franklin Fire, and 2024 Broad Fire. In a Jan. 27 meeting, the council adopted a resolution to modify the Local Coastal Program and Municipal Code to expedite rebuilding.

"We are doing everything within our power to streamline the rebuilding process and remove unnecessary barriers so residents can focus on recovery," said Malibu Mayor Doug Stewart.

The proposed changes include allowing property owners to rebuild similar-sized homes with a 10% expansion without requiring a Coastal Development Permit, and providing relief for residents in geologic hazard areas to relocate structures more easily.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has already begun Phase I of debris removal for the Palisades Fire, conducting fire debris assessments and removing household hazardous waste at designated staging sites. Residents have until March 31 to opt in or opt out of the government-sponsored Phase II cleanup efforts.

Meanwhile, Governor Gavin Newsom continues to pursue federal support for the region's recovery. He has been meeting with key congressional leaders, including Representative Tom Cole, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and Senator Chuck Schumer, to secure critical disaster aid.

"Supporting Americans in their time of need is what this country has always done," Newsom said. "In California's time of need, we are seeking the same support and commitment we have provided others."

The governor's efforts represent an ongoing commitment to supporting survivors across Southern California, focusing on cutting bureaucratic red tape and ensuring comprehensive support for communities impacted by the wildfires.

Property owners can find more information and submit necessary forms at recovery.lacounty.gov, with local officials encouraging prompt participation to expedite the recovery process.

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EV

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Environmental Protection Agency granted California a waiver in December that allows the state to enforce its requirements phasing out new gas-powered cars. Many experts believe the Trump administration is likely to challenge the waiver through the courts.

Experts also anticipate that Trump could eliminate the $7,500 federal tax credit for zero-emission vehicle purchases, which would increase the cost of buying some electric cars. Newsom vowed last year to continue offering the incentive through state funding, although that promise came before Los Angeles faced devastating wildfires and the state released its fragile budget earlier this year.

Californians have purchased more than 2 million electric cars, leading the nation. The number has doubled in about two years.

But electric vehicle sales, which make up the majority of zero emission cars, grew by only 1.1% in 2024, with 378,910 sold compared to 374,668 in 2023. Plug-in hybrids, once considered a potential alternative to a purely electric model, remained relatively stable. And sales of hydrogen-powered cars all but collapsed last year, with sales plummeting to a meager 600 in 2024 from 3,119 in 2023.

The slower growth comes amid overall market sluggishness, with all auto sales in California dipping slightly last year to 1,752,030.

Loren McDonald, chief analyst for the charging app Paren, said a major contributor is a shift in consumer demographics.

The state's market has moved beyond early electric car adopters — affluent, environmentally motivated buyers willing to overlook challenges like limited charging infrastructure and higher costs — and into the mainstream.

He said these new buyers, often from middle-income households or who live in apartment buildings without easy access to charging, are far less forgiving when it comes to electric cars. Concerns about range, broken chargers and upfront costs are deal breakers.

Tesla's market dominance has exacerbated the issue. Many left-leaning California consumers, who were once loyal to Tesla, appear to have distanced themselves because of CEO Elon Musk's controversial public persona and alliance with Trump.

As Tesla sales have softened, dropping 11% in California last year, the decline has disproportionately affected overall EV registration data in California because of the company's significant market share, McDonald said.

Affordability remains a crucial hurdle, though McDonald sees signs of improvement. Automakers have ramped up production, leading to competitive pricing and aggressive lease deals—many under $400 per month.

But mainstream consumers are largely unaware that electric vehicles offer long-term savings in fuel and maintenance, McDonald said, adding that better education is needed to convince consumers to take the leap, especially as electric car prices increasingly approach parity with gas-powered vehicles.

McDonald remains optimistic about 2025. The market will benefit from new electric models priced under $50,000 and technological advancements, such as faster charging and vehicle-to-home power capabilities.

By Alejandro Lazo. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

PETITION

FROM PAGE 1

final discussion and a vote on March 5, the committee will now have those actions at its April meeting in a location to be determined.

"We have a lot of information to go through," LACOE Committee Business Advisory Services Coordinator Dr. Allison Deegan said. "We're being guided by the analysis that's been done in the past, what's changed, what hasn't, what new information in the interceding years is important for the committee to highlight."

Deegan added that unification is ultimately a state action, and that a LACOE committee approval would be just one step toward a split. If approved, the Malibu petition would go to the State Board of Education, and it could take "years" before reaching the "nebulous" board agenda queue.

"We hear from a lot of members of the community (about) the urgency ... of parents and students and looking for remedies, and the district looking to plan and all of that," Deegan said. "But, in my opinion, absent state legislation ... we are multiple years away from anything making a shift in (SMMUSD)."

Attorney Christine Wood, representing Malibu at the LACOE meeting, emphasized that urgency from her constituents, saying while she appreciated everyone's concern for Malibu residents post-fire, they are "not interested in any delay at all."

"The residents of Malibu are incredibly eager for this to happen as quickly as possible," Wood said. "I am fielding daily emails, the council is fielding daily emails ... there's a whirlwind within the community, especially once they begin to rebuild from the fire, (and) part of their ability to rebuild, they believe, is very much steeped in the ability to be able to show local control over their schools."

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> - Christine Wood

Before the April hearing, which would need to take place in the first week of the month to accommodate SMMUSD's Spring break, there will be one more public hearing on the petition in March at a location to be determined. The petition will need to pass the nine criteria set by the California Department of Education, including matters of enrollment, finances and community identity.

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Focaccia con burrata e salumi
Prosciutto, salame, burrata, basil pesto, mixed greens, tomatoes, homemade focaccia **15**

Focaccia con peperonata
Peppers, olives, mozzarella, homemade focaccia **14**

SIDE

Rosemary truffle potatoes
Soup
Salad

PASTA

Pappardelle Bolognese
Wagyu beef ragout, homemade pappardelle **18**

Fettuccine Alfredo
The classic **15**
with chicken **19**

Penne Arrabbiata
San Marzano tomato puree, Thai chilis **14**
with chicken **18**

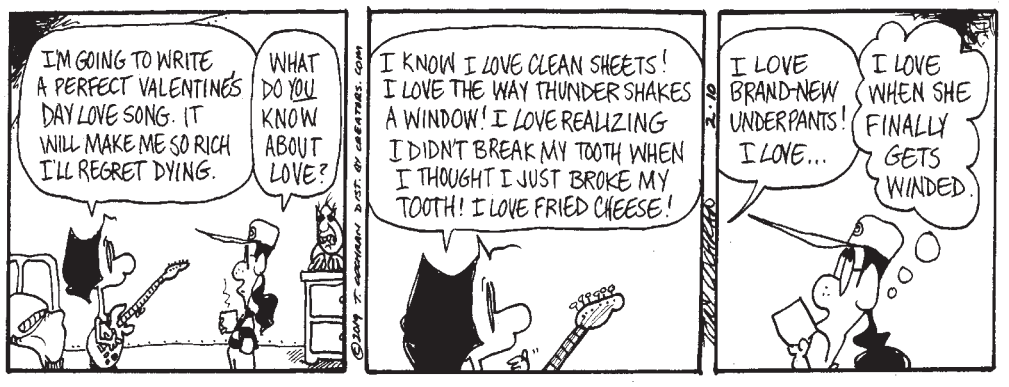
COMBO

Soup, salad, homemade focaccia **14**

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COLONEL MUSTARD IN THE DEN WITH THE CANDLE HOLDER

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 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6482

Music from the Sixties

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Arena	Everly	Jump	Piano
Aztecs	Fun	King	Rhythm
Band	Gary	Loud	Rick
Base	Gene	Love	Scream
Beatles	Gladys	Manager	Shake
Brown	Knight	Money	Songs
Dion	Group	Neil	Voice
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 10)

You've an augmented talent for picking up on the unspoken. Those subtle cues that most overlook will have you connecting with others in a way that feels magical. Enhanced relationships sparkle up your year. More highlights: You'll be rewarded for risks taken and the challenges faced. You'll solve a mystery. Work that more closely aligns with your interests will make earning a joy. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 2, 14, 35 and 9.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are people who, for whatever reason, are intimidating but don't mean to be. Then there are people who either secretly or overtly have an intent to overpower. Remind yourself that you have the final say.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a day for cleaning, building, fixing or growing things. You're inspired by those with a similar work ethic (see Capricorn and Virgo), and teaming up benefits your productivity exponentially.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's frustrating that you don't have more time to focus on your projects, but the progress you're making is still worth celebrating. The energy you're investing is real, and the results will be real, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your dedication to a project is no small thing. This is no longer a hobby. It's work - it's the heart of your ambition and self-expression, and deserving of respect. It's OK to name this endeavor work, even if you're not (yet) earning money from it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a caregiver, a worker and a doer. You're also a full, vibrant and creative person who thrives on connection and appreciation. You deserve to feel seen and valued, not just for what you do for others but for who you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A life too focused inward becomes brittle; one too stretched outward forgets its core. You'll adjust your range of vision, extending it far enough to give you a feel for the world, but not so far as to lose yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone you've known and care about treats you inconsistently, keeping you in a cycle of closeness and distancing, which is not what you need. Your feelings about this are valid. Clarity about what a relationship isn't can be bitter relief.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While some get an adrenaline rush from roller coasters and high-stakes games, your rush comes from the social arena. Breaking the ice with a stranger or daring to speak in public is not only a quiet thrill - it will expand you regardless of the outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been trying to make a deal, and there's an offer on the table. The longer you deliberate, the less enthusiastic the other party will be about the deal. Think fast. Factor in many aspects of an arrangement before arriving at your conclusion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Duty calls today - and then it calls back, and calls again, and follows up with another call. Small, mindful steps - such as incorporating movement into the day, finding alternatives to snack culture or building moments of calm - can make a big difference in a dutiful day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You blend practicality with artistry to brilliant effect - an instinct that enhances all kinds of relationships and elevates many experiences. Your touch turns ordinary moments into something truly memorable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though there will be some hectic moments, you're evolving, growing and putting in the work to get to your goal, and that's something to be proud of. Action and dedication matter much more than perfection.

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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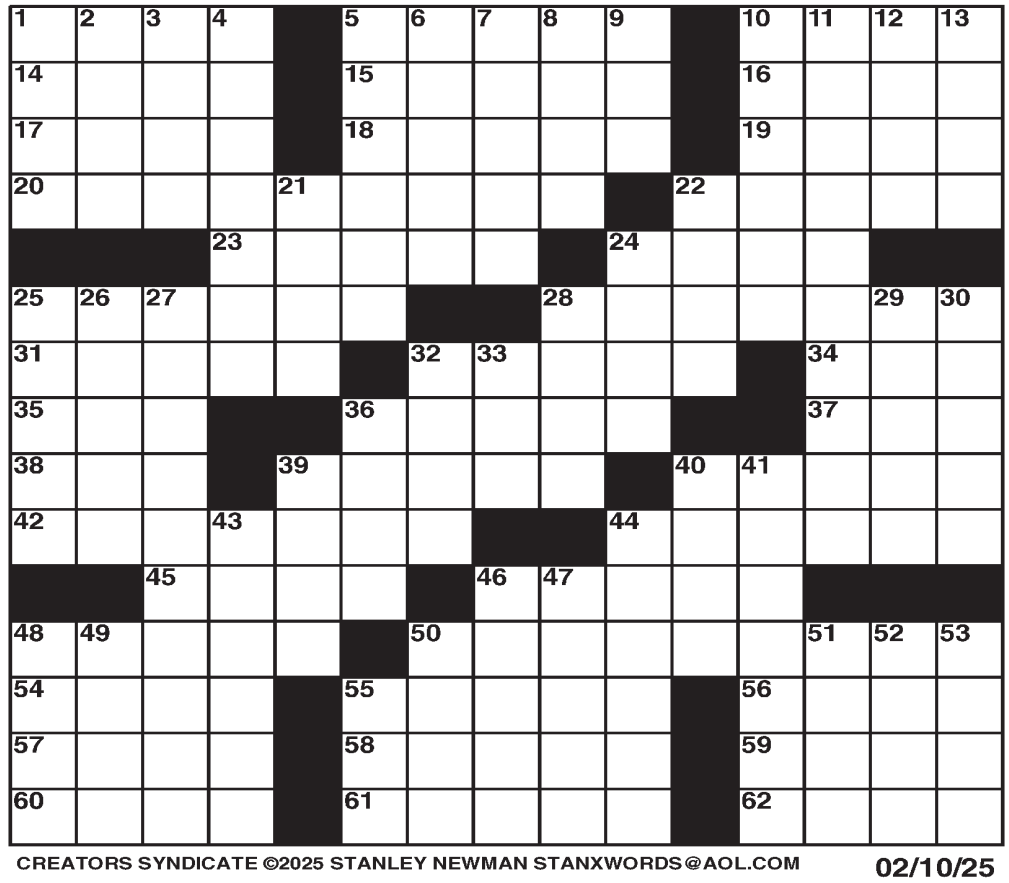
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ACROSS

1 Rail-riding vagabond
5 Stock up on
10 Agile
14 English noble below duke
15 French flat hat
16 Person from Bangkok
17 Just slightly
18 Opera solos
19 Expressway exit
20 Scientist who studies atoms
22 Poem
23 Sharp, as eyesight
24 Abound (with)
25 "Bald" birds
28 Newspaper's job listings
31 Aids in a crime
32 Take __ (disassemble)
34 American spy group: Abbr.
35 Light brown color
36 County festivals
37 Rural hotel
38 Take advantage of
39 Arranges into stacks
40 Made simpler
42 Store selling dog and cat toys
44 Hot and humid
45 Apple's music player
46 Marble-cake pattern
48 Fancy knotted scarf
50 Scientist who studies cells
54 Mix with a spoon
55 Defiant challenge
56 Aroma
57 Midterm or final
58 Church instrument
59 "__ of your business!"
60 Chooses, with "for"
61 Paid out
62 Otherwise

DOWN

1 Messy pile
2 Solemn pledge
3 Donkey's sound
4 Veteran sailor
5 Calculator with beads
6 Be worthy of
7 Get off the couch
8 Couch or bench
9 Haloed ones: Abbr.
10 City road
11 Scientist filling prescriptions
12 Ewes' mates
13 "Omigosh!"
21 Puts frosting on
22 Clothes-dryer outlet
24 Black paving materials
25 Completely devour
26 Belittle
27 Scientist who studies heredity
28 Armed conflicts
29 Casual eatery
30 With a beachlike surface
32 Group for people 50+
33 Cherry seed
36 Anything that's edible
39 Took a photo of
40 Money in Italy
41 Completely depleted
43 Basketball and soccer
44 Making no sound
46 Prolonged battle
47 Adult female
48 In the matter of
49 Staircase surface
50 Pat baby on the back
51 Role model
52 Male children
53 Elm or eucalyptus
55 Ship's distress signal



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FUNDRAISING

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resource center, it continues to make a massive difference, something that can also be said for the Rotary Club of Santa Monica.

On March 1, the Santa Monica club's 17th annual wine festival will have proceeds going to its Fire Relief Fund, which has already bought $25,000 worth of supplies for Pacific Palisades residents when they return to their neighborhoods, such as hazmat suits, goggles, gloves and shovels.

Thus far, the club has raised $100,000 from the wine festival, with a goal of $200,000 to go toward the local American Red Cross, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club and Salvation Army. The festival at the Skirball Cultural Center will be a Masquerade Ball with a Venetian theme, featuring wine tasting and both a silent and live auction.

"Rotary has always helped support natural disasters, this one just happens to be in our backyard," Wine Festival Chairperson Andrea Gressinger said. "We had dozens of our own Rotarians affected by it, and it's (our duty) as part of the community (to help)."

To purchase early bird tickets before Feb. 15, visit RotaryWineFest.org or call 310-801-7599. To get involved with the Heart of the Harbor relief efforts, visit mdrrotary.org.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 4

on the recovery and its surrounding politics.

Beyond Bass, the city's always-frail civic leadership has been predictably shaky. Rick Caruso, the developer who lost the mayoral race in 2022, continued to act as if this tragedy were a route back to politics, this week announcing the creation of a nonprofit to help with recovery and releasing a list of board members that draws heavily from his political base.

That's commendable at one level — clear thinking is helpful, and more minds are better than fewer — but it's hard to imagine Bass and city leadership being especially receptive to Caruso's input. His effort seems at least as much an attention-seeking vehicle as an effort to help.

Meanwhile, Patrick Soon-Shiong, the billionaire owner of the Los Angeles Times, publicly called for the creation of a "leadership council," which he announced in his Sunday newspaper, with its rapidly declining readership. But Soon-Shiong, who demanded Bass' resignation while the fires were still being fought, seems even less likely than Caruso to win much attention or support from City Hall, where he is regarded as a civic wannabe rather than as a serious contributor to civic life.

HOUSING REMAINS THE MISSION

What lies ahead is a multifaceted challenge that will push the city to new extremes even as the Bass administration grapples with the crisis it was elected to confront: homelessness. Now, the housing challenge is not just to find shelter and housing for the city's 45,000 or so homeless people but for the tens of thousands of people who lost homes in the firestorm — and the untold many others who were already at the brink and now face the prospect of soaring rental costs.

Bass has made it clear that she intends to tackle both. At last week's meeting, she expressed her continued commitment to housing the city's homeless, a pledge she reinforced when we spoke on Tuesday.

"While we work to recover and rebuild the Palisades, we also have a number of serious issues in the city," she said. Chief among those: Public safety and "getting people housed." Since mid-January, even as the fires have consumed the attention of city and the world, the mayor's Inside Safe program has conducted four operations, bringing shelter to 55 people who had been sleeping outside.

In one sense, Bass' mission is merely an expansion of her original mandate. But the task of rebuilding housing in the Palisades is obviously different than that of bringing in people who have been living without shelter. Most Palisades residents will not be homeless in the traditional sense — losing belongings and memories is a brutal experience under any circumstances, but qualitatively different from sleeping under a tarp.

Still, the mission in the Palisades is housing, too.

As Bass becomes the region's chief advocate for housing construction, she can rely on support from Sacramento but perhaps not of President Donald Trump, for whom this crisis has been another opportunity to mug and preen while spouting nonsense about fighting fires by diverting rainwater from Northern California to Central Valley farmland. Trump is at best a distraction, but more often he is a willful obstacle to recovery by a state that consistently rejects his politics. Bass' mission there will be to appeal to the federal government for help without directly antagonizing a lying narcissist.

In one sense, the urgency around the fires may prove useful. Using some of the emergency authority she has exercised to rebuild the Palisades, Bass also could use city property to erect modular housing units to supply unhoused people with places to begin rebuilding their lives. The two crises — rebuilding the Palisades and housing the homeless — may help each other.

All of this will be expensive, but Bass has resources at her disposal. For the city's unhoused population, she has the money being generated by voters' recent approval of a countywide homeless service tax that is raising $1 billion a year. LA is in line to receive the bulk of the money, helping fund new construction as well as services for addiction and the other ancillary crises of homelessness.

For the Palisades, Bass has the attention of the world, for better and for worse. The Grammys last weekend and FireAid concerts highlighted the potential of the entertainment industry to focus attention and money on fire recovery. Beyond that, she has the attention of the state government and plenty of input from residents and civic leaders.

All of that will pull her in different directions, a reminder that a mayor's time may be her most precious resource. In the end, she will be judged by one metric: Did she house the people of Los Angeles?

By Jim Newton. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



MONDAY | FEBRUARY 10

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION

6:30 - 8 p.m. Ruskin Group Theatre Bungalow 10, 2800 Airport Ave. City art and culture programs are guided by the 9-member Santa Monica Arts Commission, which was formally established in 1982 to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of art programs in the City. Appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, Arts Commissioners advise the Council on matters of policy, and strive to encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art activity here.

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1975, the mission of the Landmarks Commission is "To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people."

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 11

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patio Room, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Come learn and have fun each week with something new like exercise, talking with friends, learning, guest presenters and health & wellness. For more information, call 310-458-8688.

TUESDAY TALES

10:30 - 11 a.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. This fun and engaging weekly series features stories, songs and rhymes and travels to a different library location each week. Free tickets are available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5.

ART BANK UNVEILING

4 - 5 p.m. Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Join artist Gary Tyler for the unveiling of "In Memoriam of an Ashanti Warrior, 1996." This textile work wad completed in 2024 and acquired for the municipal Art Bank with the support of Frieze Los Angeles.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency, Audit Subcommittee.

LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH TRIVIA NIGHT

6 - 7 p.m. Solidarity Restaurant, 1414 Lincoln Blvd. Celebrate Library Lovers' Month and flex your literary knowledge with a trivia contest. Compete individually or as a team to win prizes and show your love for your local library.

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 12

COMPUTER BASICS

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join for a free hands-on introduction to using email to send messages, files and photos.

SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

1 - 2 p.m. Virtual. Conversations around body safety should happen in every family and can be done with ease and without fear or discomfort. Come discover how you can start this conversation with your child today. To register, visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4p37ye0tx7x8156869h449vpwk/202502121300.

COOKIES & CARD CRAFTING FOR KIDS

3:30 - 5 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Make a Valentine's card for your loved ones and decorate cookies. All materials provided. For ages 2-10.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

4:30 - 6 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join the adventure for one-shot sessions with characters you have created or pick-up a readymade character for the day's journey. All materials provided. Ages 9-14.

LITERARY LOUNGE

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

WICKS & WINE

6:30 - 9 p.m. AJA Vineyards, 1417 2nd St. Join for a fun evening of candle making and wine tasting. Unleash your creativity as you craft your own custom scented candle, sip on some delicious wines and socialize with friends. Tickets $65, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wicks-wine-at-aja-vineyards-tickets-1218666055979.

AN EVENING WITH DUCKHORN VINEYARDS

7 - 9 p.m. Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina del Rey. This Valentine's season, treat yourself (and maybe someone special) to an unforgettable evening featuring the world-renowned Duckhorn Portfolio. Ticket includes welcome glass of Sparkling Rose and a three-course dinner paired with Duckhorn wines. Tickets $75, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-duckhorn-vineyards-at-marina-del-rey-hotel-tickets-1092815463469.

ORIGINAL UNDERSTUDIES

8 - 9 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A 3rd St. Promenade. The Bear Supply Hour is now Original Understudies, a cast of both fresh and veteran comedians in fast-paced sketch and long form improv. Every show features special guests creating a high-octane, one-of-a-kind improvised spectacle. Tickets $10, to purchase visit: https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe.c/11565659.

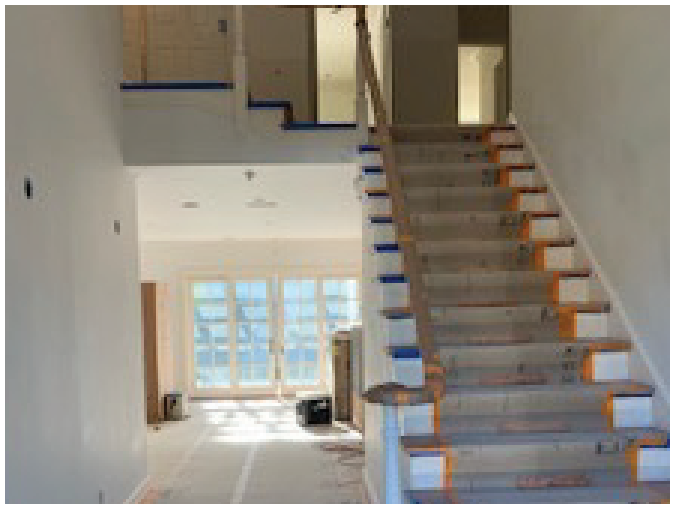
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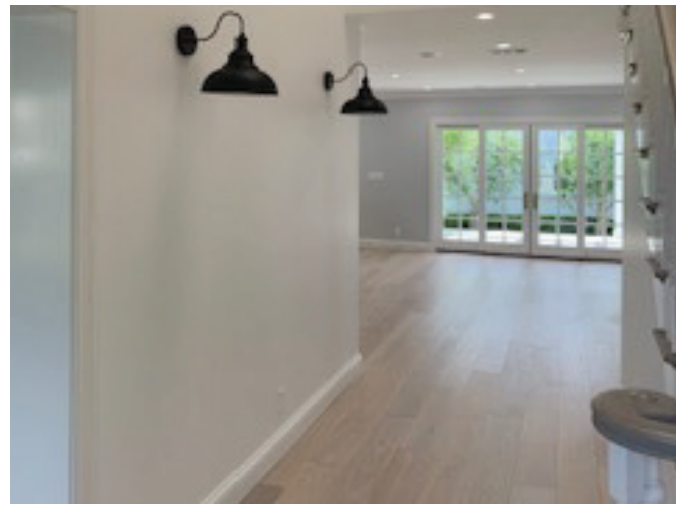
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