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Children's Hospital fundraiser is a good excuse for sweet treats

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With 2025 already being a tough year for Los Angeles, locals are in dire need of a spirit boost, and can do so by just going about their normal days.

This month is not just any month for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, it is the 10th year of the Make March Matter campaign, supporting around-the-clock services for child patients and their families. Raising $14 million since 2016, the campaign has businesses on the Westside offering special items and/or donating a portion of sales toward the Children's Fund.

The campaign was launched by CHLA Vice President of Development & Corporate Partnerships Dawn Wilcox, who wanted to create a dedicated time of year where businesses in the community could support children's health. The Children's Fund covers the cost of charity care, treating patients regardless of family financial situation, with about 74% of CHLA patients being either underinsured or uninsured.

"We really view it as an opportunity to spotlight the businesses that support CHLA and encourage people to go out and

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Downtown's Din Tai Fung destined to become top dumpling destination



Scott Snowden

XIAO LONG BAO: The new Din Tai Fung is the hottest thing in West LA right now, let alone Santa Monica.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The eagerly-awaited Din Tai Fung opened its doors to the public after a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday held at the impressive new location in the south-west corner of the food court in the Santa Monica Place mall.

Joining Albert Yang, co-CEO of Din Tai Fung's North American operations was Mayor Lana Negrete and Judy Kruger, CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Din Tai Fung is a Taiwanese restaurant specializing in xiao long bao, sometimes referred to as "soup dumplings." The chain currently has one outlet in Las Vegas, five in Washington state and seven dotted around Southern California, plus another 160 or so locations in 12 other countries worldwide. With a menu that now includes steamed buns, house-made noodles and vegan dishes, the brand has won many awards and accolades.

The hard opening has been almost two years since the announcement was first made that they would be establishing a presence on the third floor food

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Special Education, several resolutions on district board agenda

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The future of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Special Education students will be on the agenda of Thursday's Board of Education meeting.

In a special study session, the district's Special Education staff will discuss how SMMUSD prepares those students for life after high school, including individual transition plans and workability/job placements. Staff work is under Goal 1 of the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan, that being students "will be college and career ready through socially just pathways rooted in curiosity, belonging and empowerment."

Individual transition plans are the process to prepare students with an Individualized Education Plan for life after high school, tackling education, employment and independent living goals. These transition services go hand-in-hand with Assembly Bill 438, which takes effect on July 1.

Staff work with Special Education students for postsecondary education and training goals by asking the students if they want to enroll in a college or university,

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California's fast food council after one year: A few meetings, three staff members hired



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PROTEST: Fast food workers rally at the state Capitol in Sacramento on Aug. 31, 2023.

One year into California's landmark effort to regulate conditions for more than a half-million fast food workers, the state council appointed to oversee the industry has barely settled on how to conduct meetings.

The nine-member fast food council, composed of business owners, workers and union representatives, recently decided to consider a cost-of-living adjustment to the $20 fast food minimum wage that went into effect last April. At its yet-unscheduled next meeting, it plans to discuss raising that requirement by 3.5% or last year's rate of inflation, whichever is lower.

But it won't do much more than that. After two marathon meetings in January and February in which a smaller group of the council members listened to hours of comments from workers and their allies, and restaurant owners and their allies, the council chair put the raise on the next agenda for discussion only — not a vote.

That's the closest the council has gotten to a policy decision since it began meeting last March.

Food council Chair Nick Hardeman, a former state Senate staffer Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed to be the sole "public" member of the council affiliated with neither business nor labor, said the pace so far is to be expected. He likened the work to starting a new department from scratch, and said he and the council have spent the past year hiring three staff members, and hopes soon to establish rules on how to conduct future votes.

"Putting together the groundwork so that we would be able to move toward substantive conversations on policy took a lot of time," Hardeman said. "It is hard to come to decisions. And there's a lot of people who are coming from two completely different sets of life experiences when we're talking about issues, and you see that play out in every single meeting."

In 2021, the Service Employees International Union proposed a European-style state council by which fast food workers and business owners would bargain directly with each other over wages and working conditions on behalf of the entire industry. After the state's Democratic-dominated Legislature and Newsom approved the law, fast food corporations spent millions to try to overturn it.

The resulting compromise Newsom signed in 2023 mandated a $20 minimum wage for workers at fast food restaurants belonging to a chain with 60 or more locations nationwide, and a statewide council — split evenly between business and labor, with one neutral chairperson — that could approve further raises, but little else.

Council members on both sides have said they want to find compromises to improve the industry, but meetings — about half a dozen since last March — have gone much the same way: discussion mostly focused on what the council should discuss.

A flood of workers across the state has attended those meetings or called in to raise concerns about wage theft, employers cutting hours and the cost of living.

Twenty dollars an hour, while more than 20% higher than the state's regular minimum wage, is still far from what the average single Californian without children needs to make ends meet, according to a calculator devised by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Workers and their advocates on the council have sought a hearing for workers to more comprehensively air allegations of workplace abuses.

An accompanying flood of franchise owners have implored the council to vote down future increases, warning of restaurant closures and detailing ways they've cut hours or staff to absorb the costs of the minimum wage increase. Some owners have emphasized their own humble backgrounds, a nod to the path the franchised restaurant industry provides to business ownership for people

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How springing forward to daylight saving time could affect your health — and how to prepare

Most of America "springs forward" Sunday for daylight saving time and losing that hour of sleep can do more than leave you tired and cranky the next day. It also could harm your health.

Darker mornings and more evening light together knock your body clock out of whack — which means daylight saving time can usher in sleep trouble for weeks or longer. Studies have even found an uptick in heart attacks and strokes right after the March time change.

There are ways to ease the adjustment, including getting more sunshine to help reset your circadian rhythm for healthful sleep.

WHEN DOES DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME START?

Daylight saving time begins Sunday at 2 a.m., an hour of sleep vanishing in most of the U.S. The ritual will reverse on Nov. 2 when clocks "fall back" as daylight saving time ends.

Hawaii and most of Arizona don't make the spring switch, sticking to standard time year-round along with Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Worldwide, dozens of countries also observe daylight saving time, starting and ending at different dates.

Some people try to prepare for daylight saving time's sleep jolt by going to bed a little earlier two or three nights ahead. With a third of American adults already not getting the recommended seven hours of nightly shuteye, catching up can be difficult.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR BRAIN WHEN IT'S LIGHTER LATER?

The brain has a master clock that is set by exposure to sunlight and darkness. This circadian rhythm is a roughly 24-hour cycle that determines when we become sleepy and when we're more alert. The patterns change with age, one reason that early-to-rise youngsters evolve into hard-to-wake teens.

Morning light resets the rhythm. By evening, levels of a hormone called melatonin begin to surge, triggering drowsiness. Too much light in the evening — that extra hour from daylight saving time — delays that surge and the cycle gets out of sync.

Sleep deprivation is linked to heart disease, cognitive decline, obesity and numerous other problems. And that circadian clock affects more than sleep, also influencing things like heart rate, blood pressure, stress hormones and metabolism.

HOW DOES THE TIME CHANGE AFFECT YOUR HEALTH?

Fatal car crashes temporarily jump the first few days after the spring time change, according to a study of U.S. traffic fatalities. The risk was highest in the morning, and researchers attributed it to sleep deprivation.

Then there's the cardiac connection. The American Heart Association points to studies that suggest an uptick in heart attacks on the Monday after daylight saving time begins, and in strokes for two days afterward.

Doctors already know that heart attacks, especially severe ones, are a bit more common on Mondays generally — and in the morning, when blood is more clot-prone.

Researchers don't know why the time change would add to that Monday connection but it's possible the abrupt circadian disruption exacerbates factors such as high blood pressure in people already at risk.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Gradually shift bedtimes about 15 or 20 minutes earlier for several nights before the time change, and rise earlier the next morning, too. Go outside for early morning sunshine that first week of daylight saving time, another way to help reset your body's internal clock. Moving up daily routines, like dinner time or when you exercise, also may help cue your body to start adapting, sleep experts advise.

Afternoon naps and caffeine as well as evening light from phones and other electronic devices can make adjusting to an earlier bedtime even harder.

WILL THE U.S. EVER ELIMINATE THE TIME CHANGE?

Every year there's talk about ending the time change. In December, then-President-elect Donald Trump promised to eliminate daylight saving time. For the last several years, a bipartisan bill named the Sunshine Protection Act to make daylight saving time permanent has stalled in Congress; it has been reintroduced this year.

But that's the opposite of what some health groups recommend. The American Medical Association and American Academy of Sleep Medicine agree it's time to do away with time switches but say sticking with standard time year-round aligns better with the sun — and human biology — for more consistent sleep.

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Thursday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10pm, then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

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2025/03/08	Sat	7:23 PM	3.60	H
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2025/03/11	Tue	08:20 AM	5.49	H
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council related to proposed amendments to the Santa Monica Land Use and Circulation Plan (LUCE), Downtown Community Plan (DCP), and Zoning Ordinance for consistency with recent updates to State law and implement other changes, corrections, and clarifications, and amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard.**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider Resolutions recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt 1) amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the City's General Plan and Downtown Community Plan (DCP) for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications, 2) amendments to the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to eliminate parcel size threshold for streamlined review of Housing Projects, increase the maximum square footage for Accessory Dwelling Units, revise provisions related to ministerially approved duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential, adjust the criteria for streamlined review of Housing Projects in Bergamot Zoning Districts on large sites, provide extensions for projects approved prior to January 6, 2025, convert parcel coverage development standards to Floor Area Ratio for the City's Residential Zoning Districts, and align density standards for the City's Multiple-Unit Residential Zoning Districts with the intensities envisioned in the LUCE, for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications and, 3) amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, Planning Manager**
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If you want more information about these amendments, please visit the Planning Commission webpage (March 19, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda) or February 19, 2025 PC Item 7C Resolution of Intention. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Questions about Zwick's proposal

Dear Editor,

I am writing to share my perspective regarding Councilman Zwick's recent letter about the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium's landmark status, which raises questions about balancing historic preservation with financial considerations.

The Auditorium, completed in 1958 and designed by renowned architect Welton Becket is widely regarded by many architectural historians as an important example of Mid-Century Modern design, with an iconic folded plate roof, an expansive glass facade entrance, and a groundbreaking engineering concept. It is an embodiment of post-war optimism as an architectural expression, a symbol of civic ambition, while creating a space that can be transformed to serve both for functional gatherings and theatrical performances. This has been the case for nearly seven decades. In my personal assessment, historic structures like the Civic often provide distinctive character that can be challenging to replicate in new development.

And let's talk culture. This place has hosted Academy Awards, legendary performances from the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, David Bowie, even Steve Martin, and thousands of community events. Yet, Zwick's assertion that 'no one under fifty' has an attachment to the Civic overlooks important community connections. It would be valuable to consider the perspectives of community members who participated in events at the Civic.

While addressing historical injustices is important, I believe we should carefully consider whether removing a landmark structure is the most effective approach. Yes, the site has a painful past – eminent domain displaced the Black community here. Yet removing another significant piece of the city's identity doesn't address this historical injustice. Instead, why not redirect the thinking to preserve a structure that still has so much to offer?

Has the council fully explored the potential economic benefits that preservation might offer, including tourism potential, available grants, and tax incentives? I believe these factors warrant thorough consideration in any discussion about the Civic's future. Environmental impacts of demolition versus renovation should be thoroughly assessed along with costs of disassembling such a robust structure. Renovation is not only the smarter move, but the greener one too.

The Civic Auditorium represents both a building and a cultural landmark that tells part of our city's story. I believe we should thoroughly explore all potential approaches to addressing the city's budget concerns while considering the Civic's long-term value.

I would encourage a thorough evaluation process that considers all options for the site while giving appropriate weight to its historic significance. This could include exploring creative approaches to reinvigorating the Civic. Work with experts. Engage the community. Find a solution that respects both history and progress. Santa Monica would benefit more from preserving its distinctive architectural heritage than from another development project. It needs leadership that values what makes this city special.

While I have my personal views as an architect, I remain committed to evaluating any formal proposals regarding the Civic based on all evidence presented, the applicable preservation criteria, and public testimony. Any future decisions I participate in would naturally be based on a comprehensive review of all relevant materials presented during official proceedings. I recognize this is a complex issue with valid perspectives on multiple sides. My goal in sharing these thoughts is to encourage a thorough and balanced discussion. I welcome further dialogue on this matter and am open to considering alternative viewpoints and additional information that might inform this important civic decision.

I offer these thoughts as an individual architect interested in preservation principles generally, not as a prejudgment of any specific proposal that might come before the Landmarks Commission. My views are based on current publicly available information, and I welcome all perspectives and evidence.

Respectfully,

Jack Hillbrand, AIA, Santa Monica Landmarks Commission Architect

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Trump's trade war draws swift retaliation as Mexico, Canada and China impose tariffs on the US

President Donald Trump launched a trade war Tuesday against America's three biggest trading partners, drawing immediate retaliation from Mexico, Canada and China and sending financial markets into a tailspin as the U.S. faced the threat of rekindled inflation and paralyzing uncertainty for business.

Just after midnight, Trump imposed 25% taxes, or tariffs, on Mexican and Canadian imports, though he limited the levy to 10% on Canadian energy. Trump also doubled the tariff he slapped last month on Chinese products to 20%.

Beijing retaliated with tariffs of up to 15% on a wide array of U.S. farm exports. It also expanded the number of U.S. companies subject to export controls and other restrictions by about two dozen.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said his country would plaster tariffs on more than $100 billion of American goods over the course of 21 days.

"Today the United States launched a trade war against Canada, their closest partner and ally, their closest friend. At the same, they are talking about working positively with Russia, appeasing Vladimir Putin, a lying, murderous dictator. Make that make sense," Trudeau said.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said Mexico will respond to the new taxes with its own retaliatory tariffs. Sheinbaum said she will announce the products Mexico on Sunday. The delay might indicate that Mexico still hopes to de-escalate Trump's trade war.

The president is abandoning the free trade policies the United States pursued for decades after World War II. He argues that open trade cost America millions of factory jobs and that tariffs are the path to national prosperity. He rejects the views of mainstream economists who contend that such protectionism is costly and inefficient.

Import taxes are "a very powerful weapon that politicians haven't used because they were either dishonest, stupid or paid off in some other form," Trump said Monday. "And now we're using them."

Dartmouth College economist Douglas Irwin, author of a 2017 history of U.S. tariff policy, has calculated that Tuesday's hikes will lift America's average tariff from 2.4% to 10.5%, the highest level since the 1940s. "We're in a new era for sure."

U.S. markets dropped sharply Monday after Trump said there was "no room left" for negotiations that could lower the tariffs. Shares were mostly lower Tuesday after they took effect.

The Yale University Budget Lab estimates that Trump's tariffs amount to a tax hike of $1.4 trillion to $1.5 trillion over 10 years and would disproportionately hit the poor.

Trump has said tariffs are intended to address drug trafficking and illegal immigration. But he's also said the tariffs will come down only if the U.S. trade deficit narrows.

The American president has injected a disorienting volatility into the world economy, leaving it off balance as people wonder what he will do next.

During his first term, Trump imposed tariffs only after lengthy investigations — into the national security implications of relying on foreign steel, for example, said Michael House, co-chair of the international trade practice at the Perkins Coie law firm.

But by declaring a national emergency last month involving the flow of immigrants and illicit drugs across U.S. borders, "he can modify these tariffs with a stroke of the pen," House said. "It's chaotic."

Democratic lawmakers were quick to criticize the tariffs.

"Donald Trump is not a king," Rep. Gregory Meeks, top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said. "Presidents don't get to invent emergencies to justify bad policies. Abusing emergency powers to wage an economic war on our closest allies isn't leadership — it's dangerous."

Even some Republican senators raised alarms. "Maine and Canada's economy are integrated," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, explaining that much of the state's lobsters and blueberries are processed in Canada and then sent back to the U.S.

Truck driver Carlos Ponce, 58, went about business as usual Tuesday morning, transporting auto parts from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to El Paso, Texas, just as he's done for decades.

Like many on the border, he was worried about the fallout from the tariffs. "Things could change drastically," Ponce said. Truckers could lose their jobs or have to drive farther to coastal ports as Mexican manufacturers look for trading partners beyond the U.S.

Alan Russell, head of Tecma, which helps factories set up in places like Ciudad Juarez, is skeptical that Trump's tariffs will bring manufacturing back to the United States.

"Nobody is going to move their factory until they have certainty," Russell said. Just last week, he said, Tecma helped a North Carolina manufacturer that moved to Mexico because it couldn't find enough workers in the United States.

U.S. businesses near the Canadian border scrambled to deal with the impact. Gutherie Lumber in suburban Detroit reached out Tuesday to Canadian suppliers about the cost of 8-foot wood studs. About 15% of the lumber at Gutherie yard in Livonia, Michigan, comes from Canada.

Sales manager Mike Mahoney said Canadian suppliers are already raising prices. "They're putting that 25% on studs." Builders will strain to stay within their budgets.

Retaliation will likely pinch U.S. businesses.

After years of effort and thousands of dollars in investment, Tom Bard, a Kentucky craft bourbon distiller, gained a foothold in the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta and watched his sales grow north of the border. Now Kentucky bourbon is in Canada's crosshairs, and an order from his Canadian distributors is on hold.

"That hurts," he said. At his small distillery "every single pallet that goes out the door makes a huge difference ... The last thing you want is to have an empty spot where your bottles are supposed to be on a shelf."

Bard co-owns the Bard Distillery with his

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earn an occupational certificate, enroll in vocational training, enroll in the military, enter an apprenticeship or enroll in adult education. Postsecondary employment goals ask students if they want to get a job working in a specific industry, or if they want to do volunteer work in the community.

Activities to support the individual transition plans include job shadowing, career fairs, practice interviews, trips to colleges for tours, and assistance obtaining an ID, social security card and/or driver's license.

After the study session, the board will tackle items such as an administrative appointment, naming a Director of Human Resources effective March 7. The board will also look to approve a contract amendment in the Samohi Exploration Building and Gym project, which tackles issues like design changes, unforeseen conditions and classroom equipment during the long-standing project.

The Exploration Building and Gym project amendment comes a week after the board's Feb. 27 meeting, in which it awarded a contract to Erickson-Hall Construction Co. for Preliminary Services in the Samohi Student Services Building project. The 51,000 square foot endeavor will replace the Samohi Business Building, and will include a College and Career Center and Health and Wellness Center, among other amenities.

The board will also adopt several resolutions, including recognizing March as Women's History Month, National Middle Level Education Month and Arts and Music in Our Schools Month. Another resolution will recognize César Chávez Day in the district, marking March 31 (Chávez's birthday) as the date of recognition.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Increase the Maximum Allowed Height of Fences, Walls, and Hedges in the Front Setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 Zoning Districts and to Address the Rules for Measuring the Heights of Fences, Walls, and Hedges Located on Top of Retaining Walls.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum allowable height of fences, walls, and hedges in the front setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts and to address the rules for measuring the heights of fences, walls, and hedges located on top of retaining walls.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Shira Moch, Associate Planner**
Re: Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Limits Text Amendment

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Shira Moch by e-mail at shira.moch@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 0.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.69/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 16.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 17.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 1.9 cents in the last week and stands at $3.629 per gallon.

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DIN TAI FUNG

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court space within the mall. The impressive 10,615 square foot, indoor/outdoor space is a significant redesign of where a number of smaller "fast casual" eateries were located, including Sbarro Pizza, Sensible Healthy Foods, Sarku Japan, Pastabar, Charlie Kebab and Johnny Rockets.

Din Tai Fung now boasts a mind-boggling 332 covers: 87 in the main dining area, 56 in the secondary dining area, 11 at the bar, 66 in the lower outdoor section and 112 in the upper outdoor section.

"Today is a big moment for me and my family ... they immigrated from Taiwan, and they opened our first restaurant in LA County 25 years ago," Yang said, adding, "I remember growing up in the restaurant as a little kid, doing my homework and tiptoeing over the counters to help swipe credit cards. And now fast forward, 25 years later, we're here today, opening our fifth location in our hometown of LA County."

He went to acknowledge all the hard work undertaken by first responders and local residents across the area following the wildfires and announced that $50,000 would be donated to supporting and rebuilding the community.

"This money will mean a lot going towards revitalizing the places that keep our communities together. We're super excited to be here in the city of Santa Monica ... I believe that Santa Monica will recover to what it once was and I'm so proud to say that Din Tai Fung is a part of that Community," Yang said.

"We're so excited that you're here. You're the hottest thing in West LA right now, let alone Santa Monica," Kruger said. "You know, a lot of hard work went into this very beautiful location and the hard work is done. Now the celebration begins," she added.

"This is truly exciting for me," said Negrete. "In my family Din Tai Fung is a favorite, especially by my oldest daughter, who forces us to find one wherever we travel ... So when I shared that Din Tai Fung was coming to Santa Monica, you could hear my daughter scream from three blocks away.

"As many of you know, Din Tai Fung is not just a restaurant, it is truly a culinary institution known for its exceptional dumplings and commitment to quality. Today we celebrate not just the opening of a new dining experience, but the continuation of a legacy, a family legacy," Negrete said. "Your decision to open here is a testament to the town's appeal. We're excited about the partnership that lies ahead between Din Tai Fung and the City of Santa Monica. Your restaurant will undoubtedly draw many visitors to our shores eager to enjoy not only the exquisite flavors of your cuisine, but also the stunning views of the ocean that set the perfect backdrop for a memorable meal."

The impressive menu includes appetizers, xiao long bao, steamed dumplings and buns, wontons, plus noodles and food cooked in a wok. There's a good selection of Japanese and Taiwanese beer, plus sake, a small selection of mostly Californian wines and cocktails. The decor is very tastefully designed with a warm mix of light and dark browns and the seats are designed to loosely resemble giant versions of the bamboo baskets that much of the food is steamed in.

Din Tai Fung is on the level three of the Santa Monica Place mall, nestled in the south-west corner. The opening times are Monday–Friday 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 4 – 9 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday 11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Reservations are required at https://dtf.com/en/locations/santa-monica.

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TARIFF

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wife, Kim, in western Kentucky's Muhlenberg County, about 135 miles (217 kilometers) southwest of Louisville, Kentucky.

Trump overwhelmingly carried Kentucky in the November election. In Muhlenberg County, Trump defeated Kamala Harris by a more than 3-to-1 margin.

The China tariffs threaten the U.S. toy industry. Greg Ahearn, president and CEO of the Toy Association, said the 20% tariffs on Chinese goods will be "crippling," as nearly 80% of toys sold in the U.S. are made in China.

Steve Rad, CEO of the Austin, Texas-based toy maker Abacus Brands Inc., hopes to find ways to avoid raising prices in the wake of the 20% tax on Chinese goods.

The company will have to "go to war" with its pricing and cost structure and figure out how to avoid penalizing consumers. For one product, a $39.99 kit that teaches children how volcanoes work, he's thinking of switching to cheaper, lower-quality paper.

Rachel Lutz owns the Peacock Room, four women's boutique shops with about 15 employees in Detroit. She's been bracing for the tariffs but doesn't understand the logic behind them.

"I'm struggling to see the wisdom in picking a fight with our largest trading partner that we've had historically wonderful relationships with," Lutz said Tuesday from her shop. "I'm struggling to really understand how they can't see that will profoundly impact our economy in ways that I think the American consumer has not predicted. We're about to find out."

By JOSH BOAK, PAUL WISEMAN and ROB GILLIES Associated Press. Gillies reported from Toronto. Associated Press writers Anne D'Innocenzio in New York; Corey Williams in Detroit, Bruce Schreiner in Louisville, Kentucky; Didi Tang and Lisa Mascaro in Washington; and Megan Janetsky and Maria Verza in Mexico City contributed to this report.

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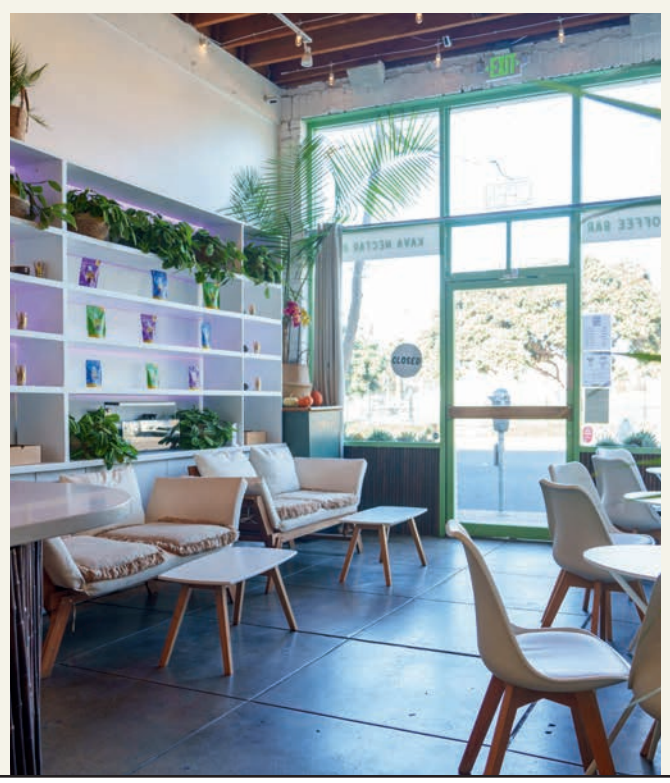
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CHLA

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support those businesses, knowing that if you're going to do something already through the course of your (day), like get a coffee or go out to dinner or something, that you'd consider the businesses that are participating in the campaign," Wilcox said.

A wide selection of decadent food can help the CHLA cause in March, such as the menu at Randy's Donuts at 829 Wilshire Blvd. The longtime campaign partner will be donating 20% of sales from its special limited-edition Make March Matter donut to the Children's Fund.

Another sweet inspiration is at Cobi's at 2104 Main St., donating a portion of sales from all soft serve dessert and bottle water purchases. Similarly, BOA Steakhouse at 101 Santa Monica Blvd. will donate $2 from every dessert sold toward the campaign. Just a little south of Santa Monica lies Alfred Coffee in Venice, which is a 10-year campaign partner donating $1 for every specialty item sold, including Lavender Lattes and Lavender Syrup bottles.

Not just partnering with restaurants, CHLA kicked off the campaign on March 1 and 2 with Clare V., as the fashion store donated a percentage of sales from its Santa Monica location, along with stores in West Hollywood, Silver Lake and Brentwood. To view a full list of participating businesses throughout the Los Angeles area, visit makemarchmatter.org.

Some businesses had to drop off the partner list for 2025 due to the devastating January wildfires. Wilcox stated that when the fires hit, CHLA made sure their employees and patients were safe, before setting up a dedicated wildfire recovery fund that can be found at chla.org. The hospital also activated a food distribution program for those in need during the troubling time. While CHLA was "sensitive" to outside business concerns, Make March Matter went ahead in order to take care of the 700,000 patients that come through the doors each year.

After the campaign, CHLA will be gearing up for its 125th anniversary next year. One stop along the way will be at the Santa Monica Pier, with the annual Walk & Play L.A. event taking place on June 7. The day of fun and philanthropy includes a 3,000-meter walk that becomes a strong bonding event for families.

"It's a great time for our patient families and the community to come out," Wilcox said. "A lot of people like to walk in honor of (or) in support of a patient that they know or their own family member. That's an opportunity to really focus on different parts of the hospital, whether you're a heart patient or an orthopedics patient, you get to (walk) and support that group."

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HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm **LOCATION** 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **To Inform Development of the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-26 Annual Action Plan for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-26 Annual Action Plan. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan for housing and community development which identifies high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period. The Annual Action Plan delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs, as specified in the Consolidated Plan. The plans are due to HUD 45 days prior to the beginning of the new program year. Prior plans and reports are available at https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs.

DATE/TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
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LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of well-being, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

THURSDAY | MARCH 6

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave., Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus.

TECH & TASKS
2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica 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.

HOUSING COMMISSION
6:15 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica.

AN EVENING WITH IONE SKYE
8 - 9:15 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Actress and painter Ione Skye, known for her roles in "Say Anything" and more, discusses her memoir "Say Everything." Ticket plus signed copy of the book $50. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-ione-skye-tickets-1242367307059.

FRIDAY | MARCH 7

VASTHY AND FRIENDS
4 - 5 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. An interactive family musical for kids 4-10. Free tickets, free goody bags for the kids. For more information, visit santamonicaplahyouse.com.

SHABBAT DINNER AT THE BEACH
5:30 p.m. Shul on the Beach, 505 Ocean Front Walk. Watch the sunset over the ocean and embrace the warmth of Shabbat. Join Shabbat Across America and the Shul on the Beach Community along with fellow Jewish professionals, for a joyous evening filled with delicious food, fine wine, uplifting conversation, heartfelt singing, and inspiring Torah insights. Tickets $39-$44, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shabbat-dinner-at-the-beach-with-shabbat-across-america-tickets-1254160370429?aff=oddtdtcreator.

SATURDAY | MARCH 8

BARE ROOT FRUIT TREE WORKSHOP
9 - 11 a.m. Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St. Join this very special workshop about how to grow Bare Root Fruit Trees successfully and to celebrate Women's History Month. Daniela Roveda, UC Master Gardener and co-leader for the Master Gardeners' Orchard Team, will focus on planting, regular care, pruning and other tips you need to know to grow Bare Root Fruit Trees successfully. The program includes Bare Root Tree giveaways, those interested can visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4wdh5wvs-n1e8p444m83ttjqjmb/202503080900.

SUNDAY | MARCH 9

RUBBERBAND
2 p.m. BroadStage, 1310 11th St. BroadStage presents RUBBERBAND – the electrifying fusion of hip-hop, classical ballet, and contemporary dance. Originally from Los Angeles, Artistic Director Victor Quijada's innovative choreographic vocabulary breaks barriers, blending the raw dynamic of hip-hop/break with the purity of classical formalism. For tickets, visit: https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/rubberband/.

YOGI
5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Part of the Binge Free Festival, "Yogi" is a journey with Mayuri and the Goddess of Death, Kali, as they investigate absurdities of Western Yoga culture. Includes post-show Q&A with the cast. Free performance.

MONDAY | MARCH 10

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 | MARCH 11

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR SENIORS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
2 - 3 p.m. Community Room, Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. Senior care advocates from Wise & Healthy Aging discuss how to make a plan, build a kit, and stay informed. Attendees will receive a free emergency kit upon completion, while supplies last.

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 created, or pick up a ready-made character for the day's journey. All materials provided. For ages 9-14.

FAST FOOD

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CONFLICTING INFORMATION

Since the wage increase last April, researchers have issued competing reports about its effects.

A recent business-commissioned report from the firm Berkeley Research Group pointed out there were 10,000 fewer jobs in California fast food between June 2023 and June 2024 — the latest month available for that dataset. It also concluded the law increased menu prices by 14.5%.

But in another study touted by labor, UC Berkeley researchers said Berkeley Research Group failed to account for changes in other restaurant sectors, or control for the way seasonal swings in the industry play out differently in California than in the rest of the country. The UC Berkeley report found the wage boost had little effect on fast food jobs and only 1.5% increases in menu prices.

More up-to-date federal data shows jobs growth in California's limited-service restaurants industry has been mostly flat for about a year and a half.

Arindrajit Dube, an economist at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and an expert in minimum wages, said it's still too soon to definitively measure the effects of the wage increase, and cautioned against comparing California jobs without also comparing it to a similar, slight nationwide slowdown in restaurant jobs. He noted in an email that "it is safe to say that a substantial portion (majority, but not all) of the labor cost increase has been passed through to prices."

None of the studies capture whether workers' hours have remained the same.

A key ingredient missing from the fast food discussions: corporate representatives for McDonald's, Burger King and the other fast food titans.

When lawmakers first considered a fast food council, McDonald's and other franchisor companies poured millions of dollars into the campaign to beat back a more expansive proposal.

Now, they've been largely absent from council meetings. Instead, it's their franchise owners — who pay royalties and branding fees to operate the restaurants independently and are responsible for wages and employment — who speak up at the council meetings to plead against further wage increases.

McDonald's, Burger King, Yum! Brands and other franchised fast food chains did not respond to CalMatters questions

WAGES AND HOURS

Restaurant owners and their advocates on the council have urged their colleagues to focus elsewhere. Krispy Kreme franchise owner and council member Rich Reinis suggested last week the council should discuss how to support workers affected by the Los Angeles wildfires or employees afraid to show up to work amid increased immigration enforcement.

"We can talk about a lot of reasons to postpone the conversation," said council member Maria Maldonado, director of the California Fast Food Workers Union. "But workers are still waiting for us to talk about the (cost-of-living adjustment) and to make this council useful."

The council had scheduled a hearing with state labor agency leaders in January to discuss its role in fielding complaints from fast food workers, but postponed it due to the LA fires and has yet to reschedule it.

Rich Tieu, who owns two McDonald's restaurants in Santa Clara County, welcomed

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> - Maria Maldonado, council member director of the California Fast Food Workers Union

the council's slower pace. He had owned his McDonald's for about a year when the $20 wage increase went into effect last April, he said, and he's gone from about 80 employees to fewer than 70 by not filling vacancies when employees leave.

Council members "haven't really fully organized to where they actually have items on the agenda," he said. "They kept talking about increasing labor (costs) and that's all they've been talking about. I feel like they should actually look at other factors."

Marina Orozco, a college student and Chipotle worker in Sacramento, has been hoping the council will approve a raise to help her afford rent and a recent tuition increase. She said last year she worked about 30 hours a week at other fast food restaurants, and now can only get about 20. And she wants a hearing on working conditions.

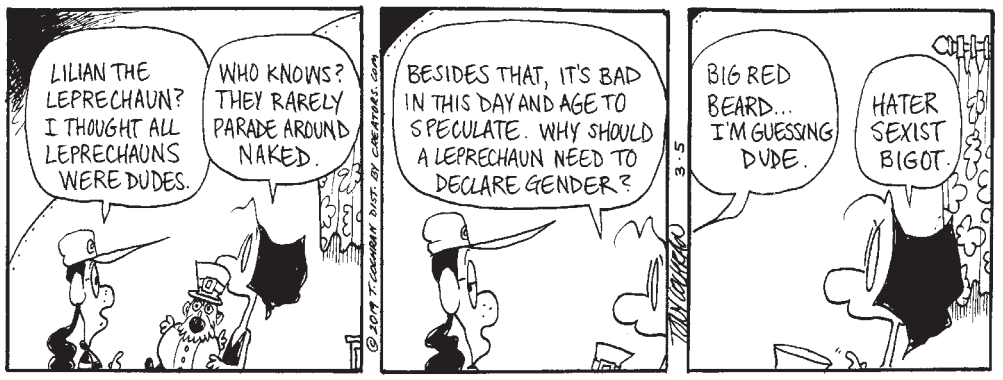
"Even though this is a new process and it might take some time," she said, "it feels really special to finally sit down with our bosses and share our feelings and ideas."

Jeanne Kuang. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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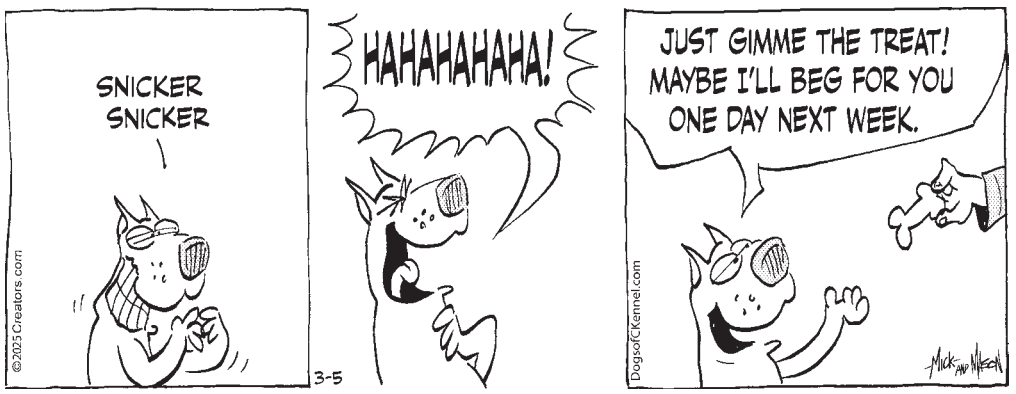
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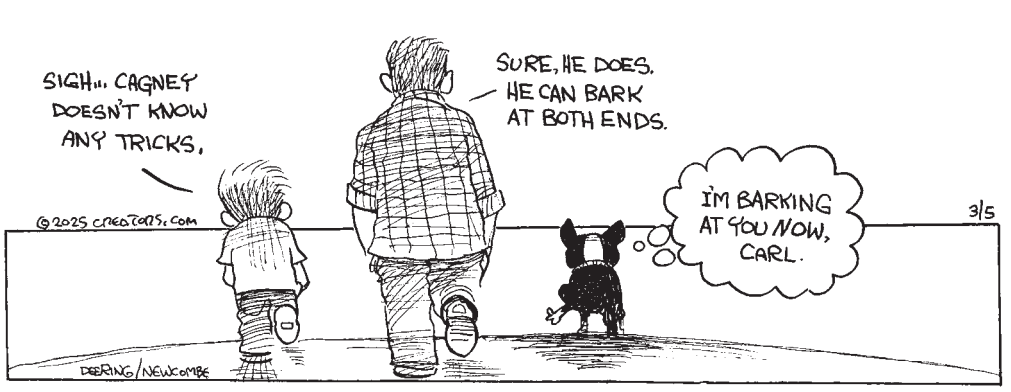
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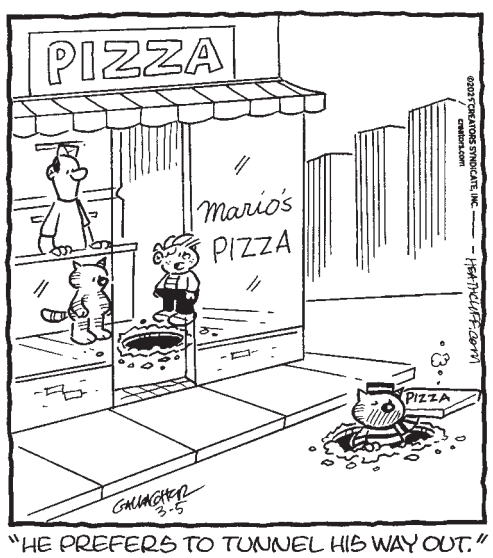
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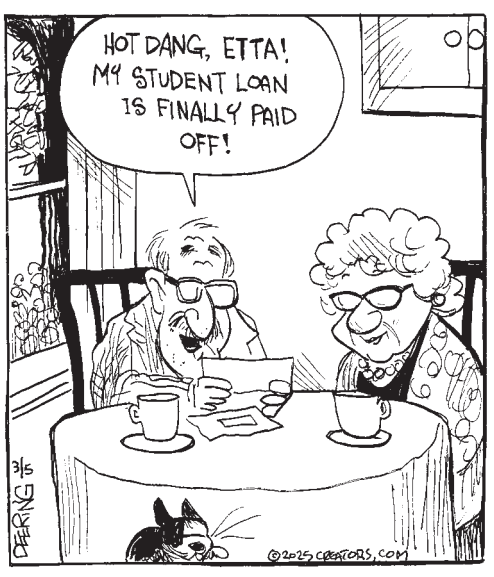
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"HE PREFERS TO TUNNEL HIS WAY OUT."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

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Go for a test drive

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Alvis	Contacts	Mags	Saab
Aston Martin	Daihatsu	Makes	Show
Beemer	Ford	Minx	Sports
Bentley	Frame	Nash	Telstar
Bowin	Garage	NRMA	Test
Buying	Humber	Packard	Torn
Calais	Keen	RACQ	Utility
Carrera	Lights	Rare	Workmanship
	Limousine	Rolls-Royce	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 5)

Your combination of talents culminates into something unique this year, and you'll be driven to give what only you can give. Personal success arrives in waves; momentum builds until you're riding high on the results of past efforts. More highlights: An ally helps make a long-held dream a reality. Your generosity attracts good karma. You'll be at the center of a vibrant, supportive community. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 21, 39 and 47.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some decisions are made more difficult the longer you dwell on them. Stand at the edge of the diving board just long enough to gather your courage, but not so long that overthinking makes you hesitate and step back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's so hard when a person seems right on your wavelength but they can't or won't be there the way you want them to be. But Shakespeare was right... it really is better to have known this than not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can do it happy, sad, scared, tired, robotically or with feeling. The key is to just do it. The act itself, whether fueled by emotion or not, moves you forward to a better place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Confidence isn't something that suddenly comes to you one day; rather it's a building process that happens with each action you take. Don't let yourself get discouraged. As you do even a little bit of work toward a change, you are becoming your best self.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you like to be agreeable, you're wise to say yes to only the things that solve a problem. Check to make sure you're having the impact that matters to you. Help in ways that fit your skills and long-term aspirations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your excellent powers of discernment will not only help you learn from the best examples but will also guide you in noticing what to avoid. But it's not just learning from other people's mistakes that matters. It's moving forward with a willingness to make your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you wait to feel worthy of or ready for an experience, you may be waiting forever. It doesn't work that way. There's always going to be an awkwardness, a problem to solve or something to overcome before the victory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're deep in a feeling, sitting with so much tenderness, mourning something that isn't quite gone but isn't quite there either. You can hold both truths - the ache of missing something and the acceptance that all is unfolding for the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll think of your entire situation, zoom out to see the full scope of where you are and where you're heading. You'll take on responsibilities that align with your larger goals and vision, ensuring that each task you embrace naturally fits into the bigger picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Thoughtful choices about where you invest your time and energy will help you build momentum without stretching yourself too thin. By focusing your energy on what truly matters, you'll avoid feeling overwhelmed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This sky is an encouragement to look outward when you feel lost - whether that's to books, mentors, art or the actual sky, which has no end of messages waiting to be read, though not with the mind. The sky speaks in the language of heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're setting yourself up for something good, whether it's for you directly or for the people around you. This way you live - open-hearted, growing, showing up for life - has the joy of finding its way back to you.

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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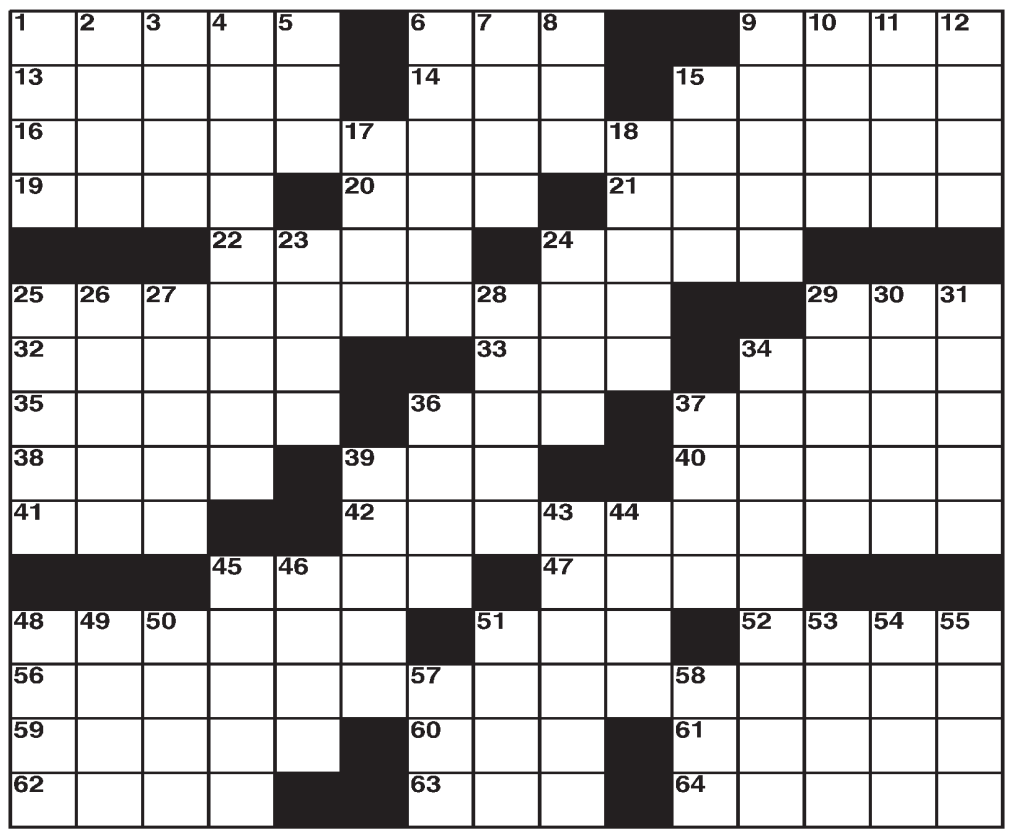
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ACROSS

1 Person doing nothing
6 "Quiet!"
9 Dislike very much
13 Cheer for a tenor
14 __ de Cologne
15 Stationed (at)
16 Financial "cleaning" crime
19 Practice for boxing
20 Totally
21 Make fizzy
22 Great Pyramid city
24 Feel sorry for
25 Athlete's high-carb snacks
29 Sunbeam
32 Event with bronco riding
33 __ sauce (sushi condiment)
34 Speed contest
35 African neighbor of Mali
36 Thin cylindrical batteries
37 Smallest pups in litters
38 "Not if __ help it!"
39 Antiquated
40 "My luck's about to change"
41 Occupational suffix for auction
42 Newest (2019) of America's uniformed forces
45 Grains in granola
47 Epps or Sharif
48 Golfer's posture
51 "Just __ thought"
52 Flat-topped land
56 Short-deadline requirements
59 Data to be entered
60 Sheep's comment
61 __ a fox (crafty)
62 Speak hoarsely
63 Mar. follower
64 Flower or weed

DOWN

1 Some of the first PCs
2 Delete from a list
3 Singer Del Rey or Turner of films
4 Fir or pine
5 Singer Orbison
6 Underwater research facility
7 Transport by truck
8 Follower of Attila
9 Son of Charles III
10 Nepal's locale
11 Camper's shelter
12 Competitive advantage
15 Red veggie
17 Apt to do nothing
18 "Fresh as a" flower
23 Frankenstein's helper
24 Athletes who are paid
25 Bert's Muppet buddy
26 "Hold the rocks" drink request
27 Poe's first name
28 Carne __ (roasted meat)
29 Vacation break, for short
30 Misbehave
31 Affirmative answers
34 Gossipy "grapevine"
36 Swiss peaks
37 Costa __ (Central American nation)
39 "Bone" prefix
43 Performer sharing top billing
44 Mideast leader
45 Ahead by a point
46 S&L customer
48 Batter recipe step
49 Fey or Turner
50 Measures of current
51 Right away, in a memo
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54 Lee of Marvel Comics fame
55 Aide: Abbr.
57 Major hoops org.
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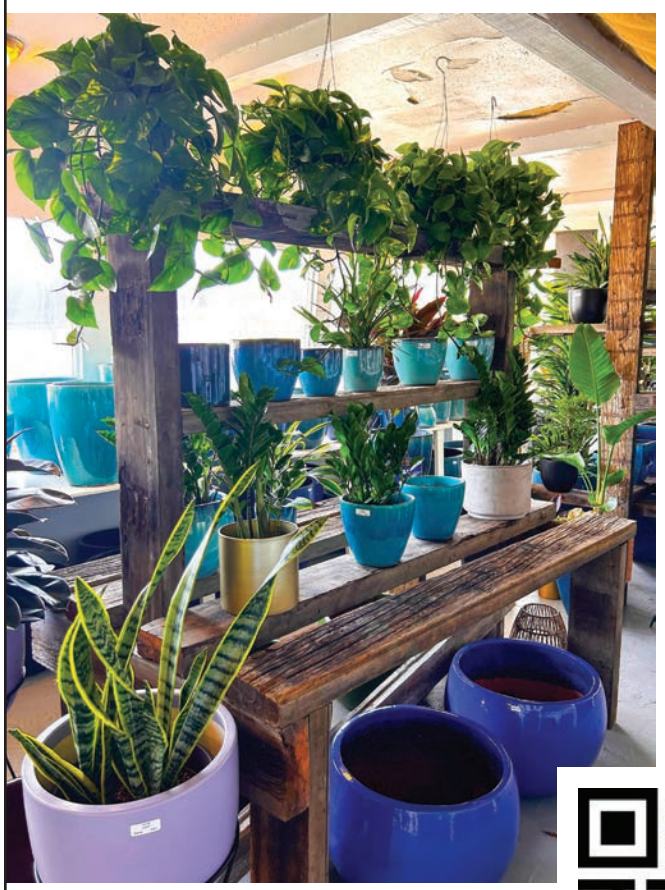
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