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With millions already spent, bond projects continue throughout SMMUSD

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A litany of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District construction projects were discussed by the SMMUSD Board of Education this past week, all centered around updates on the district's bond program.

The first measure spoken of by district staff was Measure ES, a four-way split of $385 million between Malibu, Samohi, SMMUSD technology and other Santa Monica projects. The vast majority of the funds have already been used, with just $919,200 unpaid funding left, with another $1.63 million in anticipated technology costs.

Measure SMS, passed by Santa Monica voters in 2018, is a $485

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Courtesy Graphic

PROJECTS: The Samohi Student Services and Student Center is just one of the litany of projects funded by Measure QS.

Council moves to research and refine 'gift ordinance' despite opposition from Councilmembers Hall and Raskin

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's strict rules on gifts and gratuities may be loosened a little pending a study of similar rules in neighboring cities.

The current rules were approved earlier this year and prohibit Councilmembers from attending events or eating free food unless they are doing so in an official capacity. However, just what constitutes a ceremonial role and at what point are the City's interests served by Councilmembers attending functions has become a point of confusion, forcing multiple case-by-case rulings by city staff.

In response, Mayor Lana Negrete and Councilmember Barry Snell asked the City Manager

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Drugs and alcohol remain leading killer of LA's homeless population

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Drug and alcohol overdoses continued to be the leading cause of death among Los Angeles County's homeless population in 2023, accounting for 45% of all deaths despite increased distribution of the overdose-reversal medication naloxone, according to a county report released Thursday.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's

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'Bandit' tow companies target LA wildfire victims



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DISASTER: Vehicles remain stuck in mud after being swept away by mud and debris flows along Mendocino Street near Tanoble Drive after heavy rainfall triggered multiple mudslides in the Eaton Fire burn scar area in Altadena on Feb. 14, 2025.

After the Eaton Fire leveled more than 9,400 structures in the Altadena community in January, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger spotted a disturbing Facebook post titled "Eaton Fire Hall of Shame."

An Altadena resident posted that a tow company called her husband in the middle of the night during the fire, claiming the city had authorized it to tow their car. Weeks later they learned the company had taken the vehicle to Ontario and was demanding $3,000 to return it.

Other residents responded to the post, recounting similar scams.

Barger asked the residents to contact her if they had suspicious experiences with tow companies amid the wildfire, said Helen Chavez Garcia, spokesperson for the supervisor's office.

"She thought it was egregious that just one person experienced this," Chavez Garcia said. "As more information came to her office, we found out that there were more people affected by this."

When Barger contacted the Inland Empire Auto Insurance Fraud Task Force, she learned the Eaton Fire was just the latest occasion when "bandit" tow companies targeted motorists, hauling cars to shops in Riverside or San Bernardino counties and then holding them for ransoms of thousands of dollars.

"They did it before there was any perimeter set up, before the (California Highway Patrol) got there, while the fire was still going," said task force supervisor Sgt. Regina Garay. "A lot of people have filed stolen car claims; tow

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California uses gimmicks instead of addressing the heart of its budget problem



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BUDGET: Gov. Gavin Newsom delivers a briefing of his proposed 2025-26 state budget at Stanislaus State in Turlock on Jan. 6, 2025.

One of the many gimmicks that California's governors and legislators employ to paper over budget deficits, thus avoiding real spending cuts or increasing taxes, is to assume some level of savings from making state agencies and programs more efficient.

They will plug arbitrary numbers into the budget from such supposed efficiencies, then, along with other gimmicks, declare that the budget gap has been closed and pat themselves on the back for the feat.

The 2024-25 budget is a prime example of such political expedience. As enacted last June it totaled $297.9 billion, of which $211.5 billion was general fund spending. But the budget assumed that the state would receive $207.2 billion in general fund revenues, so it had a gap to bridge.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators turned to a series of gimmicks and indirect loans to close the gap, including $2.9 billion from assumed efficiency savings in state agencies and state universities.

However, when Newsom unveiled a 2025-26 budget proposal in January, the plan acknowledged that while the universities met their relatively tiny savings goal of $200 million, other agencies would reduce spending by just $800 million, or less than a third of their $2.7 billion goal.

The new budget also revealed that 2024-25 general fund spending had ballooned to an estimated $232 billion — $21 billion more than the final version had assumed — and while projected revenues had also increased to $217 billion, the 2024-25 deficit would widen to $15 billion.

Last month, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, reported that his staff was having difficulty getting accurate information from the administration about the underachieving efficiency decree.

"We have tried to get information from some of the larger departments to better understand what types of operational changes are being implemented to achieve the identified savings," Petek wrote. "As we discuss in greater detail later, we have received limited information thus far."

This venture into the weeds of state budgeting generates two observations: One, that gimmickry is an integral part of the current process, and second, that the state faces chronic gaps between income and outgo, a condition dubbed a "structural deficit."

It is an ongoing mismatch between what the state's tax system can produce in revenues and what current law says must be spent. The problem dates back to 2022 when Newsom declared that the state had a $97.5 billion surplus, based on surging revenues.

He and legislators raised spending sharply on that assumption, but it proved to be an illusion, resulting in the income and outgo gap that will continue at least for the remainder of Newsom's governorship — unless he and legislators make real spending cuts or increase taxes.

Moreover, the destructive and deadly wildfires that swept through Los Angeles will impact both the revenue and spending sides of the state's ledger, more than likely increasing the structural deficit.

Newsom and legislators have already approved a $2.5 billion appropriation for fire-related costs, which would increase

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Surf report — WATER TEMP: **55.6**

FRIDAY
FAIR
SURF: Thigh to waist
2-3FT

Peaky swell mix and improving conditions after Thursday's blow-through of WNW flow. Chunky peaks at the combo beachbreaks - still a little raw out of the gates but improving and wind looks favorable most of the morning. Blend of SSW swell and WNW swell for surf in the waist-chest high range, while top combo breaks west of Dume hit head high.

Confidence is increasing we'll see weak offshore wind in the early AM stay light through a good chunk of the morning before trending onshore in the afternoon. Most breaks will be best before the tide gets too drained.

SATURDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh
1-2FT

Slowly fading but still fun waves going into the weekend, with AM winds looking favorable. Down from Friday but still plenty of fun waves left off a fading mix of SSW and WNW swell, showing most size in the morning. Winds looking to stay on the lighter side, most favorable in the morning. Smaller surf on Sunday, while nice morning conditions expected to hold then.

Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 59. North northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the morning.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming northeast after midnight.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Calm wind becoming south southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

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Reflecting on 50 years of writing about California's politics — and still counting

This week is a personal milestone, marking a half-century of writing about California's ever-changing political ambiance.

My move into the Sacramento Union's Capitol bureau on March 3, 1975, was part of its effort to become more competitive with The Sacramento Bee.

The Bee had a large Capitol staff and believed that its only real competition in the political arena was the Los Angeles Times. Al Donner, who had been the Union's sole Capitol reporter, and I were determined to change that situation.

The Capitol was undergoing one of its periodic political upheavals, so it was — in a journalistic sense — a target-rich environment. Jerry Brown, the 36-year-old son of former governor Pat Brown, had been inaugurated as governor just two months earlier and was already becoming something of a political pop star.

Jerry's vaguely left-leaning political persona contrasted sharply with that of predecessor Ronald Reagan, and he was making waves by filling his administration with civil rights advocates, farmworker-union sympathizers and environmental zealots.

Although Brown's fellow Democrats held majorities in both houses of the Legislature, he was unpopular, having based his campaign on picturing the Capitol as a cesspool of corruption that needed cleansing. He had sponsored a successful 1974 ballot measure, the Political Reform Act, to limit campaign contributions and what lobbyists could spend on legislators to, as he put it, "two hamburgers and a Coke."

Brown's youth and brash disdain for unwritten Capitol protocol irritated a Legislature composed almost entirely of white middle-aged or even elderly men. One senator had been first elected to the Legislature in 1938, the year Brown was born.

There were a few women in the Assembly, but the first woman wasn't elected to the Senate until 1976. Brown, on the other hand, appointed a number of women to major administration posts, most notably Rose Bird, whom he later named as chief justice of the state Supreme Court, and Adriana Gianturco, who earned legislators' scorn for blocking new freeway construction and helping institute carpool lanes.

Brown's clashes with the Legislature, his two presidential campaigns and battles between the two parties for control provided copious opportunities for scoop-minded journalism as Donner and I waged guerrilla war against the Bee. For several years, we beat everyone to the state budget before it was officially released by Brown.

Donner and I — and later a third Union reporter — had a lot of fun in those days. However, after covering the Capitol for a few years, I came to believe that California politics needed another approach and began writing a daily column about the relationship between California's evolution and its politics.

That column launched in January 1981, continued for three years in the Union and 33 years more in The Bee before changing venues again in 2017 to CalMatters — about 11,000 columns so far, and still counting.

Among other things, the column allowed me to appraise the huge contrast between Brown's first governorship and his second several decades later.

The contrasts extend beyond Brown's persona, however. As California's demography evolved, so did the Legislature's — many fewer white men, many more women, Latinos and Asian Americans and many with gender identities or sexual orientations that people were less tolerant of in 1975.

That said, today's Legislature is less overtly corrupt but more secretive and less deliberative than it was 50 years ago. Committee hearings on bills were genuinely pertinent then but are mostly meaningless charades now.

California has nearly twice as many people as it did in 1975 and its demographic attributes and its economy have undergone massive transformations. Sadly, the Capitol's ability — or willingness — to deal with the political issues arising out of those changes has diminished.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



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POLITICS: Construction on the state Capitol in Sacramento on April 29, 2024.

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HOMELESS

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sixth annual mortality report revealed 2,508 people experiencing homelessness died in 2023, with the mortality rate plateauing for a second consecutive year after a devastating 56% increase from 2019 to 2021.

While the overall homeless mortality rate remained high at 3,326 deaths per 100,000 people, it increased just 1% from 2022 to 2023, following a 2% increase the previous year.

Public Health officials said earlier reporting of a plateau in overdose mortality in 2022 was revised after an unusually high number of unexplained causes of death in their provisional death file for 2022 were belatedly assigned causes (mostly drug-overdoses) after a backlog of medical examiner cases requiring toxicology testing was cleared.

Officials attribute this year's plateau largely to stabilized drug overdose death rates.

"Despite the continued plateau in drug related overdoses among people experiencing homelessness, we are still facing the worst overdose crisis in history," said Dr. Gary Tsai, director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

The distribution of naloxone tripled from 2021 to 2023, which health officials believe helped stabilize overdose deaths. However, the report emphasized that fentanyl remained present in 70.4% of all overdose deaths, underscoring the continued high risk for unhoused individuals who use drugs.

Coronary heart disease ranked as the second leading cause of death at 14%, with its mortality rate surging 22% from 2022 to 2023 — the largest increase recorded since 2016. The increase affected both males and females and was most pronounced among White and Latino homeless individuals.

Transportation-related injuries remained the third leading cause of death, with rates plateauing but still 50% higher than 2019 levels. On average, a homeless person was killed by a moving vehicle in LA County approximately every other day, with 95% of those deaths among pedestrians and cyclists.

The homicide rate, the fourth leading cause of death, decreased 25% from 213 to 159 deaths per 100,000 people — the first reduction since 2019. The decrease was particularly significant among Black homeless individuals, among whom homicide deaths fell from 8% to 4% of total deaths.

Suicide rates, the fifth leading cause, remained relatively stable, consistently higher among younger homeless individuals and among White and Latino populations.

COVID-19 mortality, which peaked in 2021, continued to decline in 2023.

The report highlighted increased risk of death faced by homeless individuals. In 2023, people experiencing homelessness were 4.5 times more likely to die, an increase from 3.8 times in 2022.

These disparities were even more pronounced among certain demographics. White homeless individuals faced mortality rates seven times higher than White people in the general population. Among Latino homeless individuals, the rate was 4.8 times higher, while Black homeless individuals died at 2.7 times the rate of Black people in the general population.

"Homelessness is deadly. And while this plateau is better than an increase, even one person dying on our streets is one too many," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn. "Getting people out of encampments and into shelters saves lives and we should double down on harm reduction and preventing overdoses."

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> - Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor

County officials made several recommendations, including ensuring rapid access to housing and shelter, expanding harm reduction services, improving access to health services, and collaborating with local governments to reduce traffic deaths among homeless residents.

"This report reinforces that shortening the timeframe people experience homelessness is a matter of life or death," said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.

Barbara Ferrer, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, emphasized the need for "focused actions" to reduce mortality disparities and improve health outcomes among the homeless population.

The report used data from the LA County Office of the Medical Examiner, California state death records, and the annual point-in-time homeless count. The next report, covering 2024 data, is expected in early 2026.

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and City Attorney to survey other cities and bring amendments to the Gift Resolution and Gratuity Ordinance to create exceptions for attending City of Santa Monica economic development and cultural events in which Councilmembers are expected to attend to represent the City.

> Nobody is doing this job for a free meal or the opportunity to get a ticket somewhere. I think we're all genuinely up here to serve the community
> - Lana Negrete, Mayor

"I want to be cognizant that [the last rule change] created a lot of questions in which the city attorney's office has to spend however many hundreds of dollars an hour they have paid to discern whether or not you could attend an event," Negrete said, introducing the item.

"Furthermore, there was the question going back and forth of whether or not I could attend Frieze – or if any of the councilmembers could without having to pay – in which the Economic Development Department realized this is ridiculous, because we want our city councilmembers to be represented at these events," she added.

Snell concurred, "I signed on to this because I'd like to see how other cities are handling it. Our rules at this point in time are really, really strict and I want to make sure that I'm able to attend events and that other councilmembers are able to attend events without jeopardizing the gift resolution ordinance."

"Nobody is doing this job for a free meal or the opportunity to get a ticket somewhere. I think we're all genuinely up here to serve the community," Negrete said, adding that it was nonsensical to be in a position where members of council would avoid going to an event "because they're afraid of being in conflict with this rule."

Hall offered his opinion, "I would point out that in section 1c sub paragraph seven of the resolution we passed on February 11, it specifically states that the term 'gift' does not include 'free admission to a ticketed event for the official and one guest, where the official performs a ceremonial role at the event, such as throwing out the first pitch or free admission food, nominal items, such as pens, notepads or similar items available to all attendees at the event where the official makes a speech.'

"I inherently have a deep problem with us being invited to events that are hundreds of dollars for the average person to attend by virtue of our position. You know, while I appreciate the invitation to events like Cirque du Soleil, Frieze and the Equality Awards. Cirque and Frieze are businesses that operate on city land, and they come to the city council for permission to do so," he said, before being corrected by City Attorney Doug Sloan that Frieze could be approved by the City Manager.

Hall continued, "I just have a deep problem with organizations that lobby the City or lobby us as individual councilmembers or as a body that we would be given, you know, free stuff or free attendance at these events without us having some form of official action to do there."

"You've got to create bright line rules," Councilmember Ellis Raskin said, adding, "I mean there very well could be situations in which a member of the Council goes to restaurants and says, 'I'm entitled to eat free here because my official capacity is council member. I'm promoting our city's business by doing meals and letting people know about this," before conceding that he was "pulling that out of thin air."

Raskin continued, "But I'm also a little bit concerned about creating even more staff work by looking at, you know, going out and spending, I don't know how much time this can take, but looking at all the other communities, seeing how they're doing it…"

Negrete retorted, "We're doing it for all the other items and it takes more time every time we go to an event and lawyers have to get involved in the City Attorney's office to discern whether or not someone can attend. This has happened four times since we made the rule, and it's taken multiple staff members."

Councilmember Natalya Zernitskaya was in agreement with Negrete's and Snell's proposal, but added, "When a motion is made on this, if the maker and the seconder would be amenable to including that in the direction to the City Manager and City Attorney, to look at other creative ways to help allow folks to attend these types of events, I would be supportive of that."

Negrete made a motion with this friendly amendment that was seconded by Snell. Every councilmember with the exception of Hall and Raskin voted yes and thus it passed 5-2.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Homeless woman arrested for trio of arsons along Santa Monica Blvd.

Santa Monica police arrested a homeless woman Tuesday morning suspected of setting multiple fires along a commercial corridor after firefighters spotted her attempting to ignite another blaze.

Theresa Lynn Barron, 45, was taken into custody around 5:48 a.m. after Santa Monica Fire Department personnel requested emergency police assistance for multiple arsons in the area of Alley 19 and Santa Monica Boulevard, authorities said.

Officers responding to the scene found Barron holding a lighter near 19th Street and Colorado Avenue, according to police. Investigators determined she had just set a third fire near Alley 19 and Broadway that was actively burning when authorities arrived. Firefighters quickly extinguished the flames.

Police said witness statements helped identify Barron as the suspect. Authorities described her as homeless and originally from Alabama with no prior arson arrests.

The arson locations included a trash container near a bus stop at Alley 19 and westbound Santa Monica Boulevard, a sign in the 1900 block of Santa Monica Boulevard, and large blue city recycling containers in the 1500 block of Alley 19.

No injuries were reported in connection with the fires.



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FIRE: The suspect was arrested this week.

Santa Monica police and fire officials urged residents to report any suspicious activity immediately by calling 911 or the non-emergency dispatch at 310-458-8491.

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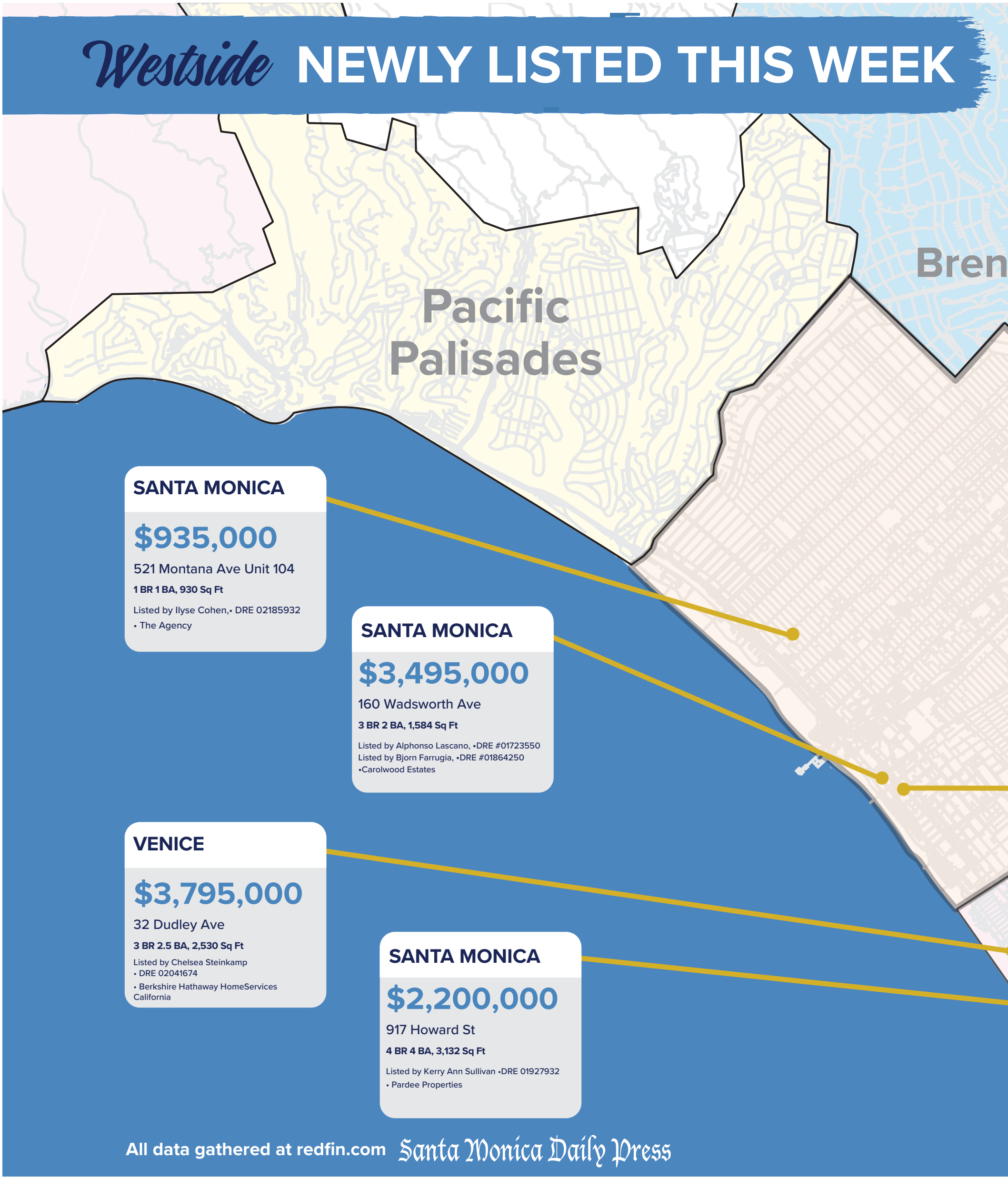
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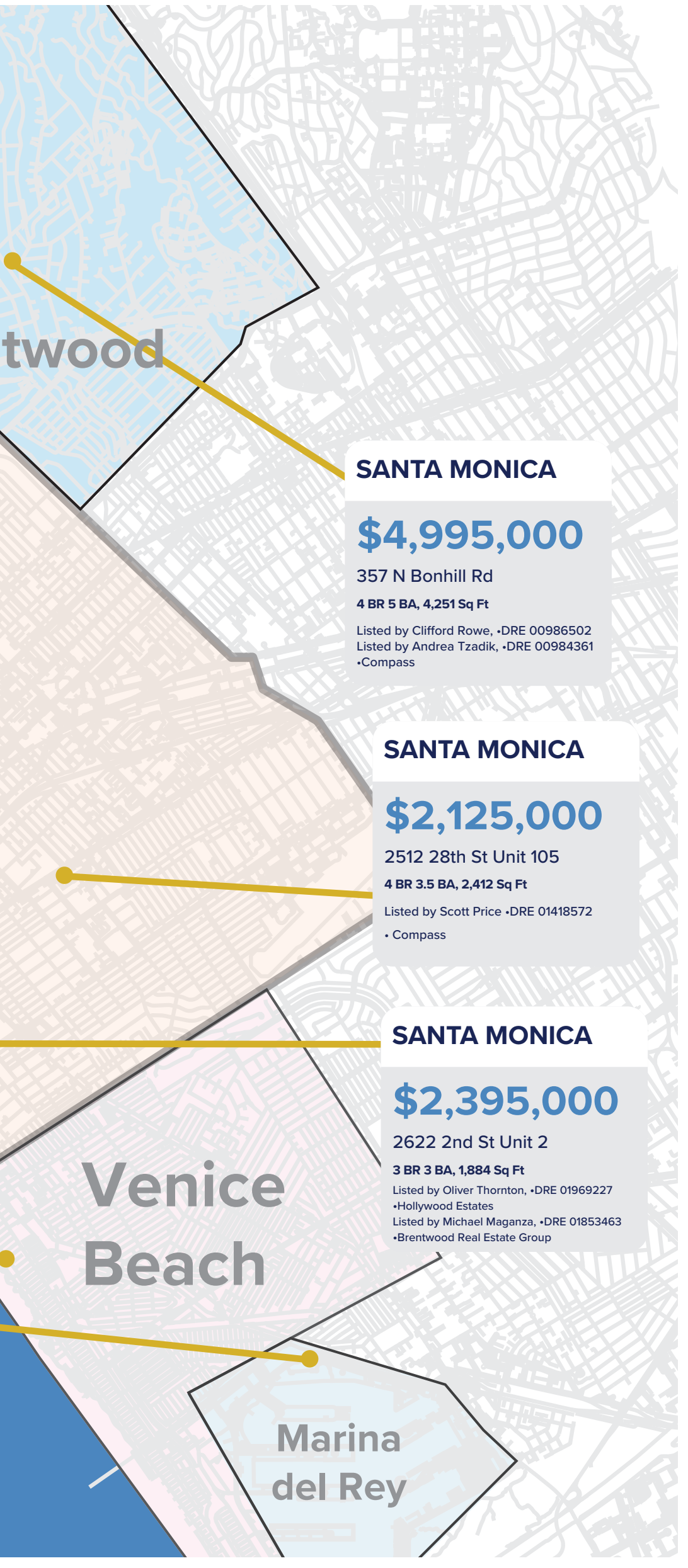
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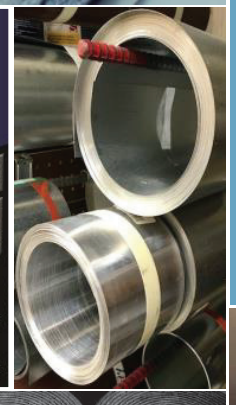
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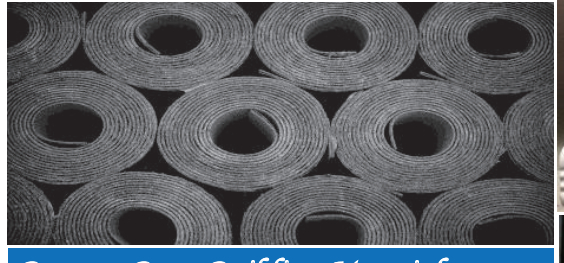
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FRIDAY | MARCH 7

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/4wdh5wvsn1e8p444m83ttjqjmb/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.

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 and Audit Subcommittee.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 12

COMPUTER BASICS - ONLINE SAFETY:
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Tips and tricks to protect yourself from scams when working or playing online. For beginners.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING:
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. Do you have a problem with food or weight? Always struggling to diet or control your eating? Overeaters Anonymous might be for you. This newcomers meeting is open to all, at no charge. The primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to those who still suffer.

LITERARY LOUNGE:
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover the joys of social reading at the Literary Lounge, a space for bibliophiles to bond over books with music and literary-inspired cocktails. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites. Supported by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library.

DISABILITIES COMMISSION
6:30 p.m. SMI Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community.

IALA'S ANNUAL NOWRUZ EVENT
6:30 - 10:30 p.m. 1212 Santa Monica, 1212 3rd Street Promenade. Celebrate the Persian New Year with IALA, featuring an open premium bar, gourmet dining, live DJ and dancing space. Tickets $85, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ialas-annual-nowruz-event-tickets-1242749861289.

THURSDAY | MARCH 13

IMMIGRATION SERVICES OFFICE HOURS
12 - 2 p.m. Study Room 1, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Come in for a free consultation on immigration services with an attorney from the nonprofit African Communities Public Health Coalition. This nonprofit organization offers free assistance with family-based immigration, including Petition for Alien Relative, VAWA and DACA. Services available on a first arrival basis.

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.

KIDDIE KARAOKE
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Community Room, Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. Sing your favorite songs with friends. Celebrate Women's History Month with songs by your favorite female singers. For ages 5-11 years old.

LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE
4 - 5 p.m. 2800 28th St. Suite 170. Focuses on issues influencing the operation of businesses in Santa Monica including permitting, zoning, parking and access. For more information, visit smchamber.com.

EMERITUS STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
5 - 6:30 p.m. Virtual. The Santa Monica College Emeritus exhibition opens with a Zoom event, featuring student photographers speaking about their work and will be hosted by Emeritus Gallery Curator Jesse Benson. For more information, visit: https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/2196bbed-f893-4d34-a104-c1b5bd695a8e.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
6 - 8 p.m. Community Room, Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This is a special meeting of the Library Board, the public is welcome to attend. Agenda and minutes available at https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4gqsy4jbpje7pwacs7ebjygs4y/202503131800.

PAPERMAKING WITH SOPHIA ALLISON
6 - 7:30 p.m. Propeller Gallery, 3026 Airport Ave. Join for a papermaking workshop with Camera Obscura Artist-in-Residence Sophia Allison. Learn basic paper making techniques utilizing recycled materials such as junk mail, old homework, newspapers or a variety of almost any kind of paper. Sophia will discuss the materials and basic equipment and demonstrate step-by-step how to create pulp, pull the pulp using a screen and create handmade papers. Sophia will also show examples of her own handmade papers and artwork that incorporates the paper making processes.

HOLLYWOOD ADJACENT
6:30 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Part of the Binge Free Festival, "Hollywood Adjacent" features a tale of consent, fame and bizarre office politics. Written and produced by Zach Ring, directed by Kazu Takeda. Free performance.

RENT CONTROL BOARD
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations.

FRIDAY | MARCH 14

PILATES - CORE WORK
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Venice Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd. Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mat movement. All levels welcome. Please be early. Class starts on-time at 11am. No entry after the first ten minutes.

TWO-STEPPIN' INTO ST. PADDY'S
8 - 11:59 p.m. Brennan's, 4089 Lincoln Blvd., Marina del Rey. Westside's wildest St. Paddy's celebration is kicking things off early with line dancing, discounted drinks and great music. Green attire highly encouraged. Tickets $12, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/two-steppin-into-st-paddys-line-dancing-live-music-gettin-lucky-tickets-1245242486799.

SATURDAY | MARCH 15

FRUIT TREES IN SALT SPACES
9 - 11 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Whether Meyer Lemons, Kumquats or Finger Limes are to your liking, a discussion will be held on how to pick a variety that works for small spaces and the maintenance and care that are required for potted fruit trees. Seasonal vegetable seeds will be available and there will be a raffle of a couple small fruit trees for a few lucky folks to take home.

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
Check agenda at www.smgov.net/rpc prior to meeting to confirm start time

The agenda will also be posted at the Santa Monica Institute (SMI) room, located at 330 Olympic Drive in Santa Monica at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. The agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours prior to a special meeting. Please check the agenda prior to the meeting for changes.

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

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PROJECTS

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million general obligation bond for Santa Monica facilities, divided into Samohi ($260 million) and other Santa Monica ($225 million) projects.

One Measure SMS project that was just completed was the John Adams Middle School library, which held its ribbon cutting on Feb. 19. The library, district staff noted, was "a real mess" before the construction, with extra repair work bringing the construction costs above its original $1.5 million budget.

Another SMS endeavor completed is the new Exploration Building & Gold Gym at Samohi, though minor items like water leaks from February rains still remain. Construction of a groundwater recharge system and permanent bleachers for the Samohi track and field are anticipated to complete in early May. Other SMS projects include the Will Rogers Learning Community Early Education Building (on schedule to open Fall 2025) and the McKinley Elementary School Administration & Classroom Building (on schedule to complete in February 2026).

Measure M was primarily a way to forge forward in the Malibu Campus Plan, identifying needs at the Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School campus. A total of over $189 million in funding has gone toward the new Malibu High School building, which commenced in October 2023 and is now 80% complete. The project, staff noted, is "significantly ahead of schedule" and will be complete by the Spring 2026 semester, despite recent fires and winds delaying certain work.

The latest bond measure was passed by Santa Monica voters in November, that being Measure QS, totaling $495 million broken down into $104 million for Samohi, just over $252 million for middle and elementary projects, and just over $138 million for Santa Monica-wide endeavors. The highest-costing project from QS will be the Samohi Phase 4A undertaking, which is the Student Services and Student Center Building.

The building, at 51,000 square feet, looks to replace the Samohi Business Building by having a College and Career Center, space for clubs, a Health and Wellness Center, a Black Box Theater (replacing the Humanities Center) and designated classrooms. Construction commencement on the building looks to be in December 2026, with building occupancy anticipated for August 2028.

Another part of QS is the modernization and construction of Early Education spaces at Grant, Roosevelt and Franklin Elementary School. The Grant project is a modernization, while the other two are new constructions. Roosevelt Principal Amy Onyendu was thankful for the addition of new Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms, as well as new teacher meeting areas, that will come with construction.

"Ultimately, this project will positively impact student learning by providing inviting, functional spaces that support holistic development and foster a love for learning at Roosevelt," Onyendu said.

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BANDIT

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companies just took them."

Officials don't know how many cars were fraudulently towed.

Last year, the task force — which includes the state Department of Insurance, California Highway Patrol and Riverside and San Bernardino County district attorneys — investigated and charged 16 people accused of stealing money, property or personal information in similar auto fraud incidents starting in 2022. That alleged auto fraud ring made false insurance claims for the towed vehicles totaling more than $216,932, the Insurance Department said.

In those cases, unscrupulous tow truck operators responded to reported accidents, claiming to represent drivers' insurance companies, the department said.

"(Drivers) are already nervous, scared, maybe even hurt," Garay said. Tow companies "would tow the car to a body shop and have them sign papers, offer them a ride home. And then they find the body shop is holding their car for ransom … for a large ransom."

Investigators don't have evidence that the fraud ring cases were connected to the Eaton Fire incidents, Garay said.

"It's not that it has to do directly with the case, it just happens to be bandit tow companies," she said.

The state Insurance Department cautioned drivers to look for certain red flags. Tow truck drivers may show up within minutes of an accident, ask the driver to sign documents and then take the car to a specific body shop rather than requesting the driver's preferred shop.

Anyone who suspects a tow company is not legitimate should verify it with their insurance company or wait for the Highway Patrol to confirm it. Drivers shouldn't sign any documents at an accident site without contacting their insurance company.

Barger's office said some wildfire survivors are still trying to recover their cars.

"I find it disgusting that these fraudulent tow operators exploited fire survivors during their time of distress," Barger said in a statement. "Those behind this abhorrent scheme must be held accountable and brought to justice."

By Deborah Brennan. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

GIMMICKS

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the deficit even more unless he can persuade President Donald Trump to send federal aid. Even with a federal bailout, however, Newsom is likely to leave his successor, whomever that might be, with a fiscal headache.

Newsom surely hopes to skate through without either deep spending cuts or increasing taxes, while continuing to cover the chronic gaps with gimmicks such as arbitrary efficiency savings, direct and indirect loans and creative bookkeeping.

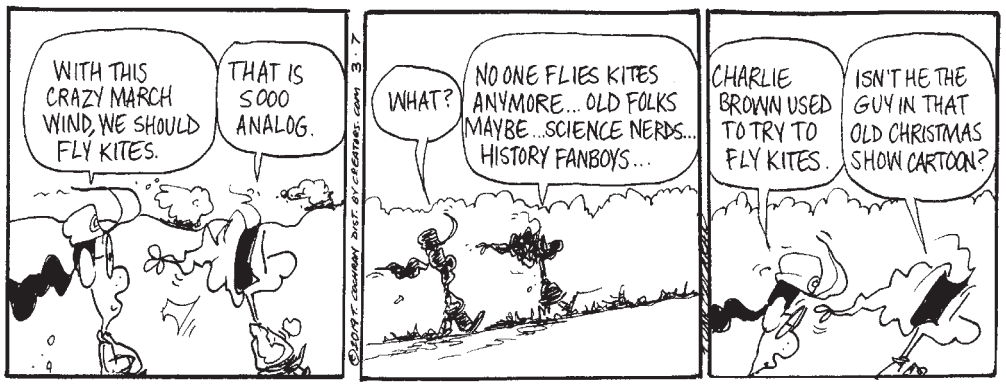
He has even increased spending in some categories despite the sluggish revenues, most spectacularly — and most irresponsibly — jacking up state subsidies for the Southern California film and video industry.

Sending more money to Hollywood while telling state universities to tighten their belts, potentially impacting enrollment, would seem to be the height of misplaced priorities.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

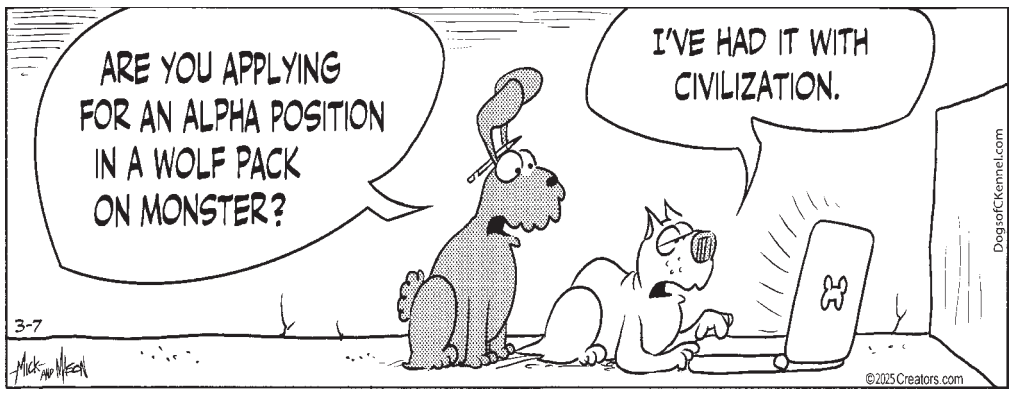
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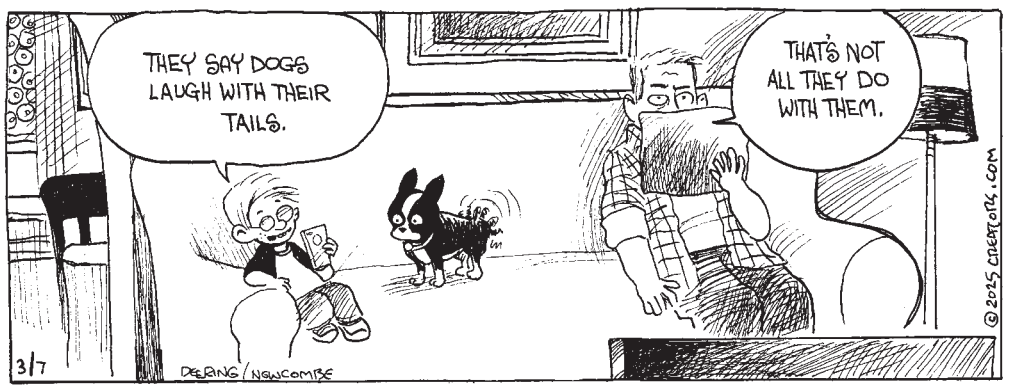
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By JOHN DEERING



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

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Grow your own food

E	M	B	K	T	H	Y	M	E	S	A	L	A	D	E
M	L	U	S	E	O	B	M	U	G	I	S	S	N	O
G	A	A	L	K	E	C	R	O	P	T	N	P	T	W
B	G	Y	K	C	P	L	O	T	S	O	N	A	O	O
E	C	G	S	O	H	S	E	E	L	E	M	R	R	L
A	R	R	E	R	E	A	P	E	E	O	R	A	A	F
N	E	A	D	I	L	L	M	P	T	A	T	G	C	S
S	S	P	E	A	S	N	U	Y	B	O	B	U	H	S
S	S	E	W	F	C	D	R	L	F	K	E	S	O	H
T	O	I	S	H	M	R	E	O	C	R	E	F	Y	I
I	R	I	I	U	E	E	O	B	C	A	T	E	T	S
U	R	V	L	H	H	C	N	W	A	T	E	R	S	P
R	E	P	C	W	T	N	I	M	H	S	I	D	A	R
F	L	O	W	E	R	N	O	U	E	P	I	R	T	A
B	O	K	C	H	O	Y	N	T	J	E	O	L	A	Y

Aloe
Asparagus
Basil
Beans
Beds
Beet
Bok choy
Cherry tomato
Chive
Corn
Cress
Crop
Dill
Flower
Fruit
Grape
Gumbo
Hose
Juice
Kale
Leek
Melons
Mint
Mulch
Neep
Okra
Onion
Orach
Peas
Pests
Plots
Plum
Radish
Reap
Ripe
Rocket
Sage
Salad
Soft
Soil
Sorrel
Spray
Swedes
Taro
Tasty
Thyme
Water
Wheelbarrow
Yam

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 7)

You'll come to a realization that alters you sweetly and gives life more ease. This changes the way you listen, the way you create, the way you love. More highlights: A secret project you nurture in private will eventually be released into the world, dazzling in its impact. The spark of competition pushes you to greatness, while learning and travel stretch your mind in ways that make you more intuitive than ever. Capricorn and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 18, 24, 33 and 49.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're needed, and not in a general way. You are, in fact, the exact person to deliver precisely what a person needs for the storm they are moving through in this moment. Giving support helps you find your own way through it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've walked through shadow and now the road bends, soft golden sunlight spilling into the dark. Things are about to get better. Honor yourself. When you put your energy into a very good fit for you, you'll be chosen back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're on a tightrope between honesty and kindness. This one is woven with white lies, humor and warmth. You're poised to succeed using the balancing pole of good intentions to keep you steady and true.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Reconsider your involvement with someone who takes without reciprocating. Those who value your contribution will be inclined to generosity that's a two-way street. Allow yourself to receive support as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-doubt shrinks in the face of consistent effort. Repetition leads to competence, and competence replaces fear. Stop trying to be perfect, or even good. Just keep showing up until it feels natural to do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will outgrow this. Not because you force yourself to, but because life will pull you forward, and one day, this will be something that happened before you stepped into something better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If information is power, spilling it diminishes power. Be discreet. You have intel that others would like to know, and it's a very valuable asset, not to be wasted. Share just enough to keep people intrigued.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When the plan goes right, you get a result - a clear outcome of your effort. When it goes wrong, you get a story - one rich with lessons and growth. Both are valuable: Results show your ability, and stories deepen your experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Advertisers tap into your pain points to win a sale. But creating pain points that weren't there to begin with? It's diabolical - yet commonplace. Be wary of those who profit by planting seeds of self-doubt in others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your entire being is communicating. You're sending out vibes and lobbing subconscious messages out like corked bottles into the cosmic ocean. Don't worry, the universe has heard you and is crafting a response.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're feeling more at peace with emotions. All is evolving, moving in a healthy direction. Hold to a vision for the future filled with playful people, fun and glamour. Keep finding moments of grace with yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You bring energy, humor and warmth wherever you go, turning the ordinary into something memorable. Your ability to find joy in a situation isn't just about entertainment - it's about curiosity, openness and a natural inclination to make the most of every experience.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

U	N	A	G	I	■	F	A	S	■	■	L	O	S	E
P	I	V	O	T	■	R	I	T	A	■	A	N	T	S
S	P	A	N	S	■	I	M	U	P	■	G	R	I	T
■	■	■	G	A	I	N	S	B	O	R	O	U	G	H
S	A	G	■	L	O	G	■	B	L	E	S	S	M	E
P	R	O	F	I	T	E	R	O	L	E	■	H	A	R
A	N	D	R	E	A	■	E	R	O	D	E	■	■	■
R	O	S	E	■	■	U	S	N	■	■	W	I	P	E
■	■	■	E	V	E	N	I	■	I	S	A	B	E	L
O	B	I	■	E	A	R	N	E	S	T	N	E	S	S
G	E	N	O	E	S	E	■	R	B	I	■	T	O	E
R	E	A	P	P	E	A	R	A	N	C	E	■	■	■
E	T	T	E	■	I	S	I	S	■	K	I	T	E	S
S	L	I	D	■	N	O	M	E	■	B	R	E	A	K
S	E	E	S	■	■	N	E	D	■	Y	E	N	T	A

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

2	8	9	3	7	6	1	4	5
1	3	5	9	8	4	2	7	6
6	7	4	1	2	5	3	9	8
8	6	1	4	9	3	7	5	2
5	9	3	7	1	2	8	6	4
4	2	7	5	6	8	9	1	3
3	1	6	2	4	7	5	8	9
7	5	8	6	3	9	4	2	1
9	4	2	8	5	1	6	3	7

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	5	2	7		9			1
	7	8	1			3	5	
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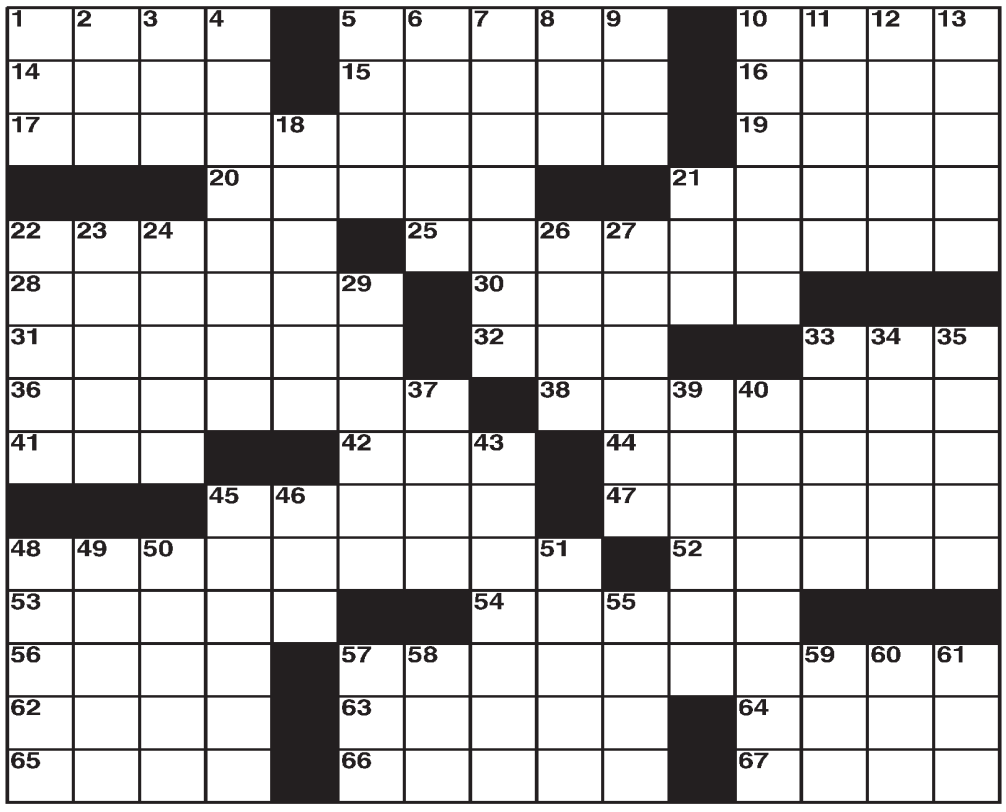
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ACROSS

1 Horror film sound effect
5 Produce with pentagonal pieces
10 Street fleet
14 Intern, for instance
15 Blass contemporary
16 Roosted
17 SALAD LOVER
19 Word after fast or fire
20 Adulterate
21 Military moniker
22 Worst-case scenario
25 TOT ARMIES
28 Maine tourist mecca
30 Falls noisily
31 "Be brave!"
32 Thing on some stalks
33 MLB rally spoilers
36 AIR TACO
38 GLIB EMU
41 Compass reading
42 Mimicking
44 Downgrade, perhaps
45 Jury, for instance
47 Mob rule
48 IGUANA CAR
52 Urban official
53 "To form __ perfect Union..."
54 Windows forerunner
56 Many motels, ostensibly
57 GNOME TENOR
62 Big name in bricks
63 First Japanese luxury line
64 Country music star's memoirs
65 Ballet princess, after a sorcerer's curse
66 Property crime
67 What a feline pupil resembles

DOWN

1 Part of federal loan company nicknames
2 Peanut product
3 What accompanies much free digital content
4 "Good thinking!"
5 "Of course," these days
6 *Family Circus* cartoonist
7 Progress impediment
8 What makes mist moist
9 To be, in Bolivia
10 City on the Channel
11 Cause dread for
12 Certain game's "I win!"
13 One home on the range
18 Roundup accessory
21 Valvoline alternative
22 FDR VP John __ Garner
23 Metaphor for growth potential
24 *Spider-Man* villain portrayer
26 Hunk of ham
27 Caped combatant
29 Grande with Grammys
33 Blog, essentially
34 Asked of
35 Makeup mess
37 Something to shake
39 Curtis' *Some Like It Hot* partner
40 '50s young toughs
43 Grad guy
45 Clergy member
46 Don't just appear
48 Salon specialty
49 "This is my first day"
50 Line dance
51 Outer space prefix
55 Academic overseer
57 Goat quote
58 Text-reading tech
59 Semisolid
60 Diamond datum
61 Member of the grass family



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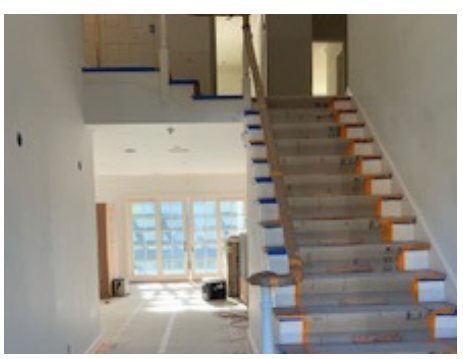
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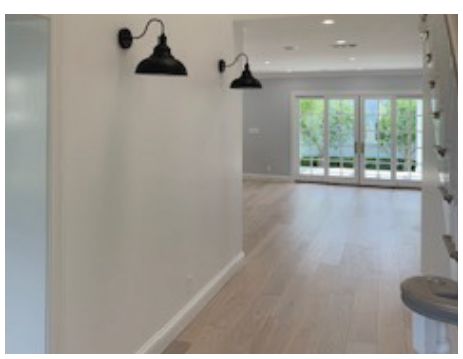
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