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Art Deco high-rise pitched for Lincoln Blvd in departure from Santa Monica norm



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OLD SCHOOL: The Asterisk project is currently under review and has not yet been scheduled for public hearing.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A new 13-story Art Deco apartment tower is being proposed for 1427 Lincoln Blvd, marking a rare high-rise addition to the city's skyline and a bold shift in architectural style along the corridor.

Dubbed Asterisk Santa Monica, the project from developer Jacmar Companies would include 100 residential units in a mix of studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom floor plans over 13 floors. Sixteen of the apartments would be designated for moderate-, low- and very low-income households in exchange for density and zoning concessions.

Plans submitted to the City of Santa Monica show a three-level

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Labor shortages and site access problems jeopardize Palisades wildfire rebuild

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Nearly four months after a wildfire tore through Pacific Palisades, destroying hundreds of homes and leaving families scattered across Southern California, state and local officials are warning that rebuilding efforts are on the verge of being severely delayed due to a critical shortage of skilled labor and major logistical barriers limiting site access.

Speaking at the 2025 Luskin Summit last week held at UCLA, developers and county officials outlined the steep challenges facing the recovery, warning that without bold coordination and a shift in planning strategy, only a fraction of residents may be able to return to the fire zone in the foreseeable future.

"You are not dealing with one master-planned community or a few major developers," said Randy Johnson, Managing Director at RSJ Development Services. "This is 5,000 separate property owners. It's going to take embedded labor, localized logistics and a whole new way of thinking to get anything close to the scale of rebuilding that is needed."

While cleanup efforts have moved at what speakers described as a record-breaking pace with the US Army Corps of Engineers projected to complete debris removal by the end of the year, the next phase of the recovery is proving far more complicated. Contractors are reluctant to take on work in the Palisades, where narrow canyon roads and difficult terrain make material delivery slow and expensive. Construction crews are already stretched thin across Los Angeles County, and convincing them to take on complex jobs far from established

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Palisades High School opens in Downtown Santa Monica today

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Palisades Charter High School will begin in-person classes Tuesday at its temporary "Pali South" location in downtown Santa Monica, bringing approximately 2,500 students to the former Sears building at 4th Street and Colorado Avenue.

While the school day officially runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:46 p.m. there is a Zero Period that begins at 7:30 a.m. and Period 7 will end at 3:45 p.m. with student activity expected both before and after school hours.

The school has repurposed retail space, which was rapidly converted following fire damage to the school's original campus in Pacific Palisades.

Students will access the campus through multiple entry points, with some arriving via public transit including the Metro E Line and Big Blue Bus, both offering free rides to students with a registered GoPass. Others will be dropped off at a designated lot behind the downtown Metro E Line station, with entrance on 5th Street.

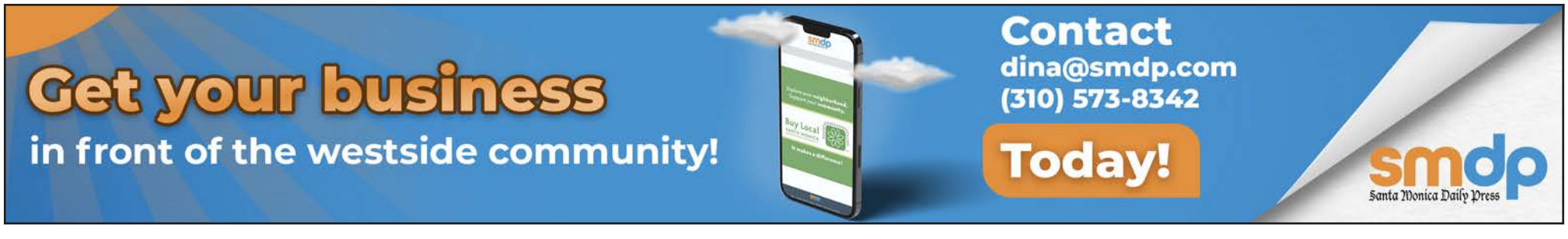
City officials are warning residents and commuters to expect significant traffic congestion in the downtown area, particularly during peak hours between 7-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. The schedule coincides with nearby Santa Monica High School, further compounding traffic concerns.

City officials have welcomed the new facility.

Santa Monica Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton issued a message to the displaced school community, acknowledging the challenges they face.

"We would like to extend a warm

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Steeply discounted overdose-reversal medicine now available to any Californian



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NARCAN: A box of Narcan nasal spray at UC Berkeley student organization End Overdose's table at Sproul Plaza on Jan. 23, 2024. The organization passes out free fentanyl test strips to students, and gives other organizations training on Narcan usage.

Any Californian can purchase naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, directly from the state at a discounted price, Gov. Gavin Newsom's office announced Monday.

The medication is available online for $24 for a two-pack of the nasal spray, roughly half the market price of the drug. Previously, the discount was available only to government organizations and businesses.

"Life-saving medications shouldn't come with a life-altering price tag. CalRx is about making essential drugs like naloxone affordable and accessible for all — not the privileged few," Newsom said in a statement. CalRx is a Newsom initiative to bring down the cost of prescription drugs.

California has spent more than $1 billion fighting the opioid epidemic, which killed more than 8,900 people last year, according to preliminary data from the state health department. That represents a 13% increase in deaths from 2023.

The Naloxone Distribution Project and Access Initiative is part of the strategy to stop overdoses, which began spiking in 2019 as fentanyl, a highly potent synthetic opioid, infused the market. The rate of fentanyl-related overdose deaths began declining last year, according to state data.

More than 6 million naloxone kits have been distributed to local governments and organizations since 2018, according to state data. About 355,000 overdoses have been reversed.

In 2024, Newsom's office announced a new supplier for the state initiative, Amneal Pharmaceuticals, which agreed to sell the steeply discounted drug to California. Days prior, Attorney General Rob Bonta announced a $273-million multistate settlement with the New Jersey-based company over its alleged failure to report suspicious opioid orders that contributed to the country's epidemic.

"By getting this lower price, we are making the financial savings and able to use our dollars to buy more product, which of course is ultimately very much about saving lives," said Elizabeth Landsberg, director of the Department of Health Care Access and Information, last year.

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> - Elizabeth Landsberg

Naloxone is one of two current efforts by the state to make generic drugs more affordable under Newsom's effort to lower the costs of pharmaceuticals. California has a $50-million contract to manufacture generic insulins for CalRx. That project is more than a year behind schedule.

By Kristen Hwang. Supported by the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), which works to ensure that people have access to the care they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford. Visit www.chcf.org to learn more. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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California lawmakers can do a lot to aid LA fire recovery. Steeper looting penalties aren't part of that



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

FIRE: Two people survey the damage of their home that was burned to the ground in an Altadena neighborhood affected by the Eaton Fire on Jan. 8, 2025.

It is noteworthy that some of the earliest mentions of "looting" in news reports during this year's deadly fires in Los Angeles County made the point that there actually wasn't much of it.

Video circulated on social media purporting to show young Black men stealing goods from a home in Altadena during the Eaton Fire. But the claim was quickly debunked by KTLA reporter Chip Yost, who spoke to the impacted family and noted that the young men were residents of the house and their neighbors, who were quickly removing and bagging as much of their possessions as they could before the flames could destroy everything.

Similar scenes played out all over Altadena, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and other areas hard hit by the fires that began on Jan. 7 and spread quickly amid hurricane-force winds. Neighbors pitched in to help save pets, pictures, important documents and personal items.

It's a fairly typical response during disaster emergencies like wildfires. Neighbors tend to come together. Looting, although not unusual during violent social uprisings, is rare during natural disasters.

But fears and false reports of looting are common.

The Los Angeles Police Department, whose jurisdiction includes Pacific Palisades, took to social media in the hours after fires broke out to rebut looting rumors.

"At this time," the LAPD said on X, "we have received no information regarding looting or other criminal activity in the affected areas."

As the fires were beaten back, some people did come to the reeling neighborhoods to take advantage of the disaster, allegedly stealing goods from intact or partially destroyed homes, or in some cases sifting through ash for any valuables that somehow remained unburned.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reported six arrests for burglary, three for grand theft and seven for entering a disaster area in Altadena; and one for burglary, two for attempted burglary and one for possession of burglary tools in Malibu. The Los Angeles, Pasadena and Santa Monica police departments also made arrests in fire zones, including some for looting, but also for arson, flying unauthorized drones, possession of illegal drugs or weapons, and other non-looting-related crimes. Arrests in the evacuation areas for all crimes hovered at around 100.

In a disaster in which at least 30 people died, and in a county of 10 million people, that's a rather low number and does

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.7**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Size up a bit as new SSW swell moves in. Better sets are inconsistent. Light wind. New round of long period SSW swell slowly climbs with less NW energy in the mix. More knee-waist high waves with occasional chest-high surf by the afternoon. Morning conditions look decent with potential for a touch of S/SE wind which would add some unwanted texture on either side of Pt. Dume. Afternoon W/WSW onshore flow could stay on the lighter side.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: Thigh to stomach 2-3FT+

Fresh, fun-zone SSW swell for the 22nd-25th.
Recent storm activity in the west to central SPAC set up this run of surf. The direction (215-195) isn't ideal for North LA but surf should still be fairly fun, peaking later on the 23rd through the first half of the 25th (strongest full day looks like Thu the 24th). Top breaks should see some chest-shoulder high sets, although more widespread waist high surf can be expected.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 56. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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2025/04/23	Wed	06:19 AM	4.50	H
2025/04/23	Wed	1:02 PM	-0.18	L
2025/04/23	Wed	7:33 PM	4.56	H
2025/04/24	Thu	01:25 AM	1.07	L
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Trump's transportation officials buck a long-held practice of using 'road diets' to slow speeders

A stylist was just starting her shift at a salon in Kansas City, Missouri, when a car smashed through the storefront window and landed in the waiting area a few feet away.

Such crashes were so common along 31st Street that business owners regularly texted one another photos showing the damage caused by vehicles speeding along the four-lane road lined with shops, bars and restaurants, which drivers used as a shortcut between major highways.

"A wide road makes people think, 'We'll just drive as fast as we want on it,'" said Ryan Ferrell, who owns the property housing the salon, a bookstore and apartments above.

When concrete sidewalk barriers didn't work, Ferrell and other business leaders campaigned to put the street on a "road diet."

Removing lanes has been a tool numerous cities have used for years to calm traffic, despite resistance from some Republican governors. President Donald Trump's administration doesn't like it either.

Federal transportation officials once heralded road diets for cutting crashes by 19% to 47%, but criteria for an upcoming round of road safety grants say projects aimed at "reducing lane capacity" should be considered "less favorably," the administration said.

Forcing travelers into more constrained spaces "can lead to crashes, erratic maneuvers, and a false sense of security that puts everyone at risk," the U.S. Department of Transportation said in an email statement to The Associated Press. "The update reflects the Department's concerns about the safety hazards associated with congestion."

ADD A GAS LINE, SUBTRACT SOME TRAFFIC LANES

Kansas City saved some money when it converted 31st Street in 2022 because a gas line was going in anyway. It reopened with one lane in each direction instead of two, a shared turn lane near the signalized intersections, better pedestrian crossings and protected on-street parking spaces.

Road diets are now an almost automatic part of the process in Kansas City whenever a street is up for repaving. For years, federal guidelines said lane reductions were usually appropriate on roads carrying fewer than 25,000 vehicles a day. Most of the city's four-lane roads don't meet that threshold.

Bobby Evans, an urban planner at the Mid-America Regional Council who has worked on Kansas City's road diets, calls the strategy "a smashing success" and one of the most effective tools at reducing speed, crashes and injuries.

"In the architectural world you'd call it environmental determinism," Evans said. "You want to make it so they don't feel comfortable going too fast. You're really not slowing them down. You're bringing them back to the speed limit."

RETHINKING THE NEED FOR SPEED

Numerous other cities have credited road diets with improving safety.

Philadelphia cited a 19% drop in injury crashes. Portland, Oregon, saw a more than 70% decline in vehicles traveling at least 10 mph (16 kph) over the speed limit. The average speed in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, fell by 5 mph (8 kph) on some roads within months.

But Jay Beeber, executive director for policy at the National Motorists Association, an advocacy organization for drivers, said most road diets represent an ill-advised effort to force vehicles off the road. The number of vehicles may decline on dieted roads, but then surrounding roads have to absorb the traffic, he said.

"Those cars have to go somewhere," he said. "Cars are like water. They seek their own level."

Leah Shahum, who directs the Vision Zero Network, a nonprofit advocating for street safety, said road diets are inexpensive and supported by years of research. Cities in Republican-led states are among the converts and Shahum isn't sure if the Trump administration's new guidance will make them reconsider.

"I certainly hope that does not bleed over into indirectly discouraging communities from using this proven safety countermeasure," Shahum said. "That would be a real loss."

NO NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Trump's transportation department cited delivery and emergency vehicles among its concerns.

When University of Iowa researchers surveyed first-responders in Cedar Rapids, their study published last year found no noticeable difference in response time when a road diet was in place. There was, however, a perceived need to educate drivers about what to do when an ambulance uses a center turn lane to pass.

Cara Hamann, an associate professor of epidemiology who co-authored the study, said she recalled no major examples of EMS or fire trucks being unable to get through.

"The road diet didn't cause a level of congestion that slowed them down," she said.

ROAD DIET RESISTANCE BEFORE TRUMP

Even before Trump, skepticism was growing in some red states.

San Antonio spent years planning to repurpose a formerly state-owned portion of its Broadway Street by removing vehicle lanes and improving a stretch for bikes and pedestrians. But Texas abruptly reclaimed the road in 2022 and nixed the project as GOP Gov. Greg Abbott ran for reelection and called for an end to anti-car policies.

"They basically used Broadway as a political football," said Bryan Martin, owner of Bronko Bikes, an electric bike repair shop.

Florida's Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill last year calling for a 180-day

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Secondhand stores are poised to benefit if US tariffs drive up new clothing costs

Stores selling secondhand clothes, shoes and accessories are poised to benefit from President Donald Trump's trade war even as businesses the world over race to avert potential damage, according to industry experts.

American styles carry international influence, but nearly all of the clothing sold domestically is made elsewhere. The Yale University Budget Lab last week estimated short-term consumer price increases of 65% for clothes and 87% for leather goods, noting U.S. tariffs "disproportionately affect" those goods.

Such price hikes may drive cost-conscious shoppers to online resale sites, consignment boutiques and thrift stores in search of bargains or a way to turn their wardrobes into cash. Used items cost less than their new equivalents and only would be subject to tariffs if they come from outside the country.

"I think resale is going to grow in a market that is declining," said Kristen Classi-Zummo, an apparel industry analyst at market research firm Circana. "What I think is going to continue to win in this chaotic environment are channels that bring value."

The outlook for pre-owned fashion nevertheless comes with unknowns, including whether the president's tariffs will stay long enough to pinch consumers and change their behavior. It's also unclear whether secondhand purveyors will increase their own prices, either to mirror the overall market or in response to shopper demand.

A NEW AUDIENCE COURTESY OF STICKER SHOCK

Jan Genovese, a retired fashion executive, sells her unwanted designer clothes through customer-to-customer marketplaces like Mercari. If tariffs cause retail prices to rise, she would consider high-end secondhand sites.

"Until I see it and really have that sticker shock, I can't say exclusively that I'll be pushed into another direction," Genovese, 75, said. "I think that the tariff part of it is that you definitely rethink things. And maybe I will start looking at alternative venues."

The secondhand clothing market already was flourishing before the specter of tariffs bedeviled the U.S. fashion industry. Management consulting firm McKinsey and Co. predicted after the COVID-19 pandemic that global revenue from pre-owned fashion would grow 11 times faster than retail apparel sales by this year as shoppers looked to save money or spend it in a more environmentally conscious way.

While millennials and members of Generation Z were known as the primary buyers of used clothing, data from market research firm Sensor Tower shows the audience may be expanding.

The number of mobile app downloads for nine resale marketplaces the firm tracks — eBay, OfferUp, Poshmark, Mercari, Craigslist, Depop, ThredUp, TheRealReal and Vinted — increased by 3% between January and the end of March, the first quarterly gain in three years, Sensor Tower said.

The firm estimates downloads of the apps for eBay, Depop, ThredUp and The RealReal also surged compared to a year earlier for the week of March 31, which was when Trump unveiled since-paused punitive tariffs on dozens of countries.

Circana's Classi-Zummo said that while customers used to seek out collectible or unusual vintage pieces to supplement their wardrobes, she has noticed more shoppers turning to secondhand sites to replace regular fashion items.

"It's still a cheaper option" than buying new, even though retailers offer discounts, she said.

A TARIFF-FREE GOLD MINE LURKING IN CLOSETS AND WAREHOUSES

Poshmark, a digital platform where users buy and sell pre-owned clothing, has yet to see sales pick up under the tariff schedule Trump unveiled but is prepared to capitalize on the moment, CEO Manish Chandra said.

Companies operating e-commerce marketplaces upgrade their technology to make it easier to find items. A visual search tool and other improvements to the Poshmark experience will "pay long dividends in terms of disruption that happens in the market" from the tariffs, Chandra said.

Archive, a San Francisco-based technology company that builds and manages online and in-store resale programs for brands including Dr. Martens, The North Face and Lululemon, has noticed clothing labels expressing more urgency to team up, CEO Emily Gittins said.

"Tapping into all of the inventory that is already sitting in the U.S., either in people's closets or in warehouses not being used," offers a revenue source while brands limit or suspend orders from foreign manufacturers, she said.

"There's a huge amount of uncertainty," Gittins said. "Everyone believes that this is going to be hugely damaging to consumer goods brands that sell in the U.S. So resale is basically where everyone's head is going."

Stock analysts have predicted off-price retailers like TJ Maxx and Burlington Stores will weather tariffs more easily than regular apparel chains and department stores because they carry leftover merchandise in the U.S.

PRICED OUT OF THE PREVIOUSLY OWNED MARKET

Still, resale vendors aren't immune from tariff-induced upheavals, said Rachel Kibbe, founder and CEO of Circular Services Group, a firm that advises brands and retailers on reducing the fashion industry's environmental impact.

U.S. sellers that import secondhand inventory from European Union countries would have to pay a 20% duty if Trump moves forward with instituting "reciprocal" tariffs on most trading partners and eliminates an import tax exception for parcels worth less than $800, Kibbe said.

A circular fashion coalition she leads is seeking a tariff exemption for used and recycled goods that will be offered for resale, Kibbe said. Trump already ended the duty-free provision for low-value parcels from China, a move that may benefit sellers of

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LUSKIN

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hubs is proving difficult.

"Getting a concrete truck up to the Palisades is not easy," Johnson said. "It took me two hours the other day to get from the village to the 405. That's seven miles. Now imagine that with hundreds of construction vehicles. It's a logistical nightmare."

To overcome these hurdles, developers are proposing what amounts to a wartime rebuilding strategy. Crews may need to live on-site, batch plants may be temporarily installed in the canyon and concrete and framing teams embedded for weeks at a time to reduce traffic flow and accelerate progress. Still, even with those measures, questions remain about how many homeowners can actually afford to rebuild.

"There are a lot of people who are underinsured," Johnson said. "We're talking about families who got $600,000 from the FAIR Plan and had homes worth double or triple that. They don't have the capital to close the gap."

Philanthropic backstops and public-private partnerships are being explored, but no comprehensive financing model has yet emerged. Kevork Zoryan, Managing Partner at Arselle Investments and co-author of a recent recovery blueprint, said the gaps in funding are so large that traditional tools like tax increment financing and community facilities districts will not be enough.

"You're going to need federal grants, state subsidies, philanthropic contributions and creative financing just to get to baseline," Zoryan said, adding, "And you need to accelerate those dollars now. Because once someone has been living outside their old neighborhood for a year or two, the odds of them coming back drop dramatically."



Scott Snowden

REBUILD: "It's going to take a whole new way of thinking to get anything close to the scale of rebuilding that is needed," Randy Johnson, Managing Director at RSJ Development Services.

The concept of a single-trench infrastructure rebuild, combining power, sewer and water utility upgrades into one unified effort, was held up as a rare bright spot. Officials said Governor Gavin Newsom's emergency order exempting such projects from environmental review requirements could save months or even years. But that plan also hinges on tight coordination between multiple jurisdictions, including Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Edison, mutual water companies and local sanitation districts, many of which operate on different timelines and funding cycles.

"The trench is the only thing that unlocks everything else," said Anish Saraiya, Director of Alternative Recovery for LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "But if you don't have the utilities at the table, aligned on scheduling and scope, it falls apart."

Saraiya added that Barger has convened utility leadership for a high-level meeting to set expectations and secure commitments, calling the need for coordinated action "urgent and non-negotiable."

Even if trench work proceeds, the city's own permitting process threatens to become a choke point. Los Angeles currently plans to process rebuilding applications through its normal procedures, which developers warned could create a severe backlog. One proposal now under discussion would allow for self-certification of permit applications and inspections, a model used during the COVID pandemic to expedite residential construction. Such a move would require City Council approval and could face resistance from labor unions and community groups.

"There's a bill in Sacramento that would allow for self-certification, but it's stuck in committee," Johnson said. "We need it passed. A typical house has ten to twelve inspections. Multiply that by a thousand homes and we're looking at fifteen thousand inspection visits."

Local developers say the only way to overcome both permitting delays and workforce shortages is to involve large-scale production homebuilders, including Lennar and Toll Brothers and leverage their supply chains to bring down costs. A proposed Builders Alliance would unite custom and semi-custom contractors with these larger players to share labor and materials. Still, the effort hinges on homeowner buy-in.

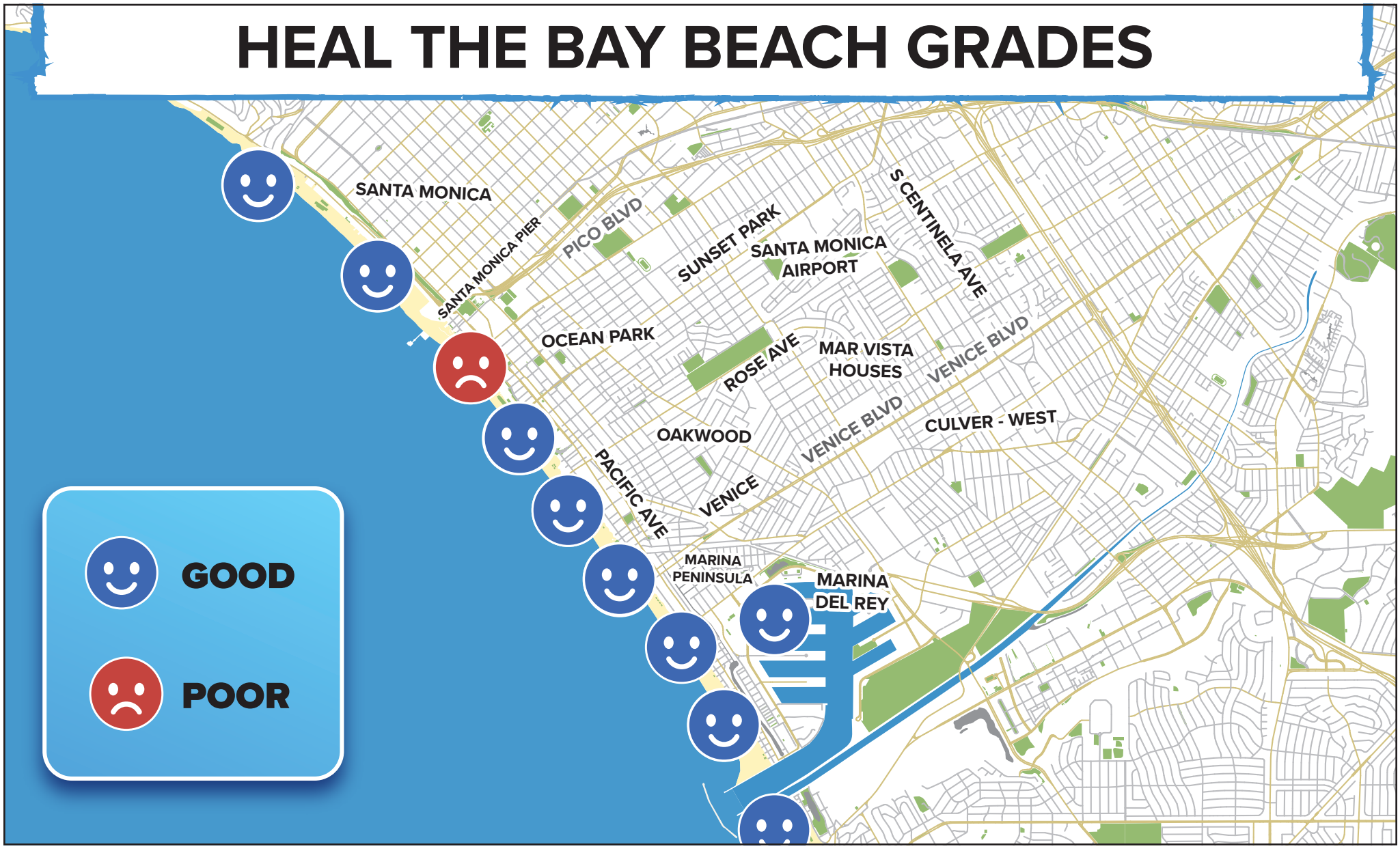
"This isn't just about policy or logistics," Johnson said. "We have to earn the trust of families who've lost everything. We need to show them that coming back is possible."

Whether that happens remains unclear. Some estimates suggest that only 25 percent of affected Palisades residents will ultimately return, despite early surveys indicating that as many as 80 percent want to.

"There's a big difference between wanting to come back and being able to afford to," Zoryan said.

With wildfire season already approaching and rebuilding timelines still in flux, officials say the next few months will be critical. Without rapid agreement on labor planning, utility coordination and financing strategies, the vision of a rebuilt, resilient Palisades may remain out of reach for thousands.

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Man charged with attempted murder for weekend stabbing

Police have arrested one suspect following a weekend stabbing incident that left two people injured on Ocean Front Walk in Santa Monica.

Ivan Angel Plancarte, 20, of San Gabriel was taken into custody Monday and charged with attempted murder in connection with the April 19 attack, according to a statement from the Santa Monica Police Department. His bail has been set at $1 million, with a court appearance scheduled for Wednesday.

Officers responded to the 1700 block of Ocean Front Walk at approximately 2:26 a.m. Saturday, where they found an adult male with multiple stab wounds to the upper torso and an adult female who had also been stabbed. Both victims are from Northridge.

The male victim received initial medical treatment from officers at the scene before being transported to a local hospital by paramedics. He was listed in critical but stable condition as of Monday. The female victim has since been released from the hospital.

Witnesses told police that two suspects fled southbound on foot after the stabbing. Authorities are still searching for a second suspect, described as a Hispanic male with a thin build, wearing a grey sweater and a blue bandana or face mask.



Courtesy photo

ARREST: Ivan Plancarte is being charged with attempted murder.

The investigation remains ongoing. Police urge anyone with information about the incident to contact Det. Peter Zamfirov at (310) 458-8398 or Det. Sgt. Alfonso Lozano at (310) 458-8774.

ASTERISK

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subterranean garage with 100 parking spaces and amenities at both the rooftop and ground levels, including an outdoor pool deck. The building would replace a pair of low-rise commercial properties, namely Restoration Rugs plus the space currently occupied by Pickletown and sit adjacent to the CVS drugstore parking lot.

Designed by KFA Architecture, the tower's turquoise facade and stylized detailing appear to draw inspiration from iconic Los Angeles landmarks such as the Eastern Columbia Building. If approved, the development would rank among the tallest in Santa Monica, though it would fall short of a 24-story tower planned nearby at 601 Colorado Ave.

It's a bold departure from the more restrained, often interchangeable designs common in recent proposals across Santa Monica. While some new projects blend into the background, Asterisk evidently wants to make a statement.

This is Jacmar's third proposal for the site, following earlier concepts for 15- and 30-unit low-rise buildings. The current proposal reflects the city's evolving approach to infill housing amid state mandates and increasing pressure to meet affordable housing goals.

The property sits adjacent to another proposed development at 1441 Lincoln Blvd. If both are built, the new tower could obstruct north-facing views from that eight story building and vice versa, a point that may factor into future public comment or architectural review.

Jacmar has recently expanded its presence across Los Angeles. The company secured permits last year for a 120-unit mixed-use project at 6066 Olympic Blvd in the Mid-Wilshire area.

The Asterisk Santa Monica proposal is currently under review and has not yet been scheduled for public hearing.

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PALI

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welcome to families and staff of Palisades Charter High School," Shelton wrote. "Students and staff, many of whom have lost homes or continue to be displaced, have been distance teaching and learning since late January."

Santa Monica has been hosting Palisades sports teams and groups at their facilities since the fire and will continue the partnership "for as long as needed," according to Shelton.

"Please join me in welcoming our new neighbors wherever you see them in our neighborhoods, shops and restaurants, and enjoying all that Santa Monica has to offer," he added.

The school's relocation comes after devastating wildfires damaged portions of its original campus in Pacific Palisades. Following the fires, students initially shifted to virtual learning before city officials and school administrators established the temporary location through an emergency order approved by the Santa Monica City Council.

Physical education classes will be held at Historic Belmar Park, while after-school sports and other activities will take place at various parks, libraries and city facilities throughout Santa Monica. The school will operate at the Santa Monica site through June 6, with plans to return to its Palisades location when repairs are complete.

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ROAD DIET

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review period and several other steps before a local government can eliminate a lane. He said it would prevent activists from intentionally clogging roads to slow vehicles.

Not all the pushback has come from Republican-led states. During the pandemic, Culver City, California, implemented a road diet to prioritize walking, biking and transit. But when cars returned and traffic backed up for miles, the city reversed the plan.

Some residents sued in Vancouver, Washington, saying the city should have put its road diets up for a public vote.

"I've seen people passing in the shoulder or the bike lane," said Justin Wood, one of the opponents. "It creates more opportunity for conflict."

Evans, the planner in Kansas City, said road diets can't stop all reckless drivers.

"If you are bound and determined to go 12 miles over the speed limit on a three-lane road, you're going to have to engage in some stupid, dangerous driving," Evans said.

By JEFF McMURRAY Associated Press

THRIFT

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secondhand clothing by making low-priced Chinese fashions pricier, she said.

James Reinhart, co-founder and CEO of the online consignment marketplace ThredUp, said the removal of the "de minimis" provision and the 145% tariff Trump put on products made in China would benefit businesses like his. He doubts creating resale channels would make a big difference for individual brands.

"Brands will explore this and they may do more, but I don't see them massively changing their operations," Reinhart said. "I think they're going to be figuring out how to survive. And I don't think resale helps you survive."

Rebag, an online marketplace and retail chain that sells used designer handbags priced from $500 to tens of thousands of dollars, expects tariffs to help drive new customers and plans to open more physical stores, CEO Charles Gorra said.

Gorra said the company would analyze prices for new luxury goods and adjust what Rebag charges accordingly. The two historically rose in tandem, but Rebag could not match Chanel's 10% price increase last year because of lower resale demand, Gorra said.

"That has nothing to do with the tariffs," he said. "Consumers are feeling priced out."

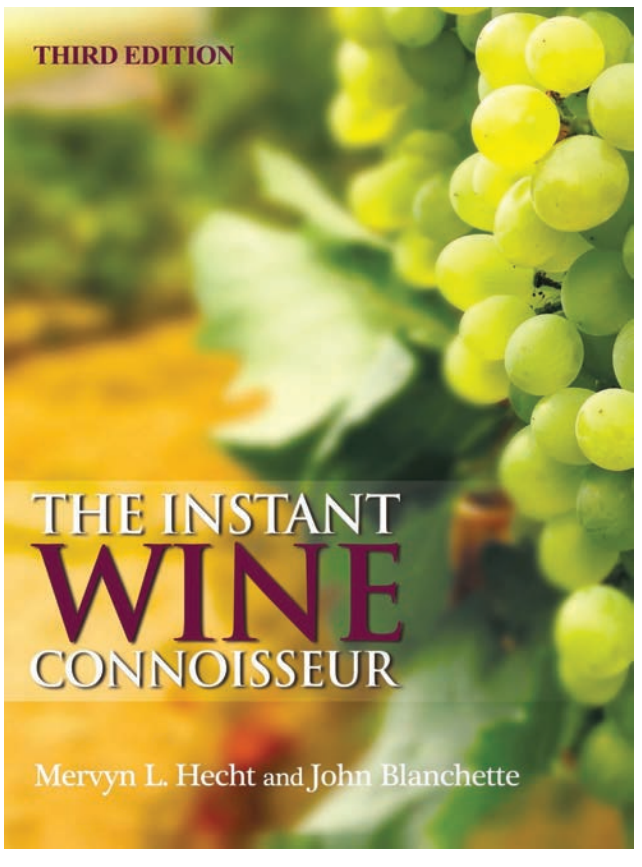
Norah Brotman, 22, a senior at the University of Minnesota, buys most of her own clothes on eBay. She also thrifts fashions from the 1990s and early 2000s at Goodwill stores and resells them on Depop.

If tariffs upend the economics of fast fashion and discourage mindless consumption, Brotman would count that as a plus.

"I would love if this would steer people in a different direction," she said.

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AP Retail Writer

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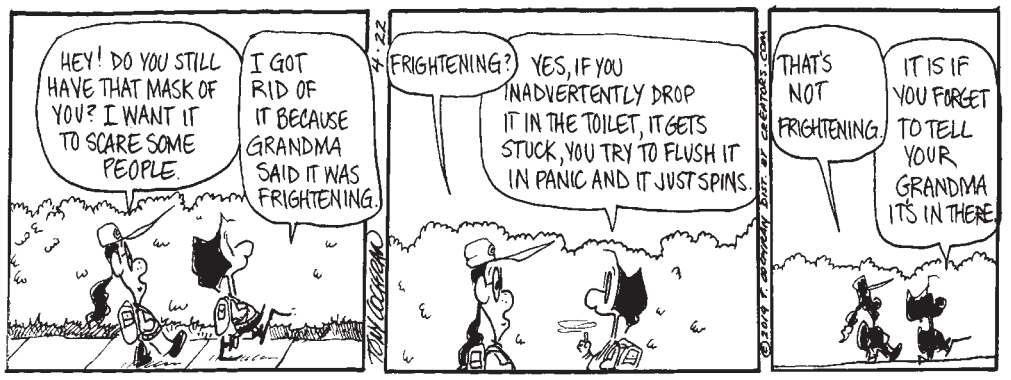
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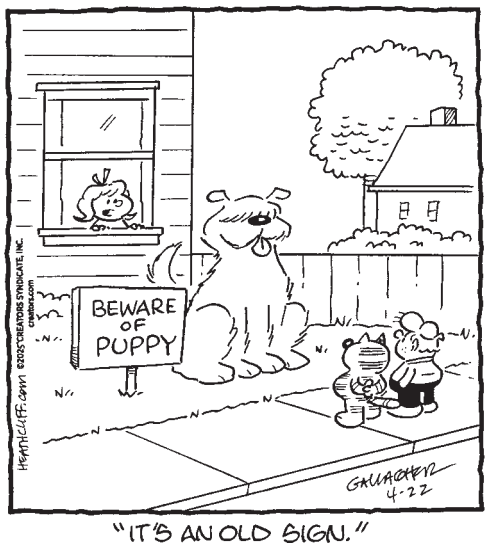
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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This totally new chapter could never be confused with the old one, as it's a complete scenery change including fresh faces. More highlights: You'll discover more things to enjoy and new ways to appreciate your work and relationships. You'll perfect a routine that moves you to a lighter, brighter and richer place. A special someone joins you to make a learning process easier and life in general a delight. Sagittarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 5, 33, 19 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know this place all too well, but there are others who are lost here. You'll take pity on them and give them the guidance you wish you had when you were in the same position long ago.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make sure you understand who is involved or interested in a situation. The perspective of the person asking the question, the one observing or the one who stands to gain will determine the direction and outcome.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's an act of self-care that matters: remind yourself of what you are good at. Playing to your strengths will make your life better. You can trust your talents will apply to new challenges and with brilliant results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Stepping into new situations and meeting different people will give you fresh insights. Exposure to diverse experiences will help you better understand both what others need and how you can fulfill your own needs more effectively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When someone overlooks or neglects something, it creates space for someone else to step up and take action. You'll have an opportunity to smooth over an awkward moment, lighten the mood with humor or offer the touch of kindness that brings people together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just when you think things will go smoothly or that your goals will be easy to achieve, personal challenges and unexpected events twist the plot. Don't resist. Shift your expectations and you'll have opportunity for growth, excitement, purpose and transformation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You still don't have all the information. The missing piece is significant enough to alter the entire situation. So, take a step back, gather more details and make a few guesses about what's missing. With a fuller picture comes a fresh plan for forward motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Independence can look very similar to stubbornness. The key difference lies in motivation. Perseverance is the determination to push forward toward the goal with a strong will. Obstinance resists change and refuses to adapt — less "will" and more "won't."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While you can't control every aspect of your life or the actions of others, you can and will take charge of your own narrative in a bigger way. You'll reaffirm how you want to live and be, and you'll embody it in a profound way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Acts of support have their own power. There's fulfillment and strength in the service role. There's no reason to view it as something secondary or less important. Recognize the value service gives to both the servant and the served.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Instead of jumping on the bandwagon with the latest trends and quick solutions, consider doing nothing. Today's is one of those situations that, if ignored, will work itself out. Getting involved now will set a precedent you might not enjoy keeping up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your impressions are neither wrong nor right, they just are. Take in as many details as you can, and keep track of your feelings and observations without judgment because there's actionable information there. Leave the analysis for later.

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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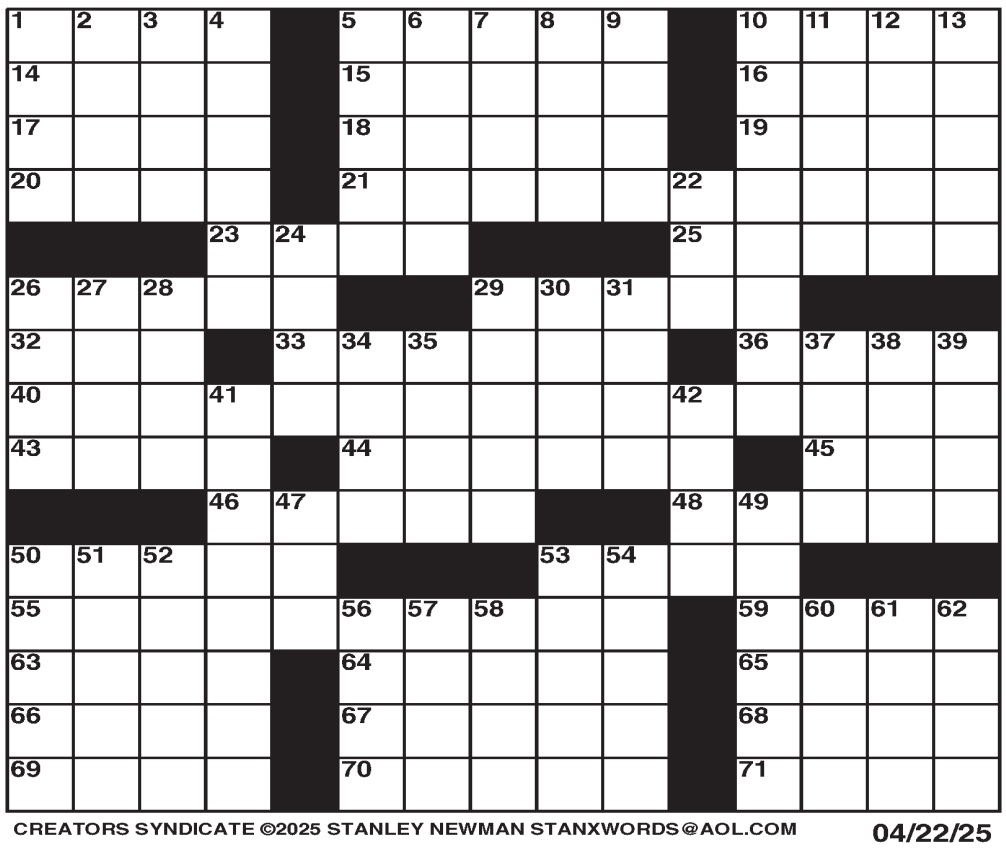
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ACROSS

1 Bric-a-__
5 Deep-sea diving gear
10 Sound of a dog's bark
14 Des Moines' state
15 Shoestrings
16 Berry in purple smoothies
17 Capital of Ukraine
18 Small arm of the sea
19 Take a breather
20 Otherwise
21 Knight's armor attire
23 Leaf-clearing tool
25 __-weensy (tiny)
26 Second-level strategy
29 Called balls and strikes
32 __ Angeles
33 Make a swap
36 Group of troops
40 Military scout's position
43 Animal rights org.
44 Cook too long
45 Prefix meaning "modern"
46 Person using oars
48 Sharply sloped
50 Highest part of the head
53 Club member payments
55 Vacation vessel
59 Smooch
63 Very uncommon
64 Tilts a little
65 Vacation excursion
66 Plane-landing approximations: Abbr.
67 Chaotic brawl
68 Single-handedly
69 Toward the left, on a map
70 Bowling or baseball
71 Pretzel shape

DOWN

1 Two-wheeled vehicle
2 Stir up
3 Impresses very much
4 Bats' underground home
5 Slippery, as an icy road
6 Lake boat
7 Sch. near Hollywood
8 Red vegetable
9 Regarding, in memos
10 Reheated
11 Dolphin's home
12 Spring in a desert
13 In a suitable way
22 Payment for a service
24 Shortened word, for short
26 Fall into a chair
27 Tip of an ear
28 Mgr.'s aide
29 Say out loud
30 Golda of Israel
31 Urge on
34 Affirm as true
35 Glowing review
37 Not any
38 "That's clear now"
39 Muscle car roof
41 Happening first
42 Aroma detector
47 Photo __ (camera sessions)
49 "Shame, shame!"
50 Threaded fastener
51 Wooden fruit box
52 Mystical glows
53 Casual eatery
54 Underdog's victory
56 Shade trees
57 Leak slowly
58 Angelic light
60 Metal in barbells
61 Grain storage tower
62 Catch sight of



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LOOTING

FROM PAGE 3

not point to a widespread outbreak of looting during the fires and the immediate aftermath.

So it's maddening that so many members of the California Legislature have put looting center stage, pushing bills to lengthen jail and prison sentences for theft during emergencies. It's a misdirection of public time, effort and money. And it glosses over the deep governmental failures that the fires exposed: The failure to send timely emergency evacuation orders to the west side of Altadena where at least 18 people died. The needlessly nerve-wracking false emergency warning sent to millions of county residents not affected by the fires. The lack of available water to fight the fires. Plus questions about inadequate brush clearance and confusion over just who was in charge of disaster response.

Senate Bill 571 by Sens. Bob Archuleta of Norwalk and Jesse Arreguín of Oakland will be heard Tuesday in the Senate Public Safety Committee. Assembly Bill 468 by Assemblymembers Jesse Gabriel of Encino, Jacqui Irwin of Thousand Oaks and Blanca Pacheco of Downey passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee earlier this month and comes to the Appropriations Committee Wednesday.

All of the lead authors are Democrats and most are considered among the Legislature's more progressive members. Parallel bills have been authored by Republican members.

The bills differ in their details but all are based on the specious premise that lengthening sentences — in some cases by four months, in others by a year or two — would dissuade would-be perpetrators who are not discouraged by current looting penalties.

CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY WITH ANTI-LOOTING LAWS

What is looting? As used in California law, it means stealing during a declared emergency or in an evacuation zone. Although charged as a distinct crime rather than as a sentence enhancement, it can lengthen sentences for charges like residential burglary, grand theft and petty theft — crimes that already carry stiff penalties. Residential burglary, for example, is a felony that carries a sentence of up to six years in state prison. AB 468 would make that seven years.

It's hard to imagine a perpetrator thinking, "I'm ready to do six years, but seven? No way. I'll pass."

California law also already increases the minimum penalty for petty theft during an emergency and virtually guarantees jail time. These bills would further strip judges of authority to order no-jail probation based on individual circumstances.

The state's political foes often claim, falsely, that California is a soft on crime state. For example, after Gov. Gavin Newsom approved Los Angeles County's request to deploy the National Guard to help patrol evacuation zones, Elon Musk amplified an absurd post on X, the platform he owns, that California had previously "literally decriminalized looting."

In fact, at least two people arrested after allegedly stealing from an evacuated house in Mandeville Canyon during the Palisades fire reportedly could face life sentences under the state's notoriously tough three strikes law because they have two prior serious or violent felony convictions. That's not even including the longer sentences under current looting laws, let alone new penalties put in place if the bills become law.

California is one of only eight states with anti-looting laws. Of those, most were adopted amid 1960s race riots, but California adopted its laws after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989. There were only a few reports of theft during the emergency, but it was in the midst of the state's tough-on-crime era and longer sentences were popular.

The remaining 42 states prosecute and sentence thieves and vandals the same whether they commit their crimes during a state of emergency or during normal times. There is no data to support the notion that theft increases during disasters or in evacuation zones, or that any such increase, if it did exist, would be controlled by special looting-related sentences.

In fact, there is little data to suggest that longer sentences have any impact on crime at all. The authors of California's latest anti-looting bills surely know that if they have read the reports of their own legislative analysts.

So why are supposedly progressive Democrats pushing so hard to pointlessly adopt longer sentences for thefts committed during emergencies?

It may be that they feel pressure to hold someone — anyone — accountable for the overwhelming pain and loss. They recently scuttled a bill to allow fire victims to sue oil companies for their role in climate change, because it was opposed by their allies in labor. It would be likewise politically hazardous to target emergency workers for failed warning systems, or insurance companies for onerous recovery procedures. But accused thieves make popular targets, even though they had nothing to do with the fires.

The bills also allow Democrats to continue burnishing the tough-on-crime credentials they sought last year with a legislative package to toughen sentences for shoplifters. But retail theft dropped because of stepped-up investigation and enforcement, not because of longer prison or jail terms.

Besides, criminal sentences don't give their constituents what they need.

In Altadena, which historically has a large Black community, members of the Essie Justice Group made more than 500 calls to ask residents how they're doing and what they need from their elected officials to better support their recovery. They're still analyzing their responses, but so far, group member Sadio Woods said, "Zero percent of those folks said anything about crime or looting."

Woods did note that some residents who returned home were stopped by officials and "questioned as looters."

That recalls the false rumors circulated by social media about supposed looters who were actually friends and family helping to save precious belongings. And it raises a troubling but undeniable concern about the effect of racism during disasters.

By Robert Greene. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



TUESDAY | APRIL 22

GELSON'S WEST LA TO HOST TACO TUESDAYS WITH TACOS, MARGARITAS, AND MEZCALS

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gelson's 12121 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles. Every Tuesday from 4 PM to 10 PM, Gelson's West LA Wine Bar will be hosting Taco Tuesdays, bringing together a festive blend of flavors and fun. Enjoy a variety of mouthwatering tacos, refreshing margaritas, and smooth mezcals, all served in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. The perfect way to spice up the week—gather friends and enjoy a night of great food, drinks, and good times. Prices vary. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/gelson-s-west-la-to-host-taco-tuesdays-with-tacos-margaritas-and-mezcals/15309564/2025-04-22T16

LIBRARY TRIVIA NIGHT

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Solidarity Restaurant 1414 Lincoln Boulevard Santa Monica. Test your literary prowess and win books to add to your home library at a pub-style trivia contest! Compete individually or as a team, no reservation. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/library-trivia-night/15241515/2025-04-22T18

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12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-04-23T12

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11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-04-24T11

AUTHOR TALK WITH GREGG HURWITZ

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A Conversation with Bestselling Author Gregg Hurwitz. Do you love action-packed adventure? Are you ready for the thrill? You're invited to a riveting conversation with New York Times bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz as he chats with us about his Orphan X series and his life as a writer of suspenseful storytelling. Orphan X, the series opener, introduces the world to the Nowhere Man. He is a legendary figure spoken about only in whispers. It's said that when he's reached by the truly desperate and deserving, the Nowhere Man can and will do anything to protect and save them. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/author-talk-with-gregg-hurwitz/15307090/2025-04-24T16

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