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Iconic PCH diner, Patrick's Roadhouse closed indefinitely, campaign launched to save it



Scott Snowden

RESTAURANT: A landmark feature for anyone cruising the Pacific Coast Highway, Patrick's Roadhouse offered an impressive and extensive menu.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Legendary Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) diner, Patrick's Roadhouse has closed and current owner, Anthony Fischler, is attempting to renegotiate a new, long-term lease with the building's landlord. However, he needs $250,000 to cover back rent and building maintenance, which he hopes to raise through a GoFundMe campaign.

With its instantly recognizable green exterior and equally-as-unique kitsch-themed interior, Patrick's Roadhouse appealed to both locals and tourists, serving as a memorable pit stop for anyone embarking on a West Coast road trip.

The wacky restaurant was founded by Bill Fischler in 1973 and has served stars like Lucille Ball, Tom Hanks, Sean Penn, Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Arnold Schwarzenegger and many, many others. It even gets a mention in the epic 1991 movie Point Break.

There's even a tale on the diner's website that tells of one time when Schwarzenegger was eating at his usual table and his mother wasn't too impressed with what he'd ordered. She barged into the kitchen and announced to everyone that she was cooking instead. The end result was something called Bauernfrühstück, which is German for "farmer's breakfast" and so it was renamed "The Governator" for easier pronunciation and put on the menu for all to order.

Patrick's Roadhouse owner Anthony Fischler confirmed this, telling the Daily Press, "Oh yes, that's 100% true. She [Schwarzenegger's mom] basically took over

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Top-tier chefs celebrate local institution's 45th anniversary

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

An all-star lineup of chefs came together this past weekend to support a pioneering location in the Santa Monica restaurant scene.

On April 21, Michael's Santa Monica at 1147 3rd St. reached its 45th anniversary milestone with a celebratory party giving back to a worthy cause, that being the organization No Kid Hungry, dedicated to ending childhood hunger. Taking part in the celebration were a multitude of chefs who have called Michael's home over the years, giving guests a true taste of Santa Monica and beyond.

Led by Michael's current Executive Chef, Jōb Carder, the top-tier list of chefs included local standouts like Sang Yoon of Father's Office, Brian Bornemann of Crudo e Nudo, Kazoo Matsusaka of Chinois on Main and Matt Schaler of Birdie G's. The best of the Los Angeles area also joined the festivities, including Nancy Silverton from Osteria Mozza, Brooke Williamson from Playa Provisions, Mikey Stern from the Sunset Tower Hotel, Wendy Roskin from Book Soup and Olivier Rousselle from the Luxe Hotel.

With the A-list culinary experts in the building, guests were treated to a selection of creative dishes at the various chef's stations. Dishes ranged from Yoon's Tom Kha Kai Custard and Chicken Crunchy Mushrooms and Herbs, to Stern's Chicken Liver Mousse and a Blueberries and Ice Wine Gastrique. Outside of the stations, Michael's staff came around with trays of delicacies like oyster shooters, champagne caviar and truffle mushroom pizza. To down the meals, guests were given several options of wine and cocktails, including a 2016 Pinot Noir from founder Michael McCarty's family vineyard, The Malibu Vineyard.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

MICHAEL'S: A host of top-tier chefs from Santa Monica and beyond served up dishes at Michael's 45th anniversary celebration, with proceeds from the event going towards the No Kid Hungry childhood hunger fighting initiative.

Michael's quickly became a local favorite in Santa Monica and throughout Los Angeles after being founded by McCarty in 1979, opening the restaurant at the age of 25. Known for its California cuisine and plates inspired by local produce, Michael's has been a historic partner for the Santa Monica food scene, including being an early supporter in the creation of the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

In the decades since opening, Michael's has become a true family affair, as McCarty's wife Kim played a crucial role in curating a personal collection of artwork to hang throughout the restaurant. The couple's son, Chas, has worked at the restaurant for the past decade to attract young culinary talents.

"We are incredibly proud to be celebrating this very special moment in our restaurant's history, and are humbled to have such a talented and accomplished group of chefs join us for this occasion," Michael and Kim McCarty said of the 45th anniversary event. "It has been the joy of our lives cooking for and serving our guests over these 45 years. Here's to another 45!"

Along with celebrating food, the event made sure that the joy of dining was shared with vulnerable citizens, with proceeds going toward the No Kid Hungry campaign. Run by nonprofit Share Our Strength, No Kid Hungry launched in 2010 as a child hunger organization that provides funding for school meal programs, operating a summer meals program and increasing the number of

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Eric Uller sexually abused hundreds of children over almost 30 years while masquerading as a police officer at Santa Monica PAL.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

National Poll Ranks SMMUSD Among California's Best Districts

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) has announced its high ranking in the 2024 Best School Districts in California by national academic ranking service, Niche.

SMMUSD is ranked sixth in Los Angeles County and 13th in California of 504 California school districts included. The ranking is based on rigorous analysis of key statistics and millions of reviews from students and parents using data from the U.S. Department of Education. Niche ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT and ACT scores, teacher quality, public school district ratings and more.

"I am beyond thrilled with SMMUSD's high Niche ranking," said Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton. "Our exceptional students, supportive parents, dedicated teachers and staff have all contributed to this well-deserved recognition."

> "As we look ahead, our focus remains on prioritizing the well-being and academic success of our students, while nurturing an environment conducive to their social-emotional growth"
>
> - Dr. Antonio Shelton, Superintendent

Additionally, Niche awarded Santa Monica High School an A+ and Malibu High School an A for their educational outcomes, a category that includes academic data such as SAT and ACT scores with special consideration given to schools whose students matriculate to high-ranked colleges and universities. The schools also received an A in academics, which includes proficiency in math and reading, and graduation and college enrollment rates. The ranking formula also includes facilities, safety, clubs, sports and other factors.

Both SMMUSD comprehensive high schools boast proficiency rates that are well above county and state averages, along with graduation rates in the mid-to-high 90-percentile range. Samohi and Malibu High School offer comprehensive college and career counseling, maintain acclaimed visual and performing arts programs, boast high student participation in clubs and extracurricular activities, and support diverse academic curriculum such as Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM); Project-Based Learning; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) (at Samohi); Career Technical Education (CTE) and Advanced Placement (AP).

John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Middle School and SMASH middle school, all received an A or A+ grade, while all SMMUSD elementary schools earned an A+ or A.

Niche also ranked the best places to teach in California and SMMUSD ranked 15th of 755, and ranked best teachers in the state, with SMMUSD placing 10th of 680.

"As we look ahead, our focus remains on prioritizing the well-being and academic success of our students, while nurturing an environment conducive to their social-emotional growth," Dr. Shelton said. "Our dedication to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion, and cultivating a sense of belonging, curiosity and empowerment for all within SMMUSD, will continue to shape a vibrant and inclusive educational environment."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.8**

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

Wind forecast trending favorably for mid-AM but expect leftover lump/bump early. New SSW/S swell showing a little better as the NW energy lingers. Might be just enough NW to keep a few corners open west of Dume on the AM tide push.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Watching wind for the morning — could be onshore early. SSW/S swell eases through the day as steep-angled NW swell mix continues, up a notch from Wednesday at exposures west of Dume.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 60.
Wednesday Night: Patchy drizzle after 11pm. Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 53.
Thursday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 63. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy drizzle after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2024/04/24	Wed	04:27 AM	-0.34	L
2024/04/24	Wed	10:36 AM	3.65	H
2024/04/24	Wed	3:41 PM	1.50	L
2024/04/24	Wed	9:58 PM	5.53	H
2024/04/25	Thu	05:04 AM	-0.45	L
2024/04/25	Thu	11:19 AM	3.38	H
2024/04/25	Thu	4:02 PM	1.79	L
2024/04/25	Thu	10:23 PM	5.54	H
2024/04/26	Fri	05:45 AM	-0.45	L
2024/04/26	Fri	12:10 PM	3.09	H
2024/04/26	Fri	4:23 PM	2.08	L
2024/04/26	Fri	10:52 PM	5.47	H
2024/04/27	Sat	06:32 AM	-0.37	L
2024/04/27	Sat	1:15 PM	2.83	H
2024/04/27	Sat	4:43 PM	2.36	L
2024/04/27	Sat	11:29 PM	5.31	H
2024/04/28	Sun	07:29 AM	-0.23	L
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Newsom remains critical of California's local response to homelessness. He should look in the mirror

DAN WALTERS

Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom reiterated one of his favorite complaints – that local government officials aren't doing enough to reduce California's scourge of homelessness.

> What's happening on the streets has to be a top priority
> - Gov. Gavin Newsom

While renewing the annual local government grants to deal with what Californians view as one of the state's most vexing problems, Newsom imposed two new layers of state oversight for homelessness programs.

He said the Department of Housing and Community Development will keep tabs on local officials. If they are not diligent enough, they could face legal action by the Department of Justice.

"What's happening on the streets has to be a top priority," Newsom said. "People have to see and feel the progress and the change and if they're not ... I am not interested in continuing the status quo.

"I'm not interested in funding failure any longer," he added. "So I'm going to speak for myself, just one guy that's got three more appropriation cycles in front of him. I want to see results. Everybody wants to see results."

So, one might wonder, are Newsom's oft-voiced complaints about locals justified, or is he gaslighting – attempting to shift the political onus for ever-increasing numbers of unhoused people to someone else?

On paper, the state already has a mechanism for coordinating and overseeing homelessness programs. It's called the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, or Cal ICH, and most of its members are Newsom appointees.

If the governor is looking for someone to blame, he might begin by looking in the mirror.

Earlier this month, state Auditor Grant Parks issued a sharply critical report on Cal ICH, saying that in the three years since a previous audit found that the state was not effectively coordinating homelessness efforts, the agency "has not continued to track and report on this information since that time.

"Further, it has not aligned its action plan for addressing homelessness with its statutory goals, nor has it ensured that it collects accurate, complete, and comparable financial and outcome information from homelessness programs. Until Cal ICH takes these critical steps, the state will lack up-to-date information that it can use to make data-driven policy decisions on how to effectively reduce homelessness."

In response to Newsom's periodic complaints about the managerial shortcomings of local officials, they have responded in kind, contending that it's impossible to establish ongoing programs to help homeless people get housing and treatment for underlying issues, such as mental illness and substance abuse, as long as the state sends money just one year at a time.

That's a valid point, as is their contention that a federal appellate court decision bars them from clearing encampments unless they can provide alternative housing – and Newsom, while dwelling on the shortcomings of local officials, actually agrees with them on that point.

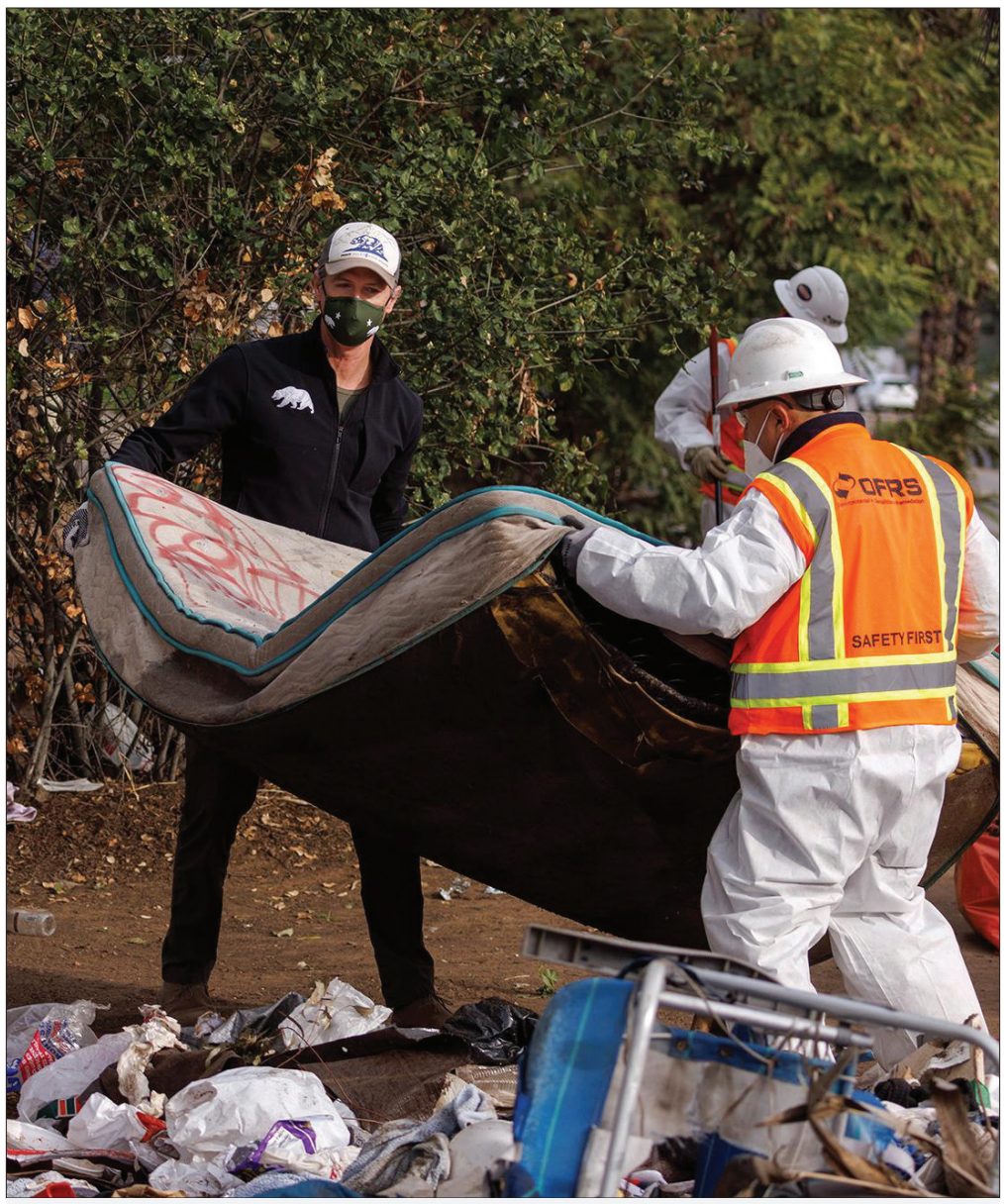
On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court began hearing arguments on an appeal of that decision. Newsom, along with other California political figures of both parties, is asking the court to overturn the lower court ruling.

He has said that with the appellate court ruling, local judges are blocking "common sense" efforts to clear the encampments.

"There is no compassion in stepping over people in the streets, and there is no dignity in allowing people to die in dangerous, fire-prone encampments," Newsom says. "Hindering cities' efforts to help their unhoused populations is as inhumane as it is unworkable."

Newsom knows that California having, by far, the nation's largest homeless population, underscored by videos of squalid encampments, would plague whatever political career he contemplates after the governorship. He seems to be building an argument that he's been doing the best he can, but others are dragging their feet.

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CAMPS: Gov. Gavin Newsom helps cleanup a homeless encampment along a freeway in San Diego as he promotes his announced new blueprint homeless plan on Jan. 12, 2022.

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The U.S. Supreme Court just gave California a major opportunity to lower housing costs



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CONSTRUCTION: Framers with Roberts Obayashi contacting, and mechanical and plumbing trades, work to build the Ruby Street apartments in Castro Valley on Tuesday, February. 6, 2024. The project will be the first affordable housing in the Castro Valley after 2 decades, and is serving a varied population, including the formerly homeless, veterans, people with disabilities, and families.

LOUIS MIRANTE

Louis Mirante is the vice president of housing policy for the Bay Area Council, a regional public policy group representing 325 of the Bay Area's largest employers.

Thanks to a recent blockbuster U.S. Supreme Court ruling on excessive and often arbitrary local fees, reform may be on the way that could help ease California's worsening housing crisis. But critical unanswered questions from the ruling could also lead to an unproductive morass of litigation – something state legislation could avert.

The case, Sheetz v. County of El Dorado, stems from a homeowner who had to pay $23,420 in county fees to mitigate the transportation impact from a single home he proposed to build himself. George Sheetz challenged the fees, arguing that the Constitution limits what the government can take from you without fair compensation.

Lower courts disagreed, citing a long-established precedent allowing the fees based on the way they were charged. But the Supreme Court in a unanimous decision with wide-ranging implications said that yes, because the Constitution does not distinguish between the way a fee is charged, neither will they.

Fees on housing in California are the highest in the country and have been for decades, largely because Proposition 13 took away large amounts of money from old, single-family housing that subsidized local governments. Fees here are expensive: the UC Berkeley Terner Center for Housing and Innovation found that just one type of fee can be as high as $160,000. Sunnyvale, for example, charges a park fee of $108,000 per home.

There is little argument that onerous fees like these are a major contributor to California's housing shortage and affordability crisis.

Still, there are obvious benefits to fees too. They fund many critical services that make our communities better and safer, such as schools, parks and transportation projects. That's why the Bay Area Council submitted an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to take a "middle-road" approach that would allow some fees while reigning in abuses.

That's exactly what the Supreme Court did. The case establishes unequivocally that housing developers can challenge unfair fees in court, but that's where it stops.

Left unanswered is how the decision should be interpreted and implemented. It critically does not answer when fees

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 0.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $5.34/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 32.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 45.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 0.4 cents in the last week and stands at $4.01 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $4.69/g while the most expensive was $6.09/g, a difference of $1.40/g. The lowest price in the state was $4.10/g while the highest was $7.29/g, a difference of $3.19/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.64/g today. The national average is up 10.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 1.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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The children affected by Aliso Canyon's historic gas leak are voting age. They want California to ban fracking

EMMA KAVCIOGLU

Editor's Note: More than 70 high school students across California submitted opinion pieces to CalMatters' second annual Earth Day contest. The 2024 contest theme was "What solution should Californians running for office support to help address climate change?"

As I walked out of my third grade classroom on Oct. 23, 2015, I was immediately hit with a potent, suffocating smell. I instantly recognized it: gasoline.

Less than a mile away from my home, a faulty well at SoCalGas' Aliso Canyon storage facility had caused the largest methane leak in U.S. history, releasing more than 100,000 metric tons of the potent greenhouse gas. It lasted over 100 days.

Roughly 8,300 families were forced to abandon their homes, mine being one of them. My school was completely relocated to a different campus, and my family moved into my grandmother's home.

The worst part? People in my community suffered from heart issues, pneumonia and epilepsy because of these methane emissions. I felt the brunt of the pain when I ended up hospitalized with gastrointestinal issues for weeks after the leak.

Aliso Canyon is a major producer of hydraulically fractured gas. Also known as fracking, it's a process that uses pressurized water to create cracks in shale rock to release oil and natural gas. While fracking wasn't the cause of the leak, allowing it so close to residential communities increases the probability of dangerous methane exposure – like what happened at Aliso Canyon.

Despite this, SoCalGas downplayed their negligence and labeled the leak as an inconvenience, rather than a genuine health risk that devastated communities. Like so many other corporations, SoCalGas got a slap on the wrist from the government. They agreed to a $4 million settlement and reopened the plant a few years later.

That's not surprising given how much oil and gas companies spend to convince government officials to support their businesses. In 2021 alone, these industries spent $55.6 million on lobbying to sway votes on environmental policy. In California last year, the Western States Petroleum Association and Chevron spent a combined $15.3 million, the most of any lobbying group.

Given the environmental, health and safety implications, we need to support candidates in California who rally behind legislation to ban fracking.

On the environmental level, fracking-produced methane heats up the planet 80 times more than an equal amount of carbon dioxide over a 20-year span. Fracking sites also cause earthquakes – the Journal of Seismological Research identified 730 sites where fracking activity caused earthquakes over the past 150 years. When experts are predicting a major earthquake will strike California before 2032, fracking increases the likelihood and magnitude of future tremors.

Despite what cynics and special interests say, banning fracking is possible, but anti-fracking legislation continues to be shot down in the state Legislature. Gov. Gavin Newsom is partly to blame because he has never fully supported an outright ban – he's only halted new permits.

More importantly, fracking poses an inherent danger, and for voters this should be nonnegotiable. The fracking process intrinsically releases radon, a radioactive gas that causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year. There is no way to hydraulically frack without releasing radon, which is why it is so important for candidates to support a complete ban, rather than slow reforms like California has adopted.

It's 2024, and many of the children that were affected by the Aliso Canyon gas leak are now registering to vote for the first time. For candidates to win our votes in upcoming elections, they need to prove that they are willing to fight dangerous oil and gas companies so that what happened in my community will never happen to another.

That starts with a statewide ban on fracking.



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GAS: The Aliso Canyon gas field above the Porter Ranch section of northwest Los Angeles in December of 2015.

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Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock Honored At Annual Charity Celebration

Each year, Santa Monica Breakfast Club hosts their Mad Hatter Tea Party, a local tradition that brings together some of the most extraordinary people in the city. The event raises money for local children whose families cannot afford their urgently needed dental care. Amidst savoring the tea, coffee, homemade brunch and pastries curated by Chef Ann Bouchet at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge, guests raised a glass of Prosecco to this year's honoree, Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock, whose dedication to the city was extolled by such luminaries as California State Senator Ben Allen, Santa Monica Vice Mayor Lana Negrete, Santa Monica City Council Member Christine Parra, and Reverend Mack Mossett of Calvary Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. "I am humbled and amazed by this praise from people I love and respect so much," said Brock. The 8th Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party ended with a spirited live auction, silent auction and gift basket raffle emceed by Brock himself. Guests departed feeling inspired and energized by the gathering, knowing that kids in need will be healthier through their efforts.

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AWARDS: Mayor Phil Brock was recognized by State Senator Ben Allen.

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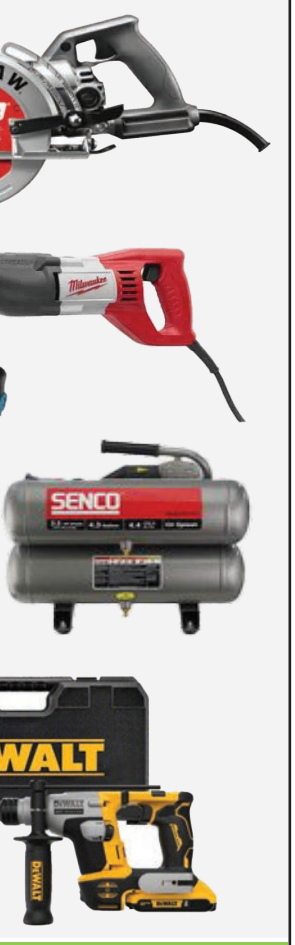
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SANTA MONICA MAIN LIBRARY

DATE/TIME: Monday, April 29, 2024, 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Santa Monica Main Library, wheelchair accessible
Multipurpose Room, Second Floor
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90401

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1527 Lincoln Boulevard – 24ARB-0024: Housing/Mixed Use
  Review of the design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of an 8-story, 85' tall, 159,423 square feet mixed-use housing development project consisting of 210 residential units and approximately 7,896 square feet of commercial tenant space above three subterranean levels of parking located at 1527 Lincoln Boulevard in the Lincoln Transition East zoning district within the Downtown Community Plan area.

- 528 Arizona Avenue – 24ARB-0032: Housing/Mixed Use
  Review of the design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of a new 8-story, mixed-use building including 150 residential units, and approximately 6,500 square feet of ground floor commercial over four levels of subterranean parking. The project is proposed on two parcels both zoned Neighborhood Village (NV) in the Downtown Community Plan area.

- 2025 Wilshire Boulevard – 24ARB-0035: Housing/Mixed Use
  Review of the design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of an 8-story, 125,785 square foot, mixed-use building with 150 dwelling units, residential amenities, 8,556 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and four levels of subterranean parking. The project site comprises three parcels totaling 25,500 square feet and is located in the Mixed Use Boulevard (MUB) Zoning District.

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 5547#).

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received **prior to 12 p.m.** on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Architectural Review Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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MICHAEL'S

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children enrolled in programs like SNAP and WIC.

The Michael's celebration continues on both coasts for 2024, as the McCarty's second location in midtown Manhattan will have its 35th anniversary take place in November. For more information on the Santa Monica location, visit michaelssantamonica.com.

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Thomas Leffler

ANNIVERSARY: A multitude of top local chefs came together to serve guests at Michael's Santa Monica's 45th anniversary celebration.

HOUSING

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can be challenged, because current law only allows 120 days for this, which can be years before a developer knows they will have a project. Nor does it answer what to do in a situation where a fee is too high, seemingly indicating that no fee at all should be paid in that situation, rather than a lower one. And it critically provides little guidance as to what constitutes a reasonable fee.

The Supreme Court largely punted these questions back to state courts, inviting a decade of litigation to establish case law answering these questions. That doesn't help anyone.

To avoid this, the state legislature should work within the guardrails of the Supreme Court ruling to provide clear guidelines, rules and standards for imposing and challenging fees. Lawmakers should indicate what they believes is a reasonable fee in most cases, and should encourage quick settlements when disputes about fairness arise.

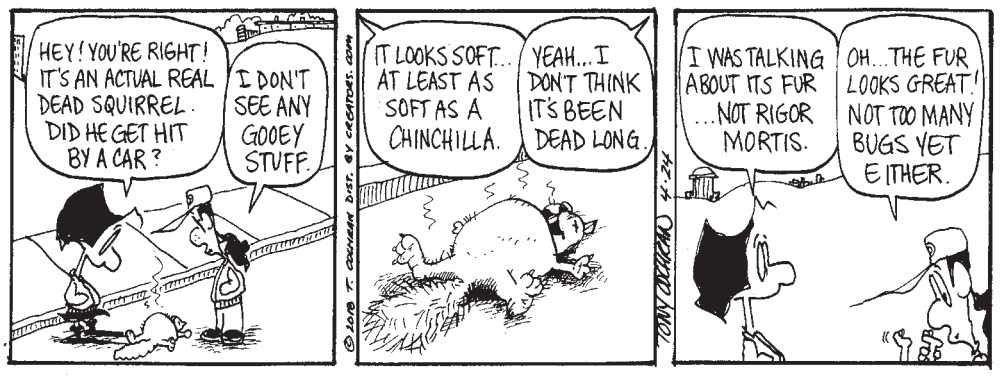
If implemented correctly, this Supreme Court ruling could present the biggest opportunity we've had in many years to eliminate a significant barrier to affordable housing in California. Implemented poorly or ignored entirely, and we wade through a decade of litigation before standards are clear.

Let's jump at the chance to make building easier.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



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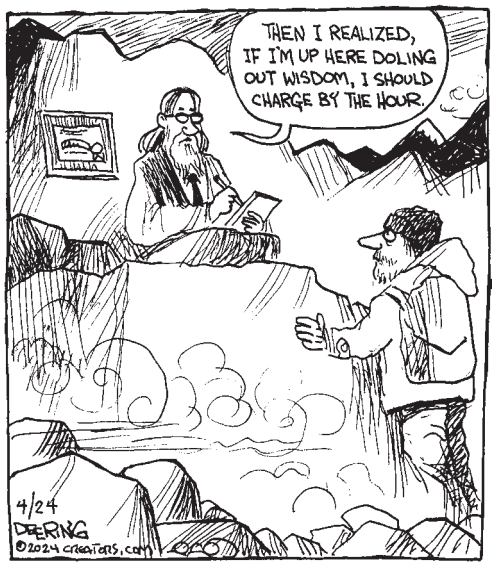
By PETER GALLAGHER



"THEY LOVE THE GARBAGE APE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 11 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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My favourite pastime

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Alps	Coaches	Hire	Pool	Sun
Annexe	Dalby	Icon	Range	Surfers
Ascot	Dine	Ideal	Ready	Paradise
Avoca	Dive	Inlet	Relax	Sydney
Away	East	Lake	Rest	Television
Bait	Eden	Lalor	Rods	Tent
Beano	Ensuite	Laze	Sail	Trees
Beds	Fitzroy	Lucinda	Sand	Valla
Beer	Gem	Lush	Ship	Vans
Calm	Gove	Maya	Sign	View
Cars	Hats	Moon	Snow	Walk
City	Heat	Omeo	Sport	Weipa

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24)

You are the composer of your life falling in love with your own opus. In the music of your daily life, secrets of your heart and mind will be unveiled, inviting discovery of new realms within. Your only job is to believe in your magic. More highlights: Five new friends figure in. You'll be trusted in a key role and paid well for it. You'll master a hobby. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 19, 30 and 27.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't overthink it — finding fun is really quite simple. Bring back the enjoyment by remembering the last thing that gave it to you. Seed whatever that was with more attention, investment and playfulness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're unique, and your approach to life cannot be replicated. It doesn't mean you have to take on the biggest goals and most remarkable endeavors. Think: small things, big heart. Life will be sweeter taken one bite at a time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your very presence seems to awaken the emotional intelligence in others. They'll show you their brightest insights and moods, and yours improves with every interaction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your self-talk is a habit of mind that influences your behavior, mood and energy levels more than you might realize. Today, you make it fun inside the playground that is your mind, and you even have private jokes between you and you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Hyperbole can hurt or help things. Nothing "always" happens or "never" happens, and these might be unhelpful phrases. But it's very nice to know that someone loves you "to the moon and back" or that you're the "absolute best."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're not sure if an endeavor aligns with your values, it will be pretty evident by the way you feel. Does the job tire you? Does the relationship take more energy than you'd like? You embody your values effortlessly, paving the path for success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's an influx of fresh excitement to energize your work. It may be slightly stressful, especially because you'll be working with people who have a different style from yours, but don't worry — with awareness, you'll learn one another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take on more than you think you can handle because you'll grow into whatever you choose. Do make sure you like the way it looks on the model first because that's how you'll wear it, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What seems common to you is not at all to others, and its rarity can attract attention, admiration or envy. To avoid stirring up unwanted drama, keep your treasures hidden until the time is right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a feeling things will go right, and the best part is, you're able to hold, at the very same time, a sense of gratitude, knowing that everything you count on in life is a gift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Share your appreciation in words and in the gestures that matter to others. It may mean taking the survey. So often the satisfied customers go silently on their way and only the unhappy ones speak up. Your sharing will make a difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The paradox of love is, even though love lasts, its moments also rush by. Holding onto it is like grasping at water. The essence and beauty of water is flow.

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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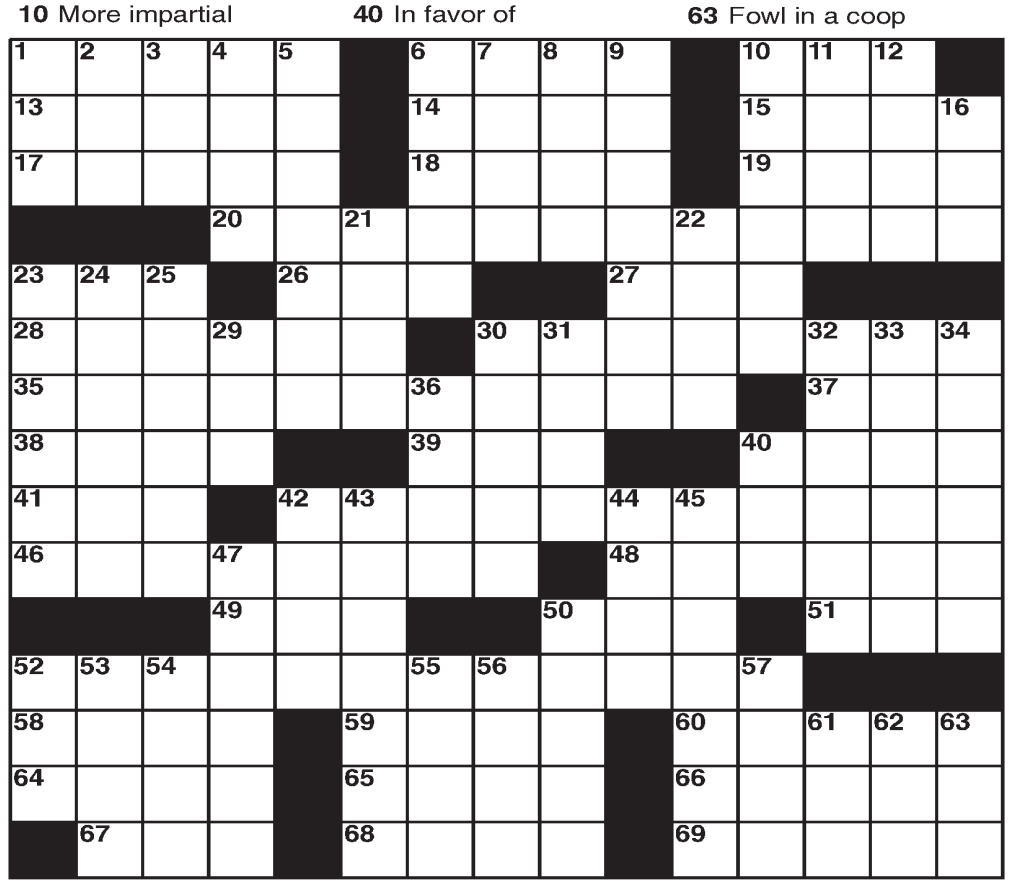
ANIMAL HOUSE by Lin Josephson
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ACROSS

1 T-bone or sirloin
6 French male friends
10 Haze in the sky
13 Japanese martial-arts warrior
14 Stand up
15 Eve's spouse
17 Hollywood award
18 Actress Kendrick or author Quindlen
19 Tiny amount
20 ...for a long-eared hopper
23 America's Uncle
26 Suffix for prosper or vigor
27 Pub serving
28 Noisy, as an old wooden floor
30 Denver's state
35 ...for a mare
37 Elevator compartment
38 Carries with difficulty
39 Gold, in Spain
40 Fictional Huckleberry
41 Point opposite WNW
42 ...for a flat-tail dam builder
46 Soak through
48 More spooky
49 Atmospheric prefix
50 Shoo-__ (sure winners)
51 Weep
52 ...for an acorn-eating rodent
58 Woman with a niece
59 Tilted font: Abbr.
60 Extra energy, informally
64 What a baby calls Pop
65 PBS science series
66 Loud racket
67 "__ know you?"
68 Chew like a mouse
69 Smudge on clothing

DOWN

1 __ -cone (icy treat)
2 "My country __ of thee"
3 SASE, for instance
4 Not quite shut
5 Bar's sing-along
6 Most Saudis
7 Short skirt
8 Does not exist
9 Beach-protection structure
10 More impartial
11 Distinctive smell
12 Plane boarding area
16 Grown-up boy
21 Pays for
22 Soother in skin creams
23 Drag around
24 Stir to action
25 Corporate marriage
29 Donkey
30 Whittle something
31 Woodwind instrument
32 Tasting like lemon juice
33 Peril
34 Very stubborn
36 Flawlessly, informally
40 In favor of
42 Kin to 27-Across
43 "Hoop" jewelry
44 Actress Russo or philosopher Descartes
45 Teaching sessions
47 Rum cocktail
50 Newlywed's new relative
52 Glum
53 Campus courtyard
54 Loosen, as laces
55 English prep school
56 Liquid rock
57 Trumpet sound
61 Soccer great Hamm
62 Tire pressure measure: Abbr.
63 Fowl in a coop



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PATRICK'S ROADHOUSE

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the kitchen, you did not want to mess with her," he said.

Over the years, it has earned numerous accolades, including "Best Diner in California," "Best Banana Cream Pie in the USA" and this year it was awarded "Best Diner in the USA." It has even been featured on two episodes of Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.

"This is a prized possession of this community, it really is," Kurt Benjamin, local resident and organizer of the GoFundMe Campaign said. "It's something worth embracing ... I know it's hard to explain the mystique that it's built, but it's a place where anyone can go and just do their own thing. The food is amazing and the service is warm and friendly, but if you want some privacy, then that's fine as well."

Benjamin himself is born and bred on the Westside and has been taking his family to Patrick's Roadhouse for as long as he can remember. He stresses that he has no financial ties to the diner, rather he simply wanted to offer his professional skills and expertise in business and legal affairs and try to save his favorite restaurant.

The iconic eatery has turned a profit throughout its 51-year history, but like so many others, it struggled to stay afloat during the pandemic relying very much on takeout orders. During that time, the restaurant located on the corner of Entrada Drive and the PCH supported the local community by using food that would otherwise spoil to provide free meals to frontline workers and students.

Despite their best efforts, they found themselves unable to meet the demands of accumulated rent when the deferral period ended and the large lump sum recently came due. As such a GoFundMe appeal has been launched in an effort to save this popular venue.

According to Fischler, the ultimate goal is to secure a new long-term lease and to raise a total of $250,000, with $200,000 to be allocated for back rent and $50,000 for immediate building improvements. Those improvements will help rejuvenate the establishment and ensure its immediate reopening.

"We've had quite a lot of interest from very big, high net-worth individuals who have come forward and conversations have begun, but it's all very tentative and nothing has been signed," Fischler says, also confirming that he's spoken to Schwarzenegger as well.

Fischler stresses that the company that owns the land is not being unreasonable and they're open to potential offers, once that specific amount of money has been raised.

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>
> - Anthony Fischler

"There's even been talk of trying to make the building a historical landmark," he says.

Something similar happened to what is now Dogtown Coffee. The 2003 Main Street site was once upon a time the home to Jeff Ho Surfboards and Zephyr Productions, arguably the single most important location in the history of skateboarding. It is, to all intents and purposes, where skateboarding came to life. Following a threat of demolition, a public campaign resulted in the building being designated a city landmark in 2007.

Patrick's Roadhouse, like Dogtown Coffee and even Ursula's Costumes, are landmarks in Santa Monica's rich and not-nearly-widely-known-enough history, illustrating its essential contributions to contemporary culture.

No proceeds whatsoever from the GoFundMe (https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-save-patricks-roadhouse-a-california-icon) appeal will be used unless a new lease is secured and the amount is fully funded. Sadly, until then, Patrick's Roadhouse will remain closed indefinitely.

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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 24

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Enjoy Santa Monica's downtown farmers market from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

FAIR HOUSING SYMPOSIUM

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office is hosting a symposium that is part of the City's celebration of Fair Housing Month. Speakers will include Shayla Myers, Senior Attorney in the Unhoused Persons Justice Project at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, attorneys from the Consumer Protection Unit of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, and other special guests. Topics will include: The barriers unhoused persons face in obtaining permanent housing; the impact of fair housing laws on tenant screening policies, including source of income and housing status discrimination (newly passed in Santa Monica); and a basic overview of fair housing laws. Begins at 2:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Main St. Registration is required and parking will be validated. Register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfX5gNgCIMx16KBkokev1_khRfw7iEDbeH-hLe4bfcplWiydw/viewform.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

PIANO NIGHT

Chamber Music Palisades presents Piano Night at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, 1031 Bienveneda Ave., Pacific Palisades, beginning at 8 p.m. Featuring a four hands piano duo and woodwind quintet. Four hand works by Rossini and Dvorak, and sextets by Strauss and Blümer, local musicians that perform with the LA Phil and LA Chamber Orchestra. Single admission $35, students with ID free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.cmpalisades.org/tickets.

THURSDAY | APRIL 25

WESTSIDE DIGITAL MIX

Westside Digital Mix returns to LouLou Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Place, starting at 6 p.m. to connect with some of the brightest minds and best conversations in entertainment, media and technology. Featured guest speaker this month is Tech Humanist and XR Immersive Strategist Kathleen Cohen. Hosted appetizers, extended happy hour cocktails until 8 p.m. Limited advance tickets remaining for $25, door tickets $40, cash only. For more information, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/westside-digital-mix-santa-monica-edition-tickets-869465553877.

DISCO QUEEN

LouLou Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge, 395 Santa Monica Place #300, hosts the hottest new disco and drag party on the Westside beginning at 6 p.m. Disco Queen pays homage to Disco Queen nights in Paris filled with disco balls, smooth grooves and over-the-top talent. The top drag queens on the planet will host the hottest night out with resident DJ ARA playing classic disco hits. The launch event will feature a special performance by RuPaul's Drag Race veteran and Emmy-nominated actor Willam. For more information, visit loulousantamonica.com.

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION

City art and culture programs are guided by the 9-member Santa Monica Arts Commission, which was formally established in 1982 to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of art programs in the City. Appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, Arts Commissioners advise the Council on matters of policy, and strive to encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art activity here. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Public Library Community Meeting Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

FRIDAY | APRIL 26

MAKE YOUR OWN TIE DYE SHIRT

Calling all kids! Design your own tie dye shirt to take home and wear with pride. This program is presented with Jason, our library volunteer. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

CYBERNAUTS: LAPL E-MEDIA RESOURCES

Limited capacity. Sign up at the Library Reference Desk or by emailing jake.folsom@lapl.org. For a complete list of classes and services, visit lapl.org/cybernauts. Workshops will be conducted in person. Join the Cybernaut to learn all the ways you can gain free access to digital books, music, movies, courses and more through the library's e-media resources! Bring with you the devices you will use to read, listen to or view resources, if you can.
Topics covered include:
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Music and podcasts
Movies, tv, and video
Online Learning
Language Learning
Newspapers and magazines
Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. 4 p.m.

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. Free, online.
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