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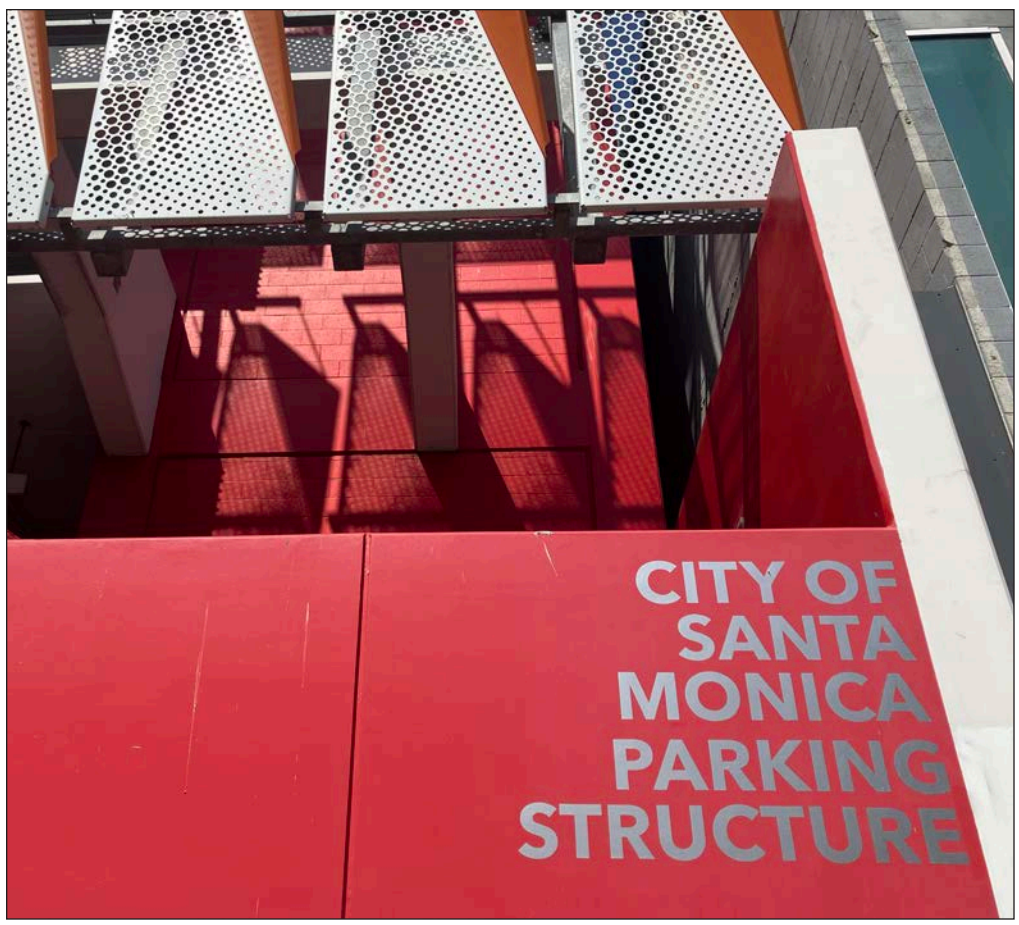
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Proposed parking overhaul sparks debate over rates, access and downtown recovery





Scott Snowden

PARKING: Santa Monica has plans to increase the cost of parking throughout the city.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Proposed changes to downtown parking rates drew sharp debate during a Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board meeting last week, where city staff and consultants outlined a plan to simplify the pricing structure and raise revenue, while business leaders raised concerns about affordability, access and long-term revitalization.

The presentation, led by city Parking Manager Zach Pollard and representatives from Walker Consultants, revealed several restructuring scenarios that would eliminate the longstanding 90-minute free parking period in favor of flat rates. Under the proposal, weekday visitors would pay $2 for up to three hours, while weekend visitors would pay $3 for the same period. Longer stays would also become cheaper under the model, with the daily maximum reduced

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In the wake of devastating Los Angeles fires, residents begin to rebuild



Scott Snowden
HOMES: The areas burned in January's wildfires are preparing for a boom in construction.

Nearly four months after wildfires reduced thousands of Los Angeles-area homes to rubble and ash, some residents are starting to rebuild.

In the Pacific Palisades neighborhood, construction workers recently began placing wooden beams to frame a house on a lot where only a charred fireplace remains standing. In the seaside city of Malibu and foothills neighborhood of Altadena, many land parcels where homes once stood are being cleared of debris.

Hundreds of homeowners have sought city or county approval for new home designs and other permits to eventually rebuild or repair damaged homes, though few have gotten the green light to break ground.

Some 17,000 homes, businesses and other structures burned to the ground in the Jan. 7 fires. It's uncertain how much will be rebuilt.

Many homeowners will not be able to afford it, even those with insurance. Some are still trying to figure out whether it's safe to return to their properties, given limited data on the degree to which toxins from the fires, including lead and asbestos, may have permeated their land. Roughly 400 land parcels are already for sale in the fire-ravaged areas.

Facing overwhelming loss and the chaos that comes with sudden displacement, those looking to rebuild must navigate an often confusing and time-consuming process. In most cases, it will take years for them to rebuild.

LA issued its first building permit nearly two months after the fires started. It took more than seven months before the first building permit was issued following the Woolsey Fire in 2018.

"Putting this in context of other disasters, the speed is actually probably faster than expected," said Sara McTarnaghan, a researcher at the Urban Institute who studied the aftermath of urban wildfires in recent years in Colorado, Hawaii and California.

RESOLVING TO REBUILD IN ALTADENA

Kathryn Frazier, a music publicist and life coach, had lived in her four-bedroom, three-bath house in Altadena for 10 years and raised her two children there. After her home burned to the ground, she was in shock and questioned whether it made sense to come back.

But after conversations with neighbors, she became determined to rebuild.

"I'm not leaving," Frazier said. "That's what kept coming up for everybody, and the more we all talked to each other the more we were all like 'hell yes.'"

She is making progress. Frazier hired a crew to clear the property of debris and she is nearly through the first phase of permitting, which involves getting county review and approval for her new home's design. The next phase before receiving approval to begin construction includes reviews of electrical, plumbing and other aspects of the design.

Frazier, 55, is rebuilding her home without major changes to its size or location in order to qualify for an expedited building permit approval process.

"We are hoping to be building by June or July, latest," she said. "I've been told that maybe by February or March of 2026 we could be back in our home."

For now, Frazier is getting quotes on windows, skylights and other home fixtures in hopes of locking in prices before they go up as more construction projects ramp up, or in response to the Trump administration's

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California Man Pleads Guilty in $14 Million Gambling, Tax Evasion Case

A Santa Monica man pleaded guilty Tuesday to operating an illegal gambling business, tax evasion and money laundering, agreeing to pay nearly $14 million in restitution and forfeiture.

Christopher Scott King operated an illegal bookmaking business in Los Angeles County, using a Costa Rica-based sports betting website to facilitate wagers on sporting events in violation of California state and federal law, according to court documents.

Between 2019 and 2022, King concealed more than $13.5 million in income from the IRS. In 2022 alone, he reported just $143,258 in taxable income while actually earning more than $5 million.

Prosecutors said King laundered money through real estate development projects and gold purchases, and used gambling proceeds to fund brokerage and financial accounts. The scheme caused a tax loss to the IRS of $3.8 million.

As part of his plea agreement, King will pay $10 million in forfeiture at sentencing.

King faces up to five years in prison for each count of tax evasion, operating an illegal gambling operation and accepting financial instruments for unlawful internet gambling, plus up to 10 years for money laundering. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 9.

IRS Criminal Investigation's International Tax and Financial Crimes group and Homeland Security Investigations handled the case.

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REBUILD

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ongoing trade war.

"I'm doing things like scouring Home Depot, finding slate tiles that look modern and beautiful, but they're actually really cheap," she said.

RECREATING A HOME IN THE PALISADES

DeAnn Heline, a TV showrunner, knows what it's like to build her dream house from the ground up.

She waited more than two years for construction to be completed on the five-bedroom, eight-bath home with ocean views. Once the project was done, her husband vowed to never build another house. The family lived there for six years before it was destroyed in the Palisades Fire.

"It was ash. There was nothing," Heline said.

The couple, who have two daughters, have lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years. They couldn't imagine giving up and not rebuilding.

"Not only are we building another house, we're building the exact same house again," Heline said, noting the new home will have some upgrades including fire-resistant materials and sprinklers for the exterior of the house.

Recently, they cleared debris from the land where the house once stood, a particularly onerous task because the home featured a large basement into which much of the structure collapsed as it burned.

Heline isn't sure when construction will begin, but figures it could be two or three years. She wonders, however, what the neighborhood will look like by then.

"What are you going back to? You're going back to a moonscape? Are you there and no one else is on your block, or are you going back to a construction zone for many more years?" she said.

BANDING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

The Eaton wildfire destroyed many of the more than 270 historic Janes Cottages in Altadena, including the three-bedroom home Tim Vordtriede shared with his wife and two young children.

The family had only lived in the roughly 100-year-old house for three years.

"We just loved the storybook cottage and the vibe, and of course the grander vibe of Altadena," he said. "It was perfect."

Vordtriede, 44, has decided to rebuild, but not just yet. For now, he is using his experience as a construction project manager to help others who also lost their homes.

He co-founded Altadena Collective, a group providing assistance with home designs and guidance on how to navigate the complex and lengthy approval process for rebuilding permits. Of the roughly two dozen clients that the group is serving, at reduced cost, three are in the early stages of the permitting process.

Even after projects reach shovel-ready status, homeowners will have to wait perhaps more than a year before they can move in, he said.

"My first statement when anyone walks in the door is: We're not here to help you design your dream home," Vordtriede said. "This isn't a dream time. This is a nightmare, and our job is to get you out of the nightmare as soon as possible."

By ALEX VEIGA AP Business Writer

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Weather

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Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

LA County Home Kitchen Program Issues 100 Permits

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity and Department of Public Health announced Thursday that more than 100 Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO) permits have been issued since the program's launch in November 2024.

The milestone reflects the county's commitment to providing safe, legal pathways for small food businesses and microentrepreneurs to enter the formal economy. MEHKOs allow individuals to legally prepare and sell meals directly from their home kitchens to consumers.

"Throughout my time as Supervisor, I have been committed to providing new economic opportunities to our most vulnerable communities," said Hilda L. Solis, LA County Chair Pro Tem. "This new program has issued over a hundred permits, a significant milestone that highlights the tremendous potential to empower our residents—especially women, immigrants, and communities of color."

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> - Hilda L. Solis, LA County Chair Pro Tem

Under state law and county ordinance, MEHKOs may serve up to 30 meals per day and 90 meals per week, with annual gross sales not exceeding $100,000. All food must be prepared, cooked, and served from the home kitchen, with the Department of Public Health providing permitting, inspections, and oversight.

To support prospective operators, the county offers a one-time waiver of the $597 application review fee to up to 1,000 eligible applicants through June 30, 2026, funded by American Rescue Plan Act funds. Applicants can also enroll in the COOK Academy, a free training program that provides food safety education, compliance training, and a $3,000 grant upon completion.

Information on the MEHKO Ordinance and permits is available at publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/business/microenterprise-home-kitchen-operation.htm.

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MALIBU

Malibu City Council Appoints New Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

The Malibu City Council selected and swore in Marianne Riggins as Mayor and Bruce Silverstein as Mayor Pro Tem at its April 28 meeting.

Mayor Riggins, who took the oath of office administered by City Clerk Kelsey Pettijohn, emphasized recovery from recent wildfires as her top priority.

"I'm honored to serve as Mayor—especially as we recover from the Broad, Franklin, and Palisades Fires," Riggins said. "We're applying lessons from the Woolsey Fire to improve how we support residents now and in future disasters."

She highlighted her commitment to expediting home rebuilding efforts and investing in community amenities, including the recently started Permanent Skate Park construction and planning for an arts center. She also pledged to continue pursuing an independent Malibu Unified School District.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein was also sworn in by the City Clerk.

The Council thanked outgoing Mayor Doug Stewart and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service to the city and a scroll from Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

Malibu, incorporated in 1991, operates under the council-manager form of government with a five-member council elected at-large to serve four-year terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are selected by councilmembers every 9.5 months.

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Assemblymember González Introduces Bill to Address RV Encampments

Assemblymember Mark González (D-Los Angeles) has introduced AB 630, legislation aimed at accelerating housing solutions for individuals living in recreational vehicles while addressing public safety and environmental concerns.

The bill, developed in partnership with Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, seeks to complement programs like the Inside Safe initiative by providing interim housing options and pathways to permanent housing for RV dwellers.

> Too many Angelenos are living in unsafe and unsanitary conditions inside broken-down RVs with no access to basic services
>
> - Mark González, Assemblymember

"Too many Angelenos are living in unsafe and unsanitary conditions inside broken-down RVs with no access to basic services," González said. "AB 630 takes a necessary step toward improving public safety, preserving public spaces, and connecting those in need to better housing solutions."

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, nearly 6,500 individuals experiencing homelessness in the city live in approximately 4,000 RVs, a 40% increase since 2018. Many vehicles are severely deteriorated, creating hazardous living conditions and public health risks.

Current law requires a 10-day notification period for impounded vehicle owners, with unclaimed vehicles valued between $501 and $4,000 typically sold at auction. However, DMV backlogs often delay this process 30-150 days, straining local storage capacity and enabling what officials call "vanlords" to purchase vehicles cheaply and rent them out in poor condition.

AB 630 proposes expedited removal and responsible disposal of impounded RVs valued under $4,000, expanding existing law that allows vehicles valued at $500 or less to be dismantled without lien sales.

The bill builds on previously sponsored legislation, AB 2525, which enables Los Angeles to lease Caltrans property at reduced rates for RV storage while individuals transition into permanent housing.

"AB 630 will allow us to expand on this work by bringing people into temporary housing, recycling unsafe and unlivable RVs, and making our streets safer," Mayor Bass said.

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SANTA MONICA

SMC Planetarium Offers Free Virtual Shows in May

The Santa Monica College Planetarium continues its Friday evening programming in May with free, live virtual shows exploring radio astronomy, the Hubble Space Telescope's 35th anniversary, and late spring/early summer skies.

The online events will be presented at 8 p.m. each Friday at smc.edu/planetarium, preceded by a 7 p.m. "Night Sky Show" featuring the latest astronomy and space exploration news. Viewers can participate via Zoom, with opportunities to chat with lecturers and ask questions.

The May lineup includes:

May 9: "Hubble Science" with Sarah Vincent, exploring the science behind the telescope's iconic images.

May 16: "Hubble at 35" with Sarah Vincent, commemorating the May 20 anniversary of the space telescope's "First Light" with a look at its launch, repairs, and astronomical contributions.

May 30: "Late Spring and Early Summer Deep Sky Wonders" with Jim Mahon, showcasing objects visible with amateur telescopes under dark skies accessible to Southern Californians.

The planetarium is currently using Zoom to present shows while construction of the new SMC Planetarium and Observatory nears completion. Viewers must install the Zoom software, available as a free download at zoom.com.

More information is available at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling 310-434-3005.

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MALIBU

Malibu Launches Small Business Micro Grant Program

The Malibu City Council has approved a Small Business Micro Stabilization Grant Program to assist local businesses impacted by recent fires, winter storms, and prolonged Pacific Coast Highway closures.

The council allocated $300,000 from the General Fund to provide grants ranging from $5,000 to $20,000 for independently owned businesses within city limits that have experienced financial hardship due to recent disasters.

"Every healthy community relies on thriving local businesses – they drive our economy, create local jobs, and strengthen our community bonds," said Mayor Marianne Riggins. "We recognize how the recent emergencies have impacted our businesses, and this grant program will help them bounce back even stronger."

Applications will be accepted May 1-31, with review by the City's Administration and Finance Subcommittee and awards to be made in June by the City Council. Eligible expenses include rent, payroll, inventory replacement, equipment repairs, utilities, marketing, and other recovery-related costs.

To qualify, businesses must have a valid business license issued by December 1, 2024, or statement of exemption; be located within Malibu city limits; demonstrate financial hardship linked to the disasters; provide a public benefit to the Malibu community; and be in good standing with the city.

The application is available at MalibuRebuilds.org/BusinessGrants, with paper copies available at City Hall.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California's homebuyer lotto was hardly a 'Dream for All'. That doesn't mean it should end



Photo by Semantha Norris, CalMatters

HOUSING: Houses in San Francisco on July 12, 2023.

Affording a home is no easy feat in California, where houses cost twice the national average. And for a lucky few, a state program aiming to help first-time homebuyers has reduced this American rite to a matter of winning a lottery.

About 18,000 people last year applied for California Dream for All, a state-funded loan that pays all or most of a down payment on a home. Borrowers pay it back when they sell.

Only about 2,000 families won the loans last year, averaging $117,000 each, and about 2,100 got them the year before. The 2-year-old program is costing taxpayers more than $500 million.

The very existence of a down payment assistance program is a symbol of California's failure to preserve economic mobility for younger generations. It begs the question: Is this a worthwhile way to help more Californians buy a home?

Gov. Gavin Newsom didn't include any new funding for the loans in his initial state budget proposal in January. And lawmakers just gutted a bill that would have paid for Dream for All with a new tax on vacant commercial properties. Several dozen business and real estate groups slammed the new tax idea.

If state leaders and even real estate interests won't prioritize the down payment program, it's fair to question whether more tax dollars should be used. But once you consider the consequences, the state must remain in the business of encouraging homeownership, especially if it helps retain California's cost-burdened middle class.

Homeownership is still one of the best vehicles for narrowing the wealth gap between demographic groups, while stabilizing neighborhoods. And it could temper the growing divide between the very rich and the rest of us, while stemming the flood of people leaving California for more affordable housing elsewhere, which is endangering the state's long-term outlook.

Today only 15% of California families can afford a median-priced home, which was $884,000 in March. Only 24% can manage a median-priced condo or townhome at $680,000.

Paychecks just aren't keeping up. Since 2014, the state has lost more than 700,000 adults who specifically cited housing as the primary reason. Half bought homes in their new state.

California can't afford to lose so many young families. With them goes a future tax base, as well as potential businesses, productivity and innovation. And schools lose because they are funded by the number of students in seats.

A shrinking population also means fewer Congressional seats. California lost a seat after the 2020 census; think tanks predict it'll lose four or five more after the next one if trends continue.

Dream for All initially wooed first-time buyers in the middle who make up to 150% of the median income of their county. In Sacramento County, that means about $170,850 for a family of four, and $147,300 in Los Angeles.

Other programs target lower income families, but ignore the middle range.

"Teachers and nurses are stuck; they make too much for any government programs," said Roxanne Mariok Girardo, a San Diego-area builder of homes in the $680,000 to $705,000 range. "The government gets in its own way when it makes up its rules. The middle income (class) usually makes too much, but not enough, to buy a house."

INHERITING $84 TRILLION IN WEALTH

Upper-class homebuyers have a generational advantage. Their parents help with down payments and pass on homes and other assets as they die or age, a trend that's only accelerating. By some estimates, $84 trillion in wealth will be passed down from older Americans to millennial and Gen X heirs by the end of 2045, including $16 trillion just in the next decade.

Such disparities will be even more glaring between races. Dream for All can play a small but important role in counteracting that.

It began as a first-come, first-served loan program, but the money was gone in 11 days. Many of its first recipients were white Sacramentans, prompting a flurry of changes to the program in the second year to produce a more diverse pool of recipients — racially and geographically.

Now applicants have to be the first person in their family to ever own a home. And their income has to be under lower thresholds, closer to the median for each county. Even so, after last year's lottery, the program had 4,500 qualifying families still on waiting lists for loans.

Also this time, 70% of loan voucher recipients are people of color, up from 55% last year, state officials said, citing preliminary statistics.

Latino families snapped up 39% of loan vouchers, far above their 30% share of California households, while Asian American and Pacific Islander families garnered 29% of vouchers when they're 15% of the state's households.

Black homebuyers received 8% of the vouchers though they're 6% of the population. That's an improvement over last year's 4% loan accumulation, but it's nothing to crow about.

It's nowhere near enough to begin closing one of California's most shameful wealth gaps: The Black homeownership rate in California is 32% compared to whites' rate of 56%. There are many forces at play, including decades of redlining, where banks and federal government-backed lenders refused to write mortgages in some neighborhoods, and restrictive covenants, which outlawed home sales to non-whites in some neighborhoods.

Discriminatory lending still occurs, and there are more loan denials, fewer bank branches and more payday lenders in Black and Latino neighborhoods than in other areas.

The Trump administration likely won't reverse that. The White House has instead slashed programs that try to counteract these barriers to financing. That's why Dream for All is so important: Other sources of home-buying assistance are at risk.

One of the Urban League's down payment programs that helped people of color was "paused" recently because a national nonprofit with federal contracts felt pressured by President Donald Trump's DEI policies.

"If the state doesn't stay in the game, the housing crisis is going to get worse. They have an obligation to," said Al Abdallah, president of the Urban League of San Diego County, which counsels families on homeownership.

"When you have a mortgage you have rent control," he said. "You're building equity. You're sending your kids to college ... If homeownership is spread, equity builds in the hands of more than just a select few."

LOCKED OUT OF THE HOUSING MARKET

State officials say they stand behind Dream for All, even though they're not making plans to fund it.

Originally it was pitched as a bigger and bolder program. When Toni Atkins was Senate President Pro Tem, she said Dream for All would lend $1 billion to 4,000 families a year, for 10 years. Instead it got about quarter of the annual funding she wanted and helped half the expected number of families.

Atkins, now running for governor, declined an interview but in a written statement said she understands why people need down payment assistance, having grown up in a rental home with no running water.

"Too many families are still locked out of the housing market," she said, adding that solving the housing crisis takes "bold action, focused leadership and relentless determination."

Newsom's staff said he won't comment on his budget plans. They did, however, note that when people repay their down payment loans, that money will go toward new loans, ensuring the program's future.

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But that seems too small, and could take years.

If the program survives, it should expand and be more flexible, so more people qualify and more homes in high-priced places like San Diego and Los Angeles can be included.

There shouldn't be questions or qualifiers about who is most worthy of the loans — first-time homebuyers or first-generation homebuyers should qualify, as should families who can prove they or their ancestors were discriminated against.

Dream for All kept its promise for a few thousand people. For tens of thousands of others it was just a pipe dream. It could be so much more.

By Denise Amos. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

FARMERS MARKET

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Market news

April showers bring May flowers and Sweet Cherries!! Just in time for Mothers' Day!! Yes!! It's that time of year again and we have farmers who are excited to bring you this year's highly anticipated crop.

It's a busy month from Cinco de Mayo through Memorial Day weekend; we've got lots going on at the farmers markets! At the Main Street Farmers Market starting May 4th, we will be celebrating International Jazz Day with the SaMohi Jazz bands!! Mothers' Day May 11th with Bambola Shoppe Upcycling and May 18th celebrating World Honeybee Day with Bill's Bees.

May is also CalFresh awareness month. Join us as we celebrate a popular program that has benefited farmers and community members over the years. Want to learn more? Providence St John's will be joining us at the Pico and Main Street Farmers Markets on May 3 & 4 with information on how to sign up. We are still actively seeking funding to continue the Market Match program at the Main Street Farmers Market which matches CalFresh/EBT benefits to make purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables affordable. A huge heart-felt thank you to community members who have already contributed.

So much to look forward to this coming spring and summer! Expressing much love and appreciation for our community! Thank you for your dedication and support of local farmers, farmers markets and businesses!! Look for Buy Local businesses at all four Santa Monica Farmers Markets.

MAY CALENDAR

Pico
May 10th - Teddy Bang Trio – Live Music
Nat Alliance for Mental Illness – Community Support
Santa Monica Police Department – pop up
May 17th - East of Lincoln – Live Music
UC Master Gardeners – Seedlings and Seeds – Community Activity
Nat Alliance for Mental Illness – Community Support
May 31st - Cardahlay – Live Music

MAIN STREET

May 11th – GM Jazz Quartet – 10am-1pm
Bambola Shoppe - Upcycling workshop
May 18th – World Honeybee Day – Bill's Bees
Laura Jean Music Academy – 10-10:30am
Cadre Scott – 10:30am-1pm
May 25th – School of Rock LA – 10am
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Name Change

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Name Change

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SACRAMENTO

Assemblymember Zbur Honors Beverly Hills Councilmember for Yom HaShoah

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Hollywood) presented Beverly Hills Councilmember and former Mayor Lester Friedman as his 2025 Yom HaShoah Honoree last week, recognizing Friedman's commitment to public service, Holocaust remembrance, and combating antisemitism.

Friedman, the son of Holocaust survivors, has dedicated his life to carrying forward the lessons of his parents' experiences. His parents, Saul and Bella, each survived the Radom ghetto, forced labor camps, and Auschwitz before emigrating to the United States and building a new life in California.

"Lester Friedman embodies the spirit of resilience, remembrance, and hope that Yom HaShoah calls on all of us to honor," said Assemblymember Zbur. "As a son of Holocaust survivors, Lester has carried forward the legacy of his parents — fighting antisemitism, building community, and working tirelessly to make California a better place for all of us."

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> - Rick Chavez Zbur, Assemblymember

Assemblymember Dawn Addis, representing the California Legislative Jewish Caucus, presented ACR 59, recognizing April 28 as California Holocaust Memorial Day in the State Assembly.

"In passing the bipartisan resolution with each assemblymember being a co-author, the California State Assembly has once again shown that it is a leader in the fight against antisemitism," Friedman said.

Twice elected to the Beverly Hills City Council, Friedman has served two terms as Mayor (2020-2021 and 2024-2025). Following the events of October 7, 2023, he led the city in hosting a public Shabbat table, supporting a temporary memorial installation, and initiating plans for a permanent memorial honoring victims.

Beyond his political service, Friedman is a workers' compensation attorney of more than 40 years and has served as the official scorer for the UCLA men's basketball team since 1996.

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SANTA MONICA

Santa Monica Fire Department to Host Fire Service Day

The Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) will host Fire Service Day at Fire Station 1 on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The free open house offers community members a chance to meet local firefighters and learn about their work through hands-on experiences. Activities include fire engine and truck displays, station tours with firefighters, hands-only CPR training alongside emergency preparedness information provided by the American Red Cross, and a meet-and-greet with Roger, SMFD's new K-9 peer support dog.

Fire Station 1, located at 1337 7th St., serves the downtown core and is Santa Monica's most active station, responding to 9,635 calls for service in 2024.

The Santa Monica Fire Department offers outreach programs throughout the year, including fire station tours, fire engine visits, and education on fire and life safety topics.

For more information about SMFD, visit santamonica.gov.

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SANTA MONICA

Santa Monica Library Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Santa Monica Public Library will honor Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with two special events and recommended reading lists for all ages.

On Saturday, May 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Main Library will host "From J.A. to Shohei: The Manzanar Baseball Project." Artist and Project Director Dan Kwong will present video, performance art, and a panel discussion on the history of Japanese American baseball with Kerry Yo Nakagawa, author of "Through a Diamond: 100 Years of Japanese American Baseball," and Prof. Susan Kamei, author of "When Can We Go Back to America?"

The program explores how baseball became an important expression of American identity for Japanese Americans incarcerated in World War II concentration camps, and highlights current efforts to revitalize the baseball diamond at Manzanar National Historic Site.

On Saturday, May 17, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., the Pico Branch Library will host local illustrator Pearl AuYeung presenting her newest children's book, "Nearly Exactly Almost Like Me," written by Jennifer Bradbury. The family-friendly event includes a book giveaway and signing.

SMPL librarians have compiled staff picks lists for AAPI Heritage Month for all age groups, as well as titles for adults written in Spanish.

All programs are free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. For special accommodations, contact Library Administration at (310) 458-8600 at least one week prior to the event.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Newsom jabs at Trump and Musk, but will AI make California more efficient?

Gov. Gavin Newsom staged a news conference in Los Angeles this week to tout the adoption of artificial intelligence to improve the efficiency of state government.

That's pretty dull stuff, so Newsom goosed its news value by contrasting California's AI program with President Donald Trump's slashes of federal services via his Department of Government Efficiency, headed by Newsom's erstwhile pal, industrialist and inventor Elon Musk.

"I could have easily come in here with sunglasses and chainsaws — you know where I'm going — and gotten your attention," Newsom told reporters. "We're DOGE but better."

He took another potshot at Trump and Musk, saying, "They haven't come close to the savings they've asserted. I think it's been very damaging."

Newsom's remarks on Trump, Musk and DOGE represent his latest political repositioning, from a harsh critic after Trump recaptured the White House, to making nice with Trump as the state sought $40 billion in wildfire recovery grants, to entertaining prominent pro-Trump figures on his new podcast, and now to reclaiming the role of resistor-in-chief after taking heat from other Democrats for cozying up to Trump.

Newsom contrasting DOGE with California's AI is not just a metaphoric stretch. Whether the latter will lead to an existential improvement in state government efficiency is open to question.

"GenAI is here," Newsom said about generative AI, "and it's growing in importance every day. We know that state government can be more efficient, and as the birthplace of tech it is only natural that California leads in this space. In the Golden State, we know that efficiency means more than cutting services to save a buck, but instead building and refining our state government to better serve all Californians."

The state's initial employment of the new technology will help improve highway congestion, traffic safety and services in the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, he said.

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> - Gov. Gavin Newsom

WILL IT?

The state's sorry record of implementing information technology prior to the emergence of AI as a tool warrants skepticism.

Although Newsom wrote "Citizenville," a book touting technology as a transformative factor in government, state tech projects have not fared well during his governorship, essentially continuing a record of failures and setbacks than began many years ago.

There's another aspect of Newsom's new embrace of AI that's also troubling because of the state's spotty record on tech — a change in the way the state implements AI projects that could make it more difficult for legislators and the public to know whether they are working as promised.

Coincidentally or not, as Newsom was touting AI in Los Angeles, the Legislature's budget analyst was issuing a report that raises red flags.

The topic is wonkish to the max, but basically the state is changing the way it approves certain types of technology projects.

It has been using a contracting and implementation process aimed at providing a whole picture of technology projects as funds are sought from the Legislature, but Newsom's new process would do the projects in phases, and "Some information currently available ... such as a project's total baseline cost, schedule, and scope might not be as readily available (in the new system) while other information might be made confidential sooner during project planning," the Legislative Analyst's Office is telling the Legislature.

Implicitly the LAO report is warning the Legislature that a project's shortcomings might not be known until it is too late to stop its adoption. "Therefore, to help the Legislature evaluate and understand the new process over a more reasonable time frame, we recommend the Legislature require reporting on completed project planning activities, and limit the new process to a small subset of projects (with additional reporting) over the next fiscal year."

Complex though it may be, the change in implementation could result in even worse tech disasters than keeping the current process.

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

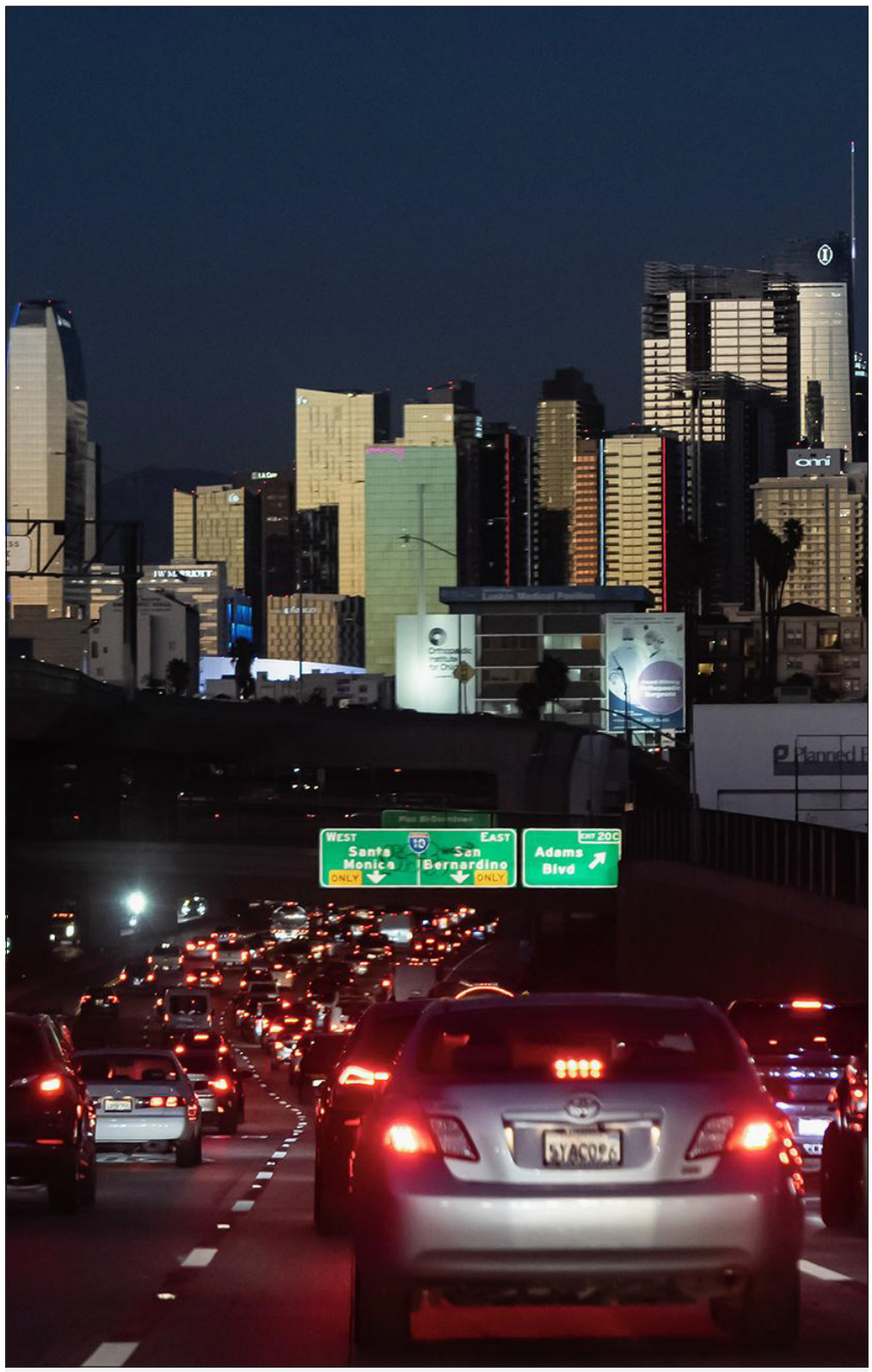


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Cardigan CT Los Angeles, CA 90077 . Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are 1. Joseph Scharlin and Miriam Scharlin, Trustees for The Scharlin Family Trust 5702 White Cloud Circle Westlake Village, CA 91362 . 2. Loretta Naughton Helfant, Trustee for The Loretta Gail Naughton Trust If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A General Partnership . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A . Registrant /Corp/LLC INP Partners Title: Partner Mark Naughton . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00210 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Patricia Jo Cohen for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Patricia Jo Cohen this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Patricia Jo Cohen to Patricia Jo Marguiles Patricia Jo Brandt to Patricia Jo Marguiles The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 05/30/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica CA 90401. . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Summons

NOTICE (HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 11488.4 & 11488.5) NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTY/CLAIMANT (NOTICIA A RECLAMANTE O PERSONA INTERESADA) Cortez Donta Darnell Penn Gale Cameron William Trent Young Joseph Ernest Hanos IIPLAINTIFF HAS FILED A LAWSUIT TO FOREFEIT THE FOLLOWING: $69, 244.00 currency. (EL DEMANDANTE HA COMENZADO UNA ACCIÓN LEGAL PARA EL DECOMISO DE LA SIGUIENTE PROPIEDAD) $69,244.00 currency You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this notice is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court. You may not use a Claim Opposing Forfeiture as a response A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and the money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book). Después de que le entreguen esta noticia usted tene un plazo de 30 DÍAS CALENDARIOS pare presentar una respuesta escrita a máquina en esta Corte. Un reclamo opuesto a este procedimiento de entrega no servirá como respuesta. Una Carta o una llamada telefónica no ofrece protección; su respuesta escrita a menudo tiene que cumplir con las formalidades 169,41es apropiadas si usted quiere que la Corte escuche su caso. Si usted no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puedo perder a/ caso, y /a pueden quitar, a/ dinero y otras cosas de su propiedad sin aviso adicional por parte de la corte. Existen otros requisitos legales. Puede que usted quiera /1 amar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no Conozco a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogados o a una oficina de ayuda legal. ((vea el directono telefónica).The name and address of the court is:(El nombre y dirección de la corte es)Mendocino County Superior Court 100 North State StreetUkiah, California 95482Case Number (Numero del Caso) 25CV01662The name, address and phone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que noi tiene abogado, es): C DAVID EYSTER (SBN 113115) MENDOCINO County DISTRICT ATTORNEY Ducan M James. SBN-40505 Deputy 100 North State Street Room G-1 O (707) 463-421 I Post Office Box 1000 (707) 463-4687 (fax) FOR COURT USE ONLY/SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE) ELECTRONICALLY FILED1/9/2025 11:35 AMSuperior Court of CaliforniaCounty of Mendocinoby C Cynthia Achee Deputy Clerk

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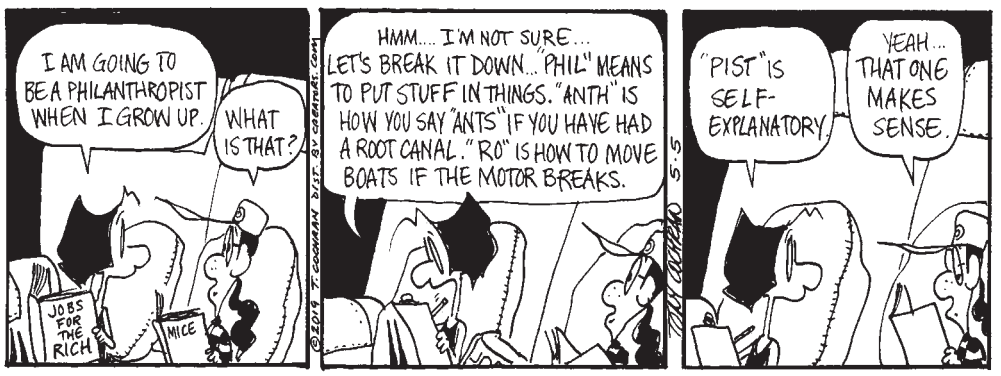
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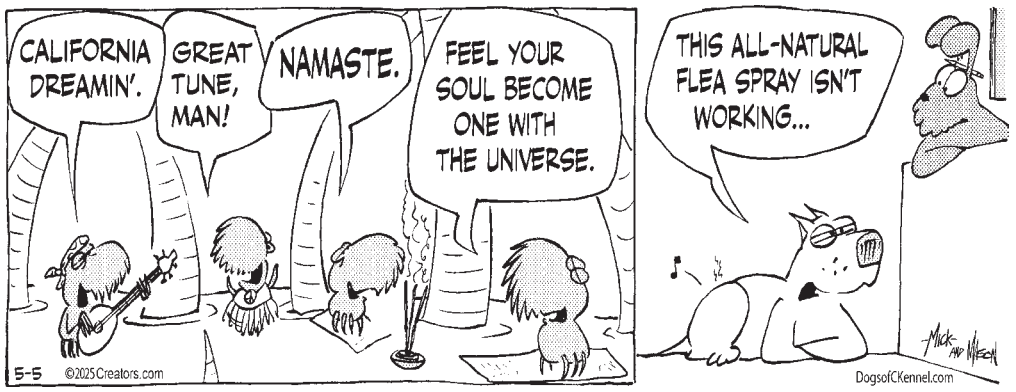
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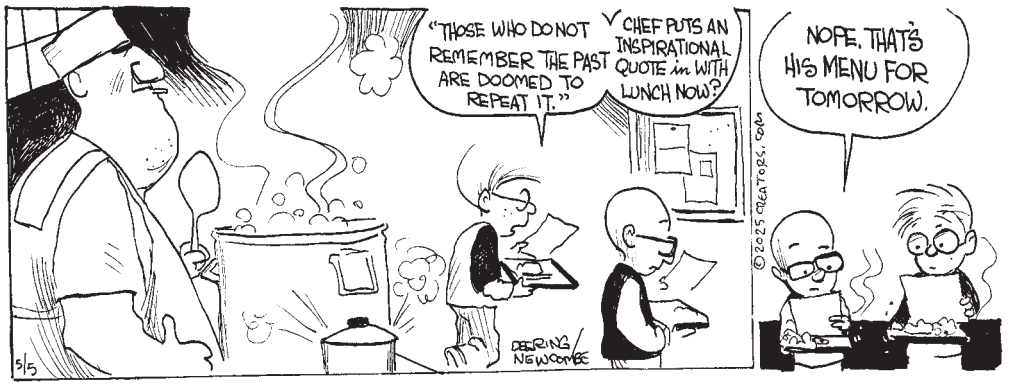
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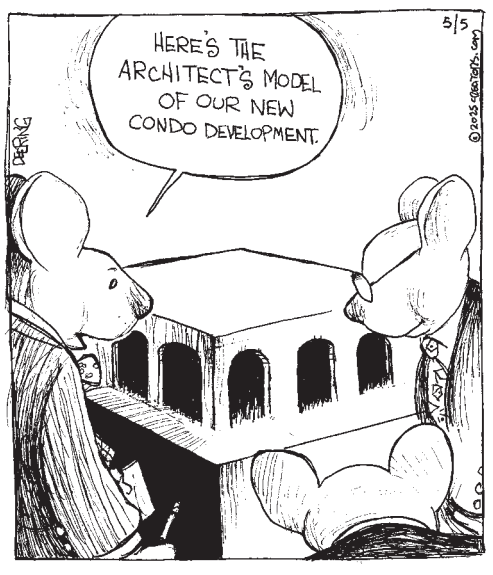
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"HIM AGAIN?"

Strange Brew

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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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Book store	Gallery	Opera	Smog
Cafe	Hectic	Parks	Snack
Cars	Highrise	Peak hour	Temple
Crowds	Hustle	Poor	Tolls
Delays	Inns	Port	Train
Double wide	Jobs	Queues	Universities
Embassy	Lane	Rich	Urban
Fast	Latte	Roads	Vagrant
Footpath	Lonely	Rush	Work
Freeway	Lost	Siren	
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 5)

You'll build something lasting from the vapors of a dream. You'll gain the confidence of someone influential, and their faith in you will ignite a new fire. A bold decision will change the trajectory of your career. More highlights: Harmony replaces tension in your personal realm. A heartfelt correspondence will affirm your path. Investments of time, money and trust will bring strong returns. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 15, 28, 5 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Clarity is attractive, calm is powerful, and most of all, joy is magnetic. It signals openness, resonance and safety — and others will naturally be drawn to that. Discovering what lights you up also lights the way for others to reach you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No need to force what's already aligning. Now that a certain project or task is behind you, a new lightness takes hold — and with it, a quiet magnetism. You'll draw people and opportunities in like gravity, without effort or chase.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though you're gifted in many ways, one talent shines especially bright today: your ability to make others feel truly seen. With your sharp mind and creative spirit, you've elevated much — but your friendships remain your greatest and most enduring work of art.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Something's got to give, and it will. The best reason to stay mellow and patient isn't just to improve someone else's experience, though that's a bonus. It's because you will feel calm, in control and quietly powerful in your own skin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you encourage someone's strengths and passions, you help them grow into more of who they truly are. That's where healing happens. Focusing on their flaws, however, often reinforces fear and limitation instead of inspiring real change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pacing matters. A relationship needs rhythm and flow before anyone can truly lead or follow. It's especially true in group work. Sync first. After you've been working as a "chorus line" for a while you can decide how to best spotlight one another's solo work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Impactful guidance uplifts rather than reduces. You don't pull a plant upward by criticizing its roots. You give it sunlight, water and room. Encouragement is emotional sunlight that lets the grower do the growing, which is really the only way that works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know this better than any: Transformation doesn't happen in comfort — it happens on the edge, where things feel uncertain, risky, even a little scary. Shed old skins, take bold steps, and meet the new version of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like being pushed past your comfort zone — it keeps things interesting. But all the time? That's just draining. Growth needs room to rest, too. You'll get it after a moment of quiet clarity shows you what's actually worth the stretch.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't forget that sometimes, just showing up is huge. There's so much richness in you — courage, artistry, vulnerability and a love that can be fierce. You're luminous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Pretend you're writing a message in a bottle to someone who needs to hear that they'll rise again, even after messing up and waking up with doubt in their gut. Because that person is out there, or in there.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A ritual will eventually bring clarity, joy and the results you're after. But for now, it just feels like one more thing — an extra pull on your willpower. That's OK. Know that ease is coming. Keep at it, and trust that consistency will turn effort into 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.

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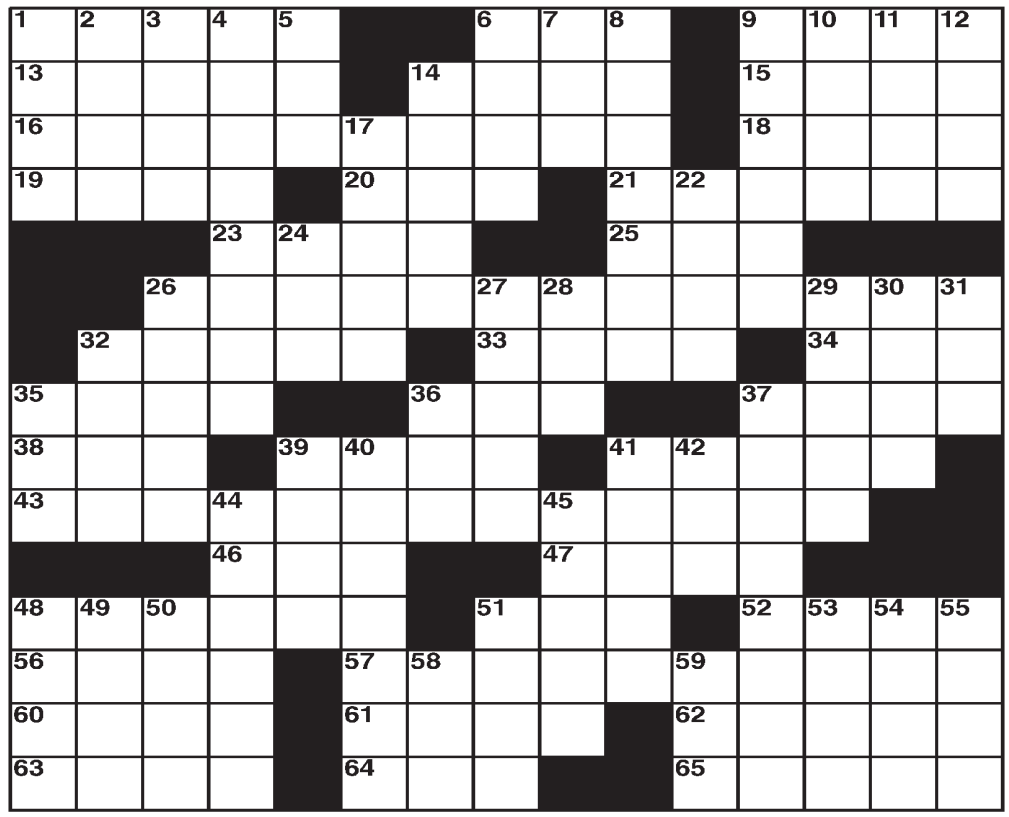
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ACROSS

1 Searches for prey
6 Auto fuel
9 Elegant celebration
13 Underway, to Sherlock
14 Living room seating
15 Fiendish
16 Spicy yellow topping for franks
18 Christmas carol
19 China's continent
20 Canary or hamster
21 Near-failing grade
23 __ and hearty (in good shape)
25 Be untruthful
26 Topping for leafy greens
32 Inexperienced with
33 Corrosion of iron
34 Cow comment
35 Stare awkwardly
36 Very long time period
37 Complete a plane flight
38 "Drink" suffix for lemon
39 Wise __ owl
41 Overcharge greatly
43 Tangy topping for ribs
46 Historical period
47 Corncob covering
48 Humorous TV series
51 Begin to droop
52 Meditative exercise
56 Creative notion
57 Sweet topping for pancakes
60 Stylishly flashy, for short
61 Revise one's writing
62 Hen's perch
63 At this place
64 Mark above a "j"
65 Dad's sisters

DOWN

1 "Very funny!"
2 Sci-fi vehicles, for short
3 "It wasn't me!"
4 Native American ax
5 Letters after R
6 "Billy" farm animal
7 The Sahara's continent: Abbr.
8 Jockeys' seats
9 Magic lamp residents
10 Shakespeare's river
11 In __ of (instead of)
12 "__ well that ends well"
14 Cavalry horse
17 Dropped-egg sound
22 Light fog
24 Pie __ mode
26 Underground drain system
27 Plane without a pilot
28 Go jogging
29 Mirror's reflection
30 __ of the above ("other" choice)
31 "IN __ WE TRUST" (motto on money)
32 Nothing, in Spain
35 Yak it up
36 __ de Cologne
37 Compliment to a raffle winner
39 "Aviation" prefix for dynamic
40 Defrauded
41 Tire pressure-checking device
42 Adjective ending for danger
44 Evolved into
45 Ten Commandments verb
48 Sound of relief
49 Doing nothing
50 Rip (apart)
51 Rotisserie rod
53 "Straight __ the rocks?"
54 Sudden burst of wind
55 Building's rental units: Abbr.
58 "Without further __..."
59 Mrs., in Mexico



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PARKING

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from $20 to $16.

Pollard said the proposed changes were developed in response to Santa Monica City Council direction, which emphasized increased revenue as a core goal. "This isn't something we just pulled out of a hat," Pollard said. "We're doing this at the direction of the council and we're at the very beginning of the outreach process."

The rate adjustment is part of a broader citywide parking study that also includes on-street meters and beach lots. According to city officials, Santa Monica has not adjusted its parking structure rates since 2018, despite rising costs for maintenance, staffing and operations.

Steffen Turoff, a principal at Walker Consultants, said the current rate structure is too granular and outdated. "I've been here a hundred times and I still stop at the entrance to figure out the rates," Turoff said. "It's a half-hour free, then $2, then $1.50, then it changes on weekends. We want to simplify that."

Walker Consultants reviewed data from every parking transaction in the city, comparing Santa Monica's current rates with those in cities such as Pasadena, Beverly Hills, Culver City and Newport Beach. According to the data, 47 percent of downtown parkers leave within 90 minutes.

Turoff said the 90-minute grace period may be encouraging brief stays, limiting dwell time and undermining downtown businesses. "If you think free parking draws people in the short term, maybe cheaper parking draws them in the longer term," Turoff said, adding, "This is about economic vitality. We want people to stay."

But several DTSM board members and local business owners pushed back, arguing that the free grace period was essential to attracting visitors during a time of declining foot traffic and increasing vacancies.

Board member Luke Cain said businesses are already struggling and eliminating the 90-minute window could hurt efforts to bring people downtown.

"We need to increase our dwell time," Cain said. "If people can't park on the pier anymore and they have to park around the Promenade, why would we raise the rates? We're not the Grove. We're not Beverly Hills. We're in a different situation."

The idea of offering three hours of free parking instead was also discussed, the theory being that longer stays could generate more sales tax revenue and encourage broader economic activity.

Others raised concerns about employee parking, arguing that current monthly rates, which run $220 in structures closest to the Promenade, are too expensive for low-wage workers. Some employees, they noted, resort to moving their cars every 90 minutes to avoid charges. Pollard acknowledged the issue and said employees can access discounted validations for $6 to $9 per day or use cheaper permits at the Main Library lot for around $154 per month.

Eric Sedman, Treasurer of DTSM, suggested the city consider implementing a "first entry" rule similar to Beverly Hills, which offers one free parking period per day per vehicle. This approach, paired with license plate recognition technology, could reduce abuse of the system while still offering flexibility to legitimate visitors, he said.

"You might find out you have a lot fewer unique visitors and a lot more employees moving their cars multiple times per shift," Sedman said. "There's revenue being lost, but also a lot of queuing and friction from that behavior."

City staff said they are already testing license plate recognition (LPR) technology in some garages and plan to expand it further. They also acknowledged revenue leakage from "gate running" – when parkers bypass or force open exit gates – and said LPR and gate alert systems have already cut related losses by as much as 50 percent in some locations.

In addition to the weekday and weekend flat rates, staff floated the possibility of evening flat rates after 5 or 6p.m., similar to systems used in Pasadena and other cities. Several board members supported the idea, noting that evening visitors are more likely to be dining or attending shows and should be offered incentives to stay longer.

Chris Gorbos, General Manager of the Westside Comedy Theater, spoke passionately during public input, saying that 80 to 85 percent of his customers come from outside Santa Monica and spend two to three hours downtown on average.

"These are not people taking the bus," Gorbos said. "They are driving here and they're staying for hours. We need to lower the barriers, not raise them."

While the presentation emphasized the goal of raising an additional $9 million in annual revenue citywide, stakeholders pressed for more detailed modeling to understand how different pricing scenarios would impact business recovery, employee parking and overall visitation patterns.

Board member Lucian Tudor called for a detailed breakdown of how much revenue is currently generated by different time blocks, such as first-hour visitors versus daily maximums, and what impact each proposed change would have.

"We need to see the numbers," Tudor said. "If we're losing $2 from the 47 percent who won't pay it, but gaining more from everyone else who stays longer, then show us that."

Pollard and Turoff acknowledged the request and said data would be shared with the board at a future meeting. Santa Monica's parking structures are located within the state's coastal zone, meaning that any pricing changes will also require approval from the California Coastal Commission. That process could extend into late 2026, giving the city and stakeholders time to continue discussions.

An informal recommendation was passed by the DTSM board, requesting that the city consider maintaining or extending the grace period to three hours, implementing evening flat rates, lowering the cost of employee parking and enhancing enforcement of SP+, the city's parking operations contractor. The motion passed narrowly, with six board members in favor and five opposed.

While no final decisions have been made, city staff stressed that the current process is intended to be collaborative and data-driven.

"We understand the emotions around this," Pollard said. "This is just the first step in a multi-month outreach effort."

Walker Consultants will return with updated data and scenarios after incorporating feedback from the board and other stakeholders. Any final recommendations must be approved by the City Council and then reviewed by the Coastal Commission before implementation.

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MONDAY | MAY 5

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNEY

5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-05-05T17

TUESDAY | MAY 6

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL

4:00 p.m. - 1 0:00 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/15309564/2025-05-06T16

WEDNESDAY | MAY 7

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, 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, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2025-05-07T08

THINK PINK 2025 FOR WOMEN'S WELLNESS

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Regent Santa Monica Beach 1700 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. The Irene Dunne Guild will hold its 19th annual Think Pink for Women's Wellness, a fundraiser for Saint John's Health Center, at newly opened Regent Santa Monica Beach on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As our community continues to recover from the devastating Palisades and Eaton Canyon wildfires, the Irene Dunne Guild is more committed than ever to creating meaningful gatherings and bringing health education and awareness to women and their families. The Irene Dunne Guild, a support group of Saint John's Health Center Foundation, raises funds for women's health programs, nursing scholarships, medical equipment, programs for care givers and family support services. Tickets are $195.00 per person. Think Pink Chairs are Suzanne Caldwell and Sila Vokshoor. For more information, contact Saint John's Health Center Foundation at 310.829.8424. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/think-pink-2025-for-women-s-wellness/15447092/2025-05-07T08

THURSDAY | MAY 8

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE

12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. 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/lunchtime-line-dance/12342961/2025-05-08T12

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

7:30 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St Santa Monica. Photographer Babak Tafreshi has spent his career documenting the unbelievable beauty of the night sky and working to connect people through the shared experience of simply looking up. From the Milky Way to the animals that come out after dark here on Earth, experience visual stories of wildlife, humanity, and the cosmos. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/national-geographic-live/13765546/2025-05-08T19

FRIDAY | MAY 9

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. 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. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-05-09T19

SATURDAY | MAY 10

FREE SATURDAY MORNING FITNESS; WELLNESS & WAVES RETURNS FOR 2025 SEASON

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Start your weekend with movement, mindfulness, and ocean views as Wellness & Waves returns to the Santa Monica Pier beginning Saturday, April 5 through October 11, 2025, from 8 to 10 a.m. every week. This popular Free fitness series invites the community to embrace self-care and coastal vibes with group runs, yoga, and fusion fitness—all in the most iconic outdoor setting in Los Angeles. Held beneath the famed Santa Monica Yacht Harbor sign, Wellness & Waves kicks off with a breezy group run from 8 to 9 a.m., perfect for runners of all levels. From 9 to 10 a.m., the energy shifts to the west end of the Pier for Yoga and Yoga-Pilates Fusion classes, led by a rotating lineup of celebrated instructors from some of the Westside's top wellness studios. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/free-saturday-morning-fitness-wellness-waves-returns-for-2025-season/15484766/2025-05-10T08

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