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Ambitious modular construction project aims to support transition-age youth

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An innovative approach to construction will become a safe haven for Santa Monica's at-risk youth in 2025.

On April 26, Community Corporation of Santa Monica broke ground on the city's latest 100% affordable housing development, titled Berkeley Station, located at 1342 Berkeley St. Consisting of 13 one-bedroom apartments and using a modular form of construction, the partnership between Community Corporation and city officials aims to support transition-age youth.

Community Corporation had the property purchased years ago, primarily for parking lot use for the adjacent Big Berkeley affordable housing project. The nonprofit believed it could be "synergistic" to undertake a smaller project next to Big Berkeley that "would still kind of fit in with the neighborhood (but) not be too overwhelming," said Executive Director Tara Barauskas.

She added that including transition-age youth from 18 to 24 years old as a project focus "made a lot of sense" next to the more family-focused Big Berkeley. The project, she noted, also has a "good alignment" with the City's YRT youth assistance program, as affordable housing has been cited as a major need for the group.

"Traditionally, we've served low-income families for the last 41 years, but we've never really addressed at-risk youth, and I sort of had the idea because I'm a mother and I thought (that) we really need to pay more attention to making sure (they) get all the support they need, especially when they get off track," Barauskas said.

While "transition-age youth"

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Photo Courtesy Community Corporation of Santa Monica
BERKELEY: Community leaders gathered at the new Berkeley Station site for a groundbreaking ceremony April 26.

Santa Monica Animal Shelter to hold third annual fundraiser day of events and activities

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The Santa Monica Animal Shelter will hold its third annual open house fundraiser on Saturday, June 1, to raise money to help cover the cost of veterinary care, medical attention and of course food for all of those hungry little mouths.

"The past couple of years have been such a tremendous success that we've been able to make it an annual event," says Elizabeth Noble, Chair, Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation. "The fundraiser is a really fun afternoon for the whole family, plus we get to raise much needed funds for the Shelter."

During the event you'll be able

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Photo by Elizabeth Noble
RESCUE: So many adorable four-legged furry friends are looking for their forever home.

SMC breaks ground on first microforest at U.S. community college

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Santa Monica College (SMC) has become the first United States community college to take a massive step forward for sustainability in a unique endeavor.

Last month, SMC in collaboration with the City of Santa Monica and the Malibu Foundation unveiled a microforest on its main campus, becoming the first community college in the nation to have such a space. The 400 square foot space acts as an indigenous forest using native plantlife, acting as a self-sustaining ecosystem with a plethora of environmental benefits. The benefits also extend to SMC students, as the college's biology pathway will have students from two different classes continually visiting the microforest to measure things like plant growth and soil development.

Pioneered by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki and his "Miyawaki Method," microforests involve the randomized planting of small saplings of various indigenous shrubs and trees, with the SMC space cultivated with hand-collected seeds from the Santa Monica Mountains region. The plantings are in close proximity, with no trees or shrubs of the same type or height planted side by side in order to prevent competition for nutrients.

"You want to always have something that is going to grow at a different rate next to (a plant) so

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Rent Control Board Chair Ericka Lesley announces run for City Council

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Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board member and Chair of Santa Monica's Rent Control Board, Ericka Lesley has officially declared her candidacy for a seat on City Council.

Four seats will be up for election in November, all currently occupied by incumbents, namely Gleam Davis, Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra. Lesley is the second person to publicly announce an intent to run, but the formal paperwork to become a candidate won't be available for several months. Dan Hall announced his candidacy a little under two months ago in March.

Lesley (43) has been on the board of DTSM for four years and was recently elected the first Black woman to chair the Rent Control Board. At the time of going to press, Lesley was set to publicly announce her run at this evening's (Thursday, May 9) Rent Control Board meeting.

"The community has overwhelmingly asked me to run," Lesley said in a statement to the Daily Press. "I'm committed to making a positive impact on the community and making Santa Monica a better place to live, work and raise a family. I'm extremely excited to be running for City Council and I'm looking forward to expanding my ways to serve the community to build a brighter future for all," she said.

Her term on the board for DTSM is due to end in June of this year and should Lesley be elected to City Council, she will give up her position on the Rent Control Board in December, otherwise it will be 2026.

Lesley herself spent time experiencing homelessness, while raising three boys. She says that she was able to recover from that by "working myself half to death." She worked as a driver for both Lyft and Uber, but still struggled to get housing because of her low credit rating.

> "I'm committed to making a positive impact on the community
>
> - Ericka Lesley, Chair of Santa Monica's Rent Control Board

Regarding homelessness, Lesley said, "Our system is broken. All the other leaders that we have in the city are looking from the top down. I've been homeless. So I've come through that system. And I know where the cracks are."

Her campaign website, erickalesleyforcitycouncil.com which is already up says, "As a candidate for City Council, Ericka is committed to bringing her unique perspective and expertise to the table, advocating for policies that prioritize equity, inclusion and social justice. She believes that by working together, we can create a more just and equitable society where every individual has the opportunity to thrive."

According to Lesley, she has already secured endorsements, but says that she's not willing to reveal them at this stage.

Candidates can declare an intent to run for office at any time, however there is a formal process that includes gathering 100 signatures and paying fees. That process will begin in July, but candidates often choose to announce a campaign in advance as means of securing funding and support.

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Union push pits the United Farm Workers against a major California agricultural business

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Associated Press

In a meeting room at a hotel in California's crop-rich Central Valley, a fight is taking place that could help shape the future of farm labor in fields that grow a chunk of the country's food.

The battle between a unit of the Wonderful Co. — one of the state's most well-known farm companies that grows pistachios, pomegranates and citrus — and United Farm Workers — the country's biggest farm worker union — comes after California passed a law in 2022 aimed at making it easier for agricultural laborers to organize.

Several hundred workers filed papers this year to unionize at Wonderful Nurseries in Wasco, Calif., a move the company claimed was fraudulent. The allegations are being heard in proceedings that could uphold the newly-formed union or revoke its certification. Meanwhile, farmer and labor advocates are watching closely to determine what impact the new law is having in a state where most farmworkers are not organized.

Four groups of California farmworkers have so far organized under the law, marking the UFW's first successful attempts at farmworker unionization since 2016, said Elizabeth Strater, the union's director of strategic campaigns

"We're going to see a continued rise in California of farmworker organizing, because there is a tremendous need," Strater said. "Every time there's a union win in the community, that raises the standard for other employers."

Farmworkers aren't covered by federal rules for labor organizing in the United States. But California, which harvests much of the country's produce, enacted a law and created a special board in 1975 to protect their right to unionize.

The 2022 law lets the workers unionize by collecting a majority of signatures without holding an election at a polling place — a move proponents said would protect workers from union busting and employers said lacked safeguards to prevent fraud. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom reluctantly approved the changes with a nudge from the White House after farmworkers led a weekslong march to the state Capitol.

Farmworkers in California are overwhelmingly Latino and among the state's poorest and most vulnerable residents. Many are seasonal workers, which makes it tough to organize a job site, and many lack legal status in the United States.

The new law could lead to a rise in union influence and a resurgence of the UFW, which represented at its peak tens of thousands of farmworkers but has seen its numbers dwindle, said Christian Paiz, a professor of ethnic studies at University of California, Berkeley.

"It is one of the most dangerous jobs in the country," Paiz said. "There's an absurdity to the claim these individuals would say, 'No, I'm cool, I trust my employer.'"

Farm industry leaders contend the lack of a secret ballot makes workers vulnerable to coercion by unions and fraud. They want farmworkers to be able to revoke their signatures if they change their mind about organizing, and they want unions to clarify in writing that a signature essentially constitutes a worker's vote.

Bryan Little, director of labor policy for the California Farm Bureau Federation, said he expects more union filings under the new law.

> Our company's history of working with agricultural workers is rooted in mutual trust, collaboration, and respect, all of which stands in contrast to the UFW actions
> - Rob Yraceburu, president of Wonderful Nurseries

"Our members are very concerned about it," Little said. "You have a union and all of a sudden you have a business partner in effect telling you how to operate your business."

The clash at Wonderful Nurseries began when a group of workers filed in February to organize over concerns about assignments and scheduling, Strater said.

A 640-worker unit was certified by the state's Agricultural Labor Relations Board. But Wonderful filed a complaint saying its workers didn't want a union and thought cards they signed were to access $600 payments under a federal pandemic relief program the UFW helps administer. The UFW denied it, and claimed Wonderful was calling meetings to try to get workers to withdraw their cards.

The issue is now before the board with an administrative law judge taking testimony from workers during a weekslong hearing that started in person and is continuing remotely with lawyers sparring over computer screens, while farmworkers speak from a Bakersfield meeting room with help from a Spanish interpreter.

Wonderful Nurseries contends the board has failed to ensure an honest process for the unit's 60 permanent employees and as many as 1,500 seasonal workers.

"Our company's history of working with

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **61.0**

FRIDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Smaller blend of SSW and NW swell but should still be rideable to locally fun. AM wind is looking light just let the drained tide at sunrise start to push in.

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

Mix of old SSW and new SW swells. Should be enough of a cross up to section out the surf at times and with size on the modest side it shouldn't be too lined up. Morning wind looking nice for now, just wait out the low tide first thing.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 65. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

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2024/05/10	Fri	11:14 PM	5.91	H
2024/05/11	Sat	06:53 AM	-0.90	L
2024/05/11	Sat	1:57 PM	3.21	H
2024/05/11	Sat	5:35 PM	2.64	L
2024/05/11	Sat	11:59 PM	5.39	H
2024/05/12	Sun	07:51 AM	-0.49	L
2024/05/12	Sun	3:27 PM	3.21	H
2024/05/12	Sun	6:31 PM	2.94	L
2024/05/13	Mon	12:53 AM	4.84	H
2024/05/13	Mon	08:57 AM	-0.10	L
2024/05/13	Mon	4:53 PM	3.39	H
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TikTok sues US to block law that could ban the social media platform

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TikTok and its Chinese parent company ByteDance are suing the U.S. over a law that would ban the popular video-sharing app unless it's sold to another company, arguing that it violates the First Amendment.

The widely expected lawsuit filed on Tuesday may be setting up what could be a protracted legal fight over TikTok's future in the United States.

The popular social video company alleged the law, which President Joe Biden signed as part of a larger $95 billion foreign aid package, is so "obviously unconstitutional" that the sponsors of

The Protecting Americans From Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act are trying to portray the law not as a ban, but as a regulation of TikTok's ownership. It's the first time the U.S. government has singled out a social media company with a potential ban, which free speech advocates note is more common in repressive regimes such as Iran or China.

"Congress has taken the unprecedented step of expressly singling out and banning TikTok: a vibrant online forum for protected speech and expression used by 170 million Americans to create, share, and view videos over the Internet," ByteDance said in its suit. "For the first time in history, Congress has enacted a law that subjects a single, named speech platform to a permanent, nationwide ban, and bars every American from participating in a unique online community with more than 1 billion people worldwide."

The law requires TikTok's parent, ByteDance, to sell the platform within nine months. If a sale is already in progress, the company will get another three months to complete the deal. ByteDance has said it "doesn't have any plan to sell TikTok." But even it wanted to divest, the company would have to get a blessing from Beijing, which previously opposed a forced sale of the platform and has signaled its opposition this time around.

TikTok and ByteDance argued in the lawsuit that it really isn't being given a choice.

"The 'qualified divestiture' demanded by the Act to allow TikTok to continue operating in the United States is simply not possible: not commercially, not technologically, not legally," they said.

"There is no question: the Act will force a shutdown of TikTok by January 19, 2025," the lawsuit says.

The parties argued that they should be protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of expression. They are seeking a declaratory judgment that the Act violates the U.S. Constitution; an order enjoining Attorney General Merrick Garland from enforcing the Act and any further relief that the court may deem appropriate.

The Justice Department declined to comment on the suit Tuesday.

The fight over TikTok takes place as U.S.-China relations have shifted to that of intense strategic rivalry, especially in areas such as advanced technologies and data security, seen as essential to each country's economic prowess and national security.

U.S. lawmakers from both parties, as well as administration and law enforcement officials, have expressed concerns that Chinese authorities could force ByteDance to hand over U.S. user data or sway public opinion by manipulating the algorithm that populates users' feeds. Some have also pointed to a Rutgers University study that maintains TikTok content was being amplified or underrepresented based on how it aligns with the interests of the Chinese government, which the company disputes.

Opponents of the law argue that Chinese authorities — or any nefarious parties — could easily get information on Americans in other ways, including through commercial data brokers that rent or sell personal information. They note the U.S. government hasn't provided public evidence that shows TikTok sharing U.S. user information with Chinese authorities, or tinkering with its algorithm for China's benefit. They also say attempts to ban the app could violate free speech rights in the U.S.

Jameel Jaffer, executive director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, expects TikTok's challenge to the ban to succeed.

"The First Amendment means the government can't restrict Americans' access to ideas, information, or media from abroad without a very good reason for it—and no such reason exists here," Jaffer said in a printed statement.

While TikTok has prevailed in its earlier First Amendment challenges, it is not clear whether the current lawsuit will be as simple.

"The bipartisan nature of this federal law may make judges more likely to defer to a Congressional determination that the company poses a national security risk," said Gautam Hans, a law professor and associate director of the First Amendment Clinic at Cornell University. "Without public discussion of what exactly the risks are, however, it's difficult to determine why the courts should validate such an unprecedented law."

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California to tap generative AI tools to increase services access, reduce traffic jams

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California could soon deploy generative artificial intelligence tools to help reduce traffic jams, make roads safer and provide tax guidance, among other things, under new agreements announced Thursday as part of Gov. Gavin Newsom's efforts to harness the power of new technologies for public services.

The state is partnering with five companies to create generative AI tools using technologies developed by tech giants such as Microsoft-backed OpenAI and Google-backed Anthropic that would ultimately help the state provide better services to the public, administration officials said.

> It is a very good sign that a lot of these companies are putting their focus on using GenAI for governmental service delivery
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> - Amy Tong, secretary of government operations for California

"It is a very good sign that a lot of these companies are putting their focus on using GenAI for governmental service delivery," said Amy Tong, secretary of government operations for California.

The companies will now start a six-month internal trial where the tools are tested and evaluated by state workers. The companies will be paid $1 for their proposals. The state, which faces a significant budget deficit, can then reassess whether any tools could be fully implemented under new contracts. All the tools are considered low risk, meaning they don't interact with confidential data or personal information, an administration spokesperson said.

Newsom, a Democrat, touts California as a global hub for AI technology, noting 35 of the world's top 50 AI companies are located in the state. He signed an executive order last year requiring the state to start exploring responsible ways to incorporate generative AI by this summer, with a goal of positioning California as an AI leader. In January, the state started asking technology companies to come up with generative AI tools for public services. Last month, California was among one of the first states to roll out guidelines on when and how state agencies could buy such tools.

Generative AI, a branch of AI that can create new content such as text, audio and photos, has significant potential to help government agencies become more efficient but there's also an urgent need for safeguards and oversight to limit risks, state officials and experts said. In New York City, an AI-powered chatbot created by the city to help small businesses was found to dole out false guidance and advise companies to violate the law. The rapidly growing technology has also raised concerns about job loss, misinformation, privacy and automation bias.

While state governments are struggling to regulate AI in the private sectors, many are exploring how public agencies can leverage the powerful technology for public good. California's approach, which also requires companies to disclose what large language models they use to develop AI tools, is meant to build public trust, officials said.

The California Department of Transportation is looking for tools that would analyze traffic data and come up with solutions to reduce highway traffic and make roads safer. The state's Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers more than 40 programs, wants an AI tool to help its call center cut wait times and call length. The state is also seeking technologies to provide non-English speakers information about health and social services benefits in their language and to streamline the inspection process for health care facilities.

The tool is designed to assist state workers, not replace them, said Nick Maduros, director of the Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Call center workers there took more than 660,000 calls last year. The state envisions the AI technology listening along to those calls and pulling up specific tax code information associated with the problem the caller is describing. The worker could decide whether to use the information. Currently, call center workers have to simultaneously listen to the call and manually look up the code, Maduros said.

"If it turns out it doesn't serve the public better, then we're out $1," Maduros said. "And I think that's a pretty good deal for the citizens of California."

Tong wouldn't say when a successfully vetted tool would be deployed, but added that the state is moving as fast as it can.

"The whole essence of using GenAI is it doesn't take years," Tong said. "GenAI doesn't wait for you."

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California Supreme Court weighs removing a measure making it harder to raise taxes from the ballot

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The California Supreme Court is weighing whether to keep a measure off the November ballot that would make it harder for the state and local governments to raise taxes, in a legal battle pitting Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democratic lawmakers against the business groups and taxpayer advocates who organized the initiative.

Several of the seven justices who heard arguments Wednesday questioned whether keeping the entire measure from the ballot, which would be a rare step for the court, was the best option. The justices also sought to better understand the measure's impact on local governments' ability to raise taxes and fees.

Under the current system, the Legislature can raise taxes with a two-thirds vote in both the Senate and Assembly. The initiative would require that voters also approve any new tax hikes after legislative passage for them to take effect.

The measure would also change the voting threshold by which communities can raise taxes through ballot initiatives, from a simple majority to a two-thirds majority.

A lawsuit filed last fall by Newsom, the Legislature and others sought to have the measure removed from the ballot, saying it would change the power of taxation assigned by the California Constitution to the Legislature and weaken the executive branch's administrative and regulatory powers.

Thomas Hiltachk, a lawyer representing supporters of the measure, told the court the initiative should be allowed because the concerns over its possible impacts are based on speculation. Aspects of it could be challenged later if it is approved, he added.

Statements about the measure's impact are "based not on evidence submitted to this court but on the opinions of people in the government who do not want change," Hiltachk said.

The court is expected to decide before June 27, the deadline for the Secretary of State to certify the general election ballot.

Opponents of the measure say it would effectively, and unlawfully, amend the state constitution without going through the usual process of ratification at a constitutional convention or two-thirds approval in the Legislature, followed by a measure put before voters. The measure would take away lawmakers' ability to impose taxes and leave them only with the power to propose them, said Margaret Prinzing, who represented Newsom and the Legislature.

"That's a fundamental shift in power that separates (this measure) from all the other tax measures that have come before it," she told the justices.

The measure would also reclassify many government fees as taxes and apply retroactively to any increase approved after Jan. 1, 2022.

Opponents also say that would curtail revenue needed by local communities for essential public services, from collecting trash to fighting fires, and make it hard to respond to emergencies like earthquakes and pandemics.

The proposal would put more than 100 local measures, totaling $2 billion in annual funding, at risk, said Carolyn Coleman, CEO of the League of California Cities. It opposes the measure, alongside firefighters and teachers unions, calling it "deceptive" and "an existential threat" to local governments.

"We're raising the resources to fill potholes, so that we can support affordable housing in our community, so we can work to address homelessness, so that when you dial 911 there's somebody there to answer the phone — not in two minutes — but in 30 seconds," Coleman said.

"So this really goes against the essential nature of how local government raises the revenues to provide services that everyone wants."

Brooke Armour, executive vice president of the California Business Roundtable, which represents large companies and is a lead proponent of the initiative, disputed Coleman's numbers, saying only about 28 local initiatives would be affected and it would only impact tax increases posed through citizen initiatives.

Special taxes put on the ballot by local elected officials already require a two-thirds vote for approval, Armour added, and all measures raising general taxes would still be approved with a majority vote.

Associate Justice Goodwin Liu asked Hiltachk about what types of fees or taxes would be affected, saying, "If a local senior center wants to charge a fee for rental of its facilities, that now has to be approved by the by the city council. In order to do that, this would be subject to the referendum power, right?"

Hiltachk responded that municipal officials normally enact those types of fees, and they would not be touched. But local and state administrative agencies would no longer be able to raise fees without the approval of the local governing body.

"What we have evolved into is it is an administrative state that has far too much power among non-elected bureaucrats, who no one knows their name, setting fees not for a fishing license fee, that's not what this is about, but raising billions of dollars out of the economy without any legislative oversight," he said.

Supporters of the measure say Californians face some of the highest taxes and one of the highest costs of living in the country and that the changes are needed.

"The whole issue here is that they are scared to death of the people of California being empowered to vote on state and local taxes," said Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable.

Newsom and Democrats who dominate statewide government have faced persistent criticism that California has become too expensive for many of its 39 million residents. A Newsom spokesman said the governor's opposition to the measure doesn't indicate he supports higher taxes.

"You can both be opposed to new taxes and to destructive ballot measures that would hamstring government from protecting itself in a crisis," spokesman Bob Salladay said in a statement.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE

INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board/Commission	Number of Appointments	Term End Date	Requirements
Airport Commission	1	6/30/2028	Santa Monica Resident.
Architectural Review Board	2	6/30/2028	-
Arts Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside or work in Santa Monica
Building & Fire-Life Safety	1	6/30/2028	Civil or Structural Engineer
	1	6/30/2028	California Licensed Building Contractor
	1	6/30/2028	California Certified Access Specialist
	1	6/30/2028	California Registered Fire Protection Engineer
Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice & the Environment	2	6/30/2028	Reside or work in Santa Monica.
Disabilities Commission	3	6/30/2028	Reside or work in Santa Monica and self-identify as a person with a disability.
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.	3	6/30/2028	Must reside or be employed, own property, or hold business license in Santa Monica.
Housing Commission	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica
Human Services Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Landmarks Commission	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica and California Real Estate Licensee.
	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica and Licensed Architect.
Metropolitan Water District	1	6/30/2028	-
Personnel Board	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica or is a resident of Los Angeles County that is employed full-time within the City, or owns real property in the City, or has been issued a business license by the City.
Planning Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission	2	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Recreation & Parks Commission	3	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Library Board	1	6/30/2028	Reside in Santa Monica.
Santa Monica Pier Corporation	3	6/30/2028	Reside, work or do business in Santa Monica.

Applications are due by noon, Tuesday, June 18th, 2024.
Appointments to be made by City Council, Tuesday, June 25th, 2024.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in these positions will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter. In addition, this position will be required to complete two hours of Ethics Training (AB1234) biennially, as well as attend other city sponsored trainings deemed necessary by the city.

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Reader Questions – Did They Change Our Rules Properly?

Question: If the board decides to change any rules shouldn't those rule changes be placed on the open general session board meeting agenda for discussion and vote of the board members before being sent out for the 28-day comment period? Is it a violation to make this decision in executive session, without first putting it on the open general session agenda? P.G., Rancho Santa Margarita

Dear P.G.: The adoption, deletion, or changing of HOA rules must comply with Civil Code Sections 4340-4370. The discussion of a proposed rule change is not something that by itself qualifies for executive session discussion under Civil Code Section 4935, the list of permissible closed session topics. There could be situations in which HOA legal counsel might be advising the board about the legal implications or risks of a proposed rule, and that might qualify for a closed session discussion. However, the actual approval of the publication of the proposed rule change must occur in open session and be recorded in the board meeting minutes. The rule-changing process involves two open board meetings. In the first meeting, the board decides to publish a proposed rule change. That proposed rule change announcement per Civil Code 4360(a) must include the verbatim text of the proposed rule change. At the second board meeting, at least 28 days after the proposed rule change is announced, the board is required to permit an open forum on the proposed change. Then, in open session, the board proceeds to approve (or disapprove) the proposed change.

Civil Code 4350 says that rules (or, by inference, rule changes) are only enforceable if adopted in substantial compliance with the statutory requirements. A board playing fast and loose with the statute's requirements could be surprised by a judge refusing to enforce the rule. Sincerely, Kelly

Mr. Richardson: In the past when my HOA board wanted to change the rules and regulations, notification and the changes were sent out by snail mail. This time, the notification was sent by e-mail and there are supposedly so many changes that they incorporated the changes in the text of the rules book and that one has to log into a site to read the changes. The problem is that it is quite lengthy and there is not so much as highlighting or bold type to show the changes. How many people will take the time to read all the pages of the rules and even be able to spot the changes? Is this legal? I totally enjoy your interesting and educational column. FP, Mission Viejo

Dear F.P.: Civil Code Section 4360(a) requires that the text of the proposed rule change(s), as well as the purpose of the rule change, is to be published by "general notice". General notice under Civil Code 4045 can be by several different methods, including the HOA website. However, the text of the proposed changes must be published – simply posting a copy of how the rules will look after the changes is insufficient. It takes so little effort using Microsoft Word or other similar programs to prepare a "track changes" view of the proposed rule changes. It's also fairer to the members. Your board could find out to its consternation that rules improperly published might be found to be unenforceable under Civil Code 4350.

Thanks, Kelly

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AGRICULTURE

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agricultural workers is rooted in mutual trust, collaboration, and respect, all of which stands in contrast to the UFW actions," Rob Yraceburu, president of Wonderful Nurseries, said in a statement.

The Agricultural Labor Relations Board had no immediate comment on the case.

The push to organize farm labor follows a decades-long decline in union membership in the United States. But public support for unions has recently grown and the National Labor Relations Board, which governs non-farmworkers' right to organize, reported the highest number of filings for union representation in eight years during the 2023 fiscal year.

Other California companies where farmworkers have organized are much smaller than Wonderful, a $6 billion company founded by Stewart and Lynda Resnick, who have donated to President Joe Biden and Newsom.

At DMB Packing, Guadalupe Luna said he signed up to form a union because he previously worked at a unionized farm where he earned 5 cents more for each bucket of tomatoes picked. Now, he said a contract may soon be signed.

"We think this year things are going to be better for us," the 55-year-old said. "We want better pay, and benefits, that's what we're asking the ranchers for, and they seem willing to negotiate with us."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

410,000+ Signatures Submitted To Qualify Bold New Initiative For L.A. County Ballot

A coalition of housing affordability and mental health experts, community advocates, firefighters, business and union leaders, and front-line service providers submitted more than 410,000 signatures Tuesday to Los Angeles County officials to place the Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions and Prevention Now initiative on the November 2024 ballot. 238,922 valid signatures are required to qualify.

Recognizing the need to change the status quo, this coalition came together to draft, qualify, and now pass this bold new approach to addressing housing affordability and homelessness in L.A. County with a focus on making housing more affordable, increasing access to mental health and substance abuse treatment, and accountability measures including a legal requirement to deliver results.

The initiative would repeal and replace the previous voter-approved measure and prevent nearly 30,000 people from losing the housing or services they currently receive. It would expand programs that address the root causes of homelessness and work to prevent homelessness from happening in the first place – a missing component of previous efforts.

Hundreds of supporters rallied outside of the offices of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Los Angeles County Tuesday as the signatures were submitted.

"I'm excited because the day is the day that we are bucking the status quo and addressing housing affordability," said Dr. Ryan Smith, President & CEO of St. Joseph's Center. This measure will increase mental health support, and we are going to make sure our government agencies are held accountable."

"This measure is new, bold, and critically important. It will make sure that nearly 30,000 people currently receiving housing and services are not cut off from that critical support and pushed back into homelessness, while at the same time scaling up homelessness prevention and new strategies to make housing more affordable across L.A. County. The United Way of Greater L.A. is proud to support this new approach because it holds our elected leaders accountable to delivering real results and reflects the many lessons learned from past work," said Elise Buik, President & CEO, United Way of Greater L.A.

"Today, we stand at a critical crossroads in our County's history," said Yvonne Wheeler, President of the L.A. County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. "We have one of two options. Either we go about business as usual, or we can do something about it. Together, we can enact solutions to tackle the crisis head on, starting with the Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions and Prevention Now measure."

"On behalf of our 150,000 skilled men and women, we're here to give her strong support to this measure," said Ernesto Medrano, Executive Secretary, LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council.

"Today I stand before you as a living example of the impact that initiatives like these could have," said James Morgan, an Army veteran who used to be unhoused and is now a union Laborer. "We want all Angelenos to have a place that they can call home, and that's why we need to support this measure."

"I take this really personally and I take this to heart because I grew up in the system. I grew up as a ward of the court. I know where the system has failed," said Patrick Del Conte, a mental health professional who works for a County agency. "We're coming here to make change. This will expand mental health care. This will really have safeguards to follow where things are going and how people are getting served."

"The rent is too damn high," said Pete White, a representative of the Angeleno Project and Executive Director of the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN). "Core to this measure is accountability. It will feature a transparent accountability framework with regular reporting, annual audits and performance evaluations. It also has a groundbreaking legal requirement for results."

"This measure was written by experts," said Jessica Melendez, Director of Policy, T.R.U.S.T. South LA. "Homelessness is the most extreme manifestation of poverty and community displacement. We won't be able to address homelessness unless we do a much better job of helping keep those homes that folks already have. We believe this measure goes much further than any previous attempt to do exactly that – prevent homelessness before it happens."

"Those 400,000 signatures for this ballot measure represent 400,000 people in this community that have said 'enough is enough,'" said Sean Hartranft, President of the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters.

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Main Street

9th Annual MAINopoly: A Taste of Main Street Returns to Santa Monica on Sunday, May 19th with Board Game-Inspired Fun

The 9th Annual MAINopoly: Taste of Main Street returns Sunday, May 19th from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. This all-ages, pet-friendly tasting experience is an interactive twist on the classic board game offering a culinary walking tour of Santa Monica's Main Street. MAINopoly allows attendees to exchange their "MAINopoly dollars" for tastings at over 20 of the street's best restaurants, bars, and eateries. Once the players complete their official game board and make their way to every location, they can win a "Taste of Main Street" Prize Pack valued at $1,000.

Other activities include "Go To Jail" Beer Garden with brews from Venice Duck Brewery, beverages from Dulce Vida Tequila and JuneShine, food from Pasjoli and Papille Gustative, DJ, lawn games, "Just Visiting" photo booth, free rides up and down the street courtesy of Green Goddess Pedicabs, pet adoption from the VCA, and more boardgame-inspired fun!

Some of the many food offerings include Slow Cooked Pulled Pork with Kimchi on Danish Rye from Papille Gustative, Falafel Bites with Hummus & Tahini and Chicken Shawarma with Tzatziki from Ashland Hill, French Onion Tart from Pasjoli, Acai Bowls from Ubatuba Acai, Original Sin Taro Donut from Holey Grail Donuts, Tomato Arancini from The Victorian, and so much more!

So, throw on your top hats and monocles, get your "dice" ready, and make your way around the gameboard to experience Main Street's finest! A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Main Street Business Improvement District to help fund community programming.

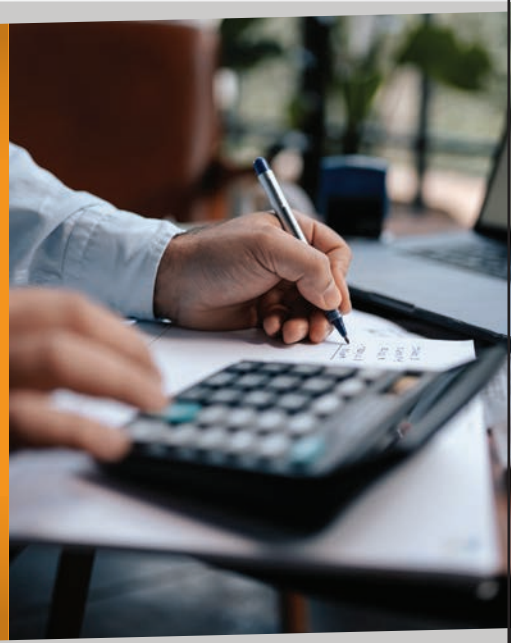
Attendees are encouraged to dress in Monopoly-inspired attire for added fun and costume contests. Tickets start at $30 in advance for general admission, $60 in advance for VIP, $20 for kids ages 5-12. Kids under 5 are free. For tickets, visit mainopolysm.com.

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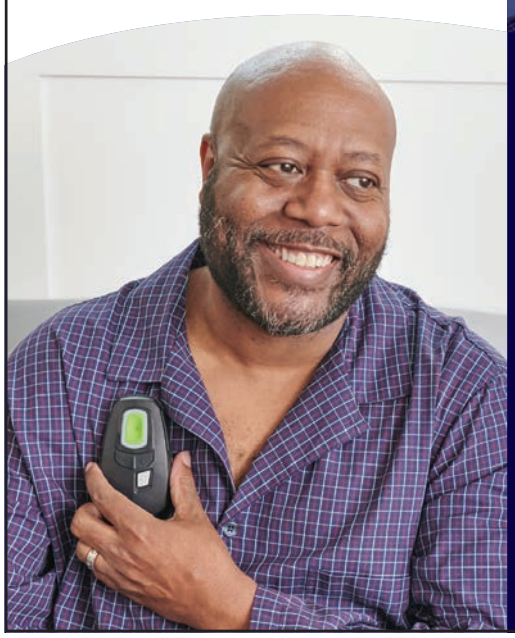
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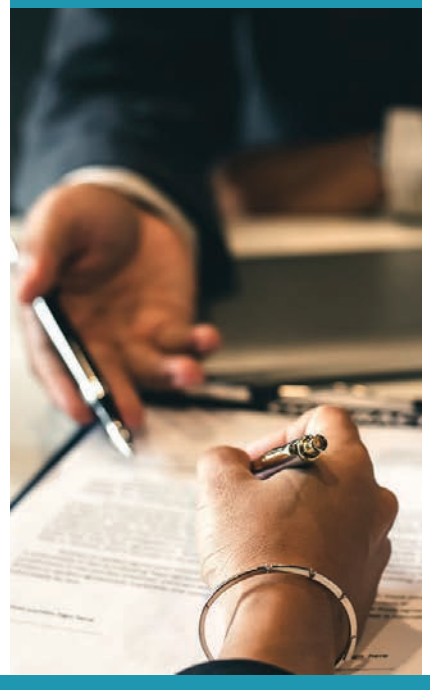
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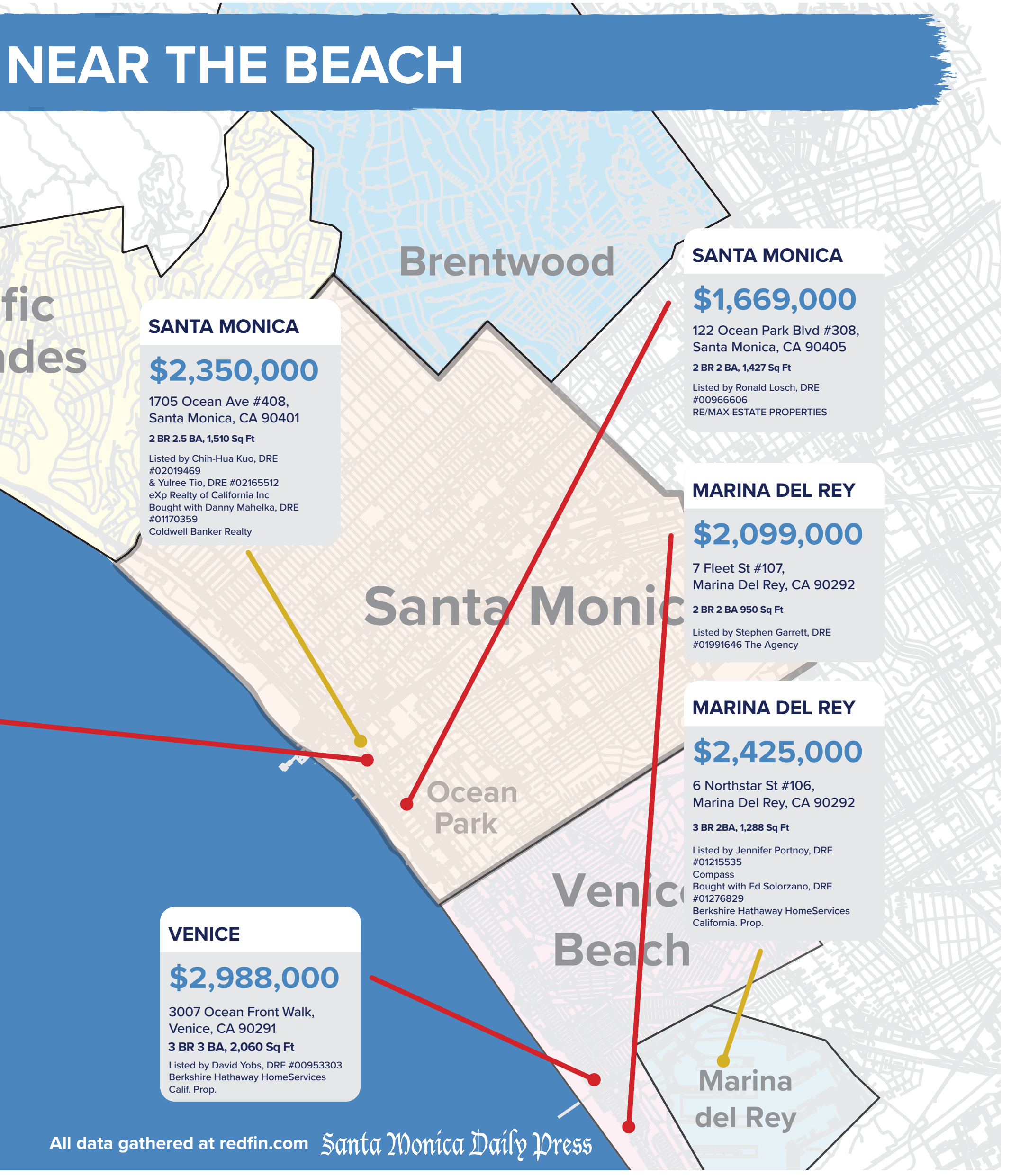
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ANIMAL SHELTER

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to tour the facility and meet the animals waiting to be adopted. And if that doesn't tug at your heartstrings, then frankly you're dead inside. For a teeny-tiny donation you could win some fantastic prizes in the raffle, including gift certificates and gift baskets from many local Santa Monica businesses. Alternatively, you could bid on some pretty special experiences in the silent auction; the top prizes include a ride on a Santa Monica Harbor Patrol rescue boat or an amazing educational experience with the Santa Monica Police Forensics Department.

Noble says that this year adoption fees will be reduced in an effort to help as many pets as possible find wonderful homes. "The shelter has so many dogs and cats waiting to go to their forever homes, many have been waiting months, some over a year to be adopted, far too long to be waiting in the stressful shelter environment," she says.

"We also hope to raise as much funds as we can. We have our larger shelter improvement project that we are fundraising for, to renovate the cat iso-room which is a very costly undertaking, and we also need funds ready so we can step in and cover the cost of veterinary care, special food, supplies and so much more."

Last year there was an amazing live performance from School of Rock West LA house band, but at the time of going to press, they had not confirmed — yet. So fingers crossed they'll put on another stonking show. Moreover, the Daily Press will be offering prizes, including a day's paddleboard rental for four in Marina de Rey (four legged friends are welcome) plus a selection of wine, each bottle generously donated from the newspaper's staff's personal collections.

"Much of what makes the event so much fun are the fantastic event participants," Noble says. Once again The Magical Atelier will be offering face painting, Wild About Balloons LA will be making balloon animals, Allan's Pet Center West LA will have their cool critters for everyone to interact with, Cadoro Bakery are donating sweet treats. Plus, everyone will have the opportunity to meet the Santa Monica Police Department's Mounted Unit horses.

> Much of what makes the event so much fun are the fantastic event participants
>
> - Elizabeth Noble, Chair, Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation

"We are extremely grateful to these event participants for joining us again. They are all donating their time to help us raise funds for the animals at the shelter and we are so grateful for their support," says Noble.

All the info on the day and a list of the items in the raffle are on the shelter's website www.smasf.org/events they'll be adding to the list of raffle items, but there are already some fantastic ones listed.

The third annual Santa Monica Animal Shelter Open House Fundraiser is on Saturday, June 1, between 12-3pm at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, located at 1640 9th St. Santa Monica, 90404.

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BERKELEY

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doesn't necessarily mean children exiting the foster care system, many of the potential applicants will be of the distinction, along with youth struggling with crises like domestic violence or family challenges.

"When (youth are) in foster care, they have all the resources and support they need, but (when they're) basically 18, you're out the door, and there really isn't a next step for them many times ... foster kids aging out of the system (could) end up falling into homelessness, because they don't have a support network," Barauskas added.

Gaining a City-issued loan for the project, Community Corporation sought local aid for construction, specifically the first of the organization's projects to be done modularly. Modular construction is the process of having apartments built off site in a factory before being moved by truck and craned onto the work site.

Community Corporation found partners in Plant Prefab and architectural firm Brooks + Scarpa for Berkeley Station, with the project to be built at Plant Prefab's Tejon Ranch location.

"We are extremely excited to work with Community Corporation of Santa Monica on their first prefabricated development," Plant Prefab Founder and CEO Steve Glenn said. "Berkeley Station will be built at our new factory in Tejon Ranch utilizing techniques that offer a more sustainable and time and cost-efficient way to create affordable, temporary and transitional housing."

Berkeley Station's design will meet LEED Gold standards, include solar panels and Energy Star appliances, and will give residents amenities like a community garden, laundry facilities, a rooftop deck and a community room. The project is slated to be completed by mid-2025, with the timeline hampered by a longer lead time for a Switchgear part manufactured in Ukraine. However, modular construction allows for work to be done on-site simultaneously to the factory work.

At the site, the groundbreaking was attended by community leaders and elected officials such as Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock, California State Senator Ben Allen, a representative of Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur and several members of City Council.

Allen noted that Berkeley Station "is a model of the type of affordable housing we need to be building across California," something Brock agreed with.

"Santa Monica continues to be a leader in finding innovative, sustainable and compassionate ways to address the homelessness and housing crisis," Brock said. "It is so important that our transition-age youth and low-income families have a safe and stable place to live, and Berkeley Station will provide these households with that secure foundation so they can thrive."

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FRIDAY | MAY 10

MOVIES FRIDAYS ON THE PROMENADE

Join Movie Fridays on the Third Street Promenade for a screening of "Mamma Mia!" on the 1200 block of the Promenade between Arizona and Wilshire. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie will start at 7:30 p.m. No advance registration is required and all ages are welcome. Picnicking is allowed, alcoholic beverages prohibited. Dogs are welcome. Tall chairs are not allowed. For more information, call 310-393-8355.

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC ART WALK AND AUCTION

The 45th annual Venice Family Clinic Art Walk and Auction will entail an art gallery and online auction to celebrate the growth of the Los Angeles arts scene and of Venice Family Clinic, a non-profit community health center that provides quality health to people in need. The art exhibition will showcase the works of over 150 artists who are exclusively Los Angeles-based, including: Ed Ruscha, Larry Bell, Ed Moses, Arthur Jafa, Alison Saar, Kenny Scharf, Jordan Wolfson, Patrisse Cullors, Sayre Gomez, Paul Mpagi Sepuya, Alfonso Gonzalez Jr., Jeremy Shockley, Analia Saban, Nancy Evans and many more. Legendary sculptor Fred Eversley will be honored as the Signature Artist. Proceeds from art sales will help fund Venice Family Clinic's comprehensive health services. Runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 910 Abbot Kinney, Venice. For more information, email justine@ssmandl.com.

NICK OFFERMAN'S WHISKY ODYSSEY

Prepare to embark on a voyage like no other as renowned actor Nick Offerman and the iconic Scotch whisky Lagavulin host an evening of exploration and indulgence to unveil their latest whisky masterpiece. Join this multisensory instalation at 57 Windward Ave., Venice, where you'll step into a world of tropical delights and Scottish charm. The experience will feature an immersive introduction to this new whisky and a chance to meet Offerman himself. Runs from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. To RSVP, visit: https://app.anyroad.com/tours/nick-offerman-whisky-odyssey-lagavulin/s-da883d24.

SATURDAY | MAY 11

BEACH WALK AND SKETCH

Guided by a naturalist, join others in this peaceful pursuit to sketch on the beautiful coastline. Bionculars, drawing boards, pencils, newsprint provided, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools. Free event with the Nature Nexus and the LA Audubon Society, begins at 9 a.m. at Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Free event, registration is requested at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-walk-sketch-2024-tickets-872802023347. In-person registration also available.

FREE BEGINNER PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Join Pickle Pop and Nature Made to learn how to play pickleball, America's fastest-growing sport. This two-hour beginner clinic, beginning at 10 a.m. at Pickle Pop, 1231 3rd Street Promenade, covers the basics on how to get started, and by the end of this course you'll be ready to hit the courts. This course is geared toward beginners, no prior experience required. Just bring yourself and a water bottle, paddles and balls will be provided. Comfortable athletic clothing and shoes recommended. Registration is free and can be done at: https://book.picklepop.co/programs/nature-made.

FIRE SERVICE DAY

Join the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Fire Department in celebrating Fire Service Day at Fire Station 1, 1337 7th St., beginning at 10 a.m. Open house activities for families and children include fire engines and trucks to explore, station tours and important emergency preparedness information.

COMMUNITAS 2024

You are invited to join the Church in Ocean Park in affirmation of the power of community and to honor those who make a difference and inspire others. Outstanding individuals who embody and elevate the spirit of community will be honored, with the 26th Communitas honorees being Roger Gawne, Shelley Tochluk and Dr. Kathryn Jeffery. To commemorate this first year back in person, special recognition will be given to Communitas Honorees of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, who were previously honored online. Gathering and social time begins at 4:30 p.m., dinner begins at 5 p.m., program begins at 6 p.m. Individual tickets $75. For more information, call 310-399-1631.

DIVERSE VERSES PRESENTS POET VOLUME 8

Celebrate Mother's Day Eve by bringing your mom to an enriching audio/visual evening of music, fashion, cuisine and poetry! Featured poets are Kevynn Brewer, Saint Ice, Ravina, Ms. Drea The Poet, The Oracle and Dig Wayne. Cocktail hour menu includes mini cheeseburger sliders with pickle and Chef Max's relish, chicken sate skewers with a tangy peanut glaze, and mini reuben sandwiches with corned beef, swiss cheese and sauerkraut on cocktail rye. Charcuterie provided by Becky Brown of "Charcu to You." Cash bar available. General admission $25, premiere cocktail table $35, VIP ticket $50. Tickets can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diverse-verses-la-presents-poet-volume-8-tickets-888028837157.

SUNSET VIBES SILENT DISCO

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A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

"A Night at the Oscars" marks the finale concert of the Santa Monica Symphony's 2023-2024 season. Pieces include themes from "Forrest Gump," "Out of Africa," "Rocky" and "Star Wars." Seating is first-come, first-serve, doors open at 6:30 p.m. at John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1630 Pearl St. To reserve a free ticket, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-symphony-a-night-at-the-oscars-tickets-681934222617

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Summons

State of South Carolina; County of York; in the Probate Court; Case No: 2015ES4600513; Estate of William Commodore Pratt; Summons; Rita D. Pratt, Petitioner; Buffy Deneke; Monique Pratt; Pary Hart; Whitney Pratt; Hanna Chappa; William Deneke; Alissa Deneke; Andrew Deneke; Michael Deneke, William Deneke, Respondents; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition in this action to determine heirs of William Commodore Pratt which Petition was filed with this Summons on June 9, 2023 and is a part of the public record at the York County Probate Court located at 2 S. Congress Street, York, South Carolina and to serve your answer to the Petition upon the Petitioner at the Law Office of John P. Gettys, Jr., 331 E. Main Street, Suite 300, Rock Hill, SC 29730, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Summons, exclusive of the day of such service and if you fail to answer the Petition judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date June 25, 2024. Time 10:00 a.m.Place: York County Probate Court, 2 S. Congress Street, York, SC 29745Matter: HEARING ON PETITION TO ESTABLISH HEIRS OF WILLIAM COMMODORE PRATT as captioned in the accompanying Summons which is a part of this Notice. The purpose of this hearing is to determine the heirs at law of William Commodore Pratt whose estate was not previously probated. Any spouse or child of William Commodore Pratt must appear before the Court as required under the terms of the Summons or waive any rights to be acknowledged as a child forever.

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00136Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Emelina Calder Spinelli for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Emelina Calder Spinelli a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Emelina Calder Spinelli to Emelina Summer Calder 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 05/24/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401A 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.

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MICROFOREST

FROM PAGE 1

that they have a better opportunity to each get sunshine," explained SMC Sustainability Director Ferris Kawar.

Kawar went on to add that when the microforest's canopy trees mature, fallen leaves from the trees will break down and become mulch and compost for building future soil, growing "just like a natural forest would" while reducing the need for water and added soil amendments. The space will grow five times faster than a typical woodland, sequestering carbon at a faster rate and creating "little pockets of biodiversity" that allow native species to live and thrive. Small species like bees and hummingbirds have already begun arriving on campus for that very purpose.

He noted that the project is not only a win for the SMC and Santa Monica communities, but for nature as a whole.

"During (the COVID-19 pandemic), we had nature creeping back into cities and that was really exciting for most people," Kawar said. "But then as we all came back to work, we've forgotten how important that is, and that it's possible (for) nature (to) reclaim a city, and if we help re-wild our open spaces, we realize it will come back, nature does come back (and) is very resilient."

The SMC space was exactly what the Malibu Foundation was looking for in a microforest pilot project, with the organization seeking to expand the microforest footprint in the Los Angeles area. The microforest space had previously been implemented by the Foundation this past fall at Juan Bautista De Anza Park in Calabasas, and Malibu Foundation Community Outreach Coordinator Denise DeGarmo said these projects are economically-sensible endeavors that can become self-sufficient quickly and significantly lower ground temperatures.

"What excites me (is that it's) a community project … you're actually, literally, creating a dialogue with the ground you walk on every day, you're learning to communicate with yourself and others in your community with nature," DeGarmo said. "And by doing that, you're able to heal the problems we humans have (created) in a more efficient, long-term, lasting way … nature will heal herself if we help her."

SMC and the Malibu Foundation now have two overarching goals, those being the continued health of the microforest and spreading the word about its benefits. Kawar noted that he's going to take opportunities at upcoming conferences involving state universities, private colleges and other California community colleges to share the project's success.

"SMC has been the first to do many things at the community college level and (we're) making it safe and easier for other colleges to adapt," Kawar added.

On the Foundation's side, the organization's next agenda item is to plant a microforest on the median strip of 18th Street and Olympic Blvd. in partnership with city officials, which would be the first major median strip in the country to implement such a project. A more long-term mission is to attempt an implementation of microforests throughout Los Angeles 2028 Olympics sites like the Athletes' Village.

"We believe that it would be tremendous … (if) every village (was) designed (with) microforests, butterfly gardens, pollinator gardens, and there's no reason not to," DeGarmo said.

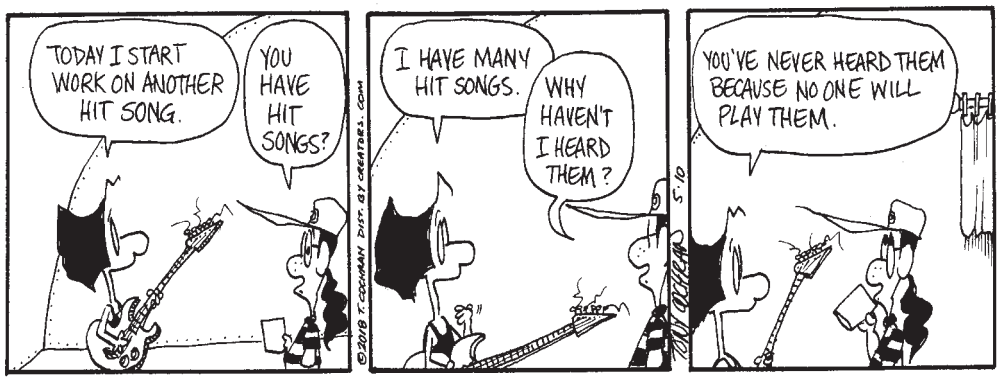
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MICROFOREST: Santa Monica College recently implemented a microforest on its main campus, becoming the first community college in the United States to take on the endeavor.

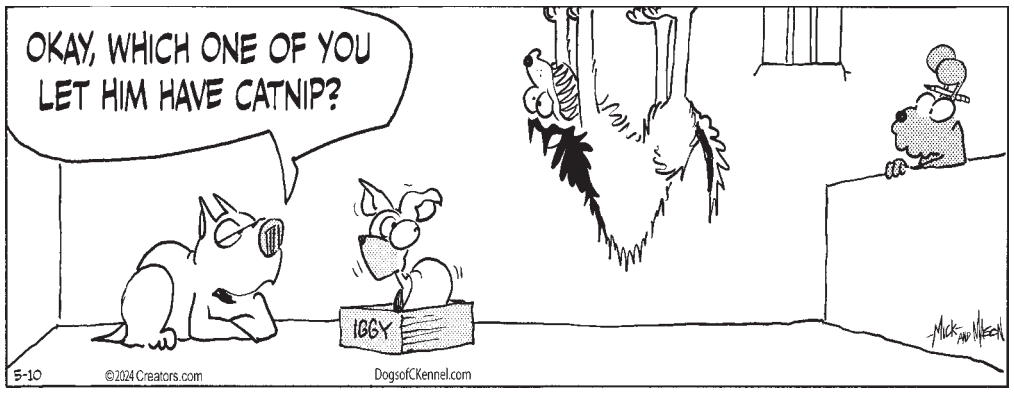
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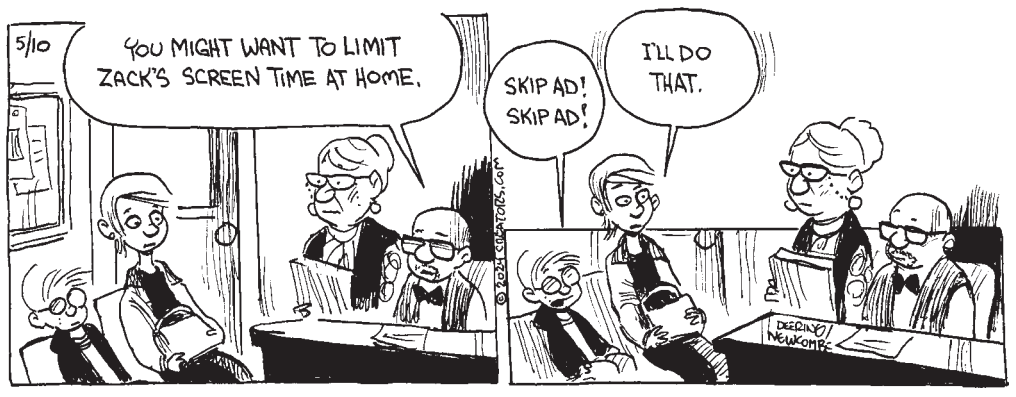
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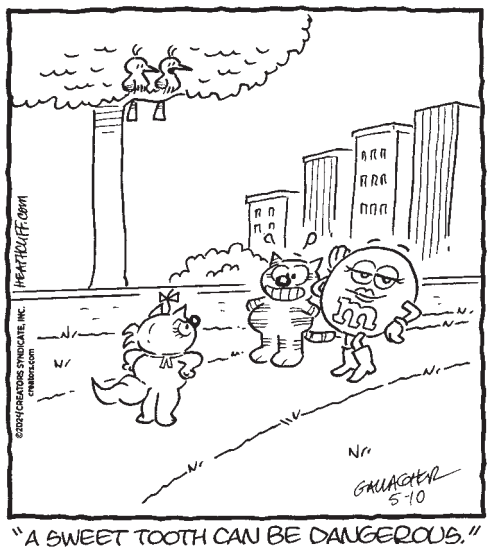
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll wonder if you can enrich your life with new experiences without neglecting your current inner circle. They'll feel it when you do things, and some will be worried about the changes, but you're supposed to change. We all are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Many of your limitations are illusions. You'll keep looking at them from different angles and you'll have the breakthrough in awareness that allows a perspective shift in which you see your way around, over and through them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Of course, the company you're with makes all the difference. Around certain people you seem to relax while also somehow getting sharper and more excited about life, and you naturally focus on vivid and joyful details.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). From time to time everyone moving along life's path will stub a toe - evidence of forward movement. When it happens, praise yourself for your progress and walk off the pain that can never belong to one who is standing still.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The work you are doing may be serious, but your attitude doesn't have to be. You can do meticulous work in a bright, relaxed mood. Stay flexible in the moment and you'll settle into your most effective tone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will take pleasure in observing the intricate dance of human behavior. Delving into people's motivations and reactions offers not just strategic insights but also a deeper appreciation for the complexities that drive us.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid sharing first-world problems with those who have seen real hardship. Experienced people aren't always easygoing in their communication, but they are good to consult, keeping all in a proper perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might wonder how things would have developed had you gotten everything you wanted. But whatever did or did not happen in the past, what's happening now is what matters. You'll leverage it in a beautiful way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It feels as though you can't help a situation, but you can, just by showing up. You won't have to do much else. Small assurances won't make up for the vast enormity of unanswerable questions, but they matter more than you'd think!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in a generous mood, but think twice before you volunteer. Give yourself time before responding. Do calculations on the matter. There's a lot that would be possible, or even fun to do, but will it serve your bottom line?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Comfort is all well and good and you should definitely enjoy it while it's yours, but don't stay there too long. It is in moments of challenge when your true essence shines.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Timing, nepotism and any number of other factors can contribute to a rise in status. The one in charge may be very talented indeed, and so are you. Let nothing deter you from believing in your ability to fulfill your ambitions.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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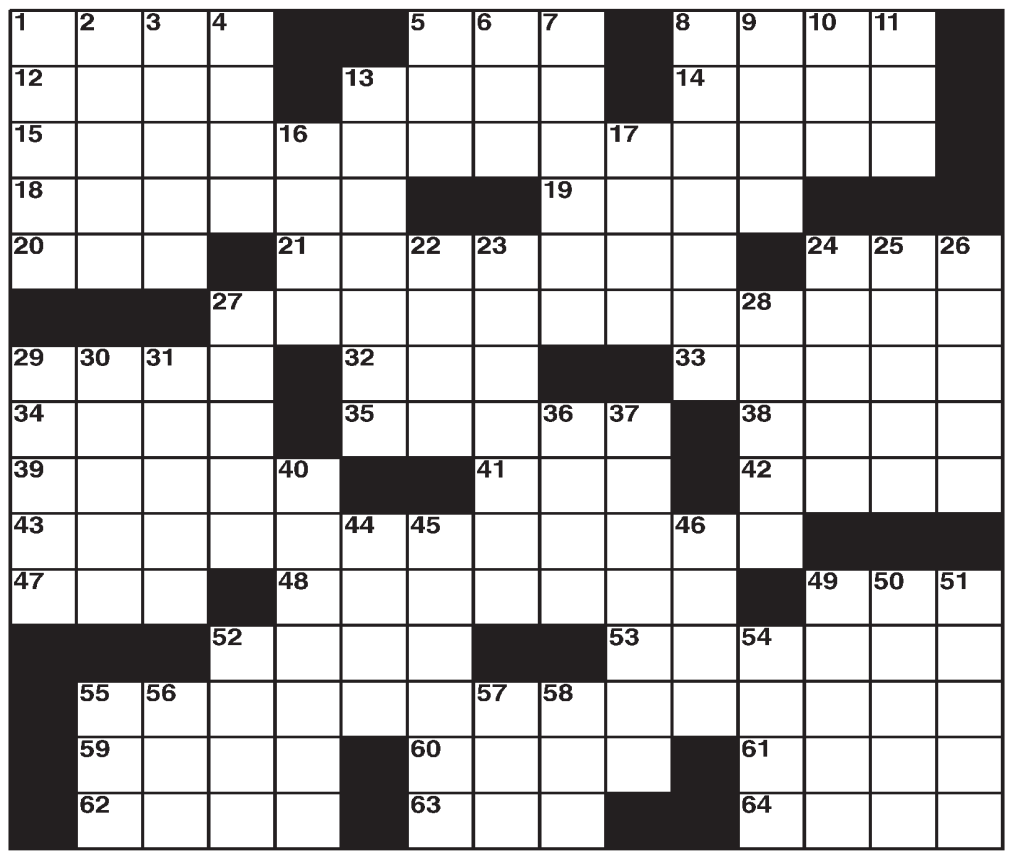
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ACROSS

1 Private Benjamin portrayer
5 Whom Affleck married in '22
8 Further
12 *Les Miz* excerpt
13 Promotional medium
14 Sistine Chapel subject
15 Summer months in India
18 Train tech
19 Modicum
20 Jr. and sr.
21 It's free of charge
24 Fed. health law
27 Where Johnny Cash sang "Busted"
29 Thoroughly
32 Spy-fi guy Deighton
33 "Sup, bro"
34 Bench wear
35 Monitor display choice
38 Assists in parasailing
39 "Grand" production
41 US property overseer
42 "If you done it, it __ bragging"
43 Haters of wisdom
47 Maestro
48 Do like
49 Bonsai base
52 Uncommon blood, informally
53 Certain fighting force
55 Literary islander
59 Constant
60 Hardly rapid rate
61 Novak Djokovic, by birth
62 "The Prince of Soul"
63 All the same
64 Theme of the puzzle

DOWN

1 Overdramatic
2 Clamorous
3 Air pair
4 Pelé played for it in the '70s
5 *Friends* star, in headlines
6 __ Altos, CA
7 Flashy, as push-ups
8 Stone craft
9 A Kardashian ex
10 Cleared out
11 A couple of things in common
13 *A Christmas Carol*, e.g.
16 Vintner's prefix
17 Up on
22 Manipulator
23 Much later, at noon
24 "Ditto"
25 Hold together
26 Unsettling state
27 Nintendo racing game series
28 Flyspecks
29 Product of some plants
30 What it's all about
31 Falstaffian
36 World Cup zone
37 V, for *Henry V*
40 Mindless
44 Sign for what hasn't arrived
45 Pen of a sort
46 ND + SD, c. 1880
49 Spanish avenue
50 Products of some plants
51 Karate offshoot
52 Listen to
54 Dishevel
55 Suit spec
56 Ovid's omelet, essentially
57 Dig this
58 "__ cool"



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