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Population decrease and housing increase drive local vacancy rate to 10%

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Santa Monica's total vacancy rate, including single family homes and multi-unit housing could be as high as 10 percent according to new data released by the State of California's Department of Finance this week.

According to the State, Santa Monica's 2023 population was 91,720 with a total of 53,422 housing units for an average household size of about 1.86. Of those units 47,941 are occupied for a vacancy rate of 10.3 percent. Of the total housing units, the Department of Finance figures report 11,700 are "single" units, 194 are mobile homes with the rest in multi-unit properties.

Santa Monica's vacancy rate is driven in part by the local expression of a statewide trend: declining population and increased construction. The local population declined by about 1,600 people in the past three years while the city built 793 housing units.

In the past year, Santa Monica's population was essentially stable with just 19 people leaving the city. Santa Monica was one of 356 cities to lose population while 125 gained population and one had no change.

Across the state, pandemic era trends of population decline also slowed with California reporting a 0.35-percent population decline for 2022, roughly 138,400 persons (down from about half a percent).

According to the State, stable births, fewer deaths, and a rebound in foreign immigration slowed California's population decline in 2022, with the state's population estimated at 38,940,231 people as of January 1, 2023. Over the same period, statewide housing growth increased to 0.85 percent – its highest level since 2008. California added 123,350 housing units on net, including 20,683 accessory dwelling units (ADUs), to bring total housing in the state to 14,707,698 units. New construction represents 116,683 housing units with 63,423 single family housing units, 51,787 multi-

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County / City	POPULATION			HOUSING UNITS							Vacancy Rate	Persons per Household
	Total	Household	Group Quarters	Total	Single Detached	Single Attached	Two to Four	Five Plus	Mobile Homes	Occupied		
Santa Monica	91,720	89,195	2,525	53,422	9,807	1,893	5,221	36,307	194	47,941	10.3%	1.86
Sierra Madre	10,821	10,820	1	5,124	3,559	341	328	896	0	4,818	6.0%	2.25
Signal Hill	11,431	11,377	54	4,770	1,506	656	640	1,968	0	4,560	4.4%	2.49
South El Monte	19,461	19,394	67	5,181	3,569	240	300	642	430	5,042	2.7%	3.85
South Gate	92,628	92,524	104	25,851	15,790	2,050	3,366	4,359	286	25,334	2.0%	3.65
South Pasadena	26,273	26,081	192	11,211	5,034	696	1,368	4,113	0	10,638	5.1%	2.45
Temple City	35,813	35,317	496	12,377	9,956	961	366	993	101	11,832	4.4%	2.98
Torrance	143,057	141,625	1,432	58,955	30,976	3,812	3,631	19,451	1,085	56,734	3.8%	2.50
Vernon	205	205	0	78	24	0	0	54	0	72	7.7%	2.85
Walnut	27,553	27,513	40	9,241	8,717	141	58	322	3	8,832	4.4%	3.12
West Covina	107,893	107,100	793	35,394	22,646	3,423	1,296	7,682	347	34,054	3.8%	3.15
West Hollywood	34,793	34,665	128	26,180	2,263	730	2,284	20,860	43	23,640	9.7%	1.47
Westlake Village	7,919	7,768	151	3,440	2,413	654	111	154	108	3,262	5.2%	2.38
Whittier	87,291	85,290	2,001	30,551	19,810	1,490	2,308	6,758	185	29,531	3.3%	2.89
Balance Of County	997,999	977,795	20,204	315,357	220,766	18,901	18,103	47,475	10,112	302,867	4.0%	3.23
Incorporated	8,763,211	8,564,986	198,225	3,348,825	1,537,248	227,818	280,472	1,257,101	46,186	3,169,126	5.4%	2.70
County Total	9,761,210	9,542,781	218,429	3,664,182	1,758,014	246,719	298,575	1,304,576	56,298	3,471,993	5.2%	2.75

Courtesy image

VACANCY: State officials estimate about 10 percent of all housing is vacant.

California is losing population and building new houses. Will home prices come down?

BEN CHRISTOPHER
Special to the Daily Press

This month Californians worried about the cost of housing were offered the rarest of gifts: a glimmer of hope.

New numbers released by the Newsom administration show that California added homes to its housing stock at a faster clip than any time since the Great Recession — 123,350 additional units, or an increase of 0.85%.

Over that same period, the state's population declined, marking the third year in a row that it's fallen from one new year to the next.

Put those two numbers together and a surprising statistic emerges: There are now more homes per person — 3,770 units for every 10,000 Californians — than there have been since at least 1991.

For a state that has long suffered from too many people trying to cram themselves into too few homes, that's an encouraging number at first glance.

It's also the kind of news that might lead a person to wonder: Does this California exodus mean the state's perennial housing shortage is finally coming to an end?

The long answer is "it's complicated."

Though many analysts have tried, no consensus exists on just how many more homes the state would need to build (or how many more people would need to leave)

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Writers strike felt in missing NBC stars, absence of Fox schedule for TV sales pitches

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AP Media Writer

The impact of the Hollywood writers strike was felt as major television networks began their annual week of sales presentations to advertisers on Monday, with news personalities like Willie Geist and Stephanie Ruhle left to hawk comedies and dramas for NBC Universal.

Fox declined to announce a fall television schedule on Monday, citing uncertainties created by the strike.

Some 11,500 members of the Writers Guild for America, saying the rise of streaming has hurt their

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WGA

STRIKE: The writers are organizing picket lines at several studios.



20 and up: LeBron James defies time, propels Lakers to conference finals

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

As his NBA career approaches the dawn of its third decade, LeBron James plays almost exclusively alongside teammates who grew up watching him dominate their game.

He has played against the sons of his basketball contemporaries, and he has played against one of his own 18-year-old son's former high school teammates. That son, Bronny, is headed to college at USC in the fall, an achievement that sparks a father's proud smile whenever he mentions it.

Signs of time's passage are all around the 38-year-old James, yet the new top scorer in NBA history is defying all conventional wisdom about growing older in his mercilessly athletic sport.

When he's fully healthy — which is admittedly true less often than he would like — the third-oldest active player in the league still sprints, dunks, throws no-look passes and competes with the intensity that has kept him at the top for 20 punishing NBA seasons.

"Bron is just different," Lakers big man Anthony Davis said. "He keeps showing us, showing you. He's not done yet, either."

Two days before his Los Angeles Lakers eliminated the vaunted Golden State Warriors to reach the Western Conference finals last week, James was named to the All-NBA third team. James made one of the three teams for the jaw-dropping 19th time even though he played in only 56 games this season.

"I don't take those moments for granted," James said. "I don't take anything that I've been able to accomplish for granted, and I'm always appreciative. To be a part of that class of 15 guys is still pretty cool, even at my age and where I'm at right now, Year 20. Just don't take it for granted.

"Obviously, I've got bigger fish to fry. But those small moments, those small wins right there, is all part of the journey, all part of the legacy."

The big fish is his fifth NBA championship, which is somehow just eight wins away from being caught at the close of a tumultuous Lakers season. Even getting this close to James' 11th career NBA Finals appearance is incredible, considering these Lakers started the season 2-10 and sat at 26-32 in mid-February, shortly after James broke Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's league scoring record.

But after a 27-12 run through the past two months highlighted by knocking off second-seeded Memphis and the defending NBA champions, James' Lakers open the conference finals at top-seeded Denver on Tuesday night. The Lakers haven't lost back-to-back games since March 17, and they've lost just once at home since March 26.

To use the phrase frequently deployed by first-year Lakers coach Darvin Ham, James' fingerprints are all over the Lakers' success — particularly in their biggest games.

In the first round, James had the first 20-point, 20-rebound playoff game of his career during the Lakers' Game 4 victory over Memphis — and he also hit the dramatic tying shot in the final second of regulation. In the second round, James racked up 30 points, nine rebounds and nine assists in the clinching Game 6 victory over defending champion Golden State, conjuring his first 30-point playoff outing since the 2020 season.

> "I've been around some elite, top-tier, top-5 talent in the NBA as a player and a coach"
> - Darvin Ham

Ham was still a player in James' first two NBA seasons. He calls LeBron's Year 20 performance, particularly after a late-season injury, "unreal."

"I've been around some elite, top-tier, top-5 talent in the NBA as a player and a coach," Ham said. "Kobe was nothing short of amazing. Giannis (Antetokounmpo). (But) LeBron, I've never seen anything like it. ... Top five, dead or alive, ever to play in the NBA."

Indeed, no basketball player has ever stood on the sport's biggest stages as often and as long as James, and he has repeatedly thrived under the spotlight of 16 NBA postseasons and three Olympics. The Lakers' elimination of the Warriors was James' 41st career playoff series victory, passing Derek Fisher for the most series wins by one player in NBA history.

He has played in a league-record 278 postseason games, and his 7,912 career playoff points are nearly 2,000 more than Michael Jordan (5,987) atop the NBA's career playoff scoring list. He's even the fourth-leading rebounder in NBA playoff history with 2,511 boards — that's a whopping 1,120 more than the next-highest active player, Draymond Green.

The Lakers' achievements are even more impressive because James missed a full month down the regular-season stretch due to a right foot injury that still limits his explosiveness. Los Angeles went 8-5 without him and then went 6-2 after he returned in late March.

One play-in victory and two commanding playoff series wins later, the seventh-seeded Lakers are four wins away from another Finals for the four-time championship

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Repelled by high car prices, Americans are holding on to their vehicles longer than ever

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AP Auto Writer

With new and used cars still painfully expensive, Ryan Holdsworth says he plans to keep his 9-year-old Chevy Cruze for at least four more years. Limiting his car payments and his overall debt is a bigger priority for him than having a new vehicle.

A 35-year-old grocery store worker from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Holdsworth would probably be in the market for a vehicle within a few years — if not for the high cost. For now, it's out of the question.

> "You're not going to get one for a price you can afford"
> - Ryan Holdsworth

"You're not going to get one for a price you can afford," he said.

Holdsworth has plenty of company. Americans are keeping their cars longer than ever. The average age of a passenger vehicle on the road hit a record 12.5 years this year, according to data gathered by S&P Global Mobility. Sedans like Holdsworth's are even older, on average — 13.6 years.

Blame it mainly on the pandemic, which in 2020 triggered a global shortage of automotive computer chips, the vital component that runs everything from radios to gas pedals to transmissions. The shortage drastically slowed global assembly lines, making new vehicles scarce on dealer lots just when consumers were increasingly eager to buy.

Prices reached record highs. And though they've eased somewhat, the cost of a vehicle still feels punishingly expensive to many Americans, especially when coupled with now much-higher loan rates.

Since the pandemic struck three years ago, the average new vehicle has rocketed 24% to nearly $48,000 as of April, according to Edmunds.com. Typical loan rates on new-car purchases have ballooned to 7%, a consequence of the Federal Reserve's aggressive streak of interest rate hikes to fight inflation.

It's all pushed the national average monthly auto loan payment to $729 — prohibitively high for many. Experts say a family earning the median U.S. household income can no longer afford the average new car payment and still cover such necessities as housing, food and utilities.

Used vehicle prices, on average, have surged even more since the pandemic hit — up 40%, to nearly $29,000. With an average loan rate having reached 11%, the typical monthly used-vehicle payment is now $563.

Faced with deciding between making a jumbo payment and keeping their existing vehicles, more owners are choosing to stick with what they have, even if it means spending more on repairs and maintenance.

Auto mechanics have been struck by the rising ages and mileages of vehicles that now arrive at the shop in numbers they'd never seen before.

"You see cars all the time in here with 250,000, 300,000 miles," said Jay Nuber, owner of Japanese Auto Professional Service, a repair garage near downtown Ann Arbor, Michigan. "They haven't been really having major work or anything. They've just been doing the (routine) service."

It doesn't mean that most owners of older vehicles are necessarily stuck with constant repair bills. One reason people can hold their vehicles for increasingly long periods is that auto manufacturing has improved over time. Engines run longer. Bodies don't rust as quickly. Components last longer.

Yet the cost of buying either a new or used vehicle is leaving more people with essentially no choice but to keep the one they have.

"The repair-versus-buy equation changed," said Todd Campau, an associate director with S&P. Even with rising repair costs, Campau said, it's still typically more cost-effective to fix an older vehicle than to spring for a purchase.

The average vehicle age, which has been edging up since 2019, accelerated this year by a substantial three months. And while 12.5 years is the average, Campau noted, more vehicles are staying on the road for 20 years or more, sometimes with three or four successive owners.

In such cases, the third or fourth owner is getting a much older car than they would have in the past. Nearly 122 million vehicles on the road are more than a dozen years old, Campau said. S&P predicts that the number of older vehicles will keep growing until at least 2028.

Even with more durable vehicles able to last longer, all of this has created a boom time for auto shops. Through most of last year, Nuber's Japanese Auto was overwhelmed with customers. It took up to three weeks to get an appointment, whether for repairs or the routine maintenance that older vehicles, in particular, require.

"The phone just kept ringing, and the cars just kept coming," Nuber said.

It's now at the point where some vehicle owners must decide whether to pay for a repair that costs more than their vehicle is worth. That's where many of them draw the line, said Dave Weber, manager at Japanese Auto.

On Friday, Weber said, one customer needed rear brakes, wheel bearings and exhaust system repairs. The customer decided to do only half the repairs and wait until later to decide whether to sink more money into the aging vehicle.

"They patch them up and drive them for however long, until the next major repair," Weber said.

S&P predicts that U.S. new vehicle sales will reach 14.5 million this year, from about 13.9 million last year. A big reason is that the supply at dealerships is finally growing. Automakers have also begun to restore some discounts that had long helped keep a lid on prices. The result is that many people who can afford to buy can now do so. It's a trend that could slow the advancing age of the U.S. fleet and boost overall sales.

Still, no one is predicting a return to pre-pandemic annual sales of around 17 million anytime soon. Even with discounts, new-vehicle prices are likely to stay much higher than pre-pandemic levels for years to come.

As for Holdsworth, the Chevy Cruze owner, he plans to keep up with the scheduled maintenance on his car, especially routine oil changes. Even if he encountered a major repair, he thinks he'd probably pay for it.

Having bought his vehicle two years ago, Holdsworth has about two years of payments left. So his Cruze, too, may reach the 12.5-year-old national average.

"I'll finish paying it off," he said, "and drive it for a couple more years."

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INVITATION FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

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Bids Due: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at 2PM

Project Scope:

1. Selective demolition of drywall, plaster, and concrete to support and provide structural design.

Subcontractors Required:
C-21 and C-22 Demo and Abatement

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Requests for Information (RFI's): Requests for information for this project are due by 5:00 pm, June 2, 2023. Bidders are required to indicate the project name in the title of your request submission. Submit all requests for information to Justin Gilbert at justin.gilbert@blach.com

Contract Bid Documents: Copies of the bid & contract documents including drawings and specifications are available through Building Connected. Please reach out to Justin Gilbert with Blach Construction at (209) 505-2551 or justin.gilbert@blach.com for access as needed.

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The successful bidder will be required to have the appropriate State of California Contractor's License to perform the work, current at the time of submission to bid.

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a. This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Compliance Monitoring Unit ("CMU") of the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.3 and subject to the requirements of section 16450 et seq. of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner weekly and within ten (10) days of any request by the District or the Labor Commissioner in accordance with section 16461 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, of the Labor Code.

b. In bidding this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all Labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in this bid.

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For more information, please contact Justin Gilbert with Blach Construction Company at (209) 505-2551 or justin.gilbert@blach.com.

More dogs could show up in outdoor dining spaces. Not everyone is happy about it

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AP Business Writer

Just in time for the summer dining season, the U.S. government has given its blessing to restaurants that want to allow pet dogs in their outdoor spaces.

But even though nearly half of states already allow canine dining outdoors, the issue is far from settled, with many diners and restaurants pushing back against the increasing presence of pooches.

> "I'd like to be able to enjoy my meal without having to worry about fleas, pet hair, barking and entitled dogs and their owners"
> - Tracy Chiu Parisi, a food blogger in New York

"I'd like to be able to enjoy my meal without having to worry about fleas, pet hair, barking and entitled dogs and their owners," said Tracy Chiu Parisi, a food blogger in New York, who was once startled by a dog that stuck its head in her lap while she was reading a menu.

Restaurants have been required to allow service dogs for decades. But it wasn't until the mid-2000's that a handful of states — including Florida and Illinois — began passing laws allowing dogs in outdoor dining spaces, according to the Animal Legal and Historical Center at Michigan State University. Twenty-three states now have such laws or regulations.

But the legal landscape is confusing. Michigan law doesn't allow dogs in outdoor dining spaces, for example, but lets restaurants apply for a variance from their county health department.

So in 2020, the Conference for Food Protection — a group of food industry and health experts that advises the government — asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to issue guidance for states. It cited a 2012 risk assessment in Australia and New Zealand that found that the health risk to human diners from dogs was very low.

The FDA's updated food code, issued late last year, says restaurants can have dogs in outdoor areas if they get approval from a local regulator. Restaurants should have signs saying dogs are welcome and should develop plans to handle dogs and their waste. They should ensure dogs remain properly restrained and provide separate food bowls so dogs don't use plates or utensils meant for humans.

The new guidance comes as U.S. pet ownership is rising. Nearly 87 million U.S. households now have a pet, up from 85 million in 2019, according to the American Pet Products Association.

And experts say more people are looking for dining options that will accommodate their dogs. Yelp searches for businesses using the "dogs allowed" filter jumped 58% between the year ending May 1, 2021, and the year ending May 1, 2023. A total of 47,415 businesses now describe themselves as "dog friendly" on Yelp, the company says.

"Younger pet owners, Millennials and Generation Z, have incredibly strong bonds with their pets and they are willing to act upon that," said Steven Feldman, president of the Human Animal Bond Research Institute. "They are more likely to frequent — and express a preference for — pet-friendly businesses."

Monty Hobbs, the managing director of a digital marketing agency in Washington, can often be found at local restaurant patios with Mattox, his 5-year-old terrier and miniature schnauzer mix. Some waiters even bring Mattox bits of bacon.

Hobbs stresses that he doesn't take Mattox everywhere. "He's my dog. He's not my child," he said.

But Mattox is well-behaved, he said, so it's nice to know they can drop in at a neighborhood bar if they're out taking a walk.

At Zazie, a San Francisco bistro, diners get $10 off a bottle of wine on Mondays if they bring their dogs, who get treats donated by the pet store across the street.

"It's great for business. People really enjoy bringing their dog out with them," said Megan Cornelius, Zazie's co-owner.

But other restaurants are saying no to Fido.

The Salty Dog Café in Hilton Head, South Carolina, allowed dogs on its patio when it first opened in 1987. But two years later, it banned them. Too many dogs were barking through meals, fighting, lying in walkways and stealing hot dogs from kids' plates, says Tim Stearns, the Salty Dog's chief operating officer.

If diners object, the Salty Dog points them to a separate dog-friendly deck where they can eat takeout food from the restaurant. But most diners seem to appreciate the policy.

"We are all dog lovers at Salty Dog, but we remain a restaurant for humans," Stearns said.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Santa Monica's Progressive Legacy Going South

BY MARIA LOYA

April 12th, 2023 marked seven years since the Pico Neighborhood Association and I filed a lawsuit challenging Santa Monica's at-large city council elections for violating the California Voting Rights Act. By then, the at-large election system had worked for 70 years to largely prevent Black & Latino candidates supported by voters of color and allies to win a seat on the Santa Monica City Council.

For all that time, the Pico Neighborhood, where Santa Monica's Latino community is concentrated, was without representation. The impact of not having political representation resulted in years of neglect and marginalization of Pico Neighborhood residents. In the Pico Neighborhood, we endured the environmental racism of the freeway, trash sorting facility, landfill and hazardous waste storage facility, unabated drug use and gun violence. Our neighborhood had no voice in city government and nobody to turn to when we needed help from the City. It is no wonder then that the vast majority of the hundreds of kids molested by employees of the Police Activities League (PAL) resided in the Pico Neighborhood.

In 2018 the Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that Santa Monica's at-large elections violated the California Voting Rights Act. Indeed, the court found that the at-large election system was established and maintained with the purpose of denying non-white voters effective representation.

Rather than accept the court's ruling and implement the fair district elections ordered by the court, the City Council appealed, fearing that district elections might threaten their power and privilege. While that appeal was temporarily successful, as the appellate court ruled there were not enough Latino voters in the Pico Neighborhood to create a Latino-majority district, the City's victory was short-lived. The California Supreme Court granted our petition for review, and immediately de-published the lower appellate court's opinion in its entirety. The case is expected to be argued to the California Supreme Court in the next few months.

It should disturb every Democrat to learn where the City of Santa Monica has placed itself on the issue of voting rights. While an army of civil rights groups (e.g. LULAC, Asians Advancing Justice, SCLC of Southern California and Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights) and progressive elected officials (e.g. Sen. Alex Padilla and Congressmembers Correa, Chu and Cardenas) all expressed their support for the voting rights plaintiffs, the City, on the other hand, finds itself in the ideological company of the most right-wing opponents of voting rights. Just as the Republican-led Alabama legislature seeks to weaken the federal Voting Rights Act in Merrill vs. Milligan pending in the U.S. Supreme Court, the City of Santa Monica seeks to weaken the California Voting Rights Act in the California Supreme Court. Just like Republicans in Alabama, those in power in Santa Monica decided that protecting their own power is more important than allowing historically-marginalized Americans from having representation.

If the opponents of voting rights succeed in Alabama and Santa Monica, they will not stop there. They will dismantle similar voting rights protections in other states, like New York, Washington and Virginia, that have modeled their voting rights laws on the remarkably successful California Voting Rights Act. This would be the legacy of the purportedly-progressive Santa Monica councilmembers who placed their own power over voting rights.

Among today's City Council there is only one member who, seven years ago, chose to spend tens of millions of public dollars on attorneys to defend an outdated and racially-discriminatory election system. Though the other six councilmembers did not choose the course the City is on, their legacy will nonetheless depend on whether they correct that course. Will they stand on the right side of history with progressive leaders and civil rights groups? Or will they stand with Republicans in Alabama to enable the dismantling of voting rights everywhere?

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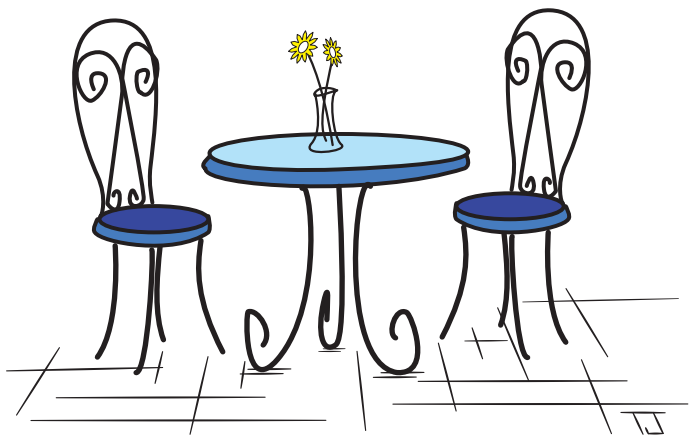
"That's been us since we made acquisitions with our new guys," James said. "We've been able to be very resilient in games. Like I said, we've been playing lot of basketball for about 2 1/2 months now, just trying to punch our clock and to be able to play the right way in the postseason."

Indeed, James and Davis realize they wouldn't be in this position without an impressive midseason reconfiguration of the roster around them. D'Angelo Russell was the Lakers' centerpiece addition at the trade deadline, and the well-traveled guard soon learned something he didn't know about the hard work behind James' transcendence.

"Bron's niche has always been preparedness," Russell said. "A lot of guys' niches is shooting the ball, working hard, outworking guys. LeBron is a film junkie, a basketball junkie, a leadership junkie. To be able to watch it all from the front row, it's almost like a cheat code."

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CRIME WATCH

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ON APRIL 28TH AT MIDNIGHT

SMPD officers responded to Santa Monica Place for a fight involving multiple security guards and additional subjects. Mall security had detained Jordan Wooldridge after he struck one of the guards in the chest and face with a closed fist. Mail security stated that multiple males, one of which was identified as Wooldridge, were involved in an altercation and upon attempting to break up the fight, Wooldridge turned his aggression towards one of the security guards. Wooldridge was arrested for being drunk in public and for assaulting the security guard. Wooldridge was issued a citation with a future court appearance scheduled for June 12, 2023.

VACANCY

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family housing units, and 1,473 mobile homes.

While more people were born than died, and foreign immigration nearly tripled, the total population decline was due migration out of the state.

"With slower domestic in-migration and increased domestic out-migration likely the result of work-from-home changes, declines in net domestic migration offset the population gains from natural increase and international migration," said a report from the Department of Finance.

Forty-six of the state's fifty-eight counties lost population. The ten largest percentage decreases were: Lassen (-4.3 percent), Del Norte (-1.3 percent), Plumas (-1.2 percent), Santa Cruz (-1.0 percent), Marin (-1.0 percent), Tehama (-1.0 percent), Napa (-1.0 percent), Lake (-0.9 percent), Monterey (-0.8 percent), and Los Angeles (-0.8 percent).

Ranked by net housing gains, Los Angeles (19,556), San Diego (7,034), Oakland (4,005), San Francisco (2,823), and Unincorporated Riverside County (2,106) added the most housing units in 2022.

Larger densely populated urban areas built most of the multi-family housing throughout the state. Los Angeles led the state gaining 12,074 multi-family units, comprising 61.7 percent of their net housing growth, followed by San Diego (4,568 for 64.9 percent), Oakland (3,880 for 96.9 percent), and San Francisco (2,573 for 91.1 percent).

The new data was released by the state as part of an annual process to enable state and local agencies to use the information for planning purposes. The data is based on the 2020 census.

"Housing units are estimated by adding new construction and annexations and subtracting demolitions, and adjusting for units lost or gained by conversions," said the report. "Annual housing unit change data are supplied by local jurisdictions and the U.S. Census Bureau. Occupied housing units are estimated by applying a derived civilian vacancy rate to the estimated civilian housing units."

The changes to the housing stock are then combined with occupancy levels and household totals to prepare the annual city population estimates.

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STRIKE

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earning power, walked off the job two weeks after talks on a new contract broke down, and haven't returned to the negotiating table since.

Network late-night shows immediately shut down. Picketing writers targeting some of the few shows shooting episodes forced the shutdown, at least temporarily, of programs including Showtime's "Billions," "Severance" on Apple TV+ and the new Marvel show, "Daredevil: Born Again" on Disney+.

The network sales presentations, known as upfronts because TV executives use them to convince advertisers to lock in commercial spending months in advance, are major events on the television schedule. They opened with turmoil; writers picketed in front of Radio City Music Hall where NBC previewed programming it hoped viewers would be able to see.

Mark Lazarus, NBC Universal president of television and streaming, quickly acknowledged the uncertainties in speaking to the ad representatives.

"It may take some time, but I know we will eventually get through this," Lazarus said, "and the result will be a stronger foundation from which we can all move forward together."

Lazarus came to the stage following a song-and-dance routine by an animated bear, Ted, voiced by creator Seth MacFarlane. Following two movies, the "Ted" character is set to begin a series on the Peacock streaming network.

The upfront presentations are generally known for star power attempting to woo advertisers, but entertainers were notably missing from NBC Universal's presentation. For example, the network and Peacock announced new series that will star Jon Cryer, Jesse L. Martin, Kaley Cuoco and Anthony Hopkins and none of them were there on Monday.

Instead, the new personalities were put in the odd position of pitching entertainment fare, like Geist highlighting programming around the upcoming 50th anniversary of "Saturday Night Live," while Ruhle and business journalist Andrew Ross Sorkin touted new dramas.

Entertainers and creators Amy Poehler, Dick Wolf and Simon Cowell each spoke in taped messages, which NBC said were recorded before the strike began.

Three musicians performed for the crowd, each of them with NBC ties. Reba McEntire was announced as a coach for an upcoming season of "The Voice," Grace Potter was a winner of a past edition and Nick Jonas is a former coach. Jonas noted the audience's cool reaction on a Monday morning.

"I know it's early," he said, "but y'all feel free to let loose a little bit."

Similarly absent entertainers, Fox leaned heavily on sports for its upfront presentation later Monday, beginning and ending with ex-football star Michael Strahan and wrapping up in barely an hour.

At an earlier news conference, Fox executives talked about upcoming shows, but not when they would appear.

"No one has a crystal ball about the duration and impact of the strike," said Dan Harrison, executive vice president of program planning and content strategy. "Once we have a clearer view, we will announce our plans."

Fox executives said that the pandemic offered practice in the need to be flexible when the content pipeline is suddenly shut down.

The strike will likely mean a greater reliance on unscripted fare, said Allison Wallach, president of Fox's unscripted programming. To that end, Fox announced a new game show, "Snake Oil," hosted by David Spade and a music guessing game, "We Are Family," produced and hosted by Jamie Foxx.

Also on Monday, the Peabody Awards, which honor broadcast and streaming media, said it was canceling its June 11 ceremony in Los Angeles because of the strike. Organizers said they "recognize and respect the position" the many recipients find themselves in.

Associated Press Entertainment Writer Andrew Dalton in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

DOGS

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The Blond Giraffe Key Lime Pie Factory in Key West, Florida, banned dogs because it didn't want to be held responsible if a dog ate iguana droppings — which can make them violently ill — or tripped a child or an elderly diner. In at least one case, an unleashed dog at the restaurant killed a neighborhood cat.

Julie Denzin, who has worked as a restaurant server in Milwaukee for more than a decade, has watched dogs drool, fight, growl and relieve themselves on restaurant patios. Dogs have bitten her and knocked her over, causing her to spill scalding hot coffee. She has also encountered diners who are allergic to dogs or afraid of them.

Denzin doesn't think dogs should be banned, but says restaurants should consider designating dog-friendly areas or specific hours when dogs are allowed.

"It's not a matter of liking or disliking dogs," she said. "The point is, regardless of what the owner might say — no matter how perfect and obedient they insist their dog is — there's no way to ensure the safety and comfort of other guests."

Maddie Speirs, a dog trainer with Pawsitive Futures Dog Training in St. Petersburg, Florida, said many people hire her with the goal of training their dogs to eat out at restaurants. Not every dog is cut out for that, she said; they need to be comfortable with noise and unsolicited interactions and able to be able to sit near food for long periods.

> "We are all dog lovers at Salty Dog, but we remain a restaurant for humans
>
> - Tim Stearns, the Salty Dog's chief operating officer

She urges owners to think about who benefits from restaurant visits: them or their dogs.

"If you think it's for your dog, what exactly are they getting out of it?" she said. "It's not as fun of a social interaction for dogs as it is for us."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Downtown

Police Respond to Accidental Gun Shot Downtown

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to reports of shots fired on Monday afternoon on Second Street. Two children were playing with a loaded gun inside a residence when one child accidentally shot himself in the hand. The wounded child was transported to the hospital for a non-life threatening injury while the second child was returned to his parents.

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Citywide

School District Separation Negotiations Continue Despite Delay

Negotiations between the City of Malibu and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), initiated in October 2022, led to agreement on a "Term Sheet," which outlined a framework to accomplish formation of an independent Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica Unified School District. The Term Sheet identified a goal of finalizing three agreements by April 15, 2023, but clarification of additional details will be required to accurately reflect the agreement between the parties.

Most importantly, the parties have reached an agreement that all students will benefit from the creation of independent school districts. Hence, the parties will continue to finalize key terms for the three agreements that will define the separation.

The next mediation session is scheduled for August 8, 2023. Meanwhile, an update on the negotiations was given to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization on May 3 and was provided to the Malibu City Council on May 8.

For more information about the City's efforts to separate from the SMMUSD and create a locally controlled, independent Malibu Unified School District, visit the City's MUSD webpage at www.MalibuCity.org/MUSD.

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The Beach

Ocean Water Use Warning for Los Angeles County Beaches

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health cautions residents who are planning to visit the below Los Angeles County beaches to avoid swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters:

BEACH AREAS WARNINGS:
Malibu Lagoon at Surfrider Beach
Santa Monica Pier in Santa Monica
Santa Monica Canyon Creek at Will Rogers State beach
Escondido Creek at Escondido State Beach
Sweetwater Canyon Storm Drain at Carbon Canyon Beach
Mothers Beach in Marina Del Rey
Inner Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro

These warnings have been issued due to bacterial levels exceeding health standards when last tested.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24-hours a day on the County's beach closure hotline: 1-800-525-5662. To view the map of impacted locations and for more information, please visit PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Beach/.

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Los Angeles

Gloria Molina, Groundbreaking Latina Leader in California Politics, Dies at 74

Gloria Molina, a groundbreaking Chicana leader in state and local California politics for more than 30 years, has died after a three-year battle with cancer, her family announced. She was 74.

Molina died Sunday evening at her Mount Washington home, surrounded by her family, her daughter, Valentina Martinez, said in a statement.

Molina, a Democrat, was the first Latina to serve in the state Assembly, on the Los Angeles City Council and on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Molina paved the way for future generations of leaders, said Karen Bass, who was elected last year as the first woman mayor of Los Angeles.

In a statement, Bass called Molina "a force for unapologetic good and transformational change in Los Angeles" who "advocated for those who did not have a voice in government through her pioneering environmental justice work, her role as a fiscal watchdog, and her advocacy for public health."

Molina was born to working-class parents on May 31, 1948, in Montebello, California, and was the oldest of 10 children.

She was elected to the state Assembly in 1982 and then to the Los Angeles City Council, where she served from 1987 to 1991, when she was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. She served on the board until she was termed out in 2014.

Molina revealed her terminal cancer battle in a Facebook post on March 14.

"You should know that I'm not sad," she wrote. "I enter this transition in life feeling so fortunate. I have an amazing and caring family, wonderful friends, and worked with committed colleagues and a loyal team."

The Board of Supervisors subsequently voted to change the name of downtown's Grand Park to Gloria Molina Grand Park.

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HOUSING

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before we can call an end to the crisis and start to see rents and home prices fall within reach of working and middle class Californians.

But the short answer is "almost definitely, no."

Much of the outflow of residents is itself driven by the high cost of living. In March, the median price of an existing single family California home was $791,490, more than twice the national median of $375,700.

"When house prices go up, people leave," said Dowell Myers, a demographer at the University of Southern California.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said as much in a recent interview with UCLA's Blueprint, naming the cost of living as the "principal driver" and its chronic shortage of homes "our original sin."

And while experts don't agree on exactly how much additional housing the state might need to attain an ill-defined "affordability," they do agree on this much: it's a whole lot more.

JUST HOW BIG IS CALIFORNIA'S HOUSING SHORTAGE?

In 2000, a report issued by California's Department of Housing and Community Development estimated that the state would need to build 220,000 additional units each year for two decades to meet the needs of what was then still a growing population.

Needless to say, that didn't happen. Even last year, a relative high-water mark for home construction, the total was roughly 100,000 units below that goal.

The department published another estimate in 2018 urging 180,000 units per year through 2025. And last year, in putting together housing goals for regions across the state, the department's total prescription added up to 2.5 million new homes over the next eight years (or 315,000 per year).

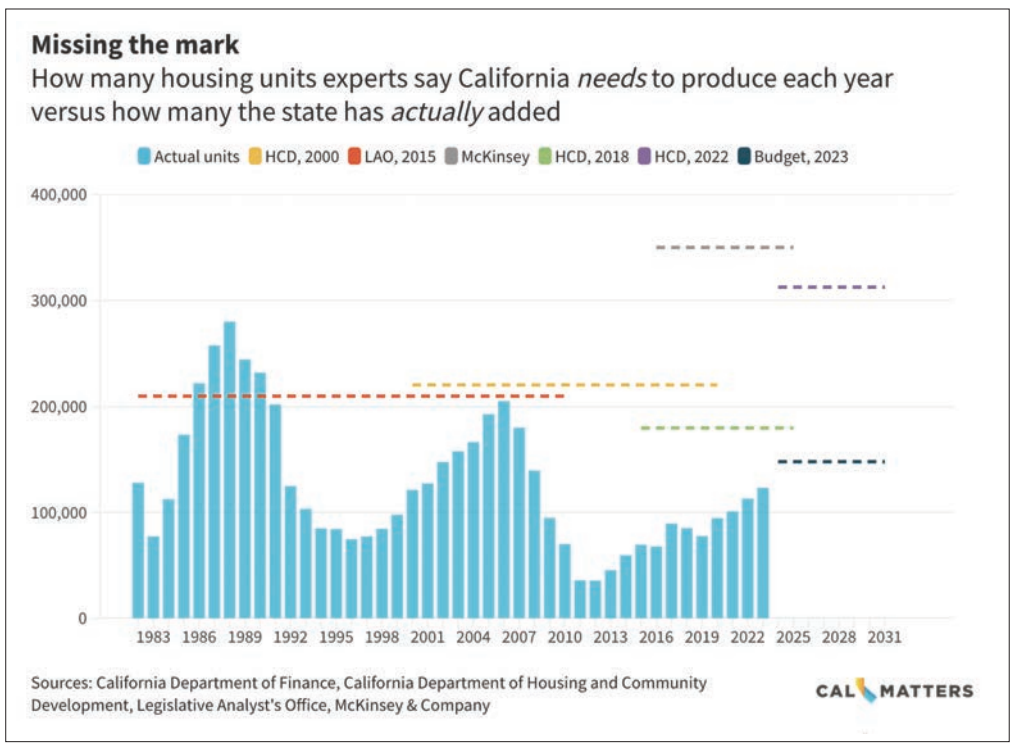
The administration acknowledged the state's sluggish population growth in its latest proposed budget for next year, which gauged the need at 148,000 new units per year.

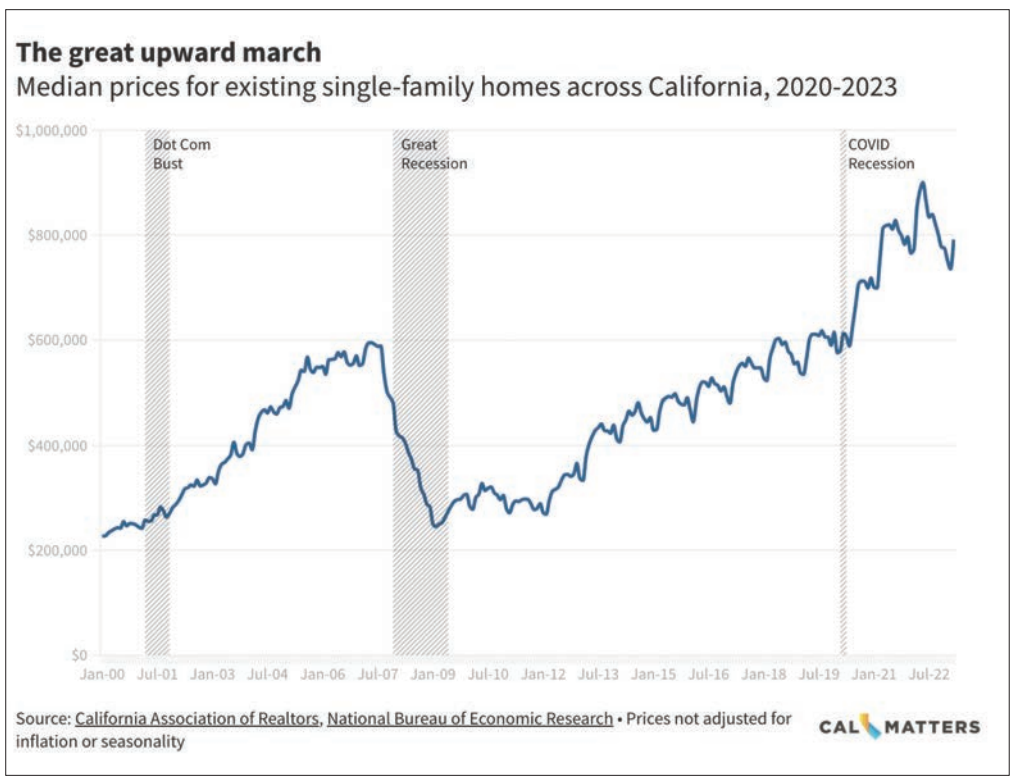
One of the reasons these estimates vary is because there's no single definition of a "housing shortage."

In 2015, for example, the Legislative Analyst's Office, an agency that serves as a think tank for state legislators, framed the issue with the following question: How many units would the state have had to build between 1980 and 2010 to keep the median value of an owner-occupied home increasing at the same rate as the rest of the nation, rather than skyrocketing so much higher, as it has for the last half century?

That definition of the state's shortage led the office to estimate 210,000 each year. Alas, the state has only hit that annual mark five times since 1980 — and not once since 1990.

A year later, the global consulting firm McKinsey & Company, put out its own figure — 3.5 million homes by 2025. Newsom took that eye-popping figure as a rallying cry during his first gubernatorial run, when the then-candidate vowed that California would reach that total by the end of his second term. He's since scaled the pledge back to 2.5 million, a goal the state is still unlikely to reach.





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HOUSING: Housing has become increasingly expensive.

A MOVING TARGET

But the numbers have been moving in a more encouraging direction in recent years.

The totals since 2020: roughly 430,000 new homes and some 821,000 fewer Californians competing to reside within them. That necessarily narrows the gap, however we define it, said Hans Johnson, a researcher at the Public Policy Institute of California.

If the shortage is relatively modest, he said, and "if we continue like this for another decade, with very slow population growth or essentially no population growth, and with fairly robust housing construction, then it should start to eat into that lack of housing," he said.

But if the state needs to hit McKinsey-esque levels of new production, counted in the millions of units, "we're still a long, long way off," he added.

That's in part because the size of the hole is so large. But it's also because the shortfall is "a moving target," explained Len Kiefer, deputy chief economist at the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. The building industry booms and busts. Young Californians grow old enough to live out on their own while older ones begin to die off. And people's housing wants and needs change, too.

HOW COVID WORSENED THE HOUSING CRISIS

A particularly dramatic driver of such change: the pandemic.

Eager to keep COVID at bay and seeking more space to work from home, Californians dumped their roommates when they could and sought out places to live on their own, resulting in a great "spreading out," as analysts at the Public Policy Institute of California put it. The trend toward fewer people living in each home is nationwide and long term. Over the last 40 years, the number of people living alone doubled across the country. But the pandemic put the trend on overdrive.

That worsened the state's housing shortage. Even if the total number of Californians continues its gradual downward drift, more homes are needed to house the roughly 38 million sticking around.

Starting in June 2020, the median price of an existing single-family home shot up from $626,170 to a peak of $900,170 in May 2022, according to data compiled by the California Association of Realtors. That's an increase of 44% in less than two years.

Since then high interest rates have brought California's housing inflation back down to earth slightly. But the median price in March was still 29% above where it was three years earlier.

Whether Californians will begin clustering together again as COVID concerns ease is an open question. But there's no sign that's happening yet. By the beginning of 2023, with the worst of the pandemic presumably behind us, the number of Californians per household hit a record low of 2.77.

A shrinking population, driven largely by outward migration, provides an escape value for some of that extra pressure, said Meyer, the USC demographer. But based on analysis he and his colleagues conducted for the California Association of Realtors, it's easy to imagine demand for homes staying strong, given how large the millennial generation is and how many are now reaching a baby-having, roommate-jettisoning age.

Plus, if the California exodus is a cure to the state's housing shortage, it's also a symptom, said Dowell.

"The ones who are older are leaving because they're (homeowners) cashing in their gains," he said of the nearly 8 million ex-Californians who exited the state last decade."The young people who are leaving, we now think, are leaving because they can't buy a house here."

And even if those departures do ultimately alleviate the state's scarcity of homes, it's not the solution to the problem that anyone should want, adds Johnson from Public Policy Institute of California.

"I don't think any of us who have been advocating for building more housing in California — to help alleviate the shortage of housing we've had and to improve affordability in the state — thought that the best path was just to have the state start to depopulate."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 16)

It's a year of beautiful twists. Small changes made consistently over a long period of time will give you jaw-dropping results. More highlights: You'll earn favorable reviews. A new group embraces you. A meaningful change of address for you or someone dear will have you traveling to make a sweet connection. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 17, 3, 31 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Keep practicing as though you are certain your time will come. When it does, you'll be filled with the confidence and brilliance it takes to fully seize the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because you have high standards for yourself, being merely cordial doesn't seem like the way to go. Instead, you're extremely nice to absolutely everybody, a style that works especially well for you now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Unusual circumstances have you wondering who shares your perception of reality. Other people's takeaways are bound to be different from yours, but many will see the story just as you do, which will be validating.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The more you automate your life, the better it will run. From automatic bill paying to the thermostat, "set it and forget it" is the aim. There's work upfront to figure it out and then your life gets easier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Themes of the day include playing fair, telling the truth and sharing and helping. In that spirit, the air will be cleared and misunderstandings between people will be resolved. Much will be accomplished.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your living and working environment need attention. This is a case of addition by subtraction. You'll get rid of a few things and the picture will artfully come together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll inject new energy and perspective into the mix. You'll create a contagious energy that uplifts those around you. A subtle shift in posture or facial expression can signal to others it's time to embrace an open-minded attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stress causes tightness in the muscles. Stop and reset your thinking. Breathe deeply. From a relaxed state of mind, you will come up with many possible solutions. Sort them into a plan and act on your best ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In some ways we are always in a state of flux, though you feel it more acutely now. Transitions are difficult but they are also the greatest affirmation that you are alive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take winning and losing out of the equation now because truly the outcome will not matter in the least. The most important thing will be to show up and do you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Only the ones who have resisted temptation know how hard that is to do. Your will is strong. What you do or don't do is completely up to you. You'll have great compassion for those of lesser conviction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Feelings can't be wrong or right; they just are. It's taking some time to process your experiences. After you've considered what happened and managed the emotional information, you'll be empowered to move on.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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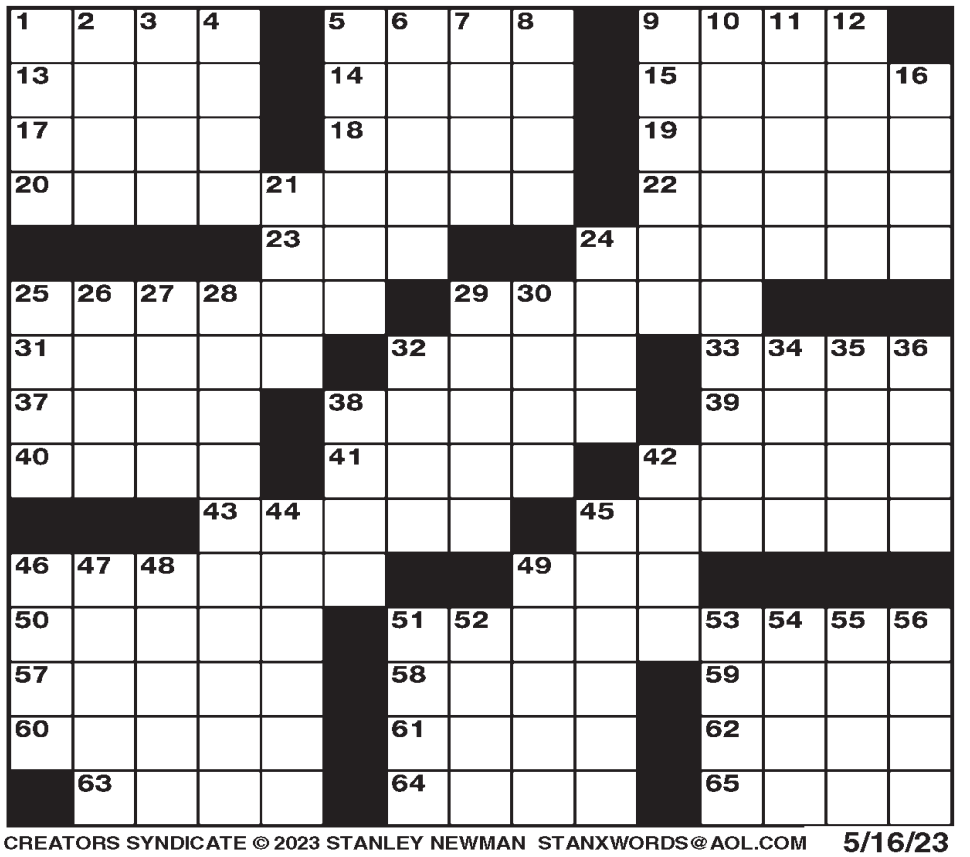
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ACROSS

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5 Wood-cutting tools
9 Partly open, as a door
13 Informal refusal
14 "Not guilty," for one
15 Find the sum of
17 Long race for a runner
18 Bagel or bun
19 The ones over there
20 Track-and-field high-leaping event
22 __ tube (donut-shaped pool toy)
23 Help out
24 Author Hemingway
25 __ Luther King, Jr.
29 Urban backstreet
31 From India or China
32 Close (a door) with a bang
33 Foldable beds
37 Fish's breathing organ
38 Performs alone
39 Neighborhood
40 "It's clear to me now"
41 Sci-fi vehicles: Abbr.
42 Software purchasers
43 As of this date
45 In one's house
46 People walking back and forth
49 Letters on postage stamps
50 Not fresh, as bread
51 Joke's conclusion
57 Motionless
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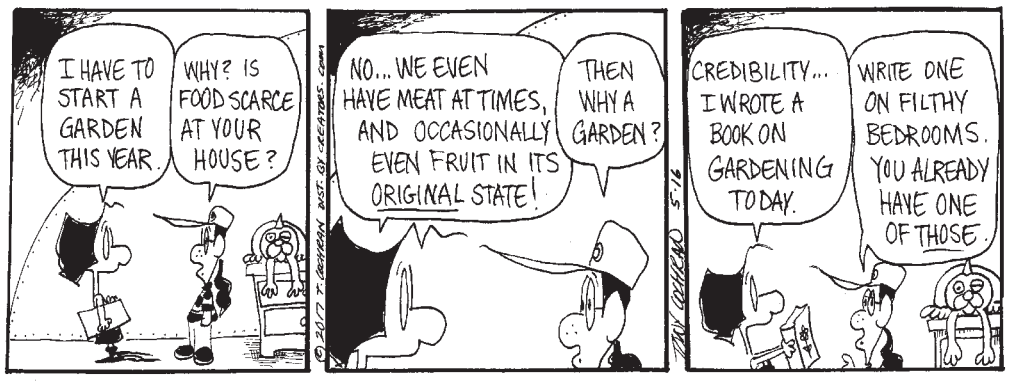
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9 Apparel
10 "I Walk the Line" country singer
11 Make amends
12 Sneaky plans
16 Smart-alecky
21 Too self-centered
24 Shade trees that aren't oaks
25 Yuletide wise men
26 Without a warranty
27 Make angry
28 Person spreading rumors
29 Bronze or brass
30 Neighbor of Vietnam
32 Couch in a den
34 Black-and-white cookie
35 College semester
36 Postage-paid enclosure: Abbr.
38 Bath bubbles
42 Neighbor of Nevada
44 Last words of a threat
45 Wide neckties
46 Attention-getting whisper
47 House's high storage room
48 Capital of Egypt
49 Not up to the job
51 Ship's docking place
52 Open up, as shoelaces
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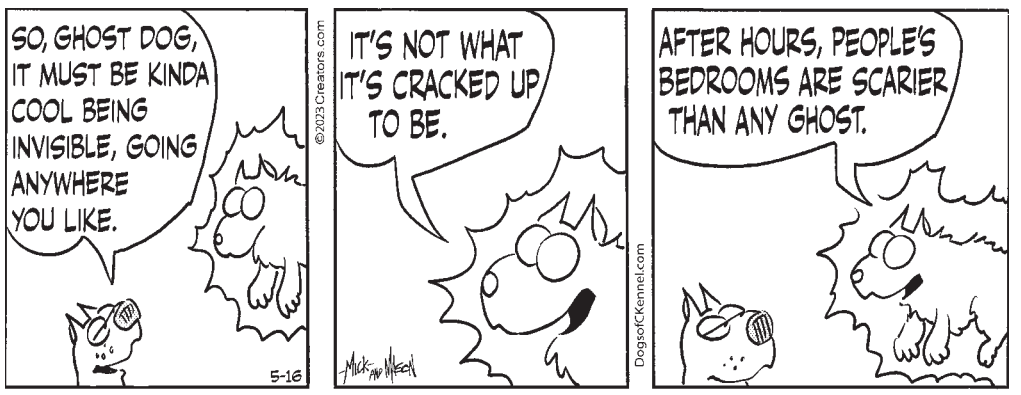
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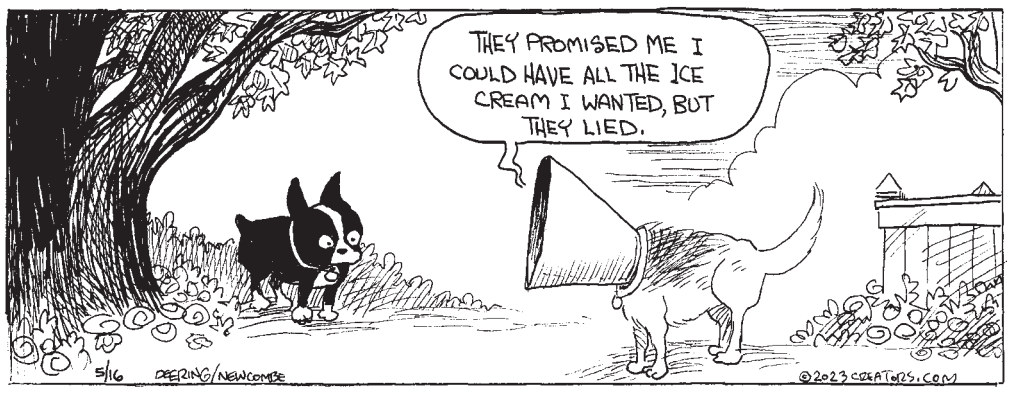
Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"DONATIONS MUST BE UP."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

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Stings and bites

H	S	F	T	H	B	U	R	G	O	A	N	N	A	I
I	M	L	S	N	A	K	E	E	E	N	O	M	T	L
S	O	E	I	N	S	E	C	T	S	H	O	S	E	L
S	T	A	D	D	E	R	S	H	O	C	K	S	E	N
D	P	S	T	E	P	O	G	S	M	U	U	L	G	E
O	M	R	R	M	F	E	U	E	A	O	I	E	G	S
C	Y	T	A	T	L	I	B	L	H	T	T	A	N	S
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Adder
Ants
Bandage
Beetles
Bugs
Burn
Bush ticks
Care
Coma
Doctor
Drown
Earwig
Eels
Eggs
Fire
Fleas
Flies
Gnat
Goanna
Grub
Hiss
Hornet
House
Hurt
Illness
Insects
Itch
King
Leech
Mako
Mice
Mite
Moth
Ouch
Pain
Pale
Pets
Prey
Rash
Rats
Reptile
Rescue
Rips
Shark
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Smell
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TUESDAY | MAY 16

HOLLYWOOD TO FINE ART: SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION WITH 5 ARTISTS

Santa Monica Art Museum (SMAM) hosts a one-night-only screening and panel discussion on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, with five exhibiting artists about their backgrounds working in film, television, music, advertising, and their current photographic work on view at the museum. Santa Monica Art Museum _SMAM_ 1219 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hollywood-to-fine-art-screening-panel-discussion-with-5-artists-tickets-627443980837

WEDNESDAY | MAY 17

FUTURE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

We all have ideas, so the city is holding three Ideas Exchange events in May. They're part of an initiative called Future of Behavioral Health to address the causes and consequences of mental health and substance use disorder-related issues. Denver-based Initium Health is organizing the sessions and helping the city envision future steps to serve those in crisis and impacted community members. Hear best practices from national leaders and share the solutions you'd like to see. Annenberg Community Beach House

THURSDAY | MAY 18

WESTSIDE LAUGH PARTY STAND-UP COMEDY

Westside's Laugh Party is a monthly standup show produced by Dennis Gubbins featuring the best comics from around the country with surprise drop-ins by the likes of Tig Notaro, Zach Galifianakis, Ali Wong, Demetri Martin, Damons Wayans and many others! The proceeds for each show are donated to a local charity... so there is that too! Come on out and laugh! Who knows who will show up this month.... party! Purchase tickets at westsidecomedy.com 1323-A 3rd St Promenade. A stands for Alley. Santa Monica, CA

SUNSET VIBES SILENT DISCO @ SANTA MONICA

COME FOR THE SUNSET...STAY FOR THE VIBES! Eat, Drink and Dance.. under the stars, perched above the beautiful Pacific Ocean on the World Famous Santa Monica Pier! It's Local's Night at the Santa Monica Pier! Join us every THIRD THURSDAY of the month as the Pier celebrates the Community of Santa Monica. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for amazing entertainment including youth activities, a car show, local DJs and bands, art exhibits, and our newly announced Sunset Vibes Silent Disco @ The Santa Monica Pier! Santa Monica Pier. 200 Santa Monica Pier Santa Monica, CA 90401

FRIDAY | MAY 19

JAZZ VOCAL ENSEMBLE RECITAL

Andreas Preponis, Director. SMC's award-winning jazz vocal ensemble blends its voices in a program of jazz repertoire specifically arranged for four-part harmony. Free with any Student I.D. The Broad Stage Performing Arts Center

SATURDAY | MAY 20

HOT BUTTERED RUM

Hot Buttered Rum, a souped-up, left-coast string band, is the brainchild of uniquely gifted musicians who weave their love of bluegrass, folk, jazz and soul into a riveting strain of Americana. String bass and five-alarm fiddle merge with guitar, banjo, mandolin,drums and keyboards to frame the voices of its two contrasting writers, fueling a dance party with roots in Appalachia and its branches in California. It's a sound that's as tough to describe as it is easy to love. The Venice West. 1717 Lincoln Blvd Venice, CA 90291 https://www.ticketweb.com/event/hot-buttered-rum-the-venice-west-tickets/12887125

WALK AND PLAY LA

Children's Hospital Los Angeles is thrilled to host its seventh annual Walk and Play L.A. This year's event will be held in person at the Santa Monica Pier, hosted by two CHLA Trustees: boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard and the host of the Ellen K Morning Show on KOST 103.5 FM, Ellen K! Join us for a day of fun and entertainment creating hope and building healthier futures for our young patients. Pacific Park at the Santa Monica Pier 380 Santa Monica Pier. Santa Monica, California 90401 https://secure1.chla.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=walk_play_landing

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SUNDAY | MAY 21

DAY FOR ART AND WELL-BEING

Beach Culture celebrates Mental Health Awareness Month. Nurture the self and feed the collective soul with a day of creation and contemplation focused on well-being, health, and healing! Free day of communal artmaking, workshops, labyrinth walk and meditation led by cutting-edge community-based artists, performers, spiritualists and mental health advocates. Stay tuned for more information. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Santa Monica, CA 90402

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310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **61.7**

TUESDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:**	4-6ft Chest to overhead	Long run of SSW/S swell continues as NW swell mix drops off through the day. Should be another peaky morning for the beachbreaks with more clean conditions.
WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder	Wind outlook is a little murky but could be ok. Strong blend of SSW/S swells trend up through the day as NW swell mix trends down. Will want structure for decent shape (reef/point/etc.). Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 59.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/05/16	Tue	02:03 AM	0.28	L
2023/05/16	Tue	07:59 AM	4.13	H
2023/05/16	Tue	1:40 PM	0.60	L
2023/05/16	Tue	8:04 PM	5.85	H
2023/05/17	Wed	02:48 AM	-0.33	L
2023/05/17	Wed	08:52 AM	4.01	H
2023/05/17	Wed	2:14 PM	0.99	L
2023/05/17	Wed	8:34 PM	6.12	H
2023/05/18	Thu	03:30 AM	-0.76	L
2023/05/18	Thu	09:42 AM	3.85	H
2023/05/18	Thu	2:46 PM	1.39	L
2023/05/18	Thu	9:04 PM	6.23	H
2023/05/19	Fri	04:11 AM	-0.98	L
2023/05/19	Fri	10:32 AM	3.67	H
2023/05/19	Fri	3:16 PM	1.77	L
2023/05/19	Fri	9:35 PM	6.19	H
2023/05/20	Sat	04:52 AM	-1.01	L
2023/05/20	Sat	11:22 AM	3.48	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/13
3 15 20 23 46
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 135 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/12
1 2 23 40 45
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 113 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 5/13
5 11 16 18 39
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 59 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/14
1 3 6 10 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/14
EVENING: 9 5 9

Draw Date: 5/14
MIDDAY: 5 0 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/14
1st: 06 - Whirl Win
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3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
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