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Council backs coastal program push amid public skepticism over motives

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Residents who packed a special City Council meeting Monday largely backed the city's pursuit of a certified Local Coastal Program but sharply questioned whether the council's sudden urgency was driven by genuine coastal stewardship or an effort to contain the political fallout from a controversial state bill that removes part of the Coastal Commission's authority from the city.

The May 12 special meeting, called by Mayor Caroline Torosis and Councilmembers Ellis Raskin and Barry Snell, drew public comments that expressed broad support for bringing coastal permitting authority under local control, paired with deep distrust of the council majority's timing and motivations.

"You have gone too far this time," resident Karen Croner wrote in a public comment. "This land does not belong to you. It belongs to the people. And whoever on the council supports AB 1740 will face such opposition as you have never seen."

WHAT IS A LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM?

A Local Coastal Program is a two-part policy document — a Land Use Plan and an Implementation Plan — that local governments develop and submit to



the California Coastal Commission for certification. Once certified, an LCP transfers day-to-day coastal development permitting authority from the state commission to the local jurisdiction, allowing cities to review projects for compliance with their own certified coastal policies rather than requiring applicants to seek a separate state permit.

The Coastal Commission was established in 1972 by voter initiative and made permanent by the state Legislature in 1976. It retains authority over submerged lands and tidelands regardless of whether a city has a certified LCP, and certain sensitive areas — including land within 300 feet of the beach and environmentally sensitive habitat areas — remain subject to commission appeal even under a certified program.

Santa Monica has a certified Land Use Plan dating to 1992, which currently serves as the commission's standard of review for coastal development permits in the city. What Santa Monica lacks is a certified Implementation Plan — the coastal zoning ordinance component. Without it, applicants must obtain city approval and then separately seek a coastal development permit from the commission, a two-step process that city staff said creates significant delays and uncertainty

BEACH: Residents linked a recent council decision about control of coastal development to brewing backlash over Santa Monica's support for a bill that would restrict Coastal Commission authority in the city.

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World Turtle Day marks 26th year as turtle populations face uncertain future

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A global conservation observance enters its 26th year this week with a new website, expanded resources and a renewed push to grow its international reach — all as scientists warn that more than half of the world’s turtle species face the threat of extinction.

World Turtle Day, observed annually on May 23, is sponsored by American Tortoise Rescue, a Malibu-based nonprofit that launched the event in 2000.

Conservationists estimate that 61 percent of turtle species are threatened or already extinct, with smuggling, the exotic food and pet trades, habitat destruction and climate change among the primary drivers pushing the animals toward the brink. Biologists warn that without significant action, turtle and tortoise populations could decline dramatically within decades.

Turtles have existed for approximately 220 million years, outlasting ice ages and mass extinctions.

“Turtles survived the dinosaurs,” said Susan Tellem, co-founder of American Tortoise Rescue. “It would be a tragedy if they couldn’t survive us.”

For 2026, ATR is unveiling a redesigned World Turtle Day website featuring expanded free educational resources and official merchandise, alongside a strategy focused on scaling the event’s global reach. Last year’s observance reached more than 100 million people across nearly 70 countries, with events and social media activity recorded in the United States, Canada, India, Australia, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Borneo, Greece and elsewhere.

Supporters are encouraged to participate by hosting events, posting “shellfies” — turtle-themed photos — on social media and advocating for stronger wildlife protections.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

American Tortoise Rescue was founded in 1990 by Tellem and her husband, Marshall Thompson, after the couple adopted two captive-bred desert tortoise hatchlings. It was the first national rescue organization in the United States focused exclusively on turtles and tortoises. The organization received 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 1996 and has since rescued or rehomed more than 4,000 animals.

The organization’s sanctuary and turtle hospital were destroyed in the November 2018 Woolsey Fire, which burned nearly 97,000 acres across Los Angeles and Ventura counties and destroyed more than 1,600 structures. All

35 hospital patients were evacuated before the fire, and hibernating residents survived in fireproof housing that Thompson had built. Subsequent fires in Malibu — the Franklin Fire in December 2024 and the Palisades Fire in January 2025 — came close to the property but did not breach it.

As part of ATR’s 2026 transition, the organization’s sanctuary residents — including its largest tortoises and nearly 100 additional turtles and tortoises — have been relocated to Turtle and Tortoise Rescue of Arroyo Grande, a volunteer-led sanctuary providing expanded space and lifelong care.

Thompson, a cinematographer who co-founded ATR with Tellem, died Nov. 2, 2025, at age 77 following a diagnosis of dementia in 2021. Tellem continues to lead the organization as executive director.

ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Tellem, 80, is a veteran Los Angeles public relations executive and registered nurse who has spent decades advocating for turtle and tortoise conservation.

Born May 23, 1945 — the date she later selected for World Turtle Day — Tellem holds a bachelor’s degree from Mount St. Mary’s College in Los Angeles and trained as a registered nurse. She began her career as a visiting nurse before moving into public relations, founding her own agency in 1977. The firm was acquired by Saatchi & Saatchi in 1987, after which she served as senior vice president and managing director at Burson-Marsteller. She later relaunched her business as Tellem Grody Public Relations Inc., which specializes in healthcare, entertainment, crisis management and consumer products.

On the advocacy front, Tellem spent nearly two decades campaigning to halt the importation of non-native red-eared sliders and bullfrogs into California’s live-food markets. The effort succeeded in 2010, when the California Fish & Game Commission voted 5-0 to end such imports. She continues to advocate for an “adopt, don’t shop” approach to turtle ownership and opposes the sale of turtles under four inches in length, a practice that has been banned federally since 1975 due to salmonella risk.

World Turtle Day was trademarked by Tellem and is listed in Chase’s Calendar of Events. The observance is intended to draw attention to habitat loss, the exotic pet trade, live-food markets and climate-driven threats to turtles and tortoises worldwide.

More information is available at worldturtleday.org.

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GET IT DAILY...



Downtown suicide caps a violent stretch for SMPD

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Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica first responders had a tragically busy weekend with two deaths and an officer involved shooting between Friday and Monday.

BUS FATALITY

A woman believed to be homeless was killed Friday afternoon after she was struck by a Metro bus at the intersection of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica police said.

The fatal collision was reported at approximately 2 p.m. The woman, whose identity has not been released, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Security video from a nearby business helped investigators piece together the sequence of events. According to preliminary findings, the Metro bus was stopped when the woman voluntarily moved underneath the vehicle. She was struck and sustained fatal injuries when the bus pulled away.

SMPD said the woman appeared to be part of a group but they had no information yet as to her motivation for crawling under the vehicle.

The bus operator remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators. Police said there is no indication the operator was impaired or distracted.

KIDNAP SUSPECT ARRESTED IN LOS ANGELES

Santa Monica police arrested a Los Angeles man on suspicion of kidnapping, rape and other charges following a pursuit that ended in an officer-involved shooting early Monday morning.

Officers responded at approximately 12:14 a.m. Saturday to the Vons at 1311 Wilshire Blvd. after a woman reported she had been kidnapped. Investigators determined Jorge Luis Vega, 32, of Los Angeles, knew the victim and the two had been in a dating relationship.

Vega allegedly approached the woman in the parking lot and left the area with her in a vehicle. He also allegedly threatened a witness who attempted to intervene.

Officers and detectives immediately began efforts to locate the victim and suspect. Later Saturday, the woman was found in the city of Beaumont. She was no longer with Vega and was contacted by law enforcement.

At approximately 3:15 a.m. Sunday, officers located Vega in Los Angeles. He fled in a

vehicle, prompting a pursuit that ended in the 900 block of West 85th Street, where an officer-involved shooting occurred. Vega was taken into custody at the scene. No officers were injured and no gunshot injuries were reported. The victim was not present during the pursuit or shooting.

Vega was booked on suspicion of kidnapping, criminal threats, brandishing a firearm, rape and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The investigation is ongoing. SMPD said it is coordinating with appropriate investigative agencies and will release additional information as it becomes available. The victim's identity is not being released due to the nature of the investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Hilda Lucero at 310-458-8939, Detective Esteban Hernandez at 310-458-8946, Sgt. Alfonso Lozano at 310-458-8774 or the SMPD Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.

DOWNTOWN DEATH

On Monday morning, officers were called to the scene of a suicide at a Downtown parking structure.

According to SMPD, the victim had posted suicidal notes on social media and sent messages to friends about an hour before climbing to the top of the structure. A pedestrian saw the victim climb over the ledge and called police.

Officers tried to make contact with the victim and talk them down, but the victim jumped and died at the scene.

Los Angeles County has expanded programs to combat suicide and support those experiencing depression. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, launched nationwide in 2022, provides 24/7 crisis counseling by phone or text. Those in need can call or text 988 or chat via 988lifeline.org.

The L.A. County Department of Mental Health operates a 24/7 Access Line for mental health crises and deploys mobile crisis teams. Teen Line enables young people to talk with trained teen counselors, while The Trevor Project serves as a critical lifeline for LGBTQ+ youth at elevated risk for suicide. For immediate behavioral health support, call The 24/7 Los Angeles County Help Line for Mental Health & Substance Use Services at: (800) 854-7771.

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 62.6

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

Fun-sized surf holds from Wednesday as modest S swell continues. Southerly energy continues to provide a few fun waves for summer exposures and those top spots continue to see sets around chest high or so. The swell period is forecasted to be a few seconds shorter (12-13s) than the previous run of Southern Hemi, so expect there to be a little less push, but perhaps slightly more broken up/peaky at the beachbreaks. Very little NW energy in the mix.

THURSDAY | SURF: 2-3ft+
FAIR | Thigh to stomach

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Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 71. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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2026/05/20	Wed	6:27 PM	2.58 L
2026/05/21	Thu	12:43 AM	5.64 H
2026/05/21	Thu	08:23 AM	-0.81 L
2026/05/21	Thu	3:36 PM	3.67 H
2026/05/21	Thu	7:53 PM	2.71 L
2026/05/22	Fri	01:52 AM	4.98 H
2026/05/22	Fri	09:27 AM	-0.38 L
2026/05/22	Fri	4:38 PM	3.99 H
2026/05/22	Fri	9:45 PM	2.56 L
2026/05/23	Sat	03:14 AM	4.36 H
2026/05/23	Sat	10:28 AM	0.03 L
2026/05/23	Sat	5:28 PM	4.38 H
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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 0.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$6.18/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 24.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.42/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 0.5 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.618 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$5.37/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$7.59/g, a difference of \$2.22/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.49/g while the highest was \$9.95/g, a difference of \$5.46/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1 cent per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.47/g today. The national average is up 45.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.33/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Insurance commissioner candidates float bigger California role

A few of the candidates vying to be California's next insurance commissioner want to address the insurance crisis by having the state take a bigger financial role.

Some of the problems they're trying to solve include:

Not all insurance companies will write new policies in areas at high risk for wildfires, driving many homeowners to the FAIR Plan, the fire insurer of last resort.

Policyholders' rates are rising because Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara has addressed insurance availability issues by implementing new regulations that allow insurers to use new additional factors when setting premiums.

Many of those who are insured and have submitted claims after a disaster — such as last year's deadly Los Angeles County fires — have been frustrated by delays, denials and dissatisfaction with insurers' handling of their claims. The Insurance Department recently took legal action against State Farm over such issues.

Their proposals run the gamut: Create a public insurer and do away with private insurers altogether. Implement a state-run natural disaster insurance system that would complement the private market. Provide a state backstop for insurance for insurance companies, also known as reinsurance. Form public-private partnerships that would theoretically give insurers confidence to keep doing business in California.

STATE COVERAGE FOR MAJOR FIRES

More state involvement might help, said David Russell, a professor of insurance and finance at Cal State Northridge who co-authored a report for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners published last December. The report recommends creating a public-private partnership called the California Wildfire Authority, which would leave most coverage to private insurers and shift coverage of major wildfires to the state, including by providing additional reinsurance.

"It's an amalgamation of compromises," Russell told CalMatters. "The government will end up bailing people out anyway. Why not plan it in advance? Give everybody the playbook now and fund it properly."

The idea sounds a little bit like what commissioner candidate Jane Kim, a Democrat, is proposing: a state-run authority for wildfire and flood funded by a portion of policyholders' premiums.

Similarly, Republican candidate Merrit Farren has proposed a state-run reinsurance authority funded by a fee insurers charged their customers. Kim and State Sen. Ben Allen, a Democrat, have told CalMatters they are also interested in state reinsurance but have not included it in their platforms like Farren. Steven Bradford, a former Democratic state lawmaker, wants to explore a public-private partnership that he said could help insurance companies with liquidity.

California has tried this before — sort of. In April, the California Earthquake Authority released a report analyzing different levels of state involvement in catastrophic

risk. One option: a state backstop that would provide reinsurance for catastrophe, which Allen said could "help to absorb wildfire loss... an analogy, I suppose, is the (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) — they stabilize the banking system when it's under major stress."

The earthquake authority itself may offer some clues for California moving forward.

Created by the Legislature in 1996 after insurers retreated from California in the wake of the 1994 Northridge quake, the authority is a public-private partnership that critics say does not cover enough of the residential market. Moreover, the critics continue, the authority's approximately \$20 billion in claims-paying capacity is inadequate.

"It was a terrible deal," said Jamie Court, president of consumer advocacy group Consumer Watchdog. He said coverage through the authority is thin, deductibles are high and premiums are expensive. Court said that because quake insurance was carved out of homeowners insurance, the premiums policyholders have paid over the past three decades have mostly gone to reinsurance and bureaucracy as opposed to building up enough reserves.

“It’s easy for people to propose solutions for government involvement that no one wants to fund down the road with taxpayer dollars

- Rex Frazier, president of the Personal Insurance Federation of California

On the other hand, Russell said, the authority has yet to be tested by a major earthquake, and "what (its creation) shows is that in California, we can do this because we've done it before."

CALIFORNIA AND REINSURANCE

Some insurance industry representatives questioned why the commissioner candidates think California would want to take on financial risk now largely borne by the FAIR Plan, which is required by law to offer policies to property owners who can't get them from

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Summer travelers who relied on Spirit Airlines may struggle to find budget alternatives

Days after Spirit Airlines shut down in the middle of the night, a lawyer for the defunct budget carrier stood before a bankruptcy judge and apologized to the price-conscious customers who might struggle to find affordable flights in its absence.

"We apologize most specifically to those Americans who may now be priced entirely out," Spirit lawyer Marshall Huebner said in court, thanking all the passengers who relied on the airline during its 34-year run, many of whom, he said, "could not otherwise have afforded air travel."

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- Marshall Huebner, Spirit lawyer

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Spirit's May 2 demise is not the only curveball confronting people planning trips a week before the summer travel season has its traditional U.S. launch on Memorial Day. Rising jet fuel costs tied to the Iran war have pushed up airfares and associated fees across the commercial aviation industry. Two of the remaining U.S. budget carriers just finalized a merger.

The uncertain outlook for economical air travel reflects how difficult it has become for low-cost, no-frills airlines to operate while squeezed by volatile fuel prices, inflation and increasingly fierce competition. While budget airlines appeal to customers motivated by fare prices alone, traditional carriers can more easily generate revenue to offset fuel costs through premium cabins, membership rewards, corporate travel programs, add-on charges and pricing algorithms.

"Dynamic pricing has taken away one of the last structural advantages that low-cost carriers had," said Shye Gilad, a former airline captain who now teaches at Georgetown University.

For decades, low-cost carriers thrived by offering fares that traditional airlines often couldn't match without losing money. But that edge has weakened as the "big three" — American, Delta and United — got better

at tailoring prices to different travelers, and as JetBlue, Southwest and other airlines that long positioned themselves as less expensive alternatives began chasing higher-paying customers.

Today, big airlines can sell a handful of bare-bones seats at Spirit-level prices while still charging more for standard and premium tickets elsewhere on their planes. That has made it harder for budget airlines to compete solely on price.

"They can't just be the cheapest airline anymore," Gilad said. "They have to be the smartest low-cost airline."

Like gasoline and diesel prices, the price of jet fuel has jumped since the Iran war put a chokehold on Middle East oil shipments 11 weeks ago. The strain prompted the Association of Value Airlines, a U.S. trade group representing Allegiant Air, Avelo Air, Frontier Airlines, Spirit Airlines and Sun Country Airlines, to ask the Trump administration in late April for \$2.5 billion in temporary financial aid.

Airlines for America, the trade group for Alaska Airlines, American, Delta, JetBlue and Southwest, opposed the idea, saying that federal help would give the budget airlines an unfair advantage.

"Government intervention on behalf of those airlines would punish other airlines that have engaged in self-help in order to deal with increased costs and reward airlines who haven't made those tough decisions," Airlines for America said in a statement. "And, in the long-term, sustaining businesses that cannot earn their cost of capital harms competition and consumers by making it more difficult for other airlines to compete."

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy rejected the request the day Spirit stopped flying.

Even before the latest run-up in fuel costs, consolidation was already underway in the budget airline sector. Alaska Airlines completed its \$1 billion purchase of Hawaiian Airlines in September 2024 after the two carriers agreed to maintain the level of service on key routes within Hawaii and between Hawaii and the U.S. mainland where they didn't face much competition.

Spirit was an unsuccessful merger target of both Frontier and JetBlue as its losses mounted after the coronavirus pandemic.

Allegiant said last week it had finalized its roughly \$1.5 billion acquisition of Sun Country, a deal first announced in January. The combined airline brings together passenger service with Sun Country's cargo operations and charter business serving sports teams, casinos and the U.S. Department of Defense.

"Consolidation is a signal" of weakness in the industry, Gilad said. "If you can remove a competitor and improve your product offering, you might be able to eke out more profit."

Other experts note the diversity within the budget airline sector, a factor that could make some carriers more resilient to spiking fuel costs and market disruptions than others.

"Budget airlines are a pretty peculiar



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BEACH

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for homeowners, small business owners and major public and private projects alike.

WHY SANTA MONICA NEEDS ONE

City planning staff told the council that the absence of a certified LCP creates real, ongoing costs across virtually every category of development in Santa Monica's coastal zone, which stretches roughly from the beach east to Fourth Street and, in some areas, as far inland as Lincoln Boulevard.

Commercial tenants looking to open or renovate businesses on the Third Street Promenade, homeowners seeking to add an accessory dwelling unit, transportation agencies pursuing street improvements and event organizers planning beach activations all currently must navigate the commission's permit process in addition to the city's own approvals.

"It's the homeowner, it's the business owner that just doesn't quite know how to navigate the process," city planning staff said during the presentation.

City Manager Oliver Chi said certification would be directly aligned with the city's economic recovery goals under its Realignment Plan. Council members added specific priorities they want reflected in any MOU framework, including streamlined approvals for commercial changes of use, bus-only lanes, protected bike lanes, outdoor dining, 100% deed-restricted affordable housing and adaptive reuse of vacant buildings.

A DECADE-LONG EFFORT

Santa Monica's LCP effort dates to 2014, when the city began a years-long community outreach process. The council adopted a comprehensive Land Use Plan update in October 2018 and submitted it to the Coastal Commission. Progress stalled in the years that followed, with city staff citing fundamental policy disagreements over how the Coastal Act should apply to an urban, transit-rich city. The 2018 LUP was eventually withdrawn before the commission was required to act on it. The city formally resumed the update process in May 2023.

Staff described the current moment as the most substantive opening the city has seen in years. City staff said it has been in direct contact with Coastal Commission Executive Director Dr. Kate Huckelbridge and senior commission staff, with discussions focused on reaching a mutually agreed-upon framework for LCP certification within a defined, near-term timeline. Staff said a complete MOU framework could be ready for council consideration by the May 26 council meeting.

The proposed MOU framework would recognize Santa Monica's track record as a coastal steward, use the council-approved 2018 Land Use Plan as a baseline, establish a timeline targeting Coastal Commission approval of both the LUP and Implementation Plan by June 2027, and explore a streamlined or "ministerial" coastal development permit process for certain low-impact projects.

Staff cautioned that staff-level alignment with the commission does not guarantee support from commissioners themselves at a future hearing, noting that apparent breakthroughs with the commission have not always materialized in the past.

THE AB 1740 SHADOW

Several public commenters and at least one council member made clear they viewed the special meeting as inseparable from the controversy surrounding Assembly Bill 1740, a measure authored by Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur that would exempt certain housing, transportation and parking projects in Santa Monica from Coastal Commission permitting requirements.

Originally applicable to more than a dozen coastal cities, the bill was narrowed in April amendments to apply only to Santa Monica. Supporters include the City of Santa Monica, the California Chamber of Commerce and several housing advocacy groups. Opponents, including the Surfrider Foundation, Heal the Bay and the Sierra Club, have argued the bill sets a damaging precedent by weakening Coastal Act protections.

Public comments reflected widespread opposition to AB 1740, with residents describing it as a measure designed to bypass local review and open the coast to market-rate development without adequate environmental oversight. One resident voiced support for the bill, arguing it would create needed housing near transit.

Councilmember Lana Negrete questioned why the LCP discussion became an emergency matter only after public backlash over AB 1740 and said she had been working on bringing a similar update to the council through the regular agenda process before being asked to wait.

"I'm obviously in support of a local coastal plan. I think that that's been clear," she said. "I'm just a little befuddled as to how this became an emergency meeting. I think the community is right in asking how it came about, and I think it's extremely difficult to not reference the assembly bill before us, because it's very clear that sparked this all of a sudden resurgence of expeditious conversations with Coastal Commission."

She said the last minute approach creates public skepticism and that residents want to know that policy decisions are being driven by actually thoughtful governance and general collaboration, and not political positioning after the fact.

Torosis, Raskin and Snell all said the process to establish and LCP was an ongoing discussion with the Coast Commission and the emergency meeting was necessary to guide staff in those live negotiations.

Torosis said the city is trying to reach a deal framework with the Coastal Commission before the end of May in order to have an impact within the current legislative session. "We have a limited window in which to potentially get a deal," she said.

Chi confirmed that it was in recent weeks — as AB 1740 advanced and drew public opposition — that commission staff signaled a new openness to accelerate the LCP process. "Whatever the impetus was, certainly 1740 is probably one of the reasons that triggered an interest from Coastal," Chi said.

The council voted unanimously — with Councilmember Jesse Zwick recusing himself due to his employment with the Housing Action Coalition — to direct staff to continue negotiations with the California Coastal Commission toward a memorandum of understanding that could set a defined path to certification.

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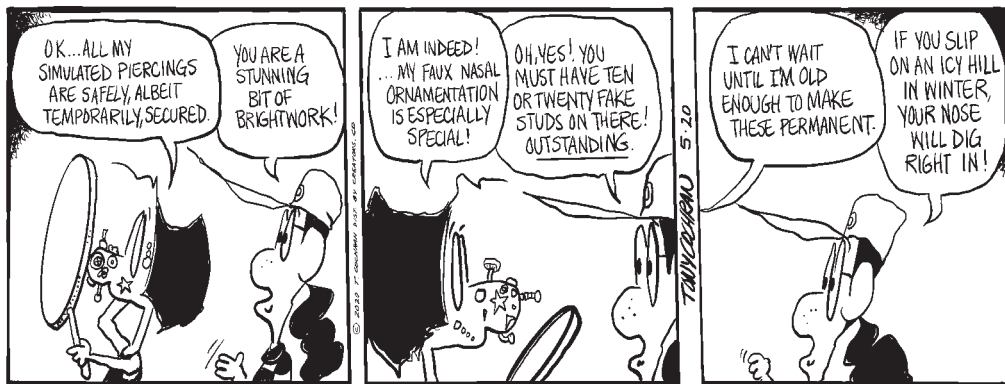
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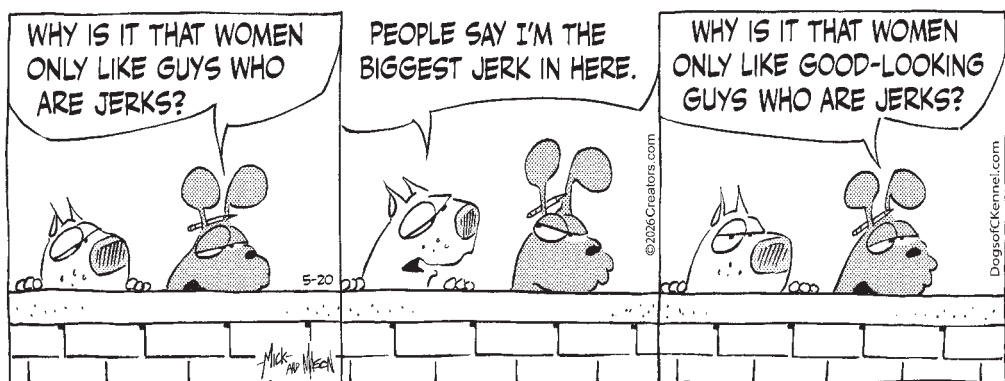
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Getting married

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Silence invites guesswork. Instead, you speak up and set the terms. Today, you'll share your progress, decisions and outcomes. When others talk, they'll echo what you've made clear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships are unpredictable. Sorting out who is right, wrong, truthful, delusional or other would eat time and is probably irrelevant. It's better to trust that togetherness serves a purpose, though perhaps one that's not immediately clear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know what it's like to play to the wrong crowd, and those experiences have led you to position your work advantageously. You'll show up where what you do will be understood and valued. Tremendous benefits follow.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a quiet longing riding under the surface today. You'll benefit from engaging with it. Consider yourself in conversation with the feeling, even if the questions are the sort that can't be put into words.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To control your own narrative is a power move that only works for you because you're honest and tuned in to what people find entertaining and interesting. You'll guide the story and be seen how you want to be seen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A plan won't move forward unless it works for everyone involved. Talk it through to see where it fits and where it doesn't. The more you smooth things out ahead of time, the better your chances of success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The day's events either stir memories or leave lots of room for them to appear. Try not to use those days as comparisons but rather as evidence that you've made so much rich life already happen and you'll continue to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something that held a lot of intrigue for you at one time is no longer interesting. Maybe it's not over for good, but it's over for now, freeing your beautiful mind to seek new adventures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Notice that you're reaping the benefits of countless days of work. This started long ago when you accepted substantial responsibilities (that didn't seem big at the time). Be proud of what you provide and how you maintain beautiful relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't need perfect self-love to feel good about who you are. A working respect goes a long way. Relatedly, today you may notice that you're no longer chasing approval from someone, and this makes the interaction lighter and more interesting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Something about this doesn't sit right, and yet you agreed to the deal. It doesn't mean you're stuck with it. Deals can be renegotiated, changed and even broken. Open the conversation to reshape the terms in a way that feels better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you are good at something doesn't mean you enjoy it. And just because you are bad at something doesn't mean you're not having the time of your life with it. If you like it, do it - end of story.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

PACKAGES OF PRODUCE by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS

- 1 Satellite's path
- 6 Memo's "Right away"
- 10 ___ of Avon (Shakespeare)
- 14 Make fun of
- 15 Judge's gown
- 16 Purple berry in smoothies
- 17 Kernels in an aluminum container
- 19 Lowest part of a face
- 20 Offer of assistance
- 21 Light brown
- 22 Casino numbers game
- 23 "Makes sense"
- 25 Much-loved
- 27 "Shoo!"
- 30 Limas in a plastic package
- 35 Unmannerly man
- 36 Without a warranty
- 37 Sharpshooter Oakley
- 38 Coral island
- 40 Shade tree
- 42 Stir up, as a fire
- 43 Argue against
- 44 Slacken off
- 46 ___ Pérignon champagne
- 47 Pesto herb at farmers' markets
- 50 Low cards in royal flushes
- 51 Frog cousin
- 52 Green shade
- 54 Celestial sight
- 57 On behalf of

- 59 Winter outerwear
- 62 Casual shirt
- 63 Small spheres kept very cold
- 66 Caesar's rebuke
- 67 Strauss of denim
- 68 Aussie bearlike beast
- 69 Pigeon sounds
- 70 Eve's first home
- 71 Scatter, as seeds

DOWN

- 1 Nonprescription: Abbr.
- 2 Authentic
- 3 Constant annoyance
- 4 "Don't you agree?"
- 5 Abounds (with)
- 6 Circular path

- 7 Chimney buildup
- 8 Scrape off roughly
- 9 Was the author of
- 10 Tenant's unpaid debt
- 11 Need a massage
- 12 Parade spoiler
- 13 Brontosaurus, for short
- 18 Homeowners' documents
- 24 Cleveland's lake
- 26 Make humble
- 27 Neck cloth
- 28 Furnish meals for
- 29 Southwestern brick
- 31 South Pacific spots
- 32 Battery terminal
- 33 Japanese camera brand

- 34 Appears to be
- 36 Even if, for short
- 39 Shiny, as pearls
- 41 Weekday delivery
- 45 Piece of pizza
- 48 Bewilder
- 49 Was very fond of
- 50 Pekoe holder
- 53 Monastery residents
- 54 Design detail, briefly
- 55 Dog in Oz
- 56 Choral voice
- 58 Roam around
- 60 Pull apart
- 61 Price reduction
- 64 California wine, for short
- 65 Noticed

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

1	6	5	8	7	4	2	3	9
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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INSURANCE

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private insurers and is run by an industry alliance.

“It’s easy for people to propose solutions for government involvement that no one wants to fund down the road with taxpayer dollars,” said Rex Frazier, president of the Personal Insurance Federation of California. “We’re not asking for that, by the way.”

But Farren said he developed his plan with the help of the insurance industry, including executives at Acrisure, a big insurance broker and financial services company based in Grand Rapids, Mich. If disaster strikes and funds in the proposed state reinsurance authority are insufficient to pay claims, it could raise funds by issuing bonds, which would have the same status as municipal bonds, Farren said. His idea was inspired by public reinsurance programs in Florida for hurricanes, the United Kingdom for floods and the U.S. federal government for terrorism risk.

A couple of consumer advocacy groups are more receptive to the reinsurance concept. Court said it might be a good idea if the state or U.S. government provided some sort of backstop for insurance companies. (U.S. Sen. Adam Schiff, the Democrat from California, has proposed federal legislation to establish a federal reinsurance fund for insurance companies, which the insurance industry opposes.) Amy Bach, executive director of United Policyholders, told the state Senate Insurance Committee this week that she was in favor of “some kind of a backstop like Florida’s hurricane catastrophe fund.” Bach told CalMatters later that she thinks the state helping “take a bite” out of what’s driving higher premiums could help.

Florida is different from California, though, said Carolyn Kousky, an economist

who studies climate risk and disaster finance. Kousky said that Florida’s insurance market is dominated by small players that need help with reinsurance, while “big national players are still writing quite a bit in (California).” Those national companies are diversifying their risk and can buy reinsurance based on their national portfolio, so those insurers have less need for a state backstop, she said. She questioned whether establishing a state reinsurer would make a significant difference in consumers’ insurance premium rates.

Kim said critics of her proposal to create a public disaster insurance fund that would split off wildfire and flood coverage from homeowners insurance — inspired by New Zealand’s program — ignore that California’s “current system doesn’t work, it’s too expensive and doesn’t cover enough.” She pointed to Los Angeles fire victims who have found that they are underinsured and don’t have enough coverage to rebuild their homes. She has not provided specific numbers for how much capitalization her proposed system would need; it’s something that would need to be studied, she said. She envisions that her plan would create a revenue stream that the state could invest into reducing fire risk.

“At least some of our dollars will be stewarded by the public,” Kim said.

Another candidate, Lalo Vargas of the socialist Peace & Freedom Party, wants to go further: He is calling for investigating the 10 largest insurance companies in California and eventually replacing them with a public insurer run by the state.

“Insurance works better when everyone is in the same pot,” Vargas said. That pot, he said, could be filled by taxing utilities and fossil fuel companies, “so billionaires could pay for the costs associated with the climate crisis.”

Levi Sumagaysay, CalMatters Economy Reporter

TRAVEL

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creature,” Vikrant Vaze, an aviation systems expert at Dartmouth College’s engineering school, said, describing a category that has encompassed struggling carriers like Spirit to giants like Southwest Airlines, which grew from a low-cost pioneer into one of the largest U.S. airlines.

“Even though they can be clubbed together as budget airlines, if you want a big umbrella term, they’re very different from each other,” Vaze said. “They have very different levels of budget-ness.”

Alliegiant’s focus on leisure travel centers on smaller airports with less direct competition. JetBlue, a hybrid low-cost carrier, leans more heavily on premium seating and loyalty perks than Spirit ever did.

Frontier comes closest to Spirit’s model as an ultra low-cost carrier, though analysts say it entered this period of volatility with

stronger liquidity and could benefit from Spirit’s exit. It has already begun expanding in former Spirit-heavy markets that include Las Vegas, Detroit and the Florida cities of Orlando and Fort Lauderdale.

Gilad sees echoes of his own experience working as a pilot and flight-training instructor at Independence Air, a short-lived low-cost airline that previously served as a regional carrier for United and Delta. The airline, which launched in mid-2004 as fighting between U.S.-led forces and insurgents in Iraq sent fuel prices soaring, shut down during bankruptcy proceedings in January 2006.

“They burned through almost \$200 million in 18 months,” Gilad said. “It was just that quick that they were gone.”

He said the same structural pressures remain in place today, but there are fewer remaining budget airlines to share them.

By RIO YAMAT AP Airlines and Travel Writer



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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Ocean water advisories when it rains. High bacteria levels at the Santa Monica Pier. Persistent water quality issues in the heavily urbanized L.A. Basin. At the same time, many beaches earned strong grades, and upstream freshwater sites in L.A. County performed consistently well. Stepping back to see the full picture, 2025 revealed a complex water quality story, with strong results in some places and ongoing challenges in others. So what was driving the trends in 2025? Tune in to find out! Join Heal the Bay’s water quality scientists on Instagram on May 20, 2026, at 10 AM for the live release of the 36th annual Beach Report Card and 8th annual River Report Card. This is a 12-month look at how the waters you care about are performing, and what we find has real implications for your health. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-report-card-and-river-report-card-press-conference/18804944/2026-05-20T10>

BABY TIME

11:30 a.m. Main Library, Youth Activity Room Lapsit storytime with interactive books, bounces, and more. Limited space; first come, first served. For ages 0 - walking.

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2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Main Library, Multipurpose Room In this beginner-friendly session, we will explore how AI works, how it is becoming a part of our daily lives, and the benefits and risks it brings. Learn how AI can help with day-to-day tasks, while also examining the ethical concerns about misinformation, bias, and environmental ramifications.

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Yosemite.” Become a volunteer by attending the two-part training program, which includes one virtual classroom training and one field training session. All training materials will be provided. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mpa-watch-community-science-training/15056490/2026-05-20T17>

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7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica. JAZZ A GO GO at LouLou Santa Monica- Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late - Live Jazz that turns into a Vibe.Music you Feel. People you Meet. Amazing Food. Nights that Flow. JAZZ A GO GO (@jazzagotonight) by Loulou Santa Monica, Gilles Signature & Gilles Los Angeles - curated by the creator of @jazzeclectica Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late. Watch the LouLou experience: <https://bit.ly/loulou-jazz-a-gogo>. Book Now: bit.ly/booking-loulou LouLou Santa Monica JAZZ A GO GO Every Wednesday From 7 PM till late 395 Santa Monica Pl #300, Santa Monica, CA 90401(323) 410-2337info@loulousantamonica.comloulousantamonica.com Reserve your table now: bit.ly/booking-loulou. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-a-go-go-at-loulou-santa-monica/18476815/2026-05-13T19>

MYSTERY & THRILLER BOOK GROUP

7:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Zoom his community-led, monthly book discussion group meets virtually at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

LIVE AND ELECTRIC - FULL BAND SHOW

8:00 p.m. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice. With a career now spanning six decades, Robyn Hitchcock remains a truly one-of-a-kind artist – surrealist rock ‘n’ roller, iconic troubadour, guitarist, poet, painter, and performer. An unparalleled, deeply individualistic songwriter and stylist, Hitchcock has traversed many genres with humor, intelligence and originality over 30 albums and seemingly infinite live performances. From The Soft Boys’ proto-psych-punk and The Egyptians’ Dadaist pop to solo masterpieces like 1984’s milestone I Often Dream of Trains and 1990’s Eye, Hitchcock has crafted a strikingly original oeuvre rife with sagacious observation, astringent wit, recurring marine life, mechanized rail services, cheese, Clint Eastwood, and innumerable finely drawn characters, real and imagined. Happy Hour Join us weeknights from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM for our restaurant’s Happy Hour, featuring great deals including \$5 beers & snacks, \$10 craft cocktails, and more! Age Requirement All shows at The Venice West are 21+ only, unless otherwise stated. Valid government-issued photo ID is required for entry. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/live-and-electric-full-band-show/18395443/2026-05-20T20>

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101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. \$15 wine flights & half off bottles of wine all day every Wednesday! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wine-wednesday-at-the-whaler/16952883/2026-05-13T00>

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