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Santa Monica's man of music Paul 'Chico' Fernandez, dies at 83



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MUSIC: Paul "Chico" Fernandez was a fixture of the Santa Monica music community and passed away on May 23.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica resident, beloved jazz musician and father of Vice Mayor Lana Negrete, Paul "Chico" Fernandez, passed away on May 23, 2024 at Berkley East Healthcare Center, aged 83.

Fernandez, along with his brother Victor, founded the Santa Monica Music Center over 50 years ago and together they built a thriving business that became a hub for musicians and music lovers alike. His passion for music was evident in everything he did, from teaching music to playing rhythm and blues and Latin jazz and live on stage on his famous copper drum set.

His talent on the drums was unmatched, and his performances captivated audiences on both big and small stages. He can be seen in the background of many movies like "The Godfather," "For The Boys," "Naked Gun" and many more, playing the drums in various scenes.

Born on July 26, 1940 in Toronto to Avice and Elmer, he first discovered Santa Monica in 1969 and made it his home just a year later. Fernandez was also a gifted photographer and the headshots and album covers that he himself took, together with a selection of stills capturing moments in time

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Longtime local favorite bar JP's finally open after permitting delays

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

You may recall, back in January, we wrote how the longtime bastion of Santa Monica dive bar culture JP's was set to open in a new location "in weeks." Well, tragically that didn't happen, but the eternally unobtainable carrot at the end of the infinitely long stick is now finally within reach and the all new and improved JP's 2.0 is now open.

Owner Alexander Kallberg had hoped for everything to be ready

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Activists celebrate potential plan for the Civic Center while City Hall remains silent

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A new actor may audition for the role of Civic Auditorium Savior in the coming weeks after Council is reported to have pushed forward a proposal from a private organization to refurbish and reopen the long vacant property.

While two hearings for proposals were listed on the Council's closed session agenda for May 28, City Attorney Doug Sloan made no mention of a vote to advance one

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Guilty: Trump becomes first former U.S. president convicted of felony crimes

MICHAEL R. SISAK, JENNIFER PELTZ, ERIC TUCKER AND MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

Donald Trump became the first former president to be convicted of felony crimes Thursday as a New York jury found him guilty of falsifying business records in a scheme to illegally influence the 2016 election through hush money payments to a porn actor who said the two had sex.

Jurors convicted Trump on all 34 counts after deliberating for 9.5 hours. As the verdict was read, he sat stone-faced in court, looking down.

The verdict is a stunning legal reckoning for Trump and exposes him to potential prison time in the city where his manipulations of the tabloid press helped catapult him from a real estate tycoon to reality television star and ultimately president. As he seeks a return to the White House in this year's election, the judgment presents voters with another test of their willingness to accept Trump's boundary-breaking behavior.

Trump is expected to quickly appeal the verdict and will face an awkward dynamic as he seeks to return to the campaign trail as a convicted felon. There are no campaign rallies on the calendar for now, though he's expected to hold fundraisers next week. It will likely take several months for Judge Juan Merchan, who oversaw the case, to decide whether to sentence Trump to prison.

The falsifying business records charges carry up to four years behind bars, though prosecutors have not said whether they intend to seek imprisonment, and it is not clear whether the judge — who earlier in the trial warned of jail time for gag order violations — would impose that punishment even if asked. The conviction, and even imprisonment, will not bar Trump from continuing his pursuit of the White House.

Trump faces three other felony indictments, but the New York case may be the only one to reach a conclusion before the November election, adding to the significance of the outcome. Though the legal and historical implications of the verdict are readily apparent, the political consequences are less so given its potential to reinforce rather than reshape already-hardened opinions about Trump.

For another candidate in another time, a criminal conviction might doom a presidential run, but Trump's political career has endured through two impeachments, allegations of sexual abuse, investigations into everything from potential ties to Russia to plotting to overturn an election, and personally salacious storylines including the emergence of a recording in which he boasted about grabbing women's genitals.

In addition, the general allegations of the case have been known to voters for years and, while tawdry, are widely seen as less grievous than the allegations he faces in three other cases that charge him with subverting American democracy and mishandling national security secrets.

Even so, the verdict is likely to give President Joe Biden and fellow Democrats space to sharpen arguments that Trump is unfit for office, even as it provides fodder for the presumptive Republican nominee to advance his unsupported claims that he is victimized by a criminal justice system he insists is politically motivated against him.

Trump maintained throughout the trial that he had done nothing wrong and that the case should never have been brought, railing against the proceedings from inside the courthouse — where he was joined by a parade of high-profile Republican allies — and racking up fines for violating a gag order with inflammatory out-of-court comments about witnesses.

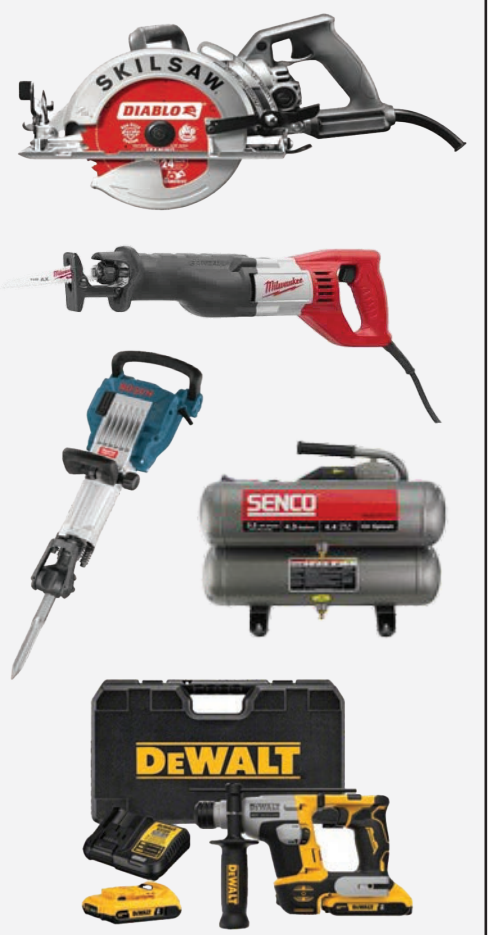
The first criminal trial of a former American president always presented a unique test of the court system, not only because of Trump's prominence but also because of his relentless verbal attacks

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How did a shoplifting bill get through California's liberal Assembly with most Democrats opposed?

RYAN SABALOW

Assemblymember Ash Kalra did something exceptional last week.

He was the only legislator to vote "no" on a controversial piece of legislation while nearly half of the 80 members in the state Assembly – and a majority of the Democrats – did not vote.

The bill, which would make it easier to arrest shoplifters, is a recent example of a pattern CalMatters revealed in April with legislators dodging votes to avoid offending the bill's supporters or to eliminate a record of their opposition on controversial topics.

Assembly Bill 1990 passed the Assembly 44-1 last week with 35 lawmakers not casting a vote including 32 of the 62 Democrats and the Assembly speaker, Robert Rivas. Some of those not voting had excused absences, but the Legislature's online record does not distinguish between an absence, an abstention or not voting.

The bill would allow police to make an arrest for shoplifting without a warrant, even if they did not witness the crime. Los Angeles Assemblywoman Wendy Carillo, who authored the bill with five Democratic and two Republican coauthors, said it is "in response to the alarming escalation of organized retail theft," which has become a hot-button political issue.

But progressive Democrats, leery of increasing incarceration rates for minor offenses, were uncomfortable with the bill.

"Let's be clear: AB 1990 will not stop retail theft," Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, a Democrat from Inglewood, told her colleagues. "AB 1990 will increase the unnecessary harassment, detention, arrest and mass incarceration of Black and brown Californians."

She concluded her speech: "I am asking all of you to please vote 'no' on AB 1990."

McKinnor, however, did not vote on the bill.

Her office did not respond to CalMatters' request for an explanation about why she did not vote despite her clear opposition.

Kalra, of San Jose, also did not respond to a request from CalMatters to explain why he cast the lone "no" vote.

But Kalra has been a longtime champion of progressive causes. He's a former deputy public defender and the former chair of the Legislature's Progressive Caucus. He has advocated for legislation that seeks to end systematic racism in the justice system.

For a time, it seemed that Kalra wasn't going to be the lone Democrat "no" vote on AB 1990.

Fellow Democratic Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur of Los Angeles also was listed as voting "no," according to video of the voting roll call captured by CalMatters' Digital Democracy database.

But Zbur, who chairs the Assembly Democratic Caucus, changed his vote after the bill passed so that he would be formally listed as not voting. In the Assembly, members can change their vote on a bill after a hearing has concluded, as long as it doesn't change the final outcome.

Asked to explain why he changed his vote, his spokesperson, Vienna Montague, said in an email that Zbur "does not have a comment at this time."

While AB 1990 survived to advance to the Senate, despite so many lawmakers not voting, other bills haven't fared as well.

Last year, at least 15 bills died due to lack of votes instead of lawmakers voting "no" on them. So far this year, the Digital Democracy database indicates at least 17 bills have died because lawmakers declined to vote.

Meanwhile, Senate and Assembly leaders have repeatedly refused to answer CalMatters' questions about whether the Legislature's voting rules should change.

Politicians may think not voting helps their political career in the long-run since they believe it'll be more difficult for someone to use a controversial "no" vote against them in a campaign ad, said Thad Kousser, a former California legislative staffer who's now a political science professor at UC San Diego. But he says that's shortsighted. He said any savvy political operative can just as easily say they "failed to support this bill" in an ad.

> "Politicians' political interests are probably best served by taking a stand that best fits their values and explaining that to voters
> - Thad Kousser

Kousser said if lawmakers really do have strong feelings against a bill, they're better off voting "no."

"Politicians' political interests are probably best served by taking a stand that best fits their values and explaining that to voters," Kousser said.

Not voting, he said, is "just another way of saying, 'I didn't represent you on this bill.' "

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **56.7**

FRIDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Rideable surf and probably clean AM conditions. SSW swell slowly fills in - ahead of a weekend peak - with some short period NW swell in the mix too. Could be enough for points to be ok and some peaks at beachbreaks. Stay tuned.

SATURDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Looks like a fun day with surf building to a peak in the afternoon into Sunday. SSW swell fills in gradually through the day. Good odds for clean AM conditions.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 58. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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Ballot measures will provide most of the intrigue in California's November election

DAN WALTERS

California politics being what they are – deep blue domination by Democrats – means that many of the races on the November ballot are already decided.

The outcome of Democratic President Joe Biden's replay battle with Republican predecessor Donald Trump – assuming that both are nominated – is very much in doubt nationally. However, Biden can count on winning California's 54 electoral votes, probably by a landslide.

Rep. Adam Schiff will be elected to the U.S. Senate over token Republican rival Steve Garvey. Democrats will continue to enjoy supermajority control of the state Legislature.

While Democrats will capture the vast majority of the California's 52 congressional seats, there are about a half-dozen in play, enough to potentially determine which party controls the House of Representatives.

The real action this fall will be the fate of as many as 15 statewide ballot measures: four placed on the ballot by the Legislature's majority Democrats, one referendum seeking to overturn a new law regulating the placement of oil wells, and potentially 10 initiatives.

Taken as a whole, the ballot measures represent fundamental ideological and cultural clashes – particularly those sponsored by business and aimed at blunting the left-leaning policies of dominant Democrats and their allies. If passed, they would have massive financial impacts.

The scale of the conflicts is most evident in an initiative, sponsored by the Business Roundtable and anti-tax groups, that would make state and local tax increases markedly more difficult to enact.

It hits Democrats and their allied public employee unions where they live and they have mounted a two-pronged effort to block passage: a lawsuit, now pending in the state Supreme Court, to strike the measure from the ballot, and a competing proposition that would impose a higher and potentially prohibitive vote threshold on the tax measure.

June 27 is the deadline for finalizing which measures will appear on the ballot, so both sides of the tax battle are awaiting the court's decision.

However, they aren't the only ones because advocates and foes for four other initiatives still await confirmation that they have enough signatures to qualify. The quartet includes an initiative that would modify Proposition 47, a 2014 ballot measure that reduced penalties for many crimes.

Prop. 47 symbolizes the last decade's strenuous efforts – through both ballot measures and legislation – to undo the tough-on-crime sentencing laws that were enacted in the 1980s and 1990s, most famously the Three Strikes law.

The laws pushed California's prison population well past 160,000, an eightfold increase from 1980, resulting in federal court decrees to reduce overcrowding. Since then, the number of felons behind bars has dropped by nearly half, but spikes in crime in recent years have sparked a backlash, encapsulated in the pending ballot measure, which probably will qualify for the ballot.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders are trying to persuade its sponsors to drop the measure by crafting a narrow set of sentencing changes that would leave Prop. 47 intact. As the June 27 deadline nears, whether that effort succeeds is uncertain.

Other high-profile measures either qualified or likely to qualify include a business-sponsored initiative that would repeal the Private Attorneys General Act, a two-decade-old union-sponsored law that makes class action lawsuits against employers relatively easy to file. Others include a third effort to make it easier for local governments to enact rent control, a boost in income taxes on high-income Californians to finance pandemic prevention, and an increase in the state's minimum wage.

Given the immense financial stakes in these ballot measures, voters will be subjected to hundreds of millions of dollars in radio, television and internet ads. In fact, the propaganda barrage is already underway.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Los Angeles politicians take rare steps to limit their power and boost public confidence – sort of

JIM NEWTON

Self-regulation is a messy business. In politics, it can seem elusive.

When elected officials adopt rules to govern the conduct of elected officials, they're pulled in one direction by constituents who favor restrictions and punishments, and in the other direction by self-preservation, a basic instinct politicians have in abundance. Progress tends to be incremental and uneven as a result.

This is where we are with the Los Angeles City Council and its continuing struggle to respond to the public's shaky confidence. On one hand, indictments and damning revelations about members of the council have convinced even its most recalcitrant members that they need to do something to regain trust. On the other, members like their seats and don't like facing consequences.

The council has adopted some reforms, and they are mild but promising. The city's Ethics Commission wants to raise fines for ethics rules violations and protect its budget from political meddling, and the council recently agreed. The council also has cleared the way for creation of an independent redistricting commission. Voters will get to consider the Ethics Commission changes and the redistricting reform on the November ballot.

The fines are attention-getting, but the creation of a redistricting commission is the biggest advance. Remember that this current round of City Hall reforms sparked after the revelation of a grotesque conversation among several council members and a union leader over how to divide up council districts to enhance Latino representation at the expense of Black representation.

The union boss and then-Council President Nury Martinez both were chased from office over the recording, which attracted attention for its racist language but, at its heart, was about voting rights.

The recording captured a conversation intended "literally to disenfranchise" voters, as Councilman Paul Krekorian told me this week. Krekorian took over the council presidency after that scandal and has led efforts to reform the city's ethics and voting rules in response. Krekorian claimed "tremendous progress" on the reform effort even though many were disappointed with the results.

Both sides have a point: The creation of an independent commission charged with creating district boundaries would, if approved by voters, go a long way toward removing the power that council members brazenly discussed in that infamous meeting. Give the council credit, then, for pressing ahead with those proposals, even if some members did so begrudgingly.

And yet, the council also flinched at some ideas and so far has punted on the big one.

When the reform package reached the council this month, it included a provision that would have allowed the Ethics Commission to take matters directly to voters, rather than having to clear them through the council. But the council ultimately removed that provision. Krekorian was one of two members who wanted to preserve it.

For Fernando Guerra, a professor at Loyola Marymount University and an advocate of ethics reform, the council fell short of what he and many constituents wanted.

But he also says he's not that surprised. Polls conducted after the recorded conversations became public found that most Angelenos hadn't even heard of the controversy. The election to replace Martinez drew just 13% turnout, typical for a council race but not evidence of a groundswell of public outrage.

Indeed, one of the council members who was featured on those recordings, Kevin De Leon, continues to hold his seat, banking that he can ride out the controversy. So far he's been correct.

Guerra was particularly disheartened by the council's decision to block the ethics board from being able to access the ballot. The commission, he said, "is not truly independent or powerful unless it has the power to act autonomously."

Although the ethics reforms and redistricting commission both will be on the ballot, the change with the most potential to revamp city business remains beyond the reach of voters. For more than 20 years, advocates have been arguing that the council itself needs to grow in order to shrink the size of council districts.

Proponents see that as key to bringing Los Angeles in line with New York and Chicago, and to approach some semblance of actual neighborhood representation. Today's LA council districts include more than 250,000 residents, big enough to make each of the 15 its own city.

Guerra and a group of academics consulting on the Los Angeles reform effort proposed enlarging the council to 25 members – though that proposal was hamstrung by a clumsy formulation that suggested 21 districts and four at-large members selected in staggered terms. That recommendation, however, would not really reduce the size of districts. They claimed introducing at-large members would "change the chemistry of the council," but did little to explain how or why.

Competing proposals for the size and structure of the council were exactly what opponents of reform hoped for. With ideas floating around for 18 seats or 21 seats or 25 seats or, most ambitiously, 45 seats, the council found it easy to table the idea.



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POLITICS: Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian holds a press conference to discuss actions "to preserve public trust" following the filing of charges against Los Angeles Councilmember Curren Price Jr. in Los Angeles, on June 14, 2023. Prosecutors have charged Price Jr. with embezzlement and perjury in the latest criminal case to upend the scandal-plagued governing board of the nation's second-largest city.

The good news is that Krekorian remains committed to expansion, and he has pushed through a vehicle that could still deliver it. The council has approved, in principle, the creation of a charter reform commission that could overhaul the city charter, including the size of the council.

That commission, which does not require a vote of the public, would be made up of four members appointed by the mayor, two by the council president, two by the council president pro tem – and those eight would then pick five more, for a total of 13. The charter commission could, in turn, generate a measure for voters on enlarging the council, or, as Krekorian prefers puts it, "council district-size reduction."

This is where we are with political reform in LA. The council gives with one hand and holds back with the other. Its members accept that someone else will draw their district lines and that they may face higher fines in the future if they break the rules. But they balk and slow-walk other ideas, especially the ones that would cut the size of their districts and curtail their individual influence.

It's a long process, but Krekorian is right: It is progress.

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Adoption of the Master User Fee Resolution

DESCRIPTION
The City Council, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2024-25 budget on June 25, 2024. At this meeting, the City Council will adopt a resolution determining the City's Gann Appropriations Limit for FY 2024-25. A copy of the documentation used in calculating the limit can be viewed online at finance.smgov.net/budgets-reports/Gann. The proposed changes to the FY 2024-25 Approved Budget Plan can be viewed online at https://www.santamonica.gov/santa-monica-budget.

At the June 25, 2024 meeting, the City Council will also conduct a public hearing on the proposed adoption of new fees and revisions to existing fees charged by the City's Housing and Human Services Department, City Manager's Office, Recreation and Arts Department, Community Development Department, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, and Public Works Department.

The proposed fee revisions are intended to more fully recover the City's cost of providing services, processing applications, and cost of living increases (if applicable). The proposed fee schedule will be available online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/ no later than June 21, 2024. The public hearing will also consider maintaining certain existing fees at current rates for various services.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider this request:

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Room 250, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Proposed Budget, Gann Appropriations Limit, or Fee Revisions,
June 25, 2024, City Council Meeting
councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
For more information, please refer to the Adoption of the FY 2024-25 Operating Budget and Adoption of the First Year and Approval of the Second Year of the FY 2024-26 Capital Improvement Program Budget staff report for the June 25, 2024, meeting on the City's website at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/. In addition, an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fee Study was conducted for the Fire Department and was previously made publicly available in connection with the May 28, 2024, City Council Meeting and is available at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx/. You may contact the City Clerk at (310) 458-8211 for alternate availability of the City Council agenda packet.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8211 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 5, and 9 serve City Hall.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública sobre, el presupuesto propuesto para el año fiscal 2024-25, para adoptar una resolución para la determinación del límite de asignaciones de Gann para el año fiscal 2024-25, y la propuesta adopción de aumento a los cobros de varios servicios que ofrece la ciudad de Santa Monica. Para más información en español, favor de llamar a Yolanda Nunez al número (310) 434-2616.

COUNCIL

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during the meeting.

Instead, several residents organized under the group Save the Civic announced the vote in an email blast. According to the email, Council voted unanimously to enter into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Revitalization Partners Group (RPG) to begin the process of restoring and re-opening the Civic Auditorium.

The announcement email said the proposal will have a public hearing at the next council meeting.

"Santa Monica residents will continue to own the Civic. RPG will not ask the City for any funds. RPG is a consortium of Make Good Group, Geyser Holdings, Irving Azoff, Oak View Group, and Live Nation," said the Save the Civic email signed by Bea Nemlaha, Diana Gordon, Lori Nafshun and Victor Fresco. "This is an unparalleled opportunity for Santa Monica to invigorate its cultural importance in Los Angeles and on the Westside."

The RPG proposal reportedly is to seismically upgrade, restore, program, and operate the landmark Civic Auditorium as a performing arts and cultural center.

Municipalities are allowed to conduct real estate negotiations in secret but are required to publicly announce the results of some actions. City officials declined to comment on the email's claims or provide clarification on the reasoning behind the lack of reporting.

Opened in 1958, the Civic Auditorium quickly became a local cultural hub, hosting the Academy Awards from 1961 to 1968 and performances by legendary musicians like Pink Floyd, the Rolling Stones, and Elton John. Despite its storied past, the building has been closed since 2013 due to seismic safety issues.

Past efforts to find a partner for the auditorium have failed, and the City currently lacks the budget or staff to reopen it independently. In 2022, the property was declared surplus under the Surplus Land Act (SLA), a necessary step before leasing or selling civic property. The SLA process prioritizes housing, education, and park use, but allows the City to pursue other projects if no suitable proposals emerge.

Two bidders, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the Community Corporation of Santa Monica, showed interest but their bids were rejected/withdrawn clearing the way for the current proposals.

In seeking a private partner, the City said it wanted to retain ownership of the auditorium and sought partners with experience in managing landmark facilities as cultural and entertainment venues.

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File Photo

CIVIC: Revitalization Partners Group may be on the verge of beginning a process to restore the Civic Auditorium.

PAUL FERNANDEZ

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around the city of Santa Monica, adorn the walls of his office.

Episodes of his YouTube show Jammin and Cookin with Chico, along with some recent songs that he wrote can still be found online. Moreover, he was a music therapist for veterans at the VA for many years and would give advice and guidance on playing the drums, always laughing, joking and sharing his infectious enthusiasm with everyone around him.

In addition to his own talents, Fernandez was a dedicated educator who believed in the power of music to inspire and uplift. He touched the lives of countless students through his teachings at the Santa Monica Music Center and its sister store, the Culver City Music Center.

A regular visitor to many long-time local restaurants and watering holes, including Fromin's and Earth Wind & Flour, both on Wilshire Blvd. and he will be fondly remembered propping up the bar at Guido's, sharing all manner of amusing anecdotes from his "usual spot." However, after his favorite haunt Casa Escobar closed, Fernandez and his friends would instead hang out at Douglas Park to jam and share their passion for all things musical.

"His impact on the community extended beyond his music. He was a mentor, a friend, and a source of inspiration to all who knew him. His warm smile and infectious laughter brightened the lives of those around him and his dedication to his craft was unwavering," Negrete said.

The only other thing that was as important to Fernandez as his music was his family. He leaves behind his wife, Elena and his children Paul Jr, Raymond, Rhonda and Lana, plus his stepdaughter Cecille and seven grandchildren.

"His music store is a true legacy in Santa Monica and his family, along with countless musicians, music students, friends and the entire community will always carry his memory in their hearts, reminding us of the joy and beauty he brought to our lives," said Negrete.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on July 26 (his birthday) at St Monica's Catholic Church at 725 California Ave with a celebration of life to follow at a location yet to be determined.

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HOA HOMEFRONT

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Seventeen Things I Wish All HOA Managers Knew

KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ., CCAL

1. Managers are the HOA's most important service providers. HOAs don't work well without competent and trustworthy managers.

2. Managers are increasingly vital for the HOA housing model as it continues to grow. 30% of Americans now live in one of 365,000 HOAs, according to the Foundation For Community Association Research.

3. HOA Managers are professionals, not clerks or secretaries. Managers who view themselves as professionals will receive more satisfaction from their careers and will be better managers of their client communities.

4. Manager advice often satisfies a key element of the Business Judgment Rule (good faith, no conflict of interest, and reasonable diligence), protecting volunteers from personal liability. Managers are the main source of advice to the board on most decisions.

5. Homeowners need the manager to be their advisor. Managers should speak up in board meetings and build a culture in which the HOA board expects manager input on most decisions.

6. HOAs need their managers to tell them the truth, even truths the board would prefer not to hear. However, once the manager provides the advice, it's up to the board to follow it.

7. If a board doesn't trust you, it doesn't matter how good a job you do.

8. Just like your client boards, you are not on duty 24/7. Set boundaries and REASONABLE communication response expectations.

9. Don't be too chummy with the HOA board. Avoid creating the impression of being allied with any group of homeowners- you manage the HOA for all members.

10. Always stay above the fray during board elections – keep to yourself your opinions about who is (or would be) good or bad directors.

11. Since California does not license or regulate HOA managers, industry credentials are the only way to demonstrate qualifications. The entry level credentials of CAI (the "CMCA") and CACM (the "CCAM") show prospective clients a commitment to the profession. CAI's Professional Community Association Manager ("PCAM") credential remains the gold standard for HOA managers and should be their goal.

12. Don't strive to be the cheapest management resource or the flashiest. Demonstrate your company's commitment to providing qualified professionals and providing a level of service befitting the needs of each client community.

13. It's not your fault HOAs are contentious - the current American culture is intolerant of differing opinions. Sadly, that culture is reflected in most HOAs.

14. Managers should help their boards regularly and meaningfully communicate with the membership. More informed HOAs are better client HOAs.

15. Managers are an important engine of cultural change in American real estate. Americans traditionally devalue communal living, preferring independent property ownership instead. However, economic realities have pushed Americans toward shared ownership communities. Recognizing this helps to understand the frustration of members who chafe at submitting to the will of their community.

16. The average HOA member doesn't look at the governing documents until it is too late, so be gracious with first-time violators. They may not have known that they needed to ask permission for anything, and so are often angry to discover that they must cooperate with their neighbors.

17. Under Fair Housing laws the manager is also considered the "owner" of the property (California Fair Housing Regulations Section 12005(t)(1)). Managers must be alert and avoid violations.

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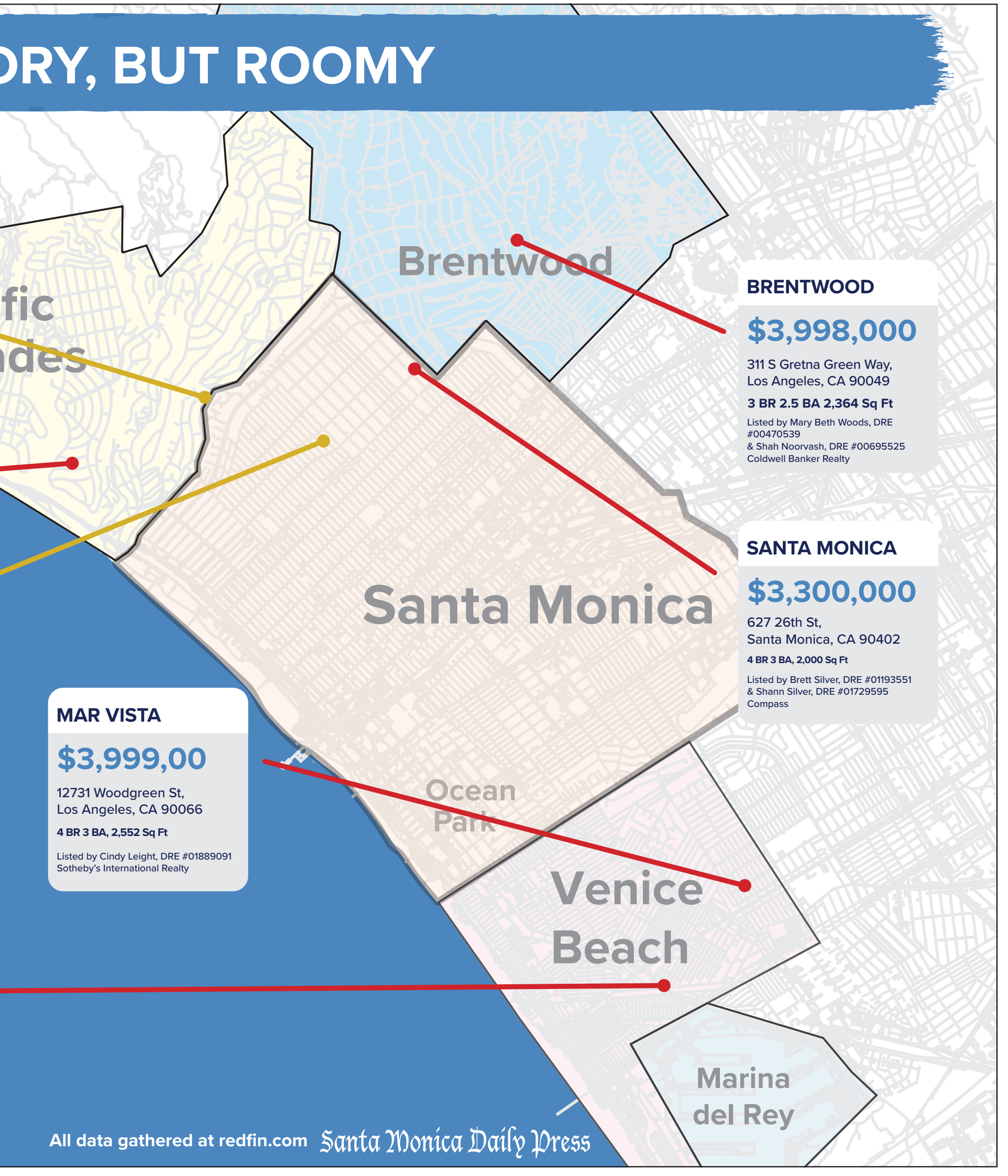
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FRIDAY | MAY 31

JONATHAN BEACH CLUB JOB FAIR

Join the Jonathan Club, 850 Palisades Beach Road, for a fantastic opportunity to explore potential job openings at the club. Whether you're looking for a summer job or a new career path, this event is the place to be. Meet with the team, learn about available positions and showcases your skills. Goes from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more, contact Krystal Ocampo at hr@jc.org or 213-312-5249.

ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD

Santa Monica College Opera Theatre and the SMC Symphony Orchestra present a fully staged production of "Orpheus in the Underworld," Offenbach's satire of the Orpheus myth, in which the character of Public Opinion prods the reluctant Orpheus to rescue his wife, Eurydice, who would rather party in the underworld. Featuring the famous "Can-Can." Performed in French with English supertitles. Directed by Janelle DeStefano and Mercedes Juan Musotto. Starts at 7:30 p.m. at the BroadStage, 1310 11th St. Tickets $25, $10 for students with ID. For more information, visit https://www.smc.edu/calendar/tickets-music.php.

MUSIC GUILD FINALE

St. Matthew's Music Guild concludes its 39th season of concerts in Pacific Palisades at 8 p.m. at The Parish of St. Matthew's, 1031 Bieveneda Ave., with a concert by the critically acclaimed Chamber Orchestra conducted by Dwayne S. Milburn. The concert features the orchestra's Concertmaster, YeEun Gemma Kim, in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor along with Copland's Music for Movies and Mozart's Solemn Vespers, with the Choir and Soloists of St. Matthew's Parish. Tickets are $45 or by Music Guild season pass. A free pre-concert lecture offered by Music Director and Conductor begins at 7:10 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit MusicGuildOnline.org or call 310-573-7422.

SATURDAY | JUNE 1

GOAT YOGA IN THE PARK

Goat yoga is back at Marine Park, 1406 Main St. (next to the tennis courts), from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Hosted by Laughing Frog Yoga, it is the only yoga studio in Los Angeles currently offering goat yoga, with two baby goats who are friendly and excited to meet yoga practitioners. Classes are catered towards all levels. The last 30 minutes of class is reserved for hangout and selfie time with the goats. Tickets $45, purchase at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-in-the-park-march-24-at-930am-tickets-836906478807.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR

Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica, beginning at Hostelling International Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St., at 10 a.m. Visit a 12-story Art Deco office tower, the British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show, the city's best example of a Queen Anne Victorian home, a lavish hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition and more. Tours are approximately 2 hours and cover 6 blocks. Reservations suggested. Open to all ages. Tickets $10. For more information, visit: https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

TAKE ACTION LA

Join the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health at the Santa Monica Pier for "Take Action for Mental Health" from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Against the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean, join influencers, professionals, and local resources for a transformative day of mental wellness. Engage in interactive workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities to empower your mental well-being journey. Discover tools, support, and strategies to make a difference in your community. Free admission.

SUNDAY | JUNE 2

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET

Noted as one of the top 10 "flea markets" in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. Located at 2800-3200 Airport Ave., next to the Museum of Flying. Runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

GENV SUMMIT

Join the Visionary Women GenV Summit at Santa Monica Proper Hotel, 700 Wilshire Blvd. A panel discussion will highlight female founders and executives, including Danielle Robay, Liana Levi, Natasha Moor, NJ Falk and Nyakio Grieco, as they share their stories and insights on entrepreneurship and success. Begins at 11 a.m. Tickets $125, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/visionary-women-genv-summit-tickets-885227408007.

CHESS SUNDAYS

Chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. Chess Sundays are free and open to all, no sign-ups or advance resignation required. This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

MONDAY | JUNE 3

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the SMi Room in the Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.



TRUMP

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on the foundation of the case and its participants. But the verdict from the 12-person jury marked a repudiation of Trump's efforts to undermine confidence in the proceedings or to potentially impress the panel with a show of GOP support.

The trial involved charges that Trump falsified business records to cover up hush money payments to Stormy Daniels, the porn actor who said she had sex with the married Trump in 2006.

The $130,000 payment was made by Trump's former lawyer and personal fixer Michael Cohen to buy Daniels' silence during the final weeks of the 2016 race in what prosecutors allege was an effort to interfere in the election. When Cohen was reimbursed, the payments were recorded as legal expenses, which prosecutors said was an unlawful attempt to mask the true purpose of the transaction. Trump's lawyers contend they were legitimate payments for legal services.

Trump has denied the sexual encounter, and his lawyers argued during the trial that his celebrity status, particularly during the 2016 campaign, made him a target for extortion. They've said hush money deals to bury negative stories about Trump were motivated by personal considerations such as the impact on his family and brand as a businessman, not political ones. They also sought to undermine the credibility of Cohen, the star prosecution witness who pleaded guilty in 2018 to federal charges related to the payments, as driven by personal animus toward Trump as well as fame and money.

The trial featured more than four weeks of occasionally riveting testimony that revisited an already well-documented chapter from Trump's past, when his 2016 campaign was threatened by the disclosure of an "Access Hollywood" recording that captured him talking about grabbing women sexually without their permission and the prospect of other stories about Trump and sex surfacing that would be harmful to his candidacy.

Trump himself did not testify, but jurors heard his voice through a secret recording of a conversation with Cohen in which he and the lawyer discussed a $150,000 hush money deal involving a Playboy model, Karen McDougal, who has said she had an affair with Trump: "What do we got to pay for this? One-fifty?" Trump was heard saying on the recording made by Cohen.

Daniels herself testified, offering at times a graphic recounting of the sexual encounter she says they had in a hotel suite during a Lake Tahoe golf tournament. The former publisher of the National Enquirer, David Pecker, testified about how he worked to keep stories harmful to the Trump campaign from becoming public at all, including by having his company buy McDougal's story.

Jurors also heard from Keith Davidson, the lawyer who negotiated the hush money payments on behalf of Daniels and McDougal.

He detailed the tense negotiations to get both women compensated for their silence but also faced an aggressive round of questioning from a Trump attorney who noted that Davidson had helped broker similar hush money deals in cases involving other prominent figures.

> "To keep the loyalty and to do the things that he had asked me to do, I violated my moral compass, and I suffered the penalty, as has my family
>
> - Michael Cohen

But the most pivotal witness, by far, was Cohen, who spent days on the stand and gave jurors an insider's view of the hush money scheme and what he said was Trump's detailed knowledge of it.

"Just take care of it," he quoted Trump as saying at one point.

He offered jurors the most direct link between Trump and the heart of the charges, recounting a meeting in which they and the then-chief financial officer of Trump Organization described a plan to have Cohen reimbursed in monthly installments for legal services.

And he emotionally described his dramatic break with Trump in 2018, when he decided to cooperate with prosecutors after a decade-long career as the then-president's personal fixer.

"To keep the loyalty and to do the things that he had asked me to do, I violated my moral compass, and I suffered the penalty, as has my family," Cohen told the jury.

The outcome provides a degree of vindication for Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who had characterized the case as being about election interference rather than hush money and defended it against criticism from legal experts who called it the weakest of the four prosecutions against Trump.

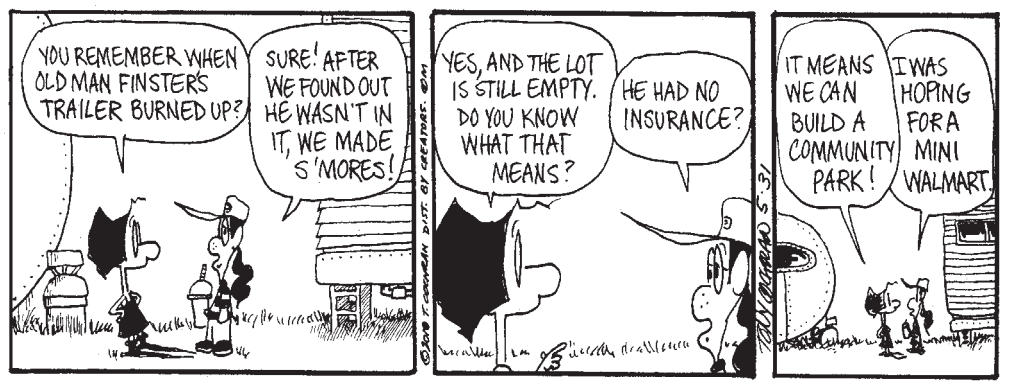
But it took on added importance not only because it proceeded to trial first but also because it could be the only one of the cases to reach a jury before the election.

The other three cases — local and federal charges in Atlanta and Washington that he conspired to undo the 2020 election, as well as a federal indictment in Florida charging him with illegally hoarding top-secret records — are bogged down by delays or appeals.



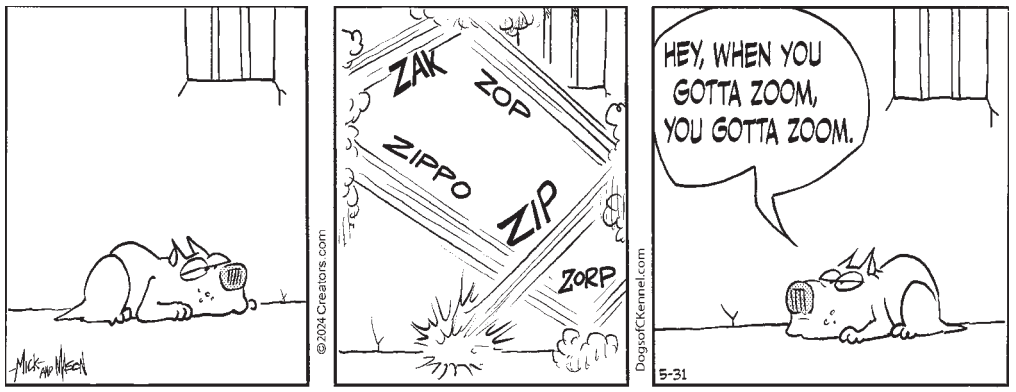
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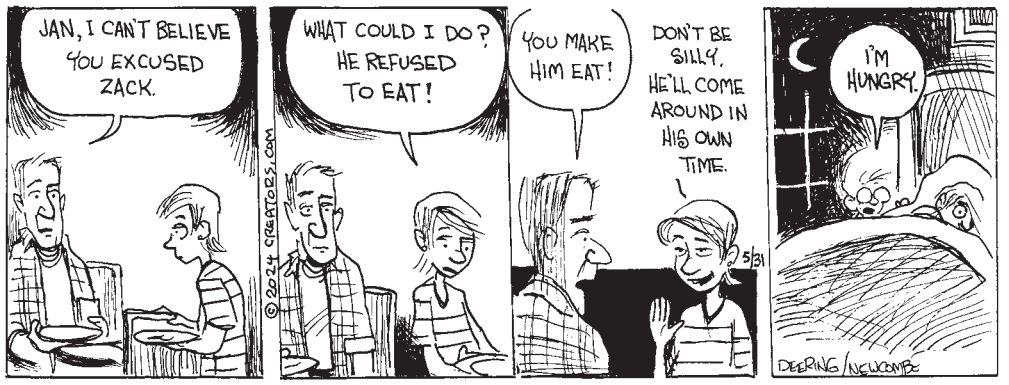
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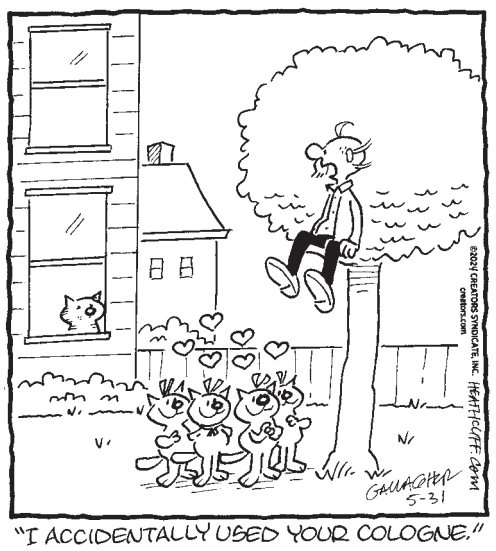
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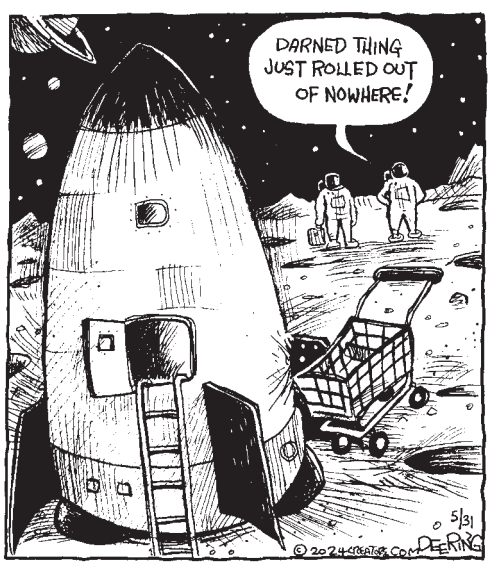
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 31)

A year that highlights what you are most proud of. Genuine articles tend to influence just by standing in who they are, and that's exactly you. You'll make a difference without trying to. More highlights: Investments pay off. You'll live new chapters with fresh characters. Whatever you're searching for in relationships, you'll find. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 1, 14 and 10.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can make even the most disparate elements seem to coincide. You will find relationships between things, correlations that no one else sees. Even when things seem to be working at cross-purposes, you can braid them together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People sense you like but don't need them. that will work for you. Overall, it's an attractive look. You hang back, wait and see, or bow out gracefully until an offer gets sweeter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even twins can have drastically different worldviews. Agreement won't be the point. Respect might be though, so you'll offer it to people even when you don't agree and create a sense of community where you go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For the open-minded like you, fresh situations tend to call up a naive state. Here your mind is like a clever child, making things up and quite capable of fibbing to you. Your body, however, won't lie, so trust your intuition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though it seems that someone with flawless taste and impeccable manners would be your ideal consort, since such a person doesn't exist, a connection forged in vulnerability and shared mistakes will be infinitely more useful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nicknames are a signal of affection. It's good luck to rename more than just people. For instance, by giving a nickname to a problem, you own it, love it, make light of it and ultimately are in a better position to solve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't worry, you're not missing the point. The point is something that, when thrown, always sticks where it's supposed to. You know all you need to know for now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Recognition and understanding are as vital as sustenance. You will retain someone in your company because you know how to make them feel appreciated. Tonight highlights your tasteful aesthetic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be praised for your talent and skill. As wonderful as this is, it's not why you do what you do. Full commitments tend to be their own reward. The personal satisfaction of doing your best is strong motivation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You appreciate what others do. You appreciate what others don't. You appreciate the obvious, the hidden, the sensory, the intellectual, the motion and its absence. In this state, however long it lasts, be it seconds or hours, all is well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maybe it's impossible to present unbiased information. It's so difficult to extract information from the connections caused by your feelings about it. But to whatever degree you are unbiased, you will also be wise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the words of ancient philosopher Marcus Aurelius, "Our loss is limited to that one fleeting instant, since no one can lose what is already past, nor yet what is still to come — for how can one be deprived of what one does not possess?"

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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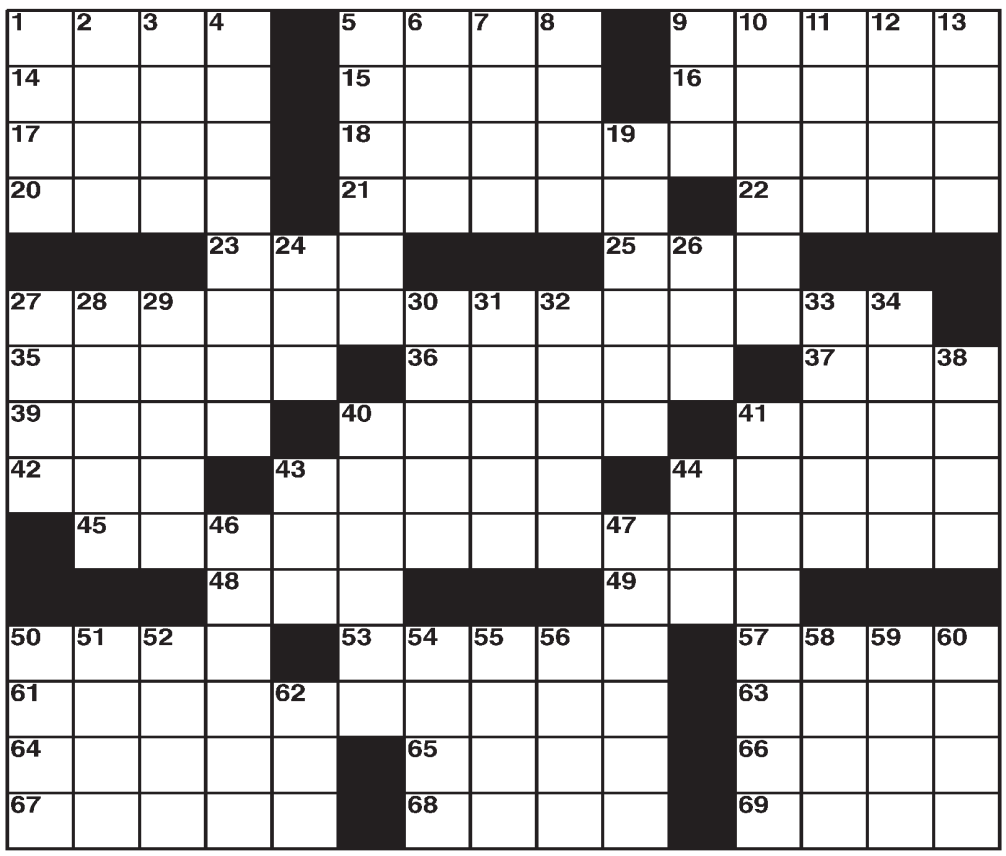
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ACROSS

1 Jocularity
5 Tap issue
9 Set of scruples
14 Six-sided state
15 Lack of pressure
16 Name meaning "rose"
17 Yucatán people
18 Collector of miscellany
20 Oral head-turner
21 Let out or take in
22 Well-planned
23 Place for a pit stop
25 Texted shrug
27 Freud contemporary
35 Some e-readers
36 Vehicles first raced in Switzerland
37 One standing on the National Mall
39 Lad of La Mancha
40 Mongol marauder
41 "America the Beautiful" pronoun
42 Ltr. extra
43 Italian producer of *Doctor Zhivago*
44 Brings in
45 Louisiana linebackers et al.
48 "Hardly!"
49 Low drone
50 Others: Lat.
53 Uncanny
57 Beethoven's #7 key
61 What kids often climb
63 Subscription streamer
64 What parsley produces
65 Small annoyance
66 Erelong
67 Price twice
68 Six-yr. sitters
69 Lo-cal

DOWN

1 Sudden rise
2 Dock data
3 Voices
4 "Good enough"
5 53-Across feeling
6 Julia of films
7 Lacks existence
8 Toy from China
9 Bungle something
10 Brief gratitude
11 "Battle Hymn" writer
12 Abstraction
13 E-commerce icon
19 Printer software
24 DOJ heads
26 Hip-hop hosts
27 French film
28 Pub patron ale order
29 Home for horses
30 Colloquialisms
31 For all, on a score
32 "Like I said..."
33 Indira Gandhi's statesman father
34 Third American in space
38 State of disarray
40 Just right
41 *Slumdog Millionaire* locale
43 Favoring
44 *Lait*, mostly
46 Perplexing person
47 Storage units
50 Close to shut
51 Enticement
52 Past regulation, for short
54 Baker's dozens
55 Baseball great Sandberg
56 "__ open book!"
58 Bond nickname
59 Plenty
60 "Unfinished" theme of the puzzle
62 Trail



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JP'S BAR & GRILL

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in time for the Super Bowl, but alas, it wasn't to be.

"Santa Monica is pretty difficult to deal with. It got down to the departments that I didn't think would be an issue and they were more of an issue as it turned out. Minimal things like the trash and stuff like that," Kallberg said, adding, "And anything with Santa Monica takes at least a month. So it was trash and fire alarms and small stuff, but each one of those is like another month at a time, so yeah, it was pretty infuriating.

"One of the frustrating things about the city is that they don't really tell you things concurrently, it gets through one department then goes to the next, so when you'd like things to be dealt with all in one month, it ends up being over a month to month to month period," he said.

For years Santa Monica residents have wondered what was happening at 925 Wilshire Blvd suite C ever since a public notice appeared on the door indicating an application for a permit to sell alcoholic beverages, back in February 2022. The name of the establishment on that permit application was "JP's Sports Bar & Grill."

Originally at 1101 Wilshire Blvd and now less than two blocks west, JP's is practically a local landmark and it is in fact among the oldest standalone watering holes in Santa Monica. According to Kallberg, it goes all the way back to the 1940s and was originally a little pharmacy called The Airlines, back in the halcyon heyday of Donald Douglas et al. It eventually transformed into a bar and then at some point during the '70s two brothers from Jamaica Plain in Boston bought it. A few years after that, Kallberg's family took it over and he relocated it to a bigger site after it closed in early 2021.

"That's where JP's comes from – Jamaica Plain," said Kallberg.

Having visited the bar while work was still in progress, the transformation is quite remarkable. Kallberg very much has an idea of what is both aesthetically pleasing and practical in terms of decor. The walls aren't cluttered and there's plenty of empty space, yet neon signs add just enough decoration to make it interesting. At the same time, Kallberg welcomes the idea that over time, the place will become personalized.

"Most stuff gets damaged even if it's by accident if it's too low on the walls," he said. "It just gets messed up or pulled down. But, in the old place, there was a space where everyone used to write their names, so I might eventually incorporate something like that, because that was really popular."

This new location is three times the size of the old venue and has double the floor space. The windows feature heavy blackout-style curtains and a large, centrally-placed bar with screens encircling it.

The back end of the venue incorporates a second large area with pool tables and television screens and then there's a medium-sized kitchen that will offer bar-style food like burgers, wings and so on. There's even tentative plans for a barbecue and smoker outside for the summer season. And since the old bar had a connection to Cleveland-based sports teams, Kallberg said that will continue.

"If people want to come in and watch a game, any game, then they can," he says, even rugby. "Our aim here is to create an environment where people can just come and hang out, they can prop the bar up and talk to complete strangers in a relaxed environment, if they want to.

"We want to accommodate everyone, but if a big group calls ahead or gets in early and wants to watch something specific, then it's very much a first come, first served basis."

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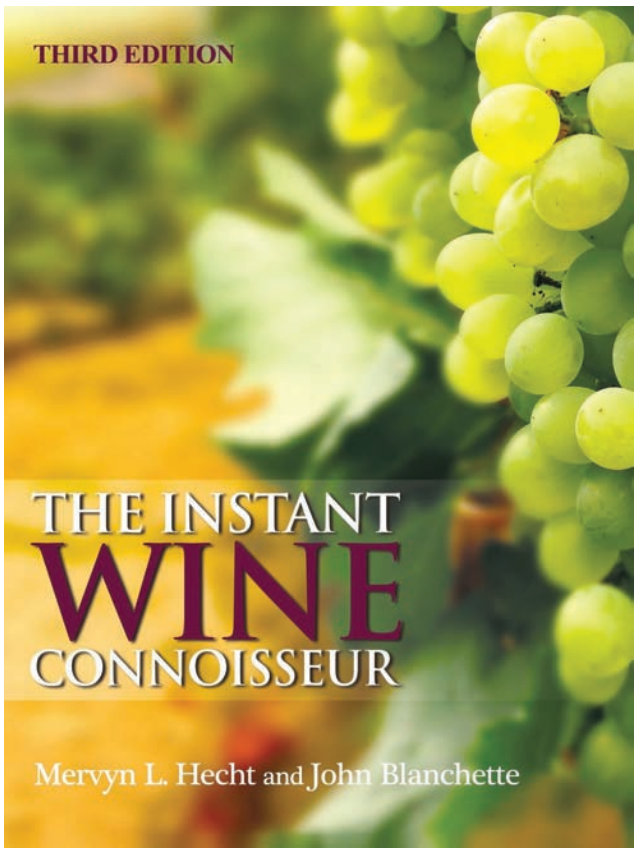


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