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Residents appalled at community meeting on Wilshire developments

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SMDP Staff Writer

Residents from the Wilshire/Montana neighborhoods gathered at Saint Anne Church on Colorado Avenue on Monday to engage with the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) over the development of three new sites, 1217 Euclid, 1211 14th Street and 1146 16th Street.

Once built, the projects would serve individuals and families making anywhere from 30 to 80% of the area median income, as well as people experiencing homelessness. The Euclid St site will include permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals with The People Concern — a 501(c) non-profit organization that specializes in evidence-based solutions to homelessness — as the lead supportive service provider.

However, if you thought just because the Fourth of July was behind us that the fireworks had stopped, then you're very much mistaken. The strategy adopted by the HCHC for this particular meeting was to provide a presentation and then rather than have a traditional-style Q&A where members of the public might ask questions that were answered by relevant officials, five different "stations" had been set up, behind the designated seating area to address different categories of questions.



Courtesy Graphic

CONTROVERSY: The three sites involved are 1217 Euclid, 1211 14th St. and 1146 16th St.

According to Sarah Letts, Executive Director of HCHC, their research had suggested that this was the most effective method. But this was not an opinion shared by almost all of the 80 or so gathered crowd and when that strategy was announced, the gathered assembly did not hold back in expressing their feelings towards this questionable idea.

"Lots of people will ask the same questions, which will just have to be repeated over and over," said one.

"We all want to hear the answers," said another, while another said, "This is an attempt to divide and conquer."

Letts also objected to the Daily Press video recording the meeting,

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Despite lowering rents, Westside less desirable as apartment option

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Though Santa Monica apartment rent prices continue to dip ever so slightly, the Westside market remains less competitive than its Los Angeles metropolitan area neighbors.

According to a new report by RentCafe, Western Los Angeles County, which includes Santa Monica, was deemed the "least competitive" market for apartment rentals out of California metro areas. This was determined by factors like the average apartment vacancy time before being rented out, the amount of prospective renters for a place, as well as lease renewal rate.

Out of 12 California markets researched, ranging from Eastern and Northern Los Angeles County to the Bay Area and Sacramento, Western Los Angeles County scored last out of these competitive metrics. An apartment stays on the market for an average of 46 days, a typical number, however the Westside is hampered by a low apartment

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Museum makes room for skateboarding's Dogtown roots

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A project two years in the making has brought the spirit of skateboarding's origins back to the sport's birthplace.

On June 30, the California Heritage Museum launched its exhibit "Dogtown and the Legendary Z-Boys," paying homage to the Westside's founding fathers of modern skateboarding. Running through October 27, what museum Executive Director Tobi Smith called a "long summer" show, the

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

EXHIBIT: The California Heritage Museum's new exhibit on Dogtown and the legendary Z-Boys has brought quite a crowd in its first week of showings.



Homelessness slowed down in Los Angeles. It's little cause for celebration

JIM NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

The politics and progress against homelessness are reaching an inflection point in Los Angeles, and the next few months may determine whether the region turns the corner on this issue or loses patience with leadership.

Last week brought the tiniest bit of good news that underscores the delicacy of the moment: The annual count of those living outside was released and, for the first time in years, the numbers were down — but only fractionally.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the number of people living without housing in Los Angeles County was 75,312 as of late January, when the count was conducted. The total number of homeless in the city of Los Angeles was 45,252.

For the county, that represented a less than 1% decline. For the city, it was a drop of 2.2%.

Those are hardly numbers to be enthusiastic about. There are California cities with populations lower than LA's unhoused community, and each of its members is struggling with the most basic human needs. They are vulnerable, desperate and ever-present in modern Los Angeles, as they are in cities across the state and nationwide.

Still, a decline is an achievement, especially since it reflects the first such decline since 2018. Have we reached a turning point?

"It's too soon to say that," Mayor Karen Bass told me this week after a press conference in MacArthur Park, itself a center of this population and the problems that come with it.

Bass is no dummy. She's done more than any elected leader of this city in the past 30 years to take responsibility for housing the homeless, and she knows not to overpromise and under-deliver.

That's a lesson that one of her predecessors, Antonio Villaraigosa, learned the hard way when he impulsively pledged to plant a million trees. He succeeded in getting just south of half that many, and was ultimately blamed for falling short, instead of being praised for planting more than 400,000.

So Bass is not likely to be tricked into rosy declarations on an issue so poignantly present in the daily life of her constituents. But she has been in office for nearly two years, and there is pressure on her to produce tangible results.

Beyond the overall numbers, she can — and does — point to accomplishments. The most recent homeless count also recorded a significant drop in street homelessness, which fell by 10% inside the city. Bass had also said from the outset that her first focus would be to dismantle encampments, and the results of this year's count demonstrate her progress there: they're down 38%.

"I'm very encouraged and excited that the count is down and that shelter is up and unsheltered homelessness is down," Bass said. "But it's going to take a while before we can say we've gone in a completely new direction."

Meanwhile, the rest of the world is imposing new demands, making it hard sometimes just to tread water. When

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Photo by Pablo Unzueta for CalMatters

HOMELESS: Carlos Parra, 44, delivers cold beverages and ice to his unhoused neighbors in an industrial part of Los Angeles during a heat wave on Sept. 4, 2022. "For us homeless, it is a little harder to deal with this heat,' Parra said.

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!

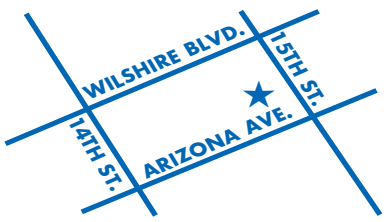
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Passed over for promotions, no jobs in sight: Some deaf Californians question what's fair



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

JOBS: The Sacramento Works job training and resources center in Sacramento on April 23, 2024. The center provides help and resources to job seekers, business and employers in Sacramento County.

ADAM ECHELMAN
Special to the Daily Press

Lisa Peterson interviewed first at Kohl's, then at TJ Maxx and Target. She applied for jobs at Raley's, Safeway, Applebee's, and Olive Garden, too. Once, she advanced to a second interview at the Cheesecake Factory, but like the rest, no job offer followed.

Peterson is 60 years old, with white hair that falls just below her shoulders. She holds her hands near her face, wiggling her fingers as she pauses to recall months spent searching for an entry-level job.

For deaf adults like Peterson, finding work isn't easy. Either they take a position that requires little person-to-person communication, or their employers must hire a sign language interpreter, which can cost a business more than a hundred dollars an hour. Once hired, some deaf adults say they struggle to attain promotions or feel a sense of belonging at work, especially when there are few other deaf people around.

"I've been really just trying to prove that I can work," said Peterson, speaking through an American Sign Language interpreter earlier this year. "...It's been a year and a half that I've been doing this, and I'm trying to figure out what's wrong with me. Is there something wrong with me? Is there something wrong with them?"

State and federal disability law require companies to make "reasonable" accommodations for employees who are deaf. California goes further than federal law by offering a more expansive definition of disability, but the definition of reasonable still depends on the size of the employer. Small businesses can argue that the hourly cost of hiring a sign language interpreter is an unreasonable burden. Large employers, such as the government or big companies, are expected to shoulder the cost of interpreters, both at the interview stage and upon hire, said Andy Imparato, executive director of Disability Rights California, a nonprofit organization.

Compliance is "all over the place," he said.

WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES

The last time Peterson searched for a job was 1984, right after she had dropped out of community college. With the help of NorCal Services for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, a Northern California nonprofit, she found a job in the state controller's office, doing data entry. She stayed 18 years, until her daughter was diagnosed with diabetes. In 2020, Peterson decided it was time to work again and took classes at NorCal Services for the Deaf.

To help job seekers like Peterson, California's Employment Development Department contracts with NorCal Services for the Deaf to place career counselors within the state's publicly run job centers. For over a year, Peterson went to a Sacramento job center near her home in Fair Oaks, often going twice a week, to work on her resume, apply for jobs, or "just keep the ball rolling," she said.

She had about 12 interviews, many of which she said went well. Employers are responsible for providing interpreters at interviews, but in Peterson's case, the state covered the costs.

"My ideal job would be retail," she said, explaining that she wants something that allows her to be around people, such as hanging or organizing clothes in a store. But in interviews, she said, employers tried to steer her into backroom roles.

Ryan Gallagher, an Employment Development Department program coordinator, was responsible for helping Peterson secure each interview. Speaking through a sign language interpreter at his Sacramento office, he said businesses often place deaf employees in warehouses, back kitchens, or in data-entry positions that have limited face-to-face communication. "They don't want to give the client that opportunity because they don't want to spend that much

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **66.7**

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

S swell eases, mixing with lingering NW windswell for some small peaks. Light/variable early AM wind expected, potentially picking up out of the W quickly. Mid-AM low tide isn't too bad, should be able to surf through it.

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

Minor surf to show for the day from a tiny mix of S/SW swells and NW windswell. Light wind is likely for the AM.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 74. Light south wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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2024/07/12	Fri	9:35 PM	2.48		L
2024/07/13	Sat	02:30 AM	3.31		H
2024/07/13	Sat	08:38 AM	1.67		L
2024/07/13	Sat	4:03 PM	4.49		H
2024/07/13	Sat	11:16 PM	2.07		L
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2024/07/14	Sun	09:14 AM	2.12		L
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California is late on its own financial health report for the 6th straight year

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California — a state whose officials love to tout it as the world's fifth largest economy — is a year late in producing a report on its own financial health for the sixth year in a row.

The most recently available such report, from 2022, blamed the chronic lateness of the reports on, among other things, a state software changeover that started in 2005, the year the first YouTube video was uploaded.

The state's annual comprehensive financial report, which aims to provide insight into California's financial health, is significant because it helps maintain the state's credit rating, which is important in situations where the state might need to borrow money.

While there isn't a specific deadline for the reports under state law, bond certificates and federal funding require reporting by April 1 and March 31, respectively. State Controller Malia Cohen's office said it typically tries to meet the March 31 deadline.

This is the sixth consecutive year that the report missed those deadlines. The last available report is for the fiscal year that ended in 2022, published this past March.

Cohen's office attributed the delay of the 2021-2022 report to the "unanticipated" extension of personal and corporate income taxes by both the federal government and California in 2023, as well as to ongoing challenges with agencies' transition to FI$Cal, the state's replacement budgeting and finance platform.

California launched the FI$Cal overhaul in 2005 to bring all of its budgeting and finance systems under one umbrella. If FI$Cal were a person, it would now be old enough to vote. The Legislature passed a bill to deem the project complete as of July 2022, but the state auditor noted that state agencies struggle to use the system.

In the 2022 report, the state auditor raised concerns that continued delays could affect California's ability to maintain a high credit rating and borrow money at low interest.

But the controller's office told CalMatters via email that the reporting delays haven't harmed California's bond ratings yet due to the "availability of data from a number of other sources describing California's financial position and ability to meet its bond obligations."

Cohen, who took the helm as controller last year, pledged in the 2022 report published in March of this year to get the reports on track by March 2026.

The statement from her office said she "has taken substantial measures to mitigate the root causes" of delays, including streamlining processes and optimizing technology.

The state also allocated more resources to the controller's office in the 2023-24 budget to address workload and provide state departments with technical assistance.

"These efforts are part of a comprehensive plan to return the State to timely reporting over the next several reporting cycles," the email from the controller's office said.

In April, a report from the Illinois-based government transparency group Truth in Accounting ranked California 48th in financial transparency, based on a mix of factors including the state auditor's opinion and the timeliness of reports.

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FINANCES: Construction of the annex at the state Capitol in Sacramento on April 29, 2024.

City of Santa Monica

NOTIFICACION DE LA ELECCIÓN

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Mónica el martes, 5 de noviembre de 2024, para los siguientes funcionarios:

Para cuatro (4) miembros del Concejo Municipal	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
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Para tres (3) miembros del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Mónica-Malibu	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros de la Junta de Síndicos del distrito de la comunidad universitaria de Santa Mónica	Período completo de cuatro (4) años

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Si no se nomina a nadie o solamente a una persona para un cargo electivo, se puede realizar el nombramiento al cargo elegido según lo prescrito por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California.

Los centros electorales estarán abiertos el 5 de noviembre de 2024 entre las 7:00 am. y 8:00 pm.

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California has just approved a new blueprint for offshore wind. The massive projects will cost billions



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

WIND: Fishing boats docked at the marina along the Humboldt Bay shoreline in Eureka on June 6, 2023.

JULIE CART
Special to the Daily Press

The California Energy Commission today unanimously approved a sweeping plan to develop a massive floating offshore wind industry in ocean waters — a first-of-its-kind undertaking that will require billions in public and private investments and could transform parts of the coast.

The new state plan sets the path for harnessing wind power from hundreds of giant turbines, each as tall as a 70-story building, floating in the ocean about 20 miles off Humboldt Bay and Morro Bay. The untapped energy is expected to become a major power source as California electrifies vehicles and switches to clean energy.

California's wind farms represent a giant experiment: No other place in the world has floating wind operations in such deep waters — more than a half-mile deep — so far from shore.

The commission's vote today came after representatives of various industries, environmentalists, community leaders and others mostly expressed support for offshore wind, although some voiced concerns.

State and federal officials use the word "urgency" to describe the frenetic pace needed to lay the groundwork for development of five areas that the federal government has leased to offshore wind companies.

"I feel the urgency to move forward swiftly,' said energy commissioner Patty Monahan. "The climate crisis is upon us. Offshore wind is a real opportunity for us to move forward with clean energy."

She added, though, that the plan "is a starting point…There are a lot of uncertainties about environmental impacts. We need to be clear-eyed and engage the right scientific interests and move carefully."

The five energy companies are now assessing sites within the 583 square miles, which is expected to take five years. That will be followed by about two years of design, construction and environmental and technical reviews.

Energy Commission Chairman David Hochschild recently called it "one of the single most complex processes I've been involved with."

That complexity was reflected in the heft of the strategic plan, which includes three volumes and 500 pages of public comment. The breadth of the document — which involved coordination among 10 state agencies — reflects the sheer size and scope of what's being envisioned. State officials said offshore wind requires an unprecedented level of planning and policy development in California.

The offshore wind industry must be created almost from scratch: a new manufacturing base for the still-evolving technology; a robust and reliable supply chain; transportation networks on land and sea; specially configured ports to make, assemble and maintain the gargantuan seagoing platforms; finding and training a highly specialized workforce; building a large transmission network where none exists and beefing up those that operate now.

The Energy Commission's plan estimates that just the work to upgrade California's ports will cost $11-$12 billion, much of it publicly funded. The plan identifies the large ports of Humboldt, Long Beach and Los Angeles as viable for storing, staging and assembling parts needed for offshore wind operations.

By 2045, 16 large and 10 small ports will be needed along California's coast for various aspects of development and support, according to the plan. "Funding and permitting for these projects are a critical challenge to address," the plan says. An estimated $475 million would be set aside for port infrastructure in a climate bond measure that will be on the November ballot.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Steven Anthony Gunther CASE NUMBER: 23STPB07114 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Steven Anthony Gunther A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mary Guilfoylein the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Mary Guilfoyle be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: Aug 9, 2024 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 79 Room - Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Law Offices of Eric D Riley. Eric D Riley 273702 567 W Channel Island Blvd Ste.210 Port Hueneme, CA 9304. Tel 805-244-5291 07/05/24, 07/12/24, 07/19/24

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LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

HOMELESS

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COVID-era rules preventing evictions were lifted, tens of thousands of Angelenos faced the possibility of losing their homes. Bass responded by directing the Mayor's Fund to launch a program to protect renters. When Texas Gov. Greg Abbott began shipping migrants to Los Angeles for his own political purposes, volunteers here welcomed the new arrivals and helped connect them with family or other resources for housing.

Those external hits keep coming.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last month that Grants Pass, Oregon, did not violate the Constitution's protection against "cruel and unusual" punishment when it arrested homeless people for camping on public property — even when the city could not shelter everyone who needed it. That ruling, Bass warned, may encourage some Southern California cities to enact similar bans, driving the region's homeless people to Los Angeles, where they need not fear arrest.

As the demands for housing and other services continue or even grow, it may exhaust the good will of groups and individuals who have supported the mayor's work so far.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors — which has, in her words, "locked arms" with Bass — has authorized a November ballot measure that would double an existing quarter-cent sales tax for housing and homeless services. If approved, the measure would generate $1.2 billion a year to pay for housing, mental health care and substance abuse treatment.

But there is evidence that some groups are losing patience. BizFed, a powerful coalition of businesses and employers that supported the county's existing quarter-cent sales tax, is balking at this move.

"We backed Measure H in 2017 to provide 10 years of dedicated resources to take care of our unhoused neighbors," CEO Tracy Hernandez said in a statement. "However, Los Angeles County's homelessness population grew 43% between 2018 and 2023. We call on our county's elected leaders to show improvement before demanding more taxpayer dollars."

Bass acknowledged that some people are eager for visible progress, though she said the measure on the November ballot includes strong accountability mechanisms to ensure that the money is spent on programs that produce real results.

In that sense, then, this is a race of interdependent forces: Success breeds confidence, but success can only be achieved with support, and support requires public confidence. Bass knows all too well that if support ebbs away before she and the city can make real progress, her work will be for naught — a prospect with bleak implications for the tens of thousands of men, women and children who live without shelter in America's second-largest city.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, July 15, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Bergamot Area Plan Objective Design Standards Presentation and Discussion

Miramar Hotel Project Discussion
Presentation by Planning staff and Applicant regarding the Miramar Hotel Project at 1133 Ocean Avenue and formulation of Board recommendations to the Landmarks Commission for its future review of the project's Certificate of Appropriateness application (24ENT-0096)

PUBLIC HEARING

2025 Wilshire Boulevard – 24ARB-0035: Mixed-Use
Review of the design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of an 8-story, 125,785 square foot, mixed-use building with 150 dwelling units, residential amenities, 8,556 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and four levels of subterranean parking. The project site comprises three parcels totaling 25,500 square feet and is located in the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) Zoning District.
This project was previously reviewed on April 29, 2024

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 5547#).

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received **prior to 12 p.m.** on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Architectural Review Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation.

All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica sobre una solicitud para remodilar un edifecio que tiene valor historico importante. Para más información: planning@santamonica.gov

WIND

FROM PAGE 5

Some people at the hearing raised concerns about increased activity around major ports, where ships and trucks already create serious air pollution problems that can trigger asthma and heart attacks.

"This plan does not alleviate that. It increases that," said Therai Golden, who lives near the Port of Long Beach. "We have a 75 to 100 year legacy of death with the current pollution. It is insane. We don't oppose offshore wind. We oppose the development in our backyard, where we are already dying."

Another pressing challenge is transmission — the complex job of getting the power onshore and distributing it to users. The Humboldt area presents the biggest challenge, the report says, given the rural region's already sparse transmission network.

Capturing wind energy from giant floating ocean platforms is considered essential to achieving California's ambitious goal of electrifying its grid with 100% zero-carbon energy. The state's blueprint envisions offshore wind farms producing 25 gigawatts by 2045, powering 25 million homes and providing about 13% of California's electricity.

Powering an expansive economy free of fossil fuels by 2045 means the state must triple its power generation capacity and deploy new solar and wind energy at almost five times the pace of the past decade.

The endeavor will require coordination with multiple state and federal agencies, as well as local and tribal governments, with overlapping jurisdictions and sometimes conflicting priorities.

That heavy lift, said Adam Stern, executive director of Offshore Wind California, an industry group, made it all the more remarkable that the strategic plan was finalized.

"This is tangible progress. It's a remarkable record of intent and determination," he said. "None of these things was happening a year ago. The plan mobilized the ecosystem of state agencies, industry, organized labor, environmental groups and tribes. There are lots of challenges ahead, but this is a great start."

The Energy Commission missed its March deadline included in state law to approve the plan. Then the agency postponed a scheduled vote two weeks ago to give interested parties enough time to digest the dense package of documents.

The shipping industry is concerned that the plan doesn't "address and ensure navigational safety and efficiency" for the commercial ships that serve California's seaports. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are the nation's busiest.

"The plan lacks any effective identification and analysis of potential impacts to the commercial shipping industry," the Pacific Marine Shipping Association wrote in a letter to the Energy Commission. "It is frankly confounding that there is resistance to include the maritime industry in this vital Plan; to be clear, the industry is not opposed to offshore wind development in practice."

Environmental groups scoured the documents for answers to what have been unanswerable questions about offshore wind's potential effects on marine life, migrating whales and birds, and the onshore environment.

Even state scientists have publicly noted a "data gap" when it came to understanding the impact of platforms in the sea, electrified underwater cables, huge spinning blades and increased boat traffic.

To answer those questions, the commission's plan calls for a broad-based science consortium and a bird and bat conservation strategy, among other topics. Recreational and commercial fishing will be affected, the report says, and that will require continued research, officials say.

Some environmental groups have come to terms with the uneasy tradeoff between the need to address climate change with cleaner energy and the potential harmful impacts that come with any energy development.

Understanding that climate change is contributing to the rapid decline of bird populations means accepting some development, said Mike Lynes, director of public policy for Audubon California. "We want these projects to be successful. But we want to avoid impacts first and mitigate where we can."

Dan Jacobson, senior adviser to the advocacy group Environment California, said he is becoming comfortable with the unknowns. "But we can't slow down on the science and information that we need. We have to do things quickly, inexpensively and very smartly. You usually get two out of three of those things. How do we do this so that we cause the least harm and get the most good out of it?"

Assemblymember Dawn Addis, whose district includes 200 miles of the Central Coast, said it is clear to her that her constituents don't have enough information to understand the implications of the new industry. Her 2023 bill to fund offshore wind scientific research was folded into the budget, with $3.6 million going to the state Ocean Protection Council to organize the research effort.

"Everyone's hungry to understand the science," said Addis, a Democrat from San Luis Obispo. "There's still work to do to get that science into the world. This is a tremendous opportunity to study the deep ocean."

Addis, who chairs the Legislature's select committee on offshore wind energy, said lawmakers will analyze the strategic plan and "uncover needs that we just don't know about yet. Getting this right is not just a slogan for me."

Generally, the plan acknowledges environmental impacts but says that so-called "adaptive management" — flexibility to change an approach if it proves unexpectedly damaging — can address most concerns.

The projects will industrialize sections of the California coast with an indelible footprint, and could usher employment and revitalized economies to neglected regions. Nearly a fifth of Humboldt County households live in poverty.

Community groups and tribes along the North Coast, in particular, have been participating in formulating the state's strategic plan to make sure that wind development doesn't follow the boom-and-bust cycle of so many extractive industries, such as mining and timber. that have come and gone from the Humboldt region.

"We need to be part of the decision-making structure, to make sure that this industry delivers local community protection and investment, through legally binding and enforceable mechanism," said Katerina Oskarsson, the executive-in-residence at CORE Hub and the Humboldt Area Foundation, part of a coalition of community groups and tribes.

"If this industry moves forward, host communities need to benefit.This is not just about jobs and economic benefit. It's about justice beyond jobs. This needs to be transformational in a meaningful way," she said.

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HOA HOMEFRONT

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Reader Questions – Constitutional Rights in Hearings, and Does the Delinquent Owner Talk?

KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ., CCAL

Dear Kelly: We have a homeowner that insists that the HOA must have the complainant in a harassment violation present at his hearing? Is it required? M.H., Pacific Beach

Hello Kelly, good commentary on disciplinary hearings in your recent column. Following is a crucial part of hearings that the public needs to be informed of which is due process. Owners discovered that hearings are not being conducted so all parties, the accused, the accuser, with any witnesses, were at the hearing. An owner is no longer able to read what another owner or other wrote about them in a formal complaint; no evidence is presented at a hearing. These wrongful practices violate our constitutional right to due process. Thank you for your interest and concern. T.H., San Diego

Dear M.H., and T.H.:

There is a rampant misunderstanding about HOA disciplinary hearings. The "due process" for HOA hearings does not come from the constitution because HOA boards are not judges and cannot impose incarceration or other serious consequences. I know that some HOA law firms are advocating constitutional due process in HOA disciplinary hearings, but these hearings are not constitutional in nature. The procedure, or "due process," comes solely from Civil Code Section 5855, which is simple, and mainly requires that the owner receive at least 10 days written notice of the alleged violation and the date/time/place of the hearing. That statute provides the HOA's "due process." There is no right to jury, a right to counsel, a protection against self-incrimination, and so on. There also is no right given to cross-examine witnesses or even to confront the accuser.

I routinely suggest my clients do not allow the accuser and accused to be in the same room – it increases the probability of problems.

To make disciplinary hearings fairer to the owners, consider adopting written disciplinary hearing procedures which can be distributed to all members. When a hearing notice is sent, the hearing procedures can also be sent to the member. This helps members to be prepared at hearings, which also helps the board.

These hearings encourage neighbors to be good neighbors, and are presided upon by neighbors, and so are not handled like court hearings. Sincerely, Kelly

Good Morning: Currently our HOA conducts both membership and board meetings in person or by virtual platform (Zoom). One owner generally attends all meetings and is allowed to discuss items on the agenda. That owner also refuses to pay late fees on their monthly HOA fees, so technically they are not "in good standing". Can we refuse to allow the member to participate in the meetings? The person in question is not a board member. Thanks, K.W., Brawley

Dear K.W.: Only the board should be discussing the agenda. Owners can under Civil Code Section 4925 attend the open portion of board meetings and can address the board in open forum per Section 4925(b), but do not have the right to deliberate with the board. "Good standing" does not affect the right of members to observe board meetings or to vote at membership meetings as members. So, the issue is not the owner's delinquency but is the fact that owners generally do not have the right to deliberate along with the board.

Best, Kelly

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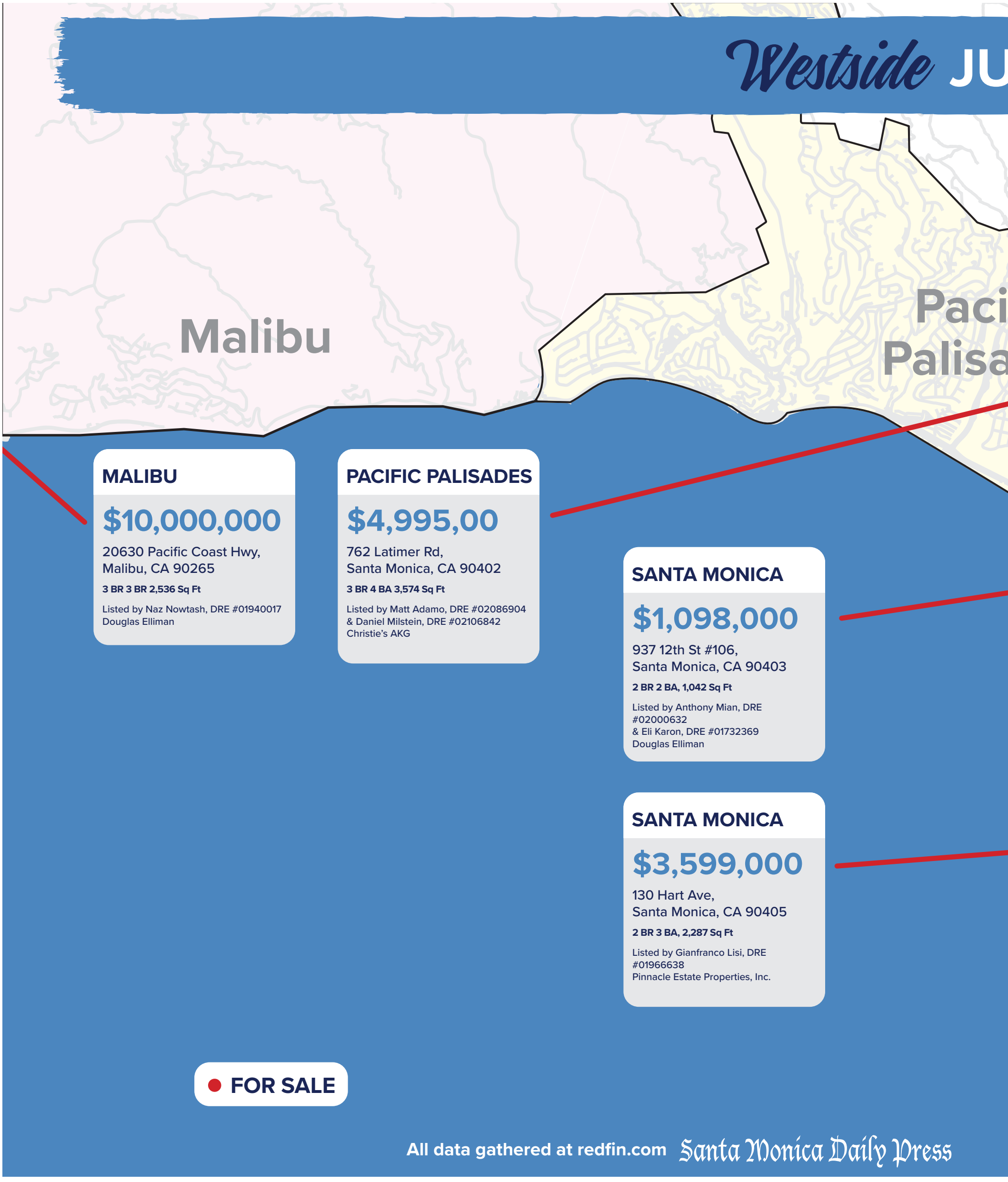


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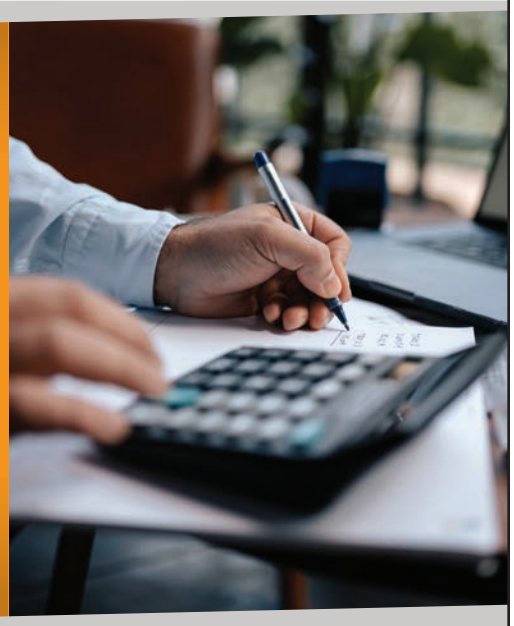
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DOGTOWN

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exhibit came about via a partnership with original Z-Boy Nathan Pratt.

Pratt, a guest curator on the project, was able to conjure up buried treasures in the form of boards, photography and art from a host of collectors and skateboarding pioneers. The Skateboarding Hall of Fame was also a "major lender" of boards and memorabilia for the exhibit, one Smith calls a "100% Santa Monica" endeavor.

"It's been really fun, it's a show that is appealing to women and men, it's appealing to any generation ... this is a Santa Monica show, we are Dogtown, you're standing in Dogtown ... and this show is for them," Smith said.

The Z-Boys, otherwise known as the Zephyr Competition Team, was a skateboarding collective that birthed literal tricks of the trade in Santa Monica and Venice. The surfing-based style of skating birthed from the beachside became the foundation for modern skaters, eventually leading to skateboarding on global television this summer via the Olympic Games.

Smith remarked that while the sport now has its rightful place in the Olympic pantheon, it didn't just happen that way overnight, as Z-Boys featured in the exhibition such as Tony Alva and Jay Adams were the first to attempt real maneuvers with the boards. She noted that the youth of the Westside were able to use empty pools to practice, due to pools being shut down in times of drought, highlighting their ingenuity in times of squalor.

"These kids couldn't afford to play golf, these kids couldn't afford to play tennis, those were sports that cost money," Smith said. "But a skateboard, that's so accessible. Any age, any sex, any financial environment (can learn) how to skateboard."

A wide range of artifacts, such as skateboards, surfboards, t-shirts and more, has captivated younger audiences as well as those who lived Dogtown, a testament to the generation-spanning excitement of the sport.

"It's like painting," Smith said of the artifacts. "Everything builds on history, when you see the paintings of today, you can't look at them and just say that popped in that artist's mind ... it is all built on the history of the past."

The museum hosted several of the original Z-Boys during its opening ceremony, and Smith plans on holding more events in the future, such as a day spotlighting lowrider culture. During Saturday's Summer Soulstice festival on Main Street, the museum will have a 2-for-1 deal on tickets to see the exhibit. For more information, visit californiaheritagemuseum.org.

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EXHIBIT: Iconic photographs and skateboards from the days of Dogtown are featured on display at the California Heritage Museum's new exhibit.

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FRIDAY | JULY 12

HISTORY OF CLAY WORKSHOP AND LECTURE

Join ARTime Barro, 302 Pico Boulevard, beginning at 10 a.m. for an engaging two-hour workshop and lecture designed for beginner to intermediate enthusiasts eager to explore the rich history and hands-on techniques of clay art. This immersive sessions combines practical clay-building exercises with a fascinating lecture on the evolution of clay usage across various cultures and eras. Admission $129, to purchase visit: https://www.artimebarro.com/workshops/history-clay-santa-monica.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SPLASH NIGHT

What better way to celebrate than with an evening of family fun at the pool? Bring the whole family and friends and dive into an unforgettable experience at Santa Monica Swim Center, 2225 16th St., beginning at 4 p.m. Pool floats and an inflatable obstacle course provided, as well as delicious treats for all attendees. Fees apply, for more information visit: https://www.santamonicaswimcenter.org/swim-center-special-events.

SUNSET SWIM

Enjoy an evening around the historic Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, at the former oceanfront estate of actress Marion Davies built for her by media mogul William Randolph Hearst. Swim, hang out with friends and make new friends poolside. We will provide the s'mores and pool floaties. Runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets $10 for adults (age 18-59), $5 for seniors (age 60 & above).

ROOFTOP SPEED DATING FOR SINGLES

Join The Park Santa Monica Apartments, 500 Broadway, at 7 p.m. for an unforgettable evening at the Fun Speed Dating Event, set against the stunning backdrop of Downtown Santa Monica. This exclusive event is designed for singles aged 25-40 who are ready to mix, mingle and make meaningful connections. You meet multiple quality partners face to face in a short space of time, with each date usually lasting 3-5 minutes. Tickets $29, one drink included. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/las-fun-rooftop-speed-dating-for-singles-tickets-936345523667.

LOBBY LOUNGE LIVE- PIANO NIGHT

Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the enchanting ambiance of the Lobby Lounge at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd., as they enjoy handcrafted cocktails, delectable bites and the unparalleled talent of master pianist Jason Pelsey. As a special treat, six lucky attendees will have the opportunity to join Pelsey at the piano for an unforgettable musical experience (first come, first serve). Begins at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY | JULY 13

COMPOST GIVEAWAY AT CITY YARDS

Join City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery and Recycling's quarterly compost giveaway at City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring gloves and containers if you're picking up compost - a limited supply of bags are available. This is a self-service event so please be prepared to load your own compost.

PUPPY YOGA WITH RESCUE BULLDOGS

Who let the dogs out? We did! Laughing Frog Yoga is thrilled to partner with Roadogs Rescue to bring you Puppy Yoga with rescue bulldogs, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Marine Park, 1406 Marine St. A portion of each ticket will be donated to Roadogs Rescue, an LA based rescue with a focus on finding fosters and forever homes for bulldogs and medical bulldogs. Expect a mix of 6-8 bulldogs of all ages including puppies and more. The last 30 minutes of class is reserved for hangout and selfie time with the pups. General admission $45, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/puppy-yoga-with-rescue-bulldogs-july-13th-at-930am-tickets-915044712367.

CAYTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM'S 5TH BIRTHDAY

The Cayton Children's Museum at Santa Monica Place will welcome all visitors, members and supporters for a two-day birthday celebration on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring birthday-related art projects and activities including a Birthday Bubble Dance Party, face painting and birthday cake sensory bins. All visitors will leave with a special goodie bag as a thank-you for being a part of the Cayton community over the past five years, while supplies last. Tickets $16, free for children under 1.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDER CLUB

Explore the building blocks for Kindergarten by singing songs and listening to stories that build literacy skills at the Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., beginning at 10:30 a.m. For ages 2-5. Registration required. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

PROJECT SAVE OUR SURF BEACH CLEAN UP

Join Project Save Our Surf for a fun afternoon of music and refreshments cleaning the beach at Santa MOnica Beach Tower 26, 2559 Ocean Front Walk, beginning at 11 a.m. Buckets and gloves will be provided for the cleanup. Project Save Our Surf has also partnered with Project Pop Drop to collect items for the homeless that they will be delivering to a homeless shelter, and will be collecting non-perishable foods and new toiletries, new socks, new underwear, new clothing, etc.

#PLASTICFREEJULY TRASH BOWL

Celebrate Plastic Free July with a self-guided clean-up of Santa Monica Beach! Stop by Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. to grab your free clean-up supplies and help rid the sands of harmful plastic pollution before it reaches the ocean.

SUMMER SOULSTICE FESTIVAL

Santa Monica's Main Street closes to cars for a summer celebration from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. with live music featuring tributes to the Red Hot Chili Peppers and AC/DC that will rock the street alongside stunning art and free activities for all ages. Explore a pop-up art gallery, kid corner and even bring your furry friend to the pet zone! Attendees 21+ can saddle up in the VIP Honky Tonk, featuring premium drink tastings with DJ Ariana Gavrilis as she spins today's hottest country anthems. VIP tickets are just $20 and include a free gift from Aviator Nation Ride, a commemorative bandana, and tastings from JuneShine Hard Kombucha, Easy Rider American Beer and more. For more information and to purchase VIP tickets, visit: mainstreetsummersoulstice2024.eventbrite.com.

BALCONY & CONTAINER GARDEN WORKSHOP

Beth Crosse and Joy Tucker, University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners since 2017, will host a special free presentation and demonstration at the Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St., from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. They will focus on container gardening and raised beds discussing benefits, site preparation, key to success, materials and what and how to plant.

SUONO CLUB BEACH HOUSE DAY PARTY

Come join in an epic day party at The Oasis, 944 Palisades Beach Rd., running from 2 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. A beach front house with a pool and a jacuzzi right by the Santa Monica Pier! Get ready to dance to music from some of LA's best DJs. Early bird tickets $10, general admission $25. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suono-club-beach-house-day-party-tickets-932843599317.

GOLDA ZAHRA IN CONCERT

An evening with award-winning soprano Golda Zahra for all music lovers, accompanied by The Dream Orchestra, begins at 8 p.m. at The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage, 1310 11th St. Performing pieces from Giuseppe Verdi, Leonard Bernstein and more. Dinner and refreshments reception in the lobby by Urth Caffé during 30-minute intermission. Tickets range from $30-$50, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/golda-zahra-in-concert-tickets-883022312507.

SUNDAY | JULY 14

CHESS SUNDAYS

Make your move as chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on the 1200 Block of Third Street Promenade from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Play a game with a friend as some chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. No sign-ups or advance registration required. This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

MONDAY | JULY 15

FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Free summer lunch program for youth under the age of 18 at Virginia Avenue Park's Teen Center Courtyard, 2200 Virginia Ave. Lunch program participants must eat the lunch in the designated lunch space and must be able to eat independently. Lunch will be served from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. while supplies last.

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY SITE CAPTAIN TRAINING

Coastal Cleanup Day is the biggest environmental day of action of the year, inspiring millions of volunteers worldwide to make an impact. Heal the Bay will be hosting Coastal Cleanup Day Site Captain Training, designed to teach you everything you need to know about Coastal Cleanup Day, to ensure you and your crew are well prepared to serve as leaders. Meeting will be held online beginning at 6:30 p.m., to register visit: https://healthebay.org/event/coastal-cleanup-day-site-captain-training/2024-07-15/.

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The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. The Commission closely monitors the Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan and advises the Council on plan implementation. The Commission on Sustainability, Environment Justice, and the environment is an expert panel made up of seven (7) members selected by the City Council with 4 year terms. Commissioners must have significant expertise in one or more areas of environmental policy and must reside or work in Santa Monica. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the SMi Room of the Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr.

VIRGINIA AVE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department. The VAPAB is composed of seven Santa Monica resident board members. The Board represents the social and ethnic diversity of the park's neighborhood and includes but is not limited to representatives of the following segments of the community: park users, park neighbors, park program participants, seniors, families with children, community organizations and older youth. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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 Council Chambers of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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DEAF

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money on an interpreter," he said.

In the past 12 months, he has had roughly 60 clients, about half of whom have found jobs. Most go on to work at Amazon, FedEx, or GoodWill, he said.

Over time, Peterson started considering other positions outside of retail. In April, after a year and a half of searching, Peterson accepted a part-time job at FedEx, where she helps put packages together in a warehouse and earns about $18 an hour.

"I'm happy with the work I've accepted at FedEx," she said. "There's really no time to socialize. It's pretty busy there."

NEITHER WORKING, NOR LOOKING FOR WORK

In a 2007 survey of deaf youth across the country, more than three-quarters said they would probably or definitely graduate from college, and nearly everyone said they ultimately wanted to get a paying job.

Those dreams are statistically unlikely in California. Roughly 22% of deaf adults 25 and older have a college degree in the state, compared to about 37% for the "hearing" population, according to a recent study by the National Center for the Deaf. The unemployment rate in California is about the same for deaf people as it is for the hearing population, but there's a catch: The unemployment rate only considers those who are seeking work.

In California, roughly 44% of deaf adults are neither working nor looking for work — compared to about 26% of hearing people. Some deaf adults are in school or taking care of children, as Peterson did for years. Others receive Social Security Income, a government program to help low-income adults with disabilities, or don't work for other reasons. The study only includes people ages 16 to 64.

"It's easier to say 'Deaf people don't want to work' than to try and address the larger systemic barriers at play," said Carrie Lou Bloom, an author of the study.

In her other research, she has tried to understand what those barriers are. "If parents believed their kid could go to college, get a degree, and work independently," she said, "their kid would be much more likely to achieve these goals."

It's the same trend for children who aren't deaf. The difference, said Bloom: "Deaf youth just have more hurdles in front of them and less access to resources, role models, mentors."

For Drez Brownridge, those hurdles began at birth. Brownridge, who uses they/them pronouns and communicated through an interpreter, said they grew up in Costa Rica with grandparents who don't use or understand sign language. To communicate with their family, Brownridge used gestures, sent notes back and forth, and tried wearing hearing aids, often in vain. They first enrolled at Modesto Junior College in 2016 but dropped out during the COVID-19 pandemic after failing to pass English four times.

For decades, Brownridge lived on Social Security Income, receiving around $600 a month. They were allowed to work while receiving government benefits but their income, including Social Security, could not exceed $2,000 a month.

It wasn't enough. "Especially in California, $2,000 a month isn't going to get you very far," they said. "You're not going to be able to buy a car or a house, or conduct your life, just on Social Security Income."

WHO GETS THE PROMOTION?

For those who do find work, other obstacles arise. "We often see people talking about feeling a sense of satisfaction from work, being a productive member of the community, feeling like they're making a difference," Bloom said. "Deaf people may not have these feelings about work, if they're working in environments where they are constantly fighting for access, advocating for themselves, being left behind, being passed over for promotions."

After leaving Modesto Junior College, Brownridge got a job at Amazon, where they made around $17 an hour. They worked nights, loading boxes and later, storing goods. They used their cell phone to type out notes to their manager and to other employees who didn't understand sign language, but they struggled to build close work relationships.

Brownridge repeatedly applied for new positions at Amazon, hoping to make at least $25, but they never moved up. "I was disappointed at what I perceived as a barrier," they said, "... And it wasn't just me. There were a few other deaf employees as well that were facing the same frustrations, where they had worked there maybe five or 10 years, but just couldn't move up."

A spokesperson for Amazon, Sam Stephenson, said the company offers career development for all of its employers, as well as specialized services for those who need it.

If an employer declines to offer promotion opportunities because of a disability, it could qualify as discrimination, though it can be difficult to prove or find legal resources to help, said Imparato, with Disability Rights California. "It's hard for an individual to go to these enforcement agencies."

With limited staff and a high volume of complaints, California's Civil Rights Department is forced to triage cases, Imparato said. In 2022, the department had more than 300 staff processing nearly 26,000 potential discrimination cases, according to the most recent data. Over the course of the year, the department reached just over 650 settlements, though many other cases used private lawyers or fell outside of the state's legal jurisdiction.

Brownridge never complained about the lack of a promotion, they said. Instead, they left Amazon in 2022 and re-enrolled at community college, this time at Ohlone College, where they now major in Deaf studies. Attending a school with a large population of deaf students colored how they look back on their career at Amazon. "It wasn't until I got into the Deaf community," they said, "that I was told that it was my right to go for those jobs, that I had a right to succeed just like anybody else."

Adam Echelman covers California's community colleges in partnership with Open Campus, a nonprofit newsroom focused on higher education.

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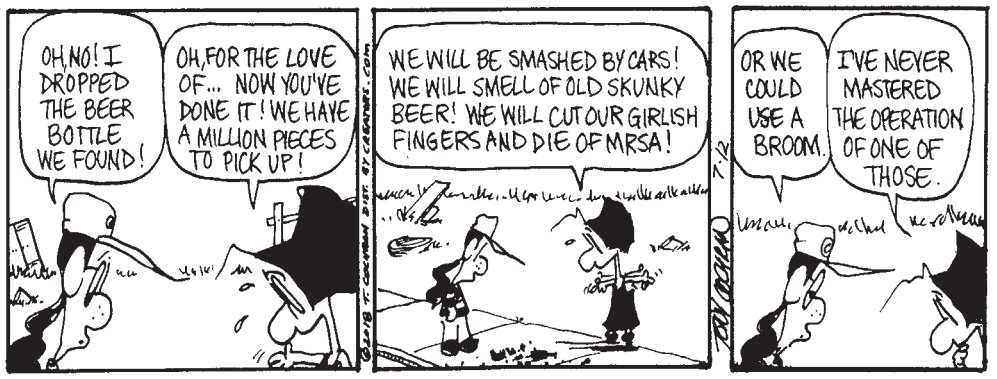
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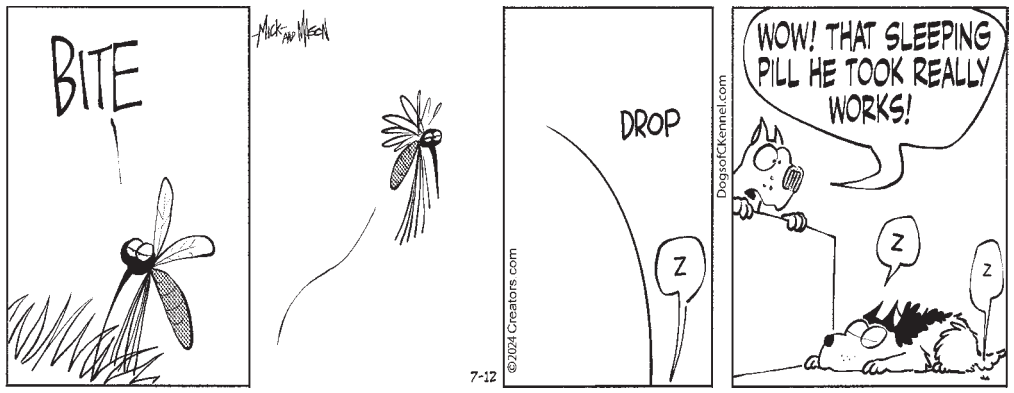
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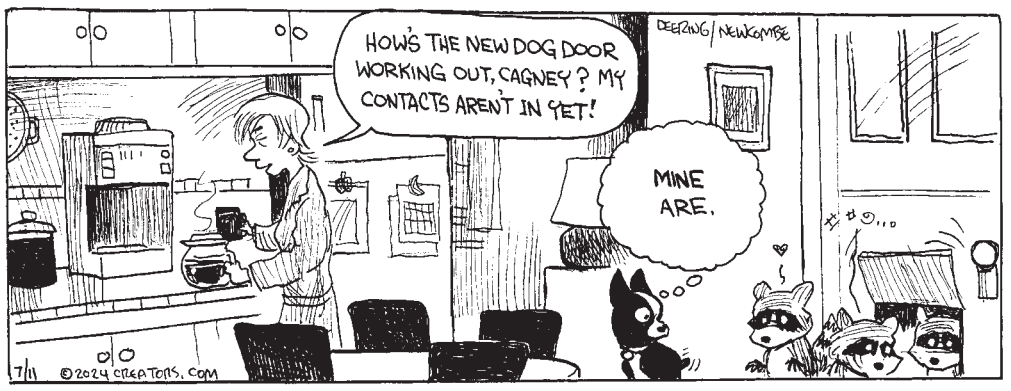
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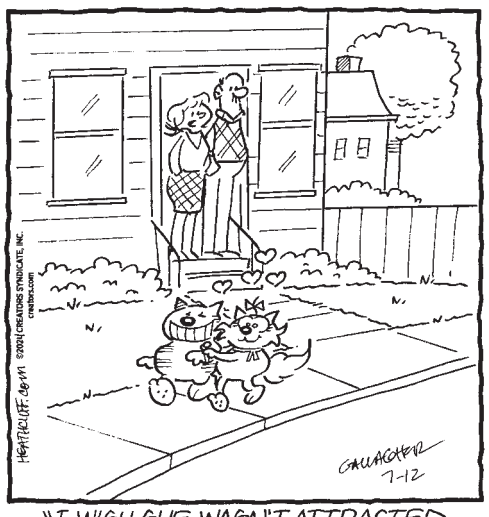
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FIND THE WORDS

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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Blue	Cross	Hire	NSW	Sleet
Board	country	Hole	Numb	Sneeze
Bogs	Dams	Huts	Omeo	Stem
Boots	Dark	Iced	Peak	Sunny
Cafes	Edges	Lesson	Pies	Toddy
Caps	Fall	Lone	Play	Urge
Charlotte	Fear	Lost	Pyjamas	Warm
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Not one, but two windfalls will allow you to get what you need to make a dream happen. But you're too wise to believe that getting what you want will make you happy. The best part of good fortune will be the way you apply it to uplift and improve the scene for everyone in it. More highlights: a reunion, honest, heartfelt communication that deepens relationships and glorious meals. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 5, 12, 18 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your reputation is an asset. You don't think about it as being this because it was long ago established and now it only needs to be preserved. Still, anything that lifts your reputation is worth the attention, effort and money that goes into the process.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll appreciate boundaries and respect matters of intimacy. People are different in private than they are in public. The discrepancy is one to consider, ponder, respect and, in some cases, remedy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Live for yourself; otherwise you don't have a self to give to someone else. But that is not all. You have a natural tendency to push the boundaries and rules of partnership. Call out the infractions. Don't stop being you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Any influence you have will come from dealing in what is. There are things we wish were true, things we are trying to make true, and there is just truth - some call it reality. The more you love what is, the more you love yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your inspiration is often in small things, but today it's big and obvious instead. You'll be witness to a talking-to like the locker room speech before the big game or the backstage huddle before show time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's plenty of greed in the world. You're hoping to keep yourself out of the category. Wanted items will be displayed with obvious price tags, some of which are above your current spending limit. Peruse. Think about it. Shopping isn't always buying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Accomplished people will inspire your own accomplishment. Once you establish a bond of communication, the rest will come easily. Shared enthusiasms will include, but not be limited to, the aesthetic, epicurean or athletic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Wind chimes tell you when the action is moving and how. They indicate a force that can't be seen. People will be like chimes, sounding out and moving according to influences unseen to you, but you respect that those influences are real, and that makes the difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Warmth radiates through your friendship sector. Old friends figure into the mix. Even if you've known someone for years, there are still new things to learn about them. You'll share such tenderness now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anything you do to make your home more comfortable will bring luck to your realm. Invite a special someone to kick back with you. You'll be spoiled with affection from another earth sign (Taurus or Virgo).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "Who cares?" sounds like a dismissive question, but it can actually be an earnest way to get to the heart of what you're doing, especially if what you're doing is art or commerce. "Who cares?" will speak to the relevance and social usefulness of an endeavor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Restraint and refinement are the themes. You'll show up to life as though it as a formal dinner. You'll dress right, break the ice appropriately and be ready for high-level conversation. Then you'll dance.

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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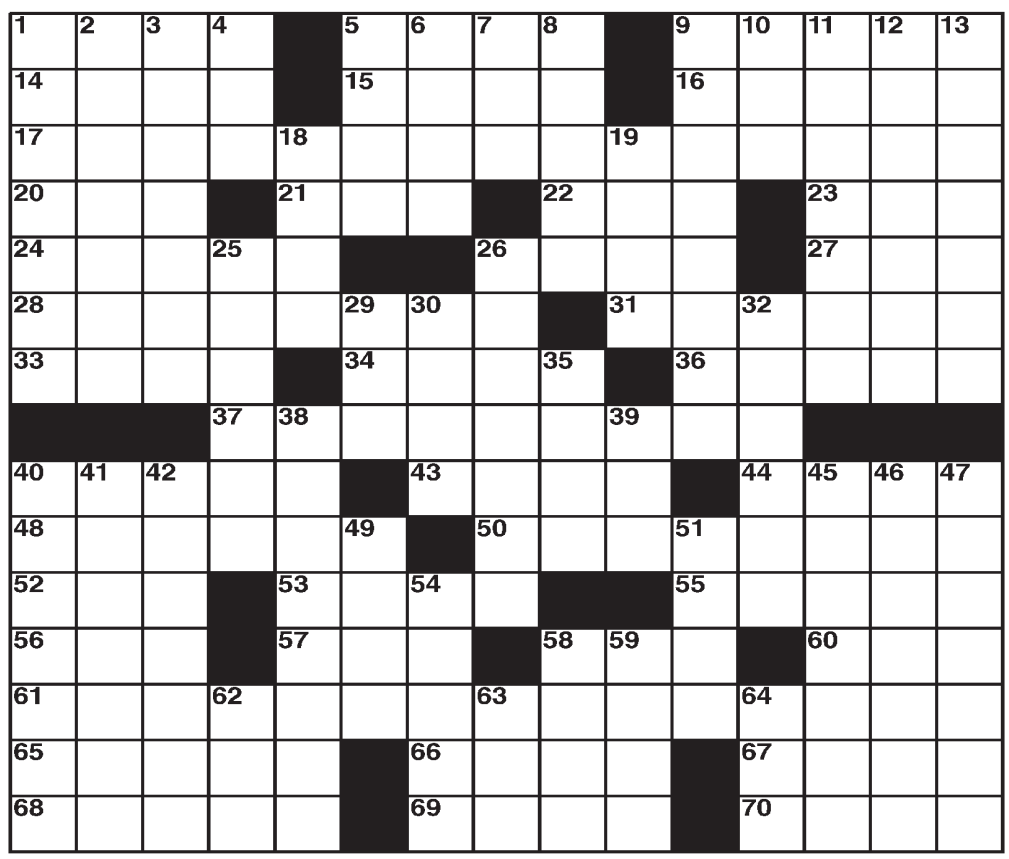
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16 O'Connor successor
17 Paranormal redundancy
20 Pack it away
21 S&L holdings
22 PD report letters
23 Top-rated
24 Early in the day
26 Tolstoy turndown
27 Mid 12th-century year
28 With 50-Across, arena redundancy
31 Sunbeam descriptor
33 Like lightning
34 Paranormal vibe
36 What Murrow calls Bernstein in *Maestro*
37 Conclusive redundancy
40 Common newspaper section
43 __-flam
44 Petro-Canada competitor
48 Is
50 See 28-Across
52 Monk's title
53 Isolate, these days
55 *Revenge of the Sith* intro background
56 *Automne* preceder
57 Encouraging word
58 Desktop option
60 Doorway decoration
61 Ocular redundancy
65 Infiniti rival
66 Knock about
67 Not a true friend
68 Clad like Batman
69 Strong appetites
70 Cherry et al.

DOWN

1 Was removed
2 Pago Pago's place
3 Places for vases
4 Brief moment
5 Amalgamate
6 "Lively" pursuits
7 Much more than a moment
8 Old-fashioned, familiarly
9 Any lead character in *Love's Labour's Lost*
10 Trying to be
11 A or C, but not X or Z
12 Odysseus, for instance
13 With unwavering commitment
18 High point
19 Still life vessel
25 Redoes
26 Long-term Remington rival
29 Pop
30 Home ground
32 Smell or spy
35 Pagodas' place
38 Rather OK
39 Ballpark figure
40 Chopper to the ER
41 Stranger things
42 "Pencils down!"
45 Certain short-hair
46 Got sidetracked
47 "Bar" serving
49 3-Down kin
51 *The Nazarene* author
54 None too sure
58 Make a crabby sound
59 They pass bills
62 Exasperation
63 Hose part
64 Grand conclusion



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RENTALS

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occupancy rate (92.6%). In comparison, Eastern Los Angeles County has a 95.8% occupancy rate.

The amount of prospective renters for a spot, 9 on average, also pales in comparison to Eastern Los Angeles County (14). The report notes that spillover effects from high prices in central Los Angeles led to increased competition on the Eastside, with prospective renters shunning the Westside.

"As the moving season began, many renters found themselves priced out of the Central apartment market, which then prompted them to look east for more affordable options within a reasonable commuting distance," the report states.

Lease renewal rate is also a low point on the report, dipping well below half with just 46.1% of renters deciding to give the Westside another go. This is despite a year of declines in Santa Monica rent prices, as an Apartment List report states that prices from July 2023 to July 2024 fell 4%, outpacing drops in the California (0.8%) and national (0.7%) averages.

The month of June dropped Santa Monica rents another 0.3%, with a one-bedroom apartment going on Apartment List for an average of $2,331 per month and a two-bedroom renting for $2,794. Out of the 25 Los Angeles metropolitan cities researched, the year-over-year decline in the city ranks second only behind West Hollywood (6.7% drop).

In California, a Silicon Valley revival has been the competitive highlight of the market per RentCafe, with the area emerging as a desired renting spot in the country.

"This remarkable surge has been largely driven by a rebound in the tech sector, which forced economic challenges and layoffs in 2023-23," the RentCafe report states. "Currently, venture capital firms are heavily investing in emerging technologies ... and, many of these firms and their start-ups are based in Silicon Valley, further adding to its appeal as a top rental destination."

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RENT: A new report from RentCafe places Western Los Angeles County at the bottom of the list when it comes to rental market competition.

DEVELOPMENT

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saying, "You will have to turn that off [after the presentation] because you don't have everyone's consent." And while that's not actually a thing, as a gesture to prevent an already volatile situation from becoming further inflamed, her "request" was respected.

Tensions remained high from the outset and after a non-stop barrage of angry complaint and frustration, there was little Letts could do and so she agreed to a compromise of a 20 minute Q&A session after the presentation where residents could ask questions in an infinitely more logical format.

"We've heard concerns about safety and questions about our security plan, we recognize the community's concerns about safety in general and specifically the proposed 40 apartments for people experiencing homelessness. The safety of all people, including neighbors, employees and visitors to local businesses and institutions, is of primary importance to HCMC," Letts said during the presentation.

The proposed projects, which ultimately will come back for final approval by the City Council, include approximately 130 units on the three city-owned properties in line with the city's 2021-2029 Housing Element.

The amount of heckling was borderline disrespectful, with frequent shouts of "insincere" and "bullshit," but it also reflected the passion of the people inside the hall.

"This isn't open mic night, let's not have hecklers. If you've got questions, I'm happy to stay all evening and answer them. But let's go through the presentation and be respectful of the other people here," Kevin Daly, founder of Kevin Daly Architects, the firm that will design the new structures, before he started his portion of the presentation.

The presentations themselves offered another chance to hear the plans that have more or less been finalized since this topic last came up before City Council in March. They included details of the parking solutions and final building renderings. But it was predominantly the issues of public safety and reduced parking that prompted most of the concern.

"We live on Euclid just across from Vons parking lot and we're scared. We're scared, the neighbors are scared and businesses are scared. They're scared by the stories that we've heard that this is permanent, supportive housing, basically for homeless people," said resident Kay Johnson.

"Safety is a predominant concern in the neighborhood. So this particular block ... is a highway for transient homelessness with ill intentions ... Every day there's a new person showing up causing chaos and moving on. We are concerned and by the way, police rarely respond to those because they consider them to be minor disturbances ... So I'm looking forward to more conversations specifically about security and safety," said one gentleman.

"There's a lot of emotion in the room, right? But we also wanted to make sure that our safety situation improves and our neighborhood does not get worse, we cannot afford worse," said another.

An alternative perspective was provided by Erica Robinson, ODR Program Manager for St. Joseph Center. "What we find in this line of work is safety increases when pilots are going into permanent housing, permanent housing increases safety, because clients who are on the street, that's when you're doing all the crimes and everything, but they're inside and your needs are getting met. They don't have to engage in the crimes that they have to do out of survival," she said.

On top of everything else, there was the issue that residents had not received any notification whatsoever over the multi-year period through the mail regarding these proposed developments. "You're saying that we were informed and in five years — that includes lockdown — some of us had nothing else to do but read our mail. I did not get any," said another resident.

It's a city project at the end of the day, but the city never engaged with the residents, except for stating you should be following city council meetings and Portal uploads of documents that are part of a process, right. So it's a city project, but the city never engaged with the residents," resident Michael Morgan told the Daily Press.

"I think the overall climate of our city is one where many are fearful, when they walk down the streets, they don't feel their neighborhoods are theirs anymore. And I think all those things, the fear factor, affects the supportive housing concerns, whether they're valid or not," Mayor Phil Brock told the Daily Press.

Brock arrived mid-way through the meeting and City Manager David White was present throughout, but wouldn't say anything other than, "You can reach out to city staff [for comment]."

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