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Scooter Madness

Comparing the cost, comfort and practicality of micromobility devices



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Santa Monica is now home to five mobility devices offered by four different companies. SMDP staff gathered each device for a side-by-side test that included speeds on a flat surface, speed on a hill, maneuverability and comfort. Testers included avid mobility users, novice riders and riders of varying heights and builds.

LYFT

Lyft operates a step-through, electric-assist bike. The crossbar does not require riders to kick their leg over the seat to mount and it is the only device in Santa Monica that requires human effort to operate as the electric motor has no throttle and only engages when the pedals are in motion. The rider has access to a "gear shift" on the handlebars that controls tension on the pedals making them easier or harder to turn at the user's discretion. It also has a small front mounted shelf.

Lyft ebikes cost $1 to unlock and $0.34 per minute to ride. Bikes can be docked at any of the city's 80+ Breeze bike stations for no fee or to any public bike rack for an extra $1. Bikes can be reserved up to 10 minutes in advance and users will be charged per minute during this window.

Lyft has a discounted Community Pass program available to Santa Monica residents ages 18 and older who qualify for the Big Blue Bus Low Income Fare is Easy program, Calfresh, Medicaid, SNAP, or the SCE Energy Savings Assistance Program. Program members pay $5 per month and receive discounted ebike rides at $0.05 per minute. Qualifying residents can sign up online.

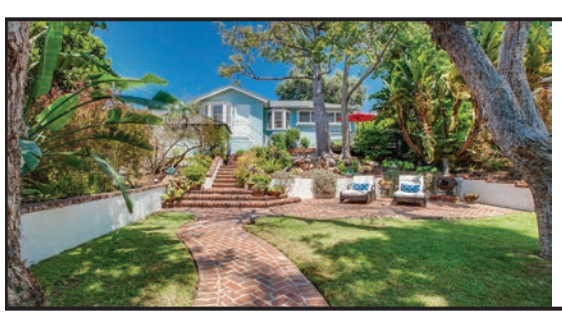
Non-qualifying users are still eligible to receive a discounted rate of $0.23 through the Lyft Pink membership program. The program costs $19.99 a month or $199 a year and comes with a series of perks. Users can sign up in the Lyft app.

Lyft's electric-assist model is a blessing and a curse depending on your situation. Adding pedal power means the bike never has to drop below its maximum speed, even at the apex of a hill. However, if you stop pedaling, you cease moving. Your affinity for the system will vary greatly as you ride in different situations and try to accomplish different tasks.

Defunct bike options in Santa Monica used to have a built-in basket that was useful for carrying cargo. The Lyft bike has a shelf with a bungee cord that is sufficient to hold down a sweater or purse but is a significant downgrade from a basket that would have held a bag or two of groceries.

It is the most traditional mobility option as it feels just like a normal bicycle when it comes to turning, riding and braking but that is another point that will be positive or negative based on personal preference. The bikes do have a built-in cable which is nice as you can't lose it but the bike hubs that

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Threats Report/Investigations 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 12:21 a.m.
Fight 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 4th St 1:08 a.m.
Fight 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:24 a.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk 10th St 2:56 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800blk 14th St 3:10 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk 5th St 4:42 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 5:52 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 5:55 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk The Beach 5:59 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk The Beach 6:50 a.m.
Fraud Report 900blk Pico Blvd 7:07 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1000blk California Ave 7:23 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:01 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:06 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 14th St / Montana Ave 8:20 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Colorado Ave 8:30 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 17th St 9:10 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 2nd St 9:22 a.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:43 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Montana Ave 9:45 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 25th St / Montana Ave 10:23 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 10th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:25 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1300blk Montana Ave 10:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Washington Ave 10:37 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk 9th St 10:42 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Palisades Park 10:47 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 900blk Idaho Ave 10:56 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Idaho Ave 11:11 a.m.
Fraud Report 400blk 20th St 11:22 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400blk Stanford St 11:34 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 15th St 11:37 a.m.
Arson Ocean Ave / Pacific St 11:38 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2700blk Ocean Front Walk 11:43 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 11:52 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk 2nd St 12:03 p.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred Appian Way / Moss Ave 12:07 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Hollister Ave 12:23 p.m.
Fraud Report 1800blk 14th St 12:23 p.m.
Found Property 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:24 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:40 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 2400blk Pico Blvd 12:40 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Bay St 12:49 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk Bay St 12:53 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 12:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 2600blk Main St 1:06 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:15 p.m.
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Fight 2nd St / Broadway 1:38 p.m.
Fight 1500blk The Beach 1:42 p.m.
Battery Report 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:44 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk San Vicente Blvd 1:46 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk 17th St 1:57 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900blk Wilshire Blvd 1:57 p.m.
Found Property 1600blk Main St 2:39 p.m.
Fraud Report 800blk 10th St 2:39 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 2:39 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 4th St 2:42 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:43 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle 400blk Colorado Ave 2:47 p.m.
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Grand Theft Auto Report 2700blk Main St 3:25 p.m.
Burglary Report 2900blk Neilson Way 3:32 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk 3rd St 3:44 p.m.
Burglary Report 400blk Colorado Ave 4:04 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 30th St / Pico Blvd 4:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 4:33 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1600blk Main St 4:50 p.m.
General Parking Problem 5th St / Idaho Ave 4:52 p.m.
Battery Now 700blk Broadway 5:02 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 4th St / Arizona Ave 5:16 p.m.
Panhandling 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:21 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 3000blk Wilshire Blvd 5:23 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2300blk Lincoln Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Burglary Report 2300blk 32nd St 5:31 p.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Broadway 5:43 p.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:58 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:02 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:03 p.m.
Construction Noise 400blk 16th St 6:10 p.m.
Fraud Report 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:19 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2200blk Virginia Ave 6:24 p.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk 23rd St 6:38 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pl 6:40 p.m.
Panic Alarm 600blk 19th St 6:40 p.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 6:58 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2600blk Highland Ave 7:23 p.m.
Construction Noise 600blk Ozone St 7:33 p.m.
Party Complaint 200blk 17th St 8:02 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1300blk 9th St 9:35 p.m.

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EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 5:09 a.m.
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EMS Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 8:02 a.m.
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Trash/Dumpster Fire Ocean Ave / Pacific St 11:28 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 11:56 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 2:40 p.m.
EMS 26th St / Olympic Blvd 3:24 p.m.
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EMS 1000blk Yale St 11:07 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Delaware Ave 11:41 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

City of Malibu Offers Free Fire Hazard Tree Removal and Chipper Days to Help Residents Prepare for Wildfires

As part of the City of Malibu's ongoing efforts to be prepared for and help residents be prepared for wildfires, the City is launching an innovative, grant-funded, free fire hazard tree removal and chipper program to help residents prepare for wildfires.

"Brush clearance and removing hazard trees are important ways to create defensible space to make your home more fire resistant, help firefighters stay safe while defending your home, and protect the whole community from wildfires," said Mayor Paul Grisanti. "Here in Malibu, the next big wildfire is just around the corner, not just in peak wildfire season. So it's up to us all as individuals and as a community to do everything possible to be ready."

Both services are funded by a $324,000 Wildfire Resiliency grant the City recently received from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The goal of this grant is to decrease fire hazards and fuel loading within the City of Malibu and to help homeowners increase and/or maintain their brush clearance as required by The Los Angeles County Fire Department. Homeowners will be able to take advantage of these services to expand their defensible space prior to peak fire season and the arrival of the dangerous Santa Ana winds.

Residents with dead and dying hazard trees can sign up to have those trees removed for free later this summer. A licensed arborist will work with Public Safety staff and homeowners to identify and assess trees that pose a fire hazard, map them out, and schedule them for removal.

In addition, the City will be hold Community Chipper and Green Waste Days in September to provide residents an opportunity to dispose of large amounts of fire-hazardous vegetation, including dead vegetation from brush clearance that was required to be complete by June 1. Sign-ups, schedules and all other information about both services will be posted at www.MalibuCity.org/FireSafety as soon as it is available.

For more information, call Fire Safety Liaison Chris Brossard at 310-456-2489, ext. 387 or email FireSafety@MalibuCity.org.

Learn more about the City's wildfire preparedness efforts at www.MalibuCity.org/FireSafety.

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Free money for all? Mayors hope local tests bring big change

SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

By triggering $1,400 stimulus checks for millions of people and expanding the child tax credit for many families, the pandemic offered a clear takeaway for some officials: That putting tax dollars in people's pockets is achievable and can be a lifeline to those struggling to get by.

Now a growing number of mayors and other leaders say they want to determine for sure whether programs like these are the best way to reduce poverty, lessen inequality and get people working.

In experiments across the country, dozens of cities and counties — some using money from the $1.9 trillion COVID relief package approved in March — and the state of California are giving some low-income residents a guaranteed income of $500 to $1,000 each month to do with as they please, and tracking what happens. A coalition known as Mayors for a Guaranteed Income plans to use the data — collected alongside a University of Pennsylvania-based research center — to lobby the White House and Congress for a federal guaranteed income or, for starters, to make the new $300 per month child tax credit that's set to expire after this year permanent.

The surge in interest in these so-called free money pilot programs shows how quickly the concept of just handing out cash, no strings attached, has shifted from far-fetched idea to serious policy proposal, even as critics blast the programs as unaffordable or discouraging people from going to work. Supporters say it's all due to COVID-19, which cost millions of people their jobs and prompted the federal government under both Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden to cut checks to rescue the economy — relief that was hugely popular politically.

"The pandemic showed us what is possible," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, whose latest budget included a $24 million guaranteed income program to give 2,000 poor families $1,000 per month. "We're now going to be a pretty potent lobby to get the child tax credit permanent."

The American Rescue Plan, which Biden signed in March, increased the child tax credit for one year to $3,600 annually for children under 6 and $3,000 for ages 6 to 17, with the first six months of the credit advanced via monthly payments that started this month. Last year the credit was $2,000 per child, and only families that owed income taxes to the government could receive it. That excluded low-income families and those who generally have no income to report.

Biden is pushing to extend the credit through 2025, and ultimately make it permanent. Republicans argue doing so would create a disincentive for people to work, and lead to more poverty — an argument similar to what critics say about the guaranteed income programs. No Republicans voted in favor of the American Rescue Plan, which they said was too expensive and not focused specifically enough on COVID-19's health and economic crises.

Former Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs, who started Mayors for a Guaranteed Income in June 2020, launched a guaranteed income program using private funds in his Northern California city in 2019. An independent study found full-time employment for participants grew in the first year of the program more quickly than it did for those not receiving cash, a finding Tubbs argues contradicts conservative arguments against them. Some recipients were able to complete classes or training and get full-time jobs that provided more economic stability than cobbling together gig employment.

Mayors for a Guaranteed Income started with 11 founding mayors and now has more than 50. Two dozen pilot programs have been approved, from Los Angeles County — the most populous county in the U.S. — to a county in upstate New York and the cities of Wausau, Wisconsin, and Gainesville, Florida.

Last week, California lawmakers approved a state-funded guaranteed income plan with a unanimous vote that showed bipartisan support. It will provide monthly payments to qualifying pregnant people and young adults who recently left foster care.

Some pilot programs have been funded privately — Twitter founder Jack Dorsey has donated over $15 million to MGI. Other places, like Minneapolis, are using federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan.

Matt Zwolinski, director of the Center for Ethics, Economics and Public Policy at the University of San Diego, has studied guaranteed income policy for over a decade and says the increased interest is remarkable.

But he says there's a flaw in using the pilot projects as a "proof of concept." Most are for one to two years and give money to a narrow slice of the population that knows the cash will eventually stop, so participants may be more likely to seek fulltime employment during that period than if they knew the cash was permanent.

Zwolinski also questions whether people in the U.S. are willing to support a national program that gives money to people who could work but aren't doing so.

"That really rubs a lot of people the wrong way," he said.

Even in the smaller pilots there have been hiccups. In many cases, waivers are needed to ensure the new income doesn't make recipients ineligible for other benefits they receive.

Wausau, Wisconsin, Mayor Katie Rosenberg said that snag has delayed the city's program from getting up and running.

"I don't want to hurt people," Rosenberg said.

Gary, Indiana, started its pilot program in April, providing $500 per month to 125

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Lions Roar

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After more than a year of being separated and conducting our meetings over Zoom, the Santa Monica Lions Club held our first meeting at the Elks Lodge on July 14th. It was so wonderful to see our club members, along the Pacific Palisades Lions Club, and meet a potential new Lion. We also had other members of the Santa Monica community who came to hear our speaker, Councilman Phil Brock.

Following cocktails and dinner, SM Lions President Kathy Boole passed the gavel to our new club president, Susan DeRemer, as this was also the first meeting of our new year. Two other Lions will be sharing the president's duties over the course of this year, Kingsley Fife and Kathy Boole.

After the short ceremony, Councilman Brock gave us an update on the City of Santa Monica, who celebrated its 146th anniversary on July 10th. Santa Monica the past year was the most challenging in our history, due to the pandemic, social unrest and homelessness.

158 business closed, particularly affecting the Third Street Promenade, with Restoration Hardware Baby and Old Navy joining in the closures.

In the eight square miles that make up Santa Monica, our homeless population swelled to 1,100 individuals, while services have been cut.

Seven city department head positions are needed to replace interim department heads. They include the police & fire departments, city attorney's office, city manager & assistant city manager positions, public works department, and pier management.

While none of the three new council members ever anticipated the challenges they are now experiencing, they are bringing a new perspective, experiences and a passion for the city where they grew up and graduated from Santa Monica High School. For all the issues Brock mentioned, he also brought a message of hope.

Brock shared some of his priorities with us. He would like to see more parks for families in a city where currently 72% of the population lives in apartment buildings. He would like to see Santa Monica "celebrate the arts, bringing more attention to the role it played in influencing so much Southern California art and culture that is recognized around the world. One of the last points he shared was a desire to get displaced persons off the streets through services and counseling, focusing more on root causes and not just on finding them housing. It would not only improve the lives of those living on the streets, but also make the city safer for everyone.

Brock closed saying he believes in transparency and community participation, encouraging anyone with ideas or concerns to contact him at phil.brock@smgov.net.

The SM Lions have other great speakers coming up at our monthly dinner meetings, including Matt Hall, editor of this newspaper. If you are interested in attending and becoming a Lion, join us for dinner at the Elks Lodge on Wednesday, August 11th at 6 p.m. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Yoriko Fisher, at santamonicalion@gmail.com, Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960.

Letter to the Editor

Kay Blanco Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Housing for Tongva

As a Native American, I was dismayed to discover that Santa Monica's ORIGINALLY displaced people (the Tongva tribe) are not included on the city's Below Market Housing (BMH) "First Priority" eligibility list. Whether or not the omission was intentional, to leave out the Tongva would be a culture insult of the highest degree.

I have sent my request to the Santa Monica City Council and the City's Housing Department, and am awaiting a reply.

The only HONORABLE way to address historical displacement is by including Tongva descendants on the "First Priority" eligibility list for Below Market Housing.

Respectfully,

Kay Blanco, Santa Monica

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Pelosi says 'deadly serious' Jan. 6 probe to go without GOP

MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

Unfazed by Republican threats of a boycott, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared that a congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection will take on its "deadly serious" work whether Republicans participate or not.

The Republicans' House leader, Kevin McCarthy, called the committee a "sham process" and suggested that GOP lawmakers who take part could face consequences. McCarthy said Pelosi's rejection of two of the Republicans he had attempted to appoint was an "egregious abuse of power."

The escalating tension between the two parties — before the investigation has even started — is emblematic of the raw partisan anger that has only worsened on Capitol Hill since then-President Donald Trump's supporters laid siege to the Capitol and interrupted the certification of Joe Biden's presidential election victory. With most Republicans still loyal to Trump, and many downplaying the severity of the violent attack, there is little bipartisan unity to be found.

McCarthy said Wednesday that he would withdraw the names of all five Republicans he had appointed after Pelosi rejected two of them, Reps. Jim Banks of Indiana and Jim Jordan of Ohio. Pelosi made clear on Thursday that she won't relent, and Democrats mulled filling the empty seats themselves.

"It is my responsibility as the speaker of the House to make sure we get to the truth of this, and we will not let their antics stand in the way of that," Pelosi said of the Republicans.

It is unclear, for now, whether Pelosi will try to appoint more members to the select panel, as she has the authority to do under committee rules. She left open that possibility, saying that there are other members who would like to participate. But she said she hadn't decided whether to appoint Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, one of only two Republicans who voted in support of creating the panel last month.

The other, Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, has already been appointed by Pelosi to sit on the committee along with seven Democrats — ensuring they have a quorum to proceed, whether other Republicans participate or not.

Cheney praised Kinzinger, saying he would be a "tremendous addition" to the panel. Several Democrats on the panel also seemed to support the idea, with Chairman Bennie Thompson of Mississippi saying the military veteran is a "the kind of person we'd want to have."

Banks and Jordan are outspoken allies of Trump, who has continued to spread lies alleging massive fraud in the election despite no evidence of that and has defended his supporters who broke into the Capitol. The rioters fought past police and sent lawmakers inside running for their lives. Trump's allegations of fraud were rejected by courts, his attorney general and other prominent Republicans.

The House voted in May to create an independent investigation that would have been evenly split between the parties, but Senate Republicans blocked that approach in a vote. Pelosi said the new panel was being created only because a bipartisan commission was no longer an option.

Asked Thursday if Cheney — and potentially Kinzinger — could be stripped of their regular committee assignments as retaliation for participating, McCarthy said "the conference will look at it." Cheney accepted the assignment from Pelosi earlier this month despite similar threats from McCarthy.

Pelosi accepted McCarthy's three other picks — Illinois Rep. Rodney Davis, North Dakota Rep. Kelly Armstrong and Texas Rep. Troy Nehls. But McCarthy said that all five or none would participate.

Like Jordan and Banks, Nehls voted to overturn Biden's victory. Armstrong and Davis voted to certify the election.

Banks recently traveled with Trump to the U.S.-Mexico border and visited him at his New Jersey golf course. In a statement after McCarthy chose him for the panel, he sharply criticized the Democrats who had set it up.

"Make no mistake, Nancy Pelosi created this committee solely to malign conservatives and to justify the left's authoritarian agenda," Banks said.

Democrats whom Pelosi appointed to the committee this month were angry over that statement and concerned over Banks' two recent visits with Trump, according to a senior Democratic aide familiar with the private deliberations who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss them.

Jordan, the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, was one of Trump's most vocal defenders during his two impeachments and last month likened the new investigation to "impeachment three." Trump was impeached by the House and acquitted by the Senate both times.

The panel is also considering hiring former Rep. Denver Riggleman of Virginia, a Republican who has criticized Trump's lies about election fraud, as an outside adviser, according to a person familiar with the committee's work who was granted anonymity to discuss the private talks.

Cheney told reporters she agrees with Pelosi's decision to reject the two Republicans named by McCarthy.

"At every opportunity, the minority leader has attempted to prevent the American people from understanding what happened — to block this investigation," Cheney said.

The panel will hold its first hearing next week, with at least four police officers who battled rioters testifying about their experiences. Members of the committee met Thursday afternoon to prepare.

Thompson said the hearing would allow the law enforcement officers to tell their stories and "set the tone" for the investigation's

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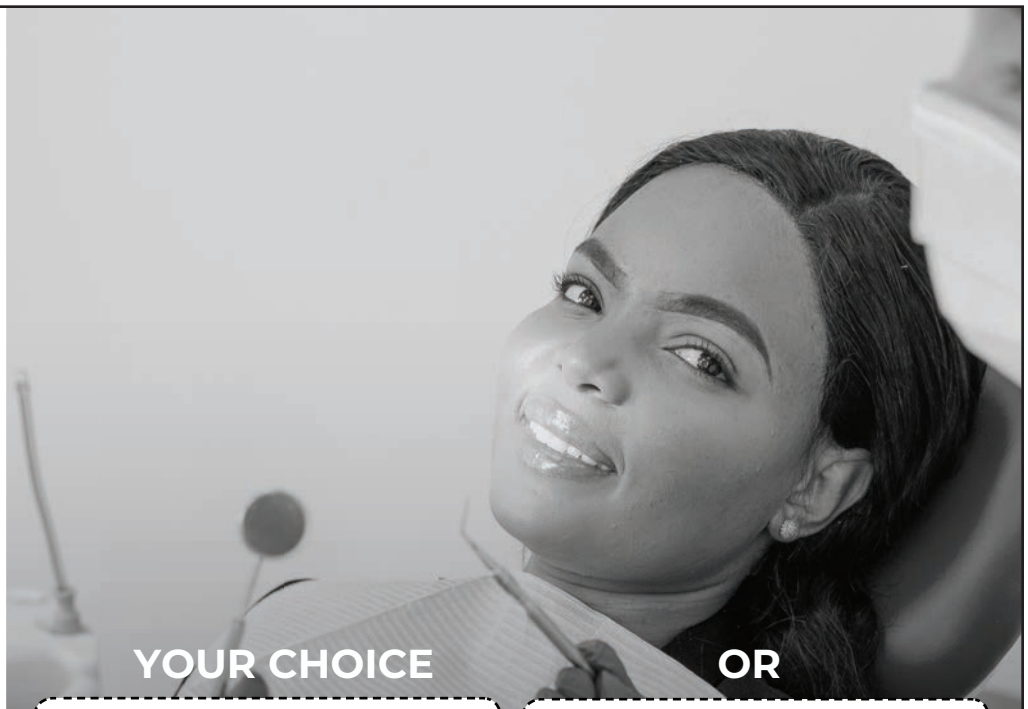
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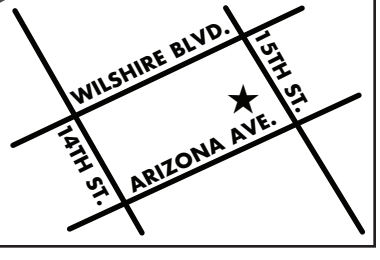


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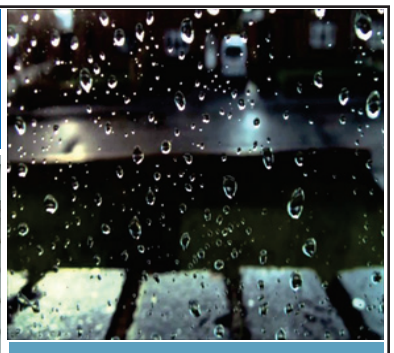
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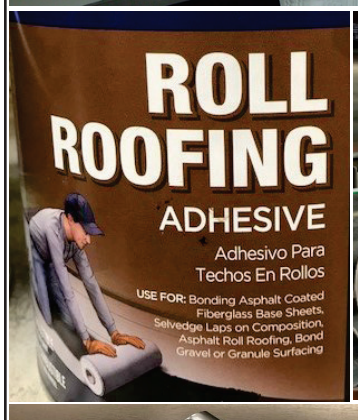
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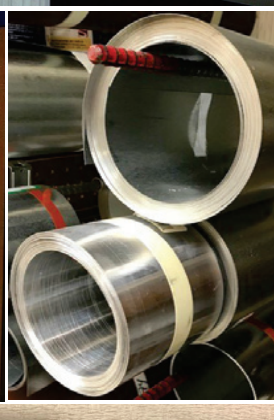


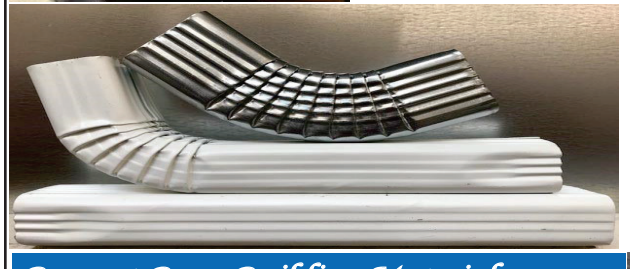


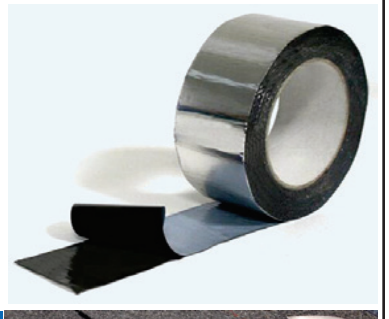
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SCOOTER

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were built for the now extinct Breeze system are not quite the right size to use the cable easily. This is not a fault of the bikes but it's worth mentioning as riders may struggle slightly until they get the hang of the lock angle.

VEO

Veo has both a stand-up scooter and a class 2 electric bicycle.

Both devices cost $1 to unlock and $0.33 per minute to ride.

All Santa Monica residents are eligible to have their unlock fees waived through the SaMo Veo Pass, which can be activated by submitting a drivers license photo with a Santa Monica zip code on the Veo app.

All riders are also eligible for Lucky Zone discount parking, where users receive a $1 credit for ending their trip in a designated parking spot.

Qualifying low income residents can sign up for the Veo Access Pricing program, where users pay a $5 monthly membership for one 30-minute ride a day, and 20 cents per minute after the initial 30 minutes. Applications can be submitted online and eligibility can be shown through an EBT card, proof of LIFE pass, discounted utility bill, or any other state or federally run assistance program document.

Veo scooters are traditional in construction and are familiar to everyone at this point. There's little to distinguish them from other scooters, past or present, with the exception of bulk. At 70lbs, the Veo is a beast and you feel this in a good way (comfort and stability on bumpy surfaces) and a bad way (sluggish acceleration). If you enjoy scooters, these are great.

The Veo "bicycles" are an entirely different concept. The devices are more similar to a small moped than a traditional bike. They have a dedicated throttle and can travel without any human assistance. A small set of pedals are mounted below the seat but they are too small to power the device in any meaningful way (we felt like parrots furiously pedaling a tiny trike). While the device is very heavy to try to manually power, this isn't actually a problem because the motor is excellent.

There are no cargo storage options on the bike and none of our testers could find a way to adjust the seat height meaning our tallest riders found it uncomfortable to remain in the seated position for any length of time.

The device is so powerful, easy to use and ultimately just plain fun that riders need to have an additional layer of awareness when using them or risk being overconfident.

WHEELS

Wheels operates a sit-down scooter. The device has no pedals (but it does have foot pegs) and is operated by twisting a handle-mounted throttle. The scooters have two brake levers similar to those found on the handlebars of a bicycle.

Wheels scooters cost $1 to unlock and $0.39 per minute to ride.

Santa Monica riders who are enrolled in a city, state, or federal associate program such as Medicaid, EBT, SNAP, or a discounted utility bill can ride for free for the first 30 minutes of their trip through the "Wheels for All" program.

Riders can also add credits to their Wheels account and receive a discount up to 20 percent off, based on the amount of credits added.

Wheels scooters resemble a child's push bike toy and their size was a problem for even average sized riders, let alone our tallest testers.

The devices tested by SMDP had less powerful motors than other local devices and the scooters struggled to reach the top of our test hill (dropping to speeds too slow for our speed-gun to pickup).

Motorcycle riders are aware of the dangers of wrist position when operating a twist throttle: if the rider has angled their hands incorrectly, it's possible to hit the throttle while reaching for the brake. These scooters travel so slowly that this is unlikely to be a significant danger but any opportunity for riders to accidentally shoot into an intersection or lose control is something to be aware of.

The largest danger to Wheels riders is an inversion of centuries of braking convention. In some Wheel's scooters, the right-hand lever controls the front brake. In one test our rider thought they were applying the rear brake (as they would on a bicycle) but was thrown forward, almost over the handles, when the front tire locked up.

Wheels is the only company to offer helmets with some devices. The shared helmets are unlockable from a built-in dock when the devices are unlocked through the app.

SPIN

Spin has the traditional style scooters that have become familiar to everyone in recent years.

Spin devices cost $1 to unlock and $0.39 per minute to ride. Users can purchase Spin Passes for unlimited rides during a certain time period. The pricing is as follows: $3,99; 1 hr, $5.99; 2hr, $11.99; 24 hr, $14.99; 7 days.

Users will receive a $1 discount for rides ending in for City identified predesignated drop zones. Users who start their ride in the Pico neighborhood will automatically receive a 25 percent discount on their trip.

The Spin Access Program provides 50 percent off rides for Santa Monica residents who are enrolled in a local state or federal benefits program, such as Metro LIFE, CalFresh, or SCE CARE. Users can submit an application online.

Spin has a good scooter that functions like most other scooters of its type.

Spin's devices have additional technology related to geofencing and preventing sidewalk riding but those features have little relevance to the user experience. There's not much to say about the Spin devices, good or bad. They had slightly better maneuverability than the Veo standing scooter and had slightly worse ergonomics. The most noticeable difference was acceleration with the Spin feeling much peppier. If you want a stand-up scooter, you won't notice a difference between these and the Veo option 99 percent of the time.

THE BIRD IN THE ROOM.

While Bird scooters were not part of our official testing due to their elimination from the Santa Monica system, our testers were very familiar with the latest generation of device that had been deployed in Santa Monica prior to the start of the new pilot program. Several testers said they had a

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TEST

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preference for the latest generation Bird over the Spin or Veo due to their memories of its wider platform and powerful motor. However, no side-by-side comparison was available due to their inability to start a ride in the City.

SO WHAT'S THE BEST SHARED MOBILITY OPTION?

At the risk of sounding like a cop-out, well, it depends. If you're going a long way, i.e. two or three miles, the Lyft and Veo bikes will be the fastest and most comfortable options. If you want a fun way to go a few blocks and get close to your final destination, you can't beat the Veo or Spin scooters. Even the Wheels option is perfectly valid, just be aware of those reversed brakes. At the end of the day, they all work fine for what Santa Monicans need to navigate our city. But when push comes to shove, the Veo bike definitely ekes out the field for all around fun and comfort. Now if we could just have a single app...

SMDP Image

GRADES: SMDP recruited several individuals to ride the five different scooter/bike options available in Santa Monica. Each devices was clocked with a speed gun during runs on a flat surface and an incline. Subjective standards were determined through side-by side tests and personal use over the course of a week.

TEST RESULTS Santa Monica Shared Mobility Pilot Options	Lyft	Spin	Veo	Veo	Wheels
					
Fleet allowed	600	500	200	500	200
Weight (lbs)	70	46	70	90	40
Measured speed	18	15	15	16	12
Hill climb	17	11	15	15	DNF
Handling/Ease of use	A	A	A-	A-	C
Maneuverability	C-	A	B	C	B
Braking	B	B+	A	A	F
Comfort	A	B	A	B	C
Overall	**B**	**B**	**A**	**A-**	**C-**





Agnes

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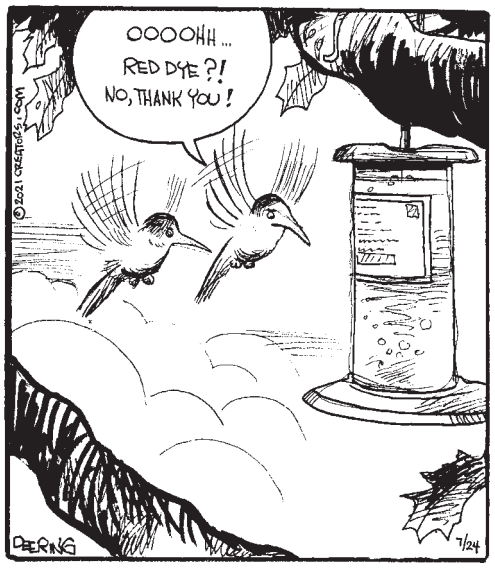
Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.5°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Pretty slow but clean in the morning -- good for the small wave gear/groms. Fading short period NW swell. New SSW swell gradually on the rise through the day.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Building SSW swell tops out late in the day. Morning winds look decent, but AM low tide will drain many spots out early in the morning.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 65.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/07/24	Sat	11:06 AM	4.26	H
2021/07/24	Sat	3:53 PM	2.07	L
2021/07/24	Sat	10:07 PM	6.87	H
2021/07/25	Sun	05:20 AM	-1.17	L
2021/07/25	Sun	11:47 AM	4.35	H
2021/07/25	Sun	4:41 PM	2.05	L
2021/07/25	Sun	10:51 PM	6.47	H
2021/07/26	Mon	06:00 AM	-0.79	L
2021/07/26	Mon	12:28 PM	4.42	H
2021/07/26	Mon	5:32 PM	2.08	L
2021/07/26	Mon	11:35 PM	5.91	H
2021/07/27	Tue	06:37 AM	-0.29	L
2021/07/27	Tue	1:09 PM	4.47	H
2021/07/27	Tue	6:25 PM	2.17	L
2021/07/28	Wed	12:21 AM	5.22	H
2021/07/28	Wed	07:12 AM	0.29	L
2021/07/28	Wed	1:51 PM	4.51	H
2021/07/28	Wed	7:24 PM	2.26	L
2021/07/29	Thu	01:09 AM	4.47	H
2021/07/29	Thu	07:47 AM	0.92	L

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Jackpot: 138 M

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Jackpot: 10 M

Fantasy 5
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Daily 3
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EVENING: 8 7 3

Draw Date: 7/22
MIDDAY: 8 8 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/22
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2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
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Work pays off. Three major events will be a source of pride. New projects ascend in September. You'll realize the many ways you can leverage your position and what's around you to build something meaningful. It will be your joy to help a loved one or invest in something that will help further down the line. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 20, 11, 7 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It benefits you to delight in the person in front of you and give a level of attention that assumes this is the best match in the entire world for what needs to happen in this moment of time for the both of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What's better than having all the answers? An excuse to collaborate! There are valuable gems to be mined; you'll do it together while building trust inside what has potential to be a crack-team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You want to give people what they ask for, but they will ask for things outside of your control. At least you have control over the high level of communication and respect you're able to offer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To acquire a deeper knowledge of a topic you love is to take part in one of the great pleasures of the modern world -- information at your fingertips. Between this and regulated indoor temperatures, it's a lucky time to be alive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Is the opportunity exciting enough that you'd want to drop everything else you've got going on to take advantage of it? That's the level it needs to be to warrant your "yes" today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've figured out what wasn't working about the last situation, and maybe you can't do anything about it at this point, but you can sure avoid the same dynamic in your next arrangement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no need to comment on what's going on; just experience it. This can be a mental and spiritual discipline and one that pertains not only to outward comments but inward as well. Nonjudgment frees energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To open your creativity opens many other things at once, including spirituality, relationships and schools of thought. Imagination is a path to different realms of being.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Each person will be wanting the same level of attention from you as the last person, so don't start anything that will be difficult to keep up for everyone in the entire group.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The suit looks sharper than the comfortable, stretchy sportswear, and it's an age-old choice that spans beyond the sartorial realm. Which do you want more, your own comfort or the structure that commands respect?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One or two new people on the scene is all it takes to change the mood. Someone's smile is a fresh breeze, your own personal uplift. Dark clouds disappear; the edges of life seem to sparkle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sensitive issues come into the open. Should they be explored or just tolerated? You might be surprised at whose feelings can blow up on a hair trigger. Tolerance is an oft-underrated virtue.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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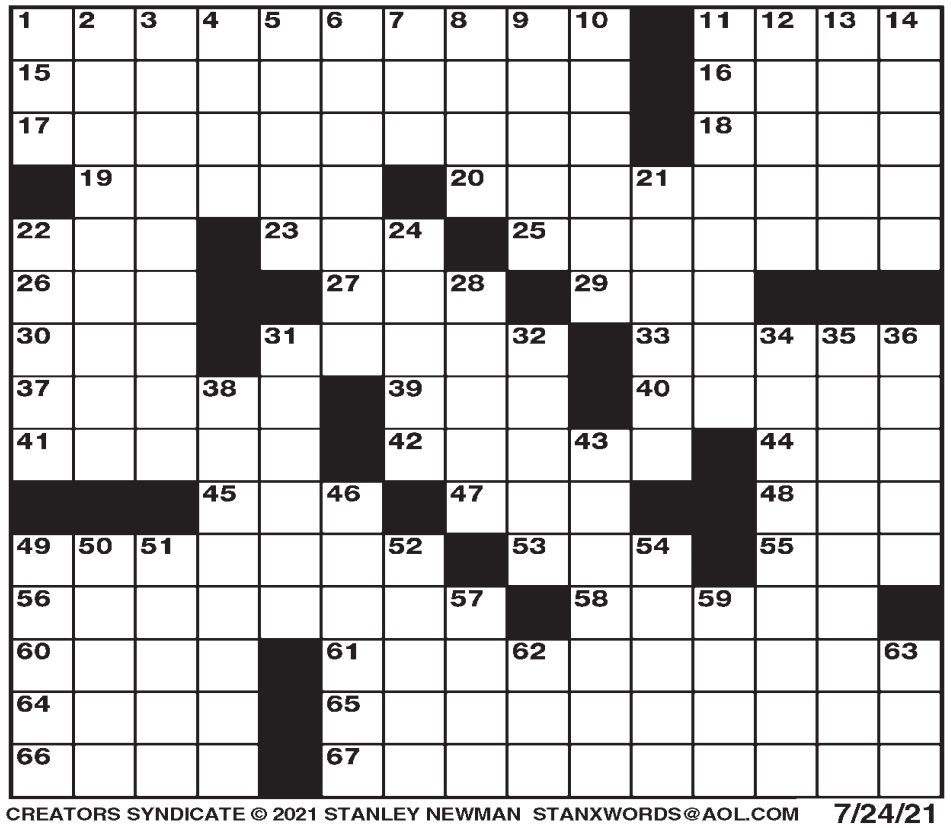
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1 Hard to read at the table
11 Substance
15 Leading to a judgment
16 Winter Olympics venue before the Helsinki Summer Games (1952)
17 Hitting the nail on the head
18 Brand for those who watch their tone
19 Hershey employee who became a rival
20 More than fully cover
22 Amenities for upscale campouts
23 "Who has deceiv'd thee as __ as thy self": Franklin
25 Hustled
26 *Título después del matrimonio*: Abbr.
27 Modern bibliography listing
29 Duke of Soria, vis-à-vis King Felipe VI
30 Onetime HuffPost parent
31 Unsociable
33 Golf club design specs
37 Star that might be yellow
39 Principle of harmony
40 Word from the Greek for "skill-less person"
41 Asp kin in Psalms
42 Brassy bearing
44 JFK predecessor (by nine years)
45 Certain class uniforms
47 One of Harrison's heroes
48 Coy rejoinder
49 Rickshaw family member
53 Expound on nothing in particular
55 Avatar embodiment
56 Hymn recorded by Caruso
58 Fill in the blanks, speculatively
60 Be all over the map
61 Durable group
64 Smartphone add-on
65 Court arbiter
66 Catch used as currency in old England
67 What the Tibetan Plateau caused to form

DOWN
1 Support for the faithful
2 Put too much into
3 Course with what Martha Stewart calls a "powerhouse vegetable"
4 Mag into trendspotting
5 Thor's mother in the Marvel Universe
6 Momentous
7 Minimum opener
8 Travelers joined it in 1998
9 Knots up
10 Cut out
11 Content provider?
12 Practice following a lunar calendar
13 Add to the list
14 Handled lightly, with "with"
21 Crush something
22 Taco truck descriptor
24 Exhibits, with "out"
28 Antipathetic
31 Paleo-anthropological paradise
32 Initial venture
34 Action or war
35 It's carried out
36 Tranquil
38 Disciplinary programs
43 Kept out of view?
46 Swimsuit cover-up
49 Consider in detail
50 Call up
51 Unfortunate, "poor" person
52 Hairy-footed hero/narrator
54 Diver's defense
57 Very little
59 Consultation remunerations
62 Time for many an MGM premiere
63 Kept anchored



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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Aches	Cosy	Gust	Sled
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Arctic	Doona	Heat	Sneeze
Beanie	Duvet	Hoodie	Snow
Beret	Earflap hat	Hungry	Stew
Bitter cold	Eggnog	Jack Frost	Thaw
Blue	Fire	Melt	Toast
Brisk	Flurries	Pyjamas	Tremble
Caps	Foggy	Rugs	Turtleneck
Chill	Frigid	Shiver	Wind
Coat	Gale	Ski fields	Wool

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Bishop's Opening gambit

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households for one year. Burgess Peoples, the pilot's executive director, said recipients receive "wraparound services," including help with finding jobs. Already it's making a difference, she said.

Two women used their first checks to pay what they owed for college tuition, allowing them to keep working toward their degrees. One man got his car repaired so he could get to work without paying for a Lyft ride.

Peoples hopes more local experiments will pressure the federal government to change the way it assists poor people.

"That way they can get help the way they need it," she said, "not just the way the government thinks it should be."

GOP

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launch.

Seven people died during and after the rioting, including a woman who was shot by police as she tried to break into the House chamber and three other Trump supporters who suffered medical emergencies. Two police officers died by suicide in the days that followed, and a third officer, Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, collapsed and later died after engaging with the protesters. A medical examiner determined he died of natural causes.

Associated Press writer Kevin Freking in Washington contributed to this report.

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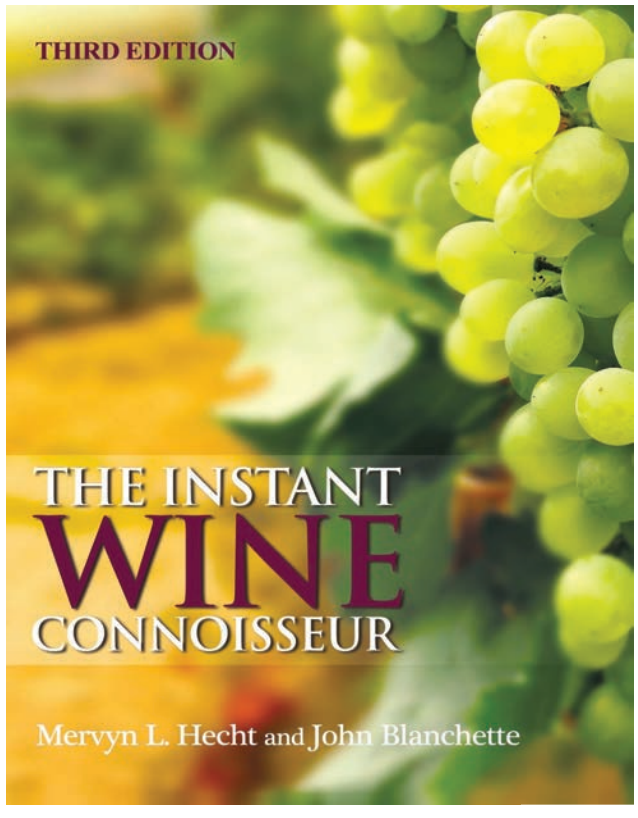
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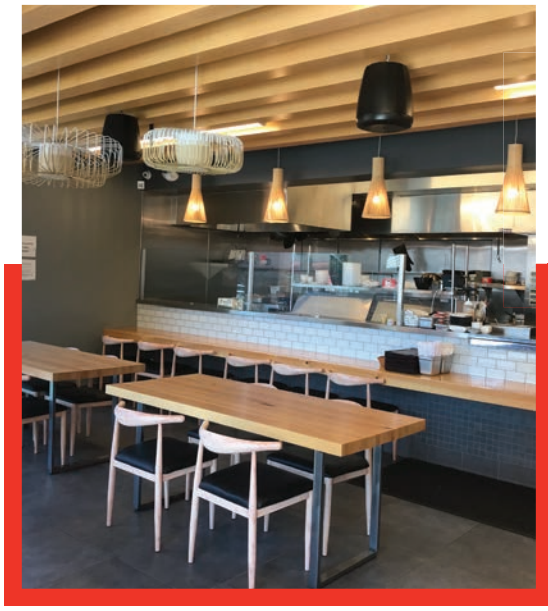
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