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Santa Monica's history-defining Marine

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It's hard to believe Sam Folsom is 98-years-old. Sure, there's telltale signs of his age: he's a little hard of hearing, getting visibly frustrated when he asks others to repeat something numerous times. He struggles a little to walk from his living room to his hallway, about 8 feet away.

Get Folsom talking about his time as a pilot for the military, however, and he's born again — eyes-widening with joy, using any appendage to help express a story. An ageless man reflecting on a historic life lived.

Born in Quincy, Massachusetts and raised in nearby Peabody, Folsom says he was always destined for the military and the skies.

"Ever since I was a kid, in the days of Charles Lindbergh, I wanted to fly," Folsom says, staring up at his ceiling as if he were in the clouds once more. "The freedom ... Everything is yours when you're flying."

As a youngster, Folsom joined the Merchant Marine Academy in his home state, graduating as a Merchant Marine Officer. Immediately taken in by Navy, he was a reserve and served in that capacity for a year, eventually managing to transfer to flight training

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Rent Control Board to begin debate on new rent limits

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

This week the Rent Control Board (RCB) will begin discussions to potentially change the way it calculates new rents in controlled units in anticipation of changes at the state level that would radically alter landlords' ability to increase rents on new tenants.

No action will be taken at the Sept. 13 meeting but the Board will begin initial deliberations regarding the potential repeal of the Costa Hawkins Act, a state law that allows rent control units to be set to market rates when a new tenant moves in.

While the RCB has authority over year-to-year increases, it does not currently have authority to set rents for new tenants that move into a unit when an old tenant leaves. Voters will be asked to repeal Costa Hawkins this November and doing so will create confusion over how to set base rents (the amount first charged when a lease begins) due to the language contained in the City Charter.

The Charter only provides two ways to define base rent: either as 1978 levels with annual adjustments or as market rate if the tenancy qualifies for rent decontrol under state law. Costa Hawkins is the only state law related to decontrol so its repeal would leave just the 1978 definition. However, The RCB's General Counsel J. Stephen Lewis said in the staff report that a strict rollback would not happen.

"First, (the Board) has expressed the view that it would be simply unfair to roll back rents for new tenancies to levels based on 1978 conditions when the real estate market has shifted so dramatically since then," he said. "Second, and relatedly, it has expressed a desire to avoid the serious constitutional violations that could arise if base rents were rolled

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HEALTHY SNACKS

Courtesy photos

The California Department of Public Health, the Dairy Council of California and partner organizations across the state, teamed up to host Healthy Snack Day recently to encourage children and families to switch to healthy food and beverage snacks as part of their diets between major meals. One of the events took place at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles outpatient center in Santa Monica. Participants were informed about the importance of healthy snacks and nutrition, along with simple snack recipes. For more information, visit https://www.healthyeating.org/.

Thursday night meals for the homeless will move off the Promenade

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The decade long ritual of serving a vegan meal to local homeless people on the Third Street Promenade each Thursday night will move to the Salvation Army's Fourth Street location this fall, as part of a "delicate" compromise between the organizers, two nonprofits, the City and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

"We're extraordinarily grateful to all who are involved in this program who have come to the table to continue to provide nutritious, vegan meals to our homeless community and a comfortable and safe environment," said Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., CEO Kathleen Rawson.

International nonprofit Food Not Bombs started the weekly meal service over a decade ago. Each week volunteers cook enough food for about a hundred homeless people. Coupled with the move to the Salvation Army, local nonprofit West Coast Care will provide a representative to help those in need find housing and other social services. The DTSM ambassadors will also provide logistical support.

"Speaking as a volunteer, I can say that our location will change; our mission will not," said Food Not Bombs volunteer Tom Weitzel. "We serve on Thursday nights to

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, September 11

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

DIY Club: Bath Bombs
Looking for the perfect bath bomb? Create a scented handmade bath bomb and try it at home! Limited space; registration starts August 21. Grades 7-12. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Write Away
Gain feedback and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 12 – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12

Montana Mystery Book Group: A Murder of Quality
Miss Ailsa Brimley is in a quandary. She's received a peculiar letter from Mrs. Stella Rode, saying that she fears her husband—an assistant master at Carne School—is trying to kill her. Reluctant to go to the police, Miss Brimley calls upon her old wartime colleague, George Smiley. Unfortunately, it's too late. Mrs. Rode has just been murdered. As Smiley takes up the investigation, he realizes that in life—as in espionage—nothing is quite what it appears. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation
Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 – 8 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Artesania Arts & Crafts
Learn and make a Hispanic inspired craft while enjoying a sweet treat and listening to a mix of Latino music! Limited space. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Computer Class: Appy Hour - Library Apps Workshop
Bring your smartphone, tablet or e-reader and receive help in small groups to learn how to use your device with our library apps. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 4 – 5 p.m.

Beginners Square Dance Class
First class free, 7 p.m. Casual dress. Heels & Souls and Red Ribbon Square Dance Clubs. Fun & Fitness set to music! Everyone welcome. Felicia Mahood Auditorium, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd. LA, 90025. Free parking corner Corinth & Iowa after 4 p.m. More info: (310) 440-8159. Class repeats Sept. 19.

Disabilities Commission Meeting
Special meeting of the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission. City Hall, Room 213, 1685 Main St., 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13

LEGO Fun & Games
Get creative with LEGOS, try their fun tabletop games, or do some coloring at the Main Library on Thursday, September 13 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. This free 90-minute program is for families with children ages 4-10 and will be held in the Children's Activity Room. The Santa Monica Main Library is located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

Lori Gentles Selected as Santa Monica's Chief People Officer – Human Resources

City Manager Rick Cole has selected Lori Gentles as the Chief People Officer – Human Resources for the City of Santa Monica. Gentles comes to Santa Monica with over 20 years of experience in strategic organizational transformation and employee empowerment.

"In many ways this is the most crucial job a City Manager must fill – the person who leads on how we recruit, select, orient, train, manage and motivate the people of our workforce, the people responsible for delivering vital services 24/7 year round," said City Manager Rick Cole. "When we began this search, we were looking for a strategic leader who will build on our strong merit system and positive labor relations – and take a forward-looking and collaborative approach to managing talent in the public sector. Community members expect their government to work better and cost less. Lori's track record as a human resources leader and change agent in higher education and local government is just what we were seeking. We're fortunate to have recruited her from doing great work in Santa Barbara County to join our team to build a model of 21st Century government here in Santa Monica."

Since 2016, she has been the Human Resources Director for the County of Santa Barbara. There, she delivered comprehensive HR services to 23 county departments. Her focus included transformation initiatives, using workforce analytics and best practices to engage, acquire and retain the next generation of government leaders. Prior to her time in Santa Barbara, Gentles served the California State University System as Vice President of HR, Diversity and Inclusion for Cal State Fullerton. She was also the Associate Vice President of HR, Safety and Risk Management for San Francisco State University. Gentles was also the HR Director for Contra Costa County, Deputy Personnel Director for the City of Phoenix and HR Administrator for the City of Mesa.

In her new role as Santa Monica's Chief People Officer, Gentles will engage the City's diverse workforce and help shape an energized team equipped to deliver 21st Century government services. With a collaborative and imaginative approach, Gentles will serve a catalytic role in promoting a culture that delivers the highest level of customer service and job performance. Through a lens of equity, inclusion and ethical leadership, she will guide the HR Department to serve the City's 14 departments, negotiate and administer agreements with the City's various labor associations and serve as Secretary to the City's Personnel Board.

"I am honored to be selected as the City's Chief People Officer," said Gentles. "It is truly an opportunity to work alongside my colleagues to create a model of 21st Century government in a thriving community. The people of any organization are the key ingredient to success. I look forward to working with my team to empower employees to operate at their highest level and to raise the bar for talent management and organizational development. Working with my team, I intend to have a positive, visible and lasting impact on customer experience and community satisfaction."

Gentles will oversee 27 full-time employees with an operating budget of $4.9 million. The Human Resources Department has four division including Administration, Organizational Development & Employee Benefits, Labor & Employee Relations and Employee Classification. The Human Resources Department plays a key role in ensuring the City of Santa Monica delivers a robust level of services to the community it serves. Activities include effective recruitment, management of job classifications, compensation/benefits, performance evaluations, training, labor relations and administration of Federal and State employment laws.

Gentles serves on the board of directors for the Consortium for International Management Policy & Development and County Personnel Administrator Association of California. She has also served on the Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence; California Public Employer Labor Relations Association; National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education and National Black MBA Association Executive Committee. Gentles earned her MBA in International Business from Saint Mary's College of California. She received her BA in Interpersonal Communications from Arizona State University.

Lori Gentles will join the Santa Monica team on December 28, 2018 with an annual salary of $216,264. Donna Peter, who has served as Santa Monica's HR Director for 10 years will retire on September 21, 2018 and Rick Cole has appointed Christina Winting, Santa Monica's Human Resources Manager, to serve as Interim HR Director until Gentles assumes her post.

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Citywide

September is California Pedestrian Safety Month

September is Pedestrian Safety Month and the Santa Monica Police Department will be joining the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), along with other law enforcement agencies, transportation agencies and pedestrian advocates to promote public awareness aimed at pedestrian safety.

Both in California and nationally, the number of pedestrians killed or injured on roadways is rising at alarming rates. In 2016, 867 pedestrians were killed and more than 14,000 injured in California alone, a nearly 33 percent increase from 2012. In 2017 the Santa Monica Police Department investigated 5 pedestrian fatal collisions and another 660 major injury collisions.

Traffic officers working overtime and others on routine patrol will be focusing enforcement both on drivers as well as pedestrians who violate traffic laws, such as speeding, making illegal turns, driving distracted, failing to stop for signs and signals, or failing to yield to drivers or pedestrians.

The Santa Monica Police Department supports efforts by OTS to educate drivers that "Pedestrians Don't Have Armor." This campaign highlights the importance of pedestrian safety awareness, regardless of whether one is on foot or behind the wheel.

Pedestrians should always use crosswalks or intersections with a stop sign or light, make eye contact with drivers and look before stepping into a crosswalk. Drivers should be alert for pedestrians, use caution when backing up and be courteous and patient, waiting for pedestrians with right of way to safely cross street. Both drivers and pedestrians should avoid distractions by not using cell phones and focusing on the task at hand.

Safety goes both ways, and drivers and pedestrians must work together to exhibit safe behaviors that protect themselves and those around them, reducing injuries and saving lives.

Funding for this enforcement campaign is provided to the Santa Monica Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Citywide

Heal The Bay Launches Coastal Cleanup Day 2018

Local environmental nonprofit Heal the Bay has issued a call for Los Angeles County residents and visitors to join the world's largest volunteer event – the 34th International Coastal Cleanup Day, to be held Saturday, Sept. 15.

Heal the Bay plans to host more than 10,000 people at 70 coastal, inland, L.A. River and underwater sites from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the "largest garbage collection" event ever, Coastal Cleanup Day mobilizes Angelenos throughout the region to pick up harmful and unsightly trash and debris while exploring the environment and enjoying the outdoors.

Last year, Heal the Bay organized 10,200 volunteers at 61 cleanup sites and removed 11.5 tons of trash from Los Angeles County during Coastal Cleanup Day. In total, 106 countries – and 43 U.S. states – removed 20.4 million pounds of debris during Coastal Cleanup Day's three-hour timespan.

Data from the annual Coastal Cleanup Day event significantly points at single-use plastic pollution as a major local and global issue. Cigarette butts, plastic food wrappers, and plastic beverage bottles/caps remain the top items found by Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers. Other common items include plastic bags, plastic straws and stirrers, plastic take-out containers, plastic lids, and foam take-out containers.

In addition to learning about the importance of policies that reduce single-use plastic distribution in our communities, Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers will also see first-hand the multi-benefits of nature-based stormwater capture and habitat restoration.

Nearly 80% of pollution in our marine environment comes from the land. Runoff from more than 200,000 storm drains on L.A. streets flows out to the Pacific Ocean causing the majority of local ocean pollution. By removing tons of pollution from inland neighborhoods, in addition to beaches and waterways, cleanup participants reduce blight, protect marine animals and boost the regional economy.

To register for Coastal Cleanup Day, please visit healthebay.org/ccd

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What's the Point?

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9/11/01 – A Time Before

TODAY MARKS 17 YEARS FROM THE attack on the twin towers in New York. That's almost a generation that has never known pre-9/11 life. So looking back on it from this vantage point in history, with the current administration in utter disarray, with the rate of technological change ever encroaching upon our privacy and lives.

I remember that day so clearly, as all of us do I assume who were cognizant of the events as they unfolded. My phone rang and it was Uncle Ron telling me to turn on the TV. I was in shock and could barely process what was happening. I watched as the towers fell. Being a continent away it seemed so remote, so foreign, and yet I had friends in Manhattan.

Running to my office where I had better internet service I watched all day as the horrors unfolded, waiting to find out what was next. It's odd when you are a witness to history and know it, but have no part to play in it other than quiet observer. All day I hit refresh on the chat board for my alumni network. The emails poured in of loss and anxiety.

I was lucky in that I lost no one in that day of destruction, at least no one directly. We all lost on that day though. We lost our blissful ignorance of war, our happy go lucky innocence of life in America, where nothing touches us here, that life was shattered and like Humpty Dumpty will never be rebuilt exactly the same. In Japanese artistry there is a process called Kintsugi, it's where broken pottery is repaired with gold filigree and the original product is thus enhanced.

That did not happen to us. We are not improved by the damage that was done. Oh some technological advances have made their way into our lives, but I'm not sure they're improvements on the quality of life. What I notice is the open hatred and fear that people are exhibiting. The lack of conviviality and cordiality amongst neighbors and fellow Americans.

I've travelled the world and I'm usually struck by how human it is to care for one another, to recognize that our common survival is based on a communal concern. I've seen it happen on buses and trains where strangers come to each other's aid. I've noticed that basic human psychology is that we will repay favors and courtesies.

But that basic humanity took a painful hit 17 years ago. A hit that continues to resonate for many of our friends and fellow Americans. The level of cynicism and skepticism has increased. People of the Muslim faith are still under a heightened scrutiny, more so than the rest of us. It's odd and understandable. The horrible people who killed so many on 9/11/01 were ostensibly Muslim. But they were also human. And I have to wonder what happened to them to pervert their basic humanity, what made them so hate filled and hurting that they saw their behavior as serving a greater good.

I ask the same question of the Christian terrorist who takes a gun and commits a mass shooting, (which happens almost daily) in our country. What is your pain? Why could we not see it and find a salve for it?

It's not easy to see the humanity in the killers. We don't want to acknowledge that they resemble us in any way – but the truth is they do. We all have the potential to do horrible and tragic things. We all have thoughts of revenge and anger. Most of us moderate that in favor of the basic humanity. But some don't. Some act in ways that are inconceivable to me

Since the bombings we have become suspicious, scared, and more controlled by a government police state that is using the fear factor to take greater and greater steps into our lives. The easiest lie a politician ever tells is their 'belief in God' and the second easiest is 'this is necessary for your safety.' That what was used as the excuse for the Japanese internment camps, and the Jewish Ghettos in Germany.

The day the towers went down they took with them the twin pillars of our society, communal concern, and a limited government. We need to remember that the more control we give the government to "protect us" the less privacy and liberty we have.

As the generations continue, hopefully they will read history, and remember there was a time, before.

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Samohi Hall Of Fame/Distinguished Alumni Induction Ceremony & Brunch

For the first time in over a decade Samohi will be inducting new members into the ranks of the Samohi Hall of Fame and Samohi Distinguished Alumni. A celebratory brunch will be held at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge at 1040 Pico Blvd on Sunday, September 16 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a family friendly event organized by the Samohi Alumni Association. The whole community is encouraged to attend this auspicious occasion.

Fewer than 100 people have achieved this level of recognition in Samohi's 127-year history. The current inductees include author and radio personality Sandra Tsing Loh; astronaut Randy Bresnik; Nobel Prize winner Jeremy Pal; John Dahlem, one of only 41 people in history to complete the Explorer Grand Slam; Jon Arenberg, Chief Engineer on NASA's Webb Telescope; Obama White House legal consultant Susan Crawford; State Senator Ben Allen; musician John Beasley; and activist/doctor/author Jan Steckel.

Tickets include a full brunch buffet. Purchase tickets now at https://samohialumni-awardsbrunch.bpt.me/

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Angel Carreras

MARINE: **Sam Folsom had a storied career as a pilot with the United States Navy.**

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in the Marines. He was 22.

With "maybe 20 hours, if that" of flight training, Folsom was thrust into The Battle of Guadalcanal. For those unfamiliar, the battle was a decisive victory for Allied forces in World War II. But it wasn't as seemingly decisive as it seemed.

"At the time, Guadalcanal was ticklish," Folsom says. "I'm not sure if it's been recognized how close it was to being taken by the Japanese, but it was touch and go."

One morning, very early at dawn, Folsom says, his lieutenant colonel called him into his tent and told Folsom he had a job, specifically for him.

"There's a Japanese ship over there by Savo Island," Folsom says in a gruff voice, imitating his commanding officer. "But we can't identify it. It's been pointed out to us from the ground up service, but we don't know what it is. You're the only one with naval experience."

He was sent out with a wingman, who had to turn back after takeoff and never made it to the ship. Folsom's piloted his Wildcat aircraft over the ocean alone, piercing clouds for miles before he spotted a big ship.

"I went down and looked at it," Folsom said. Bullets whizzed by, some clinking off of or into his aircraft. "There was no air cover at the time, and that ship was firing anti-aircraft, but it was dead in the water." As it turned out, the ship's rudder had been damaged in the night. Folsom identified the ship as a battleship, going back and informing his superiors, who spent the rest of the day attacking the ship and sinking it. It was the first Japanese battleship sunk during World War II.

Folsom is now one of the last remaining members of his squadron. Many of his fellow pilots were killed by inexperience. The others, time.

"We lost half our pilots, but we accepted it. It wasn't one of these things like the movies show where the guy is (Folsom flails his arms, mimicking Willem Dafoe in 'Platoon'), pulling his hair out, screaming. You lost a pilot, you lost a pilot. It might sound heartless but … you just accepted it. It's what you signed up for."

After being assigned a non-flying position, Folsom quit the Marines and lent his hand to another piece of history — sending a man into space.

"I was a test pilot for the Naval Air Test Center, that was wonderful. I was selected to be first of what eventually became astronauts."

Folsom tested pressure suits that would eventually help put a man on the moon.

"I went to Wright Field and at 80,000-something feet in the pressure chamber, I heard an alarm and looked up. Everyone was staring, and that was it. I passed out immediately. No pain, no strain, no nothing."

After being rescued, Folsom said his suit failure was enough to make the Naval Air Test Center reconsider the whole program until they could get a man to a desired altitude without danger. Once the program started up again, a new class was tasked with trying the pressure suits. Among that class? John Glenn. When asked how it felt to have a hand in helping history be made, Folsom gives an ever-the-military-man answer. "It was a job, but I'm happy to have helped."

Once that career ended abruptly, Folsom worked for Pan Am for nearly a decade, developing a helicopter airline service that never took off. He eventually settled into real estate in New York, which he calls the greatest city to live in ("no offense," he says, in regards to Santa Monica). He moved to his apartment at The Shores to be closer to his children in his twilight years.

Folsom now has a view of the beach and spends his time with his wife, Barbara, with his busy children coming to stop by when they can.

Still a New Yorker at heart, he describes everything he misses about it — the hustle and bustle, the noise, the smells, the headlights that flood the streets permanently.

"I wasn't greatly in love with it until I left. Once you live there and you move out, you miss it."

He says he misses New York as much as he misses the Marines. Folsom says he still misses flying, his top-floor apartment giving him just a taste of what those flights of yesteryear once gave him.

"The military and Marines defined my life, I guess you could say, made me who I am today. I got to do a lot because of it." He breathes one last breath of reflection, culling as much energy as he can before saluting and saying two more words: "Semper Fi."

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MEALS

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offer a few moments of respect and community along with some healthy food to neighbors less fortunate than us."

While it has always taken place at the north end of the Promenade, the group had recently moved to the front of the former Barnes and Noble location, where city officials are anxious for a new business to move in. Mayor Ted Winterer told the Daily Press prospective tenants had looked at the property but cited homeless as a deterrent to signing a lease.

On Tuesday, Winterer and Mayor Pro-Tempore Gleam Davis will urge the City Council to allocate $20,000 of discretionary funds to the Salvation Army for infrastructure improvements to host the meal service. The nonprofit already has a meal service on the weekends, but will use the money to improve its restroom facilities among other repairs.

"We see these individuals all of the time," said Lt. Erin Wikle. She said the partnership will benefit those who rely on the free dinner by connecting them with more services. "I don't think that we can leave it with just providing a meal. It is essential to be connecting individuals who need help with resources."

The move indoors will cap a long, storied history between Food Not Bombs and the City of Santa Monica over serving free meals on the city's most popular tourist destination. In 2002, the City passed a law that said "no person shall distribute or serve food to the public on a public street or sidewalk without City authorization," that carried a $1,000 fine and possible jail time. Food Not Bombs protested and filed a lawsuit that went all the way to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The rule has since been clarified and nonprofits are not required to get a permit or license to distribute food as long as they don't interfere with use of the sidewalks.

Sixteen years later, more people are homeless in Santa Monica than at any other time since the city began keeping count. The number of unsheltered homeless in Santa Monica increased 11 percent to 646 people in 2018, according to the city's annual report on the homeless.

Mayor Winterer said the new partnership between multiple nonprofits, including West Coast Care, will provide long-term help to those in need. West Coast Care estimates they helped 474 people find housing in 2017, and got 530 people off the streets through programs, shelters or employment. The Santa Monica-based non-profit also helps connect transient individuals with their family and provides bus tickets home.

"These services are not muffins and massages," said Mayor Winterer. "The services are intended to get people off the streets."

Volunteers will continue to feed the homeless on the Promenade while the Salvation Army makes the physical improvements. Rawson said she expects the move to happen in the coming months.

Council will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 11 in City Hall, 1685 Main St. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. but the discussion item is scheduled for the end of the meeting.

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RCB

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back to what they would have been if Costa-Hawkins had never occurred and (at least arguably) adjusted owners' reasonable investment-backed expectations."

While a full rollback is out of the cards, Lewis said something needs to be done in order to govern the rental market pending a rewrite of the City Charter. Such a revision can only occur with a vote of the public and the next opportunity would occur in 2020. He said any solution needs to balance the need to maintain Constitutional integrity with limitations imposed on the RCB's authority by the City Charter.

"More than once, the California Supreme Court has struck down government actions that were in violation of statutory authority, including actions taken to avoid constitutional violations," he said. "But the Board's potential inability to comply with both the existing Charter and the state and federal constitutions over the long term need not prevent it from threading a narrow course between the two in the short term, until the Charter can be amended, if need be, at the 2020 general election."

Lewis said any solution shouldn't restrict voters choices if the Charter comes up for changes in two years.

"The Board must be mindful that it is not, in this interim period, creating the long-term solution to all problems, or taking full advantage of all opportunities, that a Costa-Hawkins repeal may present; it is preventing upheaval and economic dislocation, for landlords and tenants alike, until the people of Santa Monica, who are the Charter's author, can amend it," he said. "The Board's goal, in other words, should be to maintain the status quo until a long-term solution (i.e., a Charter amendment) can occur."

According to Lewis the "status quo" actually has two definitions if Costa Hawkins is repealed: legal and practical with neither being entirely preferable. Legally, the Board shouldn't maintain full vacancy decontrol as the City Charter will no longer allow for it but practically, they shouldn't freeze rents because doing so would create an unfair advantage for landlords with more recent tenants. He said the solution could come from a hybrid system that recognizes some kind of recent market rate minimum amount plus a potential percentage increase based on current rents.

While Lewis provides some starting points for discussion, no recommendation is being presented at this time and staff said the Board's Thursday discussion will be the first of several needed to examine the issue.

Anyone with input into the proposal can attend the meeting (7 p.m. on Sept. 13 in City Hall, 1685 Main Street) or provide input via, rentcontrol@smgov.net, (310) 458-8751 or https://www.smgov.net/rent-control/.

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TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-5 ft** chest to head high occ. 6 ft
S swell holds. Small NW windswell. Keeping an eye on the tropics.

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
S swell fades, forerunners of a new SSW/S swell creep in late. Small NW windswell. Keeping an eye on the tropics.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 382 Calls For Service On September 9.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Person down 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:10 a.m.
Family disturbance 1300 block 2nd 01:17 a.m.
Person down Main/Hollister 02:07 a.m.
Fight Main/Colorado 02:22 a.m.
Battery 1600 block Lincoln 02:28 a.m.
Grand theft 300 block Santa Monica Pier 02:39 a.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1200 block 5th 02:43 a.m.
Person down 1800 block Lincoln 04:48 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1500 block 2nd 04:54 a.m.
Battery 500 block Olympic 04:57 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1100 block Wilshire 06:21 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 15th 06:28 a.m.
Person down 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 08:59 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 4th 09:19 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 9th 09:46 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 5th 10:24 a.m.
Attempt burglary 1000 block 11th 10:52 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 11:36 a.m.
Fight 1600 block Santa Monica 11:44 a.m.
Battery 16th/Broadway 11:54 a.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1400 block 4th 11:55 a.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block Appian 12:36 p.m.
Indecent exposure 4th/Interstate 10 1:05 p.m.
Attempt burglary 2000 block Olympic 1:08 p.m.
Indecent exposure 3rd Prom/Arizona 1:18 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block San Vicente 1:53 p.m.
Missing person 2100 block Montana 1:53 p.m.
Battery 500 block Pico 2:01 p.m.
Person w/gun 3100 block 2nd 2:33 p.m.
Burglary 800 block 4th 3:05 p.m.
Critical missing person 1600 block Ocean Front 3:22 p.m.
Fight 2800 block Neilson 3:32 p.m.
Fight 2700 block Barnard 3:34 p.m.
Battery Beverley/Ocean Park 3:45 p.m.
Vandalism 6th/Bay 3:48 p.m.
Grand theft 2300 block Oak 3:51 p.m.
Burglary 900 block 3rd 4:19 p.m.
Indecent exposure Main/Ocean Park 4:35 p.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block Barnard 5:04 p.m.
Vandalism 500 block Pico 5:22 p.m.
Bike theft 900 block Ocean Front Walk 5:57 p.m.
Indecent exposure 00 block Bay 6:34 p.m.
Person down 17th/Arizona 6:47 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block Sunset 6:58 p.m.
Battery 2000 block Main 7:07 p.m.
Person down 1400 block 4th 7:16 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd 8:22 p.m.
Battery 1300 block Wilshire 8:43 p.m.
Encampment 2800 block Neilson 8:57 p.m.
Lewd activity 400 block Santa Monica Pier 9:11 p.m.
Critical missing person 1500 block Ocean 9:42 p.m.
Vandalism 1100 block 5th 10:11 p.m.
Family disturbance 200 block Bicknell 10:48 p.m.
Fight 1300 block 4th 11:42 p.m.
Fight 1300 block 3rd Prom 11:43 p.m.

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The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 41 Calls For Service On September 9.

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Emergency medical service 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:10 a.m.
Transformer fire 3000 block 3rd 12:30 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block 7th 12:44 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Lincoln 01:52 a.m.
EMS Main/Hollister 02:07 a.m.
Bluff fire 600 block Pacific Coast 02:55 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 9th 03:52 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 25th 04:12 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Lincoln/Pico 04:32 a.m.
EMS Moomat Ahiko/Ocean 05:00 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 05:00 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 2nd 05:41 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 25th 05:46 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Lincoln 07:42 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 08:16 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Pacific Coast 08:59 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 09:38 a.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 09:48 a.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 11:21 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Ocean Front Walk 11:58 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 12:01 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:04 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:22 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Main 2:51 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Wilshire 3:13 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Arizona 4:39 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 4:44 p.m.
EMS 1700 block San Vicente 5:39 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 10th 5:57 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Kansas 6:17 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 6:35 p.m.
EMS 17th/Arizona 6:47 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 4th 7:16 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Lincoln/Navy 7:40 p.m.
EMS 200 block 17th 7:42 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Oak 7:48 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 9:51 p.m.
EMS 200 block Palisades 10:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 10:08 p.m.
EMS Main/Colorado 10:29 p.m.

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Draw Date: 9/9
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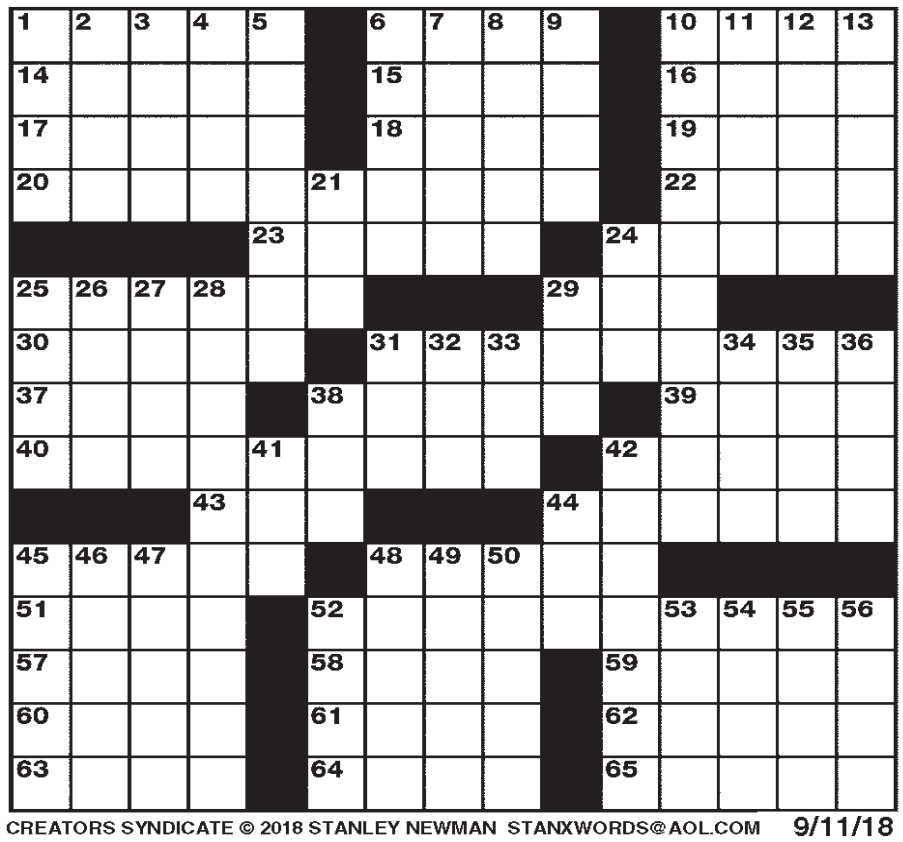
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 "Chopped" cracker spread
6 Wild guess
10 Drains of energy
14 Old saying
15 Past the deadline
16 Resign one's job
17 Epic poem by Homer
18 Aid in wrongdoing
19 "Do __ others as . . ."
20 Get-together, from the French
22 And others: Abbr.
23 Source of ancient fables
24 Legendary Western outlaw __ James
25 Fortified royal residence
29 "That's show __!"
30 Attentive
31 Uncompromising demand
37 Pro __ (proportionally)
38 From India or Indonesia
39 Unfurnished
40 Paper-cup container for vending machines
42 Quick flash
43 Conclude
44 Common conclusion of a 31 Across
45 Astonish
48 Where Accra is capital
51 Neighborhood food shop
52 Very fussy fiancée
57 When planes are due in: Abbr.
58 Return to earth, as a plane
59 Model of perfection
60 City where ships dock
61 Slight advantage
62 Assault on the ears
63 Male cats or turkeys
64 Unwanted plant
65 Window material

DOWN
1 Wild animal's home
2 Not doing anything
3 Self-centered
4 Old-time oath
5 Started a poker hand over
6 Many Eastern Europeans
7 Forbidden thing
8 Devoured
9 Makes a wager
10 Squishy, as paper towels
11 Mom's sisters
12 Breads with pockets
13 Pilfered
21 Alphabet ender
24 Muppets creator Henson
25 Jack or joker
26 Jai __ (court game)
27 Film studio stages
28 Circus performers up high
29 Recycling container
31 Battleship designation
32 Be untruthful
33 Roofing substance
34 Tip of a comet
35 Large coffee machines
36 Parcel (out)
38 Now __ then (occasionally)
41 Pt. opposite WSW
42 Eating grass in a meadow
44 Hour after noon
45 Very capable
46 "Ditto"
47 Auto security device
48 Test score
49 Door-hanging hardware
50 Tacked on
52 Erupted
53 Object of admiration
54 *Star Wars* princess
55 Young girl
56 Pub beverages



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 11)

Gifts and favors fill the next 10 weeks. You'll be the resident bon vivant through the holiday season, with everyone deferring to your taste and asking you for tips about where to go, what to do, etc. After working very hard in early 2019, you'll hit a rather effortless run of good luck. June brings a promotion. Taurus and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 39, 2, 11 and 33.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
When loved ones struggle to find the right way to tell their story, your talent kicks in. You can help because you see things in people that they do not see themselves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your eyes not only complete the smile, they can smile all their own if necessary. Your eyes may reveal a little more than you intend, if only because there's so much for your mind to keep track of today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
If your goal happens to be a very popular one, then it's a perfect day to assess whether it's what you really want. Very possibly, it's in the ballpark, but give it more thought to get clear about what would be good to accomplish and why.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Maybe what's on offer isn't exactly what you deserve, but forget about that for now. What you need to determine is which available choice is most likely to lead to greater happiness in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
From the Latin word "disciplina," which means "teaching," we get the word "discipline." True discipline, the deep and lasting kind, will be born from education, not punishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Play when you get the chance, make the joke, try the weird experiment, approach the stranger with a smile and an outstretched hand. These things require confidence and a good mood. You'll have both.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You'll soon be hashing out the details of a deal. If you do your homework, you'll be impressively articulate and persuasive. Take the time to get clear in your own mind about what you want and what you're willing to trade for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
It will be important to meet your own expectations. Where you set them, therefore, is key. You want them high enough to help yourself grow, and low enough to let yourself win and stay encouraged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The ripples that open outward may be gentle yet they affect the distant shore. The same will be true of words. Seemingly inconsequential comments will linger in memory, and ultimately be acted upon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You'll be wondering why you agreed to take on a certain responsibility. What it involves is far more than you expected. But what it gives also will be far more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're looking and feeling somehow more alive. Opportunities will be plentiful, but of course you can't say yes to everything. Focus this surplus of energy.

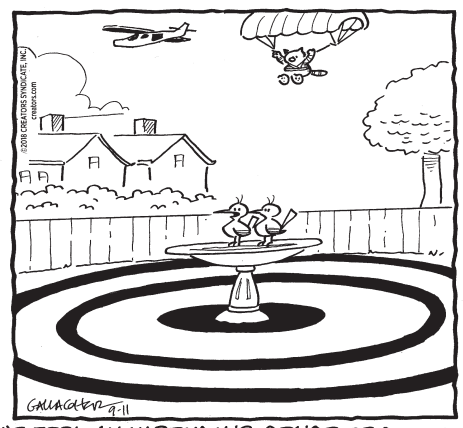
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Someone close (possibly a Capricorn) wants you to do things differently. You will respect their need to offer an opinion whilst respecting your own need to make choices independently.

Pluto Makes a Point

Memory — not just your memory but the very concept of memory — is unreliable. Recollection is an imaginative act that rewrites itself with each activation. Considering this, is it really fair to say anyone remembers things the wrong way? The sun's trine with profound Pluto points out that each version of the story is unique and as worthy as any.

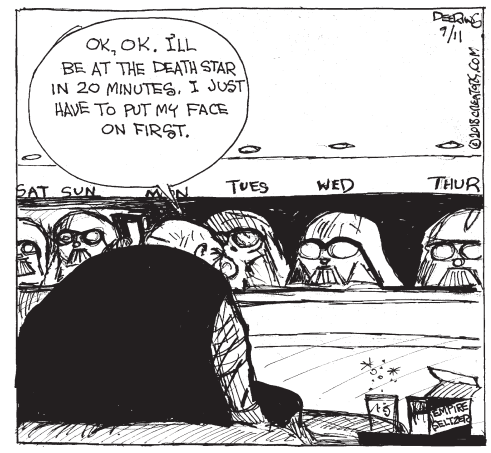
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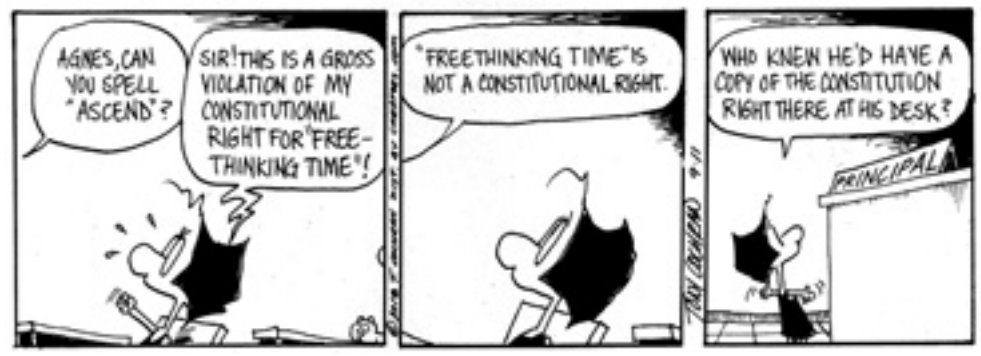


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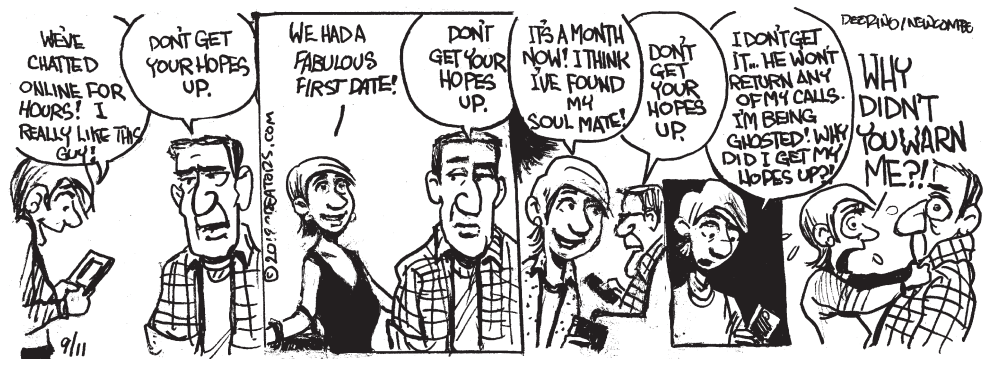
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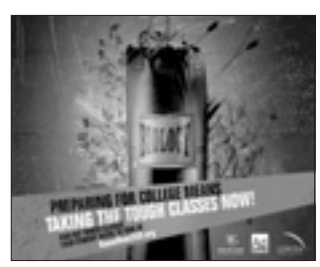
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California aims to drop fossil fuels for electricity by 2045

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California has set a goal of phasing out electricity produced by fossil fuels by 2045 under legislation signed Monday by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Brown, who has positioned California as a global leader in the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, approved the measure as he prepares to host a summit in San Francisco of climate change leaders from around the world starting Wednesday.

The measure represents the latest in a string of ambitious environmental initiatives as California seeks to fill a void left by President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate accord and his efforts to boost the coal industry.

The state is pushing to rapidly expand adoption of electric vehicles and has created a "cap and trade" program to put a price on carbon emissions, creating incentives to reduce them. It's working toward a goal, pushed by Brown and adopted by lawmakers, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent over the next 12 years.

But the efforts have drawn criticism from business groups worried about rising electric bills. Some environmentalists who say Brown is too cozy with oil and gas interests and plan to disrupt the San Francisco summit.

The renewable energy measure would require California's utilities to generate 60 percent of their energy from wind, solar and other specific renewable sources by 2030. That's 10 percent higher than the current mandate.

The goal would then be to use only carbon-free sources to generate electricity by 2045. It's merely a goal, with no mandate or penalty for falling short.

"It's not going to be easy and will not be immediate, but it must be done," Brown said. "California is committed to doing whatever is necessary to meet the existential threat of climate change."

California's renewable energy goal is not as ambitious as Hawaii, which has adopted a 100 percent renewable energy mandate.

Phasing out fossil fuels would be a massive change in the energy grid. Utilities rely on natural gas plants to meet demand when renewables fall short, particularly in the early evening when the sun sets and people turn on their air conditioners as they get home from work.

Utilities are already dealing with an abundance of solar energy during peak times, which must be offloaded to other states when there's not enough demand locally for the power.

Renewable energy experts have looked to batteries that can store solar energy generated in the afternoon as one solution, but the technology is not ready for wide-scale deployment. Another potential solution is pumped storage, in which water is pumped uphill in the afternoon using solar energy and then released through hydroelectric generators after the sun sets.

Brown has often faced criticism that he's too lenient with the oil industry, including from environmental groups pushing him to create a moratorium on new oil and gas wells in the state.

California has nearly 54,000 active wells, some of them close to urbanized areas in Southern California and the Central Valley, according to state data.

California ranked sixth among states in crude oil production in May, the latest data available from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The state ranks 15th in natural gas production. California's production of crude oil has fallen steadily since the mid-1980s.

Business groups also opposed the measure amid concerns that it would raise the price of energy and, together with California's other environmental and labor protections, make it hard to compete with firms in other states.

"If we're going to have these first in the nation laws, we want to see first in the nation benefits," said Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable.

The measure was written by state Sen. Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat who is running for U.S. Senate against fellow Democratic U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

"Today we're setting a marker that will be remembered by future generations," de Leon said.

California has met its goal to reduce total greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels, an accomplishment that relied heavily on building cleaner power plans.

But electricity accounts for only 16 percent of California's emissions. Further reducing carbon discharges will require a significant reduction in vehicle emissions, which have inched up recently.

After signing the bill Monday, Brown also signed an executive order directing the state to achieve "carbon neutrality" by no later than 2045. After that, he says the state should emit net negative greenhouse gas emissions.

The order directs several state agencies to set targets for artificially removing carbon dioxide from the air through a process known as "sequestration."



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