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Two Santa Monica pastry chefs turn sweet dreams into Venice reality



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EVENT: Ina Bakes Studio, founded by Carolina Sigbaum and Sabrina Sin, will host its next pastry pop-up sale on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their studio's patio garden at 535 Rose Ave.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Two accomplished pastry chefs from Santa Monica, who first connected through social media eight years ago are bringing their combined expertise to Venice with monthly pop-up events featuring handcrafted desserts and bespoke creations.

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Court overturns diversion ruling for man accused of brutal hate crime



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ASSAULT: The suspect tried to beat a man to death near the Downtown Santa Monica train station.

JAMIE PAIGE
Special to the Daily Press

In a major victory Tuesday for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's fight for justice on behalf of three victims of a violent hate-fueled attack, a state appeals court struck down a judge's decision that had allowed the accused assailant to enter a mental health treatment program instead of facing trial.

In a decision filed Sept. 30, the Second District Court of Appeal

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Police prevent suicide on the Pier

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica police officers prevented a man from jumping to his death off the Santa Monica Pier last week.

SMPD said that on Saturday, Sept. 27, at approximately 11 a.m., officers responded to a report of an individual in distress on the Santa

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Newsom to decide on renter protections tied to Social Security changes under Trump



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RENT: A for rent sign in Sacramento on June 28, 2022.

With the Trump administration again threatening mass firings of federal employees, Gov. Gavin Newsom must soon decide whether California landlords must accept Social Security benefit delays as an excuse not to evict tenants who fall behind on rent.

Earlier this month, the California Legislature passed Culver City Democratic Assemblymember Isaac Bryan's Assembly Bill 246. The measure would give tenants legal protections in eviction proceedings if their Social Security benefits are "terminated, delayed, or reduced due to no fault of the tenant" and the federal problems caused them to miss rent.

Bryan introduced the bill this spring in the middle of the uproar over President Donald Trump's Department of Government Efficiency campaign to slash the federal workforce and fears that Republicans would cut Social Security payments, which they ultimately didn't do.

"It's an assurance that if President Trump does come for our aunties and our granddads and our disabled brothers and sisters that California will be there to protect them and won't let them slide into homelessness because their Social Security was cut off," Bryan told the Senate Judiciary Committee in July.

Newsom hasn't indicated whether he'll sign the measure. Newsom spokesperson Tara Gallegos declined to comment. He has until Oct. 13 to make a decision.

Recent developments in Washington, D.C. could put fresh pressure on Newsom to sign the legislation. Trump's top federal budget official, Russ Vought, sent a memo last week to the heads of federal agencies telling them to begin more mass firings of federal workers if the government shuts down because Congress can't pass a spending bill. It's not clear what Vought's proposed cuts would mean for Social Security Administration staffing.

Democratic and Republican members of Congress are at an impasse on the government funding bill. Democrats are demanding Republicans restore billions of dollars of federal health care funding Republicans cut earlier this year. The federal government could shut down on Wednesday if they don't reach an agreement. Social Security payments haven't been interrupted during previous government shutdowns.

But the administration's threat of more staffing cuts could pose a separate threat.

This year, DOGE cut roughly 12% of the Social Security Administration workforce, contributing to backlogs at field offices around the country. Customer service problems at Social Security offices are still happening, The New York Times reported last week.

WHAT THE BILL MEANS FOR CALIFORNIA RENTERS

Roughly 6.5 million Californians receive Social Security benefits. It's not clear how many of California's estimated 17 million renters rely on the payments for rent.

But older people eligible for Social Security benefits are an increasing share of renters. One rental market research company estimated that the number of seniors renting in the U.S. has climbed by 30% over the past decade, including a 31% increase in the Los Angeles area and a 24% spike in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The pending law would give renters in a court eviction proceeding the right to cite delays in Social Security payments to avoid being kicked out of their home or apartment.

If a renter could prove the federal government was at fault for delaying benefits they use to pay rent, the court would be required to pause the eviction for up to six months. Within 14 days of the Social Security benefits being restored, a tenant would have to pay all past due rent or come up with "a mutually agreed upon payment plan" with their landlord.

The pending law would be in effect until Jan. 20, 2029, the day Trump leaves office from his second term.

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DoorDash is expanding into restaurant reservations and robot deliveries

DoorDash is expanding its offerings, adding restaurant reservations and robot deliveries in some U.S. markets.

The San Francisco-based company, already the largest U.S. delivery provider, announced its expansion plans Tuesday, saying it wants to bring even more business to the merchants it works with and stay ahead of ever-increasing customer demand. DoorDash's total orders jumped 20% to 761 million in the second quarter of this year.

DoorDash's robots will bring new challenges to the company as it takes on the responsibility for storing and maintaining the devices. But DoorDash Co-Founder Stanley Tang said the company needs more delivery options to help fuel its future growth.

"The shift to autonomy is happening right now, and DoorDash is uniquely positioned to do something like this," Tang said Monday during an interview at the company's San Francisco headquarters. "We need to find ways to keep up with the demand. The complexity of the deliveries being made on our platform is increasing too."

Still, investors appeared lukewarm about the company's plans. DoorDash shares fell 1% Tuesday.

DoorDash's plans also threaten other delivery and reservation platforms like OpenTable and Instacart. On Monday, after DoorDash said it would expand its partnership with Kroger to offer delivery from the grocer's 2,700 U.S. stores, Instacart's shares fell 10%.

DoorDash said Tuesday that its new "Going Out" tab will let users book tables at restaurants. Reservations will be offered first in New York and Miami, with other cities to be added later this year. In cities without restaurant reservation capabilities, the "Going Out" tab will let DoorDash customers earn rewards and in-store offers.

DoorDash said its DashPass members – who pay $9.99 for free deliveries on most orders – will also get extra perks, like the ability to reserve exclusive tables.

DoorDash signaled its interest in adding reservations with its recent purchase of SevenRooms, a New York company that makes reservation and hospitality management software. DoorDash announced the $1.2 billion purchase in March.

DoorDash said adding reservations and deals helps it deepen its relationship with restaurants and bring them new patrons. During testing in San Francisco, the company found that 80% of customers using "Going Out" visited a restaurant they had never ordered food from before.

DoorDash also said Tuesday it will soon begin providing some deliveries in the greater Phoenix area with an autonomous robot. The robot, which was designed by DoorDash and is dubbed Dot, can reach speeds of up to 20 miles per hour and travel on streets, sidewalks and driveways.

DoorDash has spent the last seven years developing the robot. The company decided to develop its own after finding that other delivery robots on the market, which are mostly designed for short runs on college campuses or urban sidewalks, weren't capable of operating in the suburban neighborhoods where DoorDash makes many of its deliveries.

The company said it could also use its own data to optimize the robot.

"After 10 billion deliveries, we have data on what works, what breaks and what scales," said Tang, who leads DoorDash's autonomy and robotics division.

Dot is bright red and resembles a big baby stroller. It's 3 feet wide, 4.5-feet tall and large enough to handle up to six large pizza boxes or 30 pounds of cargo.

Tang said DoorDash has already made hundreds of successful deliveries with Dot during the past few months in Tempe and Mesa, Arizona. If things continue to progress smoothly, DoorDash plans to bring Dot to more markets across the U.S. as quickly as possible, Tang said.

DoorDash executives view Dot's development as the next major step in an evolution that has already seen the company expand from a shoestring operation that was making a few restaurant deliveries in Palo Alto, California, 13 years ago. DoorDash has become a ubiquitous service that now operates in more than 30 countries.

DoorDash has also been testing drone delivery for several years in Australia, Texas and North Carolina. Tang said the company is developing a system that will automatically determine the best mode of delivery depending on the order and where it's going.

"Our vision is hybrid, human delivery and autonomy working together to expand access to more people," Tang said.

By DEE-ANN DURBIN and MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Business Writers. Durbin reported from Detroit.





Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

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

Nice and peaky, trending down in size from the start of the week. If you want a little less size and peaky shape, this is your day. Both our tropical and SPAC swells southerly will gradually back down through the day as modest NW swell mix blends in. That'll setup peaky, playful shape for the morning window. Wind is lightest early but stays manageable until about noon. Expect bump/texture as moderate onshore W/WNW wind builds in the afternoon.

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

Peaky blend of lingering SSW swell and a little more NW swell mix. Expecting a clean start to the morning with a peaky little swell mix on offer for the beachbreaks west of Dume. Blend of SSW swells gradually backs down from the start of the week as a little bump in NW swell mix shows. Plan around the AM high tide if surfing in the early morning when conditions will be cleanest. AM conditions look dicier starting Friday.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 61. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast after midnight.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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2025/10/02	Thu	01:02 AM	0.31	L
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Justice Department lawsuit alleges Los Angeles sheriff processes concealed carry licenses too slowly

The U.S. Department of Justice sued the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, alleging it violated the Constitution by moving too slowly to process gun licenses for people who want to carry concealed weapons.

The sheriff's department's "unreasonable delays" in granting licenses violates California residents' Second Amendment right to bear arms outside the home, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division said in a complaint filed in Los Angeles federal court.

"The Second Amendment protects the fundamental constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms," Attorney General Pam Bondi said in a statement announcing the lawsuit. "Los Angeles County may not like that right, but the Constitution does not allow them to infringe upon it.

Messages were sent to the sheriff's department seeking comment.

The lawsuit comes after the DOJ began analyzing concealed-carry permit applications in the county starting last March.

"Almost two months after receiving notice of the Division's investigation, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provided data and documents that revealed only two approvals from over 8,000 applications, and that the Sheriff's Department set out interviews to approve licenses as far as two years after receiving the completed application," the DOJ statement said.

The sheriff's department waits an average 281 days to start processing applications, violating a California law requiring initial reviews within 90 days, according to the complaint.

The lawsuit seeks a permanent injunction requiring the sheriff's department to issue concealed carry licenses in a timely fashion under the law.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has positioned himself as a leader on gun control and said he will push for stricter regulations.

In January, a federal appeals court prevented a state law from taking effect that banned people from carrying firearms in most public places. That decision, which the state is appealing, kept in place a previous ruling by U.S. District Judge Cormac Carney blocking the law. Carney said it violates the Second Amendment and that gun rights groups would likely prevail in proving it unconstitutional.

The law would prohibit people from carrying concealed guns in 26 types of places, including public parks and playgrounds, churches, banks and zoos.

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER Associated Press

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Santa Monica High School Placed on Lockdown After BB Gun Report

Santa Monica High School was placed on lockdown Monday afternoon after police received reports of an armed man near the campus, authorities said.

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to the scene around 3:20 p.m. following reports of a person believed to be carrying a weapon in the area of the high school.

Officers quickly located the individual and determined the weapon was a BB gun, police said. The person was taken into custody without incident.

"Out of an abundance of caution, the school was placed on lockdown while officers investigated," the Santa Monica Police Department said in a social media post.

The lockdown was lifted after the suspect's arrest, and police confirmed there was no ongoing threat to the community or school.

The department thanked community members who reported the incident and emphasized the importance of public vigilance.

"SMPD thanks the community members who reported this incident and reminds everyone: if you see something, say something," the department said. "Community reports play an important role in keeping Santa Monica safe."

No additional details about the suspect or potential charges were immediately available.

The incident comes amid heightened security concerns at schools nationwide, with law enforcement agencies often implementing precautionary lockdown procedures when potential threats are reported.

Santa Monica High School students and staff were able to resume normal activities after the lockdown was lifted Monday afternoon.

Police said no injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

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SMPD Facebook

CRIME: The Santa Monica Police Department responded to the scene around 3:20 p.m. following reports of a suspect with a gun.

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UCLA reclaims hundreds of research grants that Trump cut off over alleged antisemitism



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

PROTEST: Participants of the "Kill the Cuts" rally against the Trump administration's cuts to research funding walk from the UCLA campus to the Wilshire Federal Building in Los Angeles on April 8, 2025.

The Trump administration has restored almost all of the 500 National Institutes of Health grants it suspended at UCLA in July in response to a federal judge's order last week.

Attorneys in the U.S. Department of Justice submitted a court-mandated update on the status of the grant restorations Monday evening. They report that the National Institutes of Health, or NIH, has restored all but nine grants to UCLA health science researchers, though that figure may be even smaller.

In response to a similar court order in August, the federal National Science Foundation restored 300 grants it had suspended in July.

The restorations cap a remarkable turnaround for UCLA, which lost access to more than $500 million in research in July after the Trump administration froze 800 science grants to the esteemed public university. The National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health accused UCLA of tolerating antisemitism as part of their justification for the grant funding freezes.

Those claims followed months of efforts at the university to implement the recommendations of a task force on antisemitism that campus administrators appointed to examine bias at the school.

The science grants pay for research into life-saving drugs, dementia, heart disease in rural areas, robotics education and a vast array of science inquiries across the country. They help propel the country's research enterprise and are the top source of federal research grants at the University of California. The UC system has battled the Trump administration over various efforts to slash its funding since President Donald Trump's second term began. Science funding is also a key source of income and training for graduate students, who are the next generation of publicly funded academics.

Still, UCLA and the rest of the UC remain in the hot seat as the system contends with settlement demands from Trump that amount to $1.2 billion. Trump sought that settlement over a litany of accusations, including that the campus tolerates antisemitism.

More than 600 Jewish faculty, students, staff and alumni of the University of California wrote in a public letter that stripping funding in response to those claims is "misguided and punitive."

"Cutting off hundreds of millions of research funds will do nothing to make UCLA safer for Jews nor diminish antisemitism in the world," the public letter says.

A coalition of UC faculty and staff have sued to halt Trump from pursuing his settlement demands.

The California federal judge who ordered the grants returned to UCLA, Rita Lin, has issued a string of decisions since June that have restored hundreds of other research grants from multiple agencies across the UC system. Her injunction last week is preliminary and the trial is ongoing. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld some of her other preliminary injunctions that forced the Trump administration to restore scores of science, humanities and environmental research grants.

Lin last week also ordered the Department of Defense and Department of Transportation to restore grants to at least several dozen UC researchers, not just those at UCLA. Attorneys for the government say they need more time — until Oct. 10 — to bring back the defense grants, but said funding for all the terminated defense grants will be restored.

Lin is also the judge in the Trump settlement lawsuit.

Mikhail Zinshteyn, CalMatters Higher Education Reporter

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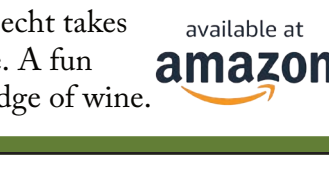
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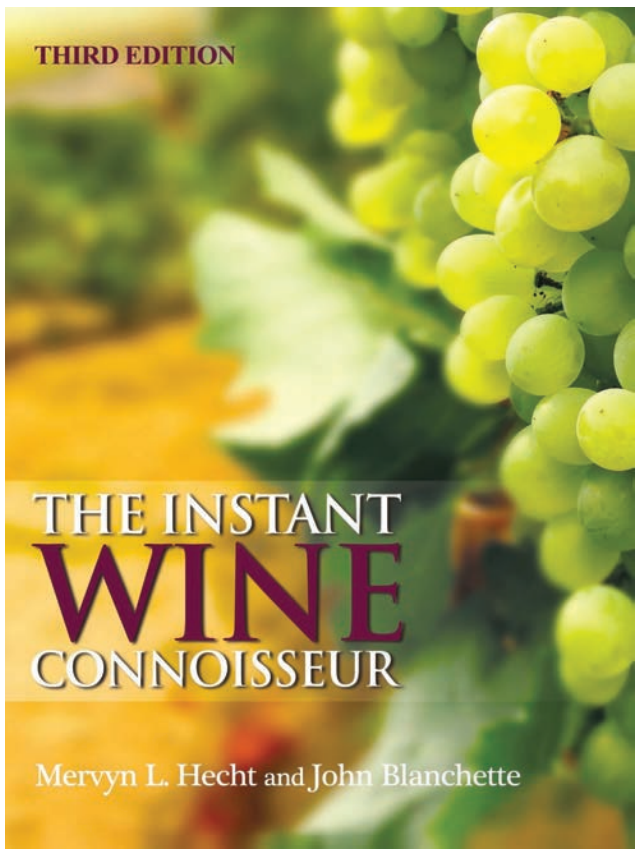
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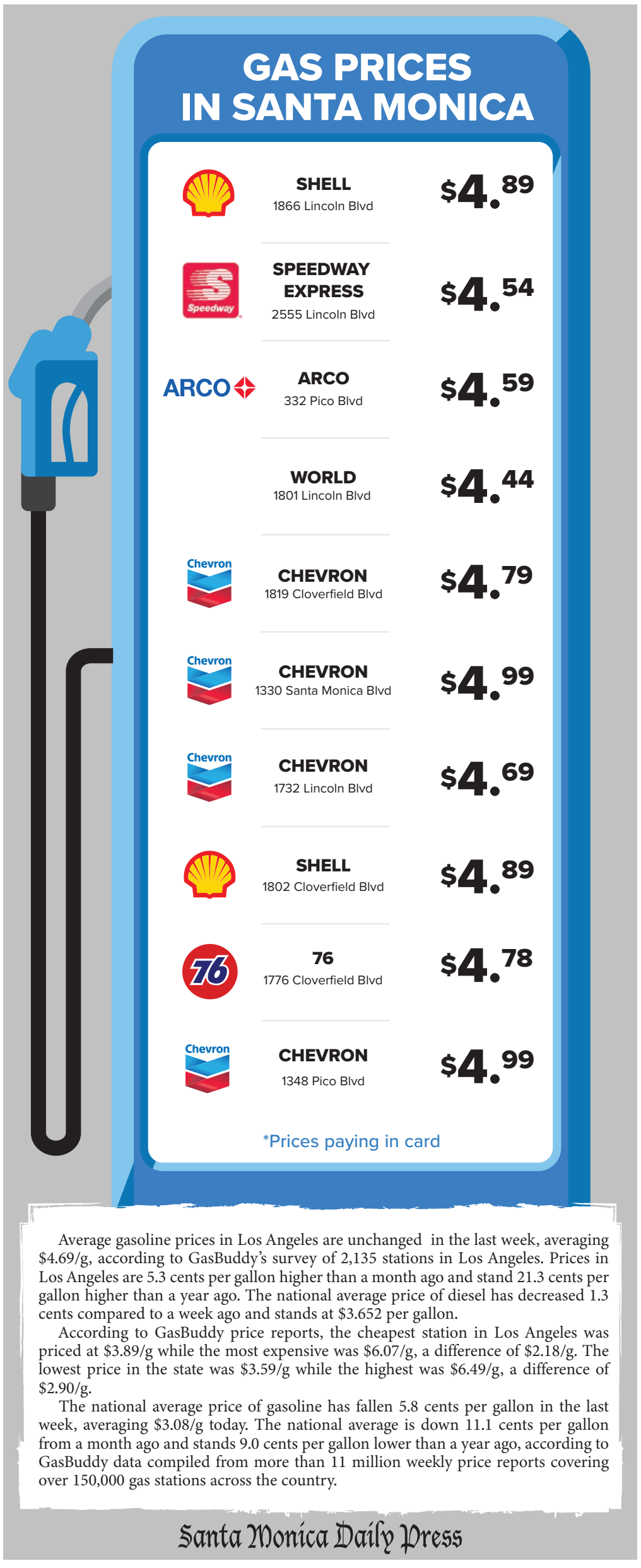


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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles are unchanged in the last week, averaging $4.69/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 5.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 21.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 1.3 cents compared to a week ago and stands at $3.652 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.89/g while the most expensive was $6.07/g, a difference of $2.18/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.59/g while the highest was $6.49/g, a difference of $2.90/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.08/g today. The national average is down 11.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 9.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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APPEAL

FROM PAGE 1

ordered the Los Angeles Superior Court to vacate its earlier ruling that granted pretrial diversion to Job Uriah Taylor, 27. The appellate panel concluded that no evidence supported the trial court's implicit finding that Taylor would not pose "an unreasonable risk of danger to public safety" if treated in the community, as required under California law.

Taylor faces multiple counts of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon for a March 2023 spree near the Expo Line station in Santa Monica. Prosecutors allege he struck 64-year-old Christian Hornburg — a homeless Black man — from behind with a metal pipe while yelling racial slurs, then stomped his head after he fell. Two others who tried to intervene were also attacked. Hornburg suffered a traumatic brain injury and now lives in a long-term care facility, unable to walk or care for himself.

Judge Lana Kim granted Taylor mental health diversion in March, placing him in Los Angeles County's Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) program rather than sending him to trial. The program, while praised for reducing incarceration and promoting treatment, allows participants to avoid conviction if they comply with a treatment plan.

Prosecutors argued that Taylor had a history of abandoning treatment and refusing medication, making him a danger if released to an unlocked facility.

In its 18-page opinion, the appellate court agreed with District Attorney Nathan Hochman's office, writing that "substantial evidence" either indicated or strongly suggested Taylor would likely abandon treatment "with potentially catastrophic consequences."

The court found that mental health experts who evaluated Taylor had conditioned their safety assessments on his symptoms being controlled with medication but did not say that such control was likely.

"The requirement that the defendant not pose an unreasonable danger to public safety implicitly obligates the court to determine whether the defendant will likely follow through on this agreement," the opinion stated. "No evidence here suggests that Taylor will follow through."

The panel's ruling vacates the Superior Court's diversion order and directs it to enter a new order denying diversion. Taylor's criminal case — which includes hate-crime enhancements — is now expected to proceed to trial.

Hochman called the earlier diversion a "miscarriage of justice," warning that under ODR's voluntary structure "at any moment, Taylor can walk out, and they can't stop him."

Hornburg said the attack left him permanently disabled and without a long-term care plan. "The judge never looked at me the way she looked at him," he said. "It was like my life didn't matter."

Judge Kim, elected in 2020 on a platform emphasizing alternatives to incarceration, has previously faced criticism for granting diversion in high-profile cases involving violent or repeat offenders. Among them was Lisa Ann Heflin, who led police on a high-speed chase in 2024 injuring nine officers before also receiving mental health diversion.

The appellate court's decision in People v. Superior Court (Taylor) is marked "not to be published," meaning it cannot be cited as precedent in other cases, but it represents a sharp rebuke of the trial court's handling of Taylor's diversion.

> "The requirement that the defendant not pose an unreasonable danger to public safety implicitly obligates the court to determine whether the defendant will likely follow through on this agreement. No evidence here suggests that Taylor will follow through"
> - Second District Court of Appeal

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Care Bears Movie 40th Anniversary Screening to Benefit Wildfire-Affected Animation Workers

A charity screening of "The Care Bears Movie" will celebrate the animated classic's 40th anniversary while supporting California wildfire victims and indie animation professionals.

Saturday Morning Cartoons United will host the event Saturday, Oct. 11, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at American Cinematheque's historic Aero Theatre in Santa Monica. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., with the screening starting at 2:30 p.m.

The afternoon will feature a post-film panel hosted by voice actor Eric Bauza with director Arna Selznick, original cast member Cree Summer and YouTube personality Andre Meadows. The program also includes a screening of "Nimbus," a 2022 animated short by Rémy Poisson, plus a pop-up shop featuring merchandise from nostalgia brand Cakeworthy.

Proceeds will support AnimAID, which assists animation professionals affected by California wildfires, and Legends Animated, a nonprofit promoting independent animation and community initiatives including the global 24 HOURS Animation Contest for Students.

The event marks the soft launch of Saturday Morning Cartoons United, a new brand by Los Angeles creative agency Sweet Streets dedicated to celebrating classic animation through nonprofit experiences.

American Cinematheque partnered with Cloudco Entertainment, owner of the Care Bears brand, to present the screening at the Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Ave.

Tickets are available at www.americancinematheque.com. Updates are posted at cartoonsunited.com and on social media @cartoonsunited.

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Santa Monica College to Host Artist Talk Oct. 9

Santa Monica College will present "A Conversation with Artist Amadour" Thursday, Oct. 9, at 11:15 a.m., honoring Latinx Heritage Month and LGBTQ+ History Month.

The free event featuring the multidisciplinary SMC and UCLA alumnus will be available online and on campus. Online attendees can access the talk through the Oct. 9 event listing at smc.edu/events, while on-campus attendees can gather in the SMC Student Services Center Orientation Hall (SSC 183) at the main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Amadour will discuss selected works, artistic process and cross-disciplinary approach. The artist will also address building community through active engagement and navigating academic paths from nontraditional backgrounds.

The Who Is Seen magazine co-founder has exhibited at Kotaro Nukaga in Tokyo, Galería La Cometa in Bogotá, FF Projects in San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico, and Emma Scully Gallery in New York. Amadour's art and writing have appeared in frieze, Artillery Magazine, ARTnews Japan, Exibart, Cultbytes and The Brooklyn Rail, with work included in the Getty Research Institute Library's permanent archive.

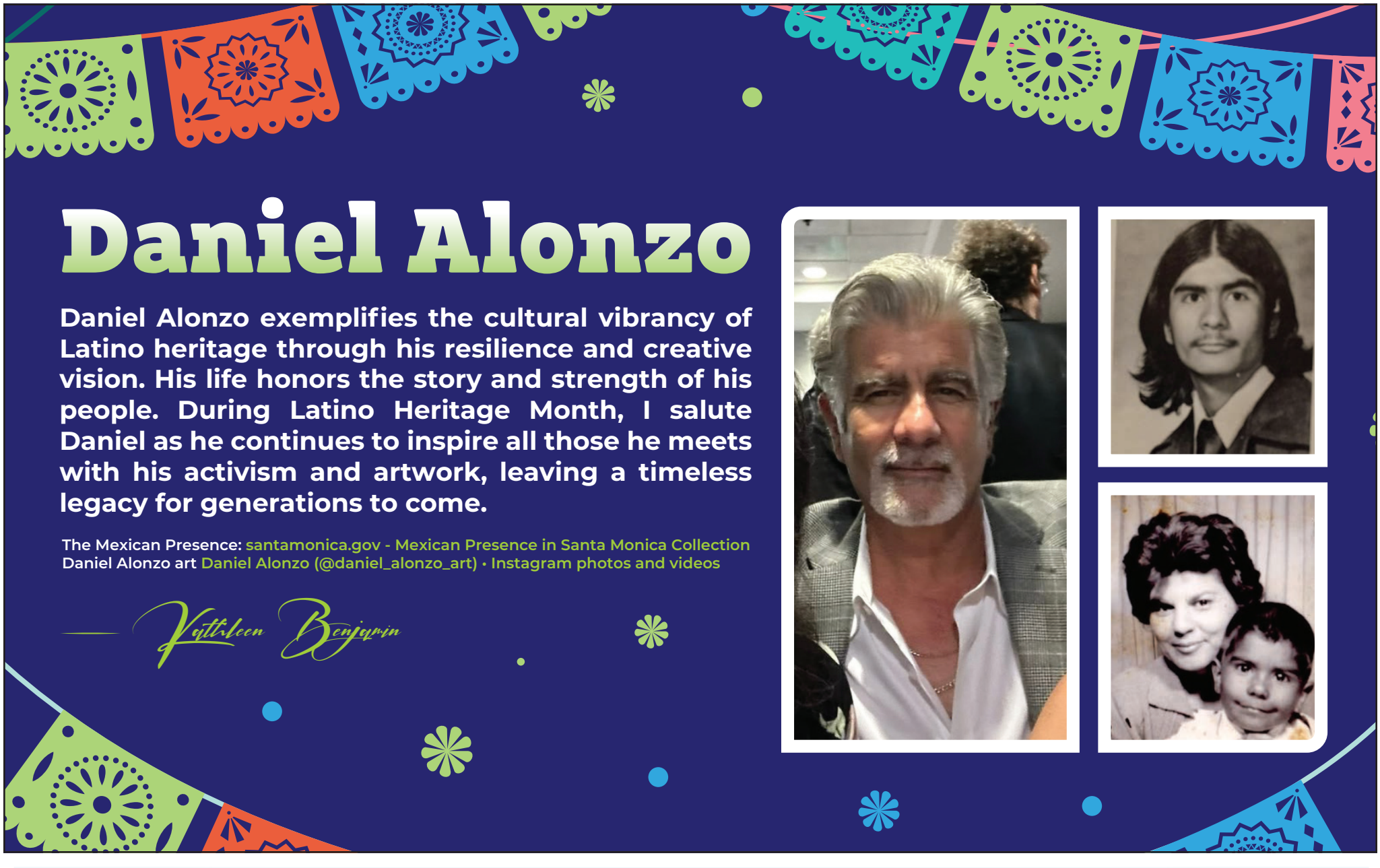
The SMC Associates sponsor the event. Information is available by calling the SMC Office of Public Programs at 310-434-4100.

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EVENT: Santa Monica College will host "A Conversation with Artist Amadour," featuring the multidisciplinary artist whose creative practice spans music, visual art, and writing.



SWEET DREAMS

FROM PAGE 1

patio garden at 535 Rose Ave. The event, held on the first Sunday of every month, offers the community access to seasonal pastries, signature sweets and new creations made with ingredients sourced from local farmers markets.

"Our community has been asking for this event, and we're so excited to finally bring it to life," Sin said. "We've been carefully planning our menu, sourcing farmers market ingredients, and baking in small batches to ensure everything is at its best."

The partnership between Sigbaum and Sin represents a unique convergence of international training and local expertise. Sigbaum, born in Uruguay and raised in southern Argentina, founded Lady C Cakes in Santa Monica in 2012 after moving to California and starting a family. Her work gained recognition across Los Angeles, with custom cakes appearing at events, television shows and private celebrations throughout the region.

Sin's journey took her from hospitality management at New York University to high-end event planning at iconic venues including The Plaza Hotel and The Rainbow Room. After relocating to Santa Monica in 2012, she pursued her original dream of professional baking, training at Sweet Lady Jane and The Peninsula Beverly Hills.

"Our collaboration started years ago with a spark of shared creativity," Sin explained. "Carolina and I first connected through social media, drawn together by a mutual interest in pastry and the idea of working on a project that, while it didn't come to fruition, planted the seed of friendship."

> Our work has grown to include designing desserts for film productions and crew celebrations with companies such as Sony, Disney, Paramount, STARZ, TikTok, and more
>
> - Sabrina Sin

The duo reconnected eight years later while working at the same bakery, where they discovered their complementary strengths. Their partnership has since evolved to include high-profile corporate work with major entertainment companies.

"Our work has grown to include designing desserts for film productions and crew celebrations with companies such as Sony, Disney, Paramount, STARZ, TikTok, and more," Sin said. "It's an honor to create for such visionary storytellers, and we see it as a full-circle collaboration, crafting something sweet for the people who craft the stories that move us."

The bakery's name reflects the founders' personal connection — both women's names end in "ina," creating what they describe as "a simple, sweet connection that spoke to their partnership and shared purpose."

Ina Bakes Studio specializes in made-to-order items, from whimsical birthday cakes to elegant wedding treats and brand-aligned corporate desserts. The business has carved out a niche creating logo-inspired cookies and themed treats that reflect company cultures.

"At Ina Bakes, we don't just make desserts, we craft experiences," Sin said. "Every item is baked to order, with bespoke creations that celebrate life's milestones."

The Venice location was chosen for its intimate atmosphere and community connection potential. "We fell in love with our little studio the moment we found it, it's intimate, charming, and feels like home," Sin said. "The cozy patio garden is the perfect setting to welcome our community, share our desserts, and create a warm, personal experience that goes beyond just picking up a treat."

Looking ahead, the partners envision expanding their role in the community while maintaining their commitment to quality and accessibility.

"At Ina Bakes, our vision is to become the community's go-to spot for baked goods that are as beautiful as they are delicious, always made with fresh, quality ingredients," Sin said. "We want everyone to enjoy our creations, so keeping them affordable, accessible, and full of flavor is at the core of what we do."

Pre-sales for the monthly pop-up events go live at inabakes.com at the beginning of each week, allowing customers to secure their preferred items in advance. Current information about events and offerings can be found on Instagram @inabakesstudio.

The October 5 event represents the latest chapter in both bakers' journeys from their respective backgrounds to their shared Venice studio, where they aim to create what Sin describes as "a place where neighbors gather, milestones are celebrated, and every visit feels special."

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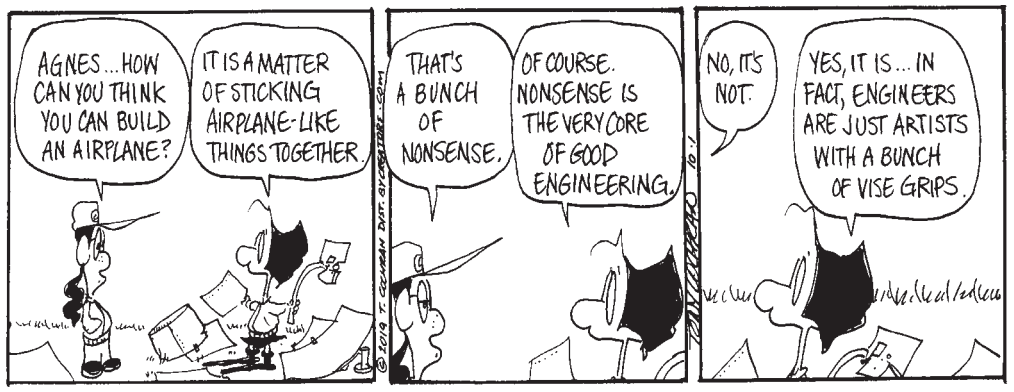
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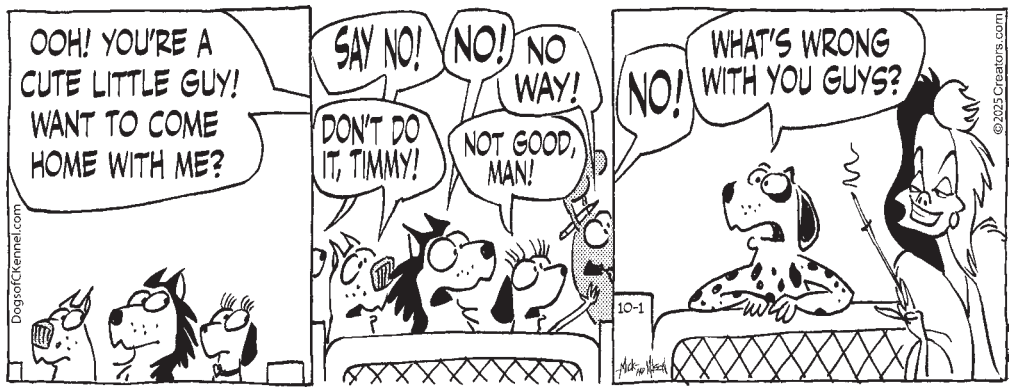
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 1)

It's a Year of Enhanced Embodiment. You develop practices that free up more energy and give you flexibility, strength and grace. But it's a happy side effect - your calmness of mind - that makes the biggest difference in how you feel. More highlights: a lucrative business move, the expansion of your social network, and family togetherness that represents growth and healing. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 2, 20 and 11.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Discernment is the theme today. Don't just accept things at face value or accept what others give you as though it were the only option. What do you like? What fits? What solves your problem without creating a new one?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What's right isn't popular, and what's popular isn't right. So you'll do the thing that no one else is doing and it will truly make you happy. Also, act whether or not you feel motivated. The motivation will show up later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At minimum, you should treat yourself with compassion instead of criticism. But really, you deserve more than compassion. You deserve admiration for what you've achieved and sustained. Pause to acknowledge your resilience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Choose connection over perfection. You don't need to script the "perfect" words or stress over saying the exact right thing. What matters is the energy you bring, your open heart and the genuine quality of attention you offer others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your purpose is simple now and can be summed up in two words: "spread joy." Sometimes you'll do it with an action, and other times just by bringing your presence into the room because the happiness is inside you and others feel it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who feel heard also feel respected. You give this to others today. You value listening as much as speaking, and it's rare indeed and not always treasured as it should be. Your genuine attention will create a natural balance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Laughter is the treasure of your day, happening in a beautiful balance of noticing the world together, sometimes playing the comic foil, other times the "straight man," and often the delighted audience, too. Joy multiplies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll study those you admire, identify the precise skills that elevate them and work to master your own version. Admiration becomes your curriculum, and excellence becomes attainable. And don't worry, originality is something you can't help but bring to the task.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your attitude toward debts and obligations works well. You remember who you owe and you're actively trying to repay them. As for those who owe you, you're choosing not to dwell on it. When they repay, it feels like an unexpected gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't always think about how relationships are affecting you because when they are good, they almost become a part of you, natural extensions of your being. Today, you will notice how your body feels with someone, not just what you think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The old game gets boring, but you're not good at the new one. Even so, fresh challenges invigorate. Even when you're losing, you win because you're gaining skill. In short, it's more fun to lose at something new than succeed at something old.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll make a sale, or set yourself up to make one later. Take notes after interactions because memory can be unreliable. Ideally, you will learn from today's conversations and later pick up right where you left off.

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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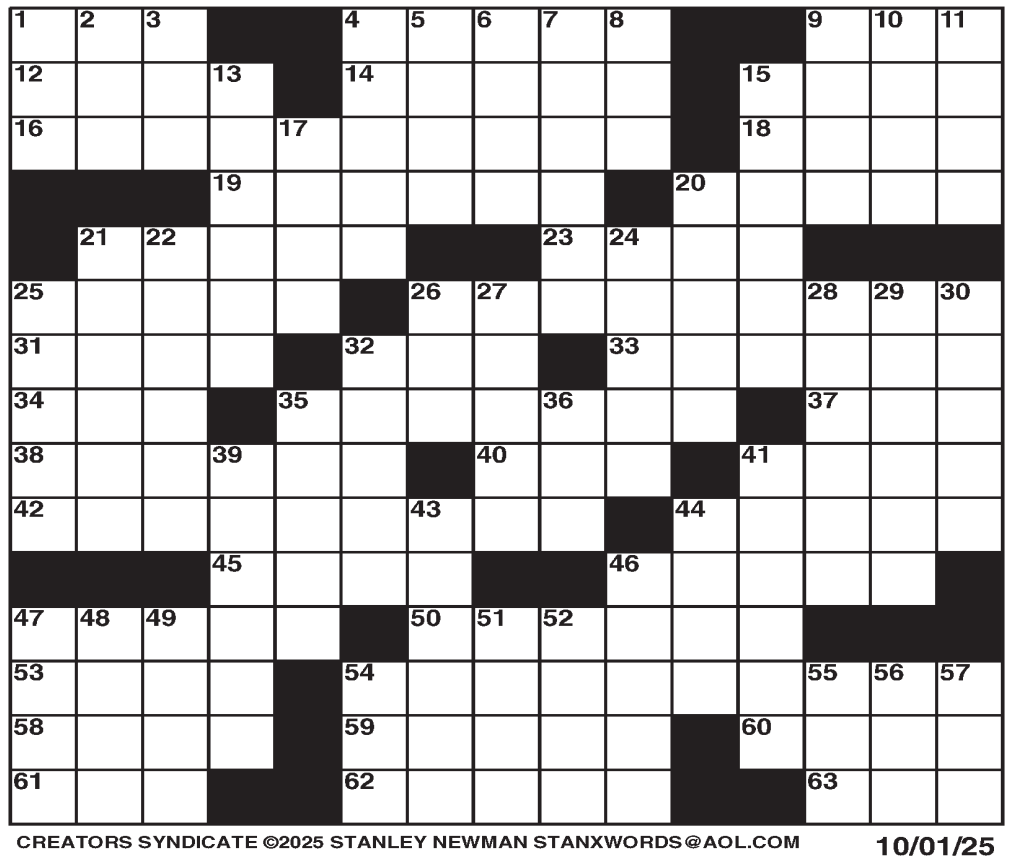
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ACROSS

1 Touch softly, as with a napkin
4 Speedily
9 ___ code (number on mail)
12 Notion
14 Biblical tower city
15 Showroom sample, for short
16 Verse-reading competition
18 Word-of-mouth
19 Sports defeats
20 Camera close-up lenses
21 Sends junk emails to
23 ___ out a living (barely got by)
25 Bird that honks
26 Really enjoyed oneself
31 "Put a lid ___!"
32 Used a shovel
33 Good-looking
34 Local pub
35 Snake living in forests
37 Foremost
38 Made amends
40 Not cooked
41 Nevada city
42 Attend without an invitation
44 Enclosures mailed with RSVPs
45 "At what time?"
46 Religious subgroups
47 Striped cat
50 Pointed beard
53 Grapelike smoothie berry
54 1990s period of Web company success
58 Stand up
59 Disney mermaid
60 *Star Wars* series sage
61 NFL six-point plays
62 En ___ (as a group)
63 Served lunch to

DOWN

1 Salsa, for nacho chips
2 Unneeded fuss
3 Hive dweller
4 Bottomless pit
5 "No bid"
6 Well-qualified
7 Came to an end
8 Oak cousin
9 No-points score
10 Muslim cleric
11 Office seekers, for short
13 "It's about time!"
15 Daydreamer's scribble
17 City surrounding the Vatican
20 Striped African equine
21 Multi-movement piano piece
22 Christie's male detective
24 Comics punch sound
25 Emergency supply kit
26 Shade of color
27 Golden ___ (seniors)
28 Swear (to)
29 Any "precious" rocks
30 Keyboarding errors
32 "Physician" rap artist
35 Skilled with computers
36 Shout from Scrooge
39 Beginner, informally
41 Elapse quickly
43 Wool made from mohair
44 Appear to be
46 Pilfered
47 Small fruit pie
48 Corrosive liquid
49 "Striped" fish
51 Major elevator maker
52 Scores 100% on
54 Block, as a river
55 Comics cry of distress
56 Uplifting poem
57 Fuming



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PIER

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Monica Pier.

Upon arrival, an officer made contact with the individual, who attempted to jump headfirst over the railing into the ocean. The officer was able to grab the individual by the legs as he hung over the edge. Harbor Guard personnel and nearby bystanders quickly assisted, and a second responding officer helped pull the individual back to safety.

It was later determined the individual had placed heavy weights in his pockets. He was safely detained and transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

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RENT

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Supporters include organizations advocating for the poor and disabled, such as California Council of the Blind and Disability Rights California.

> Due to recent actions by federal officials, including deep staffing cuts and office closures, any government program is at risk
> - Eric Harris

"Due to recent actions by federal officials, including deep staffing cuts and office closures, any government program is at risk," including Social Security, Eric Harris of Disability Rights California told lawmakers.

The influential labor organizations Service Employees International Union and the California Teachers Association, which donate heavily to legislators, also support the bill. The two labor groups and their affiliate unions have donated at least $27.9 million to legislators since 2015, according to CalMatters' Digital Democracy database.

Opponents included the California apartment and building industries' associations and the California Chamber of Commerce. In total, those three groups have donated at least $13.6 million to legislators since 2015, according to Digital Democracy.

REPUBLICANS AND SOME DEMOCRATS OPPOSE

Debra Carlton of the California Apartment Association told the Senate Judiciary Committee in July that any delays in rent prevent "senior mom and pop landlords" from paying their mortgages on time.

Sen. Roger Niello, a Republican representing the Sacramento suburbs, shared those worries with his colleagues on the Judiciary Committee. He also noted that "President Trump, both in his first term, as well as in this term, has repeatedly said he doesn't want to touch Social Security."

"If the president is good to his word, this bill will do absolutely nothing," Bryan replied. "But … Californians can't afford to trust this president. He's shown several times early in this administration that he is not good to his word."

No Republicans voted for the bill as it made its way through both chambers. Two Democrats also were apparently leery of it and voted against their colleague's measure – a rarity in the California Legislature. As CalMatters has reported, Democrats vote "no" on average less than 1% of the time.

Norwalk Democratic Sen. Bob Archuleta cast the lone Democratic "no" vote for the measure on the Senate floor earlier this month. He didn't explain his vote at the time, and a spokesperson didn't return a message from CalMatters.

In the Assembly, Democratic member Anamarie Ávila Farías of Concord also joined Republicans in voting against it when it was before her chamber the final time.

In an interview last week, Ávila Farías, a former trustee of the California Housing Finance Agency, said she was worried about the bill's "unintended consequences."

"There's the flip side of individuals in the business of being property owners," she said. "They also have struggles, too, when they are not able to meet their monthly obligations."

Ryan Sabalow is a Digital Democracy reporter for CalMatters.

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3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Makerspace aka Crafternoon Join us for a shared DIY space. Feel free to bring your own crafting project, or just come for inspiration and community. We provide button maker, sewing machine, and basic craft. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/makerspace-aka-crafternoon/15748880/2025-10-01T15

CINEHAUS MOVIE NIGHTS
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The Eden Hotel 1301 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. CineHaus presents: Sunset Screenings at The Eden Step into old Hollywood charm as CineHaus transforms the courtyard of The Eden Hotel into a dreamy open-air cinema. Grab a cocktail or a hot drink, settle under the stars, and lose yourself in iconic films the way they were meant to be seen — together. From hot popcorn and candy to s'mores, we've got everything you need for the perfect movie night. Cozy, timeless, unforgettable — only at CineHaus. Dates vary — check our lineup! Doors 7:30 PM | Movie 8:00 PM | Tickets - buytickets.at/cinehaus | First-come seating Drinks, snacks, s'mores & good vibes every time Bottle service inquiries: nikita@nolongernetwork.com Gift certificates: tickettailor.com/events/cinehaus/store. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cinehaus-movie-nights/16585124/2025-10-01T19

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 2

GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 am for a 45 minute guided mindfulness meditation which will also include a short loving friendliness meditation at the end. Give yourself the love and attention you deserve by developing your mind, finding peace and creating community. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner everyone is welcome. Please bring the appropriate attire for sun and wind along with a cushion or chair. We will meet by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Van at the ocean beach parking lot across from the basketball court at Ocean Park View. Use these coordinate 33.999050,-118.484385.. please arrive 10 minutes early to set up. Stacey has been meditating and studying Buddhism for over 25 years. She has studied under some of the most prominent Buddhist scholars and Meditation teachers in the world. She's been in both the Ch'an (Zen) and Theravada tradition and has traveled and lived in Myanmar and Sri Lanka to further her knowledge and practice. Stacey has been teaching meditation since 2018 and started leading retreats in person and on line since 2021. Stacey is an extremely dedicated Buddhist practitioner, and nothing gives her more pleasure than sharing what she's spent decades learning with others. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/guided-mindfulness-meditation/16994548/2025-10-02T10

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. TVirginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-10-02T11

TECH & TASKS
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/13932094/2025-10-02T14

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 3

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave. Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-09-26T18

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 4

REPIAR CAFÉ AT MARINE PARK
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Marine Park 1406 Marine St Santa Monica. Join us for the Repair Café held at Marine Park on October 4th, 2025 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This event is open to anyone - not just Santa Monica residents. Bring your items to be repaired by volunteers. Please be prepared to wait for volunteer availability and repairs. The final list of items accepted for repair will be posted closer to the date of the event. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/repiar-caf-at-marine-park/14544553/2025-10-04T11

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