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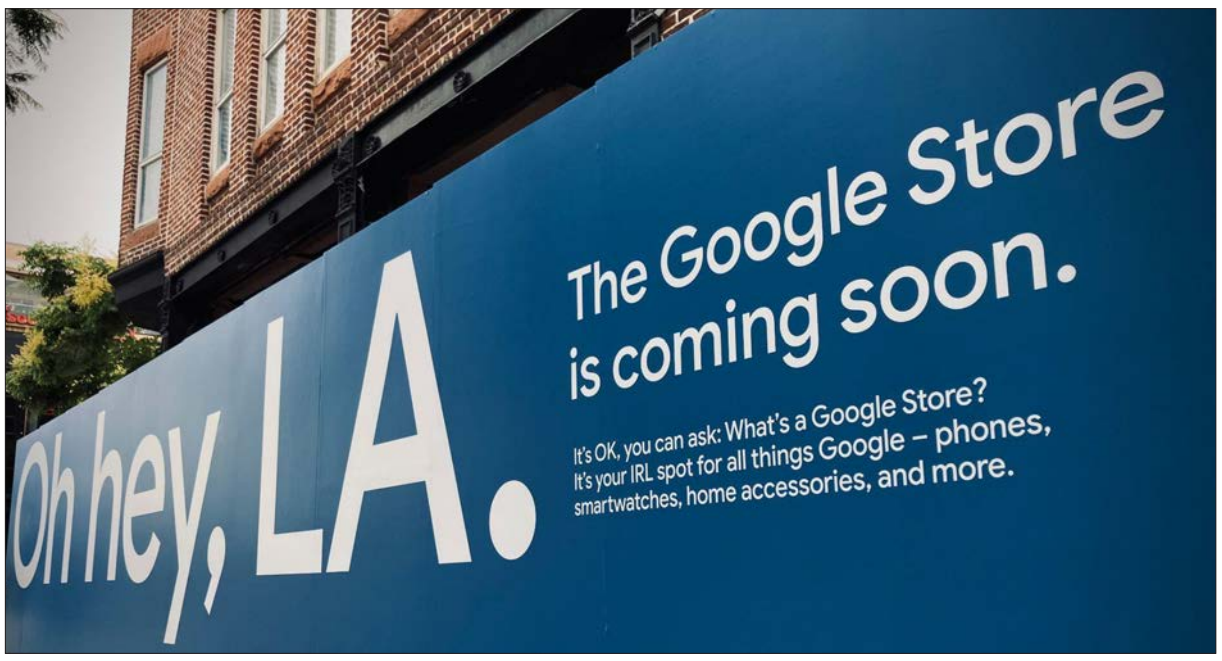
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Google is opening only its sixth brick and mortar store on the Promenade



Scott Snowden

COMING SOON: The Third Street Promenade will soon welcome a brick and mortar Google store.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Trillion dollar tech titan Google is opening a brick and mortar store in the USA on the Third Street Promenade. You might have noticed the recent addition of a blue-colored banner on the northwest corner of Third Street and Broadway wrapped around the iconic Keller Building.

This will be one of only six Google stores in the country and the first in Southern California. There are two in New York City, in Chelsea and Williamsburg, plus one in Mountain View, naturally and another in Boston. One is opening in Oakbrook, Illinois this Fall and then fingers crossed next up will be the Santa Monica store.

This comes as a much-needed relief for the retail reputation of the Downtown area. Many stores remain unoccupied despite the occasional opening here and there; the loss of REI last year still stings and the recent closure of the AMC theater on the Promenade between Broadway and Santa Monica Blvd hasn't helped.

In a similar architectural approach adopted by other Silicon Valley giants for their own brick and mortar stores, Google's retail outlets often utilize creatively-designed spaces, often in iconic, historic buildings.

Indications are that Google is only taking the ground floor, as both the first and second are still available for rent, according to loop.net. However, it does suggest that the space is approximately 7,100 sq ft and to put that into perspective, the ground floor space inside Apple's Promenade store is 8,084 sq ft.

The building itself was built around 1893 and is a rare example in Los Angeles County of its type of architecture, known as "Richardsonian Romanesque Revival." It was constructed by a gentleman named Henry Keller, son of Mathew Keller, a prominent local businessman who invested in banking, oil and real estate. He also owned a vineyard and was a member of city council and insisted that he be called by his adopted name "Don Mateo" that reflected his naturalized Mexican citizenship

Google is the first business to announce its occupancy in the

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Local singles events look to spark real-life connections

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Although there are millions of fish in the Los Angeles sea, it still seems harder than ever to connect with someone in a digitally-dominated dating world.

To fight back against screen and swipe fatigue, dating platform Paloma is hosting the inaugural Date Week LA, a Westside-concentrated series of events designed to bring singles together organically. Beginning Friday with a pre-party at the Penmar in Venice and a Saturday singles bash at Venice's Hotel Erwin, Paloma partnered with businesses across Santa Monica, Venice and the Westside on the endeavor.

"There has been a huge uptick in desire for people to meet in real life, to meet through an activity, to get out there … in the real world,"



Courtesy Photo

DATE WEEK: SoulCycle in Santa Monica is one of the many local businesses partnering with Paloma for the inaugural LA Date Week.

Paloma Founder and CEO Luba Yudasina said. "We thought that it's a huge opportunity for local

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Voter awareness event focuses on non-political commonalities

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

No matter what candidates locals will be casting their votes for in November, the process itself is an underrated uniting force, prompting the Santa Monica City Clerk's Office to hone in on the shared action.

Beginning Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Santa Monica Main Library Multipurpose Room, the office will host "Loving Democracy: Why We Vote," a non-political community discussion and workshop to highlight the importance of democracy and voting. The event includes not only discussions, but fun activities for all ages, such as participation in a TikTok dance challenge and a mock election modeled after November's City Council race.

City Clerk Nikima Newsome, who was appointed to the position in July after five years in the Clerk's Office, said the event was born out of a speech California Secretary of State Shirley Weber gave at a Clerk's conference last year. Weber spoke to Newsome and her constituents about how people "talk about the importance of voting, but they don't talk about why they actually vote."

"It just kind of sparked some thoughts in my head, (it) made me think about my story and why I got involved in politics or government, and my interest in voting, which started at a very young age," Newsome said. "So I just thought it would make a really cool conversation to have with members

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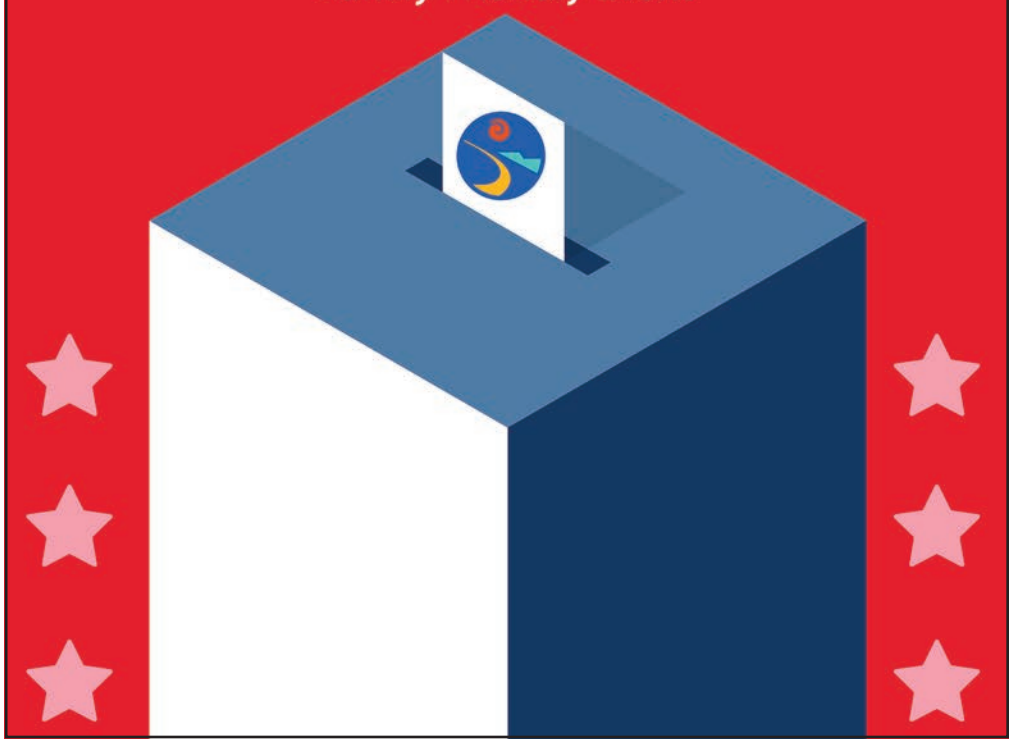
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Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A World Without Jack Neworth



OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

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MEMORIAL: Jack's column ran for decades before his death this year.

HARD TO BELIEVE

Jack was "a fixture," kind of a legend, in Santa Monica for much of his life. He was always there in Friday's Santa Monica Daily Press with his "LAUGHING MATTERS" column (such a great name), to start our weekends with a chuckle, a smile or even a satisfying grimace, a good story or a bit of reflection. Sports, sometimes, because he loved the drama of sports. Well, a love-hate relationship. His beloved Dodgers, and be-liked Lakers, broke his heart too many times. I fear Jack sensed another World Series collapse and got out with perfect timing. I certainly hope his exit doesn't predict an election debacle. Don't leave us, Jack!

Was there anyone anywhere who disliked Darn-old Trump more than he? I see millions vigorously waving their hands, but I think he had a longstanding claim to preeminence, and thousands of words in print to back it up. But as often as we talked politics, national and local, I never heard him "curse" the Mango Mussolini. But when the columns were switched from weekly to bi-weekly in the Daily Press a couple of years ago, I could tell Jack was sometimes bothered he couldn't rush to his computer for a timely commentary. "Don't worry," I would comfort him, "next week he'll say something just as bad." He had to restrain himself from writing about Trump every single column.

He occasionally took on the task to profile some local character, often elderly, or just passed on. I don't think he had a passion for that, but he felt it should be done, that their noteworthy accomplishments should not be buried with them. That was typical of his sense of connection and duty to his fellow humans. It didn't show up so much in his columns unless you were looking for it, but Jack was very moral, a stand up guy – a mensch, for sure. Situations that were unfair bothered him a lot. That came out more in our conversations than in his columns, but a lot of them were the basis for a column. Attacking with humor, of course, the most effective weapon.

I CONSIDERED JACK A CLOSE FRIEND

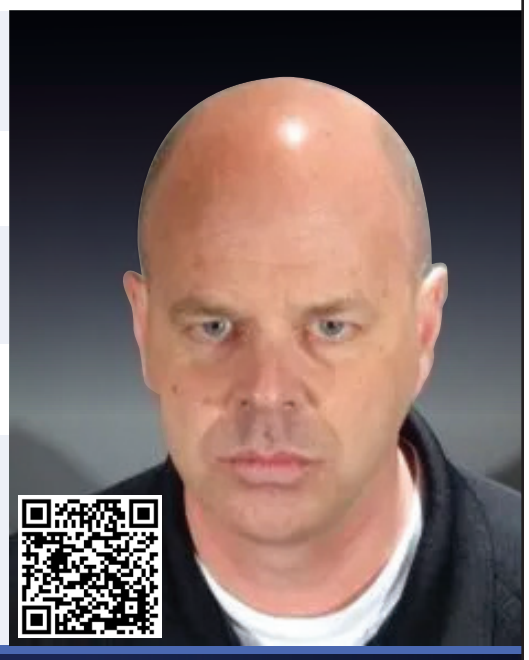
And I think he felt the same about me. I knew of his work, but first met him at one of our newspaper's holiday parties, before he stopped attending them, or much of anything. "But Jack," I cajoled, to get him to the next one, "a free dinner, get seconds – you can stick it to the boss." He revealed to me almost two years back that he was becoming increasingly reclusive, that he felt a sometimes uncomfortable mental state was affecting his activities more. But he wasn't a complainer, and only admitted that when I was gently pushing him for a

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Los Angeles nears an election full of political reforms. Do voters care?

BY JIM NEWTON

It's hard to notice, but this is a season of political reform in Los Angeles.

In a month, voters here will consider not one but three government reform measures: One would create a redistricting commission for the city of Los Angeles; one would impose new rules on financial disclosure by city commissioners; and a third would expand the county Board of Supervisors and create a countywide elected leader, akin to a county mayor.

Meanwhile, the city is embarking on a broader charter reform effort that could result in a significantly expanded Los Angeles City Council, an idea that has kicked around city politics at least since the 1990s, when voters rejected it.

If all these measures made their way into law, local government in the nation's second-largest city — and its largest county — could look very different a few years from now.

Council members and supervisors might have smaller districts and stricter penalties for violating campaign finance rules enforced by empowered — but still fairly toothless — ethics commissions. At the city level, a new redistricting commission could insulate the crucial work of drawing district lines from the politicians who stand most to gain by that process. And the county, which has spent the better part of a century laboring outside of much scrutiny, would, for the first time, have an elected, presumably accountable, person in charge.

So how come Los Angeles is not abuzz at the prospect of change?

County Supervisor Janice Hahn, a second-generation veteran of this city and county's politics (her dad, Kenneth Hahn, was an icon of both; her brother, James Hahn, was the mayor and she herself has served on both the council and board of supervisors), hints at the reason in her statement supporting the county reform package.

"When asked," she said, "residents overwhelmingly say they support reforming LA County government. They tell us they want smaller, more representative districts, checks and balances, and commonsense ethics reforms that hold officials accountable."

Note the "when asked."

In fact, neither city nor county residents evidence much of the anger that generally accompanies a push for reform.

Take, for example, the package of reforms that resulted in the overhaul of the Los Angeles Police Department in the 1990s. Those measures, the most important of which created a term of office for the city's chief of police, passed after LAPD officers beat Rodney King into submission and after the city exploded in riots when those officers were acquitted of using excessive force (two were convicted of violating his civil rights, but that came later).

The beating and the riots created a broad consensus that something dramatic needed to change in the oversight of the city's police force. There was palpable voter anger, and it was skillfully channeled into reform.

This time, the reform measures making their way to the ballot represent the long tail of a controversy that began in 2022, when an audio recording of three LA council members and a union leader surfaced, capturing a crude, racist analysis of city politics and their desire to reshape districts along racial lines.

In political terms, that was a long time ago. Two years later, the redistricting commission comes as a response to the uneasiness created by the tape. In the meantime, many voters have probably forgotten what they were mad about. One of the council members featured on the recordings, Kevin de Leon, is still in office and might get reelected in November.

At the county, meanwhile, the reform measures are untethered to any specific controversy. Instead, those are ideas that reflect the long-simmering sense that Los Angeles County has outgrown its governance structure. Raphe Sonenshein, a leading historian of Los Angeles, made that argument in his analysis of the proposed changes, "L.A. County Reform: A Cow County No More."

Recent surveys of Los Angeles residents find plenty of sources of unhappiness — with the cost of living, especially rents; with education; with transportation — but that polling has not uncovered deep unhappiness with government itself. Mayor Karen Bass, for instance, has maintained a healthy approval rating.

The question for proponents of these reforms, then, is whether voters will be concerned enough about structural issues of government — the size of districts, who draws council boundaries, the accountability upside for a county mayor — to upend longstanding institutional arrangements in order to try something new.

So far, in private polling I reviewed, there seems to be voter support. More than two-thirds of likely voters in one survey early in the summer said they supported the county reform package. Another survey of Latinos, this one made public, showed support there as well, with 53% saying they favored the reforms and only 7% opposing it, though half of those polled said neither party had reached out to them to encourage them to participate.

Supporters are optimistic about their chances for the various reform measures. Independent redistricting is a popular idea, and no real opposition has surfaced to the idea of expanding the Board of

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Surf report — WATER TEMP: **64.4**

FRIDAY
FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

A day to target for rideable to kinda fun surf. New SW swell nudging up and could have NW swell helping the cause for peaky shape at the beachbreaks west of Dume.

SATURDAY
FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Fun SW swell on tap -- long period summer magnets offer fun size. Could have NW swell helping the cause for peaky shape at the beachbreaks. Target the AM window as tide pushes in.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 74.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 65.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 78.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

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2024/10/05	Sat	10:37 AM	5.52	H
2024/10/05	Sat	5:37 PM	0.58	L
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive no later than the below-stated date and time, sealed BIDS from General Contractors. The Project encompasses the following overall scope:

Neutral Gender Restrooms: the demolition of existing hardscape and planting areas for the construction of a new gender neutral restroom facility that will have a building footprint of approximately 700 GSF, an 1400 GSF canopy, and 3000 GSF affected site area including flatwork and landscape. Site work for the installation and connection of underground utilities to existing campus systems are anticipated.

Contract Terms: Estimated Construction Cost $3,000,000.00

Procedure

- **Friday, September 27, 2024, bid package will be available at ARC West LA Branch** located at 1736 S Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025. Contact for all inquiries: Kyle Whitley, Senior Project Manager, kyle.whitley@vanir.com; Mathew Denuccio, Project Manager, matt.denuccio@vanir.com

- Contractor's License Classification: California Contractors License A or B.
- Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk: **Monday October 7, 2024** at 1:00 pm.
- Location: 1510 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 1:00 PM, Friday, November 8, 2024. BIDS MUST BE HAND DELIVERED.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN **Bid Opening: November 8, 2024**

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The Grammys' voting body is more diverse, with 66% new members. What does it mean for the awards?

MARIA SHERMAN
AP Music Writer

For years, the Grammy Awards have been criticized over a lack of diversity — artists of color and women left out of top prizes; rap and contemporary R&B stars ignored — a reflection of the Recording Academy's electorate. An evolving voting body, 66% of whom have joined in the last five years, is working to remedy that.

At last year's awards, women dominated the major categories; every televised competitive Grammy went to at least one woman. It stems from a commitment the Recording Academy made five years ago: In 2019, the Academy announced it would add 2,500 women to its voting body by 2025. Under the Grammys' new membership model, the Recording Academy has surpassed that figure ahead of the deadline: More than 3,000 female voting members have been added, it announced Thursday.

"It's definitely something that we're all very proud of," Harvey Mason jr., academy president and CEO, told The Associated Press. "It tells me that we were severely underrepresented in that area."

Reform at the Record Academy dates back to the creation of a task force focused on inclusion and diversity after a previous CEO, Neil Portnow, made comments belittling women at the height of the #MeToo movement.

Since 2019, approximately 8,700 new members have been added to the voting body. In total, there are now more than 16,000 members and more than 13,000 of them are voting members, up from about 14,000 in 2023 (11,000 of which were voting members). In that time, the academy has increased its number of members who identify as people of color by 63%.

"It's not an all-new voting body," Mason assures. "We're very specific and intentional in who we asked to be a part of our academy by listening and learning from different genres and different groups that felt like they were being overlooked, or they weren't being heard."

Mason says that in the last five years, the Recording Academy has "requalified 100% of our members, which is a huge step." There are voters who have let their membership lapse — and those who no longer qualify to be a voting member have been removed.

There have been renewal review processes in the past, but under the current model, becoming a voting member requires proof of a primary career in music, two recommendations from industry peers and 12 credits in a single creative profession, at least five of which must be from the last five years.

Comparisons might be made to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which announced in 2016 that it would restrict Oscars voting privileges to active members — ineligible parties included those who haven't worked in three decades since joining the Academy, unless they themselves are nominated — as a response to #OscarsSoWhite criticisms of its lack of diversity. As a result, some members protested that the new measures unjustly scapegoated older academy members. The film academy has also grown its membership, adding more women and people from underrepresented racial and ethnic communities.

The Recording Academy sought to increase its voting body by reaching out to different, underrepresented communities, says Mason. "Let's take the time to understand why those people aren't engaging with us, figure out how we can fix that," he said. "And once we fixed it, then let's invite them or ask them if they would like to be a part of our organization. So, it was a multi-step process."

Since 2019, the Recording Academy has also seen growth in voters across different racial backgrounds: 100% growth in AAPI voters, 90% growth in Black voters and 43% growth in Latino voters.

Still, Mason sees room to grow. Of the current voting membership, 66% are men, 49% are white and 66% are over the age of 40.

"Going forward, we're going to continue the work. We're going to continue to grow," he says.

That might not look like a public commitment to a specific figure, but Mason promises "that our goals will be to be the most relevant, the most reflective, the most accurately representative of the music community that is humanly possible."

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Google's search engine's latest AI injection will answer voiced questions about images

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Google is injecting its search engine with more artificial intelligence that will enable people to voice questions about images and occasionally organize an entire page of results, despite the technology's past offerings of misleading information.

The latest changes announced Thursday herald the next step in an AI-driven makeover that Google launched in mid-May when it began responding to some queries with summaries written by the technology at the top of its influential results page. Those summaries, dubbed "AI Overviews," raised fears among publishers that fewer people would click on search links to their websites and undercut the traffic needed to sell digital ads that help finance their operations.

Google is addressing some of those ongoing worries by inserting even more links to other websites within the AI Overviews, which already have been reducing the visits to general news publishers such as The New York Times and technology review specialists such as TomsGuide.com, according to an analysis released last month by search traffic specialist BrightEdge.

But Google's decision to pump even more AI into the search engine that remains the crown jewel of its $2 trillion empire leaves little doubt that the Mountain View, California, company is tethering its future to a technology propelling the biggest industry shift since Apple unveiled the first iPhone 17 years ago.

The next phase of Google's AI evolution builds upon its 7-year-old Lens feature that processes queries about objects in a picture. The Lens option is now generates more than 20 billion queries per month, and is particularly popular among users from 18 to 24 years old. That's a younger demographic that Google is trying to cultivate as it faces competition from AI alternatives powered by ChatGPT and Perplexity that are positioning themselves as answer engines.

Now, people will be able to use Lens to ask a question in English about something they are viewing through a camera lens — as if they were talking about it with a friend — and get search results. Users signed up for tests of the new voice-activated search features in Google Labs will also be able to take video of moving objects, such as fish swimming around aquarium, while posing a conversational question and be presented an answer through an AI Overview.

"The whole goal is can we make search simpler to use for people, more effortless to use and make it more available so people can search any way, anywhere they are," said Rajan Patel, Google's vice president of search engineering and a co-founder of the Lens feature.

Although advances in AI offer the potential of making search more convenient, the technology also sometimes spits out bad information — a risk that threatens to damage the credibility of Google's search engine if the inaccuracies become too frequent. Google has already had some embarrassing episodes with its AI Overviews, including advising people to put glue on pizza and to eat rocks. The company blamed those missteps on data voids and online troublemakers deliberately trying to steer its AI technology in a wrong direction.

Google is now so confident that it has fixed some of its AI's blind spots that it will rely on the technology to decide what types of information to feature on the results page. Despite its previous bad culinary advice about pizza and rocks, AI will initially be used for the presentation of the results for queries in English about recipes and meal ideas entered on mobile devices. The AI-organized results are supposed to be broken down into different groups of clusters consisting of photos, videos and articles about the subject.

VOTING

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of the public, because we get so caught up in who we're voting for and this and that. But sometimes it's just nice to hear about (the) commonality amongst us, regardless of what side we may fall on."

For the mock election, event participants will be choosing amongst 10 different animals as makeshift candidates, voting for four of them much like how voters will choose four of 10 City Council candidates on Nov. 5. The lighthearted exercise is meant to not only inform about how voting works, but also increase passion amongst younger generations that have gone through what Newsome calls "disenfranchisement."

Also involved in the event will be The League of Women Voters, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete, Weber via video message and representatives from Los Angeles County demonstrating ballot-marking devices. The County will also be holding recruitment for election workers, specifically those who are bilingual.

"It's not just Spanish ... (there are) very rare languages that are representative of our community, so the County has been asking us for help and soliciting people who are fluent in these other languages to assist voters in the voting process," Newsome said of the recruitment.

The clerk emphasized that the event is meant to be a connecting one, a day to separate locals from the "camps" of their preferred candidates.

"I think at the end of the day, we all participate in this exercise (for) personal reasons, our personal stories, (and) we'll find that we're linked together in those personal reasons for why we go out to do it ... there's more that unites us than divides us, and I think that's what I'd like for us to understand," Newsome said. "As many differences as we may have, we're all united for this general purpose."

To RSVP for the event, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/loving-democracy-why-we-vote-tickets-1021315631547.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Committee for Racial Justice and the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Educational Fund present: Santa Monica City Council CANDIDATES FORUM

This election season continues for Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) from 6 -8 p.m. on 10/6/24 by co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Educational Fund (LWVSMEF) a non-partisan candidates forum for those who are running to sit on the Santa Monica City Council. This will take place in the Thelma Terry Center at Virginia Ave. Park in Santa Monica.

Most of the folks running to offer leadership on the city council have accepted the invitation to participate.

Questions have been gathered from the co-sponsors constituencies and will be presented to the candidates by the moderator, Erika Bell, member of the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica, starting at 6 p.m. on 10/6. There will also be some time for candidates to answer questions submitted in writing that evening by those in attendance.

Those unable to join in person can click on the following link to register for the zoom link: https://us06webzoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkfuCgqD0pH9K-GCLm2ZSHy6pbLqLxFwAp

This forum is designed to raise and address issues that our communities may not hear in other forums. Come and join us on Sunday evening, 10/6 at 6pm to become a more informed voter on the issues in this November's Santa Monica City Council election.

Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 6:00 -8:00 pm
Location: Virginia Avenue Park Thelma Terry Bldg.
2200 Virginia Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90404

City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-25 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan along with Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period. City Council approved the original 2024-25 Annual Action Plan for submittal to HUD on April 23, 2024.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan. The amended plan proposes to reallocate a portion of the City's $1.15 million FY 2024-25 CDBG award to a previously approved CDBG project in need of additional funding.

The Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan is now available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning October 4, 2024. Both the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and the Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan can be viewed at: https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs

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Hard copies are available upon request through the Housing and Human Services Department by telephone at (310) 458-8701 or by email at humanservices@santamonica.gov. Written comments may be submitted by November 3, 2024 to humanservices@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Department, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All comments received will be included in the final, amended 2024-25 Annual Action Plan submission to HUD. The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the amended plan on November 11, 2024.

ESPAÑOL Esto es un aviso público para invitar a cualquier parte interesada a participar en el repaso del Plan Preliminar de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2024-25. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Ivy Chang en la División de Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8701.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2791 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.32.290 PROHIBITING ACCEPTANCE OF GRATUITIES BY CITY OFFICIALS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2791 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2791 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Santa Monica Municipal Code section 2.32.290 to prohibit City officials from accepting gratuities. No City official shall accept or solicit, directly or indirectly, anything of economic value as a gift, gratuity, or favor, from any person or entity to whom the official has conferred a public benefit within the last twelve months, where the gift or favor is intended as a reward or token of appreciation for or because of any official act performed by the public official. The ordinance contains definitions of what constitutes a public benefit, a recipient of a benefit, and a public official. Violation is a misdemeanor, or alternatively, a civil action may be brought by the City or any interested party. Courts may impose a fine of up to $500 per violation.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **To Solicit Public Input on a Proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2024-25 Action Plan for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input on a Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan, which was originally submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) following Council approval on April 23, 2024. The Annual Action Plan delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs as specified in the Council-adopted 2020-24 Consolidated Plan. The amended plan proposes to reallocate a portion of the City's $1.15 million FY 2024-25 CDBG award to a previously approved CDBG project in need of additional funding. Both the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and the Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan can be viewed at: https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs

DATE/TIME: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
Check agenda at www.smgov.net/rpc prior to meeting to confirm start time

The agenda will also be posted at the Santa Monica Institute (SMI) room, located at 330 Olympic Drive in Santa Monica at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. The agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours prior to a special meeting. Please check the agenda prior to the meeting for changes.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Oral public comment can be given in person on the day of the meeting. Members of the public unable to attend in person, but wishing to provide comment are strongly encouraged to submit written comments via email to RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments. All written comments shall be made part of the public record and will be included in the final, amended 2024-25 Annual Action Plan submission to HUD.

ACCOMODATIONS
The agenda is available in alternate formats upon request. The City Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible. If you require any special disability related accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting, access to an amplified sound system, etc.), please contact RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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California collects millions in stolen wages, but can't find many workers to pay them

JEANNE KUANG
Special to the Daily Press

Nearly a year after California settled a major wage theft case with The Cheesecake Factory, most of the money hasn't reached the workers, underscoring the state's challenges in helping employees get back pay.

Only 42 of the former janitors who worked for the restaurant chain's contractors have received their cut of the settlement, a spokesperson for the Labor Commissioner's Office said. More than 500 workers haven't been found, leaving nearly $700,000 of the $1 million settlement unclaimed in state accounts.

Officials said the janitors were denied overtime pay and paid rest breaks at eight San Diego and Orange County restaurants, when workers hired by janitorial subcontractor Zulma Villegas were made to stay late by Cheesecake Factory managers.

The Labor Commissioner's Office signed the settlement last October and announced it in January. Since then, it has issued social media posts asking workers to come forward, done a television interview on a Spanish-language channel in San Diego and maintained a hotline for workers. They're asking janitors who worked at Cheesecake Factory restaurants in Brea, Irvine, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Mission Viejo, Escondido and San Diego between Aug. 31, 2014, and Aug. 31, 2017 to call (619) 767-2039.

Alma Idelfonso said at the Escondido restaurant, her four-person team was assigned too much to clean in eight hours, forcing them to work as long as 10 or 12 hours. She did it without breaks, she said, and the chemicals she used to clean grease burned her chest.

"They told us, no, they weren't going to pay five people," she said in Spanish.

She received $20,000 in back wages earlier this year. It helped her buy a car, and support her sons financially. But it was little, she said, compared to what she believes she was owed.

"I worked sometimes 30 days in a row, I didn't rest," she said. "I feel like it was very little what we got. I feel like my coworkers also got little, because they got even less."

Still, some of the unclaimed payments could be life-changing for a low-wage worker.

The amount each worker is eligible to claim depends on how many hours of unpaid work state investigators estimate they did during the three-year period they audited the employers' payroll. Redacted records in the Cheesecake Factory case obtained by CalMatters show more than 100 workers are owed less than $50 each, but many others are eligible to claim thousands of dollars, with the highest payment being more than $35,000.

The settlement isn't the only one where — even after the state secures payment from employers it has accused of wage theft — hundreds of thousands of dollars remain unclaimed.

The goal is to "ultimately get these monies back in the pockets of the affected workers, not just to win the settlements," said Daniel Gaxiola, senior deputy labor commissioner.

In September, his office announced another settlement: $1.7 million against the owner of five Bakersfield Wingstop restaurants for alleged overtime violations. The office is asking as many as 550 workers to come forward and claim back pay.

There's no deadline for workers to claim the money. But Gaxiola acknowledged in the Cheesecake Factory case, they are difficult to find. Low-wage workers — on whom the state focuses when it investigates labor violations — are often immigrants, and sometimes undocumented. They may have moved, he said, or might not even be in the U.S. anymore.

Time adds another challenge. The state cited the restaurant chain, its contractor Americlean and subcontractor Villegas in 2018, for a combined $4 million. It settled last fall for a quarter that amount, after a years-long administrative appeals process that was delayed in part by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the workers who are eligible for a payout cleaned the restaurants anywhere from seven to 10 years ago.

As part of the settlement, none of the companies admitted fault. But Americlean and Villegas both issued apologies to the workers and the restaurant chain agreed to monitor its janitorial contractors for two years.

The state has had a better track record on other settled cases, the office told CalMatters.

In a wage theft settlement announced in 2022 against the Adat Shalom residential care facilities in Los Angeles, the state has paid $1.8 million to 63 workers, while 86 workers who are owed more than $700,000 haven't been found.

In a case against Ruby Rangoon restaurants in northern California that concluded in 2019, the state has paid $3.5 million to 238 workers. But nearly $400,000 remains unpaid to 141 others. In a $1 million settlement at the famed San Francisco restaurant Z&Y, all 22 workers involved are receiving their payments, according to the office.

Some cases conclude or settle faster than others, and employers have kept better records of their workers, Gaxiola said.

"We might have a different experience, where the employer didn't maintain contact information or they didn't do the required processes to maintain documented data for the workers, and then it makes our job a lot more difficult to establish contact," he said.

Labor Commissioner's Office spokesperson Charles Hamilton did not answer a CalMatters inquiry about whether the state, using payroll records it obtains during investigations, tries to contact eligible workers by phone.

"Privacy concerns are prioritized to prevent publicizing that certain workers may be receiving significant payments, which could expose them to unwanted attention and possible retaliation," Hamilton wrote.

He wrote that officials send letters to workers using their last known address, but otherwise rely on media reports and community groups to get the word out to

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HOA HOMEFRONT

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

BREAKING NEWS- New Laws Coming For HOAs in 2025 – Part II

BY KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ. CCAL

Governor Newsom in late September signed three bills into law helping HOAs and their residents: AB2159, AB2460, and SB900. Last week's column addressed AB2159, and this week's column will review Assembly Bill 2460 and Senate Bill 900, also effective January 1, 2025.

SB900 greatly expands Civil Code Section 4775, which mainly addresses how maintenance and repair obligations are allocated between homeowners and the HOA if the CC&Rs are silent.

A new subpart (a)(2) is inserted into Section 4775, stating that, unless the CC&Rs state otherwise or a utility provider is responsible, the HOA must maintain, repair, and replace utility services (gas, water, electricity, or heat) to individual homes. The HOA is expressly required to make repairs extending into the Unit or Lot affected, if that is what it takes to restore the utility service.

Additionally, a new subpart (b) is added to the statute, requiring HOAs to start repairs to restore utility services within 14 days of the service interruption. If there is not enough money in the reserve account designated for utility restoration to pay for the work, the board may without a member vote borrow money and impose an emergency assessment upon the membership. This may override some HOA governing documents that limit or prohibit boards from borrowing without membership votes.

One interesting part of these amendments is a new subpart (b)(3), which provides that if the HOA board cannot meet quorum within 14 days after the service interruption, the board can schedule a meeting with the quorum reduced to the number of directors attending the meeting. This could mean that if the rest of the board cannot attend, one director might make the decisions necessary to restore utility services. Alternatively, a new subpart (b)(4) allows boards to vote electronically or by email to authorize the work to restore utility services. This is the first non-emergency matter allowed for boards to vote by email.

A new subpart (c) is added to Civil Code Section 5550, the reserve study requirement statute, which adds as a "major component" to be studied the "gas, water, and electrical service to the extent" the HOA is responsible. So, reserve study preparers will now be expected to predict the useful remaining life of electrical service elements, and water and gas plumbing.

AB2460 makes a variety of amendments to the Davis-Stirling Act in 2025. These changes are clarifications of the reduced quorum provisions of Civil Code 5115, which starting in 2024 allows quorum for board elections to be reduced to 20% on the second try. The amendments for 2025 clarify that HOAs with governing documents providing for a quorum lower than 20% on second attempt board elections may use that lower quorum.

The amendment to the statute clarifies that the 20% quorum figure is 20% of all members, whether they participated or not. The bill also makes a number of textual clarifications to accommodate the fact of electronic voting which becomes available to California HOAs in 2025 (AB2159, discussed in Part I)

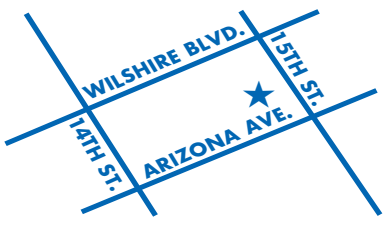
The official site to view California statutes and pending legislation is www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov. Click on "California Law" to view statutes and click on "Bill Information" to view pending bills which are not yet law. All other websites are not officially recognized by the state.

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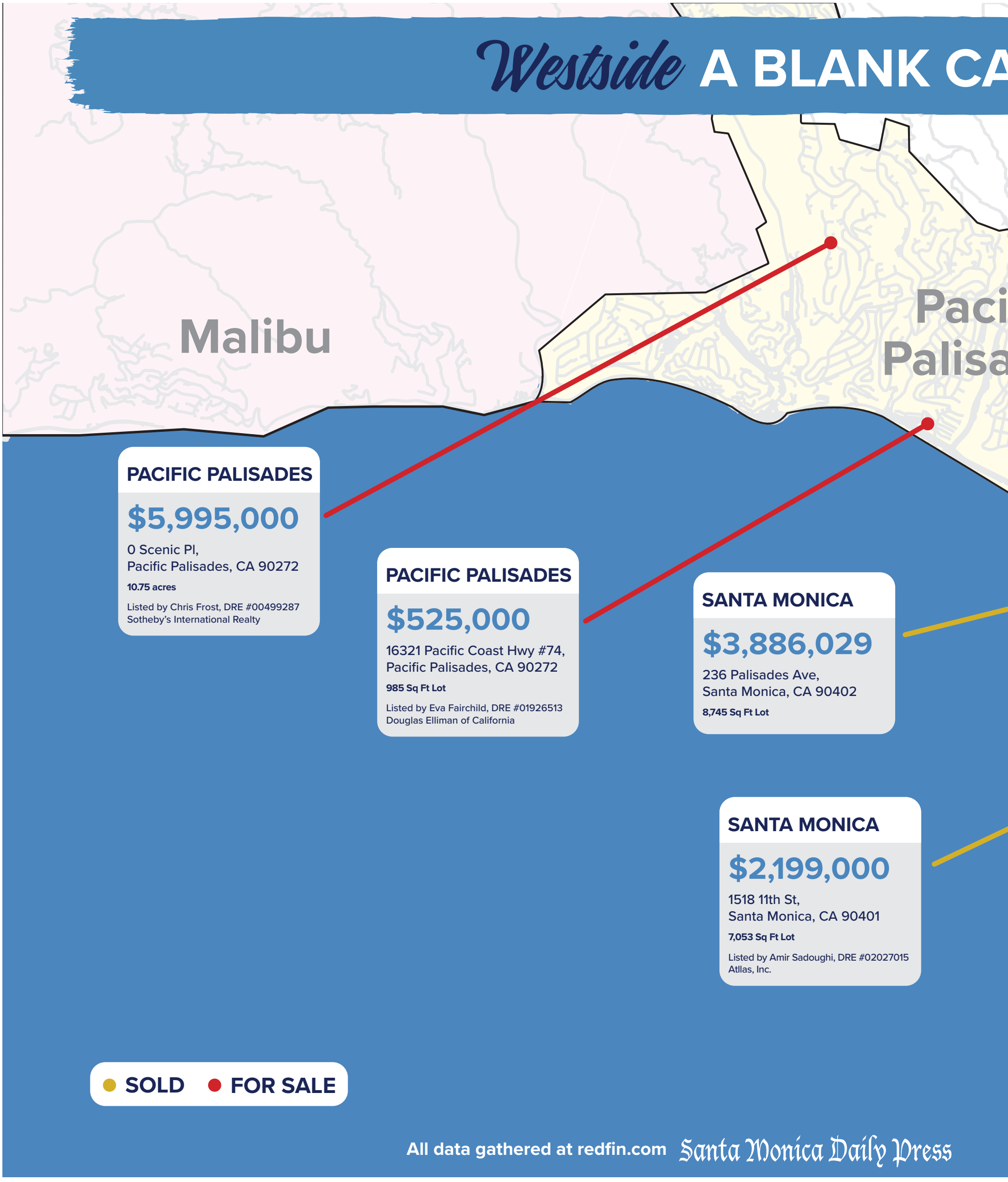
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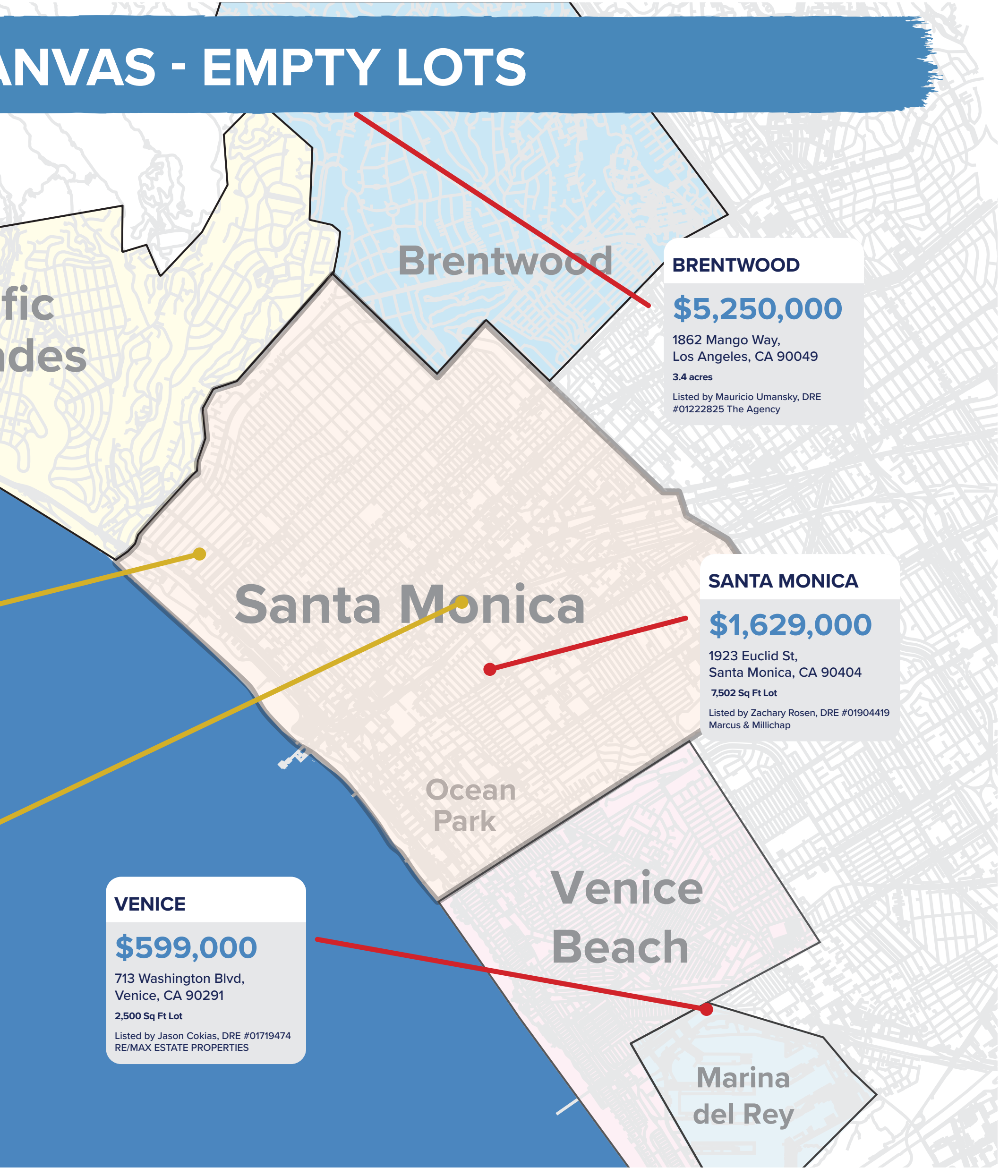
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CURIOUS CITY

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return visit to our place for dinner.

That dinner was a memorable event for us both and my wife Dian, whom he adored. Jack was prone to repeat a good story or joke – always with "stop me if you've heard this," but you never could – so there were several times when we were talking on the phone and he would suddenly fall silent, and finally say, "You know, I will never understand how you convinced that woman to marry you. I just don't see it."

"OUR DINNER WITH JACK"

Turned out to be a one-off. The only other times I saw him in person were a handful, when I dropped by The Shores and he came down and we chatted in the lobby. I swear, every single person who came off the elevator or walked across the lobby called out, "Hello, Jack!" even though you couldn't see his face for some big floppy hat. No question, he was famous, and he was loved.

Yes, our friendship was mostly by phone, but we would talk two to four times a week, usually late at night, often for 30-40 minutes. I loved those chats, and I really miss him. Not many people do what we do, write a regular newspaper column, so that gave us an immediate and lasting bond. How many times, after we had been talking for a while, one of us would say, "So... what are you writing about this week:" "I don't know. You?" "Hell if I know." But our approaches were very different. I envied that he would finally come up with his headline and the whole thing would flow from that. I agonized over every subject choice and approach, and took 10 times as long to write it, and the headline came last. Because I never knew where mine would wind up. Still don't.

800

Jack recently figured his total was more than 800 columns. I can tell you, that's a huge number. I've been writing my columns, CURIOUS CITY and NOTEWORTHY, for 13 years and 8, respectively. It's a strange thing to do. I remember one time the editor of The Argonaut told a gathering, "Anyone can write a newspaper column. But, writing one every week, for months, or years, and having something interesting to say every time... that's pretty rare."

Jack Neworth was rare, and important. In ways he never would have claimed, or even imagined.

Writing can be a form of immortality, especially in our digital age. Until recently, you had to be a Plato or Shakespeare or Sam Clemens to achieve that immortality. But in our digital age, it's all out there, forever. Or until AI decides to eliminate it. I think Jack was one of those human creatures who just have to write. He had a few, or a bunch, maybe, of screenplays tucked away that he still had hopes for. Waiting for the right contact, the right moment. He wasn't obsessed with them and rarely mentioned them. But he believed at least some were very good, and deserved to be produced. He had a few celebrity friends, also rarely mentioned, like Elliott Gould. But hey, it took Steven Dang Spielberg 10 years to bring "Schindler's List" to the screen.

A GREAT COMEDIAN

If you thought Jack Neworth was funny in print he was 10X funnier "in person" or on the phone. Perfect timing and nuance. I have to throw in one last Jack joke because it has always tickled me to remember his dry delivery. He told me he found himself sitting next to '60s -'70s hottie actress Ali McGraw, who he had a crush on, on a beach in Hawai'i. They were having a lively conversation when she stood up and suggested they go to her hotel room, which had a fantastic view. "Uh... I think I'd better not, Ali. Since I am on my honeymoon." Considering how the marriage turned out, Jack deadpanned, I may have made a mistake.

We all owe a huge debt to Jack's brother-in-law David Winter, who handled so many difficult things in Jack's last months, and finally gave him a comfortable room in his home for his final days. Dian and I visited him there about a week before he passed, and Dian sang for him and played guitar. He was weak but still cracking jokes, with gallows humor even. We had a few conversations by phone with him prior to that, and I can tell you he left here with his wits about him. That's a blessing.

Finally I have to thank the leadership of the Daily Press, publisher Ross Furukawa, partner Todd James, and Editor-in-Chief Matthew Hall, for giving Jack the platform, and persisting even on the days when he did not feel like being nice. Yeah, that was Jack too, you know it. Now, no more pain. Rest in peace, my good friend and colleague.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

ELECTION

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Supervisors. But neither idea is an easy sell, and it's a guiding principle of California politics that support for reforms tends to fade as Election Day approaches.

That's where one last issue may become relevant.

The relative media disinterest in these proposals is understandable. So much attention is focused on the presidential campaign that it's difficult to expend resources on ballot measures to reform local government. But the declining quantity and quality of local news coverage in Los Angeles may show up here.

Measures like these require explanation to overcome voter resistance. A voter who believes county government needs improvement, for instance, might understandably wonder why doubling the number of county supervisors would make things better, not worse. And for the voter who is concerned about high rents in Los Angeles, it's fair to wonder how a redistricting commission will make that better.

Without clearer answers coming from local media and voters focusing their attention elsewhere, Angelenos will be left to research those questions themselves or work harder to get that information. That's asking a lot of busy people.

Whether it's too much is what the votes on these questions will test.

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FRIDAY | OCTOBER 4

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THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. They will answer as many questions as possible. 7 p.m. Free on Zoom. https://www.smc.edu/community/planetarium/

FIELD GUIDE, JOE KAPLOW

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https://www.ticketweb.com/event/field-guide-joe-kaplow-the-venice-west-tickets/13518853

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT LESSONS: FELDENKRAIS METHOD

Beverly will teach introductory Awareness Through Movement lessons based upon the Feldenkrais Method. There will be no demonstrations & many movements will be with your eyes closed. You will listen to verbal cues on how to move. With these small & and gentle movements, you will break up habitual patterns of holding that may release stress, strain, or pain-resulting in moving with greater efficiency. The method is good for anyone seeking to improve the quality of their life-from reducing pain to improving athletic performance. You will be lying on the floor-so registrants will need to feel comfortable lying on the floor for 45 minutes and have the ability to transition from lying on the floor to standing. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave. 10:30 a.m. https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/awareness-through-movement-intro-lessons-based-%E2%80%A8-feldenkrais-method

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 5

LOVING DEMOCRACY

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join the City Clerk's Office for a community discussion and workshop to highlight the importance of democracy and voting. This even is non-political and open to community members of all ages and backgrounds. Light refreshments will be served.

ISHIHARA PARK ORCHARD CREW

9 - 11 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Join the Orchard Care Crew that serves the Ishihara Park Learning Garden's Citrus Orchard the first Saturday of each month. Interested volunteers can create a Santa Monica Volunteer Account at santamonica.volunteermatters.org/register.

SMASHBOX TRUCK POP-UP

10 a.m - 6:30 p.m. 1300 Block, 3rd Street Promenade. Smashbox invites you to celebrate the iconic HALO Glow Tinted Moisturizer at the first ever Smashbox HALO Truck. Get shade matched and walk away with your own free Halo Tinted Moisturizer, plus enjoy other fun activations including Smashbox studio-approved photo ops, a pressed juice bar and so much more.

BILINGUAL CONCERT WITH BAILA BAILA

11 - 11:45 a.m. Amphitheater, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an interactive bilingual concert. Kids and parents are invited to get up and dance and sing in Spanish. For families.

SAFI LIFE BENEFIT GALA

4:30 - 7 p.m. 1351 4th St. Safi Life, a non-profit dedicated to female advancement in Africa through university scholarships, grants and trade school education will be hosting a gala with drinks and light bites, a wine room, a silent auction and close-up magic by Clouse. To attend the gala, a suggested donation of $45 per person is requested. To RSVP, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safi-life-inaugural-benefit-gala-silent-auction-registration-993749340027.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 6

COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA MONICA EDUCATIONAL FUND PRESENT SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

This election season continues for Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) from 6 -8 p.m. on 10/6/24 by co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Educational Fund (LWVSMEF) a non-partisan candidates forum for those who are running to sit on the Santa Monica City Council. This will take place in the Thelma Terry Center at Virginia Ave. Park in Santa Monica. Questions have been gathered from the co-sponsors constituencies and will be presented to the candidates by the moderator, Erika Bell, member of the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica. Those unable to join in person can click on the following link to register for the zoom link: https://us06webzoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkfuCgqD0pH9K-GCLm2ZSHy6pbLqLxFwAp

SANTA MONICA REVIEW ISSUE LAUNCH PARTY

5 - 7 p.m. SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. Celebrate the release of the fall 2024 issue of Santa Monica Review with a welcome by acclaimed writer, reviewer and editor David Ulin and readings by four contributors to the current issue. Free parking and refreshments. Copies of Santa Monica Review will be available for purchase, as well as books by authors. Tickets $10, visit smc.edu/tickets for details.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 7

CITIZENSHIP CLASS

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Annex, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Public Library hosts this ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Study the 100 civics questions, review the citizenship application, practice the dictations, and prepare for the interview. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 to enroll. Students may enroll at any time during the 2024-25 school year.

POOL POP UP

3 - 7 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Get ready for a pool pop-up and chill from the heat and the stunning historic pool. Passes will be available one hour before open, so gather your crew and head to Guest Services.

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. SMi Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 8

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month 11:30 am to 7 pm and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5 pm. 2200 Virginia Ave.

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME

10:30 - 11 a.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. This engaging & fun weekly series of stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5

ESL CONVERSATION CLASS

0:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405

SMC DEMOCRACY DAY

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Humanities & Social Science (HSS 165). Panel of experts on democracy and the importance of civic engagement. Panelists will share their civic experience and speak to the various influences in today's U.S. democracy.

SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee.

Submit your events online at smdp.com/events

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2789 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.08.095 Prohibition against camping in public places

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2789 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2789 (CCS) ("the Ordinance")

The Ordinance amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.08.095, Prohibition Against Camping in Public Places, to repeal changes previously adopted by the City Council by Ordinance Number 2728, adopted on November 15, 2022, in response to the Ninth Circuit's ruling in Grant's Pass v. Johnson. The U.S. Supreme Court recently reversed the Ninth Circuit ruling, and held that regulation of sleeping/camping in public should largely be deferred to local jurisdictions.

Ordinance Number 2789 (CCS) was adopted on September 24, 2024, and will become effective 30 days from its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2790 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING ARTICLE 8 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 8.38 ENTITLED "ZERO EMISSION BUILDING CODE" AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE TITLE 24, PART 6 UNDER SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.36

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2790 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The Ordinance adopts an energy performance approach for new buildings that would result in lower operational greenhouse gas emissions by applying an increased source energy margin requirement to all new buildings – both electric and mixed-fuel designs. The Ordinance adopts local amendments to the 2022 California Energy Code related to energy performance enhancements and electric readiness requirements. Adoption of the energy performance approach is in response to a 2023 court ruling against the City of Berkeley stating that a zero-emission building code requiring all-electric new buildings is pre-empted by the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. Accordingly, the Ordinance repeals Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 8.38 (all-electric Zero Emission Building Code). The energy performance approach is an alternative approach at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and provides the best and most timely opportunity to continue pursuing the City Council's adopted climate action goals.

The Ordinance takes effect 30 days after adoption.

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2788 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 4.67.030 and 4.67.120 AND ADDING SECTION 4.67.115 RELATING TO HOTEL WORKER PROTECTIONS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2788 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2788 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends various provisions of Article 4 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC") related to hotel worker protections.

The Ordinance amends section 4.67.030 (Measures to provide fair compensation for workload) of the Hotel Worker Protection Code to (1) require a hotel employer to state the actual square footage of each room in any written assignment of rooms that it provides to room attendants; and (2) clarify the records requirement. The amended records requirement lists out all relevant categories of information that must be recorded and maintained and makes clear that hotel employers must maintain all original records used to track workload each day and must maintain a daily summary record of workload information in a reasonably legible format. The Ordinance adds new SMMC section 4.67.115 (Law enforcement access, remedies, penalties) to require cooperation with investigators and clarify authorization and establish fine amounts for civil citation enforcement of violations of the workload provision and of the requirement to cooperate with investigators. The Ordinance amends section 4.67.120 (Civil remedies) to increase the maximum daily statutory damages for failure to maintain workload records from $1,000 dollars per day to $3,000 dollars per day.

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GOOGLE

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Keller Building since Festival Real Estate, a California-based property management company, purchased the structure at 1460 Third Street in 2021 and began a multi-million-dollar restoration. When completed, the first and second floors will also each offer approximately 7,100 sq ft of space for either retail or office rental. Apparently, there's even the opportunity for a rooftop bar and dining venue with ocean views.

Prior to the restoration, a popular eatery called Cult Café occupied the space until February of this year when the restaurant closed. In an Instagram post the business owners say, "Due to a noticeable decline in business activity in our area and public safety concerns, we have made the difficult decision to close our doors."

"Recent developments in the neighborhood have unfortunately made it increasingly challenging to maintain an economically feasible and enjoyable environment," the post says.

"We're thrilled that Google has chosen the Third Street Promenade for one of its select US locations. This addition highlights Downtown Santa Monica's continued appeal as a premier retail destination," said Andrew Thomas, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc, adding, "I'm confident this store will drive foot traffic and contribute to the vibrancy of our local economy by offering cutting-edge solutions to residents and visitors alike."

Much like the Apple store, Google will offer a wide variety of products and exclusive branded merchandise for sale, including phones, smartwatches and home accessories. It will also incorporate an event space for programs and educational workshops plus on-site experts for support such as Pixel phone repairs.

It's not yet known exactly when the new store will open to the extent that at the time of going to press, it wasn't even listed on Google store locations site.

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DATE WEEK

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businesses and organizations to collaborate and put on singles events."

With the rise of what Yudasina called "swiping culture" dominating the past decade of dating, she added that people are starting to tire of the lack of "authenticity and realization" within the digital age.

"It propagated some negative things with behaviors such as treating everyone like a swipeable option ... but it feels really tiring to sift through all the profiles and filters," she said. "Dating feels like a chore, it feels like a full-time job that you need to have and do outside of your regular job."

The Paloma team brainstormed ideas for events outside the typical speed dating scene, eventually picking several Santa Monica spots. On Oct. 7, SoulCycle Santa Monica hosts a Singles Spin Class, a 45-minute class that creates a lively social atmosphere. Other physical activities include "Reps & Romance" at Barry's on Oct. 8, multiple classes at Coreology, sessions at F45 and DMN8, and a "singles circuit" at Fitstop.

For those not feeling a workout, singles meetups will be happening throughout the week at places like Tavern on Main, June Shine, Lanea and 1212. Venice's events also add to the variety, including a special "Dating In LA" comedy show at The Rose Room on Oct. 10.

Yudasina stated that part of LA's dating culture is that it is hard to coordinate dates with people living in different parts of the city, making it important to keep the events in one concentrated space.

"I feel like the Westside is kind of the popular site to have a lot of social activities ... that's just been the case with my own experience ... so we've just intentionally prioritized one area to be more compact," Yudasina said.

The wide breadth of events, she added, is to cater to everyone's hobbies and interests, rather than the seemingly never-ending cycle of speed dating events that pop up in the area.

"There is oftentimes a lot of pressure of (doing) icebreakers (to) connect, and it sometimes seems inorganic," Yudasina said. "But meeting people through an activity where you're doing something together, the pressure is kind of off."

To view the complete list of Date Week events, visit https://www.date-week.com/la.

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WAGES

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workers. In the Cheesecake Factory case, that's the Maintenance Cooperation Trust Fund, a janitorial workers' advocacy group that helped the state investigate the case.

The group has maintained its own hotline for the case but shut it down after six months. The fund's executive director, Yardenna Aaron, said it helps spread the word by organizing janitors who develop personal relationships with fellow workers.

"Part of the specialty of our work and our casework ... is our ability to keep our workers engaged no matter how short or how long the case takes," Aaron said.

When workers do contact the state, the office does not track how they heard about the settlement, Gaxiola said. Instead, the focus is on verifying the person did work for the companies during the time the state investigated.

Idelfonso, who was among the workers who first reported the violations to Aaron's group, took to social media to tell other workers there had been a settlement. She even tries to spread the word when she's out at the store, keeping the hotline number handy.

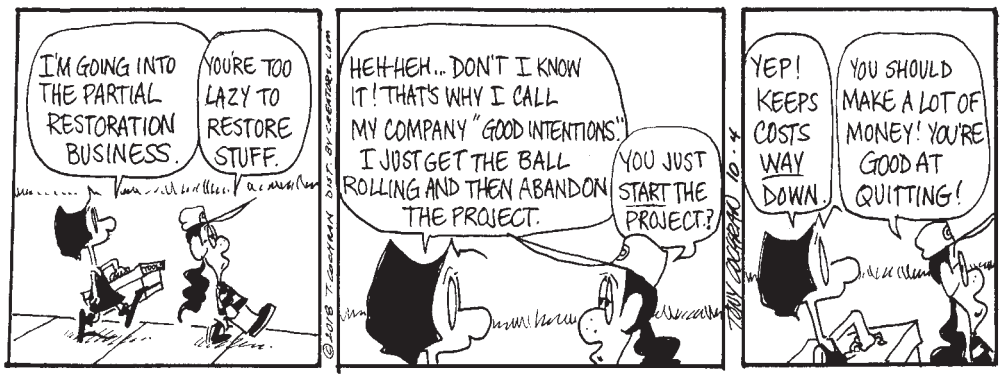
She said though she found the settlement amount disappointing, she still would recommend fellow workers report violations for the chance to recover some back pay.

"That money did help me," she said. "It is worth it to fight ... so they understand that they can't abuse people anymore."

CalMatters Capitol reporter Alexei Koseff contributed to this story. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

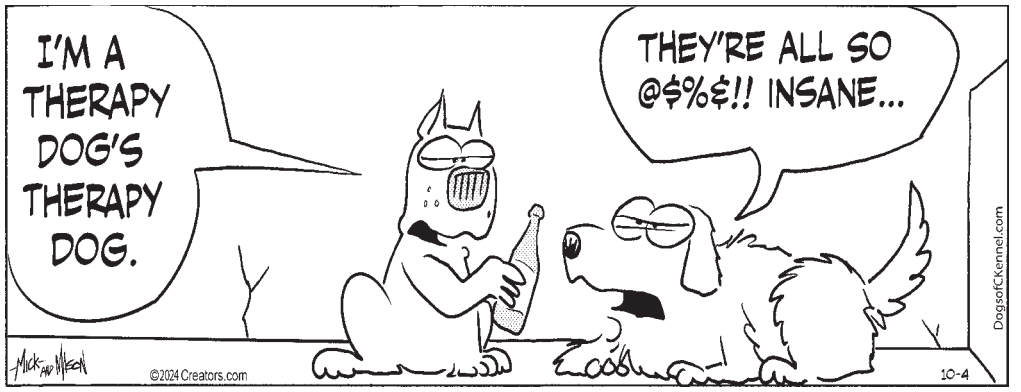
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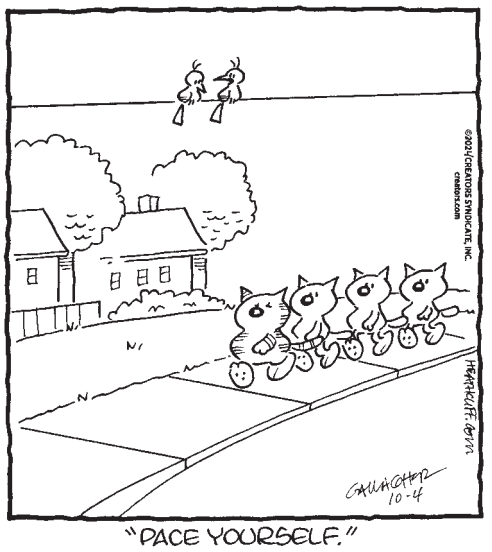
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FIND THE WORDS

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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6353

A passion for fashion

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Blazer	Grommet	Oxford	Suit
Brim	Hand	Raglan	Taping
Buckle	Hat	Ramie	Tencel
Burnout	Heels	Scarf	Ties
Caps	Inseam	Sherpa	Tops
Chambray	Jeans	Shoes	Twill
Classic Fit	Leisure	Skirt	Vest
Coat	Mini	Snag Resistant	Work
Eyelets	Mock turtleneck	Stretch	Yoke

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 4)

You try on new roles this year and will be entrusted with duty that will honor you. Also, you'll finally be relieved of a burden that allows room for a new hobby and relationship. More highlights: glamorous gatherings, generations helping and educating each other to create a tomorrow of peace and togetherness, and a debt paid in full. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 12, 4, 49 and 32.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The first step in getting unstuck is realizing that you're stuck. Being immobile is not enough of a hint, since stillness doesn't always indicate an inability to move. To find out if you're really stuck, try to leave.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because you don't have much contact with a thing doesn't make it less vitally important in the moment you need it. Passports, titles of ownership, birth certificates, etc., prove the point, and so does a certain memory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Thinkers might linger in doubt, but it's the doer who crosses the finish line. Having a smart plan is optimal, but any plan or no plan at all will do, too, because when you're taking action, instinct kicks in to lead the way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If so-and-so does it, you're game to try it, too. But if the other one is into it, it's a no-go for you. This only proves the point that the "who" matters more than the "what" today, and you'll plan accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's more fun to look for things that seem to want to be found. In contrast, what doesn't want to be found provides a joyless search. For this reason, before you embark on a quest, assess the energy and weigh the merits of the endeavor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do you want too much? Are you consuming too much? Do you simply have too much? These are the questions you ask yourself because you already know the answer, though you may need to work up more gumption to remedy the situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The song you liked yesterday just doesn't energize you the same way today. And were you to eat the same delicious meal, it simply wouldn't sate your appetite as it did before. You are new, and so it is time to find new delights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You take your responsibilities seriously, and you expect others to do the same, though it doesn't matter in the least until their responsibility connects in some way to your own. Such will be the case today, affording you the opportunity to use advanced communication skills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't be too quick to call out your strengths, and be even more reticent to name your weaknesses. Truth be told, you are among the least qualified people to judge the matter. Here comes the encouragement to expand far past former limits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Diamonds over cubic zirconia, real flowers over silk, love over digital hearts... but what about when the genuine article isn't available? You'll find there are some things you're actually much happier without, no stand-in necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As much as you hate to admit it, the ding of a text can send a rush of dopamine through you if you happen to look down and see the right name attached. Bottom line: You still care if they still care.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You prize humor, encouragement, optimism and initiative. You'll find these qualities and more in the people around you today. As you work together for a common result, they inspire you to new heights.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Sudoku

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

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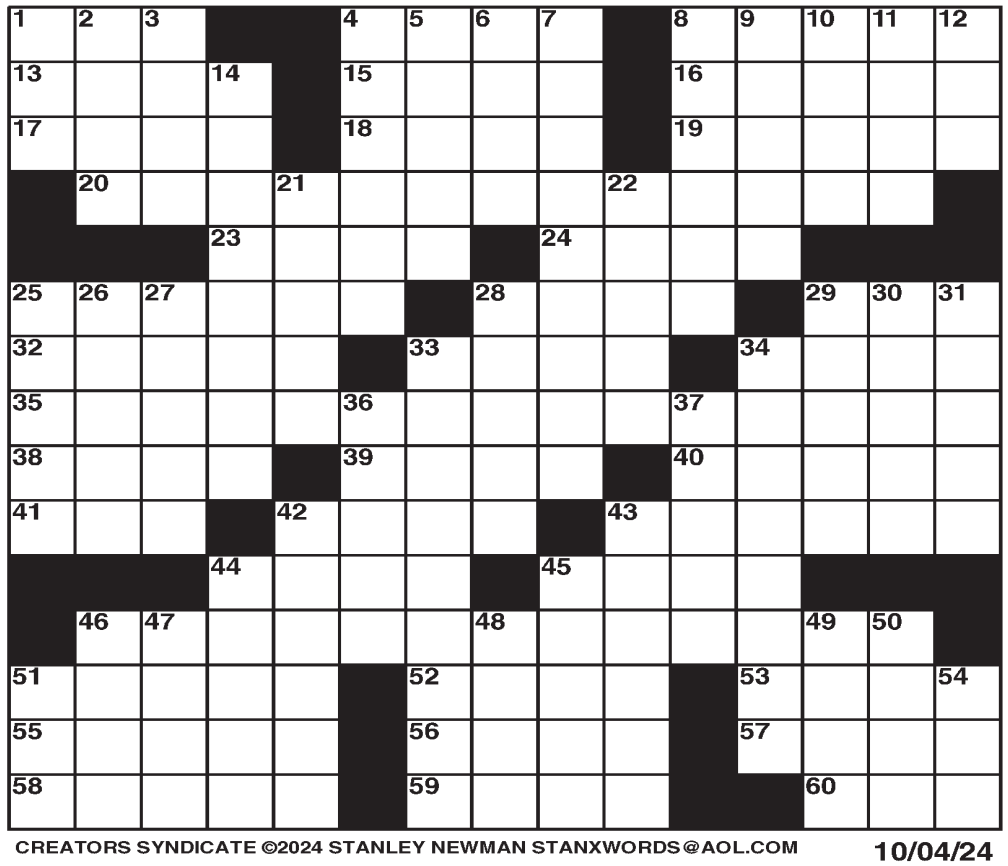
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ACROSS

1 Year of 53-Across' reign
4 Fare with toothpicks
8 Girl Scout kindergartner
13 The antithesis of beefy
15 Sleek, as sports cars
16 Badger cousin
17 Match played on mats
18 Stick close to
19 What's "rhyming and chiming," per Poe
20 Gym game
23 Montréal map lines
24 Overly starchy
25 Gets tough, with "down"
28 Lender's recourse
29 Auctioned group
32 Teller of talking animals
33 Campus appointment
34 Weld, say
35 Tenant's amenity
38 Heckled
39 It bisects Aragon
40 Calliope cousin
41 "Agreed"
42 Party platform
43 Thin and crisp
44 Theater company
45 Concert venue
46 Was unused for quite a while
51 For Francis
52 Quaint plaint
53 Marc Antony descendant
55 Barack appointee of 2010
56 Belly laugh
57 Snowballed
58 Criticizes sharply
59 Presses for payment
60 What "surrounds" each of the three longest answers

DOWN

1 His Library is at UT Austin
2 Cross off
3 __-European languages
4 Immerses oneself
5 Thumbs (through)
6 Not a big band
7 What Beethoven's "Für Elise" is for
8 Farm horse
9 Starting lineup
10 "__ turn up"
11 Unload, say
12 Very truly __
14 Common chess comment
21 British tea
22 Former Southern senator Lott
25 *It's a Wonderful Life* director
26 Artist Neiman
27 Stage whisper
28 Jack-o'-lantern expressions
29 Desperate thrust
30 "A Little Grouch Music" singer
31 Minuscule
33 Something regularly swiped in stores
34 Widespread
36 Ruffle, as hair
37 Explorer Amundsen
42 Cotton Bowl locale
43 Angler's equipment
44 Cable car sound
45 Muscular dude
46 Golden State, informally
47 Unfilled or unfolded
48 G
49 Feudal laborer
50 Something growing in a grove
51 Its Barbie Gift Set went on sale in '24
54 Be behind



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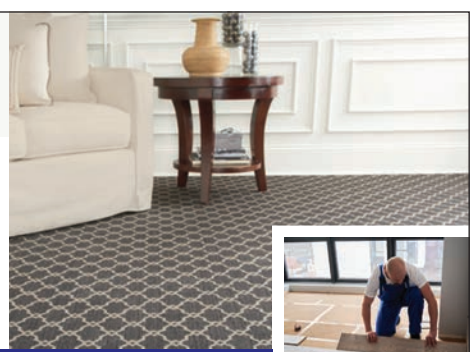
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