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LAPD recovers $500,000 in stolen Nike merchandise from Santa Monica based business

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles police recovered an estimated $500,000 worth of stolen Nike merchandise from a Santa Monica sneaker resale shop last week, authorities announced Monday.

Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department's Commercial Crimes Division Cargo Theft Unit executed a search warrant Thursday at a business in the 1700 block of Stewart Street in Santa Monica. The operation was conducted in collaboration with Union Pacific Railroad Police, Los Angeles Port Police, Los Angeles World Airport Police and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Bureau of

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LAPD

NIKE: Shoes stolen from cargo trains were recovered in Santa Monica last week.

Santa Monica among local governments challenging requirements linking disaster preparedness money to immigration enforcement

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Twenty-nine cities and counties filed a federal lawsuit last week challenging the Trump administration's attempt to tie more than $350 million in critical emergency and disaster preparedness funding to unrelated political conditions, including immigration enforcement and the abandonment of diversity programs.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in California, targets grants administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency that help communities protect more than 30 million residents through fire department staffing, port security, counterterrorism efforts and hazard mitigation projects.

Santa Monica joined the legal challenge after its City Council authorized participation on Sept.

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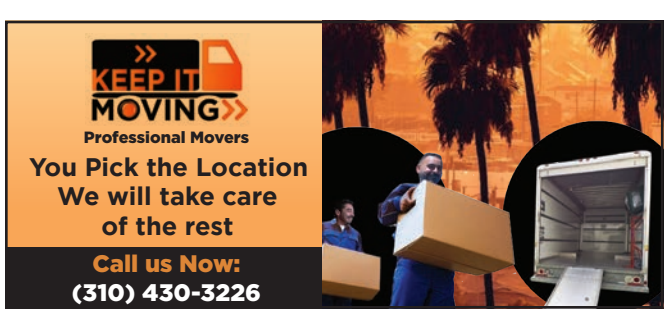
Santa Monica City Council approves two controversial zoning corrections amid economic pressures

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The Santa Monica City Council has approved zoning changes for two commercial properties in separate 5-2 votes, correcting what city staff called inadvertent mapping errors while overriding neighborhood opposition due to concerns about future high-rise development.

Both properties faced similar predicaments stemming from mapping errors during comprehensive zoning updates between 2010 and 2015, that meant

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California's families and small businesses can't afford another drugmaker backroom deal

Last week, the California legislature passed Senate Bill 41 (SB)—a piece of legislation disguised as a cost-saving measure that would actually hike up healthcare costs for Californians across our state. Now that the bill has landed on his desk, Governor Gavin Newsom has a choice to make: stand with California's minority communities, too many of whom already struggle to afford prescription drugs, or side with pharmaceutical companies that profit from higher healthcare costs.

The truth is that SB 41 would weaken one of the few tools that helps keep drug costs in check, lining the pockets of pharmaceutical companies that are already posting record profits. This bill is not a patient-first reform—rather, it is a payday for drugmakers that will leave patients, families, unions, and small businesses across California to foot the bill.

The National Diversity Coalition represents communities of color and minority-owned businesses that already shoulder the heaviest burdens of rising health care costs. Families cutting pills in half, seniors skipping refills to stretch fixed incomes, and small business owners forced to choose between offering coverage or keeping their doors open—these stories are all too common. For our most vulnerable neighbors, unaffordable prescriptions aren't an inconvenience; they are a threat to health, dignity, and economic stability.

The risks of SB 41 are clear. Instead of lowering costs, it strips away protections that allow health plans and employers to negotiate fairer prices. Without those checks, pharmaceutical manufacturers can raise prices even faster, adding pressure to Medi-Cal, employer health plans, and union coverage. The California Department of Finance has already warned that SB 41 will increase costs for patients and the state. And with California facing a $12 billion budget deficit and critical programs already under strain, the state simply cannot afford legislation that drives costs even higher.

Governor Newsom has recognized these dangers before. Just last year, he vetoed a nearly identical bill, citing concerns about higher prescription drug costs for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and working Californians. That decision reflected his leadership on affordability—and his understanding that California cannot allow corporate interests to dictate the price of essential medicines. SB 41 presents the same challenge and the same opportunity: to once again protect patients and reject special interests.

Californians agree. A statewide survey found that 72 percent of voters oppose SB 41, and 82 percent believe the Governor should veto any legislation that raises prescription drug costs. That opposition is especially strong in communities of color, where the financial and health impacts of unaffordable medicine hit hardest.

This frustration cuts across political lines because high prescription drug prices aren't partisan—they are personal. Californians know exactly who benefits when costs go up, and it isn't them. Drugmakers already enjoy profit margins double those of most other industries. They do not need another handout from Sacramento.

The stakes extend beyond individual households. Small businesses—many of them owned by immigrants and people of color—are grappling with higher insurance premiums driven by rising drug prices. When coverage becomes unaffordable, employees suffer, businesses struggle to compete, and California's broader economy loses. For entrepreneurs trying to grow and hire in underserved communities, higher drug costs can mean fewer jobs and fewer opportunities.

Governor Newsom has already shown that he is willing to put patients first by rejecting policies that would raise drug prices. Vetoing SB 41 gives him the chance to do so again—and to further strengthen his legacy as a champion for underserved communities and a leader committed to lowering health care costs for Californians.

By standing with families, seniors, small business owners, and minority communities, the Governor can demonstrate once more that California will not be dictated to by pharmaceutical manufacturers. He can affirm that our state's values are rooted in fairness, affordability, and equity—and that protecting patients will always come before padding corporate profits.

SB 41 is more than just another bill—it is a defining moment. By vetoing it, Governor Newsom can keep California moving toward a fairer health system where patients come before corporate profits. The health and economic security of millions of Californians depend on it.

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By Faith Bautista Tamashiro

GUEST COMMENTARY

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'Carrying fear' while carrying a baby: Pregnant Californians deserve more maternity options



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

HOSPITAL: Detranay Blakenship holds her newborn child, Myla Sqmone Grace Thimbrel, at Martin Luther King Community Hospital in Los Angeles on March 23, 2024.

In 2018 I walked into my doctor's office, newly pregnant and excited to hear my baby's heartbeat for the first time. I left feeling ashamed of my body.

The doctor didn't ask about my medical history, my lifestyle or my goals for birth. She didn't even take blood tests. Instead, she looked me up and down and said I would probably develop gestational diabetes and high blood pressure and would likely end up needing a C-section.

None of these predictions were based on facts — only on how I looked. (I'm a Black woman with a smaller than average build.) What should have been one of the most joyous milestones of my life was replaced with fear, sadness and disappointment.

As a medical social worker, I knew her words didn't have to become my story. But I couldn't shake the thought: How many other women — especially women who look like me — walk out of medical offices believing those words and internalizing fear and shame, because the doctor is considered the expert?

Too many women — especially Black women — enter pregnancy carrying fear.

We read the statistics: In California, a woman dies every five days on average, either during or after childbirth, but Black mothers are nearly four times more likely to die than others. African Americans account for 5% of pregnancies but 21% of pregnancy-related deaths.

Black women also have heard stories about celebrities like Serena Williams nearly dying after childbirth because her concerns weren't taken seriously. We wonder: If they didn't listen to her, why would they listen to me?

That's why alternatives like midwifery and doula care aren't just "nice extras" for well-off expectant parents. They are lifesaving, cost-effective health care options that should be covered and accessible to every woman, especially Black women, who could use some peace of mind.

MY SEARCH FOR BETTER PREGNANCY CARE

My fears came early in my pregnancy. I used to tell myself that if I died in childbirth, at least I made it to 30. It sounds dramatic, but for many women of color it feels like reality. That first obstetrics appointment only reinforced those fears.

I turned away from traditional obstetric

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **69.1**

WEDNESDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh

SSW/S swell nudges up slightly from Tuesday, cleanest in the morning. A little more SSW/S swell showing, keeping waist-stomach high surf fairly widespread while northernmost standouts go chest-high. Still only minor NW energy in the mix, so beach break shape is pretty lined up. Another deep late morning high tide to avoid too (especially at the points) Early window has cleanest conditions and a tide push to work with, that's the one you'll want to hit. Lumpy onshores for the afternoon tide drop.

THURSDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh

Surf remains small'ish fun but comes up a bit through the day. Cleanest AM, some PM bump. Southerly swell mix continue. Mainly the mid to long period SSW Southern Hemi swell in the morning and that will be close in size to Wednesday (waist high'ish, up to chest high at standouts out west). Look for extreme angled SE swell from Priscilla to start building late in the day. A little more size/consistency but the top spots max out at shoulder high. Conditions are cleanest in the AM before onshore winds produce lumpy shape in the afternoon.

Weather

Wednesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the evening.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Light and variable wind becoming south southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2025/10/08	Wed	03:58 AM	1.05	L
2025/10/08	Wed	10:12 AM	6.59	H
2025/10/08	Wed	5:02 PM	-0.57	L
2025/10/08	Wed	11:15 PM	4.48	H
2025/10/09	Thu	04:30 AM	1.57	L
2025/10/09	Thu	10:49 AM	6.63	H
2025/10/09	Thu	5:57 PM	-0.57	L
2025/10/10	Fri	12:19 AM	3.92	H
2025/10/10	Fri	05:04 AM	2.11	L
2025/10/10	Fri	11:31 AM	6.45	H
2025/10/10	Fri	6:59 PM	-0.38	L

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2827 (CCS)
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA (CITY) AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE (SMMC) CHAPTER 3.16.120(C) TO CLARIFY APPLICABILITY OF THE EXPIRATION DATE OF FREE METERED PARKING BENEFIT FOR ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES TO ALL CLEAN AIR VEHICLE DECALS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2827 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

On February 12, 2012, the Santa Monica City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2403 (CCS) to exempt additional zero-emission vehicles from parking meter payment requirements. The exemptions expired on September 30, 2025, aligning with the expiration of the state Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) decal program. One subset of CAV decals (specifically, purple decals) was unintentionally omitted from the original expiration code language. Ordinance Number 2827 (CCS) clarifies that all CAV decal holders would no longer be permitted to park for free at Santa Monica parking meters beginning October 1, 2025.

The Ordinance takes effect 30 days after 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 2829 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 9 TO AUTHORIZE CANNABIS RETAILERS TO SELL ADULT-USE AND MEDICINAL CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS WITHIN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2829 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Article 9 establishes certain authorized uses throughout the City. This Ordinance amends SMMC Article 9 to authorize Cannabis Retailers to sell Adult-Use and Medicinal Cannabis and Cannabis Products in the City's non-residential zoning districts and provides location and other zoning requirements for cannabis retailers within the allowable districts, including, but not limited to, a prohibition of cannabis uses within 600 feet from schools, youth centers, and licensed day care centers.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after 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 2828 (CCS)
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.200 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE AND ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND DELETING CHAPTERS 6.201, 6.202, AND 6.203 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2828 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The Ordinance amends Chapter 6.200 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to authorize and establish retail cannabis businesses in the City, including cannabis delivery businesses that are based outside of Santa Monica. The authority to sell and/or deliver adult-use cannabis products as licensed and regulated by State law to persons 21 years of age and over. The authority to sell and/or deliver cannabis products is limited to each annual business license term and is subject to Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.200 and any other requirements the City may adopt by ordinance, administrative regulations, or conditions in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 6.200.115.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Refinery fire spotlights California's gas supply crunch and high prices at the pump

Thankfully, last week's explosion and fire at California's second largest refinery, Chevron's El Segundo plant, was not an environmental catastrophe. But it could have serious economic and political impact.

It occurred as Gov. Gavin Newsom and other Democratic figures were in the midst of a 180-degree political pirouette: a shift from denouncing makers of gasoline as price gouging polluters, to beseeching them to continue production.

California once had dozens of refineries, but today nine are still producing gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel for airlines and military warplanes. Two have announced plans to shut down within a few months.

Valero's refinery and the Phillips 66 plant in Southern California together represent about 17% of the state's refining capacity, according to the California Energy Commission. State legislators reportedly have offered Valero state subsidies to keep its Benicia refinery in operation, fearing closure would raise Californians' already high gas prices.

Chevron's damaged El Segundo plant, if closed, would double the loss in refinery capacity to more than a third of the state's total, causing a supply crunch that would assuredly result in higher pump prices.

California's 30-million-plus cars and light trucks average 340 billion miles of travel each year and burn 13 billion gallons of gas, all but a trickle of which comes from the nine refineries. There are no pipelines to bring in fuel from other states, and importing gasoline from Asia or the Middle East via tankers is fraught with uncertainty and high costs.

Newsom, backed by fellow Democrats in the Legislature, spent months excoriating refiners for high prices, even though the state's very high fuel taxes create much of the gap between prices in California and those in other states. Newsom called a special session of the Legislature to pass legislation that he said would penalize profits deemed to be too high.

The official criticism seemed to meld with the state's declared intention to phase out gasoline-fueled cars in favor of those powered by electricity, thus shutting down oil production and gasoline refineries. Newsom's administration has said that by 2035 the sale of new gas-powered cars would be banned.

The evolution Newsom envisions, however, also requires the state to continue some refining until the last of the state's gasoline-powered cars are permanently parked, raising questions about how the change would be managed.

The Phillips 66 and Valero announcements forced the issue. The state's politicians realized that a rapid decline in refinery capacity could send gas prices soaring, thereby creating a political backlash. Newsom's evident presidential ambitions would be hammered by a sharp price spike.

Accordingly, in the last days of the legislative session, Newsom and legislators backtracked, passing measures to boost petroleum production. More recently, Newsom signed legislation to make gas with 15% ethanol available, saying it would lower prices by up to 20 cents a gallon. Apparently, legislators also have been feeling out Valero about some state subsidies for its Benicia plant, but so far they've had no success.

Chevron, whose refineries in El Segundo and Richmond have about a third of the state's refining capacity, moved its headquarters from California to Texas last year and has made no secret about its disdain for California's anti-petroleum policies, while dropping hints that it may close one of its two plants.

The extent of fire damage at Chevron's El Segundo refinery, and the effect on gasoline supply and prices, are still unclear. However, it's a reminder of how tight California's gas supply has become and how cataclysmic the closure of its refineries could be — economically and politically.

Dan Walters CalMatters Columnist



COMMUNITY NEWS

DTSM

Shore Hotel Ranks No. 11 in Condé Nast Traveler Awards

Shore Hotel has earned recognition in the 2025 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards, ranking No. 11 in the "Readers' Favorite Hotels in the Americas: Rest of the USA" category.

The prestigious honor highlights Shore Hotel's eco-conscious design, coastal California style and prime location steps from Santa Monica Pier and beach. The ranking among the country's best hotels by Condé Nast Traveller UK readers reinforces the property's reputation as one of Santa Monica's most sought-after destinations for domestic and international travelers.

The recognition comes as Shore Hotel continues evolving with recent additions including Shoreside, the hotel's new signature restaurant. The dining venue offers seasonal, ingredient-driven dishes in a relaxed yet refined atmosphere, adding a fresh culinary experience to the Santa Monica beachfront for locals and visitors.

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The Shore Hotel

HOTEL: The recognition comes as Shore Hotel continues evolving with recent additions including Shoreside, the hotel's new signature restaurant.

Santa Monica

Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce Announces Policy Conference at RAND: "Bold Urban Renewal: Reversing Decline with Innovative Solutions"

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will convene more than 150 business leaders, policymakers, and community stakeholders for its annual Policy Conference at RAND on Thursday, October 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at RAND Corporation, 1776 Main Street, Santa Monica.

This year's conference, themed "Bold Urban Renewal: Reversing Decline with Innovative Solutions," will spotlight innovative strategies to address the challenges and opportunities shaping Santa Monica and the broader region. Through high-profile keynote addresses and dynamic panel discussions, the conference aims to drive dialogue on city vitality, urban development, and innovative technology solutions.

Featured Speakers and Leaders:

- Leadership Address: Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
- Opening Keynote: Assemblymember Rick Zbur
- Lunch Keynote: Senator Ben Allen
- Welcome Remarks: Judy Kruger, CEO, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce

Conference Agenda Highlights:

- Panel One: Santa Monica: The Next Big Move Highlighting newcomers already betting on Santa Monica's future. Moderator: Blaize Witnish, CEO, Holey Moley
- Panel Two: From Vacant to Vibrant Exploring bold strategies to attract business and talent. Moderator: Jeremy Rawitch, RAND
- Panel Three: Innovations Transforming Cities Creating synergies between ideas, technology, and data. Moderator: April Mims, VP of Government Relations, Metropolis

"Santa Monica is at a crossroads," said Judy Kruger, CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. "The Policy Conference provides a platform to engage our city's most innovative thinkers in identifying strategies for creating a vibrant community while targeting long-range goals for attracting cool businesses and a talented workforce to Santa Monica."

The half-day event begins with coffee, muffins, and networking at 8:30 AM, followed by keynote presentations and panel sessions. A full lunch, keynote address, and networking opportunities will take place on the RAND patio.

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce advocates for a strong local economy, vibrant community, and sustainable future. Through advocacy, networking, and resources, the Chamber connects businesses, policymakers, and residents to build a thriving Santa Monica.

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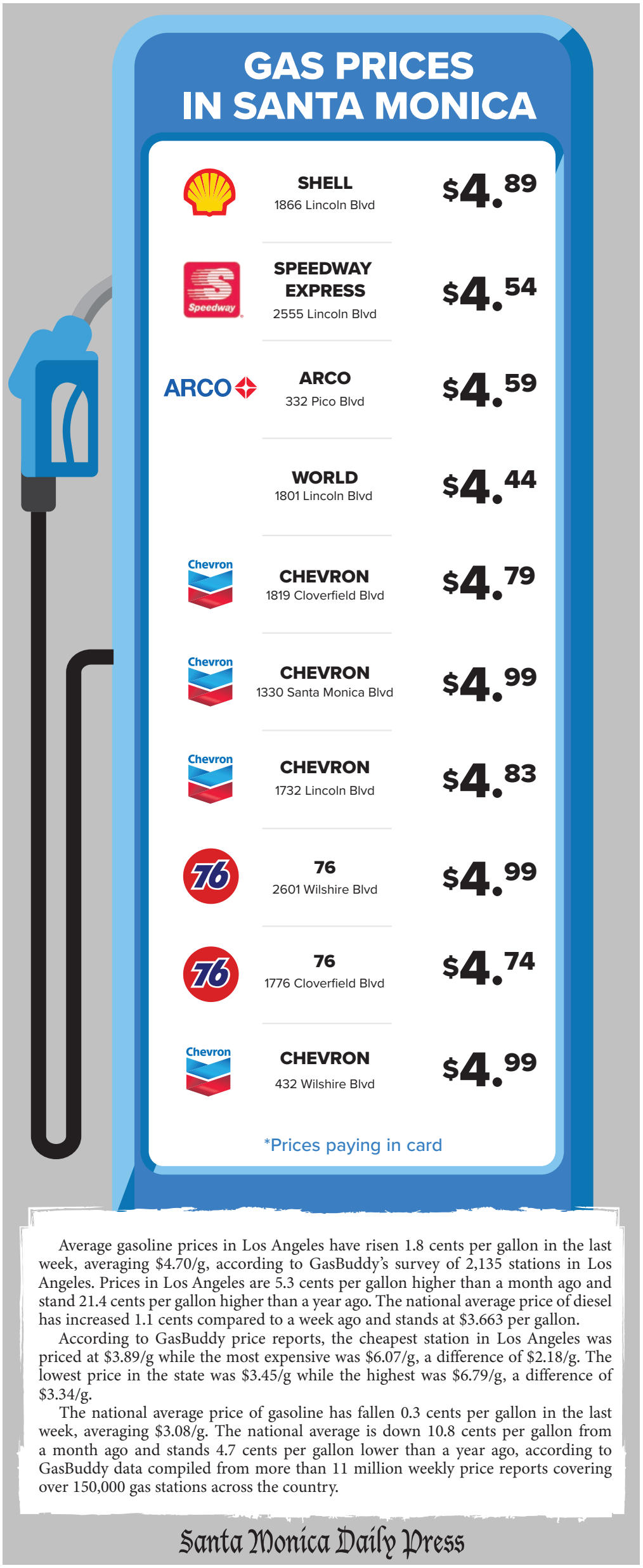
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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 1.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.70/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 5.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 21.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 1.1 cents compared to a week ago and stands at $3.663 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 $3.45/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.34/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.08/g. The national average is down 10.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 4.7 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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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sacramento

Governor Signs Law Requiring Local Electrification Plans

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed AB 39, the Local Electrification Planning Act, into law Tuesday, requiring California cities and counties with populations exceeding 75,000 to create electrification plans prioritizing low-income communities and renters.

The groundbreaking legislation, authored by Democratic Caucus Chair Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Hollywood) and sponsored by the Building Decarbonization Coalition and CALSTART, mandates local governments develop plans expanding access to clean energy solutions as the state transitions to zero-emission technologies.

California has committed to putting 8 million electric vehicles on the road by 2030 and electrifying appliances in homes and businesses. Meeting these goals requires an estimated 1 million new charging stations and major investments in home and community electrification.

Currently, renters, multi-family households and low-income communities face the steepest barriers to electrification. AB 39 addresses infrastructure gaps by requiring local governments to provide equitable access to electric vehicle charging and help residents retrofit homes for clean energy appliances.

The measure explicitly prioritizes low-income families, renters, small businesses and those relying on street parking, ensuring they participate in California's clean energy future.

> California cannot meet its climate goals unless every community has the tools and infrastructure to make the clean energy transition
>
> - Rick Chavez Zbur, Democratic Caucus Chair

"California cannot meet its climate goals unless every community has the tools and infrastructure to make the clean energy transition," Zbur said. "AB 39 ensures local governments are empowered to plan for equitable electrification."

Madison Vander Klay of the Building Decarbonization Coalition called the legislation "a powerful step forward" in expanding access to heat pumps and cooling for low-income communities.

The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2026.

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PREGNANT

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care, and my husband and I researched alternatives and chose a midwifery birth center. That meant paying $9,000 out-of-pocket, when my insurance would have covered hospital care for free. But for me, safety meant being respected, listened to and cared for as a whole person.

The difference was transformative. The midwives never rushed me. They invited questions and explained every option, they prioritized my voice and they prepared me and my husband through prenatal classes.

The research is clear: When women have access to midwives and doulas, outcomes improve. There are fewer unnecessary interventions, fewer complications and more positive birth experiences.

Hospitals will always have an important role in maternity care, but birth should not be limited to them. For women who are good candidates for out-of-hospital birth, midwifery and doula care should be encouraged and supported by our health system.

Instead, half of California's birth centers have closed in recent years. Midwives say it's partly because the state makes getting and keeping a license too difficult. Recently lawmakers passed a measure that would eliminate some of those barriers. Assembly Bill 55 awaits — and deserves — Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature.

Certain Medi-Cal health plans cover doula and midwifery services, but they shouldn't be the exception. All health insurance plans should cover these services.

Equally important, physicians need better training in how to talk to patients. The way medical providers speak to women early in pregnancy can shape their entire experience. Instead of fear-based predictions, women deserve informed, respectful conversations that empower them to trust their bodies and their choices.

In 2020, California began requiring hospitals to train labor and delivery staff in unconscious bias. Many hospitals have yet to begin the training.

In my case, my doula provided emotional support and advocacy. She and the midwife gave me confidence and peace, treating me like a person, not a checklist of risks.

I gave birth to my first daughter in four hours, without developing high blood pressure or gestational diabetes or needing a C-section. When I got pregnant again, I chose a home birth. The first hands to touch our second daughter were my husband's.

It was calm, beautiful and healing — everything I had once been told wasn't possible for me.

Erica Moore-Smith is a therapist and licensed clinical social worker in Riverside County

DISASTER

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30. The city receives more than $2 million annually in FEMA grants for regional disaster preparedness, coordinating training for fire personnel from 29 agencies and funding Urban Search and Rescue equipment.

"Wildfires don't have a political agenda, and our ability to respond to any disaster should not be determined by who is in power at any given time," Santa Monica Mayor Lana Negrete said.

The administration is demanding that local governments participate in immigration enforcement policies and eliminate diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives as conditions for receiving the federal funding. Plaintiffs argue these requirements are unconstitutional and exceed executive authority.

"For almost 75 years, Congress has been clear that one of the Federal Government's core functions is to provide resources and support to state and local governments to ensure that they are prepared to respond to emergencies and disasters," said Santa Clara County Counsel Tony LoPresti. "This Federal Administration is now unlawfully changing course, imposing unconstitutional conditions on critical grant funding."

The stakes extend far beyond Santa Monica. In Marin County, roughly 4,000 residents face increased flood risk without $23 million earmarked for mitigation projects. Los Angeles has $140 million in federal grants designated for wildfire recovery, including rebuilding communities and strengthening water infrastructure.

Santa Clara County faces losing $3.6 million — nearly 43 percent of its emergency management budget — threatening



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LAWSUIT: Filed in federal court in California, targets grants administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

preparedness for terrorism, disasters and major events including Super Bowl LX and the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The funding dispute comes as California faces additional challenges from the Trump administration's government shutdown, which Governor Gavin Newsom said has forced thousands of critical federal employees onto furlough and frozen disaster recovery programs.

"Communities across our state are less safe because of Trump's government shutdown," Newsom said. "Critical wildfire preparedness and disaster recovery programs are on pause."

The shutdown has furloughed 25 percent of federal forest service staff focused on prevention and planning, while key FEMA and DHS grants remain paused. More than 9,000 National Park Service employees nationwide are furloughed, leaving parks with minimal emergency coverage.

San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu emphasized the life-saving nature of the threatened funding.

"Emergency management is the backbone of safe and resilient communities, and threatening its funding puts real lives at risk," Chiu said. "This funding means faster emergency response times, stronger regional coordination, and better protection for our residents during disasters and terrorist attacks."

The lawsuit's plaintiffs span California, Washington and Arizona, including major cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Seattle's King County. The legal challenge asks the court to prevent DHS and FEMA from using emergency funds as political leverage.

Without federal funding, communities will be forced to divert resources from other essential services, delay critical projects or cancel them entirely, according to lawsuit organizers from the Public Rights Project.

The case, County of Santa Clara v. Noem, comes as California invests heavily in wildfire preparedness despite federal challenges. The state has added nearly 2,400 CAL FIRE positions annually over the past five years and allocated over $5 billion for wildfire and forest resilience since 2019.

Santa Clara County and San Francisco serve as lead plaintiffs in the federal court challenge, which seeks to restore emergency funding without political conditions.

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ZONING

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the properties were being used differently from their zoned uses. The so-called legal non-conforming situations were said to severely limit the owners' ability to lease their buildings.

30TH STREET OFFICE BUILDING

In the more contentious decision, the council voted early Wednesday morning to change zoning for an existing 35,000-square-foot office building from single-family residential (R1) to neighborhood commercial (NC). The property, which has housed commercial offices since 1956, was historically zoned commercial but staff said it was mistakenly changed to residential during digitization of city maps.

"We have 30% vacancy. Our rent is one half of what it was in 2019 and things aren't great," said Jeffrey Palmer, one of the property owners. "We are just trying to survive."

The current residential zoning creates restrictions that could render the commercial building unusable if tenants leave and space remains vacant for more than a year. The property owners said they face immediate challenges with one tenant's lease expiring in January 2026.

Sunset Park residents strongly opposed the change, arguing it could allow future development up to 85 feet tall through state density bonus laws—a dramatic change for a street lined with one- and two-story homes.

"This is spot zoning and it's not legal in this situation," said Tracy Halm, a 30-year resident living across from the property. "The biggest problem here is that it's not part of the [Land Use and Circulation Element]. The LUCE was

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> - Jeffrey Palmer

very, very careful to keep everything on the Boulevard and not in the neighborhood."

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD FORMER RITE AID

The second decision involved a vacant commercial building at 1331 Wilshire Boulevard that formerly housed a Rite Aid pharmacy. The building sits under split zoning—Commercial Mixed-Use Boulevard in front and Residential (R2) in the rear—creating similar leasing obstacles.

Lauren Chang, a land use attorney representing the property owner, warned the council that without the zoning correction, they would lose a prospective tenant described as a nationally recognized specialty grocery store.

"The Rite Aid use was considered illegal non-conforming use, and now the clock on our grandfathered rights is ticking," Chang said. "We have less than a year before the legal non-conforming use is considered abandoned."

COUNCIL OPPOSITION AND CONCERNS

Both decisions faced identical opposition from Council Members Ellis Raskin and Mayor Lana Negrete, who cited concerns about process and transparency.

Raskin maintained his preference for addressing such issues through a comprehensive, city-wide approach rather than individual map amendments. "I would rather us move forward on a programmatic basis," he said, referencing council direction from July 29 to develop comprehensive solutions for legal non-conforming properties.

Mayor Negrete expressed concerns about community trust. "There isn't trust and or a lot of transparency. And so this is why we're having the reaction," she said regarding the 30th Street decision.

ECONOMIC VS. NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

Council Member Jesse Zwick, who supported both measures, argued the changes simply correct technical errors. "It's typically not our practice to take commercial buildings and zone them residential as a matter of policy," he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis framed the Wilshire Boulevard issue as essential for economic recovery, stating that allowing buildings to remain legally non-conforming and difficult to lease is "highly problematic."

PROTECTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

To address redevelopment concerns, both property owners offered voluntary

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restrictions. The 30th Street owner provided a 10-year covenant prohibiting housing redevelopment, while the Wilshire Boulevard owner mentioned similar protections though these weren't part of formal council action.

City planning staff noted that neighborhood commercial zoning for non-housing projects limits development to two stories and 32 feet, making large-scale redevelopment unlikely even after voluntary covenants expire.

Both approved motions include provisions to exclude adjacent parking areas from future city initiatives that could rezone surface lots for housing development, addressing some community concerns about neighborhood character preservation.

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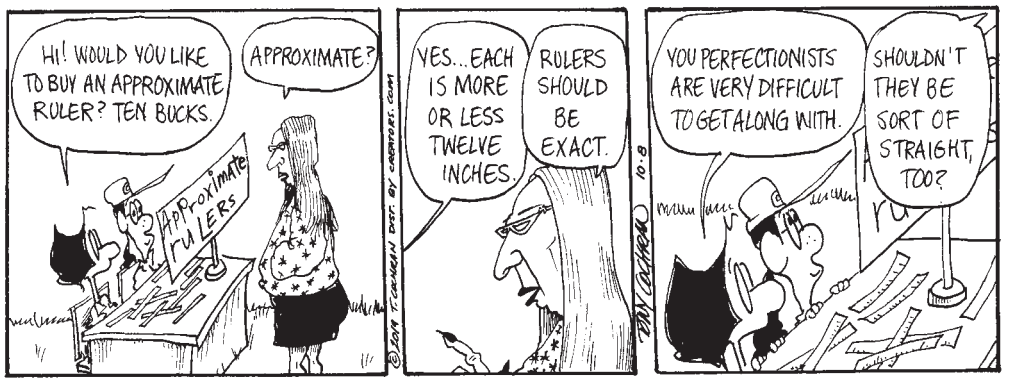
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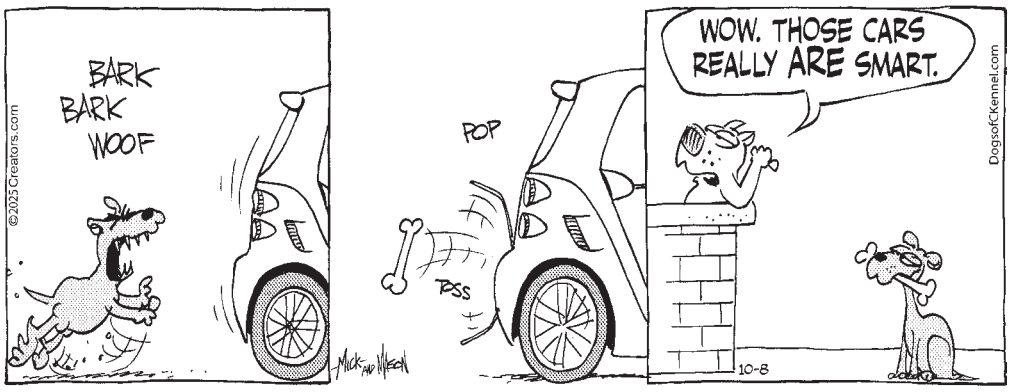
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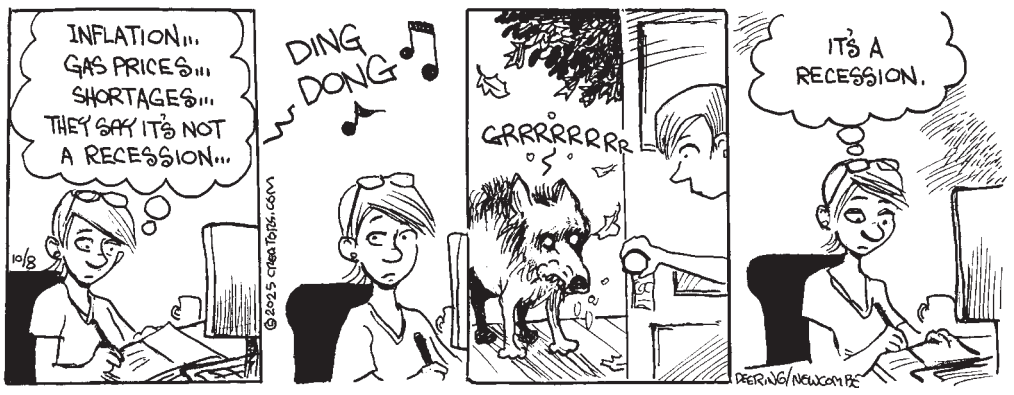
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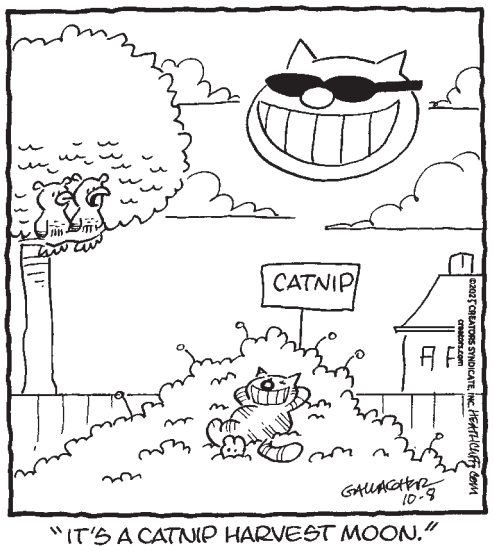
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today you'll experience the phenomenon of dancing, though metaphorically. People will be bound together by a beat, though it's not coming from the DJ, but from the pulse of work - a common ground, a shared, uniting effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Overwhelm feels real, and maybe it is, but it's also just an idea. Focus only on what's essential - first for the day, then just for this hour. By narrowing your focus, you'll feel powerful inside the part you can control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The emotionally immature tend to make assumptions and form superficial impressions. Higher emotional intelligence means more noticing, more care, more accurate guesswork about what others might be experiencing. Nuanced observation is the heart of empathy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's so much that inspires you, and yet it's about time for another muse. With each influence you gain something that brings you closer to what you will express when it's your turn, which it will be very soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't know how you really feel until you get face to face with the work, the people, the big task. Emotional hot spots can be unpredictable. You never know where they are until you're there in person with full attention on the issue at hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You might be tempted to reject recognition or opportunities you don't think you've deserved, but don't. These things are arriving because they belong to you, whether through past effort or future responsibility. Instead of deflecting, practice gracious acceptance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Relationships teach you because you're open to learning. In today's case, it will be fun to know people's impressions of you, what they think of you and just how highly they regard you. Flattering!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something about today might feel like a lot - because it is a lot - but you've already done harder things than this, and you'll do this, too. You don't have to be perfect. You just have to show up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rest is necessary and good. Even better when it's away from the eyes of the world. You're brilliant like a comet. Comets go away for a while and when they come back, everyone says, "Wow, look at that!"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Why do you get nervous before you perform? It's important to you to do well. That triggers the brain's arousal system, which helps you gear up for challenge. Something is at stake, and that's a good thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It doesn't take much to flip the script. Being early, being late, sitting in a different place, taking a novel route, talking to someone outside of the usual circle - small tweaks change the adventure entirely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Others may look away, but not you. You look right at the issue, poke around at it, find the tender spots, name the parts, own the puzzle, love it, make some part of it your own to solve.

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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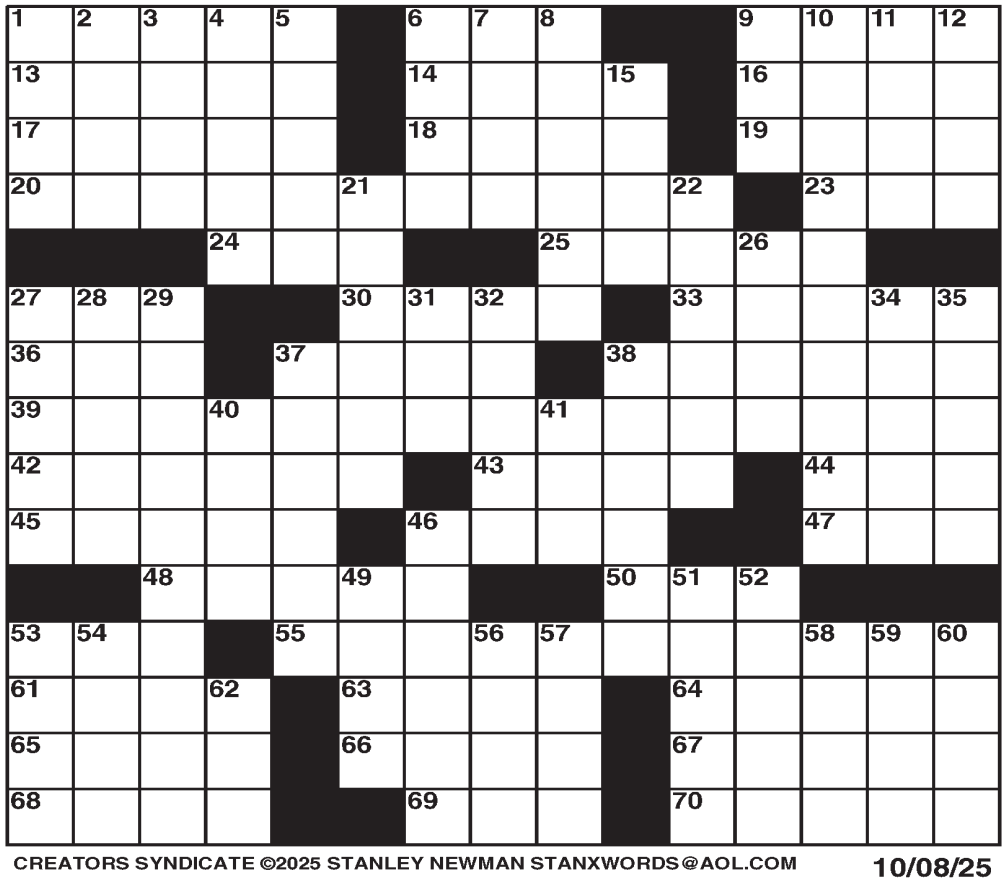
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ACROSS

1 Mentions one-by-one
6 Sunbeam
9 Home for protons
13 Served from a keg
14 Don't include
16 Neither __ nor there
17 Central Florida city
18 Act moody
19 Prayer's last word
20 Arabian Nights flying rug
23 Green holder for peas
24 Prefix like atmo-
25 Pass into law
27 School lunch sandwich initials
30 Speck of land in the sea
33 Ziti or spaghetti
36 Keogh plan alternative
37 Exxon's former name
38 Try to achieve
39 Spherical vehicle for Cinderella
42 Happens next
43 Octet of an octopus
44 Light brown color
45 Shorthand pro
46 __ Romeo (Italian auto)
47 Superlative suffix
48 Pirate flag symbol
50 Court prosecutors: Abbr.
53 Belly muscles
55 Device for traveling to the future
61 Increase, as weight
63 Song sung alone
64 Comfy and cozy
65 Woodwind instrument
66 Subtle "Hey you!"
67 Wipe clean
68 Polite guy
69 Golf peg
70 Fender bumps

DOWN

1 Weaver's device
2 Ancient Andes native
3 Male deer
4 *Rocky* actress Shire
5 Parking lot slot
6 Italy's capital, to natives
7 Love, in Spain
8 "Hooray!"
9 "Now I get it!"
10 Asks for trouble
11 Three-layer cookie
12 Repair, as a blouse
15 Adolescent
21 Emergency situation
22 Piglike mammals
26 Female undershirt, briefly
27 Tubes under sinks
28 Main impact of a blow
29 Informal jazz performance
31 Nine-digit ID
32 In the neighborhood
34 Robes in ancient Italy
35 "__ we all?"
37 Barely sustain
38 Warship fleet
40 Young hoodlum
41 Comics canine's comment
46 Not quite
49 Speak like Daffy Duck
51 Had sore muscles
52 Land by the sea
53 Extremely eager
54 Like a __ in the woods
56 Other than that
57 Speck of dust
58 "Ask me, __ expert"
59 Sparrow's home
60 Looks at closely
62 After-tax



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STOLEN

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Investigation.

Investigators discovered more than 2,100 pairs of stolen Nike shoes and 150 cartons of Nike clothing inside the store. The merchandise, which included unreleased shoes and apparel, had been stolen from train cargo, according to police.

Adeel Shams, 34, of Los Angeles, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of receiving stolen property. Shams owns Coolkicks, an online retailer that specializes in limited-edition sneakers and apparel.

Shams was booked at the LAPD Metropolitan Detention Center. The investigation remains ongoing, and authorities said they expect additional arrests.

Police are asking anyone with information about the case to contact the LAPD Commercial Crimes Division Cargo Theft Unit at (213) 486-5920. During non-business hours, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7. Anonymous tips can be submitted to L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or online at www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00503 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Martha Gomez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Martha Gomez court for a decree of changing names as follows: Martha Gomez to Martha Gomez Rossi . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 11/7 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 7215 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mi's Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A Third Street Promenade Santa Monica. The Bear Supply Hour is now Original Understudies. The same high energy comedy that was once named one of "The 100 Best Things in Comedy" by The Comedy Bureau, is now joined by a cast of both fresh and veteran comedians in fast-paced sketch and long form improv. Every show features special guests creating a high-octane, freakishly entertaining, one-of-a-kind improvised spectacle. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/original-understudies/15018109/2025-10-08T20

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6:30 p.m. Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite #33 Santa Monica. Chagos Archipelagos. A Spanish woman trying to retire as an assassin, a French Foreign Legion deserter from Madagascar, a mysterious (perhaps CIA) woman from America, a billionaire military contractor, and a man wandering the seas alone on a sailing ship bump into each other in the Indian Ocean, and not all of them survive. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/chagos-archipelagos-and-1925-a-literary-encycolpedia/17009431/2025-10-09T18

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

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FRIDAY | OCTOBER 10

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-10-10T08

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/14385252/2025-10-10T18

OKTOBERFEST GRILLED CHEESE AND BEER NIGHT!

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Avenue Santa Monica. It's October, and that can only mean one thing: Andrew's Oktoberfest-themed Grilled Cheese & Beer Night is back! For this event, they'll be pairing their famous grilled cheese recipes with specialty limited release Oktoberfest-themed beers. Don't miss out on this special event featuring some rare gems only available this time of year. It all starts with a tangy, zippy starter salad, followed by four courses of our famous grilled cheeses paired with four Oktoberfest-themed specialty beers, and an awesome dessert course of an imperial stout or sour beer float with french vanilla ice cream. $81.88. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oktoberfest-grilled-cheese-and-beer-night-/16950647/2025-10-10T19

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 11

VERMICOMPOSTING!! TURN YOUR KITCHEN SCRAPS INTO PLANT FOOD

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Main Street Community Garden 2318 Main Street Santa Monica. Come learn how fun, easy and downright interesting composting can become with the help of creepy/crawlies! Master Gardener Meg Sullivan will demonstrate how to set up and operate a worm bin. She'll also show how to harvest the resulting compost and turn it into super beneficial worm tea. Wiggly friends and brown gold will be provided at the end of the presentation. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/vermicomposting-turn-your-kitchen-scraps-into-plant-food/16949612/2025-10-11T09

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