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Big real estate ruling may be years away from trickling down to Santa Monica properties

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Daily Press Editor

A multi-billion lawsuit rocked the real estate industry across the country this week and while the headlines are touting the massive settlement, local realtors said the impact to the local market is hard to predict, but certainly years away from reaching regular people.

The National Association of Realtors was ordered to pay almost $1.8 billion in damages this week over accusations the organization's policy of forcing home sellers to pay the commission charged to home buyers is a violation of federal antitrust laws.

An additional lawsuit has already been filed covering the entire country but local experts said how the local market might change is up in the air and how long those changes would take to reach California.

The consensus among locals is that there will be changes to the way commissions are paid but any impact is probably years away due to the winding nature of lawsuits.

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Antoinette Damico

HOUSES: A recent court case has prompted discussion about who should pay commissions when buying a house.

Real estate industry facing pushback to longstanding rules setting agent commissions on home sales

ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

A series of court challenges seek to upend longstanding real estate industry practices that determine the commissions agents receive on the sale of a home — and who foots the bill.

A federal jury in one of those cases has ordered the National Association of Realtors along with some of the nation's biggest real estate brokerages to pay almost $1.8 billion in damages, after finding they artificially inflated commissions paid to real estate agents.

The class-action lawsuit was filed in 2019 on behalf of 500,000 home sellers in Missouri and some border towns. The verdict stated that the defendants "conspired to require home sellers to pay the broker representing the buyer of their homes in violation of federal antitrust law."

If treble damages — which allows plaintiffs to potentially receive up to three times actual or compensatory damages — are awarded, then the defendants may have to pay more than $5 billion.

"This matter is not close to being final as we will appeal the jury's verdict," Mantill Williams, a spokesman for the NAR, said

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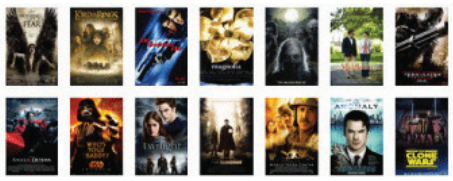
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Fewer Californians are moving to Texas, but more are going to Florida and Arizona

MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

The number of former Californians who became Texans dropped slightly last year, but some of that slack was picked up by Arizona and Florida, which saw their tallies of ex-Californians grow, according to new state-to-state migration figures released Thursday.

The flow of Californians to Texas has marked the largest state-to-state movement in the U.S. for the past two years, but it decreased from more than 107,000 people in 2021 to more than 102,000 residents in 2022, as real estate in Texas' largest cities has grown more expensive. In Florida, meanwhile, the number of former Californians went from more than 37,000 people in 2021 to more than 50,000 people in 2022, and in Arizona, it went from more than 69,000 people to 74,000 people during that same time period.

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> - Manuel Pastor, a professor of sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California.

California had a net loss of more than 113,000 residents last year, a number that would have been much higher if not for people moving to the state from other countries and a natural increase from more births than deaths. More than 343,000 people left California for another state last year, the highest number of any U.S. state.

Housing costs are driving decisions to move out of California, which with 39 million residents is the most populous U.S. state, according to Manuel Pastor, a professor of sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California.

"We are losing younger folks, and I think we will see people continuing to migrate where housing costs are lower," Pastor said. "There are good jobs in California, but housing is incredibly expensive. It hurts young families, and it hurts immigrant families."

Nevada also was a top destination for former Californians, but its gains dropped from more than 62,000 people in 2021 to more than 48,000 people in 2022.

The second-largest state-to-state movement in the U.S., from New York to Florida, remained almost unchanged from 2021 to 2022, at around 92,000 movers, according to the migration figures from the U.S. Census Bureau, which are based on American Community Survey one-year estimates.

There was a decrease last year in the outflow of former New Yorkers to New Jersey, dropping from more than 91,000 people in 2021 to more than 75,000 people in 2022. Year-over-year increases in former New Yorkers moving to Connecticut, Texas and Georgia made up for some of that cross-state drop.

Georgia was the most popular destination for residents leaving Florida last year and that outflow jumped from more than 49,000 residents in 2021 to more than 51,000 people in 2022.

Overall, more people living in one U.S. state moved to a different state last year in the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic than they did in the previous year, though international migration was the primary driver of growth last year. In 2022, more than 8.2 million U.S. residents lived in a different state than they had in the previous year, compared to 7.8 million U.S. residents in 2021.

Among them were Evan Wu and Todd Brown, who moved from Corvallis, Oregon, to Honolulu in January 2022 for Wu's job as an oncologist and cancer researcher, then at the start of this year to Southern California. Moving has been a constant for them in the past three years. In addition to Oregon, Hawaii and Southern California, they have lived in Baltimore and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Along the way, they added three daughters under the ages of 2 to their family.

They are now in the process of moving from Southern California back to Hawaii, and once that is done, they will have storage units in five cities with possessions they had to leave behind.

"I love moving, but Todd hates it," Wu said. "I love the change of scenery. It keeps you on your toes and keeps you sharp."

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GET IT DAILY...

Don’t forget the clocks ‘fall back’ one hour this Sunday as daylight saving ends



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FALL BACK: Clocks will change on Sunday.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

This Sunday, November 5, the clocks will once again need to be reset as daylight saving ends and the season of winter announces its official arrival. While most of us have smartphones that will update automatically, there is still the matter of the clock on the oven and the imitation Mondaine you might have hanging on the wall. And while the former requires a PhD in mathematical science to change, the latter should be reasonably straightforward.

However, our reward for enduring this minor inconvenience is that we all get an extra hour in bed. Surely, it’s worth that.

The notion of aligning waking hours to daylight hours was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784, largely to economize on candle usage by waking up earlier in the summertime. Later, in 1895, a New Zealand astronomer named George Hudson proposed the idea of changing clocks by two hours every spring and in 1908, Port Arthur in Ontario, Canada started using Daylight Saving Time (DST) for the very first time before the idea became commonplace in Europe eight years later. And with it began the controversy.

DST is generally not observed near the equator, where seasonal sunrise and sunset times don’t vary enough and many countries only partially observe it. For instance, only the south-east corner of Australia (Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales) participates in this chronological caper. Moreover, the states of Hawaii and most of Arizona (with the exception of the Navajo Nation) also do not observe DST. Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean also, for the most part, do not.

While arguments both for and against DST include things like vitamin D deficiency, sleep disruption, exacerbated mental health conditions and even a reduction in criminal activity, like it or not, the state of California continues to tinker with time twice a year.

So why not embrace the occasion and use it as a bi-annual excuse to perform some very important safety checks around the home. And that’s exactly what the Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) and the National Fire Protection Association do, encouraging everyone to use the opportunity as a reminder to check and potentially replace smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms throughout your house or apartment.

“Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area,” says Cathy Taylor, Fire Prevention Coordinator, SMFD.

“For best protection, have interconnected alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound. Have someone test your alarms once a month by pushing the test button and replace any that are 10 years old or older,” Taylor says, adding, “If you or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, use a bed shaker and strobe light alerts that work with your smoke alarm.”

She explains that it’s advisable to keep all alarms at least three feet away from anything that can burn— including you. Shut off and unplug heaters when you leave the room or go to bed and plug heaters directly into a wall outlet and never into an extension cord or power strip.

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Moreover, teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like and talk about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

It might sound a bit peculiar, but using the mild annoyance of Daylight Saving to double check fire alarms is up with other invaluable “home hacks” like using rubber bands to make a chopping board non-slip, using citrus peel for stinky waste disposal and baking soda for red wine stains.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.9**

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Smaller day with a little southerly swell mix and minor NW energy mixing in. At least looks clean for the morning so could be decent at the inner bars with the moderate tide on tap first thing in the morning.

SATURDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Waves down another notch as small southerly swell/trace NW swell mix tapers off. Morning looking clean.

Weather

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. West wind around 5 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

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2023/11/04	Sat	2:28 PM	4.33	H
2023/11/04	Sat	10:50 PM	0.63	L
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2023/11/05	Sun	10:21 AM	3.30	L
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2023/11/05	Sun	10:44 PM	0.66	L
2023/11/06	Mon	05:56 AM	4.25	H
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2023/11/07	Tue	06:14 AM	4.51	H
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
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REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

STUDY SESSION

- Update, discussion, and possible direction regarding conceptual Objective Design Standards (ODS) that could apply to future housing projects in the Bergamot Area Plan. The 6th Cycle Housing Element includes a program that requires the City to revise the Bergamot Area Plan for design standards to support housing production.

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Attempt by Mayor Davis to refine language regarding Council's direction for a rotational mayor fails

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

In a small but significant discussion item, scheduled towards the end of last Tuesday's meeting shortly after midnight, City Council voted to reject a proposal made by Mayor Gleam Davis to amend Rule 9(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure concerning the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

After a contentious mayor selection following the 2022 election, Council changed its system from a nomination process to a rotation based on seniority. As written, the current rules are not subject to suspension and can only be changed via a repeal or amendment. Mayor Gleam Davis proposed altering the rule last month by deleting the language that precludes suspension of the rule.

The seemingly administrative item triggered a flurry of criticism from individuals who felt it was a stealth attack on the upcoming Mayorship of current councilman Phil Brock, a notion Davis denied up front.

"Apparently I have set off a conspiracy theory around the city." She added, "So let me start out by saying this is not intended in any way to affect mayoral rotation which we adopted earlier in the year, end of story."

In December of last year, the Council elected Davis to serve as mayor for one year, with Brock serving the second year. One month later, in January 2023, the Council voted six to one to change the system going forward to "select the longest continuously serving Councilmember, whether initially elected or appointed, to serve as Mayor for a one-year term."

Based on Rule 9(b), the rotation will be Brock following Davis, then Councilmembers Christine Parra, Oscar de la Torre, Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete, Caroline Torosis and finally Jesse Zwick, assuming they are still members of council when their turn comes up. If not, then it would skip to the next in rotation.

Council action is still required to formally acknowledge the next individual in the queue as Mayor but there would be no choice in the matter if the rules are in place.

Amending the council legislation to change the system requires four affirmative votes and it would need to be listed on the agenda prior to the change in mayorship. If the rule were subject to suspension, it would require five votes (a supermajority) to approve.

Regardless of selection, the City Charter provides the power to remove a Mayor at any time with a simple majority.

"This happened to come up on the day that Councilmember [John] Lee in the city of Los Angeles was identified as being the target of a fraud investigation and that his indictment was imminent," Davis explained.

However, the Council cannot preemptively alter the rotation without the longer-term process of organizing an amendment.

"And it struck me that by not allowing a supermajority of the council to address the issue of the rotational rule, we could have, in theory — and that doesn't relate to anybody who's sitting up here now, but I can't predict the future any better than anyone else — in theory, have a situation where someone who could be indicted or under investigation for criminal conduct or unethical conduct could be in the main rotation," Davis said.

Speaking exclusively to the Daily Press, Davis remarked, "Because it has the potential to be controversial. I decided that I should only put my name on it so that whatever blowback there was, was directed solely at me."

However, unsurprisingly, the proposal was met with disdain and contempt from a number of councilmembers. It failed on a 4-3 vote with Brock, Oscar de la Torre, Christine Parra and Lana Negrete opposing. Jesse Zwick and Caroline Torosis were in favor.

"Voting against the requirement of five votes versus four to remove the mayor in Santa Monica is crucial to uphold the democratic process," Negrete said. "The existing rule requiring a council majority allows council to remove the mayor at any time, which might be necessary in case of malfeasance or incompetence.

"Requiring a supermajority of five would make it excessively difficult to remove a mayor even in such a situation, potentially leading to a lack of accountability. It's important to strike a balance between ensuring the stability of leadership and upholding the principle of democratic decision making. The current system with four votes already provides a mechanism for removal and altering it to demand a supermajority of five votes may hinder council's ability to respond to urgent and legitimate concerns about mayoral performance," Negrete told the Daily Press.

"This was simple clean up language which would have more accurately implemented Council's direction for a rotational mayor based on seniority," Torosis told the Daily Press. "It would not have changed anything about the current rotation," she added.

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Indulge your inner scientist and explore the universe at UCLA this weekend



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UCLA: Chemist and former NASA astronaut Anna Lee Fisher, who flew on STS-51-A, inspires the next generation of scientific talent.

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Were you aware that there are approximately 100 billion stars in our galaxy alone? Did you know that a large number of those "stars" you see when you gaze up into the night sky aren't stars at all — they're actually entire galaxies.

Have you ever wondered how light can act like both a particle and a wave? Or pondered how planets form or how the gravitational pull of a black hole is strong enough to warp time? If the answer is anything along the lines of "Hell yeah" then the Explore the Universe event at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) this Sunday is an absolute must-see.

Held at the Court of Sciences, the south campus courtyard is ideal since it's flanked on every side by a science-related department and it offers plenty of space for all manner of activities and experiments designed to activate the imaginations of children aged anywhere between 8 and 18.

"It's all about exposing kids to all these different questions and it encourages them to be inquisitive, especially when it's interactive," said David James, PhD student and Publicity Chair of the EYU Organizing Committee.

"Some booths will offer demonstrations on a variety of subjects including astronomy, biology, geology, chemistry, sustainability, psychology and more, while others will have scientists just answering questions as best they can from inquiring young minds," said James, adding, "As well as their parents, of course."

Last year's booths included hands-on experiments such as strawberry DNA extraction, looking at muscle cells under a microscope, the Meteorite Gallery exhibit and more. Talks will include Fun With Plastics, When Earth Was A Magma Ocean and Why Does Earth's Magnetic Field Point North?

"It's held on the UCLA campus every year on the first Sunday in November so we can bring scientists and kids together and promote accessibility to these fields of study for everyone," James said.

Los Angeles County holds a historic and prominent place in the cosmological community, with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Griffith Observatory in Los Feliz and Edwards Air Force Base near Lancaster, to name just a few, all playing major roles in the continually evolving field of space and scientific studies.

Even Santa Monica College has invested in a brand new rooftop observatory for its new Engineering & Science Department, complete with a 20.6-foot diameter dome and a 27.5-inch mirror telescope.

"We usually get representatives from many of the key places," said James. "Griffith Observatory usually has a booth every year and we've had people from JPL and NASA in the past, because they're closely connected with our department."

James explains that because the clocks go back an hour this weekend, it of course means it will get darker earlier, which makes it possible to set up a few telescopes and indulge in some evening skywatching.

Explore the Universe at UCLA begins at 12noon and goes on to about 8p.m. at 617 Charles E Young Drive East, Los Angeles 90095. Check out the website exploringyouruniverse.ucla.edu for more information

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Closing the Digital Divide – It Takes a Village to Help Our Kids Succeed

he November 5th Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) workshop is entitled Closing the Digital Divide – It Takes a Village to Help Our Kids Succeed. They will hear from the new SMMUSD Superintendent, Dr. Antonio Shelton who has come recently to that position. This workshop is free and hybrid – in person at the Thelma Terry Center at Virginia Ave. Park in Santa Monica, as well as virtual. The program will start at 6:30pm. Those unable to join at VAP for a light supper at 6pm, can click the following link in order to register and receive the zoom link for 11/5 : https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkdOiqpzwiHtXR1Nb9tgaNeC_FvYfvglkN

Closing the digital divide for K-12 Black students is imperative for equitable education. Initiatives should focus on providing access to essential technology, creating tailored educational content that resonates with diverse perspectives, and partnering with local communities. Beyond hardware and connectivity, mentorship programs and scholarships can encourage Black students and others to explore STEM fields. Ultimately, comprehensive solutions involve systemic changes which would combine access, representation, and educational support to empower K-12 Black students in the digital landscape.

The mission statement for the Santa Monica/Malibu United School District is: Extraordinary achievements for all students while simultaneously closing the achievement gap.

CRJ wants to hear about and discuss Dr. Sheldon's ideas for moving toward that aspirational statement.

For more information, call Joanne at 310-422-5431.

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Citywide

Westside Food Bank's Hunger Walk Returns to Santa Monica Beach

Westside Food Bank's Hunger Walk is returning for its 33rd year to Santa Monica's Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way) on Nov. 5, 2023. The event raises awareness about food insecurity in Los Angeles County while bringing our community together for a common cause.

This is Westside Food Bank's signature event since they don't hold an annual gala. This event welcomes everyone, including those with strollers and pets, to raise awareness about food insecurity. Registration is free, but the Beach Bash After-party is ticketed.

It is scheduled as follows:

Check-in begins: 12 p.m.

Pre-walk festivities: 1 p.m.

5K walk starts: 2 p.m.

Beach Bash After-Party: 3:30 p.m. (ticket purchase required)

Prior to the 5K, walkers can enjoy live entertainment, activities, games, and a Family Fun Zone – making this event suited for all ages! During the walk, participants can enjoy beach views as they stroll along Ocean Front Walk. Everyone who registers will also get a free t-shirt and swag bag for being part of Westside Food Bank's event.

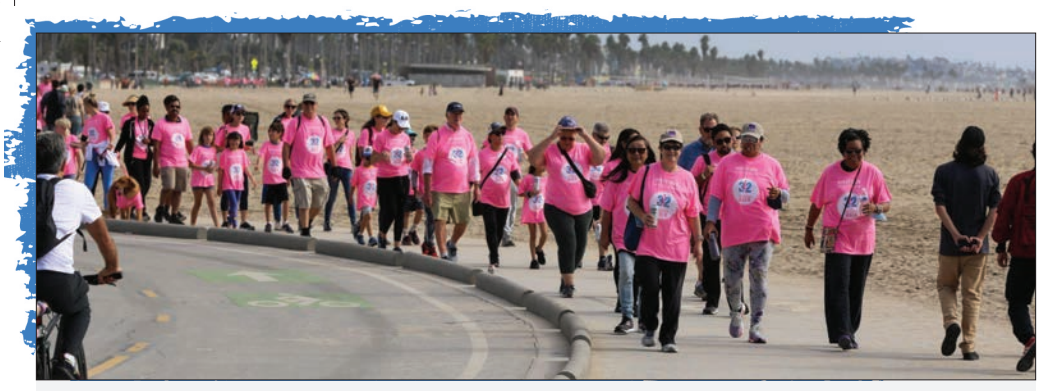
"We are so excited for the return of our annual walk," Westside Food Bank President and CEO Genevieve Riutort said. "As a community-led and community-operated organization, this fun, family-friendly event gives us a chance to connect with the people we serve, our supporters, our volunteers, and our neighbors in the community. We all walk together alongside the beautiful Santa Monica beach to bring resources and attention to the ongoing local hunger crisis. It's a wonderful tradition for a great cause, and all are welcome."

To register, visit wsfb.org/hungerwalk. From there, individuals can sign up for free to participate in the walk or create a team to walk with family, friends, or coworkers. Fundraising is optional and easy. Walkers and teams can also customize and share their pages to support Westside Food Bank. Every $5 donated will provide 20 meals for our neighbors in need.

For more information, visit the Hunger Walk website or contact Westside Food Bank's Development Team at development@wsfb.org or 310-828-6016, ext. 32.

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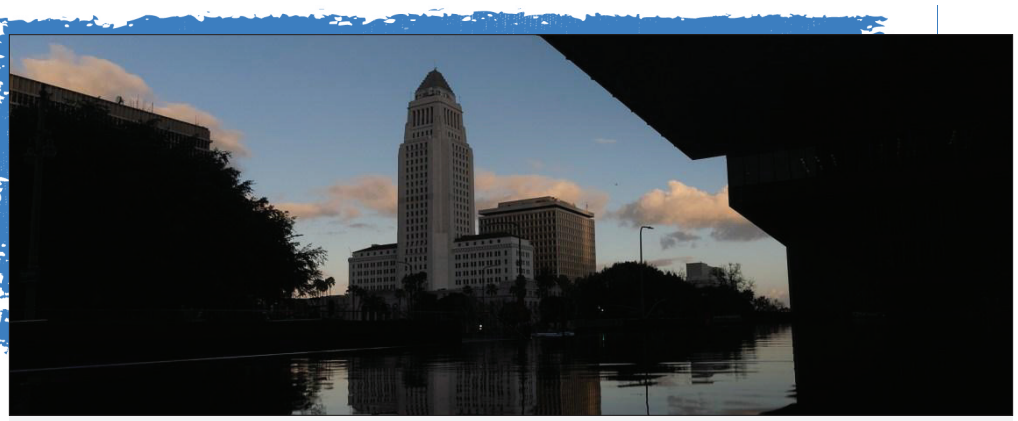
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GUEST COMMENTARY

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City councils in L.A. and across California face urgent issues. They're also facing more racist anger



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COUNCIL: The Los Angeles City Hall is reflected in the water in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023.

A meeting of the Los Angeles City Council is at least two discordant experiences at once: It's an ennobling exercise in participatory democracy, as 15 elected officials attempt to wrestle with the most pressing problems of urban America, and it's become a dispiriting forum for racist and antisemitic vitriol.

I was struck by both of those facts when I visited the council last week. It had been a while. The elegant chambers of the Los Angeles council once were a second home for me; I regularly attended meetings in the 1990s, taking notes and absorbing the atmosphere as council members grappled with the issues of the day: recession, inequality, racial tensions, a police force that had lost its bearings.

Nostalgia is not a particularly useful starting point for analysis but, to me, the council in those days felt both bigger and less connected to the public. Council President John Ferraro, for whom the chamber is now named, was a forceful leader who ran meetings with gruff command. Council members sat with their backs to the audience and yet seemed to reflect the city's diverse interests. There were a couple Republicans on the council then, as well as binding allegiances, friendships and antipathies that framed most debates.

Today's council feels friendlier — and less commanding. The seats have been flipped around to face the crowd, an overdue gesture to interacting with constituents. But the members themselves feel more detached from the problems of the city. There are no Republicans anymore, just varying degrees of liberals and leftists.

There's one council member, Curren Price, who is under indictment and another, Kevin de León, who drifts in a kind of internal exile ever since a recording of his participation in a nakedly racist gathering on redistricting surfaced and roiled the city. Today, de León cheerfully circulates among his colleagues and in the audience, though many people do their best to avoid him.

What's poignant about all this is that the council also tends to genuinely consequential work. Last week, the agenda included updates on work to make Los Angeles a "smart city" by extending internet access to poorer communities. It celebrated efforts to bring healthier food into areas of the city flooded with fast-food joints and their attendant health problems.

The council devoted time to the city's most pressing issue — its vast population of unhoused people — approving a measure to transfer funds from the county to help clear an encampment that straddles city and county land. That's evidence of cooperation not always seen in the long struggle to help those who most need it, and it's a testament to Mayor Karen Bass, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the city council that such cooperation, so long in the making, is actually happening.

There is evidence of community involvement, too. One item on last week's agenda included a proposed apartment complex for the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. The proposal calls for construction of a seven-story apartment building — on its face, a useful idea for a city that is woefully short of housing.

But the proposal has its critics. Neighbors fear the traffic it will bring and object to the rents that are proposed for many of the units. The prices the developer wants to charge would make the apartments unaffordable for many who currently live in the area, and some of those residents objected it, earnestly limiting their remarks to one minute each as they pleaded with their elected representatives.

That is representative democracy at its best: affected residents making the trip to City Hall to plead their case, to protect their neighborhood, to balance genuinely legitimate — and sometimes opposing — priorities, in this case the need for housing against the value of community.

Those are not easy problems, and it is heartening — uplifting even — to see residents rise to the occasion and make

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California's organic waste law isn't perfect, but pressing pause is the wrong move

Progress has never been achieved by pressing pause.

In June, the Little Hoover Commission suggested that California's short-lived pollutant reduction law, Senate Bill 1383, a first-of-its-kind legislation aimed at reducing organic waste in landfills, should be paused.

However, the commission's recommendation is shortsighted. Despite some of the bill's limitations, it is one of the largest of 33 bills across 12 states that aims to reduce wasted food and ban unsold products from entering landfills. It is also one of the country's best.

Still, no bill is above improvement. SB 1383 has gaps that make it challenging for businesses and governments to comply. But there are also solutions. Making amendments to modernize the bill and create an equitable, sustainable solution is the necessary path forward.

Giving up is not.

Beyond deterring efforts to tackle wasted food and feed hungry people, a pause on this legislation sends a message that this isn't a priority for California. The commission is essentially saying it's okay to scrap the bill because it's not perfect. This would be a mistake for a state that throws away 6 million tons of food annually.

Those who have already made investments would also be disproportionately affected by a pause. The Little Hoover Commission reported that half of the 540 participating local jurisdictions were in compliance as of January 2022. Yet, CalRecycle Director Rachel Machi Wagoner recently noted that many more have made significant progress with 70% of jurisdictions now having residential collection programs in place.

If the law was paused, what message would it send to Californians and jurisdictions that have invested significant resources, funding and time into meeting the requirements? What message would it send to innovative companies that have invested untold amounts of money to help these jurisdictions, businesses and residents comply? Well, perhaps that their investments were not warranted and they would have been better off remaining noncompliant with state law.

Diverting organic material from landfills is one of the fastest way to address climate change given that organics-driven methane is up to 80 times more potent in warming the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Casting doubt on whether this is achievable ignores the fact that doing nothing with a pause harms us all.

This is not to say SB 1383 is perfect. Currently, businesses with broader environmental, social and governance goals are often limited to utilizing landfill diversion resources prescribed by their jurisdictions. Even if businesses want to choose a more environmentally preferable option, the law prevents them from accessing new pathways that emerged in California since the law was enacted.

The state should more clearly affirm the right of all businesses to choose services that suit their own cost structure, waste prevention and carbon-reduction strategy – currently unavailable to most small businesses. Many small businesses are unintentionally disadvantaged because they cannot participate in the decarbonization movement to the same extent a larger company can with its own self-hauling and logistics network.

SB 1383 is also over-reliant on composting, which is an acceptable organic waste solution in residential areas, but not suited for greater quantities of commercial food waste.

Instead, waste generators – and especially the commercial waste generators SB 1383 focuses on – should be able to choose from a suite of landfill diversion, waste prevention, resource recovery and renewable energy creation tools. Many commercial businesses want to ensure that contaminants and microplastics aren't reintroduced into the food supply chain through composting. Other commercial businesses want to do more than simply capture methane through composting – they want to replace fossil fuels by transforming nutrients that remain in wasted food into carbon negative renewable energy. These organizations are often told they don't have authority to pay for alternatives to the composting program their local jurisdiction sets up for them.

Whenever this country has advanced reform, it has done so through legislation and incentives, but it has also been most successful in allowing for flexibility to spur innovation. In the wake of the largest existential crisis of our time, climate change, California cannot press pause.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Oscar Santiago selected as new Finance Department director

City Manager David White announced the appointment of Oscar Santiago as director of the Finance Department.

Raised in Santa Monica, Santiago has worked for the city for more than 32 years in various departments, most recently serving as budget manager overseeing the operations, policy development and implementation of the budget and procurement divisions.



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OSCAR SANTIAGO

Santiago's appointment follows the retirement announcement earlier this year of Gigi Decavalles-Hughes.

As finance director, Santiago will lead a team of 67 staff in six divisions, including Budget, Financial Operations, Procurement, Revenue and Risk Management. He will oversee the development of an annual citywide budget of $745 million, ensuring the continuation of public services to residents, visitors and businesses through the protection of financial resources.

"Oscar brings a wealth of institutional knowledge and skill to the finance director role," White said. "His unique perspective and insights will be a tremendous benefit to Santa Monica as we continue to push full steam ahead in our economic recovery."

During his tenure at the city, Santiago has also served as a senior administrative analyst for the former Community & Cultural Services Department, a principal budget analyst in the Finance Department and principal administrative analyst and administrative services officer for the Information Services Department, leading administrative and fiscal functions for those departments.

Santiago's extensive experience includes budget management, strategic financial planning, collaborative and inclusive team leadership, innovation and leading programs and initiatives that address council and city priorities with a community-focused approach.

"I grew up in Santa Monica, and was a direct recipient of city services, so I know first-hand the kind of impact the services we provide has on an individual's quality of life," Santiago said. "The stewardship of public funds is a critical component to the wellbeing of our community, a responsibility that I take seriously. I look forward to continuing to serve the community and the city organization in this new role."

Santiago holds a bachelor's degree in economics from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a master's in public administration from California State University, Northridge.

He will start as director on Dec. 27, with an annual salary of $223,836.

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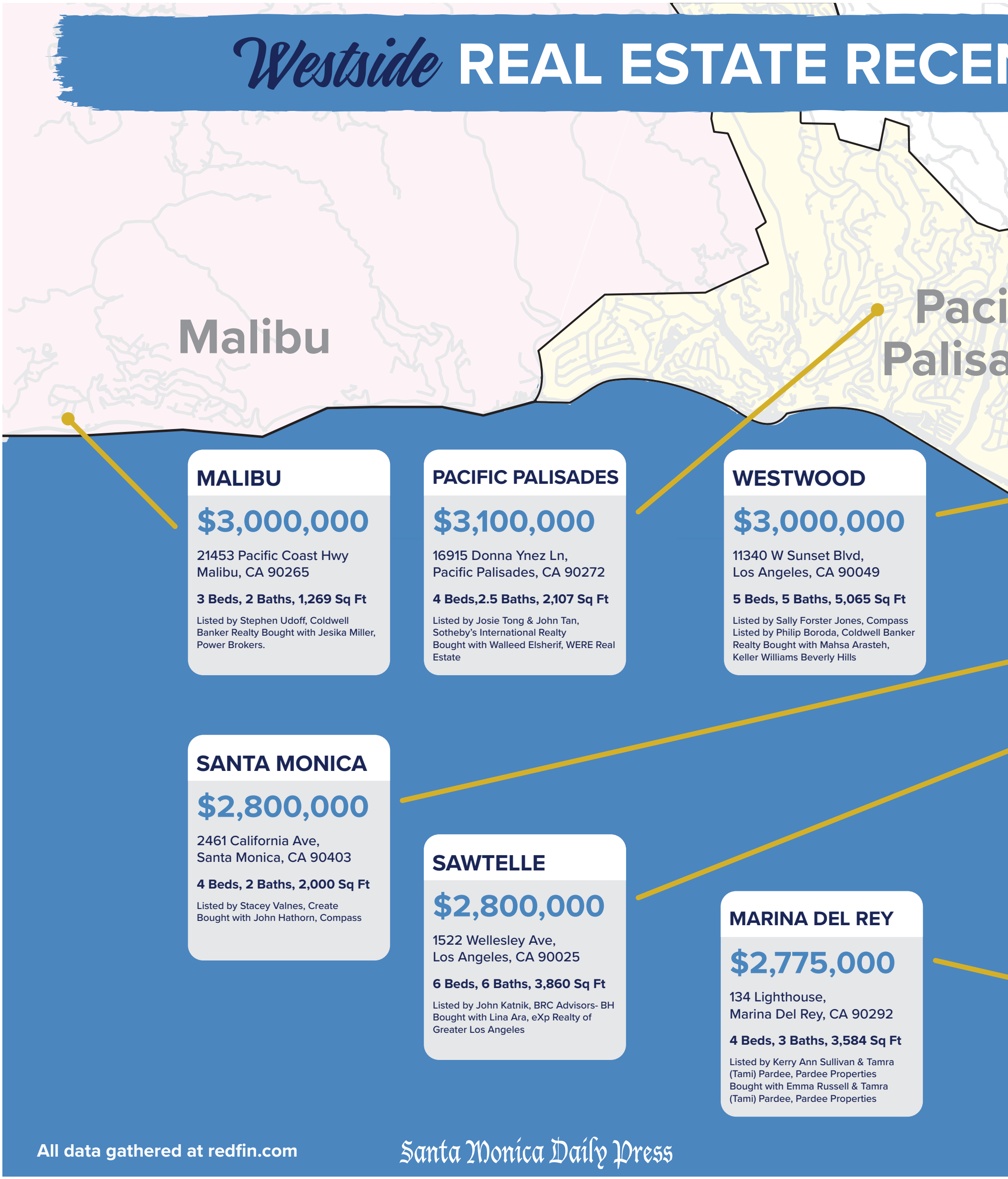
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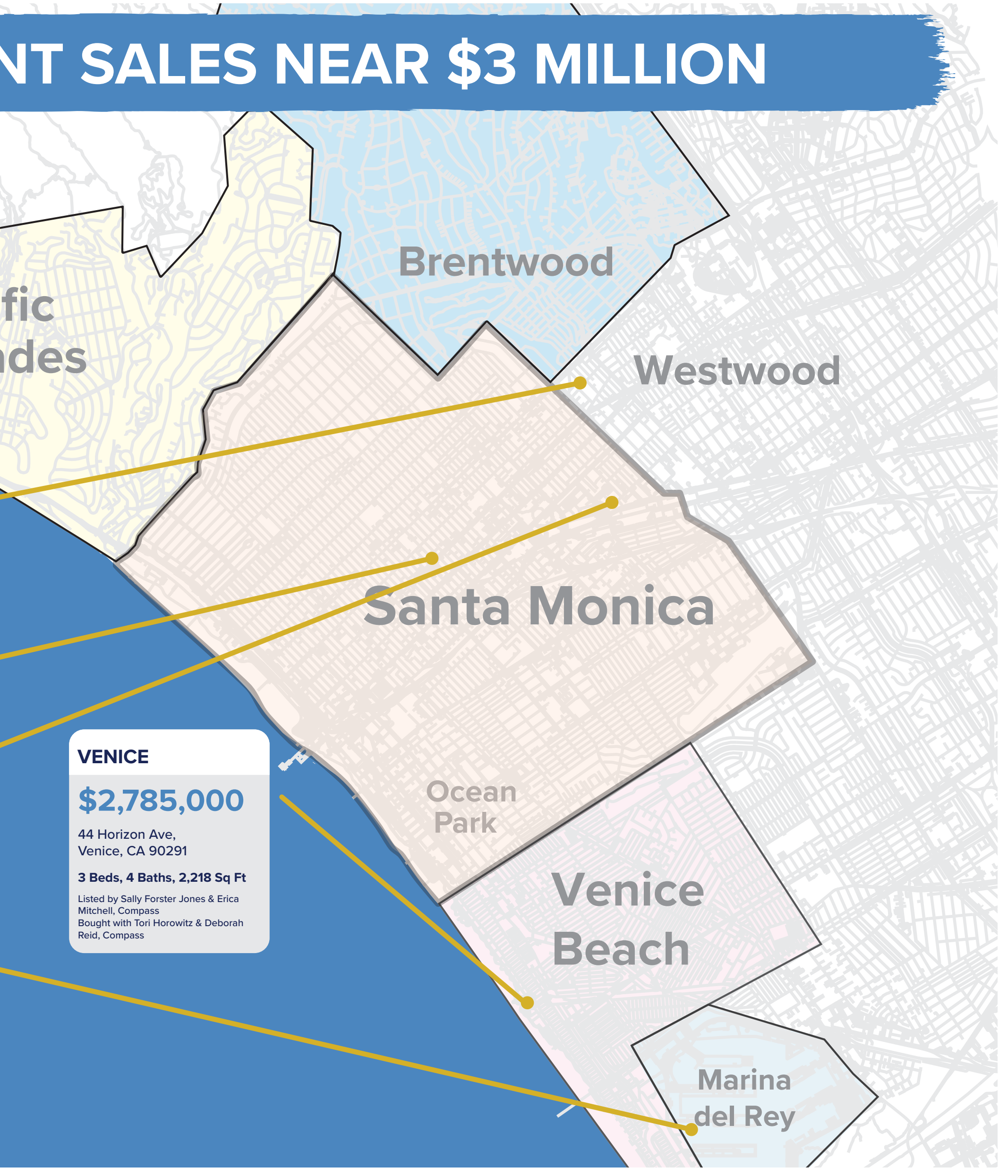
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Locals pay tribute with Dia de Los Muertos decor










Thomas Leffler

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: Wednesday featured several Dia de Los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead, celebrations throughout Santa Monica. At the famed carousel at the Santa Monica Pier, guests were able to honor loved ones who have passed on by contributing personal photographs in communal altars, part of the Pier's "Return of the Monarch" themed exhibit. The Santa Monica History Museum also had a pop-up exhibit with altars created by local high school students, with students from Santa Monica High School and Venice High School contributing. The exhibit at the museum will remain up for viewing through Nov. 17.

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COMMISSIONS

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in a statement. "In the interim, we will ask the court to reduce the damages awarded by the jury."

Williams said it will likely be several years before the case is resolved.

But already the NAR and several real estate brokerages are facing another lawsuit over agent commission rules. Fresh off winning the verdict in the 2019 case, the lawyers filed a new class-action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri that seeks class-action status covering anyone in the U.S. who sold a home in the last five years. It names the trade association and seven brokerage companies, including Redfin Corp., Weichert Realtors and Compass Inc.

"What's at issue nationwide is costing Americans about $60 billion in extra real estate commissions," said Michael Ketchmark, one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the lawsuits.

The focus of the lawsuits is an NAR rule that requires that home sellers offer to pay the commission for the agent representing the homebuyer when they advertise their property on a local Multiple Listings Service, where a majority of U.S. homes are listed for sale. This is in addition to also having to cover the commission for their listing agent or broker.

The NAR's rules also prohibit a buyer's agent from making home purchase offers contingent on the reduction of their commission, according to the complaint.

"Defendants' conspiracy forces home sellers to pay a cost that, in a competitive market and were it not for defendants' anticompetitive restraint, would be paid by the buyer," the plaintiffs argued in the lawsuit filed Tuesday.

Plaintiffs also claim that the NAR requirement effectively keeps commissions for a homebuyer's agent artificially high.

If NAR's "Mandatory Offer of Compensation Rule" were not in place, then homebuyers would foot the bill for their agent's commission, which would open the door for competition — and lower commissions — among agents vying to represent a homebuyer, the plaintiffs contend.

The NAR argues that the practice of listing brokers making offers of compensation to buyer brokers is best for consumers.

"It gives the greatest number of buyers a chance to afford a home and professional representation, while also giving sellers access to the greatest number of buyers," Williams said.

The NAR spokesman also noted that the trade association's policies have always required that an offer of agent compensation be made without specifying an amount, adding that it could be as little as $1 or even a penny.

In July, the independent Bright MLS, which covers some states in the eastern part of the country, changed the rules so that it's OK for a home listed in that region's MLS to not include an offer of agent compensation at all. That still falls within NAR's guidelines.

"In addition, regardless of the offer, those offers are always negotiable," Williams said.

As home prices have soared in recent years, pushing the national median sales price to $394,300 as of September, so have agents' commissions.

"Today, what effectively happens is the buyer agent's commissions are added to the sale price of the house, inflating the sale price," said Stephen Brobeck, senior fellow at the Consumer Federation of America. "If sellers no longer had to pay the buyer agents, there wouldn't be that inflation and buyers could negotiate the commission down and they would end up paying less money."

Typically, the home seller pays their listing agent, who then splits the commission with the buyer's agent according to the NAR rules. Traditionally, that works out to a 5% to 6% commission split roughly evenly between the buyer's and seller's agents.

Such commissions are justified, given the professionalism agents offer their clients and the hefty expenses they often incur in preparing to sell a home, including costs for staging, marketing, photography, lock boxes and even cleaning, said Matthew Shelton, a Kansas City area real estate agent.

"Never have I had a seller even bat an eye or question a commission," he said. "If somebody takes control and limits what commissions can be charged that would be more concerning, you know, if they put a cap on anything. I don't think that that's accurate or correct."

The 2019 lawsuit originally also included Anywhere Real Estate Inc. and Re/Max, but the two companies reached a settlement agreement, which included Anywhere paying $83.5 million, Re/Max paying $55 million, and the pair agreeing to pull back on their relationships with NAR.

Homebuyers and sellers aren't likely to see any immediate change in the way agent commissions for homes listed on the MLS are typically handled, as the NAR has vowed to appeal Tuesday's verdict.

However, the industry will be watching for what the court will do next now that the jury has spoken.

"What's critical is how far the court orders the industry to restructure their compensation and offers," Brobeck said. "The real solution is for buyers to be able to finance the buyer-agent commissions as part of their mortgages .... But there are regulatory barriers to that occurring right now — regulatory barriers that are strongly supported by the industry."

In a blog post Tuesday, Redfin CEO Glenn Kelman noted that it may take days or weeks for the judge to decide what structural changes the jury's verdict will entail, and possibly years of court appeals.

"For now, the initial size of the damages alone will ensure major change," he wrote.

Last month, Redfin announced it would mandate that its brokers and agents withdraw from NAR membership, citing partly the trade association's requirement of a fee for the buyer's agent on all listings.

The agent commission lawsuits aren't the first time that the residential real estate industry has drawn scrutiny about the impact its rules have on competition.

The Justice Department filed a complaint in 2020 against the NAR, alleging it established and enforced rules and policies that illegally restrained competition in residential real estate services. The government withdrew a proposed settlement agreement in 2021, saying the move would allow it to conduct a broader investigation of NAR's rules and conduct.

Associated Press writer Michelle Chapman in New York and Heather Hollingsworth in Kansas City contributed to this report.

REAL ESTATE

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However, the possibilities for a remapped landscape are as varied as who you ask.

Brian Maser of The Condo Experts said some of the players have already begun moving away from the National Association of Realtors and may try to form their own regional alternatives to the established listing services.

"The big companies like Zillow and Redfin, you know, have been struggling to compete with the Realtors because that's where the bigger dollars are. So they charge fees to get on their websites and they try to bring the pool of everyone to them, so they can get a piece of that commission," he said.

He said that trend may accelerate.

"Redfin and Zillow, they're going to try to grow their own services and really grab market share and be the leading source. That is one effect that we see, which puts a lot of pressure on us Realtors because we don't know where to go. We're trying to represent our sellers in the best light."

Fallout from the decision could include a reduction in the number of individuals working in the real estate industry if buyers become more discerning in their choice of Realtor due to paying their own bills.

Winston Cenac, Designated Broker with Bulldog Realtors in the States said reducing the guaranteed payments to buying agents doesn't guarantee better outcomes for buyers.

He said that buyer's agents bring value to the transaction in any number of ways. They may be vastly more adept at finding homes for sale that meet the client's needs or they may be astute negotiations or have experience spotting hidden costs.

Those skills have value that is worth compensation and if that compensation were to decrease, clients would receive a lower quality of service. That, in turn, could cause buyers long-term problems if they were to overpay for a property or find themselves stuck with disastrous repair costs.

"The larger point is buyer's (agents) provide a useful service and it's very hard for a buyer to know in the beginning how good a buyer's agent is going to be," he said. "The current system can really reward a good buying agent for performance," he said.

Maser said younger, less experienced or perhaps less qualified Realtors may find themselves forced out of the industry if they can't convince potential buyers of their worth.

While avoiding poor quality representation is a boon to buyers, he said appropriately compensating a buying agent could be cheaper in the long run for home owners than skimping on commissions up front.

"You know the value we provide to our buyers and for our sellers is we know if you make a bad decision purchasing a home or you don't do the proper due diligence can be a huge hit to you financially," he said. "You buy a condo, you buy a house, and you don't have a professional person representing you that doesn't know what they're doing and all of a sudden now you are liable for a couple hundred thousand dollars of damages for the property you bought that you didn't even know was going to come down the line in a year."

Local experts said that no matter what might happen down the line, the current status quo will remain for the foreseeable future.

Cenac said many professionals are still coming to grips with the ruling.

"They're still trying to digest it and it is being appealed and we have said 'look, if something is going to happen to affect the system ,we're still 4 or 5 years away', we don't know the exact time but it's pretty distant to most people," he said. "A few agents have asked us about it but most of the agent community is still trying to digest it because it's pretty far removed from the way the system is working in California today."

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CITY COUNCILS

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their case.

All of which was then dashed by the other truth of today's Los Angeles City Council in action: As with other local governments in California, it has been taken hostage by a handful of grotesque commenters whose only interest is in spewing hatred and disrupting the proceedings.

One such "participant" pulled a fire alarm, which apparently is such a common occurrence that no one even reacted – they just waited for it to end and then went on with business.

A few minutes later, one man, accompanied by his dog and wearing a swastika emblem, took to the podium to rant about Jews and Palestinians. He may have had a point – it was hard to tell – but if so, it was lost in his invective and his continual resort to flipping off the council and its lawyer.

Another man used his time to speak through a puppet he carried on his right hand. He spoke in puppet gibberish laced with racism. Who knew puppets could be so vile?

To be clear: These demonstrators are not acting out with purpose. They're clowns who have turned public comment into a stage for self-absorption.

Disruptive speech is not unique to the Los Angeles City Council. Similar annoyances have dogged governing bodies in Sacramento, San Diego, Ventura and across the Bay Area. But it's shocking no matter where or when it occurs.

And it has a cost. On the day I visited, those who came to make their points about the proposed apartment complex in Lincoln Heights took a morning off work or otherwise interrupted their lives to appeal to their government. They abided by the rules and addressed the council in an earnest attempt to govern themselves. Some of them were worried, even mad, and they had every right to expect to be heard by those who are supposed to represent them.

They did their best, in the great tradition of participatory democracy, one that stretches across modern American history, from the Port Huron Statement to last week's meeting of the Los Angeles City Council. They argued and presented and appealed. Only to be followed by a racist jerk with a puppet.

These are contentious times, of course, and the examples in Washington, D.C., are hardly helpful. But there is nobility in local government. Would that the city council of America's second-largest city could get back to the nobility, if not for its own sake, then for those who rely on it.

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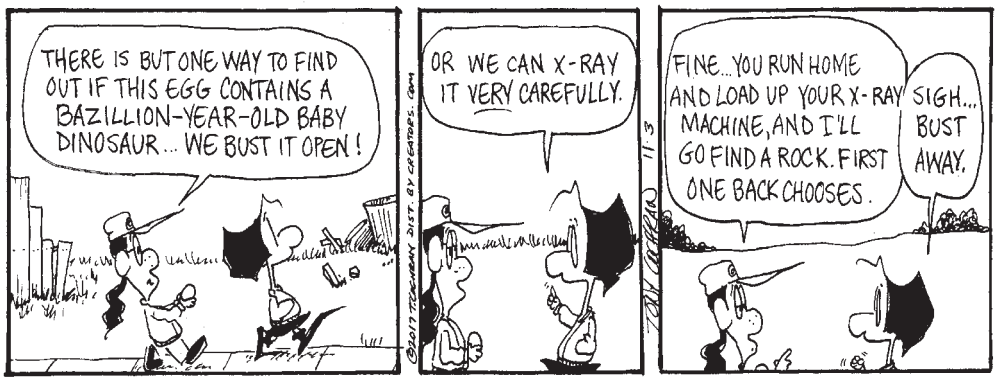
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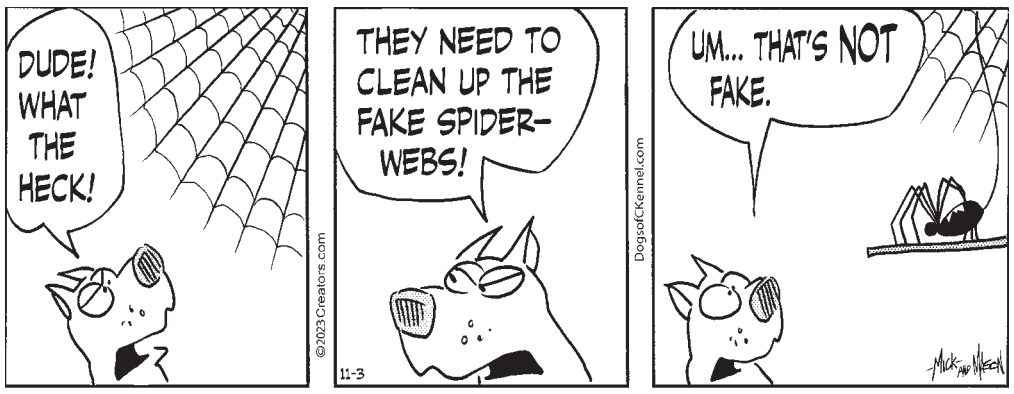
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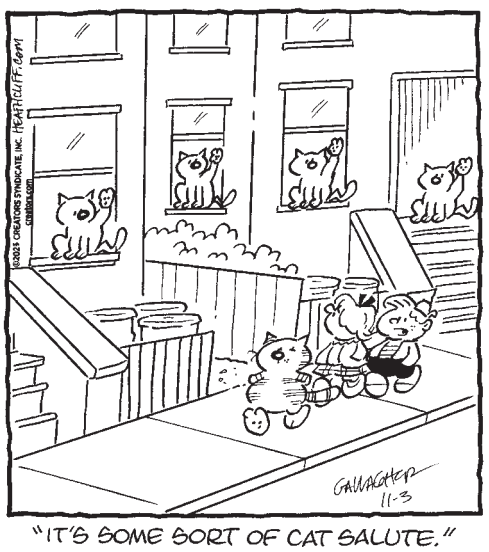
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"IT'S SOME SORT OF CAT SALUTE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

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R	I	E	W	E	M	U	H	B	G	L	E	B	E	K
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Aberdeen	Cook	Hume Weir	Repton
Appin	Dubbo	Junee	Ryde
Baan Baa	Eden	Kempsey	Scone
Bananas	Edith	Largs	Taree
Bega	Eungai	Lawson	Wagga
Bell	Fitzroy	Leura	Walgett
Bondi	Falls	Lismore	Waratah
Boro	Forbes	Newcastle	Wyong
Coal	Glebe	Nowra	Yamba
Colo	Gold	Orange	Yass
Competitive	Henty	Raleigh	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 3)

You'll be guided by three significant visions. Don't wait for anyone to tap you as the leader. Declare yourself. You have talent, drive and a purpose that will serve the good of many. More highlights: celebration, laughter, community and education. You'll be deeply loved and thoroughly understood, and you'll know it with certainty. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 5, 14, 6 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't have to do an A+ job on every task and in fact it would be unwise to try. You'll recognize what's important to you, give your best energy to it and win the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While some of your thinking will be purposeful, featuring a beautiful idea or two, you will also have thoughts that are dubious, fearful and overall unhelpful. Tune into your heart. Your heart will bring order to the mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've so much love to give and today it radiates from you in many forms, including the words of encouragement you lend, your friendly smile and your other smile with all the mischief in it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). These rests you take with the intention of restoring yourself, however brief they may be, will contribute to an overall peace and well-being. Solace is the stillness that is, strangely, also movement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What people think about you does affect you, so of course you care about it, but just not that much. Your emphasis now is on what you need to accomplish to satisfy your own requirements of yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No matter where you are on the ladder of knowledge, there are people who know more than you and people who know less. There is always someone to learn from, and someone to teach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a zest that is utterly personal, and the impact you make with it will be unmistakably your own. You're mostly concerned with making things interesting for you and everyone, and your style springs from that impulse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fear will dissipate once you decide there's something much more important at stake. Purpose doesn't just pull you through; it elevates you like an airplane flying above the storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Life has at times been harsh on you. Now you'll seize the opportunity to give what you wished you'd been given. You'll succeed in the endeavor. Humanity is elevated one personal interaction at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're tired of being constantly marketed to. You can drown out the persuasion of the world by getting more serious about self-influencing. Surround yourself with the motivational symbols and messages to inspire your best work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may feel stuck and still have no idea how exactly you're being blocked. It's like you've come to a door with an obstacle on the other side preventing you from opening it. Investigate and negotiate to free things up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though being kind can require very little effort, sometimes people are too preoccupied to notice their opportunities for benevolence. Your example will serve as a guide and reminder.

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

2	5	6	7	8	1	3	4	9
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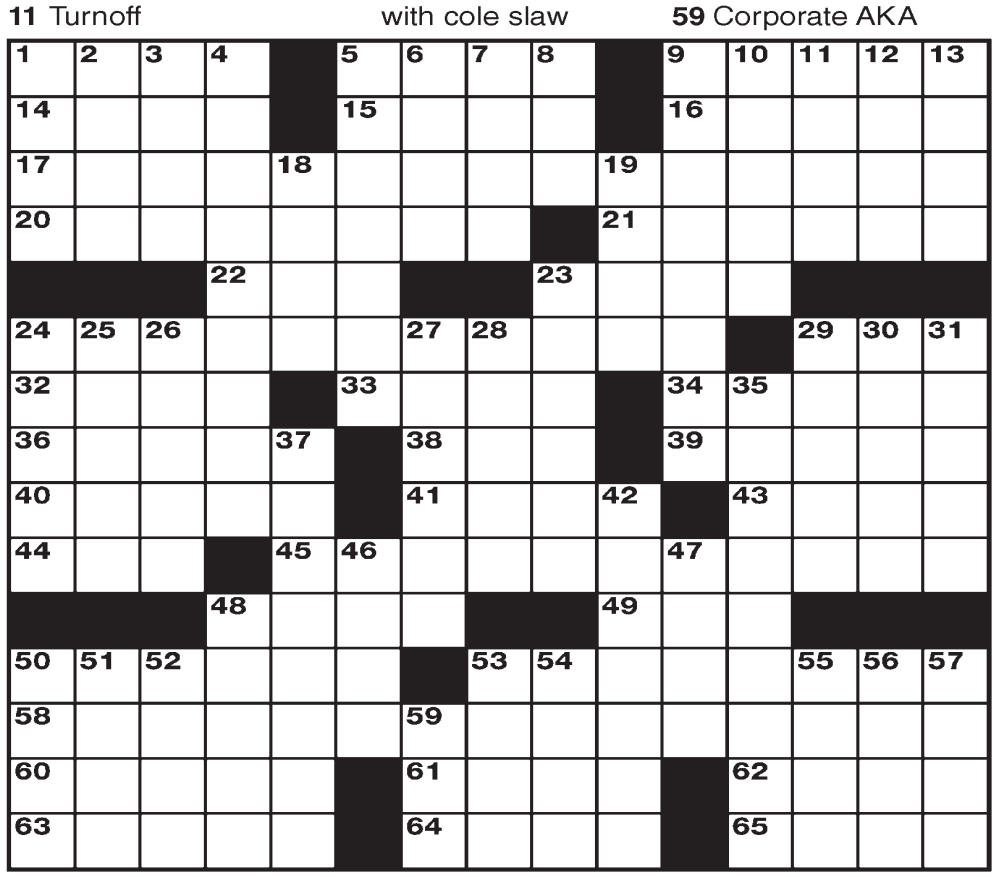
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ACROSS

1 __ Mac (laptop choice)
5 Commando arms
9 In the offing
14 Okey follower
15 Settle in snugly
16 Mexican silver city
17 *American Graffiti* auto
20 Most out of it
21 Stood by
22 NHL's Ducks
23 Inclination
24 Ivy's center
29 Laura Bush alma mater
32 Smoothie flavor
33 Word with stage or storm
34 Hurricane's origin
36 Athlete's on-air greeting
38 Babe in the woods
39 __ Mrs.
40 Treasure
41 Another: Sp.
43 Parisian possessive
44 ID with dashes
45 Aerial Antarctic explorer
48 Of the people
49 Play that introduced "robot"
50 It's not really there
53 Something comparable
58 French avant-garde painter
60 Minimal
61 Google alternative
62 Tour org.
63 Poet from Florence
64 Professionals' grp.
65 Have the look of

DOWN

1 Web manuals, often
2 Condo kin
3 Southern fried fare
4 Salmon product
5 Not listened to
6 Helen's father
7 Fails to be
8 No-frills, for short
9 Properly, for a lottery drawing
10 See 54 Down
11 Turnoff
12 Part of some parcels
13 __-Frank Act
18 Jukebox musical with "Proud Mary"
19 Fancy jug
23 Yentl portrayer
24 Laughter
25 Lab supplies
26 Home inspector's concern
27 Spider-Man opponent
28 Early days
29 Disreputable
30 Posh dwelling
31 Reversed
35 Seafood served with cole slaw
37 Disparage
42 Accuse formally
46 A.J. Soprano portrayer
47 Mind-numbing
48 Goethe play
50 Amalgam
51 Cranial concoction
52 Speckled steed
53 Airport counter tenant
54 With 10 Down, ecclesiastical attire
55 Show astonishment
56 Inner incentive
57 Dutch export
59 Corporate AKA



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FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 3

LA COUNTY VACCINE CLINIC
Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Boulevard, Venice, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ TRIP
20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Trip Santa Monica, 2101 Lincoln Blvd. Free—Free admission. Prizes for the top five teams.

SMC APPLIED MUSIC SHOWCASE
Performing Art Center, John Adams Middle School, 2425 16th Street, 7:30 p.m. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php

LETTERS OF LIFE
An art installation spanning through Nov. 3 where organizers ask members of the community to share their favorite Pier memories, photographs, and anecdotes of family and friends who have passed. These memories will decorate our space via digital murals that surround the historic 101-year-old Carousel and will be displayed over the course of the celebration. Submit online at https://www.santamonicapier.org/dia-de-los-muertos-2023

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 4

SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT
Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with free performances by world-class artists. Started in 2016 by librarian, author, and musician Jeff Schwartz with composer Daniel Rothman, and funded by the Santa Monica Public Library, Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, and the Amphion Foundation, Soundwaves has collaborated with presenters including the Angel City Jazz Festival, Microfest, PianoSpheres, Jacaranda Music, the Dog Star Orchestra Festival, the Santa Monica Department of Cultural Affairs, and Cold Blue Music. Trio Through the Looking Glass, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

HISTORY TALKS: THE IMPACT OF YIDDISH THEATRE
West Los Angeles Regional Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles. 3 - 4:30 p.m. https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/history-talks-impact-yiddish-theatre-0

FESTIVAL OF 10-MINUTE PLAYS
Studio Stage, Theatre Arts Complex, SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. 7 p.m. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php

HUMAN LIBRARY
Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MARINE PARK CG COMMUNITY COMPOSTING
Join organizers at the newest of our Community Gardens, located along the Southwest side of the tennis courts at Marine Park as they start talking about Community Composting. A perfect time to bring your moldy Jack-o-Lanterns or Kitchen Scraps and check out how you can help turn them into beautiful compost locally. Don't have any to bring? Join organizers for a cup of coffee and check out the garden. To learn more about the event, please contact Isabel Filson at Isabel.Filson@Santamonica.gov. Marine Park is located at 1406 Marine Street. 10 - 11 a.m.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5

GOAT YOGA IN THE PARK
Goat Yoga is "baaaa"ck! Marine Park (Next to the Tennis Courts) 1406 Marine St. 9:30 - 11 a.m. $39. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-in-the-park-november-5th-at-930am-tickets-730865146327

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK HUNGER WALK
Grab your walking shoes! Westside Food Bank's Hunger Walk is happening on Nov. 5th at 12 p.m. at Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, Santa Monica, CA 90405). https://my.wsfb.org/event/hunger-walk/e507935

THE GIRLS TALKIN' – A BFF 2023 BINGE FRINGE FESTIVAL OF FREE EVENT
It's the 8th Annual BFF Binge Fringe Festival of FREE Theatre, Oct 15 - Nov 19, the only FREE Fringe Festival in the nation, offering 38 in-person plays, workshops and family-oriented events. The owner of a boutique bra shop trains her newest team member about the bras, the women who wear them and their relationship with their breasts. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St, https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/the-bff-calendar-of-events.html

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 6

KIDS' STORY WORKSHOP WITH ZEENA PLISKA
In celebration of National Novel Writing Month, author and LAUSD teacher Zeena Pliska leads a workshop for young people in story crafting, using art materials to excavate the heart of the story. Students can expect to write the beginnings of their own story. For grades 4-6. Limited space. Email library@santamonica.gov to register. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

MEMORY MATTERS: CARING FOR YOUR BRAIN
Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

JOHN STAMOS IN CONVERSATION WITH JOSH PECK
Television, film and Broadway theatre actor John Stamos talks about his memoir IF YOU WOULD HAVE TOLD ME to actor, writer and podcast host Josh Peck. John's memoir is a universal story about friendship, love and loss. It is, of course, filled with some of the most memorable names in Hollywood, but is at its core, a brutally honest yet funny and poignant portrait. $48 to $70 — including general admission, signed book & virtual viewing. Moss Theatre, 3131 Olympic Blvd. 8 - 9:30 p.m. https://livetalksla.org/events/john-stamos/

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 7

GAME DAY FOR KIDS & FAMILY
Celebrate International Games Month by playing board games at the library. Explore new adventures, solve murders, and give your heart to a princess. Family session for ages 3-9. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

GRAPHIC NOVEL READING CLUB
Online discussion of Fullmetal Alchemist Vol. 1 by Hiromu Arakawa. 11:15 a.m. https://smc-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtdOmqrT0jHtepD1qecVWMzystsnPSccc1#/registration

CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE PANEL
Learn first-hand information and practical advice from healthcare industry professionals. All SMC majors welcome! This event is co-sponsored by the Career Services Center and the Pre-Health Professional Association (PHPA). If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please email dsps@smc.edu or call 310-434-4265 at least 5 business days prior to the event. 11:15 a.m. https://smc-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtdO-uqzIrGtHH6PFNuiqdaWgX9EBFQMit#/registration

LA MADE: SOUND BATH MEDITATION
Sound bathing is a form of meditation, a massage for your brain, using crystal bowls, drums, elemental chimes, and other modalities. The frequency of sound transmutes and relaxes the subconscious to lighten our psyche. After a sound bath, you can expect to leave feeling lighter, more at ease, and deeply connected to the world around you. This vibrational healing technique is especially beneficial when we realize that everything is vibration. So when we begin to heal ourselves at a vibrational level, we are healing ourselves at the most basic root of existence. 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 8

COMPUTER CLASS - TIPS FOR ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING
TIPS FOR ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING - Find the deals and avoid the scams. Learn tips for getting the most bang for your buck online this holiday season. All levels. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

STUART HOUSE: PRESENTS SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
Conversations around body safety should happen in every family and can be done with ease and without fear or discomfort. Come discover how you can start this conversation with your child today.
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Register online at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcuqsrDgqHtLiKAtSs2o8RrPgjHcK2m33#/registration 6 - 7 p.m.

VENICE BACKGAMMON CLUB WITH LIVE JAZZ
This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, 8 p.m. $20.

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 9

ICE AT SANTA MONICA GRAND OPENING
Come take part in the fun and festivities all under the starlit Santa Monica sky! Join us for an enchanting evening of free ice skating after the ceremony-a perfect way to kick off winter!Free skate from 5-9:30PM Groove to the coolest beats spun by our talented DJ while you skate. Corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue

REFRAME: CITY HALL MURAL - OPEN HOUSE AND COMMUNITY MIXER
Join organizers in the Historic Santa Monica City Hall for a public preview of findings from the Reframe: City Hall Mural project community engagement phase and to celebrate the months-long process. Meet the organizers and public participants in the project, view art in the lobby and the "Lives that Bind" exhibition in City Hall East, and meet fellow residents and interested stakeholders. Learn about the recommendations that arose from the process before they're presented to City Council for consideration in early 2024. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and to tell us how you would like to be involved in the next phases of the project. This will be a casual evening of connection and celebration with light refreshments and good conversation. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 6 - 8 p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reframe-city-hall-mural-open-house-and-community-mixer-tickets-744635624197

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

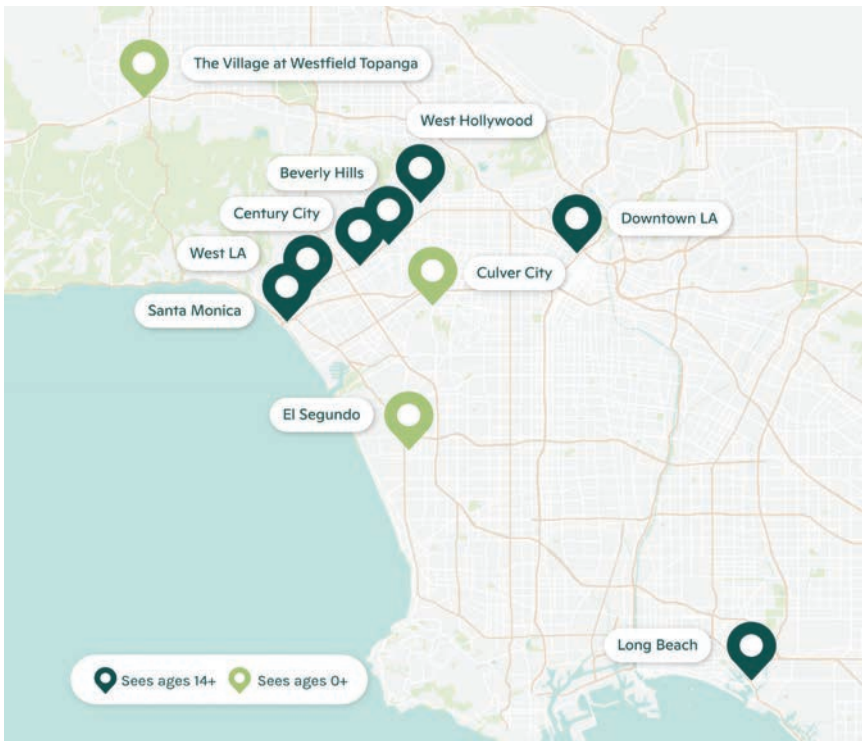
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