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"I DO NOT think [lithium-ion batteries] should be in anybody's backyard," says Christina Weyer, who cares for equines in Acton.

A threat to Acton's serenity?

Fire-prone town's residents fear what will happen if planned energy storage sites burn

BY JACLYN COSGROVE

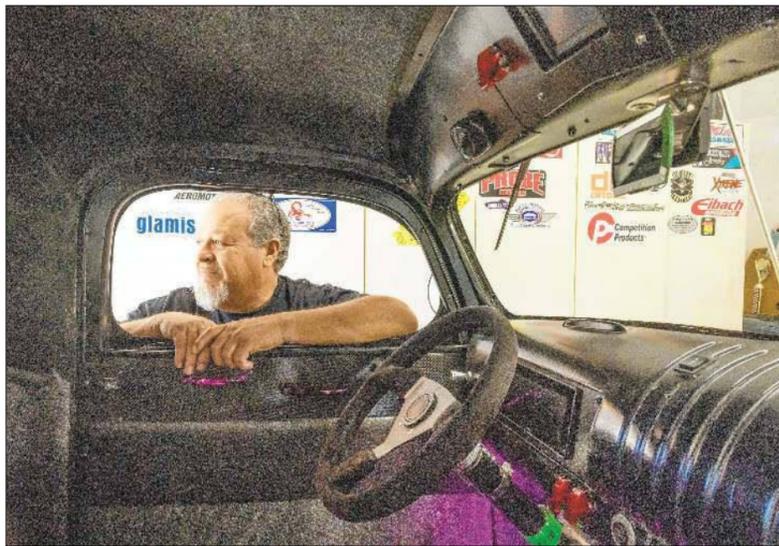
On five acres in Acton, Christina Weyer and her husband care for rescued senior and special-needs equines. At the moment, six horses and 13 donkeys, along with a dog and a clutter of feral cats, share the property.

In this dry, windswept rural landscape dotted with homes and ranches about 50 miles from downtown Los Angeles, wildfires have always been a threat. Insurers have recently raised premiums to what residents say are unaffordable levels, as climate change worsens the frequency and intensity of the blazes.

With a proposal to build a 12-acre lithium-ion battery storage facility, as well as another plan for a similar facility on 68 acres, residents such as Weyer worry that their slice of rural tranquility could be ruined.

Many fear what would happen if a wildfire from the nearby Angeles National Forest spreads to the battery sites, sending toxic chemicals into the air and potentially threatening the groundwater.

Save Our Rural Town, which advocates for rural communities in the Antelope Valley, is suing the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, which governs the unincorporated community of about 7,300, to stop the 12-acre battery proposal from Chicago-based Hecate Energy. Several Acton residents have donated thou- [See Acton, A6]



STEVE KAPLAN, a retired elevator inspector who has lived in Acton for 28 years, says he'll move if a battery energy storage facility comes to town.

1,700 vacant jobs cut in L.A. budget

City Council passes a \$12.8-billion plan that adds 574 police officers, with three progressives opposed.

BY DAVID ZAHNISER

The Los Angeles City Council has signed off on Mayor Karen Bass' \$12.8-billion budget, cutting 1,700 vacant positions and engaging in a back-and-forth over police spending.

In a 12-3 vote, the council on Thursday approved a spending plan that eliminates the positions at agencies responsible for animal shelters, public works, transportation programs, cultural activities, maintenance of city buildings and many other services. The cuts are not expected to result in layoffs.

The reductions were needed, in large part, to cover a series of pay increases for much of the city workforce — police officers and civilian employees, including gardeners, clerks, mechanics, custodians, librarians and others, according to the budget analysts. The raises were negotiated by Bass and the council over the last year with the unions that represent those employees.

"There's no sugarcoating the reality that we face next year," said Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, who heads the five-member budget committee. "Services will remain stagnant at best, because we will be operating under a bare-bones budget."

Councilmembers Nithya Raman, Hugo Soto-Martinez and Eunisses Hernandez — the leftmost end of the council — all voted no, voicing dismay over the spending reductions.

Hernandez, who represents part of the Eastside, [See Budget, A6]



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

UCLA experts are working to create a freely available, ethically sourced road map to the entire body that eclipses a Nazi-tainted anatomy text long used by doctors.

In medicine, an answer to a Nazi evil

BY EMILY ALPERT REYES

As Dr. Kalyanam Shivkumar pondered how to fix the human heart, he was given a gift laced with horror.

Shivkumar, a cardiac electrophysiologist known as "Shiv" to friends and co-workers at UCLA, was trying

to better understand the intricate details of nerves in the chest. He hoped doing so might help him improve treatments for cardiac arrhythmias — aberrant rhythms of the heart — that can prove dangerous and even deadly.

A Canadian colleague sent him a set of anatomy

books renowned for the beauty and detail of their drawings, but tipped him off that the "atlas" had an appalling history.

Shivkumar was aghast to learn it was the work of an ardent Nazi whose Vienna institute had dissected the bodies of prisoners, many [See Anatomy, A10]

LAPD review links two anti-gang units accused of corruption in Valley

BY LIBOR JANY AND RICHARD WINTON

As Los Angeles police internal investigators dig deeper into one of the bigger scandals in recent department history, they have uncovered links between two troubled anti-gang units in the San Fernando Valley, law enforcement sources told The Times.

When the controversy spilled into public view in August — with officers accused of illegally searching and stealing from Angelenos and attempting to cover it up by turning off their body cameras — then-Chief Michel Moore said the problems appeared to be confined to the Mission Division.

But three sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they feared retaliation for dis-

cussing a pending investigation and sensitive personnel matters, said the probe had broadened to focus on a group of officers who initially worked together in another division, Foothill, which neighbors Mission to the east.

One of those officers, Alan Carrillo, last week pleaded not guilty to charges of theft and evidence tampering. He had worked on the Foothill gang squad, whose other officers have in recent years been accused of violent tactics against protesters and at least one out-of-policy shooting of an unarmed man, according to court records and sources familiar with the LAPD's ongoing investigation.

Carrillo, a six-year department veteran, is the first of several officers expected to be charged, ac- [See LAPD, A8]

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Arizona's top power couple disagree on abortion

GOP senator voted to repeal ban upheld by her husband, a high court justice. Both are on November ballot.

By FAITH E. PINHO

Before she voted to repeal Arizona's near-total abortion ban, state Sen. Shawna Bolick rose from her seat on the Senate floor to painstakingly detail one woman's three difficult pregnancies.

The first pregnancy was not viable and would require a dilatation and curettage, known as D&C — which, as the doctor informed the patient, is “like having an abortion” because tissue is removed from the uterus.

The second pregnancy resulted in a healthy baby boy, but required an emergency C-section. The third delivered a baby girl, but demanded 23 weeks of bed rest.

Then Bolick revealed the story's twist.

“I know the chronicles of these pregnancies quite intimately because they're all my own,” she said. “None of my pregnancies were easy, and none of them would have been possible without the moral support of my husband.”

And yet the Republican state senator omitted a crucial detail about her husband: that he was part of the reason she had to cast the controversial vote. Arizona Supreme Court Justice Clint Bolick was part of the court's four-seat majority that allowed enforcement of an 1864 law prohibiting abortions except when a woman's life is at risk.

“Justice Bolick made a legal construction decision. That's what judges do,” said Cathi Herrod, president of the Center for Arizona Policy and a staunch opponent of abortion. “Sen. Bolick made a policy decision. That's what state senators do. They both were carrying out the duty of the position that they hold.”

In an op-ed Tuesday in the Arizona Republic, Clint Bolick said his marriage could easily withstand his wife's vote: “That caused no marital disharmony because she is a policymaker and I am not.”

By coincidence, Justice



Arizona Capitol Television

ARIZONA Supreme Court Justice Clint Bolick administers the oath of office to his wife, state Sen. Shawna Bolick, in July 2023, a seat to which she was named.

Bolick faces a retention vote in November, just as Sen. Bolick is up for reelection. Both have already felt political backlash over the 1864 law. Will Arizona's most powerful couple in government also pay a price at the ballot box — one for permitting the abortion law, the other for ending it?

The entanglement of politics in the Bolicks' marriage stretches back long before abortion became a crucial 2024 issue in the battleground state.

After obtaining his law degree from UC Davis in 1982, Clint Bolick, 66, made a name for himself as a constitutional literalist in conservative legal circles across the country and the globe — among them, the Federalist Society and the Goldwater Institute.

“He's not your typical run-of-the-mill, you know, right-wing Republican,” said Chuck Coughlin, president of HighGround Inc., a Phoenix-based political consulting firm. “He has an intellectual basis — deep intellectual basis — for what he believes in.”

In 2004, Clint Bolick became general counsel for the Alliance for School Choice, where he joined his wife on their mission to change laws to allow parents to use taxpayer money to help pay for their children's private school education.

“I never reported directly to Clint while he was working at the Alliance ... full-

time,” Sen. Bolick wrote in a LinkedIn endorsement of her husband. “If I did I think I would've barfed — he's my husband, but also an important colleague in the school choice movement.”

The state senator, 49, declined an interview request for this story, saying in a text message, “My husband and I both value one another and have had an incredible 24 years of marriage.”

For Sen. Bolick, who describes herself on the social media site X as a wife, mom and school-choice advocate, a career in education policy led her to work in the government. Then-Gov. Doug Ducey, a fellow Republican, appointed her to the Arizona Early Childhood Education and Health Board in 2015; he appointed her husband to the state Supreme Court a year later.

She won a seat on the Arizona House of Representatives in 2018. She made a name for herself in the wake of the 2020 election, when Arizona was roiled by election denialism, by sponsoring a bill that included a provision to give state legislators the ability to overrule voters' selection. The bill died in committee.

The Washington Post reported that a couple of months earlier, Ginni Thomas, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' wife, had emailed then-Rep. Bolick asking for her to support a “clean slate of electors.”

Bolick responded with guidance for how to submit complaints about voter fraud in Arizona, the Post reported, along with the message, “I hope you and Clarence are doing great!”

The Thomases are close with the Bolicks family, according to the Post and the Arizona Mirror, which reported Justice Thomas is godparent to the Bolicks' son.

When the Arizona Capi-

tol Times in 2019 asked Shawna Bolick how she and her husband juggled their unique situation, she responded: “We don't talk much, let's just say that. Our schedules don't match up. I can't even ask him for advice, which stinks because some issues might go to him.”

Last summer, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Shawna Bolick to finish a term vacated by Sen. Steve Kaiser, a Republican who resigned amid frustrations with his party's far-right flank.

Justice Bolick administered his wife's swearing-in ceremony, she wiping away tears as he looked on with pride.

“Sweetheart, you never cease to amaze me, and I am enormously proud of you,” he said. Given their different roles, he observed, he couldn't campaign for her or offer legislative advice.

“But there are three things I can do,” he said. “First of all, is to commend you for being one of the most amazing public servants I've ever known — and I mean that in the literal and best sense of the word. Second is I can swear you in.” He paused. “And the third is that after I swear you in, I can kiss you — and I don't normally do that.”

After she swore her oath, they did.

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In a Federalist Society keynote address two years ago at Arizona's Waldorf Hotel, Justice Bolick described originalism and federalism — the division of power between national and local governments — as two of his “favorite isms.”

“We are oath-bound to give those words their original public meaning,” he said, adding, “We do not have one

constitution, we have 51 constitutions. ... We are empowered to give our constitutions a meaning that provides greater protection for individual liberty than is recognized at the federal level, but not less.”

After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade, the Arizona Legislature passed a law — which Shawna Bolick co-sponsored — that would restrict abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. But just five months after she was sworn into office as a senator, the Arizona Supreme Court took up the case examining whether the limited abortion ban superseded the 1864 law.

“Having a Supreme Court justice married to a key state legislator causes all sorts of problems,” said Paul Weich, a semiretired lawyer and close Arizona politics watcher who runs two blogs covering the state court and Legislature.

When asked by a CBS station whether he should recuse himself from the case, Justice Bolick replied: “I will recuse in any challenge to the constitutionality of a law in which I am aware that my wife was a prime sponsor or prominently identified as a supporter or opponent. Otherwise, I will not.”

“This case involves statutory interpretation and does not challenge the constitutionality of the 15-week abortion limit, and thus presents no conflict of interest,” he wrote. “I therefore have an ethical duty to participate.”

The court issued its ruling on the 1864 ban in April. In his op-ed, Justice Bolick asserted that the court's opinion was “solidly grounded in law.” He pointed to previous court decisions that he said angered activists from both parties.

“In our state, the people have the ultimate lawmaking power, including the ability to overturn our decisions,” he wrote. “But we cannot afford to have conscientious judges voted out for unpopular decisions.”

Already, activists have mounted an effort to unseat him in his upcoming retention election — an attempt the justice decried in his op-ed. Until recently, the justice said he was undecided whether he would seek retention. But he finally said he would, saying he intended to defend the judiciary's independence.

“As a judge I have never ruled on the basis of politics — apparently, to my current detriment,” he wrote. “I would rather go down in electoral flames than to compromise my constitutional oath.”

Sen. Bolick reposted her husband's article on X, writing, “Just like November 2018, I look forward to cam-

paigning to retain my husband as the only appointed independent to our state's highest court. Don't let the Left hijack our independent judiciary we have in AZ.”

Still, Justice Bolick's literalist reading of the law put his wife in a tricky predicament. Facing her first election as senator in north Phoenix, one of the most closely divided swing districts in the state, she must appeal to both to her Republican base as well as Democrats who prefer a more moderate stance on abortion.

Knowing that political reality, she stood before her colleagues May 1 in the Senate, where Republicans hold a two-seat majority, and launched into her story of three pregnancies.

Growing restless, her Republican colleagues called multiple times for a “point of order,” interrupting her speech to ask how it pertained to the matter at hand — the 1864 abortion law.

“The comments are germane because not every pregnancy is the same,” she replied.

She went on to criticize some Planned Parenthood practices before pivoting back to the proposed repeal of the law. When she said she'd vote for repeal, the chamber erupted with jeers. Gov. Katie Hobbs, a Democrat, signed the bill into law.

Bolick's opponent in the Senate race, Democratic House Rep. Judy Schwiebert, said she was “moved” by Bolick's remarks. Explaining her own passionate support for abortion access, Schwiebert cited her son and daughter-in-law; they tried to have a child through in vitro fertilization, only for the pregnancy to become nonviable and require an abortion.

But Schwiebert said she was disappointed that Bolick targeted abortion providers in her speech.

“I suppose that she was trying to thread a needle of explaining her vote to get sympathy or support from Democratic voters, but at the same time, trying to bash Planned Parenthood types of organizations, because that plays well with her base,” Schwiebert said. “So it was a little bit of a convoluted speech, unfortunately, because of that for me.”

Coughlin, of the political consulting firm in Phoenix, believed Sen. Bolick's speech was genuine but predicted it would not help her in November.

“My money's on Schwiebert winning that race,” he said.

He also predicted that a proposed ballot measure, which would enshrine abortion protections in the state constitution, would pass in Bolick's district.

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U.S. lawmaker's daughter is killed in Haiti

Missouri state Rep. Ben Baker's child and her husband are among 3 reportedly slain by gunmen.

By DÁNICA COTO AND EVENS SANON

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A Missouri state lawmaker's daughter and son-in-law were shot and killed by criminal gang members in Haiti's capital after they were abducted while leaving a youth group activity held at a church, according to a police official, the lawmaker and a religious group.

A third person also was killed during the attack Thursday evening in the community of Lizon in northern Port-au-Prince, Lionel Lazzare, head of a Haitian police union, told the Associated Press on Friday.

The slayings occurred as the capital crumbles under the relentless assault of violent gangs that control 80% of Port-au-Prince while authorities await the arrival of a police force from Kenya as part of a United Nations-backed deployment aimed at quelling gang violence in the troubled Caribbean country.

Two of the victims were a

young married missionary couple, Davy and Natalie Lloyd, according to a Facebook posting from Natalie's father, Missouri Republican state Rep. Ben Baker. The third person killed was identified by the couple's missionary group only by a first name, Jude.

“I've never felt this kind of pain,” Baker wrote on Facebook on Thursday. “Most of you know my daughter and son-in-law Davy and Natalie Lloyd are full time missionaries in Haiti. They were attacked by gangs this evening and were both killed.”

The couple worked for Missions in Haiti Inc. The Claremore, Okla., organization was founded by David and Alicia Lloyd, Davy Lloyd's parents. Natalie Lloyd's Facebook page said the couple married June 18, 2022, and she began working with the missionary organization that August. She frequently posted photos of Haitian children on her page.

The mission did not immediately respond to a request for comment. It runs a school in Lizon for more than 240 students that it opened in September 2008, according to its website.

A Facebook posting on the Missions in Haiti page late Thursday said Davy and Natalie were leaving a church with a group of children when “they were ambushed by a gang of 3 trucks

full of guys.” It said Davy Lloyd was taken to a house and beaten. Davy, Natalie and a third person, listed only as Jude, were at the house when shooting broke out, a post said: Gang members “shot all the windows out of the house and continue to shoot. Their lives are in danger.”

A mission post three hours later read: “Davy and Natalie and Jude were shot and killed by the gang about 9 o'clock this evening. We all are devastated.”

Gangs have attacked police stations, opened fire on the main international airport that remained closed for nearly three months before opening this week and stormed Haiti's two biggest prisons, releasing more than 4,000 inmates. Gangs also are blamed for killing or injuring more than 2,500 people across Haiti from January to March, a 50% increase compared with the same period last year, according to the United Nations.

In October 2021, gang members kidnapped 17 missionaries, most of them U.S. citizens. Many in the group, which included five children, were held captive for more than two months before escaping.

Then in July 2023, gangs kidnapped a U.S. nurse and her daughter from the campus of a Christian-run school near Port-au-Prince. They were released nearly

two weeks later.

The U.S. State Department has long had a “do not travel” advisory for Haiti and urges any U.S. citizens in the country to depart as soon as possible. The Department said it was aware of the recent killings and offered assistance to the family.

On the Missions for Haiti website, the founders wrote that the organization was founded in 2000. It said it aimed to help with “the country's biggest need — its children.”

“Although the entire nation is steeped in poverty, the children suffer the worst. Thousands are malnourished, uneducated, and headed for hopeless lives apart from Christ,” the website said.

A May 2023 newsletter posted on the mission website said Natalie “has been helping with the kids at the House of Compassion and assisting in our ACE school. Davy has been working on a lot of badly needed projects around our compound,” including building a laundry room and repairing bathrooms.

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A PALESTINIAN injured in the Israeli bombardment is treated at Al Aqsa Hospital in Deir al Balah, Gaza Strip, on Thursday. The International Criminal Court's ruling Friday adds to international pressure on Israel.

U.N. orders halt to Rafah assault

Israel dismisses ruling by the world body's top court to stop its military action against the Gaza city.

By **MIKE CORDER**

THE HAGUE — The top United Nations court ordered Israel on Friday to immediately halt its military operations in the southern Gaza city of Rafah — but stopped short of ordering a full cease-fire. Although Israel is unlikely to comply with the order, it will ratchet up the pressure on the increasingly isolated country.

Criticism of Israel's conduct in the war in Gaza has been growing, particularly since it turned its focus to Rafah. This week, three European countries announced they would recognize a Palestinian state, and the chief prosecutor for another international court requested arrest warrants for the top leaders of Israel and Hamas.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also under heavy pressure at home to end the war, which was triggered when Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people, most civilians, and taking some 250 captive.

About 100 hostages are still being held in Gaza in addition to the bodies of about 30 who were killed. Thousands of Israelis have joined weekly demonstrations calling on the government to reach a deal to bring the hostages home, fearing that

time is running out.

"The charges of genocide brought by South Africa against Israel at the International Court of Justice in the Hague are false, outrageous and morally repugnant," Netanyahu's government said in a statement in response to the ruling, maintaining its position that the military hasn't and won't target civilians.

Israel's offensive has killed more than 35,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its tally. The operation has obliterated entire neighborhoods, sent hundreds of thousands of people fleeing their homes and pushed parts of the territory into famine.

South Africa was able to bring its case before the International Court of Justice because it and Israel are signatories to the U.N.'s Genocide Convention, which includes a clause allowing the court to settle disputes over it.

Although the ruling is a blow to Israel's international standing, the court does not have a police force to enforce its orders. In another case on its docket, Russia has so far ignored a 2022 order by the court to halt its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

The sharply focused decision ordered a halt to the Rafah offensive, access to Gaza for war crimes investigators and a large and immediate increase of humanitarian aid to the region.

Rafah is in the southernmost Gaza Strip, on the border with Egypt, and more than 1 million people sought

refuge there in recent months after fleeing fighting elsewhere, with many of them living in tent camps. Israel has been vowing for months to invade Rafah, saying it was Hamas' last major stronghold, even as several allies warned that an all-out assault would spell disaster.

Israel started issuing evacuation orders about two weeks ago as it began assaults at the edge of the city. Since then, the army says an estimated 1 million people have fled as forces press deeper inside.

The court ordered Israel to keep the Rafah crossing open, saying that "the humanitarian situation is now to be characterized as disastrous."

Benny Gantz, a centrist member of Netanyahu's wartime Cabinet, appeared to indicate that Israel would not change course on Rafah.

"The State of Israel is committed to continue fighting to return its hostages and promise the security of its citizens — wherever and whenever necessary — including in Rafah," he said in a statement.

"We will continue operating in accordance with international law wherever we might operate, while safeguarding to the best extent possible the civilian population. Not because of the ICJ, but because of who we are and the values we stand for."

Balkees Jarrah, associate international justice director at Human Rights Watch, said the court's order underscored the perilous situation of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, but warned that it

could be ignored if the international community doesn't use whatever leverage it can on Israel.

"The ICJ's decision opens up the possibility for relief, but only if governments use their leverage, including through arms embargoes and targeted sanctions, to press Israel to urgently enforce the court's measures," Jarrah said.

The court's president, Nawaf Salam, read out the ruling as a small group of pro-Palestinian protesters demonstrated outside.

The court did not call for a full cease-fire throughout Gaza, as South Africa, which has historical ties to the Palestinian people, requested last week.

The cease-fire request is part of the case filed late last year, accusing Israel of committing genocide during its Gaza campaign. Israel vehemently denies the allegations. The case will take years to resolve, but South Africa wants interim orders to protect Palestinians while the legal wrangling continues.

The court has already found that Israel's military operations pose a "real and imminent risk" to the Palestinian people in Gaza.

In January, ICJ judges ordered Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction and any acts of genocide in Gaza, but the panel stopped short of ordering an end to the military offensive. A second order in March said Israel must take measures to improve the humanitarian situation.

Corder writes for the Associated Press.

Taiwan is roiled by protests, fistfights as president starts term

By **STEPHANIE YANG AND XIN-YUN WU**

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Thousands protesting outside parliament, lawmakers tackling and punching each other inside — it's not the peace and unity Taiwan's new president called for when he took office this week.

The democratic, self-ruled island, facing growing pressure from China, is roiling over a controversial bill that critics say could make it easier for Beijing to interfere with Taiwan's domestic affairs.

The impassioned reaction highlights the tense political atmosphere in Taiwan as the ruling Democratic Progressive Party, or DPP, enters an unprecedented third term in the presidency. Some fear the party's confrontational stance toward China could provoke an attack, while its supporters argue that close collaboration with Beijing could cede too much power to the Communist Party.

Beijing considers Taiwan a part of its territory and has vowed to reunify it with the mainland and to achieve that goal by force if necessary.

On Friday, tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered outside the parliamentary building for a third time, objecting to the bill that would subject government officials and private companies to questioning by legislators — or fines or imprisonment.

The bill, if passed, would significantly curtail the power of President William Lai, who would also be subject to an annual policy re-

'This sets the tone for how Taiwan's domestic politics are going to look like under a Lai administration.'

— **LEV NACHMAN**, professor at National Chengchi University in Taipei

port by the legislature.

Proponents of the proposal, backed by two opposition parties — the Kuomintang and the Taiwan People's Party, also known as the KMT and TPP — say it is necessary to improve government accountability.

Critics argue that the bill is being rushed through without proper procedures and that forcing sensitive disclosures would be unconstitutional and could undermine national security. One fear is that those targeted by China will have their private information exposed.

"This sets the tone for how Taiwan's domestic politics are going to look like under a Lai administration," said Lev Nachman, a political science professor at National Chengchi University in Taipei. "It's going to be chaotic, and there's going to be very little that the DPP is going to be able to do."

Lai, the former vice president also known by his Chinese name Lai Ching-te, won election in January with 40% of the vote. His predecessor, Tsai Ing-wen, held office for the maximum of two four-year terms. But the DPP lost its majority in the legislature, signaling growing discontent among Taiwanese citizens with the previous administration.

Under Tsai, Taiwan grew closer to the U.S. and increasingly at odds with China, which on Thursday launched two days of military drills around the island in a show of displeasure with the new president.

At his inauguration Monday, Lai called on China to cease its military and political intimidation, and said neither side was subordinate to the other.

He emphasized his goal to maintain the status quo but also stressed Taiwan's autonomy, prompting an angry rebuke from Beijing.

China's Taiwan Affairs Office denounced Lai for promoting "separatist fallacies" and for advocating Taiwanese independence. The country also sanctioned

three U.S. defense contractors for providing weapons to Taiwan.

Growing fears of military conflict have heightened political divisions within the island of 23 million.

As China ratchets up military drills and courts the friendship of opposition lawmakers, that's increased concerns that the bill could be used to benefit the Chinese government by revealing private information, said Ming-sho Ho, a professor of sociology at National Taiwan University.

"For many Taiwanese people, you see China pressuring Taiwan both from without and also from within," Ho said. "People are genuinely worried."

On Friday, protesters chanted their disapproval from the street while legislators reviewed the bill. Some demonstrators waved signs that said "no discussion, no democracy," while others sported yellow-and-black headbands printed with demands to increase transparency and reevaluate the bill point by point.

Chen Chun-xia, a 60-year-old retiree, said she was concerned that the reforms would enable legislators to interrogate her family over their manufacturing business in Taiwan. It was her first time at the protests, and she was expecting a dozen more family members to join her in the evening after work.

"I knew I had to be here when I saw the news," she said. "This is for my family, for the next generation."

Calvin Lin, 37, and Monica Chen, 34, who arrived at Friday's demonstration together, met a decade ago during Taiwan's Sunflower Movement, a massive protest against a bill to boost trade with China. At that time, the KMT held the presidency and the legislative majority but withdrew the bill after student protesters physically occupied the national legislature for three weeks.

This week's protests have been more organized, Lin said, and he doesn't expect the legislature to recall the bill. However, he hopes the demonstrations will encourage more dialogue around reforms. He wore a strip of cloth around his arm that said, "Taiwan can only improve without the KMT," the same slogan he remembers from 10 years ago.

"The most important thing is that the process and the system are fair and healthy," said Lin, who plans to return to protest with his friends in the coming days. "At least open up the dialogue. That's the bare minimum."

"Of course, the parliament can reform, but it's important to have proper proceedings and discussions," Chen added.

The first round of discussions, on May 17, turned violent as some lawmakers tried to stop the proceedings. People punched, shoved and tackled one another; five legislators were sent to the hospital.

This week, a group of 30 academics, former U.S. officials and other critics of the reforms released a joint statement that said the proposal grants the legislature excessive power compared with other constitutional democracies and has not been allowed sufficient review by the public or DPP lawmakers.

The KMT has defended the bill as a way to curb corruption and improve checks and balances within Taiwan's government. At a Thursday news conference, party members said the proposed measures have nothing to do with cross-strait relations and lambasted the DPP for "fearmongering."

Despite the protests, the KMT and TPP, which make up the majority of the legislature, have enough support to pass the bill when the session continues Tuesday.

"I think the opposition party has made it known that it is going to use its majority for its political purposes," said Ho, the National Taiwan University professor, "and this is only the beginning."

Yang is a Times staff writer and Wu a special correspondent.

Bodies of 3 more hostages recovered in Gaza

By **SAM MEDNICK**

TEL AVIV — The bodies of three more slain hostages were recovered overnight from Gaza, Israel's army said Friday.

The bodies of Hanan Yablonka, Michel Nisenbaum and Orion Hernandez Radoux were found and their families have been notified, the army said. It said the three were killed on the day of the Oct. 7 attack in southern Israel and their bodies were taken to Gaza.

The announcement comes less than a week after the army said it found the bodies of three other Israeli hostages.

Hamas-led militants killed about 1,200 people, mainly civilians, and abducted around 250 others in the Oct. 7 attack. About half of those hostages have since been freed, most in swaps for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel during a weeklong cease-fire in November.

Israel says around 100 hostages are still captive in Gaza, along with the bodies of at least 39 more, while 17 bodies of hostages have been recovered.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to eliminate Hamas and bring all the hostages back, but he's made little progress. He faces pressure to resign, and the U.S. has threatened to scale back its support because of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.



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RELATIVES and supporters of Israeli hostages held by Hamas hold photos of the hostages Thursday.

On Friday, Netanyahu said the country had a duty to do everything to return those abducted, both those killed and those who are alive.

In a post on X, French President Emmanuel Macron offered condolences to the family of Hernandez-Radoux, a French Mexican citizen, saying France remains committed to releasing the hostages.

On the hostages, Israelis are divided into two main camps: those who want the government to put the war on hold and free the hostages, and others who think the hostages are an unfortunate price to pay for defeating Hamas. On-and-off negotiations mediated by Qatar, the United States and Egypt have yielded little.

Anger is growing at home over the government's handling of the hostage crisis.

This week a group repre-

sending the families of hostages released new video showing Hamas' capture of five female Israeli soldiers near the Gaza border Oct. 7. The video shows several of the young soldiers bloody and wounded. In one scene, a militant tells one of the terrified women she is beautiful. The video sparked more protests across the country calling for the hostages' release.

The army said Friday the hostages were found during an operation in Jabalya. Military spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said in a news conference that the army was able to retrieve the bodies based on "critical intelligence" uncovered last week by Israeli forces operating in Gaza.

The group representing the families of the hostages said the bodies had been returned to their families for burial.

Nisenbaum, 59, was a Brazilian Israeli from the southern city of Sderot. He was taken hostage when he went to rescue his 4-year-old granddaughter.

Hernandez Radoux, 30, was taken from the Nova music festival, which he attended with his partner, Shani Louk. Louk's body was one of those found by the army nearly a week ago.

Yablonka, 42, a father of two, was also taken from the music festival. His family in December told the Associated Press that he loved music. Yablonka's family had no news of him for nearly two months after he'd been taken, not knowing whether he was alive or dead.

Israel's bombardment and ground assaults since the war began have killed more than 35,000 Palestinians, including combatants and civilians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry.

Though the war has weakened Hamas' capabilities, militants are regrouping in some of the hardest-hit areas in northern Gaza and resuming rocket attacks into nearby Israeli communities. Israel says its troops are operating in Rafah in the south, in central Gaza and in Jabalya in the north.

Mednick writes for the Associated Press. AP writers Melanie Lidman in Tel Aviv and John Leicester in Le Pecq, France, contributed to this report.

THE NATION

California Sen. Padilla helps defeat border bill

Votes flip after his urging to 'do what's right for Dreamers, farmworkers' by voting with GOP.

BY ANDREA CASTILLO

WASHINGTON — Breaking with his own party's leadership and the Biden administration, California's Democratic Sen. Alex Padilla helped lead an effort to defeat the bipartisan border security bill that again failed to advance on Thursday.

In an impassioned Senate floor speech, Padilla criticized the legislation as inadequate and encouraged his fellow senators to "do what's right for Dreamers, farmworkers and other long-term undocumented members of our communities."

The remarks were his strongest public rebuke yet of the first major immigration reform proposal in years to make headway in Congress.

Padilla's vigorous opposition to the compromise is the latest example of his willingness to stake out an aggressive position on principle on an issue critical to his state. He was joined by most Republicans, who voted against the bill because they said it did not do enough to secure the border.

The bill included significant provisions to tighten security but none to help change the status of immigrants in the country illegally.

"So the Senate is voting on this package for a second time, but still no vote on the DREAM Act?" he said. "It's hard to swallow."

Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said he sought Thursday's floor vote to make the point that Democrats want solutions on the border issue.

Senators voted 50 to 43 against the bill, which Sens. James Lankford (R-Okla.), Christopher S. Murphy (D-Conn.) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) had negotiated for months starting last fall.

A previous vote in February failed by a tally of 49 to 50, well shy of the 60 votes needed to pass. Lankford and Sinema flipped their votes to oppose their measure this time, as did Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Mitt Romney of Utah.

Padilla played a role in encouraging his colleagues to go against the plan. An aide said the senator had held private conversations with Democrats in the last few months and had contributed to Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey and fellow Californian Laphonza



SEN. ALEX PADILLA worked to convince fellow California Democrat Laphonza Butler and other colleagues to reject the current compromise as inadequate.

Butler flipping their votes and opposing the bill.

In a statement after the vote, Butler echoed Padilla's language, saying the bill "failed to provide comprehensive solutions for critical communities — DACA recipients, farmworkers, and long-term U.S. residents."

"While there are elements of this bill I support, including funding for our border communities and efforts to prevent the flow of fentanyl, this measure simply misses the mark," she wrote.

The Senate bill would toughen screenings for asylum and speed up the process, and let presidents immediately expel migrants if arrivals surpass a certain daily threshold.

Immigration has been a core issue of Padilla's political identity. In his speech, he recalled returning home to California from college "to find hateful TV ads warning of an 'invasion' at our border." The ads were in support of Proposition 187, the 1994 law that sought to deny medical care, social services and education to immigrants suspected of lacking lawful status.

Padilla said that seeing public officials scapegoat and demonize families like his convinced him to join an ensuing movement to bring more Latinos into positions of power.

That hateful rhetoric is back, Padilla said. He pointed to former President Trump's statement — echoing those by Adolf Hitler — that immigrants are "poisoning the blood" of the country, and Republicans' declarations that there is an "invasion" at the southern border.

Padilla said such claims are undeniably part of the context in which the border bill was written.

The senator's independent streak is significant, coming in a critical election

year in which Republicans have seized on the issue of immigration, rallying against Democrats for what they see as soft border policies.

The bipartisan legislation was a fundamental piece of the Biden administration's shift toward more conservative immigration policies — an effort to help Democrats in vulnerable seats maintain control of the Senate and regain the House.

Padilla's public opposition to the president on this issue reflects a growing rift among Democrats.

The senator campaigned in 2022 on his desire to reform the immigration system, and personally warned Biden in mid-December not to fold to the GOP.

In his speech Thursday, Padilla pointed out that the

immigration proposal was originally meant as a concession to get Republicans to agree to send more aid to Ukraine.

"But guess what, Mr. President? We passed the foreign aid!" he said. "And so I can't help but ask, what's this concession for now?"

He also critiqued executive actions on immigration that Biden reportedly plans to announce in the coming weeks, calling them "extreme." Thursday's vote was widely seen as a leadup to those measures, which could include a provision that would allow the administration to broadly block migrants from entering the country.

Before the vote, Padilla warned colleagues that history would judge them.

"We should be better than this," he said.

The evolution of the 'Appeal to Heaven' flag

Emblem involved in Alito controversy was a Revolutionary War symbol but has come to symbolize far right.

BY GARY FIELDS, LISA MASCARO AND FARNOUSH AMIRI

WASHINGTON — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. is embroiled in a second flag controversy in as many weeks, this time over a banner that in recent years has come to symbolize sympathies with the Christian nationalist movement and the false claim that the 2020 presidential election was stolen.

An "Appeal to Heaven" flag was flown last summer at Alito's beach vacation home in New Jersey, according to the New York Times, which obtained several images showing it on different dates in July and September 2023. The Times previously reported that an upside-down U.S. flag — a sign of distress associated in recent years with supporters of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection — had flown outside Alito's Alexandria, Va., home less than two weeks after the violent attack on the Capitol.

Some of the rioters carried the inverted American flag or the "Appeal to Heaven" flag, which shows a green pine tree on a white field. The revelations have escalated concerns over Alito's impartiality and his ability to objectively decide cases currently before the court that relate to the Jan. 6 attackers and Trump's at-



PEOPLE CARRY an "Appeal To Heaven" flag as they gather at the National Mall in 2020.

tempts to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Alito has not commented on the flag at his summer home.

Here is the history and symbolism of the "Appeal to Heaven" flag.

What are its origins?

Ted Kaye, secretary for the North American Vexillological Assn., which studies flags and their meaning, said the "Appeal to Heaven" banner dates to the Revolutionary War. Six schooners outfitted by George Washington to intercept British vessels at sea flew the flag in 1775 as they sailed under his command. It was the maritime flag of Massachusetts from 1776 to 1971, he said.

According to Americanflags.com, the pine tree on the flag symbolized strength and resilience in the New England colonies and the words "Appeal to Heaven" stemmed from the belief that God would deliver the Colonists from tyranny.

How has its symbolism changed?

There are a few reasons people fly "Appeal to Heaven" flags today, said Jared Holt, a senior analyst at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, a London-based think tank that tracks online hate, disinformation and extremism.

Some identify with a "patriot" movement that obsesses over the Founding Fathers and the American Revolution, he said. Others adhere to a Christian nationalist worldview that seeks to elevate Christianity in public life, and which has often been associated with white nationalism.

"It's not abundantly clear which of those reasons would be accurate" in this situation, Holt said. But he called the display outside Alito's home "alarming," saying those who do fly the flag are often advocating for "more intolerant and restrictive forms of government aligned with a specific religious philosophy."

The "Appeal to Heaven" flag was among several banners carried by Jan. 6 rioters, who also favored the Confederate flag and the yellow Gadsden flag, with its rattlesnake and "Don't Tread on Me" message, said Bradley Onishi, author of "Preparing for War: The Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism." "That's the family," he said.

What about Mike Johnson?

House Speaker Mike Johnson displays the flag in the hallway outside his office next to the flag of his home state, Louisiana.

Johnson, a Republican, told the Associated Press he did not know the flag had come to represent the "Stop the Steal" movement.

"Never heard that before," he said. The speaker, who led one of then-President Trump's legal challenges to the 2020 election, defended the flag and its continued use despite the modern-day symbolism around it.

"I have always used that flag for as long as I can remember, because I was so enamored with the fact that Washington used it," Johnson said. "The 'Appeal to Heaven' flag is a critical, important part of American history. It's something that I've always revered since I've been a young man."

He added: "People misuse our symbols all the time. It doesn't mean we don't use the symbols anymore."

Johnson said he had never flown the U.S. flag upside down, as Alito did, and he declined to assess the justice's situation and whether raising the flags at his home was appropriate.

But he called the criticism of the "Appeal to Heav-

en" flag "contrived."

Should Alito recuse?

The House Democratic whip, Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts, said in a statement that the display of the "Appeal to Heaven" flag at an Alito home was "not just another example of extremism that has overtaken conservatism. This is a threat to the rule of law and a serious breach of ethics, integrity and Justice Alito's oath of office."

She called for Alito to recuse himself from cases related to Jan. 6 or Trump.

There's a clear difference between the House speaker displaying the flag outside his office and a Supreme Court justice flying it and the upside-down American flag outside his homes as the court is deciding cases involving issues those flags have come to symbolize, said Alicia Bannon, director of the Judiciary Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University. Alito's actions don't "just cross the line," she said. "They take you out of the stadium and out of the parking lot."

Alito and the court declined to respond to requests for comment on how the "Appeal to Heaven" flag came to be flying and what it was intended to express. Alito has said the upside-down American flag was briefly flown by his wife during a dispute with neighbors and that he had no part in it.

Another blow to the court's reputation?

The Supreme Court already was under fire as it considers unprecedented cases against Trump and some of those charged for the attack on the Capitol.

At issue is that the high court does not have to adhere to the same ethics codes that guide other federal judges. The Supreme Court had long gone without its own code of ethics, but it adopted one in November 2023 in the face of sustained criticism over undisclosed trips and gifts from wealthy benefactors to some justices, including Alito. But the code lacks a means of enforcement.

The federal code of judicial ethics does not universally prohibit judges from involvement in nonpartisan or religious activity off the bench. But it does say that a judge "should not participate in extrajudicial activities that detract from the dignity of the judge's office, interfere with the performance of the judge's official duties" or "reflect adversely on the judge's impartiality."

Jeremy Fogel, executive director of the Berkeley Judicial Institute at the UC Berkeley Law School, said the flag revelations lead to questions about whether Alito can be impartial in any case related to Jan. 6 or Trump.

"Displaying those particular flags creates the appearance at least that the justice is signifying agreement with those viewpoints at a time when there are cases before the court where those viewpoints are relevant," he said.

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Echoes of Nazism in Trump campaign messages

Critics were quick to call out a video on his social media site that mentioned ‘creation of a unified Reich.’

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES

He has dined with a white supremacist. He has invoked theories espoused by Nazis in their quest for racial purity. His response to white supremacists marching in Charlottesville? There were “very fine people on both sides.”

This week, when a video posted to former President Trump’s Truth Social account made reference to a “unified Reich,” his opponents were primed to pounce.

The message of the post was muddled, but it used language most often associated with Adolf Hitler’s Nazi regime, historians say.

A Trump campaign spokesperson, Karoline Leavitt, said the video was posted online by a junior staffer without Trump’s approval, while the former president was in court.

The video went up while Trump was on a lunch break.

“This was not a campaign video, it was created by a random account online and reposted by a staffer who clearly did not see the word, while the president was in court,” Leavitt said in a statement to the Associated Press.

Still, Democrats and some Republicans asserted that whatever the intention or cause, the video confirmed that as Trump seeks to retake the White House, he often cites, invokes or is connected to far-right and Nazi language and imagery.

“If you understand fascism, you have a five-alarm bell going off in your head,” former Trump communications director Anthony Scaramucci said this week on MSNBC.

Scaramucci added that the people raising money for Trump’s campaign —



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WHITE NATIONALIST Nick Fuentes had dinner with Donald Trump in 2022. Such meetings invite comparisons to Adolf Hitler, a Jewish history expert said.



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TRUMP has said immigrants are “poisoning the blood of the country,” echoing Nazi sentiments.

mostly men — “are doing it for superficial personal economic interest. They’re not understanding the full balance of what’s at stake here as it relates to the separation of power in the United States.”

Citing the “unified Reich” video, President Biden repeated a theme he invokes frequently: the dire implications of a second Trump term.

“It is not the first time Trump has gone down this road,” the president said at a fundraiser Tuesday in Boston. “Folks, it can’t be any clearer. The threat Trump poses is greater the second time around than it was the first.”

In a video posted on social media Tuesday, Biden is seen watching the Truth Social clip and reacting: “That’s Hitler’s language. That’s not America’s. He cares about holding on to power. I care about you.”

The “Reich” video appeared on Truth Social on Monday. It was ripped from another account and showed fake newspaper headlines saying “Trump wins!” and “What’s next for America?”

But looking closer, the video, which appears to have been made with an online template, includes headlines such as “Industrial strength significantly increased ... driven by the cre-

ation of a unified Reich.”

The text in the video comes from a Wikipedia entry on World War I.

The unified Reich idea most likely references history that precedes the Third Reich, when Hitler came to power, in 1933.

Still, the term “Reich,” which in German means realm or empire, has become closely associated with Hitler and the massacre of Jews and other minorities.

Trump critics note that the Reich reference joins a long string of comments and associations that echo Nazi ideology.

In December, Trump said in a speech that immigrants were “poisoning the blood of the country,” echoing Hitler’s repeated invocations that Jews were “poisoning” Aryan Germans. Trump, at the time, said he was unaware of the parallel and had never read Hitler’s “Mein Kampf.”

During the 2020 campaign, Trump seemed to endorse “racehorse theory” — the idea that selective breeding can improve a country’s performance. This idea was foundational to the Nazi notion of racial purity.

Trump also called political opponents “vermin,” a term frequently employed by the Nazis.

A recent tell-all from journalists Peter Baker and Susan Glasser describes how Trump complained that American military officials weren’t “totally loyal” to him and how he reportedly asked his chief of staff, retired Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly: “Why can’t you be like the German generals?”

Kelly pointed out that Hitler’s generals tried to assassinate him, according to Glasser and Baker.

“Nazism, imperialism, and dictatorship all fly in the face of democracy,” said George Mason professor Tehama Lopez Bunyasi, who has studied the ways in which race and identity intersect with politics. “The American people should beware any candidate who does not rebuke these three outright.”

Gavriel D. Rosenfeld, president of the Center for Jewish History, said Trump’s repeated flirtations with this sort of rhetoric and meetings with white nationalist Nick Fuentes condition people to look for the subtlest signs of anti-semitism and parallels to Hitler.

In 2022, Trump had dinner with Fuentes and rapper Kanye West, who has repeatedly made antisemitic remarks in recent years.

Rosenfeld theorized that the Reich video could be “Gen Z staffers on the Trump team that like smuggling in ‘Where’s Waldo’-style far-right icons into official Trump/GOP messaging,” as hidden messages for far-right peers.

It wouldn’t be the first time that has happened. Last year, the presidential campaign of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis fired a staffer who made a video of the governor that invoked Nazi ideology.

Then there are social media posts that come from people not directly connected to campaigns.

During the 2020 presidential race, Facebook removed a pro-Trump post that included an upside-down red triangle, a symbol Nazis used to tar opponents.

The New York Times reported that the anonymous social media user who purportedly made the video had posted several times that its meaning was clear, and there was “not a secret hidden message.”

Rosenfeld said such messaging has become all too common.

“We’ve just been conditioned to see signs of fascism everywhere now,” he said, adding that, for him, there’s plenty of evidence that a second Trump term would be the “most right-wing and fanatical and corrupt in our lifetime.”

Thomas Weber, an expert on German history, pointed out that in modern Germany, one far-right party has been cribbing wholesale from the Nazi Party manifesto.

“The whole bit about blood of the people — that is Nazi language, pure and simple,” said Weber, a professor of history and international affairs at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

The “Reich” video, however, is “more complicated,” he said.

The video imagines that in a second Trump term, there would be low taxes, “no more wars,” and the “economy booms.”

These themes, Weber said, “don’t resonate with either the message of the Third Reich, nor of Imperial Germany.”

The video says that in a second Trump term, the border would be closed. That’s not a uniquely Nazi idea or Trumpian view, Weber said, and neither is pushing for the wholesale removal of people deemed not to belong in a country.

Ideas expressed in Hitler’s Germany are appearing, one way or another, in many countries.

“It’s not uniquely Trump who is inadvertently copying Nazi policy, but the same is true for the parties and political leaders across the Western world,” Weber said. “They do not appear to be clear how much they’re ultimately echoing the party platform of the Nazi Party.”

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Will energy storage sites ruin Acton's serenity?

[Acton, from A1] sands of dollars to cover the legal fees for what could be a long fight.

Weyer's main concern is for her animals. It would be near impossible, she said, to evacuate them all if a wildfire made it to a nearby battery site and sent toxic fumes their way.

"I do not think [lithium-ion batteries] should be in anybody's backyard," said Weyer, whose home sits less than a mile from one of the proposed sites. "But of all the places, why are you choosing somewhere that's really close to an earthquake fault, and an extremely high fire hazard area, and often very windy?"

Renewable energy developers have identified Acton's open spaces as prime real estate because acres of lithium-ion batteries — often housed in dozens of rows of shipping containers — can be connected to a large electrical substation there.

Energy would flow from wind turbines and solar farms, such as those in the nearby desert, into the batteries, charging them during low-demand times. During peak hours, the companies would then sell the green energy to the regional grid.

Hecate's site, which according to a rendering would have 440 battery containers, could be used to power roughly 250,000 homes, according to a company representative.

"To fulfill that need, Hecate Grid undertakes a very deliberative approach to potential development," said Bobby Howard, a senior manager of development and origination at Hecate Energy. "Any proposed project must fulfill a demand for more energy, prioritize a suitable location that is close to grid infrastructure, include collaboration with private landowners and local governments, and avoid protected environmental or cultural areas."

State and local leaders view battery storage sites as an essential part of ensuring that California can meet its goal of being carbon neutral by 2045.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, whose district includes Acton, said state officials have made it clear that the batteries are vital to harnessing and storing power, and L.A. County is "behind the eight ball on that."

At the same time, location "is going to be important — I don't want a high concentration in one area," Barger said.

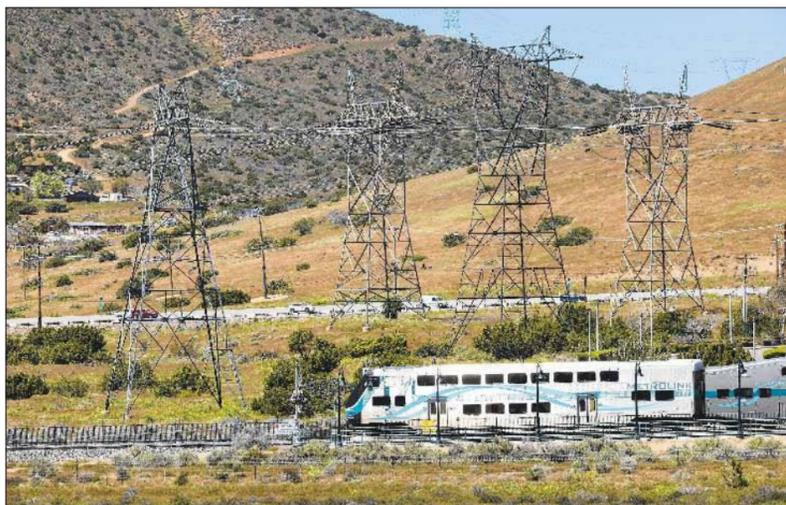
Gov. Gavin Newsom recently visited a battery storage and solar facility in Winters, a small city west of Sacramento, to celebrate that California has increased its battery capacity by 1,250% since he took office in 2019.

"Our energy storage rev-



THE SITE of a proposed lithium-ion battery energy storage facility, in foreground, sits across from the Vincent Grade/Acton Metrolink station. Residents worry that a fire at the facility would release toxic chemicals.

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A METROLINK train leaves the station. Lithium-ion batteries are being added to California's electric grid at a rapid rate in a bid to meet its carbon-neutral goal.

olution is here, and it couldn't come at a more pivotal moment as we move from a grid powered by dirty fossil fuels to one powered by clean energy," Newsom said.

As part of Newsom's energy road map, lithium-ion batteries are being added to the state's electric grid at a rapid rate, with companies creating the infrastructure for the first several thousand megawatts over the last few years and making plans to install many times more over the next two decades. As the number of batteries grows, "so does the urgency to address safety," a report commissioned by the California Public Utilities Commission said.

With proper engineering, lithium-ion battery storage sites are safe and pose little risk of starting a fire, said Shirley Meng, a molecular engineering professor at the

University of Chicago who is an expert on batteries and studies ethically sourced, recyclable materials for energy storage.

Lithium-ion batteries in smartphones have caught fire spontaneously, as in 2016 when Samsung announced a global recall of its Galaxy Note 7.

The technology has improved since then, and the failure rate is now about 1 in 10 million for all types of lithium-ion batteries, Meng said.

She noted, however, that "when something bad happens, it's a catastrophe."

And the threat of groundwater contamination if a wildfire spreads to a battery site is real because of the chemical compounds in the batteries, she said. (The headwaters of the Santa Clara River are near Acton.)

Howard said that there

have been no incidents at Hecate sites and that safety features include 24/7 monitoring for fire, smoke and gas as well as systems controlling temperature and ventilation.

The Acton project would also include "seismic bracing, safety zones around the perimeter, substantial setbacks from parcel boundaries, gravel breaks and a masonry wall around the facility," Howard said.

Acton residents are familiar with the risks that are the downside of life in a place with poppy-covered mountainsides and striking views of the Antelope Valley.

Their community is about seven miles from the San Andreas fault.

Its wildfire risk is higher than 97% of communities in the U.S., according to Wildfire Risk to Communities, an awareness effort led by the

U.S. Forest Service.

They include Paradise, which was devastated by the Camp fire in 2018, and Malibu, which regularly burns in wildfires.

When strong winds are in the forecast for communities at high risk of wildfires, utility officials shut off the power as a precaution. Acton residents have endured several Thanksgivings with no power. Many use wells for water and must rely on generators to run their water pumps when the power goes out.

In recent months, some residents have gotten letters notifying them of huge increases in their fire insurance premiums.

Chris Chacon, a real estate agent, and his wife moved to Acton in 2019 so they could have space for their two horses, Thor and Scooter.

At the behest of their insurance company, the Chacons cleared 30,000 pounds of brush and created a five-foot buffer around their home so it could be certified as "wildfire prepared."

"I get the certification, I turn it in, and [my agent] is like 'OK, cool, you're gonna get renewed, but your annual premium is going from \$2,600 to \$8,800,'" Chacon said.

For some Acton residents, any added fire risk from a battery storage facility would be the last straw.

Ruthie Brock runs the Acton Takes Action community task force, which is campaigning against the facilities and supports the group suing L.A. County.

A retired hairstylist and salon owner nicknamed "Ruthie Brockovich" for the environmental activist por-

trayed by Julia Roberts in the 2000 biopic, Brock has lived in the community for 32 years.

"This is the fight of our life right now," Brock said. "If it goes through, it opens the door to all the other facilities that are trying to come in and would industrialize our rural community."

Working with Jacqueline Ayer, an Acton resident and environmental engineer conversant in the technicalities of the proposed project, Brock marshaled about 40 community members to plead their case at an L.A. County Board of Supervisors meeting in December.

Many in the group wore T-shirts that said "Don't BESS With Acton," an acronym for "battery energy storage system."

The Hecate project had already received approval from county planners to move forward in the process, which includes submitting a building plan and several other steps that will be adjudicated by the Fire Department and the Building and Safety Division.

At the meeting, L.A. County Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone said his agency won't approve any project if it is unsafe and doesn't meet fire code and national standards.

"Even if you are in the very high or high fire severity danger zone, we're going to make sure that we put things in place to make sure that the communities are not at risk," Marrone said.

The initial approval process by L.A. County did not require a public hearing, a key issue raised in the Save Our Rural Town lawsuit, and the lack of community involvement remains a sore point.

Hecate's Howard said the company has tried to engage with residents by hosting community events, sending mailers and making phone calls.

Another proposed battery storage facility run by a California company, Avantis, would be built on 68 acres of agricultural land stretching about a mile long, meandering among ranches and homes. The proposal would probably require public hearings because the property would need to be rezoned.

Steve Kaplan, a retired elevator inspector who has lived in Acton for 28 years, has dealt with the power shutoffs, and his insurance premium recently increased by \$980.

Kaplan, 63, had planned to stay in Acton for the rest of his life — but not if a battery facility comes to town.

"If they put the battery thing in, I'm putting my house up for sale," he said. "I'm thinking Montana, maybe the upper part of Arizona, but I'm not going to stay here."

L.A. council OKs mayor's budget, cutting 1,700 vacant positions

[Budget, from A1] expressed frustration that about one-fourth of the budget is going toward the Los Angeles Police Department, even as other city agencies are being asked to make do with less.

She blamed the new round of cost-cutting on the council's approval of a four-year package of raises and bonuses for LAPD officers, something that is expected to consume an additional \$1 billion by 2027.

"I cannot vote for a budget that adds funding to an already overfunded department, while at the same time cutting \$2.5 million from after-school programming," said Hernandez, an advocate for shifting money out of law enforcement and into community services.

Council members did put a stop to some of the reductions proposed by Bass.

They preserved about 400 positions that had been targeted for elimination, more than half of them at two agencies: the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Street Services, which is responsible for the upkeep of city streets, alleys and sidewalks.

During a flurry of votes on proposed amendments to Bass' budget, the council also restored some funding for senior meals and took a step toward saving four vacant positions in the Los Angeles Fire Department.

A second budget vote is scheduled for next week. After that, Bass will have one



COUNCILMEMBER BOB BLUMENFIELD, right, heads the budget committee. He said the "bare-bones" budget will leave city services "stagnant at best."

BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

week to sign or veto the document, which covers the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Zach Seidl, a spokesperson for the mayor, said Bass is "grateful for the council's strong leadership" on the budget. In a statement, he said the mayor's office would "continue the urgent work of bringing thousands of unhoused people inside, making Los Angeles safer and delivering critical services for Angelenos."

"We will also continue hiring in critical areas so that city services continue to improve," he said.

The budget provides

\$185 million for the mayor's Inside Safe program, which has moved more than 2,700 people into hotels, motels and other forms of temporary or permanent housing. (Of that total, nearly 700 people — about 25% — have returned to homelessness, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.)

The council's debate over law enforcement spending comes at a time when the LAPD is continuing to shrink through attrition. The department has lost about 1,200 officers — a reduction of 12% — since 2019, the last full year before the

outbreak of COVID-19.

Bass' budget provides funding for the hiring of 574 officers in the coming fiscal year. If every dollar is spent, the LAPD will be left with 8,733 officers by the summer of 2025, based on the city's projections for retirements and resignations. That would represent the lowest staffing at the department since 1996, when Mayor Richard Riordan was in his first term.

At one point during Thursday's meeting, Soto-Martínez attempted to shift \$34.7 million allocated for police hiring into the city's "unappropriated balance."

Such a move, if approved, would have required the council to cast an additional vote in the coming months to spend the money allocated for police hiring.

Soto-Martínez, who represents Echo Park and Hollywood, argued in favor of holding back the funds, telling colleagues that recent recruitment numbers show the LAPD is unlikely to meet its hiring goals.

"We know they're not going to fill those positions," he said. "I believe it is not the best use of our taxpayer dollars to continue to put money into that account."

Hernandez sided with Soto-Martínez, saying the LAPD should not receive the hiring money until it meets its recruitment target in each Police Academy class.

"We're not saying they can't have the money," she said. "We're just saying, show us the receipts of the classes, and then we'll give you the money for that."

The council sent that proposal to the budget committee for more deliberations, with Raman, Hernandez and Soto-Martínez on the losing end.

Hernandez later came back with what she called a compromise measure, asking her colleagues to shift a smaller amount of police hiring funds — \$13 million — into the unappropriated balance.

The council voted 11 to 4 to send that concept to the budget committee as well, over the objections of Hernandez, Raman, Soto-

Martínez and Councilmember Marquee Harris-Dawson.

After the meeting, Council President Paul Krekorian defended the focus on police hiring, saying L.A. is "the most thinly policed big city in America." The raises are needed at the LAPD, he said, to prevent the department from losing officers even more rapidly.

"The bottom line is, people want more police in order to fight the crime they see on their streets, in front of their kids, every single day," he said. "And if we had not changed the compensation of our police officers, this [staffing] number would have continued to decline even further."

Blumenfield, the budget chair, acknowledged that various employee raises had made the city's budget outlook much more difficult. Council members knew the raises would be "painful" when they approved them, he said.

"We made that choice," he said. "We realized that inflation had gone up quite a bit in the last couple of years. Our workers' pay hadn't kept up with that. We were going to make deals with our workers that would stabilize our workforce for the next several years."

Councilmember Tim McOsker, who voted in favor of the budget, also defended the pay increases.

"The most valuable thing we have is our people," he said, "and we're investing in our people."

BUSINESS

Millennials having most trouble with debt

The budget-minded generation is feeling the pinch of high inflation and interest rates in California.

By DON LEE

Stubbornly high inflation and interest rates are taking a toll as California experiences rising unemployment and slowing wage gains. Feeling it the hardest are the largest and perhaps most budget-minded generation of all.

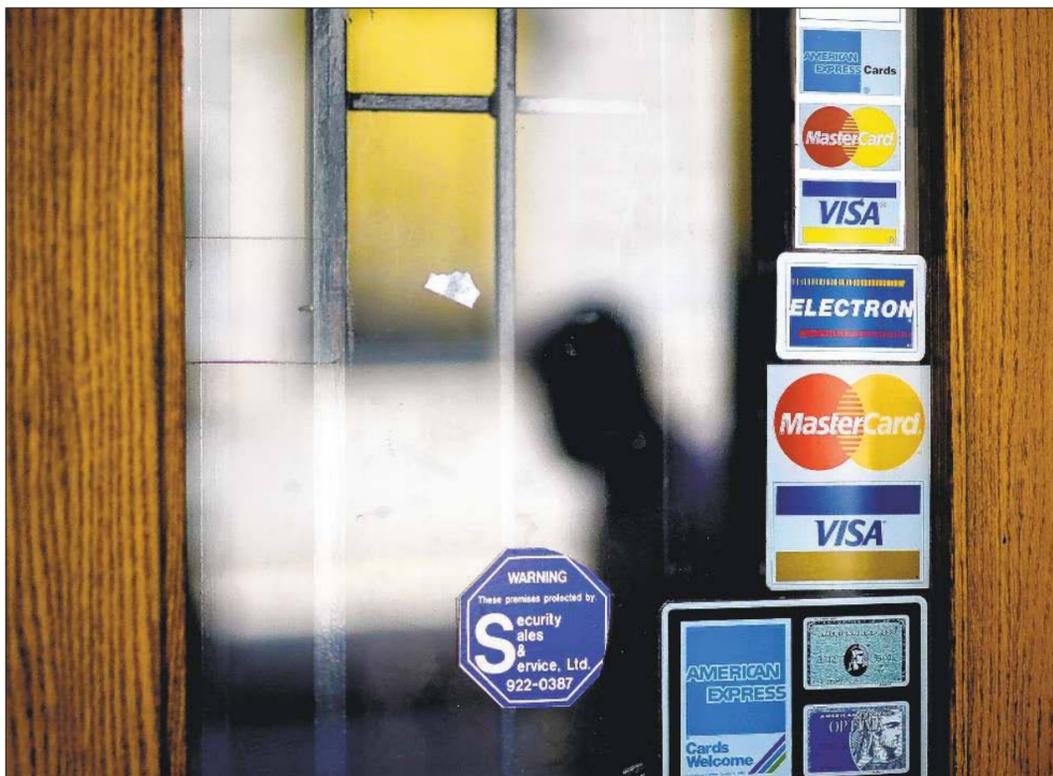
Millennials, those roughly 28 to 43 years old, are generally thought to be more averse to debt and better savers than Gen Xers (44 to 59 years old) and baby boomers (60 to 78).

But new data from the California Policy Lab at UC Berkeley show that while consumer debts overall are growing and becoming more difficult to manage for all but the very oldest generation in America, millennials are having the most trouble making their loan payments on time.

In the first quarter, 7.6% of millennial borrowers were at least 30 days late in making monthly payments on their credit card, auto and other loans.

That compares with 6% of those in Gen X, 5.5% of Gen Z (ages 18 to 27) and 3.3% of boomers who fell behind. The earlier Silent and Greatest generations had even lower delinquency rates.

Unlike for Gen Xers and boomers, the overall loan delinquency rate among millennials — who make up about one-fourth of California's population — has climbed above pre-pandemic levels. Meanwhile, economists worry that financial pressures will continue to mount, especially with an end to the student loan repayment pause; millennials are known for carrying a great deal of college loan debt.



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CONSUMERS in California and across the U.S. have been taking on more debt, including credit card borrowing. Thirty-day delinquencies have also been creeping higher, with delinquency rates highest for millennials.

"I see no reason to believe that delinquencies aren't going to be tracking higher," said Evan B. White, the California Policy Lab's executive director.

Foreclosures and personal bankruptcies for all ages are still low by historical standards, as is the percentage of after-tax income that households are spending on debt payments, another important indicator of financial stress.

Even so, consumers in California and across the country have been taking on more debt in recent quarters, including credit card borrowing. And 30-day delinquencies have been creeping higher — an early warning sign of trouble ahead.

Consumer spending, which accounts for most of the nation's economic growth, has held up well.

But many people are feeling the effects of what has been an extended period of high inflation and interest rates. A pullback by consumers could have a significant effect on the economy at large.

In the Federal Reserve's annual report on the economic well-being of Americans, also released this week, about two-thirds of adults surveyed said changes in the prices they paid in 2023 compared with the prior year had made their financial situation worse. And one-fifth said inflation had made matters much worse.

The Fed report found that 72% of adults were at least "doing OK" financially, similar to the 73% figure in 2022 but well below the high of 78% in 2021.

U.S. households continue to benefit from a strong labor

market, including solid, if slightly smaller, gains in wages.

The nation's unemployment rate was 3.9% in April, the 27th straight month in which it has been below 4% — the longest stretch since the 1960s.

California's employment situation, however, has not been as strong.

The pace of job gains statewide has lagged behind the nation's, and California's unemployment rate of 5.3% last month was the highest in the country, reflecting weakness in key sectors such as entertainment, high tech and business and professional services.

The number of unemployed workers in California has increased by 164,000 in the last 12 months, according to the state Employment Development Department.

Meanwhile, wage growth has slowed more in California than in the nation overall and is running below the rate of inflation — meaning workers' purchasing power is shrinking.

In the 12 months to April, average hourly earnings for all private employees in California were up 1.4% from the prior year. That's less than half the rate of both wage growth and inflation for the United States as a whole.

In contrast, from 2016 to 2022, California employees saw wage gains averaging 3% to 6% per year.

Nationally, aside from student loans, delinquencies on all types of consumer debt have been steadily rising since the end of 2021, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

During the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic,

consumers paid down their debts significantly, thanks in part to stimulus checks and other government programs.

But since then, credit card delinquencies, in particular, have risen above pre-pandemic levels, and an increasing share of borrowers, most of them young adults, have been maxing out their plastic.

It may seem puzzling that millennials are struggling financially compared with other groups. They're the best-educated generation and the first to grow up in the digital age.

But many millennials had the misfortune of entering their formative adult lives amid the Great Recession that began in late 2007 and left a trail of job and financial hardships for years. Saddled with student loans and other debt, millennials have been slower to move out of their parents' homes, start families and build wealth compared with earlier generations.

More recently, as mortgage rates and home prices have soared, many millennials are stuck in apartments and feeling the squeeze of higher rents and prices for certain services they are likely to need given their stage in life, like day care.

In fact, the Fed's economic well-being report found that while there was little change for most population groups between 2022 and last year, one notable exception was parents living with children under age 18. Given that women are having children later in life, this group would include a disproportionate share of millennials.

"Those are years when you're moving into higher expenses of buying homes, buying cars and even setting aside money for children's college," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com, which has studied generational differences in handling debt. "When we've experienced the type of inflation we've had, that really puts the squeeze on tight budgets."

Paramount, Charter sign distribution deal

Media company breathes sigh of relief, keeping CBS, MTV, BET and Nickelodeon on Spectrum TV.

By MEG JAMES

Paramount Global and Charter Communications have agreed to a new distribution deal for Paramount's CBS network and cable channels, easing a concern that had threatened to complicate the media company's sale talks.

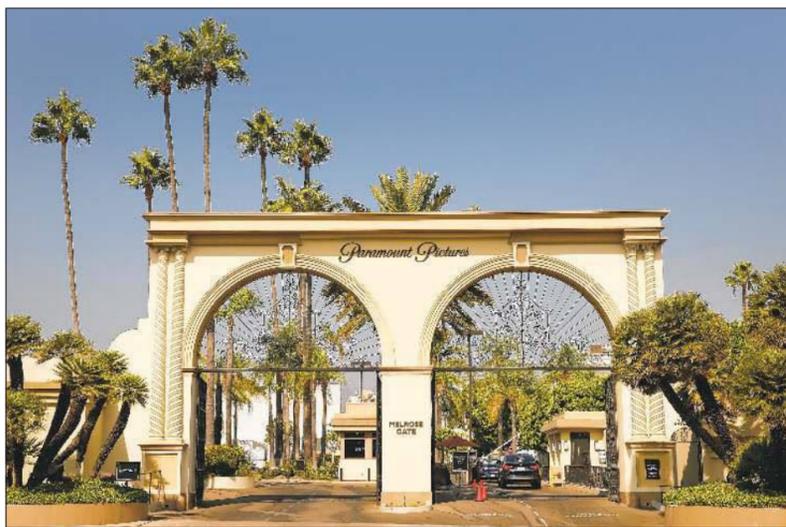
The last three-year contract covering CBS and Paramount's 25 cable networks expired April 30, but the two sides continued negotiations, sparing Charter's Spectrum customers from another disruptive blackout.

Last summer, a breakdown in separate talks between Charter and Walt Disney Co. resulted in Disney channels, including ESPN, going dark for 10 days for Spectrum subscribers.

While Paramount has less pull than Disney, it benefits from the strength of its CBS network, with its entertainment schedule; news programs, including "CBS News Sunday Morning" and "60 Minutes"; and sports, including golf and the NFL.

As part of the deal, the companies said, ad-supported versions of Paramount+ Essential and BET+ Essential would be included at no additional cost to Charter's Spectrum TV customers. Charter also will make Paramount's direct-to-consumer products available for purchase to its internet-only customers.

"This innovative deal celebrates our mutual commitment to deliver flexibility, choice and value for audiences everywhere, and we look forward to bringing even more of our fan-favorite programming to Spectrum customers through our direct-to-consumer stream-



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PARAMOUNT'S talks with Charter came as the board considers a merger with Skydance Media or a buyout from Sony Pictures and Apollo Global Management.

ing services for the first time," Ray Hopkins, Paramount's president of U.S. Networks Distribution, said in a statement.

The Charter deal marked the first major accomplishment for Paramount since the ouster late last month of Chief Executive Bob Bakish. Three division leaders, comprising the "Office of the CEO," have been running the company.

For investors, it was a shot of good news during a turbulent cycle as Paramount board members have been mulling whether to pursue a complicated and controversial two-phase merger with David Ellison's Skydance Media or accept a separate buyout bid from Sony Pictures Entertainment and Apollo Global Management.

Sony and Apollo have offered \$26 billion, including the assumption of debt. Sony and Apollo are known to be cost-conscious buyers; they want to scrutinize Paramount's financial picture, including details of the Charter distribution pact, before arriving at a valuation, according to people close to the process who are

not authorized to comment publicly.

Both Charter and Paramount had plenty to lose if they had been unable to reach a new agreement.

Charter's stock has tumbled more than 25% this year, weighed down by concerns about weakness in the company's broadband internet and wireless phone business, as well as by further erosion in pay TV subscribers — a trend that has had significant financial implications.

Audiences have been migrating away from general-entertainment cable channels, including BET, MTV and Nickelodeon, making them less valuable to distributors such as Charter.

Analysts have long viewed Paramount's channels as among the weakest in the industry because they run largely low-cost reality programming, a genre that executives say has suffered from oversaturation and competition from higher-end streaming companies, such as Netflix.

Recent Nielsen ratings show that Paramount's cable channels have fallen out of favor with audiences. Only

three of the company's channels — TV Land, TV Land Classic and Nick at Night — rank in the top 20 in terms of total viewers. TV Land plays reruns of series including "King of Queens," "Seinfeld" and "Everybody Loves Raymond." Comedy Central and the Paramount Network lag behind, rounding out the top 30.

Charter's leaders, including Chief Executive Christopher L. Winfrey, were loath to agree to a new pact that would significantly raise fees for subscribers who continue to pay for their channel bundles.

Winfrey also has demanded that programmers give Spectrum customers access to subscription services that provide network programming.

"From the outset, Paramount has embraced Charter's goal of evolving the video distribution model, and we have appreciated their willingness to collaborate on a solution that benefits our mutual customers and the video industry as a whole," Tom Montemagno, Charter's executive vice president of programming acquisition, said.

Speaking at a gala for a Jewish group, Ari Emanuel blasts Netanyahu

Simon Wiesenthal Center's honoree calls for the ouster of the Israeli prime minister, 'an agent of chaos.'

By STACY PERMAN

Endeavor Chief Executive Ari Emanuel has called for the ouster of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and denounced his leadership.

The Hollywood power player made the remarks Wednesday at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's gala in Beverly Hills, where he accepted the Jewish organization's highest honor, the Humanitarian Award.

"This is a painful and crucial moment for all of us who are Jews and who love Israel. It is not a moment to stay silent," Emanuel said. "Israel is being led not by a problem solver but by a problem creator. He is an agent of chaos and hatred and division and destruction. And enough is enough. Bibi Netanyahu is a failure."

His remarks were met with cheers and jeers, with some attendees walking out of the event at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. The audience was filled with members of Emanuel's family and entertainment industry stalwarts, including Larry David, Robert Kraft, Mark Wahlberg and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

Emanuel, who supports a two-state solution and spoke of his family's long ties to Israel, said Netanyahu "doesn't want a peaceful solution" in the conflict in

the Gaza Strip. "And it's become clear that getting to a political solution and Netanyahu remaining in power are irreconcilable paths," he said.

"As for his responsibilities to keep the people of the state of Israel and Jews across the globe safe, he has obviously failed spectacularly," Emanuel said. "But he has succeeded wildly in using division to stay in power."

One of the most powerful executives in Hollywood, Emanuel is also one of the most outspoken. Two years ago, he urged businesses to cut ties with the artist formerly known as Kanye West after he made antisemitic remarks. Adidas and the Gap stopped working with the rapper and producer.

In 2006, Emanuel wrote an open letter calling on Hollywood to boycott Mel Gibson after the actor went on an antisemitic rant during a drunk-driving arrest. Emanuel said alcoholism "does not excuse racism and antisemitism." A year later, Emanuel accepted an apology from Gibson and supported his return to the film industry.

Emanuel lamented the civilian casualties and suffering among Palestinians in Gaza. "The loss of even a single innocent child is a tragedy," he said. But he called Israel's war, launched following the Oct. 7 terror attack by Hamas, "justified," saying, "Israel did not start the war in Gaza. Hamas did."

He criticized pro-Palestinian protesters for using the slogan "from the river to the sea," which he said means the elimination of Israel. "That's the definition of genocide," he said.

Corruption probe widens to another LAPD unit

[LAPD, from A1] cording to one source who agreed to discuss the inner workings of the case on the condition of anonymity.

The three sources familiar with the probe said LAPD investigators have spent months exploring the connection between the Mission and Foothill gang units.

Carrillo is accused of stealing personal items — including a knife with brass knuckles on the handle — from people during patrol stops in the Mission Division in April and June 2023.

Caleb Mason, Carrillo's attorney, said in an interview that his client was being charged for essentially "taking contraband away from a suspect," who was a minor.

"The prosecution's theory of the case is that he didn't fill out the proper paperwork," Mason said.

He said Carrillo's case is one of several in which the district attorney's office's Justice Systems Integrity Division overreached in a rush to make good on a campaign promise by Dist. Atty. George Gascón to hold police accountable.

"When an officer encounters a teenager who's in possession of contraband that he's absolutely not allowed to have, whether it's a marijuana vape or brass knuckles, you can't have that. And you take it away from him, and that's how good police work has been done for 150 years," he said. "Frankly, I would hope any officer would take that action."

Mason said he was handling only Carrillo's criminal case and could not comment on the department's ongoing internal investigation.

Prosecutors have identified as many as 350 criminal cases that are potentially compromised because they relied on the testimony of or evidence gathered by two Mission gang officers.

One of those officers, the sources familiar with the case said, is now believed to be Carrillo.

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The incident that prompted the LAPD to scrutinize the Mission Division was a traffic stop that occurred in December 2022 — in Foothill territory, according to two people not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation.

Gang unit members pulled over a woman who later filed a complaint alleg-



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LAPD INTERNAL investigators believe problem officers who followed one another from the Valley's troubled Foothill Division to the nearby Mission Division continued to exploit the agency's relaxed body-camera policy.

ing that officers had been rude to her, the sources said. When an internal affairs detective looked into the claims, he spotted inconsistencies between the officers' written reports and what was shown on their body-worn cameras, a department source said.

As the investigator continued to dig, a pattern emerged: Mission officers often weren't turning on their body cameras, as department rules require. When they did, it tended to be in cases in which they discovered guns or drugs.

If they came up empty-handed, the officers sometimes wouldn't turn on their cameras at all. Yet some of their actions were captured on video, without audio, thanks to an auto-record function that preserves two-minute snippets of footage before the devices are activated.

As the investigation widened, officials reportedly caught Mission officers stealing property and making illegal stops and searches, and failing to record some of these encounters.

Officials believe the officers exploited the department's relaxed policy on

body cameras, which requires supervisors to review only a small fraction of the footage recorded every month.

The department adopted tighter controls after the scandal broke.

The issues uncovered in the Mission Division coincided with an exodus of officers from Foothill.

It started with the transfer of a gang sergeant named Jorge Gonzalez, who began recruiting some of his former subordinates to join him in Mission, according to three department sources who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the case.

According to one department source, Gonzalez was initially recommended by area leadership to appear before a disciplinary board for issues related to his lack of supervision of the Mission unit, but interim Police Chief Dominic Choi instead issued him an official reprimand as punishment.

Gonzalez did not respond to a request for comment sent to his department email address.

According to a transfer order reviewed by The Times, Carrillo and another

gang officer moved from Foothill to Mission in November 2022.

Court records show that in May 2023, Carrillo and two other Mission gang officers, Anthony Cardoza and Marvin Perez, were involved in a traffic stop. They allegedly pulled over a man for having tinted windows and found a loaded gun in his car.

The man was charged with gun possession, but his attorney argued in pretrial hearings that the officers lacked probable cause for the search and failed to turn on their body cameras until halfway through the stop. In December, prosecutors dismissed the case.

Cardoza and Perez also came to Mission from Foothill. The two officers had joined the department at the same time and worked similar assignments for several years before reuniting in the Mission gang unit in early 2023, according to a write-up published in the police union's monthly magazine.

Both officers have previously declined to comment.

According to a source familiar with the department's case, the pair came under scrutiny after an incident in June in which some-

one complained that the officers threw a cup of iced coffee at a teenager.

The source requested not to be named in order to discuss a pending internal investigation.

When the gang unit's lieutenant reviewed a recording of the stop, he noticed that the officers had abruptly switched off their body cameras before the reported altercation. He reported this up the chain of command and was instructed to take the officers from the field. He later called the unit together for an impromptu meeting outside the Mission station, reportedly telling his officers he wasn't afraid of arresting them if he found out they were involved in misconduct.

After The Times reported in August that LAPD internal affairs investigators had taken the rare step of searching the lockers of numerous Mission gang unit officers, Moore announced that the FBI had opened a case. He ordered two of the officers involved to a disciplinary hearing by the Board of Rights, signaling that he wanted to fire them.

The unit's members were dispersed to other assignments or placed on administrative leave. Some, including the unit's supervisor, Lt. Mark Garza, remain at home, pending the outcome of the department's investigation.

Garza's attorney Matthew McNicholas said his client followed procedure by alerting supervisors as soon as he learned of potential wrongdoing by his officers.

"The only people that fell down on the job were command staff that allowed these people to be moved from Foothill to Mission, without telling anyone of their potential problems," McNicholas said.

Some of the involved officers were tailed by the LAPD's secretive Special Operations Division, according to department sources.

During one stakeout, a surveillance team caught two employees having sex at the Mission station. An officer was also caught on a hidden surveillance camera sneaking into the gang unit's Mission Hills office, even though it was supposed to have been closed.

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Problems at Foothill were first raised years ago in a whistleblower lawsuit filed by an LAPD captain, who alleged that he was ignored when he tried to warn superiors about what he saw as a defiant subculture inside the division's gang unit.

The captain, Johnny Smith, alleged that the unit's members retaliated against him when he tried to hold them accountable for misconduct. The suit makes no mention of Carrillo.

In the suit, filed in 2021 in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Smith, then a senior captain at Foothill, alleged that a group of gang officers conspired to file what he said was a frivolous complaint accusing him of making a racist remark.

Smith, who is Latino, had accused the officers of participating in a "blue flu" protest — calling out sick en masse — and using excessive force against protesters.

The city has denied the claims made in Smith's lawsuit, which is pending.

Smith declined to comment.

Several Foothill gang officers came under internal investigation for reportedly using excessive force on protesters after being pelted with bottles during a post-George Floyd demonstration in August 2020 in the Sunland-Tujunga neighborhood.

One officer was accused of firing bean-bag rounds into the crowd, striking at least three people who later sued the city, including an Associated Press freelance photographer. In the suit, the plaintiffs argued that such "less-lethal" weapons are generally not considered a crowd control measure, yet the officers were using them to disperse protesters, sometimes firing at close range.

One of the claims has been settled, with the city agreeing to pay \$200,000. The two others are pending.

According to a personnel complaint, body-camera footage showed a Foothill gang officer firing 40-millimeter projectiles at far-left activists in Westlake while ignoring counterprotesters who were throwing bottles at police.

Another case involved a sergeant from the Foothill gang unit who was accused in a lawsuit last year of firing at an unarmed man while jumping out of a police SUV that hadn't come to a full stop. The shooting was found to be out of policy by Moore, who concluded that the unarmed man who had just stepped out of a vehicle didn't pose an "imminent deadly threat." The city has denied the claims in the lawsuit.

Smith said he warned Moore and other department leaders that, if left unchecked, the officers' conduct would expose the department to liability. Smith said he was transferred and demoted instead of having his warnings heeded.

Amid the fallout from the scandal, some LAPD oversight experts have wondered whether geography may have something to do with why the alleged corruption at Mission and Foothill went undetected for so long. Both divisions are on the northern edges of the city, far from the eyes of department leaders downtown.

Alex Alonso, a professor at Cal State L.A. who studies street gangs, noted that the Mission Division covers Panorama City and other communities with large populations of immigrants, who may be unwilling to come forward and report police abuses.

Alonso said units with a mandate to aggressively police violent parts of the city are especially prone to bending the rules if left unchecked. He drew a comparison to the Rampart corruption scandal of the 1990s, in which officers planted false evidence, stole narcotics and shot people without justification.

The department's Gang Enforcement Details have undergone retraining in the years since the federal consent decree brought on by the Rampart scandal urged stricter supervision.

As a result, officials said, gang officers are among the most vetted in the department, in part because they are regularly confronted with dangerous situations and engage in aggressive "proactive policing" rather than responding to 911 calls.

Still, some longtime department observers question whether police leaders missed early warning signs at Mission.

The LAPD's data-driven culture has created "perverse incentives" resulting in past scandals, such as the one that broke out in 2020 when officers from the vaunted Metropolitan Division falsely portrayed Angelenos as gang members, according to civil rights attorney Connie Rice.

"If you get 'attaboys' at roll call for how many kids' names you put in the gang database, guess what, they're going to just put every kid in the gang database, whether there's probable cause or not," Rice said. "It gets really cynical after a while, because the rules are sometimes stupid, the incentive systems are stupid, their goals are stupid."

Cops end up frustrated, Rice said, and say to themselves: "You know, if they're dumb enough to make me do this, then I'm just going to cheat."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Nasdaq sets another record as Wall Street regains lost ground

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NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rose Friday in a bounce back from Wall Street's worst day since April.

The Standard & Poor's 500 advanced 36.88 points, or 0.7%, to 5,304.72 and won back all its losses from the prior two days. It eked out a tiny gain for the week, enough to extend its weekly winning streak to five, and is sitting just below its record, set Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.33 points, less than 0.1%, to 39,069.59, and the Nasdaq composite gained 184.76 points, 1.1%, to end at 16,920.79, topping its all-time high, set earlier this week.

Deckers Outdoor rose 14.2%, the biggest gain in the S&P 500, after reporting stronger than expected profit and revenue for the latest quarter.

The company behind the Hoka, Ugg and Teva brands gave a forecast for revenue this fiscal year that was in line with analysts' expectations.

Ross Stores also lifted the market, leaping 7.8%. The retailer reported better profit than analysts expected for the latest quarter. That was despite revenue only edging past expectations, as customers continue to hold back on purchases of nonessentials.

Even though data on the overall, or macro, economy have been showing continued strength in spending by U.S. households, the numbers under the surface are not as encouraging.

"Walmart and Target are

telling us that high-income consumers are doing fine but beginning to trade down," said Brian Jacobsen, chief economist at Annex Wealth Management. "The lower-income consumer is struggling. Macro often focuses too much on the average, and the average is skewed by the high-end household."

The market got a bit of a boost Friday from a report showing that overall sentiment among U.S. consumers weakened by less in May than preliminary data had suggested.

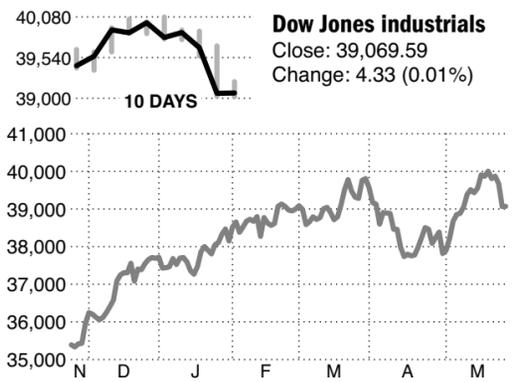
Perhaps more important, the report from the University of Michigan said U.S. consumers' expectations for inflation in the coming year rose less in May than had been feared.

That could help stave off a vicious cycle in which high expectations for inflation among U.S. households drive them to behave in ways that only make inflation worse.

Worries about stubbornly high inflation were behind this week's rocky trading, after indexes recently set records. The weakness began after the Federal Reserve on Wednesday released the minutes from its last policy meeting, showing officials talking about the possibility of raising rates if inflation worsens.

Treasury yields were mostly stable Friday after the report on consumer sentiment.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury slipped to 4.46% from 4.48% late Thursday. The two-year yield, which more closely tracks expectations for action by the Fed, was holding steady at 4.94%.



Major stock indexes

Index	Close	Daily change	Daily % change	YTD % change
Dow industrials	39,069.59	+4.33	+0.01	+3.66
S&P 500	5,304.72	+36.88	+0.70	+11.21
Nasdaq composite	16,920.79	+184.76	+1.10	+12.72
S&P 400	2,976.67	+24.73	+0.84	+7.02
Russell 2000	2,069.67	+21.26	+1.04	+2.10
EuroStoxx 50	5,035.41	-2.19	-0.04	+11.36
Nikkei (Japan)	38,646.11	-457.11	-1.17	+15.48
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	18,608.94	-259.77	-1.38	+9.16

Interest rates

Treasuries	Yield	Daily change	6 month change	1 year change
T-bill: 1 year	5.21	+0.01	-0.07	-0.05
T-note: 5 year	4.53	-0.09	+0.04	+0.61
T-note: 10 years	4.47	-0.01	-	+0.66
T-bond: 30 years	4.57	-0.01	-0.03	+0.60

Bank & mortgage rates	Rate	Week ago	6 months ago	1 year ago
6 Month CD	2.36	2.33	2.33	2.21
1 Year CD	2.63	2.61	2.63	2.67
2 Year CD	2.55	2.52	2.52	2.55
30 Year Fixed	7.33	7.28	7.56	7.74
15 Year Fixed	6.84	6.77	7.02	7.02
30 Year Jumbo	7.66	7.56	7.76	7.90

Commodities

Treasuries	Delivery date	Close in \$	Daily change	1 year change
Oil: Barrel	Jul 24	77.72	+0.85	+5.05
Gold Ounce	May 24	2,332.50	-2.50	+388.40
Silver Ounce	May 24	30.33	+0.05	+7.09

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OPINION

LETTER FROM ...

How to actually show appreciation for teachers

The Dodgers' gesture was lovely. The irony is that many educators were too busy to attend.

SUNDAY WAS Teacher Appreciation Day at Dodger Stadium. So my family, filled as it is with educators, took in the game against the Cincinnati Reds at Chavez Ravine. (And my youngest son took home a foul ball hit by Shohei Ohtani, a souvenir that easily offset the steep price of a ticket.)

But my wife couldn't make it for Teacher Appreciation Day. Because she's a teacher. And teachers often work on Sunday.

Summer vacation looms, but there is no soft landing when school days remain.

This personal irony neatly illustrates the peculiar way we treat teachers. On the one hand, their exalted status in society is unquestioned: Politicians seek their endorsements, polls show Americans trust them more than most other classes of workers, and once a year the Dodgers give paying fans a tumbler or sweater emblazoned with an apple in their honor.

On the other hand lurks a hidden reality I've seen in 15 years

of marriage to a teacher:

The 4 a.m. iPhone alarms to resume lesson planning after passing out the night before from exhaustion. The endless test-writing and grading. The soul-crushing sense that if students tune out during a class or perform below expectations, it's the teacher's fault.

It's a job done, in roughly equal parts, inside and outside the classroom. Everyone envies what they see — the 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. workday and summer breaks — unaware of the countless morning, evening and weekend hours spent away from their own children to make educating yours look easy.

You don't have to marry a teacher to understand the psychological consequences of all this. Though burnout afflicts workers in all professions, a Gallup poll in 2022 found that it hits teachers the hardest. Research has shown teacher exhaustion correlates with poorer outcomes for students, and according to the education news site Chalkbeat, states that track turnover in schools (California isn't one of them) have reported educators leaving the field at record rates in recent years.

I see symptoms of this upheaval all the time, often in the annual soul-searching among teacher friends over whether they can take another year of this. These people aren't in it for the



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

AT SIERRA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL in Baldwin Park, student Jesus Medina hung a banner showing appreciation and took selfies with teachers. They need that kind of support and more.

summer breaks or museum discounts.

But most end up returning to the classroom, so it's worth asking: What sustains them? What keeps them coming back?

I have an idea, and though my sample size is small by research standards, it provides abundant anecdotal evidence.

My wife and two of her sisters teach, their mother is a retired teacher, and their late grandfather worked in L.A. Unified back when it was called the Los Angeles City School District. Jokes and acronyms from the world of education (good God, the endless acronyms) lace our conversations.

And, of course, teachers who read *The Times* (and sometimes even their students) write letters to the editor shedding light on the reality inside their classrooms.

From all this, here's what I've gathered: For each challenging administrator or parent, there are at least 10 students who revere their teacher or at least act as if they understand how much work is put into all this.

For many students, people like my wife and her sisters are among the most important adults in their lives — not quite surrogate parents, but indispensable in a way that only empathetic, trained educators can be.

So the work itself might be fulfilling, but material support from the rest of society — and not the kind of conspicuous, empty praise already given in abundance — falls short. We can of course pay teachers a lot more (because nothing ices burnout better than a fatter paycheck), but for most districts that's a nonstarter with

California's budget deficit estimated at \$56 billion over the next two fiscal years.

Here's another approach that might sound unrelated: We can build a lot of housing, and then build more. At a starting salary of about \$60,000 per year, new teachers can forget about renting their own apartment in L.A., let alone living near their school. Subsisting on a young teacher's pay might be doable if we fixed our housing shortage.

But these are long-term solutions. If you're interested in showing you appreciate teachers' work and understand their plight, here's a tip: Don't tell them how wonderful their lives must be because they're about to have a summer vacation.

— PAUL THORNTON,
LETTERS EDITOR

LETTERS



MARK J. TERRILL Associated Press

A TESLA electric vehicle is seen plugged in at a Supercharger station in Westlake on May 10, 2023.

The myth of overpriced EVs

Re "China tariffs will slow transition to EVs in U.S.," editorial, May 20

YOUR EDITORIAL ON the Biden administration's tariffs on Chinese-made electric vehicles confuses the sticker price of an EV with the real cost of driving one and misrepresents the real reason for slowing EV sales.

The best-selling gas-powered sedan is the Toyota Corolla, which you can drive with a lease payment of typically \$299 per month, plus the cost of gas and repairs.

The best-selling EV is the Tesla Model Y, which you can drive with a lease payment of \$399 per month, minus the savings in gas and repairs. Those savings put the real monthly cost well below \$299.

It is this kind of confusion between sticker price and the actual cost to own and operate an electric vehicle that discourages potential EV buyers.

The other reason is the lack of decent charging infrastructure for any car other than a Tesla. Only Tesla had the foresight to build out a nationwide network of Superchargers that is reliable, is easy to use and eliminates any hint of range anxiety.

A \$12,000 Chinese-built EV without the charging infrastructure to accommodate it will not speed up the transition to zero-emission cars.

MICHAEL MEKEEL, Los Angeles

We won't need any help from U.S. tariffs on Chinese-made EVs to kill the electric car if the media, including *The Times*, continue their relentless and misleading characterization of EV prices as sky high and out of reach for many.

Remember, the vast majority of Americans buy used cars, which are less expensive than new ones.

I just did a quick search. I found used electric cars made by Chevrolet, Ford, Volkswagen, BMW and

Nissan for less than \$20,000, and that's before a federal tax credit of up to \$4,000, for which all the vehicles were eligible.

Some electric utilities offer even larger rebates for replacing high-polluting vehicles. Add to that charging station incentives and the reduced cost of operating an EV (hello, gas prices), and you have a pretty picture.

More than that, it's a much more realistic one. Please stop perpetuating

your misleading scenario.

ZAN DUBIN
Santa Monica

The writer is co-founder of National Drive Electric Week.

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We don't need to choose between accelerating the use of EVs while decimating U.S. autoworkers jobs, and accelerating global warming because EV adoption slows to a crawl. Instead, make sure Chinese autoworkers

are fairly paid.

Recent changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement have made it easier for Mexican workers to form real, independent unions.

Furthermore, the United Auto Workers union has not only shown that the lives of workers in the American South can be brought up to a decent standard, but it has also pledged to stand behind Mexican autoworkers as they try to raise their own standard of living.

As both U.S. and Mexican employees fight their way back into the middle class, they improve their respective economies and become consumers instead of merely wage slaves.

China must have access to North American and European markets. We should open ours only to the extent that China allows strong and independent unions to flourish and cooperate with their counterparts around the world.

DOUGLAS MARSHALL
Bell

Yes, the 2024 debates matter

Re "Presidential debates: Don't believe the hoopla," Opinion, May 22

A lack of nuanced, thoughtful analysis does not render presidential debates worthless.

Yes, most of the electorate will have made up their minds regardless of the "winner." But for the few who are not hard wired to either side, the debates will give them the opportunity to discern, among other things, whether former President Trump is as loony or President Biden is as senile as their respective critics claim.

Or whether defending democracy abroad is more in this country's interest than cozying up to autocrats and dictators.

And what of the border crisis, abortion rights, inflation, the cost of living and how to best deal with all of the above as well as other issues?

While most of us have already made up our minds and watching the debates will be akin to rooting for our favorite team and wishing ill on the other side, there is that sliver that could be persuaded to swing in either direction. In swing states, that will make all the difference.

LES ZADOR
Encino

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Jonah Goldberg apparently didn't see what I saw in many debates over the years, particularly between Trump and Hillary Clinton

before the 2016 election.

It was illuminating to watch Trump stalking Clinton while she was speaking. It showed us clearly what kind of person he was.

What turns the debates into unwatchable messes is the failure of the moderators and networks to shut off a microphone when a speaker's time expires. Traditionally, debate rules insist on strict time allocation.

In the case of Trump and Clinton, the debate organizers failed to insist that he stay in his assigned space. Given his prior behavior, it should be announced before any future debates that if Trump starts wandering the stage, his image will be replaced by a cartoon donkey.

Unimaginable? No more so than his impolite stalking behind Clinton's back.

MARK DAVIDSON
Santa Ana

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In the last 64 years, American presidential debates have degenerated from Kennedy-Nixon to Bush-Gore to Abbott and Costello, minus the humor.

The cynical electorate will not find anything funny about Trump-Biden debates, which will be judged by who commits the most gaffes, or who is the first to drool. The collective response will be: Is this the best we can do?

Both political parties are responsible. Many voters will stay home in frustration. The result could be catastrophic.

DAVE SANDERSON
La Cañada Flintridge

Good one

Re "Red Lobster in hot water," May 21

Whoever writes the headlines should write the rest of the paper.

THOMAS BUTTERWORTH
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Their answer to a Nazi-tainted anatomical atlas

[Anatomy, from A1] executed for political reasons after Austria was annexed to Nazi Germany in 1938.

"Every time I open up that book," he said, "my sense is revulsion."

Shivkumar is a big thinker, an erudite physician quick with an apt quotation, whose Westwood office is stacked with Sanskrit volumes of the Mahabharata alongside books related to legendary Bruins basketball coach John Wooden.

As he waded into the scholarly debate over using the tainted atlas, the doctor bristled at hearing others praise its illustrations as "unsurpassable." Much of the soul searching among physicians had revolved around when and how to use it. Shivkumar wanted to put those questions to bed.

"Could we be better?" he asked. "Could we not be making something that's completely untainted?"

That question would launch Shivkumar on a quest that has lasted more than a decade and is expected to endure for years. He wants to surpass the anatomical atlas created by Dr. Eduard Pernkopf, a fervent supporter of the Nazi regime whose work was fueled by the dead bodies of its victims.

His passion project at the UCLA Cardiac Arrhythmia Center is called Amara Yad, a mashup of Sanskrit and Hebrew meaning "immortal hand." The work has relied on the generosity of people who have willed their bodies for use at UCLA, as well as hearts that were donated but could not be used for transplant.

So far, Amara Yad has completed two volumes focused on the anatomy of the heart and is enlisting teams at other universities for more. The plan is to draft a freely available, ethically sourced road map to the entire body that eclipses the weathered volumes of watercolors from Pernkopf and honors the Nazis' victims.

Anatomists have told him, "You're crazy. It's impossible. How could you ever surpass it?" Shivkumar said of the Pernkopf atlas in a speech last year before members of the Heart Rhythm Society.

But "can it be beaten? The answer is yes."

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For decades, the origins of the Pernkopf Atlas were unknown to many who turned to its pages for guidance. Swastikas tucked into signatures of an illustrator were airbrushed out in later editions. Its history began to trickle out in journals in the 1980s.

When Dr. Howard Israel finally learned of its roots, he was horrified. Israel, an oral surgeon at Columbia University and self-described "very ordinary American Jew," told the New York Times he had been relying on the book since he was a medical student.

"I felt stupid at using the book," he told the newspaper, "that I could possibly have benefited from something that sounded so evil." He and another physician enlisted the Holocaust remembrance group Yad Vashem and publicly pushed for the University of



DR. SHUMPEI MORI sets up a donated heart to be photographed at UCLA, where experts are working to create a set of images to surpass the long-used anatomical book created by Nazi supporter Eduard Pernkopf.

Vienna to investigate whose bodies were depicted in its pages.

The resulting probe found no evidence that the anatomy department under Pernkopf — who had ascended to become dean of the medical faculty at the University of Vienna in 1938 — had received bodies from the Mauthausen concentration camp, as some had wondered.

But the institute had been given at least 1,377 bodies of executed people, most of them sentenced to death for political reasons. Among the charges that led to their executions: "crimes of resistance" and "high treason."

Using the bodies of executed people was "a centuries-old practice in anatomy," preferred because anatomists could time their work swiftly after a scheduled death, said Dr. Sabine Hildebrandt, an anatomy educator at Harvard Medical School. What was new under the Nazis, she said, was the sheer number of executions.

The institute "was drowned in bodies," and "the source for these bodies was mostly connected with the apparatus of repression of the Nazi regime," said historian Herwig Czech, a member of the Lancet Commission on Medicine, Nazism, and the Holocaust, at a recent forum.

By the time those findings emerged, the publisher of the anatomy book had stopped printing it.

Yet use of the atlas persisted. Hildebrandt said that a decade ago, dental students in her classes "were basically giving each other thumb drives with bootlegged copies of the head and neck."

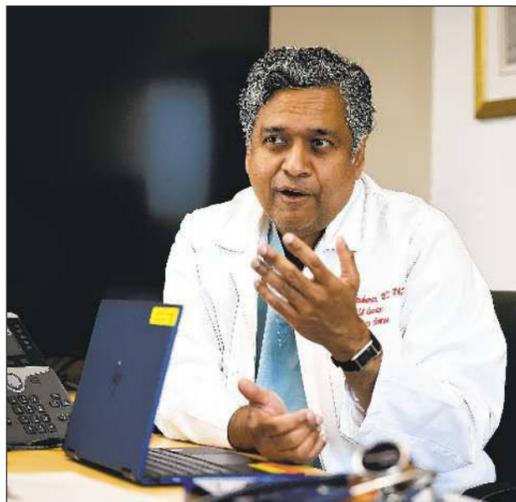
Other anatomical atlases exist, but these illustrations had especially fine details, including of the nerves extending beyond the brain and spiral cord. One survey of nerve surgeons found that 13% of respondents were using the atlas. Among those who have publicly grappled with it is Dr. Susan Mackinnon, a surgery professor at Washington University School of Medicine in St.

Louis known as a pioneer in nerve regeneration. "I used this textbook for years before I knew the history of it," she said. "My brain is contaminated with that. I can't undo that." Mackinnon sought ethical guidance. Rabbi Joseph Polak, a Boston University assistant adjunct professor of health law who survived the concentration camps as a child, said one dilemma involved a patient in excruciating pain.

Polak recalled that the patient had told Mackinnon that "if you can't find the nerve to stop the pain, then I want my leg amputated." The rabbi walked through Jewish teachings that applied to the ethical quandary and conferred with other experts, penning a set of recommendations called the Vienna Protocol.

Among his urgings to doctors: If you use these drawings, make it clear to patients where they came from.

The Third Reich wanted "to extinguish them and to extinguish eventually all memory of them," the rabbi said of Holocaust victims, speaking at a recent forum about the atlas. But when a doctor tells patients about what happened to the people depicted in the drawings, he said, "they're being called



DR. KALYANAM SHIVKUMAR seeks "to correct an unbelievably depressing stain ... in our field."

out of that darkness."

Mackinnon now keeps the atlas locked away. In the rare cases she feels she needs to consult it to operate, she tells patients and co-workers about the man behind it. His firings of Jewish doctors. The grim details in its pages — shorn hair, emaciated bodies — that began to raise suspicions about its terrible origins.

The only reason to use it, she said, is to save someone from misery — and only if "nothing else will help you."

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Shivkumar said his goal is to eliminate the need to consult those pages at all. Inside UCLA's Center for the Health Sciences in Westwood, he showed off a donated heart, prepped and ready for its close-up in a corner of the lab outfitted with a black backdrop and brilliant lights.

A spent heart normally wilts like a deflated balloon, but this one had been pumped with chemicals to imitate the fullness of life. The team first puts the organs to use in research, then carefully dissects them for imaging.

Bringing out a bisected piece of a heart, Dr. Shumpei Mori displayed how its inner architecture could be cap-

tured on camera, threading a catheter through the organ as a co-worker snaked in an endoscope.

"The internal structure is really fine and delicate," said Mori, a specialist in cardiac anatomy who had jumped at the chance to do something new in the field.

"Even Pernkopf simplified the anatomy" in its drawings, Mori said. "What we are doing is more complicated."

The camera is far from their only tool: The team has generated 3-D images to illustrate the dimensions of the inner structures of the heart; done CT scans to produce hand-held models; and used sophisticated imaging from a microscope to reveal the lattice of nerves connecting to the organ — part of the signaling system that Shivkumar calls "the internet of the human body."

In another lab, Mori carefully unzipped a bag on a metal gurney to reveal the stripped-down interior of a cadaver diligently dissected over a year and a half, its rib cage cracked open like a heavy book. Shivkumar pointed out the pale web of nerves stretching up through the neck. Mori had painted them yellow by hand.

The human body might seem like well-traveled territory, but as physicians work to find less invasive ways of healing, such as attacking a cancer with ultrasound, Shivkumar said there is "a volcanic desire for this kind of information." Snip the right nerve, he said, and you can avert the need for a heart transplant.

"Pernkopf never did nerves like this," he said with pride.

Amara Yad is also an act of "moral repair" meant to honor the victims, said Dr. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, a UCLA cardiologist and evolutionary biologist who helped support the project. The Nazi atlases "were like documents of death. The atlases that Shiv is creating are really living, interactive tools to support life."

When Shivkumar decided to launch the project,

he had been inspired by the words of USC emeritus professor of rheumatology Dr. Richard Panush, who had pushed to set the atlas aside in the library of the New Jersey medical center where he had worked, moving it to a display case that explained its history.

Panush said the old atlas should be preserved only as "a symbol of what we should not do, and how we should not behave, and the kind of people that we cannot respect."

Doctors need to know that history to understand their own moral fallibility, Hildebrandt said. Physicians in Nazi Germany "still thought they were doing the right thing," she said, even as they failed to see some people as human.

Rabbi Polak stressed that doctors at the time "had the deepest, most profound respect of the masses."

Yet when the Nazis took power, "it turned out that a vast proportion of them were moral sleazeballs," Polak said. "They were the first to join when they saw that it could promote their careers."

Shivkumar said that beyond making new tools for physicians, the Amara Yad project is working with Oxford University to develop an accompanying curriculum that will explore ethical failures in medicine. Pernkopf's anatomy book is only one example.

The history of the atlas "invites the contemplation of how doctors and medical scientists and anatomists are related to a regime," said Sari J. Siegel, who heads the Center for Medicine, Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Cedars-Sinai. Thinking about it underscores that "medicine is political."

"It can't be divorced from the larger contexts in which it exists."

Shivkumar, born to a Hindu family in the southernmost state of India, is used to people wondering why he became "possessed" with this project. He recalls first learning about the Holocaust from a photographer friend of his grandfather, a former newspaper editor once imprisoned for sedition against the British Empire.

He was 11 when the photographer showed him images dating to World War II, and it chilled him "to see that human beings could be so brutal to other humans." As a child, his parents had told him they owed the world because their part of India was lucky to be long spared from such conflict.

In Amara Yad, we "get a rare opportunity in history to correct an unbelievably depressing stain that was placed in our field," he told the Heart Rhythm Society.

It irritates him to think of the abundant resources that a Nazi had at hand to do this sort of work. "Imagine having five Shumpeis!" he exclaimed at one point, gesturing at his colleague who hand-painted the nerves. At UCLA, the project has piggybacked on ongoing research and relied on donations. He is hoping to garner \$500,000 annually to continue and expand the work.

But Shivkumar likes to quote the Emperor Ashoka on that point: "To do good is difficult. One who does good first does something hard to do. ... Truly, it is easy to do evil."

Second human case of bird flu is detected in Michigan dairy worker

The symptoms are mild, consisting of conjunctivitis. Health officials ramp up drug and vaccine supplies.

BY SUSANNE RUST

A second human case of bird flu in a dairy worker has been confirmed in Michigan, state and federal health officials announced this week.

The symptoms were mild, consisting of conjunctivitis. The Texas dairy worker who contracted the virus in March also came down with pink eye.

During a news call on Wednesday, Nirav Shah, principal deputy director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the finding was "not unexpected" and was a scenario "that we had been preparing for."

He said that since the dis-



SINCE the discovery of H5N1 in cattle, officials have been monitoring farm and slaughterhouse workers.

covery of H5N1 in dairy cattle, state and federal health officials have been closely monitoring farmworkers and slaughterhouse workers and urging farmers and farmworker organizations to "be alert, not alarmed."

Federal officials say they

still believe the human health risk of bird flu is low; however, it underscores the need for people who are interacting with infected or potentially infected farm animals or birds to take precautions, including avoiding dead animals and wearing

personal protective equipment if there's a need to be in close contact.

Though a nasal swab from the person in Michigan tested negative for influenza, an eye swab from the patient was shipped to the CDC and tested positive for influenza A (H5N1) virus.

This is the third case of H5N1 reported in the U.S. A poultry worker in Colorado was identified in 2022.

Although the symptoms in the three farmworkers in the U.S. have been mild, people elsewhere in the world have suffered more severe illness, including death. According to the World Health Organization, between Jan. 1, 2003, and March 28, 2024, there have been 888 cases of human infection in 23 countries; 463 were fatal.

In preparation for a more widespread outbreak, the CDC updated its guidance for personal protective equipment in dairies and issued a nationwide order for healthcare providers to be

on the lookout for novel influenza.

On Tuesday, the CDC asked clinical laboratories and health departments to increase the number of influenza samples being analyzed "to maximize the likelihood of catching a case of H5N1 in the community," Shah said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is also expanding its surveillance and support by providing \$1,500 to non-infected farms to beef up biosecurity, and \$100 to producers who want to buy samplers to test their milk. The agency will also provide \$2,000 per farm to cover veterinary fees for testing, as well as shipping costs to send those tests to laboratories for analysis.

There have been no cases of H5N1 detected in California's dairy herds.

Officials said ongoing analysis of the nation's dairy supply suggests it is safe to consume. Despite the risk to human health being low, an

official with the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response said it will make Tamiflu available upon request "to jurisdictions that do not have their own stockpile and are responding to pre-symptomatic persons with exposure to confirmed or suspected infected birds, cattle or other animal exposures."

Dawn O'Connell, assistant secretary of the preparedness agency, said it started the "fill and finish" process for approximately 4.8 million doses of vaccine "that is well matched to the currently circulating strain of H5N1 through the national pre-pandemic influenza vaccine stockpile program."

She said the decision to get started on H5N1 vaccines was not a response to any heightened concern, but since it takes several months to fill and finish vaccine doses, the agency "thought it made sense given what we were seeing."

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Honors for grads who beat harshest of odds

Ceremony celebrates L.A. seniors earning diplomas despite housing instability.

By HOWARD BLUME

One student lived variously in a car, a homeless shelter, motels and with relatives. Another was kicked out of the house in high school. And yet another shared one room with his entire family and worked washing dishes.

These Los Angeles Unified high school students represent a complex mosaic of hardship but also have overcome tremendous adversity — and were among 130 who were honored Monday by the district at BMO Stadium south of downtown, where many received college scholarships.

“You’re here because you accomplished something, because you made sure your life has meaning,” author Luis Rodriguez said in remarks to the graduates.

Rodriguez, who also overcame hardship in his youth, told the graduates to learn to love themselves in a positive way and “the angels will come out of the woodwork — the teachers and the mentors and the people will come out to help you. That’s been my experience.”

About 15,000 students in the L.A. Unified School District reported being homeless this year, roughly 3,000 [See [Graduates](#), B5]

‘Mild and meek’ cop was also a hit man

By CHRISTOPHER GOFFARD

The city’s dirtiest cop was also the most colorless, with a forgettable face and a personality as vague as fog. At 77, he has been in lockup for 38 years, more than twice as long as he wore a badge. He has been a tame and quiet inmate, just as he was known — until his capture — as a tame and quiet policeman.

At Mule Creek State Prison, he attends 12-step programs and reads fantasy novels. He has a paralegal certificate, a sister-in-law with a guest house, and a job offer at a law firm if he should ever get out.

But the people with the power to free him keep puzzling over his crimes, demanding explanations, psychological insight, the thinnest ray of sunlight on his motivations. *Give us something.*

[See [Hit man](#), B2]



LARRY BESSEL, CONVICTED LAPD COP

William Leasure in 1991.



WALLY SKALIJ, Los Angeles Times

PRO-PALESTINIAN demonstrators, left, defend themselves against a pro-Israel counterprotester at an encampment at UCLA.

Man arrested in UCLA attack

Suspect, unaffiliated with campus, is accused of role in April 30 violence

By COLLEEN SHALBY, RICHARD WINTON AND NATHAN SOLIS

A pro-Israel counterprotester was arrested Thursday morning by UCLA police, weeks after he allegedly assaulted occupants of a campus protest encampment with a wooden pole.

According to the UCLA Police Department, detectives inter-

viewed witnesses and victims and reviewed security camera video from the pro-Palestinian demonstration to identify the suspect, who was not affiliated with the campus and was allegedly among a group who violently attacked students, faculty and staff April 30.

The 18-year-old man was detained at a business in Beverly Hills and booked on suspicion of felony assault with a deadly weapon, police said. He was being held in Los

Angeles County jail in lieu of \$30,000 bail. The arrest appeared to be the first of a counterprotester in connection with the attack.

A law enforcement source confirmed to The Times that the man is Edan On, who was identified by CNN last week as a counterprotester wearing a white hoodie and a mask in widely shared images and videos that showed him repeatedly hitting a pro-Palestinian protester with the pole. On is also listed

on the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department arrest log.

In a deleted Facebook post, On’s mother, Sharon On-Siboni, shared a photo of her son from a Fox 11 news segment at UCLA that she captioned in Hebrew, “Edan went to bully the Palestinian students in the tents at UCLA and played the song that they played to the Nukhba terrorists in prison!” according to a law enforcement [See [UCLA attack](#), B2]

UC strike to expand as legality is tested

By HOWARD BLUME AND JAWEED KALEEM

The University of California academic workers’ strike is expected to amp up Tuesday with walkouts at UCLA and UC Davis after a state labor board declined to immediately stop it, ruling that a university complaint did not meet the legal standard required for its intervention.

UC officials had claimed that the walkout was illegal and causing such serious harm that it needed to be stopped.

The union representing 48,000 academic workers called the strike over what it alleged were free speech violations related to Israel-Hamas protests and other harms to workers. The strike began Monday at UC Santa Cruz under a union plan to



JASON ARMOND, Los Angeles Times

A STATE labor board has denied UC’s request to stop the workers’ strike, but left the case open. Above, union members at UCLA.

take the walkout to different colleges in the 10-campus system at different times.

Although labor officials did not stop the walkout, the legality of the strike remains a pending issue before the labor board, with a ruling at least three weeks away.

The union on strike, United Auto Workers Local 481I, represents graduate student teaching assistants, tutors, researchers and other academic workers at UC campuses and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The labor action comes at a crucial time in the academic year, as classes end and capstone projects, finals and grading are ahead — work in which union members play a key role.

The union praised the Thursday ruling in a social media post: [See [Strike](#), B2]

Why requiring folic acid in tortillas would be bad

Health advocates say fortifying masa helps babies, but more is at stake

GUSTAVO ARELLANO

Thursday mornings at La Princesita Tortilleria in East Los Angeles are devoted to making chips, so customers couldn’t get any piping hot tortillas when I visited last week. But CEO Enrique Rodriguez made sure two fresh batches of corn tortillas were available for what we were about to do.

It was time for the Great Tortilla Folic Acid Test.

My older relatives have complained for years that corn tortillas in the United States don’t taste like they should, because most contain as many ingredients as



GENARO MOLINA, Los Angeles Times

ENRIQUE RODRIGUEZ, chief executive of La Princesita Tortilleria, and La Princesita President Monica Ramirez discuss corn tortillas that have folic acid.

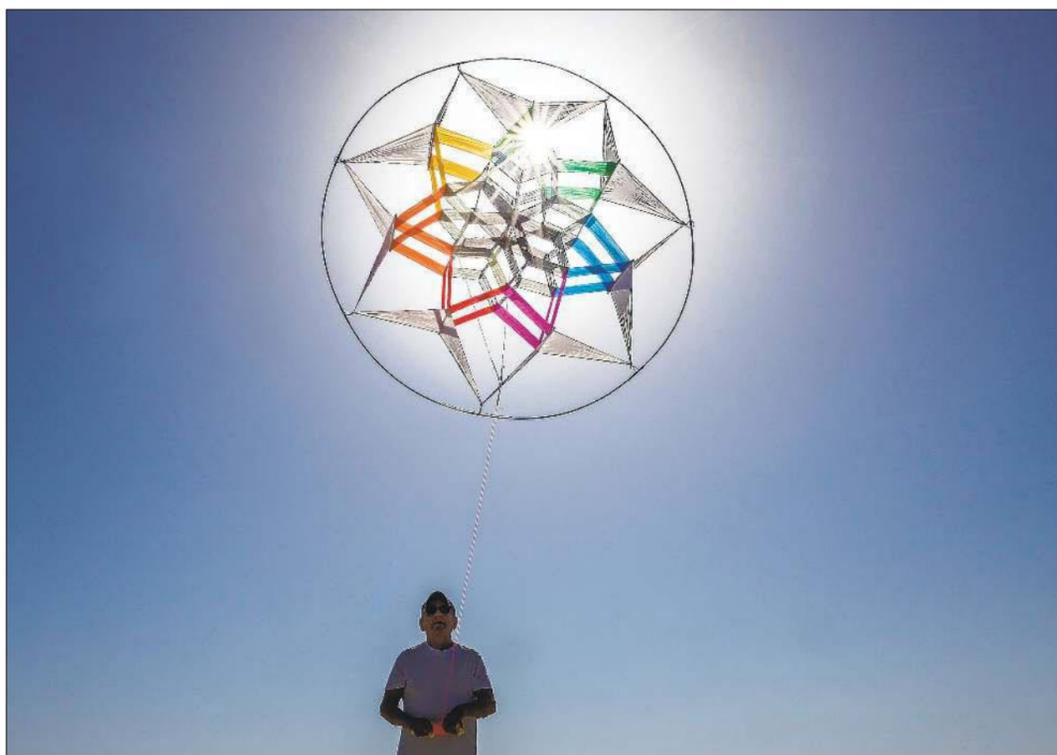
the fine print in an infomercial. That makes them as palatable as the lickable part of an envelope.

But over the last decade, a growing number of restaurants and tortilla makers have gone back to the basics — using just corn, water and lime in a process called nixtamalization — to promote the older, tastier, healthier ways. Some, like La Princesita, never deviated from the practice and became beloved for it.

Nevertheless, health advocates have argued for decades that fortifying masa with folic acid is necessary and have pushed to make it mandatory.

They cite research showing that consuming it early in pregnancy drastically cuts down on neural tube [See [Arellano](#), B4]

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HUNTINGTON BEACH resident Orlando M., who didn't want his last name used, flies a kite on a stretch of sand away from crowds anticipated for the holiday weekend at Bolsa Chica State Beach on Wednesday.

Memorial Day weekend starts off mild and cool but will get warmer

Monday is expected to be the sunniest day across California as temperatures rise.

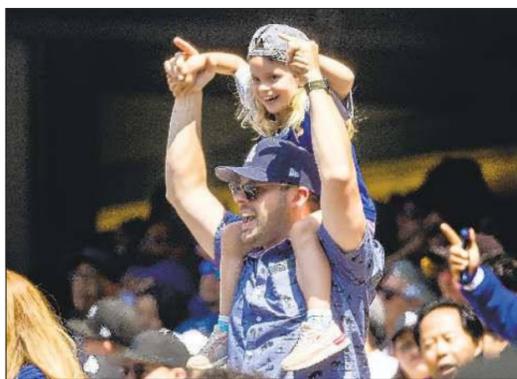
By GRACE TOOHEY

Often considered the unofficial kickoff for summer, Memorial Day weekend this year is unlikely to usher in sunny skies and hot temperatures to California's beaches as some may hope — but weather officials say a slight warming trend could bring some clear skies by Sunday and Monday.

Across much of the state, forecasts show a cool, cloudy start to the holiday weekend Saturday, with a chance for some patchy drizzle in the morning from a particularly deep marine layer, especially in Southern California.

But it's not all gloom, especially as the weekend progresses.

"We're heading in toward a warmer and sunnier pattern going into the weekend; Memorial Day Monday is looking to be the nicest," said Rose Schoenfeld, a Na-



GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

A DODGERS FAN holds a child during the dance cam segment between innings at Dodger Stadium.

tional Weather Service meteorologist in Oxnard. "We're going to trend upward with temperatures."

"By Memorial Day, temperatures are expected to be several degrees warmer" than Friday and Saturday, Schoenfeld said. Southern California's deep marine layer — likely stretching to the inland foothills and valleys Saturday — will be weakening, and highs in the valleys will reach into the upper 70s by Monday. Downtown

Los Angeles is forecast to hit the mid-70s, and some desert areas will reach into the 100s.

The Southland's beaches will warm slightly, however the marine layer will likely keep the coast overcast and temperatures slightly below average for this time of year.

"The beaches are expected to stay pretty cool," Schoenfeld said. There's always a chance that a beach or two will "patchily clear up" and allow the sun to

peek through, but she said temperatures along the coast will remain in the 60s.

A similar marine layer across the Central Coast and in the Bay Area will keep temperatures in the high 50s to low 60s throughout most of the weekend, with a chance for some precipitation Saturday. The warmest day there will also be Monday, when highs could reach into the upper 60s along the coast and into the 70s and 80s further inland.

The weekend's temperature turnaround will be most prevalent inland, where highs on Monday are expected to be about 10 degrees above Saturday's cooler-than-average temperatures. Across the Sacramento Valley and down through the Central Valley, temperatures are forecast Monday to reach into the low 90s.

There's a chance for some strong winds to linger through Saturday along the Santa Barbara Coast and in the Antelope Valley and Central Valley, but otherwise the Golden State can expect a relatively calm weekend.

Activist loses 'swatting' suit against officers

By LIBOR JANY

A Los Angeles civil jury ruled against Black Lives Matter-L.A. co-founder Melina Abdullah on Thursday, finding that two police officers were not liable for their response to a reported hostage situation in her home that turned out to be a false alarm.

Abdullah alleged that law enforcement's response to the so-called swatting incident — which involved deploying officers with guns at the ready to her doorstep — was an act of intimidation in response to her high-profile advocacy against police violence.

Attorneys for the city countered that police merely were acting on the information they had at the time, that a caller had demanded \$1 million or he would shoot the three people he'd taken hostage inside Abdullah's home.

Abdullah was accused of seeking preferential treatment, and jurors heard portions of an Instagram livestream she broadcast during the incident in which she asked her followers to contact two City Council members she was friends with and asked police, "Do you know who I am?"

In an interview after the verdict, Abdullah called the jury's decision "dispiriting and disappointing and not surprising," and the result of "an unjust system" protecting itself.

Her attorneys said they plan to appeal.

The 911 caller in the August 2020 incident that sparked the lawsuit spoke in a pronounced Southern accent and called himself "Dale Brooks." In response to his hostage threat, police dispatched more than a dozen officers from the nearby Wilshire Division to Abdullah's home, along with a helicopter, her attorneys said. They alleged that the Los Angeles Police Department ignored signs of a hoax. The caller said he wished to "send a message" that "BLM is a bunch of retards."

Emails to the city attorney's office and to the two police officers named in the suit were not immediately returned.

The LAPD response to the 911 call, which came after a summer of anti-police-brutality protests that Abdullah helped organize as a leader of Black Lives Matter, drew widespread outrage, including from multiple city officials who called for an investigation.

Abdullah criticized Los Angeles County Superior

Court Judge Rupert Byrdson for what she said was an attempt to "criminalize" her supporters, who packed the courtroom every day.

On several occasions, Byrdson paused the proceedings to admonish audience members for what he saw as disruptions in the court gallery. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies were stationed outside the courtroom in response, and use of phones inside was restricted. Deputies also blocked off the front row of seats with yellow crime scene tape, limiting capacity.

"I think that also tainted the jury and gave them the impression that Black Lives Matter and their supporters somehow was a danger to them," she said.

She said the judge refused to allow the introduction of evidence showing that she was the victim of other swatting calls, including on the day after she announced her lawsuit against the city.

The trial's five days of testimony included some tense exchanges.

During cross-examination of Abdullah, Assistant City Atty. Christian Bojorquez pointed out that she didn't suffer any physical harm during the incident.

"Did any officers shoot you?" he asked.

"So did you want me to respond to that or is this court drama?" Abdullah said, and she asked whether the line of questioning was meant to be "further traumatizing."

"So you're traumatized by the questions that I'm asking you here in court?" Bojorquez responded.

Bojorquez later played video from Abdullah's livestream on Instagram, which captured her laughing as she walked back toward her house after speaking to officers. He commented that it didn't appear as though she had suffered any great trauma, as her lawsuit claimed. She said that everyone responded to trauma differently, including in ways such as laughter that are in contrast with the gravity of the moment.

Abdullah said Thursday that the questioning she faced was the continuation of a larger pattern of harassment and intimidation.

"It was beyond disrespectful, it was berating, it was dehumanizing," she said. "I think we were reminded that even with a lawsuit, you're asking an unjust system to hold itself accountable, because the court absolutely permitted that to happen."

Wolverine bill fizzles amid budget woes

An effort to bring the apex predator back to California has died in the Legislature.

By LILA SEIDMAN

Those who want to see wolverines reintroduced to California were dealt a setback this week.

Proposed legislation to explore what it would take to reintroduce the rugged and elusive apex predator to the state's high mountains died Thursday at the state Capitol.

A similar effort in Colorado is moving forward.

Wolverines vanished from California more than a century ago, a casualty of trapping, hunting and poisoning. Rare sightings of one last year in Yosemite National Park and other areas spurred a flurry of excitement — and played a role in the timing of the legislation.

While the passage of Assembly Bill 2722 wouldn't have triggered the immediate importation of the animals, it would have required state wildlife officials to conduct a feasibility study on a reintroduction or supplementation program, with the goal of restoring a viable population.

But the bill arrived as the state faces a budget deficit totaling tens of billions of dollars. It met its end in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, which reviews bills that affect the budget.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife estimated that the feasibility study would cost \$235,000, the amount needed to pay a scientist to



CHRIS STERMER Associated Press

WOLVERINES vanished from California a century ago, casualties of trapping, hunting and poisoning.

carry out the work.

Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), who introduced the bill, said in a statement that a tough budget year meant some proposed laws would fizzle to allow more vital ones to move forward.

"My hope is that in a better budget year, a bill just like this will move forward," said Friedman, who is likely headed to the U.S. House of Representatives. "California must support recovery efforts to bring this iconic animal back to California's wilderness."

Brendan Cummings, conservation director for the Center for Biological Diversity, which sponsored the bill, said he wasn't surprised by its fate, given the budget woes, but isn't going to give up on the underlying goal.

"These animals shared this landscape — are part of California," he said. "As a Californian, I feel it's my obligation to do everything pos-

sible to bring back the extirpated, missing species that are no longer here in a functional way because of human activity."

AB 2722 was tabled without discussion or debate during a biannual culling process known as the suspense file.

Colorado could be the first state to attempt to bring the wolverine back to areas from which it has vanished. This month, lawmakers there overwhelmingly voted in favor of a reintroduction plan, which is now on the governor's desk for approval.

Wolverines resemble diminutive bears but are actually the largest members of the weasel family, weighing up to 40 pounds. They possess powerful jaws capable of taking down predators far larger than themselves. Snowshoe-like feet allow them to cruise over deep powder, and they're known to traverse large distances. They're renowned loners,

with males occupying territories of up to 500 square miles.

"They're like the patron animal of mountaineers, skiers and introverts," Rebecca Watters, executive director of the Wolverine Foundation, has said.

Wolverines are exceedingly rare in the lower 48 states, and the population in the contiguous U.S. — roughly 25 to 300 — received protection under the federal Endangered Species Act last year. California's conservation efforts date back to the early 1970s, when wolverines were designated as a fully protected species under the state Fish and Game Code and listed as threatened under the state Endangered Species Act.

Proponents of reintroducing the species have said there is plenty of habitat to accommodate the animals, which naturally live in low density in snowy, high-elevation areas. But some researchers — including Watters — would prefer to see the species propagate naturally, expressing concern that wolverines will die during the reintroduction process, while there's no guarantee of success.

David Garcelon, president of the Institute for Wildlife Studies, believes the risk is worth it. For about 20 years, he has looked into bringing back the animals, which he calls "an icon of wilderness."

"I really want to give the wolverines a chance," Garcelon told The Times, adding that with uncertainties posed by climate change and other factors, "I'm not really in favor of waiting another 50 years to see if they can do it on their own."

Assembly advances kindergarten mandate

By JULIA WICK

After several failed attempts, California lawmakers are once again working to mandate that children attend kindergarten, with the state Assembly passing a bill Tuesday to make it compulsory.

The bill goes to the Senate for consideration and, if passed, heads to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk.

Newsom vetoed a similar bill in 2022, calling the effort "laudable" but saying the costs were not accounted for in the state's budget.

If AB 2226 is approved by the Senate and signed into law by Newsom, it would require California kids to complete one year of kindergarten before enrolling in first grade in a public school, beginning with the 2026-27 academic year.

School is mandatory for 6-year-old students, but California — like most states — does not mandate kindergarten.

Children are eligible for kindergarten at age 5, but are not required to attend. Still, most do. Data suggest that about 3.5% of California students who attended public first grade during 2022-23 did not attend kindergarten

the prior year, according to an Assembly Appropriations Committee analysis.

The legislation would create costs that are "potentially in the \$100-million range annually" for increased per-student funding to attend kindergarten, according to the analysis.

Newsom and state lawmakers are contending with a \$44.9-billion budget deficit. Amid that forecast, the governor described a spending plan this month that would shrink the size of state government and slow his progressive policy agenda.

A Newsom spokesperson declined to comment on pending legislation.

The bill was introduced by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D-Rolling Hills Estates), with Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) introducing a similar measure in the Senate.

The L.A. Unified School District argued that kindergarten "is critical to closing the opportunity gap and furthering equity," citing research that shows that kids who went to kindergarten are more likely to attend college and to earn more.

Times staff writer Mackenzie Mays contributed to this report.

Adding folic acid goes against traditional tortilla making

[Arellano, from B1] birth defects such as spina bifida, and that Latina mothers lag far behind in their intake compared with other ethnicities. Folic acid is so important to the health of a fetus that the Food and Drug Administration required its inclusion in 1998 in all enriched grain products, and Mexico did the same to corn masa in 2008. A subsequent study found that the number of children born in the U.S. with neural tube defects dropped by 35%.

Now, a proposed state law would force all commercial California manufacturers of masa and masa products — corn tortillas, pupusas, tamales, tortilla chips, taco shells and more — to include the vitamin starting in 2026. If the proposal, sponsored by Assembly member Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno), passes, it would in effect end in California a culinary tradition going back millennia.

A few weeks ago, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra convened a Zoom meeting on the subject with retail giants including Kroger and Walmart.

"The consensus in general was it was a good thing, and how do we make it

happen?" said Tortilla Industry Assn. Executive Director Jim Kabbani, who attended. "One school of thought is it's a matter of public education — make it so that people say, 'I want to buy the product with folic acid.' Another is, 'Just put it in there, and let people enjoy the benefits.'"

"The data really spoke to me," said Arambula, a former ER doctor. He was inspired to write the bill — which unanimously passed the Assembly last month and is scheduled for a state Senate health committee hearing next week — after researchers at UC Davis approached him.

Arambula knows what good corn tortillas taste like. Some of his favorite come from El Premio Mayor in Fresno, a taqueria that I completely vouch for. But focusing on masa products, he said, "really spoke to our office to find a culturally appropriate way to ingest folic acid."

Rodriguez, 40, said he supports Arambula's "idea and overall intent." But he's been in contact with the Assembly member's office urging an exemption that would allow tortilla makers such as La Princesita — winners of the 2022 edition

of my KCRW Great Tortilla Tournament — to sell unadulterated products to restaurants, and for restaurants to pat out their own tortillas.

"Chefs specifically seek out tortillas like ours," he continued as we stood next to La Princesita's assembly line. "If the bill goes through, if a chef wants an all-natural tortilla, they'll just go to makers in Arizona or Texas or other states."

Rodriguez shook his head. "It'll change who we are."

Carlos Salgado, who helped jump-start the modern-day nixtamalization revolution in Southern California with the blue corn tortillas of his now-closed Michelin-starred restaurant Taco María, called Arambula's bill "crudely broad" for including small-batch makers and restaurants. Yet he also sees it as an "incomplete solution," because it does nothing to lessen prenatal costs or increase health coverage for Latinas. He noted that artisanal bakeries in the state have long used unenriched flours without health inspectors going after them, as Arambula's bill would do to *tortilleros*.

"If food legislators can make exceptions for [bakers]," Salgado said, "then they can allow for the continued revival and growth of an ancestral food so important to the health and identity of so many Californians."

To ask how a tortilla might taste because of a supplement that could save lives sounds petty. But mandating folic acid in masa isn't like adding fluoride to tap water; it's messing with cultural patrimony. Asking Latinos to accept a fundamental change to

something that's part of our very essence in the name of a supposedly greater good is little better than culinary imperialism.

Arambula said he did his own taste test and found no difference, arguing that the amount he's requiring — 0.7 of a milligram per pound of raw masa and 0.4 of a milligram for finished products — amounts to "particles."

"I think based on the data, we need to make sure we're protecting our moms and families as best as we can and lean into science to use all the tools that are disposable," he told me. The Assembly member, who is Latino, didn't flinch when I pressed on the idea that his bill would basically ban Mexicans, Salvadorans and others in California from enjoying their heritage.

"These disparities won't resolve themselves, and it's important for us to fortify. I go back to, I don't see anything about people complaining about [how bread tasted] prior to 1998. We see the benefits, and we appreciate that."

His unsympathetic approach is Big Blue California at its worst: thinking that the state should take care of residents from conception to death, and being willing to mess with traditions if they get in the way.

Rodriguez said he asked Arambula's staffers for the studies they're relying on for his bill; they declined.

"I'm not questioning the science," he said. "But is there a way to be part of the solution and maintain the way we've always made our tortillas? We want to keep making the tortillas we've been making for over 50 years, and our ancestors for thousands of years."

It was time for my taste test.

Rodriguez took out a 3.5-ounce bag of folic acid powder available on Amazon for \$20. "This would last us for a year," he said as I put some in my palm and tasted it. Chalky, slightly bitter — not disgusting but not pleasant. I washed out my mouth with water, closed my eyes and took two warm corn tortillas.

The first tasted the way a pure corn tortilla should: a pleasant initial tinge of sourness, a soft texture, a concluding rush of earthiness. The second one had a subtle taste of... something. It lingered longer on the palate than an old school tortilla, and turned too rubbery in my mouth. The difference was obvious — it contained folic acid.

I opened my eyes. The tortilla with folic acid was also slightly more yellow than the one without.

"Everyone [at La Princesita] immediately knew there was a difference and was able to pick our original one," Rodriguez said. "It doesn't taste bad, but it's not the same tortilla."

La Princesita production manager Cesario "Chayo" Covarrubias, who has worked there for 35 years, passed by in a hairnet and white coat. I asked whether he was able to tell which was which.

"They tasted the same," he replied in Spanish, drawing a laugh from Liborio Cano, who was shoveling chips into boxes in his first week on the job. "Nah, you could tell them apart easy!"

I asked Chayo how he felt about Arambula's bill.

"If they want us to put it in, it has to be put in," he said with a rancho libertarian tone, mixing resignation and matter-of-factness. "If they don't want us to, we won't."

Rodriguez looked at shelves filled with bags of La Princesita's white corn and yellow corn tortillas. Arambula's bill would also force manufacturers to indicate on their labels that their products contain folic acid. "We can do a whole line of ones with it," he said, thinking out loud about a way forward for La Princesita. "Make our packaging pink." He pointed at La Princesita's logo, a smiling Jackie O. lookalike. "Hey, we can make her pregnant!"

La Princesita President Monica Ramirez joined us. She took the taste test and also guessed correctly.

"On one hand, I support [the bill] because of health," said the 44-year-old. "On the other hand, it hurts in my heart because it's a process that my dad did. It's what he learned, and it's what he taught us."

She offered a pained smile. "It hurts, but both weigh the same to me."

Rodriguez wants to ask his fellow tortilla makers to write a letter to Arambula and plans to request a meeting with state Sen. Maria Elena Durazo, who represents East Los Angeles. "This is the epicenter of tortilla making," he said, "so she's going to have to listen."

We stepped outside and walked toward an electrical box painted with an image of Francisco "Pancho" Ramirez, La Princesita's founder, Monica's father, and Rodriguez's father-in-law. He's towering over stalks of corn while dropping kernels onto dark soil. Sun rays envelop the scene as a hummingbird flies next to him.

Rodriguez sighed, resigned to the march of modernity. "That's how we did it forever."

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Rose-Anne Lewis

Rose-Anne Lewis died peacefully in her sleep in New York City on May 20, 2024. She was 97. Born on December 22, 1926, in Kankakee, Illinois, Mrs. Lewis was the fourth of five children of William Goldman and Sarah (Lang) Goldman. Mrs. Lewis grew up in Gary, Indiana, and attended Indiana University Bloomington. She graduated in 1948, with a major in home economics.

Mrs. Lewis and her husband, Sherwin (who predeceased her in 2018), met in Gary and moved to Southern California in 1952. They lived in California for over 65 years, the last 53 years of which were spent in Palos Verdes Estates in the home they helped design with the architectural firm, Buff & Hensman. Both their home and gardens brought them much joy and contentment over the years.

Mrs. Lewis was also a great cook, anticipating the trend for using unprocessed foods and locally grown produce by decades. She and her husband enjoyed travel, theater and classical music together and were longtime supporters of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Music Center.

Mrs. Lewis was a devoted mother, active in school and community volunteering for many years. She also possessed a great love of beauty, both in nature and in the arts. She enjoyed birdwatching with her husband in the South Coast Botanic Garden in Palos Verdes as much as Degas ballet paintings at the Louvre.

It was a deep sorrow for both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis that their son, Bradford Scott Lewis, predeceased them in 1993. Mrs. Lewis is survived by her sister, Edythe (Goldman) Dreyfus, and her daughter, Cynthia Lewis Beck (Ronald). In addition to her sister and daughter, Mrs. Lewis is survived by her five grandchildren, Stephanie Beck Bronfman (Jeremy), Peter Lewis Beck (Elisabeth), Michael William Beck (Talia Mahony), John Cameron Beck and Catherine Taylor Beck, and her six great-grandchildren, Sadie Miles Bronfman, Jack Hamilton Bronfman, Beckett Woods Bronfman, Jonah Horace Beck, Penelope Mahira Beck and Ari Philip Beck.

A person of impeccable taste, Mrs. Lewis always strove for the best whether baking the perfect chocolate chip cookie or carrying the finest Chanel bag. Reserved, but with a subtle wit that could catch her friends and family by surprise, her love and friendship were always deep and unconditional. She will be greatly missed.



Shirley Rae Rosen

October 3, 1930 -
May 21, 2024

Born to Ben and Edith Goldstein, Shirley grew up in St. Louis before moving to Phoenix where she met the love of her life, Sam Rosen. They married in 1948 and moved to L.A., settling in Woodland Hills, where they raised their family. Shirley was a stay at home mom until she and Sam bought Edelweiss Chocolates in Beverly Hills. Shirley brought her style, great taste and artistic flair to Edelweiss for 2 decades. Shirley was smart, quick witted, and funny. She was a voracious reader who loved art, the English language, and a good Pan game. Predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Samuel A. Rosen, and her beloved son Phillip. Shirley is survived by 4 daughters, Karen Malkoff Hatton, Natalie Rosen, Sheri Rosen Paringer (Bill), Deena Rosen (Joe McGowan); 9 grandkids, Adam Rosen (Farris), Arielle Ryden (Jess), Billy & Chelsea Hatton, Aidan, Dylan & Cory Paringer, Maya & Samuel McGowan; her sister, Clarice Shapiro (Norm); and 4 nephews, Eric Shore (Fred Paul), Alan Shore (Jan), Stan Shore (Leslie) and Kenneth Shore (JoAnn). Services May 26th at 1:00pm, Mt. Sinai, Hollywood Hills.

Charles Kengo Higashi

September 23, 1932 -
March 31, 2024

(91), Veteran of the US Army, passed away on March 31, 2024 in Los Angeles. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Higashi; children, Cheryl (Masami) Tachiyama, Steven (Katherena) Higashi, and Carrie Higashi; grandchildren, Derek Tachiyama, Krysten Tachiyama, Megan Tachiyama, Hadassah (Jacob) Glaspy and Destiny Higashi; great-grandson, Ezra Glaspy; siblings-in-law, Henry (Janie) Oshiro, Donald (Kimiko) Oshiro, Doris Takazato and Betty Higashi; also survived by many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 10:00AM at Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 12371 Braddock Dr., Culver City. Family requests casual attire. www.kubotamortuary.com (213) 749-1449

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TRAFFIC JAMS AHEAD

Passengers check in for flights at the Delta Airlines terminal at LAX on Thursday as Memorial Day weekend kicks off what's expected to be a busy summer travel season, on the roads as well as in the air.

Half Moon Bay farms, scene of mass shooting, to pay back wages, damages

Last year's killings highlighted workers' poor living conditions and missing pay.

By SALVADOR HERNANDEZ

Two mushroom farms in Half Moon Bay where seven people were killed in a shooting last year owed hundreds of thousands of dollars in back wages to workers and charged many of them to live in trailers and cargo containers that were infested with trash, mold and insects, the U.S. Department of Labor announced.

California Terra Gardens and Concord Farms must pay more than \$450,000 to 62 workers, plus more than \$71,000 in penalties to the U.S. Treasury, the Labor Department said after completing an investigation that found workers were short-changed in their pay, were not paid overtime and at times were not paid for working off the clock.

At both farms, workers and their families were housed in filthy, infested,

cramped conditions, many living in illegal homes made from cargo containers, garages and dilapidated trailers, according to the investigation, conducted by the department's Wage and Hour Division.

"Our investigation found workers at California Terra Gardens and Concord Farms housed in sickening conditions, forced to sleep near garbage and with insects all around," said Alberto Raymond, assistant district director for the division. "The Department of Labor is determined to hold employers accountable when they ignore their legal responsibilities to provide suitable housing when required and pay workers all their legally earned wages for the hard work they do in difficult conditions."

The finding comes more than a year after Chunli Zhao, 67, shot his co-workers with a handgun, according to prosecutors. Zhao, who is awaiting trial, was working at California Terra Gardens at the time and had previously been employed at Concord Farms.

Officials said the Jan. 23, 2023, shooting occurred

after Zhao was told by a supervisor that he would have to pay \$100 for damaged equipment.

The shooting brought attention to the living conditions of workers at both farms.

In California Terra Gardens, investigators found that 39 workers had been living in cramped cargo containers, dilapidated trailers and garages that had been used as homes, according to the Department of Labor.

Workers were exposed to insects and trash in the illegal housing, officials said.

The farm's owners, Xianmin Guan and his wife, Liming Zhu, deducted money from the workers' pay for them to live in the illegal housing.

Officials from Concord Farms and California Terra Gardens could not be reached for comment.

At Concord Farms, investigators found that a former greenhouse was being used as a home for workers, where they were exposed to mold and insects.

Workers were not paid for all their hours, including overtime and time spent on off-the-clock tasks, the

agency found.

Concord Farms agreed to pay \$370,107 in overtime wages and liquidated damages to 10 workers, the agency said, as well as \$4,242 in late wages to 23 workers. The farm was also required to pay \$29,049 in penalties for the violations.

California Terra Gardens agreed to pay \$84,074 for 39 workers to recoup fees they paid for the illegal housing, and \$42,494 in penalties.

Last week, Half Moon Bay planning commissioners approved a new building designed for low-income senior farmworkers. The project is expected to add 40 homes.

Although the project was in the works before the mass shooting, it gained urgency afterward.

The plan was delayed in hours-long meetings in the city's planning commission, prompting Gov. Gavin Newsom to publicly urge city officials to move it forward.

Newsom warned that the state agency that enforces housing laws would "take all the necessary steps to hold Half Moon Bay accountable" if the project did not proceed.

Event celebrates grads' success amid instability

[Graduates, from B1] students or 25% more than the previous year.

But these numbers are "likely an undercount — as students self-identify as experiencing homelessness," said district spokesman Britt A. Vaughan.

Of nearly 14 million students across L.A. County, an estimated 47,700 students faced housing instability during the 2022-23 school year.

In a given year, about 11% of California students experiencing homelessness will spend time living in a temporary shelter or under no roof at all. An additional 6% will live in hotels.

A source of stability

Janai Johnson was determined to achieve stability once she walked through the door at Monroe High in the San Fernando Valley. She was going to stay in school — that particular school. Her mother shared that determination, although the breakup of her marriage — a necessity, says Janai — made things harder financially.

"I've been in and out of homeless shelters, motels, and we've bounced around with different family members across California," Janai said. "So that definitely does take a toll."

Janai's mom found shelter and work at the downtown Union Rescue Mission, but it was more than 23 miles from Monroe High — more than an hour's drive during peak traffic. Still, that was a breeze compared with more than a year they spent in a small apartment in Moreno Valley, when her mother drove her 85 miles and two hours each way.

"Me and my mom are extremely close," Janai said. "She's been my No. 1 supporter forever. She constantly tells me how proud

she is, and that if I get a higher education things will be easier for me. And I think that's why I've always been so interested in college."

Janai remembers having to get to school early — being the first to arrive and shivering in the morning chill. She fought to take part in activities, including AVID, which helps prepare students for college and careers. Her mom never got to finish college.

Sometimes the schedule was too much and Janai would fall asleep in class — but her teachers were understanding. And she managed to maintain a 3.0 grade-point average.

Janai plans to study early childhood development at Cal State Channel Islands.

On his own

The state defines homeless youths as those who "lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence."

Matthew Mosteller's mother died in childbirth. His grieving father wasn't prepared to raise a child, so Matthew's grandparents stepped in, he said. When his father returned to the picture, Matthew went to live with him. But Matthew acknowledges being rebellious — and his father entered a new relationship that was followed by a baby.

Matthew was kicked out at 17, he said, and has since had to make it on his own, working at a pizza restaurant. It's not enough money to get his own place, so he has moved around.

But he didn't give up on having a life at school. He was elected as a student body officer and became a peer counselor — while maintaining a 3.97 GPA. He plans to be a firefighter, most likely going to a local community college to earn the necessary credentials.



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MATTHEW MOSTELLER kept up a 3.97 GPA after he was kicked out of home. He's one of 130 LAUSD seniors celebrated for graduating amid housing instability.

"I was stressed because of how difficult it would be," Matthew said. "But at the end of the day, I knew I would still be able to succeed and rise above everything."

Bound for college

According to census data, approximately 15,307 California students experiencing homelessness were enrolled in 12th grade during the 2022-23 academic year. Only about half typically enroll in college, even though data indicate an overwhelming majority wish to pursue

careers that require education beyond a high school diploma.

A bill by state Sen. Dave Cortese (D-San José) could help — by providing such students with several months of modest guaranteed income to bridge the time between high school graduation and the start of college.

Housing instability takes many forms, including living in overcrowded, substandard situations.

Juan Mesa has been living with his parents and

younger brother in a single room of an apartment without air conditioning they share with another family.

About 8 in 10 students experiencing unstable housing share small spaces with more than one family, according to state data.

When Juan was 15, his family emigrated from Bogota, Colombia — where his father was a teacher and his mother took on odd jobs. His father dreamed of a better opportunity for his children in the U.S. and spent several years saving up for it.

But poverty awaited them in L.A., where it took time before his parents were allowed to work. Juan helped out by working as a dishwasher 20 to 30 hours a week.

"We always had this belief of helping family — that's something really important. So in tough moments I step in, and I had to get a job," he said.

Juan excelled at Roybal Learning Center on the edge of downtown, speaking strong English within a year and quickly moving into Advanced Placement English classes. He plans to major in the public health field at UC Davis in the fall.

Thriving in L.A.

Like many unoused students, Xavier Moreland moved from relative to relative by himself, without a permanent attachment to a supportive family member.

"I was never, ever celebrated in my life for anything," he said. "And it just sort of made me struggle in school. It was very hard for me socially, to get along with anyone else, because that's all I knew. And I was often bullied."

Xavier grew up in Ohio but finally connected with a supportive older brother in L.A. His brother, other adults and friends helped him thrive and reach this graduation day, he said.

Xavier plans to attend community college in Napa Valley to learn about the hospitality industry.

Review is released for Burbank-Palmdale link in high-speed rail

Authority board will consider approving the environmental assessment in June.

BY COLLEEN SHALBY

Since the earliest plans for the California high-speed rail project, the segment connecting the Central Valley to Los Angeles has been fraught with controversy and technical conundrums. Political pressure and other concerns ultimately pushed the route away from the Grapevine and over the Tehachapis to the Antelope Valley, where it is planned to run along the 14 Freeway corridor into the San Fernando Valley.

A final environmental review for a crucial 38-mile leg from Palmdale to Burbank was released Friday. If approved by the California High-Speed Rail Authority's board of directors next month, the entire route between Los Angeles and San Francisco would be environmentally cleared for construction.

The authority's board is expected to make a decision in late June on whether to accept the document, which includes several possible variations of the route with consideration to concerns about cost, aesthetics and environmental effects raised by community members over the last two years.

"This environmental document is the culmination of years of analysis and stakeholder engagement and is a huge milestone in connecting high-speed rail between two of our major metropolitan centers, San Francisco and Los Angeles," outgoing authority Chief Executive Brian Kelly said in a statement.

The state has spent roughly \$144.5 million developing plans for the Palmdale-Burbank section. An approval of the environmental review would clear a major obstacle, but others remain.

Although the agency has secured funding for the construction of 119 miles currently underway in the Central Valley, it still needs billions of dollars more to complete the line throughout the rest of the state.

The preferred route from Palmdale to Burbank is a 38-mile stretch that would connect the Palmdale Transportation Center and the Hollywood Burbank Airport.

It would include four tunnels ranging from about 12 to 13 miles in length and would operate underground through the Acton area, the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in order to reduce effects on communities and environmental resources.

The trip between the two stations would take about 15 minutes. "Palmdale to Burbank might be the most interesting section of engineering on the entire line. The tunnels will be some of the longest train tunnels in the Western Hemisphere," authority spokesperson Jim Patrick said.

The project's only longer tunnel would be the 13-mile stretch at the Pacheco Pass in Santa Clara County. The Palmdale-Burbank plan is expected to be considered at the board's June 26-27 meeting in Burbank.

"If our board of directors approves this document and the proposed project at their summer board meeting, we will have environmentally cleared 463 of the 494-mile Phase 1 system between the Bay Area and Los Angeles/Anaheim," Kelly said.

The more than 30-mile segment between Los Angeles and Anaheim is in the first phase of an environmental review. The review is expected to take more than a year.

The final environmental review for the segment between Union Station and Burbank was previously approved by the board.

The plan for the Burbank-to-Palmdale portion is available for public review from now until the June board meeting. At that time, the board could approve the plan and select a preferred route.

If the board needs additional time for review, Patrick said, it could delay the approval process or ask for reconsideration and reopen it for public comment.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NAVAL CLUNG BESIDE ATTEND
Answer: The thieves had planned to swipe the painting, but all they could do was — STEAL A GLANCE

I heard he was arrested for lighting a dozen hoods. My dad said I can't see this movie. I can't wait to see it!

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Every box will contain a number; numbers depend on the size of the grid. For a 6x6 puzzle, use Nos. 1-6. Do not repeat a number in any row or column. The numbers in each heavily outlined set of squares must combine to produce the target number found in the top left corner of a cage using the mathematical operation indicated.

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HOROSCOPE

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Aries (March 21-April 19): Social rules of conduct will apply. If you think it's too late to call someone, it probably is.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): Bonds are being formed today because you are empathetic and can relate to the feelings flowing through an interaction.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's probably the foolish and "time wasting" pursuits that will lead you to interesting and lucrative happenings.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Your tasks are like the balls of a juggler. You catch one ball and release it, catch another and release it.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Some people need to be No. 1 because they believe they were born to the spot.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You ride the wave that happens when creativity and inspired action come together. If you find yourself having to persuade, keep moving.
Today's birthday (May 25): This year puts your life on sails. The only one to beat is your own last record, which will feel pretty terrific until you realize the contender you are.

Mathis writes her column for Creators Syndicate Inc. The horoscope should be read for entertainment.

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BRIDGE

BY FRANK STEWART

"Simple Saturday" columns focus on basics.
If you held today's West hand (a "Yarborough," with no honors), could you maintain a "bridge face" and not betray disgust or boredom?
North-South got to six hearts after East had overcalled in diamonds. West led a diamond, and East took the ace and returned the queen.

terest in the proceedings, South let the jack of spades ride. Down one.
South relied on his "table presence" — nothing wrong with that — but he missed the best technical play: He cashes the A-K of spades. If the queen didn't fall, South would return a trump to his hand and finesse in clubs. He gets two chances instead of one.
You hold: ♠ AK108 ♥ J98 62 ♦ 8 ♣ AJ10. You open one heart, your partner responds one spade, you raise to two spades and he next bids three diamonds. What do you say?
Answer: Partner's three diamonds is a try for game (at least). He asks you to bid game with any maximum raise or with a decent raise that has help for diamonds. Your hand was almost worth

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable
NORTH
♠ AK108
♥ J9862
♦ 8
♣ AJ10
WEST
♠ 7643
♥ 74
♦ 72
♣ 76432
EAST
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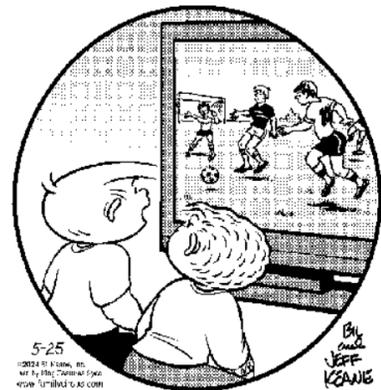
Is girlfriend a gold digger?

Dear Amy: My son "Jeremiah" has been dating "Anabel" for over a year.
She has never brought my husband or me a card or gift for birthdays or Christmas. She has never offered to help clean up after a meal, even when my son is helping.
I had surgery, and she never asked how it went or how I was feeling.
Anabel's work doesn't offer medical insurance or benefits. I feel like she is pushing Jeremiah to get married because next year she will no longer be on her parents' insurance.
I think she wants to marry him to be taken care of and quit her job.
We give Anabel gifts, have hosted her family, have supported her at her place of business and always try to make her feel welcome.
My son sat us down and asked if we liked Anabel because he was thinking of proposing in the next year.
I don't want to do anything to jeopardize my relationship with him, so I didn't answer his question directly.
Instead, I asked him lots of questions in hopes that he would think about her qualities to see if she was truly the person he wanted to spend the rest of his life with.
What else can I do?
CONCERNED MOM

Dear Concerned Mom: I think you responded well to this loaded question. The only recommendation I'd make would be for you and your spouse to ask, "Are you asking if we like Anabel because you have concerns or reservations about the relationship?"
I then would assure him that he needs to make whatever choices are best for him. You should encourage him not to respond to any outside pressure.
Dear Amy: I have lunch regularly with a close friend, "Celia." As soon as we are seated, Celia will pull out her cellphone and nestle it right next to her fork. Invariably, she gets a call during the meal and grabs her phone, telling me she'll let whoever's calling know that she will call them back.
That never happens. The answered call always turns into a lengthy conversation — while I'm sitting across from her stirring my soup.
If Celia doesn't see that I'm annoyed, she's not paying attention at all.
I love my friend. And I will continue to go to lunch with her and wait for her to return to our conversation when she gets a phone call.
My personality makes it extremely difficult for me to

initiate a confrontation.
So I'm writing to you in an attempt to let people who are this attached to their phones to give the rest of us a little more consideration when we are together.
I PHRUSTATED!
Dear iPhrusted!: Some years ago, I was visiting a good friend, idly leafing through a catalog as she talked. She stopped and said, "Please don't do that!"
I said, "Oh, don't worry, I'm listening to you, I'm just glancing at this."
She responded with a version of: "It's rude! I want you to pay attention to me."
Gulp. Right. I'll never forget how she just went ahead and said what she was thinking and what she wanted.
Lesson learned — and we're still very close.
You don't have to be as direct as my friend was. But I think it would be a service to your friendship if you said, "I have to be honest with you — I wish you wouldn't take calls while we're at lunch together."
Of course, she'll justify her behavior (just like I did). You can add, "It makes me feel like an afterthought."
Email questions to Amy Dickinson at askamy@amydickinson.com.

FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"The reason they play so good is their parents aren't yelling at them from the sidelines."

DENNIS THE MENACE By Hank Ketcham



"THIS DISH IS MISSING SOMETHING, MOM. COULD IT BE TASTE?"

FREE RANGE By Bill Whitehead



"I agree with you, but fish like worms."

MARMADUKE By Brad & Paul Anderson



BLISS By Harry Bliss



"What does a person have to do to get a cup of coffee around here?"

SPEED BUMP By Dave Coverly



NHL NOTES

Goalie Skinner coming up big for the Oilers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edmonton goalie **Stuart Skinner** has gone from getting pulled to being praised again this postseason.

"He's a huge part of this team. Ever since he let Picks get in there for two games against Vancouver, he's come back and he's been on fire," Oilers defenseman **Mattias Ekholm** said, referring to backup **Calvin Pickard**. "He's a calm presence out there and makes himself big."

Add in a couple of posts and a penalty-kill unit that suddenly is giving up absolutely nothing, and the Oilers find themselves with a chance to do more than just split the first two games of the Western Conference finals on the road against top-seeded Dallas.

Skinner was watching after a goalie switch midway through the second round. He got pulled in the third period of Game 3 against the Canucks after giving up four goals on 15 shots. Pickard took over, then won Game 4 and had 32 saves in a Game 5 loss before Skinner was back in net. In three games since, including back-to-back games facing elimination against Vancouver, Skinner is 3-0 with a 1.50 goals-against average and .923 save percentage.

Edmonton opened the West finals with a 3-2, double-overtime win Thursday, with Skinner making nine of his 31 saves after regulation. He pushed away late shots by **Tyler Seguin**, who scored both Dallas goals, and **Jason Robertson**, who also hit both posts during an extended power play in the first overtime.

"He was everything that we needed," Oilers captain **Connor McDavid** said of Skinner. McDavid scored the winning goal 32 seconds into the second overtime,



CONNOR McDAVID, center left, and the Oilers celebrate his winning goal in Game 1 on Thursday.

NHL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

1C Dallas vs. 2P Edmonton
Oilers lead, 1-0

Gm 1	Edmonton 3, Dallas 2 (2OT)
Gm 2	Saturday at Dallas, 5
Gm 3	Monday at Edmonton, 5:30
Gm 4	Wed. at Edmonton, 5:30
Gm 5	Friday at Dallas, TBD*
Gm 6	June 2 at Edmonton, TBD*
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EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

1M N.Y. Rangers vs. 1A Florida
Panthers lead, 1-0

Gm 1	Florida 3, New York 0
Gm 2	at New York, late
Gm 3	Sun. at Florida, noon, Ch. 7
Gm 4	Tuesday at Florida, 5, ESPN
Gm 5	Thursday at N.Y., 5, ESPN*
Gm 6	June 1 at Florida, 5, Ch. 7*
Gm 7	June 3 at New York, 5, ESPN*

*-if necessary | Times PDT, p.m.

and had that chance only because his teammates killed off a four-minute penalty after his double-minor penalty for a high stick just seconds into the first extra period.

The Oilers killed off five penalties against Dallas, extending their streak to 20 in a row without giving up a power-play goal.

They are an NHL-best 92.5% (37 for 40) on the PK this postseason, 12 of 12 in their five-game series against the Kings in the opening round, after ranking right in the middle of the pack during the season.

"Our work ethic has gone up, our structure and detail have gone up, and it has to at this time of year," forward **Derek Ryan** said.

Also

Winnipeg promoted associate coach **Scott Arniel** to head coach, replacing the retired **Rick Bowness**. ... **Don Waddell** stepped down as president and general manager of Carolina.



OSHAЕ BRISSETT of the Celtics celebrates after dunking against his former team, the Pacers, during Boston's 126-110 win in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals on Thursday. Indiana trails 2-0 in the series.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Celtics soaring and Haliburton hurting while Pacers limp home

ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers can read the numbers.

They're down 2-0 in another best-of-seven series and are heading home, where they are 6-0 during this playoff run. They need a win in Saturday's pivotal Game 3 to get back in this series, just as they did last week against New York. And, yes, they're facing the top-seeded Boston Celtics, who are 4-0 on the road this postseason.

The bleakest part of this equation for Indiana is the possibility of losing All-NBA guard Tyrese Haliburton. The league's assist leader departed in the third quarter of a Game 2 loss after re-injuring his left hamstring. He did not return.

Yet the Pacers, largely composed of playoff newcomers or newcomers to high-profile postseason roles, have not blinked when others wrote them off — and do not intend to start now.

"Our fans give us so much energy," said Indiana forward Pascal Siakam, a mid-season acquisition from Toronto, where he won an NBA title. "Obviously, for me, I'm experiencing for the first time the energy and they're

so passionate about our team. We can't wait to go out there Saturday and just the energy they're going to bring to support us."

Haliburton's questionable for Game 3 and his status could change everything. While the injury could dampen the mood, it won't change the fact this will be Indiana's biggest weekend in years.

The 108th running of the Indianapolis 500, the world's largest sporting event expected to draw a crowd of nearly 300,000, is sandwiched in between Saturday's Game 3 and Monday's Game 4.

Should rain force the race's first postponement since 1997, it would be re-scheduled for Monday — creating a wildly rare Pacers and racers Memorial Day doubleheader.

The Celtics, meanwhile, come to town with a different kind of advantage.

They won twice at Miami in the first round before returning home to close out the Heat in five games. Then in the conference semifinals, they won twice at Cleveland before eliminating the Cavaliers in five games. If they win the next two, Boston will be back in the Finals for the second time in three years.

While Jaylen Brown

matched his playoff career high with 40 points in Game 2 after being left off the All-NBA teams, Jayson Tatum struggled to get going early. The Celtics also lost backup center Luke Kornet, who's doubtful because of a sprained left wrist. Kristaps Porzingis (calf), who has not played since April 29, will not be available Saturday.

Without Kornet and Porzingis, coach Joe Mazzulla went with a smaller lineup that included former Pacers forward Oshae Brissett. The stats showed Mazzulla's move slowed down Haliburton and the league's highest-octane offense.

"The individual defense was good," Mazzulla said. "We were able to get in line with them going out to shooters and, we talked about this, a little bit better communication. I thought we had a little bit more patience [defensively]."

Could it work again in Indianapolis? Part of the answer will be determined by Haliburton's status. The rest may be determined by what kind of game-day strategy they employ to overcome a hobbled Haliburton.

"When your franchise guy goes down, obviously it's tough," Pacers guard T.J. McConnell said.

NBA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

5 Dallas vs. 3 Minnesota
Mavericks lead, 1-0

Gm 1	Dallas 108, Minnesota 105
Gm 2	at Minnesota, late
Gm 3	Sunday at Dallas, 5
Gm 4	Tuesday at Dallas, 5:30
Gm 5	Thursday at Minn., 5:30*
Gm 6	June 1 at Dallas, 5:30*
Gm 7	June 3 at Minn., 5:30*

All games on TNT

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

1 Boston vs. 6 Indiana
Celtics lead, 2-0

Gm 1	Boston 133, Indiana 128 (OT)
Gm 2	Boston 126, Indiana 110
Gm 3	Sat. at Indiana, 5:30, Ch. 7
Gm 4	Monday at Indiana, 5, ESPN
Gm 5	Wed. at Boston, 5, ESPN*
Gm 6	Friday at Indiana, 5, ESPN*
Gm 7	June 2 at Boston, 5, ESPN*

*-if necessary | Times PDT, p.m.



Sparks vs. Indiana

For coverage of the Sparks taking on Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever, see our daily digital eNewspaper or visit latimes.com/sports.

UCLA routs Georgia in bid for the World Series

[UCLA, from B12]

in the fifth inning Thursday sparked a four-run burst highlighted by a three-run homer from Jordan Woolery that transformed a tight, two-run game into a run-rule watch. Junior Savannah Pola clinched UCLA's first super regional run-rule win since 2010 with a two-run single in the bottom of the sixth.

The Bruins, who won the Pac-12 season and tournament titles, had won 12 consecutive games and 24 of their last 26 entering Friday. Brady raised her eyebrows in surprise when she heard the stats at Thursday's postgame news conference.

Along with her electric bat, the shortstop helped turn two double plays to support freshman pitcher Kaitlyn Terry, who gave up four hits and three walks with five strikeouts in six innings.

The left-hander had a baserunner in each of the first five innings — three walks and two singles — but effortlessly worked her way out of danger with the help of her defense.

Left fielder Jadelyn Allchin's diving catch in the second inning set the tone for the defense. Woolery caught a ball in foul territory while sliding to her knee in the third inning after Terry gave up a leadoff single. The pitcher gave up a leadoff walk in the fourth, but Brady erased it flawlessly, taking a hard-hit ball from Georgia's Sara Mosley off the bounce, tagging second and firing the ball to Woolery at first.



SHORTSTOP Maya Brady, top, is pumped up after completing one of two UCLA double plays Thursday night. Kaitlyn Terry, above right, pitched her way out of trouble and the Bruins eventually celebrated a run-rule win.

Terry gave up four hits and three walks with five strikeouts in a complete-game victory. She faced her biggest threat in the sixth with runners on the corners and two outs, but used a devastating off-speed pitch to freeze Georgia's Lyndi Raw Davis. Terry stomped her foot and whipped her fist in the air and the Bulldogs catcher trudged back to the dugout.

The Bruins avenged a 7-2 loss to the Bulldogs from Feb. 16. Gonzalez reminded the Bruins of the loss before Thursday's game, emphasizing they were a different team than the one that struggled in tournament play. The loss, UCLA's first to Georgia since 2012, dropped the Bruins to 3-4, their worst start since 1986.

"This team in '24 in the beginning was carrying the burden of figuring out who we were," Inouye-Perez said.

The 18th-year coach recalled a favorite quote: "She remembered who she was and the game changed." The Bruins remembered that while they weren't getting the outcomes early, they still had the ability to be the perennial championship contenders who lead the nation with 12 NCAA titles.

"We understand our sport so that has freed up the pressure of what we need to do or for UCLA," Inouye-Perez said. "They're just playing ball, which I love. ... When they play freely, man, we see some serious Bruin magic."

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STANDINGS

Table showing National League and American League standings with columns for West, Central, East divisions and teams like Dodgers, Padres, Yankees, etc.

Table showing American League standings with columns for West, Central, East divisions and teams like Yankees, Red Sox, Astros, etc.

Table titled 'Today's games' listing matchups between teams like Dodgers vs Cincinnati, Angels vs Cleveland, etc.

Vesia's resurgence solidifies bullpen role

[Vesia, from B12] that span. His 1.23 ERA this season trailed only closer Evan Phillips in the bullpen and ranked 11th among qualified National League relievers.

As the Dodgers' lone high-leverage left-hander for much of the season, he has given the banged-up relief corps a key situational weapon in their late-game plans.

And, he is staging the kind of resurgence that for many relievers never materializes, shaking off the struggles of his first-half performance last year by returning to the stellar form that fueled his rise as a big leaguer in the first place.

"His confidence is starting to grow," manager Dave Roberts said recently. "We've certainly leaned on him."

Last year the Dodgers were doing the opposite, quickly ushering Vesia out of a leverage role, then off the roster entirely, during a vexing start to his season.

One problem, Vesia identified in hindsight, was his seven-days-per-week offseason training regimen. While it made his body plenty strong entering spring last year, his movements on the mound became too tight. He couldn't separate his hips and shoulders in his windup.

He couldn't finish his delivery with a fluid release. "My body just felt very, we call it 'bricked out,'" Vesia said. "You could see it in my throw ... When you're restricted and you're fighting through your mechanics, it's really hard to be a good pitcher."

Indeed, Vesia's once-wicked arsenal lost its teeth.

Instead of using his slider to set up elevated fastballs, Vesia became too predictable in his approach. Fastballs were missing over the heart of the zone. Sliders were missing wide for easy takes. Suddenly, even Vesia's own teammates could identify the way opponents attacked him.

"They're just gonna eliminate anything that doesn't look like a fastball," Phillips told him at one point last year.

And when they do that, Vesia knew, "they're gonna mash," he said. "It's bound to happen."

Vesia tried to remain unfazed.



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

ALEX VESIA, reacting to getting a crucial out last month at Dodger Stadium, was on the brink of losing his job and possibly career last season before correcting his mechanics and training regimen.

Upon being sent to triple A, he drew hope from an already unlikely career path. In college, Vesia was an unheralded, soft-throwing prospect at Division II Cal State East Bay, going undrafted as a junior after posting a 4-6 record and 4.82 ERA.

As a senior, though, Vesia had a breakthrough. His fastball velocity improved. He set a career high in strikeouts. He posted a 1.94 ERA. And he was drafted in the 17th round by the Miami Marlins, eventually becoming the first Cal State East Bay player to reach the majors.

"Nobody expected me to be where I am today," Vesia said. "So you're familiar with adversity. You're familiar with adjustments. You're familiar with that process. I think that's huge."

Last year, nonetheless, presented new obstacles — both physically with Vesia's mechanics and mentally with the introduction of the pitch clock, forcing Vesia to

streamline his fidgety, high-energy presence on the rubber.

By mid-June, Vesia had more losses (four) than holds (three). And after being sent down in early May, he was demoted again near the end of June.

"I had to definitely figure out a different routine," he said. "It took me a little bit."

It was just before his second demotion that Vesia finally found something. In a game against the Angels in Anaheim, he stranded a couple of runners in one inning, then retired Shohei Ohtani and Mike Trout in consecutive at-bats to begin the next.

The Dodgers still sent him down a few days later, in a pre-planned shuffle of the bullpen.

"But I walked out of the meeting," Vesia recalled, "and I was like, 'I'm totally fine.' Because you know when things are getting better. When you're searching and finally find it. Then, it's like, keep going."

Put one brick on top of the other."

When Vesia returned to the majors in early July, he worked scoreless outings in 26 of his final 33 appearances, posting a 2.35 ERA over that stretch.

It has continued into this year, too, with Vesia posting the lowest WHIP (walks plus hits per inning pitched) of his career, 0.955.

"He has shown a lot of courage, just trusting our information and pounding the zone," bullpen coach Josh Bard said. "We're built on throwing strikes. And when he does that, he has a lot of success."

It's the kind of success that once was eluding Vesia, a resurrection not every reliever can manage to stage.

"I tell you what, man, baseball's highs and lows ... you're always learning, you're always adapting," Vesia said.

"But when your mechanics feel good and you're not fighting your body, it's a lot more free and easy of a throw."

BASEBALL: THURSDAY FLASHBACK

N.Y. YANKEES 5, SEATTLE 0

Box score for Yankees vs Seattle game, showing stats for both teams.

Walks—Seattle 4; Moore 2, France 1, Zavala 1, New York 5; Soto 1, Judge 2, Stanton 1, Torres 1. Strikeouts—Seattle 12: Crawford 3, Raley 2, Canzone 2, Haniger 1, Rodriguez 2, Urias 1, Zavala 1, New York 5; Soto 1, Stanton 1, Rizzo 1, Trevino 1. LOB—Seattle 8, New York 9. 2B—Vogelbein (9), Judge (17).

HR—Stanton (12), off Castillo; Judge (15), off Castillo. RBIs—Stanton (27), Judge (25), Soto (4), Verdugo (27), Rizzo (24), SB—Cabrera (2), Volpe (10), Judge (1). CS—Cabrera (1). SF—Verdugo. Runners left in SP—Seattle 5 (France, Raley, 3, Garner); New York 4 (Volpe, Rizzo, 2, Cabrera). RISP—Seattle 0 for 6; New York 2 for 6.

Seattle IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA ... Totals 38 6 12 6

SAN FRANCISCO 7, PITTSBURGH 6

Box score for San Francisco vs Pittsburgh game.

San Fran. AB R H BI Avg. Pittsburgh AB R H BI Avg. ... Totals 38 7 13 7

PHILADELPHIA 5, TEXAS 2

Box score for Philadelphia vs Texas game.

Texas AB R H BI Avg. Phila. AB R H BI Avg. ... Totals 32 2 6 2

SAN DIEGO 6, CINCINNATI 4

Box score for San Diego vs Cincinnati game.

San Diego AB R H BI Avg. Cincinnati AB R H BI Avg. ... Totals 38 6 12 6

ATLANTA 3, CHICAGO CUBS 0

Box score for Atlanta vs Chicago Cubs game.

Atlanta AB R H BI Avg. Chicago AB R H BI Avg. ... Totals 32 3 6 3

OAKLAND 10, COLORADO 9

Box score for Oakland vs Colorado game.

Colorado AB R H BI Avg. Oakland AB R H BI Avg. ... Totals 41 9 11 8

TORONTO 9, DETROIT 1

Box score for Toronto vs Detroit game.

Toronto AB R H BI Avg. Detroit AB R H BI Avg. ... Totals 37 9 13 9

BALTIMORE 8, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 6

Box score for Baltimore vs Chicago White Sox game.

Baltimore AB R H BI Avg. Chicago AB R H BI Avg. ... Totals 38 8 13 8

ABS system unlikely till '26, Manfred says

[Manfred, from B12]

Experienced umpires, it turns out, intuitively recognize pitches players can and can't hit with authority and subtly adjust the strike zone to fit those parameters.

Experienced umpires also miss a healthy percentage of calls, which led to the desire to replace them with ABS in the first place.

Yet they also continue to get better. Since the beginning of the pitch tracking era in 2008, MLB umpires have improved their accuracy in calling balls and strikes every year, according to FanGraphs. Accuracy has spiked from 81.3% to 92.4%. Expressed another way, incorrect calls have been reduced by nearly 60% in 15 years.

The Fangraphs study also noted that before pitch tracking, umpires were much better at identifying balls than strikes, meaning that the improved accuracy of the last 15 years has increased the number of strikes. That probably is a contributing factor to the current cumulative batting average of .240, the lowest since 1968.

"If the league were to implement a robo-zone tomorrow without changing the strike zone at all, the offensive environment would instantly get even tougher," Davy Andrews of FanGraphs wrote a year ago. "I'm not trying to scare anybody away from our techno-future, but maybe we should all watch 'Terminator' one last time before we flip the switch."

For its part, MLB is cautiously navigating the information-gathering phase.

"The shape of the strike zone, we have not started those conversations [with players], because we haven't settled on what we think about it," Manfred said. "Hard to have those conversations before you know what you're thinking."

What MLB has learned from player feedback is that a system where a handful of calls each game can be challenged is preferable to relying solely on ABS.

"Originally, we thought everybody was going to be wholeheartedly in favor of, 'If you can get it right every single time, that's a great idea,'" Manfred said. "One thing we've learned in these meetings is that players feel there would be negative if you used it full-blown."

"Those who have played with [ABS] do have a strong preference for the challenge system over ABS calling every pitch, and that has certainly altered our thinking on where we might be headed."

And, by the way, ABS would render pitch-framing by catchers a lost art. "It's the unintended consequences of ABS," Manfred said. "The one that is often pointed to, but not the only one, is the framing catcher. ... You could hypothesize a

world where instead of a framing catcher who is focused on defense, the catching position becomes a more offensive player. I mean, that alters careers."

Other topics addressed by Manfred:

■ MLB continues to seek an answer for the decline in cable TV viewers. Manfred said he expected Diamond Sports, which has rights to 12 MLB teams but has been in bankruptcy proceedings for a year, to continue operating through this season.

Manfred is wrestling with determining how to fairly distribute revenue among teams if MLB takes over local rights — which itself is a tall order.

"The conversation about nationalization, I think, is dependent on getting in the relatively short term some body of rights: 14, 15, 16, 17 clubs, and you'd start down the path from there," he said. "I'm not so naive as to believe two weeks from tomorrow I'm going to have all 30."

■ MLB is determined to develop a baseball "tacky" enough that pitchers aren't tempted to apply illegal foreign substances to improve grip. However, efforts by Dow Chemical fell short and MLB now will work with longtime partner Rawlings.

"Dow has kind of cried uncle," Manfred said. "They spent a ton of money and worked with us. They were great partners, had a lot of good ideas, and we just were not able to come up with a ball that was playable. We're now focusing our efforts on a tacky ball with the Rawlings people."

■ Nike told owners that the new uniforms everyone seems to detest will be altered for 2025. Manfred said Nike will address "the sweat thread and the lack of matching of the gray [colors]."

It already has been announced that uniforms will return to larger lettering on jerseys and that individual pant customization will be available next season.

■ Sites for the 2026 World Baseball Classic will be Miami, Houston, Tokyo and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Miami will host the final for the second tournament in a row.

■ The Oakland Athletics must break ground by April in Las Vegas for the team to have a stadium ready for the 2028 season.

■ The alarming increase in pitching injuries dovetails into whether MLB players should be participating in the World Baseball Classic and the 2028 Olympics. Regarding the latter, Manfred said he's waiting on a proposal from LA28 chairman Casey Wasserman.

"It's hard to talk about and be focused on pitching injuries on the one side, and not realize that that issue bleeds over into WBC participation, Olympic participation, whatever," Manfred said.

Former players set for Negro Leagues All-Star Game tribute

Cooperstown game will highlight exhibit of Black players at baseball Hall of Fame.

By STEVE HENSON

The names trigger memories recent and long ago. From David Price to Russell Martin, from Tony Gwynn Jr. to Jerry Hairston Jr. to Dee Strange-Gordon, former Dodgers sprinkle the rosters.

And the 14 Hall of Famers serving as coaches include a who's who of legends that tormented the Dodgers as exalted opponents: Ozzie Smith, Ken Griffey Jr., Fergie Jenkins, Dave Winfield, Fred McGriff ... the list goes on.

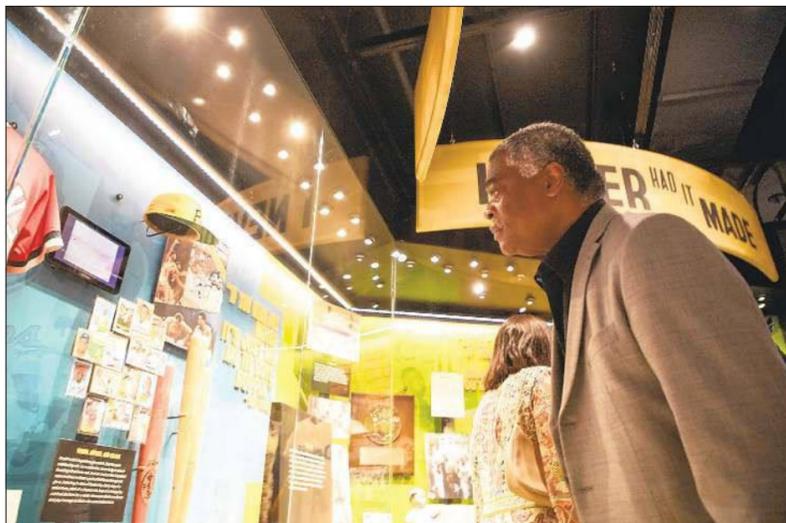
They'll gather in Cooperstown, N.Y., for the East-West Classic: a tribute to the Negro Leagues All-Star Game on Saturday at historic Doubleday Field. Team captains CC Sabathia and Chris Young held a draft of recently retired Black players to fill rosters for the game, which anchors a Memorial Day weekend of festivities at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum surrounding the opening of an exhibit titled "The Souls of the Game: Voices of Black Baseball."

"I'm looking forward to seeing these guys' faces when we walk into the Hall of Fame," Sabathia said. "We are all super close, and it's going to be fun to get us all together."

The exhibit will cover the Negro Leagues era, the complexities of integration, Jackie Robinson, the struggles Black players experienced and calls for change in today's game. Stories from Black baseball also are being added to other exhibits throughout the museum.

Only 6% of players on opening day major league rosters this year are Black, a number that has slowly eroded for decades. A study by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at Central Florida found that Black players represented 6.2% of MLB players in 2023 and 7.2% in 2022. When the study began in 1991, 18% of MLB players were Black.

Baseball has launched programs to boost participation in recent years, and one result has been an uptick in the number of



MILO STEWART JR. National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

HALL OF FAME player Eddie Murray views a new exhibit at the baseball museum in Cooperstown, N.Y., titled "The Souls of the Game: Voices of Black Baseball."

East-West Classic rosters

East: Captain Chris Young, Josh Barfield, Doug Gianville, Tony Gwynn Jr., Jerry Hairston Jr., Scott Hairston, LaTroy Hawkins, Ryan Howard, Edwin Jackson, Jeremy Jeffress, Adam Jones, Russell Martin, Melvin Mora, David Price and Mo'Ne Davis.

West: Captain CC Sabathia, José Contreras, Ian Desmond, Prince Fielder, Dexter Fowler, Curtis Granderson, Darrell Miller, Tyson Ross, Tony Sipp, Dee Strange-Gordon, B.J. Upton and Justin Upton.

Hall of Fame coaches: Harold Baines, Rollie Fingers, Ken Griffey Jr., Fergie Jenkins, Jim Kaat, Fred McGriff, Eddie Murray, Jim Rice, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, Joe Torre, Dave Winfield, Pat Gillick and Ryne Sandberg.

Black players drafted in the top 100 — an average of 12 per year since 2021. Ten of the first 50 draft picks in 2023 were Black and 30% of the first-round picks in 2022 were Black — a significant increase over the previous decade, when 17.4% of first-round picks were Black.

Four of the first five selections in the 2022 draft were Black, and all four were alumni of at least one of the

following MLB diversity initiatives:

■ The DREAM Series operated by MLB and USA Baseball has since 2017 brought together predominantly Black high school pitching and catching prospects nationwide during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. The program includes seminars, mentorship, scout evaluations and video coverage in addition to on-field instruction. Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher and Sherman Oaks Notre Dame High product Hunter Greene participated in the DREAM Series.

■ The MLB ID Tour scours the country for baseball talent among underexposed and diverse groups of athletes, and this year has held events at the Compton Youth Academy as well as in Atlanta, Dallas and Chicago.

■ The Breakthrough Series provides a platform for players who have entered the MLB diversity pipeline to perform for scouts and college coaches. The Series, which began in 2008, has produced 22 first-round draft picks and 36 players have advanced to the major leagues.

■ The Hank Aaron Invitational will be held in July at Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach, Fla., where approximately 250 teenage players from across the U.S. will be trained by former MLB players and coaches that in the past have included Griffey, Winfield, Eric Davis, Marquis Grissom, Reggie Smith and De-

lino DeShields.

Only 6% of Division I baseball players are Black, a number that has grown slightly but remains alarmingly low. Developing future major leaguers is a clear objective of MLB's diversity initiatives, but getting Black players into college is also important.

"We see more kids playing at the Division I college baseball ranks, and we see more kids being drafted into the minor leagues," said Del Matthews, MLB vice president of baseball development. "And so we're just flooding that through [our] various programs."

The Memorial Day weekend festivities honoring the history of Black baseball will begin with an unveiling of a bronze statue of Aaron on the first floor of the Hall of Fame Museum.

Then the East-West Classic — the name is a nod to the Negro League All-Star game held annually from 1933 to 1962 — will bring living, breathing Black players together.

"It's going to be one of those weekends that's going to stick with us for a long time," said Young, the East team captain who played for the Angels in 2018, the last of his 13-year career.

"If you have a son or daughter who plays baseball, take them to the Hall. If you are a baseball player, go check it out. It's life-changing."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

PRO CALENDAR

	SAT 25	SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29
DODGERS	at Cincinnati 4:15 Ch. 11	at Cincinnati 10:30 a.m. SNLA	at N.Y. Mets 1 p.m. SNLA	at N.Y. Mets 4 p.m. SNLA	at N.Y. Mets 1 p.m. SNLA
ANGELS	CLEVELAND 6:30 BSW	CLEVELAND 1 BSW		N.Y. YANKEES 6:30 BSW	N.Y. YANKEES 6:30 BSW
SPARKS		DALLAS 6 SpecSN		at Indiana 4 p.m. NBA TV	
GALAXY	HOUSTON 7:30 Apple TV				DALLAS 7:30 Apple TV
LAFC	at Atlanta 4:30 Apple TV				MINNESOTA 7:45 Apple TV, FS1
ANGEL CITY	NEXT: AT NJ/NY GOTHAM, JUNE 8, 9:30 A.M. PDT, CH. 2, PARAMOUNT+				

Shade denotes home game.

TODAY ON THE AIR

TIME	EVENT	ON THE AIR
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL		
10 p.m.	AFL, Melbourne vs. St. Kilda	TV: FS2
AUTO RACING		
6:45 a.m.	Formula One, Monaco Grand Prix, qualifying	TV: ESPN2
10 a.m.	NASCAR Xfinity, BetMGM 300	TV: 11
2 p.m.	NASCAR Cup, Coca-Cola 600, qualifying	TV: FS1
4:30 a.m. (Sun.)	Formula One, Monaco Grand Prix	TV: 7, ESPND
BASEBALL		
10:30 a.m.	San Francisco at New York Mets	TV: MLB
1 p.m.	Milwaukee at Boston	TV: MLB
1 p.m.	Atlanta at Pittsburgh	TV: ESPN+
4 p.m.	Dodgers at Cincinnati	TV: 11 R: 570, 1020
6:30 p.m.	Cleveland at Angels	TV: BSW R: 830
7 p.m.	Miami at Arizona	TV: FS1
BASKETBALL: NBA		
5:30 p.m.	Eastern Conference final, Game 3, Boston at Indiana	TV: 7
BASKETBALL: WNBA		
10 a.m.	New York at Minnesota	TV: 2
5 p.m.	Connecticut at Chicago	TV: CBSSN
6 p.m.	Indiana at Las Vegas	TV: NBA
COLLEGE BASEBALL		
7 a.m.	Big Ten tournament, semifinal, Nebraska vs. Indiana	TV: Big Ten
9 a.m.	Big East tournament championship, St. John's vs. TBD	TV: FS1
9 a.m.	SEC tournament, semifinal, TBD vs. Louisiana State	TV: SEC
10 a.m.	ACC tournament, semifinal, Miami vs. Duke	TV: ACC
11 a.m.	Big Ten tournament, semifinal, TBD vs. Penn State	TV: Big Ten
12:30 p.m.	Big East tournament championship (if necessary), St. John's vs. TBD	TV: FS2
12:30 p.m.	SEC tournament, semifinal, TBD vs. Vanderbilt	TV: SEC
1 p.m.	WCC tournament, championship, teams TBD	TV: ESPNU
1 p.m.	Cal State Northridge at UC Irvine	TV: ESPN+
1 p.m.	UC Riverside at UC Santa Barbara	TV: ESPN+
2 p.m.	ACC tournament, semifinal, Florida State vs. TBD	TV: ACC
3 p.m.	Big Ten tournament, semifinal (if necessary), Nebraska vs. Indiana	TV: Big Ten
4 p.m.	Big 12 tournament, championship, teams TBD	TV: ESPNU
7 p.m.	Pac-12 tournament, championship, teams TBD	TV: ESPNU
7 p.m.	Big Ten tournament, semifinal (if necessary), TBD vs. Penn State	TV: Big Ten
COLLEGE LACROSSE		
9 a.m.	Men's NCAA tournament, semifinal, Denver vs. Notre Dame	TV: ESPN2
11 a.m.	Men's NCAA tournament, semifinal, Virginia vs. Maryland	TV: ESPN2
COLLEGE SOFTBALL		
8 a.m.	NCAA tournament, Florida vs. Baylor	TV: ESPN
10 a.m.	NCAA tournament, Missouri vs. Duke	TV: ESPN
Noon	NCAA tournament, Tennessee vs. Alabama	TV: ESPN
2 p.m.	NCAA tournament, Texas vs. Texas A&M	TV: ESPN
4 p.m.	NCAA tournament, Oklahoma State vs. Arizona	TV: ESPN or ESPN2
4 p.m.	NCAA tournament, Oklahoma vs. Florida State (if necessary)	TV: ESPN or ESPN2
6 p.m.	NCAA tournament, Stanford vs. Louisiana State	TV: ESPN or ESPN2
6 p.m.	NCAA tournament, UCLA vs. Georgia (if necessary)	TV: ESPN or ESPN2
GOLF		
10 a.m.	PGA, Charles Schwab Challenge, third round	TV: Golf, Peacock
10 a.m.	Senior PGA Championship, third round	TV: 4, Peacock
Noon	PGA, Charles Schwab Challenge, third round	TV: 2, Paramount+
4 a.m.	World Tour, Soudal Open, final round	TV: Golf, Peacock
HOCKEY: NHL		
5 p.m.	Western Conference finals, Game 2, Edmonton at Dallas	TV: TNT, TruTV
HOCKEY: IIHF		
9 a.m.	World Championships, semifinal, Canada vs. Switzerland	TV: NHL
HORSE RACING		
9:30 a.m.	America's Day at the Races	TV: FS2
11 a.m.	America's Day at the Races	TV: BSSC
Noon	America's Day at the Races	TV: FS1
MOTORCYCLE RACING		
8:30 a.m.	MotoGP, Grand Prix of Catalunya, sprint race	TV: TruTV
PRO FOOTBALL		
9 a.m.	UFL, St. Louis at Arlington	TV: 7
Noon	UFL, Birmingham at San Antonio	TV: 7
RUGBY		
4 p.m.	MLR, New England at Miami	TV: FS2
SOCCER		
7 a.m.	England FA Cup, Manchester City vs. Manchester United	TV: ESPN+
7 a.m.	German Cup, Kaiserslautern vs. Leverkusen	TV: ESPN, ESPN2
7:15 a.m.	Spain, Real Sociedad vs. Atlético Madrid	TV: ESPN+, ESPND
9 a.m.	Italy, Juventus vs. Monza	TV: Paramount+
9:30 a.m.	Spain, Almería vs. Cadiz	TV: ESPN+
9:30 a.m.	Spain, Rayo Vallecano vs. Athletic Club	TV: ESPN+
11:45 a.m.	Italy, AC Milan vs. Salernitana	TV: Paramount+
Noon	Spain, Real Madrid vs. Betis	TV: ESPN+, ESPND
4:30 p.m.	MLS, Atlanta vs. LAFC	TV: Apple TV R: 710, 980
4:30 p.m.	NWSL, Chicago vs. Louisville	TV: Ion
7 p.m.	NWSL, Utah vs. Kansas City	TV: Ion
7 p.m.	USL, Orange County SC vs. Loudoun United FC	TV: BSSC, ESPN+
7:30 p.m.	MLS, Galaxy vs. Houston	TV: Apple TV R: Galaxy stream
5 a.m. (Sun.)	Spain, Getafe vs. Mallorca	TV: ESPN+
TENNIS		
7 a.m.	ATP (Geneva, Lyon)/WTA (Rabat) finals	TV: Tennis
2 a.m. (Sun.)	French Open, first round	TV: Tennis
5 a.m. (Sun.)	French Open, first round	TV: BSW
TRACK AND FIELD		
1 p.m.	Prefontaine Classic	TV: 4, Peacock
WEIGHTLIFTING		
4 p.m.	World Classic and Equipped Bench Press Championship	TV: CBSSN

THE DAY IN SPORTS

Djokovic still seeking year's first title

WIRE REPORTS

Novak Djokovic will defend his French Open title in Paris still without a trophy this season after losing in the Geneva Open semifinals Friday.

Tomas Machac, ranked 44th, beat Djokovic 6-4, 0-6, 6-1 in the last clay-court event to prepare for Roland Garros, where main draw play starts Sunday.

"Of course I am worried. I haven't been playing good at all this year," Djokovic said.

His record this year dropped to 14-6 and 0-3 in semifinals, including at the Australian Open against **Jannik Sinner**.

"I don't consider myself a favorite there," the top-ranked Serbian said of his chances at Roland Garros, where he has won two of the last three titles and three overall among his men's record 24 Grand Slam titles. Djokovic took a medical timeout after the first set because of a stomach ailment.

"It was a terrible feeling with stomach and health today. It was not a great night and today as well," he said. "I don't want to take anything away from his win; he deserved it."

Machac will play his first tour final Saturday against two-time champion **Casper Ruud**, the French Open runner-up the last two years, or unseeded **Flavia Cobolli**.

"If you play against Novak, you just hope and try to play your best and see how it looks," Machac said.



LM OTERO Associated Press

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER watches his tee shot on No. 18 during the second round at Colonial Country Club.

ETC. Big Ten, SEC kings of revenue

The Big Ten held a narrow edge over the Southeastern Conference in revenue for the second straight year and the Atlantic Coast Conference again ranked a distant third among the five largest college sports conferences, according to tax filings released this week.

The five conferences combined to generate \$3.55 billion in the 2022-23 fiscal year, with the Big Ten reporting revenue of \$879.9 million and the SEC making \$852.6 million. The ACC had the most significant increase, going from \$617 million in 2021-22 to \$707 million.

The Pac-12, which will lose 10 members to other conferences in 2024-25, made \$603.9 million. The Big

12 was fifth at \$510.7 million.

The Big Ten and SEC emerged as super conferences after a wave of realignment led to schools leaving one league for another over the last two years. The most dramatic development was the demise of the Pac-12, but the earning power of the Big Ten and SEC is also a major development, feeding angst and concerns among the remaining conferences.

Twelve of the 14 Big Ten schools each received about \$60.5 million from the conference, with 2014 additions Maryland and Rutgers getting \$58.8 million apiece.

The Pac-12 distributed about \$33.6 million to each of its members, down from \$36 million in 2023. The Pac-12 paid former commissioner **George Kliavkoff** \$3.98 million. **Larry Scott**, who preceded Kliavkoff, was paid \$2.28 million, including \$1.5 million through a separation agreement. The Pac-12

amassed \$6.7 million in legal fees, about three times more than any other conference.

A day after he failed to break par for the first time this year, **Scottie Scheffler** shot a 65 in the second round of the Charles Schwab Challenge, but at three under he still was far off the pace. **Davis Riley** was at 10 under after a 64. **Max Homa**, who opened with a 78, his highest score outside a major since the Memorial four years ago, bounced back with a 69 but still was seven over. ... **Richard Bland** shot a five-under 66 to lead the Senior PGA Championship in his first major on the Champions Tour.

The Baltimore Orioles put another starting pitcher, **Dean Kremer**, on the 15-day injured list because of a strained right triceps, a day after adding veteran **John Means** (forearm).

New LAFC forward **Olivier Giroud**, France's all-time leading scorer, plans to end his international career after the European Championship next month. ... **Alex Morgan** returned from injury for the San Diego Wave in a scoreless draw with Angel City FC on Thursday night in the NWSL.

In Thursday's late college games, **Ryan Jackson** led off with a homer in a three-run sixth inning and No. 4 seed USC beat No. 3 Oregon 4-2 in an elimination game at the Pac-12 tournament.

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Robot umpires unlikely in 2025

Commissioner says MLB players prefer challenge system over automated strike zone.

By STEVE HENSON

Living, breathing human plate umpires might keep their jobs longer than anticipated.

Rob Manfred touched on several topics at a news conference following an owners meeting Thursday, but the overarching message from the Major League Baseball commissioner was no one is particularly happy with the automated ball-strike (ABS) system currently used in the minor leagues.

And much like the slow integration of the pitch clock, until the ABS is fool-proof, it won't be promoted to the big leagues.

"One thing we did learn with the changes we went through last year, taking the extra time to make sure you have it right is definitely the best approach," Manfred said. "I think we're going to use that same approach here."

How much extra time? Manfred said he doesn't expect ABS to make its MLB debut until 2026 at the earliest. And he favors a challenge system, not a wholesale replacement of human umpires with a robotic strike zone.

The ABS has been employed in various minor leagues for six seasons, including currently in all triple-A parks for the second year in a row. During each six-game series, ABS is used exclusively for the first three games and a challenge system is used in the last three.

The challenge system is more popular with players, Manfred said, and he seconds their opinion.

"There's a growing consensus in large part based on what we're hearing from players that the challenge form should be the form of ABS, if and when we bring it to the big leagues, at least as a starting point," he said. "I think that's a good decision."

Many players say the ABS calls pitches strikes that humans traditionally have called balls, and vice versa. The shape of a major league strike zone apparently isn't the precise cube seen on television but takes a rounded form that bulges wider in the middle of the zone and tightens at the top and bottom.

[See Manfred, B10]



GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

ENTERING play on Friday, Alex Vesia had been arguably the Dodgers' best reliever this year with a 1.23 ERA and 0.955 WHIP.

Vesia heaves huge sigh of relief

In the life of a major league relief pitcher, highs and lows are part of the landscape.

The nature of a one-inning role makes volatility in performance inherent. Even small struggles or brief stumbles can snowball into icy, elongated slides.

While rags-to-riches stories might be common in bullpens, so too are tales of the inverse. Even established relievers can be susceptible to ruts, from which some never recover. Once the avalanche starts, it can feel impossible to halt.

Twelve months ago, it looked like the Dodgers' Alex Vesia was about to be buried.

In 2021 and 2022, Vesia was one of the best left-handed relievers in baseball, ranking third among relievers with 90 or more innings with a 2.19 earned-run average while carving out a crucial role in the

back of the bullpen. Then, in the first half of last year, it all fell apart. Last April, Vesia had an 8.68 ERA. In May, he was sent down to the minors for the first time since early 2021. He returned for a month in June, but gave up seven earned runs in 10 outings. And by the start of July, he was back in triple A again — riding the kind of roster roller coaster that typically prefaces a reliever's decline — or outright departure from an organization.

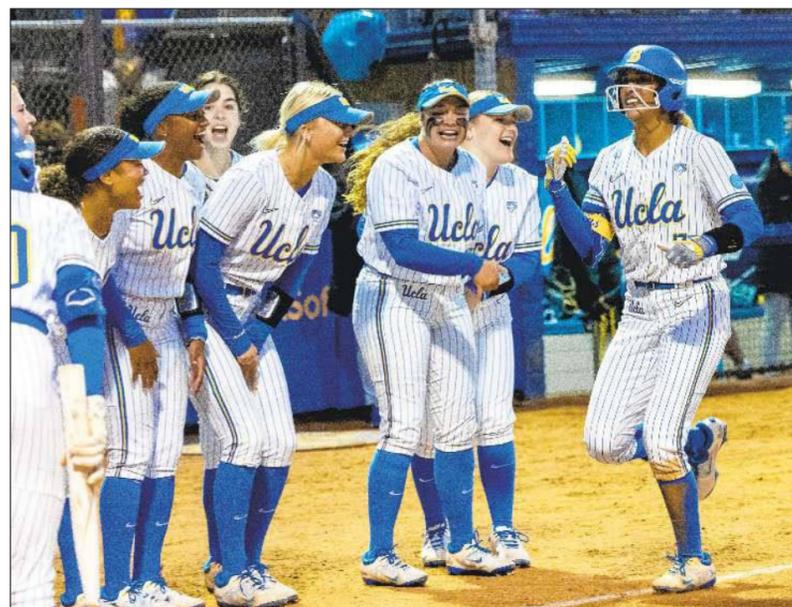
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"It was terrible," he said. "Not fun." In one of the more unexpected recent turns for the Dodgers bullpen, however, Vesia has rediscovered his old levels of production.

Entering Friday, the 28-year-old had a 1.92 ERA in 53 appearances since last July, the ninth-best mark in the majors during [See Vesia, B10]

By Jack Harris



GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

UCLA'S Maya Brady is greeted at home after her second home run of Thursday's win over Georgia, which left the Bruins one victory from winning their regional.

Free-wheeling Bruins are peaking at the right time

Brady's two homers power rout of Georgia in the Bruins' pursuit of World Series berth.

By THUC NHI NGUYEN

The crack of the ball off Maya Brady's bat in the first inning sent a swift, loud message.

"Storm's a Bruin," UCLA coach Kelly Inouye-Perez said. "We're here."

Brady, the back-to-back Pac-12 Conference player of the year, went three for four at the plate with two home runs in UCLA's six-inning, 8-0 win over No. 11 Georgia in

the first game of the Los Angeles Super Regional on Thursday. The No. 6 Bruins were in position to clinch a berth in the World Series with a win Friday night at Easton Stadium, in a game that ended after this edition's deadline.

UCLA was trying to make its eighth World Series appearance in nine years. The only blemish was last year's winless postseason when the Bruins shockingly failed to advance out of the regional for the first time since 2013. The flop was traumatic enough for Inouye-Perez to hire a mental performance coach. Armando Gonzalez has counseled the team all season, putting players at

ease by saying any outcome is "already written."

"For us, it honestly lifts a weight off of us," Brady said. "Yes, we obviously have a say in our performance, but at the end of the day, there's an outcome that's already written that no matter if we strike out or we go four for four, that was the outcome that was supposed to happen. I think for us, it just allows us to kind of let go and play free."

Including UCLA's three wins in the regional round last weekend, Brady was nine for 12 in four postseason games with six extra-base hits and five RBIs entering Friday. Her leadoff home run [See UCLA, B9]

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A tribute to Negro Leagues all-stars

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Time and hope running out on Pacers

Indiana returns home, down 2-0 in its series against the Celtics. Worse, star Haliburton is injured. B9

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Swiatek on path to becoming a legend

Hall of Famer Evert says No. 1 player could surpass her record of seven French Open titles. B8



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CAITLIN CLARK dribbles against the defense of Zia Cooke of the Sparks. Clark hit two key threes late to help the Indiana Fever to their first win of the season.

Clark's big shots down stretch sink Sparks

STAFF REPORTS

A record Sparks crowd of 19,103 packed into Crypto.com Arena to watch them and No. 2 draft pick Cameron Brink face the Indiana Fever and No. 1 draft pick Caitlin Clark on Friday night.

The crowd seemed to hold its collective breath every time Clark touched the ball, waiting to see something—*anything*—amazing.

And then, after a rough shooting night, it happened.

After Rickea Jackson hit a huge three-pointer to cut the Sparks' deficit to three in the fourth quarter, Clark took the ball in transition and drained a wide-open three—her first of the night—as the L.A. crowd roared.

The Sparks' rookies, Brink and Jackson, also hit big shots to keep the team within striking distance as time ran down, but Clark delivered a dagger, stepping back and

hitting a three-pointer with 40 seconds left to help seal the Fever's first win of the season in a 78-73 thriller.

Clark finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and four steals as the Fever worked to overcome an 11-point halftime deficit.

The Sparks got off to a quick start thanks to the play of Dearica Hamby, who had 16 points, six rebounds and five assists in the first half as the team cruised to a comfortable lead at the break. Jackson and Brink weren't far behind with seven and six points, respectively. Brink also chipped in six rebounds and a blocked shot.

Indiana responded in the second half with a 9-0 run led by Aliyah Boston, last year's No. 1 draft pick, and Temi Fagbenle to start the third quarter and tie the score.

Hamby finished with 18 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists, Jackson scored 16 points and Brink had 15 points and nine rebounds.

The Sparks host the Dallas Wings on Sunday before a rematch against Clark and the Fever in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

— ANDRÉS SOTO

SOFTBALL UCLA clinches World Series berth

After a one-year absence, the winningest softball program in NCAA history is returning to Oklahoma City.

UCLA advanced to the Women's College World Series with a 6-1 win over No. 11 Georgia at Easton Stadium on Friday, winning the best-of-three super regional 2-0. The No. 6 Bruins will face No. 3 Tennessee or No. 14 Alabama in the first round of the World Series on Thursday.

Sophomore Taylor Tinsley

pitched a complete game, giving up four hits with six strikeouts. She finished the victory by striking out Georgia pinch-hitter Sarah Gordon, ripping off her face mask and slamming it to the dirt with her blue glove. UCLA's first player from the state of Georgia jumped into catcher Sharlize Palacios' arms as the Bruins returned to the World Series for the eighth time in nine years. Their 32 appearances are the most of any program.

Tinsley gave up two hits, a walk and a run in the first inning against her home-state school but retired the next 14 batters as the Bruins (42-10) methodically built their lead.

After showing her power with two home runs and a double Thursday, Maya Brady set the tone Friday with two singles that led to two runs and an RBI. The two-time Pac-12 player of the year carries a seven-game hitting streak to Oklahoma City, where the Bruins will

challenge for their first national title since 2019. During the postseason, the star shortstop is 11 for 16 with seven RBIs.

Her hot hitting is rivaled only by that of Palacios, who launched two home runs for three RBIs on Friday. The catcher leads the Bruins with 20 homers and has 11 in her last 18 games.

The Bruins chased Georgia starter Madison Kerpics after 1 2/3 innings, tagging the right-hander for four hits, two runs and two walks.

After throwing 76 pitches in Thursday's six-inning, run-rule loss, left-hander Lilli Backes returned in relief for the Bulldogs (43-19). She extinguished a two-on, two-out threat in the second inning to maintain a one-run deficit momentarily but couldn't contain UCLA's offense while giving up six hits and four runs (three earned) in 4 2/3 innings.

— THUC NHI NGUYEN

Short-handed bullpen finally implodes as Dodgers fall to Reds

BY JACK HARRIS

The Dodgers' injury-ravaged bullpen had been lurking like a land mine in recent weeks.

On Friday in Cincinnati, the short-handed group finally imploded.

In the kind of meltdown the team has dreaded of late—with key relievers Evan Phillips, Brusdar Graterol, Ryan Brasier and Joe Kelly all on the injured list—the Dodgers' relief corps came unglued in the fifth inning, giving up four runs (plus an inherited runner) in the decisive sequence of a 9-6 loss to the Cincinnati Reds.

Entering Friday's fateful frame, the Dodgers appeared to be rolling toward a win in the opener of a six-game trip. They led by two runs. Their starting pitcher, James Paxton, had appeared to find a rhythm. And their recently slumping bats had awoken at hitter-friendly Great American Ballpark.

But then, in a nightmarish turn of events in which three pitchers took the mound in an eight-batter sequence, everything changed.

Paxton gave up a leadoff home run to Stuart Fairchild before issuing a two-out walk to Spencer Steer. It was the fourth free pass Paxton gave up, with the veteran left-hander again battling the command issues that have dogged him

this season. It was also Paxton's last pitch of the night, prompting manager Dave Roberts to come to get him after 95 pitches.

That's when the inning went off the rails. Needing to dip into the underbelly of his bullpen, Roberts called on Yohan Ramírez, a right-handed veteran with decent stuff but a history of command issues—he has averaged nearly five walks per nine innings in his career—whom the Baltimore Orioles and New York Mets had designated for assignment this year.

Immediately, Ramírez failed to find the plate.

He missed badly with his first three pitches before plunking Tyler Stephenson. He grazed the zone just once in a five-pitch walk to Santiago Espinal. Then, in another 3-and-0 count, he hit Nick Martini with a 95-mph fastball, forcing home the tying run with the bases loaded.

Ramírez went no further, getting pulled after his requisite three batters. But the mess he left behind didn't dissipate.

Instead, his replacement, left-hander Alex Vesia, had to face a right-handed hitter in Jonathan India. Vesia fell behind 3-and-0 before working the count full. Then, on the payoff pitch, Vesia offered up an inner-half four-seamer that India turned on for a game-altering grand slam.



JEFF DEAN Associated Press

RELIEVER Yohan Ramírez exits after his nightmarish outing in the fifth inning of the Dodgers' 9-6 loss to the Reds in Cincinnati. Ramírez walked one and plunked two without recording an out.

The ticking bullpen time bomb finally detonated.

Phillips, out since May 3 because of a hamstring strain, is set to begin a rehab assignment this weekend. Brasier, out since April 27 because of a calf strain, is close behind him, Roberts said before the game. Graterol and Kelly appear further away from returning. Nevertheless, the bullpen had been performing well in their absence, entering Friday ranked fourth in the majors with a 3.21 ERA (including an NL-best mark of 2.26 this month, when the injuries have been most prevalent).

Still, there are nights like Friday when even one extra arm might

have made the difference.

And until the Dodgers' bullpen is back at full strength, the potential for more late-game collapses will remain.

One remedy for the Dodgers is consistent starting pitching—something they'd had plenty of lately before Paxton's command issues returned Friday.

Despite his 5-0 record and 2.84 ERA entering the night, this season has been a bit of a slog for Paxton. His signature cutter has eluded him. And against the Reds, the 35-year-old shelved the pitch completely, failing to throw it once for the first time in an outing since 2016.

ANGELS Ramírez sizzles for streaking Guardians

José Ramírez went deep twice and started a run of three straight homers in the fourth inning as the Cleveland Guardians extended their winning streak to seven with a 10-4 victory over the Angels on Friday night at Angel Stadium.

The Angels' Luis Rengifo had three hits, including a home run.

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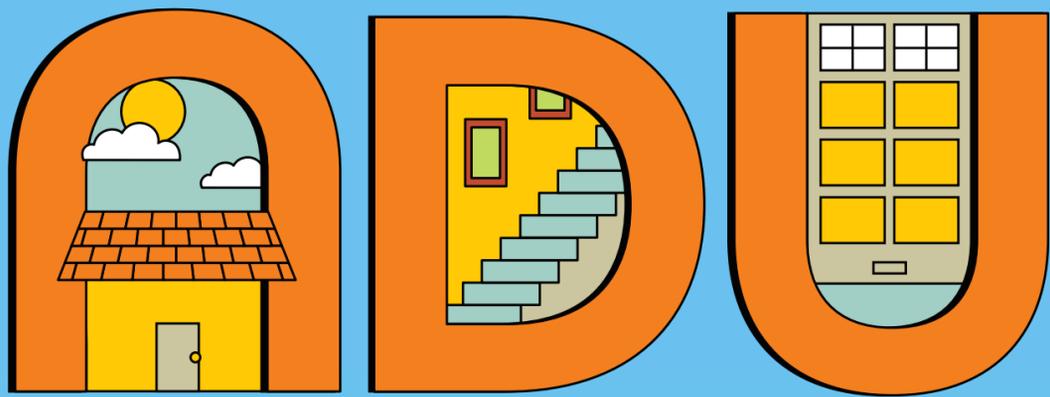
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\$6,250,000 | 3 Bed | 3 Bath



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27540 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$350,000/month | 7 Bed | 10 Bath



23402 MALIBU COLONY ROAD
\$225,000/month | 6 Bed | 7 Bath



24572 MALIBU ROAD
\$200,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath



22368 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$200,000/month | 9 Bed | 14 Bath



6020 BONSALE DRIVE
\$125,000/month | 7 Bed | 8 Bath



32852 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$125,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath



21528 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$115,000/month | 5 Bed | 8 Bath



30962 BROAD BEACH ROAD
\$100,000/month | 7 Bed | 7 Bath



28946 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
\$100,000/month | 5 Bed | 6 Bath



28827 GRAYFOX SREET
\$100,000/month | 6 Bed | 7 Bath



22435 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$100,000/month | 5 Bed | 8 Bath



27348 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$85,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath



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26714 LATIGO SHORE DRIVE
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23614 MALIBU COLONY ROAD
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29020 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
\$65,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath



5868 ZUMIREZ DRIVE
\$65,000/month | 5 Bed | 8 Bath



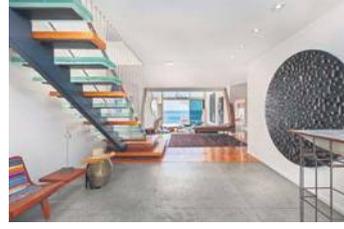
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\$60,000/month | 6 Bed | 5 Bath



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31952 1/2 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$55,000/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath



26966 MALIBU COVE COLONY DRIVE
\$50,000/month | 3 Bed | 3 Bath



31646 SEA LEVEL DRIVE
\$50,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath



27445 WINDING WAY
\$48,500/month | 6 Bed | 8 Bath



22349 CARBON MESA ROAD
\$45,000/month | 6 Bed | 7 Bath



5920 CLOVER HEIGHTS AVE
\$45,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath



26645 LATIGO SHORE DRIVE
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\$45,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath



6540 DUME DRIVE
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6750 FERNHILL DRIVE
\$40,000/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath



3000 DECKER CANYON ROAD
\$35,000/month | 5 Bed | 6 Bath



6715 FERNHILL DRIVE
\$35,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath



32054 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$35,000/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath



29943 HARVESTER ROAD
\$33,000/month | 4 Bed | 6 Bath



27070 MALIBU COVE COLONY DRIVE
\$30,000/month | 2 Bed | 2 Bath



6743 FERNHILL DRIVE
\$25,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath



29517 HARVESTER ROAD
\$20,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath



33457 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$15,000/month | 3 Bed | 3 Bath



18106 WAKECREST DRIVE
\$11,500/month | 4 Bed | 2 Bath



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22368 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY



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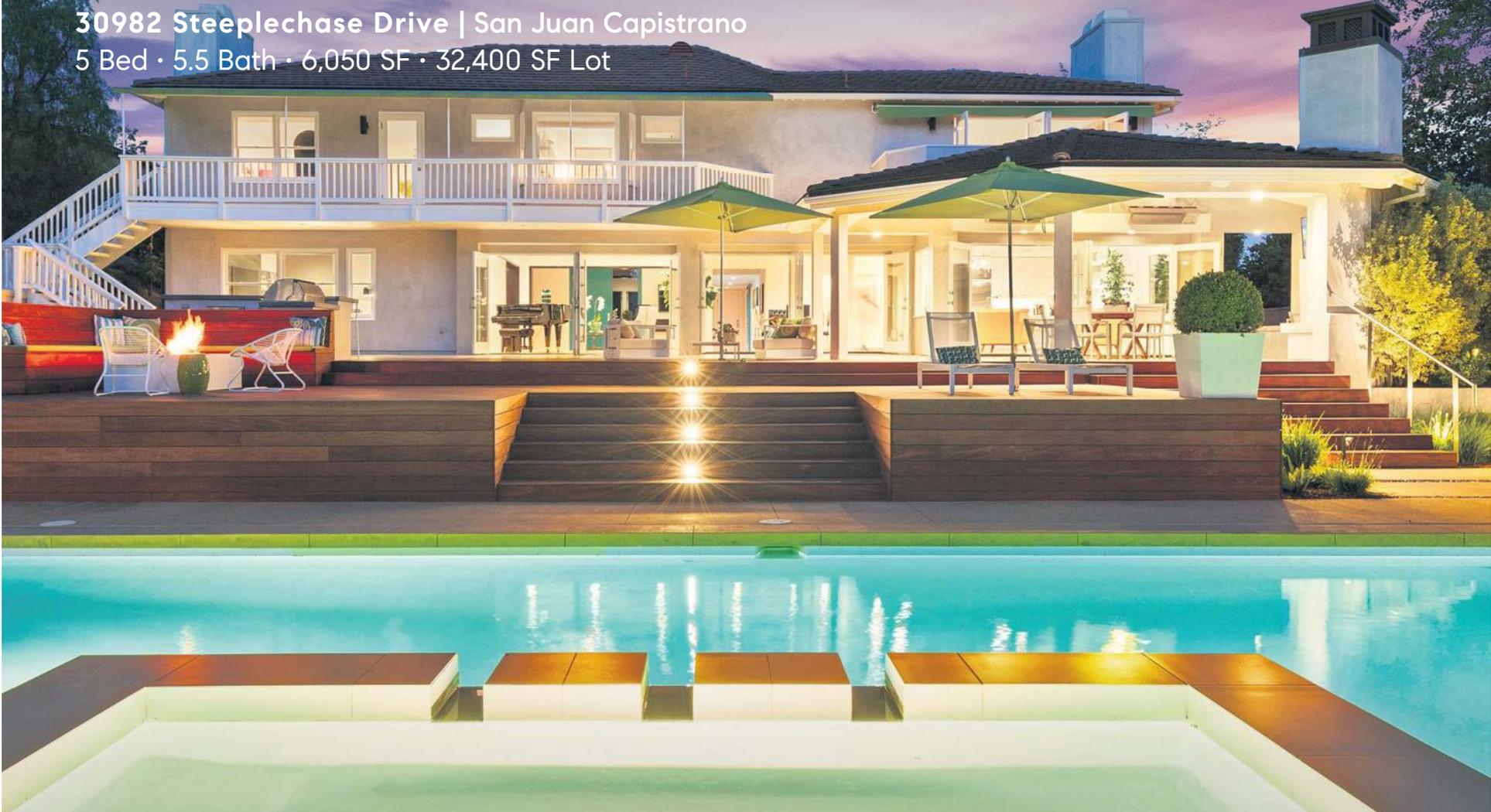
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JUST SOLD

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PENDING

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JUST SOLD OVER ASKING

357 S. Clark Drive \$2,295,000

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NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

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Immac IV Seasons 2,777SF 1-lvl unit. Huge yard/patio (1,650SF). Hi clngs. Glass walls. 2BD Suites 2.5BA. 24 hr valet/concierge. Pl/spa/gym. Endless potential.

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713 N. Camden Drive \$32,500/mo

Grand newer gated 2sty Medit manse. 5BD 5.5BA. X-hi clngs. Wood & stone flrs. Office & fam rm. Big priv yrd w/ pl/spa/BBQ/turf/mature foliage. Furn avail. Long-term.

Sunset Strip



JUST LEASED

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JUST LEASED

515 N. Linden Drive \$26,500/mo

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Beverly Hills



JUST LEASED

612 N. Elm Drive \$26,000/mo

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Beverly Hills



NEW PRICING | BY APPOINTMENT

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Beverly Hills



NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

430 El Camino Drive \$8,950/mo

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JUST LEASED

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JUST LEASED

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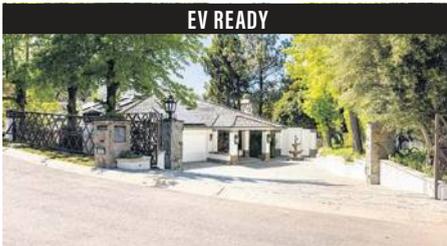
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If an item no longer fits or sparks joy, then it's time to declutter and donate it.

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TURN UNWANTED ITEMS INTO DONATIONS

Find a second home for your gently used clothing and household goods.

If you need a compelling reason to clean out your overstuffed closets and drawers, consider this: You'll have a lot of still-useful items to donate to charity and make the lives of strangers a little better.

The more you declutter, the more you'll be helping people in need. Whether it's pairs of shoes that never fit you quite right or clothes your kids have outgrown, chances are a charity will gladly take much of what you don't need or want anymore. Here's what you should know about donating goods.

What's Acceptable to Donate

Charities typically give a thumbs up to such things as baby items, dishes and glasses, books, toys, TVs, personal computers, curtains and drapes, rugs, small furniture, tools and jewelry. Go to the website of each charity you're considering to find a list of what they will take and what they won't. If donating clothes – even if they're clean and have been sitting untouched in a drawer – it's a good idea to wash them so they look and smell fresh.

Which Items Are Banned

Anything dirty, broken or missing parts isn't resalable, so charities won't accept them. Used mattresses, bedding, sleeper sofas and slip-covered furniture will likely be turned down, too, because of the possibility of mold and infestation. Car seats are another "do not donate" item because they have expiration dates and using them beyond those dates could put a child in danger. Also highly likely to be rejected: big, heavy furniture, dining tables without matching chairs, hazardous materials, medications, fireworks, and ammunition. But it's worth looking at more than one organization's list: While many groups won't accept ripped clothing, others will gladly take it and pursue other ways to monetize it, such as cutting old cotton T-shirts into cleaning rags to sell to local businesses.

Drop Off or Arrange a Pickup

You can drop off the goods there if there's a physical location nearby. Other charities make donating super convenient by coming to your home on a pre-arranged day to pick

up your donations from your front steps or porch for free.

Where to Donate

With more than 1.5 million charities in the United States, according to the National Philanthropic Trust, finding one that accepts household donations shouldn't be difficult. Many national organizations have locations all over the country. Don't forget about small, local charities like religious and civic associations that may have an annual clothing and household goods drive.

What Will the Money Generated from the Sales Be Used For?

Charities have diverse goals. For example, one charity uses the funds to finance job training, employment placement services and other community-based programs for people who face barriers in their employment. Another puts the funds toward building and advocating for affordable housing. Some local charities may use money from sales on mission work while certain charities help war veterans and their families get the information and benefits they're entitled to.

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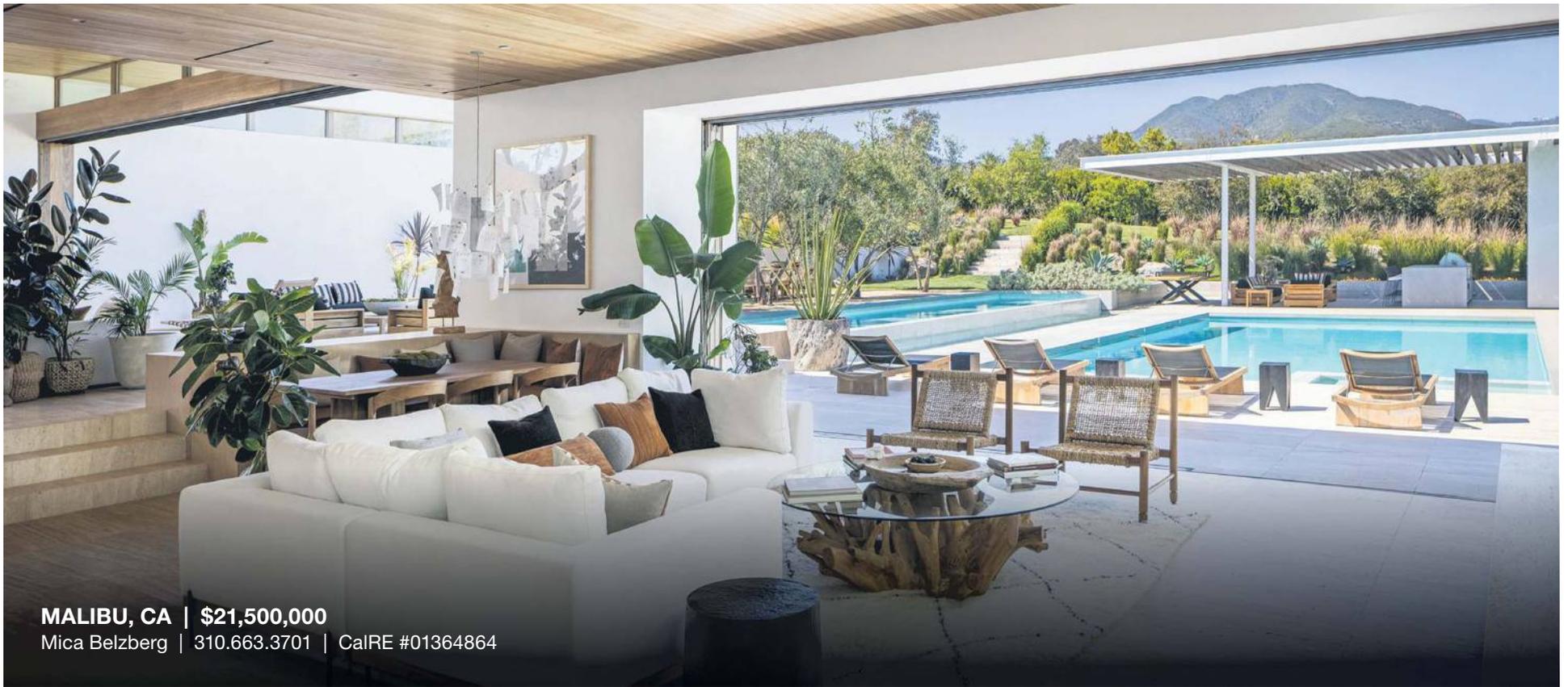
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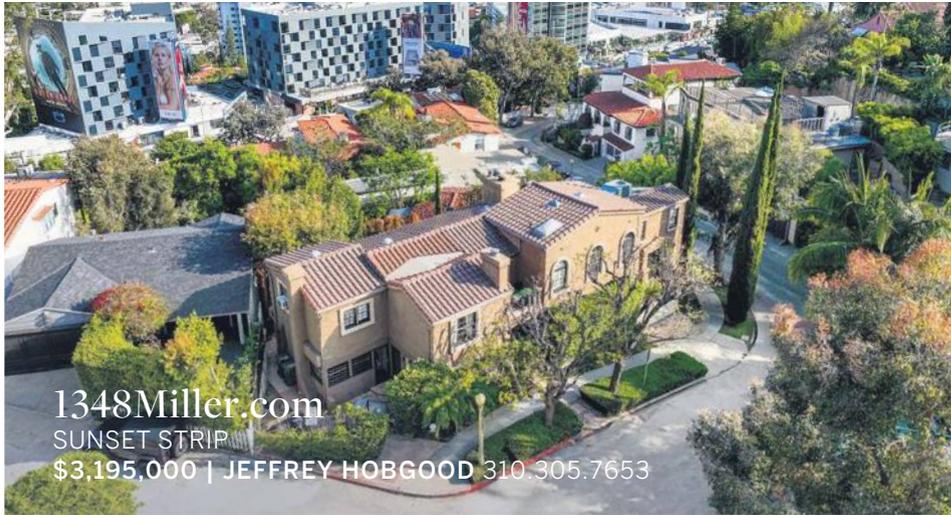
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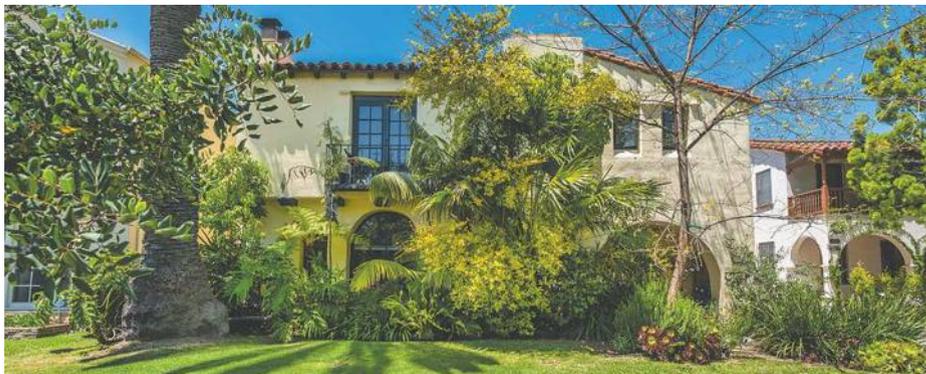
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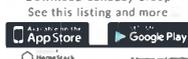


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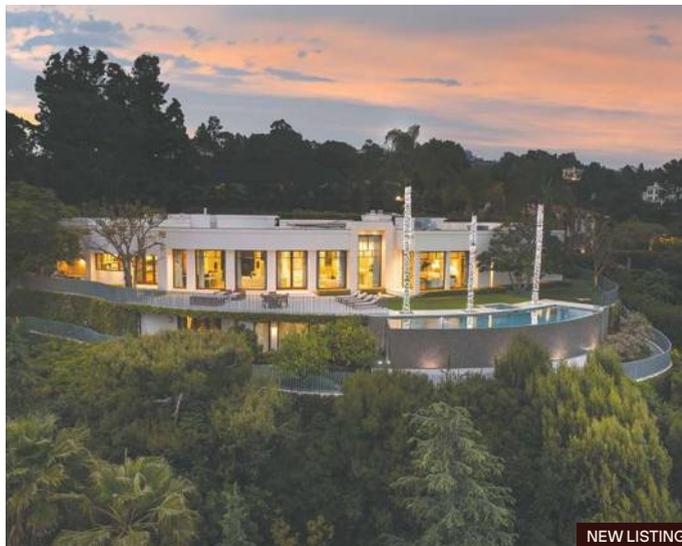
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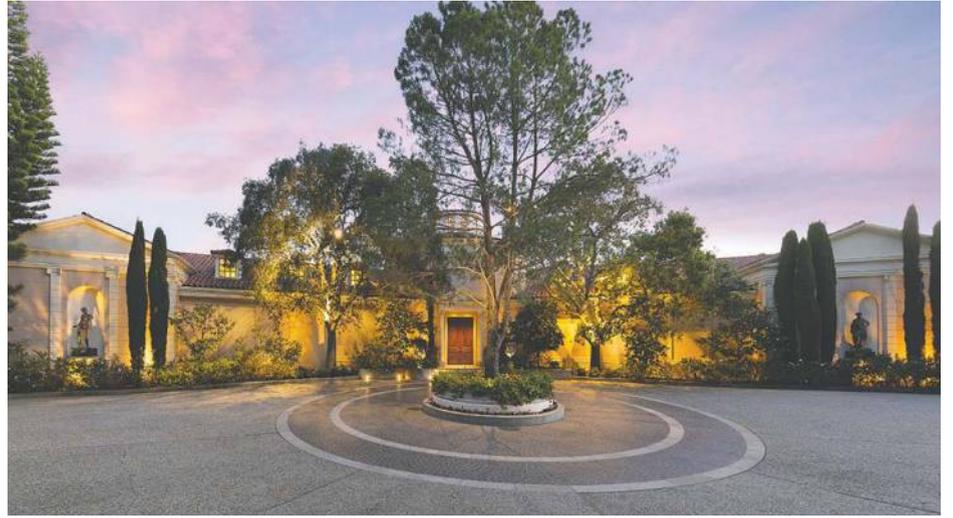
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