

# History of Miracle Market

## Compton



Read the passage below and highlight important facts about Miracle Market.

Miracle Market was established in 1961 by George White who left Louisiana for Los Angeles at the age of sixteen. George White's southern roots influenced the products sold at Miracle Market including sweet cane syrup, black-eyed peas, and Louisiana hot links flavored with various spices. The delicious hot links, especially the ones made from chicken sausage, became a popular staple for Compton residents; they are still a top item enjoyed by customers today!

Miracle Market inspired other market owners in surrounding neighborhoods to create similar products. Similarly, the market influenced the food culture of barbecue and soul food important to Black history and community in L.A. When people with backgrounds from Mexico and Central America moved to Compton, new items were introduced to support community needs. Miracle Market is an example of a legacy business that brought, and continues to bring, people together through delicious foods!

Draw a legacy business that you have visited or would like to visit!  
What type of business did you choose? What kind of services or  
items can be found there?

**What's a Legacy Business?**

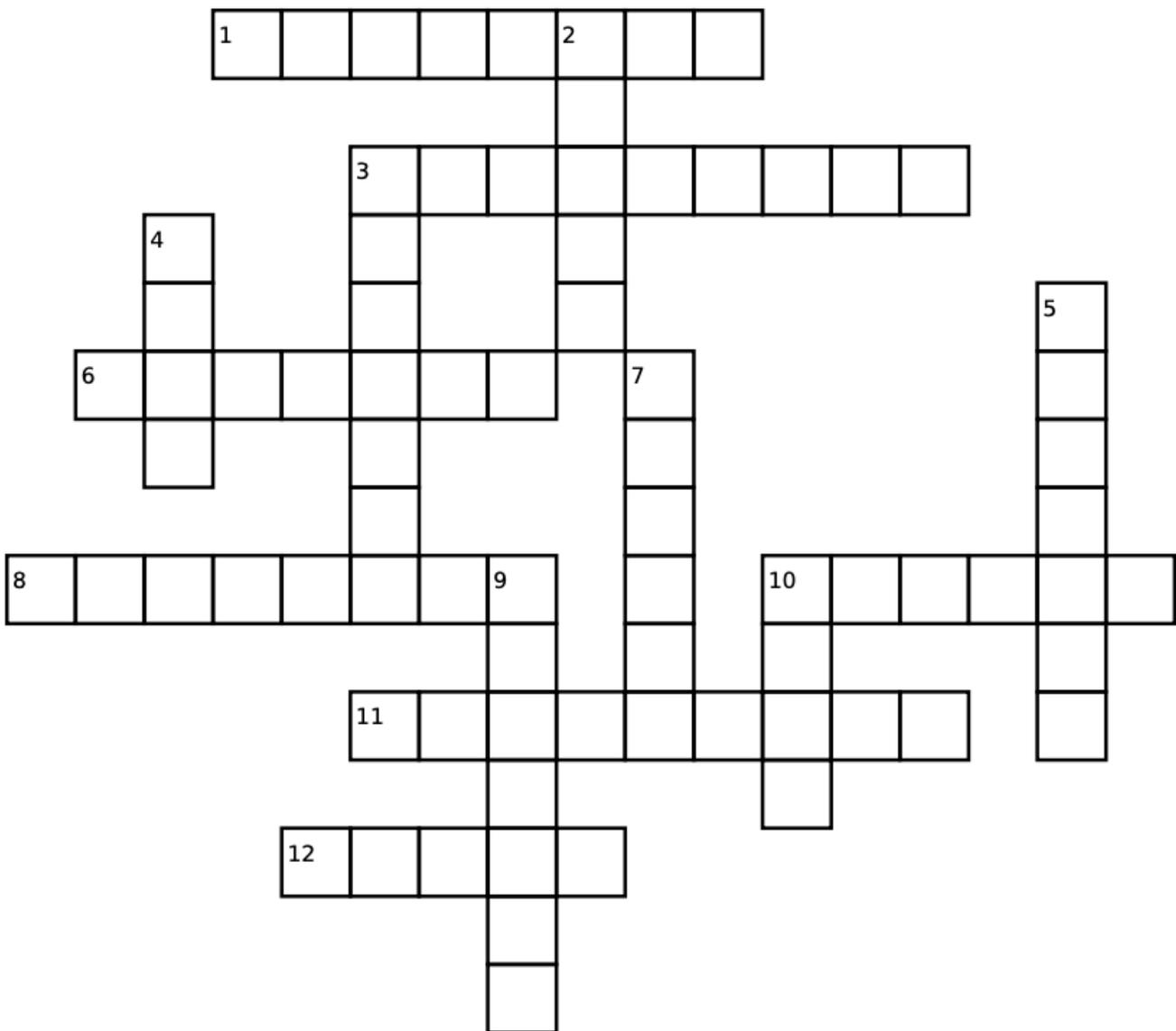
Legacy businesses are long-standing neighborhood anchors where people connect, memories are made, and our sense of community is nourished. Legacy businesses are also a major source of employment and in some areas, an essential neighborhood amenity.

To learn more about Legacy Businesses in L.A., visit [laconservancy.org](https://laconservancy.org).

# Miracle Market Crossword Puzzle

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Use the following clues and word bank to complete the crossword puzzle to learn more about Miracle Market.



# Word Bank

- barbecue
- Compton
- community
- business
- market
- local
- Louisiana
- food
- cumin
- culture
- spices
- meat
- grocery
- sausage

## DOWN

2. The aromatic seed from the plant of the parsley family that is used as a spice, especially ground and used in curry powder.
3. Customs and heritage of a group of people.
4. A substance that people or animals eat or that plants absorb in order to maintain life and growth.
5. A grocer's store or business.
7. An aromatic or pungent substance used to flavor food.
9. Minced and seasoned meat that has been encased in skin and cooked or preserved, sold mainly to be eaten cold in slices.
10. The flesh of an animal (especially a mammal) that is eaten as food.

## ACROSS

1. A meal or gathering at which meat, fish, or other food is cooked outdoors on a rack over an open fire or on a portable grill.
3. A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
6. A city in southwestern California, south of Los Angeles.
8. The practice of making one's living by engaging in commerce.
10. A regular gathering of people for the purchase and sale of provisions, livestock, and other commodities
11. A state found in the southeast of the United States Hint: capital is Baton Rouge.
12. Belonging or relating to a particular area or neighborhood.

# Answers

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