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# City’s Black pioneer honored with Virginia Avenue Park plaque




Photo by Thomas Leffler

**PLAQUE:** The family of Lloyd C. Allen unveiled a plaque in the city pillar’s honor on Dec. 21.

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

A pillar of the Santa Monica community will now be permanently featured at the place he helped create.

On Dec. 21, city officials gathered at Virginia Avenue Park to unveil a plaque honoring Lloyd C. Allen, who had a vital role in the park’s origins as the city’s first Black Recreation and Parks Commissioner.

Now 103 years of age, Allen was able to take in the fruits of his labor, telling the crowd outside the Thelma Terry Building that the recognition isn’t just about himself, but about “our shared commitment to creating spaces where everyone can come together and enjoy what our community has to offer.”

“Virginia Park was envisioned as a place for (all) people to play together … this park was a step toward addressing (injustice) and creating space where all children could thrive,” Allen said. “This was never just about acquiring land, but about building a park that reflects the diversity of Santa Monica.”

Allen’s influence also changed politics in the city forever, campaigning for Nat Trives to become Santa Monica’s first Black mayor. He also broke a barrier by becoming the first Black member of the Santa Monica Rotary Club, and was pivotal in bringing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to speak at the city’s Civic Center.

For more than 50 years, Allen’s

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# School board serenades Deputy Superintendent with emotional send-off



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**SMMUSD:** Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mark Kelly was honored during his final Board of Education meeting.

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

As 2024 went into the sunset, so did the career of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's ultimate steward of education.

After 25 years of service in the district, SMMUSD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mark Kelly bid adieu to his position for a well-earned retirement, an action that brought the SMMUSD Board of Education together on Dec. 19 to give their thanks. Banners reading "Happy Retirement, Dr. Kelly!" and "We will miss you!" were adorned on the dais, and the board gave him both physical gifts and plenty of affirmational speeches.

Kelly sat on the dais with the board, receiving compliments from members, as well as special guests like State Senator Ben Allen, who presented the educational leader with a resolution from the California State Senate as a "small token" of his "deep gratitude." Allen added that Kelly's leadership went from high-level decision-making to engaging in small acts like cleaning up trash on Samohi's campus.

"I appreciate you a great deal," Allen said. "I've seen your work, I trust you ... and I know that everybody here does as well."

Kelly's time with the district included eight years as Malibu High School Principal, as well as stints as Samohi co-principal and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. Through his travels in the district, those that knew him lauded both his cool head when making decisions and his irreplaceable personality. Board Member Maria Leon-Vasquez joked that she doesn't know what'll happen in meetings without his guidance, a sentiment shared by the rest of the board.

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# Movies in 2024: Lessons from a turbulent year at the box office

Movie ticket sales took a bit of a hit in 2024. The annual domestic box office is expected to end up at around $8.75 billion, down more than 3% from 2023, according to estimates from Comscore.

It's not as dire as it was in the pandemic years, but it's also not even close to the pre-pandemic norm when the annual box office regularly surpassed $11 billion.

This is the year the business felt the effects of the Hollywood strikes of 2023, the labor standoff that delayed productions and releases and led to a depleted calendar for exhibitors and moviegoers. And yet it's not as bad as it could have been, or at least as bad as analysts projected at the start of the year.

"This has been a really incredible comeback story for the industry," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "Just a couple of months ago it was a question of whether we would even hit $8 billion for the year."

Hollywood continues to learn lessons about what moviegoers really want, what works and what doesn't. Here are the biggest takeaways from 2024.

## THE STRIKE FALLOUT WAS REAL

The Hollywood strikes might have ended in 2023, putting productions back into full swing and sending stars out on the promotional circuit again — but the ripple effect of the work stoppages and contract standoffs showed their real effects on the 2024 release calendar.

The first two quarters were hit hardest, with tentpoles pushed later in the year ("Deadpool & Wolverine," for one) or even into 2025 (like "Mission: Impossible 8"). With no Marvel movie kicking off the summer moviegoing season, the box office was down a devastating 27.5% from 2023 right before "Inside Out 2" opened in June.

"It's an unpredictable business but it thrives on stability," Dergarabedian said. "When the release calendar is thrown off, the momentum stops."

## THE PG RATING (AND ANIMATION) RULED

Sequels and franchises dominated the top 10 movies of the year, as has often been the case in the past 15 years. But this year, films carrying a PG rating did especially well, starting with the biggest movie of 2024: "Inside Out 2," which also became the biggest animated movie of all time, not accounting for inflation.

Family films with a PG rating — including "Despicable Me 4,""Moana 2,""Wicked," "Kung Fu Panda 4," "Sonic the Hedgehog 3," "Mufasa" and "The Wild Robot" — grossed over $2.9 billion this year, accounting for around 33% of the annual box office, according to Comscore. Movies rated PG-13, by contrast, made up about 30% of ticket sales.

## THE DISNEY IMPACT

After a quieter 2023 and several years without a film at the very top of the charts, the Walt Disney Co. came back roaring in 2024 with three of the top five movies of the year: "Inside Out 2," "Deadpool & Wolverine" and "Moana 2." In mid-December, it crossed the $2 billion domestic mark, the second time any studio has done so since 2019 (that was also Disney, in 2022). Its 20th Century division also played an important part with "Alien: Romulus" and "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes."

"It's a different industry when Disney commits to theatrical releases," said Daniel Loria, an executive at the movie data and analytics trade The Boxoffice Company.

## LOOKING AT 'FLOPS' A DIFFERENT WAY

Every year has high-profile flops and disappointments, and this was no exception. Sony had a rough go with its "Spider-Man" adjacent titles like "Madame Web" and "Kraven the Hunter" (but this also seems to be the fate lately for anyone not named "Deadpool"). Universal had higher hopes for "The Fall Guy," as did Warner Bros. for "Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga" and "Joker: Folie à Deux."

Then there were the filmmaker-driven (and financed) passion projects that failed to take off like Kevin Costner's "Horizon: An American Saga — Chapter 1" and Francis Ford Coppola's "Megalopolis."

"It's a reductive way of thinking about those passion projects," Loria said. "Those movies didn't come out with huge expectations, meaning theaters didn't clear out the house and give them three auditoriums per site in hopes for money to come in."

This was, however, part of the problem with "Joker 2," which was expected to be more in line with the first which made over $1 billion. But even that has a caveat, Loria thinks.

"It wasn't just that 'Joker' didn't perform, it's that there was nothing coming in behind it to make up that momentum," Loria said. "That's more the fault of a release schedule where one movie is supposed to carry a month. That model doesn't work anymore."

## AUDIENCES CRAVE OPTIONS AND A DIVERSE LINEUP

What does work, Loria said, is a diverse lineup, with the Thanksgiving and Christmas successes being the perfect example. At Thanksgiving, there was "Wicked," "Gladiator II" and "Moana 2." Christmas had "Mufasa," "Sonic 3," and a lot of adult offerings too, including "Nosferatu," "A Complete Unknown" and "Babygirl."

Horror is often the safest bet for theatrical, but this year had even veterans pleasantly surprised by just how enthusiastic that audience can be, with hits like "Longlegs," "Nosferatu," "Terrifier 3" and "Smile 2" getting people out of the house.

The Blake Lively drama "It Ends With Us," which had its share of ongoing off-screen drama as well, also became an event. Audiences turned out for smart thrillers, like "Conclave" as well as unexpected originals including "Anora," "The Substance" and "The Brutalist."

## NOSTALGIA AND THE ALLURE OF A RE-RE-LEASE

Re-releases of movies in theaters that are also widely available in the home thrived this year. Some of the biggest successes included Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar,""Coraline" and "The Phantom Menace."

"It just shows our industry once again that audiences truly understand the difference

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## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.7**

**MONDAY** — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Mainly leftover blend of NW swell mix and SSW swell from Sunday but the early morning tide push should keep things worth a look at the better combo exposures. A new, long period WNW swell starts to creep in later in the day.

**TUESDAY** — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

A bit more SSW and less NW than Friday is likely - so potential for fun little lines at the points with more walled up shape at the beachbreaks. Stay tuned.

## Weather

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 66.
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 66. Breezy..
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Breezy.

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Jackpot: 13 M

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# 5 things we know and still don't know about COVID, 5 years after it appeared

Five years ago, a cluster of people in Wuhan, China, fell sick with a virus never before seen in the world.

The germ didn't have a name, nor did the illness it would cause. It wound up setting off a pandemic that exposed deep inequities in the global health system and reshaped public opinion about how to control deadly emerging viruses.

The virus is still with us, though humanity has built up immunity through vaccinations and infections. It's less deadly than it was in the pandemic's early days and it no longer tops the list of leading causes of death. But the virus is evolving, meaning scientists must track it closely.

**WHERE DID THE SARS-COV-2 VIRUS COME FROM?**

We don't know. Scientists think the most likely scenario is that it circulated in bats, like many coronaviruses. They think it then infected another species, probably racoon dogs, civet cats or bamboo rats, which in turn infected humans handling or butchering those animals at a market in Wuhan, where the first human cases appeared in late November 2019.

That's a known pathway for disease transmission and likely triggered the first epidemic of a similar virus, known as SARS. But this theory has not been proven for the virus that causes COVID-19. Wuhan is home to several research labs involved in collecting and studying coronaviruses, fueling debate over whether the virus instead may have leaked from one.

It's a difficult scientific puzzle to crack in the best of circumstances. The effort has been made even more challenging by political sniping around the virus' origins and by what international researchers say are moves by China to withhold evidence that could help.

The true origin of the pandemic may not be known for many years — if ever.

**HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED FROM COVID-19?**

Probably more than 20 million. The World Health Organization has said member countries reported more than 7 million deaths from COVID-19 but the true death toll is estimated to be at least three times higher.

In the U.S., an average of about 900 people a week have died of COVID-19 over the past year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The coronavirus continues to affect older adults the most. Last winter in the U.S., people age 75 and older accounted for about half the nation's COVID-19 hospitalizations and in-hospital deaths, according to the CDC.

"We cannot talk about COVID in the past, since it's still with us," WHO director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

**WHAT VACCINES WERE MADE AVAILABLE?**

Scientists and vaccine-makers broke speed records developing COVID-19 vaccines that have saved tens of millions of lives worldwide – and were the critical step to getting life back to normal.

Less than a year after China identified the virus, health authorities in the U.S. and Britain cleared vaccines made by Pfizer and Moderna. Years of earlier research — including Nobel-winning discoveries that were key to making the new technology work — gave a head start for so-called mRNA vaccines.

Today, there's also a more traditional vaccine made by Novavax, and some countries have tried additional options. Rollout to poorer countries was slow but the WHO estimates more than 13 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered globally since 2021.

The vaccines aren't perfect. They do a good job of preventing severe disease, hospitalization and death, and have proven very safe, with only rare serious side effects. But protection against milder infection begins to wane after a few months.

Like flu vaccines, COVID-19 shots must be updated regularly to match the ever-evolving virus — contributing to public frustration at the need for repeated vaccinations. Efforts to develop next-generation vaccines are underway, such as nasal vaccines that researchers hope might do a better job of blocking infection.

**WHICH VARIANT IS DOMINATING NOW?**

Genetic changes called mutations happen as viruses make copies of themselves. And this virus has proven to be no different.

Scientists named these variants after Greek letters: alpha, beta, gamma, delta and omicron. Delta, which became dominant in the U.S. in June 2021, raised a lot of concerns because it was twice as likely to lead to hospitalization as the first version of the virus.

Then in late November 2021, a new variant came on the scene: omicron.

"It spread very rapidly," dominating within weeks, said Dr. Wesley Long, a pathologist at Houston Methodist in Texas. "It drove a huge spike in cases compared to anything we had seen previously."

But on average, the WHO said, it caused less severe disease than delta. Scientists believe that may be partly because immunity had been building due to vaccination and infections.

"Ever since then, we just sort of keep seeing these different subvariants of omicron accumulating more different mutations," Long said. "Right now, everything seems to locked on this omicron branch of the tree."

The omicron relative now dominant in the U.S. is called XEC, which accounted for 45% of variants circulating nationally in the two-week period ending Dec. 21, the CDC said. Existing COVID-19 medications and the latest vaccine booster should be effective against it, Long said, since "it's really sort of a remixing of variants already circulating."

**WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT LONG COVID?**

Millions of people remain in limbo with a sometimes disabling, often invisible, legacy of the pandemic called long COVID.

It can take several weeks to bounce back

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# California will soon require insurers to increase home coverage in wildfire-prone areas

Insurance companies that stopped providing home coverage to hundreds of thousands of Californians in recent years as wildfires became more destructive will have to again provide policies in fire-prone areas if they want to keep doing business in California under a state regulation announced Monday.

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> - Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog

The rule will require home insurers to offer coverage in high-risk areas, something the state has never done, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's office said in a statement. Insurers will have to start increasing their coverage by 5% every two years until they hit the equivalent of 85% of their market share. That means if an insurer writes 20 out of every 100 state policies, they'd need to write 17 in a high-risk area, Lara's office said.

Major insurers like State Farm and Allstate have stopped writing new policies in California due to fears of massive losses from wildfires and other natural disasters.

In exchange for increasing coverage, the state will let insurance companies pass on the costs of reinsurance to California consumers. Insurance companies typically buy reinsurance to avoid huge payouts in case of natural disasters or catastrophic loss. California is the only state that doesn't already allow the cost of reinsurance to be borne by policy holders, according to Lara's office.

Opponents of the rule say that could hike premiums by 40% and doesn't require new policies to be written at a fast enough pace. The state did not provide a cost analysis for potential impact on consumers.

"This plan is of the insurance industry, by the insurance industry, and for the industry," Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog, said in a statement.

The requirement is under review by the Office of Administrative Law before it takes effect within 30 days.

"Californians deserve a reliable insurance market that doesn't retreat from communities most vulnerable to wildfires and climate change," Lara said in a statement. "This is a historic moment for California."

The new rule is part of Lara's effort to persuade insurers to continue doing business in the nation's most populous state. He unveiled another rule earlier this month to let insurers consider climate change when setting their prices. Insurance companies had said that because they can't consider climate change in their rates, many opted to either pause or restrict new business in the state. The new rule to include climate change in rates will take effect later this week.

The ultimate goal of the new rules is to get homeowners out of the California Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan, which often serves as the last resort when insurance companies stop providing coverage for those living in areas threatened by wildfires, Lara's office said. The plan could help a homeowner fulfill insurance requirements imposed by mortgage companies, but it is mainly designed as a temporary safety net with basic coverage until policyholders find a more permanent option. The number of people on California's FAIR plan more than doubled between 2020 and this year, reaching nearly 452,000 policies.

Wildfires have always been part of life in California, where it only rains for a few months out of the year. But as the climate has gotten hotter and dryer, it has made those fires much larger and more intense. Of the top 20 most destructive wildfires in state history, 14 have occurred since 2015, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The 2018 fire in Paradise, California, killed

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> - Ricardo Lara

85 people and destroyed about 11,000 homes, and some residents have struggled to find home insurance since.

Steve Crowder, the town's mayor, lost his house and business. Since then, his family has rebuilt their home but struggled to find insurance. The Crowders were forced to enroll in FAIR Plan earlier this month. Despite paying roughly $5,000, the mayor said his

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# The Blue Notebook - A Weekly SMPD Recap December 21-27, 2024

BY ERIKA AKLUFI

**DEPARTMENT-WIDE STATISTICS**

Total Calls for Service (CFS): 2,237. YTD (through 12/21): 126,059

Citizen Initiated: 1,337 calls for service. 75,646 YTD (60% of total CFS).

Officer Initiated: 900 calls for service. 50,413 YTD (40% of total CFS).

Disposition for CFS: Homeless related = 19% YTD.

Encampment Calls: 21. 1,618 YTD.

5150 Calls: 12. 663 YTD.

Arrests: 50. Total arrests. 2,729 YTD.

**PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION NOTABLE INCIDENTS:**

Sexual Assault Investigation – 1500 Block of 4th Street. During a prisoner transport to a county facility, the arrestee claimed she was a victim of a sexual assault before she was arrested. The officers re-routed their drive to have her examined at a local hospital.

Traffic Stop/Warrant Arrest – 100 Block of Wilshire Boulevard. Officers conducted a traffic stop of a motorcyclist due to an equipment violation and red-light violation. The subject was found to have a full extradition warrant out of Texas for homicide.

Robbery - 500 Broadway. The subject entered Trader Joe's and struck the security guard with a tennis racket. The subject then selected merchandise and exited the store without paying. The victim was in fear and unable to retrieve the merchandise. The subject initially fled from responding officers but was quickly apprehended. The merchandise and weapon were recovered.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 00 Block of Bay Street. The victim got into a brief argument with the occupants of a parked car. The driver produced a handgun and pointed it at the victim's face. Officers detained both occupants of the car and located a loaded 9mm handgun inside.

Resisting Arrest / Threats / Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 1400 Block of 2nd Street.

Officers responded to a lewd conduct call and contacted the subject who was uncooperative. Officers observed narcotics paraphernalia in plain view and attempted to detain him. The subject threatened to kill the officers and brandished a broken meth pipe. The subject pulled away from the officers, hits one in the head, and spits at the others. The subject was arrested and transported to the jail where officers discovered he had concealed a broken meth pipe in his hand and was bleeding. He refused to drop the pipe was ultimately removed from the vehicle. While attempting to remove the pipe from his grasp, a jailer sustained a laceration to his hand.

Parolee Arrest – 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Officers observed a known parolee in the area. A want/warrant inquiry revealed an outstanding No Bail Parole Violation warrant. The subject was also in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Probation Violation / Municipal Code - 2800 Block of the Beach. Officers detained a subject for an encampment violation. The subject initially lied about his name, but a fingerprint device revealed his identity. The subject was taken into custody for an outstanding No Bail warrant.

Resisting Arrest / Assault on a Police Officer – 2400 Block of Chelsea Avenue. Officers responded to a radio call of a battery and petty theft in the 2500 Block of Santa Monica Boulevard. While investigating, the officers located the battery/theft subject in the 1300 block of Chelsea. While attempting to detain the subject, she grabbed a wine bottle and raised it over her head to strike the officer. The officer backed away and the subject retrieved pepper spray and threw it toward the officer. The subject was taken into custody. The victim did not want prosecution for the petty theft. The subject was arrested for assault and an outstanding warrant.

Drug Violation - 300 Block of the Pier. Officers conducted a pedestrian stop for drug violations. The subject was a sex registrant from Massachusetts who failed to register in California.

Firearm Arrest – 24th Street and Pico Boulevard. Officers conducted a traffic stop after observing multiple moving violations. The driver was unlicensed. He was instructed to exit the vehicle. During a cursory search, the officer felt an object in the front pocket of the driver's pants which he immediately recognized as a firearm. The driver was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd – Fatal Traffic Collision (Auto/Ped). The victim was walking southbound across Wilshire Boulevard at Chelsea when she was struck by a white Toyota RAV-4 traveling eastbound. The victim died at the scene. The subject fled eastbound on Wilshire. SMPD's Major Accident Response Team (MART) responded and is handling the investigation. The victim was a resident of Santa Monica and a Vietnam veteran.

Traffic Collision / Driving Under the Influence (DUI) - 2700 Block of Pico Boulevard. Patrol officers responded to a call of a vehicle that crashed into a city tree. Upon arrival, officers attempted to detain the driver, who was walking away from the scene. A short foot pursuit ensued. The driver was arrested for DUI. A city public works electrician responded to repair a damaged city utility box.

Armed Robbery - Ocean Ave / Olympic Drive. The victim heard the suspect yelling at him from across the street and then start to approach him. The subject was holding a knife with the blade exposed. Out of fear of being hurt, the victim threw his duffel bag down and ran away. The suspect took the bag and fled. Officers located the subject near Ocean Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. The subject had the knife and victim's bag in his possession.

Public View Death – 2000 Block of Santa Monica Boulevard. The decedent was found unconscious inside his parked vehicle in the parking structure for his workplace. Co-workers went looking for subject when he didn't return from his break. Co-workers pulled subject out of vehicle and started CPR. SMFD continued CPR but ultimately pronounced subject deceased. The coroner

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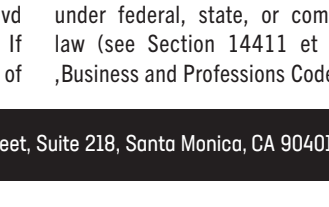
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00669 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Ann Marie Onaindia for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Ann Marie Onaindia with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Ann Marie Onaindia to Ann Marie Greco . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 02/07 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES1425 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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## DBA

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## DBA

CA This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Sounds Roads Music LLC Title: Secretary Grishma Keny . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/15/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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# California begins 2025 with solid start to winter snowpack, but more storms are needed

California is beginning 2025 with a solid start to the winter snowpack, officials said Thursday, but they cautioned that more storms are needed to keep the state's water supplies on track.

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> - Andy Reising, manager of the Department of Water Resources

Officials at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada, a mountain range that covers the eastern part of the state, recorded a snow depth of 24 inches (61 centimeters), said Andy Reising, manager of the Department of Water Resources' snow surveys and water supply forecasting unit. The water content of the snowpack at the station is currently at 91% of the average for this time of year and 37% of the average for April 1, when the Sierra snowpack is typically at its peak, he said.

"As of right now, I am feeling OK, but ... we'll need a progression of monthly storms to keep going," Reising said, adding that the northern half of the state has seen a series of storms but the south has been dry.

The snowpack functions as a huge frozen reservoir, providing nearly a third of the water used annually in California as it melts and runs off into streams and rivers in the spring. The state has built a complex system of canals and dams to capture that water and store it in huge reservoirs so it can be used the rest of the year when it doesn't rain or snow.

The measurements are closely watched in California, which is the nation's most populous state with 39 million people, and also responsible for growing more than a third of the country's vegetables and three-quarters of its fruit and nuts. The health of the snowpack helps determine whether California will have a difficult time providing water throughout the summer to farms and cities.

The survey was the first in a seasonal series of manual measurements at Phillips Station. The department also collects measurements with electronic instruments at other sites, and said that statewide the snowpack is 108% of average.

Many of California's state-run reservoirs are at two-thirds or three-quarters of their capacity, and well above the historical average for the start of the year, thanks to two years of above-average snowpack conditions, state data shows. Last week, California officials told farms and cities that rely on state water supplies that they would get more water than previously planned because of strong storms at the end of 2024. They can now expect to get 15% of their requested supplies instead of 5%, and that number could go up if the wet weather continues.

But state water officials said the central and southern stretches of California's mountains aren't seeing nearly as much precipitation as the northern reaches of the state. Michael Anderson, the state climatologist, said a high pressure system off the Pacific Coast has been pushing stormy weather north and will continue to do so over the next couple of weeks, which could make it difficult to catch up to historic averages for the snowpack in these regions.

"The historical record says it's not unheard of, but it's not likely," Anderson said. "We're being watchful right now."

A year ago, the state began the season with below-normal mountain snowpack and a water content of about 25% of the average. By April, the water content measured 110% of the average. That followed a massive snowpack to start 2023, after a series of atmospheric rivers helped pull the state out of a three-year drought.

## COVID

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after a bout of COVID-19, but some people develop more persistent problems. The symptoms that last at least three months, sometimes for years, include fatigue, cognitive trouble known as "brain fog," pain and cardiovascular problems, among others.

Doctors don't know why only some people get long COVID. It can happen even after a mild case and at any age, although rates have declined since the pandemic's early years. Studies show vaccination can lower the risk.

It also isn't clear what causes long COVID, which complicates the search for treatments. One important clue: Increasingly researchers are discovering that remnants of the coronavirus can persist in some patients' bodies long after their initial infection, although that can't explain all cases.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD, LAURA UNGAR and MIKE STOBBE Associated Press. The Associated Press Health and Science Department receives support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Science and Educational Media Group. The AP is solely responsible for all content.

## SMMUSD

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said.

Board Member Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein began the complimentary session with a simple "we love you," with emotions reducing some members to tears.

"It is impossible to overstate the profound impact that (Kelly) has had on the district, its students and the community," Tahvildaran-Jesswein said. "Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Kelly has embodied the qualities that define exceptional leadership. Unwavering devotion to students, impeccable integrity and an innate ability to foster collaboration, even among those with opposing views."

One member of the dais that had to speak through tears was Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton, who grew close with Kelly through their leadership of the district.

"Working alongside him has been an incredibly rewarding experience, both professionally and personally," Shelton stated. "There are few people who possess the grace, patience and skill to navigate challenging situations as Dr. Kelly does."

About 40 minutes later, it was Kelly's turn to address the board, rhetorically asking "who doesn't love compliments once in a while?" The Deputy Superintendent said he had the words humble and grateful on his mind as his career came to a close.

"I treasure the time I had here, the schools I got to be a part of, the students and teachers, all of the work that was able to be done," he said. "It will continue, I have confidence

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(in that), and I feel humble and grateful for having been a part of it."

In his final board meeting, Kelly was able to see the appointment of Dr. Douglas Meza as the new SMMUSD Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, a role Kelly has held since 2010. Meza has worked for the district as Human Resources director since August 2023, and comes into the role with more than 24 years of educational experience.

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## MOVIE

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between a communal, big screen theatrical experience that they crave even on films that they've had the opportunities to see in the home," Nolan said in December. "That theatrical experience that we all know and love is so powerful and so exciting. It's a very clear demonstration of it."

### VIRAL MARKETING MOMENTS

As silly as it sounds, this is the year the novelty popcorn bucket became a star. It started with the accidentally suggestive "Dune: Part 2" creation, which "Deadpool & Wolverine" latched onto in a less accidental way. More recently, the "Nosferatu" coffin buckets have been fetching high resale prices.

For Loria, it's all part of a trend that theaters have been noticing since reopening during the pandemic: Moviegoers aren't back in pre-pandemic numbers, but those who did come back were spending more on concessions and premium tickets (like IMAX and other large format screens) than ever before.

### 2025 LOOKS BRIGHT

Everyone is optimistic for the film business in 2025, and the offerings for moviegoers — which include at least 110 films projected to open on over 2,000 screens — according to the National Association of Theatre Owners. And the momentum is there.

"There's been a huge amount of box office generated in the last six weeks of the year," Dergarabedian said. "This is the best opening act 2025 could have."

By LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

## INSURANCE

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home is insured for roughly $100,000 less than its value and the house's contents are only half-covered.

"You couldn't rebuild what you got for what it's insured for," he said.

His constituents face similar problems. With policies skyrocketing from roughly $1,200 annually before the Camp Fire to $5,000 now — or even up to $20,000 a year for large homes — some have abandoned attempts to find coverage altogether.

In the years after the Camp Fire, Crowder said the town has successfully brought back some insurers after enacting new ordinances with high standards to keep structures safe, such as rules regarding clearances, vegetation and fences.

While the mayor welcomed the state's new rules, he said he and his constituents are skeptical things will improve.

"Anything that will help get insurance in California, period, is helpful," he said, but added: "Let's wait and make sure it happens before we get excited."

By TRÂN NGUYỄN and STEFANIE DAZIO Associated Press

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# CRIME

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responded.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon - 1700 Block of 11th Street. Unprovoked, the suspect followed the victim and struck her several times, including throwing a brick at her back. She sustained a minor injury but declined medical attention. The suspect was taken into custody nearby.

Municipal Code / Warrant – 1600 Block of Ocean Front Walk. Officers detained a subject for a municipal code violation. He was arrested for a $100K warrant from SMPD for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

**CRIME IMPACT TEAM (CIT)**

Traffic Stops – 15
Ped Stops – 11
Bike Stops – 4
Felony Arrests – 2
Misdemeanor Arrests – 4
Citations – 3
Field Interviews – 6
Radio Calls - 12

The Crime Impact Team (CIT), Special Policing Unit (SPU) and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) used uniformed and plainclothes personnel to conduct a livability operation in the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard. It resulted in the following:

Felony Arrests – 1
Misdemeanor Arrests – 1
Traffic Stops – 5
Pedestrian Stops - 3
Citations – 3
Field Interviews – 3
Radio Calls – 2

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE:**

A plainclothes officer observed a subject looking into parked cars in the 1200 block of Alley 7. Uniformed officers detained the subject who was on parole for carjacking and in possession of a methamphetamine pipe.

Plainclothes officers observed a vehicle with multiple violations of the vehicle code at 630 Wilshire. The vehicle was stopped by uniformed officers, cited for expired registration, and impounded.

Plainclothes officers observed a subject commit a municipal code violation on the corner of 7th Street and Wilshire Boulevard. The subject was contacted in Reed Park by uniformed officers and a want/warrant check revealed he had an outstanding warrant for narcotics violations.

CIT conducted a crime suppression operation which focused on Reed Park that resulted in the following:

Misdemeanor Arrests - 3
Pedestrian Stops – 3
Traffic Stops – 2
Field Interviews - 2
Incidents of note:

CIT officers identified a possible felony vandalism suspect in the 1100 block of Alley 8 from a recent special bulletin. A field interview was completed and CID notified.

CIT officers identified known sex registrant in Tongva Park. The subject was contacted and a want/warrant check revealed $75K in SMPD Warrants for failing to register, vandalism, and a drug violation.

CIT officers assisted DSU in the arrest of an organized retail theft suspect.

CIT officers assisted officers assigned to the Pier in apprehending a sex offender with warrants out of the LA County Sheriff's Office.

CIT officers were patrolling the Pico Neighborhood and conducted a traffic stop at 20th Street and Pico Blvd. The vehicle was occupied by three subjects who were known SM Gang members. A search of the vehicle revealed several ounces of marijuana that was packaged for sale.

**DIRECTED ACTION RESPONSE TEAM (DART)**

Police Department
Arrests – 5
Field Interviews – 4
Citations – 4
Encampments – 5
5150 Holds – 1 (DMH – TTT)
Code Enforcement
Contact – 68
Verbal Warnings – 22
Citations – 1

**NOTABLE INCIDENTS:**

Officers in the 100 Block of Broadway contacted and arrested a subject known to have a $75K warrant from SMPD for battery.

Officers contacted a subject camping in the Target parking lot at 420 Broadway. The subject was on probation and in possession of a meth pipe

DART officers conducted a traffic stop in the 1800 block of 4th Street for a vehicle code violation. The front passenger had a $100K warrant from Culver City PD (CCPD) for retail theft. CCPD officers responded to the location of the traffic stop and took custody of the individual. The driver was unlicensed and issued a citation. The rear passenger was on probation for a narcotics violation.

During a consensual encounter with a subject in the 1600 block of the Beach, officers learned the subject had a $51K SMPD warrant for vehicle tampering.

DART officers contacted a known subject in the 1700 block of Ocean Front Walk. The subject was cited in the field for an outstanding SMPD warrant (municipal code violation).

DART officers contacted a subject in the 500 Block of Olympic who was in possession of a shopping cart. The suspect had a $30K SMPD warrant for narcotics violations. The subject was cited in the field.

Officers monitored a radio call of subjects who stole alcohol from Meat on Ocean. Two subjects were detained near the corner of Ocean Avenue and Colorado and the alcohol was recovered. The restaurant did not want prosecution for the theft. One of the subjects was a wanted fugitive from out of state. He was arrested and will be extradited to Texas. The other subject was identified and released.

DART officers detained a subject for riding his bicycle on sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. The subject consented to a search of his person. He was in possession of in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia and placed under arrest.

DART officers were flagged down by witnesses of a confused driver in the 1600 Block of Ocean Front Walk. DART conducted Field Sobriety Tests but found no signs of intoxication. The driver told the officers he was hearing voices. The individual was transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation.

DART officers contacted the individual responsible for a large encampment in the 2800 block of the Beach. The subject provided a false name during his detention. After using a fingerprint reader to identify the subject, the officers discovered he had a No Bail warrant.

**HOMELESS LIAISON PROGRAM (HLP) TEAM**

133 - Calls for service
26- 311 requests handled
95 - Self-initiated activity
0 - Felony Arrests
2 - Misdemeanor Arrests
30/8 - Field Interviews/Warnings
3 - Citations
90 - Referrals to Services
2 – Mental health holds completed
3 - Encampments Addressed
DMH/HLP Clinician Stats
6 - Referral to Services thru DMH
2 – Mental health evaluations (1 hold)

**SPECIAL DETAILS:**

Members of the HLP Team and patrol officers conducted four overtime operations during the week, focusing on hotspots along Ocean Front Walk, business corridors, and city parks. The operations resulted in the following stats:

The operations resulted in the following: periodic checks of Ocean Front Walk, all main parks and multiple parking structures; multiple written/verbal warnings (recycling, adult in a playground without a child, smoking in a park, loitering in a parking structure); two field interviews, two consensual encounters, and a warrant arrest.

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE:**

HLP Team officers contacted a subject in the 1600 block of Alley 9 regarding an encampment. The individual was previously contacted and cited by the HLP Team on for public camping. A records check revealed the individual was in violation of registering as a sex offender. He was ultimately arrested and booked in violation of 4.08.095(A)SMMC-public camping and 290.011(A)PC-Failure to register within 30 days. HOST assisted with discarding soiled items left on scene.

HLP Team Officers contacted a female subject in the 300 block of Pico Blvd (south side of Belmar Park) regarding an encampment. While on scene, she refused to provide her identifying information. The individual was ultimately arrested in violation of 4.08.095(A) SMMC- Public camping, 4.55.050 SMMC- Block/obstruct park pathway and 148(A)(1) PC- Resist/delay/obstruct peace officer. During a search incident to arrest, a methamphetamine pipe was located on her person. She was also booked in violation of 11364(a) H&S- possess paraphernalia.

HLP Officers responded to 1400 Block of 16th Street (Alley) regarding a large encampment and bulk trash (311 Request). The encampment was not occupied. HLP Officers contacted HOST who arrived on scene and removed the encampment and bulk trash out of the alley.

HLP Officers responded to a radio call at 15th Street and Wilshire Blvd regarding an encampment. Officers observed a subject in a tepee. The subject was contacted and issued a citation in the field for Public Camping and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The subject voluntarily removed the encampment and left the area. An area check was conducted later in the evening by a HLP Officer who confirmed the subject left the area and removed the encampment.

Harbor Patrol Unit
Calls for Service – 9
EMS Calls – 1
Ocean Rescue/Assist – 1 Vessel / 1 Person
Homeless Advisals - 3
Police Assists – 3
Fire Assists – 2

**NOTABLE INCIDENTS:**

Smoke Investigation: Harbor Services Officers (HSOs) observed large amount of white smoke billowing from south side of Lobster Restaurant. HSOs entered the parking lot at the Lobster and observed smoke coming from a locked compartment on the first floor. HSOs contacted the restaurant employees and learned it was smoke from a BBQ.

Fire Assist: HSOs responded to the Pier Detail's request for the Fire Department (FD) to check on a possible fire/gas leak at the Bubba Gump restaurant. The HSOs observed smoke coming up from under the pier deck at the Bubba Gump Stairs, but no flames showing. HSOs updated responding FD units that the fire appeared to be under the Pier, possibly closer to the bike path. HSOs unlocked one of the access doors under the Pier and observed that one of the sprinklers had popped and was spraying water over a small fire. Several SMFD engines responded and confirmed the fire was completely out. HSOs assisted with shutting down the water and locating a replacement sprinkler head.

Pier Jumper: HSOs were dispatched to a report of a jumper drowning off the west end of the Pier. The reporting party pointed out a woman floating about 50 yards away from the southwest corner of the Pier. One of the HSOs donned her wetsuit and fins and jumped from the pier into the water while the other HSO handled radio communication. When the HSO reached the victim, she was conscious and breathing and floating on her back. The HSO secured the victim with a rescue tube and swam her back to the Pier. The victim was able to climb up the ladder to the harbor work area. She was evaluated by SMFD Engine 7 and transported to the hospital.

Disturbing the Peace: HSOs were flagged by special event security guards in the Newcomb Lot for an individual who was disturbing the production of the special event. Security stated the subject removed his clothes and exposed himself to several special event workers. HSOs contacted the subject who appeared agitated and under the influence of drugs. As he was leaving the area, the subject was stopped by an officer in the 1600 Block of Ocean Front Walk.

Medical Aid: HSOs were dispatched to the Pacific Park food court to assist a female in her 70s who tripped and fell and hit her head. The HSOs gathered information and then turned over her care to responding SMFD personnel.

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## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24VECP00578 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Portia Martine Berman for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Portia Martine Berman with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Portia Martine Berman to Portia Martine . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 01/23 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: B Room: 530 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 6230 Sylmar Ave Van Nuys, Ca 91401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00657 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Krysten Clark for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Krysten Clark with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Krysten Clark to Kristen Clark . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 01/31 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00655 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Jose Honore Essoh for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Jose Honore Essoh with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Jose Honore Essoh to Josey Eddoh . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 01/31 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24SMCP00641 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Dian Yu for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Dian Yu with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Dian Yu to Shengzhi Qiang . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 01/24 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24CHCP00490 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Brandon Curtis Nakamoto Hayman for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Brandon Curtis Nakamoto Hayman with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Brandon Curtis Nakamoto Hayman to Brandon Koji Hayman . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 02/28/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: F49 Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 9425 Penfield Ave Chatsworth, CA 91311. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24NNCP00825 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mary Ann Charlotte Bear for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Mary Ann Charlotte Bear with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mary Ann Charlotte Bear to Mary Ann Charlotte Turner . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/17/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: T Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 150 West Commonwealth Ave Alhambra, CA . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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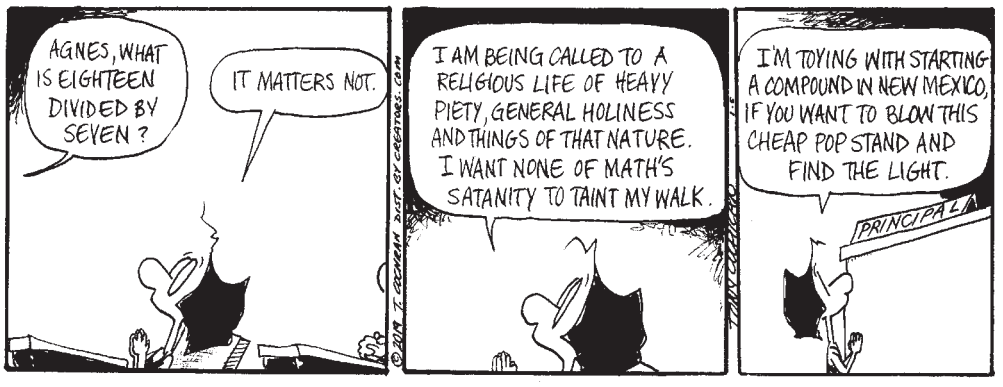
SUMMONSNOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND BY JANUARY 23, 2025. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.¡AVISO! USTED HA SIDO DEMANDADO. EL TRIBUNAL PODRÁ DECIDIR EN SU CONTRA SIN QUE USTED SEA ESCUCHADO A MENOS QUE USTED RESPONDA ANTES DEL 23 DE ENERO DE 2025. LEA LA INFORMACIÓN A CONTINUACIÓN.TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF MEASURE A ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT, A SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX FOR SPECIFIED HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES, AND ALL OTHER MATTERS AND PROCEEDINGS RELATING THERETO:The County of Los Angeles has filed a civil complaint to validate the Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance ("Measure A"), a voter initiative to levy a special transactions and use tax (i.e., a sales tax). The County seeks a judgment that it is authorized to levy the Measure A tax approved by 57.78 percent of County voters in the November 5, 2024 election, and that the tax revenue may be used for the purposes approved by the voters.THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE MATTER SOUGHT TO BE VALIDATED: Measure A, the "Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance," appeared on the County ballot at the November 5, 2024 General Election. Measure A proposed a 1/2 cent sales tax for the sole purposes of preventing homelessness, reducing homelessness, and making housing more affordable in Los Angeles County. Measure A specifies how the funds are to be allocated among those purposes, provides for robust oversight and accountability, and would remain in effect until repealed by the voters. Measure A's proponents qualified Measure A for the ballot by circulating initiative petitions to the electorate of the County of Los Angeles. Measure A asked voters to repeal and replace an existing sales tax known as Measure H. State law authorizes the County of Los Angeles to impose a new 1/2 cent special sales tax under certain conditions, including the repeal of Measure H. Measure H was passed by County voters in 2017 and imposed a 1/4 cent sales tax for homeless services and homelessness prevention purposes, to expire ten years after collection of the tax commenced. On December 3, 2024, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk certified the results of the November 5, 2024 election. Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A with 57.78 percent of the vote.By this lawsuit, the County seeks a Court judgment that Measure A, the Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, the proceedings leading up to and including the voters' approval of Measure A by a majority of Los Angeles County voters at the November 5, 2024 election, and the levy of the tax itself are valid and in conformity with all applicable laws. To be heard regarding this matter, you must file in this court a written response to the complaint by January 23, 2025. Otherwise, plaintiff may apply for entry of default and the relief sought by their complaint. You may obtain a copy of the complaint by contacting plaintiff's counsel using the address or telephone number shown below. If you respond to contest or defend the validity of this matter, you will not be subject to punitive action such as wage garnishment or seizure of real or personal property.YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY IN ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THE COMPLAINT OR THIS SUMMONS. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED PROMPTLY SO THAT YOUR PLEADING MAY BE FILED OR ENTERED WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY THIS SUMMONS. SI USTED DESEA SOLICITAR EL CONSEJO DE UN ABOGADO EN ESTE ASUNTO, DEBERÁ HACERLO IMMEDIATAMENTE. TAL ABOGADO DEBERÁ SER CONSULTADO PRONTO PARA QUE SU RESPUESTA ESCRITA PUEDA SER REGISTRADA DENTRO DEL TIEMPO REQUERIDO POR ESTA CITACIÓN JUDICIAL.The name and address of the Court is (el nombre y dirección del Tribunal es):Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesStanley Mosk Courthouse111 North Hill StreetLos Angeles, CA 90012CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 24STCV33116The name, address, and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorneys are (el nombre, dirección y el número de teléfono de los abogados del demandante son):LANCE H. OLSONKRISTEN MAH ROGERSBENJAMIN N. GEVERCER INEZ KAMINSKI OLSON REMCHO, LLP555 Capitol Mall, Suite 400Sacramento, California 95814Phone: (916) 442-2952Fax: (916) 442-1280

## DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2024255282 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/17/24The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LHOOQ Design 1324 14th St Apt 10 Santa Monica, CA 90404. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Seth Ellsworth 324 14th St Apt 10 Santa Monica, CA 90404 If corporation or LLC-Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: An Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant / Corp/LLC Name Seth Ellsworth Title: Owner Seth Ellsworth . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/15/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

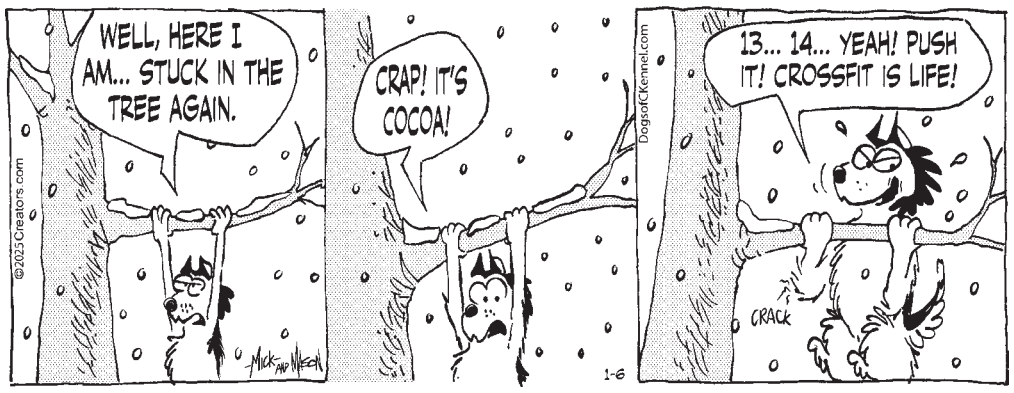
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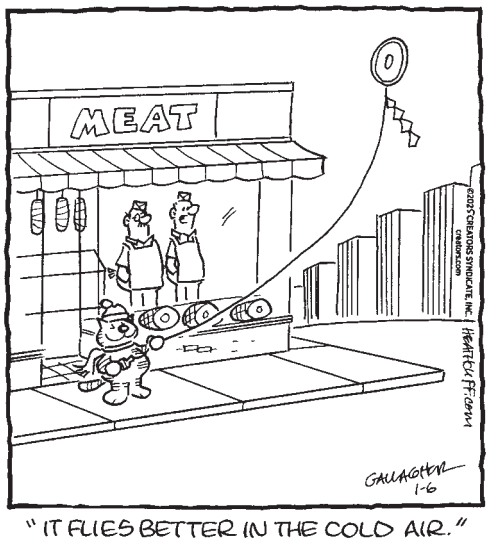

## Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE




## Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER




"IT FLIES BETTER IN THE COLD AIR."

## Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING




# FIND THE WORDS

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

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**Orchard harvest**

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| Allspice | Gage | Olive | Satsuma |
| Apple | Gean | Pawpaw | Skeg |
| Apricot | Hail | Pear | Sloe |
| Arnot | Insects | Peel | Sunlight |
| Betel | Jaffa | Plum | Tamarind |
| Breadfruit | orange | Pome | Ugni |
| Burgamot | Karatas | Quashey | Uva |
| Citrus | Kiwi | Rain | Walnut |
| Crop | Lime | Rasp | |
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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 6)

Success belongs to the persistent, the well-connected and the fascinating. You own all three categories. People are drawn in by your warmth, care and expertise. More highlights: You'll assist bold moves and be appointed to new positions. Your work gets fabulous publicity. You'll be someone's favorite person to spoil. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 3, 38 and 18.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anything you lift -- whether it's grocery bags, a stressful work challenge or an emotionally draining relationship -- will ultimately empower the whole of you. For instance, strength training for your physical body will give you emotional might, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Deciding isn't the hard part, and neither is doing, once you're in motion. The hard part is initiating that first step. It's easier in a group or with a teacher leading the way. If the goal is worth wanting, it will be worth getting help to accomplish it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's counterintuitive, but the need to control things often leads to their undoing. Efforts to control can become invasive, overbearing and fear-driven, draining valuable time and energy. Instead, trust the process and let it unfold naturally. Freedom fosters harmony.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The small wins you experience now will be multiplied exponentially over the course of the year. To prepare, dream often - wrap your head around the bigger numbers of people, victories, dollars and all the remarkable difference your efforts could create in the world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Go forward in courage, taking the real steps to create the future you wish for. Hesitation and fear, which are natural responses, will quickly dissipate once you push through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'd love the superpower of saying the right thing in every moment. Who wouldn't? But some moments aren't best matched with words. Your kind, compassionate silence will fortify and help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many want your attention or will take whatever you are willing to give regardless of whether they've earned it. Certainly, some are deserving. You are also deserving of your love and attention - more than anyone else today, in fact. Start there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You and a certain someone share a private and distinct language. Though the words are the same ones you use with the rest of the world, within your connection they carry a secret, special meaning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is there a limit to the amount of love you have to give? And can your joy run out, or is it an infinitely renewable resource? It is possible that it's the resistance to joy or love that is the only thing stopping an endless supply.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It sounds impractical, but the luckiest financial move will be to let yourself get excited about what you want without worrying about the price tag. So much of life is negotiable, and there are creative deals to be made today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you were good at everything, it would be boring to you, annoying to others. You'll try something new and you'll expect to be bad at it. Mistakes are essential. The learning curve is part of the ride.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't be afraid to take on the hard task because it's the one that will take you further toward your goal. Remember, the goal isn't to seek a better situation but to become a better version of yourself. Any change to yourself will change the situation.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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## Newsday Crossword

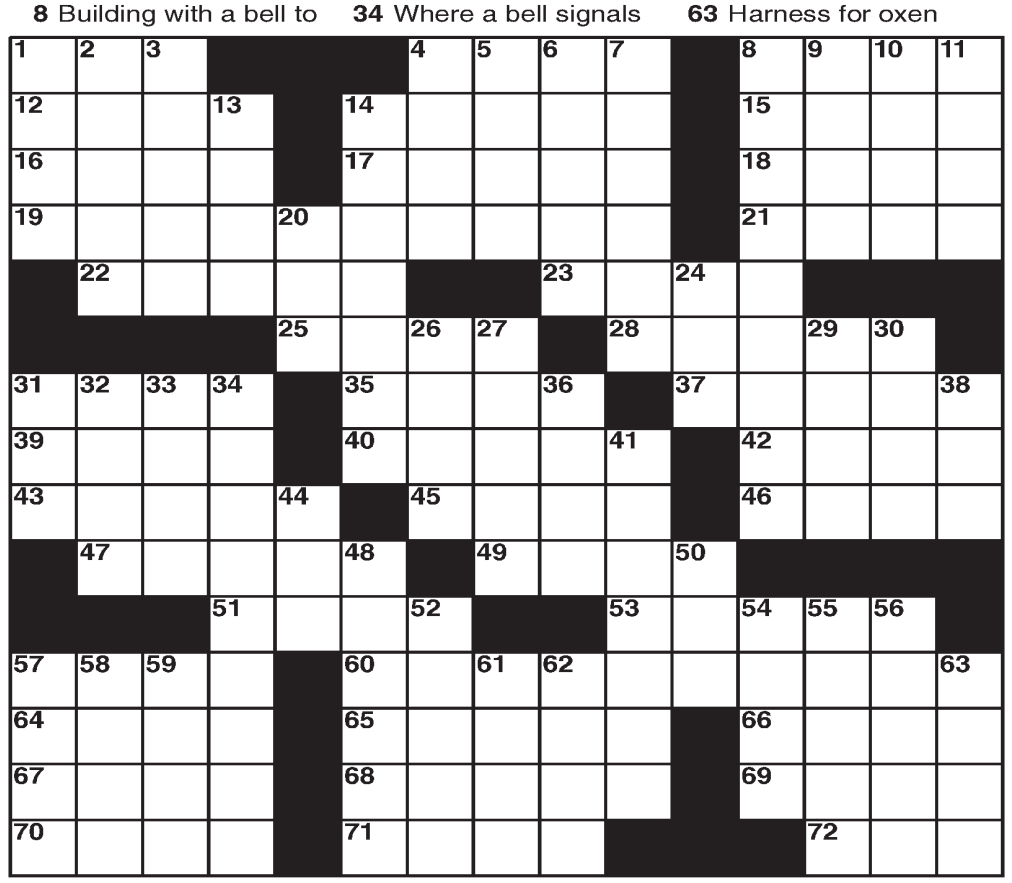
**BELL RINGING** by Doug Peterson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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**ACROSS**

**1** Baseball official, for short
**4** Not feeling well
**8** Motion picture
**12** Any sports squad
**14** Hawaiian greeting
**15** Notion
**16** India's continent
**17** Julius Caesar's language
**18** Lion's sound
**19** Bicycle part with a bell attached
**21** Antlered animals
**22** Guide a vehicle
**23** Hiking trail
**25** Any number in a spreadsheet
**28** Take a photo of
**31** Bath powder ingredient
**35** School test
**37** Coins used in France
**39** Wicked
**40** "Low-power" coffee
**42** Mentally sound
**43** Wanderer
**45** Take a quick nap
**46** "So what __ is new?"
**47** Scent detectors
**49** "Half" prefix for circle
**51** Line of stitches
**53** Seaweed
**57** Twosome
**60** Check-in area with a bell to summon bellhops
**64** In addition
**65** __ and kicking (robust)
**66** "Scat!"
**67** Song for one singer
**68** Speed contests
**69** Sound from a goose
**70** Plant stalk
**71** Boats like Noah's
**72** Sandwich bread

**DOWN**

**1** Salt Lake City's state
**2** Flat-topped lands
**3** Create a portrait
**4** Very thick slice
**5** Slightest trace
**6** Baby bird's sound
**7** Dorothy and Toto's home state
**8** Building with a bell to signal blaze fighters
**9** Much-admired person
**10** Lose air, as a tire
**11** "The Red Planet"
**13** Manufactured
**14** Gave a warning to
**20** __ *Misérables*
**24** Fill in __ blank
**26** Chopped down
**27** Folded Mexican snacks
**29** Spoken aloud
**30** Heavy weights
**31** Number of years in a decade
**32** Shakespeare's river
**33** Chauffeur-driven car
**34** Where a bell signals students
**36** Trail-following paper puzzle
**38** Catch sight of
**41** Women
**44** Near-failing grade
**48** North African desert
**50** Not feeling well
**52** Back tooth
**54** "Golly!"
**55** Dislike greatly
**56** Black hardwood
**57** Quarterback's throw
**58** Frequently
**59** Land surrounded by ocean
**61** __-tock (clock sound)
**62** Pre-holiday nights
**63** Harness for oxen



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## ALLEN

FROM PAGE 1

entrepreneurial spirit shone in Santa Monica via his business ventures, including Allen Maintenance, Allen Janitorial Supplies and Allen Vacuum Repairs. Mayor Lana Negrete remembers venturing into the vacuum shop at 400 Pico Blvd., and was honored to be a part of City Council last summer when the body proclaimed August 28 (his birthday) as Lloyd C. Allen Day in the city.

"I'm so happy that we'll be able to celebrate Mr. Allen on his birthday for decades to come, so all can remember the mark he has left in our city," Negrete added. "This beautiful man is 103 years old, I don't know anybody else (that age), I'm 45 and I don't move like him."

The city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team helped set up the event, inviting Allen's family to participate, including three of his grandchildren.

"This recognition piece will forever hold a special place in our hearts and serves as a lasting tribute to the impact he has had in this community," granddaughters Kerrington and Kambria stated. "Throughout his life, our grandpa has dedicated himself to serving and supporting Santa Monica. When we think about the stories he shares, he always speaks about how passionate he is about bringing people together and creating a sense of belonging for everyone."

Grandson Chase was also lauded for his speech about his "gramps," who has been a wealth of knowledge for his family.

"He stands here as a living testament to resilience, vision and the deep love he has for this community," he said. "He told me so many stories about what it was like back then and how important it was for all children to have a space where they could play … he taught me the value of working hard for what you believe in."

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Photos by Thomas Leffler

**CEREMONY:** The legacy of Lloyd Allen (bottom) is now forever cemented at Virginia Avenue Park.




## MONDAY | JANUARY 6

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

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality."

## TUESDAY | JANUARY 7

**MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB**
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patio Room, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Come learn and have fun with exercise, talking with friends, learning, guest presenters and health & wellness. For more information, call 310-458-8688.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS**
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Senior care advocates from Wise & Healthy Aging discuss how to make a plan, build a kit and stay informed. Attendees will receive a free emergency kit upon completion, while supplies last.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING**
6 - 9:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council adopted an Ordinance to create a new Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission to promote, in partnership with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), the best practices in community-oriented policing for the fair treatment, safety, and wellbeing of all; and to provide a body to work with SMPD and experts to develop, recommend, and help implement proposed reforms for handling complaints regarding SMPD conduct.

## WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 8

**STRATEGIES TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Virtually. Conversations around body safety should happen in every family and can be done with ease and without fear or discomfort. Come discover how you can start this conversation with your child today. To register for the Zoom meeting, visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4p37ye0tx7x8156869h449vpwk/202501081030.

**COMPUTER BASICS - ONLINE SAFETY**
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Tips and tricks to protect yourself from scams when working or playing online. For beginners.

## THURSDAY | JANUARY 9

**UPDATE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH**
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Monica Moore, from the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Research and Care at UCLA, discusses the latest findings related to the symptoms and causes of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Learn about the latest treatments available and research being conducted to find a cure.

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

**TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT**
7 - 11:30 p.m. The Buffalo Club, 1520 Olympic Blvd. The Eras Tour is coming to an end and there's a Taylor-shaped hole in our hearts. Come join us to celebrate Taylor and all her Eras of music. Night includes Taylor Swift Music Bingo and a Taylor Swift Look-a-like competition. Tickets $19.89, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/taylor-swift-night-tickets-1096408761119.

## FRIDAY | JANUARY 10

**POLITICS & LUNCH**
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Huntley Hotel Santa Monica Beach, 1111 Second St. Meet new Santa Monica City Councilmembers Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell and Natalya Zernitskaya with Q&A and Networking. To register, visit: https://santamonicachamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/24916.

## SATURDAY | JANUARY 11

**GROWING HERBS SUCCESSFULLY**
9 - 11 a.m. Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St. Join for a special workshop by Stephen Reid, UC Master Gardener and certified herbalist on Growing Herbs Successfully. He will focus on tips and techniques to grow herbs, how to grow herbs in small spaces and containers, and how to start from seeds vs. small plants. He will also discuss using herbs for general wellness and their unique medicinal properties focusing on Nettles, Calendula and Rosemary. Limited seating, please bring a chair or blanket.

**SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. City art and culture programs are guided by the 9-member Santa Monica Arts Commission, which was formally established in 1982 to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of art programs in the City. Appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, Arts Commissioners advise the Council on matters of policy, and strive to encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art activity here.

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