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Los Angeles community marks fire anniversary with resilience, anger and remembrance

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One year after the deadliest and most destructive wildfire event in Los Angeles history, communities across the region are marking Tuesday's anniversary with demonstrations, memorial events and a resolve to rebuild — even as many remain displaced and questions about the disaster response linger.

The Palisades and Eaton fires that erupted Jan. 7, 2025, killed at least 31 people and destroyed nearly 17,000 structures across Los Angeles County. Twelve months later, the scars remain visible: empty lots, skeletal ruins and a patchwork of construction sites where entire neighborhoods once stood in Pacific Palisades, Topanga, Malibu and Altadena.

The community response has been substantial. More than $265 million has been raised on GoFundMe from over 1 million donors across all 50 states and more than 160 countries. Best Friends Animal Society took in or assisted 2,247 pets during the wildfires, while the Altadena Town Council and GoFundMe.org have distributed more than 500 grants from over $540,000 raised.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles launched a $25 million capital campaign to rebuild its destroyed Palisades-Malibu center. Officials will announce Bank of America's contribution — the largest corporate donation to the campaign — at a Friday news conference discussing construction plans for the new facility.

The disaster has fundamentally altered Los Angeles's civic culture,

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Route 66 celebrations begin with road trip from the Pier



Santa Monica Travel and Tourism

ROUTE 66: The trip is part of the year-long celebration marking Route 66's centennial.

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Route 66's centennial celebrations launched Saturday at Santa Monica Pier with The Drive Home VII caravan, featuring nine vintage vehicles embarking on a cross-country journey to Chicago and Detroit's Auto Show. The event, partnering with The Road Ahead Partnership, Downtown Santa Monica Inc., and Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, began at the iconic "End of the Trail" sign before proceeding to Mel's Drive-In at Lincoln and Olympic boulevards—Route 66's official western terminus.

"Route 66 holds a very special place in the story of Santa Monica," said Misti Kerns, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism President/

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Their homes survived the historic LA area wildfires, but a year later they fear living in them

"DANGER: Lead Work Area" reads a sign on a front door of an Altadena home. "May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to the central nervous system."

Block after block there are reminders that contaminants still linger.

House cleaners, hazardous waste workers and homeowners alike come and go wearing masks, respirators, gloves and hazmat suits as they wipe, vacuum and power-wash homes that weren't burnt to ash.

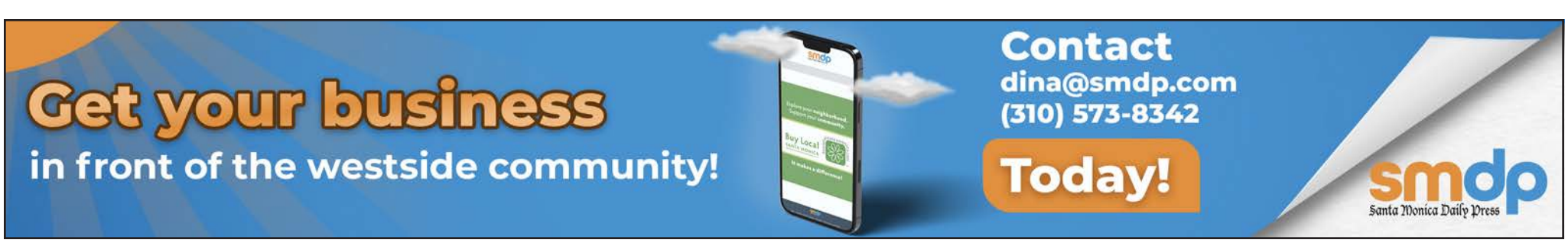
It's been a year of heartbreak and worry since the most destructive wildfires in the Los Angeles area's history scorched neighborhoods and displaced tens of thousands of people. Two wind-whipped blazes that ignited on Jan. 7, 2025, killed at least 31 people and destroyed nearly 17,000 structures, including homes, schools, businesses and places of worship. Rebuilding will take years.

The disaster has brought another wave of trauma for people afraid of what still lurks inside their homes.

Indoor air quality after wildfires remains understudied, and scientists still don't know the long-term health impacts of exposure to massive urban fires like last year's in Los Angeles. But some chemicals released are known to be linked to heart disease and lung issues, and exposure to minerals like magnetite has been associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Ash in the area is a toxic soup of incinerated cars, electronics, paints, furniture and every other kind of personal belonging. It can contain

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The Golden Globes are this week. Here's what to know about the first major show of awards season

The Golden Globes return Sunday. The boozy, bubbly kickoff to Hollywood's awards season will feature nominees including Timothée Chalamet, Leonardo DiCaprio, Michael B. Jordan, Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo and Emma Stone.

The 83rd Golden Globe Awards ceremony begins at 8 p.m. Eastern at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California, and will be televised live on CBS and streamed live on Paramount+.

Here are more key things to know about the ceremony:

WHO'S HOSTING THE GOLDEN GLOBES?

The comedian and actor Nikki Glaser will return as host for the second year, after a well-reviewed 2025 debut when she became the first woman to host the show solo.

Glaser didn't go easy on the Hollywood crowd, but wasn't nearly as barbed as she was in her star-making performance in a roast of Tom Brady. In her first monologue, she called the ceremony "Ozempic's biggest night."

When she was rehired, Glaser said in a statement that it was "the most fun I have ever had in my career."

"I can't wait to do it again, and this time in front of the team from 'The White Lotus' who will finally recognize my talent and cast me in Season Four as a Scandinavian Pilates instructor with a shadowy past," she said.

Last year's telecast drew an average of about 10 million viewers, holding steady from the year before. There are far fewer viewers then there were a decade ago, but the Globes remain the most watched awards show after the Oscars and the Grammys.

WHO'S NOMINATED FOR GOLDEN GLOBES THIS YEAR?

Oscar front-runner "One Battle After Another" leads all nominees with nine, including acting nods for DiCaprio and Chase Infiniti and a directing nomination for Paul Thomas Anderson.

The Globes divides films between drama and musical or comedy in the top categories, and "One Battle" was categorized as a comedy. Competing against DiCaprio will be Chalamet for "Marty Supreme" and George Clooney for "Jay Kelly."

Infiniti's competition includes Erivo for "Wicked: For Good," Stone for "Bugonia" and Rose Byrne for "If I Had Legs I'd Kick You."

The Danish film "Sentimental Value" was second with eight nominations, including an acting nod for star Renate Reinsve. Her competition on the drama side includes Jessie Buckley from "Hamnet,"Julia Roberts for "After the Hunt" and Jennifer Lawrence for "Die My Love."

Male actors nominated for dramas include Jordan for "Sinners" and Dwayne Johnson for "The Smashing Machine."

Grande, Teyana Taylor, Paul Mescal, Adam Sandler and Jacob Elordi are among those nominated in the supporting categories.

"The White Lotus" leads all TV nominees with six.

You can see a full list of nominees here: https://apnews.com/hub/golden-globe-awards

WHAT ARE THE GOLDEN GLOBES?

The Globes, held annually in early January, are the first major ceremony of the awards season. They're not exactly an Oscar bellwether — they have an entirely different voting base of journalists and critics — but they're embraced as a champagne-soaked party with some of the biggest stars in film and television sitting together at tables like a nightclub.

A Globes win can still help build momentum for a movie or actor's Oscar campaign, and it's the first time the public may hear an acceptance speech that may be repeated with some variations for months, leading up to the Academy Awards, held this year on March 15.

WHO'S GETTING A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD?

Helen Mirren will be honored with the Golden Globes' Cecil B. DeMille Award for a life of work on screen, and Sarah Jessica Parker will get the Carol Burnett Award for her career in television.

Mirren and Parker this week will get a separate Beverly Hilton gala, a recording of which will air Thursday at 8 p.m. Eastern and Pacific on CBS and also stream on Paramount+ on what's being called "Golden Eve."

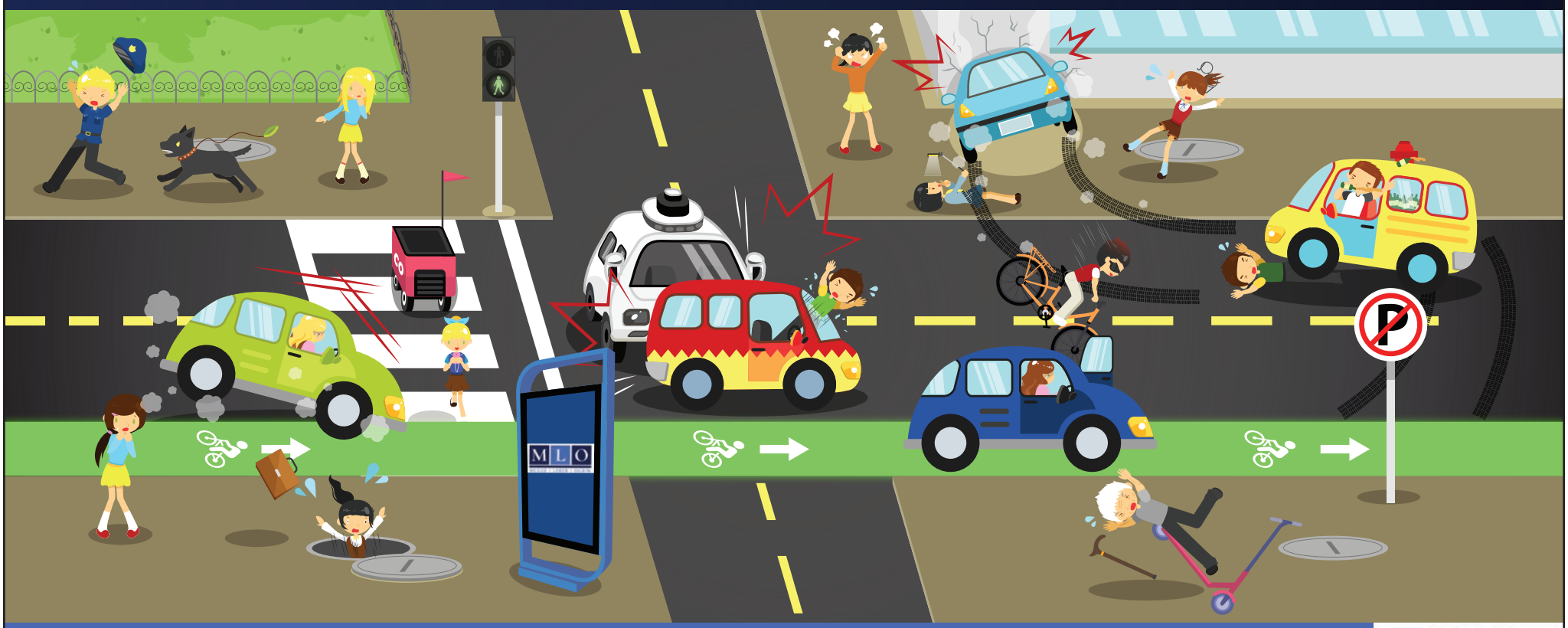
Mirren, 80, an Oscar winner for her 2006 portrayal of Elizabeth II in "The Queen," has also won three Golden Globes and is up for a fourth this year for her role in the series "MobLand." She was named a Dame of the British Empire in 2003 in acknowledgment of her artistic achievements.

The DeMille award dates to 1952, when it was given to the legendary filmmaker himself. Other recipients include Walt Disney, Bing Crosby, Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand, Sidney Poitier, Meryl Streep, Oprah Winfrey, Tom Hanks and Viola Davis.

Parker will get the much newer Carol Burnett Award, presented to an honoree who has "made outstanding contributions to television on or off screen." The 60-year-old Parker, who won six Golden Globes and two Emmys as the star of "Sex and the City," is being honored for her work as actor and producer.

The award was launched in 2019, when it went to Burnett. Other winners include Norman Lear, Ryan Murphy and Ellen DeGeneres.

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What to know about the Trump administration's latest moves on child care funding

President Donald Trump's administration said Monday that it's planning to tighten rules for federal child care funds after a series of alleged fraud schemes at Minnesota day care centers run by Somali residents.

A Department of Health and Human Services spokesman also reiterated the funding is on hold to all states until they provide more verification about the programs.

> Paying providers upfront based on paper enrollment instead of actual attendance invites abuse
>
> - Jim O'Neill, Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary

The plans to change the policies came the same day that Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the 2024 Democratic vice presidential nominee who has said the Trump administration is politicizing the issue, announced he's ending his reelection campaign.

Here are some things to know about these moves:

RULE CHANGE PLANS ANNOUNCED

Health and Human Services announced Monday that it plans to change federal rules around the program, which serves lower-income families. As of last year, it was subsidizing care for about 1.3 million children.

Among the proposed changes: It would allow states to pay providers based on attendance rather than merely enrollment and pay providers after care is delivered rather than in advance.

"Paying providers upfront based on paper enrollment instead of actual attendance invites abuse," Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary Jim O'Neill said in a statement.

When advanced payments were required in a 2024 rule change, officials said it would make child care centers more likely to serve families that use the subsidies.

Most states received waivers to delay implementing parts of the 2024 rules and many did not start the advance payments immediately.

Rule changes usually take at least several months to make and include a public comment period.

MORE VERIFICATION NEEDED FOR ALL STATES TO GET CHILD CARE FUNDS

All 50 states will have to provide additional levels of verification and administrative data before they receive more funding from the Child Care and Development Fund, according to an HHS spokesperson.

Minnesota will have to provide even more verification for child care centers that are suspected of fraud, such as attendance and licensing records, past enforcement actions and inspection reports.

In his social media post last week, O'Neill said all Administration for Children and Families payments nationwide would require "justification and a receipt or photo evidence" before money is sent.

That announcement came after a right-wing influencer posted a video last month claiming he had found that day care centers operated by Somali residents in Minneapolis had committed up to $100 million in fraud.

The departments that administer the programs in California, Georgia, Iowa, Oregon and Washington all said Monday that they have not received guidance on how to comply with the requirements O'Neill announced.

Cindy Lenhoff, director of National Child Care Association, warned Monday that pausing payments to providers could cause some to close, and keep parents from being able to work.

"Withholding funds from complaint providers will not fix fraud," she said. "It will only destabilize an already fragile system."

WALZ SAYS TRUMP IS POLITICIZING THE ISSUE

Several Democrats including Walz accused Republicans of playing political games, and Walz doubled down Monday when he announced he would end his reelection campaign.

"Even as we make progress in the fight against the fraudsters, we now see an organized group of political actors seeking to take advantage of a crisis," he said.

Walz touted the state's efforts to crack down on fraud over the last several years, including with the help of the federal government. But now, he said the Trump administration's move to withhold child care funding from the state shows "they're willing to hurt our people to score cheap points."

"They and their allies have no intention of helping us solve this problem, and every intention of trying to profit off of it," Walz said.

MINNESOTA CHILD CARE CENTERS ARE ALARMED

Maria Snider, director of the Rainbow Child Development Center and vice president of advocacy group Minnesota Child

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **61.5**

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

WNW swell mix levels off for fun zone waves. Offshores due in the morning. Decent size WNW swell combo keeps thigh to stomach high surf rolling in, outside of the mid day high tide. Light offshores due in the morning, followed by a light+ afternoon side shore flow.

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

Surf dips from Tuesday with easing swell. Winds look mainly light+ onshore. WNW swell tapers off for waves averaging under waist high, slower during the mid day high tide. Light+ WNW-W onshores expected through the day.

Weather

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63. East southeast wind around 5 mph.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. North wind around 5 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 62. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

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2026/01/07	Wed	05:37 AM	2.02	L
2026/01/07	Wed	11:27 AM	5.01	H
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Fresh from the market

Happy 2026! Here's a New Year's resolution that's easy to keep. Want to make a deeper commitment to farmers and farmers markets and your health by shopping farmers markets at least once a week? With 4 Santa Monica farmers markets you can shop for farm-fresh local produce on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

It's juicing season and the farmers have got everything you need to get back in the groove after a month of feasting. It's the perfect time for greens and herbs. Add a little lemon juice and blend! Or if smoothies are more your thing, there are still berries available to toss into the blender with kale for a tasty smoothie. Not to mention citrus and avocados are now at their peak.

There is a lot to look forward to this coming year including new pop ups Bakeman Bars and the Edgemar, Fat Uncle Farms and Buon Gusto and Garcia organics is back with organic citrus. Harry's Berries will be back mid-February. Look for special guests Samohi Jazz Band and Masanga Marimba among others joining us in the spring!

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January 10	**GM Jazz Trio**	
January 17	**East of Lincoln**	
	Activity: UC Master Gardeners	
January 24	**Megan Ukoh**	
January 31	**Cardahlay**	
Main Street		
January 11	**GM Jazz Quartet**	**10am-1pm**
	Santa Monica Fire Department	
January 18	**Ryann Barnes**	**10am-1pm**
January 25	**DJ and the Main Street Jam**	**10am-1pm**



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ORANGE: It's citrus time at the market.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Close the airport



Dear editor:

I write as a decades-long Santa Monica resident – apartment renter and, later, homeowner. As predictable as the tides are the periodic and strident calls for Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to remain open forever.

Years after being debunked, some pilots still refer to a study from about 14 years ago that said SMO generates money for the city. In fact, a huge chunk of that income was from non-aviation tenants at SMO.

In addition, a walk through the business park adjacent to SMO shows a sprucing up, at least some of which seems connected to creating more housing. One large office building already has posted a sign indicating it will be razed and replaced by apartments. Will would-be tenants of those apartments be apprised of the noise/air pollution from SMO or will their need for housing make them more willing to breathe the polluted air, as the use of jet fuel increases with the new air service)?

As many Santa Monicans recall, a city-wide referendum in 2014 called for SMO to be closed to air traffic at the end of 2028. The measure garnered a majority in nearly every precinct across the city –not just from those nearest the airport – while defeating a competing measure sponsored by aviation interests. In fact, since the passage of Measure LC, the SMO runway has been trimmed from about 5,000 feet to 3,500 feet, with no complaint from the FAA. This reduced both the noise and pollution from SMO, especially from larger jets, some of which can no longer use the trimmed-down runways, which also made the airport safer. This trend could be blunted or reversed by having regularly scheduled air service in turboprop planes using jet fuel.

Another false flag from some private pilots is the accusation that property owners near SMO just want to increase their property's value. In fact, the value of our modest home near SMO has skyrocketed over several decades, which has nothing to do with SMO and everything to do with housing demand. However, this does not mean that having more jet-fuel pollution from commercial airlines or private aviation is acceptable – it's not, for health and safety reasons.

Brian Bland, Santa Monica

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US drops the number of vaccines it recommends for every child

The U.S. took the unprecedented step Monday of dropping the number of vaccines it recommends for every child — cutting protection against a half-dozen diseases in a move slammed by the nation's pediatricians.

The overhaul is effective immediately, meaning that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will now recommend vaccines against 11 diseases. What's no longer broadly recommended is protection against flu, rotavirus, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, some forms of meningitis or RSV. Instead, protections against those diseases are only recommended for certain groups deemed high-risk, or if their doctors recommend them in what's called "shared decision-making."

Trump administration officials said the overhaul, a move long sought by Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., won't result in families who want the vaccines losing access to them, and said insurance will continue to pay. But medical experts said the move increases confusion for parents and could increase preventable diseases.

The change came after President Donald Trump in December asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to review how peer nations approach vaccine recommendations and consider revising its guidance to align with theirs.

HHS said its comparison to 20 peer nations found that the U.S. was an "outlier" in both the number of vaccinations and the number of doses it recommended to all children. Officials with the agency framed the change as a way to increase public trust by recommending only the most important vaccinations for children to receive.

> "This decision protects children, respects families, and rebuilds trust in public health"
>
> - Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Health Secretary

Among those left on the recommended-for-everyone list are measles, whooping cough, polio, tetanus, chickenpox and HPV.

"This decision protects children, respects families, and rebuilds trust in public health," Kennedy said in a statement Monday.

Medical experts disagreed, saying the change without public discussion or a transparent review of the data would put children at risk.

Dr. Sean O'Leary of the American Academy of Pediatrics said countries carefully consider vaccine recommendations based on levels of disease in their populations and their health systems.

"You can't just copy and paste public health and that's what they seem to be doing here," said O'Leary. "Literally children's health and children's lives are at stake."

The new guidance also reduces the number of recommended vaccine doses against human papillomavirus from two or three shots to one for most children, depending on age.

The decision was made without input from an advisory committee that typically consults on the vaccine schedule, said senior officials at HHS. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the changes publicly.

"Abandoning recommendations for vaccines that prevent influenza, hepatitis and rotavirus, and changing the recommendation for HPV without a public process to weigh the risks and benefits, will lead to more hospitalizations and preventable deaths among American children," said Michael Osterholm of the Vaccine Integrity Project, based at the University of Minnesota.

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Associated Press

HEAL THE BAY BEACH GRADES



WILDFIRE

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fostering heightened awareness of wildfire risks and spurring a shift toward collective responsibility. Neighborhoods have organized Community Emergency Response Teams, emphasizing that individual preparedness protects entire communities.

"The notion that resilience is just pulling yourself up by your bootstraps is an oversimplification," said Dr. Itai Danovitch, chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at Cedars-Sinai. "When we think about resilience, we must avoid applying our own framework to somebody else's situation."

Several memorial events will mark the anniversary. Palisades Village will display three beams of light rising from the property through Sunday, with a lighting ceremony Wednesday evening featuring remarks by Rick Caruso, founder and executive chairman of Caruso. The beams will unite as one light in the sky, symbolizing unity between the impacted communities.

But the anniversary also brings demands for accountability. The Palisades Fire Residents Coalition is organizing a demonstration marching from Antioch and Swarthmore to Via De La Paz at Palisades Village. The event, titled "They Let Us Burn," will feature residents, business owners and experts sharing testimony about preparedness and recovery.

Investigations revealed the Palisades Fire may have been avoidable, igniting from embers of a smaller New Year's Day blaze that firefighters believed was extinguished. Reports alleged crews voiced concerns about smoldering hotspots but were told to leave the scene days before the inferno reignited.

Mayor Karen Bass called the situation Los Angeles's "Pearl Harbor moment" and ordered an independent review of the fire response. She installed a new fire chief and pledged reforms in emergency preparedness, evacuation planning and communication systems.

In December, a coalition of resident and safety groups sued the city, alleging it routinely ignored state fire safety laws when approving development in very high fire-hazard zones. The lawsuit criticizes decades of building homes on narrow, winding canyon roads without adequate evacuation routes.

While authorities have issued over 2,600 rebuilding permits — a pace far faster than previous California wildfire recoveries — only a handful of new homes have been completed. Many families remain in temporary housing or have relocated permanently.

Health concerns persist. Recent testing shows six in 10 smoke-damaged homes still contain dangerous levels of asbestos or lead despite cleaning. Lead dust measurements in some homes average nearly 60 times above EPA safety limits.

The Eaton Fire disproportionately devastated Altadena's Black community, where nearly half of Black-owned homes in the affected area were destroyed or severely damaged, spurring discussions about environmental justice and equitable rebuilding aid.

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency and the legislature approved a $2.5 billion relief package. Executive orders streamlined building permits, reducing processing times from months to under 30 days on average.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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FIRE: The flames are long extinguished but the impact from the fire is ongoing.



FIRE

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pesticides, asbestos, plastics, lead or other heavy metals.

Many with homes still standing are now living with the hazards left by the fires.

People forced back into their Altadena homes

Nina and Billy Malone considered their home of 20 years a safe haven before smoke, ash and soot seeped inside, leaving behind harmful levels of lead even after professional cleaning. Recent testing found the toxin is still on the wooden floors of their living room and bedroom.

They were forced to move back home in August anyway, after insurance cut off their rental assistance.

Since then, Nina wakes up almost daily with a sore throat and headaches. Billy had to get an inhaler for his worsening wheezing and congestion. And their bedroom, Nina said, smells "like an ashtray has been sitting around for a long time." She worries most about exposure to unregulated contaminants that insurance companies aren't required to test.

"I don't feel comfortable in the space," said Nina, whose neighbors' homes burned down across the street.

They're not alone.

DATA SHOWS DANGEROUS LEAD LEVELS STILL IN HOMES

According to a report released in November by the Eaton Fire Residents United, a volunteer group formed by residents, six out of 10 homes damaged from smoke from the Eaton Fire still have dangerous levels of cancer-causing asbestos, brain-damaging lead or both. That's based on self-submitted data from 50 homeowners who have cleaned their homes, with 78% hiring professional cleaners.

Of the 50 homes, 63% have lead levels above the Environmental Protection Agency's standard, according to the report. The average lead levels were almost 60 times higher than the EPA's rule.

Even after fires were extinguished, volatile organic compounds from smoke, some known to cause cancer, lingered inside of people's homes, according to a recent study. To mitigate these risks, residents returning home should ventilate and filter indoor air by opening windows or running high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) purifiers with charcoal filters.

Zoe Gonzalez Izquierdo said she can't get her insurance company to pay for an adequate cleanup of her family's Altadena home, which tested positive for dangerous levels of lead and other toxic compounds.

"They can't just send a company that's not certified to just wipe things down so that then we can go back to a still contaminated home," Gonzalez said, who has children ages 2 and 4.

Experts believe the lead, which can linger in dust on floors and windowsills, comes from burned lead paint. The University of Southern California reported that more than 70% of homes within the Eaton Fire were built before 1979, when lead paint was common.

"For individuals that are pregnant, for young children, it's particularly important that we do everything we can to eliminate exposure to lead," said pediatrician Dr. Lisa Patel, executive director for the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health and a member of the climate group Science Moms.

The same goes for asbestos, she added, because there is no safe level of exposure.

'WE HAVE TO LIVE IN THE SCAR'

People who lived in the Pacific Palisades, which was also scorched, face similar challenges.

Residents are at the mercy of their insurance companies, who decide on what they cover and how much. It's a grueling, constant battle for many. The state's insurer of last resort, known as the California Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan, has been scrutinized for years over its handling of fire damage claims.

Homeowners want state agencies to enforce a requirement that insurance companies return a property to pre-fire condition.

Julie Lawson won't take any risks. Her family paid about $7,000 out of pocket to test the soil in their Altadena home, even though their insurance company had already agreed to pay to replace the grass in their front yard. They planned to test for contaminants again once they finished remediating the inside, the process of making a home contaminant-free after a fire. If insurance won't cover it, they'll pay for it themselves.

Even if their home is livable again, they still face other losses — including equity and the community they once had.

"We have to live in the scar," she said. "We're all still really struggling."

They will be living in a construction zone for years. "This isn't over for us."

CHALLENGES AND MENTAL HEALTH TOLL

Annie Barbour with the nonprofit United Policyholders has been helping people navigate the challenges, which include insurance companies resisting to pay for contamination testing and industrial hygienists disagreeing on what to test for.

She sees the mental health toll it's having on people — and as a survivor herself of the 2017 Tubbs Fire in Northern California, she understands it.

Many were at first joyful to see their houses still standing.

"But they've been in their own special kind of hell ever since," Barbour said.

Now residents like the Malones are inspecting their belongings, one by one, fearing they may have absorbed toxins.

Boxes, bags and bins stuffed with clothes, chinaware and everything in between fill the couple's car, basement, garage and home.

They have been painstakingly going through their things, assessing what they think can be adequately cleaned. In the process, Nina is cleaning cabinets, drawers, floors and still finding soot and ash. She wears gloves and a respirator, or sometimes just an N-95 mask.

Their insurance won't pay to retest their home, Billy said, so they're considering paying the $10,000 themselves. And if results show there's still contamination, their insurance company told them they will only pay to clean up toxins that are federally regulated, like lead and asbestos.

"I don't know how you fight that," said Nina, who is considering therapy to cope with her anxiety. "How do you find that argument to compel an insurance company to pay for something to make yourself safe?"

By DORANY PINEDA and JAE C. HONG Associated Press. AP staff writer Alex Veiga contributed to this report.



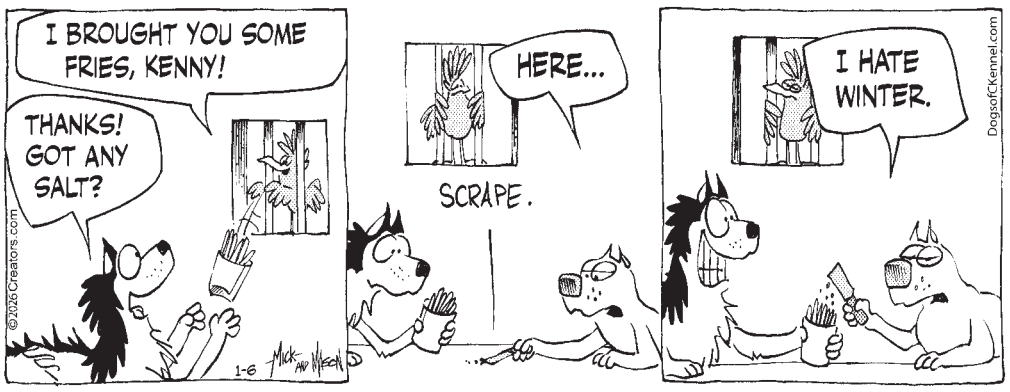
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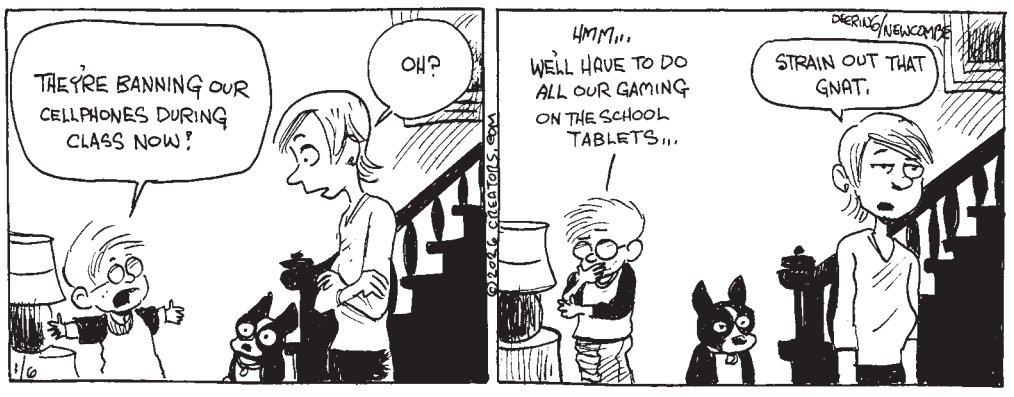
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6812

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Enter your Year of Golden Connections. It's all about the people who lift you higher - collaborators, friends, clients and allies who catalyze and appreciate your magic. Relationship upgrades abound - some deepen, some begin and some heal. More highlights: You'll quickly launch a lucrative idea. You'll travel for a reunion of sorts. A domestic improvement brings comfort and beauty. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 2, 5, 30 and 42.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Feeling behind? It's just an illusion caused by comparison. Stay on your own path. Someone else's timeline is irrelevant to the terrain you're walking. Your pace has its own logic. Trust it. Rushing won't get you there faster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). How could you make yourself 10% happier, more comfortable or more excited to be where you need to be? Your mood sets the tone. If you're having fun, everyone else will feel it, too. That's how influential you are today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you could read minds, you'd sense that someone is smitten with you and wishing for your charming attention. No need to act on it. Simply enjoy the dynamic that will make interactions sweeter and keep the mood buoyant for everyone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In unfamiliar settings, the basic instinct may be a classic defensive posture, but that's not the only way to go. More sophisticated defenses include postures of friendliness, charm, usefulness, observation or simply openness. Not every new scene requires armor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It does seem like the situation won't change anytime soon. When a circumstance won't budge, there's no use in trying to shove it. Shift your stance instead. Frustration is just energy with nowhere to go, and you can redirect it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Yes, there will be obstacles, but you're alert and nimble today. You'll swerve, leap or knock down whatever shows up. The secret? You expect surprises instead of pretending life should run perfectly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Success is not objective. There is no universal standard; every definition is invented by someone. So you might as well invent one that suits you. When you define success generously, you feel successful sooner, which energizes the mission.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will be in a position to lead people who don't want to be led. Some people won't follow orders, but they'll follow momentum. Create a current. Show them where you're going and why it's exciting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're responsible. Nothing falls apart on your watch. When life slows down, you're still busy keeping up the maintenance such as chores, commitments, relationships, obligations and more. Today, that will be your success secret and saving grace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people take on a lot, others very little. As for you, the luxury of choosing wasn't offered. You were pushed to handle more, so now you can - and you do. People admire your strength and are inspired by your resilience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not aiming to uncover some secret of the moment or do anything groundbreaking. Even though your intent is to show up in a low-key way, the thing is, you're bringing your whole self, heart, soul and attention, which makes extraordinary things happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A fear keeps circling back, but just because it's recurring doesn't mean it's valid. This is just a story you haven't updated. You're no longer the version of you who first believed that script. Edit accordingly.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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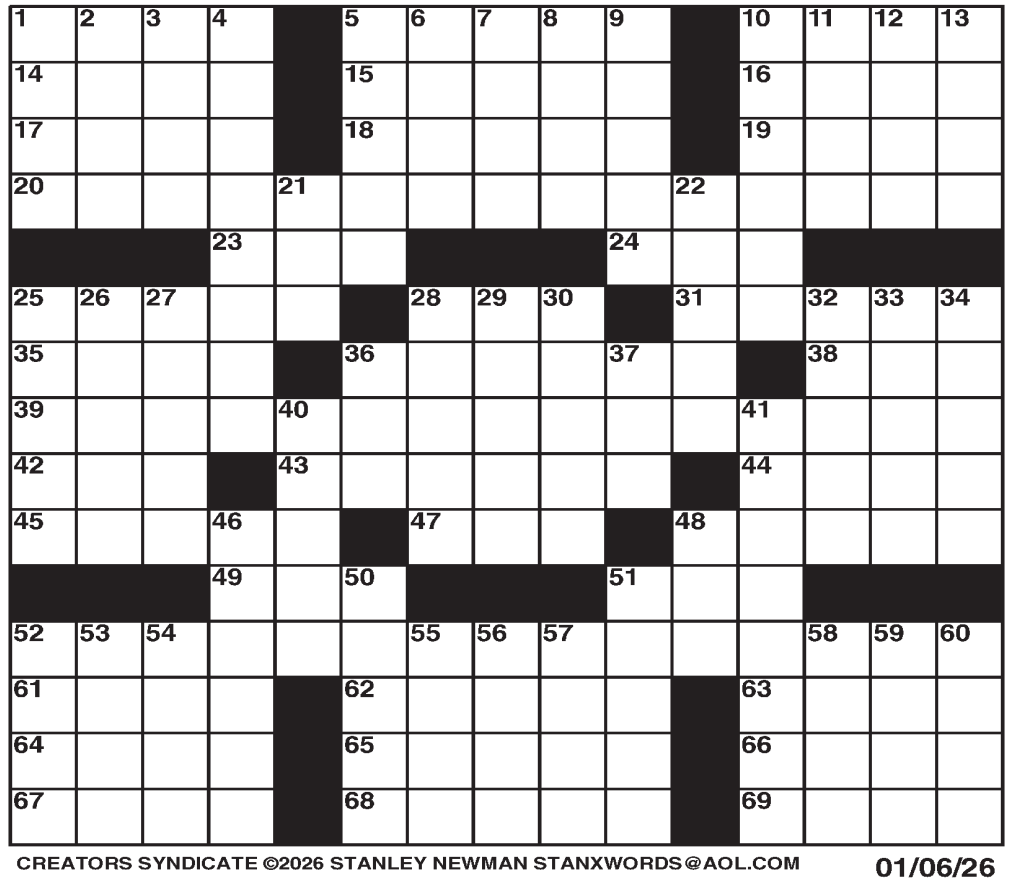
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ACROSS

1 Tough to solve
5 Tiny bit of dust
10 Pics on biceps
14 A long way off
15 Person from Houston
16 Rebound of a sound
17 Toy brick brand
18 Orchard fruit
19 Eve's first-born
20 Person recently a teenager
23 EMTs' destinations
24 Luau necklace
25 Inedible, as old bread
28 Non-Mac laptops, for short
31 Untidy
35 Cincinnati's state
36 Web phone-line connection
38 Mediocre grade
39 Road trip guessing game
42 Spicy-tasting
43 Deploys again
44 When morning ends
45 Gave one's word
47 "A mouse!"
48 Emcee's opening statement
49 Suffix for secret
51 Excessively
52 Salary of $100,000+
61 Admired celebrity
62 Group of orange trees
63 Villainous
64 Common jeans color
65 Person staring
66 Earns after taxes
67 Solidifies, as cement
68 Crystal ball gazers
69 Maple or willow

DOWN

1 Sentry's "Stop!"
2 Not very many
3 Extreme anger
4 Talked tediously
5 Lingers
6 __ up (enlivens)
7 Trade show, for short
8 Serene
9 Prepare to propose
10 Computer whiz
11 Purple smoothie berry
12 Vanish into __ air
13 Vocal tune
21 Take a taste of
22 Entice
25 Insects drawn to light
26 "That's amazing!"
27 Deceive
28 Arouse, as interest
29 Make happen
30 Smooth and shiny
32 Scurry away
33 Mexican mister
34 Query with two possible answers
36 Liquid coloring
37 Letters for a battleship
40 Rome's __ Fountain
41 Blameless
46 Hunters' weapons
48 Charged atom
50 Toaster waffle brand
51 Theater levels
52 Brothers and sisters, briefly
53 Not busy at all
54 Cross off
55 Strong craving
56 Acting assignment
57 At any time
58 All __ again (anew)
59 Tiny amount
60 "If all __ fails..."



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ROUTE66

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CEO, welcoming road trippers worldwide to commemorate a century of exploration.

Bill Thomas, Route 66 Centennial Commission Chair, called the launch "the first official project on the Centennial Calendar," celebrating the Mother Road's spirit connecting communities across eight states. Detroit Auto Show representatives Sam Klemet, Todd Szott, and Lincoln Phillip joined Thomas for the kickoff.

The caravan marks the first of numerous Route 66 Centennial activities planned throughout 2026, celebrating America's automotive heritage and the legendary highway's preservation. Visit route66centennial.org and santamonica.com/route66 for more information.

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Courtesy photo

ROUTE 66: Santa Monica Pier has become a focal point for Route 66 celebrations.

CHILD CARE

FROM PAGE 3

Care Association, said last week that fear is rising among families — many of which are living paycheck to paycheck — and child care centers that rely on the federal funding. Without child care system tuition, centers may have to lay off teachers and shut down classrooms, she said.

The Administration for Children and Families provides $185 million in child care funds annually to Minnesota, according to Assistant Secretary Alex Adams.

Ahmed Hasan, director of the ABC Learning Center that was one of those featured in the video by the influencer, said on Wednesday that there were 56 children enrolled at the center. Since the video was posted, Hasan, who is Somali, said his center has received harassing phone calls making staff members and parents feel unsafe.

He said the center is routinely subject to checks by state regulators to ensure they remain in compliance with their license.

"There's no fraud happening here," Hasan told The Associated Press. "We are open every day, and we have our records to show that this place is open."

By CHARLOTTE KRAMON, GEOFF MULVIHILL and SARAH BRUMFIELD Associated Press/Report for America. AP journalists Margery Beck, Hannah Fingerhut, Gene Johnson and Mark Vancleave contributed to this article.

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ICE AT SANTA MONICA PRESENTED BY DISNEY+ AND HULU

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Get ready to experience The Ice Rink at Santa Monica Presented by Disney+ and Hulu, a winter adventure that combines the magic of the holiday season with the beauty of California's coastline. This seasonal ice rink fulfills dreams of gliding across a smooth-as-glass surface within four blocks of the Pacific Ocean. As the sun sets and paints the sky in breathtaking hues, the rink comes alive with sparkling lights and festive decorations, creating an atmosphere filled with enchantment and wonder. Whether you're a seasoned skater or just starting out, the sheer joy of Santa Monica ice skating in this paradise setting is an experience you won't want to miss. Season Dates: November 7, 2025 - January 19, 2026 Hours: Daily from noon to 10 p.m. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ice-at-santa-monica-presented-by-disney-and-hulu/17758168/2026-01-06T12

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2026-01-06T22

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 7

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2025-12-17T08

STAR STORIES WITH PAM

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. STAR Stories With Pam Children are invited to share the joy of storytelling and reading with our special STAR volunteer, Pam. Come three times and take home a free book. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/star-stories-with-pam/15607289/2025-12-17T12

VINO & VINYL - WEDNESDAY HAPPY HOUR

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice. Unwind and set the vibe with Vino & Vinyl, our laid-back happy hour at The Venice West. Enjoy half-off bottles of wine, food and bar specials, and a rotating selection of classic vinyl spinning from 6–7:30 PM. Perfect for music lovers, wine drinkers, and anyone looking to ease into the evening, Venice style. Happy Hour Join us weeknights from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM for our restaurant's Happy Hour, featuring great deals including $5 beers & snacks, $10 craft cocktails, and more! Age Requirement All shows at The Venice West are 21+ only, unless otherwise stated. Valid government-issued photo ID is required for entry. Guests who cannot provide proof of age will not be admitted and no refunds will be issued. Parking Please note that residential/street parking is the only parking available near the venue. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/vino-vinyl-wednesday-happy-hour/17651745/2025-12-24T18

THURSDAY | JANUARY 8

CANDLELIGHT SANTA MONICA: FILM SCORES AND HOLLYWOOD EPICS

6:30 p.m. Regent Santa Monica Beach 1700 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Los Angeles. Get your tickets now to discover the music of Film Scores and Hollywood Epics at Regent Santa Monica Beach under the gentle glow of candlelight. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/candlelight-santa-monica-film-scores-and-hollywood-epics/17758761/2026-01-08T18

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street Santa Monica. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/rent-control-board-meeting/13406661/2026-01-08T19

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8:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. Mi's West Side Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd Street Santa Monica. Witches aren't just here for spooky season — summoning laughs is a year-round responsibility. The coven is back with another night of laughter, chaos, and comedy magic! Join host Brenna McNamara and Sabrina Kennelly as we conjure up LA's funniest comics including Phil Morris, Kelly Farmer, Boo Milligan, Jenny Burnett, Danny Hackin and Ryan the Cable Viewer. $20.00 —21+ event. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/westside-witches-presents-new-year-same-you/17744622/2026-01-08T20

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