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The emotional cost of the Palisades Fire



Photo by Scott Snowden

FIRE: The charred remains of Palisades Charter High School serve as a harrowing reminder of what has been lost in the Palisades Fire.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Unlike actual property that can have a dollar value attached to it, the emotional cost to those who have lost everything cannot possibly be calculated. Photographs taken by news helicopters that have permission to fly in the Palisades airspace have been compared to those of Hiroshima on August 7, 1945. And in fact, earlier this week, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said parts of the city looked like "an atomic bomb dropped."

The Daily Press was granted access to walk around Palisades Village, which while not technically ground zero, certainly felt that way. Upon clearing a number of security checkpoints strategically placed along the eerily empty Pacific Coast Highway, it was necessary to turn into Temescal Canyon Road and it's here that the first evidence can be seen in the form of abandoned and utterly

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RFQual for CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
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Statements of Qualifications shall be submitted via OpenGov, not later than **3:00PM on JANUARY 31, 2025.**

Request for Qualification documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Statements containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Qualifications.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2796 (CCS) Exempting City Projects During a Declared Local or State Emergency from Temporary Use Permit Requirements.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2796 (CCS) exempting City-authorized uses during a declared local or state emergency from temporary use permit requirements. The Council adopted Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2796 (CCS) on December 17, 2024 and will expire unless extended by Council.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Exempting City-authorized Uses from Temporary Use Permits

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Steve Mizokami by e-mail at steve.mizokami@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

Palisades Fire opens the door to criminal price gouging

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

With the wildfires moving away from Santa Monica, attention is turning to the aftermath and necessary efforts to protect consumers from both active theft and the more insidious issues of price gouging.

> California's price gouging law protects people impacted by an emergency from illegal price gouging on housing, gas, food, and other essential supplies
> - Rob Bonta, California Attorney General

Efforts to protect fire victims have begun with the State's top law enforcement officer.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta issued a consumer alert following the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency in response to the Palisades Fire. With the fire driving thousands of individuals from their homes and forcing them to look for aid wherever they can, Attorney General Bonta reminded all Californians that price gouging during a state of emergency is illegal.

He said Californians who believe they have been the victim of price gouging should report it to their local authorities, which is the Santa Monica Police Department or City Attorney's office (smconsumer.org). Complaints can also be filed with the Attorney General at oag.ca.gov/report.

"California's price gouging law protects people impacted by an emergency from illegal price gouging on housing, gas, food, and other essential supplies," said Attorney General Bonta. "If you see price gouging — or if you've been the victim of it — I encourage you to immediately file a complaint with my office online at oag.ca.gov/report or contact your local police department or sheriff's office."

California law generally prohibits charging a price that exceeds, by more than 10%, the price a seller charged for an item before a state or local declaration of emergency. For items a seller only began selling after an emergency declaration, the law generally prohibits charging a price that exceeds the seller's cost of the item by more than 50%.

Local officials also warned bad actors not to target fire victims.

"Los Angeles County residents should not have to be burdened with price hikes by unscrupulous businesses when they are already dealing with the disruption and stress of life-threatening emergencies," said Rafael Carbajal, Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Director. "We stand ready to investigate reports of price gouging and to hold violators accountable."

Price-gouging protections remain in effect for 30 days following an emergency declaration. For contractor-related services, protections extend up to 180 days. Business owners and operators must maintain detailed records of pricing before, during, and after the declared emergency. Failure to comply with price gouging laws can result in fines up to $10,000 or one year in jail, or both.

The law applies to those who sell food, emergency supplies, medical supplies, building materials, and gasoline. The law also applies to repair or reconstruction services, emergency cleanup services, transportation, freight and storage services, hotel accommodations, and rental housing. Exceptions to this prohibition exist if, for example, the price of labor, goods, or materials has increased for the business.

Violators of the price gouging statute are subject to criminal prosecution that can result in a one-year imprisonment in county jail and/or a fine of up to $10,000. Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including civil penalties of up to $2,500 per violation, injunctive relief, and mandatory restitution. The Attorney General and local district attorneys can enforce the statute.

The DCBA also has the ability to take reports of gouging via stoppricegouging.dcba.lacounty.gov or by phone at (800) 593-8222.

> Los Angeles County residents should not have to be burdened with price hikes by unscrupulous businesses when they are already dealing with the disruption and stress of life-threatening emergencies
> - Rafael Carbajal

Carbajal said DCBA investigators are actively monitoring prices in impacted communities and coordinating with local prosecutors to address alleged violations. Price gouging laws have been enforced in other Los Angeles crisis situations such as the Rancho Palos Verdes landslides, the Bridge Fire in the Angeles National Forest, and the Franklin Fire in Malibu.

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OPINION | BECOMING SANTA MONICA

Miles Warner

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Fire surrounds the Santa Monica Bubble

In the precipice of Trump taking over our federal government everything is burning. After years of scientists telling us this would happen, it has.

Much of the Palisades is gone. Malibu is gone, including a house I lived in some years ago with my family. It was a house we celebrated birthdays and holidays. Those neighbors who we still keep in touch with are homeless. It is surreal and heartbreaking.

But we in Santa Monica, as I write this, (air quality withstanding) are safe. Our fire department continues to hold the line, garrisoning on the edges of our city to protect our homes and families. Our police department continues to patrol the evacuated neighborhoods, ensuring our community's homes are there waiting intact for when we can return.

And for this, a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to our community's first responders and everyday municipal workers who have kept us safe during this tragic moment.

For all of our policy differences, for all of the arguments over waste and misused funds, and what direction we should move in, we are fundamentally prepared and our community in this dire moment has benefited.

So many of the ills we face as a city come from our borders with Los Angeles or from greater policy decisions made in Sacramento and Washington.

Their problems become our problems and over and over again we must weigh how we may mitigate issues in order of magnitude much greater than we can hope to solve. We must do this without losing our own resources and more fundamentally our identity.

Of course, we also benefit from our proximity, but the point stands and I am thankful for our city's human infrastructure and it's very competent handling of this unprecedented emergency.

We insulate and protect our identity—our way of life, living surrounded by LA, inside of California and the US, our differences in ideology and vision, through our own self-management. Our policy decisions and commitment to strong institutions.

We, as I have pointed out before are; deliberative and ecologically conscious, educated and morally generous, wealthy and socialist leaning—all sometimes to a fault. And we will continue to be this way in the face of what is quickly coming upon us. We will continue to insulate ourselves as much as is possible through our municipal management and the protective bubble it forms.

And will this bubble hold in the face of the almost assured awfulness that is on our horizon? Can our policy makers hold the line as our first responders so valiantly have? Only time will tell. But there is comfort in our strength in the face of what is, at least personally a terrifying four or more years ahead of us.

The political wildfire collides with an actual wildfire...

There is something else to remember about wildfires. In the aftermath of the horror and personal loss, there is an immense opportunity for positive change. I cannot speak to what Malibu or the Palisades (or Altadena for that matter) will look in the following years. But I can speak to an America that is increasingly not livable or sustainable.

Whether Trump brings fascism or just incompetent destruction, there will be an aftermath, a rebuilding. So, much as we survive as a city, we will hope to take an outsized role in that rebuilding and beyond that we hope that there is a return to some of the principals of American welfare that ushered in a mostly prosperous second half to the 20th century.

Maybe we as a country can rebuild deliberatively and with ecologically consciousness. With support of education and moral generosity, with tolerance for our many differences that make us the strong people we are, expending our wealthy country's resources with a kind of socialist leaning that takes care of everyone from our mentally ill homeless to our growing children—that offers jobs with livable wages and human benefits for a healthy society.

Maybe the coming wildfire offers us an opportunity. But like the current state of affairs, there will likely be pain and loss before the rebuilding can begin, so we must as a city and as a community continue to support each other and insulate ourselves from the dangers we cannot control. We must honor and strengthen the bubble that has so far held us intact.

So as our national identity progressively disintegrates over the impending years, we must stay strong. When the societal fires have finally stopped burning there will be an opportunity to rebuild. It will be in the face of a new technologically different paradigm and we as a city will be positioned to take an active role.

I am scared but hopeful. I am grateful to our whole community and feel immensely blessed that we have built a society that offers us strength in difficult times.

Take care everyone! We are in this together.

Miles Warner is a Santa Monica parent and resident. His column will explore the emerging and changing identity of our city and stir the pot...a bit



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **55.9**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Waves getting down to little leftovers as old WNW swell steadily fades. Morning has light winds but also a 6.5' mid-AM high tide.

TUESDAY
POOR

SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Small scale NW swell mix. Potential for another round of Santa Ana winds.

Weather

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 61.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. Breezy.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/01/13	Mon	01:57 AM	2.15	L
2025/01/13	Mon	08:11 AM	6.62	H
2025/01/13	Mon	3:32 PM	-1.50	L
2025/01/13	Mon	10:04 PM	3.88	H
2025/01/14	Tue	02:41 AM	2.04	L
2025/01/14	Tue	08:51 AM	6.46	H
2025/01/14	Tue	4:08 PM	-1.30	L
2025/01/14	Tue	10:39 PM	3.94	H
2025/01/15	Wed	03:24 AM	1.98	L
2025/01/15	Wed	09:30 AM	6.14	H
2025/01/15	Wed	4:42 PM	-0.98	L
2025/01/15	Wed	11:14 PM	3.98	H
2025/01/16	Thu	04:07 AM	1.98	L
2025/01/16	Thu	10:08 AM	5.66	H
2025/01/16	Thu	5:14 PM	-0.56	L
2025/01/16	Thu	11:48 PM	4.03	H
2025/01/17	Fri	04:52 AM	2.02	L
2025/01/17	Fri	10:45 AM	5.07	H
2025/01/17	Fri	5:42 PM	-0.06	L
2025/01/18	Sat	12:23 AM	4.07	H
2025/01/18	Sat	05:41 AM	2.08	L
2025/01/18	Sat	11:23 AM	4.38	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/8
1 20 36 38 43
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 263 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/7
20 24 33 39 48
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 77 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 1/8
13 33 35 36 38
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 15 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/9
6 20 22 30 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/9
EVENING: 6 0 7
Draw Date: 1/9
MIDDAY: 7 2 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/9
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
Race Time: 1:49.02

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/03/24 2024245647The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Strings By Reiko 3017 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90405.. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Sounds Roads Music LLC 3017 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90405. If corporation or LLC- Print State of 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

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Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Edward Avedis Limited Title: CEO Avedis Guerboian . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/06/2024NOTICE: 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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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00641 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition 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

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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 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

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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

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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

Name Change

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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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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Families in shock begin to visit their charred homes in Los Angeles area

Many watched their homes burn on television in a state of shock.

Now four days since the flames erupted in and around Los Angeles, many residents have returned to their still smoldering neighborhoods even as the threat of new fires persisted and the nation's second- largest city remained unsettled. For some it was a first look at the staggering reality of what was lost as the region grapples with the gargantuan challenge of overcoming the disaster and rebuilding.

Metropolitan LA and its 13 million residents, who haven't seen rain in more than eight months, woke up Friday to another day of strong winds that later eased, enabling firefighters to start gaining some control of the biggest blazes.

Bridget Berg, who was at work when she saw on TV her house in Altadena erupt in flames, came back for the first time with her family on Thursday "just to make it real."

Their feet crunched across the broken bits covering what had been their home for 16 years.

Her kids sifted through debris on the sidewalk, finding a clay pot and a few keepsakes as they searched for Japanese wood prints they hoped to recover. Her husband pulled his hand out of rubble near the still-standing fireplace, holding up a piece of petrified wood handed down by his grandmother.

"It's OK. It's OK," Berg said as she took stock of the destruction, describing the deck and pool from which her family watched fireworks. "It's not like we just lost our house — everybody lost their house."

> "You build a world for yourself and your family, and you feel safe in that world and things like this happen that you cannot control"
>
> - Anna Yeager

The fires have burned more than 12,000 homes and other structures since Tuesday, when they first began popping up around a densely populated, 25-mile (40-kilometer) expanse north of downtown Los Angeles. No cause has been identified yet for the largest fires.

At least 10 people have been killed and officials said they expected that number to rise as cadaver dogs go through leveled neighborhoods to assess the devastation to an area larger than San Francisco. Officials on Friday set up a center where people could report those missing. Roughly 150,000 people remained under evacuation orders, and the fires have consumed about 56 square miles (145 square kilometers).

The disaster took homes from everyone — from waiters to movie stars. The government has not yet released figures on the cost of the damage, but private firms have estimated it will climb into the tens of billions.

The flames hit schools, churches, a synagogue, libraries, boutiques, bars, restaurants, banks and local landmarks like the Will Rogers' Western Ranch House and a Queen Anne-style mansion in Altadena that dated back to 1887 and was commissioned for wealthy map-maker Andrew McNally.

In some neighborhoods, hydrants ran dry and the water system buckled. Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday ordered an investigation into the loss of water pressure.

Firefighters for the first time made progress containing the Eaton Fire north of Pasadena, officials said Friday. It started Tuesday night and has burned more than 7,000 structures, a term that includes homes, apartment buildings, businesses, outbuildings and vehicles.

To the west, the fire in Pacific Palisades, the largest burning in the LA area, has destroyed over 5,300 structures. The blaze is already the most destructive in Los Angeles' history.

LA Mayor Karen Bass, who faces a critical test of her leadership as her city endures its greatest crisis in decades, said Friday that firefighters had contained several smaller fires in the past 24 hours.

California National Guard troops arrived on the streets of Altadena before dawn Friday to help protect property in the fire evacuation zone and evening curfews were set to begin in those areas to prevent looting after several earlier arrests.

The level of devastation is jarring even in a state that has grown used to massive wildfires. Dozens of blocks of scenic Pacific Palisades were flattened to smoldering rubble. In neighboring Malibu, where oceanfront homes once stood, all that was left above the debris were blackened palm strands.

Anna Yeager said she and her husband agonized over going back to their beloved Altadena neighborhood near Pasadena after fleeing Tuesday night with their 6-year old daughter and 3-year-old son, their two dogs and a few extra clothes. A neighbor told them their house was gone.

Now she regrets not grabbing her children's artwork, her husband's treasured cookbooks, family photos, and jewelry from both her mom who died in 2012 and her husband's

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Ocean health under serious danger during, after Palisades Fire

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While the area is still dealing with the Palisades Fire in the short term, the long-term impacts will also be sharp and numerous, particularly to local ocean health.

Due to the fires raging across the county, including Palisades, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has issued an Ocean Water Advisory. The department advised beach users to avoid all water contact, particularly near discharging storm drains, creeks and rivers due to potential debris from fires and contamination.

The advisory was issued "out of an abundance of caution due to runoff from current fire-fighting efforts." The runoff, including potentially toxic chemicals and debris, is currently at an unknown quantity in ocean waters. The department particularly noted that waters could be toxic from Surfrider Beach to Dockweiler State Beach at World Way.

Those who enter the waters, the department warned, could become ill. The advisory will remain in effect until three days after fire-fighting efforts have ceased in the county, and notification is provided.

Experts across the globe have stated that wildfires have a host of harmful effects for coastal ecosystems such as Santa Monica's. According to the Pacific Whale Foundation, a large influx of ash and debris entering waterways in the event of a wildfire could smother the coastal ecosystem. The sediment load could also cover coral reefs, which can lead to habitat loss and loss of plant/animal life.

The organization adds that water contaminated with ash and debris can also reduce "light penetration necessary for plants to conduct photosynthesis."

"The influx of run-off, which includes nutrients, and sedimentation can induce harmful algal blooms that deplete oxygen levels and cause fish and other animal die-offs," Pacific Whale Foundation added. "Subsequently, ash and debris loads are spread wide by tides, currents, and winds, magnifying their effects throughout nearshore environments."

Local environmental nonprofit Heal the Bay stated Thursday that it is "deeply saddened and devastated" by the wildfires, with current and past staff members losing homes in the blazes.

"Horrific fires always impact the shoreline habitat and water quality, as detritus and runoff from the destruction inevitably flow to

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FIRE: Beach and ocean health is under a long-term threat due to the Palisades Fire.

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FIRE

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incinerated cars.

Then, as you approach Palisades Village, the true extent of the damage begins to become apparent. Turning right onto Sunset Blvd, the sight of the utterly burnt out Shell gas station strikes you like a slap to the face. The Gelsons opposite, while only partially destroyed, still looks like a 2,000 lbs bomb has been dropped on it.

Maintenance crews could be seen working on downed power lines, some of which dangled precariously across the roads at about head height. Then, turning left into the residential Via De La Paz, the full extent of the horror came into focus as I passed one decimated residence after another.

To call the experience surreal doesn't even begin to cover it. This particular Thursday morning was beautiful; it was still early, somewhere around half-past nine and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. The massive, towing plumes of smoke we'd all seen on Tuesday and Wednesday were no longer visible and the only sound that could be heard was the gentle trickle of water, like a mountain stream flowing past, as fractured pipes continued to pour forth as if they were fountain features in a garden pond.

This soothing sound offered a strange calm as every other sense struggled to comprehend the post-apocalyptic landscape that seemed to stretch on and on, street after street in every direction. The tranquility was only broken every now and again as the two CL-415 "Super Scooper" firefighting planes flew overhead in their relentless attempts to suppress the fires from the air.

Black shells of burnt out cars littered the roadside and pools of once-molten metal have accumulated nearby. And everything is grey. There's so much grey. Ash covered just about everything in sight and little was recognizable of the homes that were once here. Perhaps a brick chimney still stood, albeit scorched, but everything else was just a pile of grey rubble with the occasional sculpture of twisted metal that offered little explanation as to what it was before it burned.

Still-smoldering fires at first caused a little concern, but as residents began to return to their homes for the very first time, no one else seemed to be particularly worried. Some were coming back to the scene of the crime to see if by some miracle their house had survived and others were here to take photographs for the insurance companies.

The first resident I met was a gentleman named Tom Hershaw and I asked what the status of his home was. "It's gone. All gone," he said, losing the battle to fight back tears. At which point, I felt like someone had swung a sledgehammer into my stomach. Stepping through the aftermath was one thing, actually speaking with someone who had lost their home and everything in it, was something entirely new and more upsetting than I could've imagined.

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> - Tom Hershaw

"We were lucky, because my son is at St Matthews and the fire started right above that. And so at 10:30 we got the notice to get the kids. I was at work in the valley, my wife was at work and our nanny was here," Hershaw said.

"At that time, they weren't even evacuating, but she saw the smoke and she went to get both kids and that's when all the chaos happened. I came back and it was full-on crazy. The cops let me take my dog and that was it. So we have two cars, thankfully and these clothes and that's about it. But we're all safe."

As the morning passed, it seemed more residents were seizing this opportunity to return to the scene of devastation. One couple were accompanied by two firefighters armed with a crowbar and pick axe who were attempting to open a fireproof safe, which despite having taken a beating, was largely intact. However, the firefighters stressed that there were no guarantees.

Another resident who had returned for the first time, Gail McMahon, spoke about her insurance concerns. "I don't know how they're going to handle it," she said, adding, "I really don't have confidence, because they're going to find a way to underpay, right, for sure, the equity, they don't give a shit about it … I don't know what the fine print is, I don't think many do."

A gentleman who asked to be referred to as Sean said, "You always think it's never going to happen to you until it does. It did and we were caught with our pants down, we were not prepared."

"It's going to be five years, or more, before it starts resembling what it was. But I just hope that people take this opportunity to build it back smarter, you know. And I hope that the government helps us to make this infrastructure more fire resilient," he said.

Heading north on the PCH, I wanted to see what was left of the Reel Inn, a favorite fish-themed eatery. Part of its charm was that unique, Malibu "surf shack" aesthetic and tragically that probably didn't help very much when confronted by a raging inferno. There was absolutely nothing left, aside from a pile of twisted and blackened corrugated metal sheets. Stepping over the rubble, all that was recognizable were a few burnt outdoor heaters and that was all.

Speeding back to Santa Monica along the empty highway, the sight of the utterly destroyed Pacific Palisades Bowl Mobile Estates caused me to stop to take photographs. And it was here that I met former residents Rachel McDonald, John Bouton and Jeff Garris. They told me that there were once 170 units there and this was the first time they'd returned.

"We're still in shock. I mean, we finally got up here today to, well, you just want to actually see it. You want to see the dead body, smell the dead body. Metaphorically speaking. It's kind of crazy," McDonald said.

They reassured me that the community was close and everyone was sticking together. "Oh yeah, we have a great community and we're staying in contact. We're going to get through this and rise from the ashes and we'll, hopefully, be able to rebuild. Insurance isn't great on these and I would say half of the people have insurance, so it's a loss, but they say FEMA will help and all that. So, we're hoping," Bouton said.

Like so many others I'd met along the PCH, they asked me if I was heading back into Santa Monica since they no longer had a vehicle and had travelled all the way out here on rented e-bikes. Fortunately, this time I was, so in somewhat comical fashion, all three shoehorned themselves into my two-door Jeep and off we went.

Asking what was next for them, Bouton laughed, "A shower," he replied, adding, "And to buy underwear and socks." For they too were only in possession of the clothes they'd been wearing when they had to evacuate and little more.

Like so many residents in Santa Monica, at first I wasn't fearful, but come Tuesday evening, it's safe to say I was beginning to get nervous. Living only three blocks outside the Evacuation Warning Zone, I began to panic about how much I could actually take with me. Would my vintage comic collection fit in the car? What about my first editions and autographed novels? None of these are replaceable. And I wasn't even in the Mandatory Evacuation Zone. Have I let material possessions take over my life? Where does one draw the line?

Now I've met and spoken to many who have lost everything they cherish and all they possess are the clothes they were wearing when they were forced to evacuate, to say it's a sobering experience is an understatement.

And as if this isn't enough, once the initial shock has passed there is a whole new set of nightmares to face, including insurance claims and rebuilding. Think about it, a whole community has to be rebuilt from scratch. The construction alone will be on an unprecedented scale. And before all of that, we are still very much at the mercy of Mother Nature. Will the dry spell continue and for how long? And when the rainfall does come, as it eventually will, is there a danger of mud slides now all the vegetation holding the hills together is gone?

The Great Fire of '25 is being called the worst wildfire in the history of Los Angeles and you could argue the city is having its 9/11 moment. Hopefully, the city and county will unite and rebound, just like New York City did nearly a quarter of a century ago. And while – thankfully – the toll in human lives is no way near as many, the sheer scale of destruction is unquestionably far, far worse.

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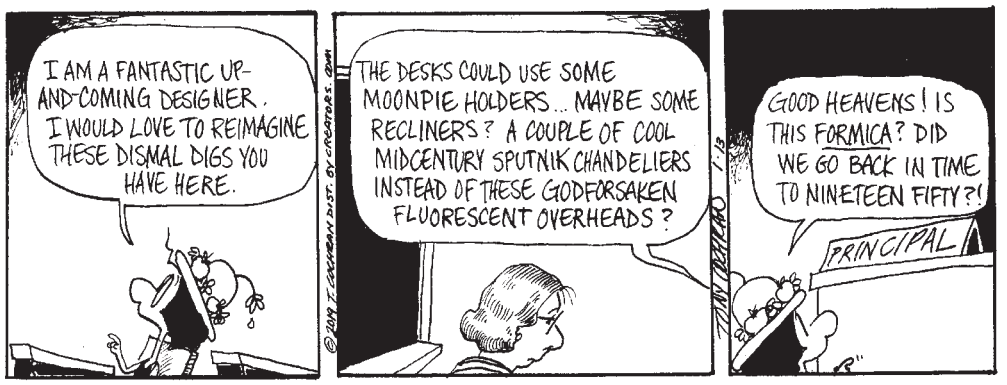
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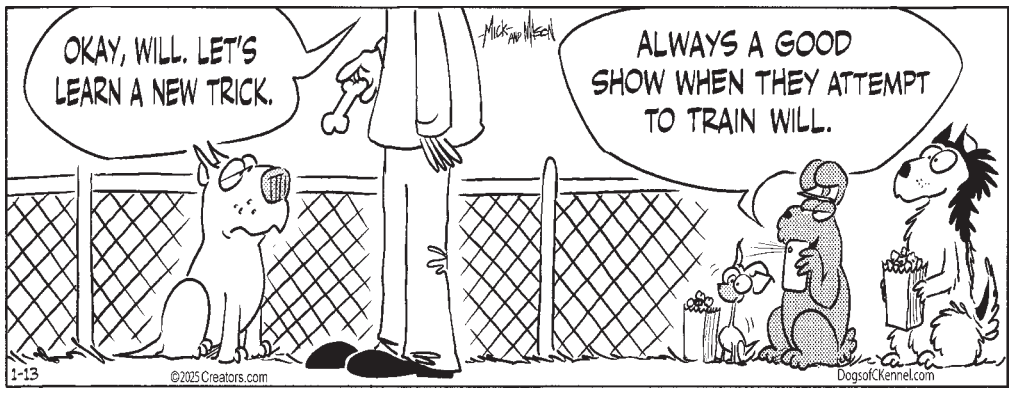
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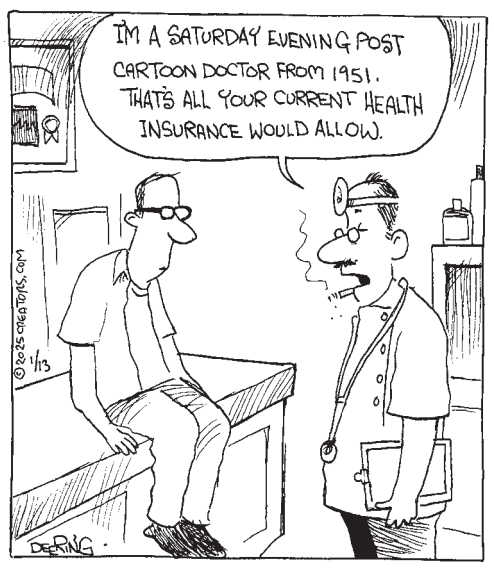
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FIND THE WORDS

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Boxer	Duck	Mess	Tabby
Budgerigar	Ears	Monkey	Tail
Bunny	Eyes	Mouse	Tame
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You'll shine like a diamond from different facets. Sometimes it's because you plot out your challenges and meet them heroically. Other times it's because people include you in their plans and you'll meet a side of yourself you didn't know was there. More highlights: You'll enjoy the mirror of adoring people. You'll work steadily toward an impressive prize and own it. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 5, 10 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Rewards will be dispersed. Because you enjoy being a witness to the thriving of those who clearly deserve their rewards, your heart will be full. You're also well aware that it is impossible to really know who deserves what.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your self-criticism is an indicator of how much you hold yourself to impossibly high standards. Please remember, your value isn't diminished by a bad habit or a tough day. You are so much more than the sum of your self-assessment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When it comes to positivity, some people thrive on high hopes, while others prefer the grounding of realism. As for your expectations today, it would feel unnatural - and perhaps even inauthentic - to stray too far from your innate tendencies. Trust that your natural approach will serve you best right now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It takes courage to be vulnerable, to say how you really feel and to accept the ways in which you are currently limited. It's not a defeat. It's an acknowledgement of the reality you're in. Since admitting vulnerability tends to draw alliances, you could say that your weakness is a strength.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The changes you want and the way you'd like your life to develop are not selfish. They are a longing to express your creativity, reclaim your time and honor the person you are beyond your current load of responsibility. Fight for your vision of a freer, lighter life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's unnecessary to respond to everything and everyone who wants your attention. Be the gatekeeper of your own life, and while you're at it, acknowledge that you're also the gate and all that's behind it and you'll have much more control over the flow of your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you feel your pattern is very predictable, but to the ones who don't know it yet, you are exciting, interesting and maybe baffling, too. No need to explain your every move. There are advantages to keeping mystery alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll have wonderful and weird experiences that not everyone will understand. Bafflement can be invalidating. Work on your stories in private or with people who get you and you'll find the most impactful way to relay your experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The host of the party isn't always the center of attention, but they are, in the end, the main influence of the experience because so much of social flow is in the setup. You will use this principle to your advantage today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll find much to enjoy in the day, mostly because you're looking for it. It's a habit you'll keep up in the days and weeks to come. Bit by bit, this fun-seeking will nudge you into new territory and culminate in a playful plot twist.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A problem doesn't have to be technically yours for you to get a surge of satisfaction from solving it. So while you're not looking to borrow trouble, when you see the solutions others miss (like you will today), you are definitely game to pitch in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can take any old situation and turn it into an opportunity for warmth and connection - it's practically a hobby of yours these days. You'll apply your creativity to interpersonal dynamics.

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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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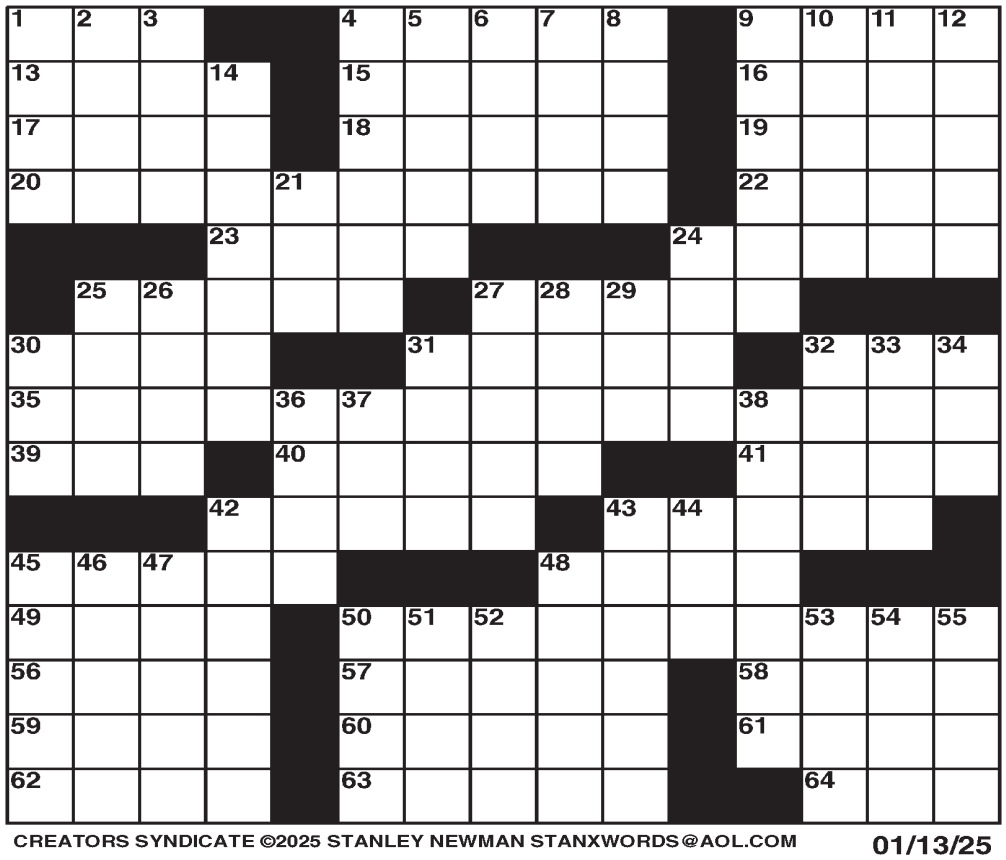
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23 Misfortunes
24 Nasal sound of scorn
25 Tire-filling machines
27 Bushy hairdos
30 In this place
31 Railroad vehicle
32 Feel regret for
35 Detective's tool for viewing fingerprints
39 Metallic mineral
40 Leaf-gathering tools
41 Frosts, as a cupcake
42 Goes by cab or bus
43 Sandals and sneakers
45 Fairy tale bullies
48 Large family
49 Cut out, as coupons
50 Lab device for viewing bacteria
56 Ill at __ (anxious)
57 Relative by marriage
58 "Once __ a time..."
59 Region
60 Maine or Montana
61 With no tread, as tires
62 Sparrow's home
63 Paris' Eiffel __
64 __ Angeles, CA

DOWN

1 Typical Jordanian
2 Neighborhood food shop
3 Extend across, as a bridge
4 Debates heatedly
5 Temporary calm periods
6 "Not guilty," for one
7 Listen to sounds
8 Sweater's sleeves
9 Cereal-eating utensils
10 African beast larger than a rhino
11 Playful river mammal
12 "Rome __ built in a day"
14 Kids' winter sculptures that look like guys
21 Police officer
24 Ballad or anthem
25 Bartlett or Bosc fruit
26 Strongly suggest
27 Zodiac sign of the Ram
28 Devoted followers
29 Oil-drilling structure
30 Medical insurance plan: Abbr.
31 Little boy
32 Contest on a track
33 Finds a purpose for
34 Letter before tee
36 Colored part of the eye
37 Brief craze
38 Newborn big cat
42 Say again
43 Not as fast
44 Owns
45 Pacific or Atlantic
46 Harsh light
47 Gets out of bed
48 Wooden shipping container
50 Light drizzle
51 Look __ (investigate)
52 Eagle's toenail
53 White gemstone
54 Sport played on horseback
55 Ceases



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PRICE

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The City of Santa Monica also incorporated efforts to combat price gouging in their recently passed emergency ordinance. The local rules included all the previously established rules but also called out landlords trying to raise housing prices.

"During the period of the local emergency, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a residential tenant, including serving a notice to terminate tenancy based on the presence of unauthorized occupants or pets, if the occupant or pet has been displaced due to a Palisades Fire evacuation order or warning or poor air quality conditions related to the Palisades Fire," said the order.

Councilmembers said predatory leases were already hitting the market, just days after the fire started.

"I want to say that I've had some discussions with the City Attorney's Office around price gouging," said Councilwoman Caroline Torosis. "I think we're all very concerned about that, and I understand that there might be a regional anti price gouging effort coming into place. I know that that's going to be part of the ratified order that the county is doing on Tuesday. And I just, I think it's important that we all collaborate regionally with respect to price gouging, specifically around tenancies."

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VICTIMS

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grandmother who survived Auschwitz.

When the couple returned, it was only "chimney after chimney. Power lines everywhere. Fires still going everywhere" she said, adding that when they walked up to their home "it was just dust."

There were remnants of the front porch where she had photographed her children nearly daily since 2020 and had planned to keep doing that until they reached high school. That gave her hope.

"The porch is still there and it's to me, it's a sign to rebuild and not leave," she said. "You know, it's like saying, 'Hey, I'm still here. You can still do this.'"

Yeager's neighborhood of Tudor homes was planning to celebrate its 100th anniversary in May.

"You build a world for yourself and your family, and you feel safe in that world and things like this happen that you cannot control," she said. "And that's the way it goes. It's devastating.

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the Bay," Heal the Bay staff wrote. "But rarely have we seen environmental devastation like this. The apocalyptic scenes serve as a warning that we must build more resiliency into our natural and built systems, especially as climate impacts become more frequent and severe in the decades to come."

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MONDAY | JANUARY 13

GOAL SETTING AND HABIT BUILDING WORKSHOP
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Do you have some big goals for 2025 but don't know where to start? Looking to develop in your career, start something new or even make more money? It's not too late! The New Year is the perfect time to plant the seeds of investing in yourself. Join this interactive workshop where you can learn how to set clear goals for yourself and hold yourself accountable by learning to build strong habits that set you up for success.

STUDENT ZONE WITH HOMEWORK HELPER
4 - 8 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Student Zones are after-school homework centers in the library for grades K-12 that provide a quiet place to study, reserved computers and laptops, free basic school supplies and free printing, and guidance from trained Student Zone helpers who assist students with homework and technology.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 14

BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION
6:30 p.m. Westchester - Loyola Village Branch Library, 7114 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles. Join to discuss the Big Read Book of 2025, "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros.

BINGO TUESDAY
8 - 9:30 p.m. Tiny's Hi-Dive, 12012 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Drag Queen Bingo is live and free at Tiny's. Ten games with prizes, fun chill environment, delicious drinks and food. No tickets required, arrive early as seating is limited.

MUSICAL ACTS
8 p.m. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. Alternative artist Orion Shoals, alternative rock artist Casino Breakfast and Americana artist Nick James take the stage at The Venice West. This event is 21 and over. Tickets $18.76, to purchase visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/orion-shoals-casino-breakfast-the-venice-west-tickets/14090903.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 15

YOGA FOR EVERYONE
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library.

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC
8 p.m. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. Westside Western Presents an evening of live country music, featuring country folk artist Matt Michienze, alternative rock artist Western Medicine and country artist The Sea Monks. For ages 21 and up. Tickets $18.76, to purchase visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/an-evening-of-live-country-the-venice-west-tickets/14078013.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 16

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave., Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. Join in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus.

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE
12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. Learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul and more. All levels are welcome.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Join for engaging conversation about whodunnits, thrillers, and cri-fi. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Palms Rancho Park Library. January's selection is "Devil in a Blue Dress" by Walter Mosley.

COVERED CA EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP
4 - 5 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Covered CA program facilitators will go over how the Covered CA insurance marketplace works. Covered CA eligibility, financial support and steps to enroll will also be discussed.

TODDLER PLAY
4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. An hour of free play, exploration and socializing for children and their caregivers, with toys and books. Recommended for ages 0-2.

WILL BRAHM
7 p.m. Sam First, 6171 W. Century Blvd. Jazz guitarist Will Brahm, with a signature band sound rooted in strong melodic songs and decorated in lush sonic landscapes, evokes the compositional depth of Pat Metheny Group and the singing captivating melodic sense of guitarists like Jeff Beck and David Gilmour. For more information, visit: https://www.bandsintown.com/e/105548658.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 17

MLK FREEDOM CELEBRATION & BREAKFAST
8 - 9:30 a.m. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd. This inspiring event brings together community members to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s enduring legacy of love, equity, and social justice. Reverend Carolyn Baskin-Bell, a long-time member of our interfaith council and the first female pastor of the historic First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Santa Monica, will serve as our keynote speaker. For more information, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mlk-freedom-celebration-and-breakfast-tickets-1091789865879.



Menu

FOOD

Crocchette di pollo 12
Chicken croquettes, mozzarella, San Marzano tomato purée

Arancini di carne e mozzarella 13
Crispy rice balls, mozzarella, beef ragout San Marzano tomato purée

Calamari fritti 9
The classic, Calabrian chili aioli

Truffle fries 8
Truffle fries, grated Parmigiano, truffle zest (vegetarian)

Bruschetta 9
Toasted ciabatta bread cherry tomatoes, basil balsamic glaze (vegan)

COCKTAIL

Spicy Margarita 9
House tequila, agave, organic lime

Old fashioned 10
House bourbon, maraschino cherry, organic sugar

Classic Martini 11
House vodka or gin, twist or olives

WINE

Classic Spritz 9
Aperol, prosecco

Pinot Grigio Valdadige 8
Dry and crisp white wine

Chardonnay Maddalena 10
Oaky and aromatic white wine

Montepulciano d' Abruzzo Marramiero 9
Dry and medium body red wine

Cabernet Sauvignon Scotto 10
Aromatic and full body red wine

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