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# New poll supporting continued airport operations flies in the face of anticipated closure

**MATTHEW HALL**

Daily Press Editor

A new independent poll suggests a potential shift in public opinion on Santa Monica Airport's future, with nearly 67% of participants supporting keeping the facility open in some capacity, contradicting years of planning centered on the airport's scheduled 2028 closure and conversion to parkland.

The survey, conducted by FM3 Research and commissioned by the non-profit Spirit of Santa Monica, found that only 25% of Santa Monica voters favor closing the airport as soon as possible and converting the site to a 200-acre park, while 8% remain undecided.



The results represent nearly a three-to-one margin in favor of continued airport operations.

"Santa Monica is at a pivotal moment, facing one of the most consequential decisions about the city's future, and we believed it was critical to pause and ask voters directly what they think about the airport," said Ben Marcus, co-founder and chairman of Spirit of Santa Monica. "The results are clear and consistent. Sixty-seven percent of Santa Monica voters want to keep the airport open in a limited way, compared to just 25% who want it closed. That support holds across every part of the city and every demographic group,

**AIRPORT:** According to a new poll, nearly 67% voters are supporting keeping the facility open in some capacity.

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## Trump executive order seeks to speed up rebuilding of homes destroyed by Los Angeles wildfires

President Donald Trump announced Tuesday that he has signed an executive order to "cut through bureaucratic red tape" and speed up reconstruction of tens of

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## How Palisades High reopened: inside the public/private effort that brought students back to campus

**MICHELLE EDGAR**

Special to the Daily Press

While students returning to Palisades Charter High School marked an emotional milestone this week, the reopening also represented a complex recovery effort involving temporary infrastructure, cross city coordination, and months of collaboration between school

leadership, LAUSD, and community partners across the Westside.

For Santa Monica, which hosted Palisades students during the transition at the former Sears site, the return signals both the success of that temporary solution and the beginning of the next phase of rebuilding education infrastructure

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**SCHOOL:** The return signals both the success of that temporary solution and the beginning of the next phase of rebuilding education infrastructure following wildfire disruption.



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# HexClad and LA's Culinary Leaders support Steadfast LA in wildfire recovery efforts

**MICHELLE EDGAR**

Special to the Daily Press

One year after the Los Angeles wildfires, recovery across the region is no longer defined by emergency response alone. It is now measured by sustained investment, neighborhood stability, and the ability of communities to rebuild economically and socially.

That commitment was on display Saturday when HexClad marked the anniversary by hosting Rise & Dine LA: A Night of Philanthropy and Flavor, an exclusive fundraising dinner at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades benefiting Steadfast LA's ongoing wildfire relief and community rebuilding efforts.

Approximately 300 guests, including Dr. Dre and Sheila E., gathered for a culinary collective led by Gordon Ramsay, Dominique Crenn, Nancy Silverton, and Michael Cimarusti, with additional dishes from LA icons Neal Fraser, Josiah Citrin, Kevin Meehan, Ludo Lefebvre, Raphael Lunetta, and Suzanne Goin, representing more than 20 Michelin stars, and a performance by Grammy-Award winning artist Macy Gray that had the entire room on its feet singing along to "I Try."

For HexClad, a Los Angeles founded company, the event reflected a broader strategy focused on long term civic investment rather than short term disaster response. Company



Photo courtesy of HexClad

**LOS ANGELES:** Celebs & Michelin-Star Chefs attend HexClad's Rise & Dine LA – an exclusive fundraising dinner supporting Steadfast LA's wildfire recovery and rebuilding efforts – at The Riviera Country Club on Sat. Jan. 24, 2026.

leadership emphasized that remaining rooted in Southern California carries responsibility, particularly as rebuilding efforts stretch into the coming years.

Following the fires, HexClad expanded community outreach by donating cookware to displaced families, supporting emergency food distribution programs, and partnering with organizations focused on long term housing and infrastructure recovery.

For HexClad CEO Danny Winer, the response was immediate and deeply personal.

"When the fires happened, I was on the East Coast and I canceled my meetings and got on the first flight back to LA," Winer said. "We had employees who lost homes or were displaced. I needed to be here with my team."

Winer shared that the idea for Rise & Dine LA began during a dinner conversation with Gordon Ramsay nearly a year ago. Together, they made a deliberate decision not to rush a one time response, but to create something designed for long term impact.

"We knew a lot of people would show up right away," Winer said. "But we also knew people would forget. Recovery doesn't end after the headlines fade. This is generational work. It's going to take years, even decades."

Founded in West Hollywood in 2016, HexClad has remained rooted in Los Angeles despite pressure many growing companies face to relocate.

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## CHRISTOPHER

July 20, 1994 - January 16, 2026

**A**ge 31, died unexpectedly after a brief illness on January 16, 2026, in Santa Monica, California. Chris was born on July 20, 1994, in Jackson, Michigan. He graduated with honors from Lumen Christi High School in Jackson in 2012. He went on to graduate summa cum laude from Baker College, earning a degree in secondary education. After college, he relocated to California, where he taught English and social studies online to students all over the world.

Christopher excelled in all he pursued. He was a proud member of the Lumen Christi varsity tennis team, reaching the state finals all four years. He also played flute, saxophone and piccolo in the Lumen Christi Band. He was adventurous, traveling by himself to Europe, Hawaii, Mount Rushmore and even the pyramids in Egypt. He loved Disney and Universal Studios, taking trips two or three times a year to visit the parks with his parents. The last trip was in August 2025.

Chris was a talented writer. He wrote a novel called "Obstacles" and three novellas while in high school and college and succeeded in getting the fantasy stories published.

Chris is survived by his parents Kathy Schmaltz

IN LOVING MEMORY



1994 - 2026

(Reardon) and Patrick Reardon; aunts and uncles Tom Schmaltz, Mary Sue Schmaltz (Joachim Karger), Jim Schmaltz, Peggy Schmaltz, Anita Schmaltz, Paul (Shannon) Schmaltz, Julie (Kent) Klepper, Mike (Lori) Reardon, and Danny (Cathy) Reardon; cousins Joey Schmaltz, Jack Schmaltz, Nick Schmaltz, Natalie Orsi, Abi Reardon, Brett Reardon, Karen Reardon and Aiden Reardon; and grandmother Donna Gardner. Chris was preceded in death by his grandparents Donald and Gwendolyn Schmaltz and Wilford Reardon; aunt Joanne Schmaltz; cousin Ryan Reardon; and his precious dog Biddo.

Chris brought light and love to everyone. He was always smiling. He will be remembered for so many reasons, but most of all for his kindness.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Jackson, Michigan with Father Timothy MacDonald officiating.

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

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# It 'took a village' to heal her trauma and homelessness. Will California keep funding this help?



Photo by Carlin Stiehl for CalMatters

**HOMELESSNESS:** Tents line a street in Los Angeles' Skid Row neighborhood on Oct. 8, 2024. Many trauma or crime victims also become homeless.

Ten years ago, I hit bottom.

For more than 50 years I had been trying to work my way through traumas that had accumulated throughout my life. As a child, I, along with one of my sisters, was abused by my step-father. When I was a young woman, my mother and my biological father died, and a number of other close family members, including several sisters and brothers, also died prematurely. I've been a victim of extreme episodes of domestic violence.

My pain caused me to fall into despair, ultimately using an array of drugs and, in middle-age, falling into homelessness. I became estranged from my family. I ended up staying at the Midnight Mission, in downtown Los Angeles. I cried every day.

While I was at the mission, friends told me to check out the Downtown Women's Center, which has helped provide housing for thousands of women experiencing homelessness for nearly half a century. They offer dignity to people who too often have been deprived of any sense of their own worth.

I started visiting the center nearly every day, talking with their case workers, eating in their cafeteria, receiving medical assistance and — eventually — getting linked with mental health therapists and counselors at the on-site Trauma Recovery Center, which provides services and support to victims of crime.

That's crucial because nearly 3 out of

4 people experiencing homelessness in California have endured physical violence, and more than 9 in 10 are crime or trauma survivors.

The Trauma Recovery Center provided me with a community of caregivers willing to go the extra mile on my behalf. I always said I needed a village to help me get whole, and the center staff were willing to be that village.

At the center I finally began to grapple with the pain that has haunted me since I was a child. It was in that safe space — where people didn't judge me and didn't make me feel small — that I was able to start talking about my fears and anxieties. I found that as I talked more about the traumas that were so deeply embedded in my life story, and that I had bottled up inside of me for so long, I began relying less on the drugs that I'd been using as a form of self-medication.

It didn't happen all in a rush, but over time my life began to make more sense.

There are 24 Trauma Recovery Centers in other communities across California. They are places where dedicated, trained staff work tirelessly to help survivors of crime heal from the psychological traumas and damage that have accumulated over many decades and that impact their ability to function fully and happily on a daily basis.

As anyone who's been through the



## Surf report

WATER TEMP: 61.7

WEDNESDAY  
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft

Knee to thigh

Another slow start. NW swell mix bumps up in the PM, better swell due on Thursday. The morning starts slow, then some fresh NW windswell bumps up a bit through the afternoon. Low quality, but a little more size. Small SSW swell continues to limp in. A better round of mid to longer period WNW swell builds in (mainly after dark) for Thursday.

THURSDAY  
FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft

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## Weather

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 57. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light in the evening.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 76. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

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Mega#: 14  
Jackpot: 23 M



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# Can AI help make homeless Californians healthier?

As AI expands into every facet of society, a California company is testing whether the technology can help improve the health of people living on the streets.

Akido Labs, a Los Angeles-based health care technology company that runs clinics and street medicine teams in California, plans to start using its AI model on homeless and housing insecure patients in the Bay Area next month. The program generates questions for outreach workers to ask patients and then suggests diagnoses, medical tests and even medication, which a human doctor then signs off on remotely. The idea is to save doctors time and allow them to see more patients.

The new model, called Scope AI, is addressing a very real problem: There aren't nearly enough doctors visiting encampments and shelters. At the same time, homeless Californians are in much poorer health and are dying earlier than the general population.

"There are individuals who haven't seen doctors for years. There are individuals who haven't seen a dentist ever," said Steve Good, president and CEO of Five Keys, which is partnering with Akido to launch the AI technology in its San Francisco homeless shelters. "There just aren't enough resources to go in there and find out the needs these individuals have."

Experts who research AI told CalMatters that if done right, the technology has the power to increase access to care for homeless and other marginalized communities. But while many health care providers already are using AI for administrative duties, such as transcribing patient visits, using it to help diagnose people is still a relatively new field. It brings up concerns around data privacy, biases and patient outcomes, which are particularly pressing when the technology is being used on homeless patients and other vulnerable groups.

"We don't have perfect solutions to a lot of these challenges yet," said Angel Hsing-Chi Hwang, an assistant professor at USC who researches human-AI interaction.

## HOW SCOPE USES AI TO DIAGNOSE HOMELESS PATIENTS

Scope AI essentially allows non-medically trained outreach workers to start the intake and diagnosis process before a patient sees a doctor.

An outreach worker goes out into the field with Scope on their tablet or laptop. As they start interviewing a patient, Scope suggests questions the outreach worker should ask. Scope listens to, records and transcribes the interview, and as the interaction progresses, it suggests new questions based on what the patient says.

When it has enough information, Scope suggests diagnoses, prescriptions and follow-up tests. That information is then sent to a human doctor, who reviews it (usually the same day) and either signs off on the prescriptions, makes changes, or, if it's a more complex case, arranges to see the patient to get additional information. The medical care is paid for by Medi-Cal through its CalAIM expansion into social services.

In demonstrating the technology to CalMatters, using an imaginary 56-year-old female patient who complained of trouble breathing, Scope asked several follow-up questions to drill down on her symptoms.

Then, it made suggestions that included: a diagnosis of COPD or chronic bronchitis, a chest x-ray and spirometry breathing test, and a prescription of an albuterol inhaler.

The Scope AI technology is already being used in a few target areas. Akido's street medicine teams began using it in homeless encampments in Los Angeles County in 2023, where it has since seen more than 5,000 patients. Akido also uses AI in encampments in Kern County, clinics in California and Rhode Island, and to treat ride-share workers in New York.

Scope lands on the correct diagnoses within its top three suggestions 99% of the time, according to Akido.

Other studies have called into question the reliability of diagnoses made by artificial intelligence. A 2024 study, for example, found that AI was significantly more likely to misdiagnose breast cancer in Black women than in white women.

The infiltration of AI into homeless services has sparked concern from some critics who argue homeless patients, because of their increased vulnerability, need a human health care provider.

"We should not experiment on patients who are unhoused or have low incomes for an AI rollout," Leah Goodridge, a tenants rights attorney and housing policy expert, and Dr. Oni Blackstock, a physician and executive director of Health Justice, wrote in a recent opinion piece for the *Guardian*.

Brett Feldman, director of USC Street Medicine, agrees. When someone is homeless, much of their health status is dependent on their living environment, he told CalMatters. For example, he recently treated a patient with scabies. Typically, he would prescribe a shampoo or body wash, but this patient had no access to a shower — a key detail that AI might not know to ask.

Instead, he prescribed an oral medication. The patient needed one dose right away, and another dose in a week. He had to decide whether to give the patient the second dose now and trust that it wouldn't get lost or stolen, ask the patient to travel to a pharmacy to pick up the second dose, or try to find the patient again in a week to deliver the dose. AI couldn't make that complex calculation, and neither could a doctor who hadn't met the patient and seen their living situation, Feldman said.

And any missteps the AI makes could have outsized consequences when a patient is homeless, Feldman said. If the patient has an issue with the medication prescribed, they likely don't have an easy way to contact the doctor or have a follow-up appointment.

"I would say, in general, that this would not work for this population," Feldman said.

Akido argues the benefit of AI is clear: better efficiency and improved access to health care.

Before introducing AI, each of Akido's street medicine doctors in LA and Kern counties could carry a case load of about 200 homeless patients at a time, said Karthik Murali, head of safety net programs for the company. Now, it's closer to 350 patients per doctor, he said, because doctors spend less time asking routine questions and filling out paperwork.

That means more patients get access to care

**AIRPORT**

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including among voters who live within a mile of the airport. As the city continues conversations about the airport's future, it's essential to recognize how strongly voters value the airport as part of Santa Monica.

The poll findings contrast sharply with past votes. Santa Monica voters overwhelmingly passed Measure LC in 2014, a charter amendment requiring the 192-acre airport property be used only for parks or recreational space once closed, unless voters approve other uses. Voters also rejected Measure D at that time that would have required a public vote to allow the airport to close or change uses.

The city had long debated the future of the property but a 2017 consent decree with the Federal Aviation Administration official gave City Hall the ability to close the airport on Dec. 31, 2028.

The survey revealed broad support for keeping the airport open across all geographic areas and demographic groups. More than six in 10 voters expressed favorable opinions of the airport, with favorability highest among those living closest to the facility. Support for continued operations held strong among voters living within two miles of the airport, across all Santa Monica zip codes, among all major demographic groups including age, gender, race, ethnicity and party affiliation, and among both homeowners and renters.

Notably, no geography or demographic group showed majority support for immediate closure.

The poll also found majority opposition to a park-only requirement for the site. When asked about a hypothetical new version of Measure LC that would mandate airport land be used exclusively as a park, 51% of voters said they would oppose such a measure, compared to 32% who would support it and 17% undecided. Opposition proved more intense than support, with 41% saying they would "definitely" vote no compared to 26% who would "definitely" vote yes.

FM3 Research, a public opinion research firm that regularly conducts surveys for governments, nonprofits and advocacy organizations across California including Santa Monica, completed 632 interviews between Sept. 18-25, 2025. The survey used a combination of online and telephone interviewing with registered voters in Santa Monica and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence interval.

Spirit of Santa Monica commissioned the survey to better understand current public opinion on the airport because they said no recent scientific, citywide survey had asked voters directly about the facility's future. The organization emphasized the survey was not conducted with a ballot measure in mind but

rather to inform fact-based discussion about what is best for Santa Monica.

The airport's future has been a contentious issue in Santa Monica for years. Aircraft noise and pollution have been a concern for neighborhoods around the facility, and its location amid dense residential areas has raised safety concerns. In January 2023, the City Council launched a formal Airport Conversion Project to solicit community input and develop a plan focused on open space and recreation on the site.

Grassroots groups including the Airport2Park Foundation and Santa Monica Great Park Coalition have mobilized residents around a "Great Park" concept, envisioning sports fields, community gardens, arts facilities and natural habitats where runways currently exist. Others have advocated for a mix of housing and open space at the property.

At a 2025 council meeting, after receiving testimony from over 140 public speakers and more than 1,000 emailed comments, the City Council voted 6-1 to endorse a park-centric plan for the airport's future.

The chosen scenario emphasizes ecological restoration and adaptive reuse of existing structures while avoiding new commercial or residential construction, complying with Measure LC's mandate for exclusively public, open-space uses.

Throughout 2024-2025, city planners conducted extensive public outreach including surveys, workshops and hearings to explore options for the site's future. Initial drafts included three scenarios ranging from an all-park vision to mixed-use plans with development. One December 2024 workshop drew an estimated 800 participants, making it the largest planning event in local memory.

The airport closure has faced persistent opposition from supporters. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association has characterized moves to shutter small airports as an oppressive assault against a national treasure, arguing that once an airport is gone, it's gone forever. Business aviation advocates warn that eliminating Santa Monica Airport could strain the region's air traffic network and erase a vital emergency landing site.

Legal challenges have also continued. In 2025, an FAA director's determination found the city violated federal law by diverting airport revenues for non-aviation uses in anticipation of closure. The case, prompted by a complaint from a pilot and the National Business Aviation Association, ordered Santa Monica to adjust its fee policies. Residents have also filed a lawsuit over the approval of a new air carrier at SMO.

While not connected to the poll, a ballot measure has been put forward for this November's election that would require 3,000 units of housing on the property.

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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** An Interim Zoning Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica Extending Regulations Established by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2844 (CCS) Amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.21.130, Resource Recovery and Recycling Standards, to update applicability thresholds and standards for resource and recycling room dimensions in order to further economic recovery efforts by facilitating a Self-Certification Building Permit Pilot Program.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Santa Monica to extend Interim Zoning Ordinance ("IZO") Number 2844 (CCS) amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.21.130, Resource Recovery and Recycling Standards, to update applicability thresholds and standards for resource and recycling room dimensions in order to further economic recovery efforts by facilitating a Self-Certification Building Permit Pilot Program. The Council adopted the IZO on January 13, 2026, which will expire on April 13, 2026, unless extended by Council in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090(C).

**DATE/TIME:** TUESDAY, February 24, 2026, AT 5:30 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](mailto: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.

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## TRUMP

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thousands of homes destroyed by the January 2025 Los Angeles area wildfires.

Trump's order, signed Friday, seeks to allow homeowners to rebuild without contending with "unnecessary, duplicative, or obstructive" permitting requirements, the White House said in a statement.

The order directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration to find a way to issue regulations that would preempt state and local rules for obtaining permits and allow builders to "self-certify" that they have complied with "substantive health, safety, and building standards."

California Gov. Gavin Newsom scoffed at the idea that the federal government could issue local rebuilding permits and urged Trump to approve the state's \$33.9 billion disaster aid request. Newsom has traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for the money, but the administration has not yet approved it.

The Democratic governor said on social media that more than 1,600 rebuilding permits have been issued in Los Angeles and officials are moving at a fast pace.

"An executive order to rebuild Mars would do just as useful," Newsom wrote on social media. He added, "please actually help us. We are begging you."

Fewer than a dozen homes had been rebuilt in Los Angeles County as of Jan. 7, one year after the fires began, The Associated Press found. About 900 homes were under construction.

The Palisades and Eaton fires killed 31 people and destroyed about 13,000 residential properties. The fires burned for more than three weeks and cleanup efforts took about seven months.

It wasn't immediately clear what power the federal government could wield over local and state permitting. The order also directs federal agencies to expedite waivers, permits and approvals to work around any environmental, historic preservation or natural resource laws that might stand in the way of rebuilding.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said in a statement that instead of trying to meddle in the permitting process, the Trump administration should speed up FEMA reimbursements.

Bass called Trump's move a "political

stunt" and said the president should issue an executive order "to demand the insurance industry pay people for their losses so that survivors can afford to rebuild, push the banking industry to extend mortgage forbearance by three years, tacking them on to the end of a 30-year mortgage, and bring the banks together to create a special fund to provide no-interest loans to fire survivors."

The mayor said rebuilding plans in Pacific Palisades are being approved in half the time compared to single-family home projects citywide before the wildfires, "with more than 70% of home permit clearances no longer required."

Permitting assistance is "always welcome," said Joy Chen, executive director of the Eaton Fire Survivor's Network, a coalition of more than 10,000 Eaton and Palisades fire survivors, but it's not the primary concern for those trying to rebuild.

"The number one barrier to Eaton and Palisades fire survivors right now is money," said Chen, as survivors struggle to secure payouts from insurance companies and face staggering gaps between the money they have to rebuild and actual construction costs.

Nearly one-third of survivors cited rebuild costs and insurance payouts as primary obstacles to rebuilding in a December survey by the Department of Angels, a nonprofit that advocates for LA fire survivors, while 21% mentioned permitting delays and barriers.

In addition, Trump's executive order also directs U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and FEMA acting administrator Karen Evans to audit California's use of Hazard Mitigation Grant

Program funding, a typical add-on in major disasters that enables states to build back with greater resilience. The audit must be completed within 60 days, after which Noem and Evans are instructed to determine whether future conditions should be put on the funding or even possible "recoupment or recovery actions" should take place.

Trump has not approved a single request for HMGP funding from states since February, part of a wider effort to reduce federal funding for climate mitigation.

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and GABRIELA AOUN ANGUEIRA Associated Press. Aoun Angueira reported from San Diego.

# GET IT DAILY...



**CULINARY**

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"We were born here," Winer said. "We built this company in our backyard. LA is a tough city, but it believes in dreamers. That matters to us."

In the months following the fires, HexClad donated more than 10,000 pieces of cookware to families who lost their homes and helped distribute more than 35,000 meals in partnership with community organizations, often delivering food directly on the ground in impacted neighborhoods. Winer said supporting the restaurant industry remains a priority as recovery continues.

"Restaurants are still hurting," he said. "We want to keep showing up. Companies like ours have a responsibility to stay engaged, because this isn't a short term crisis. It's a long road."

During the evening, Los Angeles Councilwoman Traci Park formally recognized HexClad's founders for their leadership and service, and Megan Watanabe, CEO Riviera Country Club expressed support for hosting this important fundraiser for the community.

"All of you for stepping up, for your charity, your compassion, your generosity, your leadership, and your willingness to serve in a moment that Los Angeles will remember forever," Park said.

Chef Gordon Ramsay, whose restaurant footprint spans Los Angeles neighborhoods, has emerged as a visible advocate for recovery efforts. After experiencing evacuations firsthand during the fires, Ramsay has increasingly focused on the role restaurants play in stabilizing communities.

Industry leaders note that restaurants often serve as economic anchors. They employ thousands of workers, activate neighborhood corridors, and restore everyday routines for families returning after displacement.

Ramsay has emphasized the importance of rebuilding consumer confidence and foot traffic in impacted areas, encouraging residents to support local businesses as a tangible way to accelerate recovery.

"We don't just rebuild homes," Ramsay said during remarks at the event. "We rebuild routines, jobs, and neighborhood life."

That message resonated across the chef community.

Veteran Los Angeles chefs including Dominique Crenn, Nancy Silverton, Michael

**GUEST COMMENTARY**

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trauma I have known, you usually don't make good decisions if you don't feel safe.

Sadly, after the passage of Proposition 36 last year, the funding stream for programs such as the Trauma Recovery Centers at the Downtown Women's Center is at risk. I can't imagine anything more shortsighted than not making sure these centers have the resources they need to get victims immediate access to the help and support they need and deserve.

I understand the frustration of voters and politicians who want quick fixes to social problems and who are angered by continual waves of crime, drug addiction and homelessness. It's tempting to reach for punishment over treatment and crime prevention when you are angry and disappointed at the actions of other people.

But in a zero-sum world, where more

Cimarusti, Neal Fraser, Josiah Citrin, Kevin Meehan, Ludo Lefebvre, Raphael Lunetta, and Suzanne Goin joined the initiative, signaling a collective industry effort.

Many chefs continue to point to challenges facing the hospitality sector in fire impacted zones, including insurance delays, workforce displacement, rising operating costs, and slower consumer return. Industry leaders say coordinated public private partnerships will remain critical to ensure businesses can reopen and retain employees.

Steadfast LA, the beneficiary organization supported by the event, continues to focus on infrastructure restoration and housing stabilization. Its leadership has emphasized rebuilding not only individual homes, but the institutions that allow communities to function, including schools, senior centers, and essential neighborhood services.

Nick Geller, Managing Director of Steadfast LA, emphasized the deeply personal nature of the work. A third generation Palisades resident, Geller said the organization's mission is rooted in protecting the neighborhoods that define Los Angeles.

"My family has lived here for generations," Geller said. "This is home. Steadfast LA is focused on helping communities rebuild not just structures, but stability. That means housing, schools, senior centers, and the everyday places that allow families to return and thrive. This recovery is personal, and it's long term."

As rebuilding timelines extend into the future, organizers say the goal is not a single fundraising moment, but sustained engagement.

The evening also underscored the cultural role of recovery. Grammy winning artist Macy Gray delivered a special performance that brought the room together, reinforcing the intersection of music, food, and community healing.

For HexClad and its chef partners, Rise & Dine LA represents a longer horizon approach. One that combines financial support, public awareness, and continued participation from the private sector.

Los Angeles has always rebuilt through collaboration. This latest effort demonstrates that the city's culinary community is not only feeding neighborhoods, but helping finance, advocate for, and sustain their recovery.

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money spent on incarceration means less money available for California's growing network of Trauma Recovery Centers, that's a bad bargain.

The Trauma Recovery Center has given me a second chance at life and the ability to give back to the community of which I am a part.

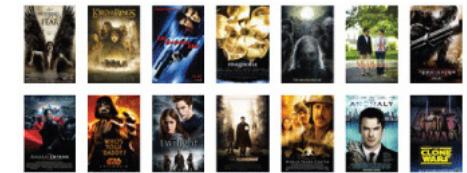
Today I'm 68, living in my own apartment again. I have strong relationships with my children, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many of their friends — all of whom consider me to be their honorary great-grandmother and call me their "G.G." I couldn't have done any of that without the work of the people at the Trauma Recovery Center.

I hope California's legislators and governor understand the importance of these centers to thousands of men and women like me around the state, and that they continue to allocate dollars to allow their vital work to go on.

Kathy Brown-Lowe is a crime and trauma survivor who lives in Los Angeles

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**PALISADES HIGH**

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following wildfire disruption.

"Schools are the very heart of communities and seeing Palisades Charter High School reopen is a testament to the strength, care, and fortitude of the Pali High families and administration," said Kelly Farrell, Co-Managing Director of Gensler's Los Angeles office. "This homecoming also reflects the unwavering support of community members who stood by the school every step of the way. Congratulations to the students, families, administrators, faculty, community partners, and the public officials whose leadership and hard work made this homecoming possible."

Councilmember Traci Park, whose district includes Pacific Palisades, described the reopening as a visible marker of recovery progress.

"In the wake of so much loss and devastation, every step back to something that looks and feels like normal is progress happening in real time," Park said. "Having students back on campus is game changing. It brings families back, it reactivates neighborhoods, and it supports emotional recovery for young people."

Park emphasized that continued rebuilding will depend on coordinated public and private action.

"This recovery will not happen without public private partnerships. Whether it is restoring park and recreation spaces or rebuilding the commercial corridor, it will take all hands on deck to rebuild the community the right way," she said.

Behind the scenes, the reopening required significant infrastructure work. Thirty six modular classroom units were constructed on

the former baseball field and are expected to remain in place for approximately two and a half years while permanent facilities are rebuilt. School officials said the temporary structures were installed under the same fire resistance, safety, water proofing, and city permitting standards required of new construction.

Much of the campus furniture was relocated from the former temporary Santa Monica school site, with logistics support provided by Corovan. Additional furnishings and equipment were sourced through private sector donations, including contributions from businesses that closed or downsized during the pandemic, as well as partners such as WeWork.

Principal Pamela Magee said the reopening marks a major milestone but not the end of the recovery process.

"This is a significant step in a journey that began months ago. Returning to campus while construction continues is meaningful for our students and staff, but we still have important work ahead," Magee said.

She noted that the school continues to address financial and material gaps left by the fire.

"We lost more than three million dollars in textbooks due to environmental exposure concerns, and much of that is not covered by insurance. Those costs fall on the school," Magee said. "These are the realities schools face after disasters, and this is where community partnerships become essential."

At the same time, Magee said the return allows the school to restore and expand academic programming.

"We are bringing back our visual and performing arts programs and athletics at full strength," she said. "Our career technical education programs are growing, and our

International Baccalaureate program is preparing to launch next year. These are opportunities that prepare students for the future."

Families across the Westside say the reopening carries both emotional and practical significance.

"The return to Pali will be a huge boost to the entire community," said Merritt Farren, former general counsel of Disneyland and Palisades parent, who's son will attend Pali next year. "Pali High has long been a cornerstone of the Palisades and a major reason families choose to live here. My own son will move from Revere Middle School to Pali next year, and no one has been tracking the campus return more closely than him and his friends."

Community leaders are also working to expand youth programming now that students are back on campus.

"I could not be happier to see Palisades High School back on campus," said Maryam Zar, CEO of the Malibu Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce. "Families and teachers are eager to return, and I look forward to supporting the PCHS community in every way I can. The Palisades Recovery Coalition is planning after school programming in partnership with the Pacific Palisades Lowe Family YMCA, and with three children who attended Pali, this moment is deeply personal."

Zar added that Palisades Charter High School draws students from more than 100 ZIP codes across Los Angeles, making its recovery a regional milestone.

Developer and investor Elaine Culotti emphasized the role students themselves played in driving momentum.

"The kids wanted to be back in school almost immediately after the fires. Their fortitude is what pushed this forward," Culotti

said. "Sometimes we have to let communities work together to rebuild themselves."

Allison Holdorff Polhill, Senior Advisor and District Director for LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin, said the reopening reflects what is possible when public leadership and community action align.

"What this community has built together represents an inspirational commitment to our students, our families, our staff, and this community. This moment is deeply personal for me. Like so many here, I lost my home in this fire. And for six years, I had the honor of serving on the board of Palisades High School. This community is not abstract to me, it is family," Polhill said.

"In the face of devastation, the District showed up. Board Member Nick Melvoin and Superintendent Carvahlo, with Dr. Magee of Pali High, took swift action and delivered. This represents what is possible when government and community come together with urgency, focus, and love for our children," she added. "Our work is not done. We remain committed to rebuilding and supporting our Palisades school communities, not just to restore what was lost, but to help them come back even stronger than before."

With permanent reconstruction now underway and temporary classrooms bridging the gap, the reopening of Palisades Charter High School represents more than a return to campus.

For Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, and the broader Westside community, the partnerships that brought students back now form the foundation for rebuilding stronger schools, safer infrastructure, and more resilient neighborhoods.

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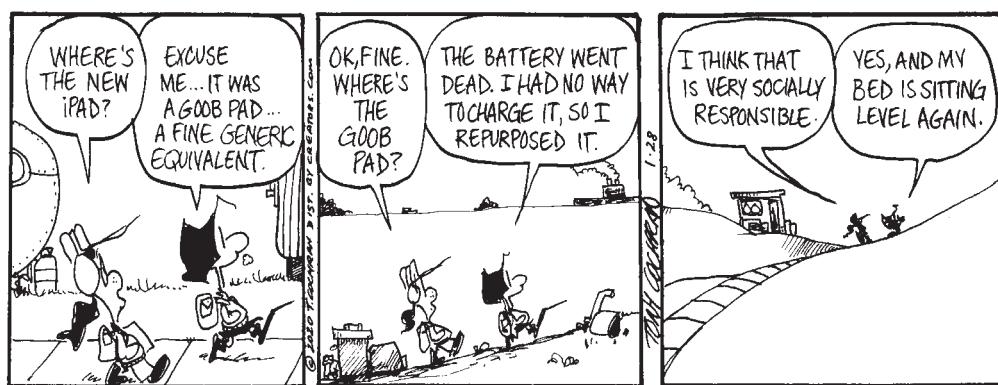
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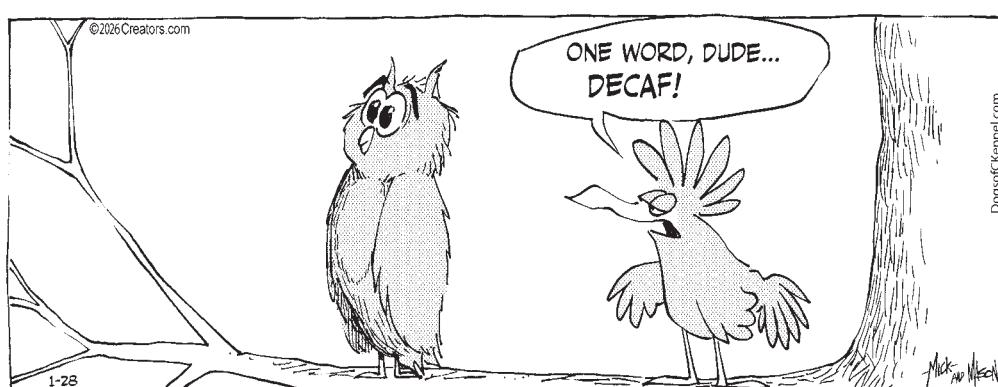
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Questions arise. What's the cost of attention, approval and affection? It's different in different relationships. Sometimes it seems much more expensive than it's worth. Often the currencies are subtle. Does the trade itself negate the presence of real love?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't waste time where red flags are flying. There are so many people of stellar character you haven't met yet. Keep moving. You deserve to be around people who support, uplift and inspire your trust on every front.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a common belief that focusing on personal goals leads to happiness, yet shared effort and contribution often produce deeper, longer-lasting joy. Helping or collaborating with others will uplift you in the moment, and the good feelings linger.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You like someone. Your goal isn't just to understand the piece of them you interact with. You already know their work role or public persona. You're more interested in what motivates them. One thoughtful question can start that deeper connection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're doing well, but it's OK to want to be doing even better. People who have your best interest at heart are fine with this. A transformation is happening now, albeit slowly. Keep focusing on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The vague restlessness of the day has you up and out, looking for somewhere to apply your energy that will keep you engaged, responsible and involved. Meaningful tasks will quiet an uneasy feeling and put you back on course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Power and efficiency go hand-in-hand. Today sees you doing less but doing it well and creating a greater effect than overcomplicating or overextending yourself. Minimalism makes your world simply beautiful and keeps you from getting bogged down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your internal weather produces states that come and go on their own. To argue with a feeling or force a mood only drains energy without changing much. You conserve energy just watching emotions drift like clouds across your sky inside.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't always stop when you feel tired, because you know you have reserves that will kick in after you've spent everything in the tank. When it's important enough, you can push through, and you'll be met on the other side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It clicks in. The plan comes together. You love the feeling of finally understanding a complex situation or making sense of the unknown. Your whole being lights up and you feel swept into the wholeness of life itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The contrast between curiosity and conviction is sharp today. Self-righteousness signals psychological danger. Certainty can harden positions. The most reasonable and accurate arguments are aware of their own ignorance. Stay open.

## SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



## Newsday Crossword

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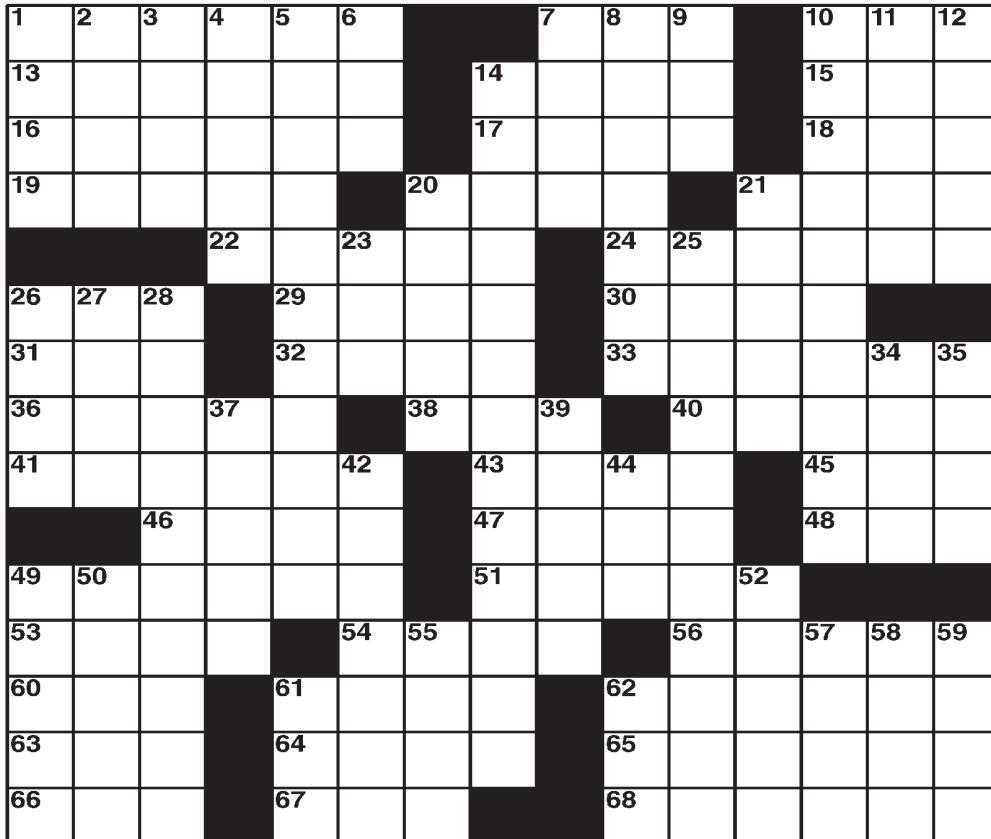
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- 7 Haul to an auto repair shop
- 10 Wad of gum
- 13 Russian scientist known for his dogs
- 14 Formal party
- 15 Numero \_\_ (the boss)
- 16 Army's "relax" command
- 17 Numbers to base bets on
- 18 Luau necklace
- 19 French "thanks"
- 20 "Constrictor" snakes
- 21 College transcript nos.
- 22 Leg joints
- 24 Triangular-shaped house
- 26 Package with model plane parts
- 29 Great joy
- 30 Starring role
- 31 Wedding vow
- 32 Annoy somewhat
- 33 Video game with falling shapes
- 36 Turn loose
- 38 Vote like "aye"
- 40 German camera
- 41 Sesame seed paste
- 43 Antioxidant berry
- 45 Just published
- 46 Make level
- 47 Vanish into \_\_ air
- 48 Barbie's boyfriend
- 49 Walks slowly
- 51 Shrub used as a

## DOWN

- 1 Unwanted email

**5 DOWN** by Steve Faiella  
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- 2 London art gallery
- 3 Declare with confidence
- 4 Chess piece color
- 5 Down, as an investment
- 6 Day before a holiday
- 7 "Look what I did!"
- 8 Seasoned sailor
- 9 Used to be
- 10 Down, as tea
- 11 An hr. past midnight
- 12 Idaho's capital
- 14 Down, as in pillows
- 20 Muscular
- 21 Shred, as cheese
- 23 Inventor Whitney
- 25 Down, as in mood
- 26 Bagpiper's garment
- 27 Brainstorm
- 28 Down, on a map
- 34 Slurpee alternative
- 35 Pre-cut, as lumber
- 37 Donated
- 39 Could use a massage
- 42 Set \_\_ (unchangeable)
- 44 Help out
- 49 Sporty Mazda
- 50 Oceanic predators
- 52 Make very happy
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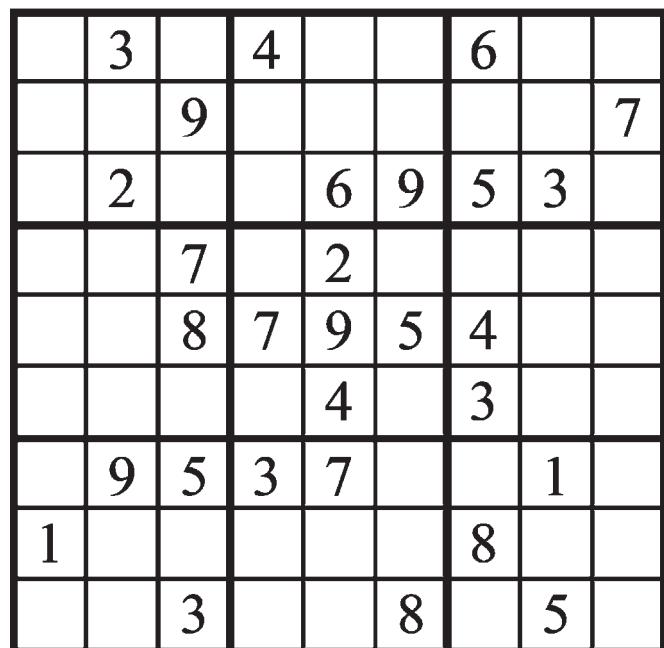
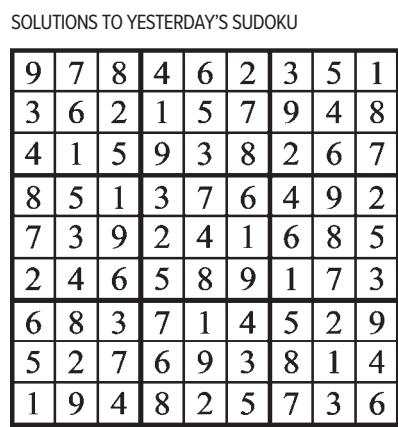


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**HOMELESS**

FROM PAGE 4

and medication more quickly, Murali said.

Nearly a quarter of homeless Californians surveyed by the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative reported needing medical care that they couldn't get in the six months prior to the study. Only 39% said they had a primary care provider. Nearly half of homeless Californians surveyed reported their health as poor or fair — a rate about four times higher than the general U.S. population.

Good, of Five Keys, hopes the technology also will let clinicians build trust and deeper relationships with their clients. An outreach worker using Scope will have time to form a bond with the patient and better respond to their individual needs, as opposed to a doctor who is rushing through the visit to get to the next patient, he said.

His organization hopes to roll out the technology in some of its San Francisco homeless shelters next month.

**PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCESS**

Akido also plans to work with Reimagine Freedom and the Young Women's Freedom Center to use the AI technology at four centers — in San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond and San Jose — that serve women and girls who are or have been incarcerated. The clients they serve often had poor access to health care while in jail or prison, or had their medical concerns ignored, said Reimagine Freedom President Jessica Nowlan. Many have no trust in the medical system.

Currently, the centers offer health education. This new AI technology will allow them to provide actual medical care, Nowlan said.

"Our guess is we will see a huge increase in women being able to access health and care for themselves," she said.

Reimagine Freedom started testing Scope AI at its Los Angeles clinic in November. So far, "it's going really well," Nowlan said.

Akido plans to partner with additional homeless service providers who can help it roll out its AI technology in more places throughout the Bay Area. That partnership is being spearheaded by the Future Communities Institute, which is also developing metrics to judge the effectiveness of Akido's program.

If providers who serve vulnerable patients are left out of the AI race, any benefits in the technology will go to wealthy communities instead — further widening the gap between the haves and have-nots, said Stella Tran, who researches AI companies for a California Health Care Foundation investment fund. That's why social service providers need to be involved in testing this technology and developing the ground rules and safety checks, she said.

But that doesn't mean Tran doesn't have concerns. For example, AI works differently on different communities. An algorithm that produced accurate diagnoses for patients in Los Angeles might not work as well in the Bay Area, she said. And while AI has the potential to be less racially biased than human doctors, it all depends on how the algorithm is constructed.

"I think there is a potential to increase access if we do it right," Tran said, "with the right set of guardrails and being thoughtful about safety, transparency to patients, consent, all of that."

Marisa Kendall, CalMatters Homelessness Reporter

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**FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!**

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. 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 Friends of Venice Library. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-17751141/2026-01-14T12>

**THURSDAY | JANUARY 29****CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200

Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-01-08T11>

**OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET**

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us 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. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2026-01-22T11>

**LA TECH 2026**

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica. Come hang out with tech professionals in LA, make connections, and have a great time at our LA Tech Networking Mixer! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/la-tech-2026/17765030/2026-01-29T18>

**FRIDAY | JANUARY 30****DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!**

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2026-01-09T08>

**THE NDA SHOW**

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Avenue #Unit F4 Santa Monica. The NDA Show is a night of comedy about the nightmares and miracles that can happen while working in film and TV production. Visit: [https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the\\_nda\\_show/17765051/2026-01-30T20](https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the_nda_show/17765051/2026-01-30T20)

**THE FRIDAY SHOW (STAND-UP COMEDY)**

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Catch top comics and national headliners Friday nights at Westside Comedy Theater. Nonstop laughs and fun- You don't want to miss it! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-friday-show-stand-up-comedy-/17765194/2026-01-30T20>



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