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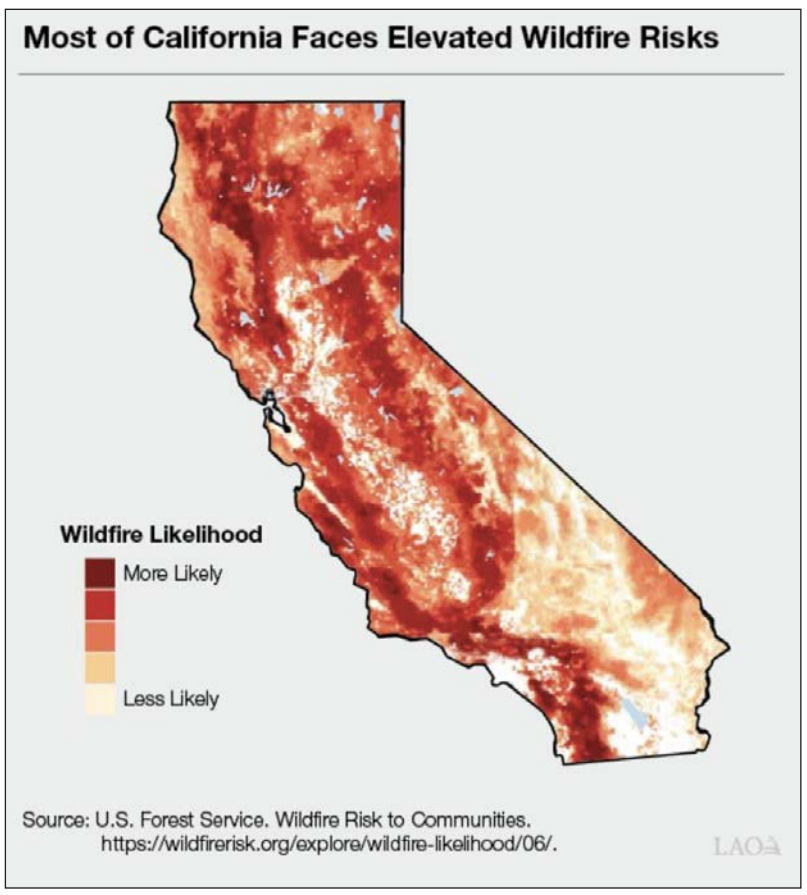
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WILDFIRE: The risk for a future major wildfire event is more prevalent in California than any other state, a new study shows.

Fire, flood risks remain high in CA compared to other states

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

This past month has shown how truly prone California can be to natural disasters, and the state's proclivity for attracting such events eclipses most of its contemporaries.

In a new study by DJC Law, California was noted as having the second-highest likelihood of a key natural disaster over the next several years, only trailing Texas in that regard. The study analyzed the frequency of wildfires, tornadoes and floods over specific time periods to calculate the probability of these events happening again on a major scale.

As evidenced by the recent Franklin, Palisades, Eaton and Sunset fires; California can be set ablaze in a hurry, leaving it no surprise that the state was ranked first in future wildfire probability at 13.89%. From 2010 through 2022, the state had 101,760 fires spring up, more than 10,000 more than Texas and nearly double the amount as third-place North Carolina.

After the January fires, the California Legislative Analyst's Office offered explanations to the state's constant risk, including highly seasonal rainfall, types of vegetation present, local weather patterns and topography. The analysis adds that "California's largest and most destructive wildfires have occurred in recent decades," due to reasons like increased development in fire-prone areas and unhealthy forestlands.

The state is also tied for 6th of the 50 states in the study for future major flood probability, sitting at 3.65%. Recent observers will remember the Winter of 2022 and 2023, with heavy rainfall caused by atmospheric rivers flooding regions up and down the state. Flooding during that rainy season caused at least 22 fatalities, 6,000 evacuations and at least 200,000 power outages.

Millions of Californians were under flood watches early this week, as rain is expected to continue in the Los Angeles area Wednesday. The first wave of rain, according to AccuWeather, began in the northern end of the state last week due to an atmospheric river, with some areas receiving almost a foot of rain.

The AccuWeather report adds that after the weather clears on Wednesday evening, another round of light rain and drizzle will come into Southern California Thursday night and Friday. AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Courtney Travis said that the surge of rain and moisture will help prevent new fires, but it could bring a dangerous

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Santa Monica High School teacher arrested for relationship with student

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department has arrested Ingo Horst Gaida (58), of Los Angeles, for an inappropriate relationship with a 16-year-old female Santa Monica High School student.

SMPD said that after an immediate and thorough investigation of the allegations detectives learned the science teacher and student were engaged in inappropriate activities since the

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SMPD photo

ARREST: Ingo Gaida is accused of having a relationship with a child.

Residents of Topanga Canyon protest against PCH toxic debris removal site

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A modest but motivated crowd gathered by Topanga Beach on Friday afternoon to protest the decision to place a sorting site for toxic and contaminated debris cleared from the Palisades Fire where the Topanga Ranch Motel used to be.

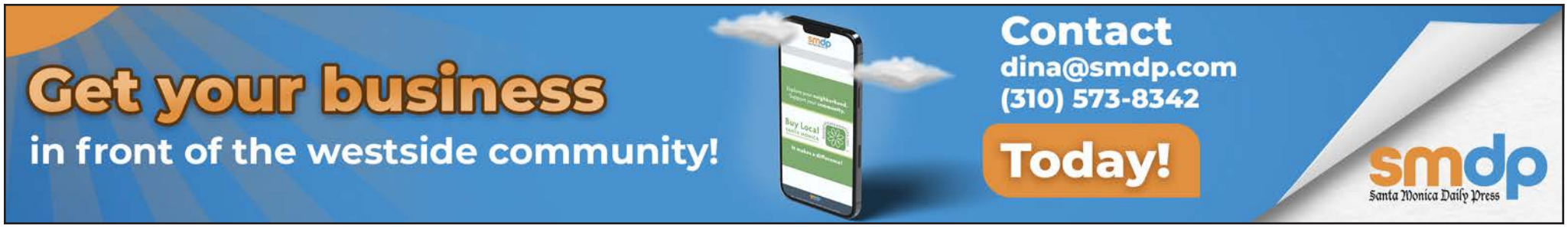
Located next to Topanga Canyon Lane and straddling the Creek, the site is adjacent to where the popular Reel Inn seafood diner was, on the east side of the Pacific

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Scott Snowden

TOXIC: Locals protest the plan to process waste at the Topanga site.



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Should 'aiding' or 'abetting' a homeless camp be illegal? It might soon be a reality in this Bay Area city

As communities up and down California ban homeless encampments, one Bay Area city is trying to go a step further.

The East Bay city of Fremont is set to vote on a new ordinance that would make it illegal to camp on any street or sidewalk, in any park or on any other public property. But, in an apparent California first, it also would make anyone "causing, permitting, aiding, abetting or concealing" an illegal encampment guilty of a misdemeanor – and possibly subject to a $1,000 fine and six months in jail.

That unusual prohibition — the latest in a series of crackdowns by communities following a Supreme Court decision last summer — has alarmed activists who worry it could be used against aid workers who provide services to people living in encampments. While Fremont Mayor Raj Salwan told CalMatters that police won't target outreach workers handing out food and clothing, the ordinance doesn't specify what qualifies as "aiding, abetting or concealing."

Experts say the city could enforce the same ordinance against ordinary citizens in contact with what the ordinance defines as an illegal homeless encampment.

The broad language has left Vivian Wan, CEO of Abode Services, "very fearful," she said. As the city's primary nonprofit homeless services provider, Abode regularly sends outreach workers into encampments to help people sign up for housing and shelter, pass out information about food pantries and other services, hand out coats during cold spells, and more.

"The job's hard enough," Wan said. "I can't imagine doing the hard work that's both physically and emotionally draining and then also have to be worried about your own legal liability. It's incredibly frustrating."

Fremont's proposed ordinance, which passed an initial city council vote 4-2 and is set for a final vote on Feb. 11, is part of a recent statewide trend toward more punitive anti-homelessness measures. Last June, the U.S. Supreme Court in Grants Pass v. Johnson ruled cities can ban camping on all public property, even if they have no shelter beds available. Since then, more than two dozen California cities and counties have passed new measures banning camps or limiting where people can camp, brought back previously unenforced ordinances, or updated existing camping ordinances to make them more punitive.

In December, during the first meeting of Fremont's newly elected City Council, more than a dozen people spoke out against the proposed camping ban during a lengthy public comment period, saying it would be immoral to criminalize people for having no home. Just three people spoke in favor of the ordinance, urging council members to take residents' safety into consideration and respect the rights of taxpayers who expect to be able to use the public spaces they pay for.

Councilmember Raymond Liu expressed a similar opinion before voting in favor of the ordinance.

"I've had a lot of people come up to me and tell me that they don't feel safe using our parks or our libraries because of the amount of encampments nearby," he said.

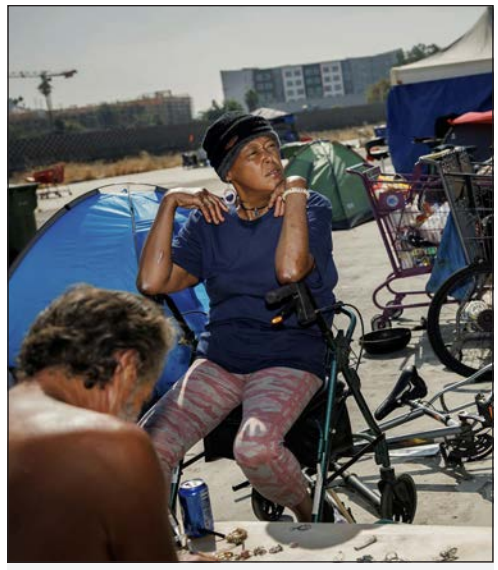


Photo by Dai Sugano, Bay Area News Group

CAMPS: Unhoused resident Amy Huston, 44, at an encampment near the corner of Osgood Road and Washington Boulevard in Fremont, on Sept. 20, 2024.

In some parts of California, enforcement is going beyond the people who live within an encampment. In September, local journalist Yesica Prado was arrested in Oakland while documenting the city's removal of a homeless encampment. The year before, Oakland made it a misdemeanor for someone to fail to leave a designated "safe work zone," which can include the area around an encampment cleanup.

Civil rights watchdogs – and even the feds – have pushed back when they've felt cities have gone too far.

Los Angeles' ordinance banning the storage of private property in a public area, which is often used to cite unhoused people, also makes it a misdemeanor to "willfully resist, delay or obstruct" a city employee from taking down a tent or removing other property. Last fall, the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California sent a letter to the Los Angeles Police Department accusing their officers of wrongfully threatening L.A. Taco reporter Lexis-Olivier Ray with arrest under that ordinance as he documented encampment removals.

The religious organization Micah's Way sued in 2023 after the city of Santa Ana banned it from serving food to unhoused people. The federal Justice Department weighed in on behalf of Micah's Way, saying distributing food could be a protected religious exercise under federal civil rights laws. The case then settled, and the city agreed to allow Micah's Way to continue serving food.

Would the aiding-and-abetting clause in Fremont's ordinance stand up in court?

"It's really going to depend on how it's applied," said David Loy, legal director of the First Amendment Coalition. The First

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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The most meaningful reform LA County can make post-fires is to its sprawling government

In the wake of the disastrous fires that engulfed Los Angeles last month, the most immediate reaction of policymakers has been to focus on measures to help the victims and to streamline what will inevitably be a long rebuilding process. Most of these proposals address acute and immediate regulatory and policy failures, such as misguided environmental regulations, mismanaged insurance markets and molasses-slow permitting processes for new construction.

While many of these initiatives are worthy, a much deeper problem besets Southern California, one that the haphazard response to the fires brought into high relief: the splintering of political authority for dealing with the challenges facing the region — a long-standing condition that prompted historian Robert M. Fogelson to describe Los Angeles as “The Fragmented Metropolis.”

Los Angeles County currently has 88 sub-county governments, as well as more than 140 unincorporated areas. This system of overlapping and underlapping jurisdictional responsibilities creates massive inefficiencies in trying to coordinate around pan-regional challenges — particularly climate change-exacerbated risks like fire, heat waves and drought, as well as for issues like infrastructure planning.

In the worst cases, particularly visible with the twin housing and homelessness crises, it leads to competition in which municipalities push problems away from themselves and at each other across their arbitrarily drawn borders.

In order to deal with pressing regional challenges at a deeper level, Southern California needs to fundamentally reconfigure the responsibilities and simplify the lines of authority of its regional government. In brief, it should centralize power within an expanded Board of Supervisors, headed by a directly elected and empowered executive (something voters just approved). Specifically, this new entity should have the capacity to override smaller jurisdictions and NIMBYs who are blocking effective regional planning.

To determine the appropriate boundaries and sphere of authority for the newly integrated and empowered officer, the guiding principle should be that power and authority must align with effective responsibility. If an agency or executive is held politically responsible for addressing a particular problem, such as fire risk or homelessness, it should be given the administrative power and authority to actually do what needs to be done to effectively address the policy issue.

In practice, the most politically accountable and responsive system would be one in which a single governmental entity, answering to the voters, held authority over the region as a whole. A newly centralized system of political authority like this would enable a much more rational approach to policy-making, regional planning and distributing resources. Because problems such as fire risk, water, air quality, homelessness, housing availability and transit are all regional in scale, the authority to manage these issues should be vested at the regional level, with an executive empowered to make big decisions if and when the elected supervisors are unable to do so.



Photo by Rob Schumacher, USA TODAY Network via Reuters

GOVERNMENT: Los Angeles County Sheriff Andrew Cruz during a community meeting for the Palisades Fire at Calvary Westlake Church in Westlake Village on Jan. 11, 2025.

Radically remaking the scale, location and capacity of political authority in the nation’s second largest and most famously centrifugal metropolis may sound like pie-in-the-sky, but the two most recent mayors of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa and Eric Garcetti, both made exactly this case in the wake of last week’s fires, telling the New York Times they would support creating a dominant government representing the region as a whole, to replace the current crazy-quilt of municipal governments.

“For the rebuild,” Garcetti said, “it’ll be absolutely critical for us to act like we’re one city and not a collection of 88 villages.”

There will surely be howls of protest from those who enjoy living in or governing autonomous enclaves — and who blithely dismiss regional-scale problems as something for someone else to deal with. These concerns simply must be overridden in the name of the collective good.

Here is where Sacramento can offer decisive help. Rather than throwing money at a problem without a long-term strategy, Gov. Gavin Newsom can cement his legacy as a transformational governor by solving the “plumbing issue” in Southern California’s governance structure.

Nils Gilman is the chief operating officer and executive vice president of the Berggruen Institute. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



Weather

Thursday: Rain likely, mainly after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. Light south wind becoming south southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Rain. Low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
Friday: Rain, mainly before 4pm. High near 59. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
Friday Night: A slight chance of rain before 10pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

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Dear Californians,

The devastation caused by the recent wildfires in Southern California is beyond words. Our hearts are heavy for those whose lives have been upended, so many of whom are now facing unimaginable losses. Despite this tragedy, we continue to be inspired by the extraordinary courage shown by our first responders. To those who risk everything to protect life and preserve property, we are deeply grateful.

The next several months will bring untold challenges for so many. As professionals whose core values are tethered to the building of communities and to the meaning that "home" occupies in our lives, we not only stand committed to helping rebuild what has been lost but also aim to protect you however we can. We take this commitment seriously. The immediate housing needs for those who have lost their homes create new vulnerabilities that some may seek to exploit. We want you to know your rights, to stay vigilant against predatory practices, and to report any misconduct you become aware of. Here are a few areas we want to draw your attention to:

1. **Price gouging:** During a declared emergency, California law prohibits rent increases of more than 10% from pre-disaster pricing. If a property wasn't rented before, the maximum rental price is set by law based on U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines, with limited exceptions. Landlords are not permitted to accept rents higher than these limits, even if tenants are willing to pay the higher cost. These housing protections are currently in effect and will remain active until at least March 8. Anti-price gouging laws play a critical role in safeguarding victims of disasters. Both consumers and professionals must understand and adhere to these laws to prevent anyone from becoming a victim or a violator. For more information on anti-price gouging laws, I encourage you to visit the California Attorney General's (OAG) website at oag.ca.gov.

2. **Unsolicited, undervalued offers:** An Executive Order issued by the governor is intended to protect homeowners impacted by the fires from being taken advantage of by opportunistic land speculators. This Order prohibits unsolicited, undervalued offers to purchase property in wildfire impacted areas. This means you should not receive uninvited texts, calls, or emails with under market value offers for your home. If you encounter such behavior, report it immediately to the California Dept. of Real Estate (DRE) at LAFires@dre.ca.gov.

3. **Fraudulent activities:** Scammers often exploit disasters, targeting victims with fake rental listings, bogus crowdfunding campaigns, or impersonations of government officials and contractors. Protect yourself by requesting identification from individuals claiming to represent agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), verifying contractor credentials through the Contractors State License Board at cslb.ca.gov, and avoiding upfront rental payments without documentation.

Targeting wildfire survivors through these or other predatory real estate practices is illegal. If you suspect any wrongdoing, you should file a complaint with the OAG online or by calling 1-800-952-5225. Additionally, the DRE has warned that real estate professionals found engaging in such practices will face professional disciplinary action on top of potential criminal charges. Let me be clear: REALTORS® are guided by a strict code of ethics, and C.A.R. stands firm in its commitment to ensuring that our members uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and compassion during this critical time — and always.

In addition to protecting yourselves, we know you must look ahead in terms of rebuilding your homes and lives. Here are just a few resources and benefits available to assist in your recovery, among the many already out there.

If you're in need of financial assistance, you can apply for up to $1,000 through the REALTORS® Relief Foundation. This fund provides housing-related financial support to individuals recovering from natural disasters. Impacted individuals can apply through April 30 by visiting on.car.org/relief.

For homeowners who have lost their homes, existing law offers property tax relief by allowing you to transfer the taxable value of your damaged or destroyed primary residence, once it is sold, to a replacement property anywhere in California. Passed by voters in 2020, Proposition 19 ensures continuity and stability for wildfire survivors as they rebuild their lives. Wildfire survivors have two years to purchase or construct a replacement property. If you need more information, I encourage you to contact your local County Assessor's office or the California Board of Equalization.

Finally, the Dept. of Insurance has issued a non-renewal moratorium on all existing homeowners' policies in fire-impacted areas, which prevents cancellation of your insurance policy due to wildfire risks for at least one year from the governor's declaration of a state of emergency on January 7, 2025. This crucial measure provides homeowners with the time and support needed to focus on recovery without fear of losing coverage.

We applaud and support these efforts while continuing to advocate for broader, long-term solutions to ensure affordable and accessible insurance coverage for all Californians. While these various resources and initiatives won't erase your loss, they serve as steps toward providing some relief and support as you and those in your community rebuild.

This recovery has to be a collective effort, and we all have a role to play. Whether it's through volunteering, donating, or simply doing what we Californians do best — being there for our neighbors and communities — we will get through this terrible disaster together. Our resilience is one of the defining features of our great state.

Stay safe,

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AROUND TOWN

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Super Bowl and Fire Relief Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Super Bowl Parties, Wally's Burgundy and Burger for Fire Relief, and much more!

Barnyard Madness with the Three Little Pigs Returns to Santa Monica Playhouse: It is an all-singing, all-dancing, delightful re-imagining of The Three Little Pigs. Playing weekend afternoons Feb. 8, - April 13, 1211 4th St. https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/

Opening Night of Alice Coltrane: Monument Eternal explores the extraordinary life and legacy of jazz legend Alice Coltrane through the work of 19 contemporary American artists and rare archival materials, exploring themes of spiritual transcendence, sonic innovation, and healing. The exhibition captures Coltrane's transformative journey as a musician, composer, and spiritual leader, offering visitors an immersive exploration of her profound impact on music and culture. Saturday, Feb 8, Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood https://hammer.ucla.edu/exhibitions/2025/alice-coltrane-monument-eternal

Super Bowl Party at Cabo Cantina: They are offering $4.99 Beer of the month, 36oz Patron Mega Margaritas, or 2-for-1 Happy Hour from 4-8pm! Arrive early for seating.

Super Bowl Party at Jameson's Pub: Indulge in $5.99 Peanut Butter Jameson shots, $4.99 draft beer specials, and triple-sized cocktails starting at $19. Arrive early for seating!

Library Lovers' Month Trivia Night: Test your literary knowledge, compete for prizes, and show your love for libraries. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m., Solidarity Restaurant, 1414 Lincoln Blvd.

Broadstage Celebrity Opera Series: Lise Davidsen won the Operalia competition in London in 2015 and the Norwegian-born soprano has toured with many of the world's leading orchestras and conductors, and has performed in some of the world's largest opera houses. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., 1310 11th St. https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/lise-davidsen/

Wicks & Wine at AJA Vineyards: A Galentines Affair. Grab your gal pals--let's make some candles, sip wine and chat the night away! Get the opportunity to learn from the amazing team at Glassed Over and make your own wine base candles and enjoy a couple glasses of wine too! Wine club members please email for special pricing. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m., 1417 2nd St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wicks-wine-at-aja-vineyards-tickets-1218666055979

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Wally's Burgundy and Burger for Fire Relief: Enjoy 4 wines paired with mini Wagyu burgers, Wally's artisanal cheese and charcuterie with proceeds donated to the California Fire Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. $55/person. Thursday, Feb 6, 214 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1020850&restref=1020850&experienceId=420484

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, Feb. 7, starting at 5 p.m. https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/

Fitoor on Ocean Ave. Launching Happy Hour: The excellent new upscale Indian restaurant has small plates ranging from $3 - $12 and drinks starting at $7. 1755 Ocean Ave. https://eatdrinkfitoor.com/

Zinqué Loves LA Wildfire Relief Fundraiser: In collaboration with CORE, zinqué will be hosting a fundraiser & auction to support LA wildfire relief at their Venice flagship location with live music, an auction, and more. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 –7 p.m., 1440 S. Lincoln Blvd., Venice https://www.lezinque.com/community

Augie's on Main Super Bowl Takeaway Packages: Pick between Glazed BBQ Ribs or Dirty Chicken Accompanied by Mac N Cheese, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Sauces and Brown Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies. $60 serves 2. https://www.exploretock.com/augiesonmain/experience/391598/super-bowl-sunday-ribs-serves-2

Valentine's Day Dinner Tips from Michelin-star Citrin Restaurant: This NBC4 video report highlights the Michelin-star restaurant and shows how they make Crudo. https://www.nbclosangeles.com/california-live/valentines-day-dinner-tips-from-michelin-star-citrin-restaurant-in-santa-monica/3620741/

Levain Bakery Blessing Venice With Cookies Soon: This toddrickallen post details the signage up at their planned store at 1661 Abbot Kinney (in the old Lemonade space): https://toddrickallen.com/2025/01/23/levain-bakery-blessing-venice-with-cookies-soon/

The Infatuation Declares Pasjoli "is hands down the city's best French restaurant." The glowing review states "Sure, Pasjoli is pricey and only offers prix fixe menus," but that it "backs up the traditional French schtick with technique and care. A night here offers some of the best indulgence money can buy on the Westside." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/pasjoli

Earth, Wind and Flour is Closing: Word on the street is that the owner passed away. Last day of service is expected in late February.

Looking Ahead: LA Art Show (2/19-23); Binge Fringe Festival (2/25 - 3/30); Din Tai Fung SaMo Grand Opening (2/28)

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The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing services for the study of its alleys as part of the BMP Alley Master Plan.

The purpose of the Request for Proposal is to solicit proposals from qualified consulting firms to conduct a comprehensive study of the City's alleys as part of the BMP Alley Master Plan.

RFP questions to be submitted to via **OpenGov,** no later than **3:00pm on February 13th, 2024.**

Proposers shall upload RFP via **OpenGov,** no later than 3:00pm on **February 28th, 2024.**

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Joy at Disney Hall!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

SAMARA JOY – Careful, Charles, don't oversell it. But I really am crazy about this gifted young jazz vocalist out of the Bronx who seems to have a DNA understanding of the great ones who preceded her. (Her entire large family is drenched in music.) She released her first album at 21 and was named best new artist by Jazz Times. Her second album a year later hit the top of the Billboard jazz charts. At barely 25, she already has five Grammys, and seems destined to join other Verve Records legends like Ella, Billie and Sarah with one name recognition. But will that be "Samara"... or JOY? Fri 8 p.m.,Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $120-893.

PETER ERSKINE TRIO, BOB MINTZER — My mom, Irene, was kind of famous for a few things that came out of her kitchen. She won blue ribbons at the state fair, mostly for baking. But nothing topped the moist Devil's Food cake she made for every one of my birthdays. Except – the rich, creamy dark chocolate frosting that did top it. Peter Erskine's sumptuous trio is the jazz equivalent. I've said and written it so many times before and will forevermore, experiencing Erskine's exquisite longtime trio of Darek Oles on bass and Alan Pasqua on piano, is something you won't forget. And for these shows, you have Yellowjackets saxophonist Bob Mintzer as frosting. Sat 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., Sam First, LAX, $30 each show.

LIBRARY GIRL, "From Venice to Venice, Poets of California + Italy" – Every monthly LG (16th year now) is worthwhile, but this one has promise of greatness. I have seen many of these writers before, and this is indeed an impressive lineup. If the names Will Alexander, Iris Berry, S.A. Griffin, Richard Modiano, Harry Northup, David Romero and Matt Sedillo don't mean much to you now, they certainly will by the end of the performance. Founder Susan Hayden has always donated all of the door to the Ruskin, and that's especially important now as they try to raise very large amounts to make their move down the street to spiffy new digs, with TWO stages. If you want to throw in a couple hundred grand extra, that would be OK too. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20 (includes free dessert, free parking).

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

RECOMMENDED:

TOM MORELLO – Morello the Rage Against shredder seems to like us lately, showing up in unexpected venues (like the Venice Free Clinic benefit last year). Lucky us. He is of course more accomplished than just his Rage Against the Machine band personna, but only a very few in a generation have such a metaphysical connection to their instrument. Morello came out of heavy metal, embraced punk, but added melody and chords when he formed Audioslave, due to the influence of vocalist Chris Cornell. The Harvard-educated artist, songwriter, and activist says he is living proof of the transformative power of rock'n'roll. After two multi-million selling bands, his signature guitar joined forces with Springsteen's E-Street Band for six years. I wish I had seen one of those shows. Does it even matter that Rolling Stone named him the "18th greatest guitar player"? No, but most of the others aren't still gigging. Carpe diem. Fri 8:30 p.m., Fonda Theatre, LA, $149-578.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – His decades-long Sunday night residency at Santa Monica's Harvelle's, the oldest blues bar in LA (almost a century!), is a treasure that you shouldn't assume will always be there. Toledo choreographs (literally) a truly unique show, a blend of '50s hipster jazz and his dancing dames and a most modern smokin' hot band that gets better all the time. Every Sunday 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12

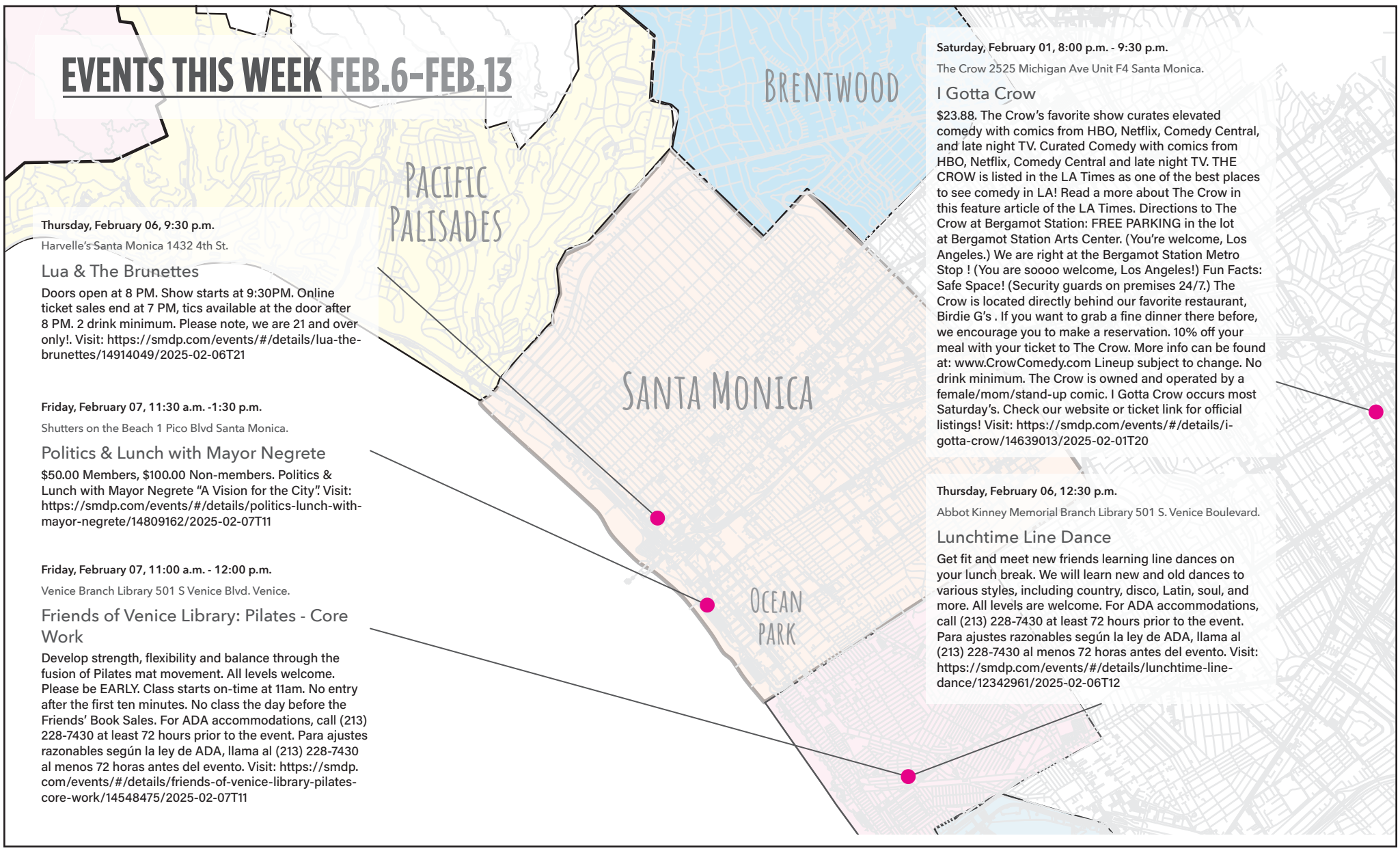
Next Thurs - PAAVO JÄRVI, LA PHIL, RAVEL, BRAHMS/SCHOENBERG – I've caught Järvi a couple of times and I like his style, and I like this program. The Wall Street Journal says South Korean pianist Seong-Jin Cho is poised to join the ranks of the great ones, and he delivers Ravel's piano concerto with technique and emotion. Then Jaavo leads the LA Phil in Schoenberg's adaptation of a Brahms string quartet into orchestral mode, and that should be spellbinding and especially poignant now that so many of the former Brentwood resident Schoenberg's papers were destroyed in the fire. Next Thurs 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $68-219.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): PAAVO JÄRVI, LA PHIL, RAVEL, BRAHMS/SCHOENBERG, Disney Hall, 2/13, 14, 15, 16; "Poetry for People Who Hate Poetry," ROGER STEFFENS, Church in Ocean Park, 2/15; KURT ELLING, PETER ERSKINE, The Soraya, 2/15; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 2/16; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 2/17; MAHLER Grooves Listening Party, Paramour Estate (sold out) 2/19; CHUCHO VALDES, ARTURO SANDOVAL, The Soraya, 2/20.

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): DUDAMEL Conducts MAHLER's Journey, LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 2/20, 21, 22, 23;

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EVENTS THIS WEEK FEB.6-FEB.13



Thursday, February 06, 9:30 p.m.

Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St.

Lua & The Brunettes

Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only!. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/lua-the-brunettes/14914049/2025-02-06T21

Friday, February 07, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Shutters on the Beach 1 Pico Blvd Santa Monica.

Politics & Lunch with Mayor Negrete

$50.00 Members, $100.00 Non-members. Politics & Lunch with Mayor Negrete "A Vision for the City". Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/politics-lunch-with-mayor-negrete/14809162/2025-02-07T11

Friday, February 07, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice.

Friends of Venice Library: Pilates - Core Work

Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mat movement. All levels welcome. Please be EARLY. Class starts on-time at 11am. No entry after the first ten minutes. No class the day before the Friends' Book Sales. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-pilates-core-work/14548475/2025-02-07T11

Saturday, February 01, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4 Santa Monica.

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$23.88. The Crow's favorite show curates elevated comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central, and late night TV. Curated Comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. THE CROW is listed in the LA Times as one of the best places to see comedy in LA! Read a more about The Crow in this feature article of the LA Times. Directions to The Crow at Bergamot Station: FREE PARKING in the lot at Bergamot Station Arts Center. (You're welcome, Los Angeles.) We are right at the Bergamot Station Metro Stop ! (You are soooo welcome, Los Angeles!) Fun Facts: Safe Space! (Security guards on premises 24/7.) The Crow is located directly behind our favorite restaurant, Birdie G's . If you want to grab a fine dinner there before, we encourage you to make a reservation. 10% off your meal with your ticket to The Crow. More info can be found at: www.CrowComedy.com Lineup subject to change. No drink minimum. The Crow is owned and operated by a female/mom/stand-up comic. I Gotta Crow occurs most Saturday's. Check our website or ticket link for official listings! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/i-gotta-crow/14639013/2025-02-01T20

Thursday, February 06, 12:30 p.m.

Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard.

Lunchtime Line Dance

Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/lunchtime-line-dance/12342961/2025-02-06T12

TOPANGA

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Coast Highway. Approximately 30 protesters gathered, with almost as many members of the media, to make their feeling known to officials from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA announced the staging area will operate 24/7 for up to three months as crews process dangerous materials collected from fire-damaged properties. The site, part of Topanga State Park and previously slated for a lagoon restoration project, will serve as a controlled facility where hazardous materials can be "safely processed, sorted, and packaged" before disposal, according to California State Parks officials.

One of the primary concerns is that any risk of leak equates to toxic materials leaking into the creek and flowing freely into the ocean. Topanga Creek drains Topanga Canyon and is the third largest watershed entering the Santa Monica Bay. However, since all vegetation in the surrounding hills and mountains has burned, there is little left to hold the soil together. Consequently, the danger of catastrophic mudslides is real to residents in the nearby neighborhoods and so is the potential spread of these toxic contaminants.

Many items typically found in homes contain chemicals and materials that will produce toxic fumes and residuals when burnt. Televisions, laptops, solar panels and in fact just about anything electronic, batteries, cars and electric vehicles all contain components that are made from materials that present a contamination danger after being utterly incinerated. And then there's the asbestos, which still exists in many houses built between 1930 and 1950.

A call to action email was sent to residents and posted on social media towards the end of last week encouraging anyone with a vested interest to come along and make their thoughts and feelings known. And while the number wasn't massive, the presence of just about every media outlet offered some reassurance that the message would at least be heard.

Interestingly, the EPA originally wanted to set this facility up at Will Rogers Beach, but that was denied for reasons that not even the EPA are totally sure about. However, that doesn't offer much consultation to the residents of Topanga Canyon.

"That land is closer to the Palisades, less risk of a problem, away from the creek, away from the wind, away from the ocean, closer to the material. Why can't it be done right in the Palisades?" asked local resident Chad White.

Much of the objection was the fact that this site, outside of the City of Los Angeles, was having to take the debris from Palisades Village, which is inside the city boundary.

"This is a protected area. We kicked people out of here 20 years ago because it was too much for them to live on the watershed. Now you're telling me that we can bring all this crap here. I doubt they said that for Will Rogers, it's not the same story. So we all have to take our share. I'll take the share of what happened here and what happened up there, one hundred percent, but I'm not taking the Palisades, no," said local resident Carolyn Day.

"This is LA County. We'll take the county. Okay? I understand the struggle, we all shared resources … but it is their stuff, and they do have a huge amount of area available. I bet you guys would love to use that space [Will Rogers]. It's huge. It's eight times the size of this … This is a flood zone. What's your plan if this area floods?" asked White.

Additional concerns included the additional congestion that the constant movement of heavy vehicles would create on the PCH, when it finally opens.

Attempting to respond to everyone's objections was Rusty Harris-Bishop, California Site Cleanup Section Manager for the EPA. Talking exclusively to the Daily Press, Harris-Bishop said, "These people have a passion for their community, and they feel that they weren't involved in the decision making process."

"What we've done already is we've cleared the burned areas that were destroyed in the fires. We brought in gravel to level it. We're going to be putting in pads, where we put a multi layer of material so that we can have a stable place to work that's lined with wattles, so that we can prevent anything from washing on or washing off the property of that pad," Harris-Bishop explained.

"We're going to then bring those materials from the burned area on those trucks, they're going to come in here and be unloaded by our staff that work here, and then those are going to be the materials that we've collected are then going to be put into larger containers that are appropriate for shipping to disposal facilities."

He stressed that every precaution was being taken to ensure that the operation goes smoothly and that the materials are being transported in sealed containers on trucks.

When asked why this particular site was chosen, Harris-Bishop said, "I don't know all the details. Basically, we work with the state, FEMA LA County and the surrounding cities to respond to the fires and how we're going to do this recovery and rebuilding.

"We wanted Will Rogers. We were denied initially … I don't know the interior discussions about that, but we're still working on them. For the Eaton fire, we're looking at the Rose Bowl, Santa Anita Raceway. When we got here and started this work, they were still full. They were being used by emergency vehicles from Cal Fire and from the utility companies, because there's a lot of work going on.

"There are a lot of large vehicles and equipment being staged all over the county to respond to this. And so we need our space as well, but there are other people who were here first fighting the fire. So as those open up, we're hoping that we can move into some of them."

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THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 6

HOUSING COMMISSION

6:15 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica..

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 7

THE NORTH OF MONTANA AVENUE ASSOCIATION (NOMA)

meeting this Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7pm will be turned over to wide-ranging and intensive discussion of the recent fires that impacted our community and the need for emergency preparedness. Members of City Staff and our police and fire departments will be present, including SMPD CHIEF RAMON BATISTA and NOMA Resource Officer DAVID WANG, CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER and DIRECTOR of EMERGENCY OPERATIONS LINDSAY CALL and SMFD FIRE PREVENTION COORDINATOR CATHY TAYLOR. All in the neighborhood and city are invited to the Zoom meeting, accessible at smnoma.gov

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Annex, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Haven Neighborhood Services, in partnership with Virginia Avenue Park and Santa Monica Public Library, presents Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program assistance. The VITA Grant program is an IRS initiative that supports free tax preparation services for the underserved. Please bring the following documents: Physical photo ID, original SSN/ITIN card, 2024 W-2 or 1099 forms, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit. To schedule an appointment, call 310-458-8688 or email vap@santamonica.gov.

POLITICS & LUNCH

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Shutters on the Beach, 1 Pico Blvd. A politics and lunch event featuring Mayor Lana Negrete and "'A Vision for the City.'" Presented by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. $50 for Chamber members, $100 for non-members, for more information contact Judy.kruger@smchamber.com.

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 8

RUMMAGE SALE

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Santa Monica Elks Lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd. Multi-family sale, don't miss out on great items. Selling a selection of used, but not abused, items including home decor, books, clothing, household appliances, dishes, electronics, pet supplies and more. Indoor sale with plenty of free parking and hot coffee. For more information, contact Gloria Steck at 310-452-3557 or Gloriakiddsteck@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S HEART SYMPOSIUM

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Hotel Casa Del Mar, 1910 Ocean Way. Join to learn more about women's heart disease, risk prevention, healthy lifestyle habits, medical advances and more. The day will include speakers, presentations, gifts, delicious food and fun. Tickets $75, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/12th-annual-womens-heart-symposium-in-person-tickets-1115586050909.

GROWING HERBS SUCCESSFULLY

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

MINI VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Join Virginia Avenue Park for an unforgettable Valentine's celebration. Families are invited to unleash their creativity at the Valentine's Day craft booth, snap fun and festive photos at the Photo Booth, and browse unique, hand-crafted treasures at the SMC Valentine's Glass sale.

PROJECT SAVE OUR SURF BEACH CLEAN UP

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Santa Monica Beach Tower 26, 2559 Ocean Front Walk. Join Project Save Our Surf for a fun afternoon of music and refreshments cleaning the beach. Buckets and gloves will also be provided for the cleanup. Connect with others in Los Angeles working to support our environment. To RSVP, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/project-save-our-surf-beach-clean-up-tickets-1146542662969.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

On-Call Surveying Services
Project No. SP2539

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing surveying services for future Public Works projects of the City of Santa Monica.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant(s) to provide on-call surveying services for Public Works projects.

RFP questions to be submitted to via **OpenGov,** no later than **3:00 p.m. on February 17, 2025.**

Proposers shall upload RFP via **OpenGov,** no later than **3:00 p.m. on March 3, 2025.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

Come enjoy our Italian lunch hours

Monday-Friday
12pm - 2:30pm



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Menu

SANDWICH (choose one side)

Panino con polpette
Wagyu meatballs, San Marzano tomato puree, mozzarella, ciabatta bread **14**

Focaccia con burrata e salumi
Prosciutto, salame, burrata, basil pesto, mixed greens, tomatoes, homemade focaccia **15**

Focaccia con peperonata
Peppers, olives, mozzarella, homemade focaccia **14**

SIDE

Rosemary truffle potatoes
Soup
Salad

PASTA

Pappardelle Bolognese
Wagyu beef ragout, homemade pappardelle **18**

Fettuccine Alfredo
The classic **15**
with chicken **19**

Penne Arrabbiata
San Marzano tomato puree, Thai chilis **14**
with chicken **18**

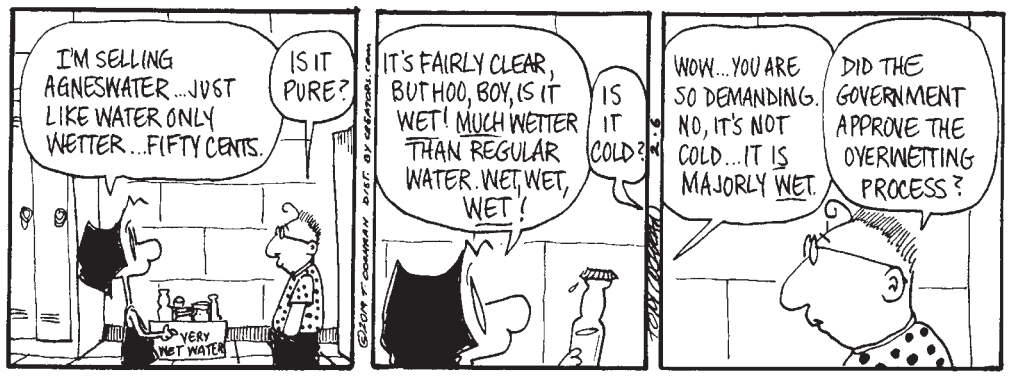
COMBO

Soup, salad, homemade focaccia **14**

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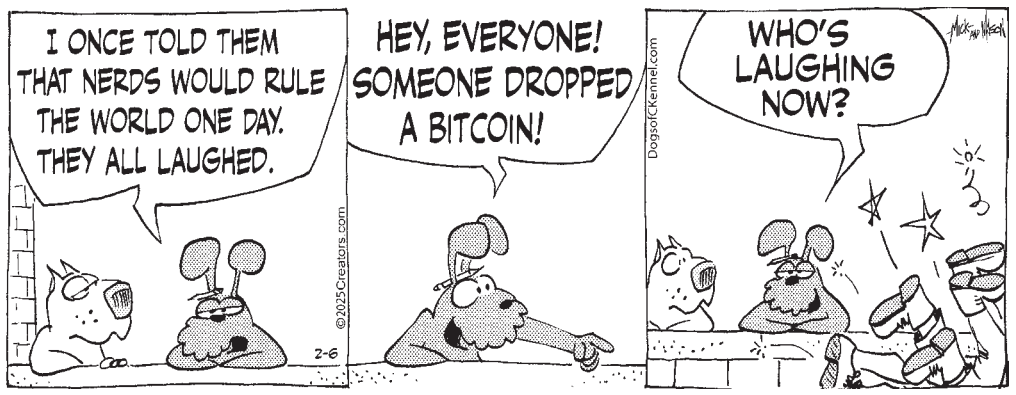
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By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"I'M SICK OF THAT DANK BLIMP."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Angle grinder	Dust	Nails	Shovel
	Engineer	Nuts and bolts	Smells
Axes	Esky		Snake
Bench	Grease gun	Oily	Sofa
Block	Grout	Pliers	Spanner
Bucket	Hoist	Pots	Table
Busy	Hooks	Power	Tent
Charger	Hose	Rags	Trash
Cobwebs	Junk	Ratchet	Vice
Dirt	Knife	Rope	Wire
Dish	Lamp	Saws	Wood

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6)

A year when you become simultaneously lighter and stronger. Levity is power. It allows you to rise in your professional life and fly in your personal life. More highlights: You'll have fascinating company, a sounding board for your questions and an insightful witness to your transformation. An improvement or renovation will end up paying for itself. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 28, 1 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't lose! If it seems like there's a loss, it's only because you're seeing a small part of a much larger and more intricate puzzle. The unwelcome turn of events could wind up being the thing you're most grateful for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be a creature. Let your body do what it loves: stretch, wander, eat something perfect or nap. As for the tenderness, sweetness and creaturely joy you want? You'll embody it and then expand it outward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). How do you celebrate, support and enjoy your loved ones? What lengths will you go to delight them? The answers will apply to your relationship with yourself and point to the level of care you deserve.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The balance you are trying to strike today is not a destination but a practice - a rhythm of tuning and retuning. Lean into the rhythm of adjusting. A shaky moment is simply another chance to find harmony again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may doubt your process, your plan and even yourself today, but don't let that stop you. Doubt falls into open minds, points to intelligence - to wisdom. Total certainty is for fools, dullards and fanatics. Doubt, but keep moving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is a time to resist a natural attraction and a time to yield to it. Put space between you and the object of your desire to gauge just how strong the magnet really is. The distance will reveal whether it's true pull or merely a fleeting spark.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You carry the potential of the seed - small, mighty, waiting to bloom - and the presence of the tree, rooted deeply yet always striving toward the sky. In you, stillness and motion coexist, creating space for growth in every moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loving yourself involves providing what you need, which may simply be a lot of rest. Doing nothing might be the most selfless thing you can do. By energizing yourself, you'll energize the collective with a radiance that uplifts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Doing the right thing, again and again, has made you courageous and strong. It relates directly to today's challenge. You might have been concerned about something like this in the past, but now it's a piece of cake.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Unstructured time isn't a luxury; it's essential to your wellness. Oddly, you have to plan to be unstructured, and it will be one of the best things you can do for your overall productivity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What can you perceive about your situation that goes beyond the physical senses? Trust in your inner knowing. Benevolent forces are ready to offer you the support you need, in a way that will make you feel cared for and nurtured.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's wise to stay optimistic even while acknowledging the imperfections of a situation. You'll lead with a willingness to do your best to accept and adapt to whatever circumstance arises, and ultimately you will prevail.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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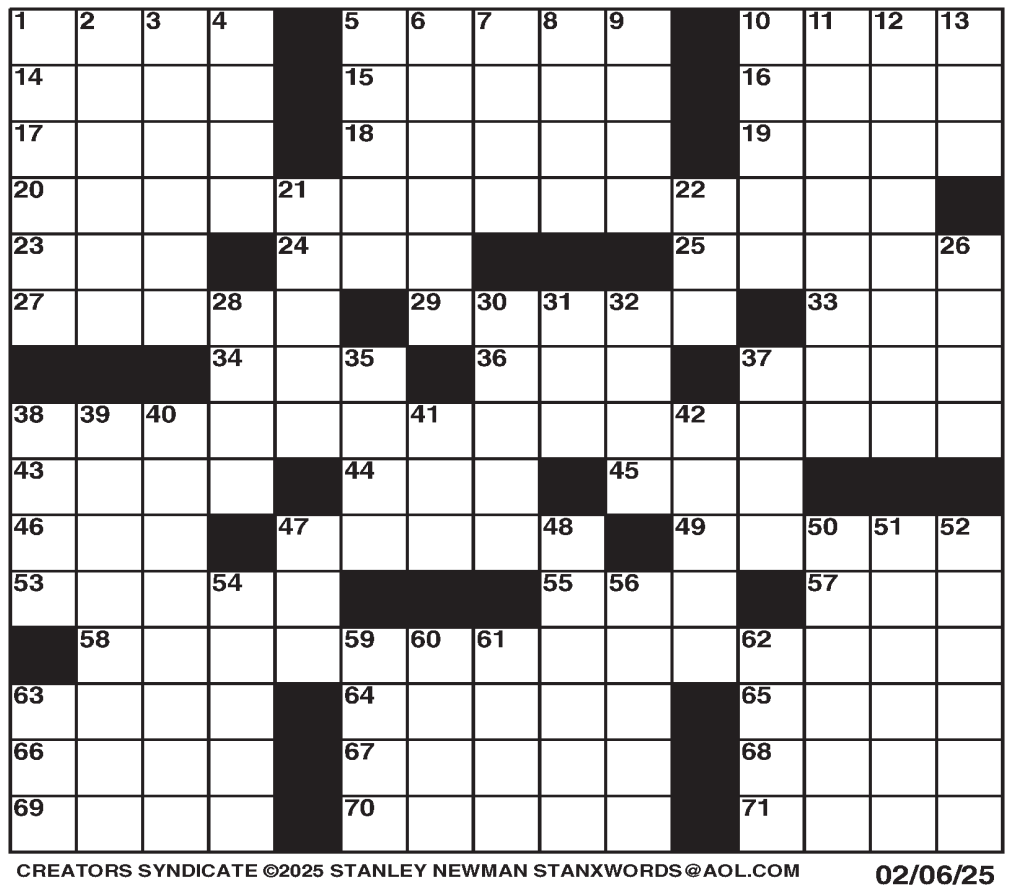
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ACROSS

1 __ Africa (Morocco, Egypt, etc.)
5 Small waves-on-shore sound
10 Rod Laver rival
14 Composer Bartók
15 Timex competitor
16 Commercial
17 Name of numerous czars
18 Obliterate
19 Lease detail
20 Showing that you're anti-smooch
23 Mock shriek
24 Paleo- opposite
25 *Grey's Anatomy* clip-on
27 Hindu pundit
29 Looney Tunes regular
33 69-Across team
34 "Anything more to say?"
36 Caviar source
37 Tough go
38 Showing that you're anti-smooch
43 Baby seats of a sort
44 He often batted after Babe
45 Something to call her
46 Sundial reading
47 Take up or let out
49 Came to
53 Humpback cousins
55 Little bundle of trouble
57 Throw or runner
58 Showing that you're anti-smooch
63 Show diversity
64 Furniture raw materials
65 Wine barrels
66 Unencumbered
67 Agrees to
68 Facts and figures
69 NL division
70 Big name in library science
71 Confound

DOWN

1 Waits patiently
2 Arts section article
3 49th state
4 Prohibitions
5 Film clip
6 Mars, for one
7 Name on the cover of *Out of Africa*
8 Spanish ayes
9 Weed removers
10 Airy courtyards
11 Sinister mentor
12 Parasitic person
13 Summer setting at VMI
21 Written permanently
22 Work undercover
26 Queen of Thorns portrayer in *Game of Thrones*
28 Apple products
30 State one's case
31 Fashion-conscious fellow
32 Price-schedule listings
35 Salmon seasoning
37 Play with, as facts
38 Muse of history
39 Stylist's specialty
40 Cuisine connoisseurs
41 It often precedes "half bad"
42 Cowboy leggings
47 Mule's father
48 Certain steak
50 Point properly
51 Action-film art
52 Instigates
54 To this moment
56 Needing combing
59 Apple product
60 Reebok rival
61 Chew away (at)
62 Winter accessories for small planes
63 Org. concerned with the GI Bill



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HOMELESS

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Amendment right to freedom of expression doesn't guarantee someone a right to camp in a public place, nor does it guarantee a person a right to "aid and abet" an illegal camp. But it all comes down to how the police decide what qualifies as aiding and abetting, Loy said.

Mayor Salwan told CalMatters that the city would use the aiding-and-abetting clause against people who help build illegal structures at encampments.

"Some individuals come kind of like vigilantes," he said. "They want to start building these structures for the unhoused that are unsafe. Then this provision would come in."

Police wouldn't arrest someone under the new ordinance merely for giving an unhoused person a tent, Salwan said.

But what if that activist helps that person pitch the tent?

"That's a good question," Salwan said. "I think we may have to seek clarification from the city attorney."

CalMatters posed that question to the city attorney's office. The office responded, via spokesperson Justin Berton, that a person who helps someone set up a tent could be subject to enforcement.

To Wan and other activists, Salwan's words are hardly reassuring. They fear that no matter what the mayor says, the language in the ordinance is so broad that it will give police the ability to come down on activists and aid workers at their discretion.

The legal definition of aiding and abetting is far-reaching, and can apply to anyone who knowingly helps facilitate a crime. That means it will be up to Fremont police to decide whether an individual outreach worker at a camp should be cited or arrested, said Andrea Henson, an attorney who serves as executive director and legal counsel for Berkeley nonprofit Where do we Go?

Henson and other experts interviewed by CalMatters had never before come across an aiding-and-abetting clause in a California ordinance regulating or banning homeless encampments.

"I think a lot of attorneys who assist and defend the unhoused are watching this," Henson said. "No one's seen this."

Salwan said he's open to making the proposed aiding-and-abetting clause more specific.

"I'm willing to consider tweaks in our language to make sure we address the concerns," he said.

Among Wan's biggest concerns is that police will use the proposed ordinance to try to pressure her outreach workers into disclosing where encampments are located. The last thing her team wants to do is help police displace, cite or arrest their clients, Wan said. But if their clients believe that's a possibility, they may stop trusting them and accepting their help, she said.

"Absolutely not," Salwan said when asked if that could happen. "We've had a great relationship with all of our nonprofits. We're not trying to get into all that."

If the ordinance passes, Wan hopes to form an agreement with the city that exempts her staff from the aiding-and-abetting clause.

If they can't, she would consider cutting back on outreach. Wan also worries the ordinance would make it harder to recruit new outreach workers – something Abode and other nonprofits throughout the state already struggle with, thanks to the low pay and the grueling and often frustrating work.

Eve Garrow, a senior policy analyst and advocate for the ACLU of Southern California, worries the aiding-and-abetting clause will make it even harder for unhoused people to get help.

"I think it will, if it passes, put a chill on any type of humanitarian aid or help that local residents would otherwise be providing to people who are unhoused and unsheltered," said Garrow, who was alarmed when she heard about the proposed ordinance from a Fremont resident.

Sister Elaine Sanchez of the Fremont-based Sisters of the Holy Family is adamant that the proposed ordinance won't stop her from helping her homeless neighbors.

"I figure if I'm going to be arrested for something," she said, "it's going to be for doing something that I feel is helping people in need."

By Marisa Kendall. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

ARRESTED

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end of 2024. and that he incidents took place in multiple locations throughout Los Angeles County.

On Feb 5, SMPD Detectives with assistance of uniformed and undercover officers, served arrest and search warrants and took Gaida into custody for annoying or molesting a child under 18 and contributing to the delinquency of minor, both are misdemeanors.

The case will be filed with the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office. Gaida was released from SMPD custody with a citation and promise to appear in court. Gaida has no prior criminal history.

If anyone has any additional information or has also been the victim of abuse by this teacher, please contact Officer Destiny King at (310) 458-6679, Sgt. David Haro at (310) 458-8952, or the Watch Commander desk 24 hours a day at (310) 458-8427.

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GET IT DAILY...

DISASTERS

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risk of mudslides if it falls in burn scar areas.

According to Weather Underground, the Santa Monica Municipal Airport station has reported just 1.18 inches of precipitation in 2025 as of Monday. Santa Monica was similarly dry in 2024 until an early February storm brought nearly 7 inches of rainfall to the city in just two days.

The state ranked in the middle of the pack, 20th, for future tornado probability at just 0.58% chance of a major event. Though rare, tornado events have hit recently in Los Angeles County, including a high-end EF1 tornado that damaged buildings and vehicles in Montebello in March 2023. Two months later, two EF0 tornadoes touched down in Compton in an 11-minute span, damaging trees and roofs.

For more information on the DJC Law study, visit teamjustice.com.

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CURIOUS CITY

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TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 2/23, 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 4/6, 13, 20, 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 2/24, 3/3, 10, 17, 24, 31; DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, MAHLER Symphony No. 7, Disney Hall, 2/27, 28, 3/1; MAHLERTHON I, Youth Orchestra LA, Inner City Youth Orchestra of LA, Santa Monica High School Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Disney Hall, 3/2; MAHLERTHON II, UCLA Philharmonia, USC Thornton Symphony, Colburn Orchestra, LA Master Chorale, Disney Hall, 3/2; DAMN WELL PLEASE ORGAN TRIO, Harvelle's, 3.4; GUSTAV + ANNA with DUDAMEL, Disney Hall, 3/6, 7, 8, 9; MOZART'S "COSI FAN TUTTI," LA OPERA, Dorothy Chandler, 3/8, 16, 19, 22, 27, 30; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Theatre, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14;; LA FOLK FESTIVAL/ EMMYLOU HARRIS, Bellwether, 3/22; REVEREND SHAWN AMOS, Broad Plaza, 3/22; TONY GILKYSON & RICK SHEA, CINDY LEE BERRYHILL, McCabe's, 4/6; PUSSY RIOT, Lodge Room, 4/20; LUCKY STARS, Broadstage, 4/26; PATRICE RUSHEN, Disney Hall, 5/2; BEETHOVEN with ESA-PEKKA, Disney Hall, 5/2, 3, 4; JACK WHITE, Hollywood Palladium, 5/12, 13; DIANA KRALL, The Soraya, 5/14; GERSHWIN, "Also Sprach Z," LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 5/23, 24; ALISON KRAUS, UNION STATION, Greek Theatre, 7/13.

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