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# Braiding bread and history at Lincoln Middle School

**DEVAN SIPHER**  
Special to the Daily Press

At a time of war and polarization, a group of 160 Santa Monica students and family members gathered at Lincoln Middle School last month for an after-school event focused on bringing people together. Braiding them together, one could say, since the students made challah, an egg bread made of three strands of dough woven together, while they listened to the life stories of Holocaust survivors.

The event was called L'Dough V'Dough, which is a playful turn on the biblical Hebrew phrase: "Idor v'dor," meaning "from generation to generation," and the program literally brings generations together to pass down stories from the past and inspire students to share family stories they might want to pass down in the future. It's an annual event at Lincoln, presented in partnership with the Holocaust Museum LA.

The speakers this year were Gitta



Devan Sipher

**HISTORY:** Gitta Morris and Monika White talked about their experience in the Shanghai ghetto.

Morris and Monika White, twin sisters who were born in 1939 in the Shanghai ghetto. Shanghai isn't the first place people think of when

they think about the Holocaust, and Morris and White's parents

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# Deadline approaches to vote in Most Loved 2026

Time is running out to cast your vote in the 2026 Most Loved contest — voting closes Friday, March 13, at [smdp.com/vote](http://smdp.com/vote), and every ballot counts.

The annual "people's choice" competition, free to enter, invites Santa Monica residents to recognize their favorite local businesses across more than 100 categories. With winning margins often coming down to a few hundred votes, a last-minute push from loyal customers can make all the difference.

"Winning often comes down to a few hundred votes, so businesses that make that extra effort can boost their chances while also having some fun with their customers," said SMDP Publisher Ross Furukawa.

Winners receive more than bragging rights. They are honored at one of the year's top community gatherings, earn official city commendations and are featured in the annual Most Loved magazine, distributed at hotels, businesses and visitor centers throughout the city. Last year's awards ceremony at Santa Monica Brew Works

drew more than 400 attendees and distributed 111 awards.

The contest is a co-production of the Santa Monica Daily Press and the City of Santa Monica's Buy Local Santa Monica Committee, which represents more than 1,500 businesses employing over 4,000 residents. It grew from the city's Buy Local campaign launched in 2010 and by 2025 generated more than 70,000 votes.

The stakes are real. Locally owned businesses account for roughly 65% of the city's general fund revenues, and an estimated \$7 of every \$10 spent locally stays in the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures — funding police, fire, parks, libraries and public schools.

"The visitors to Santa Monica want to go where the locals go, and what better guide than the Most Loved Santa Monica publication," said Jennifer Taylor, the city's economic development administrator.

Vote free at [smdp.com/vote](http://smdp.com/vote) before Friday, March 13.

# Santa Monica High boys soccer caps best season in school history with Division 1 title

**MAAZ ALIN**  
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica High School boys soccer team concluded its most successful season in program history this month, capturing the CIF Southern Section Division 1 championship before bowing out of the state regional playoffs with a 2-0 loss to Mater Dei on March 3.

The Vikings finished with a 19-3-3 record and an 8-1 mark in Ocean League play, capping the campaign with a dominant 4-1 victory over

Fontana in the Division 1 final on Feb. 28. The title was the program's third CIF championship.

"Winning the Division 1 playoffs was a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our seniors and underclassmen throughout the year," head coach Chris Sandoval said. "It meant everything to the boys, and to win it playing our style of soccer was the icing on the cake."

The championship match showcased the Vikings' offensive firepower. Nathan Shlepp opened the scoring in the 30th minute,

and Joaquin Castro added a second goal on a volley with five minutes remaining in the first half. After Fontana cut the deficit to 2-1, forward Adrien Gonzalez answered to put the match out of reach.

The road to the title was far from easy. Samo navigated a tense first-round match against Montclair that required penalty kicks to decide. After battling through two scoreless overtime periods, the Vikings prevailed 4-3 in the shootout, with

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# Habitual fraud Steve Farzam takes plea deal in latest case of impersonating public safety worker

**MATTHEW HALL**  
Daily Press Editor

Steve Farzam, who has a decades-long history of impersonating public safety officers, pleaded no contest Monday to a reduced set of charges stemming from accusations he posed as a firefighter during the Palisades Fire and repeatedly targeted aircraft with a laser, according to Los Angeles County court records.

Farzam, 46, entered nolo contendere pleas to 11 of the original 28 counts filed against him, with prosecutors dismissing the remaining charges as part of a plea negotiation. Judge Eleanor J. Hunter sentenced Farzam to three years of formal probation, with execution of his prison sentence suspended.

Under the terms of the

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# Residents celebrate International Women's Day with multicultural fashion show

**MAAZ ALIN**  
SMDP Staff Writer

Eight countries were represented Saturday as residents of Santa Monica Christian Towers wore traditional dress from their homelands in celebration of International Women's Day.

The fashion show, organized by the building's Residents Council and headed by council leader Julieta Tobar, brought together women from Egypt, Ecuador, Mexico, Iran, Syria, the United States, India and Russia for an afternoon of celebration at the building located at 1233 6th St.

"On top of being a celebration for International Women's Day, this was a way to include all the women of SMCT to celebrate their communities and to raise awareness of each other's cultures," Tobar said. "The Residents Council often plans events for the building to get together and give residents the opportunity to socialize."

The event featured more than just fashion. A segment honoring the suffragettes, personified by resident Ida Reilly, paid tribute to the women who fought for voting rights. Dan Nessel, son-in-law of resident Sharyn Mattingly, served as master of ceremonies, while resident Mick Flaum presented a Carmen Miranda impersonator who closed the show.

For Tobar, recruiting participants was a natural process. Many of the building's

residents live alone, and the opportunity to connect with neighbors while celebrating their heritage proved appealing.

"Most of the women in this building live by themselves, and it's important to socialize and get together to know each other better," Tobar said. "After speaking with many of the residents and asking for their collaboration, they were happy and excited to participate, proudly representing their own countries."

The runway show highlighted the diversity that exists within the walls of the senior community, a reflection of the broader American experience. Residents modeled traditional garments from their native countries, drawing applause from the audience as they walked the runway.

For Tobar, showcasing that diversity was the most meaningful aspect of organizing the event.

"It was making all the residents in the building and the invitees know the diversity that exists in this building, like in all the United States," she said.

The afternoon was filled with laughter and applause as the tight-knit community came together in a display of culture, pride and unity. Beyond the vibrant clothing and traditions on display, the event honored the backgrounds of the women who call Santa Monica Christian Towers home and celebrated the strength and resilience of women everywhere.

The fashion show is one of several events



Courtesy Image

**EVENT:** Juliet Tobar, president of the SMCT Residents Council thanking the crowd.

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Christian Towers and honored the strength and resilience of women everywhere.

Saturday's celebration highlighted the diversity that exists within Santa Monica

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# Now that we know who's running for governor, here's what happens next

After months of potential governors playing coy, dropping in and dropping out, we finally have a field of eight Democrats and two Republicans, none of whom registers more than 14% in the latest poll.

All will appear on the June 2 primary election ballot and under California's primary system, those who finish 1-2, regardless of party, will face each other in the November 3 general election.

The lack of a clear frontrunner at this stage of the quadrennial game is not only an unusual phenomenon, but it creates a raft of potential scenarios as those in the decet scramble for places in the November runoff.

"Every one of these Democrats is itching and clawing to get to that sweet 20% that would guarantee them a place in the runoff," political data guru Paul Mitchell told Politico.

Here are some scenarios:

The only real chance for a Republican governor is for the two GOP candidates, former television commentator Steve Hilton and Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, to finish 1-2 in the primary. If just one qualifies for the November election, he would be a prohibitive underdog against any Democratic foe, given the huge gap in voter registration.

Democratic leaders have worried aloud about such a scenario were the eight Democratic candidates to divide the June vote more or less equally. They urged those trailing badly in the polls to drop out, but just one, Ian Calderon, exited.

If there is a leading Democrat as the June 2 primary nears, he or she will likely try to indirectly boost Hilton or Bianco into second place, probably by tying that GOP candidate to Donald Trump to enhance his standing among Republican voters. Lifting a Republican into second place would insulate the Democratic frontrunner from having to face another Democrat in November, thus ensuring a win.

That's exactly what happened in the race for a U.S. Senate seat two years ago. Democrat Adam Schiff spent heavily to denounce (and publicize) Republican Steve Garvey as a threat, and Garvey's

second-place primary finish meant Schiff avoided a face-to-face duel with Democrat Katie Porter, who's now running for governor.

In a sense, therefore, the jostling is not so much for first place on June 2 but for the No. 2 spot, since it will dictate the scope of the November 3 election — a very unlikely Republican governorship, a cakewalk for a Democrat against a Republican who finished second in June, or a bruising battle between two Democrats.

These scenarios are already influencing pre-primary campaigns, especially in how the eight Democrats are choosing their targets.

We see it, for instance, in the sniping between former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Attorney General Xavier Becerra, renewing a long-standing feud between the two.

We also see it in billionaire Tom Steyer's potshots at Congressman Eric Swalwell for missing congressional votes. Both were also-ran candidates for president in 2020 and seemingly are rivals for the support of left-leaning activists this year.

Finally, it's evident in Steyer's portrayal of late-blooming rival Matt Mahan, the mayor of San Jose, as anti-union. While Steyer's campaign is self-financed, Mahan's heavy support from Silicon Valley could match Steyer dollar-for-dollar and, without an obvious frontrunner, money could be the decisive factor.

A November duel between the two would be a showdown between the Democratic Party's two rival wings, whose outcome would affect how California addresses its many knotty issues into the next decade.

Steyer is promising to deliver single-payer health insurance, a breakup of utilities and other items on the long-stalled progressive agenda for California, along with tax increases to finance them, while Mahan promises his solutions to homelessness will be practical and budget-conscious.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist



## Surf report WATER TEMP: 59.9

**THURSDAY** | **SURF:** 2-3ft+  
**FAIR TO GOOD** | Thigh to stomach

Good size surf - biggest day of the swell - with clean AM conditions. Points semi clean to clean PM S swell builds to a peak with a trickle of NW swell. Fun to medium size, couple spots pumping. Many spots see chest-head high surf, while top breaks (mainly west of Dume) will get up to a couple feet overhead. Pretty lined up at the wide open beachbreaks with the odd corner. Wind is lightly offshore for a clean morning window as the predawn high tide drops. Onshore NW flow expected for the afternoon, points protected.

**FRIDAY** | **SURF:** 3-4ft  
**FAIR** | Waist to chest

Fun to medium size surf, gradually easing. Clean AM, PM onshores pretty mellow (esp for points). Not far off from where Thursday leaves off as SSW swell slowly winds down. Summer standouts should still have some fun ones in the morning with some nice lines for the points, mellowing out a touch for the back half of the day. Winds look pretty nice all day, so the afternoon tide push should be in play. With the time change, expect plenty of time to snag some decent surf after school/work.

## Weather

**Thursday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 89.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 66. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast in the evening.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
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2026/03/13	Fri	12:13 AM	2.90	L
2026/03/13	Fri	06:05 AM	4.40	H
2026/03/13	Fri	1:41 PM	-0.07	L
2026/03/13	Fri	8:37 PM	3.44	H
2026/03/14	Sat	01:01 AM	2.48	L
2026/03/14	Sat	06:57 AM	4.77	H
2026/03/14	Sat	2:09 PM	-0.34	L
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## Daily Lottery

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**Notice of Adoption of a Resolution of Intent to Consider Proposals for a Joint-Occupancy Agreement to Design, Build, and Finance Student Housing on Certain Real Property Situated at the Santa Monica College Bundy Campus**

On March 3, 2026, the Board of Trustees for Santa Monica Community College District ("District") adopted a resolution declaring its intention to receive and consider Public-Private Partnership developer proposals to enter into a pre-development agreement and any subsequent Joint-Occupancy Agreement and related lease for purposes of designing and preparing for the financing of a student housing development at Santa Monica College Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, CA. The location of the site is approximately three acres in the City of Los Angeles next to Bundy Drive.

The Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting on July 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Pacific Time, in the Business Building, Room 111 located at 1900 Pico Boulevard, at which time the Board of Trustees will receive and consider the proposals.

The District is publishing the language of the resolution, as well as the time and place of holding the meeting to consider proposals in accordance with Education Code Section 81398.

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPER THROUGH A JOINT OCCUPANCY LEASE ON THE REAL PROPERTY REFERRED TO HEREIN AS SANTA MONICA COLLEGE BUNDY CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS**, Education Code Section 81390 et. seq. provides community college districts such as the Santa Monica Community College District ("District") with the authority to enter into long-term leases and agreements related to real property and buildings with not-for-profit agencies, private persons, firms, or corporations ("Private Party") to be used jointly for no longer than 66 years;

**WHEREAS**, the District issued RFQ #110323 – SMC Student Housing Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on November 8, 2023 to find a qualified and experienced public-private partnership partner to develop student housing for District to shortlist developers on the basis of achieving District's goals to increase student retention and financial accessibility;

**WHEREAS**, the District intends to receive and consider proposals on July 7, 2026, for a Public-Private Partnership student housing development ("Project") under a joint occupancy lease ("Lease") with a Private Party at Santa Monica College Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, CA. The Bundy Campus is demarcated by the dotted yellow line on Exhibit A and the location of the student housing site (approximately three acres) is shown by the blue, dotted line on Exhibit A;

**WHEREAS**, the District will direct staff to issue Requests for Proposals and Terms for the Project pursuant to Education Code Section 81390 et. seq. to the developers that have been shortlisted under RFQ #110323 – SMC Student Housing RFQ, and reserves the right to reject all proposals and to withdraw the Property from the possible lease thereof;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, determined, and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District as follows:

The Superintendent/President and/or her designee are hereby directed to do all of the following:

- (1) issue Requests for Proposals and Terms ("RFPs"), for a Public-Private Partnership developer for a student housing development ("Project") under a joint occupancy lease/agreement(s) at Santa Monica College Bundy Campus ("Property") to the developer teams shortlisted under RFQ #110323 – SMC Student Housing RFQ;
- (2) conduct said process pursuant to the authority and methodology as required by Education Code Section 81390 et. seq.; make amendments to such terms thereof as he or she deems appropriate; identify the most qualified and successful proposers; reserve the right to reject all proposals and to withdraw the Property from the possible lease thereof if it is determined to be in the District's best interests; otherwise take steps to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and make such recommendations regarding all of the foregoing for consideration thereof by the Board;
- (3) such RFPs will provide that:
  - a. the Lease term will not exceed sixty-six (66) years; and
  - b. the proposals will comply with Education Code Section 81390 et. seq., and
- (4) the Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting on July 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Pacific Time in the Business Building, Room 111 located at 1900 Pico Boulevard, at which time the Board of Trustees will receive and consider the proposals and staff's recommendations thereon.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED** this 3rd day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

By: /s/ Kathryn E. Jeffery, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President

By: /s/ Lisa Rose  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

**EXHIBIT A**

Santa Monica College Student Housing Site



## AROUND TOWN

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# Lucky Charms, Pi Day, Oscars, & Reopenings

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Heal the Bay Aquarium's & Duke's Malibu's grand reopenings, St. Paddy's on the Promenade, a pop-up with Paris Hilton, and much more!



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**GREEN:** DTSM will host a celebration.

**Unleash Your Inner Parista:** Paris Hilton and International Delight are hosting a "glamorous" coffee experience featuring product sampling and exclusive merchandise. Thursday, March 12, 4:30 – 6:30p.m., Ocean & Colorado Plaza, 1566 Ocean Ave. [fb101.com/unleash-your-inner-parista-international-delight-and-paris-hiltons-flavor-experience/](https://fb101.com/unleash-your-inner-parista-international-delight-and-paris-hiltons-flavor-experience/)

**The Crow's Comedy Confessional:** Comics take secrets from the audience and incorporates them into the acts on stage (in case you're looking for some cheeky fun!). Friday, March 13, 8p.m., 2525 Michigan Ave. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-confessional-tickets-1979412942395>

**A Morning of Connection by Me-est Me x The KINN:** Start your morning with intention, not small talk with a 60-minute guided experience designed to replace surface-level networking with real conversation. Through a series of facilitated prompts, you'll connect with fellow creators, entrepreneurs, and community members over what actually matters: what inspires you, where you need support, and what you're celebrating. Walk away with new connections, fresh perspectives, and Me-est Me's new Live Your Vision Journal to keep the momentum going. Saturday, March 14, 9 - 11a.m. <https://luma.com/AMorningofConnection>

**Community Reopening Day at HEAL THE BAY Aquarium:** Celebrate the Community Reopening of Heal the Bay Aquarium on the Santa Monica Pier with FREE admission! After weeks of flood recovery and restoration, the aquarium is back and ready to welcome guests again. Meet marine life ambassadors, connect with the team, and celebrate the community that helped restore this beloved ocean education center. FREE. Saturday, March 14, 12 - 4p.m., 1600 Ocean Front Walk (Under the Santa Monica

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Malibu

### City of Malibu Now Accepting Grant Applications for Local Nonprofits

The city of Malibu is accepting applications for its 2026-2027 General Fund Grant Program, which provides funding to nonprofit organizations serving local residents.

Applications are due by 5:30 p.m. March 31.

The grant program supports services including assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, arts and cultural programming, youth and after-school activities, environmental protection efforts, public safety initiatives and other community-focused programs.

“Malibu’s nonprofit organizations are essential partners in serving and building our community, addressing needs that range from environmental protection and animal welfare, to the arts, services for seniors and youth, public safety, and much more,” Mayor Bruce Silverstein said. “The General Fund Grant Program is an important way that the City can invest in the grassroots organizations that directly support our residents and our community.”

Grant funding can help organizations sustain operations, expand programs and reach more residents with services tailored to local needs.

This year’s application process uses a single consolidated online form rather than a PDF. Financial reporting requirements have been streamlined to reduce administrative burden for applicants.

The City Council’s Administration and Finance Subcommittee will review applications in May. Final grant awards will be considered during budget adoption in June, with funds expected to be released in July.

Applications are available at <https://tinyurl.com/MalibuGeneralFundGrants2026>.

For more information, including the list of last year’s grant recipients, visit [www.MalibuCity.org/GeneralFundGrants](http://www.MalibuCity.org/GeneralFundGrants).

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- Bruce Silverstein, Mayor

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#### Los Angeles

### Caltrans Seeks Public Input on Lincoln Boulevard Bus Lane Extension

The California Department of Transportation is seeking public comment on a proposal to extend bus lanes 3.1 miles on Lincoln Boulevard from Venice Boulevard to West Manchester Avenue during peak hours.

The agency is conducting a feasibility study to identify community needs, advance transit efficiency and improve bus speed and reliability.

Big Blue Bus, the primary transit provider in the area, supports the project. Agency officials said expanding bus-only lanes would reduce travel time for riders and help alleviate traffic congestion for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

The public survey will remain open until Friday, April 17.

Feedback can be submitted at [https://engage.dot.ca.gov/m45175?mc\\_cid=bb1e67a841&mc\\_eid=a0d-b3774](https://engage.dot.ca.gov/m45175?mc_cid=bb1e67a841&mc_eid=a0d-b3774)

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#### CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

**BID #4515 Household Hazardous Waste Services**

**Submission Deadline is April 7, 2026 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY’S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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## SOCCER

FROM PAGE 1

goalkeeper Colton Miller making a crucial save.

The Vikings overcame early nerves to secure the win.

The quarterfinal victory over Servite, ranked 10th in California, proved to be a turning point. The Vikings secured a 1-0 win in a physical contest against one of the state's elite programs.

"Servite was one of the top teams in the division. We predicted that whoever won between us and Servite would go on to win the whole thing," Sandoval said. "We knew it was going to be a tough opponent, and the boys just came out and did their thing and won the game."

Individual performances fueled the team's success. Senior midfielder Deacon Miller, a four-year varsity player, finished with 38 assists in 24 games — the most in the nation. Castro, a junior forward, led the attack with 26 goals and 15 assists in 22 games.

Sandoval, a 2016 Samohi graduate now in his fourth year as head coach, credited the senior class with establishing the program's identity.

"This senior class held not only themselves accountable but everyone around them as well," Sandoval said. "It takes a special level of commitment and dedication to show up every day for four years and truly enjoy the process. The camaraderie between the senior class and the underclassmen was something special and ensured everyone had an important role throughout the season. This group felt more like a family — players doing what they love alongside people they have grown up with."

The team's preparation philosophy proved essential to their postseason run.



Juan Moreno

**TEAM:** Samo boys' soccer team come together after winning CIF Division I playoffs at Fontana high school on Saturday, Feb. 28.

"Our biggest challenge was ourselves," Sandoval said. "From the start of the season, our mentality was that our training sessions needed to be harder than any game we would play throughout the year. That mindset helped prepare the group for the pressure and intensity of the biggest moments."

The loss to Mater Dei ended the Vikings' state championship aspirations but did little to diminish what the team accomplished.

"Our loss to Mater Dei was bittersweet. It was also a testament to the boys and the work they have put in to elevate our program alongside some of the most prestigious programs in the state and the country," Sandoval said. "Seeing our school crest competing in those big matches was very special, and I'm extremely proud of the group."

The Vikings will graduate 11 seniors but

return 18 players for next season.

"The loss in the State Regional Quarterfinals didn't define the season," Sandoval said. "The hardest part for the boys was simply knowing there was no tomorrow — no more opportunities to step on the field together."

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK MAR.12 - MAR.19

Saturday, March 14, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Highway Santa Monica.

## Spring Into Wellness

This event is more than a celebration—it is a movement toward stronger, more resilient communities. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/spring-into-wellness/18171466/2026-03-14T11>

Thursday, March 12, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Westside Theater 1323-A 3rd Street Santa Monica.

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We're having a SLUMBER PARTY- and you're invited! Join the Westside Witches in celebration of International Women's month with LA's top female comics, lip sync competition and more! \$20.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/westside-witches-presents-slumber-party-/18284982/2026-03-12T20>

Friday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

120 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

## Live Music Fridays at The Surfing Fox

Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtail. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2026-03-13T18>

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

## Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-03-15T00>

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**STEVE FARZAM**

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agreement, Farzam was convicted on multiple felony counts including discharging a laser at an occupied aircraft, assault with a deadly weapon, impersonation of a public officer, carrying a loaded firearm in public, and six counts of perjury by declaration. A charge of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer or firefighter with great bodily injury likely — which carried some of the case's most serious exposure — was among those dismissed.

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## This defendant's alleged actions reflect a disturbing pattern of lawlessness and disregard for public safety

- Nathan J. Hochman, Los Angeles County District Attorney

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As conditions of his probation, Farzam must not contact victims or witnesses directly or through a third party, may not own or possess any dangerous or deadly weapons, must submit to searches of his person and property, and is required to make restitution to victims. He must also obey all laws and court orders and may only identify himself using his legal name.

Farzam was arrested last year and charged with 28 counts spanning incidents between 2022 and mid-2025. Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman announced the charges, saying the case reflected a pattern of conduct that endangered lives.

“This defendant's alleged actions reflect a disturbing pattern of lawlessness and disregard for public safety,” Hochman said in a statement at that time. “Over the course of

more than a year, he is accused of repeatedly putting lives at risk, from impersonating a firefighter during an active wildfire to assaulting a first responder and targeting aircraft with a laser.”

Among the most serious allegations, Farzam allegedly posed as a firefighter on Jan. 16 and 17, 2025, during the Palisades Fire, gaining access to restricted emergency zones and interfering with emergency operations. He also faces accusations of firing a laser at occupied aircraft on multiple occasions between February and April 2025, and of assaulting a peace officer or firefighter with a weapon under circumstances likely to cause great bodily injury.

Additional counts alleged Farzam committed perjury by declaration on multiple occasions between September 2022 and early 2024, and that he carried a loaded, unregistered handgun in public in September 2024 while impersonating a public officer. A charge of possessing a destructive device on a public street, filed after his July 2025 arrest date, was dismissed by the court in October 2025 after a judge found insufficient cause.

The case is the latest chapter in a criminal history stretching back nearly three decades.

Farzam's earliest known incident occurred in 1999, when Santa Barbara County authorities arrested him for impersonating a police officer and perjury while he was attempting to become a deputy sheriff. He accepted a plea deal on lesser charges, including providing false information on DMV documents and unlawful vehicle registration.

Three years later, the Los Angeles City Attorney filed a 19-count complaint charging him with impersonating a firefighter. Farzam was convicted in 2003 on five misdemeanor counts.

His legal troubles escalated sharply in 2014, when a multi-agency investigation involving the California Attorney General's eCrime Unit, the ATF, FBI and DMV. Investigators seized 16 firearms, 12 emergency radios, 43 forged law enforcement badges and a fully-marked California Highway Patrol cruiser outfitted with emergency lights. The state filed 77 criminal counts, nearly all felonies.

Farzam pleaded no contest in 2015 to three felonies — impersonating a peace officer, possession of an illegal assault weapon and unauthorized access of a computer system — and was sentenced to 182 days in jail with credit for time served. In 2022, those convictions were reduced to misdemeanors and expunged following completion of his sentence conditions.

Between 2017 and 2019, Farzam was also accused of submitting a forged Los Angeles Superior Court order purporting to seal his 2015 case records, allegedly in an effort to prevent publication of a magazine exposé on his misconduct history. He pleaded no contest to three felony charges in that case as well.

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**THURSDAY | MARCH 12****CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviértase 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/13943928/2026-03-05T11>

**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/14548473/2026-03-05T11>

**AUTHOR TALK WITH KATE QUINN**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. You're invited to join us for a virtual conversation with acclaimed author Kate Quinn about her latest fantastical work, The Astral Library, which poses the question: Have you ever wished you could live inside a book? Welcome to the Astral Library, where books are not just objects, but doors to new worlds, new lives, and new futures. Alexandria "Alix" Watson has learned one lesson from her barren childhood in the foster-care system: unlike people, books will never let you down. Working three dead-end jobs to make ends meet and knowing college is a pipe dream, Alix takes nightly refuge in the high-vaulted reading room at the Boston Public Library, escaping into her favorite fantasy novels and dreaming of far-off lands. Until the day she stumbles through a hidden door and meets the Librarian: the ageless, acerbic guardian of a hidden library where the desperate and the lost escape to new lives...inside their favorite books. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-kate-quinn/18044858/2026-03-12T16>

**TULUM THURSDAYS AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA**

6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica PI #300 Santa Monica. Tulum Thursdays at LouLou Santa Monica Every Thursday from 6:00 PM. Step into LouLou's signature Bohemian Chic haven where the elegance of Tulum meets the coastal glamour of Santa Monica. Sunset rooftop vibes Afro-Tribal House beats by DJ Yanicrash Live percussion performances Cocktails, cuisine & curated moments. Inspired by the spirit of Ibiza, Mykonos, and the Riviera Maya, Tulum Thursdays are a ritual of rhythm, flavor, and barefoot luxury. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tulum-thursdays-at-loulou-santa-monica/18215748/2026-03-05T18>

**FRIDAY | MARCH 13****NEW EXHIBITION EXPLORES FOOD FAMILY AND INTERCULTURAL TRADITIONS**

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum 1350 Seventh Street Santa Monica. Food & Family: African American and Intercultural Traditions in Santa Monica explores the evolution of African American and intercultural food traditions in Southern California, tracing the impact of the Great Migration and global immigration on Santa Monica's culinary landscape. Through the lens of shared meals, recipes, and community gatherings, the exhibition examines how food fosters a sense of belonging, connection, and cultural continuity. Drawn from the archives of the Quinn Research Center and the Santa Monica History Museum, Food & Family features photographs, oral histories, cookbooks, utensils, maps, and other materials that reveal how everyday cooking helped define home and identity for generations of Santa Monica residents. \$0.00 to \$5.00 Free for kids, students, seniors and SNAP/EBT cardholders. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/new-exhibition-explores-food-family-and-intercultural-traditions/17896831/2026-03-13T11>

**WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE**

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Lee Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications, studying for citizenship. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-03-13T13>

**SATURDAY | MARCH 14****SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET - VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK/PICO BOULEVARD**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. The family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-farmers-market-virginia-avenue-park-pico-boulevard/12382447/2026-03-14T08>

**BEGINNER REFORMER PILATES AT GOOD BODY PILATES STUDIO**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Good Body Pilates Studio 3229 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Good Body Pilates Studio Santa Monica. Start your Saturday feeling strong, centered, and energized with our Beginner Reformer Pilates Class at Good Body Pilates Studio, taught by expert instructor Kylie. This group class is perfect for those new to Pilates or anyone looking to reconnect with the fundamentals in a welcoming and supportive environment. No experience necessary! Located in the heart of Santa Monica on Pico Boulevard, right across from Trader Joe's, our boutique studio is surrounded by great local coffee shops and restaurants, making it the perfect place to kick off your weekend. Plenty of metered parking available on Pico Blvd, and both metered and free street parking available on Urban Ave. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beginner-reformer-pilates-at-good-body-pilates-studio/16094481/2026-03-14T10>

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**St. Paddy's Day Celebration on the Promenade:** Enjoy three hours of live Irish and popular music by Shamrock Sean and the Irish Cabbage Band, along with a themed photo booth, interactive lawn and table games, festive giveaways and on-stage trivia throughout the night. Saturday, March 14, 6 - 9 p.m., the free event will transform the 1300 block of Third Street Promenade <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-paddys-day-celebration-on-the-promenade-tickets-1982377699062>

**Santa Monica St. Patrick's Crawl:** Kick off St. Patrick's Day weekend with an epic bar crawl through top local pubs and nightlife spots, complete with drink specials, festive crowds, and after-party energy. Grab your green gear and party across multiple venues with fun drink deals and a lively atmosphere. Saturday, March 14, 1:00 pm - late, Downtown Santa Monica (starts at Barney's Beanery & Jameson's Pub) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-st-patricks-day-weekend-bar-crawl-2026-tickets-1295804609469>

**Jay Leno to Headline Fundraising Gala for Palisades High School:** The "Stand Up for Pali" gala and auction aims to raise funds for student programs and activities at the school, which was heavily affected by the wildfire. Saturday, March 14, 6p.m., Luxe Hotel [palihigh2026.ourschool.auction](https://www.palihigh2026.ourschool.auction)

**Oscars 2026 Watch Party at Weary Livers:** Celebrate Hollywood's biggest night at this local favorite with a red-carpet-worthy watch party featuring crafty cocktails and a live screening. Guests are encouraged to dress to impress or come as their favorite movie character for a chance to mingle with fellow film lovers. Sunday, March 15, 3:30 - 9p.m., 2819 Pico Blvd. [losangelesfunevents.com/event-details/oscars-2026-watch-party](https://www.losangelesfunevents.com/event-details/oscars-2026-watch-party)

**ONGOING:** "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Arts, Culture & Creativity Month (April); "Most Loved" Businesses Voting Open through March 13

### WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

**Duke's Malibu Reopening This Week!** The sunny, surf-loving all day restaurant right on Pacific Coast Highway has been closed since the devastating Palisades Fire tore through the area. Now, the restaurant — which was spared by the flames but not the fire's fallout — is making its grand return, reopening for limited hours on Friday, March 13. [sfgate.com/la/article/la-ocean-restaurant-reopen-22062407.php](https://www.sfgate.com/la/article/la-ocean-restaurant-reopen-22062407.php)

**Pasjoli's PJ & Friends Dinner Series (March 12 - April 23):** Chef Dave Beran's beloved bistro dinner series returns to Pasjoli for a third year with an all-new lineup of guest chefs. Each edition invites a chef friend into the Pasjoli kitchen to cook their own take on a bistro menu. This year's lineup: Travis Swikard of Callie (March 12), Daniel Patterson of Jacaranda (March 19), Sathia Sun of Donna's (March 26), Dan Rabilwongse of Budonoki (April 9), Kevin De Los Santos and Katya Shastova of Vin Folk (April 16), and Mei Lin (April 23). [opentable.com/r/pasjoli-santa-monica](https://www.opentable.com/r/pasjoli-santa-monica)

**Andrew's Cheese and Wine Pairing:** This event showcases an array of cheeses each matched with unique wines and paired accompaniments. You can expect a fun, casual evening of learning and tasting as Andrew guides you through his handpicked selection of pairings. Friday, March 13, 7p.m., 728 Montana Ave. [eventbrite.com/e/andrews-cheese-and-wine-pairing-tickets-1983728436153](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/andrews-cheese-and-wine-pairing-tickets-1983728436153)

**Jameson's Pub is celebrating St. Patrick's Day all weekend long with green beer, Irish food specials, live entertainment, and giant-sized drink specials:** They're opening early at 6am on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday 3/17, with live DJ sets, giveaways, and more! Celebrate the luck of the Irish at Jameson's, and don't forget to wear your green! 2702 Main St.

**Ina Bakes Pi Day Pop-Up:** They're honoring 3.14 the best way they know how — with pies of every kind. Stop by for slices, minis, empanadas, and whimsical pie-themed treats made just for the day. Saturday, March 14, 10 AM-2 PM, 535 Rose Ave. [inabakes.com/shop](https://www.inabakes.com/shop)

**Kogen Omakase replaces Bar Monette:** There is fresh movement at 109 Santa Monica Blvd (formerly the short-lived Bar Monette). An ABC application for "Kogen Omakase" just went up in the window.

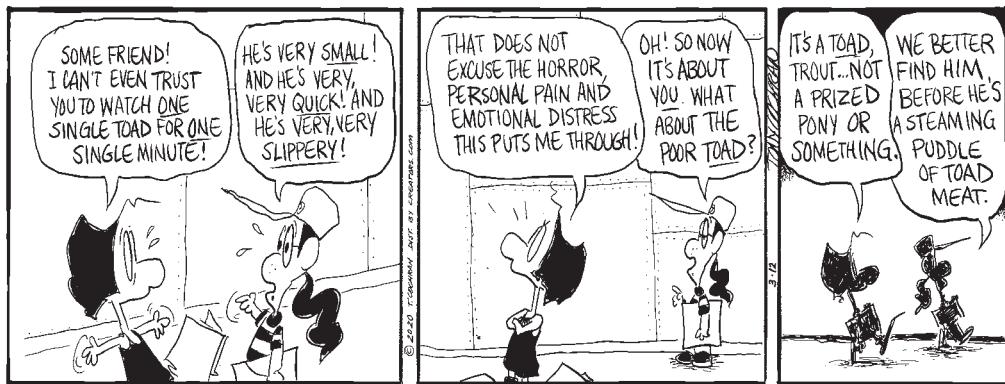
**Further Afield:** KCRW Piefest! The event features a pie marketplace with 25+ vendors, food trucks, baking demos, a beer garden, activities for all ages, free access to The Autry Museum, and a massive pie-baking contest. Bakers will compete to impress our judges, a collection of LA's finest chefs and food writers. Meanwhile, event guests will view competition pies and vote for winners across multiple visual categories. Saturday, March 14, 12-5p.m. [kcrw.com/pages/pie-fest-2026](https://www.kcrw.com/pages/pie-fest-2026)

**Looking Ahead:** Venice Art Crawl (3/19); Bergamot Comedy Festival (3/24-28); Downtown Easter Celebration (3/29); U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship (4/2-5); Santa Monica Film Festival (4/11-13)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at [sean@smdp.com](mailto:sean@smdp.com). Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Lucky Charms, Pi Day, Oscars, & Reopenings

**Agnes**

By TONY COCHRAN



**Dogs of C-Kennel**

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



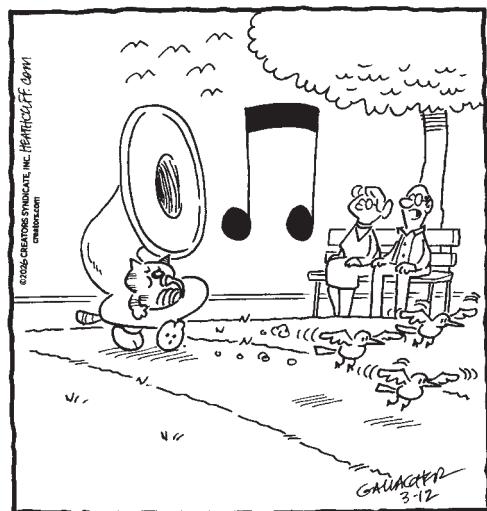
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**Strange Brew**

By JOHN DEERING



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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 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6877

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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 12)**

It's your Year of Sovereign Grace. You're the authority in your own realm and none will challenge. You'll demonstrate your power most notably in your deep responsibility for the well-being, protection and thriving of those around you. More highlights: Love and admiration from many new faces. Three conversations unlock revenue. Investments reward you, especially in love's risk. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 2, 28, 13 and 7.

**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Because you keep your word, you keep the trust of everyone you deal with. Of course, it's always easier to do when you don't offer too much. Make it easy on yourself by underpromising so you can overdeliver.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Self-knowledge can never really be complete. You're curious and nonjudgmental when it comes to learning about others, and you deserve the same kindness when learning about yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You like to do things your own way, and getting too much instruction or feedback before you've had a chance to figure things out for yourself can feel annoying or intrusive. Your instinct is to rebel.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Today's happiness is a natural outcome of focusing on what needs attention and leaving the rest alone. So, your ability to discern between issues and nonissues is your ticket to ride.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You are prone to wanting too narrowly for your own good today. Like sticky flowers meant to trap busy bees, there are games that people don't even realize they are playing until they are too deep inside them to turn back.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life's the kind of teacher whose lectures seem to drift off-topic, but at the perfect moment, the lesson comes back around and helps you out - maybe even saves the day. So you keep listening up and taking notes.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Something coming up feels like a school project with multiple elements contributing to your "grade." It will take some planning to bring it all together, but this will be fun work... that is, as long as you don't wait until the last minute.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep tracking your progress, taking notes, keeping your calendar up to date and sharing what you know. Later it will be helpful to look back and see how you got to the new and better place so you can repeat successful actions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whether professional, romantic, creative or other, the bonds between people are built in similar ways, with compatible chemistry, mutual admiration and logistic compatibility. When you find all three, the potential is endless.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be in a position to motivate people, starting with yourself. People are motivated by various things, but two of them stand out today: fear or inspiration. Fear is faster. Inspiration is more pleasant.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone seems to have an opinion today, but these hot takes are only helpful if they are on the topics you wish to gather data about. You're working on something important. Productivity will depend on protecting your time and energy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). As Dumbo proved in flight, often the magic is in you, not the feather. But it helps to believe it. You're also respectful of other people's beliefs, which puts you in the receptive attitude that attracts maximum assistance from anywhere and everywhere.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Fashionably dressed
- 6 Take into custody
- 9 Canadian singer since the '50s
- 13 Of global extremes
- 14 Stage work
- 15 Beef cut
- 16 Venomous snake
- 18 Diminutive ending
- 19 Hubbub
- 20 Shoves off
- 21 Pachyderm projections
- 22 B-boy connection
- 23 Halt the progress of
- 24 Considerable courage
- 29 What Elle might be a nickname for
- 30 Malodor
- 31 Notable period
- 34 Early lessons
- 35 Part of a Sherlock costume
- 36 Lauder competitor
- 37 Container, in product names
- 38 Most important
- 40 Most meager
- 42 Gangster film prop
- 45 Well-polished
- 47 MLB semifinal
- 48 "I got this"
- 49 Baja buddy
- 51 See 57-Across
- 54 Utah ski resort
- 55 Alpha gorilla

- 57 With 51-Across, what fills some signs
- 58 Not doing anything
- 59 Capital Territory of India
- 60 Things in rings
- 61 Small buzzer
- 62 Highly inclined

**DOWN**

- 1 Adoption advocate
- 2 Emotional vibe
- 3 Iams alternative
- 4 Grammy category
- 5 Long hair
- 6 Year-end season
- 7 Commiserative comment

- 8 Garden plot
- 9 Drawing power
- 10 Decibel reading
- 11 Hose twists
- 12 Uneasy feeling
- 14 Safari sighting
- 17 Move higher
- 21 Tough haul
- 22 Bird: Lat.
- 23 Had something
- 24 Tidal adjective
- 25 Isle near Corsica
- 26 Lowest limit
- 27 Forthright
- 28 Fully prepared
- 32 Moved higher
- 33 Little pests
- 35 \_\_\_ Holiness (Dalai Lama address)

- 36 Certain safe havens
- 38 Second glove
- 39 Volcanic particles
- 40 Protrusion
- 41 Meetings of the minds
- 43 Caesar followers
- 44 Easily misled
- 45 Street talk
- 46 Skirmish
- 49 Hired hand
- 50 Abbr. like Srta.
- 51 High wind
- 52 Longing
- 53 Pass over
- 55 Family member
- 56 Take odds

**Sudoku**

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

3	1	8	6	4	5	9	7	2
2	9	4	3	1	7	6	8	5
7	6	5	2	8	9	3	4	1
1	8	3	5	7	4	2	9	6
9	7	2	1	3	6	4	5	8
4	5	6	8	9	2	7	1	3
6	4	1	7	2	8	5	3	9
8	2	9	4	5	3	1	6	7
5	3	7	9	6	1	8	2	4

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

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**BRAIDING**

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were living in Berlin when their father was arrested in 1937, at a time when the police were arresting and detaining anyone they suspected of being Jewish.

Their father was sent to Buchenwald, which was a labor camp at the time and not yet the death camp, for which it would become infamous. But he was able to be released if he could prove he was leaving the country, or self-deporting, to use current vernacular.

This is where Shanghai comes into the story. At a time when most countries, including the United States, were not accepting Jewish refugees, Shanghai, which was under Japanese rule, was one of the few places Jews were able to escape from Europe.

When the war started, 20,000 Jewish immigrants were living within the confinement of the "Restricted Sector for Stateless Refugees," where each family was allotted two cots in a communal space and very little food.

"We weren't killed and we weren't tortured, but we weren't free," said White, who is now a Santa Monica resident. "There was a pervasive smell of sewage, rancid oil, and people dying."

But even more traumatizing than the wartime privation was the disappearance of their mother shortly afterward. One day she was gone. Their father wouldn't tell them what happened and refused to discuss it for the remainder of his life.

He remarried, and his new wife, who also suffered great loss during the war, relentlessly insulted her stepdaughters' intelligence and attractiveness, and she physically beat them. The abuse continued long after the family arrived in the United States in 1948, on a freight ship laden with bananas and refugees.

The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) assisted in settling them in Duluth, MN, and the twins still remember their amazement encountering their first elevator, refrigerator, and particularly their

first console radio.

"We ran around the box to see if we could see the people inside," Morris said. They were also shocked and delighted to discover indoor plumbing.

But their homelife remained fraught, with their stepmother only allowing them out of the house for school, and, from the age of 11, for work, which was mostly cleaning houses and babysitting until they became licensed hairdressers at 16.

They both married for the first time when they were 17. "That's how you got away from home in the 1950s," White said.

White put herself through college, eventually earning a doctorate in Social Work from the University of Southern California. Morris is the proud progenitor of 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, which gives both sisters particular joy because they grew up without any extended family. Along the way, the twins performed together for a decade in an all-female string band.

"You can survive," White said, emphasizing the message the sisters most want to convey to young people facing challenges of their own. "You can not just survive, but you can thrive."

Their message registered with Rachel Podber-Kennison, the senior manager of education programs at the Holocaust Museum LA, who organized the event at Lincoln. "My hope is that young people hear the stories of the survivors, not just the atrocities, but the themes of resilience and empathy," she said, adding that her goal was also to encourage students about "speaking out against hate and speaking up for those who can't speak up for themselves."

Morris and White finally found their mother in 1969. She was living in Israel, and unfortunately had early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Morris sighed as she said, "We still don't know what happened."

If you're interested in participating in a L'Dough V'Dough event or organizing one at your school, you can contact Podber-Kennison at education@hmla.org.

# Classifieds

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026019786. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANTA MONICA SURF TOURS, 1654 OCEAN AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): WOLFLOW HOLDINGS LLC, 1654 OCEAN AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ ADAM DUFORD, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/27/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026038684. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DUNN PELLIER MEDIA, 101 S TOPANGA CANYON BLVD UNIT 1440, TOPANGA, CA 90290, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): DUNN PELLIER MEDIA, INC., 101 S TOPANGA CANYON BLVD UNIT 1440, TOPANGA, CA 90290. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ NICOLE J DUNN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/19/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 2/26/2026, 3/5/2026, 3/12/2026, 3/19/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026029143. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAJOR LEAGUE PUPPIES, 1401 WILL ROGERS STATE PARK ROAD, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): LUCINDA G. HOWZE, 1401 WILL ROGERS STATE PARK ROAD, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2025. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ LUCINDA G. HOWZE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/9/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 2/19/2026, 2/26/2026, 3/5/2026, 3/12/2026

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**Name Change**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26CHCP00053. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 9425 Penfield Avenue, Room 1200, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Petition of Caroline Rose Toomey for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Caroline Rose Toomey filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Caroline Rose Toomey to Caroline Rose. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 04/10/2026, Time: 8:30 am, Dept: F43. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 02/06/2026. Michael J. O'Gara, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/19/2026, 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/12/2026



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