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Rainstorms highlight need to clear burned properties by March 31



FEMA photo by Kevin Nha

DEBRIS: The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been working on Personal Property Debris Removal (PPDR) at fire locations.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles County officials urged wildfire survivors on Wednesday to make critical decisions about property debris removal before the March 31 deadline, as the region simultaneously braces for heavy rainfall that threatens burn areas with potential mudflows and landslides.

Mark Pestrella, Director of Public Works for Los Angeles County, emphasized the importance of property owners finalizing their decision to either opt into the government-led debris removal program or pursue private cleanup efforts.

"A March 31 deadline is approaching in which we need to hear from survivors, from eligible property owners to make a decision about whether or not you're going to have the government do this program, or you're going to be doing that on your own," Pestrella said during the county's final weekly press conference on wildfire recovery efforts.

Pestrella said he understood the delays but that residents were out of time and had to make a decision.

"What I'm finding is that a number of people, a lot of people, have made this option, leaving open their option by applying for this program, but haven't actually signed the final signature to it," Pestrella explained. "I get it, what people are doing is trying to decide who can do this faster, who can do this quicker."

The county's debris removal program has made significant progress since the devastating wildfires erupted more than two months ago. According to county officials, over 4,000 rights

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Brazen suggestions surface during council meeting to address budget imbalance

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica City Council convened on Saturday morning for a special budget workshop, in an attempt to address the city's ongoing financial struggles.

Council created an Economic Development Ad Hoc Subcommittee, comprising Mayor Lana Negrete and Councilmembers Jesse Zwick and Barry Snell. This move underscores the Council's strategic efforts to combat the city's structural deficit and explore solutions to stabilize municipal finances.

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>
> - Christopher Smith, Deputy City Manager

Held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Main Library rather than the chambers at City Hall, the meeting also set the framework for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025-27 Biennial Operating Budget, covering city finances from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Deputy City Manager Christopher Smith emphasized the gravity of the situation, noting that Santa Monica continues to face economic vulnerabilities and challenges in its path to recovery from the disruptions of the past few years.

"Today's workshop is an important opportunity for council and staff to align on councils priorities and policy directives for the next two years as we go to build the next biennial budget," Smith said.

Despite recent tax measures, the city's financial health remains precarious, necessitating the use of $33.2 million from General Fund reserves over the next five years to maintain balance. Compounding this strain are substantial legal liabilities, particularly from the Eric Uller settlement, which has already cost the city $230 million, with additional claims still unresolved. The ongoing California Voting Rights Act lawsuit also continues to drain resources, with legal costs projected at $6 million over the current and next fiscal year.

To address these challenges, the Council directed staff to craft a budget that prioritizes fiscal restraint and revenue generation. Specific measures under consideration include eliminating the longstanding 90-minute free parking policy in Downtown structures, expected to generate $8 million annually, and utilizing code enforcement to pressure property owners into activating vacant commercial spaces. Other proposals involve charging market rates for city facility events, increasing fees for film permits, and expanding digital advertising initiatives Downtown.

During discussions, some Councilmembers advocated for more drastic steps. Councilmember Dan Hall voiced concerns that Santa Monica is "careening towards bankruptcy," urging bolder action. "We've attempted to tweak around the edges in the past, and while that's kept us afloat, I feel like it's really just delayed the pain until today," he said.

One idea floated was the potential sale of city properties, including the Fairview Branch Library, to shore up funds for critical city services. While selling municipal assets is generally a last resort, Hall and Zwick noted that such measures may be necessary given the dire financial landscape.

Assistant City Manager Susan Cline highlighted the urgency of the situation, describing the budget workshop as a crucial moment in the city's financial planning. "[The City] is using all available funds to keep

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US inflation cooled last month, though trade war threatens to lift prices

U.S. inflation slowed last month for the first time since September and a measure of underlying inflation fell to a four-year low, even as widespread tariffs threaten to send prices higher.

The consumer price index increased 2.8% in February from a year ago, Wednesday's report from the Labor Department showed, down from 3% the previous month. Core prices, which exclude the volatile food and energy categories, rose 3.1% from a year earlier, down from 3.3% in January. The core figure is the lowest since April 2021.

The declines were greater than economists expected, according to a survey by data provider FactSet. Yet inflation remains above the Federal Reserve's 2% target. And most economists expect inflation will remain elevated this year as Trump's tariffs kick in.

The report "is encouraging news, though it doesn't tell us much about where inflation is headed," said Oren Klachkin, Nationwide Financial Markets economist, in an email. "With tariffs possibly set to push goods prices higher ... we see inflation risks as tilted to the upside."

On a monthly basis, inflation also came in much lower than expected. Consumer prices rose 0.2% in February from the previous month, down from a big 0.5% jump in January. And core prices rose just 0.2%, below the 0.4% increase in January. Economists watch core prices because they are typically a better guide to inflation's future path.

A sharp drop in air fares, which fell 4% just in February from the previous month, helped bring down overall inflation. Rental price increases also slowed and the costs of hotel rooms and car insurance rose much more slowly in February than the previous month. The price of new cars fell last month compared with January.

Grocery prices were unchanged last month from January, bringing some relief to consumers grappling with a 25% jump in grocery prices from four years ago. The cost of eggs, however, jumped 10.4% in February from the previous month and are nearly 60% more expensive than a year ago.

Avian flu has forced farmers to slaughter more than 160 million birds, including 30 million in January. Average egg prices hit $5.90 a dozen nationwide in February, a record high. The price had consistently been below $2 a dozen for decades before the disease struck.

How big an impact Trump's tariffs will have on prices remains unclear, for now. The duties have roiled financial markets and could sharply slow the economy, and some analysts see the odds of a recession rising.

On Wednesday, Trump raised U.S. import taxes on all steel and aluminum imports to 25% each. Some companies that use steel are already seeing their costs rise, and depending on how long they stay in place, they could lift prices for cars, appliances, and electronics. The European Union responded in kind almost immediately to the steel and aluminum duties, announcing retaliatory trade action with new tariffs on U.S. industrial and farm products.

The White House has also imposed 25% duties on all imports from Canada and Mexico, with a 10% rate for oil from Canada. Most of those tariffs have been suspended until early April.

However, Canada will announce retaliatory tariffs that add up to $21 billion in U.S. dollars, according to a senior Canadian government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak before the announcement.

Trump has also pledged to impose reciprocal tariffs on any country with duties on U.S. exports on April 2. Economists at the Yale Budget Lab calculate that those duties could boost the average U.S. tariff rate to its highest level since 1937, and cost the average household as much as $3,400.

That has sent business owners scrambling.

"It does put a lot of businesses like ours in a tough spot," said Ethan Frisch, co-CEO of the New York spice company Burlap & Barrel. "We're going to have to pass along (the cost) to the consumer. We can't afford to eat that cost ourselves as a small business. And we certainly can't pass it back to a farmer in central Mexico. So, it's going to make the product more expensive, which is then in turn going to slow down sales."

Performance expectations for 2025 have already been moderated by some of the largest U.S. retailers.

Walmart CFO John David Rainey said last month that some product categories will have price increases.

Last week, Target CEO Brian Cornell said produce prices, including Mexican avocados, could rise soon industrywide and prices for other goods are likely to follow. Best Buy's CEO Corie Barry said she's expecting higher prices from suppliers, with China and Mexico being primary sources for its products.

Tariffs were a big topic at the recent annual Toy Fair as nearly 80% of the toys sold in the U.S. are sourced from China. Price increases of 15% to 20% are expected on games, dolls, cars, said Greg Ahearn, president and CEO of The Toy Association, said

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Weather

Thursday: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before 11am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11am. High near 55. Windy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Breezy.
Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers after 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 52.
Friday Night: A chance of showers before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

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2025/03/13	Thu	10:12 PM	4.67	H
2025/03/14	Fri	04:04 AM	0.65	L
2025/03/14	Fri	10:02 AM	4.94	H
2025/03/14	Fri	4:19 PM	0.06	L
2025/03/14	Fri	10:31 PM	4.79	H
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2025/03/15	Sat	10:34 AM	4.54	H
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2025/03/19	Wed	5:22 PM	2.05	L
2025/03/20	Thu	12:24 AM	4.54	H
2025/03/20	Thu	08:31 AM	0.89	L
2025/03/21	Fri	01:07 AM	4.33	H
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Power#: 6
Jackpot: 353 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 3/7
8 20 48 58 60
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 256 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 3/8
8 9 33 45 46
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/10
17 25 26 35 37

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Draw Date: 3/10
EVENING: 6 4 3
Draw Date: 3/10
MIDDAY: 3 3 3

Daily Derby
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2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
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Citywide

Santa Monica Hotels Offer Spring Discounts to LA County Residents

Santa Monica Travel & Tourism announced Tuesday its "Spring Staycation in Santa Monica" promotion offering discounted stays to Los Angeles County residents from March 15 to April 17.

The program requires proof of county residency at check-in and includes discounts ranging from 10% to 25% at 19 participating hotels, including the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Shutters on the Beach and Santa Monica Proper Hotel.

"We invite you to enjoy Santa Monica's laid-back luxury, relax at our stunning hotel properties and visit our neighborhood businesses this spring break," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism.

Complete booking information is available at santamonica.com/spring-staycation.

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Los Angeles

Disaster Recovery Centers Continue Services for LA Wildfire Victims

Disaster Recovery Centers remain open to assist survivors of the recent Los Angeles County wildfires, federal officials announced Monday.

The centers, located at UCLA Research Park West in Los Angeles and in Altadena, offer in-person assistance with FEMA applications and updates, as well as access to representatives from other state and federal agencies. Both locations operate Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The facilities are accessible to people with disabilities and include assistive technology resources.

Officials remind survivors they can also apply for assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov, through the FEMA app or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.

Additional recovery information is available at fema.gov/disaster/4856 and CA.gov/LAFires.

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Countywide

California Fire Foundation Distributes $20M for Wildfire Relief

The California Fire Foundation has raised over $20 million to support communities affected by recent wildfires in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, the organization announced Wednesday.

The foundation has distributed 7,263 Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) cards, providing over $1.8 million in financial assistance to nearly 23,000 families, including 4,837 children, in the two months since the fires.

Additional support included $500,000 in Uber Eats vouchers, $20,000 in Postmates vouchers and over $54,000 in DoorDash gift cards.

"Our work and community support are more vital now than ever, with relief and recovery efforts expected to take years," said Angie Carmignani, executive director of the California Fire Foundation.

The foundation is now launching a multi-year grant program for ongoing recovery efforts. California-based fire departments, local firefighter associations, federally recognized tribes and nonprofit organizations can apply at CaliforniaFireFoundation.org.

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Countywide

USPS Launches Safe Driving Awareness Campaign

The U.S. Postal Service is promoting a national safe driving awareness campaign to reduce accidents involving mail delivery vehicles.

The USPS, which operates more than 246,000 vehicles that travel over one billion miles annually, is asking the public to remain vigilant when driving near postal vehicles.

"We encourage the public to stay alert when around postal vehicles, and together, we can protect our drivers and everyone else on the road," said Leeann Theriault, USPS employee safety and health awareness manager.

The agency recommends slowing down when postal vehicles are making deliveries, checking blind spots, avoiding distracted driving and not blocking access to mailboxes.

"When moving mail from one postal facility to another, driving safe is my main objective," said USPS tractor trailer operator Carter Scott. "I always take the appropriate time to be vigilant and expect the unexpected."

The USPS is encouraging social media users to share information about the campaign using #USPSVehicleAwareness.

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LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

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Trump campaigned as a protector of free speech. Critics say his actions as president threaten it

When President Donald Trump gave his joint address to Congress last week, he boasted that in his first few weeks back in the White House he had "brought free speech back to America."

But First Amendment advocates say they've never seen freedom of speech under attack the way it has been in Trump's second term.

Trump's Republican administration has threatened Democratic members of Congress with investigation for criticizing conservatives, pulled federal grants that include language it opposes, sanctioned law firms that represent Trump's political opponents and arrested the organizer of student protests that Trump criticized as "anti-Semitic, anti-American."

"Your right to say something depends on what the administration thinks of it, which is no free speech at all," said Will Creeley, legal director of the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, a nonpartisan First Amendment group.

Trump on Monday took credit for the arrest by immigration agents of Mahmoud Khalil, a Columbia University graduate student and legal permanent resident who helped lead pro-Palestinian protests there. Khalil's lawyers say the government is targeting him for his activism and to "discriminate against particular viewpoints."

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Wednesday that the administration will revoke the visas or green cards of supporters of Hamas, which the U.S. has designated a terrorist organization and denied that the policy threatened the First Amendment.

"This is not about free speech," Rubio told reporters in Shannon, Ireland. "This is about people that don't have a right to be in the United States to begin with. No one has a right to a student visa. No one has a right to a green card."

A federal judge earlier this week ordered immigration officials not to remove Khalil from the country while his case is sorted out.

"This is the first arrest of many to come. We know there are more students at Columbia and other Universities across the Country who have engaged in pro-terrorist, anti-Semitic, anti-American activity, and the Trump Administration will not tolerate it," Trump wrote.

TARGETING UNIVERSITIES OVER LANGUAGE AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Even some Trump allies were uncomfortable with that approach: "There's almost no one I don't want to deport," wrote conservative commentator Ann Coulter on X, "but, unless they've committed a crime, isn't this a violation of the first amendment?"

On the other end of the political spectrum, activists who organized to protest the war in Gaza were aghast at the administration's move.

"We learn about our First Amendment rights since we're children," said Germán Rafael González, a member of Stanford University's Students for Justice in Palestine. "But that is very much a myth. It's not the reality we live in right now. And it's scary."

Prior to the arrest of Khalil over the weekend, the administration pressured Columbia University to crack down on anti-Israel activism among students and faculty, and Trump has threatened to go after any college that supports protests he deems "illegal."

He also issued an order forbidding federal funding of what his administration labels diversity, equity and inclusion, which led to a freeze on federal grants as the administration reviews them for forbidden words such as "gender."

Todd Wolfson, president of the American Association of University Professors, which sued the Trump administration over its DEI ban and won an injunction against it from a federal judge, said the administration is pulling funding from projects that have prohibited words, yanking grants from research into such areas as crop diversity or differences in infant mortality in urban and rural areas.

"Nobody really wants Big Brother telling you what you can research," Wolfson said. "These are questions our country needs to know the answers to."

'THE MOST SERIOUS OF THREATS' TO FREE SPEECH

Republicans for several years have been the party complaining about infringements on the First Amendment, from complaints about "woke" colleges canceling conservative speakers to bashing social media companies they accuse of censoring conservative viewpoints, including cutting Trump off after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack by his supporters on the U.S. Capitol. GOP-controlled Florida and Texas even drew up laws to limit how social media firms regulate content, though the U.S. Supreme Court kept them on hold last year because of possible First Amendment violations.

Last year, Trump positioned himself as a champion of the First Amendment during his campaign, and he signed an executive order just hours after being sworn into office prohibiting anyone in the federal government from interfering with Americans' free speech rights. But he also made pledges that signaled he might oppose some of the First Amendment's fundamental protections, such as deporting foreign students who protested Israel or outlawing flag-burning, which the Supreme Court has ruled is protected free speech.

Creeley, of the individual rights foundation, said he tried to be optimistic before Trump took office that the new president would fix some First Amendment issues. Instead, he said, it's gotten worse.

"I cannot recall anything like this," Creeley said. "I've been defending First Amendment rights since 2006, and this is the most serious of threats I can recall."

ACTIONS AGAINST MEDIA AND LAWYERS TO CHILL DISSENT

The Trump administration also has gone after the news media.

The president has sued several outlets for coverage he dislikes, and his appointees at

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Toledo, Tesla, Van, Midori, Mozart

MUSK - TRUMP PROTEST

Saturday noon 3/15 at Broadway and Third, near the Tesla dealership. To demand accountability, for Trump turning his unelected billionaire donor loose to cause so much pain and damage, and to enrich his own business interests. Sponsored by CODEPINK. Such protests are popping up worldwide. A lot. And yes, this does affect the arts, big time.

VAN MORRISON BIRTHDAY BASH

I know, anti-vaxer and all, but he has always been exceedingly eccentric and anti-authority. Still a musical genius capable of astounding. And because this is his BD bash he probably won't do anything weird to make you ask for your money back. Concert and dinner at the Europa Hotel, June 23, 24. Although it was just announced as I write this, half the rows of tables are gone, but there are only six rows, and the price is very low for a show that intimate, with grub, $250-300. Of course, you do have to fly to Belfast.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Tonight! - MIDORI – You put up with fires, earthquakes, impossible traffic and rotten politicians to live here. So why wouldn't you get off your couch, spend what you would pay for two lunches, and go hear one of the world's greatest violinists? I mean, really. Thurs, 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $59-131.

MOZART'S "COSI FAN TUTTE," LA OPERA – There's no question that Wolfgang A. was one of the most inspired and popular composers of all time. His music will live forever. He loved operas and wrote 22 of them (10 while still a teenager). Most experts name "Figaro," "Don Giovanni" and this one as his three best. Stage and Cinema just declared, "LA Opera's exceptional 'Così' production seduces with wit, beauty, and the unsettling aftertaste of truth, lingering long after the final note fades." And, from Hollywood Progressive: "Lots of physical comedy, slapstick and sight gags." My advice: get your tickets now. Sun 2 p.m., Wed 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $49-400.

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:

LA OPERA Community Opera "THREE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM" – Not a regular Dorothy Chandler production, but longtime orchestra director James Conlon will be there. Composed by Carla Lucero, in Spanish with English subtitles. "Community opera" means members of the community have been invited to participate, on stage (but they had to attend rehearsals).



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: Midori tonight!

Performed in the magnificent Our Lady of the Angels cathedral downtown. It's based on the Passion narrative of the Eighth Station of the Cross, depicting the women who weep for Jesus as He is forced toward crucifixion. It imagines what these unnamed women were like, ordinary people sharing their compassion when confronted with evil. Fri 7:30 p.m., Sat 3 p.m., Cathedral, 555 Temple, LA, free.

JASON ISBELL – Caught him live only once and that was at Disney Hall, acoustic, with his wife. This show is also acoustic, solo. So no big rock sound like you might know him for, with his band The 400 Unit. But this setting will be a treat. He's a gifted songwriter and vocalist, and he will entertain you. Sat 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $135-235.

ANGEL BLUE – I'm not really a fan of solo concerts by opera divas, but I've heard Angel in a couple of LA Operas, and this is a voice you don't want to miss. No doubt she will show off skills not evident from a cast format. A local lass, to boot. Sat 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $28-216.

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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): MIDORI, Disney Hall, 3/13; MOZART'S "COSI FAN TUTTE," LA OPERA, Dorothy Chandler, 3/16, 19, 22, 27, 30; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 3/16, 23, 30; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES,

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Public Notice

County of Los Angeles Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2025A)

Whereas, on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, April 19, 2025, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at the online public auction at www.govease.com/los-angeles.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online public auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, June 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, June 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at the online public auction at www.govease.com/los-angeles beginning Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Information regarding this sale is available at ttc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.govease.com/los-angeles and submit a deposit of 10 percent of the spend limit that is set by each registered bidder. Bid deposits must be in the form of a wire transfer, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, March 14, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, TTC sells all property ''as is'' and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on February 27, 2025.

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County of Los Angeles
State of California

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AROUND TOWN

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St. Patty's Day Weekend & Museums Free-for-All Day

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Museums Free-for-All Day, HERitage Market, St. Patty's Day happenings, and much more!



Courtesy image

WEEKEND: Many museums have free admission on Sunday.

Santa Monica Film Festival: Immerse yourself in a world of storytelling, creativity, and entertainment. Saturday, March 15, AMC Santa Monica 7, 1310 3rd St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-film-festival-tickets-920906124007

Downtown Santa Monica's women's history event, HERitage Market: This is a celebration of all things women-owned and women-made, showcasing unique products and talents. Saturday, March 15 · 10am - 4pm., 3rd Street Promenade https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mosaiq-creative-heritage-market-tickets-1226531702339

SaMo Conservancy Downtown Walking Tour: Discover downtown Santa Monica's historic and architectural gems including the Bay Cities Guaranty Building, El Miro Theater, Georgian Hotel, Gussie Moran House, and Keller Block. FREE. Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m., HI-LA/Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St. https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt

Light and Color Collages Workshop: Camera Obscura Artist-in-Residence Christian Sampson is leading 2 workshops inspired by his work and focus on the interplay of light, color, and space, allowing participants to explore concepts like transparency, shadow, and reflection Saturday, Saturday and Sunday March 15 &16, Miles Memorial Playhouse 1130 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4y77j1q2esdz572g70yyqy4cxb/202503151100

SMMUSD Stairway to the Stars Musical Extravaganza: Nearly 900 elementary, middle, and high school students will "star" in the outdoor concert in the Santa Monica High School Greek Amphitheatre. Saturday, March 15, 4 p.m. https://smapa.formstack.com/forms/stairway_of_the_stars

The Artist Fair Santa Monica: This outdoor gallery market showcases all different types of artists like painters, woodworkers, jewelry, clothing, sculptures and music! Bringing the community together to enjoy the park in this family dog friendly event! Come enjoy some cool tunes and meet the artists. FREE. Sunday, March 16, 10a.m. - 5p.m., near Tower 25 in Ocean Park (2410 Ocean Front Walk) https://www.instagram.com/theartistfair

Museums Free-for-All: Over 30 museums will offer free general admission to visitors to celebrate free arts and culture in Southern California. Sunday, March 16. https://socalmuseums.org/annual-free-for-all-2025/

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Binge Fringe Festival (2/25 - 3/30)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Lunetta Presents a Three-Night Bouillabaisse Dinner: Chef Raphael Lunetta has crafted a three-course menu inspired by his time in the South of France, featuring a rich and flavorful bouillabaisse with the freshest local seafood. $65. March 12, 13 & 14, 2420 Pico Blvd. lunettasm.com

Pi Day Specials: Pitfire Pizza celebrates Pi Day this Friday with $3.14 mini Margherita Pizzas (with any purchase) until 3:14 p.m. (dine-in only). Starting at 3:14 p.m., the first 314 guests at each location can win one of 314 Pitfire prizes, including gift cards and merch. Meanwhile, Superba is serving up $3.14 slices of blueberry pie until 3:14 p.m. (or until sold out).

St. Patrick's Day at Jameson's Pub: The party starts at 6:00a.m. with Top o' the Morning specials like $7 Green Beer, $5.99 Peanut Butter Jameson shots, and corned beef cabbage food specials all day along with live entertainment, giveaways, and more. 2702 Main St. https://santamonica.jamesonsirishpub.com/

St. Patrick's Day at The Library Alehouse: Come celebrate the foremost patron saint of Ireland with The Library Alehouse! Enjoy a delicious homemade corned beef stew or Reuben and a creamy pint of Guinness while you soak in the wailing skirl of bagpipes. Live bagpipe performances take place at 1pm and 8pm. Come get your party on! https://www.libraryalehouse.com

March Madness at Cabo Cantina: Enjoy 2-for-1 Happy Hour from 4-8pm along with a mountain of Carne Asada Muchos Nachos or their new Taco & Beer special for only $9.99. March 18 - 23, 1240 3rd Street Promenade https://cabocantina.com/

Lodestar Whiskey & Socalo Restaurant Team Up for Women's History Month Cocktail: The women-run distillery and the women-run restaurant are serving a new cocktail called the Safe Passage to celebrate Women's History Month. https://www.instagram.com/p/DGrX51PSU5u/

Holey Grail Donuts Launches New Coconut Carrot Cake Donut Collab w/ James Beard Foundation + Kismet Team: The new carrot cake donut for Women's History Month is fried to order and topped with coconut flakes, carrot drizzle, cake spice, and a cream cheese glaze. 20% of sales will benefit the James Beard Foundation's Climate Solutions for Restaurant Survival campaign and Family First Foundation Altadena. https://holeygraildonuts.com/

Dessert For A Good Cause At Boa and Sushi Roku: This month, LA Innovative Dining Group restaurants BOA and Sushi Roku are partnering with Children's Hospital LA (CHLA) for the Make March Matter campaign. The goal of Make March Matter is to raise $1 million or more during the month of March, and this is the campaign's 10th year. For every dessert from their menus sold this month, IDG is donating $2 to support CHLA!

Holy Basil at Augie's on Main: Holy Basil is heading to the Westside for a special pop-up at Augie's on Main - before they officially open in SaMo. Join March 19 & 20, starting at 3:30 PM until sold out for exclusive Holy Basil menu items—Holy Burger & Crispy Rice Salad! https://www.instagram.com/p/DGl0ivwy5no/

Two Main St. Spots Make The Infatuation's The Hit List of New LA Restaurants To Try Right Now: The high-end Seline and the Not No Bar both get lauded. "Not No Bar is proof that when you mix good cocktails, good pizza, and good music, people will show up in droves." "Even if your brain can't retain the detailed descriptions accompanying each dish (because the internet fried it), a night at Seline is unforgettable." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-new-los-angeles-restaurants-hit-list

Further Afield: LA Marathon: Celebrating 40 years running in 2025, the LA Marathon will take place March 14 - 16, including a 2-day Lifestyle Expo at the famed Dodger Stadium, the LA 5K and LA Kids Run on Saturday, and the Charity Half Marathon and Los Angeles Marathon on Sunday. https://www.mccourtfoundation.org/event/los-angeles-marathon/race-weekend-overview/

Looking Ahead: Santa Monica Film Festival (3/15); SoCal Museum Feee-For-All (3/16); LA Marathon (3/16); Venice Fest (3/22)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: St. Patty's Day Weekend & Museums Free-for-All Day

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DEBRIS

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of entry (ROEs) have been validated and submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers for Phase Two debris removal operations. The county expects to reach 5,000 ROEs by Thursday.

Colonel Eric Swenson of the US Army Corps of Engineers reported active work on 629 parcels in various stages of debris removal, with 242 parcels completely cleared to date.

> If we received your validated right of entry from the county and processed it, you will receive a notification call three to five days out for when your property is up for removal
> - Eric Swenson, Colonel

The Corps continues to make daily progress, processing nearly 4,000 rights of entry received from the county.

"If we received your validated right of entry from the county and processed it, you will receive a notification call three to five days out for when your property is up for removal," Colonel Swenson said. "We're building crews every day, and so we'll be making more and more calls every day."

County Supervisor Kathryn Barger described the current effort as "the fastest debris removal ever that has been stood up post-fire in the history of Los Angeles County, at a scale that has never been seen before." However, she said more work is needed to help residents rebuild quickly.

The debris removal process has been comprehensive, with Phase One operations already removing more than 300 tons of household hazardous waste. Phase Two operations are expected to clear approximately 4.5 million tons of debris from more than 13,500 eligible properties. The county has received over 9,000 right of entry forms thus far.

While debris removal progresses, LA County faces immediate challenges from an incoming storm system. Officials announced evacuation orders and warnings for vulnerable burn areas, with rainfall expected to be heaviest Wednesday night through Thursday morning.

"We expect one to two inches for coast and valley areas, two to four inches in the foothills and mountains, rainfall intensity between a half to three-quarters of an inch per hour, with about a 20% chance of thundershowers," Pestrella said. The peak intensity is forecast for Thursday between 2 and 5 a.m. but rain is predicted for several days.

In preparation for the storm, the Pacific Coast Highway closed Wednesday, with local mountain roads closing later that night. Officials have identified vulnerable locations and conducted targeted evacuations.

"We do expect that we're going to have some debris flow in this event, meaning we will see debris in streets at the locations that have already been identified. We expect traffic issues, we expect unsafe conditions for driving," Pestrella warned.

Residents in fire-impacted areas are urged to visit ready.lacounty.gov/rain for emergency alerts, preparedness tips, and sandbag pickup locations. They can also call the county's dispatch number at 818-106-7545 or 1-800-675-4357 for assistance during the storm.

Despite the conclusion of weekly press conferences, county officials committed to continuing support for wildfire survivors. Weekly community meetings will continue every Monday at 4 p.m. to address residents' concerns and questions, and the recovery.lacounty.gov website will provide ongoing updates.

To date, recovery efforts have secured $86 million in total individual assistance from FEMA and $1.5 billion in SBA loans. More than 4,000 residents have visited disaster recovery centers, and over 25,000 survivors have been connected to county resources.

"These aren't just numbers," said Barger. "They represent real lives that have been impacted and real progress that is being made."

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NOTEWORTHY

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Cinema Bar, 3/17, 24, 31; TITO PUENTE JR., Jazz Bakery, 3/22; LA FOLK FESTIVAL/ EMMYLOU HARRIS, Bellwether, 3/22; FRANZ FERDINAND, Wiltern, 3/29.

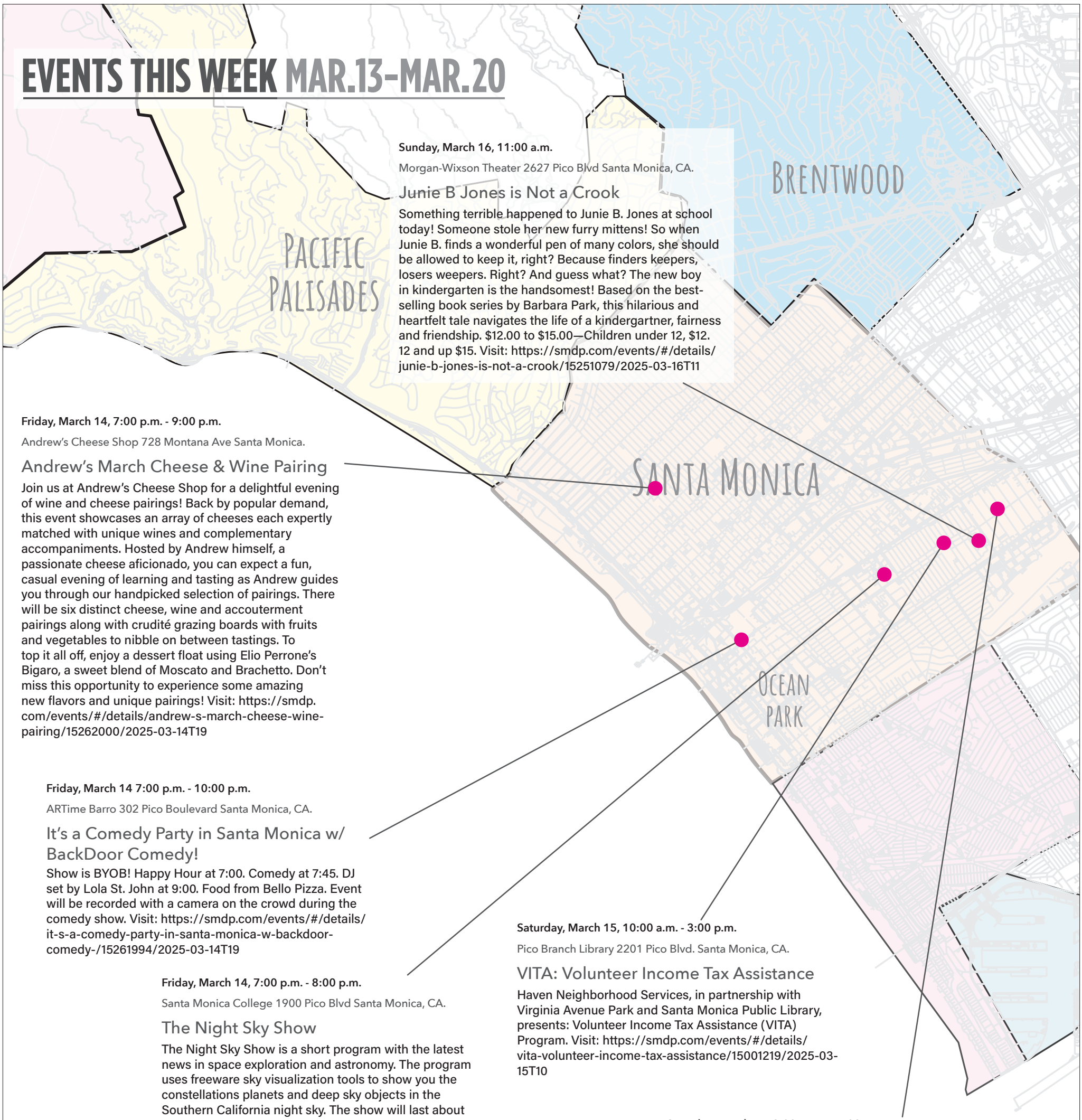
DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): "WE ❤ L.A.!," DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 4/1; CARMEN LUNDY, Jazz Bakery, 4/5; TONY GILKYSON & RICK SHEA, CINDY LEE BERRYHILL, McCabe's, 4/6; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 4/6, 13, 20, 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 4/7, 14, 21, 28, 5/5, 12, 19, 26; POPAGANZA, Pacific Opera Project, Ebell, 4/7; MIGUEL ZENON QUARTET, Jazz Bakery, 4/13; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; PUSSY RIOT, Lodge Room, 4/20; PHISH, Hwd Bowl, 4/25, 26, 27; ALBERT LEE, McCabe's, 4/26; LUCKY STARS, Broadstage, 4/26; PATRICE RUSHEN, Disney, 5/2; BEETHOVEN with ESA-PEKKA, Disney, 5/2, 3, 4; JACK WHITE, Hwd Palladium, 5/12, 13; JON BATISTE, Disney, 5/19; GERSHWIN, "Also Sprach Z," LA PHIL, Disney, 5/23, 24; DIEGO FIGUEIREDO/KEN PEPLOWSKI, Jazz Bakry, 5/24; LOVE, Echo, 5/31; PAUL SIMON, Disney, 7/7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16; ALISON KRAUS, UNION STATION, Greek, 7/13; FATHER JOHN MISTY, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Greek, 7/25; TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND, Greek, 8/13; NEIL YOUNG, Hwd Bowl, 9/15; NINE INCH NAILS, Kia Forum, 9/18, 19; ORIANTHI, Canyon Agoura Hills,

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EVENTS THIS WEEK MAR.13-MAR.20



Sunday, March 16, 11:00 a.m.

Morgan-Wixson Theater 2627 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA.

Junie B Jones is Not a Crook

Something terrible happened to Junie B. Jones at school today! Someone stole her new furry mittens! So when Junie B. finds a wonderful pen of many colors, she should be allowed to keep it, right? Because finders keepers, losers weepers. Right? And guess what? The new boy in kindergarten is the handsomest! Based on the best-selling book series by Barbara Park, this hilarious and heartfelt tale navigates the life of a kindergartner, fairness and friendship. $12.00 to $15.00—Children under 12, $12. 12 and up $15. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/junie-b-jones-is-not-a-crook/15251079/2025-03-16T11

Friday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Ave Santa Monica.

Andrew's March Cheese & Wine Pairing

Join us at Andrew's Cheese Shop for a delightful evening of wine and cheese pairings! Back by popular demand, this event showcases an array of cheeses each expertly matched with unique wines and complementary accompaniments. Hosted by Andrew himself, a passionate cheese aficionado, you can expect a fun, casual evening of learning and tasting as Andrew guides you through our handpicked selection of pairings. There will be six distinct cheese, wine and accouterment pairings along with crudité grazing boards with fruits and vegetables to nibble on between tastings. To top it all off, enjoy a dessert float using Elio Perrone's Bigaro, a sweet blend of Moscato and Brachetto. Don't miss this opportunity to experience some amazing new flavors and unique pairings! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/andrew-s-march-cheese-wine-pairing/15262000/2025-03-14T19

Friday, March 14 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

ARTime Barro 302 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica, CA.

It's a Comedy Party in Santa Monica w/ BackDoor Comedy!

Show is BYOB! Happy Hour at 7:00. Comedy at 7:45. DJ set by Lola St. John at 9:00. Food from Bello Pizza. Event will be recorded with a camera on the crowd during the comedy show. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/it-s-a-comedy-party-in-santa-monica-w-backdoor-comedy-/15261994/2025-03-14T19

Friday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA.

The Night Sky Show

The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-03-14T19

Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA.

VITA: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Haven Neighborhood Services, in partnership with Virginia Avenue Park and Santa Monica Public Library, presents: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/vita-volunteer-income-tax-assistance/15001219/2025-03-15T10

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ishihara Park Learning Garden 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica.

If Life Gives you Lemons, Make Lemonade - Fruit Trees in Small Spaces

If you have a small space and want some fresh fruit, join us as we discuss which Fruit Trees grow well in containers. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/if-life-gives-you-lemons-make-lemonade-fruit-trees-in-small-spaces/15241516/2025-03-15T09

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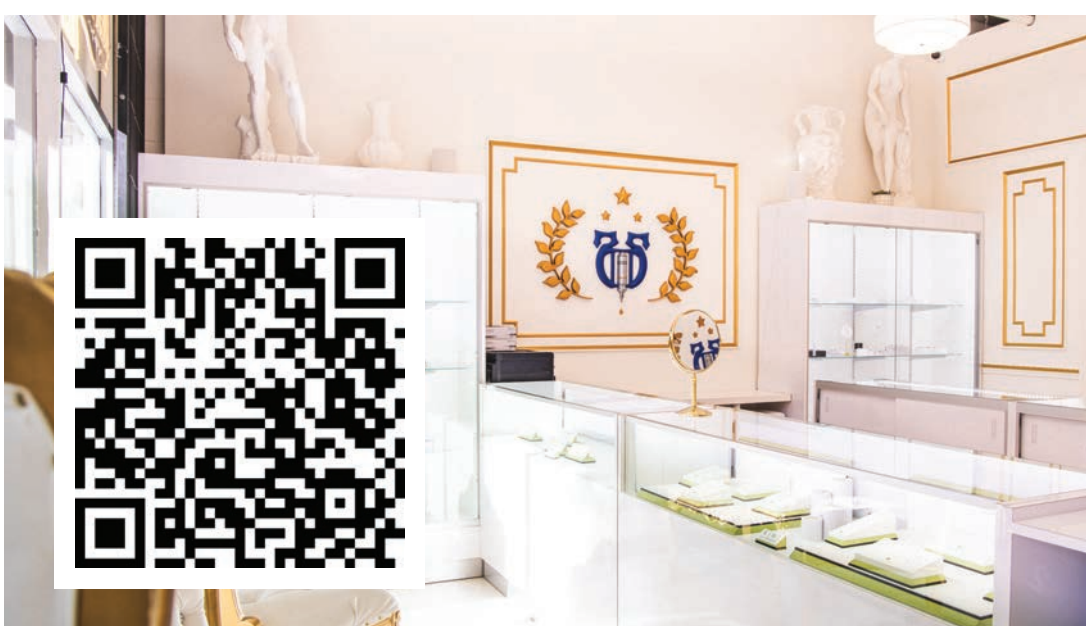
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THURSDAY | MARCH 13

IMMIGRATION SERVICES OFFICE HOURS
12 - 2 p.m. Study Room 1, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Come in for a free consultation on immigration services with an attorney from the nonprofit African Communities Public Health Coalition. This nonprofit organization offers free assistance with family-based immigration, including Petition for Alien Relative, VAWA and DACA. Services available on a first arrival basis.

TECH & TASKS
2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more.

KIDDIE KARAOKE
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Community Room, Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. Sing your favorite songs with friends. Celebrate Women's History Month with songs by your favorite female singers. For ages 5-11 years old.

LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE
4 - 5 p.m. 2800 28th St. Suite 170. Focuses on issues influencing the operation of businesses in Santa Monica including permitting, zoning, parking and access. For more information, visit smchamber.com.

EMERITUS STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
5 - 6:30 p.m. Virtual. The Santa Monica College Emeritus exhibition opens with a Zoom event, featuring student photographers speaking about their work and will be hosted by Emeritus Gallery Curator Jesse Benson. For more information, visit: https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/2196bbed-f893-4d34-a104-c1b5bd695a8e.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
6 - 8 p.m. Community Room, Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This is a special meeting of the Library Board, the public is welcome to attend. Agenda and minutes available at https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4gqsy4jbpje7pwacs7ebjygs4y/202503131800.

PAPERMAKING WITH SOPHIA ALLISON
6 - 7:30 p.m. Propeller Gallery, 3026 Airport Ave. Join for a papermaking workshop with Camera Obscura Artist-in-Residence Sophia Allison. Learn basic paper making techniques utilizing recycled materials such as junk mail, old homework, newspapers or a variety of almost any kind of paper. Sophia will discuss the materials and basic equipment and demonstrate step-by-step how to create pulp, pull the pulp using a screen and create handmade papers. Sophia will also show examples of her own handmade papers and artwork that incorporates the paper making processes.

HOLLYWOOD ADJACENT
6:30 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Part of the Binge Free Festival, "Hollywood Adjacent" features a tale of consent, fame and bizarre office politics. Written and produced by Zach Ring, directed by Kazu Takeda. Free performance.

RENT CONTROL BOARD
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations.

FRIDAY | MARCH 14

PILATES - CORE WORK
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Venice Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd. 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.

TWO-STEPPIN' INTO ST. PADDY'S
8 - 11:59 p.m. Brennan's, 4089 Lincoln Blvd., Marina del Rey. Westside's wildest St. Paddy's celebration is kicking things off early with line dancing, discounted drinks and great music. Green attire highly encouraged. Tickets $12, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/two-steppin-into-st-paddys-line-dancing-live-music-gettin-lucky-tickets-1245242486799.

SATURDAY | MARCH 15

FRUIT TREES IN SALT SPACES
9 - 11 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Whether Meyer Lemons, Kumquats or Finger Limes are to your liking, a discussion will be held on how to pick a variety that works for small spaces and the maintenance and care that are required for potted fruit trees. Seasonal vegetable seeds will be available and there will be a raffle of a couple small fruit trees for a few lucky folks to take home.

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 a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The VITA Grant program is an IRS initiative that supports free tax preparation services for the underserved. Bring the following documents: Physical photo ID, original SSN/ITIN card, 2024 W-2 or 1099 forms, bank routing and account numbers to direct deposit. To schedule an appointment, call 310-458-8688 or email vap@santamonica.gov.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. The booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis.

HERITAGE MARKET
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1200 - 1300 Blocks, 3rd Street Promenade. Mosaiq Creative, in collaboration with Downtown Santa Monica, invites you to the HERitage Market, a day dedicated to celebrating women's achievements, creativity and innovation. This exciting event showcases women-owned businesses and brings the community together for a vibrant, family-friendly day filled with shopping, activities and inspiration. Free event, to RSVP visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mosaiq-creative-heritage-market-tickets-1226531702339.

ART-MAKING IN COMMUNITY FOR HEALING
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 18th Street Arts Center Olympic Campus 1639 18th Street. Santa Monica, CA 90404 Free + Open to the Public. In response to the devastating fires that impacted Los Angeles, join us for a series of community art-making gatherings focused on safety, connection, and healing, entitled Art-making in Community for Healing. The convenings will take place on the third Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm. These open studio-style gatherings provide space to process experiences through creative expression, with licensed mental health and trained arts healing practitioners available for support. The final 30 minutes will be dedicated to optional sharing in community. Each gathering is FREE and welcomes participants of all ages and offers a nurturing environment.

LIGHT AND COLOR COLLAGES
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Miles Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd. Join Camera Obscura Artist-in-Residence Christian Sampson for "Light and Color Collages." The workshops are inspired by Sampson's work and focus on the interplay of light, color and space; allowing participants to explore concepts like transparency, shadow and reflection. To RSVP, visit https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4y77j1q2esdz572g70yyqy4cxb/202503151100.

AUTHOR EVENT
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1113 Montana Ave. Join for a conversation with Amy Griffin and Chanel Miller as they discuss "The Tell," Griffin's newly-released memoir. The conversation will offer a meaningful dialogue about navigating childhood trauma, the transformative impact of memory and the importance of sharing our stories. Ticket plus copy of the book $32, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/author-event-with-amy-griffin-and-chanel-miller-tickets-1226556967909.

COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES
12 - 1 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. People's Dog Training, a Love At First Sit program, host their Los Angeles Wildfires Initiative through their Community Dog Training Classes. Class fee is $5, then Pay What You Can after that. Wildfire victims and first responders are always free. Class proceeds are donated to CAMP (Community Animal Medicine Project), who are providing free veterinary services to Los Angeles wildfire victims. Sign up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training.

KISS ME, I'M IRISH
2 p.m. - 2 a.m. Britannia Pub, 318 Santa Monica Blvd. Barcrawlerz is a Santa Monica Bar Crawl like no other, featuring the best drink specials in town. This is a two-day event, also taking place 6 p.m. - 2 a.m. on March 17. Tickets $20, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kiss-me-im-irish-santa-monica-st-patricks-day-bar-crawl-2-days-tickets-1111908822219.

LUCKY'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAR CRAWL
4 - 11:59 p.m. Get lucky this St. Paddy's Day with a day full of green drinks, shamrocks and epic bar-hoping fun. Tickets $15, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-official-luckys-st-patricks-day-bar-crawl-santa-monica-tickets-1089630025739.

PULL MY FINGER
5 - 6:30 p.m. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave. A super silly and high energy show, fun for the whole family. All ages welcome. Stroller parking available. Tickets $15, to purchase visit: https://jetbook.co/e/pull-my-fingerkfzr.

HARLEM QUARTET WITH ALDO LÓPEZ-GAVILÁN
7:30 p.m. BroadStage, 1310 11th St. BroadStage presents the mesmerizing combination of Grammy Award-winning Harlem Quartet and Cuban pianist and composer Aldo López-Gavilán, who shares a special bond with the quartet as the brother of violinist Ilmar Gavilán. For tickets, visit: https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/harlem-quartet-with-aldo-lopez-gavilan/.

SUNDAY | MARCH 16

MONIQUE DEBOSE'S MULATTO MATH
2 - 3:15 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. An edgy one-woman show of a mixed race woman sharing her most precious, vulnerable stories of her exploration of family, race and identity. Includes post-show Q&A with Ms. DeBose. Free performance.

MONDAY | MARCH 17

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
7 - 10 p.m. SMI Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. The Commission closely monitors the Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan and advises the Council on plan implementation.

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY
7 - 10 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A 3rd St. These teams perform long-form improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. These teams rotate every three months. Tickets $10, to purchase visit: https://ci.ovationtix.com/34923/production/1126449?performanceId=11576550.

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Summons

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COUNCIL

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the lights on and the work moving forward ... We've had to use funds from every source possible over the last five years," Cline said.

She pointed out that the city has been exhausting available funds just to sustain operations, leading to a backlog of deferred maintenance, reliance on outdated equipment and significant workforce reductions compared to pre-pandemic levels. At the same time, public service demands have surged, with resident requests increasing from 10,000 annually before 2020 to 50,000 today, largely due to the rise of 311 service calls.

Beyond immediate budget concerns, the Council also refined the city's strategic priorities. Moving forward, Santa Monica will focus on three key areas:

- Economic opportunity and growth
- Clean streets and safe neighborhoods
- Affordable, livable, and secure housing for all

Notably, previous priorities such as justice, equity, diversity, sustainability, and connectivity were removed from the formal list. However, a city press release reassured that these values remain integral to all municipal policies and programs.

Mayor Negrete also called for a return to in-office work for city staff, arguing that in-person collaboration is essential for organizational culture and efficiency. Additionally, she noted that bringing employees back to Downtown offices could help revitalize struggling local businesses by increasing foot traffic during daytime hours.

Another contentious issue was the city's ongoing legal expenditures, particularly the protracted voting rights lawsuit. With legal costs mounting, some Councilmembers expressed frustration over the financial toll,

> [The City] is using all available funds to keep the lights on and the work moving forward ... We've had to use funds from every source possible over the last five years
>
> - Susan Cline, Assistant City Manager

suggesting that funds could be better utilized to support public services and infrastructure improvements.

Ultimately, the Council agreed on a biennial budget approach centered on fiscal discipline, economic growth, and leveraging voter-approved Measure K revenues for public safety and street improvements. They also emphasized a commitment to long-term financial stability, even as difficult trade-offs and tough decisions lie ahead.

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TRUMP

FROM PAGE 4

the Federal Communications Commission have helped pressure those media companies. Meanwhile, Trump's FCC is opening investigations of other media companies with which Trump has feuded, and the administration has barred The Associated Press from the White House press pool because it won't use Trump's preferred name for the Gulf of Mexico. The AP is suing to restore its access on First Amendment grounds.

The administration also has targeted law firms for their affiliations with Democrats or the previous administration. It stripped security clearances for lawyers at a firm that helped special counsel Jack Smith's investigations of Trump during President Joe Biden's administration and Perkins Coie, a longtime Democratic firm that Trump blames for the investigation into his campaign's relationship with Russia during his first term. On Tuesday, Perkins Coie sued the administration to reverse the action, saying it violated the First Amendment and other constitutional guarantees.

Jameel Jaffer, director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia, said the attacks on the law firms have scared some high-profile attorneys out of taking cases that challenge the administration, which, he contended, is the point.

"There's a long tradition of lawyers taking on controversial clients, sometimes against our government," Jaffer said. "The Trump administration has made it clear it will retaliate against lawyers."

Jaffer said attacks on free speech and association are intended to chill dissent by convincing people in the opposition that they could become targets.

"All of us are able to participate in government by engaging in protest," Jaffer said. "When the government shuts down that kind of speech, it's shutting down democracy."

'I WILL NOT BE SILENCED'

The Trump administration has even targeted members of Congress.

Trump appointed Ed Martin, a defense attorney who represented some of those charged in the Jan. 6 attack, as acting U.S. attorney in the District of Columbia. Martin wrote to Chuck Schumer, the Senate minority leader and one of the nation's top Democrats, telling him that a comment he made in 2020 warning conservative Supreme Court judges they would "pay the price" for overturning the right to abortion could be seen as a threat. Schumer has since apologized for the statement.

Martin also wrote to Democratic Rep. Robert Garcia of California, warning him that comments he made about Trump adviser Elon Musk could be seen as a threat. Garcia had said Democrats should "bring actual weapons to this bar fight."

"Members of Congress must have the right to forcefully oppose the Trump Administration," Garcia replied on Musk's X platform. "I will not be silenced."

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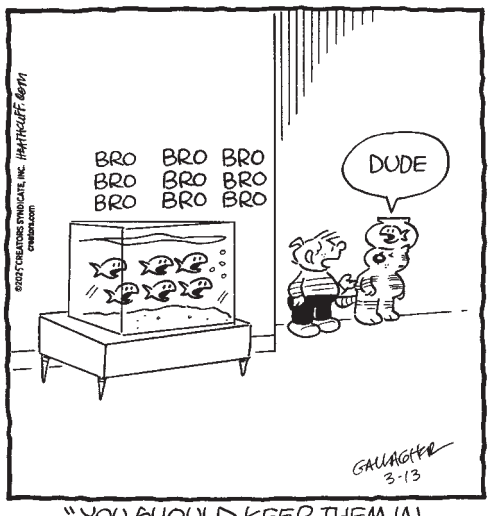
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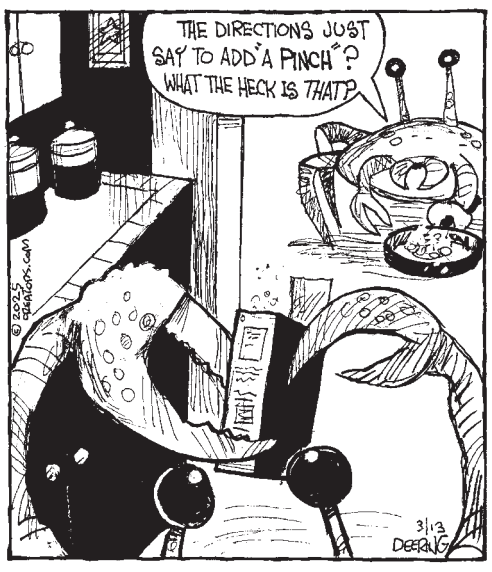
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"YOU SHOULD KEEP THEM IN SEPARATE TANKS."

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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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How do you spell that?

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Ando	Geehi	Mila	Sunshine
Aubrey	Ghooli	Moe	Terip Terip
Bagdad	Gingin	Nala	Tiwi
Bailup	Giru	Nhill	Tutye
Bell	Gray	Oaks	Typo
Bli Bli	Hall	Orange	Uki
Brawlin	Hiawatha	Ozenkadnook	Urunga
Brim	Ki Ki	Robe	Vite Vite
Broke	Lima	Ruffy	Winkie
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 13)

It's no surprise that you attract fans this year considering the way you play with ideas; the way you move through emotions with depth and courage; and the way you take the raw and the real and turn it into something beautiful. More highlights: An old connection reemerges with an intriguing offer. Promises made in love, the purchase of gold and you'll put a thrilling activity or game on repeat. Taurus and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 16, 27, 35 and 49.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This is your experience. Take risks without too much worry about what others think. You're carving your own path, and the freedom you find in doing so will far outweigh any temporary discomfort. Trust that you're exactly where you need to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People make decisions based on what's easy to evaluate, not what's most important. Quick judgments will come from what's obvious, not necessarily what's true. If you want something to be seen and valued, help it stand out in a way that makes choosing it feel natural.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're dealing with a constant low-level demand. There's also an unpredictability to this which makes it extra challenging. There's no road map here. Without a guide to follow, just the day-to-day reality of managing it takes a great deal of problem-solving and energy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Accepting what is takes less energy than constantly trying to find ways to shift it. This phase is temporary in its own way. Maybe the path of least resistance is also the path of most peace. Give yourself permission to rest in it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you weren't the one holding everything up, what would actually happen? Would things collapse, or would they find their own equilibrium in a way that isn't your burden to sort out? You won't know unless you loosen your grip.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a good, steady groove. It's life! The real stuff, the little shifts in focus, the way your mind processes what's in front of you - that's where all the richness is. Savor the quiet magic of the ordinary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't lose track of what's important, meaningful and most of all... fun. Doing what's fun for others doesn't count. You need the kind of fun that restores you - the kind that feels natural, effortless and deeply your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've spent so much energy making others feel special, but now you're looking at what you need. And it's not about chasing romance or validation - it's about feeling glamorous, strong and self-possessed. That's the real glow-up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Question norms and you open the door to transformation. Many are not content with how things are, but they lack the vision to see what else is possible. You've a unique perspective and see potentials that are invisible to others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A happy moment from the past comes to mind. Sometimes you wonder if you'll ever have quite the same kind of emotional high again. That's the beauty of rare moments - they can't be duplicated - but different mixes of happiness are coming. Stay open to it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The to-do list seems endless. It's no wonder your mind wants to escape into something enigmatic and alluring - a distraction from life's relentless responsibilities. It's okay to fantasize. Your mind is telling you that it's longing for excitement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll make things happen. Perhaps others will get to drift through a bit because you have the strength to anchor everything. It's something you can be proud of. Now take that power and turn it toward yourself.

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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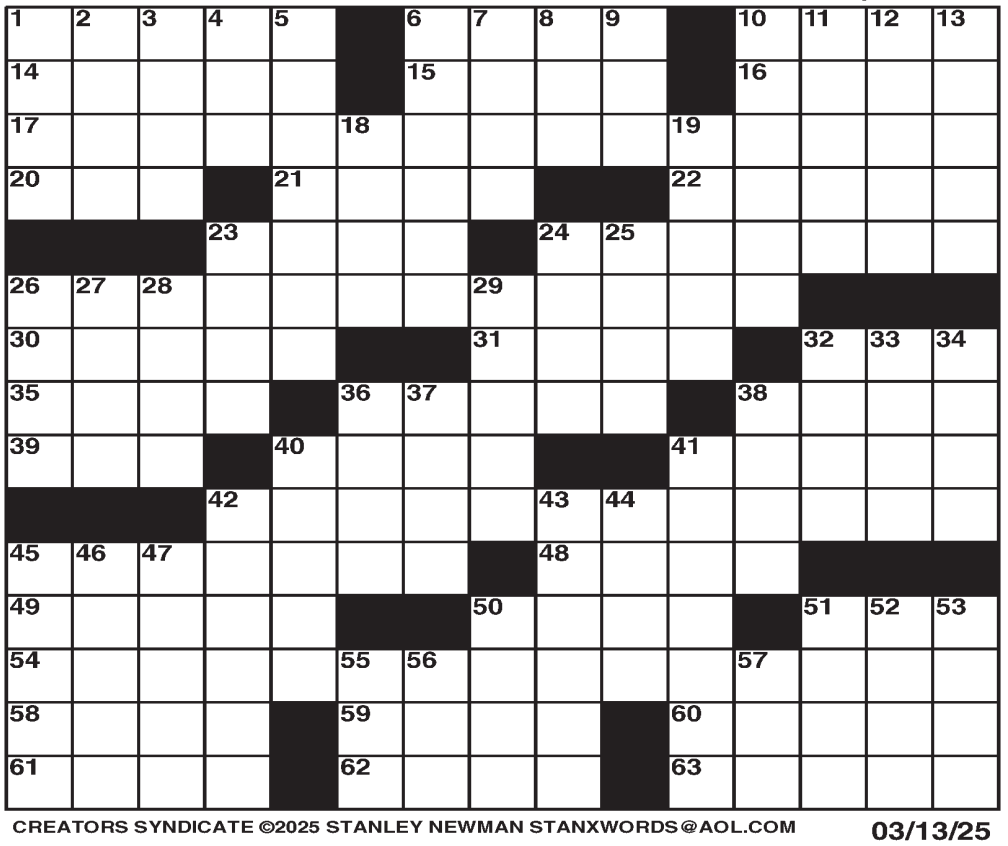
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ACROSS

1 Place to pedal
6 Galileo's hometown
10 Small fastener
14 Jazz dance genre
15 Not much
16 Ramen relative
17 Dare to be different
20 Warning to motorists
21 Electricity measure
22 Genesis 11 city
23 HS class
24 First available
26 Succeed by deception
30 Shogun, for example
31 Emulate
32 Sound from the soothed
35 Sink or swim
36 Prepares with an eggbeater
38 Peruvian progenitor
39 Major stretch
40 "It disappeared!"
41 Agent's accumulation
42 Try something
45 Pump numbers
48 Old-time oath
49 BOGO sale, e.g.
50 Business brass
51 Frat letter
54 Pursue an ethical course
58 Unendingly
59 Turkmenistan neighbor
60 Access to a cashier
61 Comfy retreats
62 Math class
63 Fawned (on)

DOWN

1 Baking amts.
2 Castro brother
3 As well
4 More or less
5 Baltic language
6 Traditional Spanish dinner
7 "That'll be the day"
8 Bad behavior
9 Rugged bike, briefly
10 Pelican State campus
11 Inventor of PDF files
12 Deals with ordeals
13 Posed to propose
18 Reindeer foot
19 Dense hardwood
23 Spill it
24 Cut short
25 Apologetic comment
26 Cover durably
27 Techie's client
28 Euro predecessor
29 Literary category
32 Kin of counter-
33 Taiwanese tech company
34 Campus building
36 Built, as blankets
37 Does some weed work
38 Broadcast sharply
40 Burgundy grape
41 Scam victim's declaration
42 Arcade patrons
43 Prepping for a drive
44 Eagerly expectant
45 Withdrew, with "out"
46 Burn for
47 Minor memento
50 Type of tea
51 Sergeant's station
52 Vigorous
53 Put a name to
55 Creative success
56 Need a redo
57 Carnival city



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