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UCLA researchers test soil for contaminants across LA County, from fire zones to Watts

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A team of UCLA researchers has screened nearly 700 soil samples for hundreds of Los Angeles County residents concerned about contamination in their yards and gardens, part of a growing effort to address pollution from both the January wildfires and decades of industrial activity.

The initiative, called the LA Urban Soil Social Impact Collaborative, is a community-university partnership funded by UCLA's Center for Community Engagement. On March 7, researchers held a testing event at MudTown Farms in the Watts neighborhood, screening samples for legacy contamination from nearby industrial land use.

The event was co-sponsored by the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, which manages the farm and community gardening program.

"Soil screening is a necessary first step, but it's not a solution," said Dr. Kirsten Schwarz, associate professor in UCLA's Fielding School of Public Health and a leader of the collaborative. "Whether folks are concerned about soil quality because they are growing fruits and vegetables at home or they're concerned about exposure from their kids playing in the yard, residents of all these communities



UCLA Fielding School

STUDENTS: Amelia Najar and Samantha Venegas test soil samples at the free community event on March 7 in Watts.

are eager for knowledge and actionable solutions."

The Watts event was the fourth in a series of field days across the county. The previous three were held in communities devastated by the January wildfires, which swept through the Pacific Palisades-Malibu area and the Altadena-Pasadena foothills. The blazes claimed at least 31 lives and damaged or destroyed more than 18,000 structures, according to Los Angeles County officials.

"After the Eaton Fire, so many residents were left wondering what was in their soil—what they were walking on, planting in, and breathing around their homes," said Kristy Brauch, a master gardener from Pasadena who works with the project. "There's a real mix of fear and urgency, but also an incredible desire to understand and take action."

While the wildfires and industrial activity represent distinct contamination sources, Schwarz said the underlying problem is often the same: lead that has accumulated in soil over generations.

"In older residential areas it's not uncommon to see elevated levels of lead in soil," Schwarz said. "We have increased the amount of lead in soil through our past use of leaded fuel, lead-based paints, and industrial activity."

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County, City Leaders clash over homeless agency's payment failures

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SMDP Staff Writer

A deepening rift between Los Angeles County and City leaders erupted recently over who bears responsibility for tens of millions of dollars in late payments to homeless service providers, as Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath accused Mayor Karen Bass of hypocrisy and the mayor warned that county actions were creating “more bureaucracy.”

The political clash centers on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, a joint city-county agency that has repeatedly failed to pay contractors on time despite administering hundreds of millions of dollars in public funds annually.

The exchange came after the Board of Supervisors voted March 3 to embed county staff at LAHSA to review financial operations and directly oversee a plan ensuring providers are paid through June 30.

Horvath fired back at Bass after the mayor suggested the city might withdraw from LAHSA, pointing to what she characterized as a double standard in the mayor's approach to homeless spending.

“When the Mayor created a new program — spending hundreds of millions of your dollars without prior City Council approval — she called it ‘strategic,’” Horvath said. “Now, when the County withdraws hundreds of millions of your dollars from an agency that failed multiple audits, she calls it ‘more

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- Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor

bureaucracy.”

The supervisor added: “Angelenos know the truth: the current system doesn't work. You want us to work together to find solutions that protect lives and public funding. I'm ready to work with the City Council and show the Mayor what locking arms actually looks like.”

The war of words comes as LAHSA faces

another payment crisis. At a Feb. 20 Finance Committee meeting, the agency confirmed it was experiencing serious cash flow issues. In late February, LAHSA told its oversight body it owed providers \$69.3 million, including \$26.9 million on invoices at least two months overdue. By March 3, LAHSA reported reducing the backlog to \$53.4 million.

The current crisis echoes problems dating back years. In May 2024, major service providers raised alarms about months-long reimbursement delays, with LAHSA figures at the time showing \$48 million in past-due payments.

LAHSA's troubles have drawn scrutiny from multiple directions. A County Auditor-Controller review in late 2024 found weak financial controls and late payments even when funds were available. In federal court, an independent assessment by Alvarez & Marsal identified invoicing inefficiencies, prolonged budget amendments and inadequate invoice validation.

County leadership must return to the board with a financial analysis and corrective action plan by April 14.

“The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority has repeatedly failed to provide meaningful oversight or transparency for taxpayer dollars,” Horvath said. “That is why Los Angeles County is transitioning to direct accountability through our new Homeless Services and Housing Department.”

The county established its Department of Homeless Services and Housing on Jan. 1 to

bring direct oversight to the system, following recommendations from a 2021 Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness that called for centralizing county homeless services contracting after repeated failed audits.

LAHSA's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2024 showed grant revenue of \$730 million but noted liquidity strain, with cash and investments falling to \$31.8 million. The agency attributed the decrease partly to delayed payments from funders while continuing to pay service providers.

The payment system itself has undergone changes. After the 2024 crisis, county officials shifted from a cost-reimbursement model — which forced nonprofits to front payroll and vendor costs for months — to quarterly advance payments. But that approach has proven administratively complex and remains a bottleneck when staffing and tracking systems are weak.

The City Council Housing and Homelessness Committee on March 4 expressed openness to collaboration with the county, though the path forward remains uncertain as both sides trade blame for the system's failures.

A new county review of LAHSA's financial operations is underway, with officials reiterating plans to shift county homelessness contracting away from the agency by the next fiscal year.

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Warby Parker opens new Santa Monica location

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Warby Parker opened its newest retail location on Montana Avenue on Feb. 25, bringing the online eyewear company to the community.

The company hosted an opening event Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. at 1311B Montana Ave., offering light refreshments to attendees. The event showcased Warby Parker's Spring 2026 and New Deco collections.

The Santa Monica store features artwork

Warby Parker's senior vice president and chief retail and customer experience officer. "We love adding those personal touches so customers feel more at home."

The opening coincided with the launch of two new eyewear collections. The Spring 2026 line pairs fan-favorite silhouettes with new designs in crystal colorways and soft, milky tones, while the New Deco Collection offers slimmer metal detailing and refined proportions.

"The Spring Collection pairs fan-favorite silhouettes with beautifully considered new designs, introduced in crystal colorways and soft, milky tones that feel distinctly of the season," Gilsenan said. "The New Deco Collection explores refined proportions and slimmer metal detailing, offering a sleek, modern interpretation of classic forms."

The new store opening comes as the company balances being a profitable, publicly traded company while staying true to its mission.

Since 2015, the company's Pupils Project has distributed more than 350,000 pairs of glasses to schoolchildren across the United States. The public-private partnership currently operates in 42 cities across nine states, providing free vision screenings, eye exams and prescription glasses to schoolchildren in areas that need it the most.

"We work with partners who administer vision screenings and eye exams at schools, while we provide prescription glasses," Gilsenan said. "We seek to partner with organizations that share our mission and values, have proven operational models, a high standard of care, an ability to scale, and are committed to making a meaningful impact for students in areas that need it the most."

Teachers are often the first to spot vision issues in children. By meeting students at school, Pupils Project eliminates barriers to access that might otherwise prevent children from receiving necessary eyecare. Students can choose from more than 100 frame styles designed by Warby Parker's team.

Warby Parker has grown into a publicly traded company while making a meaningful difference through initiatives like Pupils Project and its Buy a Pair, Give a Pair program.

"Warby Parker's mission has always been to inspire and impact the world with vision, purpose, and style, without charging a premium," Gilsenan said. "Our goal is for Warby Parker to be a community destination for both affordable eyewear and eyecare, meeting the needs of all."

The Santa Monica store is located at 1311B Montana Ave.

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While each location incorporates distinct, community-driven details, our signature design language remains consistent: library-inspired interiors, open-frame shelving, intimate seating areas, full-length mirrors, and custom artwork

- Sandy Gilsenan, Warby Parker's senior vice president and chief retail and customer experience officer

by California-based artist Greg Clarke, part of the company's practice of often collaborating with artists who have a personal connection to the city or town where they are opening.

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SUBJECT: Rename a Portion of Vicente Terrace as Silas White Street

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider adoption of a resolution to rename a portion of Vicente Terrace—between Main Street and Ocean Avenue—as **Silas White Street** to honor Silas White.

The proposed street renaming is part of a settlement agreement between the City and the family of Silas White. In the 1950s, Black entrepreneur Silas White planned to establish the Ebony Beach Club to serve the City's Black community. However, the City subsequently acquired the property at 1811 Ocean Avenue through eminent domain, and the club never opened.

The street renaming is public recognition of Silas White's legacy, and commemorative actions intended to acknowledge past harm and reflect the City's commitment to equity and restorative justice.

This street segment does not include mailing addresses and therefore the proposed name change would not affect residential or business postal information.

Pursuant to **California Government Code Section 34091.1**, the City Council has the authority to adopt or change the name of a city street by resolution. If approved, City staff would install two replacement street name signs.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

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

HOW TO COMMENT:

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

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk

Re: **Rename a Portion of Vicente Terrace as Silas White Street**
 VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Jessie Burch at (310) 458-2201 ext. 5859, or by e-mail at jessie.burch@santamonica.gov.

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

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

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Jessie Burch en la División de Ingeniería al número (310) 458-2201.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

As gas prices soar, California's new carbon emission rules prompt a war of words

This week — as the conflict between the U.S. and Iran raged and gasoline prices soared due to disruption in the global oil trade — a political war erupted in California over proposed air pollution rules that could increase fuel prices even more.

The California Air Resources Board's new crackdown on greenhouse gas emissions, "risks driving production, and the associated emissions, out of state, ultimately undermining both California's economic base and global climate objectives," the California Manufacturers & Technology Association says.

Association President Lance Hastings added in a statement, "If these proposed regulations move forward, Californians should brace for higher costs across the board with no end in sight. There is still time to fix this. CARB and the Legislature must act before it's too late."

The proposed regulation "will cripple the survivability of the state's remaining refineries, which will result in California losing the entire industry to this misguided program," Andy Walz, a high-level Chevron executive, said in a statement. Two California refineries have announced plans to shut down and Chevron, which operates two of the remaining plants, has repeatedly implied that California's regulatory climate might force it to flee the state as well.

However as business pressured the Air Resources Board to ease the limits, a coalition of environmental groups, including the Environmental Defense Fund, complained that the proposed rules don't go far enough.

"Last year, in the face of federal backtracking, California reinforced its leadership on fighting climate change by extending its cap-and-invest program while prioritizing reducing high electricity bills and saving households money," their letter read. "However, CARB's 2026 proposed C&I program amendments fall short of the near-term ambition needed for California to be on a consistent and affordable path to achieve its 2045 carbon neutrality goals."

Meanwhile, 15 Democratic legislators released a letter expressing concern that the new rules would raise fuel and energy

costs that are already among the nation's highest.

"This crisis is not a fallacy nor a thinly veiled threat. It is a reality borne by consumers today, who are historically and empirically least able to afford it," the legislators said, adding, "California's climate leadership cannot come at the cost of destabilizing our energy markets and burdening those least able to bear it."

Interestingly — or ironically — all 15 signatories voted less than a year ago for the legislation that empowered the air board to draft the revisions, which were released in January and are due to be finalized in May.

The legislation behind this flurry of warnings and laments is Assembly Bill 1207, which emerged from backroom negotiations last September. It quickly passed and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it.

The measure renames the cap-and-trade program cap-and-invest and extends it 15 years from 2030, the current expiration date, coinciding with the state's declared intention to make California carbon neutral by 2045. It authorizes the Air Resources Board to adjust the emission limits accordingly.

Until now, the state's business community had fundamentally supported the auctioning of emission allowances as a market approach preferable to the direct regulation of emissions, which many environmental groups favored.

Capitol politicians also liked auctions because they generate large amounts of money — an estimated \$31 billion since 2013 — that are supposed to finance carbon emission reductions. One major recipient has been the state's much-troubled bullet train project. However, when the state incurs one of its periodic budget crises, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund has also been tapped for expenses that have little, if any, connection to greenhouse gases.

The cost of living is now a top-drawer political concern, and with gasoline prices topping \$5 a gallon in many regions, anything that pushes consumer prices even higher is bound to become a political football.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LA Country

Supervisor Horvath Calls for Study of Warner Bros. Acquisition Impact

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath has introduced a motion calling for a comprehensive economic impact study of Paramount Skydance's proposed acquisition of Warner Bros., with a hearing scheduled for March 17.

The motion directs the County's Department of Economic Opportunity to assess potential effects on the workforce and develop an action plan to support entertainment industry workers.

"The entertainment industry is once again facing a merger that could hurt competition, limit the diversity of storytellers, and send ripple effects across our signature industry," Horvath said.

The motion authorizes County Counsel to submit formal comments to the U.S. Department of Justice regarding antitrust concerns and monitor related actions by state attorneys general. It also directs DEO to leverage workforce programs, including High Road Training Partnership, to provide job training and placement opportunities.

Paramount Skydance's proposed \$111 billion acquisition of Warner Bros., including the studio, HBO and CNN, raises concerns due to debt load and historical precedent of layoffs following major studio mergers.

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UCLA

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Lead levels tend to be higher near homes due to deteriorating paint and accumulated particulates, she said—a pattern that holds true in both fire-impacted communities like Altadena and industry-impacted neighborhoods like Watts.

"The LA wildfires and industry can create additional sources of lead that are superimposed on those legacy sources, potentially contributing to elevated soil lead concentrations," Schwarz said.

So far, the team has tested almost 700 samples for roughly 300 residents across the county, including events in Pasadena in October and December.

Researchers use portable X-ray fluorescence analyzers to detect heavy metals, including lead. Participants can have up to three soil samples screened at each event and receive personalized consultations on improving soil health and safety.

The portable devices are not as accurate as laboratory analysis but provide effective screening for potential contamination, Schwarz said. However, they cannot detect organic contaminants such as PAHs.

For residents who discover elevated lead levels, solutions include controlling dust, keeping yards planted, and adding clean soil, compost, and mulch.

"Covering contaminated soil with clean soil, compost, or mulch is an accessible,

low-cost way to reduce exposure," Schwarz said. "It creates a barrier between potentially contaminated soil and people."

Because lead does not break down and elevated levels are widespread, she said soil banking and composting represent system-level solutions that could address the problem at scale.

The collaborative includes researchers from across UCLA and Los Angeles-based organizations, including the nonprofit TreePeople. Schwarz co-leads the effort with Dr. Jennifer Jay, professor of civil and environmental engineering at UCLA.

"Addressing soil pollution in Los Angeles and beyond requires community-engaged approaches that center local knowledge and priorities," said Monika Shankar, a doctoral candidate at UCLA's Fielding School and a principal investigator on the project. "Our collaborative serves as a proof of concept that meaningful and impactful research emerges when communities are partners throughout the entire process."

"These testing events meet people where they are, transforming worry into knowledge," Brauch said. "The response has been overwhelmingly positive; my neighbors are already asking when the next one will be."

The collaborative plans to host additional pop-up soil testing events, workshops, and remediation projects across the region.

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Los Angeles

Metro Ready to Transport Fans to FIFA World Cup 2026 Matches

With the FIFA World Cup 2026 kicking off in 100 days, Metro announced Tuesday it will serve as the official public transit provider for Los Angeles, offering enhanced service to all eight matches at Los Angeles Stadium.

"Metro is the smartest, safest, easiest, and most fun way to get to the World Cup," said Fernando Dutra, Metro Board Chair and Whittier City Council member.

Metro and regional transit partners will provide direct service from key locations throughout the region, including Crenshaw Station, Downtown Long Beach, El Camino College, Harbor Gateway Transit Center, LA Union Station, LAX/Metro Transit Center Station, North Hollywood Station and Pierce College. Additional locations will be announced in coming months.

Service will begin up to three hours before kickoff, with the last departure up to 90 minutes after matches end. Fares will match regular Metro rates: \$1.75 one-way and \$3.50 round-trip.

Parking reservations are now available with early-bird pricing ranging from \$55 to \$95 plus service fees — significantly less than stadium parking rates expected to be two to three times higher. Visit metro.net/worldcup for information.

"The World Cup is more than just a popular tournament, it's a moment of national and global significance," said Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins. "We are ready to be the first choice for transportation for those enjoying World Cup matches in Los Angeles."

Metro is partnering with more than 10 regional transit providers and charter companies, including Long Beach Transit. The agency will enhance rail service on key routes and deploy multilingual wayfinding, extra ambassadors, volunteers and security personnel.

The Federal Transit Administration recently allocated \$100 million to transit systems nationwide for World Cup transportation. Metro will coordinate the use of \$9.6 million in FTA funding.

For trip planning, visit Metro.net or use preferred transit apps to map routes to World Cup service locations.

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LA Country

LA County Board Strengthens Protections for Immigrant Families Under AB 495

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to strengthen family preparedness protections for immigrant families under AB 495, ensuring parents have updated guidance on the Family Preparedness Act of 2025.

"No parent should be facing the choices forced by federal immigration enforcement officials when it comes to the safety of their children and families," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, who co-authored the motion with Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "With half of all children in Los Angeles County having at least one immigrant parent, we have a responsibility to make sure families have clear, accurate information."

AB 495, effective Jan. 1, 2026, allows custodial parents to nominate a joint guardian for their minor child in anticipation of temporary unavailability — including immigration-related circumstances — without relinquishing parental rights.

"Many families facing separation were forced to make impossible choices to ensure their children were looked after," said Jennifer L. Braun, president and CEO of Alliance for Children's Rights.

The motion directs the Department of Children and Family Services, in collaboration with the Office of Immigrant Affairs, Office of Child Protection, LA County Office of Education, County Counsel and First 5 LA, to update family preparedness materials and include guidance on reunification following separation.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Stage Adaptation of Bestselling Jewish Anthology to Premiere in March

A world premiere stage adaptation of Zibby Owens' bestselling anthology "On Being Jewish Now" will open March 22 in Torrance, bringing to life personal stories exploring the American Jewish experience amid rising antisemitism.

The production by The Braid, a nonprofit theater company dramatizing true Jewish stories for 18 years, transforms essays from Owens' anthology into ensemble performances featuring tales of humor, heartbreak and hope.

"It is a struggle being Jewish now," Owens said. "Every Jewish person I know has had to redefine what it means given the rapidly shifting landscape around us."

The anthology spent 27 weeks atop the USA Today Bestseller list and features an array of Jewish writers, thinkers and cultural voices.

"Our goal is to give voice to the unscripted interior lives of American Jews in this moment," said Ronda Spinak, founder and artistic director of The Braid. "In bringing Zibby's acclaimed book to the stage, I hope the Jewish community feels seen, and in doing so, be a unifying force in a deeply divided world."

A small cast dressed in plain black clothing becomes multiple narrators, transporting audiences from a college campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to a boat in Ha Long Bay, Vietnam, from a Dallas neighborhood to the world of social media.

The show includes stories by author Joanna Rakoff, actor Mark Feuerstein, Rabbi Sharon Brous and Owens herself, along with contributions from novelists, journalists and filmmakers.

Director Susan Morgenstern, The Braid's producing director, said actors make audiences feel as if they're witnessing actual moments of discovery rather than simply narrating stories.

The Southern California run continues through April 23, with Bay Area performances April 11 at 7:30 p.m. and April 12 at 2 p.m. Global Zoom performances are scheduled for April 16 at 4 p.m. PT

and April 19 at 11 a.m. PT.

Tickets are \$45 regular, \$60 angel and \$20 for students. For information, visit the-braid.org/beingjewishnow

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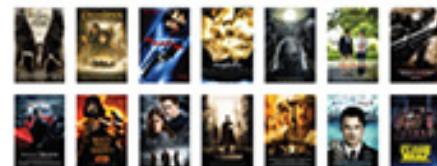
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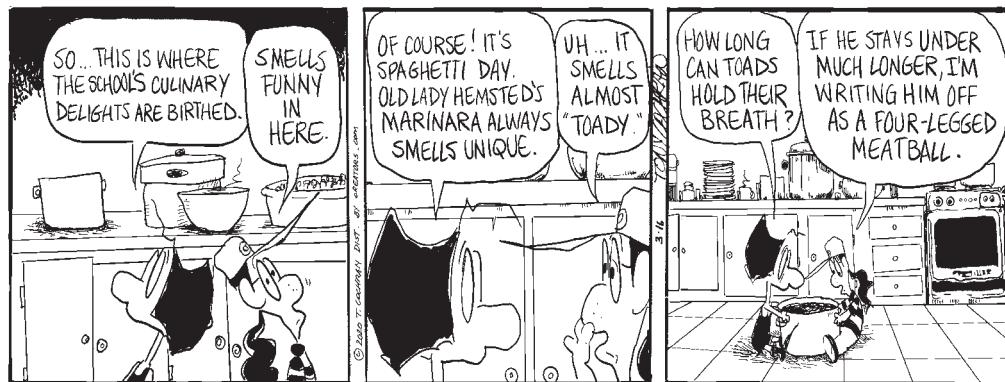


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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6881

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 16)

It's your Master of Ceremonies Year. Creating special experiences for people and/or guiding them through them is one of your many fortes activated to excellent effect, heaping money and more on you. More highlights: A thriving relationship will be the jewel at the center of your days. A professional redirection yields prestige. You speak with distilled brilliance, and people listen. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 33, 39, 1 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Perseverance is important, but so is knowing where to put it. Misplaced perseverance wastes time. Know when to pivot and apply the same actions to a more promising trajectory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're so good at offering practical support instead of sentimental talk. You show love by being useful. Today, you'll put the time in and do what needs to be done. You'll help someone make a decision that will matter even more years from now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone is leaning in to listen to you today, so you don't have to do too much to be heard. Your confidence is evident in soft tones. Respect can't be demanded; it has to be commanded. You're doing this.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Why would you expect yourself to understand something the first time you experience it? Real learning takes repetition. You circle back, notice more, connect the dots. Insight forms not in a flash but in layers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have zero desire to take part in transactional relationships in which people are constantly calculating who owes what, who earned what and whether something is "worth it." Real connection doesn't feel like constant accounting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It may seem a situation is nagging at you - an irritating tone in repetition, an idea looping. Don't just swat it away. Either address it directly or decide to drop it. Lingering halfway only grates on your energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Gather up inspiration. Input before output. You can't produce strong work from an empty well. Before you create, you need raw material. Deliberately expose yourself to things that stretch your imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every time you steer your thoughts to a serene headspace, you carve the route as your own, get better at it and fall into your groove. Serenity is meant for you. You deserve it. Keep using this skill to move toward peace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some people are busy. Some people are productive. Some people are numb. You'll witness the population of sleepwalkers through your world today and be in a rather classic dilemma over it. Do you wake them up or let them pass undisturbed?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ever the responsible one, it's OK to question which duties are truly yours. Not every problem requires your management. When you commit selectively, your effort carries more authority and your results speak for themselves.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Pettiness is one of your biggest turnoffs. You almost always care more about the outcome than about being right in the moment. Today proves why long-term wins matter more than short-term emotional victories.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're picking up on cues others miss - a pause, a glance, a shift in tone that tells you there's an inside story, even when you don't yet know what it is. Trust what you sense without rushing to put it all together.

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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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Dalmatian's mark
- 5 Taxis
- 9 Serve, as wine
- 13 "And here it is!"
- 14 Hawaiian dance
- 15 Brief stop
- 16 Part of a molecule
- 17 De-wrinkle shirts or dresses
- 18 Gotten out of bed
- 19 Heat source from burning logs
- 21 Opening comment, for short
- 22 Archaeologist's bony find
- 23 Take a break
- 25 Work at a keyboard
- 28 Happy facial expressions
- 32 Covered with foliage
- 36 Sugar cube
- 38 With no clutter
- 39 ___ Grey tea
- 40 White egret
- 41 Made a donation
- 42 Regarding, in a memo
- 43 Much-adored celebrity
- 44 Slightly slanted
- 45 City with many tourist facilities
- 47 Large saltwater bodies
- 49 Flagmaker Betsy
- 51 Ran out, as a subscription
- 56 Milk glass mishap
- 59 Decorative sheet pasted to a room
- 62 Twangy, as a voice
- 63 Former spouses

- 64 Actor Robert De ___
- 65 Lines on a list
- 66 "If all ___ fails..."
- 67 Three-person band
- 68 Baby bird's chirp
- 69 Class exam
- 70 Flow slowly (out)

DOWN

- 1 Group of office workers
- 2 Backyard cookout area
- 3 Strong aromas
- 4 Makes docile
- 5 A bit cold outside
- 6 Mysterious glow
- 7 Like-minded voting group
- 8 More sensible

- 9 Works of art hung for display
- 10 Force out of office
- 11 Tech support caller
- 12 Nevada casino city
- 15 Spectrum-revealing crystal
- 20 Feel sorry for
- 24 Sports cable channel
- 26 Asked urgently
- 27 Coins in Spain or France
- 29 Faucet drip to repair
- 30 Roof overhang
- 31 Meat-and-potatoes dinner
- 32 Shakespearean king
- 33 Make simpler
- 34 Martial ___ (kung fu, judo, etc.)

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- 35 Tall source of light
- 37 Lawn-burrowing rodent
- 40 Successful songs or films
- 44 "Right away," in a memo
- 46 Tosses, as dice
- 48 Fully ready
- 50 Sugary
- 52 Trousers
- 53 Church steeple
- 54 Weird and spooky
- 55 Give in to gravity
- 56 Scissors sound
- 57 Top of the head
- 58 "It's clear to me now"
- 60 Wheel-connecting bar
- 61 Not as much

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6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2026-03-02T18>

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department. The VAPAB is composed of seven Santa Monica resident board members. The Board represents the social and ethnic diversity of the park's neighborhood and includes but is not limited to representatives of the following segments of the community: park users, park neighbors, park program participants, seniors, families with children, community organizations and older youth.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Civic Center Parking Structure 333 Civic Center Dr Santa Monica. 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 Commission on Sustainability, Environment Justice, and the environment is an expert panel made up of seven (7) members selected by the City Council with 4 year terms. Commissioners must have significant expertise in one or more areas of environmental policy and must reside or work in Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/commission-on-sustainability-environmental-justice-and-the-environment/13766366/2026-03-16T19>

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

7:00 p.m. The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/architectural-review-board/14046461/2026-03-16T19>

KARAOKE MONDAYS AT THE WHALER

101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. Monday night karaoke at Whale. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/karaoke-mondays-at-the-whaler/17408730/2026-03-02T00>

TUESDAY | MARCH 17

12TH ANNUAL SOCIAL WELLNESS SUMMIT

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Highway Santa Monica. Join us for the 12th Annual SoCal Wellness Summit in Santa Monica, CA on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026. \$49.87. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/12th-annual-social-wellness-summit/18001923/2026-03-17T09>

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park. Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! For more information call (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2026-03-03T10>

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AT SANTA MONICA PLACE

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl, Santa Monica. March 17th | Center Plaza, Level 1 Add a little luck to your day with a St. Patrick's Day stop! Visit Concierge to pick up a four-leaf clover sticker, a fun, festive way to spread good cheer and a bit of Irish luck. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/saint-patrick-s-day-at-santa-monica-place/18171563/2026-03-17T11>

WOMEN'S TENNIS - LA MISSION COLLEGE

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ocean View Park 2701 Barnard Way Santa Monica. Matches held at Ocean View Park. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/women-s-tennis-la-mission-college/18044851/2026-03-10T13>

SUSHI-MAKING CLASS AT SOKO SUSHI

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows 101 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica. Veteran Sushi Chef Masa Shimakawa leads a beginner-friendly, hands-on sushi-making class, guiding guests through the refined techniques that honor sushi's centuries-old traditions using some of the city's freshest fish and ingredients to craft their own authentic rolls under Chef Masa's expert instruction. The 90-minute experience begins with a sparkling sake welcome, followed by miso soup and a crisp house salad, before guests roll up their sleeves to create classic salmon, yellowtail, crab, and tuna rolls, transforming the intimate sushi counter into an interactive and memorable celebration. Soko's sushi-making classes will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday throughout March. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sushi-making-class-at-soko-sushi/18102584/2026-03-03T17>

KISS ME, I'M IRISH: SANTA MONICA ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAR CRAWL (2 DAYS)

6:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Britannia Pub 318 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles. Barcrawlerz is taking over Santa Monica this St. Patrick's Weekend! Barcrawlerz is a

Santa Monica Bar Crawl like no other. Kiss Me, I'm Irish features The Best Drink Specials and The Best Bars in Town. This is a TWO DAY EVENT! 🍀 Saturday, March 14th: 2PM-2AM (Registration 2PM-8PM) 🍀 Tuesday, March 17th: 6PM-2AM (Registration 6PM-11PM) PARTICIPATING BARS: BRITANNIA PUB (REGISTRATION) 1212 BARNEY'S BEANERY CABO CANTINA HOLEY MOLEY LOULOU SANTA MONICA WHALER. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/kiss-me-i-m-irish-santa-monica-st-patrick-s-day-bar-crawl-2-days-/18305371/2026-03-17T18>

THE SPECIAL LAUNCH OF THE END OF MY LIFE IS KILLING ME!

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Zibby's Bookshop 1113 Montana Avenue Santa Monica. In person author event with Annabelle Gurwitch and Cindy Chupack at Zibby's Bookshop, 1113 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-special-launch-of-the-end-of-my-life-is-killing-me-/18001924/2026-03-17T18>

8PM FREE "ROXY'S GOT BALLS" BINGO TUESDAYS @ TINY'S HI-DIVE IN LOS ANGELES!

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Tiny's Hi-Dive 12012 West Pico Boulevard Los Angeles. 8pm TUESDAYS "Roxy's Got Balls!" Drag Queen BINGO is LIVE & FREE at Tiny's Hi-Dive in Los Angeles w/ Roxy Wood! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/8pm-free-roxy-s-got-balls-bingo-tuesdays-tiny-s-hi-dive-in-los-angeles-/14857154/2026-03-03T20>

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2026-03-03T22>

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 18

BEACH WALK MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Santa Monica Lifeguard Tower 24 2400 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. Developing mindfulness doesn't have to happen in a quiet room without any distracting sights or sounds. In fact we can develop our mindfulness while out in nature; feeling the warmth of the sun on our backs and the cool ocean splashing around our feet.. Let's practice meditation in motion while creating a potent wellness experience that enhances mental clarity, alertness, and overall well-being. We'll meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 am at lifeguard tower 24 -see a red, yellow, blue, orange, white FLAG. After some basic instructions we'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline at a natural pace from tower 24 towards

the Santa Monica Pier and back. Free—Donations are accepted. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-walk-meditation/16206460/2026-03-04T08>

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! 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, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2026-03-04T08>

BIZ@SUNSET MIXER

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lunetta 2420 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Get ready for a fantastic evening at this month's Biz@Sunset Mixer at Lunetta! Join us for an unforgettable night of networking. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/biz-sunset-mixer/16613817/2026-03-18T17>

COUPLES SCRAMBLE

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Four Wood Golf 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Get ready for a date night with a twist—join us for our Couples Night Two-Person Scramble! Whether you've been together for years or just matched last week, this event is all about spending quality time with your partner, side by side on the course—showing them who's really got the best drive... sign up for our next Couples Night, March 18th. \$30.00 —Free for members. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/couples-scramble/18270197/2026-03-18T19>

WINE WEDNESDAY AT THE WHALER

101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. \$15 wine flights & half off bottles of wine all day every Wednesday. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wine-wednesday-at-the-whaler/16952883/2026-03-04T00>

THURSDAY | MARCH 19

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM en 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>



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