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# Police arrest suspect after two injured in Pier shooting



Matthew Hall

**PIER:** A suspect has been arrested after two people were shot on the Pier but the shooting did little to reduce the Spring Break crowds on Monday.

**MATTHEW HALL**  
Daily Press Editor

A Rialto man was arrested Sunday night after a shooting on the Santa Monica Pier left two people injured following a large fight involving multiple individuals, police said.

Jaysawn Williams, 18, was taken into custody after receiving medical treatment and booked into the Santa Monica Jail on charges of assault with a firearm and grossly negligent discharge of a firearm, the Santa Monica Police Department said.

The incident occurred at approximately 9 p.m. when officers responded to reports of gunfire on the pier. One victim sustained

a gunshot wound to the arm and was transported to a local hospital. A second individual suffered a graze wound and also sought medical treatment — detectives later determined that person was the suspected shooter.

Officers provided initial medical aid at the scene before paramedics arrived. The department maintains a regular patrol presence on the pier, which allowed for a rapid response, police said. The pier has since reopened and normal operations have resumed.

The shooting is the third firearm-related incident in Santa Monica so far in 2026.

In late January, the department's weekly

recap noted officers had responded to several high-risk incidents including firearm-related arrests and a shots-fired call, all of which were resolved without injury to officers or the public.

Earlier this year, officers conducting a welfare check at a residential apartment complex in the 1900 block of Ocean Avenue discovered two people dead from apparent gunshot wounds. Both victims were 54 years old — one man and one woman — and were known to each other. Their bodies were in an advanced state of decomposition, suggesting the deaths had occurred several days prior. A firearm was recovered from the residence.

SMPD's Criminal Investigations Division

classified that case as a suspected murder-suicide and said no additional suspects were sought. The identities of the victims were withheld pending official identification by the LA County Medical Examiner and next-of-kin notification. Police described it as an isolated incident with no ongoing public threat.

Anyone with information about Sunday's pier shooting is encouraged to contact Detective Esteban Hernandez at [esteban.hernandez@santamonica.gov](mailto:esteban.hernandez@santamonica.gov) or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.

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# Crudo e Nudo celebrates five years on Main Street with week-long chef and winemaker collaboration series

**MICHELLE EDGAR**

Special to the Daily Press

When Chef Brian Bornemann opened Crudo e Nudo on Main Street before COVID, the timing could not have been more uncertain. Restaurants were closing their doors as the pandemic took hold, and the future of dining was anything but clear. Five years later, the small seafood restaurant has not only survived, it has built a loyal following around a simple idea to make local seafood something people eat every day.

For Bornemann, the milestone carries personal meaning. “I grew up on Lincoln Boulevard and remember walking on Main Street as a kid,” he said. “Coming back to Santa Monica to open a restaurant here felt like coming full circle.”

Before returning home, Bornemann spent years honing his craft in kitchens across the country, working in New York and Colorado before landing in some of Los Angeles’ most respected restaurants, including The Tasting Kitchen and Michael’s Santa Monica. Over time, he became known for a style of cooking rooted in seafood, Italian influence, and raw preparations.

Crudo e Nudo was born from that experience and a desire to rethink how

“The idea was to get more people comfortable eating local seafood like vermillion rockfish or spiny lobster, not just saving it for special occasions

- Brian Bornemann, Chef

Angelenos approach seafood. “The idea was to get more people comfortable eating local seafood like vermillion rockfish or

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Catherine Dzilenki

**SEAFOOD:** Chef Brian Bornemann’s Crudo e Nudo marks five years on Main Street, bringing local seafood to his hometown of Santa Monica.

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### Los Angeles

#### Red Cross Urges Blood Donations as Spring Approaches

The American Red Cross is calling on donors to help the national blood supply recover following a severe shortage, offering free A1C testing and \$15 Amazon gift cards for those who donate in March.

Donors of all blood types remain critical to maintaining a steady blood supply headed into spring, when severe weather threatens potential disruptions to patient care, the organization said.

Those who donate blood, platelets or plasma through March 31 will receive A1C testing and a \$15 Amazon gift card by email. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/March](http://RedCrossBlood.org/March).

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Upcoming donation opportunities include:

Malibu: March 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pepperdine Law School, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway

Marina del Rey: March 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way

Santa Monica: March 17, 19, 26 and 30, 1-7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.; March 28, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.

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### CRUDO

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spiny lobster, not just saving it for special occasions," Bornemann said. "We wanted to normalize it as something you could enjoy any day of the week."

The concept resonated and Crudos quickly became the restaurant's signature offering and remain its top selling items, allowing Bornemann and his team to continually expand their focus on responsibly sourced local seafood. Over the past five years, the restaurant has grown its menu and deepened its relationships with fishermen, farmers, and winemakers who share a similar commitment to regional ingredients. Reaching the five year mark is particularly meaningful in an industry where restaurants often struggle to survive. "So many places open and close within a few years," he said. "For us to still be here, still going strong, and still evolving feels really special."

To mark the milestone, Crudo e Nudo will host a week-long anniversary celebration from April 13 through April 19, bringing together chefs and winemakers who have been part of the restaurant's journey. Each day from noon to 9 p.m., a different guest chef and winemaker will collaborate with the Crudo e Nudo team on a special menu

highlighting local seafood through their own culinary perspective. The rotating series will offer guests the chance to experience a wide range of interpretations, all rooted in the restaurant's commitment to fresh, locally sourced ingredients. "It's really about celebrating the community that helped build this place," Bornemann said. "These are chefs and winemakers we've worked with over the years who share our love of local seafood."

The week will also feature a custom-blended white wine created specifically for the anniversary, along with special promotions, giveaways, and a festive atmosphere designed to bring neighbors and regulars back through the doors. Ojai's The Dutchess' Chef Saw Naing will curate a special menu for April 14.

For Bornemann, the goal is less about looking back and more about continuing the conversation around local food. "At the end of the day, we just want more people in the neighborhood to come by, celebrate with us, and enjoy what we're doing," he said. Reservations for the anniversary collaboration series are open. Visit <https://www.crudoenudo.com> for more information.

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### Surf report WATER TEMP: 61.9

**TUESDAY** | **SURF:** 3-4ft  
**FAIR TO GOOD** | Waist to chest

Fun round of SSW swell holds. Deep AM high tides slow it down. Lighter PM onshores than Monday. Long period SSW-S swell holds steady after a Monday PM peak. This swell will be a notch or two down from the previous S swell but will still be pretty good for the summer focal points. Widespread waist-chest high surf expected, top spots shoulder-head high. Select focal points get to head high+. Deep high tide in the earlier to mid AM with clean conditions. Later AM and into PM onshores look even lighter than Monday, so that will likely be the best window.

**WEDNESDAY** | **SURF:** 3-4ft+  
**FAIR TO GOOD** | Waist to shoulder

Lingering SSW swell has enough energy left for a few fun waves. Early tide push or let it drop. There's still enough Southern Hemisphere swell in the water for a few fun zone waves at the better summer exposures. There's a touch of NW swell in the mix but spots with some kind of structure are going to offer the best shape. Light wind early for a clean dawn patrol tide push. Wind stays light for the initial tide drop and should stay pretty manageable for the PM low tide at the points.

### Weather

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the evening.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Wednesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 68.

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2026/03/17	Tue	08:52 AM	5.40	H
2026/03/17	Tue	3:24 PM	-0.53	L
2026/03/17	Tue	9:36 PM	4.76	H
2026/03/18	Wed	03:26 AM	0.48	L
2026/03/18	Wed	09:29 AM	5.30	H
2026/03/18	Wed	3:49 PM	-0.32	L
2026/03/18	Wed	10:00 PM	5.14	H
2026/03/19	Thu	04:06 AM	0.05	L
2026/03/19	Thu	10:10 AM	5.01	H
2026/03/19	Thu	4:15 PM	0.02	L
2026/03/19	Thu	10:27 PM	5.46	H
2026/03/20	Fri	04:49 AM	-0.26	L

### Daily Lottery

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**POWERBALL**  
Draw Date: 3/14  
9 30 42 50 52  
Power#: 21  
Jackpot: 88 M

**Fantasy 5**  
Draw Date: 3/15  
13 23 25 34 36

**MEGA MILLIONS**  
Draw Date: 3/13  
6 19 36 40 55  
Mega#: 9  
Jackpot: 60 M

**Daily 3**  
Draw Date: 3/15  
EVENING: 7 8 8  
Draw Date: 3/15  
MIDDAY: 1 1 6

**SuperLotto PLUS**  
Draw Date: 3/14  
10 15 16 21 33  
Mega#: 6  
Jackpot: 7 M

**Daily Derby**  
Draw Date: 3/15  
1st: 07 - Eureka  
2nd: 04 - Big Ben  
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star  
Race Time: 1:48.12

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# Don't demonize plastic food packaging. Recycled, it's better for the environment than some alternatives

Californians care about reducing plastic waste. Growers, packers and food companies do too.

That's why many in the fresh produce industry and even their packaging suppliers supported California's landmark packaging law — The Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (Senate Bill 54) — when it was introduced and signed in 2022.

The original goal of the law was simple: reduce waste and improve recycling without compromising food safety and affordability.

However, the latest version of the regulation, released in January by the state's CalRecycle agency, puts those goals at risk by ignoring how food moves from farm to families. The revisions call for, essentially, a sweeping ban on plastics via the food supply chain by 2027.

As a packaging industry executive, I would like nothing more than to discover the magic bullet that gives us a realistic way to eliminate plastic in the food supply chain. I've been trying to do that for almost 25 years.

But the facts of the current supply chain can't be wished away. And neglecting this reality will risk the health of Californians, while increasing food prices, limiting food selection and putting small businesses and family farmers out of operation.

Here's why CalRecycle's proposed ban is short-sighted: Most people only notice packaging when they open it at home. But what people don't usually consider is that by then, it has already done nearly all its work.

Packaging protects fresh produce from bacteria, dirt and damage as it is harvested, cooled, shipped and stocked. It prevents cross-contamination, extends shelf life and thereby reduces food waste.

Fresh produce is alive and reactive to its environment even after it is picked. The science embedded in the package extends its life by letting oxygen in and carbon dioxide out, so packaging must comply with federal food safety laws, FDA food-contact standards and California regulations.

Absent packaging, study after study shows, food is thrown away — along with the water, fuel, labor and money used to produce it.

More greenhouse gases are emitted

from food waste than from the production of plastics, according to a 2017 study by the state of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The authors' recommendation? Use plastic.

The produce industry constantly evaluates new materials, but most alternatives do not provide the same protection against contamination and spoilage as current packaging.

It may seem ironic, but plastics are still our most sustainable option. We are still decades away from finding other packaging that performs as well as plastic does when it comes to food safety and waste.

Compostable materials, for instance, can't match the shelf-life function of plastics, and producing them at scale will also take a decade or more. Moreover, according to a recently released Canadian government study, compostables cost so much they'd increase grocery produce prices by 5-10%.

CalRecycle's revisions to SB 54 ignore these facts in favor of a foolhardy and dangerous ethos that is a de facto ban on plastics: "If we mandate it, industry will follow."

This attitude passes the buck away from CalRecycle's own limitations onto the backs of small businesses and family farmers. The problem is not that fresh produce packaging can't be recycled. It's that the recycling systems needed to handle these materials need major investment to get there.

The produce industry isn't asking to junk the law. Instead, we're asking that produce packages governed by federal rules or guidelines on safety and shelf-life extension be excluded from the recycling rates proposed by CalRecycle. Such exclusions have been part of other versions of the proposed regulations but were left out in the latest.

We need time. Alternative technologies don't exist yet.

Ironically, CalRecycle may end up taking a law designed to protect the environment and allow it instead to increase food waste and greenhouse emissions and reduce affordability. It's time to create reality-based regulations instead of ones that put Californians at risk.

Kevin Kelly is CEO of Emerald Packaging.

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# Lawmakers tried to kill California's online community college. Now it's growing rapidly

Calbright College seemed doomed from the start. Just months after enrolling its first students in 2019, the online community college was under fire from faculty groups, and the state Assembly had agreed to shut it down. It had "poor management," "ineffective and inappropriate hiring," and "inadequate" support for students, a 2021 state audit found.

Yet Calbright College managed not only to soldier on but to grow.

Now it may be California's fastest-growing community college, based on tentative enrollment data comparing fall 2024 to fall 2025.

By the end of its first academic year in October 2020, just 12 students had finished their course of study out of more than 900 who had enrolled, the audit said. Now, Calbright has over 6,000 students and a much higher rate of completion, according to the most recent data.

About 13% of students finish their studies in a reasonable amount of time, which for Calbright's short-term certificate programs is usually about a year or less, according to Binh Thuy Do, the school's vice president of research and development. Those statistics put Calbright College roughly on par with the completion rates at the state's other 115 community colleges.

But comparing Calbright, which is completely online, to any traditional brick-and-mortar school is challenging not only because it lacks a physical campus but also because it uses a significantly different education model.

Based on what is known as competency-based education, Calbright courses are designed so that students can pass whenever they prove they know the material, whether that takes weeks or years. Calbright students can enroll at any time and study whenever they want by watching pre-recorded lectures or setting up meetings with professors. The college charges no tuition and uses only free online textbooks — a key difference from traditional community colleges, which usually operate on a semester basis and are only free for low-income students.

"The way that it's approaching higher ed and the students they serve, it's the model of the future," said Su Jin Jez, the CEO of the research organization California Competes. Western Governors University, Arizona State University and Southern New Hampshire University — which also offer similar kinds of flexible, online courses — have grown rapidly in recent years to become some of the largest universities in the country.

In his initial budget proposal for the 2026–27 fiscal year, Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed more than tripling Calbright's annual budget from \$15 million per year to \$53 million. Faculty groups say California's community colleges are already offering similar courses to Calbright's and that the money could be better spent on existing initiatives.

## HOW DIFFERENT IS CALBRIGHT?

When Gov. Jerry Brown formed Calbright in 2018, it was explicitly designed to be different from existing community colleges. It only offers short-term, career-oriented certificate programs, rather than associate degrees. The idea was to attract students

who don't usually access traditional higher education, often because of its cost. Calbright is specifically tasked with serving the millions of adults over 25 who don't already have a college degree. Early on, the college decided to be completely free, though its statute allows it to charge tuition like the rest of California's community colleges.

In some sense, Calbright has already succeeded in its mandate. Almost all of Calbright's more than 6,000 students are over the age of 25, and 44% are over the age of 40.

Deb Hemingway is 61 and a Calbright College student. Two years ago she was searching online for programs that could help her advance in her career or get a new job, when she saw a sponsored ad on Google for Calbright. "I thought it was a scam," she said. "I thought, 'This can't be free.'"

Hemingway enrolled in the data analysis program, one of the most popular courses. She kept her day job in retail merchandising, helping stores stay up-to-date on their inventory, and worked on the course primarily on weekends. She got her certificate in 10 months and is now enrolled in another program focused on human resources.

Although students can complete their courses on their own schedule for up to three years, Calbright says many of its programs can be finished in less than a year. In reality, most students drop out, and those that remain often struggle to manage school along with the demands of a full- or part-time job and family obligations, such as kids or aging parents.

"My children are grown. There's no kids around, so it's just me," Hemingway said. "But just because it's just me doesn't mean I don't have stressors in my life." The rising price of food, gas, and other daily expenses — plus the pressures of her full-time job — made it difficult to study each week, she said.

Hemingway already has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, which is typical for many Calbright students but rare for most community college students.

## CALBRIGHT UNDER SCRUTINY, AGAIN AND AGAIN

In the early years, Calbright always seemed on the brink of getting shut down or defunded by the Legislature. In 2020, the Assembly passed a budget that stripped the school of its funding. In 2021 and 2022, the Assembly passed bills to eliminate it, only for the Senate or the governor to quash the efforts. Legislative opposition has waned in recent years, though faculty groups still speak out against it.

"Our argument is the same that it's been since 2018 — this just isn't a necessary college," said Stephanie Goldman, executive director of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges. The association, along with a group representing independent faculty unions, has asked the Legislature to oppose increased funding for Calbright.

A March 5 report from the Legislative Analyst's Office found that Calbright is still falling short of its original purpose. "The evidence is mixed as to how well the college is reaching its target population of

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#### Pier

### Locals' Night Returns to Pier With Hip-Hop Celebration, Route 66 Tribute

The Santa Monica Pier will celebrate Los Angeles hip-hop culture, classic cars and community at its free monthly Locals' Night event on Thursday, March 19, from 3:30 to 10 p.m.

Presented by Pacific Park, the event features a curated lineup by Top to Bottom LA showcasing the diversity and legacy of L.A.'s independent hip-hop scene. Main stage performances from 4 to 10 p.m. include Visionaries, Matre & LA Jae, English League, Shapeshifters, The Mighty Giants, BeOND, Acid Reign and Acid Lab Records, with live art by WOES.

Additional programming includes Don Guapo Classic Cars from 4 to 8 p.m., Mariachi Alta from 5 to 6 p.m., and free salsa lessons at Patio 66 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Books & Cookies Storytime takes place at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. inside the historic Merry Go-Round Building.

The event also celebrates the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the legendary highway that terminates at the Santa Monica Pier. More information is available at [www.santamonica.com/route66](http://www.santamonica.com/route66).

"This 'Locals' Night' reflects the creativity, diversity, and cultural pulse that defines Los Angeles," said Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier. "From hip-hop pioneers to live muralists and classic car culture, this event celebrates the artists and communities that continue to shape our city's sound and style."

Locals' Night is made possible by Santa Monica Pier Corporation, a nonprofit not fully funded by the City of Santa Monica.

Free tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/locals-night-at-the-santa-monica-pier-tickets-1035331714027?aff=oddtcreator>

The pier is accessible by rideshare, Metro, bus or bike at 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite A.



This 'Locals' Night' reflects the creativity, diversity, and cultural pulse that defines Los Angeles,

- Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier

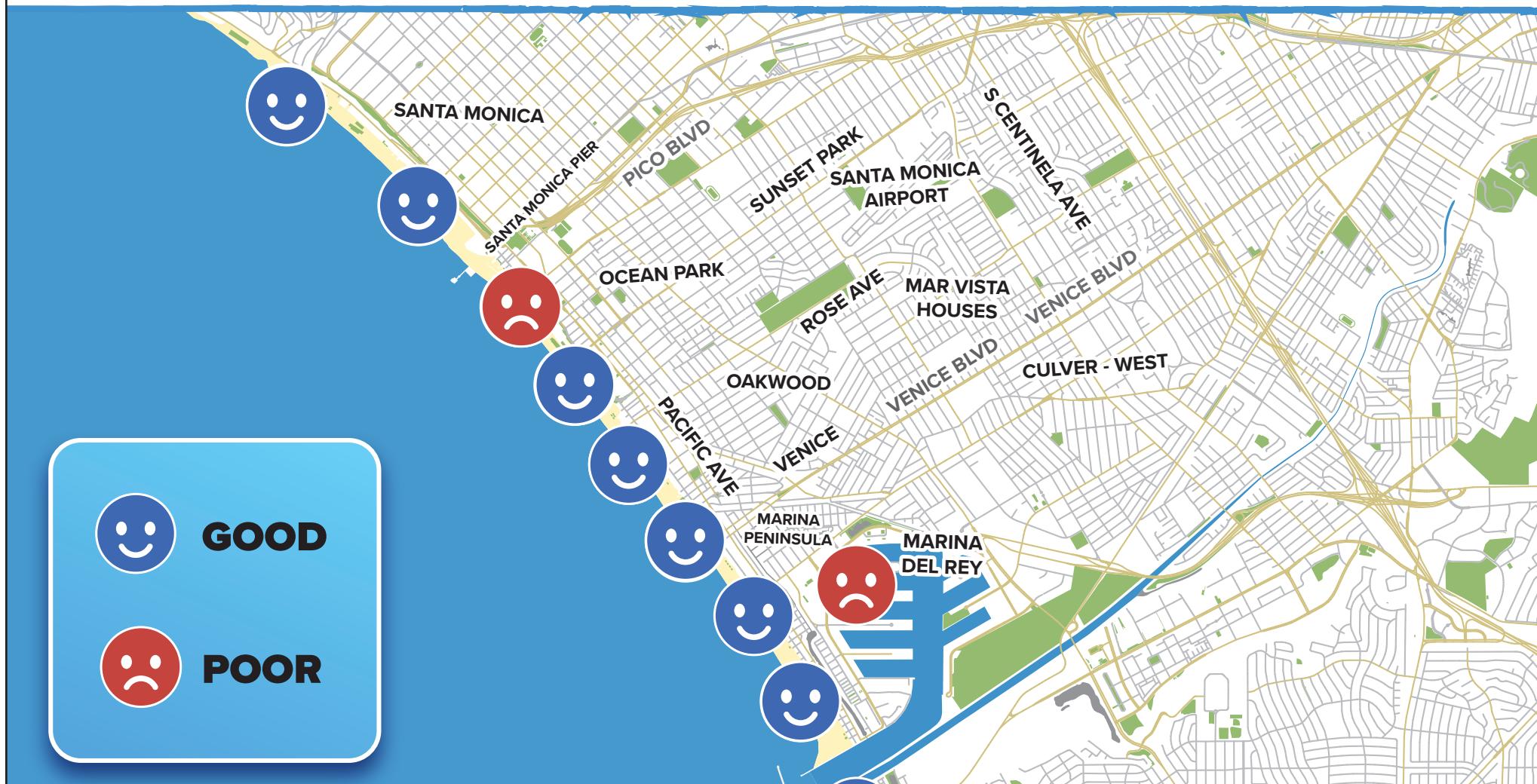


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PIER: Santa Monica Pier's Locals' Night Celebrates L.A. Hip-Hop Culture on March 19.

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## HEAL THE BAY BEACH GRADES



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Pacific Palisades

#### St. Matthew's School Brings 'Wizard of Oz' Home After Fire

St. Matthew's Parish School will perform its annual spring musical on its Pacific Palisades campus for the first time since last January's Palisades fire, with students presenting "The Wizard of Oz" later this month.

The production's message of "There's No Place Like Home" serves as a tribute to resilience and renewal as the school prepares for its full return to the Pacific Palisades campus in fall 2026.

"Our middle school performers are stepping confidently into the final weeks of rehearsal and we could not be more proud of their dedication, growth, and teamwork," said Jean Gaskill, St. Matthew's Middle School Drama & Performing Arts Teacher.

The spring musical is a school tradition where students from multiple grade levels collaborate on a shared artistic experience. Every middle school student has the opportunity to participate, with eighth graders taking leadership roles on stage and behind the scenes while fifth through seventh graders contribute through ensemble performances.

"The 8th grade leads have truly risen to the occasion, fully embodying their characters with heart, focus, and maturity," Gaskill said.

One eighth grade student shared their excitement: "There's nothing like looking out into the audience and seeing your whole community there and doing it at our home campus feels like we're bringing it back to life with something beautiful."

Performances will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, and Thursday, March 26, in the school's Sprague Gymnasium at 1031 Bienvenida Avenue in Pacific Palisades. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.stmatthewsschool.com](http://www.stmatthewsschool.com).

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PERFORMANCE: St Matthew's Wizard of Oz rehearsal.

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- Regulation 4003: To clarify the procedures for determining when a rent adjustment petition is considered filed
- Regulation 4005: To allow administrative dismissal of a petition when the tenant no longer occupies the unit

This change will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in the newspaper.



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## Summons

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)** Case No. 25NNCV01825. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: GLEN PARK AT GLENDALE – BOYNTON ST; TILLMAN PINK, JR.; ROOBIK MEHRABI; YOLANDA SILVA ROMO, a nominal defendant; LILIANA ISABEL SILVA, a nominal defendant; GERARDO SILVA, JR., a nominal defendant; and DOES 1 through 100. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: ARMIDA SILVA, by and through her Successor in Interest, Beatriz Silva; BEATRIZ SILVA, individually. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, Glendale Superior Court, 600 E. Broadway, Glendale, California 91206. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is: Lanzone Morgan, LLP, 356 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90814; (562) 596-1700. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/17/2026, 03/24/2026, 03/31/2026, 04/07/2026

## DBA

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 2026036153. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMLI PARK BROADWAY, 245 W BROADWAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90802, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): PPF AMLI 245 WEST BROADWAY GP, LLC, 141 W JACKSON BLVD STE 300, CHICAGO, IL 60604. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2018. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ ALINA EVANGELOU, GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/17/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/17/2026, 03/24/2026, 03/31/2026, 04/07/2026

## Name Change

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME** Case No. 26SMCP00113. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Kal Emrys Kestis for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Kal Emrys Kestis filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kal Emrys Kestis to Calamine Emrys Gilroy. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 04/24/2026, Time: 8:30a, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 03/06/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/10/2026, 03/17/2026, 03/24/2026, 03/31/2026

## Petition to Admin Estate

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KONRAD LUTHER RUCKER** Case No. 26STPB02292. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KONRAD LUTHER RUCKER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kenneth Andre Shelton. in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kenneth Andre Shelton be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/26/2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, or 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. Attorney for Petitioner: CHRISTINA M KRAUSS ESQ SBN 316537, KRAUSS LAW GROUP APC, 4141 BALL ROAD SUITE 260, CYPRESS CA 90630, 714-527-1115. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/10/2026, 03/17/2026, 03/24/2026

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Santa Monica

#### Von Tongeln Appointed Santa Monica City Attorney

The Santa Monica City Council appointed Heidi von Tongeln as the city's next city attorney following a nationwide search.

Von Tongeln has served as interim city attorney since September 2025, replacing outgoing City Attorney Doug Sloan. She brings nearly 20 years of municipal law experience to the position, having joined Santa Monica's City Attorney's Office in 2012 and serving as chief deputy city attorney since 2022.

During her tenure in Santa Monica, von Tongeln has represented the city in litigation and transactional matters while providing advisory support to city boards and commissions.

"Heidi von Tongeln is an incredible leader and a proven advisor," Mayor Caroline Torosis said. "Her experience, professionalism and deep commitment to public service will be a tremendous asset to our community."

Before joining Santa Monica, von Tongeln served as deputy city attorney to three municipalities and assistant legal counsel to several redevelopment agencies with Green, de Bortnowsky & Quintanilla, LLP. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and French and a law degree from Pepperdine University.

"I'm honored by the opportunity to serve as city attorney and grateful for the trust placed in me by the city's leadership," von Tongeln said.

Von Tongeln assumes the position upon formal council approval of her contract on March 24 with an annual salary of \$395,352.



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**APPOINTMENT:** Heidi von Tongeln.

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## COLLEGE

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working adults not already accessing higher education," states the report, which assesses the governor's budget requests. "While the college is primarily enrolling working-age students, many of these students already have bachelor's degrees. Furthermore, it is difficult to assess student outcomes. Although Calbright collects data on completion rates, employment, and earnings, its metrics are not comparable to those reported by other community colleges."

The office recommended significant changes to the governor's proposal for Calbright, including policies that would likely result in less funding. Anticipating that the governor's full proposal may not happen, Calbright already plans to lay off 93 employees.

For Jez, with California Competes, the Legislative Analyst's Office is thinking too narrowly about Calbright. "Are we meeting a state need? That's what we need to be focused on," she said. "What do Californians need and how do we deliver it?"

### A MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR EXPERIMENT

As K-12 enrollment declines and broader questions emerge about the purpose of college degrees, California's other community colleges are increasingly targeting the same population of working adults that Calbright was designed to serve.

Almost half of all community college classes are online now, and despite pushback from some faculty, a few brick-and-mortar community colleges are beginning to offer a limited number of flexible, competency-based classes.

But Calbright is costly, spending more per student than the average community college.

"Questions also remain around Calbright's cost-effectiveness," the Legislative Analyst's

Office recent report stated. "In 2024-25, we estimate that Calbright spent about \$53,000 per award completed, compared to about \$35,000 across other community colleges."

The annual operating budget of Calbright is about \$50 million, said Sarah Jimenez, a spokesperson for the college, which is roughly the same as the budget of Gavilan Joint Community College District in Gilroy. For comparison, the Gavilan district had nearly 500 faculty and staff in the fall, serving about 7,200 students, plus the costs of maintaining all of its buildings. Calbright has fewer than 200 faculty and staff for its roughly 6,000 online students.

As the college grows, Calbright "continues to explore" charging tuition at a similar rate to other local community colleges, said Jimenez. But she added that "moving to a fee model too swiftly" could create "barriers for many of our learners."

Do, the college's research and development vice president, said the high annual budget stems from technology demands and startup costs, which are inherent in any new college. "The \$50 million annual budget is not just the operating costs. It is the administrative and infrastructure build that we've had to do." In addition to supporting its own students, Do said Calbright also conducts research and development on behalf of the entire community college system.

Hemingway said her education was well worth the state's investment. Her data analysis certificate has been helpful, she said, even if it hasn't led to a new job or a promotion just yet. A friend recently asked her to do some consulting on the side; at work, she said she's been able to give her boss more input about how the company can grow.

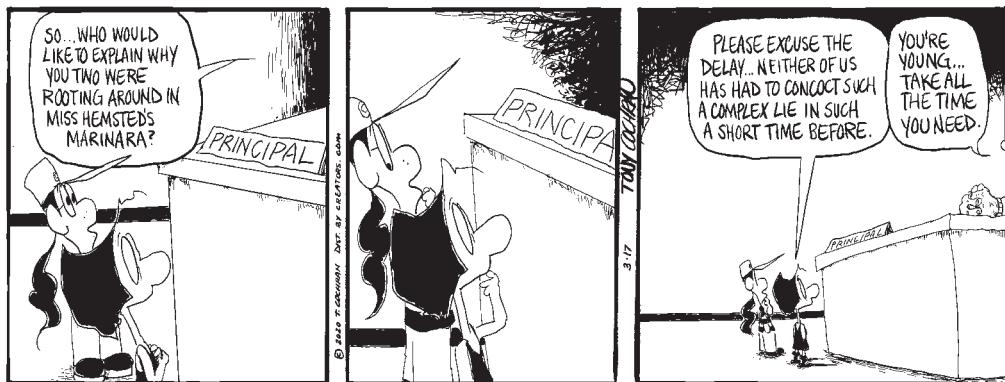
One of her salary goals is to make at least \$150,000 annually, she said, but later revised her answer. "The sky is the limit."

Adam Echelman, Higher Education/Workforce Reporter

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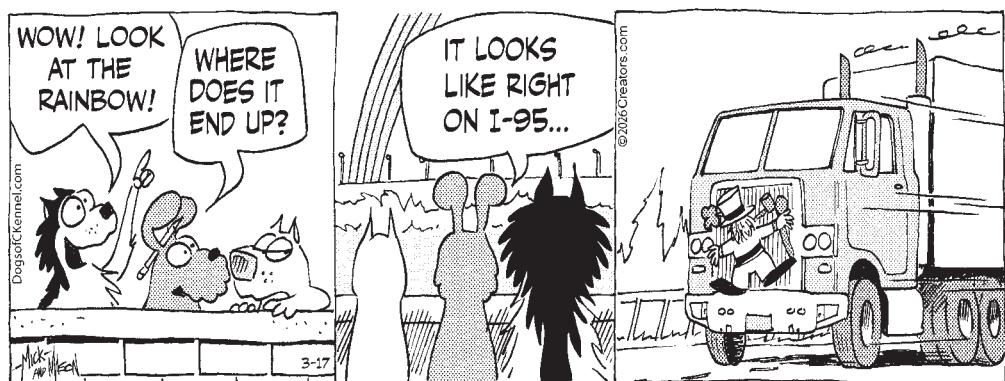
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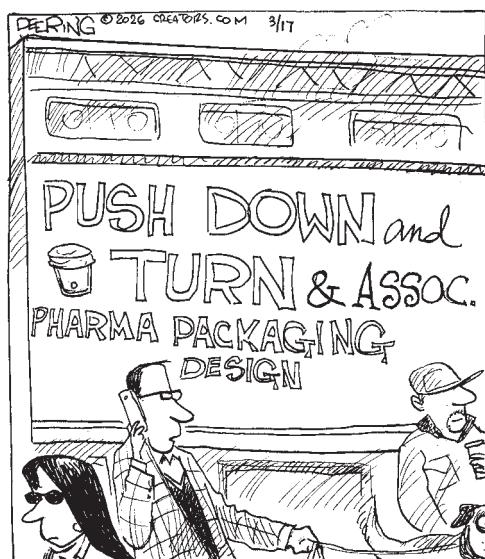
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# FIND THE WORDS

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

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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Sometimes, being unprepared is an advantage. When you don't know what "should" happen, you're not locked into expectations. You respond to what's actually in front of you instead of trying to force it into a preconceived plan.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your mood affects your decisions. Today, you'll manage your reactions instead of being managed by them. Emotional intelligence improves everything: health, money, energy, outcomes and more.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're in service mode today, and it works because you prepared. While others improvise, you've already mapped it out. Planning is your edge. That's why you deliver with a lot of personality. You can afford to since the basics are all covered.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You've already done the phase where you said yes to everything. It expanded you. Now your calendar is fuller than your capacity. The next level isn't more opportunity; it's sharper selection. This is the part where you start saying no.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Some people treat giving orders like a hobby. You don't need managing, not even from a boss. Advocate for yourself. You can get the guidance you need without taking part in strange power dynamics.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Knowing only the best and worst of something can be dramatic. But depth lives in the ordinary moments. With people, intimacy isn't built on peak experiences. It's built on the Tuesday afternoons.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the way that a movie trailer gives a taste of the tone of entertainment to come, a first social encounter tells you what's around the bend if you decide to go further into a relationship.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you think you're underperforming, you're probably overlooking the full scope of what you handle each day. Step back and take inventory. Give yourself more credit, and the grace you so deserve.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some won't move forward until you give the word, so you offer it freely. You'd rather not become a bottleneck. Approval isn't power to hoard; it's energy that is best kept moving.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some feelings - such as worry, frustration or guilt - only need to be experienced for a short time to have served their practical purpose. Let them be brief bouts of feedback indicating an adjustment is needed.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to fight yourself. You can bring your head and heart into alignment through something peaceful like walking in nature, listening to music, having a soulful conversation or doing creative work.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The truth is the sun that grows flowers from mud. No one can change the truth, but the truth can change everyone. Today, you won't have to discover or learn the truth. You'll only have to accept it and lean into its light.

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 Any moment now
- 5 Rotisserie rod
- 9 Sandpaper surface
- 13 Spaceship story genre
- 14 Solemn pledge
- 15 Make over, as a kitchen
- 16 Sports field with 18 GREEN fairways
- 18 Author unknown: Abbr.
- 19 Tip of a shoe
- 20 Cause damage to
- 21 Yankee great Mickey
- 23 Urban thoroughfares
- 25 Plant with fronds
- 26 Flavor enhancer initials
- 27 Walking leisurely
- 31 Land measure
- 34 Shaped like a 0
- 36 Easy \_\_\_ (simple)
- 37 Swerves
- 39 From ancient times
- 40 Little
- 41 Best imaginable
- 42 Not so much
- 44 "Beware the \_\_\_ of March"
- 45 Directs attention away from
- 47 Stovetop soup vessel
- 49 Barely passing grades
- 50 Medal of Honor recipient
- 54 Made to adhere, as

**DOWN**

- 1 Leave in a rush
- 2 Petroleum ship
- 3 \_\_\_ on a tangent (digressing)
- 4 Specialty market segments
- 57 Having achy muscles
- 58 Kitten's sound
- 59 Fuzzy brown fruit
- 60 GREEN-clad Irish elf
- 63 "What's \_\_\_ for me?"
- 64 Is in debt
- 65 Not quite correct
- 66 Say it isn't so
- 67 Little salamander
- 68 Job for an actor

- 5 Goes bad, as milk
- 6 Section
- 7 Word in TGIF
- 8 Central ideas
- 9 GREEN-skinned apple
- 10 Payment on a lease
- 11 Revered celebrity
- 12 Voice inflection
- 13 Cpl.'s superiors
- 17 Money spent
- 22 Neighborhoods
- 24 GREEN *Wizard of Oz* destination
- 25 Creates origami
- 27 Guys
- 28 Apple tablet
- 29 Main Egyptian river
- 30 Goopy hair products

**GREEN DAY** by Billie Truitt  
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- 31 Very eager
- 32 Formally hand over
- 33 Coral ridge
- 35 Battery measures
- 38 Smooth and glossy
- 43 Tire in a trunk
- 46 Sri Lanka's former name
- 48 Mine vehicle
- 50 Lowest-quality
- 51 Online message
- 52 Put back into service
- 53 Possesses
- 54 Lose traction
- 55 Pitchfork point
- 56 Triumphant cry
- 57 Gush forth
- 61 Female sheep
- 62 Med. care group

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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. arcrawler is taking over Santa Monica this St. Patrick's Weekend! Barcrawler 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 el el salón

3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-03-05T11>

### SANTA MONICA PIER'S 'LOCALS' NIGHT' CELEBRATES L.A. HIP-HOP CULTURE

3:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier. The Santa Monica Pier turns up the volume on Thursday, March 19, as "Locals' Night" returns with a powerful celebration of Los Angeles hip-hop culture, live music, art, classic cars, and community energy—all free and open to the public from 3:30 to 10 p.m. Presented by Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, March's edition highlights the diversity and legacy of L.A.'s independent hip-hop scene with a curated lineup by Top to Bottom LA on the Main Stage with additional entertainment and activities, and Route 66 salute. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-pier-s-locals-night-celebrates-l-a-hip-hop-culture/18309844/2026-03-19T15>

### STAND-UP JESUS! BLESSED BE THE PUNCHLINES

7:30 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Come bear witness to a truth that hurts and a truth that's funny with STAND-UP JESUS! Thy kingdom come, thy will be done; and it will be done with divine satire. In Robert Dubac's latest solo show, our lord and savior is back and this time he's no longer a carpenter. He's a stand-up comedian hell-bent on preaching what God created on the 8th day: Comedy. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/stand-up-jesus-blessed-be-the-punchlines/17904425/2026-03-19T19>

### THE UNTEACHABLES COMEDY TOUR

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4 Santa Monica. Stand-up Comedy featuring nationally touring comedians and teachers Stephen Taylor, Lou Pharis, and Miss Redacted. \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-unteachables-comedy-tour/18171494/2026-03-19T20>

### "HONOUR" AT RUSKIN GROUP THEATRE

8:00 p.m. Ruskin Group Theatre 3000 Airport Ave Santa Monica. A sharp and authentic examination of love, betrayal, and the fragile agreements that hold marriages together. When a celebrated writer can't seem to "do the right thing," decades of loyalty, intimacy, and compromise unravel in a single evening. With wit and emotional precision, "Honour" explores the personal cost of truth and the reverberations of a single, life-altering choice - asking whether honesty is always an act of courage, or sometimes one of cruelty. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-honour-at-ruskin-group-theatre/18119524/2026-03-19T20>



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