

Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339

In today's real estate climate ...
Experience counts!
garylimjap@gmail.com www.garylimjap.com

COLDWELL BANKER REALTY
CalRE # 00927151

2 **Homeless fraud**
Federal investigation.

3 **DTSM Budget**
Clash with City funding priorities.

4 **Plant based foods**
During Climate Week.

7 **Tax Day**
Choose families over the rich.

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

Volume 24 Issue 102 MONDAY 4/14/25 smdp.com

Hotspots of chemical contamination found in Palisades fire zone, soil testing reveals

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Preliminary soil testing in the aftermath of the Palisades and Eaton wildfires has uncovered isolated pockets of chemical contamination in the Palisades area, prompting calls for further investigation and targeted environmental assessments, officials from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said on Friday.

The findings, based on representative soil sampling conducted by environmental firm Roux Inc., were presented during a public briefing held over Zoom and reflect approximately 90 percent of the test data collected to date. The study focused on intact residential parcels within and near the burn zones, where samples were taken in an effort to evaluate soil conditions following the fires.

In the Palisades area, testing identified specific locations where arsenic, cadmium and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) – chemicals commonly associated with combustion and industrial activity – exceeded established health-based screening thresholds. These exceedances were not widespread, but were concentrated in two distinct areas: a northeastern cluster where arsenic and benzo[a]pyrene were elevated and a southwestern zone near the ocean where cadmium levels were higher than recommended.

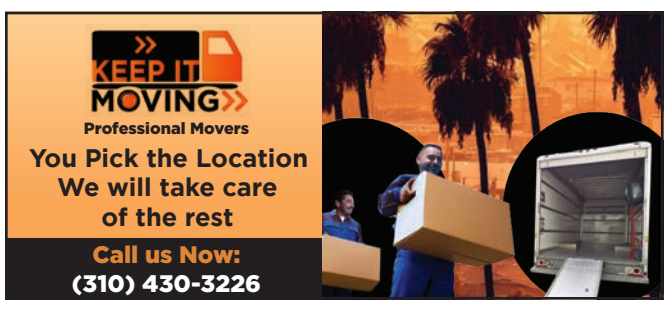


Scott Snowden

DAMAGE: Soil testing from the Palisades fire has returned some puzzling results.

Environmental consultants collected nearly 4,000 soil samples from around 800 intact residential parcels in the Eaton and Palisades fire areas between late February and late March. Using standard methods, five samples were taken from the top three inches of soil at each property. The goal was to capture a representative snapshot of post-fire soil conditions both inside and just beyond the burn zones. Samples were analyzed for heavy metals, PAHs and dioxins, then compared against state and federal residential screening thresholds. Officials noted most exceedances were minor, with a few likely tied to unrelated local sources rather than

SEE **SOIL** PAGE 7



TAXES
ALL FORMS, ALL TYPES, ALL STATES
BACK TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • SMALL BUSINESS
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1753 • Santa Monica 90401

Buy Local SANTA MONICA
buylocalsantamonica.com
Support your community!

Federal government to investigate fraud in local homelessness funding

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli announced this week the creation of a task force to investigate possible fraud and corruption involving funds meant to combat homelessness across Southern California.

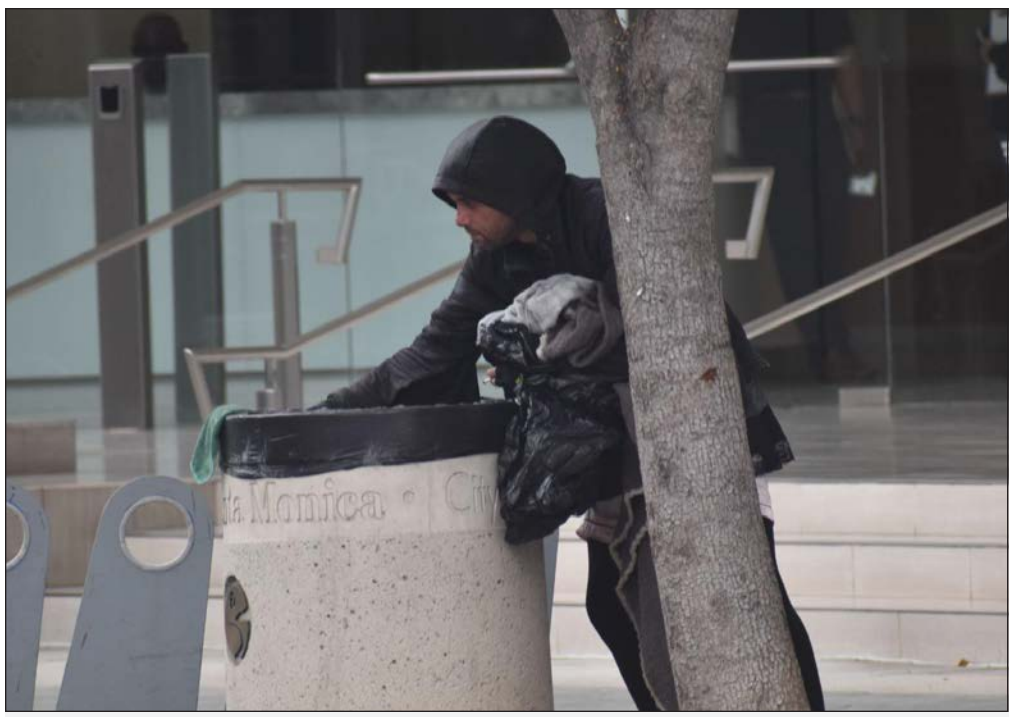
The Homelessness Fraud and Corruption Task Force will examine the use of billions in taxpayer dollars allocated to address the region's persistent homelessness crisis. Federal prosecutors will work alongside the FBI, Housing and Urban Development inspectors and IRS criminal investigators.

"California has spent more than $24 billion over the past five years to address homelessness," Essayli said. "But officials have been unable to account for all the expenditures and outcomes, and the homeless crisis has only gotten worse."

The task force will focus on seven counties in the Central District of California, where approximately 95,000 people experience homelessness. Los Angeles County alone reports more than 75,000 homeless residents, with over 45,000 in the city of Los Angeles.

The announcement follows a court-ordered audit last month that found homelessness services in Los Angeles were "disjointed" with "poor data quality" and insufficient financial controls to monitor contract compliance.

Federal authorities will prioritize reviewing programs receiving federal grants and funding, including $100 million in COVID-19 emergency aid sent to Los Angeles County and more than $200 million recently awarded by HUD.



SMDP Photo

HOMELESS: Investigators are looking for fraud as it relates to federal funding.

"If state and local officials cannot provide proper oversight and accountability, we will do it for them," Essayli said. "If we discover any federal laws were violated, we will make arrests."

The task force will also investigate schemes involving the theft of private donations intended for homeless services.

FBI Assistant Director in Charge Akil Davis said, "Any exploitation of the homelessness crisis via the theft of funds intended to improve conditions cannot and will not be tolerated."

Federal officials said the investigations will use forensic accounting techniques to proactively look for wrongdoing as it pertains to money distributed by the Federal Government but they may also respond to specific complaints should they come to their attention.

The federal investigation comes amid growing controversy over homelessness services in Los Angeles. For years, the city has been embroiled in a high-profile federal lawsuit, LA Alliance for Human Rights v. City of Los Angeles, where plaintiffs argue officials have mismanaged public funds while failing to address the humanitarian crisis.

The court-ordered audit mentioned in Essayli's announcement stems from this ongoing litigation, in which U.S. District Judge David O. Carter has repeatedly criticized local officials for ineffective spending and lack of transparency.

Federal involvement comes as local governments are becoming more critical of the way the area has handled the crisis. The County board of supervisors recently voted to defund the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the joint city-county agency that has coordinated homeless services since 1993. While there's no evidence of criminality at the organization, critics have long claimed LAHSA operated with minimal oversight despite receiving hundreds of millions in public funding.

The defunding decision followed revelations that LAHSA could not account for millions in expenditures over the past three years. The agency has also faced criticism for its annual homeless count methodology, with independent auditors suggesting the actual homeless population may be significantly higher than reported figures.

editor@smdp.com



Despite warnings, DTSM votes to push parking structure cleaning back to cash-strapped City Hall

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) approved its 2025–26 fiscal budget recently, defying the City of Santa Monica by rejecting a key funding provision and asserting its autonomy over how services are prioritized in the downtown district.

At the center of the clash was DTSM's decision to eliminate $1.2 million in funding for enhanced cleaning and maintenance of city-owned parking structures, a responsibility the nonprofit had taken on for years through a negotiated trade-off with the City. DTSM board members argue the deal is lopsided, unsustainable and no longer reflective of the organization's priorities.

"This has never been an equal exchange," said Treasurer Eric Sedman. "We cannot keep allocating more than a million dollars a year to a responsibility that doesn't belong to us."

Assistant City Manager Susan Cline, attending the meeting on behalf of the City, responded forcefully. She insisted that DTSM cannot unilaterally withdraw from the agreement and warned that the decision could carry serious consequences, including City Council rejecting the budget outright.

"We are taking cuts across every department," Cline said. "This cannot be misrepresented as a simple line-item adjustment. DTSM does not have the authority to make this decision on its own."

Despite Cline's warning and a proposed compromise to partially restore funding by reallocating $400,000 from another maintenance line, the board voted to pass the budget as presented by staff. A substitute motion to amend the budget failed by a narrow margin.

The vote sets up a likely confrontation with the City Council, which must still approve DTSM's annual operating plan under the terms of its services agreement.

DTSM is funded by taxes paid by participating businesses. It manages parts of Downtown Santa Monica under an agreement with City Hall that requires DTSM to oversee cleaning of the parking structures and provide a level of maintenance above the City's minimum standards. In exchange, the City is supposed to make additional efforts to clean adjacent streets.

The approved $9.39 million budget reflects DTSM's first balanced budget in several years. It forecasts a modest surplus of roughly $4,500 and avoids tapping into the organization's reserves, which currently stand at $1.7 million. Staff attributed the improved financial outlook to a combination of cost-cutting and conservative revenue forecasting. Notably, savings were realized this year due to staff vacancies, reduced lighting expenditures and trimmed event production costs.

"We came into this fiscal year expecting to draw nearly a million dollars from reserves," said CEO Andrew Thomas. "Instead, we're closing the year having used just over half that amount, a $370,000 savings."

But Thomas didn't sugarcoat the pressure DTSM remains under. "Last year, we went down to the fat," he said, adding, "This year, we're eating the bone."

Looking ahead to 2025–26, DTSM projects mostly flat revenue, with minor increases expected from business license taxes and event rentals. The organization opted for conservative forecasting given recent business closures and the impact of fires in the area, though a full-year lease from a new pickleball venue is expected to provide a modest revenue boost.

Among the biggest changes in this year's budget is a reclassification of security services. Although the budget line for "Downtown Security" appears to drop 31%, the cut is largely symbolic: one-third of the cost has been reassigned to the "Downtown Outreach" category in recognition of the team's growing role in engaging with the unhoused population and facilitating service referrals.

"They're not just providing a security presence," Thomas explained. "They're actively coordinating with service providers. That's a substantial part of their job now and our budget needed to reflect that."

The board also discussed event funding at length, with several members questioning the return on investment for large-scale productions. DTSM has cut its "Community Events & Activations" line from $580,000 to $440,000, while introducing a $250,000 allocation for "Promenade Micro Activations," which are smaller, more frequent installations like musicians, artists and interactive displays designed to animate the public space without the overhead of full-scale events.

Signature events such as Día de los Muertos and Pride on the Promenade remain intact, both of which staff described as culturally significant and among the district's highest drivers of foot traffic. However, some long-standing events, including Cinco de Mayo and the 150th anniversary celebration, have been removed from DTSM's funding list in the hopes of securing outside sponsorships.

There was some push from board members to further diversify event offerings, with suggestions including Oktoberfest, Valentine's Day celebrations and a renewed July 4th presence.

"We keep doing the same things and expecting different results," said board member Luke Cain. "Let's light up the promenade year-round, not just for pride or Halloween."

Staff noted the logistical challenges involved, pointing out that even smaller activations are labor-intensive and would likely require additional personnel or third-party management. Despite the internal approval, the fate of the budget is far from settled. Cline made it clear that City staff are not prepared to assume the additional burden of parking structure maintenance, citing higher municipal labor costs and equipment needs.

"It's not a one-to-one swap," she said. "This creates a major gap in our operating plan and we'll have to address that."

The conversation now heads to Santa Monica City Council, which has final authority to approve or reject DTSM's budget and operational plan. If the two sides cannot come to an agreement, DTSM may be forced to revise its budget before the July 1 start of the new fiscal year.

"We're not in fun times for anyone," Board Chair Michele Aronson said. "But we've done

SEE **DTSM** PAGE 6



Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2025/04/14	Mon	04:56 AM	-0.20	L
2025/04/14	Mon	11:05 AM	3.54	H
2025/04/14	Mon	4:08 PM	1.56	L
2025/04/14	Mon	10:24 PM	5.28	H
2025/04/15	Tue	05:32 AM	-0.18	L
2025/04/15	Tue	11:47 AM	3.21	H
2025/04/15	Tue	4:25 PM	1.87	L
2025/04/15	Tue	10:48 PM	5.19	H
2025/04/16	Wed	06:13 AM	-0.05	L
2025/04/16	Wed	12:39 PM	2.88	H
2025/04/16	Wed	4:39 PM	2.15	L
2025/04/16	Wed	11:14 PM	5.03	H
2025/04/17	Thu	07:01 AM	0.14	L
2025/04/17	Thu	1:54 PM	2.60	H
2025/04/17	Thu	4:44 PM	2.40	L
2025/04/17	Thu	11:48 PM	4.81	H
2025/04/18	Fri	08:04 AM	0.33	L
2025/04/19	Sat	12:35 AM	4.54	H
2025/04/19	Sat	09:29 AM	0.38	L
2025/04/20	Sun	01:52 AM	4.28	H
2025/04/20	Sun	10:49 AM	0.24	L
2025/04/20	Sun	7:10 PM	3.23	H
2025/04/20	Sun	9:42 PM	3.15	L
2025/04/21	Mon	03:42 AM	4.18	H
2025/04/21	Mon	11:44 AM	0.03	L
2025/04/21	Mon	6:58 PM	3.56	H
2025/04/21	Mon	11:37 PM	2.65	L
2025/04/22	Tue	05:11 AM	4.30	H
2025/04/22	Tue	12:26 PM	-0.13	L
2025/04/22	Tue	7:12 PM	4.01	H
2025/04/23	Wed	12:36 AM	1.91	L
2025/04/23	Wed	06:19 AM	4.50	H
2025/04/23	Wed	1:02 PM	-0.18	L
2025/04/23	Wed	7:33 PM	4.56	H

Daily Lottery

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/9
4 29 37 55 67
Power#: 10
Jackpot: 82 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/8
10 16 50 60 61
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 72 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/9
7 21 26 37 44
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy5
Draw Date: 4/10
14 16 20 28 30

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/10
EVENING: 6 4 9
Draw Date: 4/10
MIDDAY: 3 0 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/10
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:43.14

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

PARTNER
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Charles Andrews,
Devan Sipher,
Miles Warner.

CIRCULATION
Guadalupe Navarro
ross@smdp.com

STAFF WRITERS
Scott Snowden
scott.snowden@smdp.com

LEGAL ADVERTISING
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

MARKETING & ADVERTISING MANAGER
Dina Araniva
dina@smdp.com

PRODUCTION
Esteban Inchaustegui
production@smdp.com

Julio Davalos
julio@smdp.com

2219A Main St Santa Monica,
CA 90405
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

AWARD WINNER

Sustainable Quality Awards
WINNER

The Santa Monica Daily Press publishes Monday - Saturday with a circulation of 8,200 on weekdays and 8,000 on the weekend. The Daily Press is adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles and covers news relevant to the City of Santa Monica. The Daily Press is a member of the California Newspaper Publisher's Association, the National Newspaper Association and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The paper you're reading this on is composed of 100% post consumer content and the ink used to print these words is soy based. We are proud recipients of multiple honors for outstanding news coverage from the California Newspaper Publishers Association as well as a Santa Monica Sustainable Quality Award.

PUBLISHED BY NEWLON ROUGE, LLC
© 2023 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

Santa Monica Daily Press

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP # 442 WORKERS' COMPENSATION THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES.**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 6 , 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 032625 Bundy Underground Hazmat Removal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Work of the Project generally described as: Qualified contractor to provide prevailing wage labor, materials, services, equipment, transportation necessary to remediate contaminated soil vapor at the Bundy Campus before Santa Monica builds student housing on this site, in accordance with all bid documents.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 05/05/25, by 2:00pm
All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above.

Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District via the bidding website, prior to the date and time set forth, shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: 04/15/25, 10:00am sharp. Meet at Bundy Campus, Outside Building East Entrance, 3171 S. Bundy Dr. Los Angeles CA 90066. Bidder attendance at Job Walk is mandatory. Sign-In required & late arrivals not permitted.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,000,000.00

CONTRACT DAYS: Two years

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $3,000/day, plus $1,500/day for failure to complete punchlist items

The Bidder is required to have at time of bid submission and throughout the duration of the project: CSLB A license & HAZ and CADIR registration. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

Post Dates: 04/07/25 & 04/14/25

GET IT DAILY...

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Why I'm Prioritizing Plant-Based Food This L.A. Climate Week

Since its inception in 2024, Los Angeles Climate Week has quickly become L.A.'s flagship event for climate activists, environmental organizations, local businesses, municipal governments, and regular Angelenos to come together to advocate for action on climate change while celebrating the planet and our community.

This year's Climate Week has featured events including beach cleanups, film screenings, speaker panels, art exhibits, volunteer opportunities, networking mixers, flea markets, and nature walks. I'm excited about the variety of educational workshops offered on a range of topics, from gardening and composting to sustainable innovation.

However, the most important thing that I'm doing to celebrate L.A. Climate Week — something any Angeleno can do — is eating plant-based food.

Diets that feature a variety of nutritious plant foods and reduce consumption of meat and other animal products are far better for the environment.

Animal-based foods are responsible for twice as many GHG emissions — at least 16.5% of total global emissions — as plant-based foods, despite accounting for just 5% of total calories consumed.

Animal agriculture is by far the leading cause of methane emissions in the United States, a greenhouse gas 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

A recent Harvard study found that to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, GHG emissions from livestock production must decrease 50% by 2030. This is the same deadline the UN's International Panel on Climate Change has given us to halve total global emissions in order to maintain global warming below the critical 1.5 Celsius mark and avoid irreversible catastrophic climate change.

SEE **GUEST COMMENTARY** PAGE 6

Classifieds

Summons

NOTICE (HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 11488.4 & 11488.5) NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTY/CLAIMANT (NOTICIA A RECLAMANTE O PERSONA INTERESADA) Cortez Donta Darnell Penn Gale Cameron William Trent Young Joseph Ernest Hanos IIPLAINTIFF HAS FILED A LAWSUIT TO FOREFEIT THE FOLLOWING: $69, 244.00 currency. (EL DEMANDANTE HA COMENZADO UNA ACCIÓN LEGAL PARA EL DECOMISO DE LA SIGUIENTE PROPIEDAD) $69,244.00 currency You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this notice is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court. You may not use a Claim Opposing Forfeiture as a response A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and the 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 call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book). Después de que le entreguen esta noticia usted tene un plazo de 30 DÍAS CALENDARIOS pare presentar una respuesta escrita a máquina en esta Corte. Un reclamo opuesto a este procedimiento de entrega no servirá como respuesta. Una Carta o una llamada telefónica no ofrece protección; su respuesta escrita a menudo tiene que cumplir con las formalidades 169,41es apropiadas si usted quiere que la Corte escuche su caso. Si usted no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puedo perder a/ caso, y /a pueden quitar, a/ dinero y otras cosas de su propiedad sin aviso adicional por parte de la corte. Existen otros requisitos legales. Puede que usted quiera /1 amar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no Conozco a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogados o a una oficina de ayuda legal. ((vea el directono telefónica).The name and address of the court is:(El nombre y dirección de la corte es)Mendocino County Superior Court 100 North State StreetUkiah, California 95482Case Number (Numero del Caso) 25CV01662The name, address and phone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que noi tiene abogado, es): C DAVID EYSTER (SBN 113115) MENDOCINO County DISTRICT ATTORNEY Ducan M James. SBN-40505 Deputy 100 North State Street Room G-1 0 (707) 463-421 I Post Office Box 1000 (707) 463-4687 (fax)FOR COURT USE ONLY/SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE) ELECTRONICALLY FILED1/9/2025 11:35 AMSuperior Court of CaliforniaCounty of Mendocinoвy C Cynthia Achee Deputy Clerk

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00180 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Nicholas Dujmovic for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Nicholas Dujmovic this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Nicholas Dujmovic to Nicholas Shaffer . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 05/23/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, Ca 90401. 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

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25STCP01312 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Thomas David Garceau for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Thomas David Garceau this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Thomas David Garceau to Tommy David Garceau. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 09/12/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 45 Room: 529. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 111 N Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012. 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

CALL TODAY
AND PLACE YOUR
CLASSIFIED
office **(310) 458-7737**
Santa Monica Daily Press

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Much Love Animal Rescue to Host 25th Anniversary Fundraiser

Much Love Animal Rescue will celebrate 25 years of saving homeless, abused and neglected animals with "A Night for the Animals" fundraising gala May 1 at Universal Studios Hollywood.

The event, presented in collaboration with Sean Hayes and Todd Milliner's Hazy Mills Productions, begins at 6 p.m. and will be hosted by Michael Burger. Comedian Larry Wilmore will perform a comedy and magic show.

The gala will feature creative appetizers from Katz Craft Kitchen and a parade of adoptable dogs with celebrity handlers. Tickets are $150 each and can be purchased online.

Much Love Animal Rescue, a 100% volunteer-run nonprofit established in 1999, has placed over 3,500 animals into homes. The organization relies on foster families to house rescued animals while they await permanent homes.

Official estimates place Los Angeles' stray dog population between 26,000 and 44,000, with feral cats numbering 1-3 million, making organizations like Much Love crucial to the city's animal rescue system.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

SANTA MONICA

Saint John's Health Center Offers New Cancer Treatment Technology

Providence Saint John's Health Center has established a histotripsy program, becoming the first in Los Angeles County to offer this groundbreaking non-invasive treatment for liver tumors.

The technology utilizes focused ultrasound waves to target and destroy tumors and can be used alone or in combination with traditional treatments. The first patients underwent the therapy Thursday.

"The technology is revolutionary because it is minimally invasive," said Anton Bilchik, MD, Ph.D., director of the hospital's cancer center.

Dr. David Tran, director of interventional radiology, noted that the treatment "minimizes recovery time, reduces the risk of infection and other complications and has few significant side effects."

Saint John's is one of just six facilities in California offering the treatment, which was funded entirely by donations from the Saint John's Health Center Foundation and The Riordan Foundation.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

SANTA MONICA

Local Businesses Recognized at 29th Annual Sustainable Quality Awards

Seven Santa Monica businesses will be honored at the 29th annual Sustainable Quality Awards (SQA) ceremony on April 30 at the Annenberg Community Beach House.

Overdrive Energy Solutions, which provides sustainable portable power for live events and disaster relief, has been named the 2025 SQA Grand Prize winner for excellence in all three categories: sustainable economic development, social responsibility and stewardship of the environment.

Six additional businesses will receive Excellence Awards: Redcar Properties Ltd, Angeles Investment Advisors, Capital Intelligence Associates, Good Body Pilates Studio, Heal the Bay Aquarium and Phoenix Classical Pilates.

"The Sustainable Quality Awards are the oldest and most rigorous sustainable business award in Southern California," said Chief Sustainability Officer Shannon Parry. "Since 1995, we have honored 173 Santa Monica area businesses with over 230 awards."

The ceremony begins at 5 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. A networking reception catered by former SQA Grand Prize winner Back on the Beach Café will follow the awards presentation.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

OAKLAND

Attorney General Warns Californians About Job Recruitment Scams

California Attorney General Rob Bonta issued a consumer alert Thursday warning residents about increasingly prevalent job recruitment scams.

These scams occur when bad actors pose as employers or recruiters to trick job seekers into providing money or personal information. According to the Federal Trade Commission, losses from such scams have nearly tripled from 2020 to 2024, with consumers losing $501 million last year.

"As job recruiting scams become more popular, I urge Californians to exercise caution and be wary of offers that sound too good to be true," Bonta said.

Warning signs include requests for money, requests to make purchases on behalf of the employer, pressure to share bank details, promises of easy money, and urgent timelines. Legitimate government job listings are always free and can be found at jobs.ca.gov, usajobs.gov, or about.usps.com/careers.

Bonta advised consumers to research companies thoroughly, contact organizations through verified channels, and file complaints with the FBI, Federal Trade Commission, and the Attorney General's office if they encounter suspected scams.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

LOS ANGELES

Sheriff's Department Targets Distracted Driving

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is conducting operations across the county focusing on drivers violating hands-free cell phone laws.

Under current California law, drivers cannot hold a phone or electronic communications device while operating a vehicle. Violations are punishable by a fine, and a second conviction within 36 months will result in a point added to the driver's record.

"A driver's focus should be on the road, not their phone," Sergeant Michael Lennig said. "That text, phone call, email or social media post is not worth the risk to yourself and other people on the road."

The department recommends drivers either silence their phones or place them out of reach before driving, and pull over to a safe location if they need to make an important call or program directions.

Funding for the enforcement program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!!!
(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)
YOUR CHOICE
If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge
DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!
WE OFFER UNIQUE SERVICES
*Nitrous Oxide available
*No interest payment plans
*Emergencies can be seen today
*Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients
OR
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$99 EXAM AND CLEANING
For New Patients
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients
AND OF COURSE WE DO
• Invisalign • Periodontist on Staff • Oral Surgeon on Staff
• Cosmetics and Implants • Zoom bleaching • and more
SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2589
WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM
WILSHIRE BLVD. 15TH ST. 14TH ST. ARIZONA AVE.



SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RFP NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SMMUSD invites sealed proposals for: RFP #25.16 Districtwide Fire Protection System Testing, Alarm Testing, Maintenance, and Inspection Services. All proposals must be electronically submitted via Secure Bids at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/2516 on or before: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:00 P.M. BID forms and specifications may be obtained in the link provided within this notice.

SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SMMUSD invites sealed proposals for: BID #25.24 – Lincoln Middle School Walk-In Cooler and Walk-In Freezer Replacement. All proposals must be electronically submitted via Secure Bids at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/BID2524 on or before: Thursday, May 22, 2025 12:00 P.M. BID forms and specifications may be obtained in the link provided within this notice.

SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SMMUSD invites sealed proposals for: BID #25.35 – Santa Monica High School Chiller Installation. All proposals must be electronically submitted via Secure Bids at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/BID2535 on or before: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:00 P.M. BID forms and specifications may be obtained in the link provided within this notice.



COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

LA Small Businesses and Workers Receive $19.1 Million in Relief Funds

Los Angeles County's Department of Economic Opportunity and the City of Los Angeles announced the latest round of grants for the LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Funds, providing direct cash assistance to workers, small businesses, and non-profits impacted by recent fires.

A total of $19.1 million has been awarded to 1,372 businesses and 2,309 workers, including those with physical locations destroyed in the fires. The fund is supported by a $10 million investment from the State of California, Maersk and APM Terminals, and LA Rises.

"Just as California came together to fight the fires, we'll work together to rebuild these communities that have been most impacted," Governor Gavin Newsom said.

The funds are supporting 821 brick-and-mortar and home-based businesses in the fire zone that were fully destroyed, representing about 50% of businesses with fewer than 100 employees in those zones.

An estimated $6.74 million funding gap remains to support an additional 1,194 businesses/nonprofits and 1,169 workers. Organizations interested in contributing can do so at lacounty.gov/relief.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

LOS ANGELES

Deadline Approaching for LA Fire Debris Removal Program

With nearly 500 crews working around the clock to clear debris from structures damaged by the Eaton and Palisades fires, property owners have until April 15 to submit a Right of Entry form to have debris removed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

More than 1,700 parcels have already been fully completed and returned to county authority, with hundreds more awaiting final steps in the cleanup process.

"We are throwing everything we have at this cleanup to get people back in their homes quickly. The fast pace of this recovery makes it even more important to sign up today," Governor Gavin Newsom said.

At Newsom's request, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recently expanded the scope of cleanup to include owner-occupied condominiums, multi-family units, and certain commercial properties that were not previously eligible.

Commercial properties, including multi-family rental properties, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Property owners can submit forms online, download and complete forms, or visit Disaster Recovery Centers in Los Angeles and Altadena for assistance.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 4

Unfortunately the current trend toward more meat- and dairy-heavy diets is leading us in the opposite direction.

Agricultural expansion, the vast majority of which is done for livestock grazing and feed, is responsible for 90% of global deforestation. This land conversion destroys not only native ecosystems, but also the planet's natural carbon sinks, which are critical to combating climate change through their capture and storage of carbon dioxide.

Meat production is the single largest cause of regional water shortages in the U.S., diverting nearly half of all water drawn from the Colorado River, which Los Angeles relies on for about half of its water supply.

Animal agriculture also places a tremendous burden on our planet and is a major threat to biodiversity. Many species native to California and Los Angeles have become threatened or endangered due to livestock production, including greater sage grouse and American bison. Meanwhile the federal government kills hundreds of thousands of native animals such as coyotes, wolves, and mountain lions every year to protect private livestock interests.

To help encourage people to shift their diets in the right direction, this year's Climate Week has featured a great selection of sustainable food events, showcasing support for the fact that reducing meat, dairy, and egg consumption is one of the most effective ways to protect the Earth for ourselves, other species, and future generations.

For example, the city of West Hollywood cosponsored a free public "Food Day" event on April 7 featuring three panels on sustainable food policy, delicious plant-based meals, and plenty of networking opportunities with policymakers, nonprofit organizations, and plant-based food businesses.

Other food-related Climate Week events included a webinar on food systems curricula in higher education, the 10th annual Vegan Street Fair, a virtual panel on plant-based city food policies, and a Future of Food Day.

This L.A. Climate Week and Earth Month, I encourage you to learn more about plant-based eating by checking out these great food-related events and join me in opting for a better diet for yourself and the planet.

By Leah Kelly. Leah Kelly is a Los Angeles resident and policy specialist at the Center for Biological Diversity, where she works to foster a more just and sustainable food system.

DTSM

FROM PAGE 3

the work, made the hard choices and we believe this budget reflects our mission and the needs of our stakeholders."

City officials, meanwhile, signaled they would continue working toward a solution, but cautioned that shared pain does not mean shared capacity.

"We're all taking hits," Cline said. "But we're also all still responsible for the work that needs to be done."

scott.snowden@smdp.com

SOIL

FROM PAGE 1

wildfire fallout.

Dr. Brett Love, who presented the data, said the chemical distribution did not match patterns typically associated with wildfire smoke or ash dispersal. Instead, the concentrations suggest more localized sources that may predate the fire, though the origin remains unknown.

"This doesn't look like a general plume effect," Love said. "It's not something that affected the entire Palisades area. These appear to be isolated hotspots that warrant closer study."

The presence of contamination in the Palisades zone came as a surprise, especially given the relatively low lead levels found there. By contrast, soil samples from the Eaton fire area revealed a higher percentage of lead exceedances, particularly in areas downwind of where homes were destroyed. Up to 40 percent of samples from those parcels surpassed state or federal screening levels. Officials attributed the elevated lead levels to the likely presence of lead-based paint in older homes, consistent with housing stock built prior to 1979.

Although lead is a known post-fire contaminant, health officials emphasized that screening thresholds are designed to protect vulnerable populations over long-term exposure and are not cleanup mandates. Dr. Nicole Quick, chief medical advisor for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, said the results offer a snapshot of general conditions but cannot predict contamination on any specific property.

"These results are meant to guide further evaluation, not to trigger immediate remediation," Quick said. "Residents who are concerned about their soil should consider consulting an environmental professional."

A final report is expected in May. In the meantime, county officials are requesting additional support from state and federal agencies to conduct follow-up sampling in the Palisades area and expanded lead testing near the Eaton fire.

Health officials said the pattern of contamination did not indicate widespread fallout from Palisades wildfire smoke, but likely pointed to localized sources that may predate the fire. No public health advisory has been issued for the neighborhood, though officials encouraged residents near the identified hotspots to stay informed and take basic precautions when working with soil. Further environmental assessment is planned and residents with specific concerns are advised to consult professionals for parcel-level evaluation if needed.

The announcement came as Los Angeles County health officials lifted all fire-related ocean water advisories after testing showed no evidence of wildfire-related chemicals at levels dangerous to human health.

Testing conducted over three months by the Regional Water Quality Control Board found metals, nutrients, PCBs and PAHs were below state and federal standards for recreational water and residential soil.

The Department of Beaches & Harbors also confirmed Friday that "dark sediment on beaches does not pose risk to human health," though beachgoers should avoid fire-related debris.

Santa Monica Beach Maintenance continues to maintain dry sand areas without scraping dark wildfire sediment from wet areas to prevent environmental damage.

Current water quality information is available at publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach.

scott.snowden@smdp.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Congress should choose families over billionaires this Tax Day

Right now leaders in Congress are debating a package that would provide $4.5 trillion in tax cuts to large corporations and billionaires like Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg – and they plan to pay for it by cutting essential tools families and businesses need to thrive like: health care, public education, nutrition assistance, and child care. This is not okay. 70% of their tax plan benefits go to the richest 5%, while costs will go up for hardworking families, who will feel the impact of budget cuts and tariff hikes the most. This will only raise costs overall, increase grocery bills, and hurt our economy.

Our leaders should make sure the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share in taxes in order to ensure everyone can go to work, raise kids, and contribute to our communities. This means advancing a permanent Child Tax Credit, as well as child care, health care, nutrition assistance, care for the aging and people with disabilities, and paid family and medical leave. Our tax contributions aren't just expenses—they're investments in the systems that allow all of us to thrive.

Our country is swiftly becoming less safe for regular folks (i.e., non-billionaires) and paying one's fair share of taxes is not only affordable for the super wealthy, it's the ethical responsibility and morally just thing to do now, in the midst of the widening gap between them and everyone else. Appealing to the conscience of those who consider themselves deserving of their amassed wealth (and by extension, others deserving to struggle) is an insufficient means to reach the just society Americans fight for. We need legal protections too, and the role of Congress is to ensure laws are just for all.

Urge electeds to do what's right by the country!

Laila Taslimi, Santa Monica

Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

5th Annual

Rick Crocker 5K Challenge

Thursday May 15 at 4:00pm



When:
Thursday, May 15 at 4:00pm

Where:
Santa Monica Pier

What:

- A family-friendly 5K walk/run to benefit PAL
- $45 Entry fee
- Fun, free after-party at Locals' Night on the Pier
- FREE FOR YOUTH & ACTIVE MILITARY (must register)

Why: Officer Rick Crocker was a 10-year veteran of the Santa Monica Police Department and a Marine Corps Reserve Officer who was killed while serving his country in Iraq on May 26, 2005. Officer Crocker's last assignment with the SMPD was serving the Police Activities League, where he mentored the most vulnerable youth in our community. We run to remember Rick's dedication and honor his commitment to PAL.

Register at

https://rickcrocker5k.givesmart.com

Sponsorships still available!

For questions or sponsorships contact pal@santamonica.gov

NOW THROUGH APRIL 17

SAVE & STAY IN SANTA MONICA







Hey, LA! Spring is the time for lounging poolside and dining outside with pierside fun and entertainment. Now through April 17, most Santa Monica hotels are offering deals just for LA County residents. Springtime staycations are available right here in Santa Monica.

Plan your stay
at **SantaMonicaStaycation.com**

SANTA MONICA

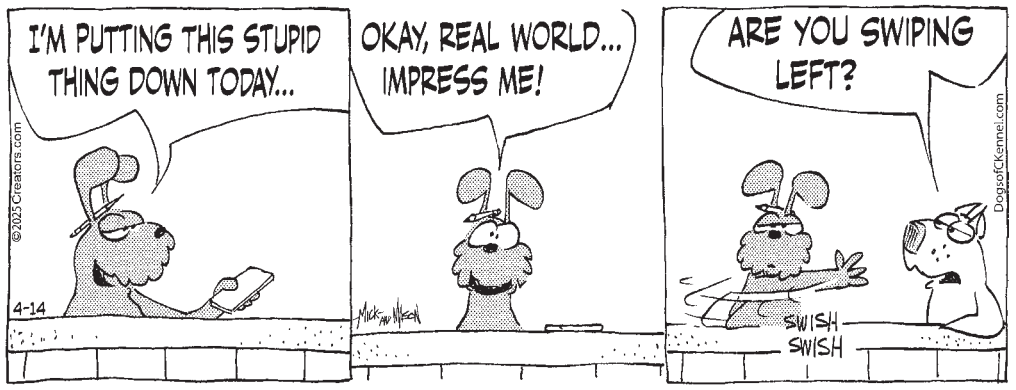
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



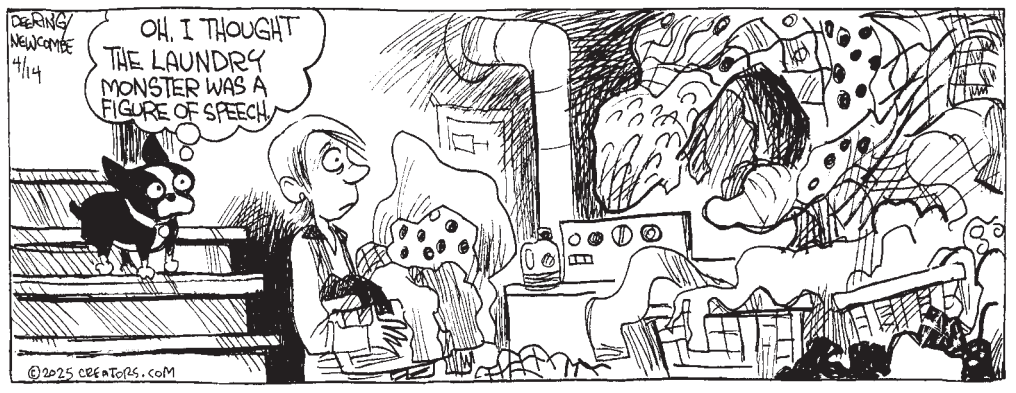
Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"I HATE MONDAYS."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

© australianwordgames.com.au 6545

A day in the sun

N	R	U	B	B	E	R	D	U	C	K	I	E	S	S
W	S	N	O	O	Z	E	B	R	O	W	N	U	P	M
A	M	E	A	B	A	L	O	N	E	S	H	E	L	L
L	Y	X	T	R	K	S	I	R	E	U	M	S	A	L
P	T	P	Y	O	S	L	L	V	M	A	Y	K	S	U
R	I	E	O	P	T	I	F	I	E	U	Z	I	H	G
S	L	C	J	E	A	S	D	R	G	S	I	A	S	A
R	A	T	N	H	H	S	C	R	A	B	N	V	E	G
A	T	E	E	I	O	O	S	W	I	M	C	S	L	O
O	I	D	A	R	C	F	P	O	O	L	B	T	U	L
T	P	D	C	D	G	N	I	V	I	D	U	A	R	F
P	S	B	E	A	U	U	F	F	R	B	K	I	Y	I
A	O	E	A	A	N	L	F	I	E	D	A	L	A	S
R	H	E	R	K	L	S	T	F	L	A	G	S	A	H
K	F	R	U	S	E	C	I	S	U	M	T	E	K	W

Abalone shell	Cliffs	Gull	Park	Sea
Adults	Crab	Guys	Picnic	Snooze
Bake	Cream	Hail	Pool	Splash
Bask	Diving	Hats	Radio	Surf
Bays	Enjoy	Hospitality	Rest	Swim
Beer	Eski	Humid	Risk	Tube
Boat	Film	Ideal	Rope	Unexpected
Brown	Fish	Lawn	Rubber duckies	Walk
Burn	Flags	Lives	Rules	Zinc
Cans	Fossils	Music	Salad	
	Golf	Oars		

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Give me short back and sides

Covering the city by the bay since 2001.
To advertise, email cindy@smdp.com or call 310.458.7737
smdp Santa Monica Daily Press

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 14)

You decide who you want to be and you become that person over the course of this solar return. You accept that development is always happening in the "now" moment, and you represent your wishes in your choices. More highlights: Relationships thrive, you learn a culture, you entertain like a pro, and you will field many pitches and proposals custom-made for you. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 44, 2, 28 and 10.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'd rather show than tell. Even when people ask about you, you let your actions do the talking — no big speeches needed. And the best part? Watching their faces light up when they realize just how much you're capable of.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're like a hot air balloon today — ready to soar, but you won't get very far until you release the sandbags weighing you down. These bags come in many forms: expectation, resentment, doubt and anything else that holds you to the ground. Let go and rise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a pull you can't quite explain — something instinctive, something bigger than just you. It's a call to action. Gather your energy and step in with purpose, ready to play your part in something meaningful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you ever doubt how strong you are, look at everything you've done. Everything you've built, carried, survived. Many wouldn't attempt the sheer volume of things you've navigated — moves, creative projects, performances, deep emotional shifts, major life transitions and more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are not discouraged by what you don't know, nor are you afraid of it. You may actually experience uncertainty as an exquisite thrill and will lean into the unknowns knowing they will only inspire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel like you lost something back there, but you didn't. You outgrew it. You expanded past it because it couldn't hold the full brilliance of you. There's greatness in you that the world isn't responding to yet, but it will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a relationship that keeps coming back around in your life. If you thought last round was wild, this one's about to get next level. You'll rewrite the rulebook — maybe even throw it out entirely. One thing's for sure: it won't be boring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When things feel unresolved, you wonder what someone's true thoughts are. Uncertainty leaves room for all sorts of interpretations, but sometimes you can give yourself the exact closure or peace that you need by simply deciding to love the mystery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's comfort in the predictability of an orbit. The sun circles the Milky Way, the Earth moves around the sun, the moon follows the Earth — and then there's you. Today, the people, things and ideas you care about most will get your full, 360-degree attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you're trying to make a change that requires willpower, dancing around your temptations is silly and self-sabotaging. Instead, remove them or remove yourself from them. Set yourself up for success, not for more tests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today you're stepping into the role of a protector. Put on your superhero gear, whether it's a sharp suit or your lucky shoes — whatever makes you feel invincible. It'll boost your confidence and earn the trust of those around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel stuck in the push-pull of connection and disconnection. It's hard to let go if your mind is still circling around something that requires closure. If there's anything specific you want to say about how you're feeling right now, let it out.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

	N	O	M		G	O	F	E	R		A	P	E	
	B	C	E		S	T	E	N	O		B	E	T	S
B	A	T	M	A	N	B	E	C	A	M	E	T	H	E
B	R	O	O	M			L	A	D	Y		P	E	R
S	E	P	I	A	S			M	I	R		E	L	M
	F	I	R	S	T	S	U	P	E	R	H	E	R	O
				S	O	U	L			H	A	V	E	N
N	E	W	T		W	I	T	H	A		M	E	D	S
E	X	I	S	T			R	I	G	A				
W	A	L	K	O	F	F	A	M	E	S	T	A	R	
M	C	D		A	L	E			S	K	I	D	O	O
I	T	O		S	O	M	E			E	N	D	U	P
N	E	X	T	T	O	A	D	A	M	W	E	S	T	S
T	R	E	E		D	L	I	S	T		A	T	E	
	S	N	L		S	E	E	K	S		R	O	D	

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

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

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

Newsday Crossword

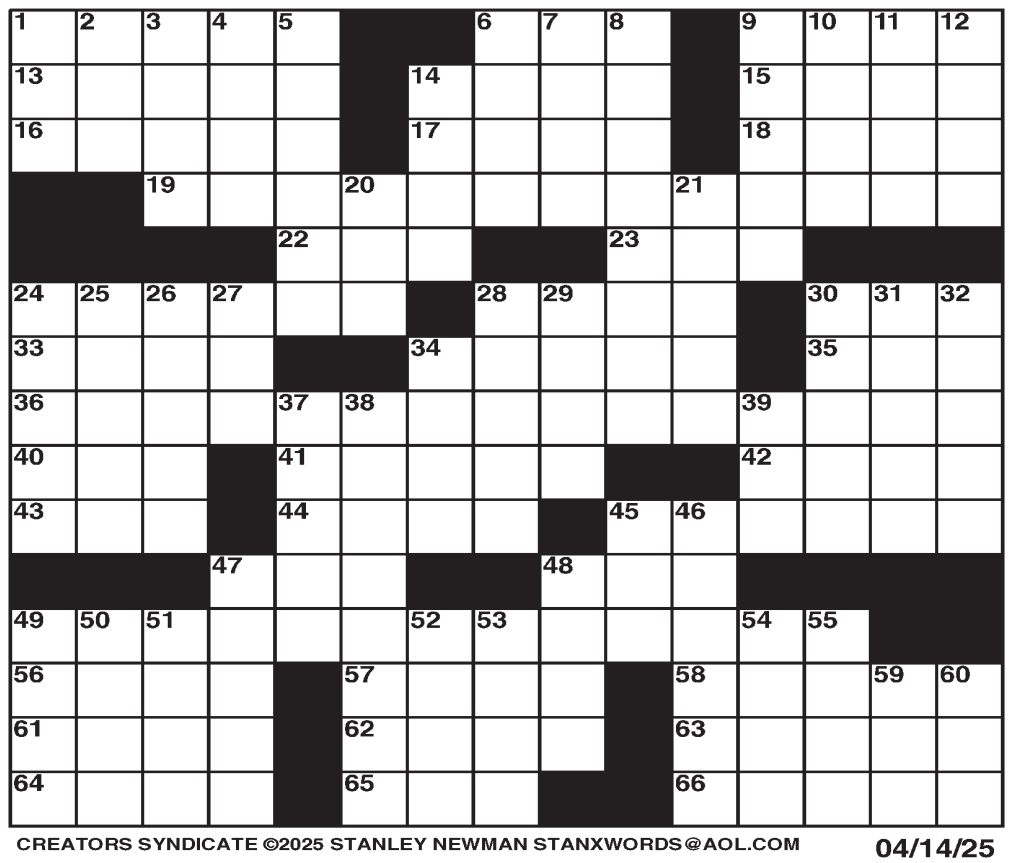
RAINY DAY by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Pursues, as for prey
6 Rank just below corporal: Abbr.
9 Lower part of the leg
13 Electric meter measurement
14 Defendant's answer to a charge
15 Prepare to be photographed
16 Pesto sauce herb
17 Cake by the sink
18 Birds that hoot
19 Occasional very light rain
22 Pet that purrs
23 Tip of a stocking
24 Protection from danger
28 Casual conversation
30 Frost-covered
33 Untidy stack
34 Leaves port
35 "With all __ respect..."
36 Brief rainfall here and there
40 Attentive treatment, for short
41 Parts in a play
42 Possess
43 "A mouse!"
44 Inflatable river boat
45 Clothing fashions
47 Light brown color
48 Rowboat implement
49 Torrential rain
56 Shade trees that aren't oaks
57 Savings protection agency: Abbr.
58 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
61 "That makes sense now"
62 Flower with thorns
63 Short golf strokes
64 Tenant's monthly expense
65 Metallic mineral
66 Ram or lamb

DOWN

1 Center of a wheel
2 Letters on our stamps
3 Astronauts' agency
4 End-of-workweek shout
5 Make a choice
6 Sound of a raindrop
7 Be scared of
8 What "Hawaii" starts with
9 Said something
10 Coyote's cry
11 Dot of land on a map
12 The Loch __ monster
14 Attention-getting whisper
20 YIELD RIGHT OF __
21 "That's untrue"
24 Malicious emotion
25 Supermarket path
26 Group of goats
27 "Electric" fish
28 West Point student
29 Sound of a snake
30 Best possible
31 Bend in a road
32 Positive replies
34 __-addressed stamped envelope
37 Orderly formation
38 How a pendulum swings
39 "For what reason?"
45 Fluid from a maple tree
46 Groups of Girl Scouts
47 DVD player attachment
48 "__ upon a time..."
49 Next for the throne
50 Otherwise
51 Prayer conclusion
52 Strong aroma
53 Full of good sense
54 Informal refusal
55 Evaluate
59 Numbered road: Abbr.
60 Egyptian snake



CREATORS SYNDICATE ©2025 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM

04/14/25

MORE OF STAN'S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan's archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords

Santa Monica Daily Press

Classifieds

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/02/25 2025065937The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dance with Mlss Alice 8424 Santa Monica Blvd #737 West Hollywood, CA 90069 . Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Etoile Arts Inc 8424 Santa Monica Blvd #737 West Hollywood, CA 90069 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: A Corporation. . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2025. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Etoile Arts Inc Title: CEO Alice Fitzgerald . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/02/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/17/25 2025054359The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Kathryn D. Deal. PH. D. 5522 W 79th St Los Angeles, CA 90045. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Kathryn D. Deal 5522 W 79th St Los Angeles, CA 90045. If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: An Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2025. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Kathryn D. Deal Title: Owner Kathryn D. Deal . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/17/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/19/25 2025055853The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AdTech 1338 N Ogden Dr Los Angeles, CA 90046. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Messer Media LLC 1338 N Ogden Dr Los Angeles, CA 90046. If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2024. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Messer Media LLC Title: President Scott Messer . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/19/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/03/25 2025042554The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Kinematic Arts 1014 Broadway 1100 Santa Monica, CA 90401. . Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Sparkle Bubble Inc 1014 Broadway 1100 Santa Monica, CA 90401 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2025. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Sparkle Bubble Inc Title: CEO Julene Renee . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/19/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS

DBA

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25STCP00868 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Antonisha Traynisha Louise Connor for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Antonisha Traynisha Louise Connor with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Antonisha Traynisha Louise Connor to Annie Desmine Riley. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 06/30/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 45 Room: 529 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 111 N Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 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

---

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00158 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Deborah Sarah Neary for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Deborah Sarah Neary with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Deborah Sarah Neary to Deborah Neary Chance . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 05/09/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 7512 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 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

---

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00159 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Amy Marisa Allen for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Amy Marisa Allen with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Amy Marisa Allen to Amy Marisa Allen Wilkins. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 05/30/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 7512 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 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

---

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25CMCP00059 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Michael Marcel De Carlo for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Michael Marcel De Carlo with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Michael Marcel De Carlo to Michael Marcel Kenne . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 06/3/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: E Room: 1004 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 7512 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 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

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25TRCP00112 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Victoria Katlin Amato for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Victoria Katlin Amato with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Victoria Katlin Amato to Victoria Katlin Amato-Truan . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 05/2/2025 Time: 9:30 a.m, Dept: 1 Room: 200 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse One Regent Street Los Angeles, CA 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

---

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00122 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Ma Ramoncita (Pola) Martinez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Pola Selva with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Ma Ramoncita (Pola) Martinez to Pola Ramona Martinez . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 04/25/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 7512 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 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

---

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00172 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Alexandra Lauren Pinkus for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Alexandra Lauren Pinkuswith this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Alexandra Lauren Pinkusto Alexandra Lauren Stodghill . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 05/16/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 7512 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 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

---

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00166 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Belinda Louise Abner for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Belinda Louise Abnerthis court for a decree of changing names as follows: Belinda Louise Abner to Belinda Louise Phillips. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 05/16/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 7512 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 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

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED HERE

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm **LOCATION** 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401



MONDAY | APRIL 14

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. $10.00. https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-04-14T19

TUESDAY | APRIL 15

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Join them today to show your support for the library: For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-04-15T12

BOOK DISCUSSIONS
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets virtually at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. This book group discusses domestic and international titles in the mystery genre. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712453/2025-04-15T19

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 16

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-04-16T12

COME SING WITH THE BAND - LIVE BAND KARAOKE!
9:00 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:00PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/come-sing-with-the-band-live-band-karaoke-/15099082/2025-04-16T21

THURSDAY | APRIL 17

ARTS/CRAFTS
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. 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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-04-17T11

BOOK DISCUSSIONS
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. his community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712450/2025-04-17T18

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Supported by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/montana-avenue-branch-book-discussion-group/13906564/2025-04-17T18

SANTA MONICA PIER

LA prices got you down? We've got FREE fun!

APRIL 5 - OCTOBER 11

Wellness & Waves

at the Santa Monica Pier

Saturdays

Run 8-9am & Yoga/Pilates 9-10am

*Registration Required

GOOD BODY · shefayoga · Lifeway · PACIFIC PARK SANTA MONICA PIER · SANTA MONICA

APRIL 17

LOCALS' NIGHT

THIRD THURSDAYS AT THE PIER

LIVE MUSIC · ART MART · CAR SHOW · SALSA WAY
KIDS ACTIVITIES · SATTELITE BAR · & MORE!

APRIL 24

SANTA MONICA PIER CORP.

Santa Monica Yacht Harbor Sport Fishing Boating Cafes

A TALK THROUGH PIER HISTORY

"A Talk Through Pier History" — a one-hour storytelling session sharing fascinating Pier history, memorable tales, and a lively Q&A.

EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 6-7 PM

WEEKENDS & MONDAYS

SANTA MONICA PIER CORP.

Santa Monica Yacht Harbor Sport Fishing Boating Cafes

A WALK THROUGH PIER HISTORY

EST. 1909

Discover the captivating history behind Santa Monica Pier with **"A Walk Through Pier History"** Walking Tour! Join us on a remarkable journey through time, as our expert storytellers bring the past to life!

TOUR SCHEDULE

Every Saturday & Sunday @ 10AM
Every Monday @ 6:30 PM (Sunset Tour)

Please note that drop-ins are not accepted. $25/Person
Advance booking is required to ensure an unforgettable experience.

@santamonicapier | santamonicapier.org/happenings

SANTA MONICA PIER