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Santa Monica Animal Shelter to host annual fundraiser on June 7



Elizabeth Noble

PETS: The fundraiser supports Santa Monica's local efforts to protect animals.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Animal Shelter is inviting the community to its fourth annual Open House Fundraiser next month, offering residents a chance to support local animals while enjoying a family-friendly afternoon filled with activities, food and live entertainment.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, from 12 to 3pm at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, located at 1640 9th Street. It will include discounted adoption fees, a silent auction, raffle prizes, face painting, balloon animals, music, burgers grilled by local scouts and an appearance by the Santa Monica Police Department's Mounted Unit.

"We are very excited for our fourth annual Santa Monica Animal Shelter Open House Fundraiser," said Elizabeth Noble, Chair, Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation. "The event is a fun afternoon to

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Vandalism suspect arrested for destroying beach front bathroom



Matthew Hall

10K: The damage to the bathroom was $10,000 in April.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department has arrested a homeless man in connection with the intentional vandalism of public restrooms along Ocean Front Walk that cost the city approximately $10,000 in repairs.

Jairo Navarette, 49, was arrested Sunday after officers responded to a disturbance call in the 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk. City maintenance staff directed officers to Navarette, who was contacted

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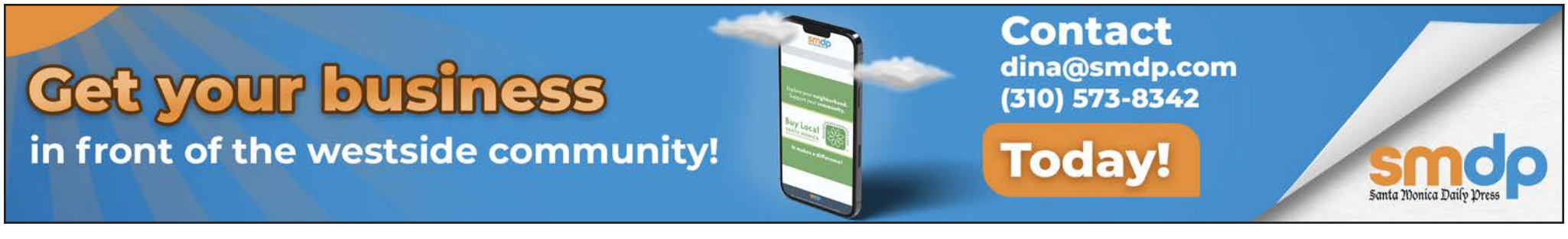
Smoke from climate-fueled wildfires contributed to thousands of US deaths over 15 years, study says

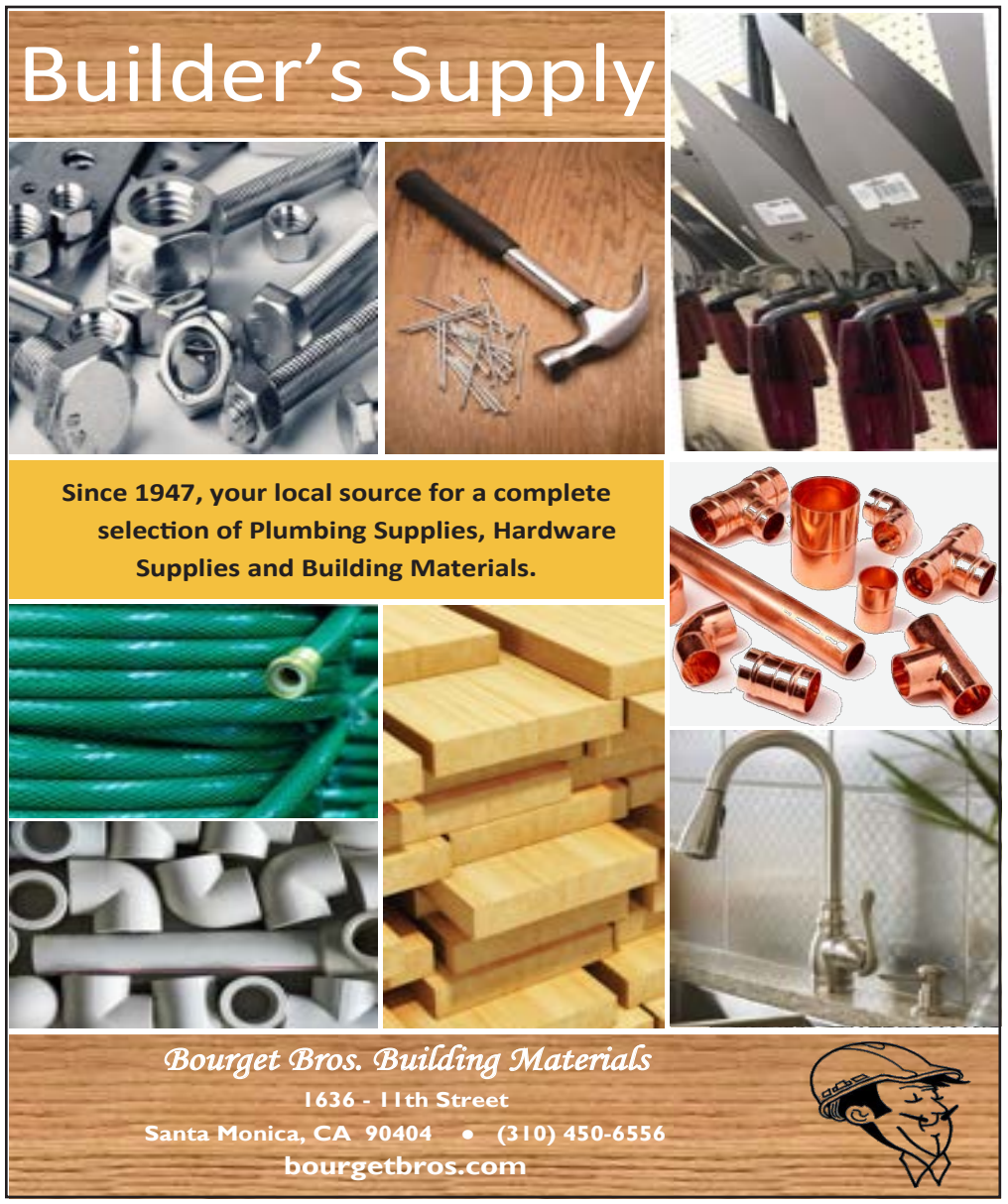
Wildfires driven by climate change contribute to as many as thousands of annual deaths and billions of dollars in economic costs from wildfire smoke in the United States, according to a new study.

The paper, published Friday in the journal Nature Communications Earth & Environment, found that from 2006 to 2020, climate change contributed to about 15,000 deaths from exposure to small particulate matter from wildfires and cost about $160 billion. The annual range of deaths was 130 to 5,100, the study showed, with the highest in states such as Oregon and California.

"We're seeing a lot more of these wildfire smoke events," said Nicholas Nassikas, a study author and a physician and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. So he and multidisciplinary team of researchers wanted to know:

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Inmate firefighters battled LA's wildfire. Now a lawmaker wants to help launch their careers

As the Los Angeles fires raged in January, about 1,000 inmate firefighters labored on hand crews alongside professional firefighters battling the blazes.

In payment for that dangerous work, participants in the California Conservation Camp program earned $5.80 to $10.24 a day, plus $1 an hour, and they'll get a chance to clear their record and seek work as a professional firefighter upon release.

But inmate firefighters say it's hard to advance from a prison crew to a civil service firefighting job, because their criminal records make it tough to obtain the necessary certifications.

State Sen. Eloise Goméz Reyes wants to make it easier. In January the San Bernardino Democrat introduced Senate Bill 245, which would require the Department of Justice to help incarcerated firefighters get their criminal records expunged and prevent their convictions from being used against them.

The bill expands on a 2020 law that Reyes authored which enables former prisoners who worked on fire crews to pursue careers in firefighting.

"This bill is specifically to remove the barriers to the expungement that the former inmates have been dealing with," Reyes told CalMatters. "We want to ensure access to opportunities that are afforded to those who have put their lives on the line to protect Californians."

Inmate firefighters have fought alongside local and state fire crews and other emergency responders since 1915. Today more than 1,800 live year round in minimum-security conservation camps, known as fire camps, in 25 California counties.

That experience can prepare them for jobs with agencies such as Cal Fire, where entry level firefighters earn a $4,296 to $5,432 base salary per month. But legal obstacles often get in the way.

"During the LA Fires, incarcerated fire crew members emerged as true heroes, bravely protecting homes and communities from destruction," said Sam Lewis, executive director of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, a sponsor of SB 245. "But upon reentry, many formerly incarcerated fire camp participants still have difficulty obtaining an expungement."

Former inmates on fire crews often lack legal support to clear their records, Reyes said.

"They also get stuck in the bureaucratic process for licensing and certification, even after they meet the eligibility," Reyes said. "Our public defenders have said they're ready and able to help with these expungements, but if our inmates aren't aware that's an option, connecting with the right agency becomes a problem."

The bill would require the Department of Justice to contact people who are entitled to relief and initiate requests to expunge their criminal records. And it would ensure that convictions can't be used against them when they seek emergency medical technician certification or other credentials needed to work in fire departments.

The bill would not open the door for violent offenders to serve as civilian firefighters; it excludes people convicted of rape, murder, kidnapping, arson and other serious felonies.

The measure also would track data on former inmates who gain expungements and pursue careers in firefighting, which Reyes said is currently missing for most California counties.

"Making sure we have the data to make sure the courts are doing what they need to do and people are getting the help they need is a big part of this bill," said Reyes' Chief of Staff Matthew Hamlett.

The bill passed the California Senate Public Safety Committee in a 5-1 vote, with Sen. Kelly Seyarto, a Murrieta Republican, voting no. The ACLU, the California Public Defenders' Association and other justice organizations supported the proposal, and none were listed opposing it.

Robert Wynne served seven and a half years in prison and spent two and a half years at the Chuckwalla Valley State Prison Fire Department. He told the committee he's now a captain at a Cal Fire training center and has worked for the agency since 2019, but the journey "has been everything but easy."

"The process is daunting and time consuming for someone trying to rebuild their entire life from the ground," he said. "I started the process and quickly found out that I had to commit a significant amount of time and navigate complex law procedures. I still do not have my record expunged."

By expediting that process, the bill would allow him to compete for jobs with city and county fire departments, Wynne said, and it would elevate opportunities for those who complete their institution's fire camp program.

By Deborah Brennan. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

BATHROOM

FROM PAGE 1

near the 2100 block of Ocean Avenue and arrested without incident.

According to authorities, Navarette is accused of flushing trash and other debris down toilets at the public restrooms. He was booked on felony vandalism charges.

The arrest follows ongoing issues with the beach front toilets near Tower 26, which have been repeatedly out of service for days at a time. Repairs have cost between $1,500 and $2,500 each time, with the city spending more than $10,000 in April alone to address the damage.

Residents who frequent the area previously reported seeing a homeless individual stuffing items into toilets, including stroller wheels and clothing.

While Navarette has been arrested in connection with recent damage, police said the investigation remains active as they work to determine the full extent of the incidents and clarify his level of involvement in previous occurrences.

The bathrooms serve hundreds of students from local swim clubs and surf teams who use that stretch of beach.

SMPD said it continues to coordinate with city partners to monitor the location and support long-term solutions.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor:

Underfunded and understaffed by the city, by the times we're in and likely by Musk's machinations, Fairview Library seems to be hearing its own epitaph being wrought, its own death knell being tolled.

But there was a time, back in 2001, when Fairview championed the founding and nurtured the growth of the writing workshop Write Away, still functioning privately but, without Fairview's aegis, struggling to survive.

The library's newsletters, desk placards and bulletin boards fed a steady flow of W/A joiners—as many as 20 per weekly session in the library's spacious community room, still lying fallow after many years, no longer able to serve the community it was designed to serve.

That's why I and the stalwarts of Write Away urge the city, with your prodding, to find a way to open Fairview to us for the few hours per week we wish to use it. Our being there again would help pump new blood into W/A...and into Fairview, a critical and sorely missed asset of Santa Monica.

Saul Isler, Santa Monica

Editor:

My advice to the City Council:

Imagine the Promenade open street alcohol drinking program producing a popular partying spot—that is the goal, isn't it?

If it is successful, many people will drive into the city, park their cars, get drunk, and then what?

Managing this and the other related consequences will be expensive. Security to enforce sensible restraints on inebriated celebrants will cost lots of money, and imagine the potential human cost when the wrong drunks evade the security restraints.

I hope our City decision makers decide to utilize the knowledge that experienced bar, disco, and other alcohol-fueled entertainment operators have. I've seen many of those problems firsthand. Unrestrained drunks plague operations that profit from drinking inside their walls, where security issues are more easily managed than in nearby parking lots and roadways at closing time. Listen to some of those who've actually dealt with these issues. Involve them in your discussions as you ponder this consequential issue.

The costs could easily surpass the returns. It is a shame that other sorts of entertainment enticements have not flourished in what could have been a vital commercial Santa Monica zone.

Tim Tunks, Santa Monica

Therapist arrested on sexual battery charge in Santa Monica

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

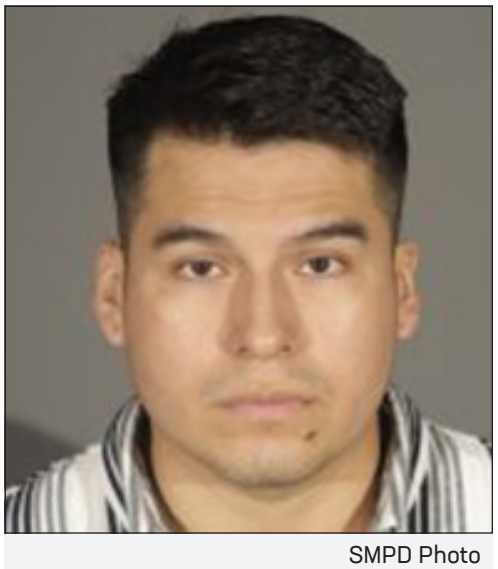
Santa Monica police have arrested a 28-year-old physical therapist on charges of sexual battery following an incident at a local therapy center.

Fernando A. Salazar was arrested on April 17 by Santa Monica Police Department detectives for one count of sexual battery under California Penal Code 243.4(a), authorities said.

The investigation began on February 19 when police received a report of a suspected sexual battery at Select Physical Therapy on Wilshire Boulevard. Detectives determined that Salazar, a licensed physical therapist, allegedly committed the assault during a scheduled treatment session.

Santa Monica police officials are urging any additional victims to come forward. "Anyone who believes they may have been a victim or has relevant information is urged to contact police," said Lieutenant Lewis Gilmour in a statement. "All reports will be handled with discretion and sensitivity."

Those with information can contact Detective Darnell Crumpler at (310) 458-8941, Sergeant David Haro at (310) 458-8952, or the Watch Commander desk at (310) 458-8427.



SMPD Photo

FERNANDO A. SALAZAR

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **61.2**

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

SSW swell bumps up another notch and tops out for the week. Decent start, winds come up quickly. Long period SSW swell (210-190) tops out through the day, easing SSW swell from earlier in the week still in the mix. More waist-chest high waves, northernmost standouts going head-high+. Not much NW swell mix on the cards, so it'll be all about the summer exposures with some structure to find nice shape. Decent conditions first thing in the AM but onshore WNW wind looks to pick up quickly, ruffling things by mid-AM. Bumpier PM outside of the points as those winds get stronger.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Waves top out as Southern Hemi swell holds. Looks like one of the week's better AMs for wind. SSW/S swell mix holds, setting up more chest to head high+ surf, throughout the day while best breaks hit 1-2' overhead - largest west of Pt. Dume. Some minor NW energy in the mix, not enough for proper beachbreak peaks, helps section out the SSW lines. Lighter, variable wind to start the day before westerly onshore puff up through mid-morning, staying mellow. Afternoon window is in for moderate lump from W onshores and likely stays textured through sundown - points on the cleaner side.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
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2025/05/08	Thu	1:37 PM	0.89	L
2025/05/08	Thu	8:02 PM	5.06	H
2025/05/09	Fri	02:37 AM	0.40	L
2025/05/09	Fri	08:35 AM	3.74	H
2025/05/09	Fri	2:01 PM	1.19	L
2025/05/09	Fri	8:22 PM	5.28	H
2025/05/10	Sat	03:09 AM	0.01	L

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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

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Power#: 19
Jackpot: 65 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/6
16 17 43 46 58
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 100 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 5/3
3 19 30 39 46
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 24 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/6
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Draw Date: 5/6
EVENING: 0 2 1
Draw Date: 5/6
MIDDAY: 2 9 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/6
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3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

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Project No. SP2060-CM

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing construction management and inspection services for the Santa Monica Pier Bridge Replacement Project.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to perform construction management and inspection services for the Project.

RFP questions to be submitted **via OpenGov**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 21, 2025.**

Proposers shall upload RFP **via OpenGov**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on June 2, 2025.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit electronic bids for the:

Pier Bridge Replacement Project
A Caltrans (Federally) Funded Project
Federal Aid Project No. BHLO-5107(033)
SP2060

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, OpenGov Procurement or https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via OpenGov Procurement immediately after bid close time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING (VIRTUAL):
May 12, 2025
10:30 a.m. to noon
Instructions to access the virtual meeting will be provided via addendum posted to OpenGov

OPTIONAL PRE-BID JOB WALKS:
May 19, 2025 and May 21, 2025
10:30 a.m. to noon
Pier Carousel Building
200 Santa Monica Pier
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PROJECT ESTIMATE:.....$23.7 Million
CONTRACT DAYS:.....464 Working Days (650 Calendar Days)
.....includes 20 Working Days Inclement Weather Allowance
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:.....$13,200 Per Calendar Day
CONTRACT DBE GOAL.....22%

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AROUND TOWN

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Mother's Day Weekend Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the 46th Annual Venice Family Clinic Art Walk + Auction, Montana Ave. Sidewalk Sale, plenty of Mother's Day dining options, and much more!



Courtesy image

EVENTS: The art walk is this weekend.

Madhappy Hosts One-Night-Only Fundraiser at Pacific Park in Support of Mental Health Awareness Month: "Madhappy and Friends" brings together community, culture, and cause for a night of amusement park rides, games, food, music, exclusive brand activations, and photo-worthy moments. Guests will enjoy complimentary access to Pacific Park's most popular rides—including the iconic Pacific Wheel, the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel—alongside boardwalk-style midway games like Ring Toss and Whac-A-Mole. Thursday, May 8, 6 p.m. https://www.madhappy.com/pages/madhappy-friends

Julian Whatley's Psychotropic Portals Exhibit Opening: The artist and cinematographer's work blurs the line between painting, performance, and immersive storytelling. Psychotropic Portals is a surreal ride through the American mythos—where luminous oil paintings, live performers, and cinematic installations converge in a living Western dreamscape, unveiling Whatley's emerging movement: Peripheral Space. The FREE opening party is Thursday, May 8, 6:30 - 9p.m., and the exhibit runs through June 16. The Georgian Hotel 1415 Ocean Ave. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psychotropic-portals-tickets-1344306188999

46th Annual Venice Family Clinic Art Walk + Auction: The event features work from 200+ artists with all proceeds benefiting the Clinic's essential medical, dental, and mental health services for low-income Angelenos. Free and open to the public. May 9–18, 910 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice. venicefamilyclinic.org/veniceartwalk

Montana Ave. Sidewalk Sale: The beloved Montana Avenue Sidewalk Sale is BACK, and it's the perfect occasion to support local shops while snagging amazing deals on new arrivals! Join us on Saturday for a day filled with great shopping and explore some of the best dining the West Side has to offer. Enjoy the neighborhood's vibrant atmosphere and welcome the season in style with friends and family. Saturday, May 10, 10a.m. - 6p.m. https://www.instagram.com/p/C56RBM2Jqxm/

Juniper Market: Enjoy a day of unique shopping finds and local vibes at Juniper Market! This pop-up event highlights and supports small businesses, offering a wide range of local products. Saturday, May 10, 10a.m. - 6p.m., Third Street Promenade, 1200 Block https://www.instagram.com/thejunipermarket/

Celebrate Fire Service Day at Fire Station 1: Fire service day is a unique opportunity to meet local firefighters and learn about what they do through a hands-on learning experience. Free open house activities for families include fire engine and trucks displays for exploration, fire station tours with firefighters, learn hands-only CPR alongside emergency preparedness information with the American Red Cross, and meet and greet with Roger, SMFD's new K-9 peer support dog. Saturday, May 10, 10a.m. – 1p.m., Fire Station 1, 1337 7th St. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/fire-service-day-0

Santa Monica Library Presents: The Manzanar Baseball Project From J.A. to Shohei: During the 1940s, baseball was truly the National Pastime of America – even in the WWII concentration camps. For incarcerated Japanese Americans, the game took on symbolic meaning as a way to express their identity as Americans. Today, the Manzanar Baseball Project is revitalizing the diamond at Manzanar National Historic Site, bringing history to life. Saturday, May 10, 1 – 3 p.m., 601 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/p/DJKYMJOzdEj/

SMC Symphony Orchestra invites you to experience an unforgettable afternoon of music with an exciting program featuring three dynamic works that span both classical and contemporary styles. Sunday, May 11 4 - 5:30 p.m., The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St. https://x.com/SMC_edu/status/1920173592903327887

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Lunar Light - Discovery Immersive VR Experience (through May 11); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through July 18); Wellness & Waves (through Oct 11)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Jyan Isaac Bread Mother's Day Bagel Kits & Boxes: The kit features their house-cured, hand-sliced smoked gravlax and vibrant farmers market produce—tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, capers, herbs, and sprouts. Final day to order is May 8. 1620 Ocean Park Blvd. https://

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OPINION | NOTEWORTHY

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Flamenco, T Bone, Yo' Mama

BEYOND BAROQUE BROKE

Not exactly, but they just announced that Trump's anti-arts brigade has decided to pull the NEA grant for our Venice neighbor, a decades-long beacon of literacy, which will be a severe blow to their operations. They were informed that their "support of writers no longer 'effectuates' priorities of the administration."

So – where does it have to hit you before you resolve, in this most crucial focus point in our nation's entire history, to do everything you can to resist, including writing your representatives, and adding your body to demonstrations? That pushback has had an effect, and forced backing off some terrible edicts. No time to waste. Very soon someone you know may die for lack of Medicaid or Social Security or Veterans' benefits.

JAZZ BAKERY

Just received notice that the same thing has happened to our 33-year great Santa Monica music institution, rescinding a large NEA grant they depend on. They are canceling concerts starting this month. This is tragic.

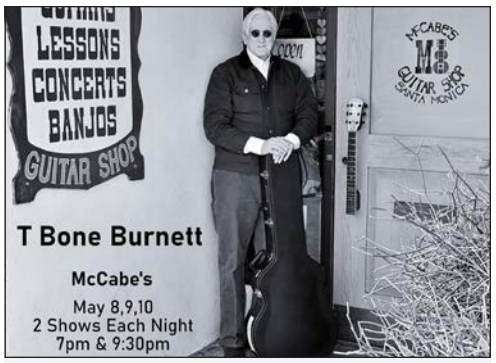
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Tonight - T BONE BURNETT – Well, if this isn't a big deal. The legitimately legendary musician producer impresario would have been enthusiastically welcomed at so many venues in LA on this his first tour in nearly 20 years (backing a new album), his only West Coast dates this year, but he chose li'l ol' McCabe's, capacity about 150, playing six shows in three nights. And he called them. Possibly because he had a good experience there a few years ago when he dropped in on the late Bob Neuwirth, resulting in a first time ever (40 years) reunion of Burnett's first group, The Alpha Band. T Bone will have a band (McCabe's is often solo and acoustic) that includes original Alpha David Mansfield, a fine player. So now that you're all excited, I have to break the bad news: the McCabe's website shows "sold out" on five of the six concerts. What do I keep saying about these great McCabe's shows? Buy the moment you see it announced. Or weep in the cold darkness. Thurs, Fri, Sat, 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica, $90.

Tonight - CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE – With Brazilian-influenced guitar and heavy harp, these guys are a completely authentic and satisfying blues duo. Thurs 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $11.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for almost 14 years now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

Next Thurs - LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR" – I loved it! Opera appeals to me because you get a lot to take in on one stage



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: Tonight's Special: T BONE

– music by the masters that you will probably never hear in a concert, amazing voices, dazzling costumes and sets, and sometimes a laugh or a tear. "Ainadamar" tells the story of famed Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca, who was on the verge of leading Spanish literature into a golden age until the harsh autocrat Francisco Franco tightened his grip and led the nation into civil war, and decades of suppression of free speech. It is told through the reminiscences of Lorca's dear friend and muse, actress Margarita Xirgu, who could not convince Lorca to flee, until it was too late. The music is classical but heavily influenced by flamenco, with lots of enthralling dancing. And it is only an hour and 20, not a Wagnerian three and 20. Next Thurs 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $33-296.

RECOMMENDED:

LIBRARY GIRL - "Portrait of the Artist's Mother" – Is your mother hard to buy gifts for? She says cheerfully that she's already got everything she wants. But you're anticipating guilt if you show up empty handed on Mothers' Day. So, here's your answer. Surprise her this Sunday evening by taking her to the monthly spoken word performance of LG, which is always a very good bet, and this may be the last one, after 16 years, held at the current space before they move down the road to roomier digs for the Ruskin (two theaters!). The surnames of this Sunday's performers reads like a UN roll call, and that's something I love about LA (though Santa Monica has been losing its diversity because of bad governance). Featuring Rick Bursky, Jane Cantillon, Melanie Chartoff, Melissa Greenwood, Stevie Kalinich, Shivani Mehta, Cynthia Adam Prochaska, Nathan Birnbaum, Tommy Swerdlow and Kelly Shire, music by Jason Luckett. As usual, Library Girl and the Ruskin pull in top talent, accomplished actors, and I am looking forward particularly to hearing Chartoff. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – His decades-long Sunday night residency at Santa Monica's Harvelle's, the oldest blues bar in LA (almost a century!), is a treasure

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EVENTS THIS WEEK MAY.8 -MAY.15



Computer Classes/Technology

Thursday, May 08, 2025 , 2:00pm-4:00pm

Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica, CA

Cost:

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/computer-classes-technology/14712455/2025-05-08T14

Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more.

Drunk Theatre LA | Wildest Improv Comedy Show!

Friday, May 09, 2025 , 9:00pm-10:30pm

Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica, CA

Cost: USD

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-la-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15774889/2025-05-09T21

A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?!

Downtown Farmers Market - Saturday Market

Saturday, May 10, 2025 , 8:00am-1:00pm

Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica, CA

Cost: Free

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/electric-lodge-holiday-spark/14721171/2024-12-20T00

Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays.

Arts/Crafts

Thursday, May 08, 2025 , 11:00am-1:00pm

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica, CA

Cost:

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-05-08T11

Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia.

Artists & Fleas: Venice Marketplace

Saturday, May 10, 2025 , 11:00am-5:00pm

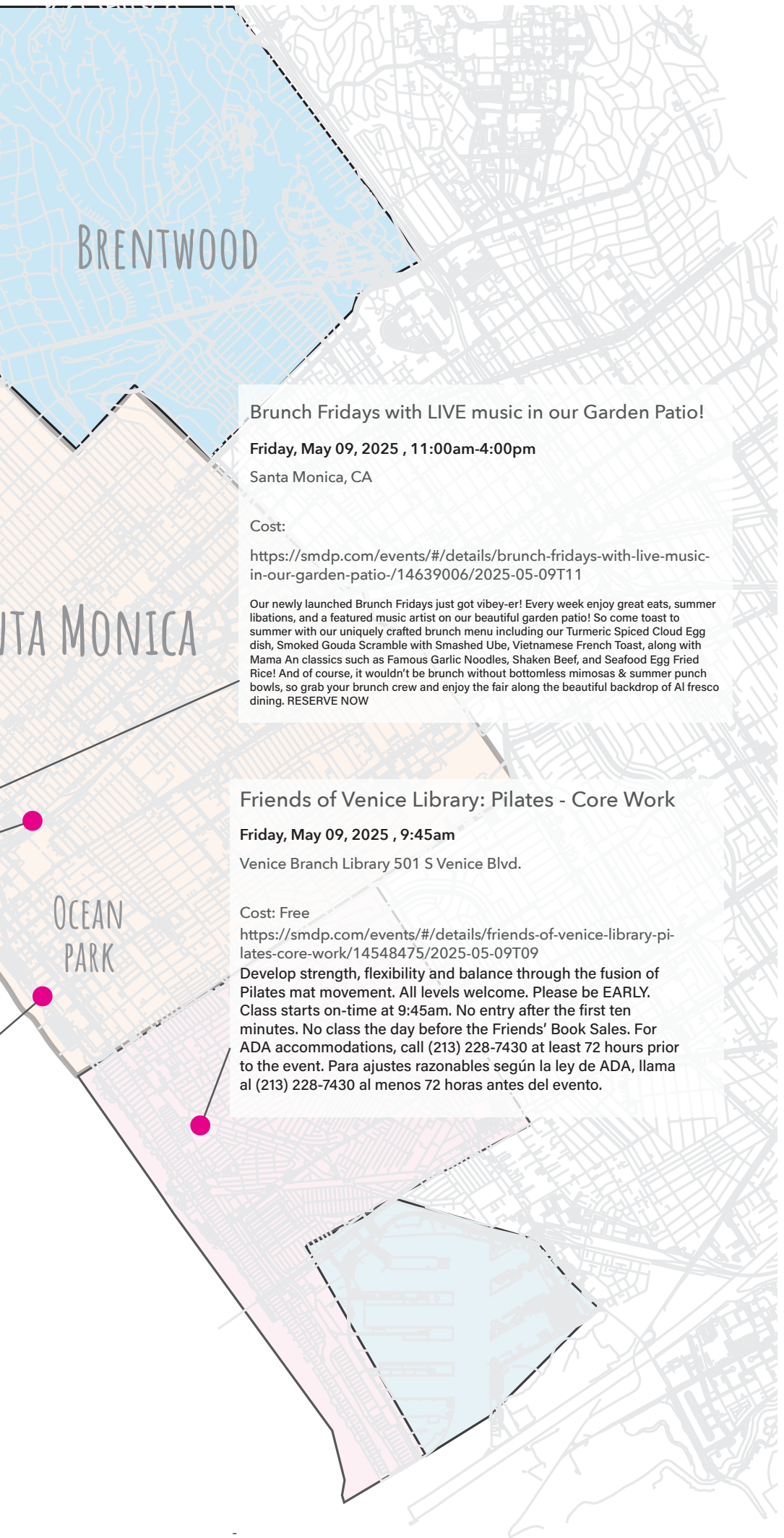
Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles, CA

Cost: Free

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-05-10T11

Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events





THURSDAY | MAY 8

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE

12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. 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/lunchtime-line-dance/12342961/2025-05-08T12

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

7:30 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St Santa Monica. Photographer Babak Tafreshi has spent his career documenting the unbelievable beauty of the night sky and working to connect people through the shared experience of simply looking up. From the Milky Way to the animals that come out after dark here on Earth, experience visual stories of wildlife, humanity, and the cosmos. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/national-geographic-live/13765546/2025-05-08T19

FRIDAY | MAY 9

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-05-09T19

SATURDAY | MAY 10

FREE SATURDAY MORNING FITNESS; WELLNESS & WAVES RETURNS FOR 2025 SEASON

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Start your weekend with movement, mindfulness, and ocean views as Wellness & Waves returns to the Santa Monica Pier beginning Saturday, April 5 through October 11, 2025, from 8 to 10 a.m. every week. This popular Free fitness series invites the community to embrace self-care and coastal vibes with group runs, yoga, and fusion fitness—all in the most iconic outdoor setting in Los Angeles. Held beneath the famed Santa Monica Yacht Harbor sign, Wellness & Waves kicks off with a breezy group run from 8 to 9 a.m., perfect for runners of all levels. From 9 to 10 a.m., the energy shifts to the west end of the Pier for Yoga and Yoga-Pilates Fusion classes, led by a rotating lineup of celebrated instructors from some of the Westside's top wellness studios. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/free-saturday-morning-fitness-wellness-waves-returns-for-2025-season/15484766/2025-05-10T08

COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® program, host their L.A. Wildfires Initiative through their Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class fee is $5.00, then Pay-What-You-Can after that. Wildfire Victims and first responders are always free. Class proceeds are donated to CAMP (Community Animal Medicine Project) who are providing FREE veterinary services to L.A. Wildfire Victims. Sign-up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training. $5.00 —General $5.00. First Responders & Wildfire Victims FREE. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-05-10T12

"SHEER ENJOYMENT!" IT'S BARNYARD MADNESS WITH THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. "This is what family theatre is all about and the Santa Monica Playhouse offers the best. Kids will delight in it all as will adults!" The Tolucan Times. It's a finger-snappin', toe-tappin' zany musical romp following the romantic antics and showbiz aspirations of the swingin' singin' McPig Sisters and their canine admirers, complete with exciting audience participation. $15.00 to $17.50—$15 kids 12 and under; $17.50 adults. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-sheer-enjoyment-it-s-barnyard-madness-with-the-three-little-pigs/15355101/2025-05-10T14

SUNDAY | MAY 11

THE WATERFRONT - SUNDAY REAL FUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy a bottomless brunch buffet Sundays at The Waterfront! The Waterfront Venice is a full-service restaurant celebrating Californian cuisine with views of the Pacific Ocean. Situated between Rose and Navy on the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk, our food & beverage menus celebrate California with carefully selected seasonal produce from local farms. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-waterfront-sunday-real-funday-brunch-buffet/14894114/2025-05-11T11

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SMOKE

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"What does it really mean in a changing environment for things like mortality, which is kind of the worst possible health outcome?"

Lisa Thompson, a professor at Emory University who studies air pollution and climate change and was not involved in the paper, said it is one of the first studies she has seen to isolate the effect of climate change on mortality. Looking at the impacts across time and space also made it unique, she said.

The paper's researchers focused on deaths linked to exposure to fine particulate matter, or PM2.5 — the main concern from wildfire smoke.

These particles can lodge deep into lungs and trigger coughing and itchy eyes with short-term exposure. But longer term they can make existing health problems worse and lead to a range of chronic and deadly health issues. Children, pregnant people, the elderly and outdoor workers are among the most vulnerable. The Health Effects Institute estimated the pollutant caused 4 million deaths worldwide.

Evidence is emerging that PM2.5 from wildfire smoke is more toxic than other pollution sources. When wildfires encroach into cities, burning cars and other toxics-containing materials, it adds to the danger.

Numerous studies have tied human-caused climate change — caused by the burning of coal, oil and gas — to a growth in fires in North America. Global warming is increasing drought, especially in the West, and other extreme weather. Drier conditions suck moisture from plants, which act as fuel for fires. When drier vegetation and seasons are mixed with hotter temperatures, that increases the frequency, extent and severity of wildfires and the smoke they spew.

Findings dismaying but not surprising, scholar says

Jacob Bendix, professor emeritus of geography and environment at Syracuse University, said he was "dismayed" by the findings but not surprised.

"(T) hese numbers are really significant. I think there's a tendency for people outside of the areas actually burning to see increasing fires as a distant inconvenience … This study drives home how far-reaching the impacts are," said Bendix in an email. He wasn't involved in the study.

The study's authors drew on modeled and existing data to reach their findings. First, they sought to understand how much area burned by wildfires was attributable to climate change. They did that by analyzing the real climate conditions — heat and rain, for instance — when wildfires erupted from 2006 to 2020, and compared that to a scenario where weather measurements would be different without climate change.

From there, they estimated the levels of PM2.5 from wildfire smoke tied to climate change using the same approach. Lastly, integrating the current understanding of how particulate matter affects mortality based on published research, they quantified the number of deaths related to PM2.5 from wildfires and calculated their economic impact.

This framework showed that of 164,000 deaths related to wildfire-PM2.5 exposure from 2006 to 2020, 10% were attributable to climate change. The mortalities were 30% to 50% higher in some western states and counties.

Questions about the study's conclusions

Marshall Burke, global environmental policy professor at Stanford University, said the evidence linking climate change to burned areas was "rock solid," but the subsequent steps were harder.

"Linking burned area to smoke is trickier because you never know exactly which way the wind's going to blow," he said, and he wondered how the death estimates compared to fatalities tied to general air pollution.

Still, their approach was sensible and reasonable, Burke said.

Johns Hopkins University lecturer in climate and energy policy Patrick Brown said he had some concerns about the study. One was conceptual. The study acknowledges the power non-climate drivers have on wildfires, but it doesn't give them proper weight, he said in an email.

Brown, who was not involved in the study, worries decision-makers could wrongly conclude that mitigating planet-warming carbon emissions is the only solution. "Yet in many regions, the more immediate life-saving action may be fuel breaks, prescribed burns, ignition-source regulation, public health efforts, etc.," he said.

Land management practices such as prescribed burns can reduce wildfire fuel, Nassikas said. But ultimately, the study notes, the problem of deaths from wildfire smoke will only get worse without the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

"Part of the study is raising awareness," he said. "And then once we kind of understand that … now what are the interventions that we can deploy at a personal level, at a community level, and then obviously at a larger level across the country and across the world?"

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

- **RFP # 440 INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES.**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 30 , 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.

AROUND TOWN

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An Evening Under The Stars - Wine Pairing Dinner with Charles Krug: The patio at Chelsea is hosting a five-course wine pairing dinner featuring the iconic wines of Charles Krug Winery, Napa Valley's oldest winery. $150 per person. Thursday, May 8, 7p.m., 2460 Wilshire Blvd. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chelsea/events/wine-pairing-dinner-with-charles-krug-2025-05-08

Shake Shack Celebrates National Hamburger Month with Free Burgers: A different burger is available for free each in May with with every $10 minimum purchase. Now through 5/11 is the SmokeShack, next week is the Bacon Cheeseburger, followed by the Avocado Bacon Burger and finally the OG ShackBurger. Use code BURGERMONTH in person or via their app for the deal. 501 Wilshire Blvd. https://shakeshack.com/blog/local-news/national-hamburger-month-is-here#/

Edgemar Mother's Day: Throughout the entire weekend, every mom will receive a complimentary glass of premium sparkling wine and a decadent dessert created exclusively for this occasion. Saturday May 10 & Sunday May 11, 2435 Main St. https://www.instagram.com/edgemar.restaurant/

The Georgian Mother's Day Brunch: Enjoy a family-style menu including Deviled Eggs with Smoked Trout, Croissant French Toast Soufflé, Green Goddess Salad, an Italian Benedict, Asparagus Ricotta Herb Frittata, along with desserts like a Pavlova with Chamomile Cream and Passionfruit Curd. Featured cocktails include a Peach Honey Mimosa, Strawberry Basil Margarita, and the Lavender East Side, with gin, lime, lavender, and cucumber. $65/person, served family style. Sunday, May 11, 1415 Ocean Ave. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/sirena-restaurant/events/mothers-day-brunch-2025-05-11

Pasjoli's Mother's Day Brunch: The family style menu includes deviled eggs, french onion dip, fried chicken, black truffle gravy, and french toast. $115 for adults and $65 for kids. 2732 Main St. https://www.opentable.com/r/pasjoli-santa-monica

Papille Gustative Mother's Day Brunch: Multi-course menu options include Strawberry salad, smoke salmon Benedict, French toast, flame seared salmon and more for $59. Saturday May 10 & Sunday May 11 https://www.opentable.com/r/papille-gustative-santa-monica

Loulou Rooftop Restaurant Mother's Day Brunch Buffet: DJs and live performances for Mother's Day, starting at 11:30a.m. with a special buffet along with Seafood Tower at $85 per adult and $45 for children. Sunday May 11, 395 Santa Monica Place https://www.opentable.com/r/loulou-rooftop-restaurant-and-lounge-santa-monica

The Penthouse Restaurant Mother's Day Brunch: Enjoy a 3-course brunch menu featuring fresh baked pastries along with Chef's specialty creations sure to please the entire family. $115. Sunday May 11, 1111 2nd St. https://www.opentable.com/r/the-penthouse-restaurant-santa-monica

Fia Mother's Day Garden Brunch: $79 per guest includes pastry basket for a table, one entree and one mimosa per person. $39 for kids brunch of eggs, bacon and potatoes entree. Sunday May 11, 2454 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/r/fia-santa-monica

Viceroy Sugar Palm Mother's Day Brunch Buffet: Expect made-to-order crepes, French toast, scrambled eggs, crispy potato medley, and a decadent charcuterie board with imported cheeses and cured meats, along with bottomless mimosas. $70 for adults, $35 for kids (13 and under) Sunday, May 11, 10a.m. – 2p.m., 1819 Ocean Ave. https://www.opentable.com/r/sugar-palm-ocean-avenue-santa-monica

Mother's Day by the Sea at Hotel Casa del Mar: Start with appetizers like oysters and caviar, bluefin crudo, chilled Spanish gazpacho, or a citrus salad, followed by cinnamon French toast, a truffle crab omelet, artichoke & mushroom risotto, Chilean seabass, steak & eggs, or a classic croque madame. End on a sweet note with a visit to the curated Dessert Table, brimming with treats. $125. Sunday, May 11, starting at 11a.m. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/terrazza/events/mothers-day-brunch-2025-05-11

Tipsy Scholar Rosé All Day Master Class: Join us for a fun-filled day of sipping on rosé, learning new things, and having a great time. Flights are $40 and include an AJA Rosé trucker hat. Reservations are $10 per person. Thursday, May 15, AJA Vineyards, 1417 2nd St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-tipsy-scholar-rose-all-day-tickets-1321605450479

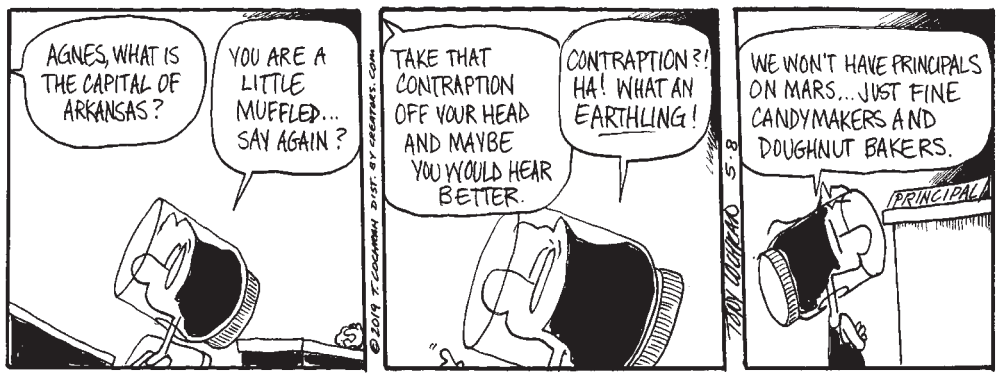
Further Afield: Ivy Station Night Market: Mother's Day Edition: The monthly Friday night market with a special edition dedicated to Mother's Day. Expect 30+ local makers and artisan vendors, food trucks, adoptable dogs from A Purposeful Rescue, kids crafting with Fit4Mom Los Angeles. FREE. Friday, May 9, 5 - 9 p.m. 8840 National Blvd. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ivy-station-night-market-mothers-day-edition-registration-1325963154489

Looking Ahead: Main St. Mainopoly (5/25); AIDS/LifeCycle Finish Line Festival (6/7); Rosé on Rose Fest (6/14); Main St. Summer Soulstice Festival (6/21); Make Music Day (6/21); SaMo Chamber of Commerce "Toast to 100 Years" (6/26); Eeeeeatscon (6/28-29)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Mother's Day Weekend Events.

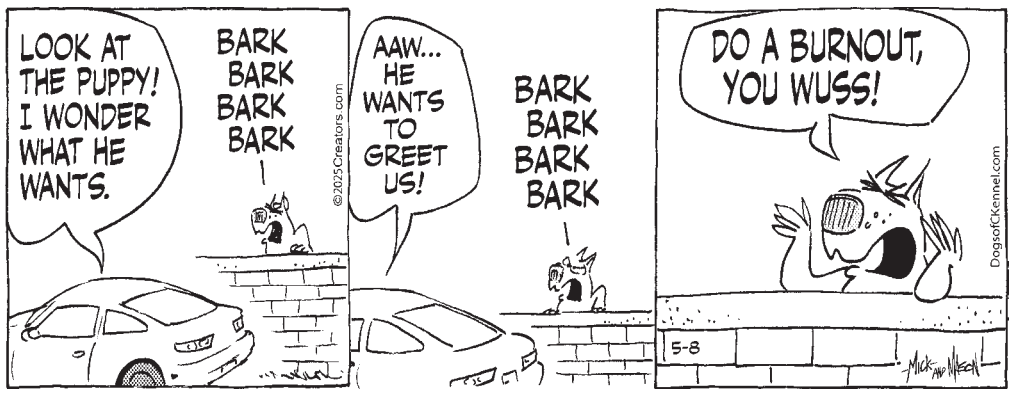
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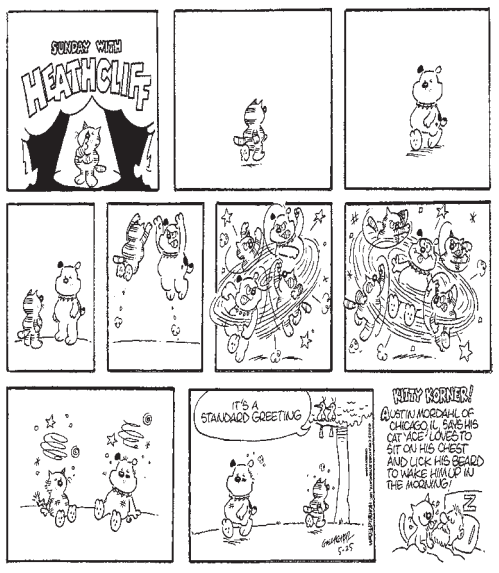
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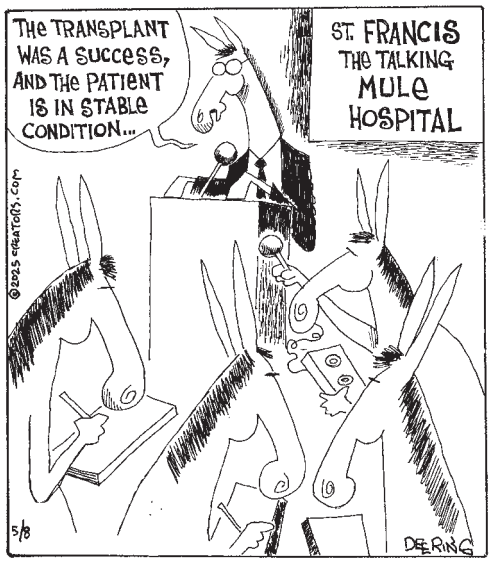
Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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The coast has the most – people

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 8)

In this year of careening toward your dreams, fear dissolves in the irresistible momentum. You thrill to that remarkable shift from surviving to thriving. Love won't fix everything, but it will make everything worth fixing. More highlights: Spontaneous short trips and an exotic, well-planned and executed long journey. Relationships bring healing, sparkling conversations and a surprising second chance. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 14, 22, 31, and 10.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The universe is conspiring in whispers and winks to lead you to your person. Signs may be subtle - a glance, a phrase, a perfectly timed encounter. Trust the rhythm. What's meant for you is already making its quiet way toward you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A love that feels like deja vu will make you believe in fate - not because it's flawless, but because it's real. It won't always be easy, but it will be honest, alive and worth it. That's the kind that lasts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll upgrade your lifestyle in quiet, elegant ways that shift your whole experience. The beauty that surrounds you is not loud or showy, but deeply intentional. And some of it? Personalized, lasting, unmistakably yours.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever happened at the meeting, in the room, on the job... you were there. You lived a moment others did not. And that's not a small thing, even if it feels small in the aftermath. Time will tell a different story.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Still wondering why you haven't arrived? Perhaps there's no final destination - only the mastery of all you do in this place right here. Look around and ask around. The magic question: What am I missing about this?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pain changed you - not by breaking you, but by sharpening your strength and pointing you toward your own power. You'll tell your story without flinching, without apology. That moment of ease, of truth - that's how you'll know you're free.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's natural to accidentally and very hopefully project onto others the qualities you're looking for (qualities they may or may not actually possess) but better not to assume. Stay curious. Take the time to really find out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be a casting director today - intuitive, observant and tuned in to subtle cues. Keep searching for the right person to fulfill a role - not just someone qualified, but someone who fits the energy, timing and unspoken need. You'll know it when you feel it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll encounter curious conundrums. Instead of reacting impulsively, you'll stay cool, calm and collected. Your steady presence becomes your superpower, allowing you to navigate surprise with grace - and even turn it to your advantage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Without healthy perspective, small things can get very big indeed. However, you're not facing major decisions today, so don't be fooled by the minor ones. Matters of scale will be solved through the lens of diverse perspectives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't think your way into a new reality - but you can't create one without vision, either. Imagine, then act. Act, then imagine more. The cycle fuels itself, and before you realize it, you've moved into something entirely new.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People rarely regret the actions they took; it's the ones they didn't take that tend to sting in hindsight. This is a day to say "yes" to it all. The bad ideas will drop off and become non-issues and the good opportunities are timely so you'll be right on time.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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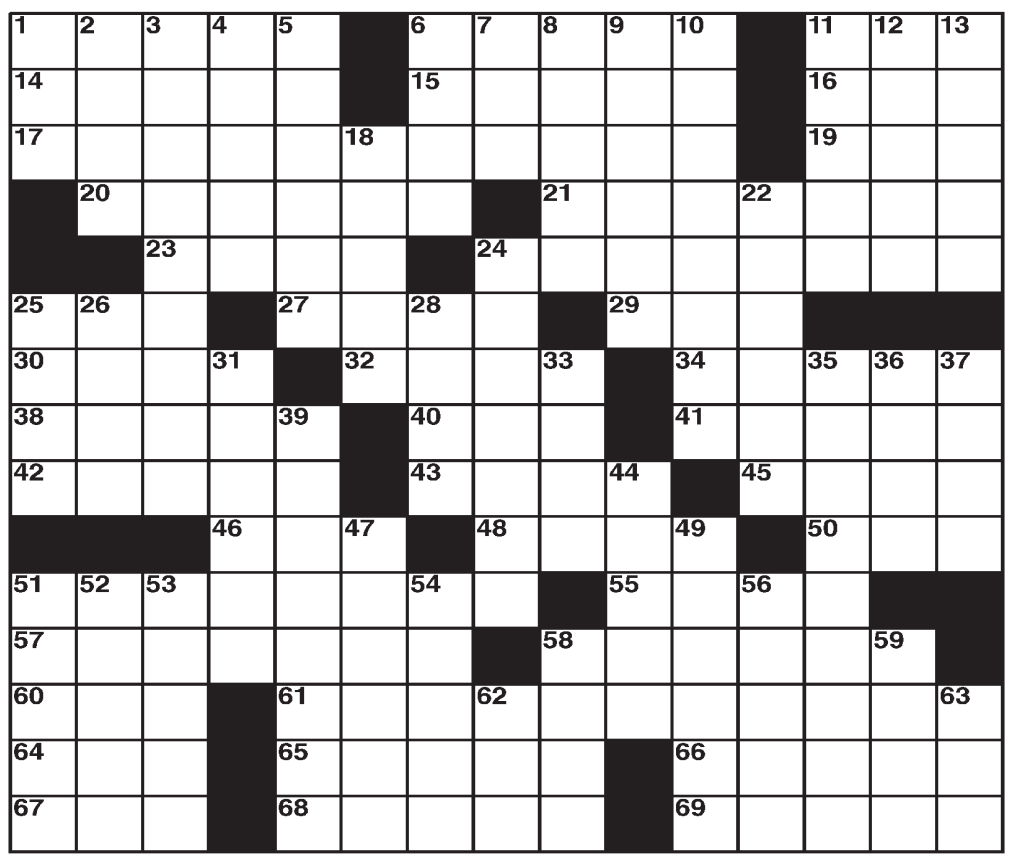
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ACROSS

1 "Apparent" people
6 Saudi's neighbor
11 Male in a flock
14 Simon's nickname for Garfunkel
15 All-time low
16 Showtime rival
17 Breakfast appliances
19 Nibble on
20 Nonspeaking
21 Give feedback about
23 Mannerly man
24 Typist at a keyboard
25 *Simpsons* shopkeeper
27 Sciences' counterpart
29 Script writers
30 School's session
32 Brown's traditional rival
34 Challenge to a bluffer
38 Domains
40 Arm art
41 Water near Carson City
42 Much Bee Gees music
43 It means "disapproving of"
45 Exploratory agency
46 It's w. of Saskatchewan
48 Early word
50 Script datum
51 Forest giants
55 Coco __ (rum cocktail)
57 Way, way back
58 Immunization fluids
60 Trucker's compartment
61 Rock show souvenirs
64 Academic address ender
65 Sporty roofs
66 "__ a stinker?": Bugs Bunny
67 It ends every Nov.
68 Mother of Isaac
69 Start to take effect

DOWN

1 Hesitate verbally
2 Historian's study
3 "That's no surprise"
4 Rummage (through)
5 Singer/actress Gomez
6 Handling a task
7 Detract from
8 Add sparkle to
9 Prime-time time
10 Taxing examination
11 Butler of fiction
12 Fade out
13 Part of a power tool
18 Dictionary listing
22 MRI alternative
24 Service station platforms
25 Hardly any
26 "All around" prefix
28 Casual farewell
31 Winged squawkers
33 Short-music suffix
35 Creative breakthrough
36 Forfeit
37 Go first
39 Single-mike performances
44 Goof-off
47 Andean capital
49 Major arteries
51 Went in a hurry
52 Old-time oath
53 Grand opening
54 Endowment source
56 Charming kid
58 Informal meetup
59 Alien-search program
62 Help for a 10-Down
63 Misdeed



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ANIMAL SHELTER

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help the animals at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter. At the fundraiser, adoption fees will be reduced. There are so many great dogs and cats that are waiting to be adopted and we hope to help as many pets as possible find their forever home."

The fundraiser aims to raise money to support the shelter's operations, including veterinary care, food and necessary maintenance. The shelter, run by the City of Santa Monica, houses a range of adoptable animals and relies heavily on community donations to enhance services and improve conditions for its residents.

"We regularly step in to cover veterinary bills, purchase food, supplies and items to ensure the pets' well-being," Noble said. "There are also many necessary facility maintenance and improvement projects such as creating a proper cat iso room."

Visitors will be able to tour the shelter, meet animals ready for adoption and take part in several fundraising activities. A silent auction will offer bids on unique experiences, while a raffle will give donors the opportunity to win prizes. Merchandise including hoodies and T-shirts will also be available for purchase.

"It's a great time to donate to a wonderful cause and pick up one of our hoodies or T-shirts," Noble said. "We are extremely grateful to our community partners who continue to support us year after year. The Magical Atelier, Wild About Balloons LA and the Santa Monica Police Department's Mounted Unit are joining us for the fourth year and we are extremely grateful to them for donating their time."

Young attendees can look forward to face painting and balloon creations, while the DJ provides a soundtrack for the afternoon. Food will be served by Troop 2 Santa Monica, which will be grilling burgers for guests throughout the event.

Beyond the fun, Noble hopes the event will raise awareness about the shelter itself, which she says remains unknown to many locals.

"Many people do not realize that Santa Monica has an animal shelter and we are hoping that the fundraiser brings attention to the shelter and the animals waiting to be adopted," she said. "Every year we look forward to our annual fundraiser and we hope that you will join us on June 7 to help the animals at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter."

Those unable to attend in person can still contribute. Donations can be made directly through the shelter's website, and supporters can shop its Chewy wish list to purchase food and supplies that are delivered directly to the facility. One such donation favorite, a plush giraffe toy, happens to be the preferred companion of a gray dog named Weezy, one of the many animals currently up for adoption.

More details about the fundraiser, including a full list of raffle and silent auction items, are available at www.smasf.org.

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NOTEWORTHY

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that you shouldn't assume will always be there. Toledo choreographs (literally) a truly unique show. Every Sunday 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 5/11, 18, 25, 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 5/12, 19, 26, 6/3, 10, 17, 24; JACK WHITE, Hwd Palladium, 5/12, 13; LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR," Dorothy Chandler, 5/15, 18; WILLIE, DYLAN, others, Hwd Bowl, 5/16; RGT SAY GOODBYE PARTY NITE, Ruskin, 5/17; TOPANGA BANJO FIDDLE CONTEST & FOLK FESTIVAL, Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, 5/18; JON BATISTE, Disney, 5/19.

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): GERSHWIN, "Also Sprach Z," LA PHIL, Disney, 5/23, 24; DIEGO FIGUEIREDO/ KEN PEPLOWSKI, Jazz Bakery, 5/24; LOVE, Echo, 5/31; RICKY GERVAIS, Hwd Bowl, 5/31; TROMBONE SHORTY & ORLEANS AVENUE, Greek, 6/8; BLUE NOTE JAZZ FEST Day 2, GRACE JONES, STANLEY CLARKE N.4EVER, others, Hwd Bowl, 6/15; RHIANNON GIDDENS, STEVE MARTIN, others, Hwd Bowl, 6,18; LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND, Orpheum, 6/20; DAN NAVARRO, McCabe's, 6/28; JOHN FOGERTY, Hwd Bowl, 7/6; PAUL SIMON, Disney, 7/7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16; ALISON KRAUS, UNION STATION, Greek, 7/13; BRAHMS, GRIEG, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/17; GERSHWIN, DVOŘÁK, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/22; "THE PLANETS,", LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/24; FATHER JOHN MISTY, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Greek, 7/25; MEKONS, JILL SOBULE, Lodge Room, 7/26; FEMI KUTO, Fonda, 8/8; TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND, Greek, 8/13; BEN HARPER & THE INNOCENT CRIMINALS, Orpheum, 8/24; FLAMING LIPS, MODEST MOUSE, Greek, 9/4; NEIL YOUNG, Hwd Bowl, 9/15; NINE INCH NAILS, Kia Forum, 9/18, 19; DWIGHT YOAKAM, Greek, 10/1..

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 39 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Not even Kauai. Send love and/or hate mail to: therealmrmusic@gmail.com

Classifieds

Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LAWRENCE GEORGE SELNA CASE NUMBER: 24STPB13288 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Lawrence George Selna A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lawrence Selna, Jr. the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: May 27th, , 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 99 Room 615 Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St 4th Floor 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. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 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 (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 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 (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Lawrence Selna, Jr. 3619 Robinhood StreetHouston, TX 77005 (713) 665-7364

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00187 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of John Skelton Williams III for Change of Name.TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: John Skelton Williams III this court for a decree of changing names as follows:John Skelton Williams III to John Skelton WallachThe 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

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Authorize Commercial Cannabis Uses Within Certain Zoning Districts.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Municipal Code to authorize commercial cannabis uses within certain zoning districts.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025, AT 6:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

Address your comments to: **Tony Kim, Principal Planner**
Re: Cannabis Ordinance

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431.

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