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Back to back openings bring new options, and renewed hope, for Santa Monica's restaurant scene



Matthew Hall

NOW OPEN: Raising Cane's was the second of three restaurants to open this week.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica welcomed two new restaurant openings in as many days this week, with Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers cutting the ribbon

on the Third Street Promenade and The Win~Dow burger concept debuting at 930 Montana Ave., adding more than 100 jobs and fresh dining energy to a city actively working to revitalize its economic core.

Mayor Caroline Torosis was on hand for the Raising Cane's opening, calling the arrival of the Louisiana-based chain a milestone moment for a downtown that

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"I Still Love SM": A Santa Monica teen's photographs offer a love letter to his hometown



Courtesy Image

EXHIBIT: Samohi student Max Alvarez (center) debuts "I Still Love SM" photo exhibit at The Albright on Santa Monica Pier.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

When Santa Monica High School student Max Alvarez looked through his collection of photographs, he didn't see a city in decline. He saw beach days, friendships, sunsets and Friday night football games.

That vision became "I Still Love SM," a photography exhibit that drew students, teachers, educators, professional photographers, local business owners and longtime community members to The Albright on the Santa Monica Pier

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Santa Monica native Randy Bresnik tapped to command NASA's Artemis III mission

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A Santa Monica native and retired Marine colonel will take the helm of one of the most ambitious American space missions since the Apollo era.

NASA announced Tuesday that Randy Bresnik has been named

commander of the Artemis III mission, a complex orbital test flight scheduled for 2027 that will lay critical groundwork for the first crewed American return to the lunar surface in more than half a century.

Bresnik, who graduated from

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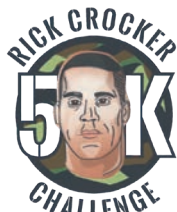
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OPINION

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Devan Sipher

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Pay no attention to that totenkopf behind the curtain

There are so many fashion trends to keep track of, you may or may not have heard that the Democratic senate candidate in Maine, Graham Platner, has a tattoo of a Nazi SS totenkopf. He was young and indiscriminate when he got it almost twenty years ago, which is why he decided to cover it with another tattoo—three months after declaring his candidacy last fall.

You would think with almost 300 million adults in the U.S., and over a million of them in Maine, we could avoid politicians with Nazi affiliations. But it turns out not all Nazis are created equal, and if they support universal healthcare then the Democratic party can overlook a little fascism. I'm not saying that Platner is a Nazi. I'm just saying that for nearly twenty years he was okay with people thinking he was.

Words (and totenkopfs) seem to have lost some of their meaning in our polarized times. What matters most is what team you're playing for, and just about everything else can be disregarded. When faced with dubious behavior, it's hard to tell if voters are going on autopilot or summoning their inner Tammy Wynette.

The President is both the primary symptom and source of this trend, but he's not the only one benefiting from it. There aren't many things one can expect from a mayor, but showing up for work on the day of a disaster would seem to be one of them. Mayor Karen Bass isn't responsible for the fires that destroyed more than 12,000 homes, but with so many residents continuing to suffer, one would think it might be an impediment to reelection.

However, until a couple days ago, Bass was anticipating a cakewalk, with only a second-rate reality show celebrity and a second-term councilmember standing in her way, and the latter only dared to throw her hat into the electoral ring at the last possible moment. Every other person with the experience and credentials to run for mayor of Los Angeles chose to show deference to Bass.

That is incomprehensible, but not as incomprehensible as the number of people who supported—and voted for—Spencer Pratt. He is the author of a recent

memoir in which he brags about lying, cheating and conning his way through life. His sole motivation to be mayor seems to be his anger toward the current officeholder and a limited ability to find gainful employment. His lack of skill, experience and basic decency are his primary qualifications.

I understand the preference for a devil you know over a devil you don't, but it seems to have mutated into a preference for any devil whatsoever. It's as if Superman is M.I.A., so the populace has decided to experiment with putting Lex Luther in charge. We can see how well that's worked out in our demolition zone of a White House. Trump may not be Lex Luther, but he gives Goldfinger a run for the money.

Fortunately for us, in L.A. there's a limit to Pratt's appeal, and we now know it's numerically lower than the threshold necessary for the November run-off. This means that Nithya Raman, the South Asian democratic socialist who dreams of being the West Coast Mamdani, has a shot at validating her ballsy ambition, and the rest of us get ringside seats for what could be a compelling competition or entertaining foodfight.

Raman needs to convince progressives that she's not a moderate in socialist's clothing, while she simultaneously convinces moderates that she's not the reverse. She also needs to make inroads with Bass's base, persuading them to abandon the party-endorsed incumbent, who happens to be the city's first black female mayor.

Poll after poll shows voters want change, but voters are also team players. It's worth noting the little-watched county primary in which Robert S. Draper, an 84-year old Superior Court judge, was accused of multiple ethical violations in addition to being deemed incapable of performing his duties for the past three years. He didn't win his primary (as of pub date), but he was the choice of more than 43% of voters.

It seems that goose-stepping isn't only for Nazis.

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AROUND TOWN

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Soccer, Pride, and Strolling Suppers

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes World Cup activations, the Hollywood on the Coast Food Fest, Pride on the Promenade, and much more!

Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club: The Santa Monica Pier is trading its classic boardwalk aesthetic for high-octane soccer culture with a massive 21+ fan village on the pier deck running Wednesday through Sunday (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.). Beyond giant screens broadcasting daily match action—starting with the U.S. vs. Paraguay opener on June 12—the space features a Hypebeast jersey customization station, interactive skill games, and cold pours at the custom Match Bar. Keep an eye out for celebrity guest drops and live sets from high-profile DJs. Entry is free, but timed RSVPs are mandatory via michelobultra.com/pitchsideclub.

World Play Zone at the Metro Station: The E Line Downtown Station Lot is transforming into a family-friendly World Cup activation featuring soccer challenges, skill stations, and interactive play. Weekends, June 11–28 santamoniacup.com/events/junior-junction

Santa Monica USA World Cup Kick Off Celebration: Join the Westside's biggest Football/Soccer watch party & fan fest with large LED screens, DJ, food, drink, beer gardens, activations, contests & giveaways. Friday, June 12, 11a.m. - 9p.m., Santa Monica Place <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-usa-kick-off-celebration-tickets-1988440818014>

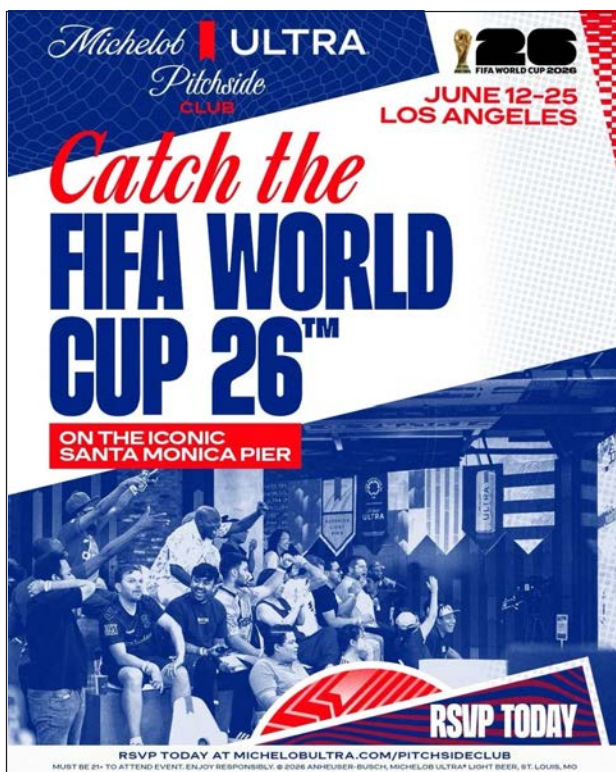
Golden Hour at Third Street Promenade: Designed to complement the Pier fan experience with free pre- and post-match activities, Golden Hour features exhibitors, fan experiences, local vendors and more. Friday June 12 (also June 21, June 27 and July 10). santamoniacup.com/events/golden-hour

Giant World Cup Themed Sand Sculptures at Mother's Beach: Discover custom sand sculptures (approximately 4 feet high by 18 feet wide) celebrating iconic LA and coastal themes such as sailboats, surf culture, sea lions, team countries, classic cars, film influences, and a special tribute to America's 250th anniversary. Each match day will showcase a different sand sculpture. 4101 Admiralty Way, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily <https://visitmdr.com/annual-events/sand-sculpture-activations-at-mothers-beach>

Laverne Cox discussing her memoir, Transcendent: Four-time Emmy-nominated actress Laverne Cox shares her journey as a transgender woman in Hollywood, confronting childhood trauma, shame, gender identity, her transition, body image issues, her search for romantic love, deep-seated feelings of unworthiness, and ultimately, healing. Friday, June 12, 8pm, New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. <https://livetalksla.org/events/laverne-cox/>

Gay Interrupted: Comedy Show: The Crow hosts a gay comedy show, which is interrupted by a token straight. Recommended for 18 + (material is mature and can be compared to content seen in rated R films). Friday, June 12, 8 p.m., 2525 Michigan Ave. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gay-interrupted-comedy-show-tickets-1986651594398>

14th Annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta: Two-person teams make waves racing colorful themed cardboard and duct tape yachts across the historic pool. Spectators can attend for free to cheer on the participants. Regatta participants must pre-register, and the fee is \$20 per team. Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH santamonica.com/event/cardboard-yacht-regatta-2



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SOCCER: You can watch games on the Pier.



Surf report WATER TEMP: 68.5

THURSDAY | **SURF:** 4-6ft
FAIR TO GOOD | Chest to overhead

Slow fading but still punchy surf as swell eases, most size in the AM. Best winds then too. Slow fading SSW swell, along with a little NW swell, is still good for head high+ waves at lots of spots in the morning, while better breaks are overhead. Surf will gradually dip during the back half of the day as the SSW swell starts to taper off. Light ESE shifting SE winds in the morning, followed by low-end moderate S flow mid afternoon. Winds expected to ease later afternoon/evening.

FRIDAY | **SURF:** 4-5ft
FAIR TO GOOD | Chest to head

Trend towards smaller but still fun waves continues with fading swell. Light winds for the morning. Old SSW swell, along with a little lingering NW swell, has surf mainly running chest to head high zone in the morning. Afternoon gradually eases. Light/variable to light S winds in the morning, followed by a moderate W sea breeze for the afternoon.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/06/11	Thu	01:22 AM	0.29	L
2026/06/11	Thu	07:27 AM	3.29	H
2026/06/11	Thu	12:15 PM	1.69	L
2026/06/11	Thu	6:53 PM	6.08	H
2026/06/12	Fri	02:11 AM	-0.52	L
2026/06/12	Fri	08:32 AM	3.45	H
2026/06/12	Fri	1:02 PM	1.89	L
2026/06/12	Fri	7:35 PM	6.58	H
2026/06/13	Sat	02:59 AM	-1.19	L
2026/06/13	Sat	09:27 AM	3.59	H
2026/06/13	Sat	1:50 PM	2.03	L
2026/06/13	Sat	8:20 PM	6.96	H
2026/06/14	Sun	03:46 AM	-1.65	L
2026/06/14	Sun	10:19 AM	3.70	H
2026/06/14	Sun	2:40 PM	2.11	L

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Draw Date: 6/8
3 24 34 43 49
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 238 M

Fantasy5
Draw Date: 6/9
5 6 21 23 31

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/9
9 30 36 38 40
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 413 M

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/9
EVENING: 7 3 3
Draw Date: 6/9
MIDDAY: 9 0 8

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 6/6
5 8 10 22 45
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 27 M

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/9
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:44.45

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has been working to rebuild commercial momentum.

“We are so excited about how many folks have been apparently lined up since 8 p.m. last night to get their chicken,” Torosis said. “From an economic development perspective, the city’s been working really hard on returning economic activity to our downtown.”

Torosis noted that the new Raising Cane’s location is expected to create 100 local jobs and said the timing aligned with a broader burst of civic activity downtown, including a newly opened FIFA store, World Cup festivities and Pride on the Promenade events scheduled through the weekend.

Katie Zika, membership director for the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which represents more than 600 member businesses, echoed the mayor’s enthusiasm.

“This brings opportunities, investment and everything not just to downtown, but to all of Santa Monica,” Zika said. “Congratulations, and thank you so much for choosing Santa Monica.”

Restaurant leader Dustin Fossum said his team pushed hard to open the Promenade location as quickly as possible without cutting corners on quality.

“We’ve been so excited to be in Santa Monica for so long,” Fossum said. “Once we got this location, we made it happen as fast as possible.”

Fossum said the interior was deliberately designed to reflect the local community, a practice Raising Cane’s follows at all of its locations. The Santa Monica outpost features disco ball surfboards on the ceiling crafted by a local artisan and murals drawing from the chain’s origins.

“If you go into any Canes anywhere in the world, they’re going to have various decorations that are part of the community it’s within,” Fossum said. He noted the mural behind the counter pays homage to the chain’s very first location, where workers discovered an old bakery mural behind the walls that inspired the restaurant’s signature logo styling.

A day before the Cane’s ribbon cutting, The Win~Dow drew crowds around the block when it opened its new Santa Monica location at 930 Montana Ave., taking over a space previously occupied by the Go Get Em Tiger coffee shop. The 50-seat restaurant was designed by the Klein Agency and features murals by Los Angeles artist KC Haxton.

The Win~Dow has built a devoted following since founders Paul Hibler and Jeff Goodman launched the concept in Venice in March 2019 as a walk-up window attached to their upscale Rose Avenue steakhouse, American Beauty. The restaurant was built around a single, purposefully affordable cheeseburger — a flat-top griddled patty smashed with onions, topped with American cheese, pickles and a pink house sauce served on a soft potato bun. It launched at \$3.95 and has risen incrementally to around \$4.50.

The concept earned early recognition from Eater LA, which named it the No. 1 new burger in the city, and claimed the top prize at LAist’s 2025 Tournament of Cheeseburgers. The chain operates under parent company American Gonzo Food Corp., which also oversees Pitfire Pizza, Superba and Pie Society.

The Santa Monica outpost expands on the original concept with a weekend breakfast

menu featuring burritos and egg-topped burgers, with service beginning at 9 a.m. The full menu runs about nine items, including a vegetarian option, fried chicken sandwich, fries, shakes and soft-serve.

Also opening this week was a new pizza spot tied to the popular Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle franchise.

The first official Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pizzeria opened Wednesday at 1444 Third Street Promenade, marking the beloved franchise’s debut in permanent brick-and-mortar dining. The restaurant, located in the former Johnnie’s New York Pizzeria space, is operating in soft-opening mode before a formal ribbon cutting June 20.

The concept is the work of Andy Nguyen, a serial entrepreneur specializing in IP-licensed themed dining. Nguyen previously developed the One Piece Cafe in Little Tokyo and the Sonic the Hedgehog Speed Cafe in Atlanta, among other pop culture-themed concepts. He began teasing the Santa Monica location in mid-2025, promising a “classic New York-style cheesy slice straight to the West Coast — with a TMNT twist” years in the making.

The restaurant delivers a casual, family-friendly atmosphere with wall-to-wall TMNT decor, classic ooze imagery and neon lighting throughout. Staff wear franchise-themed uniforms — pizza chefs in turtle aprons, floor staff dressed as Foot Clan ninjas. The menu features classic pizzas alongside exclusive on-site merchandise including keychains, T-shirts and pins. A back bar will serve alcohol on weekends.

The Santa Monica location is one of three TMNT pizzerias announced globally by Paramount, with additional locations planned for Monterrey, Mexico, and São Paulo, Brazil. The restaurants are part of a sweeping franchise expansion led by Josh Silverman, who joined Paramount last fall as president of global products and experiences following stints at Disney, Marvel and Mattel. Silverman has framed the pizzerias as pillars of a broader push into consumer products and location-based entertainment.

That expansion also includes a 30-episode preschool-targeted YouTube animated series, a global master toy license awarded to Mattel beginning in 2027 — ending Playmates Toys’ nearly four-decade hold on the brand — and an accelerated theatrical slate featuring “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 2,” scheduled for Aug. 13, 2027, and a live-action/CG hybrid film planned for 2028.

The Third Street Promenade opening carries symbolic weight for the franchise in Santa Monica. Ahead of the 2023 release of “Mutant Mayhem,” Paramount and Nickelodeon Movies staged an immersive 10-day pop-up experience in Los Angeles that drew more than 16,900 visitors, part of a two-city installation that attracted more than 35,000 guests total across Los Angeles and New York.

The back-to-back openings arrive as Santa Monica officials have been touting a broader economic realignment strategy aimed at filling vacant storefronts and attracting new commercial investment to the city’s most prominent retail corridors. City leaders have pointed to new business openings as evidence that downtown Santa Monica is regaining its footing following years of post-pandemic commercial disruption.

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NASA

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Santa Monica High School in 1985 and whose father still lives in the city, will lead a four-person crew on a roughly two-week mission to low Earth orbit — one that NASA officials describe as the most intricately choreographed multi-launch campaign in spaceflight history.

“Today we take another bold step in humanity’s return to the Moon,” said NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman. “Artemis III will demonstrate the power of American innovation and international partnership as we test complex rendezvous and docking operations and advance the technologies that will one day carry us deeper into the solar system.”

A DECORATED CAREER IN THE AIR AND IN SPACE

Bresnik’s path from Santa Monica to the commander’s seat of a Moon-program spacecraft spans more than three decades of military service, test piloting, and human spaceflight.

After graduating from Santa Monica High School, Bresnik earned a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1989, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, and was designated a naval aviator in April 1992. He later earned a Master of Science in aviation systems from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and graduated from Air War College in 2008. The Citadel later awarded him an honorary doctorate in aeronautics.

His military aviation career took him from initial F/A-18 training on the East Coast to deployments in the Western Pacific, and eventually to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland, where he graduated at the top of his class. He attended both the Marine Corps Weapons and Tactics Instructors Course and the Naval Fighter Weapons School — better known as TOPGUN. In early 2003, he deployed to Kuwait, flying combat missions in the F/A-18 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Bresnik was selected by NASA as an astronaut candidate in May 2004 and completed his first spaceflight aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis on the STS-129 mission in November 2009, during which he performed two spacewalks totaling nearly 12 hours. He returned to the International Space Station in 2017 aboard the Soyuz MS-05 spacecraft, serving as a flight engineer during Expedition 52 and commanding the station during Expedition 53. Over the course of that mission, the crew conducted more than 300 scientific experiments, worked with four visiting space vehicles, and Bresnik performed three additional spacewalks. In total, he has logged more than 32 hours of EVA time across five spacewalks, and over 3,600 hours in spacecraft.

He has also pushed boundaries on Earth in preparation for deep space — training as a “cave-a-naut” in the caves of Sardinia, Italy, for the European Space Agency’s CAVES analog mission, and commanding NASA’s NEEMO 19 underwater research mission off the coast of Key Largo, Florida.

A retired colonel with more than 7,000 hours logged in 95 types of aircraft, Bresnik is a fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. Since 2018, he has served as assistant to the chief of NASA’s Astronaut Office for Exploration, overseeing the development and testing of every system slated to operate on Artemis missions — from Orion and the Space Launch System to lunar rovers and surface exploration suits.

Artemis III will be his third spaceflight.

THE MISSION

Bresnik will be joined by ESA astronaut Luca Parmitano as pilot, making Parmitano the first European Space Agency astronaut ever assigned to an Artemis mission. NASA astronauts Andre Douglas and Frank Rubio round out the crew as mission specialists, with NASA astronaut Bob Hines named as a backup crew member.

Artemis III will not land on the Moon — that milestone is reserved for Artemis IV, currently scheduled for 2028. Instead, the 2027 mission is designed to test the full stack of hardware and systems that will make a lunar landing possible, particularly the docking interfaces between NASA’s Orion spacecraft and the commercial human landing systems being developed by Blue Origin and SpaceX.

The mission profile calls for a dramatic sequence of launches. Blue Origin’s lander test article — a pathfinder version of its Blue Moon spacecraft capable of remaining in orbit for multiple weeks — will launch first and await the crew in low Earth orbit. NASA will then launch the Artemis III crew aboard Orion atop the Space Launch System rocket from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. After orbital checkouts, Orion will rendezvous and dock with the Blue Origin pathfinder for approximately two days of integrated systems testing, including crew entry into the lander.

After completing docked operations with Blue Origin, Orion will undock and await the arrival of SpaceX’s Starship pathfinder, which will rendezvous with the crew for an additional day of docking checkouts. The crew will then undock from Starship and return to Earth, splashing down in the Pacific Ocean for recovery by U.S. Navy and NASA teams.

The full mission is expected to last approximately two weeks, with the exact duration determined in real-time based on launch windows, rendezvous timing, and docked operations.

Engineers are already deep into hardware preparations. Orion’s crew module and service module are scheduled to be connected this summer, along with integration of the spacecraft’s docking system, which will fly for the first time. SLS rocket stacking is also set to begin this summer at Kennedy Space Center.

The data and operational experience gathered during Artemis III will directly inform Artemis IV — the mission that will carry American astronauts back to the lunar surface for the first time since Apollo 17 in 1972.

ONE OF TWO LOCALS TO REACH SPACE

Bresnik is one of two graduates from Santa Monica High School to become an astronaut. The school has cemented its place in American educational history as the only high school in the United States to produce two unrelated NASA astronauts

Dr. Jonathan Kim, a Samohi class of 2002 graduate, launched into space April 8, 2025, as part of Expedition 72/73 aboard the International Space Station. He joins Bresnik in giving the Santa Monica school a claim no other secondary institution in the country can match.

The two men took vastly different paths to reach the same destination. Kim served as a Navy SEAL, deploying twice to the Middle East and earning a Silver Star and Bronze Star with Valor for his service in Iraq, before pursuing medicine at Harvard Medical School and earning his medical degree in 2016. NASA selected him as an astronaut candidate in 2017.

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Saturday, June 13, 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica.

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Friday, June 12, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Friday, June 12, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl.

Santa Monica USA Kick Off Celebration & Fan Fest

Santa Monica USA Kick Off Celebration, come out for the Ultimate Westside Watch Party & Fan Fest taking place at Santa Monica Place on Friday, June 12 from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM. Santa Monica Place will transform into the Westside's premier destination for football fans as we celebrate the FIFA World Cup 26™ USA vs. Paraguay match! Free— RSVP is highly recommended to guarantee entry. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-usa-kick-off-celebration-fan-fest/19014455/2026-06-12T11>

Saturday, June 13, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica.

Wellness & Waves Returns to Santa Monica Pier, Free Sat. Morning Fitness

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-06-13T08>

Thursday, June 11, 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave.

Late Night Happy Hour at Marelle - Night Cap Menu

Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-06-11T21>

Saturday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Historic Shotgun House 2520 2nd St Santa Monica.

Main Street Walk

Far more than a history lesson, Santa Monica Conservancy's Main Street Walk shows us Main Street as a vibrant hub of the Ocean Park neighborhood, upon which its histories have been written. Your guide, Mark Gorman, street historian and author of the award-winning blog *The Street Seen*, will share stories that reflect years of walking with a curious gaze and that are informed by well-researched musings. Check-in: A docent will greet you at the Shotgun House, 2520 Second Street in Ocean Park. Check-in on the day of the tour opens at 10:15 a.m., and the tour will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/main-street-walk/18119523/2026-06-13T10>

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC to Hold 96th Commencement Ceremony June 16

Santa Monica College will hold its 96th Commencement Ceremony on Tuesday, June 16, at 4 p.m. at Corsair Field on the SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. The ceremony will also be webcast live at smc.edu/commencement.

SMC will award 13,264 degrees and certificates to 7,068 students, including 3,050 who will graduate with more than one credential. About 1,100 students are expected to participate in graduation activities. The graduating class ranges in age from 16 to 85. The youngest graduate earns an Associate of Science in Computer Science; the oldest receives three Noncredit Certificates of Competency in English as a Second Language.

The program includes a salutation from Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, a faculty challenge from Academic Senate President Dr. Vicenta Arrizon, and a student challenge from graduating speaker Madeline Davis.

"Their accomplishments demonstrate SMC's life-changing mission in action," Jeffery said. "I am so proud of them."

Preliminary celebrations in the weeks leading up to commencement include a Lavender Graduating Students Celebration, Transfer Toast, APIDA and Latine student celebrations, a nursing pinning ceremony and other events. Details are available at smc.edu/commencement.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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for an opening that stretched well past sunset as guests lingered, talked and reconnected.

"When I looked through my photos, I realized they told a different story," Alvarez said. "They showed friendships, community, sunsets, beach days, and all the moments that make Santa Monica feel like home. That's what inspired 'I Still Love SM.' I wanted to share the side of Santa Monica that reminds people there's still so much to love here."

The exhibit centered on Alvarez's photographs and an artist statement that several guests became emotional while reading. In it, the teenager acknowledged the difficult years his hometown has weathered — a pandemic, wildfires, crime, homelessness and the closure of businesses — before turning toward the light.

"A lot of people look at Santa Monica now and only see the negatives," he wrote. "But I see more."

Alvarez, who has been carrying a camera with him daily for about two years, said his intimate familiarity with Santa Monica has shaped the way he sees it.

"Since I grew up here, I'm photographing Santa Monica from the perspective of someone who actually lives here," he said. "Over time, I started to notice moments and details that other people might walk past, and those are the photos I end up loving the most."

Among those photos, one stands out as Alvarez's personal favorite: a rainbow arching over Tower 24, captured during an early morning surf session.

"We were unloading boards and I looked up and there it was," he said. "I sprinted back to the car to grab my camera because I knew it wouldn't last. Every time I look at it, it reminds me how lucky I am to have grown up here and have these moments."

The opening drew strong support from the local education community, with immersion teachers from Edison Language Academy and faculty from Santa Monica High School turning out to celebrate their student. For Alvarez, having three teachers in particular in the room carried special meaning — each representing a different chapter of his life.

"Mr. Morales was my fifth grade teacher

at Edison and he made school so much fun and always prepared us not just for school, but for life," Alvarez said. "Ms. LeVeaux is someone I've always been able to go to when I need advice — she pushes me toward things I might not try on my own. And Ms. Valentiner is like a second mom and has been a big part of my Spanish Immersion journey for years. Seeing them all together in one room made me feel so supported."

SAMOHI students arrived after sports practices and after-school commitments to fill the pier-front restaurant with the kind of youthful energy the exhibit was made for. Professional photographers and creatives from across Los Angeles also attended, alongside architects, hospitality professionals and multigenerational families from across the Santa Monica community.

The Albright provided a beautiful backdrop for the evening, with golden sunset light pouring through the restaurant. Local business Kimchi Avocado donated a candy installation, adding a festive touch to what became a full evening of conversation rather than a brief opening.

Prints from the exhibit were available for purchase, with a portion of proceeds benefiting World Central Kitchen, founded by chef José Andrés — a cause that carries personal resonance for the Alvarez family, who hail from the same Asturias region of Spain as Andrés.

When asked whether Santa Monica is on its way back or simply becoming something different, Alvarez offered a measured but hopeful take.

"I think Santa Monica is changing, just like every city does," he said. "Even though it's right next to LA, it still feels like a small town. You run into people you know all the time, and there are a lot of things that make it unique. I think if people continue to stay involved and give back to the community, Santa Monica can become an even better version of itself."

His artist statement closed with words that seemed to resonate with nearly everyone in the room that evening:

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Pride on the Promenade: Pride takes over the Promenade with a drag brunch, community booths, games, a Santa Monica Public Library pop-up and Rainbow Storytime and much, much more. Saturday, June 13, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. santamonica.gov/events/pride-on-the-promenade

Pet Adoptapalooza 2026: Enjoy a live DJ, free food and drinks, games for the kiddos, raffle prizes, giveaways, and complimentary veterinary wellness packages for every pet adopted today. Saturday, June 13, 1-3p.m. 210 Main St. Venice <https://forms.gle/aqFANVURxW7Mayjy9>

Santa Monica Block Fest: After the annual Pride on the Promenade celebration, Santa Monica Block Fest will keep the party going with a free, family-friendly Pride and World Cup-themed music festival. What started as a single-block community event is now a city co-produced, multi-stage, full scale production in the Entertainment Zone with pop-up bars, local vendors, and VIP gardens all across three iconic blocks of Third Street Promenade. This volume marks the festival's first integration of a night market, bringing more than 20 top-tier food and merch vendors into the movement. Saturday, June 13, 5 p.m. - Midnight santamonica.gov/events/santa-monica-block-fest

SaMo Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff Party: It's the Main Library's 20th birthday, and you're invited to the special summer reading party. Celebrate with cupcakes, a magic show by David Skale, balloon twisting, and other fun activities. Learn how to sign up and discover what prizes you can win just for reading! All ages. Saturday, June 13, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. santamonica.gov/events/4fba215gen1c15t4nk4bt3y0nw/202606131030

My Lawyer is an Angel: The Santa Monica Playhouse Jewish Heritage series presents the world premiere of acclaimed playwright Jerry Mayer's newest play, My Lawyer is an Angel, a serious comedy that underscores the importance of family and how terribly things can go awry when we place the bottom line at the top of the list. June 13 - Aug. 23, 1211 4th St. santamonicaplayhouse.com/my-lawyer-is-an-angel.html

19th St. Community Farm Opening Block Party: Celebrate the opening of the 19th Street Community Farm and Wellness Garden with a Street Party, complete with music, garden activities, arts & crafts, food trucks and of course, getting your hands dirty and checking out the new garden space. Sunday, June 14, 1 – 5p.m., 2018 19th St. santamonica.gov/events/4z5ta2m1pnt8v1026r3a2wr7c1/202606141300

The Garden Series at Tongva Park: A dedicated wellness sanctuary offering a restorative counterpoint to the busy summer season. This family-friendly event features

mindfulness sessions, craft workshops, and signature movement classes hosted by Westside fitness favorites Drenched Pilates and Shefayoga. Sunday, June 14 & July 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. santamoniacup.com/events/the-garden-series

Venice Street Fair: The fair will close 3rd Ave between Rose Ave and Sunset Ave for artists and small businesses. Sunday, June 14, 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. instagram.com/theartistfair

Annual Soundwaves Concert Series: Enjoy Dog Star Orchestra Festival of experimental composition. Tuesday, June 16, 7:30p.m., 12424 Wilshire Blvd. soundwavesnewmusic.com

Annenberg Beach House Sunset Picnic - Route 66 Edition: Kick off summer with a special Route 66 theme. Bring your own picnic and enjoy a relaxed night by the ocean and expect live music, ocean views, complimentary s'mores (while supplies last) & board games, featured Route 66-inspired activities including playful races, a community push-pin travel map, and hands-on crafts like designing your own mini car. Thursday, June 18, 5-8p.m., 415 PCH eventbrite.com/e/sunset-picnic-route-66-edition-tickets-1987961278699

Venice Art Crawl: Experience the eclectic soul of Venice as local galleries, studios, and pop-up spaces open their doors for this quarterly community tradition. This volunteer-run sunset tour celebrates the neighborhood's historic status as a creative haven, offering everything from large-scale murals and fine art to experimental performance pieces and live music. Thursday, June 18, 6p.m. veniceartcrawl.com

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WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Inaugural Hollywood on the Coast Food & Wine Fest: Conceived as a premier, one-night-only strolling culinary celebration at the intersection of entertainment, culinary artistry, and philanthropy, Hollywood on the Coast Food & Wine will host 750 distinguished guests from across the entertainment industry and Los Angeles' thriving food and beverage community. Saturday, June 13, 6p.m., Fairmont Miramar, 101 Wilshire Blvd. hollywoodonthecoast.com

The Sunday Table Curry Club: Something new is coming to Chelsea this summer. Once a month on a Sunday evening, we're pulling the long table together on our patio for a three-course shared Indian dinner under the string lights. Good food, good company — and no need to share the menu. Everything comes to the table. Sunday, June 14, 6:30 p.m., 2460 Wilshire Blvd. resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chelsea/events/sunday-table-curry-club-2026-06-14

Dragon Alley Coffee Grand Opening: Welcome the newest coffee spot to the neighborhood! Join for a ribbon cutting, live DJ, and free tacos and coffee giveaways. Monday, June 15, 9:30a.m., 312 Santa Monica Blvd. instagram.com/dragonalleycoffee

Whistle Pig - From the Farm to The Coast: Some evenings are just dinner. This isn't one of them. The Chelsea Restaurant is teaming up with WhistlePig Whiskey for a five-course dinner led by a WhistlePig brand representative on the Chelsea patio. Five pours. Five courses. One table worth remembering. Wednesday, June 17, 7p.m., 2460 Wilshire Blvd. resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chelsea/events/whistle-pig-from-the-farm-to-the-coast-2026-06-17

How to Taste Wine Like a Pro: Join our sommelier and winemaker Amanda Rubin for a fun and interactive evening as they guide you through how to properly taste wine like the pros. Learn how to swirl, sniff, sip, and identify aromas and flavors while gaining insider tips straight from the experts. Whether you're a longtime wine lover or just getting started, this relaxed and welcoming class is the perfect way to sip, learn, and have fun. AJA Vineyards, 1417 2nd St., Thursday, Jun 18, 7p.m. eventbrite.com/e/how-to-taste-wine-like-a-pro-tickets-1989725530624

Further Afield: Harry Potter™ Drone Show at Dodger Stadium: Celebrating the franchise's "25 Years of Magic" anniversary and the launch of their global tour, this experience showcases the future of immersive entertainment through storytelling, music, and drone technology. Saturday, June 13, 6p.m. thedroneartshow.com/los-angeles/harry-potter/

More Further Afield: Fútbol Free Day at the Academy of Motion Pictures Museum: The Academy Museum opens its doors to soccer fans of all ages for a free program packed with food, family-friendly activities, and more. Not a follower of fútbol? Museum admission is also free; take a lap around all the installations. Sunday, June 14, academymuseum.org

Looking Ahead: Juneteenth Celebrations (6/19-20); Main St. Summer SOULStice Festival (6/20); Venice Fest (6/20); Make Music Day Santa Monica (6/21); Pier 360 Beach Festival (6/27-28); Main St. July 4th Parade (7/4); COAST Open Streets Festival (7/19); National Night Out (8/4)

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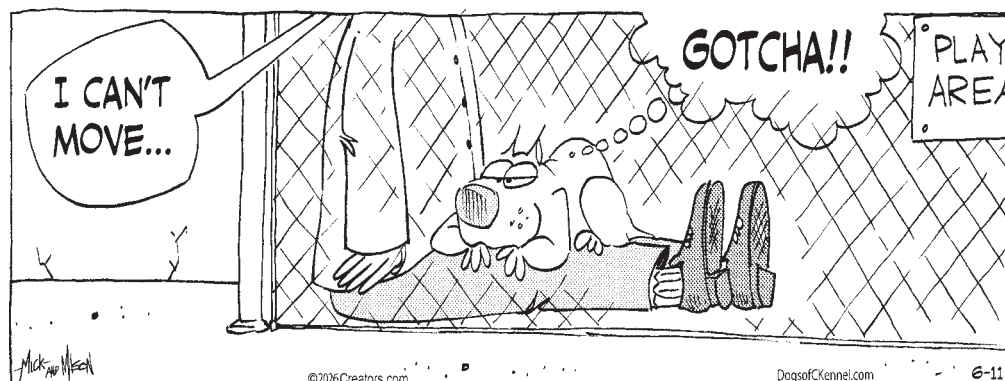
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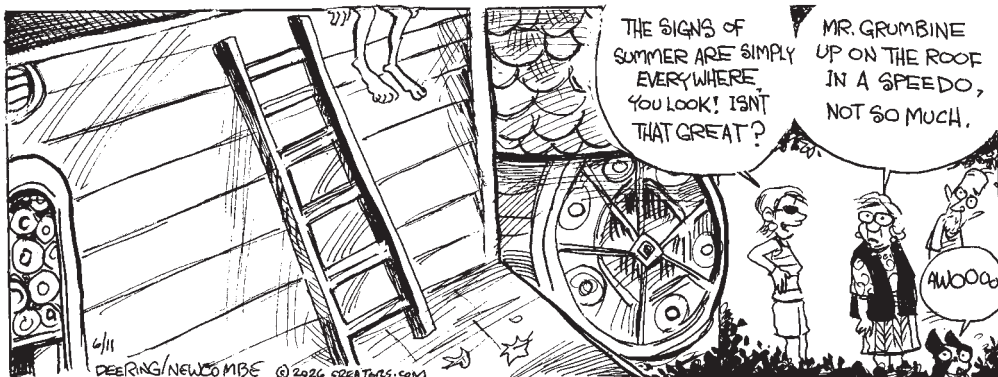
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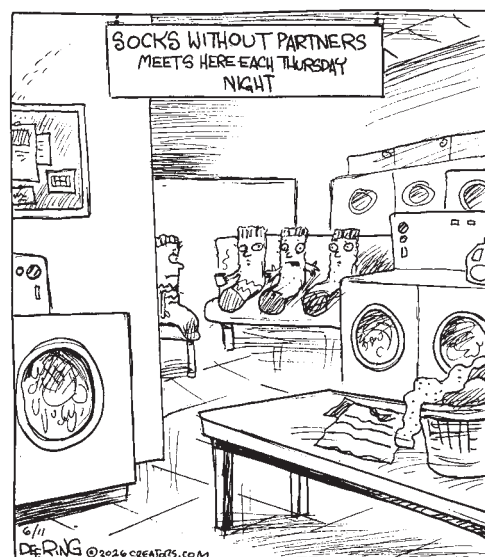
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6968

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 11)

It's your Year of Weight Bearing Victory when lifting builds physical muscles, problem-solving builds intelligence, and necessity builds creativity. You conjure fuel from pure imagination. You constantly and specifically envision the dream, and life serves it up. More highlights: Things that come to you indirectly include love, power and the funding for one of your wilder projects. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 1, 14, 33 and 21.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The project you have on deck will bring out the best in you, requiring you to be organized, forward-thinking and resourceful. You'll have fun with it too, as long as you pace yourself well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll create change the easy way. You'll focus less on "stopping" and more on "replacing." Instead of wrestling an old pattern to the ground every hour, you move to a different environment and engage with different people and challenges.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Move forward with great enthusiasm and the bold assumption that your wishes will be granted. The reason for this? Because the sheer energy of your excitement could be enough to charge the situation in your favor. So why not?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're operating at a level that's taken years to get to and managing quite a workload. Remember there was a time you wouldn't have been able to do even a fraction of this. Give yourself credit for how far you've come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An exchange will extend far beyond vocabulary. People reveal themselves through timing, pauses, tone, omissions, repetition and word choice. You get the hidden layers of expression. You'll key into motives, fears, desires and the emotional realities unfolding around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Emotional intelligence changes the atmosphere of a room. One thoughtful response can interrupt conflict, reduce defensiveness and make space for honesty. You consistently create a pleasant tone in interactions to mutual benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Things have not wrapped up neatly, and that's OK. Life's story is unfolding in a messy and nonlinear way. And though you may feel disorganized or unpredictable, it's a time to lean into that chaos because resisting will only deplete you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While every feeling is information, not every feeling deserves immediate action. To notice emotional reactions without becoming controlled by them takes skill. Today you'll pause to make room for discernment, restraint, compassion and good choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have wondered at times if true love is even real, and that is because love transcends comprehension. Today love is flattered by your quaint, and useless, analysis. Today love defies rational explanation. Today love continues to confound.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Different generations will find common ground in the more universal truths. You're also very open to learning about the nuances of style, topics of relevance and various worldviews that others are living inside. This makes it easier to relate to people of various ages.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't always need more motivation. Sometimes you need fewer obstacles between yourself and action. That's why everything you put into preparing your workspace will matter today. Small improvements in organization create big gains in productivity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things are often funny because they are true. Today, a well-timed observation will interrupt the tension. Laughter creates breathing room. In fact, laughter is, by definition, physical proof of that breathing room exists.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

RHYTHM SECTION by Mark McClain
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ACROSS

- 1 Lamentable comment
- 5 Women's sleeveless undershirts
- 10 '70s superstar singers
- 14 Decisive victory
- 15 Essential ___ acid
- 16 52-Across topper
- 17 Urban measures
- 19 Hiker's nosh
- 20 Icy, in brand names
- 21 Urgent requests
- 22 Suffix for Oxford
- 23 Frequent name in the news
- 25 Not as forgiving
- 26 Atlantic mystery region
- 30 Steady guys
- 31 Some babysitters
- 32 Canvas product
- 33 What Tempe is built on
- 35 Print-file org.
- 38 Short stop
- 40 Ancestry
- 42 What a spongy pedal may indicate
- 47 Data entered
- 48 Shiny rock
- 49 Disreputable
- 50 Aviator acknowledgment
- 52 Briny body
- 55 Wind resistance
- 56 Aquanaut's vehicle

DOWN

- 1 Crescent components
- 2 Filet mignon source
- 3 Overlord
- 4 Muddy place
- 5 Known as
- 6 Rather small swimmer
- 7 Shiny rock
- 8 Printer supply
- 9 Emergency message
- 10 Shaggy dogs
- 11 Obviously unhappy
- 12 Pickle holder
- 13 A in physics
- 18 Pretty good grade
- 22 Usher in
- 24 Green-egg layer
- 25 Avaricious outburst
- 26 USC degree
- 27 Occupational suffix
- 28 Idaho, informally
- 29 Dirt road annoyance
- 33 Accepts as true
- 34 Portable drive port
- 35 Divines
- 36 HVAC measure

- 37 Belief, in brief
- 38 No longer leaking
- 39 Advocate, for short
- 40 Office shakeup
- 41 Quirky
- 42 Hoedown participant
- 43 Cold weather coat
- 44 Revise
- 45 Poultry science students
- 46 With enthusiasm
- 50 Abounding
- 51 Caterer's hardware operator
- 53 King David Lounge
- 54 Viola's range
- 56 Rolled cube
- 57 GWB successor

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S 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.

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THURSDAY | JUNE 11

CHAIR FITNESS WITH COACH TODD

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LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-06-11T11>

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12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 57 Windward 57 Windward Avenue Los Angeles. The Home For Fans This Summer = Free Entry For ALLOPEN TO ALL FANSThe home for soccer fans to cheer on the U.S. Men's National Team this summer. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/usa-soccer-house/18942555/2026-06-11T12>

NEW BOOK LAUNCH AUTHOR EVENT! DR. GILLIAN GODDARD

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Zibby's Bookshop 1113 Montana Ave Santa Monica. Take charge of your hormonal health at every stage of life, from your first period through post menopause, at this in-person event with renowned endocrinologist Dr. Gillian Goddard, the voice behind the viral Hot Flash Substack. Hormones play a powerful role in nearly every function in the body, from mood and metabolism to heart rate, digestion, bone health, and muscle growth. Yet many women are left without clear, accessible guidance on how their bodies work or what to do when something feels off. Drawing from years of clinical experience, Dr. Goddard breaks down hormonal health across every life stage, including puberty, reproductive years, perimenopause, menopause, and beyond. She introduces the four key hormone loops that help keep the body in balance: reproductive, thyroid, growth hormone, and adrenal. Through real patient stories and the latest medical research, she offers practical insight into common challenges and how to better advocate for your health. This empowering and informative event will leave attendees with the tools and confidence to better understand their bodies and have more productive conversations with their doctors. A must-attend for anyone looking to take control of their health and feel their best at every stage. Viisit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/new-book-launch-author-event-dr-gillian-goddard/18781193/2026-06-11T18>

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FRIDAY | JUNE 12

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Please RSVP on FB, IG or email <https://mobilecommunitymeditationcenter.com/> and remember to check FB or IG for any changes or cancellations. *Please note - we will meet at the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South, 2600 Barnard Way across the street from Ocean View Park basketball court. Look for the red, orange, blue and yellow banner or flag attached to the tree. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-06-12T10>

MISHKON TEPHILO - SHABBAT ON THE BEACH

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Santa Monica Beach Look for the blue and white Mishkon flag Los Angeles. Bring a friend or the whole family! Warm your toes in the sand, and join your community in singing and celebrating the joys of a magical Shabbat experience. Feel free to bring your own instruments to join Rabbi Katzan during Shabbat on the Beach. Make sure to bring beach chairs, blankets, jackets, and your own dinner if you plan to picnic on the beach afterward. Challah and grape juice will be provided. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mishkon-tephilo-shabbat-on-the-beach/18847315/2026-06-12T17>

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