

Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339

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

COLDWELL BANKER REALTY
CalRE # 00927151

2 **Federal land**
Illegal sale.

3 **Government subsidies**
Movies over farms.

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

4 **Airport plans**
Threats to the park.

5 **Gas Prices**
Where to fill up.

Volume 24 Issue 152 WEDNESDAY 6/25/25 smdp.com

SMASH parents and students rally to save the school's name



Courtesy photo

SMASH: Students want the Santa Monica Alternative School House to remain.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Students of the now closed Santa Monica Alternative School House are fighting to preserve their school's 52-year-old name as the district prepares to merge two displaced schools into a single institution when their renovated Ocean Park campus reopens in 2026.

SMASH supporters have launched a petition on Change.org after learning that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board may not retain either the SMASH or John Muir Elementary names when the schools are combined into one unified campus.

"We all received an email that said our school name was going to be changed to 'S.M.A.S.H. On Ocean Park,'" the petition states. "When two S.M.A.S.H. students sat in and spoke during one of the SMMUSD board meetings on 6/5, we found out that the board had no intention of using the names John Muir or S.M.A.S.H., meaning that we may be getting an entirely new school name."

The petition argues that SMASH's acronym defines the school's identity: "We are a Santa

SEE **SMASH** PAGE 7

Santa Monica prepares for July 4th parade, celebrating 150 Years of the City

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Independence Day is, undeniably, a reason to celebrate. It marks the moment the nation officially broke away from the British Empire and, years later of course, the moment humanity united behind Bill Pullman to fend off an alien invasion. Santa Monica's Fourth of July parade returns this year with the same sun-soaked route and community spirit, but with the addition of a special nod to the city's 150th anniversary.

The parade will begin at 9:30a.m. Friday, starting at Pico and Main Street and heading south along Main before turning onto Marine and ending at Barnard Way. It's expected to draw thousands of spectators and hundreds of participants in festive floats, marching groups, and musical performances. Last year's event brought more than 15,000 people to the streets and about 1,500 participants, with organizers anticipating even more this year thanks to outreach efforts beyond city lines.

"The folks from Pacific Palisades are joining us this year, which will be great," said Jeff Jarow, co-founder

SEE **INDEPENDENCE** PAGE 11

Malibu adopts $110.3 million budget focused on fire recovery and infrastructure

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Malibu City Council unanimously approved a $110.3 million budget for fiscal year 2025-26 Monday night, with significant funding allocated toward ongoing recovery efforts from recent wildfires and major infrastructure improvements.

The budget includes $81.8 million in revenue and $110.3 million in expenses, with General Fund revenue of $60.1 million and General Fund expenditures of $72.3 million. The spending plan reflects the city's continued response to the Franklin and Palisades fires that devastated parts of the community.

"I've heard this comment several times about residents aren't getting what they need for fire rebuilds, and I think it would be good if we can have some way of quantifying what it is the residents need," said Mayor Marianne Riggins during the meeting.

The budget allocates $10.07 million for rebuild expenses

SEE **MALIBU** PAGE 4







GOP plan to sell more than 3,200 square miles of federal lands is found to violate Senate rules

A plan to sell more than 3,200 square miles of federal lands has been ruled out of Republicans' big tax and spending cut bill after the Senate parliamentarian determined the proposal by Senate Energy Chairman Mike Lee would violate the chamber's rules.

Lee, a Utah Republican, has proposed selling millions of acres of public lands in the West to states or other entities for use as housing or infrastructure. The plan would revive a longtime ambition of Western conservatives to cede lands to local control after a similar proposal failed in the House earlier this year.

The proposal received a mixed reception Monday from the governors of Western states. New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a Democrat, called it problematic in her state because of the close relationship residents have with public lands.

Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon, a Republican, voiced qualified support.

"On a piece-by-piece basis where states have the opportunity to craft policies that make sense ... we can actually allow for some responsible growth in areas with communities that are landlocked at this point," he said at a news conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where the Western Governors' Association was meeting.

Lee, in a post on X Monday night, said he would keep trying.

"Housing prices are crushing families and keeping young Americans from living where they grew up. We need to change that," he wrote, adding that a revised plan would remove all U.S. Forest Service land from possible sale. Sales of sites controlled by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management would be significantly reduced, Lee said, so that only land within 5 miles of population centers could be sold.

> On a piece-by-piece basis where states have the opportunity to craft policies that make sense ... we can actually allow for some responsible growth in areas with communities that are landlocked at this point
>
> - Mark Gordon

Environmental advocates celebrated the ruling late Monday by Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough, but cautioned that Lee's proposal was far from dead.

"This is a victory for the American public, who were loud and clear: Public lands belong in public hands, for current and future generations alike," said Tracy Stone-Manning, president of The Wilderness Society. "Our public lands are not for sale."

Carrie Besnette Hauser, president and CEO of the nonprofit Trust for Public Land, called the procedural ruling in the Senate "an important victory in the fight to protect America's public lands from short-sighted proposals that would have undermined decades of bipartisan work to protect, steward and expand access to the places we all share."

"But make no mistake: this threat is far from over," Hauser added. "Efforts to dismantle our public lands continue, and we must remain vigilant as proposals now under consideration," including plans to roll back the bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act and cut funding for land and water conservation, make their way through Congress, she said.

MacDonough, the Senate parliamentarian, also ruled out a host of other Republican-led provisions Monday night, including construction of a mining road in Alaska and changes to speed permitting of oil and gas leases on federal lands.

While the parliamentarian's rulings are advisory, they are rarely, if ever, ignored. Lawmakers are using a budget reconciliation process to bypass the Senate filibuster to pass President Donald Trump's tax-cut package by a self-imposed July Fourth deadline.

Lee's plan revealed sharp disagreement among Republicans who support wholesale transfers of federal property to spur development and generate revenue, and other lawmakers who are staunchly opposed.

Land in 11 Western states from Alaska to New Mexico would be eligible for sale. Montana was carved out of the proposal after lawmakers there objected. In states such as Utah and Nevada, the government controls the vast majority of lands, protecting them from potential exploitation but hindering growth.

"Washington has proven time and again it can't manage this land. This bill puts it in better hands," Lee said in announcing the plan.

Housing advocates have cautioned that federal land is not universally suitable for affordable housing. Some of the parcels up

SEE **LAND** PAGE 7

Herbert (Herb) Roney

1928 - May 30, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY



1928-2025

Longtime Santa Monica resident Herbert (Herb) Roney passed away surrounded by family on May 30, 2025. He was 96 years old. During his time in Santa Monica, he became a leader in postsecondary education and community involvement.

Herb was born in Warren, Michigan, in 1928. As a teen, he migrated to California, working agricultural jobs in Petaluma and the Salinas Valley. Working his way south to Santa Monica, he graduated from Santa Monica High School and Santa Monica College.

Holding deep feelings about America, Herb served in combat as a Marine during the Korean War. He was a part of the invasion of Inchon and fought against tremendous odds at the frozen battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

Knowing early he wanted to be an educator, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's in Administration from California State University, Los Angeles. Herb was hired by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in 1956 at taught at Will Rogers Elementary and John Adams Middle School. He transferred to Santa Monica College in February 1966. He held faculty positions as an Instructor, Counselor, Coordinator of School Relations, and Coordinator of Counseling. In 1971, he became the Associate Dean of Continuing Education. As the Coordinator of Student Activities, he traveled with the SMC Corsair Marching Band to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Rose Bowl, and to Santa Monica's sister city, Mazatlán, Mexico. Herb eventually retired in 1992 as the Vice President of Community Relations.

Herb was instrumental in guiding the repairs to SMC after the Northridge earthquake. Still, one of the greatest joys of his tenure was the creation of the Independence Day spectacular, "Celebrate America." He held great pride in bringing free entertainment and fireworks to the Santa Monica community. His development of the SMC entertainment showcase, "Grand Summer Nights," brought the citizens of Santa Monica world-renowned artists like Dizzy Gillespie, Glen Campbell, The Oak Ridge Boys, as well as singers, musicians, dancers, and artists from around the world.

After his long career as an administrator and faculty member, Herb Roney was elected to the SMC Board of Trustees in November 1994. Re-elected to the Board in 1998 and 2002, he served as chair in 1999 and 2003. He retired again in 2006.

Herb's commitment to the city stretched beyond SMC. He served on the KCRW Foundation for three terms and the Airport Commission for three terms. He was the past president of the Santa Monica Rotary Club and served on the Samohi Alumni Board and committees of the First United Methodist Church.

Herb enjoyed domestic and world travel as well as many evenings at home serving food to friends, old and new. He enjoyed collecting coins and going to coin shows. He spent many hours in his beloved backyard watering and tending to his plants. He had many wonderful memories of opening the house to a talented group of friends, artists, and technicians to create a cutting-edge haunted house every Halloween, drawing thousands of celebrants to 25th Street.

Above all of this, Herb's true passion was his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Mary Lois, and his sons Lawrence and Peter.

A celebration of Herb's life will be held at the First United Methodist Church (1008 11th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403) at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who wish to honor Herb's memory make donations to the Santa Monica College Foundation, First United Methodist Church-Santa Monica, The Rotary Foundation (in memory of Herb Roney), or to any other nonprofit/charitable organization of your own choice.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

California politicians ignore agriculture's troubles, but boost movie business



CalMatters

FARMS: The agriculture industry needs help of its own.

When James Marshall discovered traces of gold in the American River in 1848, he ignited the famous California Gold Rush that attracted a tidal wave of immigration and led to statehood just two years later.

However, not everyone who made the arduous trek to California in the mid-19th century was seeking gold. Many — including those in the ill-fated 1846 Donner Party — wanted farmland.

Completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 made immigration into California and shipping produce out of the state much easier. As the gold rush quickly waned, agriculture became the state's dominant industry, globally famous for fresh fruits and vegetables.

California's vast network of reservoirs to capture water and canals to deliver it was originally created to help farmers prosper. They still use, by a wide margin, most of the system's water.

While California is still No.1 in agricultural production among the states, generating about $60 billion a year, other sectors, such as technology, health care and logistics now play much larger roles in the state's economy.

This is the time of year when crops are maturing and farmers are looking forward to harvests, shipments and paydays. But agricultural leaders see this year as one of the industry's most trying periods, beset by economic and political factors that could significantly reduce production.

"When we talk about the things that are keeping me up at night, it really comes down to what is going to keep our members in business," Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau, said this month during a gathering of industry leaders.

She cited a federal census of agriculture which revealed California has lost 20% of its farmers in the last decade. The industry is at a tipping point, she declared.

She also pointed to a study by researchers at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo that detailed rising costs of producing lettuce in the Salinas Valley due to government regulations. It found that costs of environmental, labor and food safety regulation are $1,600 per acre, up 63.7% since 2017, while income from lettuce has been virtually stagnant.

The list of factors affecting the industry also includes rising labor costs due to state wage regulations, new limits on pumping water from wells and demands from the state to reduce water diversions from rivers.

This year brought two new adverse factors — President Donald Trump's tariffs that could generate retaliatory tariffs, depressing export markets, and Trump's sweeps of undocumented immigrants, who are a major portion of

SEE **AGRICULTURE** PAGE 8



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Looking like Tuesday, with swell and surf staying small, southerly winds prevail in the morning. Meager NW swell, little SSW swell mix lapping in with waves mainly knee to thigh high at most spots. Possible SE wind bump to start the day. Winds looking to veer SW to WSW while puffing up to low-end moderate levels during the day, for more bump.

THURSDAY
FAIR TO GOOD
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Modest scale to fun zone bump of SSW/SW swell moves in. SE winds due much of the morning. A storm spinning east of New Zealand last week sent up some rideable SW/SSW swell mix. Not the best storm position as the Tahiti/French Polynesia shadow takes a chunk out of size/consistency, but still some surf making it to SoCal. Read more in the latest Wavefax. Expect knee-waist high surf at average breaks in North LA, as top spots in OC hit chest-shoulder high. Possible SE wind bump to start the day. Winds looking to veer SW to WSW while puffing up to low-end moderate PM levels.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2025/06/25	Wed	04:25 AM	-1.67	L
2025/06/25	Wed	11:01 AM	3.81	H
2025/06/25	Wed	3:21 PM	2.28	L
2025/06/25	Wed	9:42 PM	7.00	H
2025/06/26	Thu	05:10 AM	-1.59	L
2025/06/26	Thu	11:49 AM	3.87	H
2025/06/26	Thu	4:12 PM	2.31	L
2025/06/26	Thu	10:28 PM	6.72	H
2025/06/27	Fri	05:55 AM	-1.33	L
2025/06/27	Fri	12:36 PM	3.94	H
2025/06/27	Fri	5:05 PM	2.36	L
2025/06/27	Fri	11:14 PM	6.27	H

Daily Lottery

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

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/23
5 25 42 44 65
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 140 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/20
26 49 58 61 63
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 326 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/21
14 19 31 45 47
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 19 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/23
10 17 24 25 27

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/23
EVENING: 4 8 4
Draw Date: 6/23
MIDDAY: 9 9 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/23
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
Race Time: 1:46.75

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

PARTNER
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Charles Andrews,
Devan Sipher,
Miles Warner.

CIRCULATION
Guadalupe Navarro
ross@smdp.com

STAFF WRITERS
Scott Snowden
scott.snowden@smdp.com
Maaz Alin
maaz@smdp.com

LEGAL ADVERTISING
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

MARKETING & ADVERTISING MANAGER
Dina Araniva
dina@smdp.com

PRODUCTION
Esteban Inchaustegui
production@smdp.com
Julio Davalos
julio@smdp.com

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

AWARD WINNER

Sustainable Quality Awards
WINNER

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

PUBLISHED BY NEWLON ROUGE, LLC

© 2023 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

Santa Monica Daily Press

MALIBU

FROM PAGE 1

across multiple departments, plus an additional $8.4 million for disaster-related capital improvement projects. These funds will support contract planners, building inspectors, plan checking services, and debris removal operations.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein emphasized the city's strong financial position, noting that Malibu's "fiscally conservative approach has left it in a strong financial position, well above extremely conservative reserve numbers."

The spending plan includes seven new personnel positions and a 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment for staff. Property tax revenue, which has steadily increased over recent years, remains a key funding source at $19.4 million.

Council members raised concerns about specific budget items, including the $5 million cost for a 12,500-square-foot skate park. Council Member Steve Uhring questioned the expense, noting that Long Beach built a park twice the size for the same cost and suggesting the need for a "contract negotiator."

The budget also includes $1.1 million for specialized technical advisors to support technology updates, administrative policy updates, and strategic resiliency plans. An additional $220,000 was allocated for potential office space leases to accommodate increased staffing needs during rebuild efforts.

Fire recovery efforts dominate much of the spending, with $7.8 million specifically allocated for Palisades Fire recovery operations, including $2 million for planning services, $2.5 million for environmental and sustainability department services, and $685,000 for public works projects.

The city's capital improvement program totals $18.6 million, with projects including PCH signal synchronization, a permanent skate park, and various road and infrastructure improvements. Much of this funding comes from outside sources and grants.

Riggins highlighted the potential benefits of a proposed rebuilding authority, saying it could help "bring down the cost of reconstruction," noting that current rebuilding costs range "between $1,000 and $1,200 a square foot to rebuild in Malibu."

The council also addressed ongoing challenges with homeless outreach services, budgeting $425,000 for 33 homeless individuals. Silverstein defended the expenditure, explaining that when he and Uhring "were first elected four years ago, there were in the neighborhood of 300 homeless in Malibu" and the investment has "steadily decreased" those numbers while other areas have seen increases.

General Fund reserves are projected to decrease to $51.8 million by June 30, 2026, down from $58.9 million, primarily due to disaster response costs. However, this still exceeds the city's goal of maintaining reserves at 50 percent of budgeted expenditures.

The budget maintains funding for various community services, including transportation services for seniors, recreation programs, and park maintenance. Revenue sources include property taxes, transient occupancy taxes, sales taxes, and various permits and fees.

Council members expressed cautious optimism about federal reimbursements, with Silverstein noting uncertainty about FEMA funding given current political dynamics, saying the city should "plan for the worst and hope for the best."

The budget takes effect July 1, 2025.

maaz@smdp.com

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

RFP: # 453 PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

- **Submission Deadline is August 4, 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://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca) There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4502 SANTA MONICA PIER STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Submission Deadline is July 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Saying the quiet part out loud - the biggest threat to Santa Monica's Great Park



Courtesy image

LC: The voter approved measure sets the stage for the future of the airport.

With Santa Monica Airport (SMO) scheduled to close on January 1, 2029, the public process to plan the land's conversion is well underway. Input has been received on a range of potential park, recreational and open space uses, as well as non-park possibilities. Now the City Council is being asked to begin to choose from among them, to focus further study.

But depending upon the direction the Council takes, there is the threat of a ballot measure from the aviation industry to keep SMO operating as an airport, that would be in response to the City Council recommending anything other than a park on SMO land.

In 2014 Santa Monica voters passed Measure LC with 60.45%, putting into the City Charter to "prohibit new development on Airport land, except for parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities", unless/until there is a future ballot measure otherwise. In February 2017 the City Council formally voted to close SMO in 2029. So the clock is ticking.

The aviation lobby knows it can't defeat a pure park. But they firmly believe they can defeat anything involving housing or commercial development. If aviation interests hire signature gatherers to qualify their own ballot measure to perpetuate the airport like they did in 2014, they will use fear and capitalize on any confusion or discouragement the public perceives about the park. Any ballot measure to amend LC to provide for housing and/or commercial uses - even simply a Council-approved plan that would lead to it — would give them this ammunition.

In 2014, aviation interests tried to paint LC supporters as 'shills' for developers. It didn't work then. But it might now, if any actual formal City plan is advanced involving housing or commercial development. If so, aviation interests will say that LC's promise of parkland 'was a bait-and-switch', playing upon the fears of Santa Monicans skeptical that a Great Park at SMO will ever be built.

Current aviation-created memes are based on "the park won't happen, its too expensive, and when it fails you'll get the usual development." A housing project ballot measure to amend LC would confirm that — and the aviation lobby will immediately swoop in with their own ballot measure to counter it.

WHAT CHANCE WOULD A HOUSING CHARTER AMENDMENT TO LC HAVE IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT?

Santa Monica voters have long been supportive of housing. But no local pro-housing ballot measure has ever faced a million dollars spent against it. That's what aviation interests spent in 2014 to qualify and campaign for their Measure D, that would have kept the airport in operation.

Many of the organizations that would sponsor a housing project charter amendment for SMO are good organizers. But against similar big money, the same coalition lost the local Living Wage referendum ballot measure in 2002.

In November 2014 Measure D received only 41%, in part because there was a united front to close the airport. But with that base of 41% who voted to keep the airport, aviation interests would only need another 9%+ to win. They can get that if the public is confused or discouraged about the park — and the aviation lobby is just waiting for a housing vs. park fight, because the coalition that won Measure LC would be fractured.

What if there were competing ballot measures to (i) keep the airport in operation or (ii) amend the charter to build a large housing project at SMO by cutting way back on parkland? Thousands of Great Park supporters — many who support new housing as urban infill/smart growth in other parts of the city — would logically oppose both of these measures, because of what they would stand to lose with either.

SEE **GREAT PARK** PAGE 7

GAS PRICES IN SANTA MONICA

MOBIL	731 Santa Monica Blvd	$4.99
SHELL	1802 Cloverfield Blvd	$4.99
CHEVRON	1819 Cloverfield Blvd	$5.29
CHEVRON	432 Wilshire Blvd	$4.99
SHELL	1866 Lincoln Blvd	$4.99
SPEEDWAY EXPRESS	2555 Lincoln Blvd	$4.39
CHEVRON	1732 Lincoln Blvd	$4.83
76	2601 Wilshire Blvd	$4.39
CHEVRON	1330 Santa Monica Blvd	$4.99
LINCOLN BLVD CAR WASH	1624 Lincoln Blvd	N/A

*Prices paying in card

Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.60/g, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 16.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 13.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 16.1 cents in the last week and stands at $3.649 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.73/g while the most expensive was $5.99/g, a difference of $2.26/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.09/g while the highest was $6.58/g, a difference of $3.49/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 9.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.18/g. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 23.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Santa Monica Daily Press

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!!!
(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)

YOUR CHOICE

If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge

DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!

WE OFFER UNIQUE SERVICES
*Nitrous Oxide available
*No interest payment plans
*Emergencies can be seen today
*Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to

TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients

OR

TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$99 EXAM AND CLEANING
For New Patients
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients

AND OF COURSE WE DO
• Invisalign • Periodontist on Staff • Oral Surgeon on Staff
• Cosmetics and Implants • Zoom bleaching • and more

SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2589



WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM



Live Your Dream Lifestyle

Offering Ideal Independent Living in Culver City, CA

Call for our move-in offer!
424-523-5239
3995 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90232

PALM COURT by cogir

PALMCOURTLA.COM

Gilbert's El Indio
Mexican Food Santa Monica
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!
THANK YOU SANTA MONICA
for naming us your
MOST LOVED MEXICAN FOOD & FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT!
We're honored to have served this community since 1974!
MOST LOVED 2025 Santa Monica
2526 Pico Blvd,
Santa Monica, 90405
(310) 450 8057

Santa Monica's BroadStage announces 2025/26 season featuring Broadway stars, new jazz festival



Broad Stage

2025/26 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON: BroadStage at Santa Monica College has announced its 2025/26 performing arts season.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

BroadStage at Santa Monica College has announced its 2025/26 performing arts season, featuring Broadway stars, comedy legends and the launch of a new international jazz festival, all planned while the venue served as a community relief center during recent wildfire emergencies.

The season lineup includes Broadway performer Mandy Gonzalez, comedy veterans Kevin Nealon and Dominique, holiday performances by Jane Lynch and the LA Master Chorale, and dance companies Parsons Dance and Jacob Jonas The Company. The announcement comes as BroadStage expands its mission under Artistic and Executive Director Rob Bailis to better reflect the diverse Santa Monica community.

"We built this season while our parking lot was being used as a temporary command post for the many fire departments battling the Palisades fire," Bailis said. "We built this season while our Music Hall was being used as a FEMA relief counseling center."

The season's centerpiece will be the inaugural Santa Monica International Jazz Festival in May 2026, created by jazz legend and BroadStage Artist in Residence Stanley Clarke. The festival aims to establish Santa Monica as a destination for jazz performances in an iconic beachside setting.

BroadStage, established in 2008 as part of Santa Monica College, operates three venues at the SMC Performing Arts Center: the 500-seat Mainstage, the 100-seat black box Edye theater, and the versatile East Wing indoor/outdoor space. As a flagship of Santa Monica College, which serves as a Hispanic Serving Institution with more than 33,000 students, BroadStage connects performing arts to educational goals while serving Los Angeles County's diverse communities.

BroadStage gathers artists, thinkers, and audiences to celebrate our shared humanity and expand the role the arts play in the vitality of our diverse community.

Under Bailis' leadership, BroadStage has acknowledged that its audiences have not historically reflected the array of identities and experiences in Santa Monica and surrounding areas. The venue now actively invites intergenerational audiences encompassing all gender identities, varied socioeconomic backgrounds, and people of all abilities.

"This is a season about resilience, resistance, joy, laughter, agony, and compassion," Bailis said. "We are bringing it all this year – laughter, challenge, support, sleight of hand, high velocity physicality, and music."

The 2025/26 season also features actor Patrick Page in "All The Devils Are Here," rising talents including Camila Fernández and the Julia Keefe Jazz Ensemble, and dance company Ragamala. Popular series returning include The Celebrity Series, National Geographic Live, blackbox programming, and Sunday Morning Music/Santa Monica.

Santa Monica's cultural ecosystem benefits from its proximity to the greater Los Angeles area and its fluid population that triples

SEE **SEASON** PAGE 8

KAVAHANA
A TASTE OF Hawaii
IN SANTA MONICA
MOST LOVED 2025 Santa Monica
SHOW THIS FOR 20% OFF A DRINK!
VALID UNTIL 08/01/2025
306 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica
KAVAHANA.COM

SMASH

FROM PAGE 1

Monica-based school, we have alternative ways of learning that help nurture leadership and community, and we communicate cross-cores in a way that feels like it's less like a school and more like a home."

Two sixth-grade students addressed the school board to voice their concerns about the potential name change.

"I personally do not think that SMASH needs a new name," said Elizabeth Roth, a sixth grader who has attended SMASH since fourth grade. "Even if it's changed, what are we going to refer to it as: SMASH. If it's changed, I think it's going to cause unnecessary confusion, because everyone's going to be confused, because we all know it as SMASH."

Maya Gomez, another sixth grader who has attended SMASH since third grade, emphasized the school's long history. "I'm here to ask politely to keep our name that we've had since 1973 or for 52 years," Gomez said. "Why change the name that fits our school so perfectly? We're Santa Monica based school. We have alternative ways of learning, and we communicate cross grade in a way that feels like a family."

The campus closure began after a May 2021 report revealed extensive water damage requiring major repairs. The facility was closed at the end of the 2021-22 school year, displacing approximately 550 students from the Ocean Park campus.

Construction on the renovated campus is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2025, with students and staff expected to move in by spring 2026. The timeline represents another delay from earlier projections that had estimated reopening between January and August 2025.

When completed, the campus will feature what the district calls a "Project Based identity" with new branding and a new name. The revamped school will expand its educational offerings by adding two transitional kindergarten classrooms and one additional kindergarten classroom, serving students from TK through 8th grade.

The unified school will maintain the "social-emotionally focused and project-based learning model that has existed at the site for decades," according to district information. This approach builds on the alternative education philosophy previously associated with SMASH.

The merger reflects discussions that began in November 2022, when district officials first introduced the possibility of reopening the campus as one "unified school" rather than maintaining separate institutions.

During the closure, SMASH students were relocated as a cohesive unit to the Olympic High School campus, while John Muir Elementary students were dispersed across multiple locations. The majority of Muir's approximately 230 students were relocated to Will Rogers Elementary, with remaining students distributed to other elementary schools.

This dispersal prompted concerns from John Muir parents during initial closure discussions. At a June 2022 board meeting, several parents suggested that keeping SMASH intact while dispersing Muir students amounted to "discrimination against Muir."

Gomez noted the emotional toll of the prolonged displacement on students. "It was honestly really confusing time, and we kept getting promised that next year we would be moving back," she said. "One year became two, two years became three, and now I'm in sixth grade doing this and also trying to change the name. Has been a lot of change really in really quick successions."

The petition is available online at https://www.change.org/p/stay-s-m-a-s-h.

editor@smdp.com

LAND

FROM PAGE 2

for sale in Utah and Nevada under a House proposal were far from developed areas.

New Mexico Sen. Martin Heinrich, the ranking Democrat on the energy committee, said Lee's plan would exclude Americans from places where they fish, hunt and camp.

"I don't think it's clear that we would even get substantial housing as a result of this," Heinrich said earlier this month. "What I know would happen is people would lose access to places they know and care about and that drive our Western economies."

By MATTHEW DALY Associated Press

GREAT PARK

FROM PAGE 4

There are thousands in the education community whose families with children would lose out on needed park space. The sports and recreation community would be short-changed for field space they've been working towards for over 30 years. Many of the 2/3 of Santa Monicans who are apartment dwellers without private open space, will resent not getting access to abundant public space when there finally is a chance. Then there are environmentalists who would rightly question choosing semi-suburban housing over ecological spaces and functionality.

Those are a lot of voters to lose if trying to win a charter amendment election.

If aviation interests won between competing ballot initiatives, our public land at SMO would remain privatized, and we'd lose this historic opportunity to bring it back into widespread public use.

That is an unforgivable risk that no City Council should take.

When the Council next takes up SMO Conversion on July 8, it needs to focus its next steps on further developing an LC-compliant Great Park model, for two main reasons:
- The political context, in that pursuing anything other than a Great Park before SMO closes risks grasping defeat from the jaws of victory — and losing control of the land entirely.

- As public policy, a Great Park is a once-in-centuries opportunity for Santa Monica to address its acute parks and open space shortage, in a comprehensive way that would benefit generations. This needs to be studied fully.

Let's hope there are more than enough votes on the Council for this option.

By Michael Feinstein. Michael Feinstein is a former Santa Monica Mayor (2000-2002) and City Councilmember (1996-2004). He can be reached via X/Twitter @mikefeinstein.

Central Compounding Pharmacy

CENTRAL COMPOUNDING PHARMACY IS PROUD TO BE CELEBRATING OUR 20TH COMPOUNDING ANNIVERSARY!

20 years ago we started our training and education in making custom compounded medications. Our highly experienced staff works with physicians to create the medication customized **JUST FOR YOU!** Thanks for putting your trust in our amazing team!

MOST LOVED 2025 Santa Monica



2008 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA, 90403 | (310) 395-3294 | mycentralpharmacy.com

LiveWell DENTISTRY

THANK YOU SANTA MONICA!
We're honored to be winners of Santa Monica's Most Loved Dentist.
Your trust and support mean the world to us — we couldn't have done it without you!



Come see why Santa Monica smiles with us!

CALL OR VISIT US ONLINE TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT! - EASY ONLINE BOOKING
(310) 828-2440 | www.livewell.dentist |
2730 Wilshire Blvd Suite 100, Santa Monica, CA 90403



AGRICULTURE

FROM PAGE 3

the agricultural labor force.

Alexi Rodriguez, president of the Almond Alliance, told the gathering that China had been the top market for almonds until 2018, when an earlier round of Trump's tariffs cut shipments. "After this year, China is likely to drop out of the top 10 export markets for almonds as a result," she said.

The state's labor costs also put California's growers at a disadvantage.

"We're sitting here in California and getting our brains beat in with costs that are through the roof and going up against my competitors in the East Coast paying $8 to $9 an hour for labor, and we're dealing with the same customers," said Mike Way, a bell pepper producer in the Coachella Valley. "What's my choice? My choice is to shrink my acreage and go elsewhere."

As agriculture's acreage declined, so too did its economic importance and its once-dominant political clout vis-à-vis other economic interests. Efforts by Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders to double state subsidies for the film industry underscore that decline.

Newsom, et al, says the subsidies are necessary to keep film production from declining further. The film industry pegs its economic contribution at $30 billion a year, just half of agriculture's output.

Implicitly politicians believe that producing movies is much more important than producing food.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

SEASON

FROM PAGE 6

daily due to commuting workers. BroadStage recognizes the many communities that have shaped Santa Monica into its current status as a creative center and tourist destination.

The planning of this season occurred during extraordinary circumstances, with federal arts funding facing what Bailis called "its greatest crisis since 1990, when the infamous NEA Four were canceled over the content of their art."

"We built this season to celebrate that which gets us through the most challenging of times together," Bailis said. "We have stories to soothe, to satisfy, to provoke, and more and more laughter, and more and more joy – to fortify us, to see us through."

Tickets and subscriptions are currently available to Priority Members with donations of $1,000 or more. All members with contributions of $125 or more can purchase tickets starting June 24 at noon PT, with general public sales beginning July 1 at noon PT.

Subscription packages offer up to 20 percent savings, with 15 percent discounts for three to four shows and 20 percent savings for five or more performances, plus free standard ticket exchanges.

BroadStage is located at The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage at the Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center.

maaz@smdp.com



Saint John's Health Center
Providence

Participants needed for the Providence Saint John's Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) listening session.

Every three years the hospital conducts a needs assessment to prioritize the health needs of the community. An important component of the CHNA is listening to and engaging with the people who live and work in the communities we serve and to gather firsthand knowledge of the needs and strengths of the community.

Our goal is to convene a small group of community members for a listening session that is happening at **Virginia Avenue Park on Monday, June 30th from 5:00 – 6:30pm.** Here's an overview of the questions we will be exploring during the sessions:

Vision:
How can you tell when a community is healthy- a great place to live, work, and play?

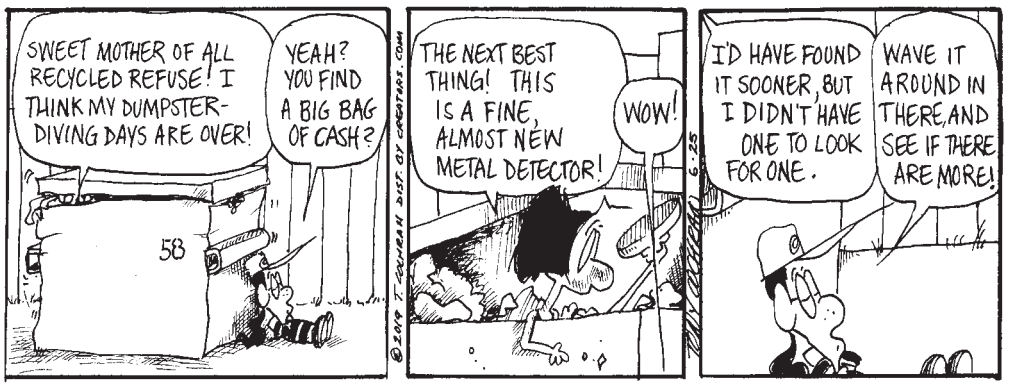
Needs:
What could be done to make our community healthier?

Strengths:
What's working? What resources already exist to help our community be healthy?

All participants will receive a $25 gift card for sharing their input. Space is limited and anyone interested can register by contacting Liz Carrillo at (209) 914-4081 or elizabeth.carrillo@providence.org

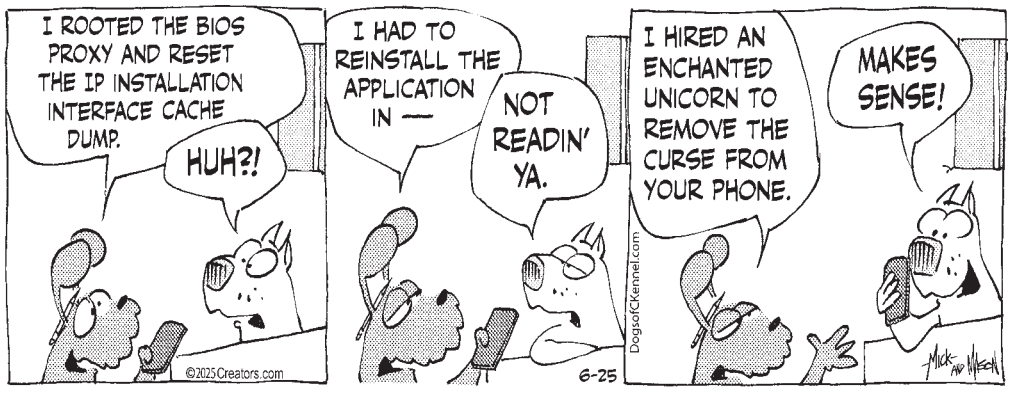
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



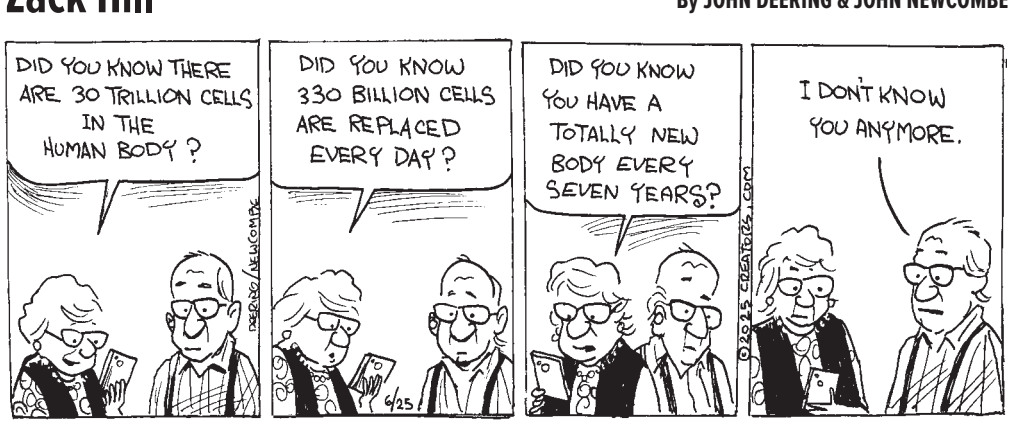
Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



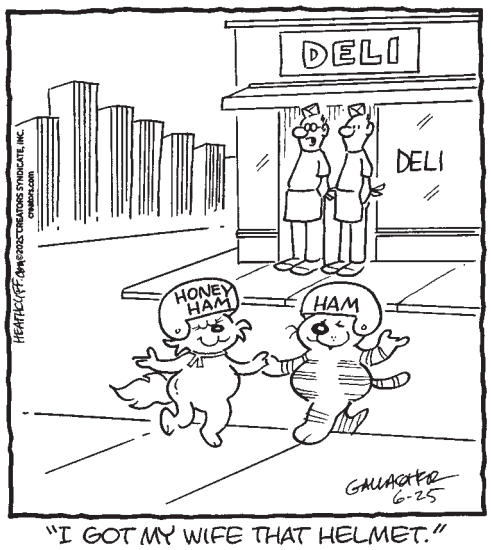
Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"I GOT MY WIFE THAT HELMET."

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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

© australianwordgames.com.au 6617

South East Queensland

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

Ants	Fig	Lush	Skylink
Aril	Films	Moss	Staghorn
Bats	Fish	Nerang	Stinger
Beauty	Forest	Open	Sunny
Bites	Frog	Outdoors	Surf
Buses	Fruit	Party	Swim
Cabs	Green	Picnic	Thunderbolt
Camp	Gums	Protection	Train
Care	Heat	Raft	Trip
Cool	Idle	Real	Tube
Currumbin	Keno	Relax	Unit
Dark	Kirra	Rent	Waterfall
Fern	Leeches	Sand	Whipbird

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
An instant burst of flavour

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

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25)

Your decisions in the world are like a dance of legendary grace, not because there's a smooth dance floor beneath your feet but because you've stopped expecting there to be one. Your sense of humor sharpens, your sense of purpose deepens, and people will follow your lead. More highlights: A wild idea finds structure. A relationship will be your great, shining pride. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 17, 22, 30 and 9.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be effective as long as your intensity and emotion are in check. Avoid coming in hot. Check in with others about how your presence is being received. A simple "How are you feeling about that?" goes a long way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friends may hold back their truth because they don't want to risk hurting you or causing tension in the relationship. That restraint can be a sign of respect, loyalty or emotional intelligence — and it's also why you need opinions from outsiders.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Working harder than necessary is the very definition of inefficiency, and you can't stand inefficiency. That's why you tinker with your plan and strive to create excellent systems, ones that reduce friction and maximize momentum.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Nothing motivates you quite as much as the prospect of getting attention from someone you admire. Your drive is deeply connected to connection. This doesn't mean you're needy — it means admiration is a kind of fuel. You're lit up by the exchange of energy today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The hard tasks appeal to you. You have an inkling about what you can do, and there's nothing quite like the thrill that comes over you when you realize you're actually doing the thing that seemed so impossible but a few short incarnations ago.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today has rhythm and symmetry. How you begin sets the tone. Start with full focus and strong interest. If you're only half in, it won't carry. But when you lead with genuine energy, the finish will match the start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those who search for extraterrestrial life in hopes of finding someone in this big universe who might be willing to shed some fresh light on the experience. You can relate. You too await a distant affirmation, and today you finally get a sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Where there's a lack of structure, your influence will make a difference. Today shows you stepping into a situation that needs what you do best: clarity, order and direction. You'll use what's there, rearranging the elements in support of the plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unhelpful and irrelevant thoughts pop to mind based on your past experiences, habits or worries — not unlike internet ads that track your browsing history. But just because a thought appears doesn't mean it deserves your attention or action. Click the "X" and it goes away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Golden collaborations are coming together. Encourage unity. It doesn't mean losing your identity, just syncing up for the sake of a common goal. Pretend the group is one mind working for the betterment of all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Good people wrestle with what they've done, not to punish themselves but to grow. The ones who feel nothing can't change. So, if you feel bad, take heart — it means you're still someone worth trusting. Regret can only be felt by those who care.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Knowing enough to be dangerous means having just enough knowledge to feel confident but not enough to be wise — a risky place to operate from. Today, it's better to stay curious. When something tugs at your attention, go deeper. It could save you from a costly oversimplification.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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

Newsday Crossword

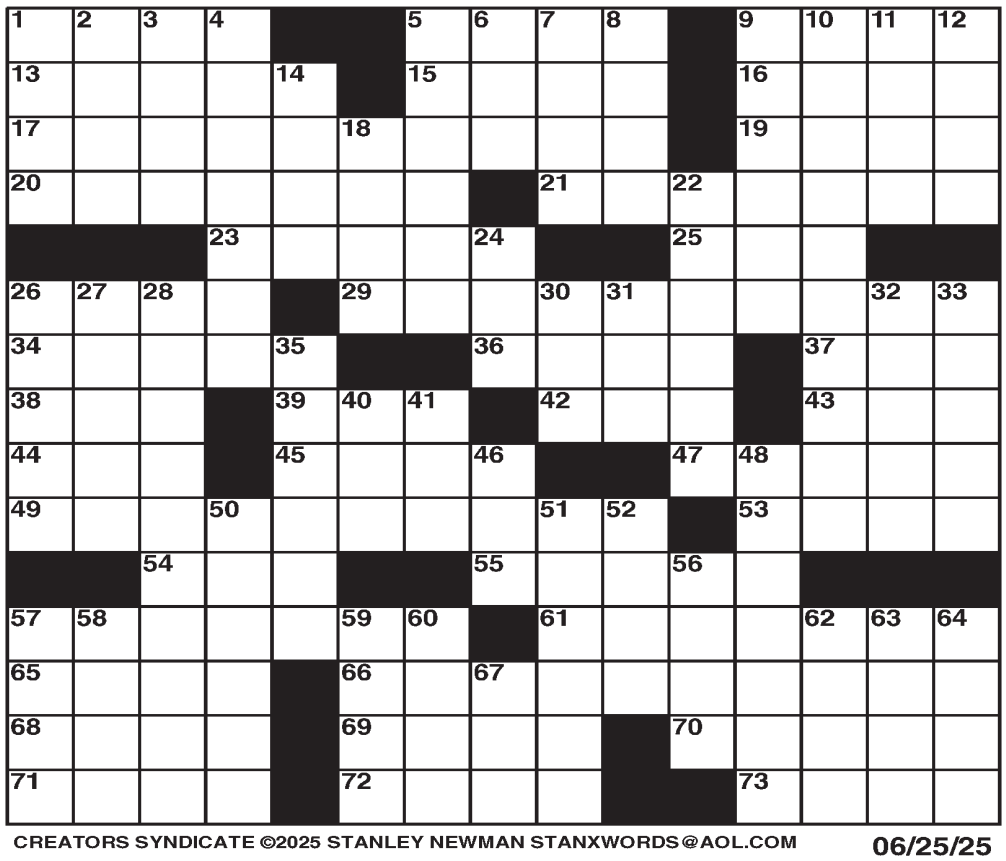
BRANCHING OUT by Guilherme Gilioli
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Marshy ground
5 Notorious Roman emperor
9 Got __ the ground floor
13 Do penance
15 Stylish flair
16 Alaskan port city
17 Melodies with traditional history
19 Doctor's "Now!"
20 Approaches angrily
21 Alphabet components
23 Actor's assignments
25 Annoy greatly
26 Person from Tulsa, informally
29 Car's storage measure
34 Tears apart
36 #2 exec
37 Mongrel dog
38 Industrious insect
39 __ for (select) payment
42 Activist Yoko
43 Capote nickname
44 Strong drain cleaner
45 Baby's bed
47 Dutch flower
49 Canine training gear
53 Russian denial
54 Glance at
55 Typical
57 Made changes in
61 Blow up, as a photo
65 Bar in a shower
66 Hits the road
68 Poker player's
69 Parcel (out)
70 Eight-person band
71 Look intently (at)
72 Practice boxing
73 Barnyard birds

DOWN

1 __ Antony of old Rome
2 "Ditto!"
3 Motel accommodation
4 Walked in
5 Grammatical gender for "it"
6 Overhead trains
7 Banister
8 Back in the day
9 Arched part of the foot
10 "Nearly right"
11 Actor Epps or Sharif
12 Tennis dividers
14 Exxon's former name
18 Brewer's grain
22 Commercial break
24 Family vehicle, for short
26 Toothbrush brand
27 Safari nation
28 Cross-country highway
30 "Modern" prefix
31 Barbie's boyfriend
32 Physicist Marie
33 Spout lava
35 Ball-kicking sport
40 Player who's paid
41 Up to, for short
46 __-ray Disc
48 Open, as a gate
50 Something worth saving
51 Invariably
52 Symbol in Tolkien novels
56 "Additionally..."
57 "Do it fast!" at the office
58 Solitary
59 Shade trees
60 Profound
62 Memorization method
63 Rock singer Stefani
64 Drs. treating tonsillitis
67 __ loss for words



CREATORS SYNDICATE ©2025 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM

06/25/25

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

INDEPENDENCE

FROM PAGE 1

of both the Ocean Park Association (OPA) and the Main Street Parade. "We've waived participation fees for them and we'd love to see that community come out and be part of this."

Jarow has been involved in organizing the parade since its inception. In addition to leading OPA and the Santa Monica Sister City Association, his civic involvement includes being on the board with the Chamber of Commerce, the Pier Corporation, the YMCA and the PTA. "Every year it gets more fun," he said. "And this year's theme, celebrating 150 years of Santa Monica, gives us something special to reflect on together."

Residents are encouraged to walk, bike or scoot to the parade route. Streets along and around the route will be closed to vehicle traffic from 6am to noon and public parking is available west of Neilson Way. Parade-watchers can line the route or congregate near the Ocean Park Library, which will serve as the official grandstand location.

To ensure the event remains family-friendly and safe, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is ramping up its deployment.

"The Fourth of July is one of the busiest weekends of the year for our beach," said Lieutenant Lewis Gilmour. "It's a time when thousands come out to enjoy Santa Monica's coastline and our job is to help make sure that happens safely."

In preparation, SMPD will activate a citywide deployment plan involving officers from Patrol, Downtown Services, the Directed Action Response Team, the Homeless Liaison Program, Traffic and Public Service Officers.

"We'll have a visible presence throughout the weekend," Gilmour said. "We're here to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday. Please do your part and follow the rules so we can all celebrate responsibly."

Those rules include strict bans on fireworks, alcohol on the beach, gas-powered generators, amplified music, open flames and all weapons. The department emphasized that even so-called "safe and sane" fireworks are illegal in Santa Monica and subject to citation or arrest.

Gilmour also urged pet owners to be extra mindful during the holiday weekend. "We ask everyone to stay aware of their surroundings and be patient, it's going to be crowded and traffic will be heavy," he said. "If you're coming to the beach, bring the essentials, but leave the alcohol and fireworks at home."

For dog owners, he reminded: leashed dogs are allowed only on paved paths and the boardwalk, never on the sand or in the water. "Hot pavement can seriously injure your dog's paws," Gilmour said. "And leaving pets in a hot car is not only dangerous, it's illegal."

Every year, shelters across the country report spikes in runaway pets and animal injuries due to fireworks. Elizabeth Noble, executive director of the Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation, said the loud booms and flashing lights are not just an annoyance for animals, but a genuine health threat.

"To many pets, the sound of fireworks is terrifying," Noble said. "They don't understand what's going on. It can cause panic, escape attempts and injury."

Noble encourages residents to make preparations before the festivities begin. That includes ensuring all cats and dogs are microchipped and wearing up-to-date ID tags, creating safe indoor spaces with soft music and avoiding restraint or tying pets up outdoors. "Never leave a dog alone in the yard on the Fourth," she said. "Even the calmest dog can bolt if startled."

Other tips include keeping pets indoors during the evening hours, closing windows and blinds and having a trusted person stay home with animals known to suffer from noise anxiety. If necessary, residents should consult a veterinarian about calming solutions.

The shelter itself will remain open through the weekend and continues to house adoptable animals in need of homes. While not everyone has room to take in another furry friend, Noble pointed out that there are other ways to help.

"Some of our animals need costly veterinary care," she said. "We're always grateful for donations and people can also support us by purchasing items from our Chewy wishlist."

In the meantime, city officials, volunteers and parade participants are finalizing floats, preparing decorations and encouraging the public to join the celebration with enthusiasm and courtesy.

"It's a big day for our community," Jarow said. "We just ask that everyone enjoy it respectfully. Leave your fireworks at home, bring your sunscreen, water and let's all have a good time."

For questions about participating in the parade, residents can contact the Ocean Park Association. To adopt or support animals in need, call the Santa Monica Animal Shelter at (310) 458-8595.

scott.snowden@smdp.com

Classifieds

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25VECP00284 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Syd Mansour Mahmoudi for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Syd Mansour Mahmoudi court for a decree of changing names as follows: Syd Mansour Mahmoudi to Syd Mansour Saberi The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 7/11/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 0 Room: 511. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 6230 Sylmar Ave Van Nuys, Ca 91401 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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



WEDNESDAY | JUNE 25

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-06-25T12

TRIVIA NIGHT AT KAVAHANA
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Kavahana 306 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Looking for a fun midweek pick-me-up in Santa Monica? Visit Kavahana Trivia Night: Covering a mix of general knowledge, pop culture, history, science, and more! Solo or Team Play: Bring friends or join a team when you arrive. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/trivia-night-at-kavahana/15836892/2025-06-25T18

THURSDAY | JUNE 26

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/12342961/2025-06-05T12

FRIDAY | JUNE 27

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. 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?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-06-27T08

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/14165546/2025-06-27T19

SATURDAY | JUNE 28

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. 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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-06-07T08

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. 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 for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-06-28T11

$5 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® host ongoing $5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class proceeds donated to charitable organizations that advocate for animals, and animal shelters and rescues. Sign-up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training. $5.00 —General $5.00. First Responders & Wildfire Victims FREE. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-06-28T12

"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. "Sheer enjoyment…mixes elements of 1940s boogie-woogie, Grand Ole Opry-type vaudeville and a Romeo and Juliet story line." L.A. PARENT. $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/15355101/2025-06-28T14

SUNDAY | JUNE 29

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/14894114/2025-06-29T11

Thank you, Santa Monica.

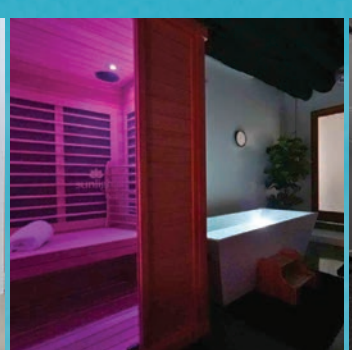
WE'RE FEELING THE LOVE!

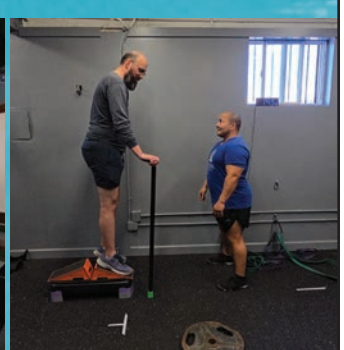
We're grateful to be part of your healing journey, and excited to be your *Most Loved Holistic Wellness Spa.*

Come celebrate with us! Use this coupon code to schedule a free Recovery Room session on our website.

MOSTLOVED2025







Bodywork
Neuro-fascia Massage™
Posture Reset™

Recovery Room
Infrared Sauna
Cold Plunge
Compression Boots

S.E.T. Method™ Training

NEXT LEVEL HOLISTIC HEALING

3303 Pico Blvd. G, Santa Monica, CA 90405
nextlevelholistichealing.com | (310) 231-8866
@next_level_holistic_healing

Tool Repair & Servicing

Bourget Bros. offers Expert Repair on all of your tools:

Compressors
Rotary Hammers
Strip Nailers
Cordless Tools
Pneumatic Tools
Demolition Hammers & More



Blade Sharpening
Saw Blades
Gardening Tools
Knives and Scissors



Bourget Bros. Building Materials
1636 - 11th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404
bourgetbros.com • (310) 450-6556

All repair work meets factory regulations and comes with a 90-day warranty. Stop in or call us to schedule service.

FIX YOUR CREDIT CONSULTING

Better Credit. Better Life.

We are a top rated and fully bonded credit repair consulting company. We are extremely aggressive and also teach you how to maintain good credit. After reviewing your credit report, our Credit Consultants determine a customized fee based on your situation.



5 stars on yelp

Give Us A Call Today! **(877) 212-2450** **fixyourcreditconsulting.com**