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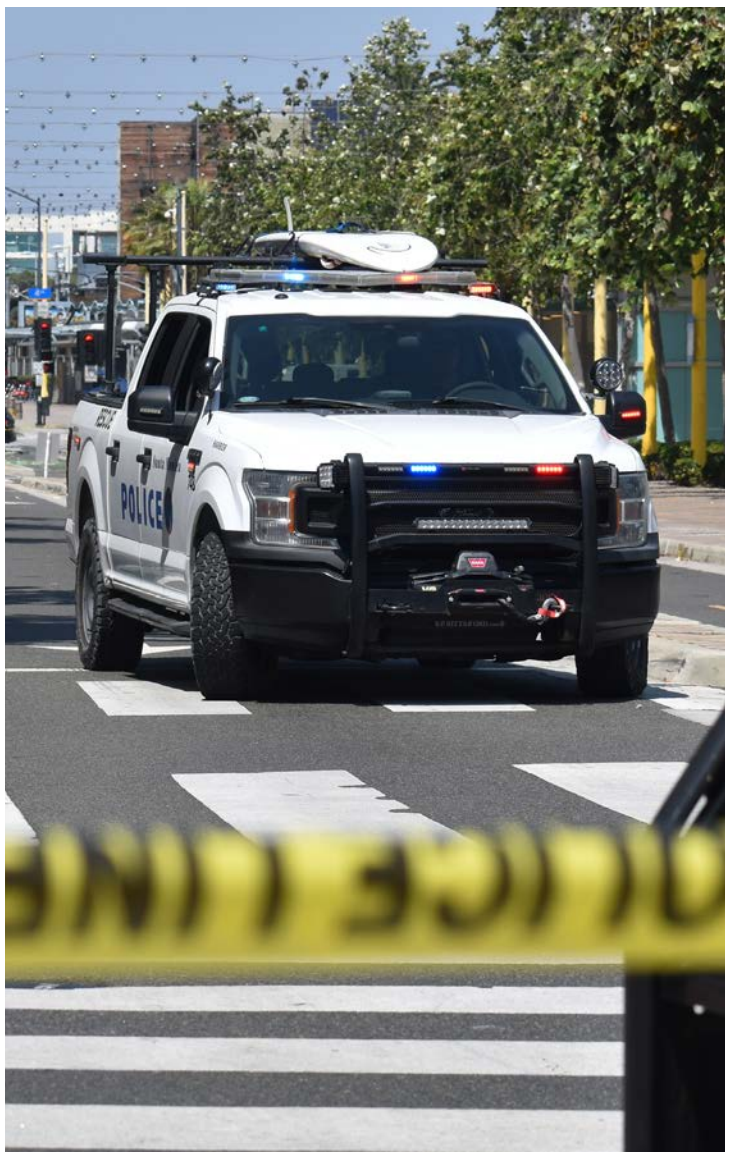
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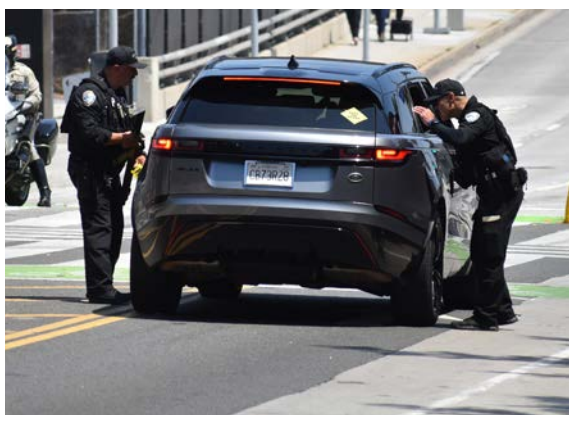
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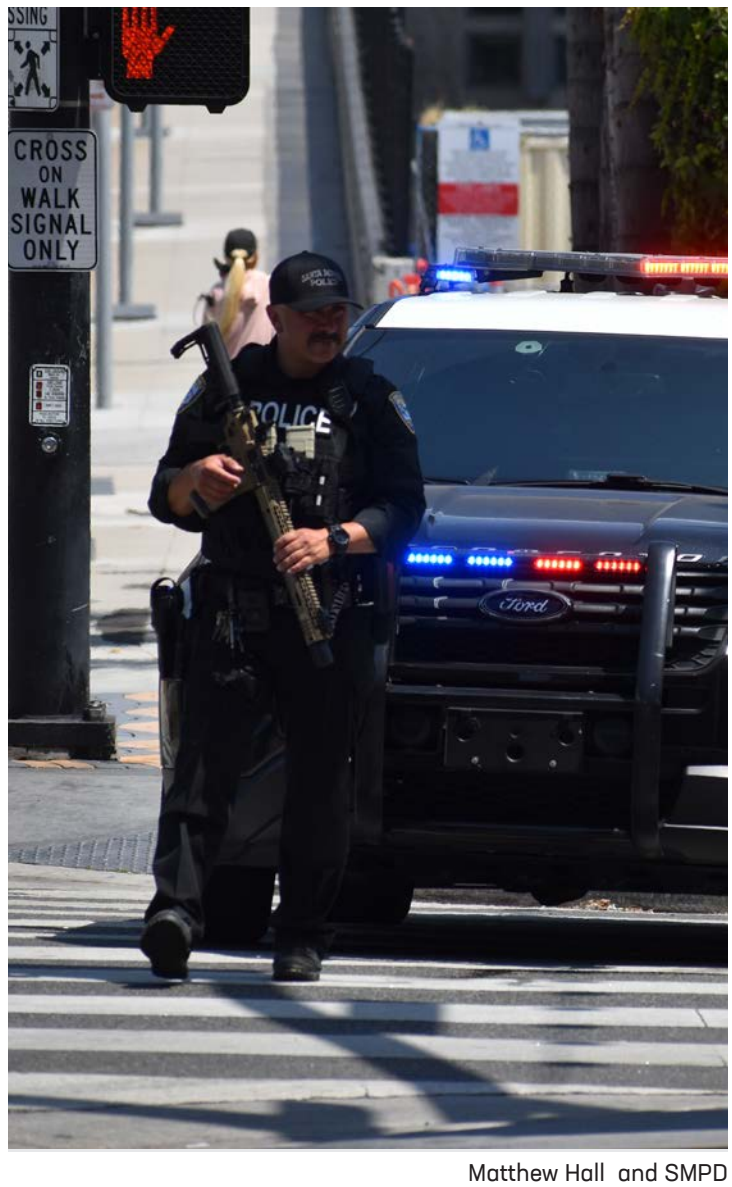
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Homeless man arrested for shooting two teens and a Santa Monica police officer









Matthew Hall and SMPD

MANHUNT: A manhunt consumed Downtown Santa Monica yesterday while officers searched for, and eventually arrested, a suspect wanted for several shootings.

MATTHEW HALL, SCOTT SNOWDEN, AND MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

A homeless suspect who shot and seriously wounded a Santa Monica police officer during an afternoon ambush was arrested Tuesday evening after a resident tip led officers to his location, authorities said.

The suspect was taken into custody at 4:20 p.m. in Santa Monica following a brief foot pursuit, Police Chief Ramon Batista announced during a press conference. The weapon used in the assault was also recovered.

The shooting occurred shortly after 1 p.m. when an officer recognized an individual from a prior incident and attempted to make contact near Santa Monica Place. After the officer identified himself as police, a brief foot pursuit began.

"The officer was ambushed, the suspect fired multiple rounds at the officer and fled the area on foot," Batista said. "The officer was

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LEA GOLDMAN

June 22, 1947 - May 23, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY



We knew Lea at Wise Club Santa Monica, Wise Senior Center who she's enjoying her life to the fullest, actively joining each activity and travels that the center offers. She made friends easily because of her fun loving personality! Each month, representing her charisma and personality with colors, wearing purple, blues, apple green and hot pink from head to toe!

Her personal life was very private; she only shared to a person who she felt safe and comfortable.

Our senior community is wondering if she has a family? I would say she's our family because she touched our life with kindness and helpfulness!

When she entered the Wise Center …it lit! I joke sometimes if she's running for mayor!

She was loved by Us WiseClub members, activities instructors, Wise Center administrators and the Staff and her nephew Mark & Stacy his wife, whom I met for the first time during my visit to the last 3 days of her life without knowing she was hospitalized for sometimes!

She will be missed by all of us!



LA County reports historic 22% drop in drug overdose deaths



Courtesy image

DRUG-RELATED OVERDOSE: Los Angeles County experienced its most significant decline in drug-related overdose deaths in history during 2024.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County experienced its most significant decline in drug-related overdose deaths in history during 2024, with fatalities dropping 22% compared to the previous year, health officials announced Wednesday.

The county recorded 2,438 drug-related overdose and poisoning deaths in 2024, down from 3,137 deaths in 2023 — the lowest number since 2019, according to data from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the county's medical examiner.

Fentanyl-related deaths declined 37%, while methamphetamine-related deaths dropped 20%. The reductions represent a dramatic reversal in a crisis that has plagued the nation's most populous county for years.

"In the midst of the worst overdose and substance use crisis in Los Angeles County's history, I am encouraged by this steadfast decline in overdose deaths for the second year in a row," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, the county's chair pro tem. "This is a testament to the County's investment in public health and its comprehensive approach to addressing substance use, including harm reduction, treatment, and recovery."

Dr. Gary Tsai, who presented the findings during a media briefing, attributed the decline to a multi-pronged approach that significantly expanded prevention, treatment and harm reduction services. The county scaled up investments in substance use prevention by 260%, treatment services by 275%, and harm reduction services by 500% in 2024.

"We think that this is an indication that the collective impact and service continuum framework that public health has been using to address the overdose crisis is working," Tsai said. "This framework focuses on recognizing that the overdose crisis is a complex issue that requires a number of different approaches occurring simultaneously."

The widespread distribution of naloxone, also known as Narcan, played a crucial role in saving lives, officials said. The overdose-reversing medication is now available in schools, libraries, police departments, community centers and housing facilities across the county.

"If I was forced to point to one thing, I would probably point to the increased availability of naloxone, simply because that is most directly related to reversing overdoses," Tsai said when asked about the most effective intervention.

Despite the progress, significant disparities persist. Black residents remain disproportionately represented in overdose death rates, while Latino and white populations account for the highest raw numbers of fatalities. Males are four times more likely to die from fentanyl-related overdoses than females.

Fentanyl overdose deaths occurred most frequently among adults ages 40 to 64, followed by those ages 26 to 39. However, when adjusted for population size, the 26-39 age group had the highest death rate.

"Despite this encouraging trend, Black residents and individuals living in poverty continue to face disproportionately high rates of overdose deaths," said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. "This underscores the urgent need for continued investments in equitable public health strategies."

The county's progress mirrors national trends. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a 37% reduction in fentanyl-related deaths nationwide, identical to LA County's decline.

However, health officials cautioned that recent federal data shows upticks in overdose deaths in early 2025, though LA County's preliminary January 2025 data shows continued improvement compared to the same month in 2024.

"The progress that we're making around overdose deaths is tenuous," Tsai warned. "Now is not the time to take our foot off the gas, so to speak."

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, director of the county's public health department, emphasized that sustained investment remains critical.

"While we are encouraged by this trend, we know the work is far from over," Ferrer said. "Sustained investment in prevention, treatment, and recovery services is essential to ensuring every person in our community has the opportunity to live a healthy, supported life."

The county launched initiatives including the "Fentanyl Frontline" campaign to increase naloxone distribution and created ByLAforLA.org, a platform connecting residents to harm reduction services and support.

Despite the historic decline, overdose deaths remain more than double the levels recorded in 2018, officials noted.

Residents seeking substance use assistance can access services 24/7 by calling 800-854-7771 and selecting option 2.

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Malibu extends fire emergency declarations and approves security contract extension



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FIRE EMERGENCY: Malibu City Council on Monday extended local emergency declarations for two major wildfires.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Malibu City Council on Monday extended local emergency declarations for two major wildfires while approving a costly private security contract extension to protect fire-damaged neighborhoods from criminal activity.

The council unanimously approved extending emergency declarations for both the Palisades Fire, which began Jan. 7, and the Franklin Fire that started Dec. 9, 2024. The extensions allow the city to continue seeking federal disaster reimbursements and maintain emergency response operations.

The Palisades Fire devastated eastern Malibu neighborhoods along Pacific Coast Highway, while the Franklin Fire caused extensive hillside damage in Malibu Canyon, creating ongoing mudslide risks. Both fires left more than 700 properties damaged or destroyed in Malibu alone.

"The neighborhood remains very vulnerable, and contractors working in the area have reported stolen tools, copper wiring, and construction equipment," according to city staff report.

The council also approved a 90-day extension of its contract with Covered 6 LLC for private security patrols, increasing the total cost to $1,060,800. Four security patrols currently operate 24 hours daily in fire-impacted areas after the California National Guard demobilized in May.

Since beginning operations, the private security company has responded to more than 400 property check requests and investigated 20 suspicious persons in the first week alone, according to city report.

The council also addressed a contentious proposal by Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath to establish a county-wide rebuilding authority for all jurisdictions impacted by the January 2025 wildfires. The authority would have broad powers including land banking, bulk purchasing of construction materials, and coordinating public-private reconstruction efforts.

Council members expressed support for investigating the proposal but insisted on protecting Malibu's rural character. Stewart warned that the county's approach appeared problematic for Malibu.

"If you read the report and I've had the benefit of skimming it... this is a presentation about urban rebuilding not rural rebuilding," Stewart said. He emphasized the need for caveats: "We want to be a rural setting with our rural rules... and keeps our city the way we intended to be not for future development but to keep development down to what we consider to be rural development."

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein noted the potential benefits of the county's larger scale for lobbying efforts. "She's talking about having the county negotiate with suppliers to buy materials and possibly services using scale that we don't have," Silverstein said.

Silverstein also emphasized that the proposal was investigative in nature: "The request here is not... to implement any of these things the request is to create is to direct the staff of the county to study whether it makes sense and to come back with a formal proposal."

Riggins praised Supervisor Horvath's support for Malibu: "Supervisor Horvath has been an incredible ally to us... she is just brilliant and considerate and thoughtful and she is a powerhouse and she listens to what people's concerns are."

The council voted to authorize a letter supporting the county's investigation while including caveats about maintaining Malibu's "unique and rural nature" and ensuring any authority would supplement, not replace, local rebuilding efforts.

Debris removal continues throughout the city, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers still processing over 6,000 properties that opted into the government debris removal program. Private debris removal operations have resulted in incidents of illegal dumping on public property.

The council postponed consideration of zoning amendments designed to stimulate economic recovery for local businesses affected by the Palisades Fire, continuing that item to the July 14 meeting.

The emergency declarations must be reviewed every 60 days under state law until the council determines conditions no longer warrant emergency status. Both fires' ongoing impacts on public safety, infrastructure, and the rebuilding process continue to justify the emergency designations, according to city staff.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

THURSDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Modest scale to fun zone bump of SSW/SW swell moves in. Light+ 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.

FRIDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Surf up a notch as modest scale swell peaks. More SE winds expected in the morning. Decent shot of SSW swell has well exposed breaks running waist to chest high. Possible SE wind bump for much of the morning. Winds looking to veer S/SSW while puffing up to low-end moderate levels during the day, for more bump at exposures.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 62.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
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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
2025/06/28	Sat	06:37 AM	-0.93	L
2025/06/28	Sat	1:22 PM	4.01	H
2025/06/28	Sat	6:01 PM	2.44	L
2025/06/29	Sun	12:01 AM	5.67	H

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Power#: 20
Jackpot: 140 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 6/24
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Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 348 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/21
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Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 19 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/24
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/24
EVENING: 8 3 3
Draw Date: 6/24
MIDDAY: 4 9 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/24
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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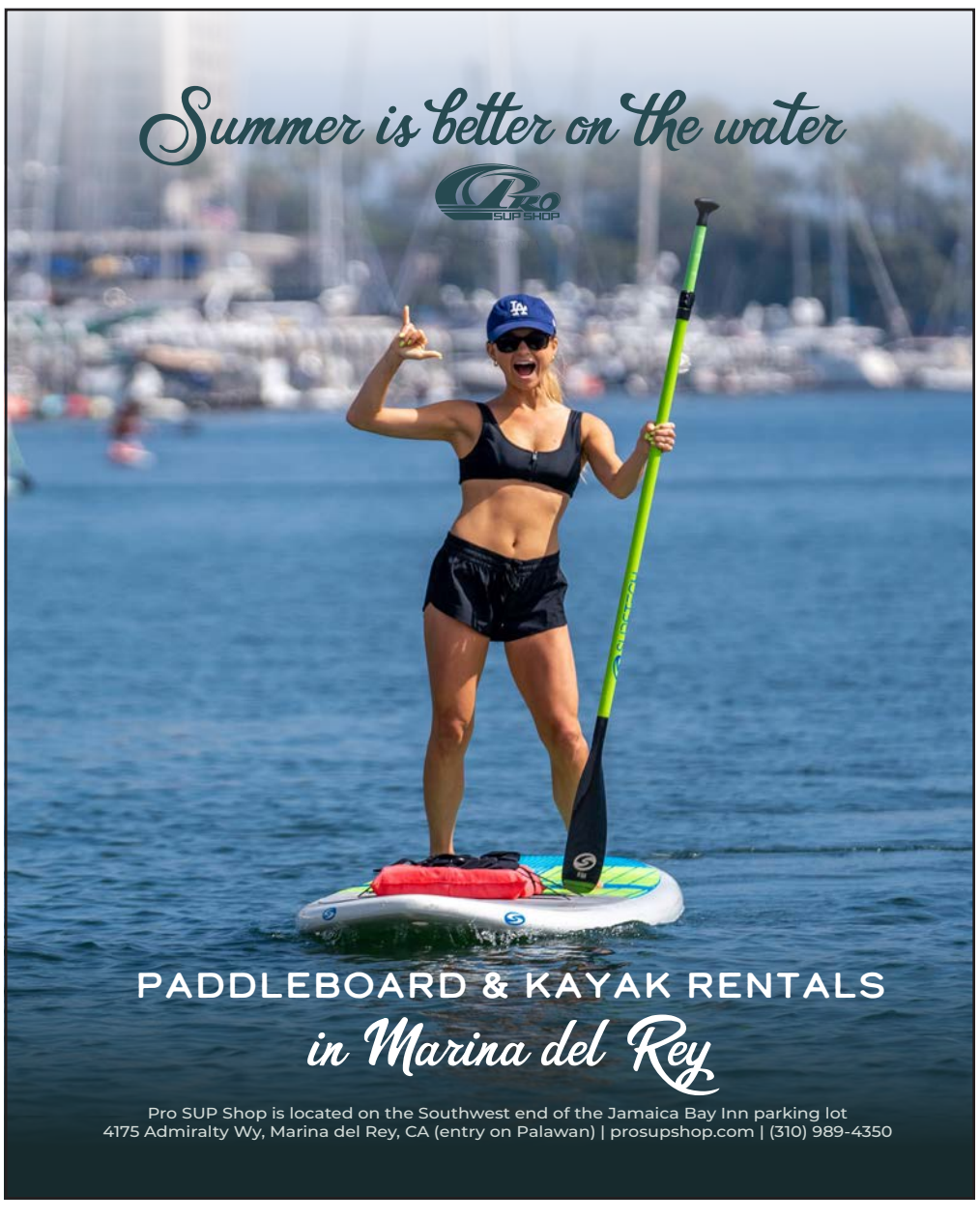
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Pier 360 Festival, Eeeeeatscon, & More!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Pier 360 Festival, Eeeeeatscon, Voodoo Doughnut Opening, and much more!



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PIER: The popular weekend festival returns to the Pier.

Last Thursday Venice Summer Concert Series: Last Thursday brings free live music to the beach, as well as kids' activities, a photo booth, and food & drink specials from Waterfront Venice, Venice Beach Bar, Fig Tree, and Gingerbread Court. Kick off summer from 4:30p.m. - sunset at Ocean Front Walk and Dudley Ave with music from School of Rock Venice and The Brobots! https://www.instagram.com/lastthursdayvenice/

'Pier 360' Beach Festival: The annual summer event features thrilling ocean sports competitions, live music, food vendors and family-friendly activities celebrating Southern California's rich coastal culture. With stand-up paddle races, volleyball tournaments and interactive wellness zones, the weekend offers fun for both spectators and athletes alike and cements Santa Monica's legacy as a hub for endless entertainment and outdoor activity. Saturday, June 28 & Sunday, June 29, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/pier-360-festivities

Eeeeeatscon: The Infatuation's signature food event returns to The SaMo Airport Barker Hangar, treating foodies to a music-festival-style culinary experience with headlining restaurants, live music, thought-leader panels, and exclusive chef collaborations. The weekend also spotlights community support, with proceeds benefiting wildfire relief and a special Shake Shack × LAFD menu raising funds for the LAFD Foundation. Saturday, June 28 & Sunday, June 29, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., 3021 Airport Ave. https://www.eeeeeatscon.com/los-angeles

"Handbuilding Workshops + Cocktails" Pride Date Night @ the Viceroy: This summer, Artime Barro is bringing their signature handbuilding workshops poolside in collaboration with the Viceroy hotel. Join for a relaxing and creative evening by the cabanas, where you'll learn how to handbuild your very own trinket dish while enjoying a specialty cocktail and light bites. Saturday, June 28, 6 - 8pm, 1819 Ocean Ave. https://www.artimebarro.com/workshops/pride-night-event-sm

Westside Chamber Orchestra Free Summer Series: Join The Westside Chamber Orchestra this summer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Santa Monica for these terrific free programs. Saturday, June 28, 7pm, Saturday July 26, 7pm, and Saturday, August 23, 7pm

Regular Guy Dave's Wacky Balloon & Fun Academy: Learn how to make a balloon animal (and flowers! And swords!), plus silly magic tricks and games, at the wackiest fun academy ever! Space is limited; free tickets available at 2:30 p.m. For ages 5 - 11. Tuesday, July 1, 3-4 p.m. at the Fairview Branch Community Room (2101 Ocean Park Blvd.) https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4n7tpfqw3av0d2eqtx03v5tvwc/202507011500

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Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Saved Getty, Lost Brian



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ART: The Getty Villa survived the fire and has reopened.

BRIAN WILSON

I wrote last week that I needed more space to write of my intersection with the great songwriter and epic tragic figure who the Beatles and Stones and every other musician were in awe of and hung on his every note, but maybe compacting it is better.

It starts in 1979 when I was researching the best LA schools in anticipation of my move here from New Mexico, with my then 11-year-old son Chris. Not so easy in the days before internet. Jump to high school and Beverly Hills HS was named one of the Top 10 in the country, private or public. So we bit the high rent bullet and moved there. Turned out not so great. The only kids he got along with well were those involved in the radio station, but they became friends for life. He became program director, and his on air moniker was Christafari.

One of those music buddies was a smart and ambitious guy named Randy Bookasta, who started his own slick alternative music magazine, while still in high school, named Contrast. Circulation about 6,000 but it got the attention of some in the industry. Including the legendary president of Warner Bros. Lenny Waronker, who was very proud of having landed the Beach Boy's first solo album, 26 years after the band began. He called Bookasta and offered him an interview, Bookasta of course said yes, and then realized, he didn't know squat about Brian Wilson – I know, I'll ask Chris's dad! I knew only slightly more than squat but of course I said yes too. It became quickly obvious there was a lot to know about Brian Wilson.

I knew he was a fragile character, grown up with an abusive father, later self-medicating with way too much acid, and suffering a nervous breakdown. He could barely function otherwise but it didn't seem to diminish his creative skills.

So the interview was arranged, and there were three tape recorders there: mine, one belonging to Warner Bros. rep David Leaf (prolific writer, producer and UCLA prof and a longtime Santa Monica resident, and friend of Brian's), and one manned by a minion of Dr. Eugene Landy, the psychologist who took over Brian's life and did some terrible things, but also probably saved his life, according to those who knew the situation first-hand. Landy later lost his license to practice medicine.

The interview lasted about 50 minutes but even before I listened back I knew I was in trouble. Brian's wandering mind would half answer a question I asked five minutes before, and filled in with... something that popped into his mind. In those days of typewriters I had a wastebasket overflowing with crumpled beginnings of that story. I decided I needed to talk to people who knew Brian, to make any sense of it. I talked long with Andy Paley, his co-producer on the album, who played some outtake cassettes for me. Leaf was very helpful. Waronker of Warner Bros. called me in for a sit down in his office that lasted two hours, no interruptions.

Finally, after two months, I thought I could tackle it. I wrote the Q and the

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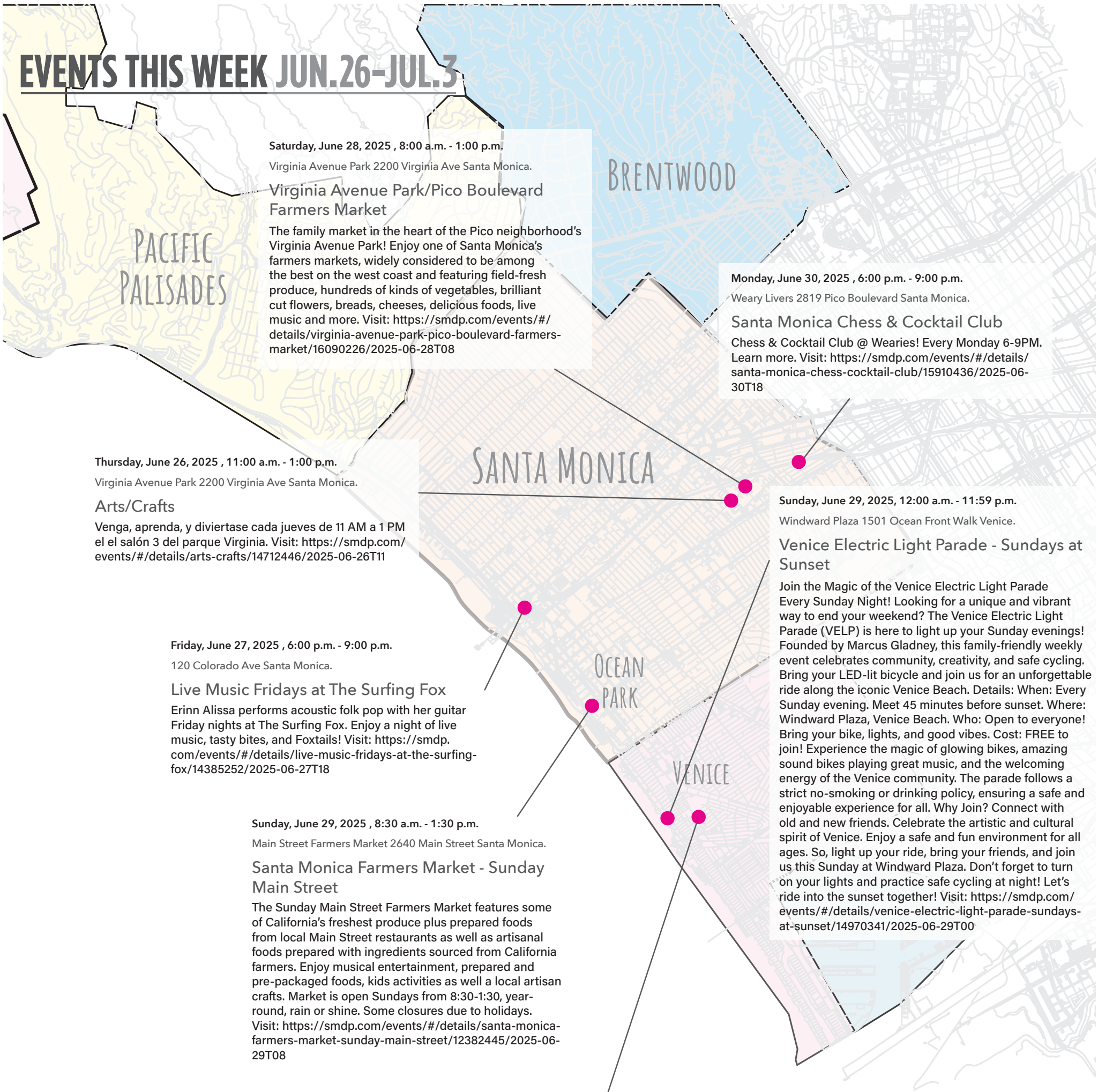
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Saturday, June 28, 2025 , 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica.

Virginia Avenue Park/Pico Boulevard Farmers Market

The family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/virginia-avenue-park-pico-boulevard-farmers-market/16090226/2025-06-28T08

Monday, June 30, 2025 , 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Weary Livers 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Chess & Cocktail Club

Chess & Cocktail Club @ Wearies! Every Monday 6-9PM. Learn more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-chess-cocktail-club/15910436/2025-06-30T18

Thursday, June 26, 2025 , 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica.

Arts/Crafts

Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-06-26T11

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. The parade follows a strict no-smoking or drinking policy, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Why Join? Connect with old and new friends. Celebrate the artistic and cultural spirit of Venice. Enjoy a safe and fun environment for all ages. So, light up your ride, bring your friends, and join us this Sunday at Windward Plaza. Don't forget to turn on your lights and practice safe cycling at night! Let's ride into the sunset together! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2025-06-29T00

Friday, June 27, 2025 , 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

120 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

Live Music Fridays at The Surfing Fox

Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-06-27T18

Sunday, June 29, 2025 , 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Main Street Farmers Market 2640 Main Street Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Farmers Market - Sunday Main Street

The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. Enjoy musical entertainment, prepared and pre-packaged foods, kids activities as well a local artisan crafts. Market is open Sundays from 8:30-1:30, year-round, rain or shine. Some closures due to holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-farmers-market-sunday-main-street/12382445/2025-06-29T08

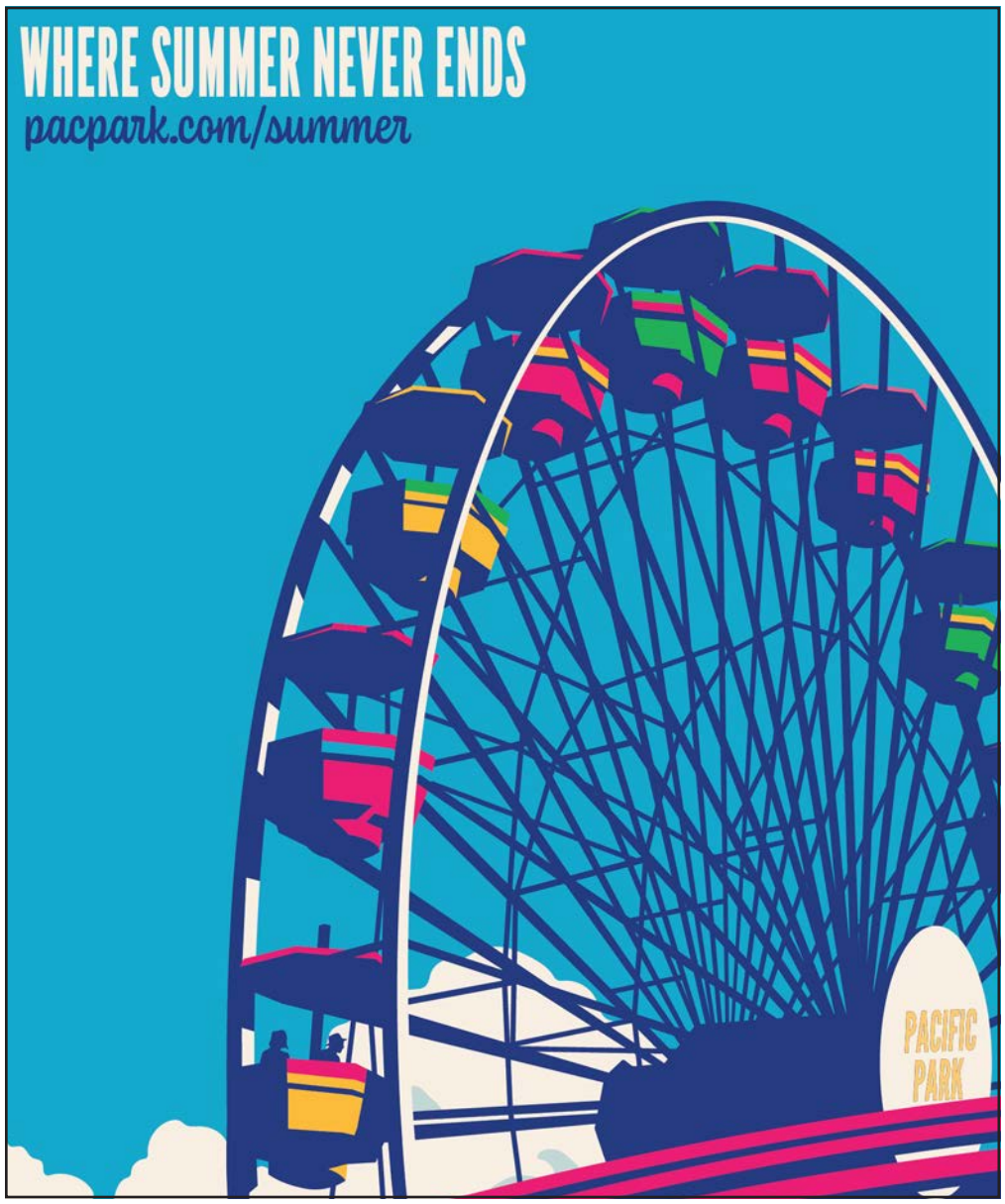
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THURSDAY | JUNE 26

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



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SHOOTING

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seriously injured, but is in stable condition and receiving medical care."

Fellow officers quickly rendered aid and transported the wounded officer to a local hospital. The officer sustained what police initially described as non-life-threatening injuries, though Batista characterized them as serious.

Batista said the officer is one of the younger additions to the force who was in field training at the time of the shooting. The Chief said he was in good spirits at the hospital.

The incident prompted a massive response from multiple law enforcement agencies and the evacuation of Santa Monica Place. Streets within two blocks of the mall were closed as officers conducted a coordinated search for the suspect who was eventually found near Ocean and Montana.

Police had described the suspect as a Black male in his 30s wearing a dark-colored jacket and black pants. Officials said the suspect was likely the same individual responsible for shooting two teens over the weekend. In that incident, the youth had an argument with a suspect and when the children called a Waymo autonomous taxi to leave the area, the suspect approached the vehicle and shot them both. Both victims were injured but survived.

Batista said the weapon was recovered with the suspect and the department believed he was homeless. He said it was too early to know why the suspect stayed in the area despite the active manhunt and that any possible charges would be determined at a later date.

The shooting marks the second time in eight months that a Santa Monica police officer has been seriously injured in the line of duty. Another officer was stabbed in a separate incident and continues to recover.

"These incidents are a sobering reminder of the dangers faced by those who serve our community and call for all of us to leave with civility, compassion and respect for one another," Batista said.

The police chief praised the response from multiple agencies, including the Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Beverly Hills Police Department, El Segundo Police Department, UCLA Police Department, Hawthorne Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

"We didn't do this alone," Batista said. "I sincerely appreciate our community's continued support and cooperation during the past several tense hours."

Batista also commended his officers' response to the crisis.

"I want to credit the men and women of the Santa Monica Police Department. They show courage, calm and the highest levels of professionalism today, both during the relentless investigation and certainly during the arrest," he said. "I could not be more proud than today."

Mayor Lana Negrete thanked residents who assisted in the investigation and expressed gratitude for the hospital staff treating the wounded officer.

"I also want to thank the residents who clearly participated, not only today, but continue to do so have in the past and support our local police department here," Negrete said.

Authorities said additional updates would be shared through the Santa Monica Police Department's official social media channels as the investigation continues.

The case remains under investigation.



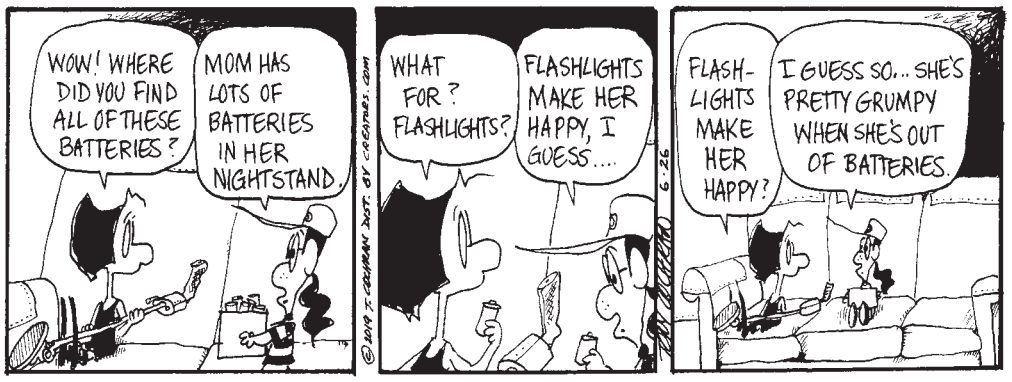


Matthew Hall

ARREST: The suspect was arrested near Palisades Park.

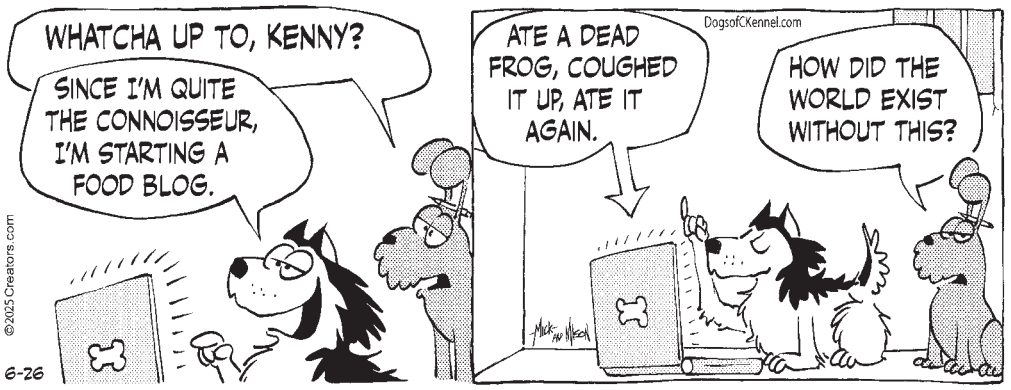
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By TONY COCHRAN



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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"SHE BRAGS ABOUT HIM."

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

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Holiday destinations

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Aura	Colo	Gosford	Orange	Stay
Away	Cool	Gove	Ouse	Sun
Ballina	Decor	Heat	Ouyen	Surf
Beano	Dive	Hume	Paris	Tanning
Beds	Doze	Icon	Quiet	Travel
Beer	Dress	Idle	Rods	Trees
Bikini	Drift	Inlet	Sail	Walk
Boat	Dunk	Lake	Sand	
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You formulated some wishes in sacred secret - not a dream for fame and fortune, but for being useful to something bigger than yourself... being in flow with a scene, a pulse. In some ways, you already are, but this year will make this more obvious and celebrated. More highlights: A patron to your art, a partner to your business ideas and a support system for your domestic flow. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 4, 1, 29 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When feelings of self-doubt come in, instead of feeling successful and free to celebrate your wins, you shrink. Perhaps it's to avoid jealousy, judgment or discomfort. A true friend should make you feel proud and safe being fully yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't expect everyone to be like you. Some are gentle, some are bold, some are quirky or intense - and you make room for all of it. Because of your inclusive spirit, each member of your team feels valued in their own way, and the group thrives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Pay attention to how a person acts when no one's watching and nothing's at stake. That's the real them - and it's the version you'll see when things get hard. If their kindness is consistent when it's easy, you can bet it'll hold when it's not.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A particular connection becomes a central focus and source of light. Most auspiciously, it's a connection with self - self-acceptance, self-love and alignment with your purpose - which naturally brightens every other part of life, radiating to other relationships, work, creativity and beyond.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once more, your sensitivity will make you a powerful communicator. Here you go again, framing a message so it lands well, and because of that, you often succeed in getting cooperation, understanding and agreement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When your mind turns to thoughts that some might consider "edgy" or even "dark," you're not being dramatic. Your mind is ringing at a tone of plain truth from a person who's doing a lot with not enough support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A friend will show up for you in surprising, generous ways. Their range of support and willingness to give it might even amaze you. Your genuine gratitude - especially when expressed - strengthens the bond and keeps the support flowing naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can know your work like the best of 'em, tackle it like the consummate pro, but regardless of mastery, you can't practice the unpredictable. Experience makes you quick, flexible and improvisational. The plot twists, then you do, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You think you're just a few steps from the finish line, but as you near the exit, a whole new wing reveals itself. Do you really want this whole new trajectory? Take a minute to play it out in your imagination before you decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You and a certain someone share a private, unique language. The words are the same ones you use with the rest of the world, but between you, they carry secret meaning - a quiet signal of a bond that's deepening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's no secret you're drawn to the quirky - people with odd interests and unusual charms. You recognize the rare gifts they bring to your life, and today those gifts include unexpected entertainment and a dose of specialized wisdom.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You acknowledge people with the fullness of your being, and that is enough. Your complete and tender attention for five minutes is better than hours of obligated service. You can say yes to a person without saying yes to the thing they want you to do.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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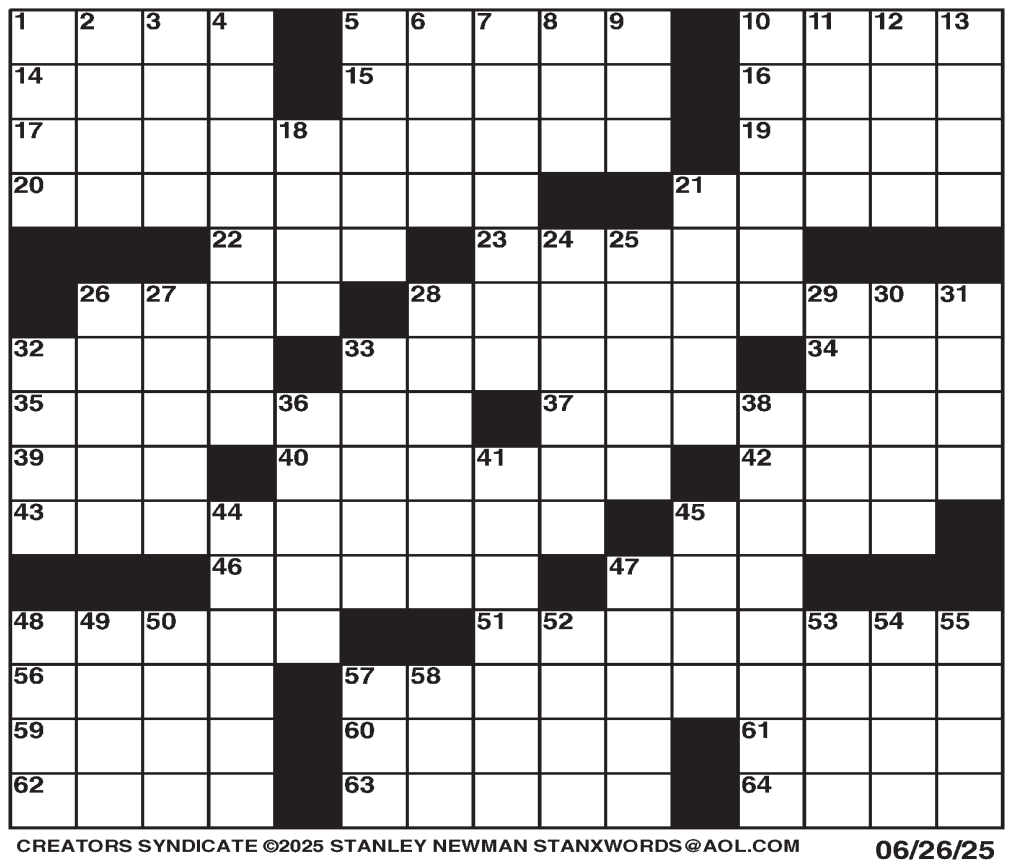
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ACROSS

1 Counsel's aide, in brief
5 Can't deal with
10 Probe launcher
14 Shortly, to Shelley
15 Be a freeloader
16 Largest human cell
17 "Eureka" or "Crossroads of America"
19 Daring stadium theft
20 It's seasoned with sake
21 Mikasa competitor
22 JFK, in the '50s
23 Filmdom's Tevye
26 Hieroglyphics beasts
28 Distinguish
32 Short music suffix
33 Monkey or ape
34 __-di-dah
35 Disapproving look
37 Anatomical innards
39 Bar staple
40 Danced dangerously
42 Bison cousins
43 Tibetan dairy product
45 Trade barbs
46 Anderson Cooper's "American Fortune" subject
47 Bug planter
48 Weasel out of
51 Various additionals
56 2025 penny, mostly
57 Total confusion
59 University of Nevada city
60 France's longest river
61 Dramatic opening
62 Quickly, shortly
63 Rainforest flier
64 Back in the day

DOWN

1 Behind us
2 Prefix for room or date
3 Sound of the surf
4 Curtailing cyberclutter
5 Mideast capital
6 Travel-ad urging
7 Brisk seller
8 National Caramel Mo.
9 Sorority letter
10 Stud poker dealer's comment
11 Olay alternative
12 Sport in a ring
13 Charging option
18 Buds on spuds
21 Banking business
24 Dickensian kid
25 Checked design
26 Lofty lobbies
27 Major outcry
28 Connects with
29 Siri relative
30 More elusive
31 Compared with
32 Soufflé-like
33 Name on the cover of "Maple Leaf Rag"
36 Keep busy
38 "Roger"
41 Religious dissenter
44 Half an interrogation team
45 Risky biz
47 Furniture assembly accessory
48 Old Testament prophet
49 Auditions (for)
50 Tolstoy title character
52 Giga- times 1,000
53 Just for one
54 Repetitive drill
55 Spelling-assistance phrase
57 Einstein's birthplace
58 Start of many tribute titles



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NOTEWORTHY

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A, then spent a paragraph or two tying things together as best I could. Bookasta was very generous to print every word, 12 pages worth. And the thing I was most proud of was that Leaf's wife later told him that she thought it was the best thing ever written about Brian, and she had read every word ever.

Here is some insight I gained from that experience. Everyone loved Brian, I mean really really loved and cherished him, and were very protective of him. Prior to this I was never exactly sure why so many musicians considered him such a genius, but when I finished I sure did. To sum it up, Paley told me that Brian walked into the studio with every note, every luscious harmony, one bass or two, clarinet and how many saxes? - already in his head. Not just ideas or sketches. The entire album. With all its complexities.

Soon after Brian was doing a signing of the album at Tower Records, and I brought a copy of the magazine for him to sign for me. I had to tell him my name, just like all the fans in line that he never met, and his blank look made it clear he had no idea who I was or that we did that interview. Love you, Brian. Love and mercy.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

GETTY VILLA MUSEUM reopens – For all the climate disasters we have along our beautiful Pacific Ocean coast, thank Zeus we've never lost such a precious cultural institution like the Getty Villa on PCH (though we came very close with this last firestorm). How many fires and floods have left this gem of antiquity and tranquility still standing, for all the world to enjoy? It may have been overshadowed by its sprawling younger cousin in Sepulveda Pass, but the Villa has its own charm and value, and it is just up the road from Santa Monica. Built in1974 by billionaire J. Paul Getty to house his collection of Greek, Roman and Etruscan art that was overflowing his Palisades ranch home, he had it designed to resemble an ancient Italian villa. If you haven't been there for a while, or ever, now is a good time. Admission is free but parking is very limited and you have to call for a reservation, $25 per car (invite five friends). Spend the day. Reopening Fri, Pacific Palisades.

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

RECOMMENDED:

DAN NAVARRO – It took me a while but now I am a big fan of Dan Navarro. His biggest claim to fame is writing a hit song for Pat Benatar. Good for him. Every songwriter's dream. He probably got a house from those royalties, or at least a new car. But the fact that I can't stand Pat Benatar is neither here nor there. (He's also written songs for Keb' Mo' and Jackson Browne. But the best interpreter of his graceful, honest songs is... Dan Navarro. He's an engaging performer who can easily carry an hour-long show with just a guitar, his voice, and his charm. (He's also a very successful voice-over actor.) I've seen him many times now. If you haven't, go to this intimate show at McCabe's and I'm betting you will be a fan within 10 minutes. That's talent that counts. Sat 8 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica, $36.

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: – Hooray and hallelujah, in a summer that is so far looking a bit disappointing for great performances, we can always count on Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum, outdoors in the Topanga Canyon woods, now in their 50th year. It is one of the very best theatre companies in LA, with a mastery of The Bard and great topical lesser-known but memorable productions that will stay with you. Even though you have all summer, don't delay. You really don't want to miss any of these (unless maybe you've seen "Midsummer" 50 times). Will Geer's TB, Topanga Canyon,"STRIFE" - Labor disputes - boring, but "what compromise is possible when human dignity and health are on the line": that's tragedy and real suffering ripped from today's headlines, Sat 7:30 p.m., "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" Sun 3:30 p.m., "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" Sun 7:30 p.m., $15-60.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – His decades-long Sunday night residency at Santa Monica's Harvelle's, the oldest blues bar in LA (almost a century!), is a treasure that you shouldn't assume will always be there. Toledo choreographs (literally) a truly unique show, a blend of '50s hipster jazz and his dancing dames and a most modern smokin' hot band that gets better all the time. Every Sunday 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: "STRIFE" 6/28, 7/5, 13, 20, 8/1, 10, 15, 22, 20 - "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" 6/29, 7/6, 13, 20, 31 - "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" 6/29, 7/6, 12, 8/14, 20 - "THE SEAGULL: MALIBU" 7/12, 19, 25, 8/3, 8, 17, 24, 28, 9/6, 12, 22, 28, 10/3, 5 - "WINE IN THE WILDERNESS" 8/9, 16, 24, 30, 9/7, 14, 20, 27, 29, 10/5, 12; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 6/29, 7/6, 13, 20, 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 7/7, 14, 21, 28; GETTY VILLA MUSEUM reopens, Pacific Palisades, 6/27; DAN NAVARRO, McCabe's, 6/28.

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): JOHN FOGERTY, Hwd Bowl, 7/6; PAUL SIMON, Terrace Theatre, 7/7, Disney, 7/9, 11, 12, 14, 16; ALISON KRAUS, UNION STATION, Greek, 7/13; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; BRAHMS, GRIEG, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/17; SOUTHSIDE SLIM, Harvelle/s, 7/18; GERSHWIN, DVOŘÁK, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/22; "THE PLANETS,", LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/24; DAVE ALVIN, JIMMY DALE GILMORE, McCabe's, 7/25, 26, 27. FATHER JOHN MISTY, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Greek, 7/25; MEKONS, JILL SOBULE, Lodge Room, 7/26; FEMI KUTO, Fonda, 8/8; TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND, Greek, 8/13; BEN HARPER & THE INNOCENT CRIMINALS, Orpheum, 8/24; FLAMING LIPS, MODEST MOUSE, Greek, 9/4; NEIL YOUNG, Hwd Bowl, 9/15; NINE INCH NAILS, Kia Forum, 9/18, 19; DWIGHT YOAKAM, Greek, 10/1; PETER ERSKINE TRIO, Sam First, 10/11.

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AROUND TOWN

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ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 7/18); Night Market at The Bungalow (through 8/28); Wellness & Waves (through 10/11)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Voodoo Doughnut Opens in Venice: The iconic pink-boxed chain is bringing its famously bold, over-the-top doughnuts, like the fan-favorite "Cock and Balls" and apple fritters, to the trendy Venice scene. 66 Windward Ave, Venice

Shake Shack's Viral Dubai Chocolate Pistachio Shake Returns: In April 2025, Shake Shack debuted its Dubai Chocolate Pistachio Shake and nearly every Shack sold out of the shake daily running out as early as 10am and with lines forming even earlier. It's back, so get in line now. 501 Wilshire Blvd.

Esters Wine Bar evolves into Esters Wine Shop & Oyster Bar: Esters will remain your favorite Parisian-inspired wine bar rooted in Santa Monica's farmers market produce—but they are now adding an oyster-forward menu featuring chilled seafood towers, crudo, new seasonal dishes, and, of course, plenty of champagne.

The Infatuation's Patio Power Rankings: Michaels, Din Tai Fung, Le Great Outdoor, and Fia all make the "Where To Eat & Drink Outside" list of best patio dining in LA. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-patio-power-rankings

Petitgrain Boulangerie Makes The Infatuation's "Our Favorite Bakeries In The Country Right Now" List: "Petitgrain Boulangerie bakes French pastries like Jimi Hendrix rips guitar solos: flawlessly. The Santa Monica pastry shop, run by the co-owner of LA's best-known baking school, is big on traditional techniques and locally sourced flour. Those simple little details are what make Petitgrain's croissants stand out: the slightly salty, not-too-buttery pastries have lacy and delicate layers that'll elicit squeals from dough nerds. Although the plain croissant is a best-seller, we prefer the flaky pain au chocolat, sticky cardamom buns, and orange-glazed cinnamon rolls." 1209 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.theinfatuation.com/all/guides/most-exciting-bakeries-in-america

Further Afield: Getty Villa Reopening: After a seven-month closure due to January's Palisades Fire, the museum welcomes visitors with safe programming and a new "Kingdom of Pylos" exhibit; free timed-ticket entry. 17985 PCH, Malibu www.getty.edu/visit/villa/

Looking Ahead: Main St. 4th of July Parade (7/4); Yachtley Crew Concert & Benefit (7/10), Summer Venice Beach Run (7/19); National Night Out (8/5)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Pier 360 Festival, Eeeeeatscon, & More!

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