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Venice homeless population drops 22% but more people lack shelter according to RAND

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HOMELESS: While tents were once a common feature of the Venice beach, a reduction in overall homelessness in the area has coincided with an increase in people sleeping without any shelter.

The unsheltered homeless population in Venice declined by 22% in 2024, with 165 fewer people living on the streets compared to the previous year, according to a comprehensive study released by RAND Corporation researchers.

The decline represents a significant shift, which has seen relatively stable homeless populations in recent years. The Los Angeles Longitudinal Enumeration and Demographic Survey (LA LEADS) found that Venice's unsheltered population dropped from approximately 750 people in December 2023 to around 585 people by December 2024.

However, researchers say the causes behind Venice's improvement remain largely mysterious, unlike other Los Angeles neighborhoods where specific policy interventions showed clearer connections to population changes.

"Why vehicle-dwelling declined in Venice is unclear," the study states, noting that the reduction was "strictly limited to people living in vehicles" rather than tents or other structures.

The research team, led by Louis Abramson, Sarah B. Hunter, Jason M. Ward, Michelle Bongard and Rick Garvey, conducted bimonthly counts throughout 2024 and found that 80 fewer vehicles were observed in Venice during the study period – enough to account for the entire reduction in unsheltered people.

Unlike other areas where Mayor Karen Bass's Inside Safe program showed direct correlations with population decreases, "no meaningful Inside Safe actions took place near the LA LEADS survey footprint in Venice in 2024," according to the study.

The researchers also found limited evidence that law enforcement activities drove the decline. Citations for violating oversized vehicle parking restrictions actually fell by nearly half compared to 2023, dropping from 200 to 106 citations. Only 28 people were cited for Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 violations – which prohibit sitting, sleeping or lying in designated public areas – representing just 22% of the observed population decline.

The study expanded its monitoring area in 2024 to determine whether homeless individuals were simply moving to other parts of Venice, but found that "trends in this extension of our original study area mirrored those in West Venice, evidence that is inconsistent with small geographical shifts of unsheltered people eastward."

Despite the overall population decrease, Venice faces a troubling shift in the types of homelessness. The percentage of survey respondents who reported "sleeping rough" – living literally without any shelter, tent, or vehicle – jumped dramatically from 23% in 2023 to 48% in 2024.

This trend mirrors broader challenges across Los Angeles, where rough sleeping has become increasingly prevalent as tent encampments are cleared but people remain unhoused.

Venice's homeless population

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Newsom Extends Emergency Housing Protections for LA Fire Survivors Through October



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GAVIN NEWSOM: Extension runs through Oct. 1, 2025, continuing protections that were first implemented March 7 as part of the state's response to devastating wildfires.

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Gov. Gavin Newsom has issued an executive order extending emergency housing protections for survivors of the 2025 Los Angeles area wildfires, allowing them to remain in hotels and short-term rentals beyond the typical 30-day limit without being classified as tenants.

The extension runs through Oct. 1, 2025, continuing protections that were first implemented March 7 as part of the state's response to devastating wildfires that swept through the Los Angeles area earlier this year.

"California has removed red tape and cut bureaucratic barriers to help the Los Angeles area recover," Newsom said in a statement. "We will continue to support the rebuilding of Los Angeles by ensuring that those who have lost their homes have adequate access to temporary housing."

The executive order suspends state regulations that typically require hotels, motels and short-term rental operators to treat guests as tenants after 30 days of occupancy. Under normal circumstances, extended stays trigger tenant protections that can complicate housing arrangements and discourage property operators from offering long-term accommodations to displaced residents.

By maintaining the classification of fire survivors as short-term occupants rather than tenants, the order gives housing providers flexibility to offer extended stays without navigating complex landlord-tenant laws. This regulatory relief is designed to boost the supply of temporary housing available to wildfire survivors who lost their homes.

The housing protection extension represents one element of Newsom's broader recovery strategy for Los Angeles, which has included multiple executive orders aimed at streamlining rebuilding efforts and cutting regulatory barriers.

In recent months, the governor has suspended permitting and review requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act for rebuilding destroyed homes and businesses. He also announced the

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Homeless student counts in California are up. Some say that's a good thing

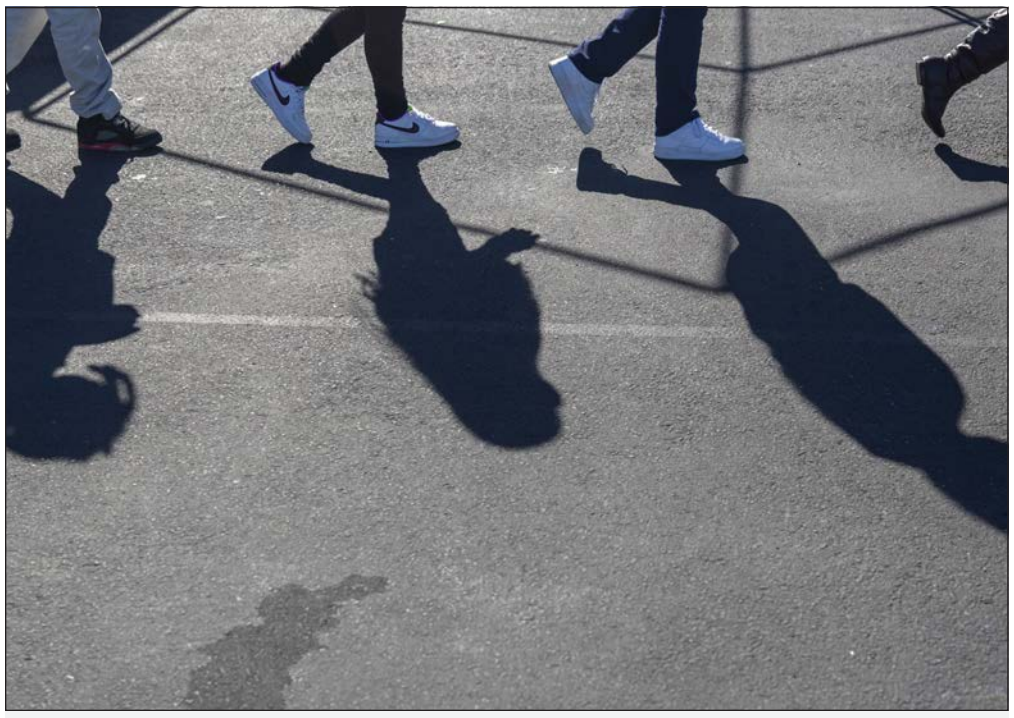


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SCHOOL: Students line up in the courtyard at Stege Elementary School in Richmond on Feb. 6, 2023.

In Kern County, the first rule in counting homeless students is not saying "homeless."

Instead, school staff use phrases like "struggling with stable housing" or "families in transition." The approach seems to have worked: More families are sharing their housing status with their children's schools, which means more students are getting services.

"There's a lot of stigma attached to the word 'homeless,'" said Curt Williams, director of homeless and foster youth services for the Kern County Office of Education. "When you remove that word, it all changes."

Largely as a result of better identification methods, Kern County saw its homeless student population jump 10% last year, to 7,200. Those students received transportation to and from school, free school supplies, tutoring and other services intended to help them stay in school. For the purposes of this data, the definition of homelessness is broader than the state's point in time count.

The trend is reflected statewide. In the latest state enrollment data released last month, California had 230,443 homeless students — a 9.3% increase from the previous year. Some of the increase is due to the state's ongoing housing shortage, but most of the increase is because of better identification, advocates and school officials said.

Homeless students face numerous obstacles in school. They have higher rates of discipline and absenteeism, and fare worse academically. Last year, only 16% of homeless students met the state's math standard, some of the lowest scores of any student group.

"Schools can't solve homelessness, but they can ensure the students are safe in the classroom and getting the education they need to get out of homelessness," said Barbara Duffield, executive director of Schoolhouse Connection, a national homeless youth advocacy group. "That starts with identifying the child who's homeless."

CHALLENGES OF COUNTING HOMELESS STUDENTS

Under the federal McKinney-Vento Act, schools are required to count their homeless students throughout the school year and ensure they receive services. Homeless students also have the right to stay enrolled in their original school even if they move.

For many years, schools struggled to identify homeless students. Under state law, schools must distribute forms at the beginning of the school year asking families where they live — in their own homes, in motels, doubled-up with other families, in shelters, cars or outdoors.

HOMELESS K-12 STUDENT POPULATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE, UP 9% FROM LAST YEAR

Student homelessness can include a variety of circumstances, including sharing housing due to economic hardship and living in trailer parks. Some of the increase may be due to improved identification processes.

Some schools were less-than-diligent about collecting the form, or reassuring families understood the importance. Often, homeless families were reluctant to submit the form because they were afraid the school might contact a child welfare agency. Immigrant families sometimes feared the school might notify immigration authorities. And some families didn't realize that sharing quarters with another family — by far the most common living situation among homeless families – is technically defined as homeless, at least under McKinney-Vento.

A 2021 bill by former Assemblymember Luz Rivas, a Democrat from Arleta in the San Fernando Valley, sought to fix that problem. The bill requires schools to train everyone who works with students — from bus drivers to cafeteria workers to teachers — on how to recognize potential signs of

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.5**

THURSDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Return to quality SSW swell across Northern LA County. Still enough NW windswell to help shape. Good looking low that initially slid out from under New Zealand then put down good numbers over the central SPAC, sent up another fun run of SSW swell for the back half of the week. Size starts in the waist-chest high range and nudges in to the chest-shoulder occ. head high range through the end of the day. Southerly winds due to stay fairly light all day. Surf peaks on the 4th and hold into the holiday weekend. More info - Incoming: SoCal Celebrates Independence Day With Fun SSW Swell.

FRIDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

SSW swell builds further for summer exposures. Wind looks ok for the AM. Nice round of SSW swell continues to pick up through the day, expected to peak over the afternoon/evening. Not as much NW windswell as Thursday so shape will straighten out a bit for the beachbreaks. Average exposures are in the waist-chest high range, summer standouts chest-head high+. Mid tide through the AM will be favorable for most spots. Have some W wind blockage in mind if waiting for the second half of the day to surf, as low-end moderate W onshores due then.

Weather

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east southeast after midnight.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2025/07/03	Thu	04:31 AM	3.00	H
2025/07/03	Thu	09:56 AM	1.85	L
2025/07/03	Thu	5:10 PM	4.79	H
2025/07/04	Fri	12:36 AM	1.44	L
2025/07/04	Fri	06:22 AM	2.83	H
2025/07/04	Fri	10:43 AM	2.27	L
2025/07/04	Fri	5:49 PM	5.02	H
2025/07/05	Sat	01:29 AM	0.89	L
2025/07/05	Sat	07:58 AM	2.96	H
2025/07/05	Sat	11:32 AM	2.56	L

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **An Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica Extending and Amending Regulations Established by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2816 (CCS) to Permit the Establishment of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as Part of Projects Utilizing Senate Bill (SB) 1123 on Vacant Parcels Zoned for Single-Unit Residential, Ensure Project Feasibility of SB 1123 Projects by Providing for Certain Relaxed Development Standards, and Expand the Establishment of ADUs to All Projects Utilizing Government Code Sections 65852.28 and 66499.41 Which Includes Parcels Within Multiple-Unit Zoning District as Permitted Pursuant to SB 684.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Santa Monica to extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance ("EIZO") Number 2816 (CCS) permitting the establishment of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as part of projects utilizing Senate Bill (SB) 1123 (codified as Government Code Sections 65852.28 and 66499.41) on vacant parcels zoned for single-unit residential. Additionally, to ensure feasibility of SB 1123 projects, the following amendments to the EIZO are proposed: (1) elimination of Affordable Housing Production Program (AHPP) fees for projects of 5 units or less and (2) modification of development standards to include a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 1.5, maximum building height of 3 stories/33 feet, 30% front setback reduction (but no less than 10 feet), elimination of upper-story stepbacks, and elimination of interior setbacks and stepbacks between ADUs on newly created parcels except as required by the California Building Code (CBC). Additionally, further amendments are proposed to permit the establishment of ADUs in all projects that utilize Government Code Sections 65852.28 and 66499.41, which includes parcels within multiple-unit zoning districts as permitted pursuant to SB 684. The Council adopted Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2816 (CCS) on June 10, 2025 and provided direction on additional amendments as described above. The EIZO will expire unless extended by Council in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090(C).

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: SB 1123 Emergency IZO

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman by e-mail at ross.fehrman@santamonica.gov . For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

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4th of July Weekend Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Annual Main St. 4th of July Parade, Marina del Rey Fireworks, "Mr. & Ms. Muscle Beach" Competition, Gladstones Reopening, and much more!

Annual Main St. 4th of July Parade: The parade kicks off at 9:30am at Pico and Main St., traveling South toward the Venice border. You can watch the parade anywhere along the Main St. route that includes classic cars, community organizations, city leaders, and more. The official parade grandstand will be located in front of the Ocean Park Library at the corner of Ocean Park and Main St. The first 200 kids visiting the SaMo Travel and Tourism Visitor Information Center at 2427 Main Street will get a free goodie bag with an art kit, coloring sheet and Santa Monica treats. Multiple Main St. shops will be open in support of the community, including Rabano, Edgemar, Papille Gustative, Dolcenero Gelato, and Junior Cookies...please show them your support in return that day! https://www.santamonicaparade.com/



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PARADE: The event returns on Friday.

Marina del Rey July 4 Fireworks: Enjoy a 20-minute spectacle of fireworks lighting up the night sky above the water. The various official vantage points include Marina del Rey, Venice Beach Pier, Playa Vista, and Dockweiler Beach. 9 - 9:20p.m. https://beaches.lacounty.gov/4thofjuly/

"Mr. & Ms. Muscle Beach" Competition: For decades competitors have traveled from all over the world to compete at the historic Muscle Beach Competitions. These events are highlighted by a warm friendly local atmosphere while providing quality competition. Free for spectators. Friday, July 4, 1:00p.m. @ 1800 Ocean Front Walk http://www.musclebeachvenice.com/

Palisades Will Rogers 5K Moves to Venice Beach: Proceeds from this year's race will help fund the rebuilding of the community center, a longstanding gathering place for local residents. Now in its 47th year, it will be held Friday, July 4, beginning at 7 a.m. with the 5K Run/Walk starting and ending at the Venice Beach Recreation Center. The Kids' Fun Run will follow at 8:30 a.m. A special 5K team competition for high school students, the Dick Lemen Run, will also be held. www.palisades4th.com

Downtown Culver City Independence Celebration: This all ages event is free to the public and begins with live music on Town Plaza followed by the first ever aerial drone light show in Culver City to celebrate Independence Day. Saturday, July 5 @ 6 - 9:30p.m., 9300 Culver Blvd. https://downtownculvercity.com/event/downtown-culver-city-independence-celebration-2/

California Heritage Museum Unveils Rare Disney Animation Art Exhibition Featuring Over 100 Original Works: Enjoy behind-the-scenes look at beloved Disney classics and weekly film screenings. Now through November 2. 2612 Main St. californiaheritagemuseum.org

Pickle n Tequila x Sushi Roku Off the Court Happy Hour: The Pickleball social club, Pickle n Tequila, is hosting a community happy hour with a menu available exclusively to attendees with a complimentary cocktail. Wednesday, July 9, 6-8p.m., Sushi Roku, 1401 Ocean Ave. https://www.instagram.com/p/DLiM3lhvTEV/

Yachtley Crew Concert & Benefit: Expect dancing, tropical drinks, and retro rock hits that'll transport you straight to the sunset-soaked coast of the '70s and '80s. 100% of proceeds go directly to Steadfast LA Foundation, a charity dedicated to accelerating the rebuilding of Los Angeles after the devastating wildfires. Thursday, July 10, 7-10p.m., Santa Monica Pier https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vip-yachtley-crew-concert-benefit-tickets-1409679151289

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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Celebrate the 4th?

MAIN STREET FOURTH OF JULY PARADE – was going to be at the top of my HIGHLY RECOMMENDED list for this week. But not this year.

It is something I have been proud to participate in for, I guess, 12-15 years. Many of those years it has been hard to process that the flag and patriotism had been co-opted by conservatives, even the far right, who were anything but patriotic in my opinion, waving those flags as though they alone owned them.

I am still determined that those symbols return to represent all Americans, who are proud of our democracy and Constitution and honor all the lives sacrificed to keep them, for 250 years. All Americans. Black, brown, women, immigrants, gay, disabled, and what about our neglected and abused veterans, so disdained and maligned by this draft dodger president. All. We the people. I am confident that day is coming, when we can all proudly wave the American flag and celebrate with fireworks.

But not this 4th of July. I can't celebrate our incredible Declaration of Independence and improbable victory over the British king and all his military might, while so many in this government are paving the path for an American king. I have to join with Indivisible, the group that orchestrated the "No Kings" demonstrations on June 14, and other activist groups like The Women's March and 50501, to make July 4, 2025 a day of defiant messaging aimed at the current government.

WHERE

A "Free America" demonstration is scheduled for 12N - 3 p.m. at the Vermont and Prospect Traffic Triangle, 4757 Prospect Avenue, LA 90027. More info at: https://action.womensmarch.com/events/los-feliz-free-america-weekend

Organizers say this protest started in LA when Trump sent troops in, and has spread nationwide. Many traditional celebrations have been canceled across the city because of fear of ICE raids.

This was a last minute decision for me, and it makes me sad to miss our wonderful small town parade. Thank you to Daily Press publisher Ross Furukawa for enthusiastically participating and supporting it every year, and for loading a flatbed truck with the best bands, and for letting me sit in the cab with him.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

JOHN FOGERTY – Fogerty's songwriting and performances are very different from Paul Simon's (see below) but comparisons could be made. Only seven studio albums from Creedence Clearwater Revival, but each one was overflowing with radio hits. (Remember radio?) As far as I know that rock scream vocal of his is intact. Not so many indelible hits after he went solo, but you know he will reel off lots of what made him famous. In fact, it is billed as "celebrates his career with a night of hits." You just can't miss this show. John Fogerty was, and is, absolutely amazing. You may be dancing and singing along for the whole show. And at these prices, it is the bargain of the summer. Sun 7:30 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $24-168.

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:

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: – 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 moving, thought-provoking topical productions. Even though you have all summer, don't delay, you really don't want to miss any of these. I'm planning on seeing "Strife," which sounds like today's horrible headlines ("what compromise is possible when human dignity and health are on the line?"), this weekend and I'll report back. Will Geer's TB, Topanga Canyon,"STRIFE," Sat 7:30 p.m., "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" Sun 3:30 p.m.,"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" 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.

PAUL SIMON: "A Quiet Celebration" – Disney Hall should be the perfect place to see this diminutive giant of music. How many iconic songs has he written and performed? Wait, "iconic" is inadequate. He has written dozens of songs that have touched our lives, made us smile, think, dance, laugh and cry and look at life differently. He will perform his new "Seven Psalms" but promises classics too so, smile, cry and dance in your seat. Right there in elegant Walt Disney Concert Hall. But that's the magic of great music: to transport. Simon is 82 so go see him now. Wed 8 p.m., Disney Hall, LA, $248-330.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: "STRIFE" 7/5, 13, 20, 8/1, 10, 15, 22, 20 - "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" 7/6, 13, 20, 31 - "A MIDSUMMER

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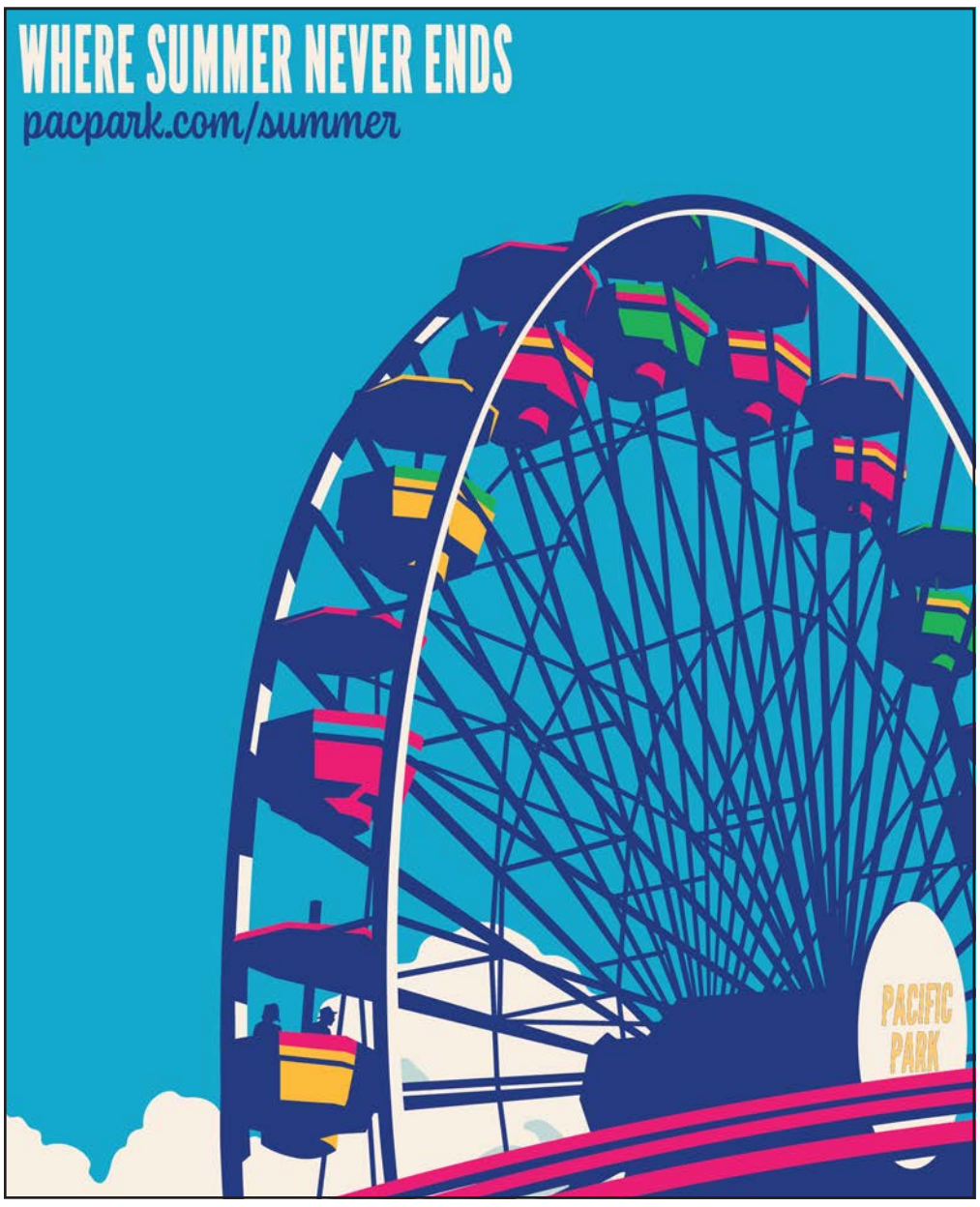
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ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 7/18); Night Market at The Bungalow (through 8/28); Wellness & Waves (through 10/11)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Bikini Nights at Bar Xuntos: This is inspired by the iconic Bikini Club in Barcelona, birthplace of the famous Bikini Sandwich & the "it" club for live music & good times for generations of Barcelonians since its opening in the 1950's. Chef Sandra loves putting new spins on the Bikini Sandwich on the menu at Xuntos, & this night will showcase these itsy-bitsy melty toasties paired with premium Barcelona beer from Estrella Damm & live music. Bikinis & beers, $6/each. Thursday, July 3, 5 - 9p.m., 516 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?experienceId=503158&restref=1316665&rid=1316665

A Star-Spangled Spread at Sirena & The Georgian: Beginning on Friday and running throughout the 4th of July weekend, enjoy a nostalgic tribute to summer cookouts with an elevated twist. Menu items include Elote Street Corn Nachos, Watermelon Cucumber Salad, Spicy Chicken Wings, BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Mac & Cheese, Bacon & Beer Baked Beans, and sweet Corn Bread. Drinks have a red, white, or blue theme as well with a Red watermelon vodka lemonade, a White cream of coconut mojito, or a Blue-berry orange margarita. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/sirena-restaurant/events/fourth-of-july-at-the-georgian-2025-07-04

Chelsea Restaurant 4th of July Weekend Happy Hour All Weekend: They are closed on the 4th, but offering "All Night Happy Hour" at the bar, Thursday, July 3, Saturday, July 5 & Sunday, July 6. 2460 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.chelseasm.com/happy-hour

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, July 5, starting at 5p.m. https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/

Gnocchi + Wine Night at AJA Vineyards: Learn how to make Gnocchi from Private Chef Joanna Barajas, while enjoying cheese, charcuterie, and 2 glasses of wine per ticket. $125. Sunday, July 6, 4 - 8p.m., 1417 2nd St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gnocchi-wine-night-tickets-1409361039809

Sushi & Sake Wine Class at Divine Vintage: Embark on a journey with sake expert Kerry-San to delve into the history, production process, and the diverse styles of sake alongside a curated selection of sushi and sashimi. $95. Wednesday July 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., 1025 Montana Ave. https://www.divinevintage.com/products/sushi-sake-wine-class

New Tacos Por Favor Opens on Lincoln Blvd.: The old Cock & Bull at 2947 Lincoln Blvd. has been transformed into a beautiful space! Mayor Negrete posted this fun video tour on FB. She is also hosting a Margaritas & Mocktails on August 2 to celebrate their opening.

Gladstones Set to Reopen After Palisades Fire: Just in time for the 4th of July holiday, the Los Angeles community can once again return to the Malibu coastline to relax, reconnect, and feast on their favorite iconic dishes - because the legendary restaurant Gladstones is back. Gladstones will reopen its public deck on July 4, marking a new chapter in the community's recovery from the devastating Palisades fires. Also, to thank the community, Gladstones will also be offering 50% off food and drinks throughout the month of July to Malibu and Palisades residents, as well as first responders. https://www.instagram.com/p/DLVNU97x81P/

Looking Ahead: Summer Venice Beach Run (7/19); National Night Out (8/5); Festival of Chariots (8/3); Thai Fest by the Beach (9/20-21); Abbot Kinney Festival (9/28); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/18)

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: 4th of July Weekend Events.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Main Street

Ocean Park Association to Host 19th Annual Fourth of July Parade

The Ocean Park Association will present the 19th Annual Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade on Friday, July 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., returning to Main Street for one of the city's most cherished community traditions.

This year's theme, "Sesquicentennial," celebrates 150 years of cityhood. The 2025 parade will bring together live music, local organizations, schools, classic cars and community leaders.

Groups from Pacific Palisades will join the parade this year, as they are unable to host their own celebration. The Parade Grand Stand will be located on Ocean Park Boulevard in front of the Santa Monica Public Library and will be hosted by Evan Edwards and Rachel Lozano of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism.

Notable 2025 participants include Palisades American Legion Post 283, Pacific Palisades Oom Pa Pa Band, Palisades Forestry Committee, Resilient Palisades, Palisades P.R.I.D.E., Chabad of Pacific Palisades – PJECC, Palisades YMCA, Pacific Palisades Baseball Association, Pacific Palisades Community Council, Pacific Palisades United Methodist Church, Tahitian Terrace and Pali Strong & Councilmember Traci Park.

Local Santa Monica favorites will also return, including Samohi Viking Marching Band, Dogtown Car Club, Santa Monica Police & Fire Departments, local schools, small businesses, neighborhood groups and civic leaders.

Sponsors include Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, Sen. Ben Allen, Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Southern California Disposal & Recycling, Cedars Sinai, Santa Monica Police Officers Association, RAND, UCLA Health, Regent Beach Hotel, Condo Experts, BXP, Fairmont Hotel & Bungalows, Ashland Hill, Seashore Hotel, Kaiser Permanente, Tavern on Main, Santa Monica Fire Fighters, Snap, Broad Stage, Santa Monica History Museum, Robert Maschio, Santa Monica Pier, Pacific Park, SMMUSD, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Main Street Business Improvement Association, Friends of Sunset Park, Buy Local, Santa Monica College and the Santa Monica Daily Press.

The 1.5-mile route will take participants from the Santa Monica Civic Center at 1855 Main St. south toward Venice, turning west on Marine Street and then north on Bernard Way before ending just short of Ocean Park Boulevard.

Parking will be available in public lots west of Main Street and the Civic Center surface lot for a flat rate starting at 6 a.m. Main Street from Olympic to Marine will be closed from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., with rolling closures on cross-streets from 4th Street to Neilson Way from 8 a.m. to noon. Big Blue Bus routes will experience detours and delays throughout the morning.

For more information, visit www.santamonicaparade.com.

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19TH ANNUAL SANTA MONICA FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: Ocean Park Association will present the 19th Annual Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade on Friday, July 4, 2025.

NOTEWORTHY

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NIGHT'S DREAM" 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, 7/6, 13, 20, 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 7/7, 14, 21, 28; 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; "LIVE AID: When Rock 'n' Roll Took on the World," CNN, 9 p.m. 7/13, 20, 27, 8/3; BRAHMS, GRIEG, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/17.

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): 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; DENGUE FEVER, Alex's Bar, 10/9; PETER ERSKINE TRIO, Sam First, 10/11.

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







THURSDAY | JULY 3

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/12342961/2025-07-03T12

FRIDAY | JULY 4

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-/15793351/2025-07-11T08

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/14165546/2025-07-11T19

SATURDAY | JULY 5

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/13357377/2025-07-12T08

TOUR OF HYPERION WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12000 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey. Join Heal the Bay and LA Sanitation & Environment for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, the largest wastewater treatment facility in the Western United States. This guided tour offers a unique look into the intricate processes that transform millions of gallons of wastewater each day into a valuable resource for Los Angeles. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tour-of-hyperion-water-reclamation-plant/15985891/2025-07-12T10

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/14548485/2025-07-12T11

$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/community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-06-21T12

A SPACE ODYSSEY

7:30 p.m. Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave Santa Monica. $14.00 (member) ; $19.00 (general admission). Ticket prices include a $2.00 online booking fee. Aero Theatre | 'Ultra Cinematheque 70 Fest 2025'. The American Cinematheque's own pristine 70mm archival print! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/a-space-odyssey/16112374/2025-07-05T19

I GOTTA CROW

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4 Santa Monica. The Crow's favorite show curates elevated comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central, and late night TV. Curated Comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. THE CROW is listed in the LA Times as one of the best places to see comedy in LA! Read a more about The Crow in this feature article of the LA Times. Directions to The Crow at Bergamot Station: FREE PARKING in the lot at Bergamot Station Arts Center. (You're welcome, Los Angeles.) We are right at the Bergamot Station Metro Stop ! (You are soooo welcome, Los Angeles!) Fun Facts: Safe Space! (Security guards on premises 24/7.) The Crow is located directly behind our favorite restaurant, Birdie G's . If you want to grab a fine dinner there before, we encourage you to make a reservation. 10% off your meal with your ticket to The Crow. More info can be found at: www.CrowComedy.com Lineup subject to change. No drink minimum. The Crow is owned and operated by a female/mom/stand-up comic. I Gotta Crow occurs most Saturday's. Check our website or ticket link for official listings! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/i-gotta-crow/14639013/2025-07-05T20

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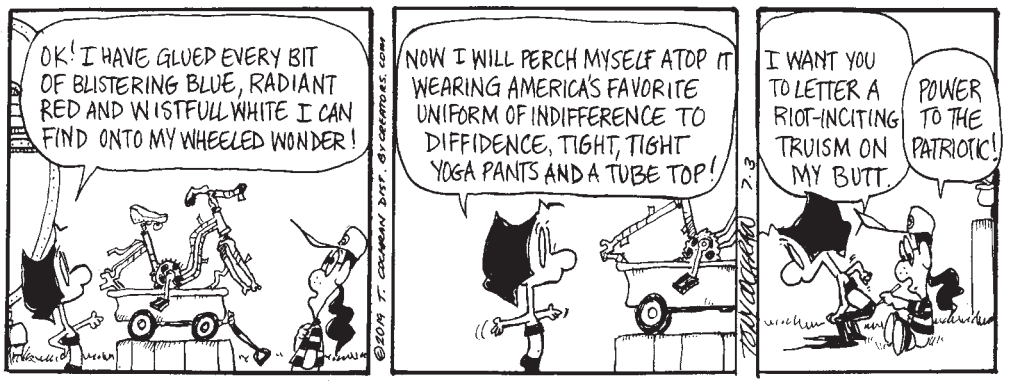
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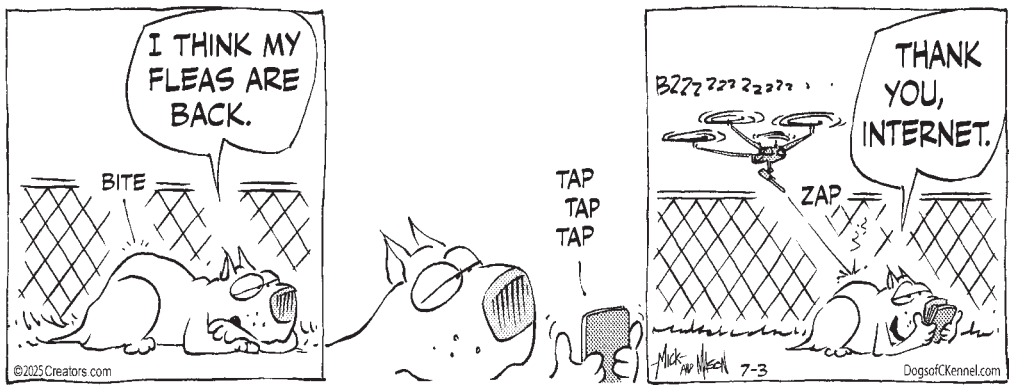
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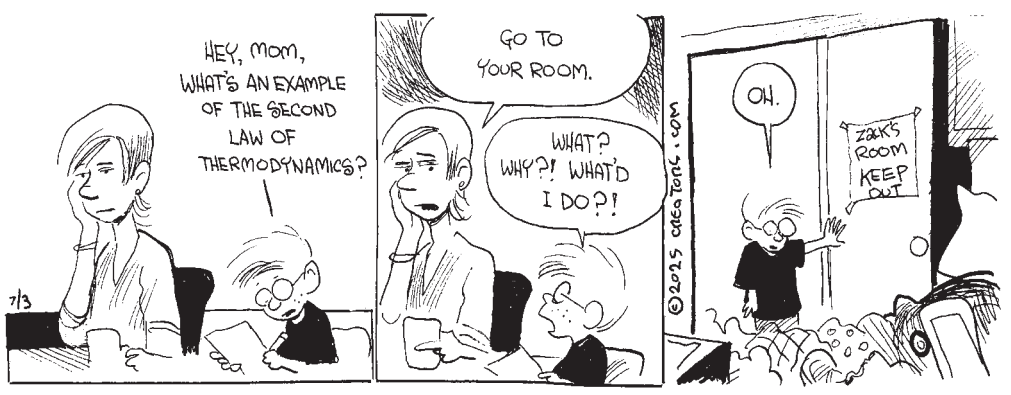
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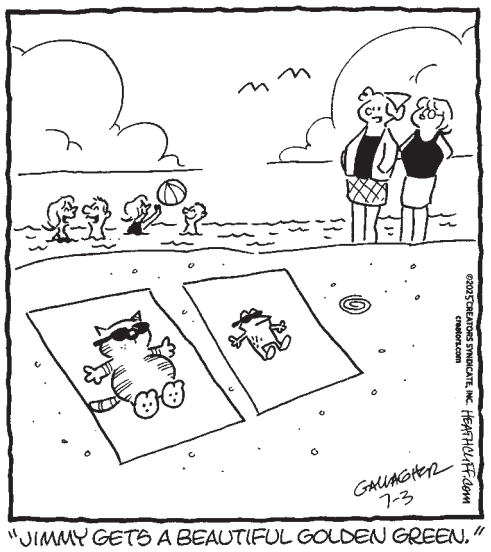
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"JIMMY GETS A BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN GREEN."

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.

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Action	Curtis	Hazy	Raine
Adrift	Dawn	Hook	Relax
Aspen	Double	Horn	Rest
Baler	Doze	Idle	Rodd
Bedarra	Elcho	Keswick	Rugged
Bird	Eyre	King	Serene
Calm	Fire	Leeka	Shaw
Canoe	Fish	Long	Snorkel
Cays	Flinders	Maria	Staff
Clark	Gabo	Molle	Thursday
Coast	Garden	Ocean	Trannies
Cockatoo	Green	Osprey	Beach
Cottage	Hats	Pool	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 3)

This year's lofty goals will be excellent for morale; high stakes and a deadline go together. You'll build something that requires cooperation, and you'll form tight bonds while you change things in your industry or town. More highlights: pure love; a devoted group of helpers, teachers and patrons; and the satisfaction of finally winning in a longstanding competitive environment. Aries and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 22, 9 and 10.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've got range. From charismatic leader to quiet observer, you know when to step in and when to hold back. Humor disarms tension. What starts as a joke may turn into the truest thing said all day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People say they are confused when what they really mean is they don't approve, don't care or think that paying attention is too much work. It's avoidance dressed up as innocence. You're too savvy to fall for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of feeling like you're being judged under some harsh, ambiguous lens, you reframe: "I'm not here to please or impress everyone; I'm here to create an experience." It's an empowering approach, and it will give you authorship of how you're received.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are days so busy in survival mode that you forget about your number one purpose - to love and be loved. Today you'll have the sensation you're thriving instead, and you'll be reminded of how sweet it is to put your heart into life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love looks different when you're not chasing it. Now that you've learned you don't have to over-give, shrink down, big up or be anything other than what you are, you make room for someone who actually deserves a front-row seat to your world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People can fake a lot, but not depth. Your radar is sharp today, and you'll notice when someone's acting interested versus being interested. You'll also sense when there is so much going on in a person that it will take years to really know them. Might be worth it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been patient. Maybe too patient, waiting on someone who is not going to show up in the time or way you need them to. But when you have something to do while you "wait," you're not wasting time. Tune into the signals to learn what's really going on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Experience may be the best teacher, but it's not the only teacher. You might not get the chance to do the thing today, but research will get you ready for when it's your turn for the hands-on immersion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Venting is one thing. Loitering in the land of complaints is another. You're building something today, so stick with the kind of "construction crew" that brings screwdrivers, not sob stories.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may find yourself in a tough room, and that just means you had the courage to go there. You don't need the crowd to clap; you need them to listen as you say the real thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Good news. You don't have to show up; you're relieved from duty. So the only reason to go is that you want to, and that's what makes your experiences great. You know they are really choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Communication is your forte today, and you're especially good at figuring out what people want. You'll serve deeper needs, and surface ones will either be met or disappear as they no longer seem relevant.

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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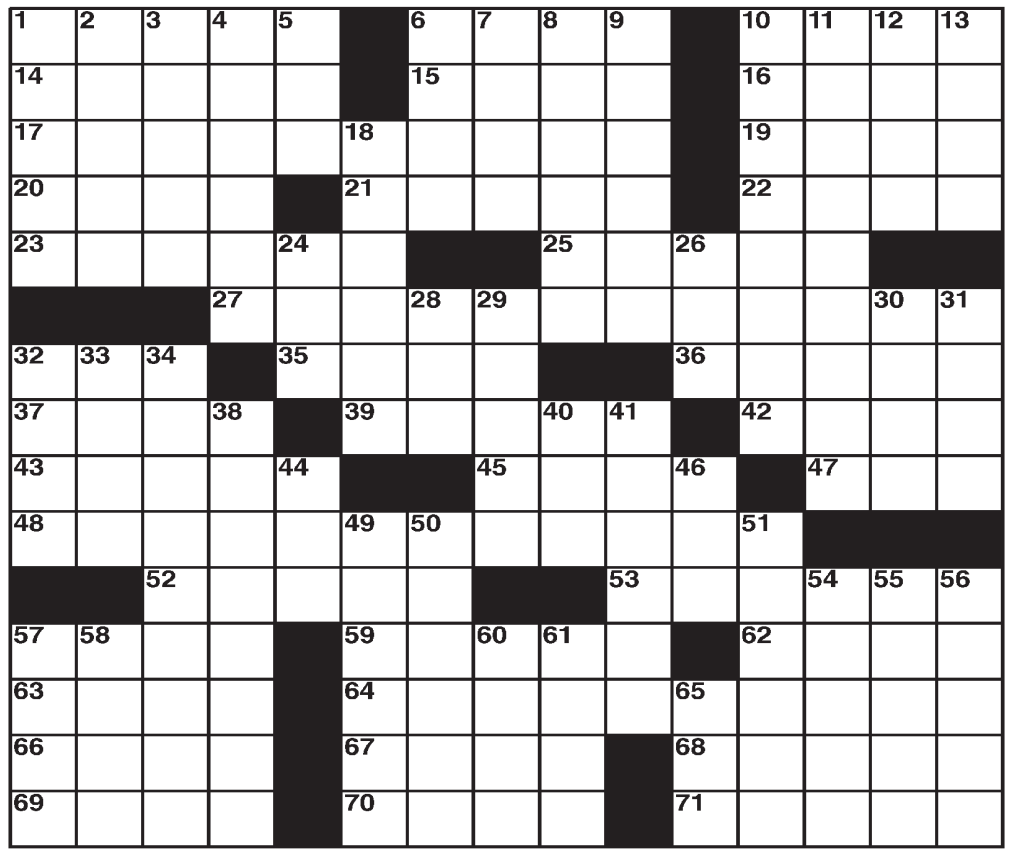
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ACROSS

1 Language related to Polish
6 Half a miscellaneous pair
10 Brief moment
14 Got the news
15 Sleekly designed, for short
16 Elliptical
17 Eminent Western photographer (as a tot in 1906)
19 Fountain fare
20 Had too much
21 Fancy fundraisers
22 Prehistoric predator
23 New Testament dancer
25 Lacking distinction?
27 With 64-Across, what 17- and 48-Across were witness to
32 Berlin wail
35 Second-opinion introducer
36 Building adjunct
37 Be loose-lipped
39 Mocking movie
42 Vanished
43 Secret retreats
45 Hard candy
47 Lacking color
48 Eminent tenor (in town for a gig in 1906)
52 Black+Decker rival
53 Stale
57 Informal exchange
59 Take from an account
62 First 007 film foe
63 Something taught at luaus
64 See 27-Across
66 Shortly, to Shelley
67 Nike competitor
68 Mention
69 Manhattan-based fashion house
70 Bobbin kin
71 __ Rock, Australia

DOWN

1 Total disorder
2 Literary castle of captivity
3 Tripod cousin
4 Doctrines
5 Bloodwork letters
6 Shout of success
7 Convalesce
8 Fighting flotilla
9 Include for free
10 Pushing around
11 Venerable detergent brand
12 Decline in fame
13 Linen source
18 Catalysts
24 Asian subject for Warhol
26 '88 buyer of Motown
28 Vain fashion plate
29 Name meaning "rose"
30 Wrestling star/movie star
31 Planter's livestock
32 Antonym of "ineffective"
33 Reunion group
34 Do business
38 Normandy neighbor
40 NHL great
41 Madison's position
44 HS department
46 Noncommercial TV ad
49 "Yikes!"
50 Divide with a cut
51 At one's station
54 Makeshift bookshelf
55 Printer's roller
56 Productive people
57 Neighbor of Sudan
58 Generous portion
60 Fondue insert
61 Ltrs. for stress
65 Sine __ non



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HOUSING

FROM PAGE 2

development of an artificial intelligence tool designed to accelerate building permit approvals.

Additional executive orders have focused on removing barriers and extending deadlines to help fire survivors access essential services and recover more quickly from the disaster.

The wildfire response has also included the launch of "Engaged California," a new digital platform that allows residents to share input on recovery efforts and connect with government officials on policy issues. The platform debuted in February with its initial focus on addressing the impacts of the Los Angeles wildfires.

The extension of housing protections comes as many fire survivors continue to face challenges finding permanent housing in Los Angeles' tight rental market. The temporary housing relief is intended to provide stability while residents work to rebuild their homes or secure long-term accommodations.

Under the extended order, survivors can remain in temporary housing arrangements without triggering the legal complexities that typically arise when hotel or short-term rental stays exceed 30 days. This classification distinction is crucial for both housing providers and displaced residents, as tenant status would impose additional legal obligations and protections that could discourage operators from offering extended accommodations.

The March 7 implementation date of the original order suggests the protections were put in place several weeks after the initial wildfire emergency, indicating the state recognized early in the recovery process that standard housing regulations could impede relief efforts.

The October deadline provides fire survivors with approximately six additional months of housing flexibility as rebuilding efforts continue across the region. The timeline also gives state officials and local communities an extended window to develop longer-term housing solutions for residents whose homes were destroyed.

State officials have not released specific data on how many wildfire survivors have utilized the extended housing protections or how many hotels and short-term rental operators have participated in the program.

The executive order represents part of California's efforts to balance emergency response needs with existing regulatory frameworks, temporarily setting aside rules that could hinder recovery while maintaining other consumer and safety protections.

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STUDENTS

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homelessness. That could include families who move frequently or don't reply to school correspondence.

The bill seems to have helped. Last year, the state identified 21,000 more homeless students than it had the previous year, even as overall enrollment dropped.

Still, that's probably an undercount, researchers said. The actual homeless student population is probably between 5% and10% of those students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, according to the National Center for Homeless Education. In California, that would be a shortfall of up to 138,713 students.

INFLUX OF FUNDING

Another boost for identifying homeless students came from the American Rescue Plan, the federal COVID-19 relief package. The plan included $800 million for schools to hire counselors or train existing staff to help homeless students. Nearly all schools in California received some money.

About 120 districts in California won grant money through the McKinney-Vento Act, which last year dispersed about $15.9 million in California to pay for things like rides to school, backpacks, staff and other services. Districts are chosen on a competitive basis; not all districts that apply receive funds.

But those funding sources are drying up. Most of the pandemic relief money has already been spent, and President Donald Trump's recently approved budget does not include McKinney-Vento funding for 2026-27.

The cuts come at a time when advocates expect steep increases in the number of homeless families over the next few years, due in part to national policy changes. Republican budget proposals include cuts to Medicaid, food assistance and other programs aimed at helping low-income families, while the immigration crackdown has left thousands of families afraid to seek assistance. For families living on tight budgets, those cuts could lead to a loss of housing.

And in California, the shortage of affordable housing continues to be a hurdle for low-income families. Even Kern County, which has traditionally been a less pricey option for families, has seen a spike in housing costs as more residents move there from Los Angeles.

Joseph Bishop, an education professor at UCLA and co-author of a recent report on homeless students nationwide, said the loss of government funding will be devastating for homeless students.

"California is the epicenter of the homeless student crisis, and we need targeted, dedicated support," Bishop said. "Folks should be extremely alarmed right now. Will these kids be getting the education they need and deserve?"

BETTER FOOD, CLEANER BATHROOMS

In Kern County, identification has only been one part of the effort to help homeless students thrive in school. Schools also try to pair them with tutors and mentors, give them school supplies and laundry tokens, and invite them to join a program called Student Voice Ambassadors. There, students can tour local colleges, learn leadership skills and explore career options.

As part of the program, staff ask students what would make school more enticing — and then make sure the suggestions happen. At one school, students said they'd go to class if the bathrooms were cleaner. So staff improved the bathrooms. At another school, students wanted better food. They got it.

Williams credits the program with reducing absenteeism among homeless students. Two years ago, 45% of Kern County's homeless students were chronically absent. Last year, the number dropped to 39% – still too high, he said, but a significant improvement.

"Without McKinney-Vento funds, the Student Voice Ambassador program would go away," Williams said. "How will we keep it going? I don't know."

By Carolyn Jones. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

HOMELESS

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showed distinct characteristics compared to other areas studied. Survey respondents in Venice "tended to be younger than those in Skid Row" and reported "higher levels of education and employment, with approximately one in five employed."

However, nearly 60% of Venice respondents were "currently not looking for housing," a significantly higher rate than in Hollywood and Skid Row, where most people actively sought housing. This suggests "a need to tailor outreach strategies to meet specific local needs," the researchers noted.

Venice residents also reported lower levels of service access, with only 39% receiving street medicine support within the past 30 days, compared to 57% overall across all study areas.

The RAND count is unrelated to the official organized by the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority whose count will be released later this month. LAHSA counts individuals throughout the Los Angeles area and the figures are used to determine funding for services.

The RAND study tracked three Los Angeles neighborhoods – Venice, Hollywood and Skid Row – from late 2021 through 2024, providing the most comprehensive longitudinal data available on unsheltered homelessness trends in specific LA communities. Data collection included both regular population counts and face-to-face surveys with homeless individuals.

"More study is needed to determine the extent to which specific policies or other forces drove 2024's decline in unsheltered homelessness in Venice," the researchers concluded.

The findings come as Los Angeles officials work to address the city's persistent homelessness crisis, with more than 29,000 individuals estimated to be living unsheltered countywide in 2024.

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