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# Santa Monica celebrates July 4 with parade, but no legal fireworks

**MATTHEW HALL**
Daily Press Editor

Fire officials are warning residents about fireworks dangers and heat risks as Independence Day celebrations approach with residents encouraged to take advantage of nearby celebrations or the always popular Main Street parade instead.

The Santa Monica Fire Department posted its annual reminder that all fireworks are illegal to use and possess in the city, including those labeled as "safe and sane." Violators face fines up to $1,000, up to six months in jail, or both.

"Nationally, there are more than 30,000 reported fires started by fireworks each year, and fireworks cause thousands of injuries annually," the fire department stated. "Even sparklers account for roughly a quarter of the emergency room firework visits."




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**PARADE:** The Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. on Main Street.

California State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant warned that fireworks have caused over $35 million in property damage across the state since 2024, sparking 1,230 fires.

"It is your responsibility to prevent fires and injuries," Berlant said. "Don't let your Fourth of July celebration end in flames."

The American Red Cross urged residents to prepare for extreme heat during holiday celebrations, recommending people slow down outdoor activities and stay hydrated. Officials advised never leaving children or pets in vehicles alone

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# County Supervisors approves study for new wildfire rebuilding authority

**MAAZ ALIN**
SMDP Staff Writer

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has directed staff to examine the legal feasibility of establishing a countywide Rebuilding Authority to coordinate recovery efforts from the devastating January 2025 wildfires that destroyed more than 16,000 structures across the region.

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath introduced the motion following recommendations from an independent Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery, which released its final report advocating for sweeping changes to how the region approaches wildfire recovery and prevention.

"Los Angeles County led the fastest mass disaster cleanup in U.S. history – now, we must bring that same urgency to our rebuilding effort," Horvath said. "A Rebuilding Authority can coordinate recovery efficiently, equitably, and at scale, just as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partnered with us on debris removal."

The January fires, described as one of the costliest U.S. climate

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# Planning Commission approves alcohol sales at gas station near SMC

**MAAZ ALIN**
SMDP Staff Writer

The Planning Commission unanimously approved a conditional use permit allowing the Chevron Extra Mile convenience store at 1348 Pico Boulevard to sell beer and wine, despite public opposition citing concerns about the location's proximity to Santa Monica College.

The 6-0 vote came after commissioners acknowledged enforcement challenges while noting police department approval and existing precedents at other gas stations near schools throughout the city.

The permit allows off-site alcohol sales at the 2,110-square-foot convenience store during regular business hours of 6 a.m. to midnight daily. The business has

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# *In battered Los Angeles, the Fourth of July feels very different this year*



Photo by Ted Soqui for CalMatters

**FIRE:** A person is surrounded by wildfire smoke on Pacific Coast Highway during the Palisades Fire, on Jan. 7, 2025. The fire devastated the coastal communities of Pacific Palisades and Malibu.

Los Angeles approaches Fourth of July weekend wounded and anxious.

One of its more questionable traditions — nightly explosions of illegal fireworks in residential neighborhoods beginning around Memorial Day, ostensibly to practice for the big night — have been noticeably quieter than in past years. Perhaps it's because the January fires that killed 30 people and wiped out much of Altadena, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and adjacent areas have dampened the local taste for sparks and combustion.

But it's not just the fireworks. Independence Day parades, parties and other celebrations have been canceled or postponed in one community after another: Downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, Cudahy, Bell Gardens, Rowland Heights, Huntington Park, Whittier. In those cities and neighborhoods, each with sizable populations of immigrant families from Latin American countries, many people who otherwise would be waving American flags along parade routes and lining up for grilled hot dogs are avoiding public places for fear of being targeted by federal immigration agents as they continue their campaign of arrests.

Across the region, once-crowded swap meets are desolate, taco and raspado carts are abandoned, Home Depot parking lots — where homeowners routinely hired day laborers on the spot — are empty.

It's in some sense a reverse of the spring of 2020, when coronavirus lockdowns cleared freeways, offices, schools, churches, courthouses, restaurants, beaches, parks. The difference is that five years ago a swath of the population kept coming to work, notwithstanding the health risk, to continue delivering the food, mowing the lawns, cleaning the houses and watching the kids for those with the means to follow the stay-at-home orders. Now some of those same essential workers are the ones in hiding, not from COVID-19 germs, but from immigration agents masking their faces, covering their badge numbers, removing their license plates and sometimes arresting U.S. citizens as well as lawful asylum seekers and refugees.

Federalized National Guard troops and U.S. Marines are deployed but don't actually patrol the streets, and in fact they are rather hard to find. But the point is, they are here, part of Trump's do-over of another 2020 episode. Perhaps he

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

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# *Presidential election reveals big shift in California voting patterns. Will it last?*



CalMatters

**ELECTION:** Voting patterns changed last year.

For the last eight months, ever since Donald Trump walloped Kamala Harris to reclaim the presidency, Democratic politicians, political interest groups and media pundits of all stripes have debated what happened and why.

Deep dives into who voted, and sometimes why, have generally concluded that Harris lost decisive ground — compared to Joe Biden's 2000 unseating of Trump — among younger male voters, especially Latinos and Blacks, and could not generate enough support among other demographic groups, such as women, to offset the losses.

"Overall, Harris performed six points worse among men than Biden did," an extensive analysis by the Cook Political Report declared. "But that falloff was significantly more pronounced among Latino men (-12) and Black men (-7). Among white men without a college degree — a group that is traditionally the least friendly to Democrats — the slippage was least dramatic (-3).

"Despite the historic nature of her candidacy as the first woman of color to be nominated for president, women greeted that fact with more of a shrug," Cook continued. "Harris' vote share among women was basically the same as the share Biden got in 2020, except for a noticeable decline in support from Latinas. She also slightly underperformed Biden among Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women (-4) and failed to do any better with Black women than Biden did."

California, one of the nation's bluest states, was not immune to the political hemorrhage that doomed Harris' campaign, even though she is a Californian who was the state's attorney general and a U.S. senator before becoming Biden's vice president.

Voters in 10 California counties which had backed Biden against Trump in 2000, switched to Trump last year, and a new analysis of California's vote indicates that the state saw the same dynamics as the nation as a whole.

"After years of declining shares of registered voters selecting Republican as their party registration, young Californians have begun to move towards the Republican party in recent election years while older Californians continue to move away," the analysis by the Center for Inclusive Democracy at the University of Southern California declares.

"Young registered voters of all racial and ethnic groups saw notably larger shifts towards the Republican party compared to their older counterparts. Latino youth,

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## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.0**

FRIDAY
***FAIR TO GOOD***

**SURF:** 4-5ft
Chest to head

SSW swell builds further for summer exposures. Wind looks OK for the morning. Nice round of SSW swell continues to pick up through the day, peaking over the afternoon/evening. Not as quite 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 are due then.

SATURDAY
***FAIR TO GOOD***

**SURF:** 4-5ft
Chest to head

SSW swell holds for summer exposures. Wind looks OK for the AM. Nice round of SSW swell holds, offers fun zone surf for the regions better summer exposures. Enough NW windswell left for occasional beachbreak corners as the period on the SSW swell comes down a touch. Average exposures are in the waist-shoulder high range, summer standouts 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 afternoon onshore wind looks a notch stronger than Friday's.

## Weather

**Friday:** Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
**Friday Night:** Patchy dense fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.
**Saturday:** Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 74.
**Saturday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted (ft) | High/Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |
| 2025/07/05 | Sat | 6:28 PM | 5.26 | H |
| 2025/07/06 | Sun | 02:10 AM | 0.40 | L |
| 2025/07/06 | Sun | 08:54 AM | 3.15 | H |

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Jackpot: 60 M

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Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 22 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 7/2
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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

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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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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Countywide**

## Fire Authority Deploys Maximum Staff for July 4th Safety

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will deploy more than 80 wildland fire-trained staff across its parklands Friday night as part of its annual Fourth of July public safety initiative.

More than 50 MRCA fire protection personnel, including full-time, seasonal, paid call-out and volunteer wildland firefighters, will patrol parkland from the ocean to Santa Clarita using Type 3 and Type 6 fire engines. Eleven pieces of fire equipment, including type three engines and tactical water tenders, will be positioned throughout the jurisdiction.

"The MRCA will be out in full force on the Fourth of July to patrol its parklands and curb illegal activity," said MRCA Chief Fire Management Officer Ken Nelson. "Our crews are well-trained and ready to respond to the threat posed by the combination of dry brush, fireworks, and warm weather."

> "The MRCA will be out in full force on the Fourth of July to patrol its parklands and curb illegal activity"
>
> - Ken Nelson, MRCA Chief Fire Management Officer

An additional 30 MRCA rangers, operations staff, public officers and seasonal assistants will provide safety patrol and enforcement, focusing on high-traffic areas including Mulholland Drive, Topanga Canyon, the 118 Corridor and Malibu.

**KEY OPERATIONAL AREAS INCLUDE:**

Mulholland Drive: The Jerome C. Daniel Overlook Above the Hollywood Bowl and Universal Overlook will close before 6 p.m. sunset. Barriers preventing stopping or parking at Universal Overlook will remain from Friday through Monday morning. All other overlooks close to vehicular traffic at 5 p.m.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Department of Transportation and Recreation and Park rangers will support the effort, installing additional no-stopping signs from Multiview to Wrightwood.

Topanga Canyon: Security guards will join MRCA staff at Top of Topanga Overlook from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday through Monday morning. MRCA rangers and fire protection staff will coordinate with Topanga Arson Watch volunteers and Lost Hills Sheriff station.

Malibu: Fire equipment will be pre-positioned with active fire and ranger patrols deployed at all MRCA coastal locations, including Winding Way and Lechuza Beach.

"We want the public to understand that some areas may be closed," said MRCA Chief Ranger Fernando Gomez, who has patrolled Mulholland on July 4th for more than 25 years. "Be vigilant, read signs, and pay attention to what is going on around you."

The MRCA manages more than 80,000 acres of parkland and works cooperatively with county, city and state agencies on wildfire prevention efforts.

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**PARKLANDS:** Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will deploy more than 80 wildland fire-trained staff across its parklands.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Countywide**

## Solis Moves to Strengthen Enforcement of Los Angeles County Short-Term Rental Ordinance

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Chair Pro Tem and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis aimed at improving enforcement of the County's Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance following ongoing community concerns and a recent death linked to an alleged short-term rental property in Hacienda Heights.

The County adopted the STR Ordinance on October 8, 2024, to regulate short-term rentals in unincorporated areas. The ordinance was designed to strike a balance between the economic benefits for property owners generated by short-term rentals and the need to protect housing availability, preserve neighborhood character, and maintain quality of life for residents.

> While initial inspections found no active short-term rental listings at the property, a troubling pattern of unregistered activity persisted, causing nuisance and safety concerns for neighbors
>
> - Hilda L. Solis, Chair Pro Tem and First District Supervisor

Short-term rentals, which allow homeowners to rent properties for brief stays often through online platforms such as Airbnb and Vrbo, have become increasingly popular across Los Angeles County. While these rentals provide economic opportunities for property owners and convenience for travelers, their rapid growth has also raised significant concerns among residents. Issues such as housing affordability, parking shortages, noise disturbances, and public safety have affected some neighborhoods, prompting the County to enact a comprehensive ordinance. The new ordinance requires registration, enforces zoning restrictions, and imposes penalties on unregistered or non-compliant operators.

These community concerns came into focus following the May 20, 2025, death of Tyler Gardner inside an unincorporated Hacienda Heights property known locally as a short-term rental, although it was not listed on major rental platforms. Since 2023, residents had reported disruptive guests, parking problems, and "motel-like" conditions at the property. Despite these complaints, enforcement efforts faced challenges due to a lack of clear evidence and the property's unregistered status under the ordinance.

"While initial inspections found no active short-term rental listings at the property, a troubling pattern of unregistered activity persisted, causing nuisance and safety concerns for neighbors," said Chair Pro Tem Solis. "With large-scale events like the upcoming FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games expected to increase demand for short-term rentals, it is critical that we close enforcement gaps to prevent future tragedies."

The motion directs the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department, Department of Regional Planning, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, and County Counsel, to provide a report to the Board within 90 days. The report will review how the ordinance is being implemented, identify enforcement challenges and gaps, recommend strategies to improve enforcement and resource allocation, describe interdepartmental coordination, establish processes for escalating resident complaints, and develop methods for identifying unadvertised short-term rentals.

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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2819 (CCS)**
**(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 8.46, DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2819 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

On March 24, 2025, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) released updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for Local Responsibility Areas (LRA), including new designations within the City of Santa Monica. These maps, mandated by Government Code Sections 51178 and 51179, classify areas based on wildfire likelihood and intensity using a science-based model that factors in historical fire data, topography, weather, vegetation, and ember exposure potential. Adoption of these maps is required by state law and supports the City's goals for public safety and climate resilience. As required pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, Ordinance Number 2819 amends the Santa Monica Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.46 to designate these identified Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Copies of the maps will be retained on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance and the adopted Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2818 (CCS)**
**(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA (CITY) Amending Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 3.12.675 TO ALLOW BICYCLES AND OTHER DEVICES IN TRANSIT-ONLY LANES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADMINISTRATIVELY DESIGNATE TRANSIT-ONLY LANES**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2818 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The SMMC does not allow the operation of bicycles or other devices in transit-only lanes. Providing authority to the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to designate transit-only lanes with supportive bus conditions as permissible for cyclists and shared mobility device users would allow designated corridors to serve as new connections for active transportation. This would also facilitate continuity on cross-jurisdictional corridors with the City of Los Angeles, where bicycles and bike-lane-permissible devices are permitted in transit-only lanes. The Ordinance amends SMMC Section 3.12.675 to give the DOT Director the authority to determine which transit-only lanes permit cyclists and other currently permitted bike lane users. Additionally, the Ordinance amends SMMC Section 3.12.675 to allow the DOT Director to designate additional transit-only lanes across the City, allowing the City to respond flexibly to changes in transit demand, potentially in response to upcoming regional mega-events.

The Ordinance takes effect 30 days after adoption.

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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2817 (CCS)**
**(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA PROHIBITING THE SALE AND USE OF RENTAL PRICE-FIXING ALGORITHIMIC SOFTWARE**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2817 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2817 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") creates a new Chapter 4.58 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC") to ban the sale and use of algorithmic devices that use nonpublic competitor data concerning local or statewide rental prices or occupancy levels to advise a landlord on, or recommend to a landlord, rent to charge for a rental housing unit, or whether to leave a rental housing unit v acant. Section 4.58.020(a) prohibits selling, licensing, or otherwise providing such algorithmic devices to a landlord of a rental housing unit in Santa Monica, and Section 4.58.020(b) prohibits landlords in Santa Monica from using such algorithmic devices to set rents or occupancy levels for any rental housing unit, where rental housing unit is defined as any rental unit covered by either Article XVIII (Rental Control) or Article XXIII (Housing Policies) of the Santa Monica City Charter. Section 4.58.030 provides that any aggrieved person, including the City, may bring a civil action to enjoin violation of Section 4.58.020 and for actual damages or statutory penalties of $1,000 per violation, where each unit for which rent is set in violation of Section 4.58.020(b) and each month rent is charged after being set in violation of Section 4.58.020(b) constitute separate violations. Section 4.58.030(a) further provides that any tenant may raise a violation of Section 4.58.020(b) as an affirmative defense to an unlawful detainer.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**City Hall**

## Council Members Propose Review of Neighborhood Association Funding Standards

Three Santa Monica City Council members will introduce a motion to evaluate how the city recognizes and funds community organizations, including neighborhood associations.

Councilmembers Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin and Mayor Pro Tempore Caroline Torosis plan to present the motion at the July 8 City Council meeting. The proposal calls for scheduling a study session by Sept. 30, 2025, to examine best practices in governance, public engagement and funding mechanisms.

The motion would temporarily suspend distribution of fiscal year 2025-2027 funds through the Neighborhood Association Grant Program, with exceptions for nonpartisan, community-building events hosted by 501(c)(3) organizations. The suspension would remain in effect pending a full review of the program's standards and impact.

> "I want to be clear that neighborhood associations play a critical role in shaping civic life in Santa Monica"
> - Ellis Raskin, Councilmember

Hall said the initiative aims to reform official city recognition and establish guidelines to prevent public funds from subsidizing partisan political activity.

"Critics will say this stifles free speech," Hall said. "I'd remind those folks that I once wrote a blank check up to and including my life to protect that right, and my voting record on the dais supports it. This is about ethical government."

Raskin emphasized the motion seeks to develop community consensus rather than silence civic engagement.

"I want to be clear that neighborhood associations play a critical role in shaping civic life in Santa Monica," Raskin said. "I support funding mechanisms that enable neighborhood associations to provide community-serving programs and outreach. But I also recognize the voices in our community that want to re-examine their governance."

Raskin said many community members have asked the council to reconsider the budget allocation to the Neighborhood Association Grant Program or eliminate it entirely.

Torosis said research into how other cities like Los Angeles and Chicago fund neighborhood and community councils revealed Santa Monica needs a transparent conversation about how its neighborhood associations operate and receive public support.

"We deeply value community voices—but we also have a responsibility to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used equitably and in line with our City's core values of inclusion, accountability, and public trust," Torosis said.

For more information, visit: https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx.

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## Santa Monica Playhouse Presents "Look What Fell Out De Mango Tree" in July

Santa Monica Playhouse will present "Look What Fell Out De Mango Tree" on Saturday, July 12 at 4 p.m. as part of its 2025 Black History [every] Month project, a year-long celebration highlighting Black arts, artists and culture.

The play, based on playwright Debra Ehrhardt's true-life story, explores themes of forgiveness and vulnerability. The production follows Debra as she uncovers a secret that transforms her ability to forgive and changes her relationships with men.

"You can't give yourself to someone when you are not intact, when pieces of you are missing," according to the play's description. The story demonstrates how seeking truth and understanding can free individuals from past hurts and enable them to move forward.




Courtesy image
**LOOK WHAT FELL OUT DE MANGO TREE:** Santa Monica Playhouse will present "Look What Fell Out De Mango Tree" on Saturday, July 12.

The Black History [every] Month project was inspired by a Playhouse conservatory student who questioned why Black history was only celebrated in February. The initiative aims to recognize and honor diverse cultures, traditions and philosophies throughout the year to support community health and evolution.

The project receives generous support from the We Are Santa Monica Fund, the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Arts Commission and Playhouse PALS. Additional backing comes from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Ahmanson Foundation.

Tickets for "Look What Fell Out De Mango Tree" cost $30, with discounts available for students, teachers, seniors and military members. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 310-394-9779 ext. 2 or online at SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/De_Mango_Tree.html.

More information about the Black History [every] Month project is available at SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/Black-History-every-Month.html.

Santa Monica Playhouse is located at 1211 4th Street, one block east of the Third Street Promenade. The venue is accessible by Santa Monica Blue Bus, LA Metro Rapid #720 (exit at 4th and Wilshire) or Metro E (Expo) line to 4th and Colorado.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**City Hall**

## Santa Monica Great Park Coalition and Airport2Park Foundation will host a "Rally for a Great Park"

The Santa Monica City Council is expected to take a significant step toward converting Santa Monica Airport into a public park after the facility closes in 2029.

Council members will provide direction to planners on what features to include in a draft project design, selecting from options identified through an extensive public process conducted by Sasaki design firm and city Public Works staff. After additional public outreach this fall, Sasaki will produce a draft design for council consideration and approval in December for environmental review.

> We applaud the City of Santa Monica and the planners for having kept to the schedule of planning for the Great Park
>
> - Neil Carrey, president of the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation

The Santa Monica Great Park Coalition and Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation will host a "Rally for a Great Park" at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in front of City Hall before the council meeting. Former mayors and coalition representatives are scheduled to speak.

"We applaud the City of Santa Monica and the planners for having kept to the schedule of planning for the Great Park," said Neil Carrey, president of the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation. The groups are urging the council to choose park elements that comply with Measure LC and can be financed with existing or predictable funding.

Measure LC, added to the city charter in 2014, requires non-park uses on former airport land to be approved by public vote. According to a January opinion from the Santa Monica city attorney, compliant park features may include traditional park uses that the City Council adds to definitions of park uses in the city's zoning code.

Carrey said the foundation urges the council to expand zoning code definitions of park uses to include traditional features like farmers markets or cafes that received public support during planning.

The Santa Monica Great Park Coalition, founded less than a year ago, consists of more than 60 organizations representing more than 20,000 participants and more than 700 individual supporters, said John Fairweather, coalition president. Members have submitted more than a dozen letters showing how they can use and support the park.

Five city commissions have passed resolutions supporting a Measure LC-compliant plan: the Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment, Recreation and Parks Commission, and Urban Forest Task Force. The Community Gardens Advisory Committee and Santa Monica Democratic Club also support the plan.

Santa Monica Airport can be closed on Jan. 1, 2029.

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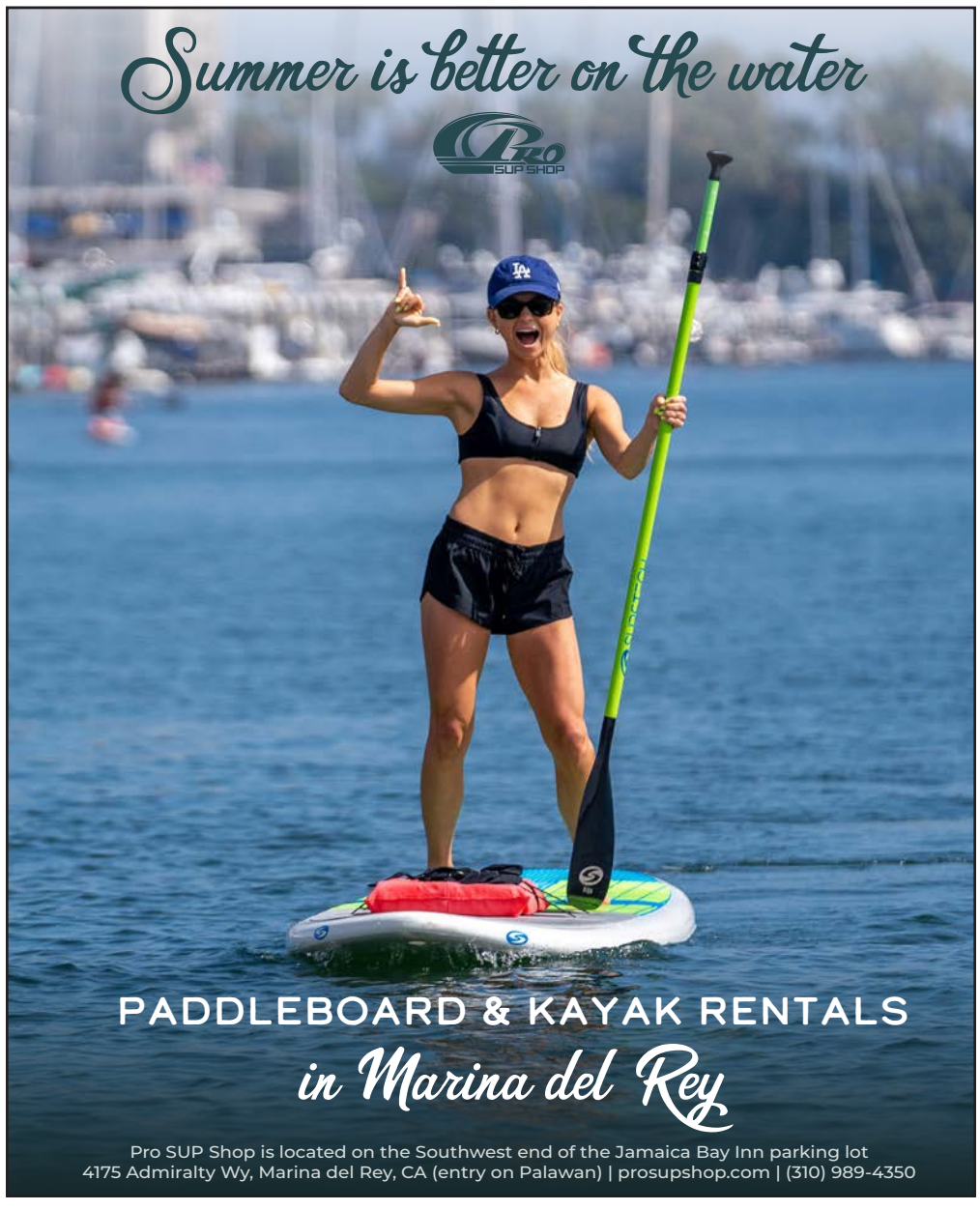



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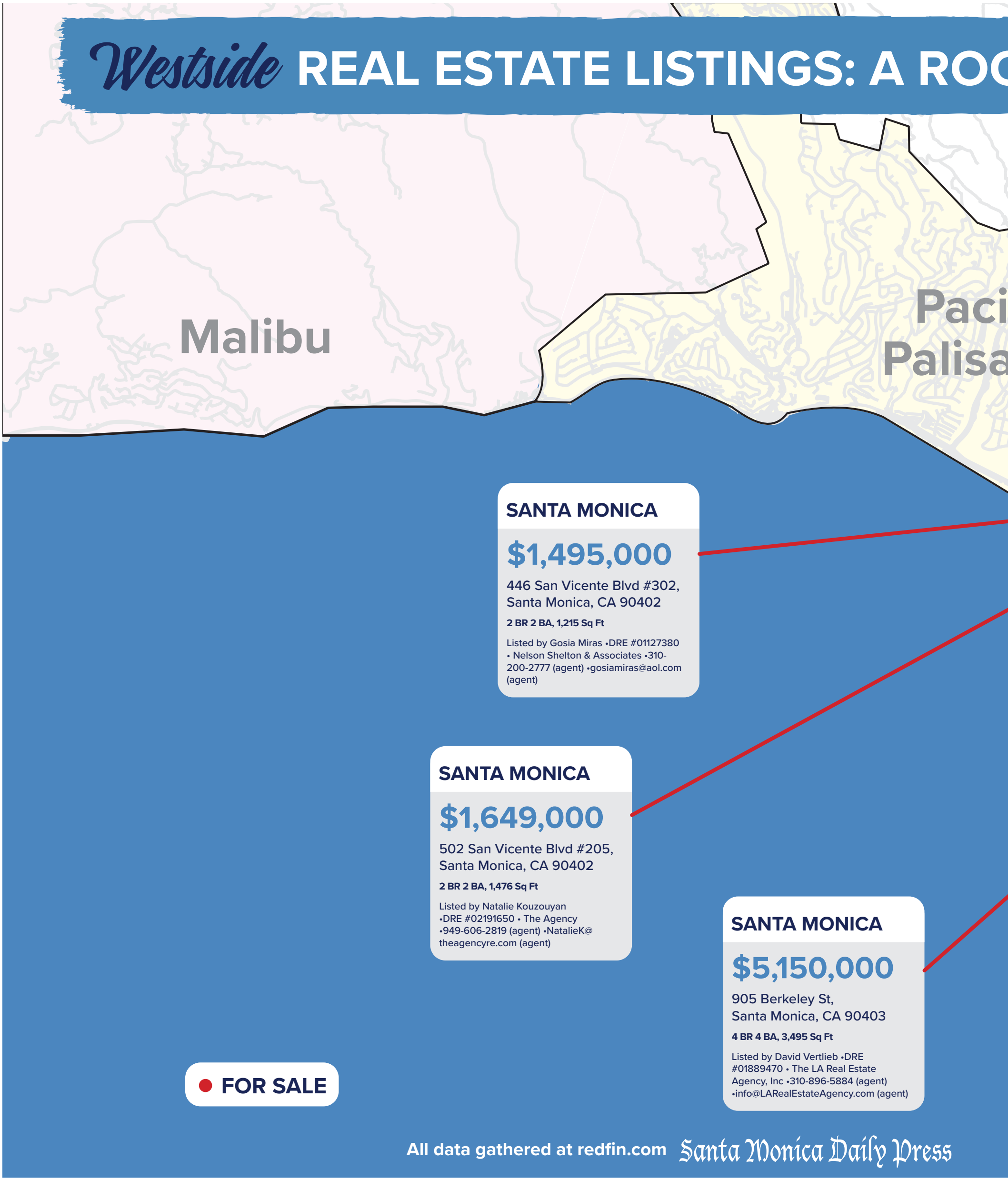
**RALLY FOR A GREAT PARK:** Santa Monica Great Park Coalition and Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation will host a "Rally for a Great Park" at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in front of City Hall.

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## 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

## SUNDAY | JULY 6

**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/14894114/2025-07-06T11

## MONDAY | JULY 7

**ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNEY**

5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-07-07T17

**THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY**

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. $10.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-06-23T19

## TUESDAY | JULY 8

**GELSON'S WEST LA TO HOST TACO TUESDAYS WITH TACOS, MARGARITAS, AND MEZCALS**

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gelson's 12121 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles. Every Tuesday from 4 PM to 10 PM, Gelson's West LA Wine Bar will be hosting Taco Tuesdays, bringing together a festive blend of flavors and fun. Enjoy a variety of mouthwatering tacos, refreshing margaritas, and smooth mezcals, all served in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. The perfect way to spice up the week—gather friends and enjoy a night of great food, drinks, and good times. Prices vary. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/gelson-s-west-la-to-host-taco-tuesdays-with-tacos-margaritas-and-mezcals/15309564/2025-07-08T16

## WEDNESDAY | JULY 9

**FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!**

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-07-02T12

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGIN' AND WINGIN**

9:00 p.m. - 11:55 p.m. Tavern on Main 2907 Main St Santa Monica. Wednesdays are made for chicken wings and belting out your favorite songs! Join us for a fun filled evening of Karaoke, hosted by none other than Karaoke Star! $0.50 wings special all day long - 7 flavors to choose from Happy Hour from 4p-6p. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/wednesday-night-singin-and-wingin/14639011/2025-07-02T21

## THURSDAY | JULY 10

**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

## JULY 4

FROM PAGE 1

and seeking air-conditioned spaces during the hottest parts of the day.

Pet safety emerged as a major concern, with animal shelters reporting 30% to 60% spikes in stray pet intakes during the holiday period. July 5 consistently ranks as one of the top three highest intake days for stray animals nationwide.

"Approximately 40% to 67% of dogs suffer from noise phobia, with fireworks and thunderstorms being primary triggers," according to national shelter data. Fireworks produce sound levels ranging from 150 to 175 decibels — louder than jet airplane takeoffs.

Best Friends Animal Society recommended pet owners bring all animals indoors before fireworks displays begin, providing quiet rooms with windows closed and curtains drawn.

For those seeking safe celebration alternatives, the Ocean Park Association will present the 19th Annual Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade on Friday at 9:30 a.m. on Main Street.

This year's theme, "Sesquicentennial," celebrates 150 years of cityhood. The parade will feature live music, local organizations, schools, classic cars and community leaders. Groups from Pacific Palisades will join after being unable to host their own celebration.

The 1.5-mile route will take participants from the Santa Monica Civic Center south toward Venice, turning west on Marine Street and north on Bernard Way before ending near Ocean Park Boulevard.

Participants include the Samohi Viking Marching Band, Dogtown Car Club, Santa Monica Police and Fire Departments, local schools and civic leaders. The parade grandstand will be located on Ocean Park Boulevard in front of the Santa Monica Public Library.

However, the celebrations will impact local transportation. Big Blue Bus will operate on a weekend schedule Friday, with multiple routes experiencing detours and delays.

Routes 1, 2, 8 and 9 will detour between 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. due to the Santa Monica parade. Route 3 will detour between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for the Westchester parade. Routes 3 and 18 will experience detours between 1:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. for the Marina Del Rey fireworks show.

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.

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.

For those who want to see fireworks, Marina Del Rey hosts a public show from 9 - 9:20 p.m. The Beach Club on the northern edge of the City has its own fireworks launched from its parking lot on July 5.

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### DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/09/25 2025116899The following person(s) is (are) doing business Hollander Clinic 2730 Wilshire Blvd 265 Santa Monica, CA 90403. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Dr. Karyn I. Grossman & Jennifer Hollander A. Medical Corporation 2730 Wilshire Blvd 265 Santa Monica, CA 90403. If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A . Registrant /Corp/ LLC Dr. Karyn I. Grossman & Jennifer Hollander A. Medical Corporation Title: Vice President Jennifer Hollander . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/9/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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### Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25TRCP00273 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Horace Neal Presley for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Horace Neal Presley court for a decree of changing names as follows: Horace Neal Presley to Horace Neal Muhammed The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 7/11/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept:45 Room: 529. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 825 Maple Ave Torrance, CA 90503 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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## LOS ANGELES

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wishes he had sent the Marines into Minneapolis, Portland and Seattle during the George Floyd protests. Perhaps he sees Los Angeles in 2025 as his second chance. He has hinted at sending troops into every city governed by Democrats.

This city has seen more than its share of natural and human-made disasters, but to see Marines deployed against illegal entrants before now, you'd have to turn to the movies. In 2011's "Battle: Los Angeles," American audiences got two things they seem to crave: Scenes of L.A. being destroyed, followed by Marines destroying aliens.

It's a rich genre. Martians blew up L.A. City Hall in the 1953 version of "War of the Worlds" before being felled by a COVID-like microbe (the Marines, in this one, did not prevail). In 1996, aliens obliterated the Marines' air station at El Toro and the Library Tower in downtown L.A. before being destroyed by a Marine and a cable TV guy in "Independence Day," a movie that no doubt will be televised this week, as it is every Fourth of July.

Trump's policies treat gardeners, dishwashers and others as though they were those kinds of aliens. Invaders, rather than Angelenos and an essential part of the local economy, as well as neighbors, friends, family. The sweeps and round-ups are real injuries to real people, real traumas to communities, and not some summer blockbuster.

Still, consider one more L.A. movie. There is a scene in "E.T. the Extraterrestrial" in which federal agents surreptitiously monitor a suburban San Fernando Valley home and then invade, with no warrant and with identities obscured and faces covered. The message is clear — the feds are the real aliens.

That's how it feels in Los Angeles. Yes, we are a nation of laws, but must they be enforced with such contempt, such heartlessness?

Who will rebuild Altadena? What will become of the local workforce and customer base? Who will cook the food and wash the cars? Who will take care of all those homes and yards in the neighborhoods depicted in ET, and then who, in the next neighborhood over, will raise their kids to be engineers and U.S. senators, as Alex Padilla was? And when they are in the Capitol, will their dignity, and ours, be demeaned and assaulted as Padilla's was?

Trump responded to the Eaton Canyon and Palisades fires by lecturing us that we had it coming, for reasons that are indecipherable or just fictional — we didn't rake the forests, we didn't turn the spigot on the half-pipe. He said he would withhold disaster relief unless we do something about illegal immigrants who cast illegal votes, although there's no evidence for any of that nonsense.

Yet he is targeting, along with a slice of our population, our efforts to limit the emissions that heat the globe and lead to drought, flooding, wildfire and other climate disasters — not just here, but from North Carolina and Kentucky to Hawaii and around the world.

And on Monday, his administration sued Los Angeles, claiming its policies to steer clear of federal immigration enforcement was the cause of rioting that accompanied protests against the sweeps.

The twin assaults — January and June, nature and nativism, fire and fear — nip at L.A.'s soul. It's hard to shake the feeling that half the nation is, along with Trump, relishing scenes of Los Angeles suffering.

On this particular Fourth of July, it's a challenge to gin up much enthusiasm for hosting the nations of the world next year in World Cup soccer. Same with the 2028 Olympics, which so far generates little of the anticipation leading up to the 1984 games, when L.A. reveled in its self-discovery as a multicultural city of the future. Both looming events now feel eerily like they are meant to be capstones on Trump's drive to subdue the city.

Los Angeles is resilient, and will eventually recover its spirit, as it has many times before. But summer is just starting, and it threatens to be long, hot and combustible.

By Robert Greene. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

## ELECTION

FROM PAGE 3

however, saw particularly large growth in Republican party registration between presidential elections."

It continued, "While Vice President Kamala Harris received 58.5% of all votes cast in California's 2024 general election, President Donald Trump received 38.3% of the votes, the smallest difference in the vote by party (20.2 percentage points) since before 2008."

While Republicans obviously gained ground in California last year — and did reasonably well in congressional and legislative elections — the new data generate two questions: Why did it happen, and what does it bode for the future?

"Inflation is probably the biggest thing," Eric McGhee, a political analyst for the Public Policy Institute of California, said during a webinar to introduce the study.

That comports with the widespread belief that sharp increases in the cost of living during the Biden-Harris administration were a big factor in the pro-Trump shift, as younger voters felt the pinch of inflation more than their elders.

Make no mistake. California is still a very blue state. It's highly unlikely that Republicans, who were once dominant themselves, would regain enough ground to again award the state's electoral votes to a GOP presidential candidate in the foreseeable future.

However, were the rightward surge of young voters of color to continue, for whatever reason, as baby boomer Democrats exit the political stage, California politics could become a lot less predictable and a lot healthier.

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

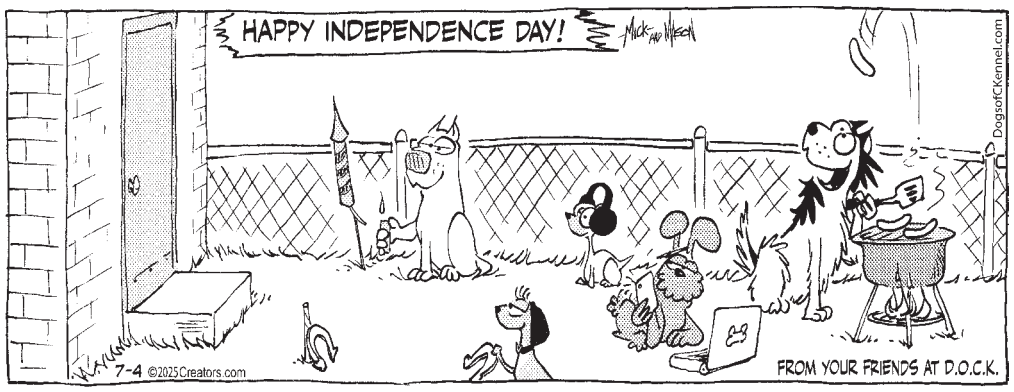
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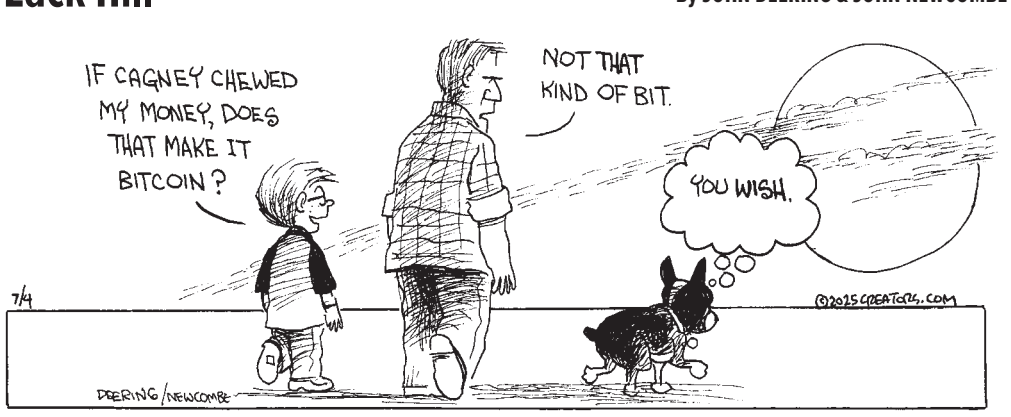

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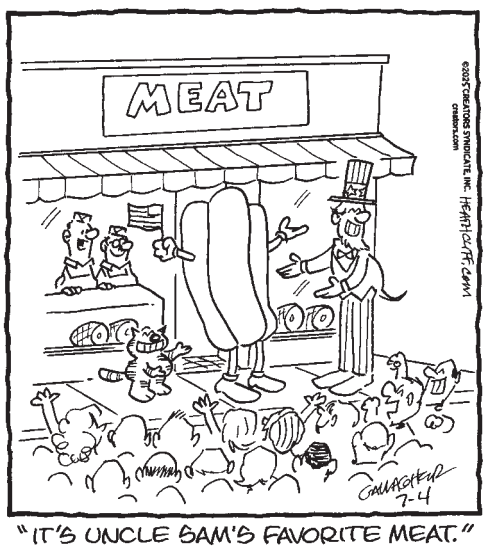

## Zack Hill

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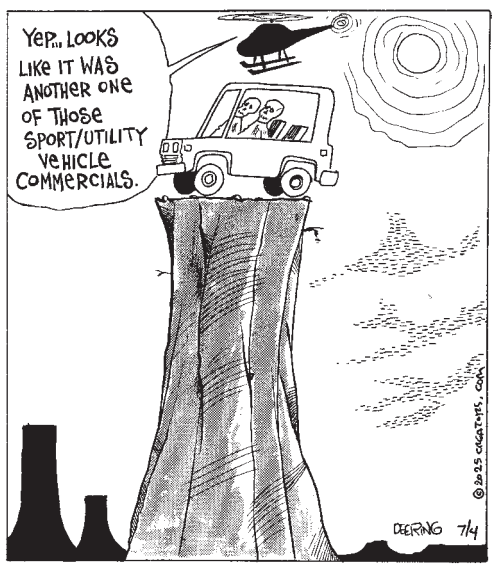
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"IT'S UNCLE SAM'S FAVORITE MEAT."

## Strange Brew

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# FIND THE WORDS

**This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.**

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 4)

It's your year of follow-through. Actions slip in where words used to be. No hype, promises or performances - no drama, just doing. You'll be strongly attracted to the goals that improve life for more than just you. More highlights: domestic upgrades and chemistry that's real; maybe it's love, maybe it's creative synergy or practical teamwork - but it lights you up. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 4, 24, 31 and 2.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today's adventure will bring an insight that changes your angle on life. One fresh detail reframes the whole picture. Afterward you'll return to something familiar and realize it's not the same - because you're not the same.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a rhythm to this day, and you're drumming it out with a rebel instinct and an electric energy that leads the group, whether you realize it or not. The pace you set is bold but sustainable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whether it's what you want to work on or who you decide to be, you're sensing there's no time to wait for someone else to reflect or validate your concept. You'll slide through the window of opportunity before it closes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People will take their cues from your energy - so lead with what you want more of. You'll get fun moments of awareness that will have you using your power well - setting a tone with a glance, a word or a pause.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can't rush transformation. A lot of parts are firing at once; they are communicating with one another to work it all out. You're just along for the ride. You already did the work; now you just have to trust what you planted back there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're here to live your life, not to manage people's moods. Of course, if they feel a little happier being around you, it's a bonus you can reinvest in your mission. It's good to know that your smile elevates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because of the serial-position effect, people are most likely to remember the first and last parts of an experience (the primacy and recency effects), while the middle tends to blur. Use this to your advantage. Start strong; finish stronger.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've learned not to waste time explaining yourself to people committed to misunderstanding you. Today you walk differently - like someone who knows their worth and doesn't owe anyone a tour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You would rather be known for the interest you show in others than known as a show-off. Still, there will be a moment that opens up for you, spotlight and all. Step into it and do your thing. Everyone will be better for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The sentiment "no one left behind" is rooted in care, leadership and solidarity. If the group stays committed to each other, adjusts when needed and truly honors that principle, then everyone can arrive together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a person or group that seems to have more influence on your life than it should right now. These feelings and opinions you're forming are valid. Who better to decide what's good for you than you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It doesn't go according to plan, which makes room for something much better. You'll riff, pivot, adapt - and delight in your own cleverness. You'll end the day with a story worth telling and a sense of pride in your agility.

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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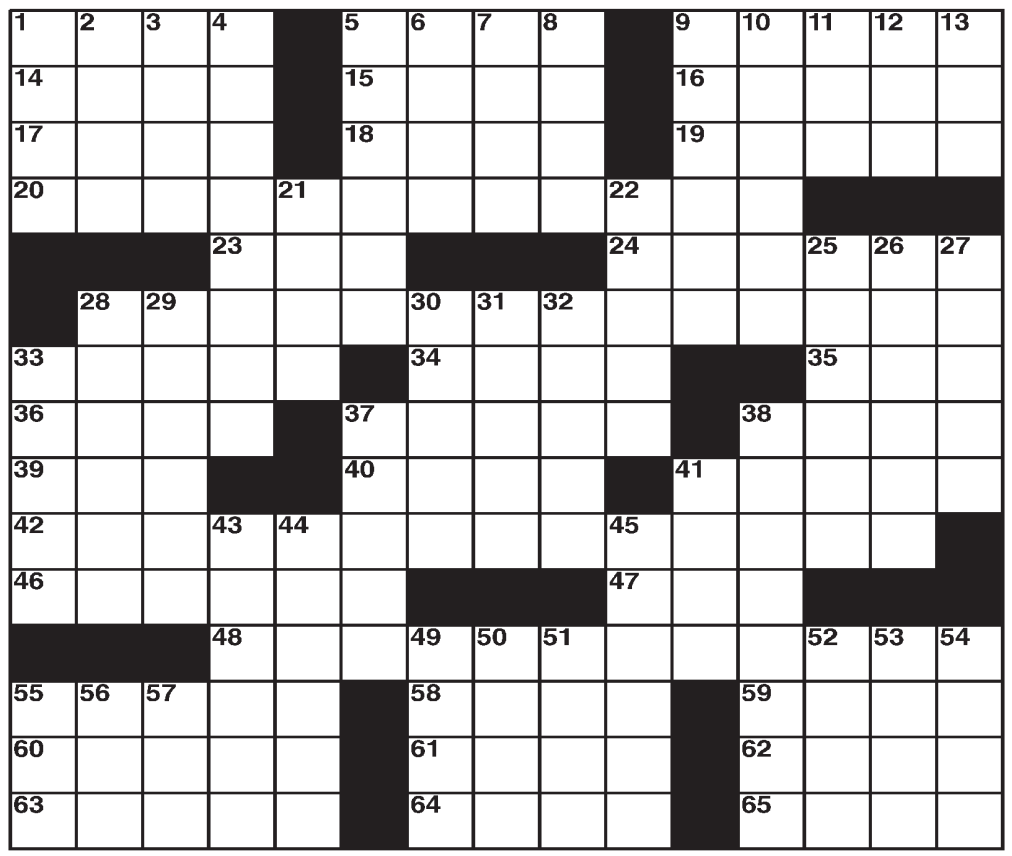
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**ACROSS**

1 Cooler brand with a "hairy" name
5 Condescender
9 Lesser track locale
14 Ancient outcast
15 Creditably
16 Spookily visible
17 Metric "trillionth"
18 Treat with cocoa
19 Really gets to
20 Westminster coronation artifact
23 *CSI* regulars
24 Kid's argument comeback
28 '60s communication innovation
33 J's position
34 "In my humble opinion..."
35 Air Marshal employer
36 Paris-area hub
37 Tartan designations
38 Land on the Caspian
39 Address for a guru
40 Japanese game developer
41 Fell over, as oatmeal
42 Emotionally, in music
46 First name of the "Queen of Soul"
47 Time-honored
48 Post-merger pair
55 Committee runner
58 Sky archer follower
59 What fills Brazilian snack bowls
60 Hail or hoot, for instance
61 Opposite of "That's clever!"
62 Rule of thumb
63 Minutemen's school
64 Sleep spot for sloths
65 Pairs in the four longest answers

**DOWN**

1 Is nattering
2 Mark up to improve
3 Food truck fare
4 "It's my shift"
5 Rustling sound
6 Name on spongy toys
7 *Fútbol* cheers
8 Ad-hoc alliance
9 Really get to
10 Jordan of the PGA Tour
11 Improperly
12 Dotted cube
13 Staples in sci-fi mags
21 Individually
22 Goes along
25 Advil alternative
26 Lower temporarily
27 Not accidental
28 Big brat
29 Having logged in
30 Grout user
31 Missouri river
32 Family nicknames
33 Puccini heroine
37 It covers the House
38 Apple's Mini successor
41 Isolated department
43 Business school class
44 Warm weather wear
45 Allay
49 Kudos-quartet acronym
50 On-mark connection
51 Pumpkin pie spice
52 B-school class
53 Unusually fine
54 Video game trials
55 High-grade vineyard
56 Delay deciding
57 1.5-volt power source



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## REBUILDING

FROM PAGE 1

disasters since Hurricane Katrina, primarily affected the Palisades and Eaton fire areas, along with areas impacted by the December 2024 Franklin Fire. County counsel has seven days to report back on the legal pathways for establishing such an authority.

The proposed Rebuilding Authority would have broad powers including issuing tax increment financing, managing public-private reconstruction coordination, purchasing lots for land banking with priority given to returning residents, and facilitating bulk purchasing of construction materials to reduce costs.

The Blue Ribbon Commission, established by Horvath in February 2025, delivered two overarching proposals in its final recommendations. Beyond the Rebuilding Authority, the commission called for establishing an LA County Fire Control District with dedicated funding for proactive wildfire mitigation.

"The Commission recommends creating a regional Resilient Rebuilding Authority that is provided critical powers by the state legislature and Governor to better help the fire-devastated communities," said Commission Chair Matt Petersen, along with co-chairs Cecilia Estolano and Russell Gold. "This moment calls for big systems thinking, and a regional Rebuilding Authority can complement the existing role of local and state governments."

The proposed Fire Control District would implement landscape-scale fire mitigation activities, including vegetation management, fire detection, evacuation planning, and support for home hardening. Funding would come through a voter-approved parcel tax, assessed either on properties in high-risk zones or county-wide with risk-adjusted fees.

The commission's comprehensive recommendations span 10 categories, including immediate recovery needs, building codes and resilience standards, energy system modernization, water infrastructure improvements, and community health initiatives.

Key building standards would require all reconstruction to meet Chapter 7A fire-resistant building codes and implement "Zone 0" defensible space requirements within five feet of structures. The commission also advocates for enhanced standards from the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety to improve insurability.

"When rebuilt and newly constructed homes are constructed using the latest building and energy codes along with the best science related to wildfire home ignitions and conflagration, the neighborhood and individual property owners will increase their insurability," the commission stated in its report.

The recovery effort has already achieved significant milestones. LA County Public Works led what officials call the largest and fastest debris removal program in American history, with nearly 70% of lots already cleared through a program implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

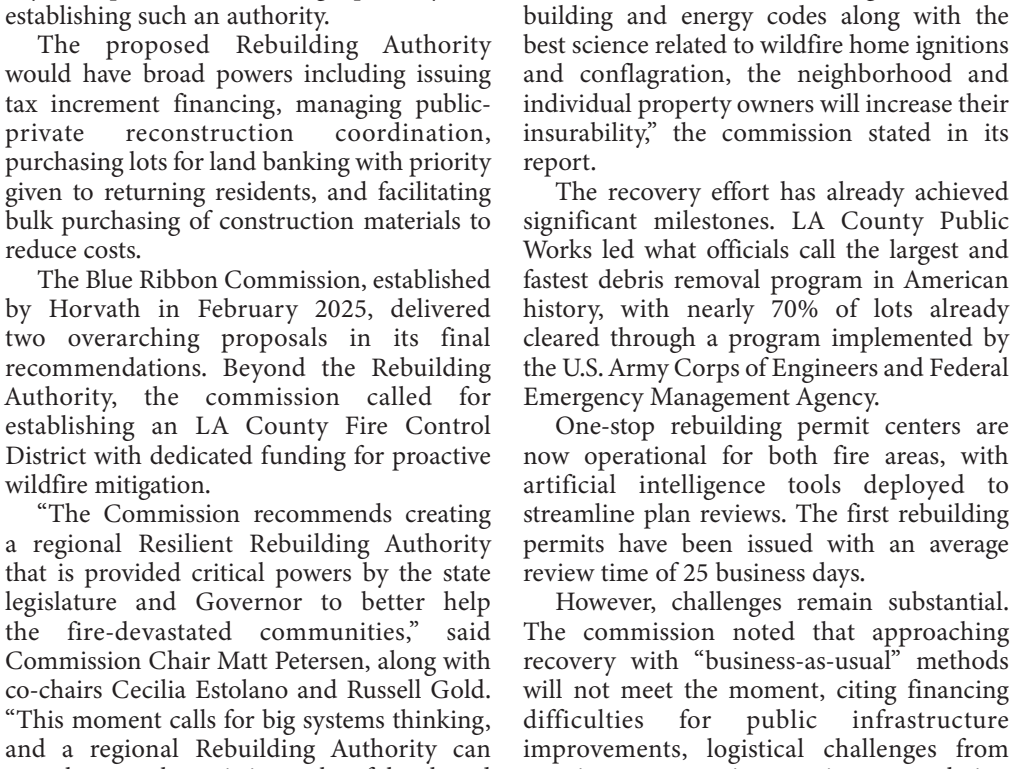
One-stop rebuilding permit centers are now operational for both fire areas, with artificial intelligence tools deployed to streamline plan reviews. The first rebuilding permits have been issued with an average review time of 25 business days.

However, challenges remain substantial. The commission noted that approaching recovery with "business-as-usual" methods will not meet the moment, citing financing difficulties for public infrastructure improvements, logistical challenges from massive construction projects, escalating costs, and workforce shortages.

The commission emphasized that without coordinated action, the region risks further displacement, rising insurance costs, and increased vulnerability to future climate events. The recommendations aim to position Greater Los Angeles as a model for climate-resilient recovery, particularly visible during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The feasibility study will determine what new authorities the county would need and any required state authorization to implement the rebuilding authority's proposed roles in coordinating the unprecedented recovery effort.

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**REBUILDING AUTHORITY:** Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath introduced the motion following recommendations from an independent Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery.

## ALCOHOL

FROM PAGE 1

operated as a gas station since 1965 and added the convenience store in 2004.

### CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The approval includes several restrictions aimed at addressing community concerns. The store cannot sell single-serve alcohol containers and must post no-loitering signs in the parking lot. Employees must walk a 100-foot radius from the facility before closing to pick up discarded containers and trash.

Commissioner Peer Chacko questioned staff about the enforcement of single-serve restrictions, asking about "past experience with limitations on the CUP for single serve alcohol and the ease of enforcement of those provisions."

City staff acknowledged practical challenges, with one official responding that enforcement "probably would be a challenge to enforce consistently... just because of the nature and the availability of enforcement resources."

### PUBLIC OPPOSITION

Written public comments submitted before the meeting raised concerns about the location's proximity to Santa Monica College's new arts complex directly across 14th Street. Residents also cited the presence of John Adams and Will Rogers schools within 500 feet.

"This station is directly adjacent to a residential community and lacks the staffing, training, and oversight necessary to responsibly manage alcohol transactions," wrote resident Suzie Roth in opposition.

Mike Terranova, a Sunset Park resident, highlighted "the well-documented history of public safety problems associated with alcohol outlets along Pico Blvd in proximity to SMC," referencing multiple shootings at a liquor store at 2045 20th Street.

Julie Fallon expressed concerns about impaired driving, writing: "It will only encourage drunk driving. This is a gas station! Drivers may not drink on the premise, but they will simply drive a block away and drink up before they drive."

However, no members of the public spoke against the proposal during the meeting itself.

### REGULATORY PRECEDENT

Commissioner Nina Fresco noted that other gas stations in Santa Monica already sell alcohol near schools without additional restrictions, including a Chevron at 1812 Cloverfield Boulevard and an Arco at 332 Pico Boulevard.

City staff defended the regulatory approach, stating officials "would really need to establish the rational basis for treating one individual land use so differently when you have alcohol sales associated with many other land uses in the city."

The Santa Monica Police Department reviewed the application and expressed no concerns about the permit.

### BUSINESS BACKGROUND

Applicant representative Jennifer Odin told commissioners that the landowner has operated the location since 1985, converting former service bays into the current convenience store. The business operates other ABC-licensed locations in the greater Los Angeles area with no violations, suspensions or revocations.

"The intent is to sell three-pack, six-pack, 12-pack your multi-pack for beer," Odin said, emphasizing the sales would be ancillary to the primary convenience store operation.

The alcohol display will occupy approximately 70 linear feet and four cooler doors within the store.

### POLICY DISCUSSION

Commissioner Jacob Wasserman suggested the city might consider streamlining such applications rather than requiring public hearings for each gas station alcohol permit.

City staff indicated this would represent a "policy shift" that could be addressed in future discussions, noting that streamlined permits already exist for restaurants in certain areas.

The commission also discussed compliance reporting requirements that would allow periodic review of the operation's impact on the community, though staff noted such reports have rarely resulted in additional restrictions in past cases.

The permit takes effect immediately and runs with the land, meaning it would transfer to future owners of the property.

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**PICO BOULEVARD-CUP:** Looking west from 14th street.



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