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Newsom touts construction push, aid reform at six-month wildfire recovery summit

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Governor Gavin Newsom has announced a new executive order aimed at accelerating post-wildfire construction as local, state and federal leaders marked six months since twin firestorms devastated both the Palisades and Altadena regions, destroying thousands of homes and upending entire communities.

Speaking at Pasadena City College, Newsom said the order will support "like-for-like" reconstruction by easing building codes and fast-tracking permits. The move comes as local officials warn of mounting frustration among residents unable to rebuild due to cost, permitting delays and insurance gaps.

"We need to do more and we need to be better," he said. "The anxiety that renters and homeowners feel is very real. If you are going to come back home, you want to know that the infrastructure is ready, the costs are manageable and the paperwork doesn't drag on forever."

Newsom said state and federal teams had already completed debris removal on more than 12,000 destroyed homes across the burn scars, calling the six-month cleanup timeline the fastest in California history. The second phase of removal began just 30 days after the fire broke out, aided by full federal reimbursement and a high rate of public opt-ins to the government-led clearance process.

The governor credited that speed in part to early engagement from

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Park proponents emerge victorious at City Council but airport's future remains murky



Matthew Hall

RALLY: Park supporters came out in force in advance of the Council meeting.

MATTHEW HALL
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The Santa Monica City Council has directed staff to study a preferred scenario for the former airport site that would not require voter approval under Measure LC, effectively choosing to explore a park-only option without housing for the 192-acre property.

The vote came after more than four hours of public testimony and council debate over what should be studied for the site following the airport's possible closure on Dec. 31, 2028. The eventual decision came after a failed effort by a minority group to approve a plan with more housing and revenue generation on the property.

The failed motion, supported by Natalya Zernitskaya, Jesse Zwick and Barry Snell, would have included study of options requiring a public vote to maintain compliance with Measure LC and while the public comments were split between various vacations (including a small contingent who want the airport to remain), the majority view reflected a push by a coalition of groups that have rallied under the Great Parks coalition banner.

"We stand at the threshold of something really transformative," Torosis said, supporting the majority position. "This is a place that will inspire wonder in every child who runs barefoot through an open field, and every senior who walks beneath the canopy of native trees."

Council's decision Tuesday is far from the final say. Staff will take the direction from this week's meeting

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Beaches show signs of recovery six months after devastating fires

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Six months after devastating wildfires swept through Los Angeles communities, comprehensive testing shows Santa Monica Bay beaches are largely safe for recreation, while successful conservation efforts have returned endangered fish to their natural habitats.

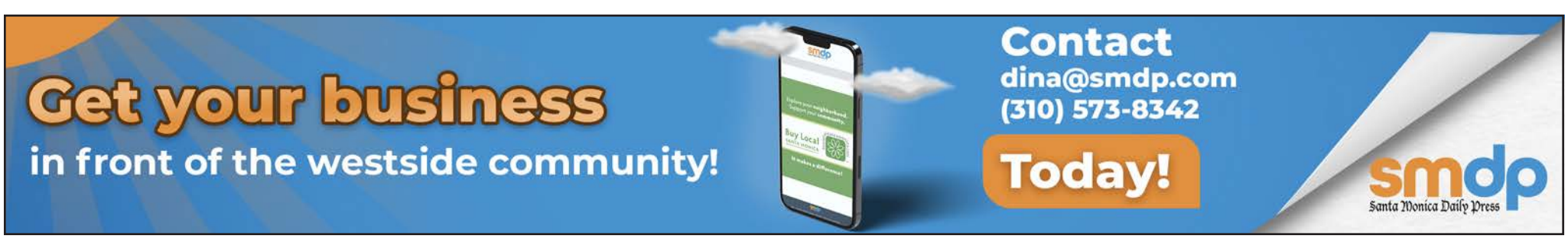
Water and sand analysis conducted by Heal the Bay and regional authorities found that fire-related contaminants, including heavy metals like mercury, barium, chromium, arsenic and lead, "appear to be below the risk-thresholds for human health," according to the organization's latest safety assessment.

"The data we have shows that LA beach water and sand do contain certain heavy metals and other fire-related chemicals, but these contaminants largely appear to be within safe levels for recreation," said Tracy Quinn, CEO of Heal the Bay, who was kayaking in Antarctica when the January 7 fires began.

The testing comes as tens of thousands of residents remain displaced from their homes, highlighting the ongoing recovery challenges facing Southern California communities hit by what Quinn called "unprecedented" fires and pollution.

In a major conservation victory, 160 federally endangered northern tidewater gobies have been successfully returned to their Topanga Canyon habitat after five months of recovery at local aquariums. The small fish, rescued from contaminated waters following the Palisades Fire, represent a

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Newsom exempts LA fire rebuilding from stricter building code

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Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order allowing homeowners rebuilding from January's devastating wildfires to use less stringent building standards, drawing criticism from environmental advocates who say the move will result in more expensive, polluting homes.

Executive Order N-29-25 permits fire victims to rebuild under California's 2022 building code rather than the stricter 2025 standards that take effect Jan. 1, 2026. The order affects thousands of properties damaged or destroyed in fires that burned over 47,900 acres and destroyed more than 16,250 structures across Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

The decision comes as California prepares to implement its most aggressive building electrification requirements to date. The 2025 code mandates electric heat-pump systems for space heating and water heating in new residential construction, effectively making most new homes all-electric by eliminating gas infrastructure.

KEY CODE DIFFERENCES

The 2022 code encouraged electrification but allowed gas furnaces, water heaters and other natural gas appliances as long as buildings met energy efficiency requirements. Builders received incentives for choosing all-electric systems but weren't required to install them.

In contrast, the 2025 code requires electric heat-pump systems for heating and hot water, making heat pumps the standard for new construction. While gas stoves aren't explicitly banned statewide, the code's energy budget rules and electric-ready provisions strongly favor electric appliances.

Both codes require "electric-ready" wiring to accommodate future conversion to electric appliances, but the 2025 standards go further by mandating the actual installation of electric systems rather than just preparing for them.

COST AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Research from UC Berkeley shows all-electric homes cost $7,500 to $9,000 less to build than homes with gas infrastructure, while producing up to 90% fewer greenhouse gas emissions. The 2025 code's shift away from gas also addresses fire safety concerns highlighted during the January blazes, when ruptured gas lines fueled flames and worsened destruction.

"During the Los Angeles fires of January 2025, methane gas lines fueled the flames, worsening the destruction," according to analysis of the building code changes. All-electric construction removes this potential fuel source during wildfire scenarios.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS OBJECT

Environmental advocates strongly criticized Newsom's decision to allow the older standards for rebuilding.

"We are extremely disappointed to see Governor Newsom rolling back code requirements that will help to ensure that LA is rebuilt with climate resilience and affordability in mind," said Srinidhi Sampath-Kumar, director of the Sierra Club's Building Electrification Campaign. "As the continued use of fossil fuels drives climate disasters like the 2025 wildfires, it is untenable that Newsom is removing common sense requirements for more sustainable and fire resistant housing."

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Matt Vespa, senior attorney on Earthjustice's Right To Zero campaign, compared the decision to allowing outdated safety standards in reconstruction.

"Building gas into new homes not only costs more, it makes us less safe, less healthy, and less protected from wildfires in the future," Vespa said. "Rebuilding LA homes with methane gas appliances is like greenlighting lead paint and asbestos insulation in the rebuild after the Northridge earthquake — we have better options, and it makes no sense."

BROADER CONCERNS

The executive order also suspends certain environmental regulations, including provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and California Coastal Act, to expedite rebuilding. Critics worry this sets a concerning precedent of rolling back environmental protections after disasters.

"Waiving building codes is like waiving seatbelts or air bags to build cars faster," said Beckie Menten, California director for the Building Decarbonization Coalition. "We can't sacrifice Californians' safety in the process of rebuilding."

Environmental groups are calling for increased state funding for programs like the Rebuilding Incentives for Sustainable Electric Homes program to help fire victims access all-electric rebuilding options despite the regulatory rollback.

The executive order takes effect immediately and applies to projects repairing, restoring, demolishing or replacing residential structures substantially damaged in the January emergency.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

Supervisors Approve Measures to Defend Immigrant Communities

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed three motions to protect immigrant communities amid escalating federal immigration enforcement operations that began in early June.

Chair Pro Tem and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis introduced all three measures, with Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath co-authoring two of them.

The first motion directs multiple county departments to assess how federal immigration operations affect access to food, health and social services. County hospitals and clinics have reported significant increases in appointment cancellations and no-shows since enforcement operations intensified.

> No one should be afraid to take their child to the doctor, pick up groceries, or access basic services because of the threat of an ICE raid
> - Lindsey P. Horvath

The motion calls for expanding telehealth services, mailed prescriptions, food delivery and multilingual outreach to ensure residents know county services remain accessible regardless of immigration status.

"Families across our communities are living in fear," said Solis. "People are skipping medical appointments, avoiding public places, and staying home because they worry that seeking help might put them or their loved ones at risk."

The board also adopted a resolution affirming immigrants' right to seek medical care free from harassment, arrest or intimidation. The resolution urges hospitals and health clinics to uphold California's legal protections for immigrants and maintain ethical standards protecting patient privacy and dignity.

"No one should be afraid to take their child to the doctor, pick up groceries, or access basic services because of the threat of an ICE raid," said Horvath. "Los Angeles County is fighting back — standing with our immigrant communities, protecting access to health care, defending due process."

In a separate motion, the board voted to oppose the federal government's termination of Temporary Protected Status for nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua. The Department of Homeland Security announced June 7 that protections for more than 50,000 individuals nationwide would end within 60 days.

The motion directs County Counsel to file or join legal briefs opposing the terminations.

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critical indicator of ecosystem health along California's coast.

"This group of fish are small but mighty, and they have physically grown so much during their time here," said Stacy Hammond, an aquarist at the Aquarium of the Pacific. "They've returned back to their homes more resilient than ever."

The collaborative rescue effort involved eight organizations and more than $43,000 in donations from 50 contributors, demonstrating what Dr. Brenton Spies of California State University Channel Islands called "what conservation success looks like when we come together for a shared purpose."

However, significant gaps remain in safety monitoring protocols. Scientists lack established guidelines for assessing health risks from disaster-related sand contamination, forcing researchers to navigate "uncharted waters" in developing comprehensive safety measures.

"We can't manage what we don't measure, and we've never had (because we've never needed) official safety threshold standards for this type of disaster-related pollution," Quinn noted.

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project is developing the first recommendations for new risk screening levels to protect against human health impacts from heavy metals and other contaminants in recreational water and sand.

Testing revealed some concerning data gaps. Previous samples lacked analysis for inorganic arsenic and hexavalent chromium, both harmful in lower concentrations. Recent testing included hexavalent chromium analysis, with results showing "Not Detected" levels, though some locations require additional sampling.

"While it appears that the state has stopped funding local water and sand testing, Heal the Bay is working to ensure it has the resources it needs to keep testing going for as long as it takes," Quinn said.

The recovery extends beyond immediate safety concerns. A Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action developed comprehensive recommendations for climate-resilient water infrastructure, including erosion control measures and updated legislation requiring broader contaminant testing before lifting health notices.

Ocean floor analysis continues, with Heal the Bay divers sampling sediment to identify lingering fire-related impacts. The organization plans sonar scanning to map potential debris fields on the bay floor.

"After the devastation wrought by the Palisades Fire, the return of the rescued tidewater gobies to Topanga Creek is a shining example of how collaboration makes our communities and coastline more resilient," said Gary Jones, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Despite progress, officials urge continued caution. Current recommendations include avoiding beaches within burn areas, keeping children and pets from consuming sand, and staying out of water within 250 yards of debris removal operations.

"Risk tolerance is a very personal decision, we are providing data to help inform your decisions," Quinn emphasized.

The results come as state and local officials continue to advance construction efforts to help displaced residents rebuild homes and several businesses have announced recent reopenings.

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Weather

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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AROUND TOWN

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Summer Dinners, Adoptapalooza, & More!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Adoptapalooza pet event at Green Dog Dental, special dinner series at Lunetta and Rustic Canyon, and much more!

Local Author Dr. Laura Gabayan to Discuss "Common Wisdom" at Barnes & Noble Book Talk: Dr. Laura Gabayan, a physician, scientist and author of the award-winning book "Common Wisdom: 8 Scientific Elements of a Meaningful Life," will speak at Barnes & Noble Santa Monica on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 2:30-4 p.m. The free event at 1318 3rd Street Promenade will feature a 30-minute discussion about her book from 2:30-3 p.m., followed by a meet-and-greet and book signing until 4 p.m. https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/event/9780062191456-0

Pan African Beach Day: Join the Black Surfers Collective for a day of fun, community, and connection at Pan African Beach Day! This event is all about celebrating and empowering our community while creating a safe, inclusive, and inspiring space to enjoy the ocean. Saturday, July 12, 9a.m. – 12p.m., Dockweiler State Beach, 12000 Vista Del Mar Playa Del Rey https://www.blacksurferscollective.org/events/

Fridge Gold: A Guide to Preserving Freshness, Fighting Waste & Dabbling in Fermentation: Learn the basics and fun science of properly storing your food for nutrition, deliciousness and longevity. Explore creative ideas to reduce waste by making delicious condiments with things like those kale stems you were going to throw out. And get a fun primer on simple ways to ferment to expand your pantry and add new flavors to your repertoire. Saturday, July 12, 2025, 9 - 11 am Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St. Santamonica.gov/events

Adoptapalooza Pet Adoption Event: "Because summertime is the perfect time to get a new bestie." Saturday, July 12, 1 - 6p.m., Green Dog Dental & Vet Clinic, 210 Main St., Venice https://www.instagram.com/greendogdentalvet/

Sunset Picnics at Annenberg Community Beach House: Looking for the perfect way to unwind this summer? Grab your picnic basket and your favorite people - or come solo and join a communal table - and enjoy a sunset evening at the Beach House. Vibe to musical duos and take in the glow of the summer sunset while enjoying complimentary s'mores and fun activities. FREE. Thursday, July 17, 5-8p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/july-sunset-picnic-tickets-1412856324299

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?

Summer Clambake at Lunetta: Chef Raphael Lunetta brings a taste of the East Coast to Santa Monica with a festive Summer Clambake now through July 12. The experience kicks off with spinach and artichoke dip with baked Parmesan potato chips, followed by a chicory Caesar. The main event is a hearty clambake platter piled high with Little Neck and Cherrystone clams, P.E.I. black mussels, Caledonian blue prawns, calamari, ahi tuna, apple chicken sausage, corn, fingerling potatoes, and summer squash—all simmered in a galangola kombu broth and served with grilled baguette. $65/person. https://www.lunettasm.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/CLAMBAKEJULY-2025.jpg

LA x LA - A Taste of New Orleans at Rustic Canyon: Enjoy some Southern soul inspired by their General Manager Lorenzo's roots in both cities. Expect guest appearances from standout chefs like Mike Stoltzfus of @coquette_nola, Mike Gulotta of @tanaitalian, and Adolfo Garcia Jr. of @eatchichis, and more all cooking alongside Chef Elijah and sharing soulful, tradition-rich dishes that connect two coastlines through food and community. Thursday, July 17, 6:30p.m., 1119 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/rusticcanyon/

Rustic Canyon Weiser Family Farmers Market Dinner: Celebrate a 4-course meal from Chef Elijah Deleon highlighting produce from one of their closest partners, Weiser Family Farms. This will be a 20-person, family-style dinner served in their back garden patio. Thursday, July 17, 6:30p.m., 1119 Wilshire Blvd. https://resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/rustic-canyon/events/weiser-family-farms-garden-dinner-2025-07-17



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WEEKEND: Find a pet this weekend.

Pasjoli & Birdie G's Make The Infatuation's "The Best Burgers In LA" List: "The fancy French burger at Pasjoli was once capped at ten orders per night, but after a menu makeover, their burger policy is now much more laissez-faire. And that's great news. The thick, dry-aged patty is pan-seared and basted in herb butter, then blanketed with cheddar and bone marrow aioli. A handful of crisp shallots and a thick ring of sauteed red onion are the only vegetables in sight." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-burger-la

Crudo e Nudo Team Opens Force of Nature: This is a speakeasy and creative gathering space upstairs at 1031 Abbot Kinney in Venice open Wednesday - Sunday beginning at 5pm. It's " an intimate bar designed as both a sanctuary for and an altar to women everywhere. This project highlights female winemakers, distillers, chefs, artists, and those who remind us how to create again and again. Offerings include a curated list of low-intervention wines, spirits, and a thoughtful non-alcoholic selection, all from women who reflect intention and terroir in their work. In addition to a collaborative dinner series, we offer apertivo and the incoming pizza pulley connected the Cooks Garden below, a community where beauty is always in bloom." https://www.instagram.com/forceofnature.la

Calabra and Interstellar Make The Infatuation's "Best Brunch Spots In LA" List: For Calabra at 700 Wilshire Blvd., it states "When it comes to brunch on the Westside, it doesn't get dreamier for most people than views of the ocean, lots of sun, and a menu filled with shareable, Mediterranean small plates. Calabra has all three in spades." And for Intersteller at 109 Broadway, it states "In an area full of tourist trap brunch spots, this is a low-key option that keeps things simple and relaxed." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-brunch-la-greatest-hits-list

Further Afield: Belly Laughs Festival at L.A. Live (July 11–12): A spotlight on Asian American and Pacific Islander stand-up comedy featuring 30 AAPI comics—like Kumail Nanjiani and Margaret Cho—alongside 20 food vendors offering Taiwanese night-market–style treats. https://www.lalive.com/belly-laughs-festival

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: Summer Dinners, Adoptapalooza, & More!

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Cal Fire rolled out an AI chatbot. Don't ask it about evacuation orders

California government agencies are going all-in on generative artificial intelligence tools under Gov. Gavin Newsom's 2023 executive order to improve government efficiency with AI. One of the first to roll out is a chatbot from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the primary agency tasked with coordinating the state's wildfire response.

The chatbot is meant to give Californians better access to "critical fire prevention resources and near-real-time emergency information," according to a May release from Newsom's office. But CalMatters found that it fails to accurately describe the containment of a given wildfire, doesn't reliably provide information such as a list for evacuation supplies and can't tell users about evacuation orders.

Newsom has announced AI applications for traffic, housing and customer service to be implemented in the coming months and years. But Cal Fire's chatbot issues raise questions about whether agencies are following best practices.

"Evaluation is not an afterthought," said Daniel Ho, law professor at Stanford University whose research focuses on government use of AI. "It should be part of the standard expectation when we pilot and roll out a system like this."

The chatbot uses the Cal Fire website and the agency's ReadyForWildfire.org to generate answers. It can tell users about topics such as active wildfires, the agency, fire preparedness tips and Cal Fire's programs. It was built by Citibot, a South Carolina-based company that sells AI-powered chatbots for local government agencies across the country. Cal Fire plans to host the tool until at least 2027, according to procurement records.

"It really was started with the intent and the goal of having a better-informed public about Cal Fire," said Issac Sanchez, deputy chief of communications for the agency.

When CalMatters asked Cal Fire's bot questions about what fires were currently active and basic information about the agency, it returned accurate answers. But for other information, CalMatters found that the chatbot can give different answers when the wording of the query changes slightly, even if the meaning of the question remains the same.

For example, an important way Californians can prepare for fire season is assembling a bag of emergency supplies should they need to evacuate. Only "What should I have in my evacuation kit?" returned a specific list of items from Cal Fire's chatbot. Variations of the question that included "go bag," "wildfire ready kit" and "fire preparedness kit" instead returned either a prompt to visit Cal Fire's "Ready for Wildfire" site, which has that information, or a message saying "I'm not sure about the specific items you should have" and the wildfire site link. Two of those terms are present on the site the chatbot referenced.

And while the chatbot didn't generate incorrect answers in any of the queries CalMatters made, it doesn't always pull the most up-to-date information.

When asked if the Ranch Fire, a 4,293-acre fire in San Bernardino County, was contained, the chatbot said that the "latest" update as of June 10 showed the fire was 50% contained. At the time CalMatters queried the chatbot, the information was six days out of date – the fire was 85% contained by then.

Similarly, when asked about current job openings at the agency, the chatbot said there weren't any. A search on the state's job site showed two positions at Cal Fire accepting applications at the time.

Mila Gascó-Hernandez is research director for the University at Albany's Center for Technology in government and has studied how public agencies use AI-powered chatbots. Two key factors she uses to evaluate such chatbots are the accuracy of information they provide and how consistently they answer the same questions even if the question is asked in different ways.

"If a fire is coming and you need to know how to react to it, you do need both accuracy and consistency in the answer," she said. "You're not going to think about 'what's the nice way to ask the chatbot?'"

Currently, the chatbot is unable to provide information about evacuation orders associated with fires. When asked who issues evacuation orders, it sometimes correctly said law enforcement, while other times said it didn't know. Cal Fire's Sanchez said it's reasonable to expect the chatbot to be able to answer questions about evacuations.

If there are no evacuation orders for a particular fire, he said, "the answer should be 'there doesn't appear to be any evacuations associated with this incident.'"

Sanchez said he and his team of about four people tested the chatbot before it went out by submitting questions they expected the public to ask. Cal Fire is currently making improvements to the bot's answers by combing through the queries people make and ensuring that the chatbot correctly surfaces the needed answer.

When CalMatters asked the bot "What can you help me with?" in early May, it responded, "Sorry I don't have the answer to that question right now" and asked if CalMatters had questions about information on the Cal Fire site. By mid-June, that answer was updated to being able to "provide answers to questions related to information located on this page such as details about current fires, CAL FIRE job classifications, examination requirements and CAL FIRE's various programs."

"The big message we want to get across," Sanchez said, "is be patient."

But experts said the process of kicking the tires on a chatbot should happen long before procurement begins.

The preferred process, Stanford's Ho said, is to establish criteria for how the chatbot should perform before a vendor is selected so there are clear benchmarks to evaluate the tool. Ideally, those benchmarks are created by an independent third party. There should also be an evaluation of the

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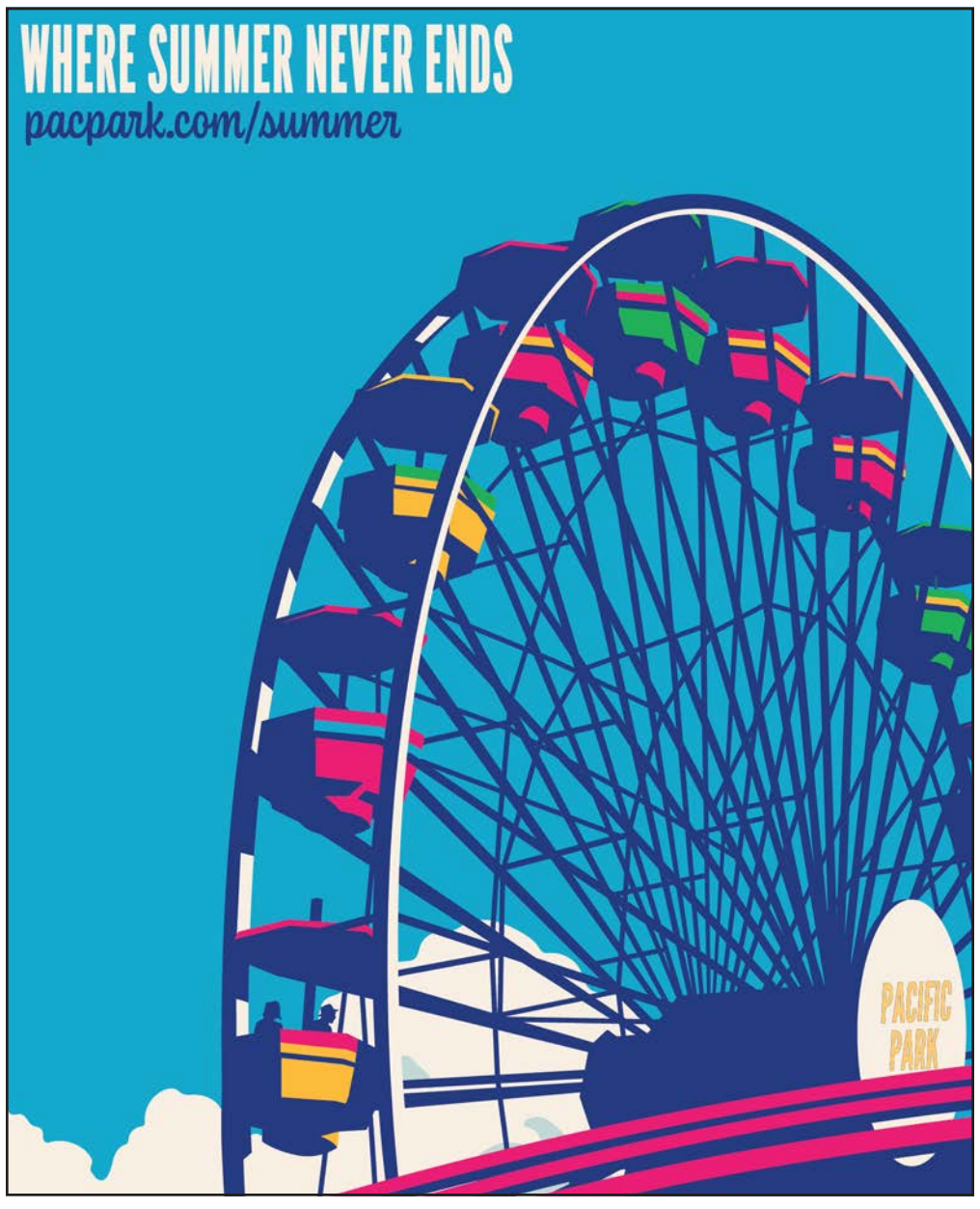
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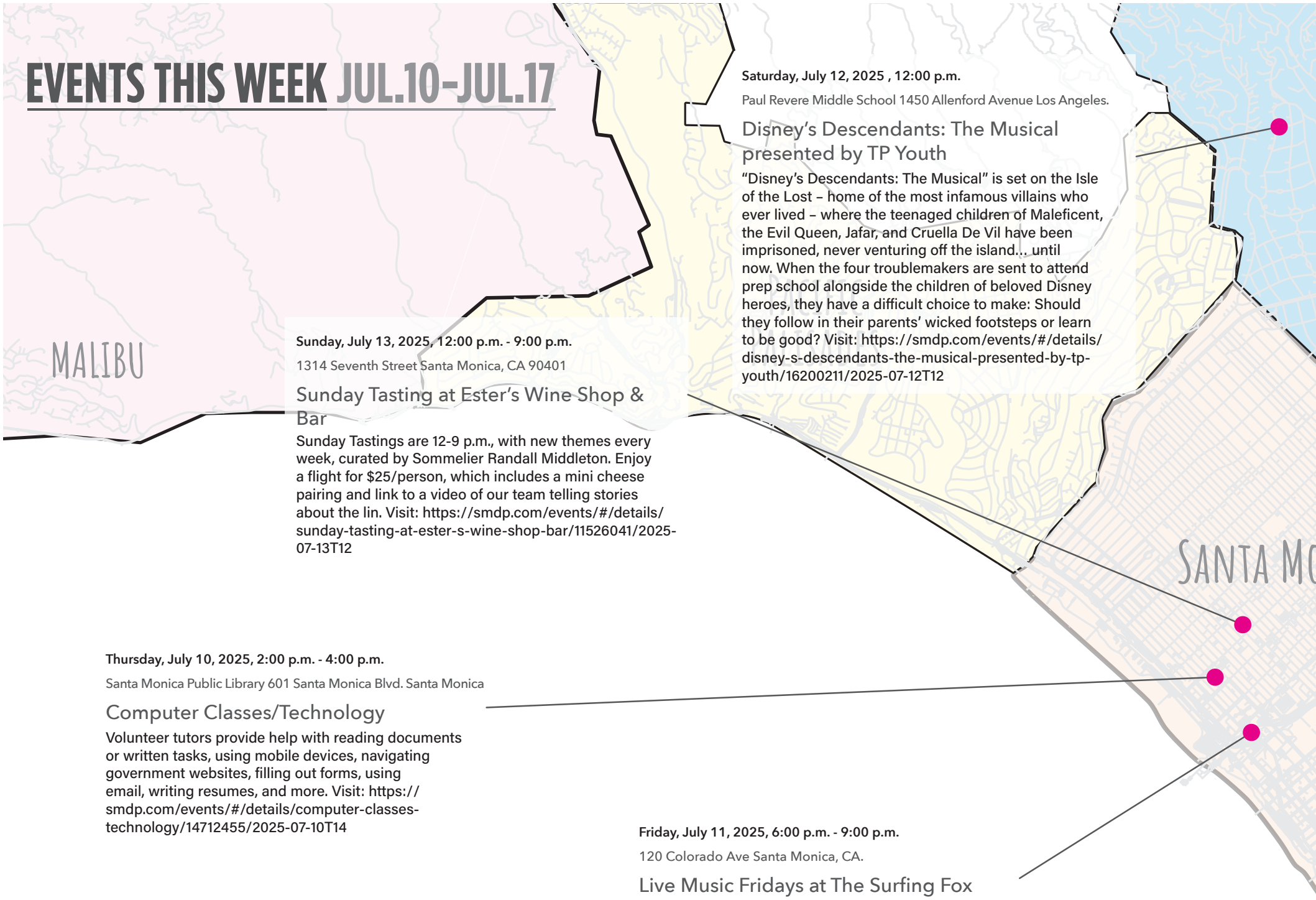
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EVENTS THIS WEEK JUL.10-JUL.17



Saturday, July 12, 2025 , 12:00 p.m.

Paul Revere Middle School 1450 Allenford Avenue Los Angeles.

Disney's Descendants: The Musical presented by TP Youth

"Disney's Descendants: The Musical" is set on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – where the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have been imprisoned, never venturing off the island... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: Should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good? Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-s-descendants-the-musical-presented-by-tp-youth/16200211/2025-07-12T12

Sunday, July 13, 2025, 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1314 Seventh Street Santa Monica, CA 90401

Sunday Tasting at Ester's Wine Shop & Bar

Sunday Tastings are 12-9 p.m., with new themes every week, curated by Sommelier Randall Middleton. Enjoy a flight for $25/person, which includes a mini cheese pairing and link to a video of our team telling stories about the lin. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/sunday-tasting-at-ester-s-wine-shop-bar/11526041/2025-07-13T12

Thursday, July 10, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica

Computer Classes/Technology

Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/computer-classes-technology/14712455/2025-07-10T14

Friday, July 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

120 Colorado Ave Santa Monica, CA.

Live Music Fridays at The Surfing Fox

Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtai. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-07-11T18

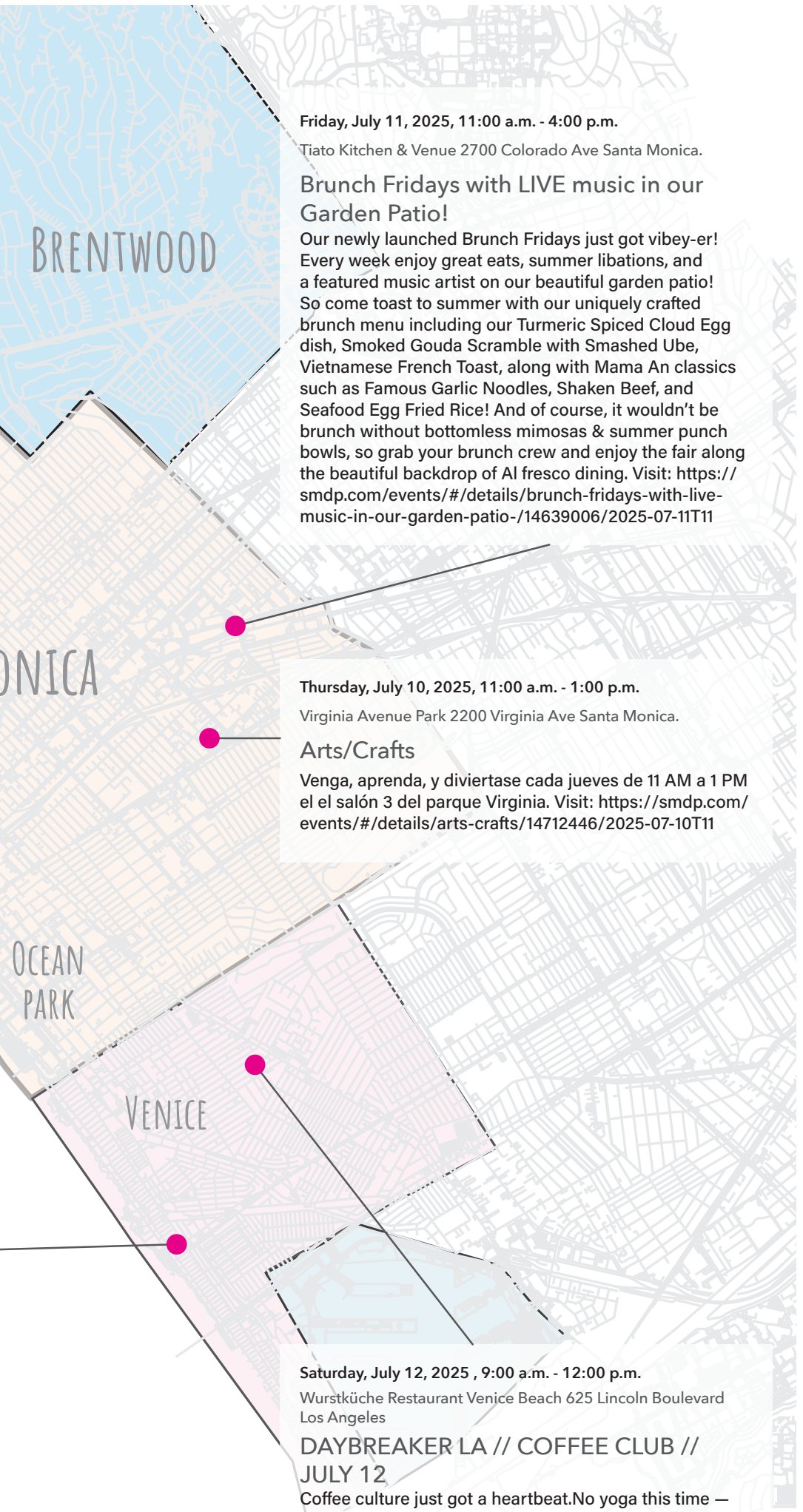
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Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice CA 90291.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. The parade follows a strict no-smoking or drinking policy, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Why Join? Connect with old and new friends. Celebrate the artistic and cultural spirit of Venice. Enjoy a safe and fun environment for all ages. So, light up your ride, bring your friends, and join us this Sunday at Windward Plaza. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2025-07-13T00

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Friday, July 11, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

Brunch Fridays with LIVE music in our Garden Patio!

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Thursday, July 10, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica.

Arts/Crafts

Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-07-10T11

Saturday, July 12, 2025 , 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wurstküche Restaurant Venice Beach 625 Lincoln Boulevard Los Angeles

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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

FRIDAY | JULY 11

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

A SPACE ODYSSEY

7:30 p.m. Aero Theatr 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!

SATURDAY | JULY 12

TOUR OF HYPERION WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12000 Vista del Mar, Playa de 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/14548485/2025-06-28T11

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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing $5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class proceeds donated to charitable organizations that advocate for animals, and animal shelters and rescues. Sign-up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training. $5.00 —General $5.00. First Responders & Wildfire Victims FREE. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-06-28T12

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 13

YOUR AUTHOR SERIES: ERIC NAKAMURA DISCUSSES 30 YEARS OF GIANT ROBOT

2:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Your Author Series: Eric Nakamura Discusses 30 Years of Giant Robot You don't want to miss Giant Robot founder Eric Nakamura discussing his book Giant Robot: Thirty Years of Defining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/your-author-series-eric-nakamura-discusses-30-years-of-giant-robot/16107148/2025-07-13T14

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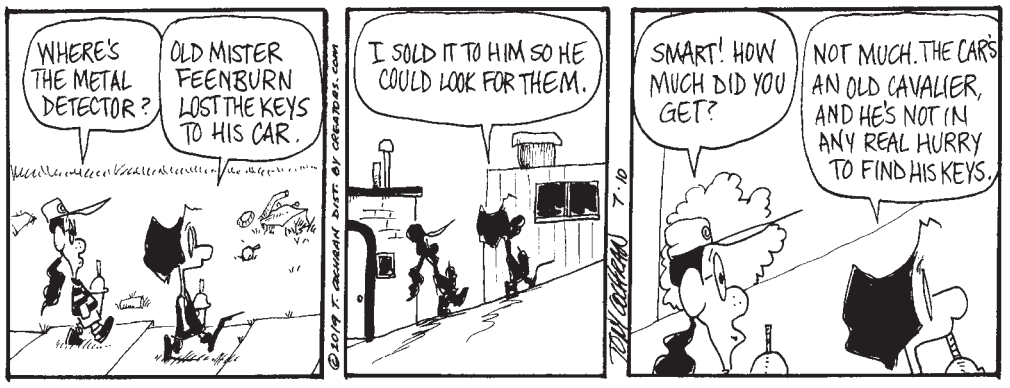
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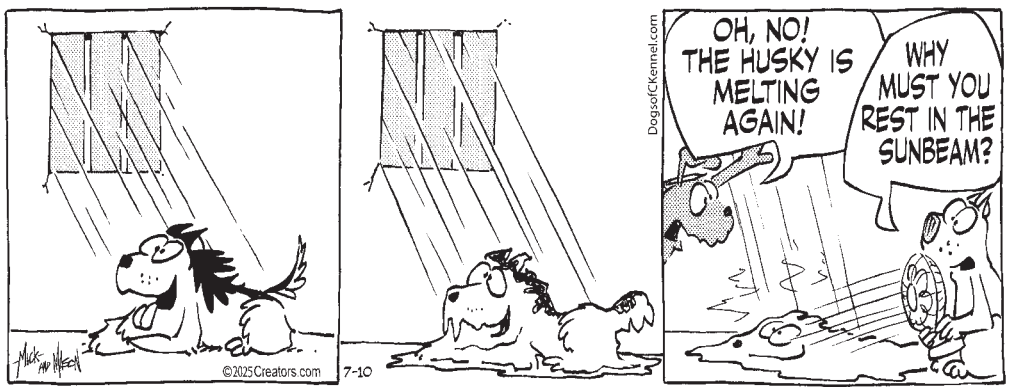
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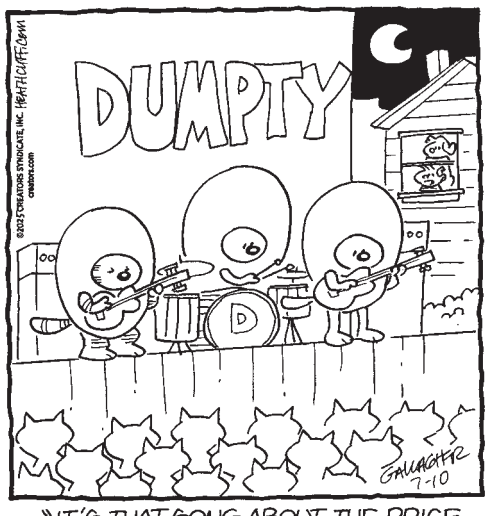
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6632

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10)

You're learning to wield your sensitivity like a secret weapon. This year brings a role reversal - you'll be leading where you once followed, mentoring where you once asked. More highlights: A signature project takes flight and gains momentum. You'll cash in on something you put years of time and energy into. A love story evolves, sometimes like a walk on the beach, sometimes like a roller-coaster at the fair, sometimes like a dance in the club. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 14, 21, 39 and 42

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're the translator today - between people, between ideas, between head and heart. Talk about this talent of yours. Someone needs your knack for breaking down the complicated into something they can actually use.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll feel a pull to protect your time, and rightly so. A short "no" will save you hours. You don't have to justify your boundaries; just honor them. Because explaining things will be tedious and unnecessary for both you and the listener.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll feel a rush of pride not for what you accomplished but for how you handled yourself. The emotional poise you showed under pressure is the real win. Anyone with grace understands how much work it can be to keep cool and controlled.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your instincts are sharp, though you might second-guess them just because others move with more certainty. Mind you, that doesn't make them right. Confidence and rightness aren't synonymous. But your impetus to move is based in what's good for all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being open and saying "yes" will bring surprising rewards. You'll likely agree to something spontaneous - an outing, an event, a project - that you wouldn't have planned for yourself. That "yes" becomes the entry point to adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone you admire needs you, too. Your opinion is unlike any other, believe it. When people turn the floor over to you, be honest. This is your cue to stop underestimating the impact you're already making.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today you'll feel the power of restraint. You won't need to correct, confront or control. Instead, you only need to observe. Your presence radiates a truth that others feel, and it helps them witness themselves more realistically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Weirdness will have you laughing. This is a good sign. When levity returns, it's usually because life gets easier. Either you're well-rested and stronger or you're too tired to care anymore. Both work!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a new tool or method that will change how you work. Invest the time to figure it out. It's hard to stop and take the time to learn, but the upgrade you make now will save you time in the end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A project that once felt overwhelming now has a clear next step. It's so easy to move forward now, mainly because you've stopped trying to solve the whole thing at once. You can go the whole way only knowing one or two steps at a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's someone you want to reach - not with logic, but with delight. A gesture, the sort of text only you could send, the ribbing that says "we're in on something that's only for us." You make them feel special.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you have to pay someone to fix a problem, treat it like a lesson. Learn what you can so you're more self-sufficient the next time it comes up. Don't just buy the fix - buy the knowledge.

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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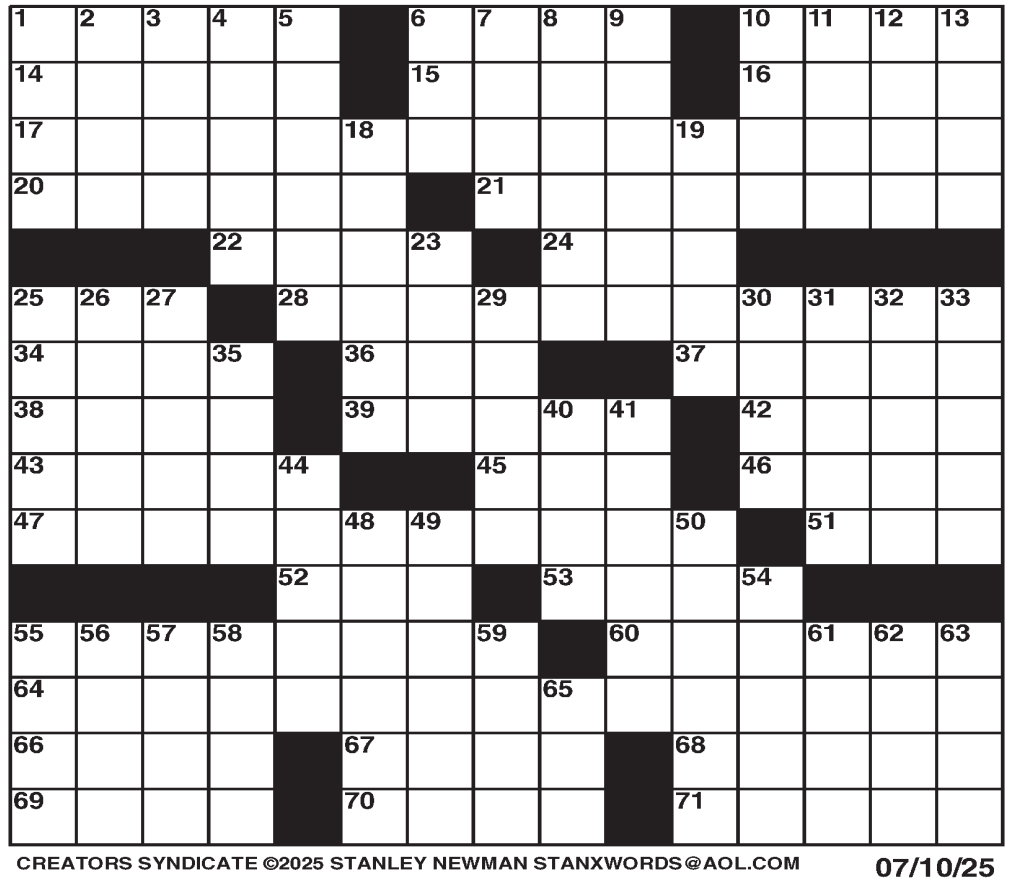
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ACROSS

1 Gather slowly
6 Remove just a bit
10 Sound of great surprise
14 Cost
15 Improve
16 Not quite *nueve*
17 Crichton novel contagion
20 Next to
21 Household chore
22 Choir member
24 Rusted
25 How some stand
28 When many Leos celebrate birthdays
34 Dynamic opening
36 Green land
37 Certain sealant
38 Mideast money
39 Menu section
42 On
43 Dry (off)
45 "That's impressive!"
46 Insignificant
47 Grain in Mideast cuisine
51 Spectrum slice
52 __ *culpa*
53 Tip of a ship
55 Facial photos
60 Spicy buds
64 Scientist on a CSI team
66 Exude slowly
67 List follower
68 Pasta al __
69 Take a break
70 Little money
71 Wee hr.

DOWN

1 Obtain rudely
2 Supermarket area
3 Cuts off
4 Heart chambers
5 Casserole tidbit
6 Personal pronoun
7 Signs of approval
8 Sort of
9 Euro predecessor
10 Hiker's snack
11 Purple palm fruit
12 Calf's area
13 First successful video game
18 Refinery output
19 Prepare to drive
23 Chocolate treat
25 Medicare category
26 Alphabetic quintet
27 Fishing net
29 Show that you've gotten it
30 American territory
31 Unconditional
32 Place for browsing
33 Categorized
35 First name in fashion
40 Henhouse sound
41 Internet activity
44 Brightness measure
48 Got more from
49 American elk
50 City near Madrid
54 19th Amendment beneficiaries
55 Execs concerned with books
56 Ill-gotten gains
57 Tiny pasta
58 Exude slowly
59 Phony deal
61 Major Hollywood thoroughfare
62 Spanish 101 verb
63 Spoon handle
65 AL Central team



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AIRPORT

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and return to council in several months with more information at which time the directive for what will go on the site, whether that be housing, parks or other uses, may change.

"I just want that to be clear for everybody who's here saying for housing or for park that …, whether it's housing or park, that may not be the case because we don't have any feasibility studies yet," said Mayor Lana Negrete.

Zwick strongly opposed the successful motion, arguing the council was making choices without sufficient financial information.

"I feel like we're shopping for a car and someone said, I'm not going to tell you how much it costs, and I'm not going to tell you what your budget is, and I'm not going to tell you what the fuel mileage is either," Zwick said. "How do you want to make a decision?"

Zwick was the sole dissenting vote, expressing concerns about the process and advocating for including housing options in the study.

"I don't see why we can't study a park on all the space that's currently open and also study what a mix of revenue generating uses and housing would be on sites in the airport that currently have structures," Zwick said. "There's very little publicly owned land, and there's a very different process by which we can choose what happens on that land."

In rejecting Zwick's position, the majority of the council said there has to be some narrowing of the field to start the process because every option can't be studied and that changes and alterations will be possible when some initial work has produced more useful information.

The council's decision came after staff presented three conceptual scenarios developed through extensive community engagement. The scenarios ranged from a nature-focused approach with no new development to options including housing and commercial uses that would require voter approval to override Measure LC restrictions.

Council Member Barry Snell did support the final motion after expressing interest in exploring housing options, noting the community's need for recreational space.

"The need for recreational space in our community is huge," Snell said. "We don't have enough areas for activities with this particular initiative, so I strongly recommend that we take a look at what kind of recreational uses would be feasible."

Mayor Negrete also supported the motion while emphasizing the need for proper planning.

"I am saying yes to a park. I'm saying yes to a real plan on how we get there," Negrete said. "I'm asking us to direct staff to come back with the economic analysis, the phasing strategies and the financial path that ensures this land becomes what we want it to be."

The Santa Monica Airport spans 191.6 acres in Santa Monica, with an additional 17 acres technically located in Los Angeles. The airport's closure stems from a 2017 City Council resolution and settlement agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration following decades of community opposition to aircraft noise and safety concerns.

The current planning process began in May 2024 with consultant firm Sasaki leading a five-phase study to develop scenarios for the site's future use. Staff have conducted 87 public meetings and three major community events, gathering input from an estimated 800 community members with more than 12,100 survey responses.

The project team developed three scenarios based on community feedback and six design layers covering connectivity, water management, ecology, active park uses, housing and revenue generation. While community surveys showed preferences for nature-focused, lower-impact options, the housing component remained the most contentious issue.

Measure LC, passed by 60% of voters in 2014, restricts new development on airport land until voters approve specific uses. The measure currently allows only parks, public open spaces, public recreational facilities, and maintenance of existing cultural, arts and educational uses.

The council's decision to study a Measure LC-compliant option means the preferred scenario will focus on adaptive reuse of existing structures and park development without requiring another public vote. However, this approach presents significant financial challenges, as funding would rely primarily on existing airport lease revenue of approximately $6-7 million annually, grants and potentially voter-approved bonds.

Staff warned that a park-only approach could require General Fund subsidies for operational costs and increased security, custodial and programming needs for such a large space. They also said the City can't afford to build a park if the Airport does close at the first available date.

"We don't have the money as you know, on day one to open a park," said interim City Manager Elaine Polachek. "So I want to talk about what happens on day one because you've already alluded to the fact that you're concerned this is going to lay fallow for many years."

In response, the council provided direction for interim uses of the site after closure, with members suggesting temporary recreational activities like skating parks, bicycle training areas and movie screenings to activate the space during the years-long development process.

Staff will return to council in fall 2025 with a refined preferred scenario including cost estimates, funding strategies and implementation phasing. The preferred scenario will then serve as the basis for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act before any final decisions on the site's future.

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benefits and risks before the chatbot is released.

And in a best-case scenario, the public would be involved before launch, Albany's Gascó-Hernandez said. Agencies interested in using chatbots should identify the questions the public is likely to ask the AI tool ahead of time, ensure those are representative of the expected population the agency serves and refine the chatbot by having members of the public pilot the system to ensure it provides the kind of information they seek.

"These user engagement and user experiences are very important so the citizen ends up using the chabot," she said.

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the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Army Corps of Engineers and the Biden administration and pointed to a "historic" level of interagency cooperation.

Construction, however, remains a sticking point. While some rebuilding has begun in the Palisades, officials say many families remain stalled by design requirements, lack of approved contractors and a workforce stretched too thin.

fire season looms.

"This is absolutely not the time to threaten FEMA or eliminate FEMA," Padilla said. "Natural disasters do not discriminate. Californians have risen up to help one another and we have always stood for other states in their time of need."

Padilla, whose district includes large parts of the San Fernando Valley and the Pacific Palisades, said 150 National Guard troops were being returned to California fire prevention efforts this month but stressed that all such resources were needed.



Courtesy photo

ANNIVERSARY: Gov. Newsom has announced a variety of programs and services to address the wildfires in the past six months.

"We're now entering the next phase," Newsom said. "It is critical that we maintain the same mindset and deliberative focus. And part of that means embracing new tools."

One of those tools, he said, is a new AI-powered permitting system being jointly rolled out by Los Angeles city and county later this week. The platform, still under wraps, is expected to streamline approvals and help deliver on the long-promised "one-stop shop" for fire survivors trying to rebuild.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger said her team is already implementing a six-pillar recovery blueprint, which includes deferring county permit fees for homeowners in unincorporated areas, scaling up the supply of builders and materials, and undergrounding more than 150 miles of utility lines.

"County permit fees can exceed $20,000," Barger said. "That is a significant obstacle. I am confident we will identify permanent funding solutions to waive these costs, but that burden should not fall on the survivors."

State officials also pledged to address lingering insurance concerns and infrastructure gaps, particularly in neighborhoods where residents worry they may rebuild alone. Newsom referenced conversations with those who have secured permits but remain anxious their neighbors may not return.

"There is a sense of loss beyond just homes," he said. "It's the memories, the photos, the places that made these communities whole. Rebuilding a house is one thing, but rebuilding a neighborhood is something else entirely."

Senator Alex Padilla echoed that sentiment, warning that while cleanup efforts had been swift, much more remains to be done. He also raised concern that the federal aid process could soon be politicized, especially as peak

His remarks came after a string of speakers criticized recent comments by former President Donald Trump, who reportedly threatened to withhold FEMA funds from California and suggested using disaster relief as leverage to demand unrelated state policy changes.

"We've never voted against hurricane aid because we didn't like another state's abortion laws," said Representative Brad Sherman. "That's not how this country works."

Congresswoman Judy Chu, whose district includes Altadena and Pasadena, said she continued to push for FEMA to fully deploy the direct lease program and called on Congress to pass a $40 billion disaster aid package without conditions. "This funding is critical," Chu said. "It must come with no strings attached."

Throughout the event, speakers highlighted the scale of the disaster, with over 9,000 structures lost, 20,000 people displaced and at least 30 lives claimed. Officials said recovery had now shifted firmly into the rebuilding phase, with 640 plan check applications already submitted in the Palisades alone.

Deputy LA Mayor Rachel Freeman said community resilience had played a key role in the response, but warned that the work is far from over.

"Losing a home is not just about property," she said. "It's about belonging. It's about security. Our job now is to make sure people have everything they need to come back."

Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the state's first partner, closed the event with a call to maintain the optimism and unity that marked the state's response so far. "When we come together and keep looking to the future," she said, "nothing will stop us."

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