2 **LA Crash**
Suspect was on parole.

3 **Guest Commentary**
Sanctuary under attack.

4 **Film Permits**
County cuts red tape.

7 **Venice Mixer**
Supports the Chamber of Commerce.

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

Volume 24 Issue171 TUESDAY 7/22/25 smdp.com

Big Blue Bus fare hike set for August 10, ending nine-year stretch of price stability

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus system will raise fares for the first time since 2016 this summer, eliminating several pass options while increasing the cost of most others. The last fare adjustment introduced the current $1.25 cash price for a single ride and offered a discounted $1.10 rate for TAP card or mobile payments.

The fare changes, which take effect August 10, were formally announced by the city's Department of Transportation and will apply to single rides, daily and weekly passes and most multi-ride products. The $500 annual pass and the $19 youth 30-day pass will be discontinued entirely.

City officials said the decision was driven by rising costs for fuel, utilities and supplies, as well as the need to invest in future infrastructure upgrades and service improvements.

"We are in the midst of a transformative period," said Anuj Gupta, Santa Monica's director of transportation. "Along with our city and state partners, we are investing in high-quality transit service, a sustainable fleet that will move us into a greener future and a skilled workforce that reflects the diverse communities we serve."

SEE **BBB** PAGE 7



Courtesy photo

BBB: The price to ride the bus is going up.

CEO of American Realty Advisors elected to Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Stanley Iezman has been elected to the board of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM), filling the vacant property owner seat left open after the resignation of longtime board member Julia Ladd.

The results were announced Thursday by DTSM CEO Andrew Thomas, who praised the caliber of candidates and the level of engagement from the downtown property ownership community.

"This year's election saw an impressive turnout among property owners," Thomas said in a statement. "We were also fortunate to have a highly qualified and diverse pool of candidates who each brought unique perspectives and a shared dedication to enhancing the district."

Iezman, a longtime Santa Monica resident and founder of American Realty Advisors, will serve as one of six at-large property owner representatives on the 13-member board. His election follows a competitive campaign that featured five candidates with backgrounds in real estate, retail management, hospitality and cultural programming.

In his application, Iezman emphasized his extensive civic and industry experience, listing roles with more than a dozen organizations in the real estate,

SEE **DTSM** PAGE 2



Courtesy photo

STANLEY IEZMAN

Santa Monica puts three city-owned sites up for lease as part of affordable housing push

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

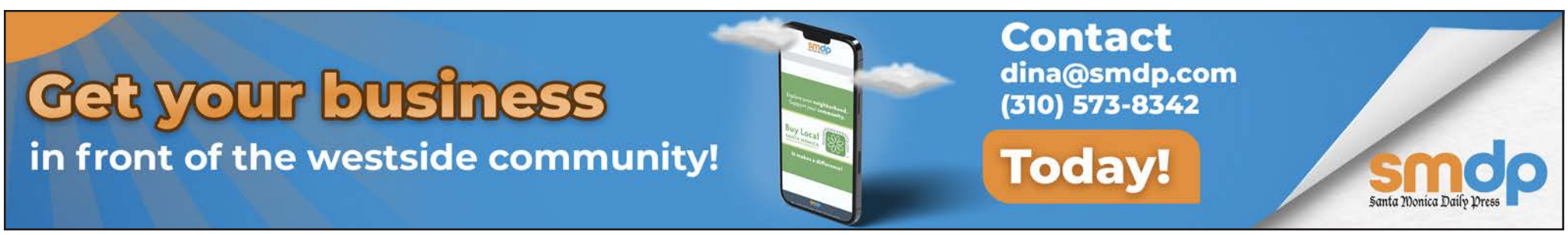
Santa Monica is offering up more than eight acres of city-owned land to developers, launching a formal search for long-term lessees to help meet the city's state-mandated housing goals and deliver hundreds of affordable apartments on publicly controlled sites.

A legal notice issued June 30 outlines plans to lease three major properties under California's Surplus Land Act, which requires cities to give priority to affordable housing projects when disposing of public land. While private developers are invited to submit proposals, priority will be given to projects that commit at least 25 percent of units to lower-income households.

The largest of the three sites is the Bergamot Station Arts Center at 2525 Michigan Avenue, a 5.6-acre property currently home to about 30 businesses including galleries, a theater company and a comedy club. The city's stated goal for the property is to build at least 707 affordable apartments, serving households earning up to 80 percent of the area median income. Proposals with fewer units will be considered only if developers explain why that threshold cannot be met and offer alternative options that still prioritize affordability.

City planning documents show

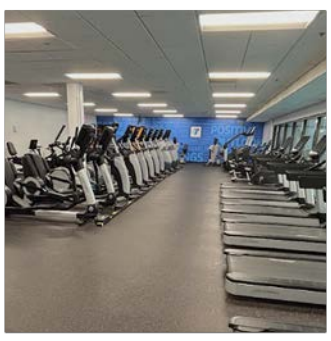
SEE **HOUSING** PAGE 8



TAXES
ALL FORMS, ALL TYPES, ALL STATES
BACK TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • SMALL BUSINESS
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1753 • Santa Monica 90401

Get the local news that matters to you!
Sign up for The CURRENT
SMDP's free daily newsletter for all your Santa Monica news & events!
POWERED BY smdp Santa Monica Daily Press

the Y SANTA MONICA FAMILY YMCA
HERE. FOR. YOU.
Whether you find us through Youth Development, Healthy Living, or Social Responsibility, your Y works to meet the needs of the community. Check out some of the ways we are working to serve YOU!

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

BUILDING WELLNESS

CONTINUED FIRE RELIEF

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT
310.393.2721 SANTA MONICA FAMILY YMCA 1332 Sixth Street, Santa Monica CA 90401 YMCASM.ORG

Suspect in Los Angeles car-ramming incident has a criminal history and was on parole, police say

A man suspected of driving his car into a crowd on a sidewalk in Los Angeles, injuring 36 people, has a criminal history that includes a conviction for felony battery, officials said Sunday.

The driver, identified by police as 29-year-old Fernando Ramirez, was attacked by bystanders after the crash early Saturday in east Hollywood and paramedics later found that he had been shot. Police were still searching for the suspected shooter, described as a man with a goatee in a blue Dodgers jacket.

Ramirez, of San Clemente, California, was recovering and was expected to face a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He could not be reached for comment and it wasn't known if he had an attorney.

Los Angeles police Capt. Ben Fernandes told KNBC-TV on Sunday that Ramirez was sentenced in 2020 for attacking a man outside of a Whole Foods grocery store in June 2019. He was on parole at the time of Saturday's crash, but it's unclear whether it was in connection with the 2019 attack or another case.

Ramirez has had at least 11 criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to felonies, KNBC reported. In January 2022, he was charged with felony domestic battery and entered a not guilty plea. That case remains open.

A line of people — mostly women — were waiting to enter the Vermont Hollywood event venue around 2 a.m. when they were struck by a Nissan Versa that also hit a food vending cart and valet stand, Fire Capt. Adam VanGerpen said Saturday.

At least 36 people were treated for injuries including fractures and lacerations, police said Sunday without providing updates on their conditions.

It was not immediately clear if Ramirez was shot before or after the crash or why he drove into the crowd.

Associated Press

DTSM

FROM PAGE 1

philanthropic and academic sectors. He previously served on DTSM's strategic planning committee and cited a strong familiarity with the district's ongoing challenges and potential.

"I understand firsthand Santa Monica's evolving dynamics and community needs," Iezman wrote in his candidate statement. "As someone with a vested interest in downtown and a long-standing commitment to sustainable and resilient retail, office and multifamily growth, I want to help guide thoughtful policy and investment."

The open seat became available in June following the departure of Ladd, who stepped down after the sale of Santa Monica Place by Macerich, the company she had represented on the board. The seat is one of six designated for downtown property owners, who elect their representatives through a weighted voting process that allocates one vote per parcel owned within the district.

According to Thomas, the nomination window closed on June 20. At the time, he expressed hope that a new member could be seated in time for the board's July meeting.

Other candidates included Charles Western, Chief of Staff at XYZ LLC, which manages more than 100,000 square feet of Promenade real estate. In his statement, Western described himself as a "collaborative, solutions-oriented voice" with a background in public administration, digital asset management and veteran legal advocacy. He framed his interest in DTSM as a blend of civic service and strategic thinking, calling Santa Monica "more than where I work, it's where my partner and I intend to spend a life together."

Chris Gorbos, general manager and co-owner of M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater, took a small-business approach to his application, emphasizing the importance of cultural spaces, local hiring and grassroots programming. "Small businesses, specifically those that offer much-needed 'third spaces,' are the backbone of any vibrant community," he wrote.

Evan Pozarny, a commercial broker with Muselli Commercial Realtors, cited two decades of sales and leasing experience in downtown Santa Monica and a long résumé of Chamber of Commerce service. His statement focused on institutional continuity and business leadership development.

Jeremy Bachrach, senior director at Tishman Speyer, brought a development-oriented lens to the race. He highlighted a recent 100 percent affordable housing project completed by his firm in downtown Santa Monica and expressed interest in promoting "a resilient and economically thriving downtown that supports merchants, residents and visitors alike."

In Thursday's statement, Thomas thanked each of the candidates and praised the strength of the field. "Your involvement is essential to ensuring that the policies and programs guiding our downtown reflect a broad range of voices and priorities," he wrote.

Iezman's appointment comes at a pivotal time for DTSM, which is navigating major questions around budget priorities, public space activation and of course, the imminent departure of Thomas himself. The organization recently concluded a high-profile board retreat, approved a controversial budget reallocation for parking structure maintenance and continues to oversee rollout of the city's new entertainment zone.

scott.snowden@smdp.com

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The Trump regime targets California's sanctuary status at the expense of the American creed

Blocked for now by a federal court order from sending warrantless roving immigration patrols through Los Angeles and six other Southern California counties, U.S. agents on Thursday moved their sweeps north to Sacramento.

Border Patrol section chief Gregory Bovino made it abundantly clear that the point of the operation at a Home Depot parking lot in South Sacramento was embodied in the same word, the same concept, as the round-ups in Los Angeles. They are about "sanctuary."

It is a word that has clearly gotten under Bovino's skin, just as it has gotten under the skin of immigration opponents in the White House and the Capitol.

"There is no sanctuary city," Bovino told Fox News. "Sacramento is not a sanctuary city. The state of California is not a sanctuary state. There is no sanctuary anywhere."

If by that he meant that no jurisdiction can protect residents from federal immigration law, he is of course correct. The Constitution's Supremacy Clause leaves no doubt about that. States, counties and cities that describe themselves as sanctuaries are engaging in recklessly misleading political marketing. Their laws at most prevent local police from questioning suspects about their immigration status, for example, or block jailers from holding inmates past their release dates so the feds can get them.

But the federal government's contempt for sanctuary appears to go well beyond the modest if over-sold local policies. Their actions and statements demonstrate that they respect no sanctuary, no refuge, no protection in the very things they purport to be guarding: the law, the Constitution, the American people, and their safety, values and sovereignty.

District Judge Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong's blistering July 11 order, which the administration has appealed, lays out the frightening details of a government that has turned hard-won American freedoms inside out.

In this country, unlike most others in the world, the people are free to go about their business without having to show their papers to government agents on demand, absent probable cause to believe they have committed a crime, or at least sufficient suspicion to ask them questions. Those same agents, by contrast, must identify themselves, and not merely by brandishing their guns. They must be clearly distinguishable in action and appearance from crooks of the sort who kidnap residents of third-world countries. Here there is no army of secret police. There are no roving bands of quasi-military thugs.

Until now. Border Patrol and ICE agents in San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties, and now in Sacramento, hide their faces, tint their car windows, remove their license plates, cover their badges, ignore requests for identification, and target people based on where they work and how they look.

If this conduct is allowed to stand for federal officers, based on the specious argument that they need protection, it is inevitable that all police, perhaps all jailers, prosecutors and judges, will soon hide their faces and do their government work in secret.

Agents recognize no sanctuary in the Fourth Amendment's protection against warrantless search and seizure. They demand at gunpoint that you show your papers and lock you up if they find them unsatisfactory. Frimpong's order describes a U.S. citizen showing a driver's license — and then being grabbed anyway after an agent demanded to see a passport.

Since when do American citizens have to carry passports?

There is no sanctuary in the 14th Amendment's promise of equal protection or in generations of civil rights struggles, court rulings and policy updates that supposedly swept away racially disparate treatment. Frimpong's order describes a stop in which agents let a white person walk away but not a nonwhite person. Border "czar" Tom Homan said recently that ICE agents were free to stop people based on their appearance.

There is no sanctuary in the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel. The order describes shocking conditions in the basement of the immigration building at 300 N. Los Angeles Street, where captured suspects were so cramped they could not sit or lie down and had no access to lawyers for days.

There is no sanctuary in courthouses, churches, nursing homes or other places where agents grab people without judicial warrants. There is no sanctuary in essential work, such as farm fields, despite President Trump's statement that perhaps farmworkers and hotel workers might get a break, because after all, farmers would not hire any murderers. He did not explain why the exemption should cover farmworkers but not, say, kitchen workers.

There is no sanctuary, no protection from deportation, even in American citizenship. The Department of Justice is stepping up a program to denaturalize people who were born elsewhere but lawfully go

SEE **GUEST COMMENTARY** PAGE 4



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.1**

TUESDAY — ***POOR TO FAIR***
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh

New run of fun-zone S swell starts to creep in. Light SE winds due for the morning. Recent storm activity in the southeast Pacific sets up a run of steeper angled S swell. Size focuses best on Orange County, and to a lesser extent North LA and northernmost San Diego County. The slow rising swell has surf running waist high during the afternoon. Light SE wind texture possible for the morning window, but looks pretty light. Moderate W onshores due in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

S swell peaks for exposed spots. Light SE winds in the morning. Steep-angled S swell tops out. Size focuses best on Orange County, and to a lesser extent North LA and northernmost San Diego County. Waist-chest high+ surf due for those zones, pushing head-high to a bit overhead for top spots in OC. Light SE breeze early morning, shifts to moderate WNW onshores in the afternoon.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy drizzle and fog before 11am. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/07/22	Tue	02:49 AM	-1.03	L
2025/07/22	Tue	09:29 AM	3.77	H
2025/07/22	Tue	1:40 PM	2.54	L
2025/07/22	Tue	8:04 PM	6.86	H
2025/07/23	Wed	03:32 AM	-1.26	L
2025/07/23	Wed	10:06 AM	3.98	H
2025/07/23	Wed	2:34 PM	2.35	L
2025/07/23	Wed	8:51 PM	6.96	H
2025/07/24	Thu	04:12 AM	-1.29	L
2025/07/24	Thu	10:42 AM	4.14	H
2025/07/24	Thu	3:22 PM	2.18	L
2025/07/24	Thu	9:35 PM	6.87	H
2025/07/25	Fri	04:50 AM	-1.14	L

Daily Lottery

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

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/19
28 48 51 61 69
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 308 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/18
11 43 54 55 63
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 110 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/19
4 18 19 33 43
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 27 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/20
1 4 11 23 27

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/20
EVENING: 2 5 1
Draw Date: 7/20
MIDDAY: 5 7 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/20
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:42.69

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

PARTNER
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Charles Andrews,
Devan Sipher,
Miles Warner.

CIRCULATION
Guadalupe Navarro
ross@smdp.com

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

LEGAL ADVERTISING
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

MARKETING & ADVERTISING MANAGER
Dina Araniva
dina@smdp.com

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

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

AWARD WINNER

Sustainable Quality Awards WINNER

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

PUBLISHED BY NEWLON ROUGE, LLC
© 2023 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

Santa Monica Daily Press

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area.**

Additionally, Proposed Amendments to Interim Zoning Regulations to Promote Economic Recovery by Increasing Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area and Establishing a Pilot Program to Allow Exclusively Outdoor Commercial Uses in the Office Campus District.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance (Santa Monica Municipal Code Article 9 Planning and Zoning) to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area. On July 2, 2025, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 25-013 and recommended that the Council adopt the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments were previously adopted as interim zoning regulations, with minor changes, and include expanded opportunities for Alcohol Exemption permits, increased operational flexibility for restaurants with entertainment, and removal of the prohibition against certain fast-food restaurants in establishments with frontage along the Third Street Promenade.

Additionally, the City Council will consider the adoption of Interim Zoning Regulations established by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2754 (CCS), amended and extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2761 (CCS), amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2794 (CCS) and amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2809 (CCS) to promote economic recovery by increasing land use flexibility in the City's downtown area and establishing a pilot program to allow exclusively outdoor commercial uses in the Office Campus (OC) District. The proposed amendments would include, but not be limited to, allowing additional land use flexibility in the City's downtown area and flexibility in floor area ratio for existing non-conforming buildings located on the Promenade.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 AT 7:00 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: Economic Recovery Zoning Ordinance and Interim Zoning Ordinance Amendments

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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

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

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

GET IT DAILY...

COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

County Approves Film Permit Streamlining, Explores $100M Innovation Fund

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion aimed at cutting red tape for film permits and exploring a $100 million innovation fund to revitalize the entertainment industry.

The motion, authored by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Lindsey P. Horvath, directs the Department of Economic Opportunity's LA County Film Office to work with key county departments to examine current permitting policies. The goal is to make filming in Los Angeles County more efficient, affordable and competitive with other production hubs including Georgia, New York and Texas.

"Our region is the heart of entertainment," said Barger, who chairs the board. "We're taking action today to cut through outdated bureaucracy, invest in innovation, and make sure Los Angeles County remains the number one place to film and create."

The motion also calls for exploring a public-private Evergreen Fund, an $80 million to $100 million investment strategy designed to support emerging technology startups in the film and television sector. County officials will work with the Center for Strategic Partnerships and the Department of Arts and Culture to assess the fund's structure, identify potential funding sources and evaluate workforce impacts.

"This motion models how local government can do its part to support the film industry," said Paul Audley, president of FilmLA, the county's official film office. "Today's vote was a vote to support an industry that needs every bit of help it can get and reaffirms its vital role in the economy."

The entertainment industry is still recovering from the pandemic and the dual Hollywood strikes of 2023. The board's approval sets in motion a series of reports and feasibility studies over the next 120 days designed to accelerate solutions that streamline processes, reduce costs and foster innovation while balancing the needs of local communities.

The departments involved include Regional Planning, Fire Department, Public Works, Beaches and Harbors, Parks and Recreation, and the Sheriff's Department.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

Malibu

CineMalibu Returns With Free Summer Movie Series at Bluffs Park

The City of Malibu's CineMalibu free outdoor movie series returns this summer, offering two evenings of family-friendly films, interactive activities and community connection under the stars at Malibu Bluffs Park.

"This is what community is all about," said Mayor Marianne Riggins. "As Malibu continues to recover and rebuild after the wildfires, it's more important than ever to come together and share joyful moments. Events like CineMalibu help us heal, reconnect and celebrate the spirit of our town."

This summer's lineup features Saturday, July 26 with "Shrek" (PG-2001) and Saturday, Aug. 23 with "Scooby Doo" (PG-2002).

Movies begin at sunset with pre-event activities starting one hour before. Admission is free. The Malibu Library and other local partners will host themed activities before each screening. Food options will be available for purchase.

At the City of Malibu booth, attendees can show staff they follow the Community Services Department on social media to receive a raffle ticket for prizes.

Malibu Bluffs Park is located at 24250 Pacific Coast Highway at Malibu Canyon Road.

CineMalibu has been a summer tradition since 2005, offering free movie screenings that bring together residents and visitors of all ages. Seating is first-come, first-served, and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and low-back chairs. Alcohol is not permitted, and dogs must remain on leash and under control at all times.

The event series provides an opportunity for the community to gather as Malibu continues recovery efforts following recent wildfire damage. The outdoor setting allows families to enjoy classic films while connecting with neighbors and local organizations.

For more information, visit www.MalibuCity.org/CineMalibu or call 310-317-1364.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 3

through the citizenship process and take the oath, but who later commit crimes. Such a move creates a second, lesser tier of citizenship, with different standards of conduct and different consequences for the same crimes.

Second-tier citizenship was virtually abolished in American society after a century-long post-slavery struggle for equality. Must we countenance its return?

But there is no sanctuary even in being born here. The administration is moving to end birthright citizenship, which long has been an unassailable cornerstone of American identity and civil rights. Our leaders are threatening to, for the first time in 60 years, award or deny fundamental rights based not on who you are or what you do, but who your parents were and what they did.

So where can sanctuary be found? If not in lines written on the base of the Statue of Liberty, or in the Constitution, or in citizenship or in simple human decency, then where?

Is there sanctuary only in skin color? If you're white, or perhaps if you're Black, you may be OK. If you are brown, you'd better carry your passport for the rest of your days, and teach your children to carry theirs too. Stay away from Home Depot. Endure stops and questions. Keep your head down. It is the dream of the white supremacist. It is the achievement of the 2017 Charlottesville rally to "Unite the Right." It is a state of affairs repugnant to the American creed.

And the only thing, so far, that keeps it from becoming the new American normal is Judge Frimpong's emergency order.

The government has appealed.

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

Psychedelic Summit hits Main Street





Photos by Fran Lyness

MAIN STREET: Mushroom-based beverage brand MUD/WTR hosted its first-ever Psychedelic Summit on over the weekend. The free, all-ages event being held at MUD\WTR Café brought science, spirituality and community together through a day of panels, hands-on workshops and wellness-oriented experiences, all served with a side of mushroom coffee.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

- **RFP # 446 PARKING OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT.**
- **Submission Deadline Is August 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

- **RFP # 447 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.**
- **Submission Deadline Is August 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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

YOUR CHOICE

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

DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!

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

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

OR

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

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

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



WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM

LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Texas Blues Artist Carolyn Wonderland to Perform at McCabe's Guitar Shop

Texas blues guitarist and singer Carolyn Wonderland will celebrate the release of her new Alligator Records album "Truth Is" with a live performance at McCabe's Guitar Shop on Friday, Aug. 1.

The show begins at 8 p.m. at the venue located at 3101 Pico Blvd. Tickets cost $38 and are available at www.mccabes.com.

Wonderland, who has been performing professionally since age 15, has played with music legends including Townes Van Zandt, Levon Helm, Buddy Guy, Bob Dylan and John Mayall. She was the first female guitarist in Mayall's iconic Blues Breakers.

"Truth Is" features 12 songs, including 10 Wonderland originals and co-writes. The album was produced by Dave Alvin, who also co-wrote four songs and plays on three tracks. Alvin previously produced Wonderland's Alligator debut "Tempting Fate."

"I've never had my ass handed to me so thoughtfully in the studio," Wonderland said of working with Alvin. "Dave took the arrangements I wasn't married to and put on his 'Mad Rearranger' hat to get to the heart of the songs."

The album includes tracks ranging from the "blistering, ear-opening" "Sooner Or Later" to the emotional title track and the cathartic closer "Blues For Gene," a tribute to late pianist Gene Taylor.



Courtesy image

CAROLYN WONDERLAND: Carolyn Wonderland will celebrate the release of her new Alligator Records album "Truth Is" with a live performance at McCabe's Guitar Shop on Friday, Aug. 1.

Guest musicians on the album include Alligator Records labelmate Marcia Ball and friends Shelley King, Ruthie Foster and Cindy Cashdollar, whom Wonderland calls "the Girl Gang." The album was recorded and mixed by Stuart Sullivan at Wire Recording in Austin, Texas.

Critics have praised Wonderland's versatility and power. The Austin American-Statesman called her "one of Texas' finest guitar-slingers" who spans "from blues to country to rock 'n' roll and beyond." AllMusic.com described her work as "pure electricity" with "astonishing playing and soulful, sophisticated singing."

Bob Dylan once told Ray Benson of Asleep At The Wheel that Wonderland "should be nationwide." A lyric video for "Sooner or Later" is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTKYZu2-pmA. Complete performance information is available at www.mccabes.com.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

UCLA

UCLA Team Installs Air Quality Network Following Devastating Wildfires

A UCLA-led research team has completed installation of 20 air quality monitoring stations across western Los Angeles County to help residents track air safety as communities recover from January's devastating wildfires.

The Community Action Project AIR network provides real-time data spanning from Topanga State Park through Pacific Palisades to Brentwood and south toward Santa Monica. The monitoring system updates every 5-10 minutes through an online dashboard showing color-coded air quality conditions.

"The fires released a complex mix of particulate matter and volatile organic compounds from burned structures, vehicles, and household products, and these emissions can persist for weeks to months," said Dr. Yifang Zhu, a UCLA Fielding School of Public Health air quality expert leading the effort.

January's fires in Los Angeles County claimed at least 29 lives and damaged or destroyed more than 18,000 structures, according to county officials. The blazes struck both the Pacific Palisades-Malibu area and Altadena-Pasadena communities.

Cleanup activities including debris removal and demolition can stir up dust and contaminants, creating prolonged exposure risks for returning residents and construction workers, Zhu said. The monitoring network aims to identify pollution hotspots and inform public health responses.

The sensors track multiple particle sizes, from PM10 particles about the width of cotton fiber to PM2.5 particles 30 times smaller than human hair. While existing networks monitor PM2.5, Zhu said there's a gap in PM10 monitoring.

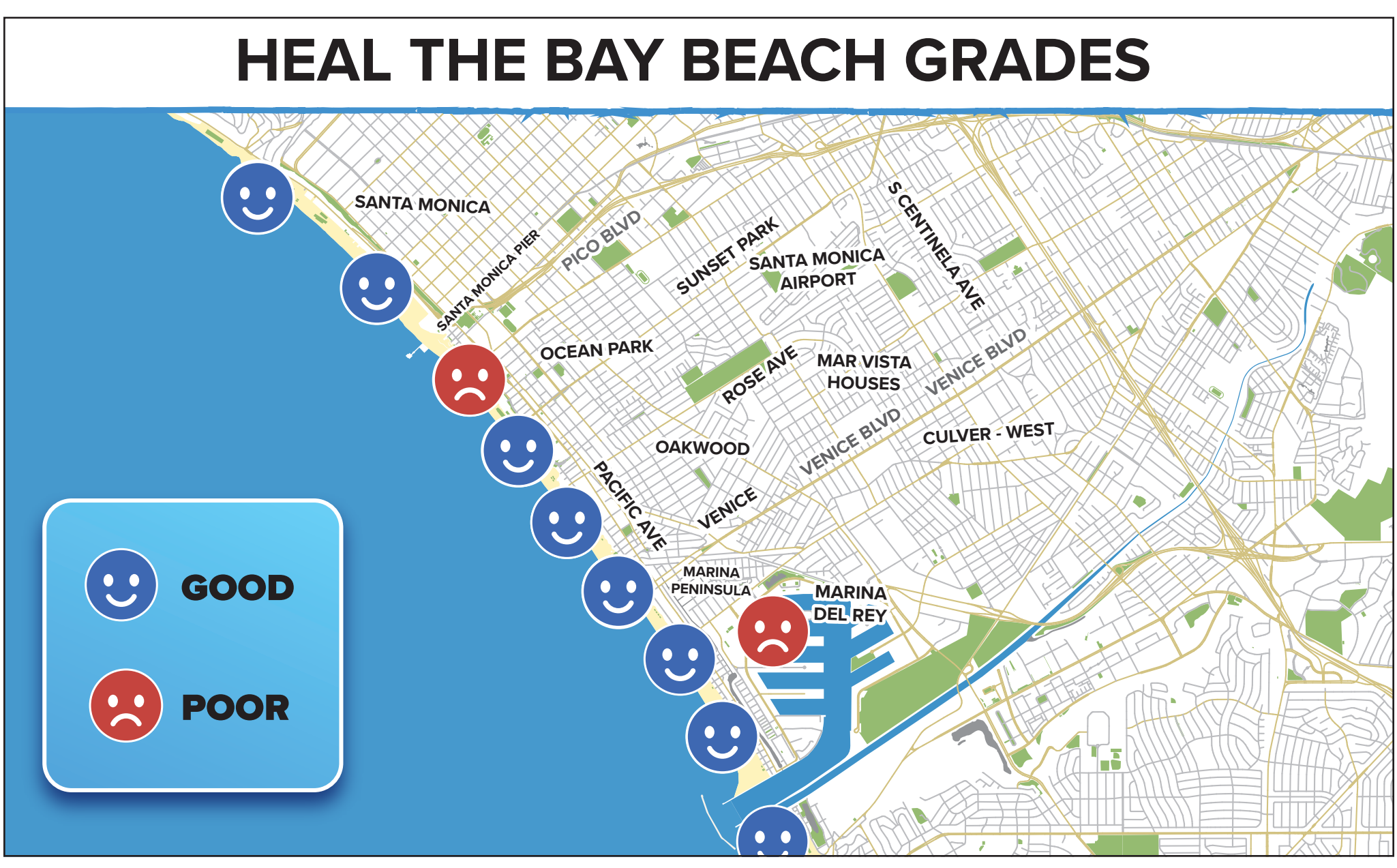
"Those coarse particles can contribute to a range of health problems, particularly affecting the respiratory and cardiovascular systems - especially after wildfires, when debris removal and reconstruction stir up dust," Zhu said.

The R&S Kayne Foundation and Los Angeles-based Danhakl Family Foundation jointly funded the western Los Angeles monitoring project. A similar effort is underway in the Altadena-Pasadena area.

"As both a mother and a physician living in the Palisades, I believe Dr. Zhu's air quality research is essential for all residents," said Dr. Victoria Danhakl, trustee of the Danhakl Family Foundation. "Air sensors are tools that give us real-time data to protect our kids, our patients, and our community."

The dashboard provides easily understood updates with color-coded icons ranging from good (green) to hazardous (dark red) air quality conditions.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF



COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice

VCC Board Installation Mixer Set for NeueHouse Venice Beach

The Venice Chamber of Commerce will install its 2025-26 Board of Directors at NeueHouse Venice Beach on Wednesday, July 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., with Councilwoman Traci Park officiating the swearing-in ceremony.

The board installation mixer will feature networking opportunities, complimentary beverages and light bites provided by NeueHouse, along with a discounted drink menu. Attendees can continue celebrating at the venue's Reunion Restaurant & Bar after the ceremony.

Pre-registration is required to attend the event, and registration will close once capacity is reached. In-person registration will not be available on the day of the event.

Admission costs $25 for members and $30 for prospective members. Prospective members may attend two events before deciding on membership.

The venue is located at 73 Market Street and serves as a work, social and cultural hub for the Venice creative community. The space features a rooftop restaurant, bar and expanded amenities.

Parking is limited to pay-to-park lots and surrounding street parking. Organizers encourage attendees to use ride-sharing or alternative transportation.

NeueHouse Venice Beach opened as a new destination for the Venice creative community, offering members opportunities to invite friends, colleagues and potential connections who would add value to their membership experience.

The chamber encourages members to use this installation event as an opportunity to build connections and meet new contacts within the Venice business community.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF



Photo Courtesy of Venice Paparazzi

NEUEHOUSE: The Chambers installation dinner will be on Wednesday.

BBB

FROM PAGE 1

The cost of a standard single ride paid via mobile app or TAP card will rise from $1.10 to $1.25. Riders who pay cash will see the fare jump from $1.25 to $1.50. Fares for seniors, disabled riders and Medicare beneficiaries will also increase slightly, with the cash price for a single ride climbing from 50 cents to 75 cents.

Discounted multi-ride passes will also go up. The price of a 7-day pass will rise from $14 to $16, while a 30-day pass will cost $55, up from $50. Riders using 10-ride passes will now pay $10, compared to the current $9. Monthly passes for seniors and disabled riders will go from $24 to $27.

City transportation staff emphasized that key discounts will remain in place. Riders will still receive one free transfer between Big Blue Bus lines within a two-hour window. Contactless payment methods will continue to offer savings and the system will remain part of regional discount programs such as LIFE and GoPass.

The fare changes come at a time when Big Blue Bus is actively expanding service hours, improving route frequency and preparing for major infrastructure changes tied to fleet electrification. As of this year, more than 20 of the system's 195 buses are fully battery electric. The agency's long-term plan calls for a full transition to zero-emission vehicles by 2032, replacing buses currently powered by renewable natural gas and other low-emission fuels.

The agency's Brighter Blue initiative aims to make the system more convenient, efficient and environmentally sustainable, with improved connections to high-demand destinations including the Metro's C, D and K Lines, the new LAX/Metro Transit Center and Sofi Stadium in Inglewood.

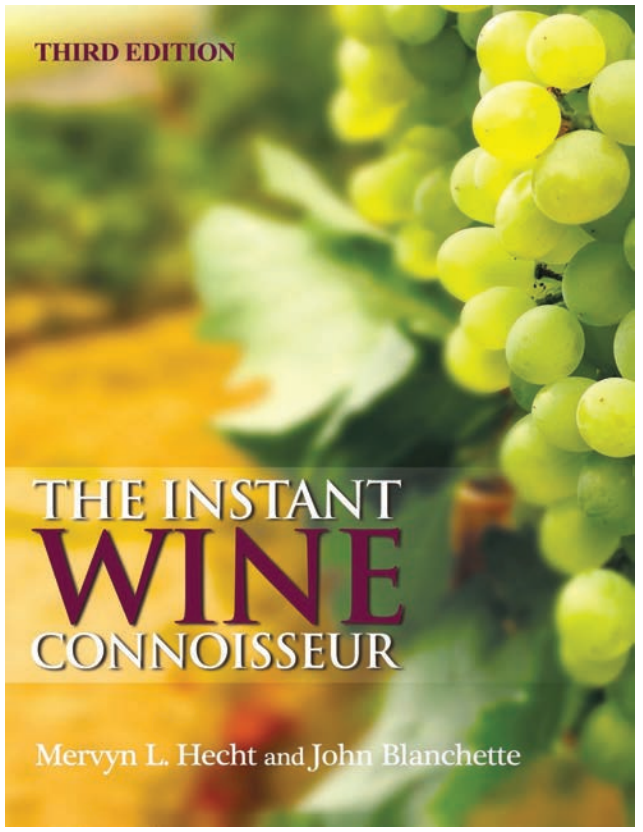
Big Blue Bus currently operates across a 58-square-mile service area that includes Santa Monica and large portions of Los Angeles. The system has been in continuous service since 1928 and has received national recognition for safety, marketing, customer service and sustainability.

City staff framed the fare adjustments as a necessary step to keep the system financially sustainable while delivering on long-term goals for access and equity. The price hikes are also designed to align with regional norms, where fares have increased more frequently in other neighboring systems.

Riders can find full details on the upcoming changes, including updated fare tables and timelines, by visiting the Big Blue Bus website at bigbluebus.com/meetings.

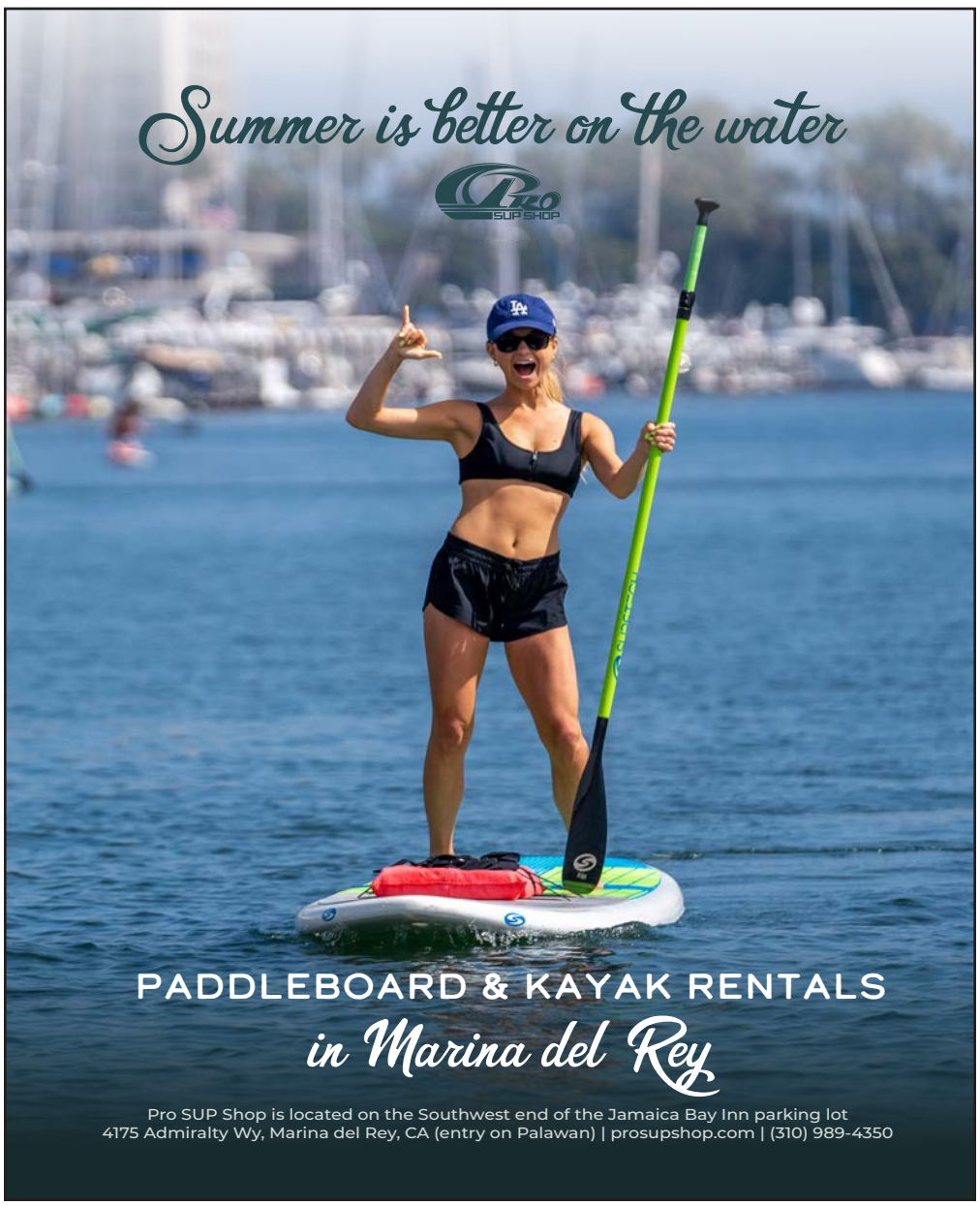
scott.snowden@smdp.com

★★★★★ A light-hearted fun read.
★★★★★ Well written, particularly useful, instantly accessible.
★★★★★ ...Hecht has a joyful eye and fabulous taste



Daily Press Food &Wine Columnist Merv Hecht takes you on an delightful tour of the world of wine. A fun way to increase your appreciation and knowledge of wine.

available at amazon



Santa Monica Daily Press
Classifieds

FOR QUOTES PLEASE CALL 310-573-8074
or email cindy@smdp.com

CLASSIFICATIONS
Announcements
Creative
Employment
For Sale
Furniture
Pets
Boats
Jewelry
Wanted
Travel
Vacation Rentals
Apartments/Condos
Rent
Houses for Rent
Roommates
Commercial Lease
Real Estate
Real Estate Loans
Storage Space
Vehicles for Sale
Massage
Services
Computer Services
Attorney Services
Business
Opportunities
Yard Sales
Health and Beauty
Fitness
Wealth and Success
Lost and Found
Personals
Psychic
Obituaries
Tutoring

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/24/25 2025127606The following person(s) is (are) doing business The Vibe Mob 1231 12th St Santa Monica, CA 90401. Los AngelesArticles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Narmada Khadk 1231 12th St Santa Monica, CA 90401 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: An Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant /Corp/LLC Narmada Khadk Title: Owner Narmada Khadk . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/24/2025NOTICE: 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).

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/24/25 2025127606The following person(s) is (are) doing business The Vibe Mob 1231 12th St Santa Monica, CA 90401. Los AngelesArticles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Narmada Khadk 1231 12th St Santa Monica, CA 90401 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: An Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant /Corp/LLC Narmada Khadk Title: Owner Narmada Khadk . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/24/2025NOTICE: 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).

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NCWP00347 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Basil Maall Calderon Olivia for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney:Basil Maall Calderon Olivia court for a decree of changing names as follows: Basil Maall Calderon Olivia to Basil Maall Benatar OliviaThe 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 9/12/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: L Room: 506 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1270 Norwalk Blvd Norwalk, CA90650 . 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

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NNCP00538 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Julia Carol Hill for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney:Julia Carol Hill court for a decree of changing names as follows: Julia Carol Hill to Julia Long 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 9/19/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: V Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Alhambra Courthouse 150 W Commonwealth Ave Alhambra, CA 91801. 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

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED HERE

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

ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!
Santa Monica Daily Press
office (310) 458-7737

HOUSING

FROM PAGE 1

Bergamot as a key site identified under Santa Monica's 6th Cycle Housing Element, the state-required plan that spells out how the city will accommodate nearly 9,000 new housing units between 2021 and 2029. That housing target includes 1,880 affordable units to be built on public land, with Bergamot expected to carry a significant portion of the load.

While there is no requirement to provide parking at Bergamot, proposals must align with the city's transit-oriented goals, given the property's proximity to the Metro E Line's 26th Street/Bergamot Station. Developers are also expected to factor in community engagement, with at least four public meetings required and to consider preserving elements of the existing arts-focused uses either through on-site retention or a formal relocation plan.

The city has also expressed interest in setting aside at least 15 percent of the proposed units as artist-affordable housing and may offer 40 project-based vouchers through the Santa Monica Housing Authority to support permanent supportive housing units, pending federal regulations.

The second site, spanning 2.57 acres across nine parcels bounded by 4th Street, 5th Street and Arizona Avenue, is currently occupied by Chase and Bank of America branches as well as surface parking. The city wants to see at least 362 affordable apartments built there, although, as with Bergamot, that target is flexible if accompanied by a viable explanation. Both banks have leases extending into 2026 and 2028, but have reportedly expressed interest in returning to the site after redevelopment if commercial space is made available.

While housing is the core focus, the city is also open to mixed-use proposals that could include hotel space, market-rate apartments or community amenities like a public park or seasonal ice rink, which has traditionally been hosted at the site.

The Downtown parcels, along with Parking Structure 1 at 1234 4th Street, could also be bundled in a joint proposal. That final site, measuring 0.75 acres, is a concrete parking structure with 327 spaces that would require seismic retrofitting by 2027 to remain operational. Unlike the other two properties, the city is not limiting this parcel to affordable housing use and will consider a range of proposals, including adaptive reuse, full redevelopment or integration with the Arizona Avenue site.

Any future redevelopment of Parking Structure 1 must include a large shared waste receptacle for nearby businesses and the ongoing maintenance of that feature would fall to the future leaseholder. The site lies within the California Coastal Zone, so any changes would require Coastal Commission approval.

In all three cases, the city is offering 55-year ground leases, with the option to extend for two additional 22-year terms. Interested developers must submit a formal letter of interest within 60 days of the notice date. If multiple eligible proposals are received, the city will give preference to those that offer the highest number of affordable units deemed financially viable, with further consideration given to projects with lower average affordability thresholds and alignment with the city's stated community engagement goals.

While these properties represent some of the most valuable remaining land under public control, the city has faced legal pressure in recent years to comply with regional housing mandates and prioritize affordable housing production. The notice explicitly references Santa Monica's commitment to Program 2.E of its Housing Element, which centers on leveraging city-owned sites to build below-market-rate units.

At a time when Santa Monica continues to navigate the tensions between state housing laws, local land use authority and the preservation of its cultural and commercial identity, the outcome of this land offering could reshape significant pieces of the city's landscape for decades to come.

scott.snowden@smdp.com

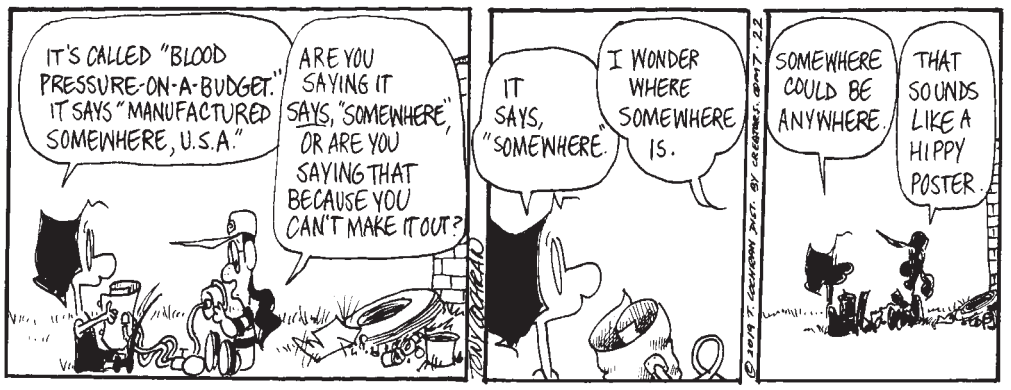


SMDP Photo

HOUSING: Several properties are up for sale from the city.

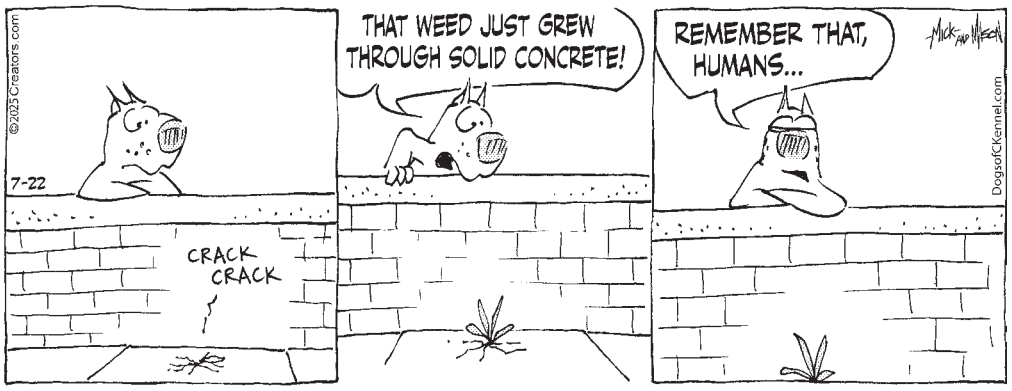
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

© australianwordgames.com.au 6644

New neighbours

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

Abut	Cats	Gift	Lend	Park
Ally	Charity	Heart	Lonely	Police
Amigo	Chum	Hedge	Lost	station
Avenue	Club	Help	Love	Poor
Bicycles	Crowds	Inns	Loyal	Port
Bins	Eggs	Jogger	Mates	Regard
Buddy	Embrace	Join	Meals	Rich
Busy	Faith	Kerb	Mothers	Roads
Cafe	Fast	Kiss	News	Smog
Camaraderie	Fence	Lane	Opera	Talk
Cars	Gangs	Laugh	Oval	Visit

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
It's too hot to work outside

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

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22)

A year when you keep following your instincts and making the world move. Though you care for, give to and lift an entire group of people, you remain the star of your story, and will be celebrated in proof that what you build matters to people and even changes lives. More highlights: Family bonds will be braided beautifully. You'll travel for love. You'll make a sale that helps you move to a new stage in your career. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 30, 7, 18 and 27.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You already know what lights you up. That's huge. That's more than most. But right now, you're carrying so many people and pieces that there's barely enough oxygen for a spark, let alone a fire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because something isn't part of daily life doesn't mean it's irrelevant. A passport, a deed, a birth certificate - they sit in drawers until the moment they're everything. So does a certain memory. It proves something real when you most need to remember.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If the door won't open, it may not be locked - it may be you, holding it closed. Either you walk out or you realize you're choosing to stay. Either way, you're no longer guessing. If you can leave, you weren't stuck, just scared. And if you can't, now you know where to work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll make someone laugh without even trying - a cashier, a neighbor, a friend. Their smile lingers, and the good energy bounces back to you all day. These loops of joy you create are not a fluke. They're becoming your signature style.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're ready to break a pattern that stopped serving you. It begins with one altered response - a sentence you don't send, a question you ask instead of assuming. The change may be subtle, but it's major.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone shows you what they want by what they pay attention to. Take notes. Stay real, present and open to all kinds of information, good, bad or other. You're always better off responding to reality than selling yourself on a dream.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It feels like you're not in a season of wide-open choices. You're in a season of survival with a light that needs to be kept, like a secret flame - hidden in a locket, glimpsed when you can, fed with what you find. That's still holy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do you want too much, consume too much or just have too much? It helps to ask the question even though you already know the answer. You're in just the right mood to remedy the situation to some degree today and start the trend toward less.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're listening more closely, not just to words but to rhythm, silence and timing. Something unsaid becomes clear. Someone shows you who they are, and because you're paying attention, you'll have new options going forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's elegance in how you prepare, how you handle the small things before they grow teeth. Today, your foresight is the magic. You'll prevent a problem or smooth an edge long before anyone else notices the potential problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It can be just as scary to walk up to a closed door as it is to walk up to one that will open to welcome you. Every journey is uncertain, so why not go forward in the spirit of adventure and fun? The right doors want you to open them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As the ethereal sign of the zodiac, sometimes it's good to remember what ghosts teach us: when we feel confused, powerless and stuck, it helps to be seen by other people. Make some noise, rattle some chains, and ask for help.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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

Newsday Crossword

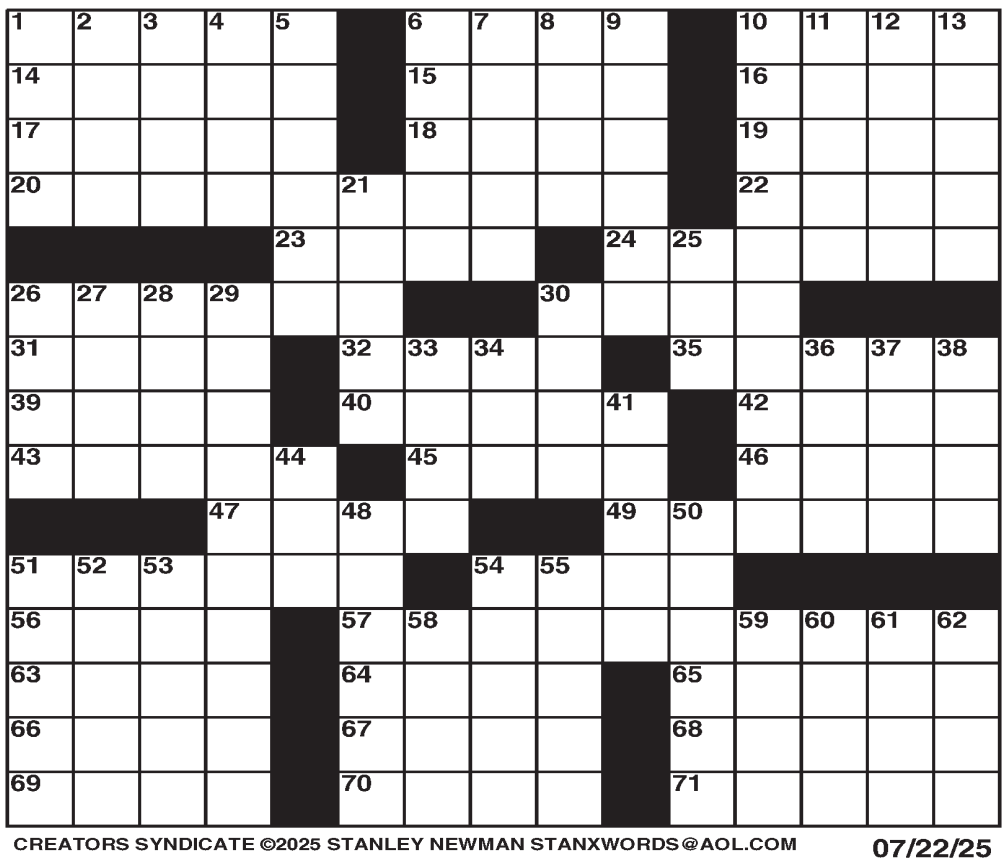
OBSERVATIONS by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Is adjacent to
6 Checkbook remnant
10 Fashionable
14 Cocoa/coffee blend
15 Approximately
16 Eyelid hair
17 Drained of color
18 Chauffeur-driven car
19 Norway's capital
20 Perform sentry duty
22 Hollywood headliner
23 Handed-down knowledge
24 "Do as I say!"
26 Salt's partner on a table
30 Rain hard
31 Above average in height
32 Three-person band
35 Shuts loudly
39 Square footage
40 Corridors
42 Prophetic sign
43 Slow-moving creature in a shell
45 Snow-removal vehicle
46 Prefix meaning "all"
47 Twig home in a tree
49 Invite on a date
51 Of rural life
54 Apex
56 __ time (very quickly)
57 Plan on for the near future
63 Sgts. and cpls.
64 Halfway to tomorrow
65 Moat without water
66 Fully certain
67 "Put a lid __!"
68 How words function
69 Suffix with luncheon
70 Alphabet enders, in Britain
71 Easily fooled person

DOWN

1 Concert's sound boosters
2 Canoe or kayak
3 Sch. near Hollywood
4 At that time
5 Jockey's seat
6 Of the sun
7 Heard too often, as a phrase
8 "Semper Fi" force: Abbr.
9 "What a shame!"
10 More thorough inspection
11 Overly quick
12 Muslim's faith
13 Any household task
21 Monetary value
25 Vehicle for school kids
26 School support grps.
27 Deserve to receive
28 Appeal for help
29 Obvious
30 Sport on horseback
33 Totally engrossed
34 Not feeling well
36 Bullets and grenades
37 Restaurant list
38 Sour mood
41 Hindu guru
44 Hawaiian necklace
48 Nose, slangily
50 Parody
51 Remove soap from
52 Not shortened
53 Nasal sound of scorn
54 Stay clear of
55 Pennies
58 First-rate
59 Passport stamp
60 "Let's leave __ that"
61 Heart charts, for short
62 Part of Miss Muffet's meal



CREATORS SYNDICATE ©2025 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM

07/22/25

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



TUESDAY | JULY 22

WALKING MEDITATION
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Away Santa Monica. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 2 pm by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-07-15T14

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 23

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

THURSDAY | JULY 24

ARTS/CRAFTS
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-07-17T11

FRIDAY | JULY 25

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 26

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

SUNDAY | JULY 27

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/14894114/2025-07-20T11

MONDAY | JULY 28

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR
6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica, CA 90401. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2025-07-21T18

TUESDAY | JULY 29

WALKING MEDITATION
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Away Santa Monica. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 2 pm by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-07-15T14

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 30

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

THURSDAY | JULY 31

ARTS/CRAFTS
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-07-17T11

FRIDAY | AUGUST 1

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 | AUGUST 2

COMPOST
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. City Yards 2500 Michigan Ave Santa Monica. Recycling Event City Yard Parking Lot 2500 Michigan Ave (2nd gate entrance). Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/compost/14712444/2025-08-02T09

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



INNOVATE. CREATE. EDUCATE.

ONLY $46 PER UNIT

On-campus and online
Classes start September 2
smc.edu/fall

34 YEARS
#1 IN TRANSFERS

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Nancy Greenstein, *Chair*; Dr. Sion Roy, *Vice Chair*; Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón; Anastasia Foster; Dr. Margaret Quiñones-Perez; Dr. Tom Peters; Rob Rader; Sophia Manavi, *Student Trustee*; Kathryn E. Jeffery, Ph.D., *Superintendent/President*

Santa Monica College | 1900 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 | smc.edu