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Dine LA week returns with record participation as Santa Monica showcases various cuisines



Santa Monica Travel & Tourism

1 PICO: 1 Pico at Shutters on the Beach is among the Dine LA participants this year.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Nearly 450 restaurants across Los Angeles are participating in the Summer 2025 edition of Dine LA Restaurant Week, running July 25 through Aug. 8, marking significant growth for the biannual culinary event that launched with just 140 establishments in 2008.

The two-week promotion invites diners to sample prix-fixe menus at special rates, with more than 50 Santa Monica restaurants showcasing the coastal city's diverse culinary landscape from beachfront fine dining to casual international fare.

"Santa Monica's culinary landscape is a true standout, with over 400 restaurants across the city welcoming locals and travelers with warm hospitality, vibrant flavors and creative techniques," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism. "Dine LA restaurant week is the perfect time to enjoy a sampling of our beachside city's dining landscape, with both legacy restaurants and

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Red-legged frog tadpoles released in Santa Monica mountains after rescue

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Nearly 600 California red-legged frog tadpoles were released into Santa Monica Mountains streams recently, marking an emergency conservation success for a species that vanished from the area more than 50 years ago.

The tadpoles were rescued as eggs in March after extreme late-winter storms threatened to destroy fragile breeding sites throughout the mountains. National Park Service biologists collected the vulnerable egg masses and transported them to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, where staff hatched and nurtured them into healthy tadpoles over the spring.

"We are so proud to be able to support the National Park Service in their work to help local populations of California red-legged frogs," said Erin Lundy, Aquarium of the Pacific manager of conservation initiatives. "Our partners dedicate so much time and expertise to supporting these local species, and it's incredibly meaningful to be able to play a role in the important work that they do."

The emergency intervention represents the latest chapter in a decade-long mission to reestablish the California red-legged frog in

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Santa Monica program to explore Pacific Palisades' tree heritage after wildfire

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

A free online program exploring the cultural significance of trees in Pacific Palisades will examine how the community's horticultural heritage is inspiring recovery efforts following the devastating January wildfire.

The Santa Monica Conservancy will present "A Cultural Landscape: The Treasured Trees of Pacific Palisades" on Sunday, July 27, at 5 p.m. as part of its Santa Monica Mosaic series. The 75-minute program will trace the community's relationship with trees from its Methodist founding through current replanting initiatives.

The January Palisades wildfire destroyed tens of thousands of trees that had defined the community's character for decades. The online event will showcase how residents and organizations are drawing on the area's arboreal history to guide restoration efforts.

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Planned Parenthood of California loses $300 million in federal funding under court order



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CLINIC: A Planned Parenthood clinic in San Diego on Sept. 17, 2023.

California Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the state, lost all federal funding this week under a preliminary court order that allows the money to be withheld while a larger legal dispute plays out.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America sued the Trump Administration on behalf of its members earlier in July over provisions of the congressional reconciliation bill — also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" — that prohibited Medicaid reimbursements for large nonprofit health clinics that provide abortions. The lawsuit argues that the law defunds Planned Parenthood's services in violation of multiple constitutional amendments.

The ruling, which left both parties dissatisfied, partly blocked the law from taking effect but only for a small fraction of Planned Parenthood organizations. None of California's Planned Parenthood health centers are included.

In the Monday night ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani stated that Planned Parenthood's arguments show a "substantial likelihood of success," but her order did not apply to most of the organization's nearly 600 clinics. Instead the only clinics that may continue to receive funding while the lawsuit is ongoing are those that do not provide abortions because they are located in states where it is banned. Smaller health centers that received less than $800,000 in federal funds will also be allowed to receive federal reimbursements.

A previous temporary restraining order that blocked the funding cut for all Planned Parenthood health centers expired Monday. The new order replaces it.

In California, the funding loss amounts to roughly $300 million and jeopardizes the sexual and reproductive health clinic network's ability to keep its doors open throughout the state, said Jodi Hicks, president and chief executive of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California.

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> - Jodi Hicks

"The harsh reality is, the Planned Parenthood defund will be felt in every corner of the state and will disproportionately impact people who have low incomes, rely on Medicaid programs, or have no other options for health care," Hicks said in a statement.

In a statement to The New York Times, a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services criticized the fact that funding for some organizations will

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California asks court to give state control of Los Angeles County's troubled juvenile halls

California's top prosecutor said Wednesday he has asked a court to give the state control of Los Angeles County's troubled juvenile detention facilities because incarcerated young people are enduring unsafe conditions, including violence and rampant drug abuse.

> This is a last resort, but it's also the one left to defend the safety of the young people in these facilities
>
> - Rob Bonta, Attorney General

Attorney General Rob Bonta said he wants the county to hand over administration of the juvenile jails to a third-party receiver, a court-appointed official who will take over management and operations from the Los Angeles County Probation Department. The official will have control over budgets and staffing decisions.

"This is a last resort, but it's also the one left to defend the safety of the young people in these facilities," Bonta said. He said the "extraordinary step" was necessary because the county has failed to comply with a court order his office secured in 2021 requiring sweeping reforms.

The probation department, which oversees the juvenile halls, acknowledged some of the problems raised the by the attorney general, but said it was concerned by Bonta's request for "expansive state authority."

Bonta outlined safety concerns such as "youth on youth" violence, riots, "unmet medical needs," low staffing, inadequate security cameras and drug overdoses, including one that led to the death of a teenager. Earlier this year Bonta indicted 30 probation officers accused of facilitating so-called "gladiator fights" between incarcerated juveniles.

"These young people deserve better, and my office will not stop until they get it," Bonta said. "A receivership is the best and only option to turn Los Angeles County juvenile halls around, and we believe the court will agree."

In addition, the attorney general asked the court to establish a compensation fund for incarcerated youth "to redress and repair the injuries suffered in the county's custody" and to cover medical and education expenses.

A hearing is set for Aug. 15. Bonta said if the court approves the plan, a receiver could be in place by the end of the summer.

"Our hope is that a receivership structure, should it be approved, be used as a collaborative tool to help remove obstacles — not as an isolating mechanism that sidelines the people and systems committed to improvements and reform," the probation department's statement said.

The department said Chief Probation Officer Guillermo Viera Rosa has worked to curb "decades-long dysfunction" by stabilizing staffing, improving safety protocols, increasing accountability for guard misconduct and expanding medical access for the incarcerated.

Previously, the Board of State and Community Corrections issued "unsuitable" designations for the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall. The state board, which inspects the youth prisons, had determined that the county had been unable to correct problems including inadequate safety checks, low staffing, use of force and a lack of recreation and exercise.

The nonprofit Youth Justice Coalition said whether or not state receivership is implemented, officials should move toward permanently closing the juvenile halls.

"Our tax dollars are being spent to fund the abuse of young people," the advocacy group said in a statement Wednesday. "Our youth don't need more red tape and bureaucracy, they need an investment in care."

The coalition is pushing for "community based services" for young offenders that include a "high school diploma program, free expungements and legal services, substance abuse and overdose prevention education, youth jobs, and community organizing and advocacy training," the statement said.

Bonta's request on Wednesday comes four years after California phased out its three remaining state-run youth prisons and shifted the responsibility to counties.

The move to local control was the final step in a lengthy reform effort driven in part by a class-action lawsuit and incentives for counties to keep youths out of the state system. The state-run system also had a troubled history marked by inmate suicides and brawls.

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER Associated Press

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Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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Operation, Maintenance and Management Services of the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP)
Advanced Water Treatment Facilities
Project No. SP2456

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The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide operations, maintenance and management services for the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP) Advanced Treatment Water Facilities.

RFP questions to be submitted to via OpenGov, no later than 3:00PM on August 15, 2025.

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than 3:00PM on August 22, 2025.

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS TO THE

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ARTS COMMISSION:
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Applicant must reside or work in the City and shall be actively involved in the arts.

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- A Senior
- Individual with minor child(ren)
- Individual with mental or physical challenges
- Individual who was formerly homeless

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Applications due by noon, September 2, 2025.
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LIONS ROAR

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Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club – July Update



Courtesy photo

NICK MANAGHAYA: The club welcomed new officers in July.

July has been a busy month for the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club, filled with celebrations and community involvement.

On July 4th, the SMPP Lions marched in the Santa Monica Parade. We arrived early to help decorate the Mustang convertible, allowing more of our members to ride and participate. It was also a great opportunity to reconnect with our friends from Pacific Palisades who were marching as well. New prospective member Steve McMahon drove the festively decorated car, and everyone had a great time.

Later that day, we headed to the Palisades 4th of July Festival at Paul Revere Middle School for an evening of fun, food, and celebration. Our booth was a big hit, giving children the chance to compete for dinosaur eggs by solving age-appropriate puzzles. The event exceeded expectations, drawing more than 4,000 attendees and concluding with an incredible drone show. We were also pleased to sponsor the strolling magician and balloon artist.

On July 9th, we held our installation of new club officers and were honored to have the ceremony led by our new District Governor, Nick Managhaya. He was joined by his wife and fellow Lion, Cecelia, as well as members of his cabinet: Past District Governor Jennifer Cho, 1st Vice District Governor Francis Lee, and District Secretary Noni Alfonso.

OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ARE:

Co-Presidents: Pam Andrews and Derrick Beerensteyn
Vice President: Kathy Boole
Secretary: Gail Litvack
Treasurer: Jessica Cunza
Global Service Chair: Brian Ransom
Global Membership Chair and Lion Tamer: Kingsley Fife
Tail Twister: Carol Ann Emmitt

It's a terrific team, and we are looking forward to all they have planned for the year ahead.

We were also pleased to welcome several guests that evening, including prospective members Patty Namkoong and Steve McMahon, the Santa Monica Salvation Army's new leaders, Captains Ty and Heather Baze, and Carl Spring, representing our sister club, the Venice Marina LAX Lions. It was a festive and enjoyable evening for everyone.

Looking ahead, the SMPP Lions' next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:00 PM. We're also preparing to participate in the Annual PAL "Back to School" event on Tuesday, August 12th, where we will distribute Target gift cards to local students.

If you'd like to join us for our meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Elks Lodge (1040 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica), please RSVP by contacting Kingsley Fife at 310-367-2679 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

California's inmate firefighters deserve decent pay and a chance at a heroic career

The first fire I remember fighting happened in the dense mountains of Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Giant ponderosa pines crashed down around us with little warning, weakened by fire and shooting off embers like fireflies in smoke.

It was one of the few times in my life when I thought I might die at any moment — which is saying something, because I had already served 13 years in prison.

I was an incarcerated firefighter working in the shadows for $1 an hour and, like thousands of others, without many of the protections other firefighters receive for putting our lives on the line.

While the blazes in Los Angeles this year illuminated this disparity for the first time for many people, it has existed for far too long.

California has relied on incarcerated firefighters since 1915, when the Conservation Camp Program began. Today there are 35 conservation camps, also known as fire camps, across the state. Over the years, incarcerated people working in these camps have accounted for as much as a third of California's force fighting wildfires, which grow larger and more terrible each year.

At one point while I was incarcerated, I worked 24-hour shifts for 42 straight days fighting fire, before I could rest at a base camp.

In 2018, during the record-breaking fires in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, my fellow firefighters and I not only protected people's homes but had the painful job of looking for their bodies in the aftermath of mudslides.

The work was mentally and physically grueling, but we had a sense of purpose and the chance to do good.

As incarcerated firefighters, we were told very early on that we would likely be barred from serving on a city, county, or state fire crew upon release because of our records, though we have some of the lowest recidivism rates in the state.

When I was inside, I felt all the pride and satisfaction of working hard to help my community. But when I was out of the fire, the haze cleared, and I felt numb and exploited for how little we had to show for putting our lives on the line.

Like thousands of others, I got out of prison with a concrete set of skills that I could not use to rebuild my life or support my family. I had to rely on them for so much because all the work I had done had paid so little.

Thankfully, as the California State Legislature considers bills to prepare for and prevent future wildfires, they are also honoring the important and heroic work of incarcerated firefighters. One particularly important slate of seven bills this year, the Firefighting to Freedom package, would ensure that incarcerated firefighters earn a fairer wage, death benefits, and real pathways to reentry.

When the next fire erupts, these incarcerated firefighters will be placed at the foot of the flames, just as I was years ago.

They will hike into burning landscapes where bulldozers can't travel, create containment lines to stop the spread of fires that break record after record and try to survive while saving untold lives.

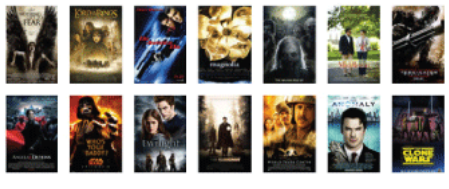
Between active fires they will clear brush to prevent future flames, work to avert deadly mudslides and help Californians flood-proof their homes. And with critical fire prevention hampered by the National Guard's deployment to Los Angeles this year, their work will be more needed — and more dangerous — than ever. They are heroes.

Investing in their future by passing the Firefighting to Freedom package is not just a matter of fairness — it is an investment in the health and safety of all Californians.

I want the incarcerated firefighters of today and tomorrow to get the support they need to come home and continue helping our communities. Their work gets more dangerous each year, as California fires get fiercer and more frequent.

Andony Corleto is a former incarcerated firefighter who now works as a program associate for Vera California, part of the Vera Institute of Justice. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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Countywide

Two Wildfire Relief Grant Programs Launch This Week for LA County Area Businesses



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WILDFIRE RELIEF GRANT: The "Back to Business L.A. Wildfire Relief Grant" opened Monday at noon, offering $10,000 grants to small businesses impacted by wind and wildfire events.

Two new grant programs totaling $10,000 each opened this week to help Los Angeles County businesses recover from January's devastating wildfires.

The "Back to Business L.A. Wildfire Relief Grant" opened Monday at noon, offering $10,000 grants to small businesses impacted by wind and wildfire events that began Jan. 7, 2025. LISC Los Angeles operates the program with funding from Wells Fargo.

Eligible businesses must be located in fire-impacted areas of Los Angeles County and expect to remain operational within six to 12 months. At least 80 percent of grant funds must go toward replacing lost or damaged equipment, while remaining funds can cover employee wages, rent, utilities and other expenses.

The application window closes July 28 at 11:59 p.m. Businesses can apply at http://bit.ly/46duwze.

A second program, the "Malibu-Topanga Business Interruption Fund," opens Tuesday at 9 a.m. The county-operated program also provides $10,000 grants to affected businesses in the Malibu and Topanga areas.

An application workshop for the Malibu-Topanga fund is scheduled for Thursday, July 31 at noon at the Malibu Library, 23519 West Civic Center Way, Malibu. A Topanga workshop will be announced later.

Businesses can apply for the Malibu-Topanga grant at http://bit.ly/SD3BIF.

The January wildfires caused widespread damage across Los Angeles County, forcing business closures and equipment losses. Both grant programs aim to help small businesses rebuild and maintain operations during the recovery period.

The Back to Business program specifically targets businesses that can demonstrate operational viability within the next year, while the Malibu-Topanga fund focuses on the hardest-hit coastal and mountain communities.

Application workshops provide business owners assistance with completing grant applications and understanding program requirements. Additional information about both programs is available through their respective websites.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

Single-Lane Closures Continue on Pacific Coast Highway for Recovery Work



Courtesy photo

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY: Single-lane closures remain in effect on Pacific Coast Highway between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Las Flores Canyon Road.

Single-lane closures remain in effect on Pacific Coast Highway between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Las Flores Canyon Road through late September as recovery work continues following the Palisades Fire and winter storms.

The California Department of Transportation announced the ongoing closures allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and utility companies to complete daytime work during weekdays and weekends.

The Army Corps is clearing properties south of Las Flores Canyon Road through Friday, July 25. Southern California Edison will begin work the week of July 28 on PCH between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Big Rock Drive, with that project expected to last approximately two months once started.

For worker and public safety, southbound PCH will be reduced to one lane between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays at the affected locations. Northbound PCH will have single-lane restrictions between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Weekend closures will reduce both directions to one lane between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Caltrans reminds drivers that the speed limit in the work zone is 25 mph and traffic fines can be doubled. Officials urge motorists to use caution, slow down and remain alert for workers in the area.

The PCH section from Santa Monica to Malibu reopened to the public on May 23 after being closed for five months due to the Palisades Fire and subsequent winter storms that brought flooding and debris flows to the coastal area.

The highway remains an active work zone as Caltrans, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and various contractors complete recovery operations. The extended closure period was necessary to address significant damage from both the fire and storm-related flooding that affected the critical coastal transportation corridor.

Drivers are advised to plan for delays and consider alternate routes when possible during the specified closure hours. The work is part of broader efforts to restore and improve infrastructure damaged during the winter emergency events.

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Elks Lodge to Host Community Rummage Sale Saturday

The Santa Monica Elks Lodge #906 will host a community rummage sale Saturday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1040 Pico Blvd.

The multi-family indoor and outdoor sale will feature clothing, home décor, household goods, books, DVDs, vintage vinyl records and collectibles. Shoppers can also expect to find kitchenware, electronics, toys and live plants among the donated items.

The event will be held rain or shine, with free parking available in the lodge's lot. Complimentary coffee will be provided for shoppers.

This fundraising event is part of the lodge's regular schedule of community sales. The organization typically hosts multiple rummage sales throughout the year, including an annual winter sale held in January and summer sales.

The lodge has described past events as offering "treasures galore" with items donated by multiple families. Previous sales have featured separate booths for specialty items like vintage records alongside the general merchandise.

The Elks Lodge encourages community members to attend the sale to browse the variety of second-hand goods available at affordable prices while supporting the organization's fundraising efforts.

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ELKS LODGE: Elks Lodge #906 will host a community rummage sale Saturday, July 26.

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SMMUSD Announces Three Key Leadership Appointments

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has appointed three new administrators to key positions, with the Board of Education approving the selections at recent meetings.

Sally Wennes was named principal of Malibu Elementary School following board approval on June 18. Wennes brings more than 20 years of public education experience, including principal positions in the Moorpark Unified, Oxnard and Conejo Valley unified school districts.

Jane Han was appointed as a house principal at Santa Monica High School, with board approval on June 5, 2024. Han brings over 15 years of educational experience and most recently served as principal of Stella Middle Charter Academy in Los Angeles.

Dr. Alyssa O'Grady was selected as director of assessment, research and evaluation, approved by the board on June 5. O'Grady brings more than 12 years of education experience, most recently serving as elementary school principal in the Redondo Beach Unified School District.

"I'm incredibly excited to join the SMMUSD as the new principal of Malibu Elementary," Wennes said. "It's a privilege to become part of a community that values collaboration, creativity and student success."

Wennes replaces Christopher Hertz, who served as principal for six years. Her leadership style emphasizes student-centered approaches, collaboration and transparent communication. She holds degrees from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

Han said she was drawn to Santa Monica High by "the rich diversity of its student body and the community's strong commitment to social justice, equity and excellence for all." At her previous position, she led the school through major transitions and achieved significant academic gains in math and literacy.

The Los Angeles native earned degrees from Columbia University and Stanford, and is multilingual in Spanish, Korean, basic Mandarin and English.

O'Grady is recognized as a data-driven leader committed to using assessment to drive instructional excellence. She has developed English learner curriculum and directed score improvements for English learners and students with disabilities.

"I look forward to working with educators and partners to ensure that data is used thoughtfully and equitably to support student learning," O'Grady said.

O'Grady holds degrees from Occidental College, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Dominguez Hills and a doctorate from UCLA.

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton welcomed all three appointments, praising their experience and commitment to educational equity.

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The Pier

Man arrested after stabbing a child in restaurant fight near the Pier

A man was arrested Wednesday night after stabbing a juvenile during a fight that began inside a McDonald's restaurant and spilled onto a busy Santa Monica street, police said.

The incident occurred around 10 p.m. near the McDonald's at 2nd Street and Colorado Avenue, according to the Santa Monica Police Department. Officers responded to multiple calls reporting a large fight involving several people.

Witnesses told police the altercation started inside the restaurant between a group of juveniles and an adult male before moving outside to Colorado Avenue. During the fight, the man stabbed one of the juveniles, police said.

The injured juvenile suffered minor, non-life-threatening wounds and was taken to a local hospital, authorities said.

Police arrived within minutes and found the suspect nearby. He was arrested without incident, according to a department statement.

The investigation is ongoing. Police are asking anyone with information to call the Santa Monica Police Department's Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.

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Citywide

Santa Monica City Attorney to Resign Aug. 31

Santa Monica City Attorney Doug Sloan announced Thursday he will resign effective Aug. 31, leaving his position after three years to take a new job with another agency in central California.

Sloan was appointed by the City Council in 2022. Before joining Santa Monica, he served as city attorney and assistant city attorney for Fresno from 2006 to 2022.

"I have the deepest appreciation and respect for the current councilmembers and those who hired me three years ago," Sloan said in a statement. "It has been a joy to work and live — on the beach! — in Santa Monica, and I'm proud of the city's accomplishments during this time."

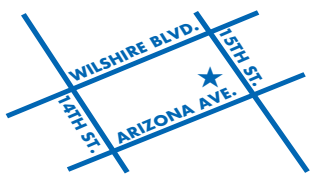
The City Council will discuss appointing an interim city attorney and determining a permanent recruitment process during closed session at its July 29 meeting.

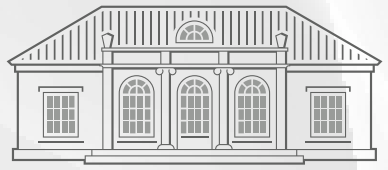
Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis thanked Sloan for his service and said the timing creates an opportunity for new leadership as the city onboards new City Manager Oliver Chi.

"As we begin the city's next chapter, we have a unique opportunity to bring in new leadership and plot a path forward in partnership with the talented team in the City Attorney's Office," Torosis said.

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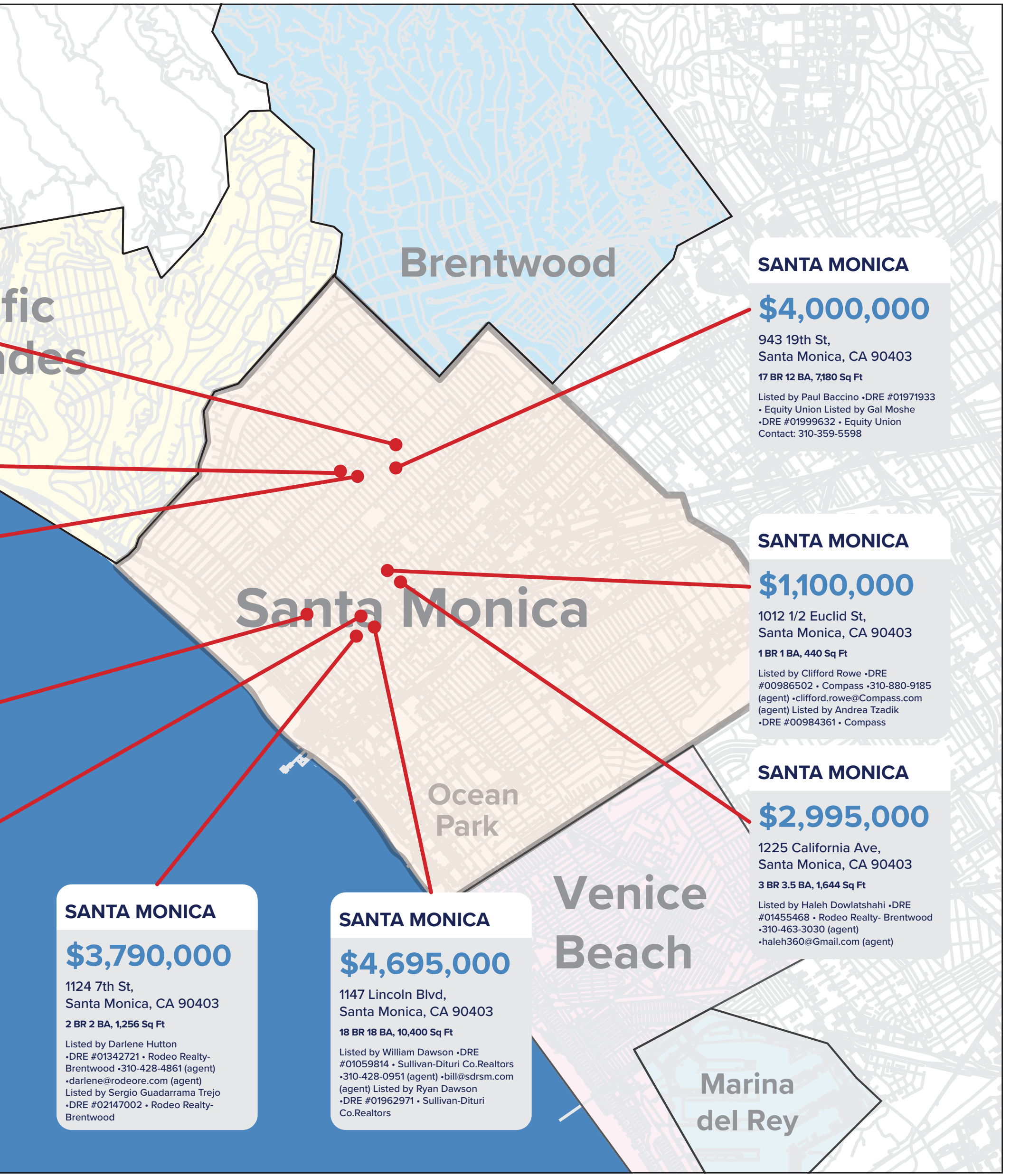
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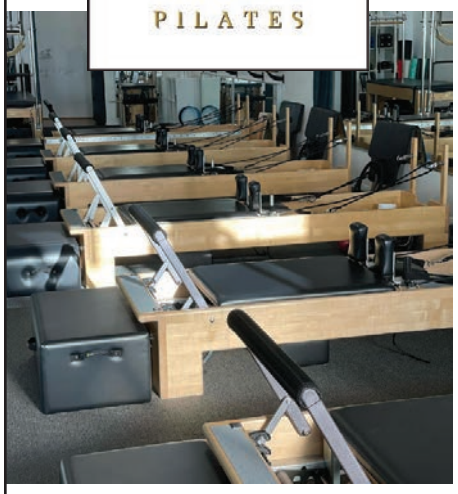
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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Beach

Ocean Park Association's Community Beach Clean-Up Set for Sunday Morning at Tower 26

Ocean Park Association will host a beach clean-up event Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon at Tower 26, where Ocean Park Boulevard meets the beach.

The volunteer effort welcomes participants of all ages, with no advance registration required. Organizers will provide cleanup supplies including gloves and trash bags to all volunteers.

A Heal the Bay representative will coordinate the cleanup as part of California's official Adopt-a-Beach program in partnership with the California Coastal Commission. The event begins with a brief orientation covering safety tips and data collection procedures before volunteers spread out along the sand to collect litter and debris.

Santa Monica City Council Member Dan Hall plans to attend the weekend cleanup, giving community members an opportunity to meet with their elected representative while participating in the environmental effort.

The casual, drop-in volunteer activity aims to make the beach cleaner and safer for all users. Families, students and neighbors from throughout the community are encouraged to participate.

Participants need only bring sunscreen and a willingness to help, as all other supplies will be provided on-site. Those interested can simply arrive at Tower 26 by 10 a.m. on Sunday to join the effort.

The Ocean Park Association regularly organizes these community clean-up events, promoting them through newsletters and social media with the message that "supplies are provided and everyone is welcome."

The July 27 event represents part of ongoing local efforts to maintain Santa Monica's beaches through volunteer community action. The Adopt-a-Beach program connects local clean-up efforts with statewide coastal conservation initiatives.

Tower 26 is located at the intersection of Ocean Park Boulevard and the beach, providing easy access for volunteers arriving by car or on foot from the surrounding neighborhood.

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OPA: Heal the Bay representative will coordinate the cleanup as part of California's official Adopt-a-Beach program in partnership with the California Coastal Commission.



FRIDAY | JULY 25

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

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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

SUMMER FILM SERIES: THE FAREWELL (2019)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. Awkwafina stars in this touching dramedy about a woman who learns that her grandmother has only a few weeks to live. She conspires with her family to travel to China under the facade of a family wedding, giving them one last chance to say goodbye to their Nai Nai. Run time: 100 min. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/summer-film-series-the-farewell-2019-/15920882/2025-07-29T17

FIG COCKTAIL CLASS HOSTED BY ASPEN VODKA

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Potting Shed at FIG Restaurant 101 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica. Join us for an unforgettable evening of creativity and craftsmanship at FIG's exclusive Cocktail Class Series, held in the intimate setting of our private dining room – Potting Shed. This hands-on experience is perfect for cocktail enthusiasts and beginners alike. Under the expert guidance of a seasoned mixologist, you'll learn the art of crafting signature cocktails that are as visually stunning as they are delicious. Next cocktail class will be held on Tuesday, July 29. Two cocktails and bar snacks included. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/fig-cocktail-class-hosted-by-aspen-vodka/16301789/2025-07-29T18

WEDNESDAY | JULY 30

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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

KATHLEEN KAUFMAN TO THE STORE TO DISCUSS AND SIGN

6:30 p.m. Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite #33 Santa Monica. Feminist Gothic horror author Kathleen Kaufman presents a thrillingly atmospheric and exquisitely evocative tale of feminine rage set at the height of the Spiritualist Movement in The Entirely True Story of the Fantastical Mesmerist Nora Grey, a shadowy blend of historical fiction and horror that takes place at the dawn of the 20th Century. Nora Grey follows a young woman, Narina, who is pulled from a lifetime of hoax seances and roadside tarot readings by the powerful yet mysterious Edinburgh Spiritualist Society. Recognizing that Narina has true power, the Spiritualists encourage Narina to cross the veil and make a connection with her 'spirit guide,' a spirit who can help her communicate with others from beyond the grave. In doing so, Narina's psychic abilities shatter the barriers between space and time, leading her to form a bond with another young woman wrongfully imprisoned in an infamous asylum decades before Narina's birth. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/kathleen-kaufman-to-the-store-to-discuss-and-sign/16239573/2025-07-30T18

THURSDAY | JULY 31

AUTHOR TALK WITH PRIA ANAND

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. You're invited to a fascinating conversation with neurologist and author Pria Anand to chat about her new book The Mind Electric: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains (forthcoming June 10, 2025). The Mind Electric speaks to the stories we tell ourselves about our brains, and the stories that our brains tell to us. A girl believes she has been struck blind for stealing a kiss. A mother watches helplessly as each of her children is replaced by a changeling. A woman is haunted each month by the same four chords of a single song. In neurology, illness is inextricably linked with narrative, the clues to unraveling these mysteries hidden in both the details of a patient's story and the tells of their body. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/author-talk-with-pria-anand/16144069/2025-07-31T11

COMMUNITY PICNIC

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica. An annual tradition, everyone is invited to pack a dinner and grab some pals for good old-fashioned summertime fun. Planned activities include games, crafts, an epic tug-of-war, and more! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/community-picnic/15715287/2025-07-31T17

FRIDAY | AUGUST 1

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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

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CUISINE

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modern eateries."

Since its inception by the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board in January 2008, Dine LA has evolved into one of the country's largest restaurant week events. The inaugural edition reportedly increased participating restaurants' business by an average of 25 percent, demonstrating the program's economic impact on the local dining industry.

"Dine LA is more than just a celebration of LA's food, it's a moment to support the chefs, restaurateurs, and teams who continue to shape the city's culinary culture," said Stacey Sun, Executive Director of Dine LA. "Restaurants across Los Angeles have shown incredible resilience in recent years, and this program offers a meaningful way for locals and visitors alike to show up, dine out, and rediscover what makes our dining scene so special."

Participating venues offer multi-course lunch and dinner menus at standardized price tiers ranging from $15 to $65 and above per person, making upscale dining more accessible to a broader audience. The fixed pricing allows diners to experience high-end restaurants at reduced costs compared to regular à la carte menus.

Santa Monica's robust participation ranges from Michelin-starred venues to casual beachside eateries. The lineup spans multiple cuisines and price points, offering everything from Mediterranean and Indian fare to traditional steakhouses and fresh seafood.

Among the notable Santa Monica participants is 1 Pico, the oceanfront restaurant at Shutters on the Beach. Under Chef Vittorio Lucariello, the establishment draws inspiration from Neapolitan cuisine while incorporating fresh coastal ingredients. The restaurant's $65 prix-fixe dinner menu features dishes such as bruschetta di calamaretti with baby calamari and cherry tomatoes, cacio e pepe with sausage, and branzino with preserved lemon-herb gremolata, alongside dessert options including warm chocolate cake and classic tiramisu.

Fitoor, located on Ocean Avenue, represents the event's international diversity with its fire-based Indian cooking. The restaurant offers both lunch ($45) and dinner ($65) three-course menus during Dine LA. Recommended combinations include the scored Open Fire Chicken Kebab, Alleppey Fish Curry, and Chocolate Nemesis Dessert.

Terrazza at Hotel Casa del Mar has lunch and dinner offerings at $45 or $70 and the Patio has its own menu for $45.

On Main Street, Papille Gustative has a $35 lunch menu and $45 dinner offering. In DTSM, both BOA and Sushi Roku will have special menu offerings.

The event showcases Santa Monica's coastal dining advantages, with numerous seafood-focused establishments participating, including Blue Plate Oysterette, Luke's Lobster, Edgemar Restaurant & Lounge, and The Lobster, an iconic restaurant overlooking Santa Monica Pier.

Fine dining landmarks also feature prominently, with Mélisse, Santa Monica's two-Michelin-starred French restaurant, offering upscale multi-course dinner menus at the premium price tier. High-end offerings including Fia Steak and Brazilian-style Fogo de Chão who are presenting dinner menus typically priced at $65 and above.

For budget-conscious diners, casual establishments such as The Whaler, Socalo, Tiato Kitchen, and UOVO offer lunch menus starting around $25, with dinner specials in the $35-$55 range.

Several Santa Monica hotels are enhancing the experience with "Dine + Stay" packages, allowing guests to combine Restaurant Week meals with overnight accommodations. Participating hotel restaurants include 1 Pico at Shutters on the Beach, The Penthouse at The Huntley Hotel, Soko Sushi at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, and Palma at the Santa Monica Proper Hotel.

The global cuisine representation includes Chinois on Main (Wolfgang Puck's Asian-French fusion bistro), Solidarity Restaurant (Polish and Eastern European fare), and Orla by Michael Mina (Mediterranean cuisine at the Regent Santa Monica Beach hotel).

Dine LA operates twice yearly, typically in winter and summer, with each edition running approximately 12-15 consecutive days spanning two weekends. No tickets or passes are required; diners simply make reservations at participating restaurants and request the Dine LA menu.

The complete list of participating restaurants and their specific menus is available at the official DineLA website (https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/dinela), which provides menu details and reservation links for the July 25-Aug. 8 event.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

Hahn Honors 15 Purple Heart Recipients Ahead of Purple Heart Day

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn honored 15 local Purple Heart recipients during Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, recognizing veterans wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The presentation came one week after the board approved Hahn's motion to proclaim Aug. 7 as Purple Heart Day in Los Angeles County for the first time in the county's history.

"Each of you have endured what most cannot imagine," Hahn told the honorees. "You have borne wounds in defense of this country – physical, emotional, and spiritual. Today we honor that sacrifice. Our nation owes you not only gratitude, but our support."

The Purple Heart ranks among the oldest and most distinguished military decorations in the United States. Its origins trace back to Aug. 7, 1782, when Gen. George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit after the Continental Congress restricted his ability to promote soldiers based on merit. Washington authorized the badge – a purple heart-shaped cloth symbol – to recognize soldiers who performed "singularly meritorious action."

Louis Dominguez, a longtime San Pedro community leader and former teacher, spoke on behalf of the honorees during the presentation. Dominguez voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and served in the Vietnam War, where he suffered serious injury and later received a Purple Heart along with other service awards.

"On behalf of my fellow veterans and myself, we want to thank the County and each supervisor for giving us this wonderful chance to be recognized, especially our own supervisor for me, Janice Hahn," Dominguez said. "She's the one that got us together. Thank you for this wonderful proclamation."

In 2023, Hahn opened a 60-room interim housing site for formerly homeless veterans in San Pedro, naming it the Louis Dominguez Veterans Center in his honor.

The Purple Heart recognition ceremony highlighted Los Angeles County's commitment to supporting veterans who sacrificed for their country's defense.

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AWARDS: Hahn recognizes local Purple Heart Veterans.

PARENTHOOD

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remain, saying "States should not be forced to fund organizations that have chosen political advocacy over patient care."

On Tuesday, HHS filed a notice of appeal.

In the lawsuit, Planned Parenthood argues that the one-year funding ban enacted by Congress violates the organization's First Amendment rights and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment by allowing smaller, independent abortion providers to continue receiving federal funds.

The national Planned Parenthood federation said in a statement that it remains hopeful the court will block the funding cuts for other members, including California's, in a future ruling.

Planned Parenthood operates 114 clinics in California, serving more than 1 million patients each year. About 80% of those patients use Medi-Cal, the state version of the federal Medicaid program for people with low incomes or disabilities.

While the organization is the state's largest abortion provider, abortions make up a relatively small amount of its services, less than 10% annually. The bulk of patient visits are for contraceptive care, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, cancer screenings and other primary care check ups.

Federal law already prohibits using federal dollars for abortions except in extremely limited circumstances.

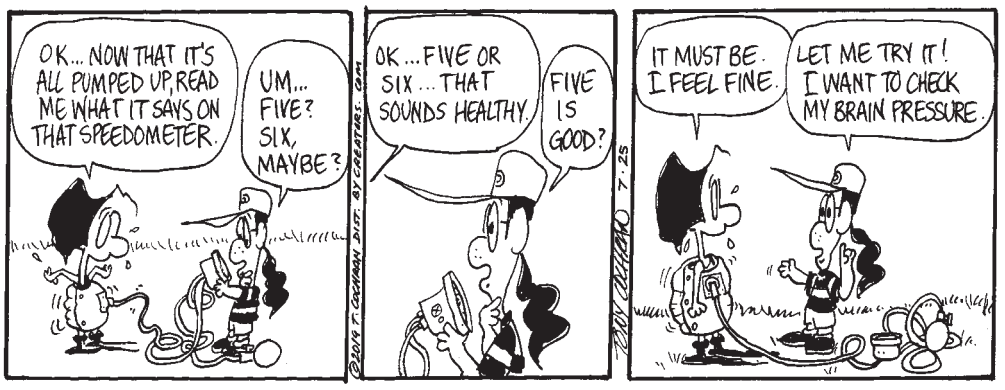
Hicks did not say how many or which Planned Parenthood clinics may be at risk of closure or service reductions. During a Los Angeles press conference Monday ahead of the court order, Hicks said "People in California should be so angry. This is a state where we have decided we value reproductive freedom."

In 2022, two-thirds of California voters approved adding abortion rights to the state constitution.

By Kristen Hwang. Supported by the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), which works to ensure that people have access to the care they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford. Visit www.chcf.org to learn more. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

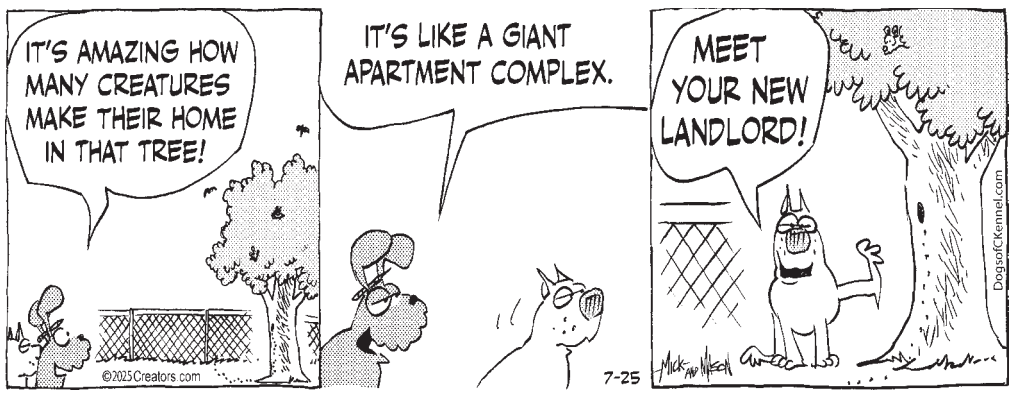
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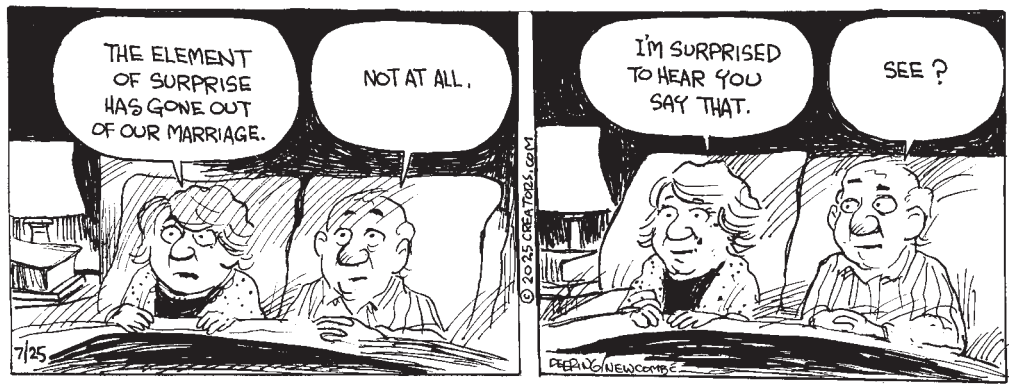
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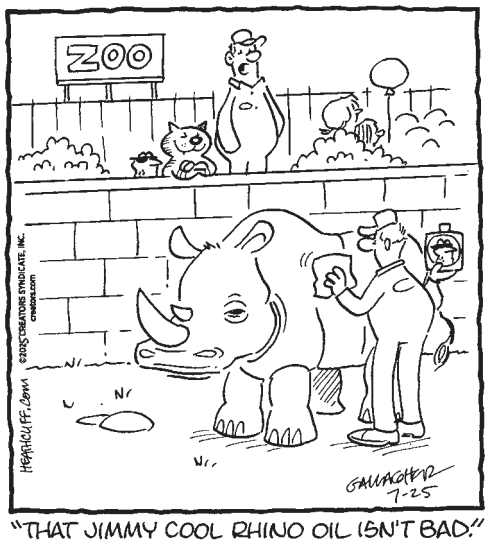
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FIND THE WORDS

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 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6647

Pacific neighbours

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 25)

Somehow, you're both lit from within and grounded from without - which is why you're not afraid to take chances. You can play any room, shift gears with ease and stay fully you in every situation. More highlights: This year brings recognition for something you've long done in the shadows. Your social swirl connects you with a person who opens doors professionally and otherwise. A curiosity leads to joy and money. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 1, 11 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be quick to notice when someone starts performing instead of relating. You have a knack today for peeling back personas and recognizing what's real. You'll respond to sincerity, and others will follow your example.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Why slog away when you could be working on something that comes naturally - where your talents, instincts or wiring give you an edge and momentum? In both cases, you're working hard, but the outcomes and sustainability are radically different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you find yourself agreeing with whatever you heard last, it's an invitation to get much more information and experience on the matter. With more knowledge, you'll understand the benefits and limitations of every option.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There can be power in vagueness, euphemism and polite ambiguity, but only if there's someone there to get it. Better to speak plainly today. Say what you really mean. Be it a messy truth, a joke with a sharp edge or a line that cuts through the fog... it will ring in the air like a bell only the right ones can hear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You were born to perform, but today you'll enjoy being offstage; the party is in the greenroom! Because you're listening, watching and understanding the cues before they're spoken aloud, someone will let you know how they need to be loved. This information is gold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Thinkers may linger in doubt, but it's the doer who crosses the finish line. A smart plan is ideal, but any plan - or none at all - will do, because once you're in motion, instinct takes over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You deserve to make your decisions based on what excites and energizes you - not out of obligation, habit or strategy, but based on what actually sparks your interest or gives you a jolt of aliveness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Analysis alone won't change the world; creation does. Keep learning; just don't analyze yourself out of making something. Don't get so delighted with adding to your knowledge that you forget to create.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone wants to impress you - maybe more than they're letting on. You'll keep your cool while reading between the lines, watching how people behave when they believe your opinion matters. (It does.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you build today may start small, but it gains weight quickly. A passing thought becomes a plan, and before you know it, people are looking to you for structure. Take the lead; you're already doing it in spirit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your originality is showing. Don't worry about finding the perfect frame. Like all great art, your ideas come through no matter what happens to be containing the gaze. And you'll have admirers who put their money behind that admiration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A compliment lingers - not only because you needed validation (well... honestly, exactly that) but also because it affirms something you've been working toward in private. Let it sink in and fortify you.

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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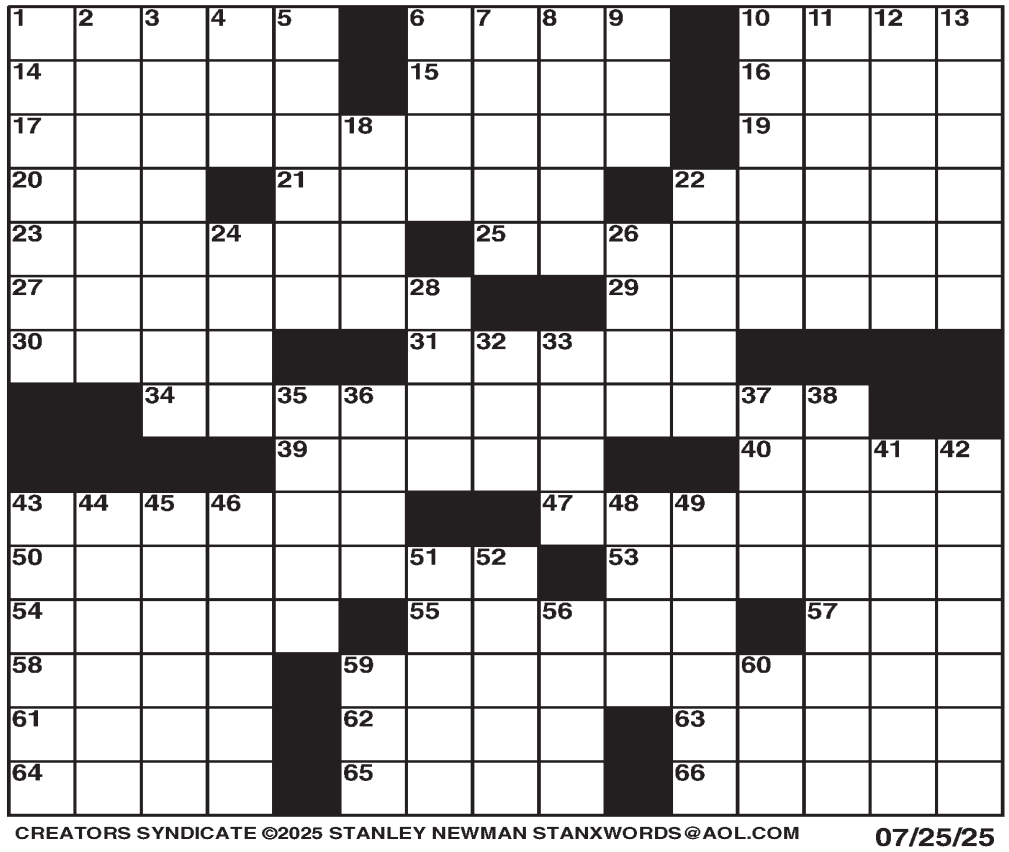
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ACROSS

1 Half of some suits
6 Longtime Indian leader
10 All-encompassing
14 Screen-gaming trailblazer
15 Fivers
16 Agra attire
17 Eminent Brandywine School artist
19 As opposed to
20 Eroded
21 Plaster for canvases
22 Twist to dry
23 Wetlands bird
25 What 17- and 59-Across once did, part 1
27 Keeps from spreading
29 More smooth-talking
30 Chocolate/toffee bar brand
31 Sword-holding statuette
34 25-Across, continued
39 CVS insurance subsidiary
40 Sound of surf
43 Fixed
47 How most don't like their crossword answers
50 25-Across, concluded
53 Domains
54 Debater of 1992
55 Was furious
57 Microloan agcy.
58 Send forth
59 Eminent pop artist
61 Small wooden platforms
62 Asian League of Nations member
63 Zero folks
64 Crafters' outlet
65 Towel term
66 Venues

DOWN

1 Sleepwear pair
2 Image on Ankara cash
3 Flaunt one's famous friends
4 Dodeca- fraction
5 Drawn-out attacks
6 Giant among Giants
7 Falstaffian
8 Rehab ritual
9 "...but not necessarily exactly"
10 Of faraway suns
11 Greek bread spread
12 Orioles, in part
13 Barbed remark
18 Left
22 Sounds from fans
24 Long lunch
26 Half of some suits
28 Kind of person
32 __ Gabriel Mountains
33 Florentine farewell
35 2024 Kennedy Center Honors singer
36 Hardware expert
37 Deep-sea predator
38 Court action
41 Radius, e.g.
42 Flipper's successes
43 The Rays' address
44 Big Apple cultural landmark
45 Lofty quarters
46 What fills a bootie
48 Cook up
49 Typical taxies
51 Hemingway, to pals
52 Tracker's tool
56 School rooms
59 Silver-gray
60 *Monarque masculin*



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RELEASED

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its former habitat. The species, listed as federally threatened under the Endangered Species Act, was last documented in the Santa Monica Mountains in the early 1970s.

"No one was formally monitoring California red-legged frogs in the Santa Monica Mountains during their decline here," said Katy Delaney, wildlife ecologist with Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. "By the time people were formally surveying for them in the 1980s they were not found anywhere in the Santa Monica Mountains at all."

Museum specimens from the 1920s show the frogs were once common throughout the mountains and Los Angeles Basin streams. Their disappearance left a critical gap in the ecosystem, as the California red-legged frog is the largest native frog in the western United States and plays a vital role as both predator and prey in stream environments.

The collaboration between the National Park Service and Aquarium of the Pacific emerged from necessity this year. The park service had previously worked with the Santa Barbara Zoo on frog reintroduction efforts, but the zoo was undergoing renovations and couldn't accommodate the egg masses.

"I heard from one of my USGS colleagues that the Aquarium of the Pacific helped them with Mountain yellow-legged frog tadpoles so I got their contact information and the aquarium was super enthusiastic and accommodating," Delaney said.

The aquarium staff set up specialized tanks to hatch the eggs and care for the developing tadpoles over several months. When the tadpoles reached the appropriate size, park service biologists collected them in five-gallon buckets and transported them to reintroduction sites in the mountains.

Reintroduction efforts began in 2014 as part of a broader conservation strategy to restore biodiversity to Santa Monica Mountains streams. The California red-legged frog is the only native amphibian missing from the ecosystem, making its recovery crucial for ecological balance.

"Conservation of native amphibian species helps us to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem balance in our own backyard," Lundy said. "Amphibians like the red-legged frog are a huge component of the food web, playing a role as both predator and prey at different parts of their life cycle."

This summer, park service biologists will monitor the release sites to track the tadpoles' development into froglets. The team will conduct both daytime and nighttime surveys, walking approximately one kilometer through streams and examining banks for young frogs.

"This project has had its share of ups and downs over the years," Delaney said. "But with committed partners like the aquarium, we're writing another hopeful chapter in the comeback story of the California red-legged frog."

The monitoring efforts will continue into fall, when biologists hope to document successful metamorphosis from tadpole to frog. Success would mark a significant milestone in the species' recovery and demonstrate the effectiveness of emergency conservation interventions.

Officials emphasize that public cooperation remains essential for the program's success. Visitors to the Santa Monica Mountains should stay on designated trails and keep pets out of streams, especially during breeding season, to avoid disrupting the fragile recovery process.

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RED-LEGGED FROG TADPOLES: The project was a partnership with the Aquarium of the Pacific.

HERITAGE

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"We'll seek to convey how the town's historic love affair with trees is at the very heart of its rebirth and future promise," said Steve Loeper, Mosaic co-producer.

The program will explore how Pacific Palisades' fascination with trees began with its Methodist founders and was later cultivated by visionaries including developer Abbot Kinney and entertainer Will Rogers. These early residents supplemented native California species with trees from around the world, creating the suburban forest that became central to the community's identity.

Six panelists will participate in the discussion, moderated by Palisades community journalist Libby Motika. Participants include landscape designer David Card, who is involved with current replanting efforts, and Suzanne Goode, who is leading historic reforestation at Will Rogers State Historic Park.

Randy Young, curator of the Palisades Historical Society, will provide historical context alongside Kaitlin Drisko, executive director of the Santa Monica Conservancy, and Kathleen Rawson, interim executive director of the Santa Monica History Museum.

The presentation promises to be photo-rich, documenting both the community's tree heritage and current recovery efforts. Organizers say the program will demonstrate how devoted rescue, rehabilitation and replanting initiatives rooted in the area's history will help much of the suburban forest survive as a source of strength for the community's regrowth.

Registration is required for the free event and is available at https://smc.givecloud.co/mosaic-cultural-landscape.

The program represents the second installment of the Santa Monica Mosaic's 2025 season. The first episode, "The Way We Were: Shared Memories of a Village Lost," became the series' most-watched program and received recognition from state Sen. Ben Allen. That episode is available in the Santa Monica Mosaic archive.

The Santa Monica Mosaic is described as a livestream series celebrating the preservation of historic cultures. Like a mosaic artwork, organizers say the program brings together diverse stories, perspectives and legacies that have shaped modern Santa Monica.

The Pacific Palisades episode is jointly presented by the Santa Monica History Museum. The Santa Monica Conservancy, which produces the series, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to heritage conservation, from preserving cultural narratives to revitalizing historic places.

The conservancy provides free and low-cost place-based experiences, including tours, exhibitions and listening sessions about local heritage conservation issues.

Pacific Palisades, a community west of Los Angeles, has been home to numerous celebrities and notable figures throughout its history. The January wildfire was among several that devastated parts of Southern California, destroying homes and natural landscapes that had taken decades to develop.

The community's recovery efforts have focused not only on rebuilding structures but also on restoring the natural environment that helped define its character. Trees have been central to this identity since the area's early development in the 1920s.

The program aims to show how understanding this historical relationship with trees can inform current restoration efforts and help ensure the community's forest legacy continues into the future. For more information, visit https://smconservancy.org.

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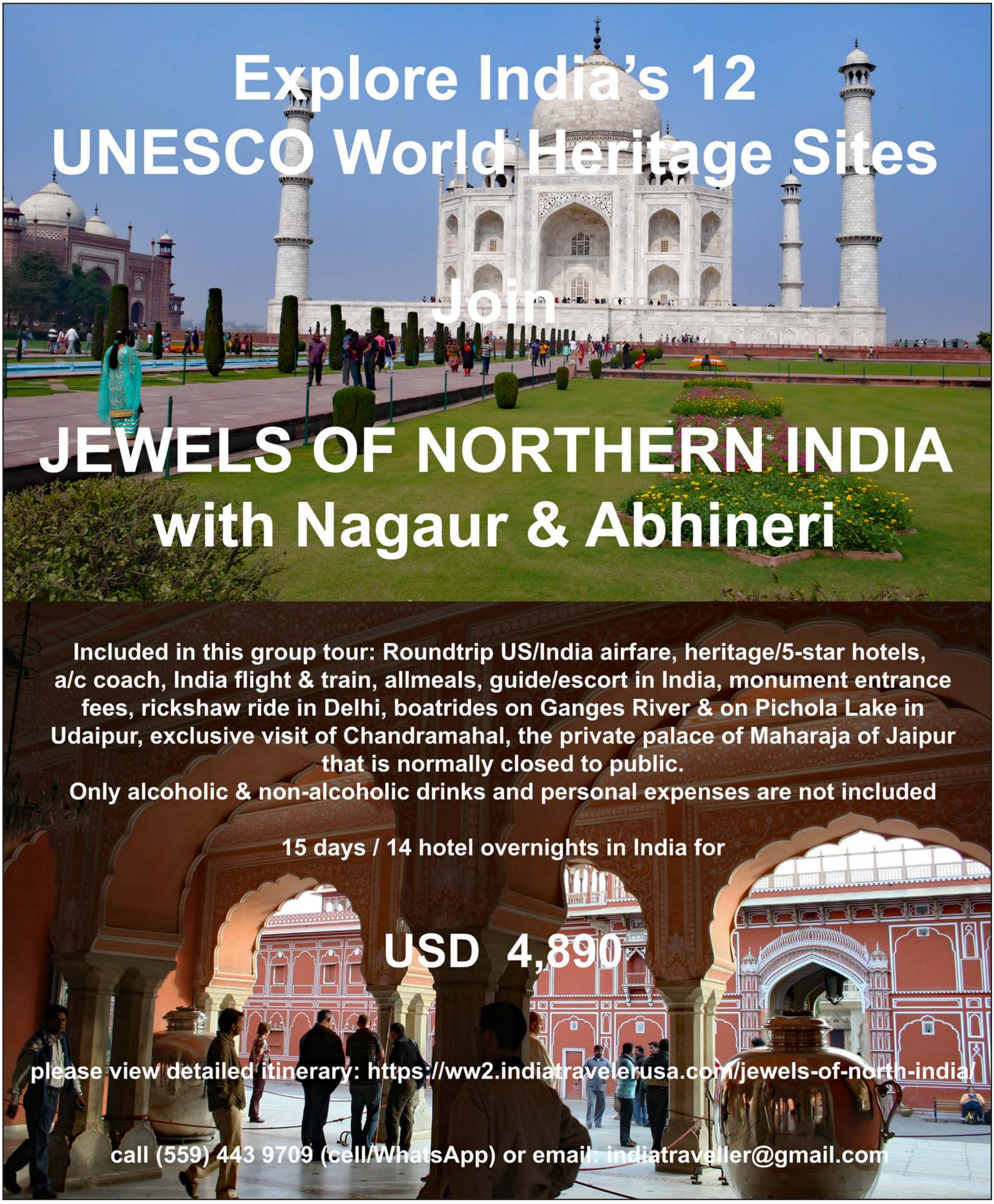
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