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California reports major gains in retail theft crackdown as local operations continue

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California law enforcement agencies have arrested more than 22,100 suspects and recovered nearly $150 million in stolen property during an 18-month crackdown on organized retail theft, state officials announced, as local operations continue targeting shoplifting rings across the state.

The arrests, spanning from October 2023 through March 2025, resulted in nearly 17,100 cases referred for prosecution as part of a state-funded initiative to combat organized retail crime. The effort has provided 38 law enforcement agencies with over $242 million in funding for equipment, enhanced operations, new staff and retail partnerships.

"California continues to put the safety of its communities first through strategic investments and partnership with local law enforcement agencies to crack down on organized retail theft," Gov. Gavin Newsom said. "We want to prevent these bad actors from hurting small businesses and retailers, while also prosecuting them to the fullest extent of the law to stop these criminals for good."

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Santa Monica council approves mediation in historic beach club case



Courtesy photo

CLUB: Mediation will take place over compensation for the property.

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The City Council unanimously voted Tuesday to enter mediation with the family of late Black entrepreneur Silas White over a planned beach club that was seized by the city through eminent domain in the late 1950s.

The council approved a staff recommendation to pursue formal mediation regarding the Ebony Beach Club, which would have been the first Black-led beach club in Santa Monica. The city will cover

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Spinning in Santa Monica

DEVAN SIPHER
Special to the Daily Press

If you hear someone talking about "spinning," they're most likely referring to aerobic exertion on a stationary bicycle. But Sleeping Beauty wasn't looking to improve her target heart rate when she pricked her finger on a spinning wheel. Last Saturday, the Montana Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library offered an opportunity to learn about an ancient craft when they hosted a yarn-spinning workshop, sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild.

Participants at the workshop were each instructed to pick out a ball of fluffy colored wool they found appealing. They were then shown how to pull the wool through a hook at the end of a handheld wooden spindle that looked something like an elongated spinning top.

Next, they spun the spindle rapidly and repeatedly, which twisted the wool like a drawstring caught in a dryer door, if you've ever had the misfortune to experience that. The difference is that a drawstring needs to be untwisted to return to functionality, but the twisting of the wool is what turns the strands of fiber into yarn, quite literally "spinning" it into existence.

What seemed somewhat magical to this reporter has been

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Linda May Osborn

November 18, 1943 - February 17, 2025

On the evening of February 17th, we said goodbye to our beloved Linda Osborn, a wonderful mother and friend. She was born in Santa Monica at St. John's Hospital and attended SAMO High with her siblings, Kathy and Ben. She grew up and later settled in Orange County. Linda had many fond memories, including a trip to Disneyland in 1955, its opening year. She was married for 20+ years and had 3 children: John, Ken & Tammy.



She had a passion for buying and selling antiques and collectibles. Linda worked at several Antique Malls and often brought home little trinkets she found.

Linda was a supportive and loving mother, always encouraging her children in their endeavors. Linda's love extended beyond her immediate family. She treated her son's husband, Leo, like her own son, showing unconditional love and acceptance. She was always there for her children, supporting them in various activities, from Dog Shows to Little League to Girl/Cub Scouts, and even poor attempts at musical instruments.

Linda's final home in Yorba Linda, Ca. was shared with her daughter Tammy, where they lived together for over 25 years.

She was brave and fought two rounds with cancer, showing incredible strength throughout her battle. Despite her health challenges, she remained positive and continued to care about her appearance, especially her hair, which she kept through multiple rounds of chemotherapy and radiation.

Linda's passing was peaceful, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Her strength, passion, and unconditional love have left a lasting impact on her family and friends.

Linda is survived by her children, Ken & Tammy as well as her ex-husband, Marcus Osborn.

The Supreme Court criticized California development fees. A new court ruling just upheld them



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

HOUSING: New housing construction in the Crocker Village neighborhood in Sacramento on Feb. 10, 2022. Increasing the supply is one solution to rising California home prices.

A panel of California appellate judges just pumped the brakes on what could have been a revolution in municipal budgeting and building fees across California.

The constitutional skirmish dates back to 2016 when George Sheetz, proposing to build a house on his property, sued El Dorado County over a $23,420 traffic mitigation fee.

Sheetz and his attorneys argued that the county needed to prove that the five-digit traffic impact fee matched the financial toll his new home would actually leave on local roads.

The case made its way up to the U.S. Supreme Court last year, which sided unanimously with Sheetz — at least in principle. The court ruled that local governments, including county boards of supervisors, need to justify their impact fees. But it stopped short of saying how detailed they need to be.

In a ruling published Tuesday, a three-judge panel at California's 3rd Appellate District took up that question and ruled that the county's fee passed muster, even under the higher degree of scrutiny demanded by the Supremes.

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US childhood vaccination rates fall again as exemptions set another record

U.S. kindergarten vaccination rates inched down again last year and the share of children with exemptions rose to an all-time high, according to federal data posted Thursday.

The fraction of kids exempted from vaccine requirements rose to 4.1%, up from 3.7% the year before. It's the third record-breaking year in a row for the exemption rate, and the vast majority are parents withholding shots for nonmedical reasons.

Meanwhile, 92.5% of 2024-25 kindergartners got their required measles-mumps-rubella shots, down slightly from the previous year. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the vaccination rate was 95% — the level that makes it unlikely that a single infection will spark a disease cluster or outbreak.

The vaccination numbers were posted as the U.S. experiences its worst year for measles spread in more than three decades, with more than 1,300 cases so far.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention traditionally releases the vaccination coverage data in its flagship publication, the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. CDC officials usually speak to the trends and possible explanations, and stress the importance of vaccinations. This year, the agency quietly posted the data online and — when asked about it — emailed a statement.

"The decision to vaccinate is a personal one. Parents should consult their health care providers on options for their families," the statement said, adding; "Vaccination remains the most effective way to protect children from serious diseases like measles and whooping cough, which can lead to hospitalization and long-term health complications."

Public health officials focus on vaccination rates for kindergartners because schools can be cauldrons for germs and launching pads for community outbreaks.

For years, those rates were high, thanks largely to school attendance mandates that required key vaccinations. All U.S. states and territories require that children attending child care centers and schools be vaccinated against a number of diseases, including, measles, mumps, polio, tetanus, whooping cough and chickenpox.

All states allow exemptions for children with medical conditions that prevent them from receiving certain vaccines. And most also permit exemptions for religious or other nonmedical reasons.

In the last decade, the percentage of kindergartners with medical exemptions has held steady, at about 0.2%. But the percentage with nonmedical exemptions has risen.

The rates can be influenced by policies that make it harder or easier to obtain exemptions, and by local attitudes among families and doctors about the need to get children vaccinated. Online misinformation and the political divide that emerged around COVID-19 vaccines have led more parents to question routine childhood vaccinations, experts say.

According to the CDC data, 15.4% of kindergartners had an exemption to one or more vaccines in Idaho in the last school year. But fewer than 0.5% did in Connecticut.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.7**

FRIDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Modest new run of Southern Hemi swell starts to trickle in. We'll see swell start to creep back in from the South Pacific, showing better over the weekend, breaking us out of a slow week of surf. The 1st-3rd of August gets some modest to locally fun waves. Think knee-waist high with occasional chest-high waves for standouts -- largest west of Dume. Some signals that the EPAC Tropics will get back into the equation. The strongest potential for swell and surf looks to start several days into August, but we should see SSE swell as early as this weekend.

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIRI*
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Overlapping SW swells continue. Expected a little energy from the tropics. Friday's SW swell continues as the front end of another, slightly larger pulse moves in. More waist-stomach high surf to be had, inconsistently pushing chest-shoulder high for standouts along the Zuma to County Line stretch. We should see a little bit of mid-period SSE swell creep in too -- not expecting it to boost size but should help with consistency and shape. AM conditions look clean at this point. PM onshores look more manageable than recent days.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 73.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/08/01	Fri	03:55 AM	2.80	H
2025/08/01	Fri	07:55 AM	2.42	L
2025/08/01	Fri	3:48 PM	4.70	H
2025/08/02	Sat	12:02 AM	1.52	L
2025/08/02	Sat	4:49 PM	4.83	H
2025/08/03	Sun	01:05 AM	1.02	L
2025/08/03	Sun	5:48 PM	5.07	H
2025/08/04	Mon	01:50 AM	0.54	L
2025/08/04	Mon	09:05 AM	3.39	H
2025/08/04	Mon	12:03 PM	3.15	L
2025/08/04	Mon	6:41 PM	5.39	H

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Draw Date: 7/30
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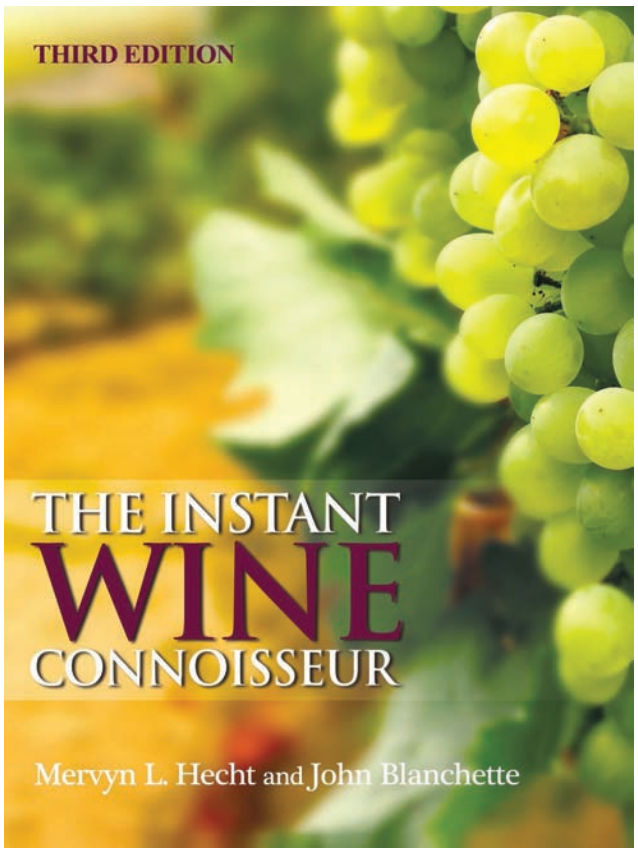
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Santa Monica's Big Beautiful Park

TO ALL SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

I write to you as a long-time homeowner and resident of Santa Monica to express my reservations regarding the City's plans to close down our Santa Monica Airport (SMO) and convert the land into a "Grand Park."

As you know, Measure LC, approved by Santa Monica voters in 2014, does not require the airport to be closed. The measure as worded presented voters with a "Hobson's Choice" requiring the City Council to get an approval by residents for any plans to develop the airport property in exchange for giving it the right to close the airport without further consent by residents. I, for one, believe that approval of the measure was driven more by the fear among residents of leaving the City Council with rights to develop the airport site than by a wish to close airport operations.

A choice to keep the airport operational, to my knowledge, has never been made available to city residents. Instead, the plan for a "Grand Park" seems to have been railroaded over us by an invisible hand of influential political forces. At the direction of our City Council, great expense for elaborate studies by outside consultants has been incurred in spite of the city's scarce resources.

Operations at SMO generate an ongoing financial surplus for the City – money that is sorely needed considering its poor financial state and future prospects. Beyond its financial contributions, SMO provides important strategic support to our local communities in times of emergencies (fires, earthquakes). It seems foolish to lose this useful and valuable asset, which requires no major investment or maintenance expense by the City.

Most of us are aware of significant advances that have been made with the development of electrically powered aircraft. The introduction of such aircraft at SMO could represent an interesting business potential as well as mitigate local concerns regarding pollution and noise.

It seems shortsighted to rush into closing our airport for quixotic plans to build a very costly park of questionable benefit to the City. I have read that development costs, including expensive (and yet unmeasured) environmental cleanup, could be in the order of $1 billion. The "Grand Park" conjures up uncomfortable comparisons with the disastrous high-speed railroad project undertaken by our State – a project with huge cost overruns and without viable plans for completing it.

How will our expensive park project be paid for? Who will pay? Sound financial planning dictates that major development projects should not be undertaken without first having a well-based financing plan in place. We have heard a lot of talk about building a big beautiful park but have heard nothing about how it will be financed. And please don't tell us later that property owners will be slammed with the burdens of bond issues to help pay for this out-of-proportion project.

Who will use this park? How much will ongoing maintenance cost and who will pay? The "Grand Park" will be located on a remote corner of Santa Monica, closer to Mar Vista and other neighboring communities than to most Santa Monica residents. Will we in Santa Monica be foolishly incurring enormous costs for the benefit of other communities? Will the park become a magnet for attracting more homeless to our city? How can we keep such a huge park clean and safe when we cannot even keep our small local parks free of homeless and open drug use?

I fear that our City is on a dangerous slippery slope that will drag us all into a ruinous situation. How did we get this far with plans for such a huge project of questionable financial viability? Irrational exuberance seems to have overtaken common sense among the "Grand Park" project's supporters.

Please reconsider the airport conversion plan and leave our airport operational, at least for now. Give it a chance to continue serving our communities' emergency needs and to serve as a base for future air transport innovation.

Faustino Garza, Santa Monica

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Malibu Appoints Ronda Perez as New City Manager

The Malibu City Council has unanimously approved the appointment of Ronda Perez as the city's new manager, effective Aug. 25.

Perez brings nearly two decades of public sector experience to the position. She previously served as city manager of Palmdale and assistant city manager of Lancaster, where she secured state and federal infrastructure funding, expanded parks and recreation programs, and led downtown revitalization efforts. She also spearheaded securing state approval for Caltrans to surrender local ownership and control of a stretch of state highway running through Palmdale.



Courtesy photo

RONDA PEREZ: Ronda Perez appointed as the city's new manager.

"I am honored and excited to join the Malibu team," Perez said. "Malibu is a unique and extraordinary community, and I look forward to drawing on my experience to support its recovery and guide purposeful, resilient redevelopment, while remaining ever-mindful of the Vision and Mission of Malibu to protect and preserve its fragile nature and rural character."

The appointment comes as Malibu continues recovering from recent wildfire damage. Mayor Marianne Riggins said consistent leadership is essential during this period.

"With Malibu still recovering from the devastating impacts of recent wildfires, consistent and capable leadership is essential," Riggins said. "Ronda's expertise will help accelerate the rebuild process while honoring and preserving the rural character and spirit that make Malibu so special."

Perez is an International City/County Management Association credentialed manager and holds a master's degree from California State University, Long Beach. She also has a leadership certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program.

The City Council will consider Perez's employment contract at its next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and remotely via Zoom. Meeting details will be posted at www.MalibuCity.org/AgendaCenter.

The council thanked Interim City Manager Candace Bond for her service to the community. Bond was appointed May 13 and brought leadership during the fire recovery period. Her term ends when Perez begins her role.

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Santa Monica

City Hosts Free Quarterly Recycling Event for Residents

The City of Santa Monica will host its quarterly recycling event Saturday, offering residents a free opportunity to dispose of hard-to-recycle items while keeping bulky waste and electronic materials out of landfills.

The drive-through event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Yards facility, located at 2500 Michigan Avenue. Residents should use the second gate entrance on Michigan Avenue to access the drop-off area.

The event is exclusively for Santa Monica residents, who must provide proof of residency upon arrival. Acceptable documentation includes a driver's license or identification card with a Santa Monica address, a utility bill from the past two months, or current vehicle registration showing a local address.

Participants will remain in their vehicles while city staff and volunteers unload accepted items from trunks and back seats. No pre-registration or appointment is required for the free community service.

The city will accept up to five banker-size boxes of personal documents per household for secure on-site shredding, with all shredded paper subsequently recycled. Electronic waste collection includes mobile phones, laptops, tablets, DVD and VHS players, radios, stereo equipment, printers, televisions, computer monitors of all types, and household batteries of all sizes.

Clean, dry mattresses and box springs are also accepted for recycling.

Several items are prohibited from the event. Kitchen appliances such as microwaves, blenders, coffee makers and bread makers will not be accepted. Large appliances including washing machines, refrigerators and mini-fridges are also excluded.

Printer ink and toner cartridges cannot be dropped off independently, though residents should remove them from printers before disposal. Hazardous materials including paint, chemicals, pesticides and motor oil require separate disposal through the city's hazardous waste collection service.

Residents are advised to keep batteries in separate containers and ensure mattresses and box springs are dry and clean for safe handling.

The quarterly recycling event is part of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery & Recycling program, designed to provide convenient disposal services while promoting environmental responsibility. The program helps divert electronic waste and bulky items from landfills through proper recycling channels.

For more information, visit santamonica.gov.

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Los Angeles

LA County Board Approves Motion to Challenge Trump Administration's Access to Medicaid Data

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to explore legal remedies against the Trump administration's efforts to access protected health information of Medicaid recipients, potentially violating federal privacy laws.

The motion, authored by Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis and Supervisor Janice Hahn, directs the county to consider initiating, joining or supporting litigation in response to Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials gaining access to personal data of nearly 79 million Medicaid enrollees nationwide.

"Healthcare is a human right – no one should be afraid to access the care they need," Solis said. "Today's actions reaffirm the County's commitment to support our immigrant communities and ensure that our residents can receive health and social services without fear."

The data release, reported July 17, includes home addresses, ethnicities and other personal information protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. HIPAA, enacted in 1996, protects the privacy and security of individuals' protected health information and sets limits on data use and disclosure.

California expanded Medicaid to all immigrants using state taxpayer dollars. Federal law, policy and practice have consistently maintained that personal healthcare data from Medicaid recipients is confidential.

"Many people who use programs like emergency Medicaid do so in their most desperate moments, when they're most vulnerable, fearful, and at risk," Hahn said. "The Trump administration's plan to use that data to target undocumented immigrants is not only a monstrous violation of trust, it undermines a program our health system depends on and that saves lives."

Healthcare providers report significant increases in appointment cancellations and no-shows since aggressive federal immigration enforcement began. St. John's clinics indicated cancellation and no-show rates jumped to 30% across their facilities in Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire.

Since mass raids began in Los Angeles County on June 6, the Board of Supervisors has approved 11 of Solis' motions, including one authorizing legal action against federal enforcement tactics. That lawsuit resulted in a temporary restraining order halting raids in Los Angeles County and six other counties.

"The moment is now," Solis said. "We must denounce any attempt to unjustly target or harm our communities and stand united against dangerous federal violations."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice

Park Raises Nearly $650,000 for Re-Election Campaign

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park has raised more than $646,000 from 1,227 individual donors for her re-election campaign through the June 30 reporting deadline, her campaign announced.

The fundraising total reflects widespread support for Park's work addressing crime and homelessness on the Westside during her tenure representing Council District 11.

Park paused campaign activities during the first four months of 2025 to focus on community recovery following the devastating Palisades Fire. As residents faced evacuation and property loss, Park resigned as chair of the city's 2028 Olympics Committee to create and lead the City's Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery.

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> - Traci Park, Los Angeles City Councilwoman

"After the fire, I knew my only focus had to be supporting our community," Park said. "I stood with the community during its darkest days, and I'll continue fighting to rebuild the Palisades as the Palisades."

The contributions came from CD11 residents and businesses across the district, demonstrating what her campaign called broad local support for her leadership approach.

Park said she will continue working for families in the district until recovery work is completed following the fire damage.

"I will keep showing up for families in CD11 every day until the work is done," she said. "That's my commitment, and I feel deeply honored that so many people believe in me and continue to give so generously to support our future."

The fundraising puts Park's campaign in position for the June 2, 2026, primary election, which is scheduled in just over nine months.

Park's campaign characterized the donor base as representing a broad coalition across the political spectrum who support her efforts to create what they described as a safer, stronger and more unified Westside.

The councilwoman's focus on post-fire recovery has been central to her recent work, with the campaign noting her decision to prioritize constituent services over campaign activities during the critical recovery period.

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TRACI PARK: Traci Park has raised more than $646,000 from 1,227 individual donors for her re-election campaign.

Los Angeles

L.A. County Wins National Awards for Four People-First Programs

Los Angeles County has earned national recognition from the National Association of Counties for four groundbreaking programs addressing systemic inequities and economic justice challenges.

The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, working with county partners and community organizations, received 2025 NACo Achievement Awards for initiatives serving domestic violence survivors, underserved communities, foster youth and public health concerns.

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"Each of these programs reflect the power of community-centered public investment and cross-sector partnerships to remove systemic barriers and expand opportunity, especially for communities that have been historically underserved," said Rafael Carbajal, director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.

The Empower U program won in the Human Services Category for providing $2,500 no-strings-attached grants to 1,000 domestic violence survivors during the pandemic. The program targeted BIPOC, immigrant and LGBTQ communities facing intensified economic hardship, covering critical expenses including relocation and medical care while connecting participants with services for rebuilding financial independence.

Leaving a Legacy earned recognition in the Community and Economic Development Category for making estate planning accessible to underserved communities. Led by DCBA's Center for Financial Empowerment in partnership with Bet Tzedek and St. John's Community Health, the program provides free estate planning services to help families, especially in BIPOC communities, build and preserve intergenerational wealth.

The Youth Access to Banking initiative won the Youth Financial Empowerment Category for helping foster youth under 18 open bank accounts. The program, led by the Auditor-Controller's Ombudsperson for Youth in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs with partners including Rize Credit Union, removed barriers like ID requirements, minimum deposits and adult co-signers. More than 100 youth have opened accounts.

The Los Angeles Smoke Shop Project received the Public Health and Youth Safety Category award for addressing Delta-8 THC and emerging cannabinoids in smoke shops near youth-sensitive locations. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Control team's countywide response resulted in local and statewide policy changes, community trainings and advocacy that other jurisdictions are now replicating.

The NACo Achievement Awards have recognized innovative county government programs improving community quality of life since 1970, covering 18 categories of county responsibilities.

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Malibu

Malibu Awards $690,000 in Small Business Recovery Grants

The Malibu Administration and Finance Subcommittee has awarded 46 grants through the Small Business Micro Stabilization Grant Program to help local businesses recover from wildfire impacts and the prolonged Pacific Coast Highway closure.

The grants range from $2,500 to $15,000 each, totaling $690,000 in assistance for businesses demonstrating commitment to remain operational and support the community.

"This is a major step forward for the Malibu business community, and we're proud to support these incredible recipients," said Mayor Marianne Riggins. "Every applicant was deserving, and while we couldn't award everyone, we're committed to continuing our local business support through both regional partnerships and direct assistance."

Recipients span multiple sectors including food service, retail, health and wellness, beauty services, hospitality, cleaning services and design services. Businesses can use the funds for lease payments, equipment replacement, marketing and other recovery-related expenses.

The city launched the program in late April, allocating $300,000 from the General Fund. Applications were accepted from May 1-31, drawing 157 requests totaling $2.8 million in funding demands.

The Malibu City Council authorized the subcommittee to select recipients based on specific eligibility criteria, with all awardees meeting requirements and demonstrating clear recovery needs.

The city will begin distributing funds while tracking the program's impact on the local business community. Additional resources for local businesses are available at https://maliburebuilds.org/Small-Business-Resources

The grant program represents the city's direct response to economic challenges facing small businesses following recent wildfires and extended highway closures that disrupted normal operations and customer access.

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THEFT

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The statewide results come as communities like Santa Monica continue grappling with persistent retail theft problems. Recent Santa Monica Police Department data shows the city recorded approximately 2,900 larceny-theft incidents in both 2023 and 2024, with theft comprising roughly 59% of major crimes reported.

Santa Monica experienced a notable increase in retail theft in 2023, with 153 shoplifting incidents reported in just the first quarter alone. While theft numbers stabilized in 2024, the problem remains significant, with police officials noting that 60-70% of local arrests involve unhoused individuals.

The city's ongoing enforcement efforts were highlighted last week when Santa Monica police arrested 10 people on felony and misdemeanor charges during a coordinated retail theft operation targeting the Third Street Promenade and surrounding areas. The operation resulted in five felony and five misdemeanor arrests as specialized units worked together to combat organized retail crime in the popular shopping district.

During that operation, officers recovered a stolen vehicle using the department's SMART Center Automatic License Plate Reader system and SKY1 drone. Two suspects were found in possession of burglary tools and methamphetamine paraphernalia, with one having prior convictions for stolen vehicle offenses. Major retailers including Target, Lululemon, TJ Maxx, Nike and Rite Aid reported thefts during the operation.

The state's Board of State and Community Corrections, which distributes the anti-theft grants, reports the funding has enabled coordinated responses producing measurable results. Notable recoveries include a Ventura County operation that stopped a cargo theft crew responsible for stealing $500,000 worth of trucks and trailers, ultimately leading to $1.5 million in recovered goods, narcotics, firearms and cash.

"The ORT grants have provided critical resources that enable our law enforcement partners to implement strategic, coordinated responses to combating organized retail theft," said BSCC Board Chair Linda Penner. "These efforts are producing measurable results, strengthening public safety, and supporting the local retail economies with statewide success."

The state has also provided over $24 million to 13 district attorneys' offices through a vertical prosecution program, resulting in 1,524 convictions for theft-related property crimes. Of those, 528 convictions were specifically related to organized retail theft, with nearly 90% classified as felonies.

California's broader crime statistics show improvement across multiple categories in 2024, with decreases in violent crime, property crime, homicides, motor vehicle theft, burglary and robbery. The 2024 homicide rate represents the second lowest since at least 1966.

The anti-theft initiative represents part of California's $1.7 billion investment in crime fighting since 2019. Last August, Newsom signed bipartisan legislation designed to strengthen penalties for property crimes, including smash-and-grab robberies and retail theft.

Santa Monica Police Chief Ramón Batista has credited proactive policing efforts for helping stabilize theft numbers despite ongoing challenges including homelessness. The department continues participating in regional task force operations, including a December 2023 joint operation with Los Angeles police that resulted in eight shoplifting arrests in a single day.

As enforcement efforts continue, officials remain hopeful that new laws and sustained operations will drive down retail theft numbers, though the problem continues affecting communities statewide.

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Santa Monica, CA 90403

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Listed by: Elizabeth Markovitch, DRE #01837425 Westside Estate Agency Inc.

SANTA MONICA

$2,395,000

1334 Pine St
Santa Monica, CA 90405

3 BR 2 BA, 1,652 Sq Ft

Listed by Austin Chen, DRE #01898306 Keller Williams Beverly Hills

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$3,495,000

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Venice, CA 90291

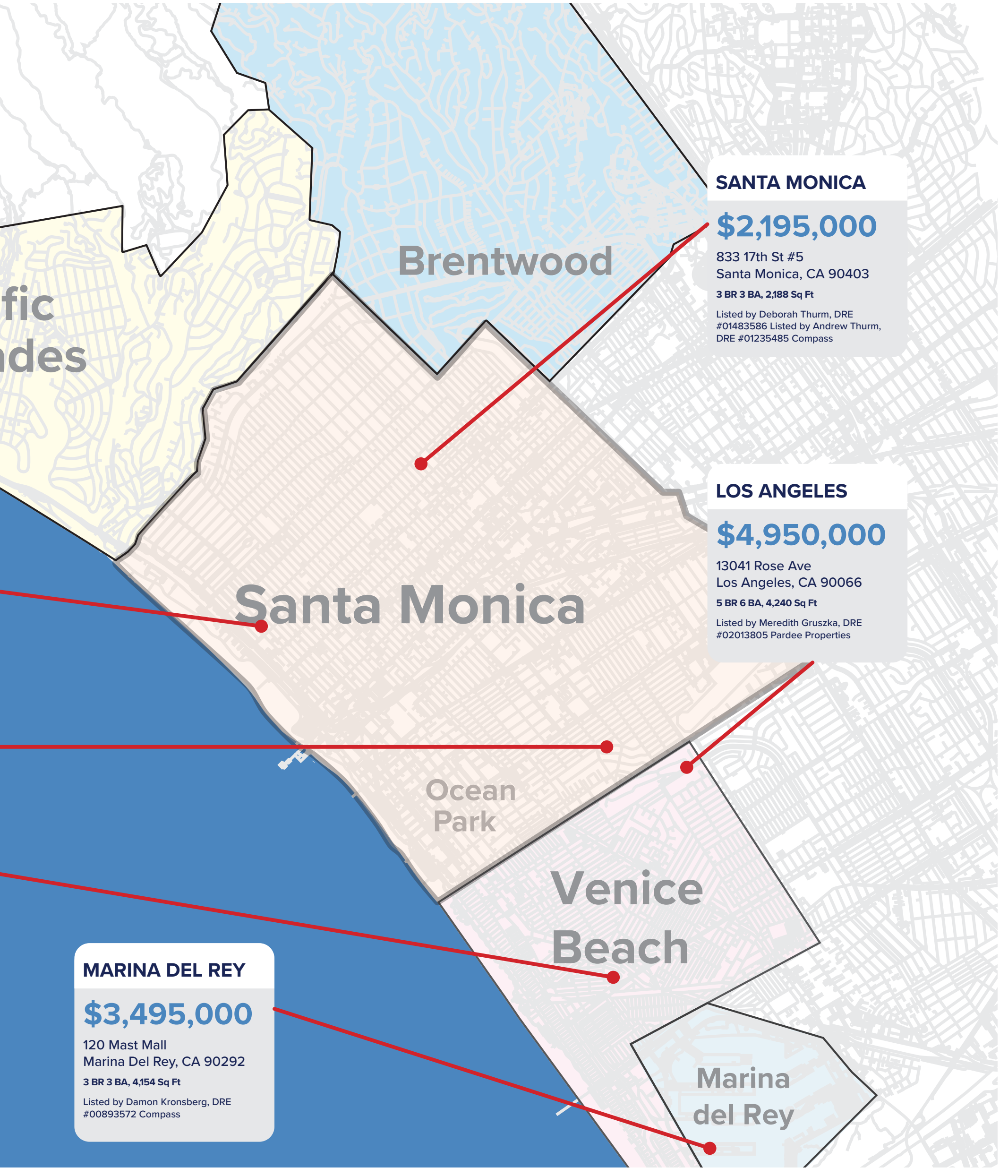
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Listed by Joshua Altman, DRE #01764587 Listed by Matthew J. Altman, DRE #01874316 Douglas Elliman of California, Inc.

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SANTA MONICA

$2,195,000

833 17th St #5
Santa Monica, CA 90403

3 BR 3 BA, 2,188 Sq Ft

Listed by Deborah Thurm, DRE #01483586 Listed by Andrew Thurm, DRE #01235485 Compass

LOS ANGELES

$4,950,000

13041 Rose Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90066

5 BR 6 BA, 4,240 Sq Ft

Listed by Meredith Gruszka, DRE #02013805 Pardee Properties

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FIRST FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK FEST
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Abbot Kinney Blvd 1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd (corner of Palms Blvd Venice. Join us on Abbot Kinney Boulevard for a fun and festive night in Venice. Chances are, you will find whatever food you are craving, along with special merchant events. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/first-friday-food-truck-fest/15926940/2025-08-01T17

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

NOGI JUDO FOR JIU-JITSU "WRESTLE-JUDO-JITSU"
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meraki 11652 West Olympic Boulevard Los Angeles. Join us for an exciting event - NoGi Judo for Jiu-Jitsu "Wrestle-Judo-Jitsu"! Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or just starting out, this event at Meraki is perfect for you. Learn the art of Judo without the traditional Gi, tailored for Jiu-Jitsu enthusiasts. Embrace the fusion of Wrestling, Judo, and Jiu-Jitsu in a dynamic setting. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to expand your skills and have a blast on the mats! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/nogi-judo-for-jiu-jitsu-wrestle-judo-jitsu-/16268017/2025-08-02T10

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hosteling Intl. 1436 2nd Street Santa Monica. Join the Santa Monica Conservancy's Downtown Walking Tour. Discover downtown Santa Monica's architectural gems, history, and culture. From Art Deco to Victorian and Romanesque Revival, you'll explore the various styles that fill the streets of Santa Monica. Explore downtown's diverse architectural heritage, including Bay Cities Guaranty Building, El Miro Theater, Georgian Hotel, Gussie Moran House, Keller Block and more! The Downtown Walking Tour is FREE for Conservancy members, FREE for guests staying at Hostelling International, and $10 for the general public. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-walking-tour/15830816/2025-08-02T10

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/14548485/2025-08-02T11

$5 COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing $5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class proceeds donated to charitable organizations that advocate for animals, and animal shelters and rescues. Sign-up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training. $5.00 —General $5.00. First Responders & Wildfire Victims FREE. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-08-02T12

I GOTTA CROW
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4 Santa Monica. The Crow's favorite show curates elevated comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central, and late night TV. Curated Comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. THE CROW is listed in the LA Times as one of the best places to see comedy in LA! Read a more about The Crow in this feature article of the LA Times. Directions to The Crow at Bergamot Station: FREE PARKING in the lot at Bergamot Station Arts Center. (You're welcome, Los Angeles.) We are right at the Bergamot Station Metro Stop ! (You are soooo welcome, Los Angeles!) Fun Facts: Safe Space! (Security guards on premises 24/7.) The Crow is located directly behind our favorite restaurant, Birdie G's . If you want to grab a fine dinner there before, we encourage you to make a reservation. 10% off your meal with your ticket to The Crow. More info can be found at: www.CrowComedy.com Lineup subject to change. No drink minimum. The Crow is owned and operated by a female/mom/stand-up comic. I Gotta Crow occurs most Saturday's. Check our website or ticket link for official listings! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/i-gotta-crow/14639013/2025-08-02T20

SUNDAY | AUGUST 3

FESTIVAL OF THE CHARIOTS
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Venice Beach 2100 Ocean Front Walk Venice. A parade of three forty foot tall colorful chariots strolls down Main Street in Ocean Park then onto the Boardwalk, accompanied by singers and dancers. The parade arrives at a large festival site full of tents housing two entertainment stages, live drama, dance, musicians, arts and crafts for children, cultural exhibits, an Indian imports boutique, exotic food booths, as well as our free feast booth, first come, first serve to 5,000. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/festival-of-the-chariots/16229663/2025-08-03T10

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/14894114/2025-08-03T11

BABY GOAT + LAMB YOGA
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Laughing Frog Yoga 12217 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles, CA. Grab your mat and come play with our goats and miniature lambs for a dose of laughter and furry fun! Visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sold-out-baby-goat-lamb-yoga-august-3-at-100-pm-tickets-1478430959799

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Mystery Book Club We meet on the first Sunday of each month to discuss a mystery, thriller, or suspense book picked by the group. For current titles, please contact the West LA Library. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/mystery-book-club/15607293/2025-08-03T14

MONDAY | AUGUST 4

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNE
5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-08-04T17

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! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2025-08-04T18

SANTA MONICA CHESS & COCKTAIL CLUB
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Weary Livers 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica, CA. Chess & Cocktail Club @ Wearies! Every Monday 6-9PM. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-chess-cocktail-club/15910436/2025-08-04T18

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. $10.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-08-04T19

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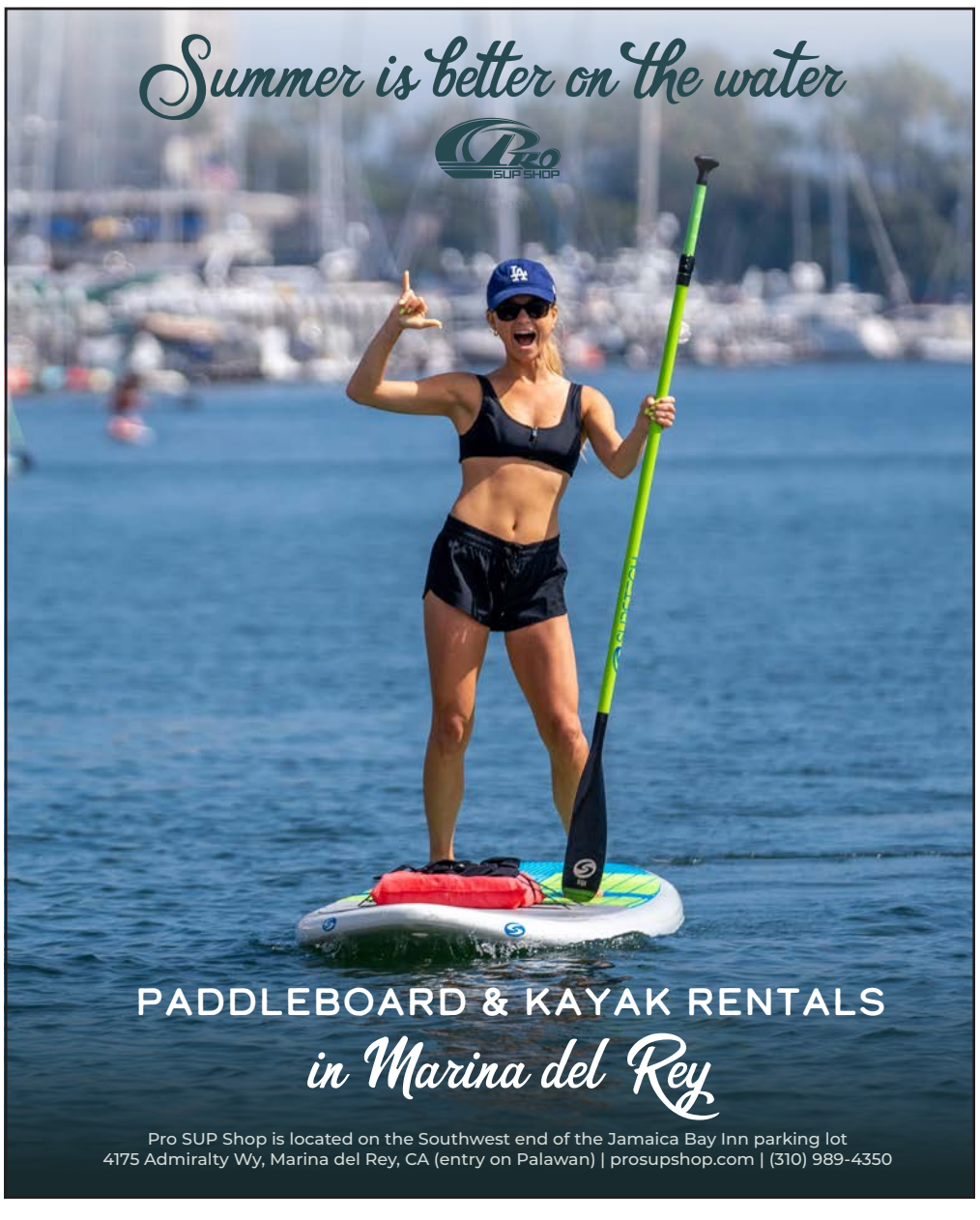
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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00602 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Natali Patricia Caamal for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Natali Patricia Caamal court for a decree of changing names as follows: Natali Patricia Caamal to Natali Patricia EllisThe 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 9/05/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main st Santa Monica, CA 90405.. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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CLUB

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mediation costs up to $15,000, with the White family selecting the mediator.

"This is long overdue," said Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis, who moved the item forward. The motion passed with enthusiastic support from all council members during the July 29 meeting.

The case centers on property at 1811 Ocean Avenue, where White and his associates signed a lease-to-own agreement in 1957 with plans to open the Ebony Beach Club as a welcoming space for Black families during an era when beaches and many other areas remained segregated. Just one year later, the city filed to acquire the property through eminent domain as part of a civic development plan.

In 1959, a court awarded $74,000 in compensation to the original landowner, but White and his nonprofit organization received nothing. Under laws at the time, courts could only consider property ownership and market value — not racial motivation, community benefit or investments made by prospective buyers.

City records confirm White made initial payments and investments toward opening the club, including advertising and gathering more than 400 prospective members. The club never opened, and White died in 1962.

The White family first brought their case to the city council in March 2024, alleging the eminent domain action was racially motivated. Family members spoke passionately during Tuesday's public comment period in support of mediation.

"The family asks for the council to vote yes for mediation," said Milana Davis, White's cousin, expressing hope that Santa Monica would serve as a "beacon of light and integrity."

Lauren Davis, a descendant, thanked advocates for their support and emphasized that Connie White, Silas White's daughter, "deserves repair for the injustices she and her family have suffered."

Council Member Barry Snell expressed pride in the council taking "progressive steps to remedy this issue" and setting an example for the country. Council Member Jesse Zwick acknowledged the case's complexity but affirmed, "there was harm done," making mediation appropriate.

Mayor Negrete stressed the need to invest in future wealth generation rather than just dedicating parks and signs, acknowledging the "generational wealth and benefit" that was lost. The council requested a "good faith effort to schedule the mediation within the next two weeks."

The Ebony Beach Club case reflects broader patterns of mid-20th century urban development that disproportionately displaced communities of color. City staff noted that eminent domain and urban renewal were commonly used tools that, while legally neutral, often produced racially unequal outcomes.

"The law does not always correlate with justice," said Janet McKithan of the Church in Ocean Park, quoting from the city's report on the case.

Santa Monica's own redevelopment history includes the displacement of residents from historically Black and Brown neighborhoods, including the Belmar Triangle area, through freeway construction and civic center projects.

The case has informed the city's broader reparative justice efforts, including the creation of the Landback and Reparations Task Force, which launched in April 2025. The task force is developing a citywide framework to address historical and ongoing harms faced by communities who experienced systematic loss of land, housing and opportunity in Santa Monica.

Kavon Ward, founder of "Justice for Bruce's Beach" and "Where is My Land," urged the council to provide "substance repair," highlighting the contrast between the city's quick eminent domain action and the long wait for the White family's case to be addressed.

The property in question today consists of approximately 6% of the Viceroy Hotel's leasehold and is used primarily as an access road near the hotel.

Staff noted that while this case addresses a specific family's experience, it likely represents just one example of racially disproportionate land losses in the city's history, highlighting the need for a comprehensive approach to restorative justice.

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HOUSING

FROM PAGE 2

El Dorado County "used a valid method for imposing the (traffic) fee" and "established a reasonable relationship between the fee charged and the projected burdens," the judges wrote.

Translation: Good enough.

After the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last year, construction boosters heralded a possible new dawn of lower impact fees, while local government groups warned of slashed budgets. This latest ruling has put all of that on hold for now.

Locally imposed impact fees in California are nearly three times the national average, according to a UC Berkeley report that used data from 2015.

Brian Hodges, attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation, which represented Sheetz, said they were still weighing whether to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

But he also stressed that though the ruling didn't deliver the outcome he and his client were hoping for, the U.S. Supreme Court's order from last year still makes a wide swath of locally imposed requirements on builders in legal jeopardy. That includes impact fees, but also inclusionary zoning rules, in which cities require developers to set aside a certain share of new units for lower-income tenants.

"We won the war but lost the battle," Hodges said.

By Ben Christopher. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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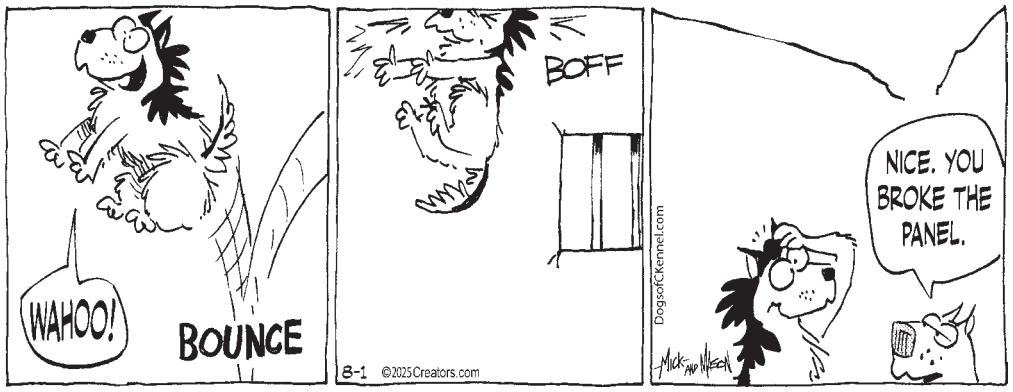
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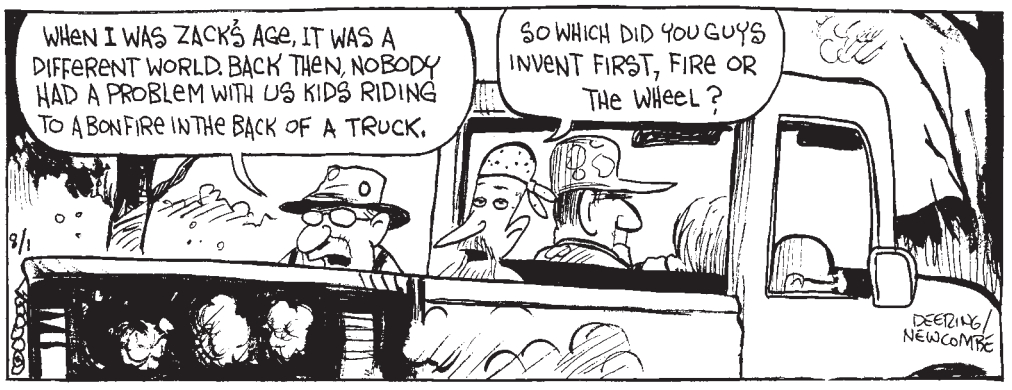
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 1)

This year brings a new role -- one that deeply affects many lives and sometimes requires rehearsal to get just right. Every effort you make adds richness and the responsibility you carry becomes fulfillment. More highlights: You'll draw attention without effort, receive affection without pursuit and watch opportunities arise just as you were ready to move on. Money flows from lucky moves, including a few you first deemed mistakes. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 4, 32 and 23.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's joy in sensing what others need and making preemptive moves to serve it up. It's a rare and subtle gift, and it makes people trust you without really knowing why. They lean in closer. There's strength in your way, and others want to walk beside you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is the effort stage; you're intentionally choosing to direct your attention to the positive. Maybe you're naming gratitudes, savoring a moment or shifting your thoughts away from irritation toward something that brings you joy. It takes awareness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are about to remember something beautiful about yourself or your life that you hadn't even realized you were missing. And it will land softly but meaningfully -- like a secret gift from your own heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To put effort into being liked, impressive, agreeable might help you fit in or succeed briefly. But over time, it drains you. Today you put less into managing perceptions and more into simply living life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're usually the team player, the adjuster, the easygoing one. But this day? It's for you. Do what feels good, say yes to your whims and skip anything that smells like obligation. The best thing you can give is a fully alive version of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're magnetic, moving between giver and receiver, desire and design. It's a rhythm, a flirtation, a dance. You may not know what's fair, but you know what's fun -- and there's a deep beauty in trusting your sense of timing and delight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The work you do leaves your competition scrambling. It's about power moves, calculated chaos and an unmatched grind. You are shaking up the status quo with your raw ambition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Frustration flares when things don't go as pictured. Want to feel better fast? Shrink the expectation. Open the timeline. Let it unfold in its own weird, lovely way. You'll still get there -- and maybe pick up something extra on the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a long arc to this healing. You may not see the end yet, but you're further along than you think. Keep going. This path grows you in ways no shortcut ever could and leads to your well-earned peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a fixer, but you're also a genius at prevention. Today is about keeping things smooth before the bumps arrive. A little tune-up here, a check-in there -- and you buy yourself time, calm and more room to roam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is OK to resent. Indeed, there are times when resentment is not only appropriate; it's necessary. It means you're awake to an imbalance. But let this day be about truth, not comparison. You are a rare flower, blooming under rubble.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One crowd laughs; the next stares blankly. You roll with it, shifting gears like a pro. Your charm isn't in the lines; it's in your read of the room. This is only the start of your run. There will be many electric moments to come.

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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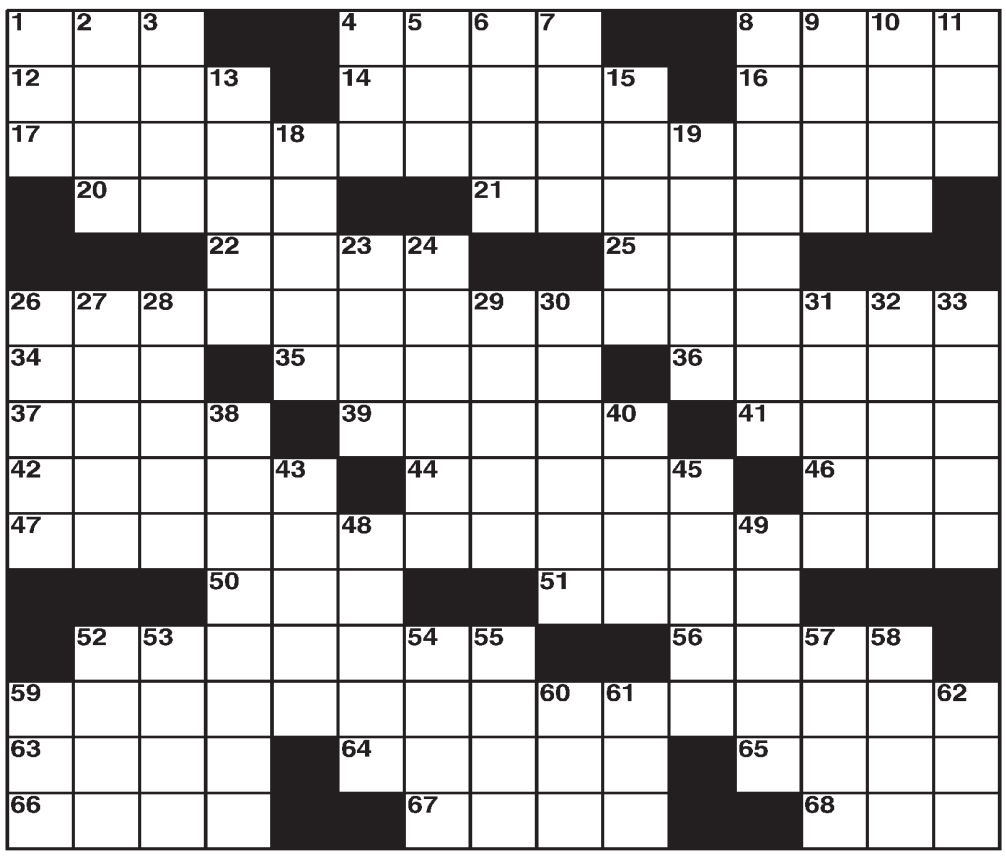
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ACROSS

1 What many a Ben & Jerry's flavor name is
4 Budgetary concern
8 Capital on the Persian Gulf
12 The works
14 Duck
16 Israel's first UN delegate
17 Antigua or Aruba
20 Place for a monitor
21 Sushi bar supply
22 "Stubborn" guy
25 Cousteau milieu
26 Pre-nuptial rituals
34 End of a dean's address
35 Numerical pair
36 Prep
37 JRRT claim to fame
39 Rodeo Drive retailer
41 Broad hollow
42 Philosophy in brief
44 Tactic reversal
46 Novelist Deighton
47 Far from a walk in the park
50 Day preceder or follower
51 Dollars, so to speak
52 Recent delivery
56 Institution near Windsor
59 Master multitasker
63 As soon as
64 First Mark Twain Prize playwright
65 It's about a tenth as high as Quito
66 "Correct!"
67 Ill-gotten haul
68 Bed "spread" across the four longest answers

DOWN

1 Fundraising org.
2 Beehive State
3 "..._ lender be"
4 Apply gently
5 Temporal brink
6 Feathery accessories
7 Sharp part of a trident
8 Without people
9 Slim instrument
10 Granitelike
11 Saver of fable
13 Nothing
15 Emmy category
18 More down
19 Porcelain pieces
23 Critical comment
24 "Correct!"
26 Eject violently
27 Treasure
28 More huggable
29 Rawhide product
30 Nowheresville
31 European-origin prefix
32 Calculus pioneer
33 Depleted
38 Servable again
40 Territory
43 "Beats me"
45 Ram or rival
48 Browses (through)
49 Obstetric adjective
52 Micro- fraction
53 Danish boot brand
54 Be behind
55 Red Muppet
57 Like lyrical lines
58 Sub boss of fiction
59 Gentle pace
60 Wimbledon facility
61 What fills some shells
62 Wasn't playing



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CLASSES

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a fundamental human activity for millennia. "If you were out in the field looking at your crops, women would have a spindle with them," said Drew Hirschinger, a volunteer with the guild. "Whatever few minutes they could spare, they would spin some yarn."

After food and shelter, clothing might be the most vital necessity for humans, and before the time of fast fashion and online shopping, every garment was created by hand with thread or yarn that was hand spun.

Shagane Basegian, who attended the workshop, said she was motivated to learn her ancestors' traditions. "We used to know how to do these things," she said, "because our ancestors and grandmothers would pass them on to us, but today there's knowledge attrition."

Ms. Basegian described herself as descending from agrarian Russians and Armenians. "They were much more connected to the land," she said. "That goes into a bigger social issue that we don't have land, and we can't grow vegetables or materials to make things with, and we have to pay for everything."

That disconnect is part of the ethos of the spinning guild. "A lot of people don't think about how their garments are made or what goes into manufacturing their clothing," said Stacy Renfroe, the guild's Secretary. But she also said there was a shift taking place, with an exponential increase in the Guild's membership since COVID.

Members "run the gamut of skills" according to Ms. Renfroe, from people brand new to spinning to those who grow their own cotton, with goals ranging from making their own clothes to a form of meditation. "When you're sitting there, you don't have to think about the heaviness of the world," Ms. Renfroe said. "You can distract yourself and calm yourself."



Devan Sipher

YARN: The classes cater to individuals of all skill levels.

Tasha Lam, another attendee, concurred after her first experience spinning. "I find it very therapeutic," she said. "It's a good way for me to get off my phone and just do something present and tactile."

The therapeutic benefit was a primary reason the library scheduled the workshop. "The guild members were interested in doing something in areas affected by the wildfires, because it's a very relaxing sort of meditative process," said Barbara Fleeman, an adult services librarian, who said the guild had offered a similar program at the Altadena library.

Ms. Fleeman added that another benefit of the workshop was that it gave people in the community an opportunity to meet and interact with one another. If Santa Monica residents want to see more of this kind of programming, or have any other requests, Ms. Fleeman encouraged them to participate in the library's Community Mapping Initiative survey or visit https://www.santamonica.gov/categories/programs/library.





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