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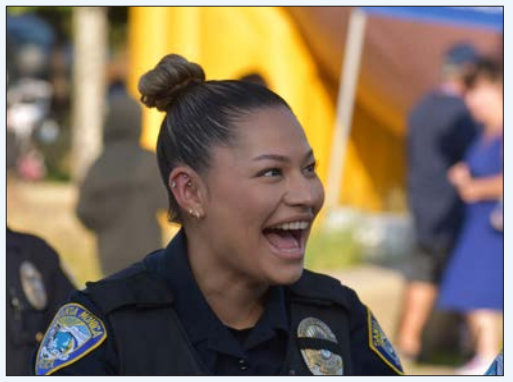
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National Night Out











Matthew Hall

SMPD: The Santa Monica Police Department hosted National Night Out in front of City Hall on Tuesday. Residents partook in games, food and information booths from city services.

Rick Caruso launches small business initiative for wildfire recovery

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A new nonprofit founded by civic leader Rick Caruso has announced a $1 million initiative to support small businesses devastated by Los Angeles' January wildfires, addressing a critical gap in recovery funding as hundreds of establishments struggle to reopen.

Steadfast LA, launched with a donation from Banc of California's Wildfire Relief & Recovery Fund, will provide direct grants of up to $50,000 to retailers, restaurants and other independent businesses in Altadena, Malibu and Pacific Palisades affected by the Eaton and Palisades fires.

Caruso officially introduced the Small Business Initiative at CNBC's Small Business Playbook 2025 event alongside Gordon and Shirley Wong, owners of Knoll's Pharmacy in the Palisades, which

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New studies tie unrecognized deaths and health problems to Maui and LA wildfires

The toll of wildfires is usually counted in acres burnt, property destroyed and lives lost to smoke and flames. But three studies published Wednesday suggest the cost to human health from the Maui and Los Angeles wildfires was substantially higher.

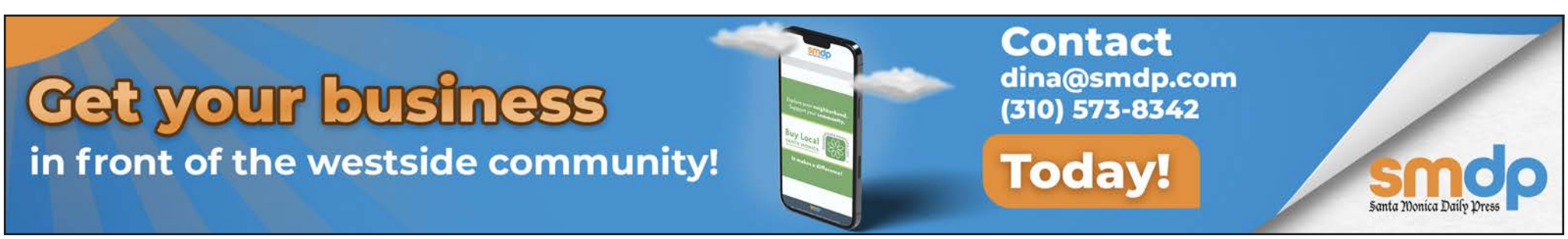
Two of the papers explore what happened after the Hawaii fire in August 2023 — one of the deadliest U.S. wildfires in a century. A third looks at the Los Angeles wildfires earlier this year.

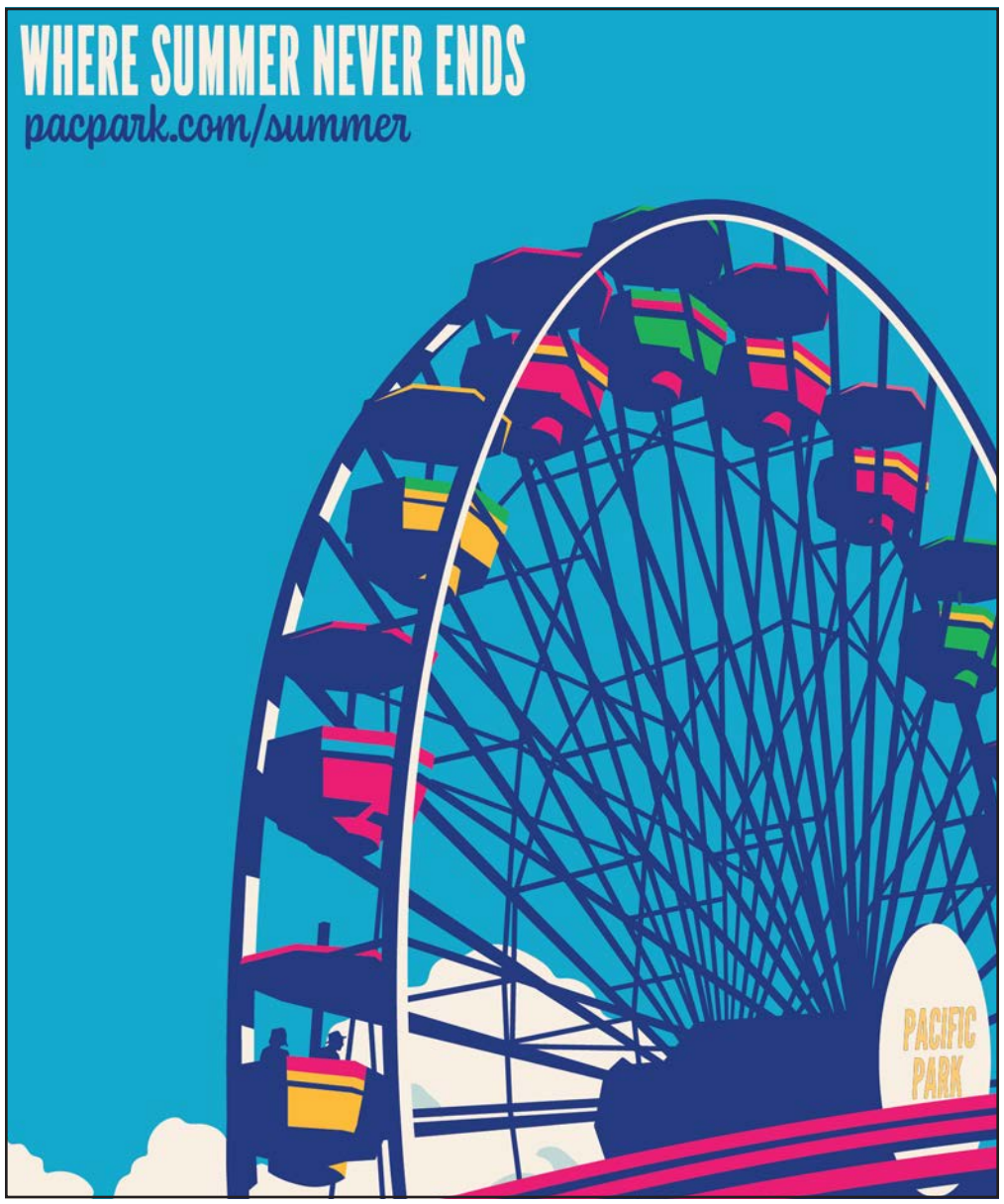
The Maui fire was directly blamed for more than 100 deaths. But it also left 1 in 5 with lung damage and as many as half with symptoms of depression, the new research found. The month of the fire saw 13 suicide and overdose deaths, translating to nearly double the normal suicide and overdose death rates.

The study of the Los Angeles fires concluded that in addition to at least 30 deaths attributed to the fire, more than 400 other deaths could be blamed on the event, due to interruptions in health care and other factors.

The studies, published in two American Medical Association journals, add "a really important piece to the understanding of the true health risks from these extreme climatic events," said Dr. Jonathan

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Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre brings 'Carmen' to Santa Monica stage



Photos By Cheryl Mann

CARMEN: The performance comes to Santa Monica at the end of the month.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre will present its acclaimed production of "Carmen" at The Broad Stage on Aug. 24, showcasing a company whose roots stretch back seven decades to the golden age of ballet.

The 5:30 p.m. performance marks a significant moment for the troupe, which traces its lineage to the legendary Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo through founder Andrei Tremaine and now operates under the artistic direction of his daughter, Natasha Middleton.

"Carmen," first premiered by the company in 2017, represents one of Middleton's most celebrated original works. The full-length ballet reimagines the famous tale of love, jealousy and freedom through what Middleton describes as bold choreography and dramatic storytelling.

The production stars principal dancers in the lead roles, supported by an ensemble that blends local talent with international artists — a hallmark of Middleton's approach since she revived her father's company in 2001.

Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre's history began in 1954 when Tremaine, a former dancer with the famed Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, established Pacific Ballet Theatre in

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Main Street Starbucks to close as company looks to turn around flagging sales



Courtesy photo

COFFEE: The chain is closing stores that lack seating.

Starbucks said Tuesday it's confident that improved store operations and new products — including a cold foam protein drink — will soon help turn around the company's lagging U.S. sales.

In the meantime, slow U.S. demand continues to be a drag on the company's results.

Starbucks reported that its revenue rose 4% to $9.5 billion in its fiscal third quarter. That was better than the $9.3 billion Wall Street expected, according to analysts polled by FactSet.

But same-store sales, or sales at locations open at least a year, fell 2% in the April-June period. That was a bigger decline than Wall Street expected, and it was the sixth straight quarter that the Seattle-based company reported lower same-store sales.

Same-store sales were up in China, Starbucks' second-largest market. Starbucks has been looking for a partner that can help it expand in China, particularly in smaller cities. Chairman and CEO Brian Niccol said Starbucks was evaluating around 20 offers.

"We remain committed to our China business and want to retain a meaningful stake," Niccol told investors during a conference call on Tuesday. "The intense interest in partnering with us is a testament to the great team, strong brand and long-term opportunity for Starbucks in China. It really is a vote of confidence."

But even as its sales picked up in China, Starbucks' same-store sales in the U.S. fell 2% in the April-June period. U.S. customers spent more per order, but transactions fell 4%, the company reported.

Niccol expressed optimism about a new program setting hospitality standards and staffing levels to better handle peak hours. The "Green Apron Service" model showed so much promise in an eight-week test at 1,500 stores that Starbucks plans to roll it out across the U.S. starting in mid-August, the company said.

New software is also helping stores sequence orders, cutting down on wait times.

> I think we'll become famous for Green Apron Service and be the defining customer service company that I think Starbucks should be
>
> - Brian Niccol, Chairman and CEO

Niccol said 80% of in-store orders are now made in four minutes or less, a target he set last fall.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **69.4**

THURSDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

More mid-sized surf on tap as SSW swell lingers. Clean morning, spots w/ structure best. Plenty of push as SSW swell keeps waist-chest high+ surf running at better breaks, still upwards of head-high to a bit overhead out west. Even less NW windswell running, so spots with structure remain for your best shot at a corner. Light/variable wind looks likely for the morning tide push, again likely the best window of the day. Moderate to breezy W wind in the afternoon adds a good amount of lump outside of the summer points, open beachbreaks probably get too chewed up.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Potential for better shape as SSW swell trends down, NW windswell comes up. Getting down into fun-zone territory as SSW swell dips to waist-chest high, going head-high high for better spots. NW windswell may bump back up, noticeably helping shape if it does. Another nice tide push on tap so the only negative is less size compared Wed-Thu. Winds look decent at this point, possibly a little bit of NW wind texture out of the gates, but at this point it looks semi-clean. Moderate PM onshores out of the W.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 65.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/08/07	Thu	03:27 AM	-0.50	L
2025/08/07	Thu	09:57 AM	3.92	H
2025/08/07	Thu	2:26 PM	2.48	L
2025/08/07	Thu	8:42 PM	6.39	H
2025/08/08	Fri	03:57 AM	-0.68	L
2025/08/08	Fri	10:20 AM	4.12	H
2025/08/08	Fri	3:05 PM	2.20	L
2025/08/08	Fri	9:18 PM	6.53	H
2025/08/09	Sat	04:26 AM	-0.73	L
2025/08/09	Sat	10:46 AM	4.35	H
2025/08/09	Sat	3:45 PM	1.95	L

Daily Lottery

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Power#: 21
Jackpot: 449 M

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Jackpot: 166 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 8/2
3 11 12 18 46
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 31 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/5
17 19 27 32 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/5
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Draw Date: 8/5
MIDDAY: 6 0 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/5
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
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3rd: 05 - California Classic
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- **RFP # 433 PROACTIVE VIDEO (CCTV) MONITORING SERVICE**
- **Submission Deadline Is September 2, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**
- A Non-Mandatory pre-proposal will be held on 8/18/25 at 10:00 am at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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

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AROUND TOWN

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Chez Jay 66th Anniversary, AJA Yoga & Wine Tasting, & More!



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THE BAR: Chez Jay welcomes your stories this weekend.

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Chez Jay's 66th Anniversary Party, AJA Vineyards' Yoga & WIne Tasting Event, multiple events at the newly reopened Getta Villa, and much more!

Santa Monica Public Library at the Beach: Southern California's only beachside pop-up library is back featuring a no-library-card-required book sign out from the beach reads collection, a relaxing Surfside Lounge, games and a Seaside Storytime. All ages welcome. Friday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4rx664jzpj65275skchj9d3ycz/202508081000

Drunk Theatre - Wildest Improv Comedy Show: Witness a one-of-a-kind comedy show where a comedian takes five shots of whiskey before attempting to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. Friday, Aug. 8, 9p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. https://drunktheatre.com

Making Scents of the Ancient World: Pylos Perfume Workshop: Head to the Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades for a hands-on workshop where you can learn about and create perfumes inspired by ancient Greece. Saturday, Aug. 9, 11a.m. - 3p.m., 17985 PCH https://www.getty.edu/calendar/making-scents-pylos/

Thrilla at the Villa Scavenger Hunt: Be among the first to revisit the Getty Villa in Malibu, which just reopened after six months. Explore the glorious re-creation of an emperor's villa and its array of strange, splendid art from the Roman and Greek empires. As you follow a trail of clues and answer tricky questions about the museum's vast collection, you'll also uncover the secrets of this utterly unique place. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2 p.m., 17985 PCH https://watsonadventures.com/hunt/the-thrilla-at-the-getty-villa-scavenger-hunt/

Daybreaker - Have Fun Be Nice: Start your morning with a unique sober rave experience on the Santa Monica Pier. This event promises music, dancing, and good vibes. Sunday, Aug. 10, 8 - 11a.m. https://www.daybreaker.com/event/los-angeles-08-10/

Release & Take Flight - A Movement Class & Wine Tasting Experience: Join AJA Vineyards & Inspired Method for a fitness & wine event! Start with a movement & breath work class followed by wine tasting at AJA. Sunday, Aug. 10, 1 - 4p.m., 1417 2nd St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/release-take-flight-a-movement-class-wine-tasting-experience-tickets-1467365944039

Sunset Picnic at Annenberg Community Beach House: Grab your picnic basket and your favorite people - or come solo and join a communal table - and enjoy a sunset evening at the beach. Vibe to musical duos and take in the glow of the summer sunset while enjoying complimentary s'mores and fun activities! Check out their calendar of events – including sunset swims, community picnics, youth/adult classes & more. Thursday, Aug. 14, 5 - 8p.m., 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/august-sunset-picnic-tickets-1412860326269

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Board Takes Action to Protect Vaccine Access Amid Federal Cuts

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to protect community health and maximize local resources for vaccine education and access as federal funding for immunization programs faces cuts.

Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health is confronting a 26% reduction to its Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program under a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding agreement. The cuts threaten critical local efforts to educate residents and prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Measles cases in California have already surpassed last year's total, signaling the urgent need to maintain outreach, especially in underserved communities.

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, who authored the motion with co-author Supervisor Hilda Solis, said the action focuses on disease prevention.

"Today's action is about keeping people healthy and preventing the spread of disease—something that should never be up for debate," Horvath said. "Even as federal funding is pulled back, Los Angeles County is stepping up—stretching every resource we have to make sure communities stay informed and protected."

Horvath said the county is working with trusted partners to deliver facts, build trust and make vaccines accessible.

"We're working with trusted partners to deliver facts, build trust, and make vaccines accessible—because prevention works, and waiting for an outbreak is not an option," she said.

Los Angeles County Chair Pro Tem and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis emphasized the county's role as a safety net for vulnerable populations.

"Now more than ever, as the safety net for our most vulnerable, the County of Los Angeles must be prepared for the fiscal and ever changing federal policy challenges," Solis said. "Today's motion ensures we move intentionally and proactively to ensure everyone, including families with children, older adults, and residents with underlying health conditions are adequately informed and protected."

The Board directed the Department of Public Health to report back in 60 days on the impact of federal vaccine funding cuts, identify high-need communities and outline a plan to sustain services.

The department will coordinate with partners to expand vaccine education, fight misinformation and connect residents with low-cost options while ensuring providers have clear, up-to-date guidance via advisories, site visits and ph.lacounty.gov/vaccines.

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Los Angeles

County Backs Bill to Recognize Landslides as Local Emergencies

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to support state legislation that would add landslides to the list of disasters qualifying as local emergencies under California law.

The unanimous vote, led by Supervisor Janice Hahn, backs Assembly Bill 986 authored by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi. The legislation responds to ongoing land movement in Rancho Palos Verdes that has destroyed homes and displaced families.

"There is no question about it – the land movement that has devastated neighborhoods in Rancho Palos Verdes and displaced families absolutely is a local emergency, and state law should recognize it as such," Hahn said. "Right now, cities impacted by landslides are forced to respond to these crises with one hand tied behind their back."

Rancho Palos Verdes has suffered severe damage from widespread land movement, but because landslides aren't included in the California Emergency Services Act, the city has faced challenges accessing essential recovery resources for affected residents.

Current law recognizes wildfires, floods, storms, droughts, earthquakes and other specified events as local emergencies, but excludes landslides. AB 986 would add landslides and conditions exacerbated by climate change to the emergency list.

The legislation aims to help cities unlock critical resources for response and recovery when dealing with landslide disasters.

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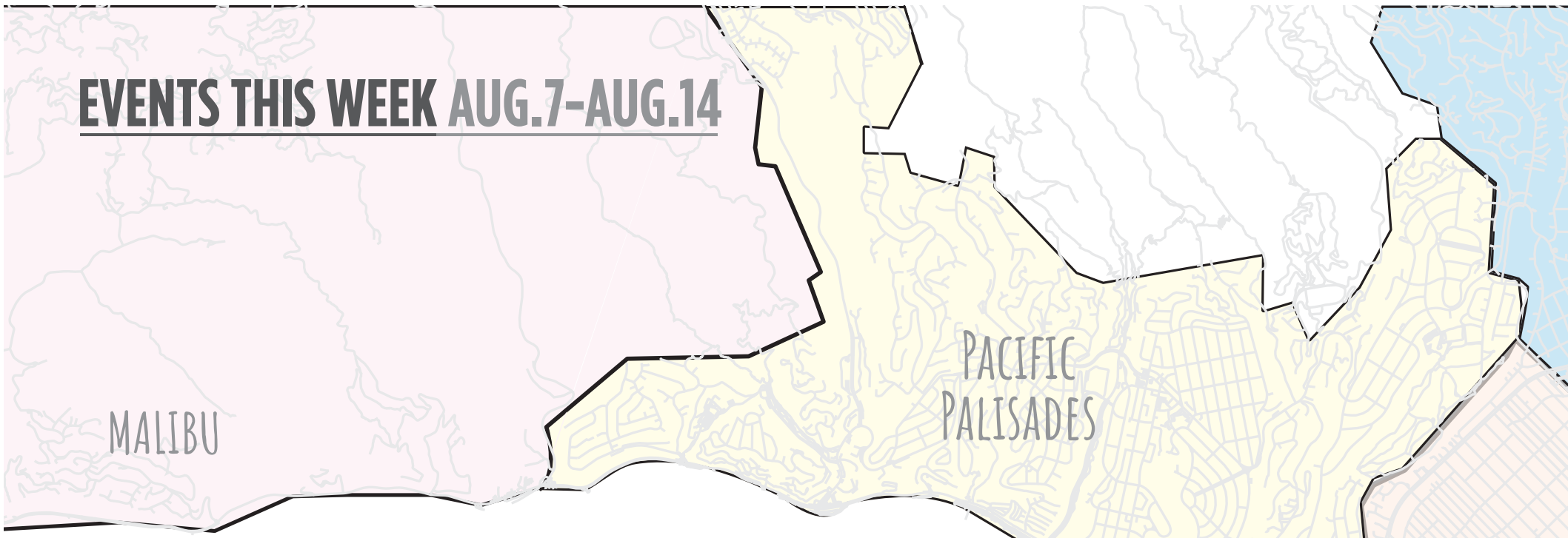
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Thursday, August 07, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

FIG Restaurant 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica.

Dine LA Summer Returns to FIG & Soko

Dine LA Restaurant Week returns this summer to FIG Santa Monica and Soko Sushi from July 25 – August 8. Indulge in a carefully curated multi-course menu featuring fresh, seasonal ingredients inspired by local farmers' markets. Whether you're a devoted local or a curious visitor, it's the perfect opportunity to experience the acclaimed culinary artistry of FIG and Chef Masa Shimakawa at Soko. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/dine-la-summer-returns-to-fig-soko/16332161/2025-08-07T18

Friday, August 08, 9:00 p.m.

1351 Third Street Promenade Santa Monica.

Open House party on the Prom all weekend long!

Enjoy Santa Monica this summer - it's cooler at the beach! We have planned an unforgettable season of public programming on Third. Our Open House party on the Prom drops that perfect beat on Friday, August 8, starting with a listening lounge at 1212 from 4 - 6 pm. #UntzUntzUntz Then, on Saturday, August 9, we'll have DJs at the Prom - you won't want to miss it. Leave your worries on the dance floor at Heal the Bay's 80s birthday party on the Prom, followed by a super fun screening of the Goonies at sunset on Sunday, August 10. #PartyOnTheProm all weekend long www.ComeHangOutWithUs.com. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/open-house-party-on-the-prom-all-weekend-long-/16376883/2025-08-08T00

Saturday, August 09, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica.

Downtown Farmers Market - Saturday Market

Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-08-09T08

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Thursday, August 07, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica.

Walking Meditation

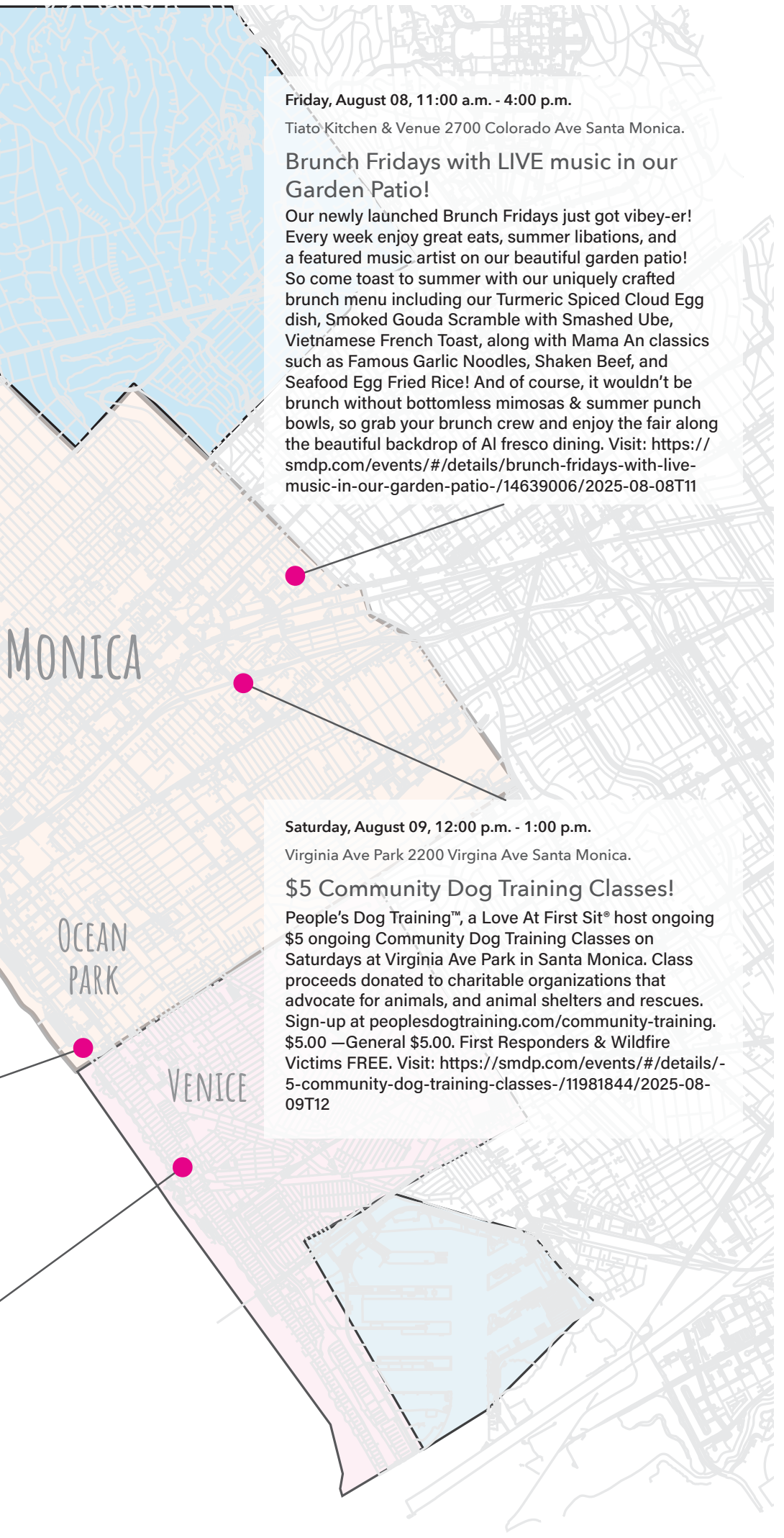
Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll 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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-08-07T14

Sunday, August 10, 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2025-08-10T00



Friday, August 08, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

Brunch Fridays with LIVE music in our Garden Patio!

Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-08-08T11

Saturday, August 09, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica.

$5 Community Dog Training Classes!

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-/11981844/2025-08-09T12



THURSDAY | AUGUST 7

NOMA MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

7:00 p.m. Zoom N/A Santa Monica. SM Fire Chief Matthew Hallock and Fire Marshal Joe Cavin will be addressing fire threats to our city and strategies for fire prevention at the next North of Montana Avenue Neighborhood Council meeting this Thursday at 7pm. The public is invited; entry to the Zoom session available at smnoma.org. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/noma-meeting-thursday-august-7-2025/16452492/2025-08-07T19

FRIDAY | AUGUST 8

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/14165546/2025-08-08T19

SATURDAY | AUGUST 9

BEGINNER REFORMER PILATES AT GOOD BODY PILATES STUDIO

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Good Body Pilates Studio 3229 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Good Body Pilates Studio Santa Monica. Start your Saturday feeling strong, centered, and energized with our Beginner Reformer Pilates Class at Good Body Pilates Studio, taught by expert instructor Kylie. This group class is perfect for those new to Pilates or anyone looking to reconnect with the fundamentals in a welcoming and supportive environment. No experience necessary! Located in the heart of Santa Monica on Pico Boulevard, right across from Trader Joe's, our boutique studio is surrounded by great local coffee shops and restaurants, making it the perfect place to kick off your weekend. Plenty of metered parking available on Pico Blvd, and both metered and free street parking available on Urban Ave. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/beginner-reformer-pilates-at-good-body-pilates-studio/16094481/2025-08-09T10

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

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. $23.88. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/i-gotta-crow/14639013/2025-08-09T20

SUNDAY | AUGUST 10

DAVID BOWIE ART EXHIBIT AT SANTA MONICA ART MUSEUM

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica Art Museum 1219 3rd St Promenade Santa Monica. A DAY WITH DAVID BOWIE: Step into the orbit of one of music's most iconic figures. This intimate photographic exhibition explores David Bowie's essence and artistic energy through rare images, featuring moments captured by Christine de Grancy during Bowie's time with Brian Eno and the artists of Gugging. A tribute to imagination, rebellion, and reinvention. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/david-bowie-art-exhibit-at-santa-monica-art-museum/16449189/2025-08-10T10

MONDAY | AUGUST 11

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNEY

5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-08-11T17

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DEATH

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Patz, a University of Wisconsin environmental public health researcher who was not involved in the papers.

The results conform with existing understanding of the effects of extreme weather events, some experts said.

How to track the indirect impacts of disastrous events has been a continuing subject of academic research and even legislative proposals. There have been estimates of deaths caused by extreme heat, as well as research into the large-scale toll of wildfires driven by climate change.

"But this hones in, especially on (specific) fires," Patz said.

One of the studies, co-led by Ruben Juarez of the University of Hawaii, looked at more than 1,100 adults six to 14 months after the Maui fire. It found lower lung function in people in areas close to the fire compared with those in lower-exposure areas. Overall, about 22% had below-normal lung function.

"It's a stark reminder that wildfires can leave an invisible but lasting scar on respiratory health, long after the flames are gone," Juarez said, in an email, noting that this Friday marks the two-year anniversary of the fire.

Patz called the finding "an important new contribution."

Kristie Ebi of the University of Washington echoed that, noting that there is a growing understanding that wildfire smoke can be more toxic than standard air pollution.

"It's not just leaves and branches and trees" that are burned, she said. "It's buildings. It's gasoline stations. It's old houses that have asbestos in them. It's automobiles. There are lots of components of wildfire smoke."

She said the study suggests "this toxicity is affecting people's long-term lung function."

Of course, the researchers don't know exactly how much smoke each person was exposed to, and other studies would need to be done to explore cause-and-effect, she added.

The study also found 40% saying their health had declined since the fires, with close to half talking about increased fatigue and weakness, eye irritation and lung-related symptoms.

Jonathan Purtle of New York University was the lead author of another study, which calculated rates of suicide and overdose deaths in Maui and Hawaii's four other counties. That research team found a 97% increase in suicides and overdose death rates on Maui during the month of the wildfires. The total number of suicide and overdose deaths was 13 that month — most of them suicides. That's a significant increase, Ebi said.

They also found a 46% increase in such deaths in all five counties, which may have been influenced by displaced Maui residents migrating to other islands, the authors said.

The increases did not last: Rates fells in the following months, the researchers found.

The third study was led by researchers in Finland. They used mathematical modeling to estimate that there were 440 more deaths in Los Angeles County from Jan. 5 to Feb. 1 than what would normally have been expected, and said those are related to the fires.

By MIKE STOBBE AP Medical Writer. The Associated Press Health and Science Department receives support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Department of Science Education and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The AP is solely responsible for all content.

BALLET

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Los Angeles after returning from international touring. Under his direction, the company trained and featured numerous notable dancers, including renowned ballet artists Cynthia Gregory, Charles Maple, Anne Marie De Angelo and Evelyn Cisneros.

The company gained recognition for its quality productions, earning sponsorship from the city of Santa Monica to present "The Nutcracker" annually for many years. Tremaine was even honored by Santa Monica's mayor for his contributions to the arts.

When Tremaine retired in 1990, he passed his knowledge and repertoire to his daughter, ensuring the family's ballet legacy would continue. Natasha Middleton comes from an illustrious performing arts lineage — her grandmother, Elena Wortova, was a ballerina who danced with the Ballet Russes, and her mother, Natalie Garrotto, was a soprano with the San Francisco Opera.

Middleton began ballet training at age 5 under her father's instruction and performed many leading roles with Pacific Ballet Theatre before a near-fatal car accident ended her performing career and pushed her fully into choreography and direction.

She formally launched the revived company in 2001, initially as Media City Ballet, reflecting its base in Burbank. The troupe adopted its current name, Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre, in 2012 — a change Middleton felt better conveyed the dynamic, high-energy productions and broad repertory the company would pursue.

As an award-winning choreographer, Middleton has created an impressive array of original full-length story ballets, including "Hansel & Gretel," "The Little Match Girl" and a unique interpretation of "The Nutcracker," while also reviving classics from the Ballet Russe era.

Her creative versatility extends beyond the stage. In 2020, she created a short dance film titled "Dissension Within," which won Best Dance Film Short awards in multiple countries, including Germany and Japan, and was featured in the Burbank International Film Festival.

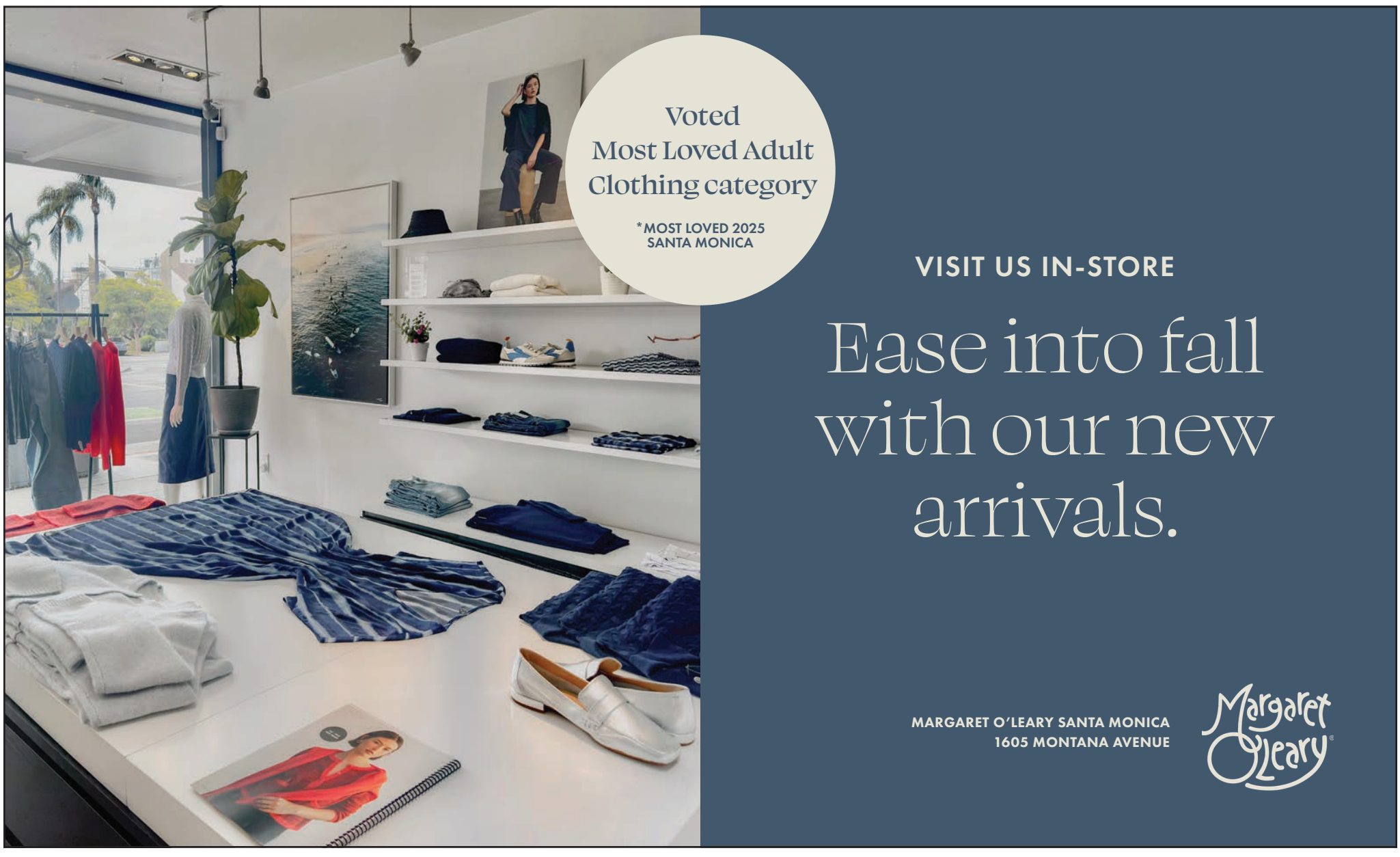
Under Middleton's guidance, Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre emphasizes what she calls theatrical, "high atmosphere" ballet productions that honor the Ballet Russe tradition while engaging modern audiences. She describes her approach as "almost as if they tried to bring the film screen onto the stage."

The company continues to operate from its Burbank base, where Middleton also directs the affiliated Media City Dance school. Through this academy, she has trained many young dancers who later joined PBDT's ranks, creating what she calls a community-oriented approach that has built both a loyal following and a strong talent pipeline.

Today, Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre stands as one of the major ballet companies in the greater Los Angeles area, attracting first-class talent from around the world while maintaining its commitment to the passionate, expressive storytelling that has defined three generations of the Tremaine-Middleton family legacy.

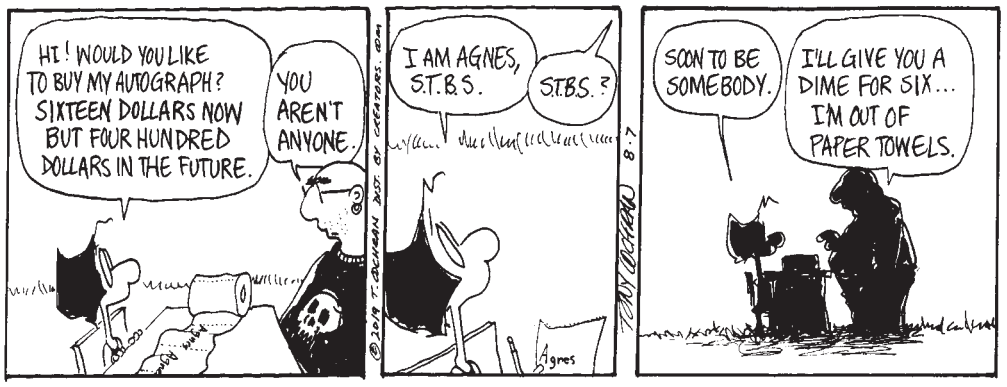
Tickets for the Aug. 24 performance of "Carmen" at The Broad Stage, located at 1310 11th St. in Santa Monica, are available through the company's website at pbdtla.org.

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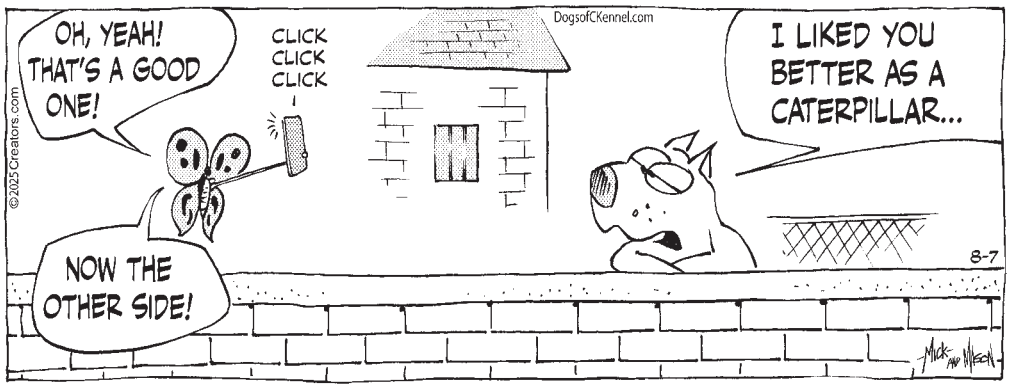
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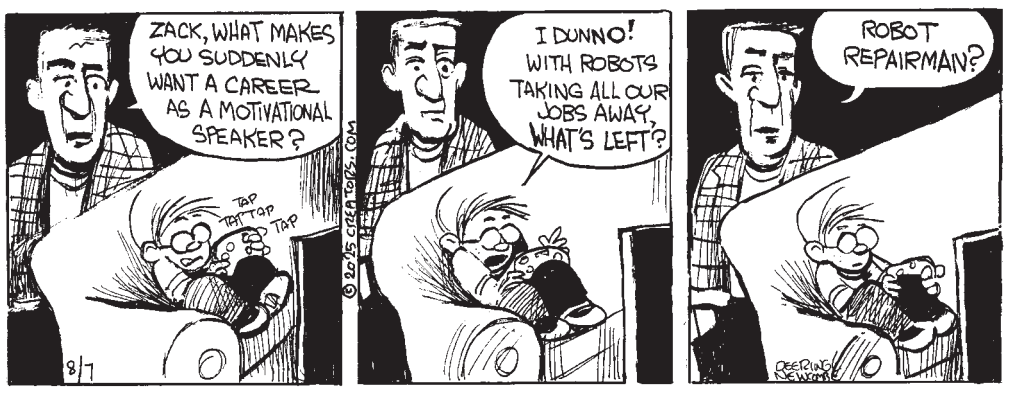
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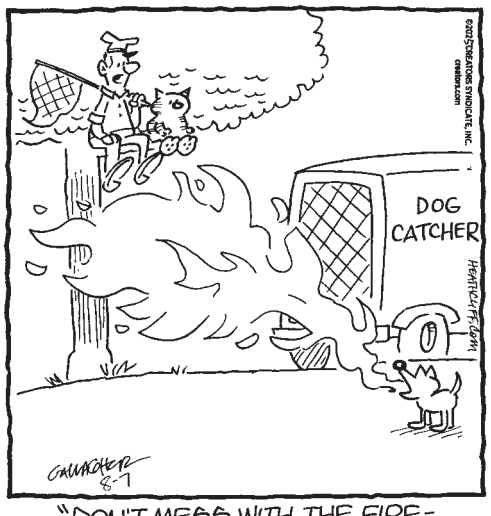
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Something long-held in your heart begins to actualize - an idea, a longing, a dream deferred. This is the year it gathers form and becomes real. More highlights: You'll master a system or crack a code. You'll be recognized not just for what you do but for how you make others feel. A relationship or partnership teaches you something no book could. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 29, 6, 15 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once again, your stellar attitude has you turning the subpar into intrigue, connection and beauty. Imagining possibilities that no one else can see earns you a reputation for being fun, creative and "the one to watch."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As terrible as boredom feels, you have to admit it's played a useful role in your evolution. Without it, you wouldn't have chased down those remarkable experiences. You'll use boredom again as your cue to start something new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're developing skills and qualities beyond the expected. You could make money at this, but don't chase it. The venture will pursue you if you let it. Let your attractions guide you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Embrace your big feelings, as they are a gift that leads to experiences that would be impossible without the fuel of passion. Big feelings put you on a path you would not know existed if not for your abundant emotional resources.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a beautiful beginner energy, full of enthusiasm. Your spark of interest is enough to open doors. Your curiosity helps everyone around you who is thinking of a question but is afraid to ask. And your joy gets people connecting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whatever you bring, bring enough for all. Inclusion is everything today. Who's on the group text? Who's got a seat, a voice, a sense of belonging? Feel the room. Look around and make sure no one seems left out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Set a mood instead of responding to the one that was already in the room when you got there. And know that though other people's terrible communication isn't your fault, to come to an understanding, you'll need to work patiently and without judgment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There won't be a manual, but don't worry because no one else is getting clear instructions either. Try applying time-worn adages like, "Safety first" and, "Blood runs thicker than water." Relax, and your instincts will kick in to guide you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Compensating (pretending, covering, over-correcting) takes energy and backfires, highlighting the flaw it's trying to hide. Take the impulse to mask and integrate instead, and you'll operate from your highest power.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). More isn't always merrier. Every group size comes with trade-offs, something to factor into your decisions. Crowds can be energizing, but anonymity has a way of lowering inhibitions - and not always in a good way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like your relationships the way you like your vocabulary - clearly defined. It's not going to be that easy today, and even if the other person agrees to a definition, these categories could never hold the vast, beautiful complexity of your connections.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're strong, competent and probably used to carrying the whole load - because you can. But just because you can do it all doesn't mean it's wise, sustainable or necessary. How can they learn from you if you don't let them assist?

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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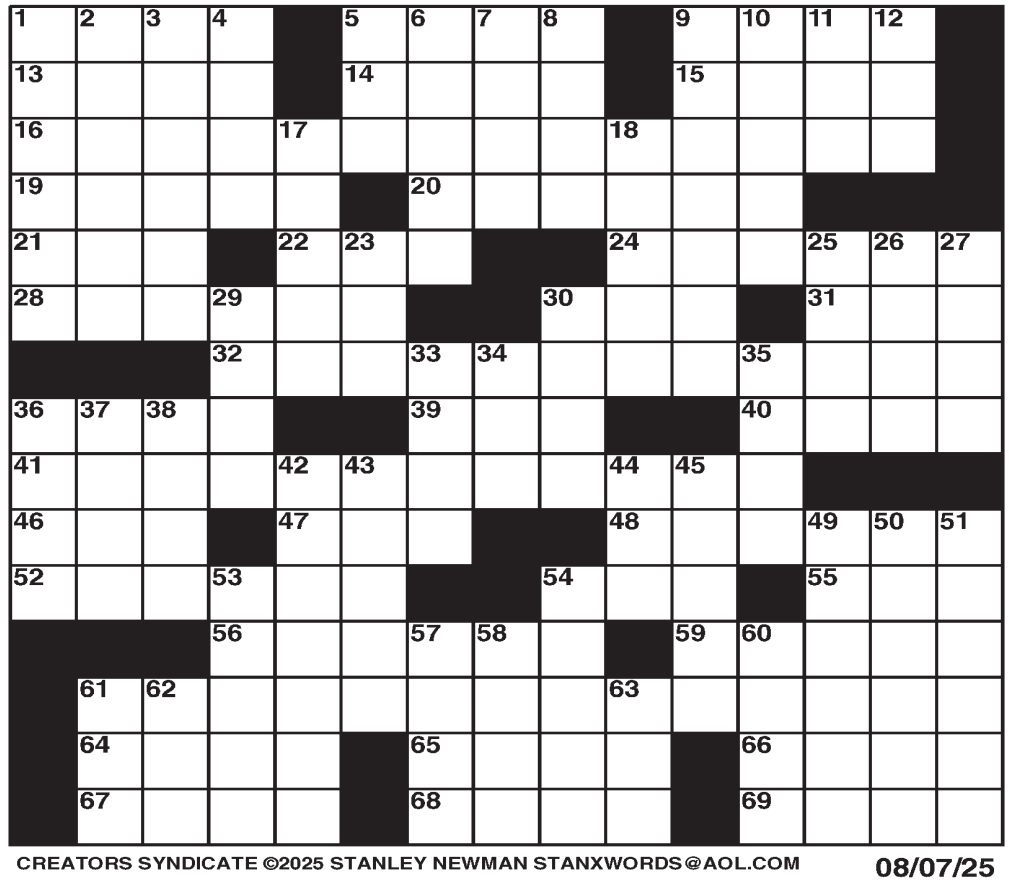
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CARUSO

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was destroyed in the fire.

"These small businesses were about much more than commercial or economic activity. They were local hallmarks that gave neighborhoods their soul and fostered a sense of community," said Caruso, founder and chairman of Steadfast LA. "We cannot abandon them. This is about ensuring they have the tools, resources, and support they need to come back."

The initiative comes as fire-impacted businesses face an unprecedented recovery challenge. Unlike the COVID-19 crisis, when government relief programs helped prop up businesses, no comparable aid package has emerged for wildfire recovery.

The January fires destroyed or damaged hundreds of commercial properties across the three communities. In Malibu alone, 234 businesses were damaged and 99 were completely destroyed, representing nearly half of all jobs in the city, according to a Pepperdine University study.

"As the largest independent bank based in Los Angeles, we know that small businesses are the foundation of our local economy," said Jared Wolff, Chairman and CEO of Banc of California. "Their success and sustainability are integral not just for jobs and the economy, but provide the optimism and confidence that communities need to move forward."

Small businesses account for over 90% of all businesses in LA County, according to the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. The recovery has been hampered by multiple factors beyond physical destruction. Pacific Coast Highway, the vital artery connecting coastal communities, was closed to the public for five months from January until late May, effectively cutting off Malibu and Pacific Palisades businesses from their customer base and halting tourist traffic entirely.

In Altadena, where the Eaton Fire destroyed over 6,100 homes and consumed roughly 14,000 acres, the local customer base has largely vanished. With so many residents displaced, surviving businesses report plummeting sales even after reopening.

Insurance delays have created additional bottlenecks. Six months after the fires, roughly 70% of insured survivors experienced significant delays, denials or underpayments on their claims, according to a fire-survivors advocacy group. Some businesses discovered they lacked specific coverage for business interruption insurance, leaving them with no compensation for months of closure.

Environmental contamination has added another layer of complexity. Fire ash and runoff polluted beaches and ocean waters with heavy metals and toxic debris, directly impacting businesses dependent on clean environments.

The Small Business Initiative will be administered by an independent third party, with Steadfast LA providing additional support and soliciting further donations. The organization will also use social media to showcase businesses' resilience and encourage consumer support.

"These businesses aren't faceless storefronts. They are the fabric of the community," Caruso added. "They are made up of people: owners, employees, and loyal customers. They deserve an advocate to help address the challenges they're facing through no fault of their own."

Eligible small businesses can review criteria and submit information on the Steadfast LA website (https://www.steadfastla.com), with applications reviewed on a rolling basis. The initiative builds on Banc of California's previous donation to the LA Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Disaster Relief Fund.

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MAIN STREET

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Niccol said improving store operations and paring back Starbucks' menu was necessary before layering in new products. In addition to protein drinks, Starbucks plans to introduce new baked goods and a new dark roast coffee next year. It will also test beverages made with coconut water, customizable energy drinks, and gluten-free and high-protein foods.

Niccol said Starbucks has been working closely with employees to develop new food and drink items that can be prepared quickly and consistently. In the past, he said, the company would often develop new menu items at its headquarters and then hope baristas figured out how to make them.

"Those days are over," Niccol said.

Niccol said Starbucks is also trying to encourage customers to linger in its stores. It's closing or modifying some of its approximately 90 mobile order-only storefronts and it is developing a store prototype with 32 seats and a drive-thru window that costs 30% less than the company's current store design. The Starbucks on Santa Monica's Main Street is among those listed for closure.

Starbucks is spending heavily to turn itself around. One big expense in the third quarter was a two-day meeting in Las Vegas where the company hosted 14,000 store managers and regional leaders.

The company said its net income fell 47% to $558 million in the April-June period. Adjusted for one-time items, its earnings fell 46% to 50 cents per share for the quarter. That was lower than the 65 cents analysts had forecast.

Starbucks shares rose 3% in after-hours trading.

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AROUND TOWN

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ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Night Market at The Bungalow (through 8/28); David Bowie Art Exhibit at Santa Monica Art Museum (through 8/31); Wellness & Waves (through 10/11); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 10/31)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Wally's Summer Soirée - Chic in Black: Enjoy a sleek and stylish summer night out. Dress in your best black ensemble and enjoy a complimentary glass of Prosecco while DJ Nelson sets the mood with his signature sound. Elegant, effortless, and undeniably fun. Thursday, Aug. 7, 214 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1020850&restref=1020850&experienceId=514832

Air-Fried Chicken & Champagne Day: Papille Gustative is offering a chicken and champagne combo for $35 and 50% off all bottles of bubbles. Thursday, Aug. 7., 2823 Main St. https://www.instagram.com/papillegustativela

Chez Jay's 66 Year Anniversary Party: Festivities begin at 3p.m. and includes a vibrant mix of live music, classic cars, delicious food, specialty cocktails, and family-friendly fun. Enjoy the party outdoors or reserve a table inside Chez Jay's dining room. Saturday, Aug. 9, starting at 3p.m., 1657 Ocean Ave. https://chezjays.com/66anniversary

New York Bagel Deli & Bakery Gets A Makeover: "Hidden gem New York Bagel Deli implements an international bakery and interior makeover by husband-and-wife team, Lenny Rosenberg and Adaeze Nwanonyiri. The international and multicultural bakery includes chocolate dipped Danish Almond Horns, Italian Rainbow Cookies, French toast bagels and a gluten free Sprinkle Butter cookies." 2216 Wilshire Blvd. https://nybdbakery.com/

Hasi Bread Now at Sunday Main St. Farmers Market: The bakery focuses on turmeric & butterfly pea flower sourdough made with organic house-milled grains. Offerings include a vanilla bean kouign amann, chai rolls, the Frecker Farms strawberry danish, the bagels, and a sparkling Arnold Palmer. 2640 Main St., Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. https://www.instagram.com/hasibread

Heavy Handed on Main St. Makes The Infatuation's "Best Soft Serve in LA" List: Further proof that smashburgers and soft serve go hand-in-hand: Head to Heavy Handed in Santa Monica and Studio City for creamy chocolate or vanilla soft serve made with organic Straus Creamery milk. They also offer optional chocolate, butterscotch, or rainbow sprinkle dips that harden into a crackly shell, though if you're sticking with the classic vanilla, we prefer to add a side of their beef tallow fries for a sweet-salty combo. 2912 Main St. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-soft-serve-in-la

Fig Tree Venice Happy Hour: Fig Tree in Venice brings beachy South American vibes to its weekday happy hour lineup. Snack on $3 oysters, $10 fishcakes, $6 chips and salsa, or a $15 smash burger. Drink specials include $12 cocktails—like a spicy margarita—and $6 draft beers. Weekdays, 3–5 p.m., 431 Ocean Front Walk, Venice https://www.figtreevenice.com/happy-hour

Further Afield: Hummingbird Ceviche House: I LOVE this spot that offers a unique take on Peruvian cuisine with a Japanese twist. Helmed by renowned Chef Ricardo Zarate, it offers some freshest, more vibrant ceviches around, creative hand rolls, and a menu that delivers a fine-dining experience in a casual atmosphere at a surprisingly accessible price. 1600 N Alvarado St. https://www.instagram.com/thehummingbird.la/

Looking Ahead: Dog Daze of Summer on Montana Ave. (8/23); A PIERfect Benefit (9/6); Thai Fest by the Beach (9/20-21); Abbot Kinney Festival (9/28); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/18); OTH Santa Monica Seafood Festival (10/19)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Chez Jay 66th Anniversary, AJA Yoga & Wine Tasting, & More!

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