3 **Ketamine Queen**
Pleads guilty.

4 **Redistricting**
By the numbers.

5 **Books and Business**
Economics at the library.

6 **Sharks swim team**
Back to back wins.

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

Volume 24 Issue 191 TUESDAY 8/19/25 smdp.com

# Pedestrian killed in Downtown car crash

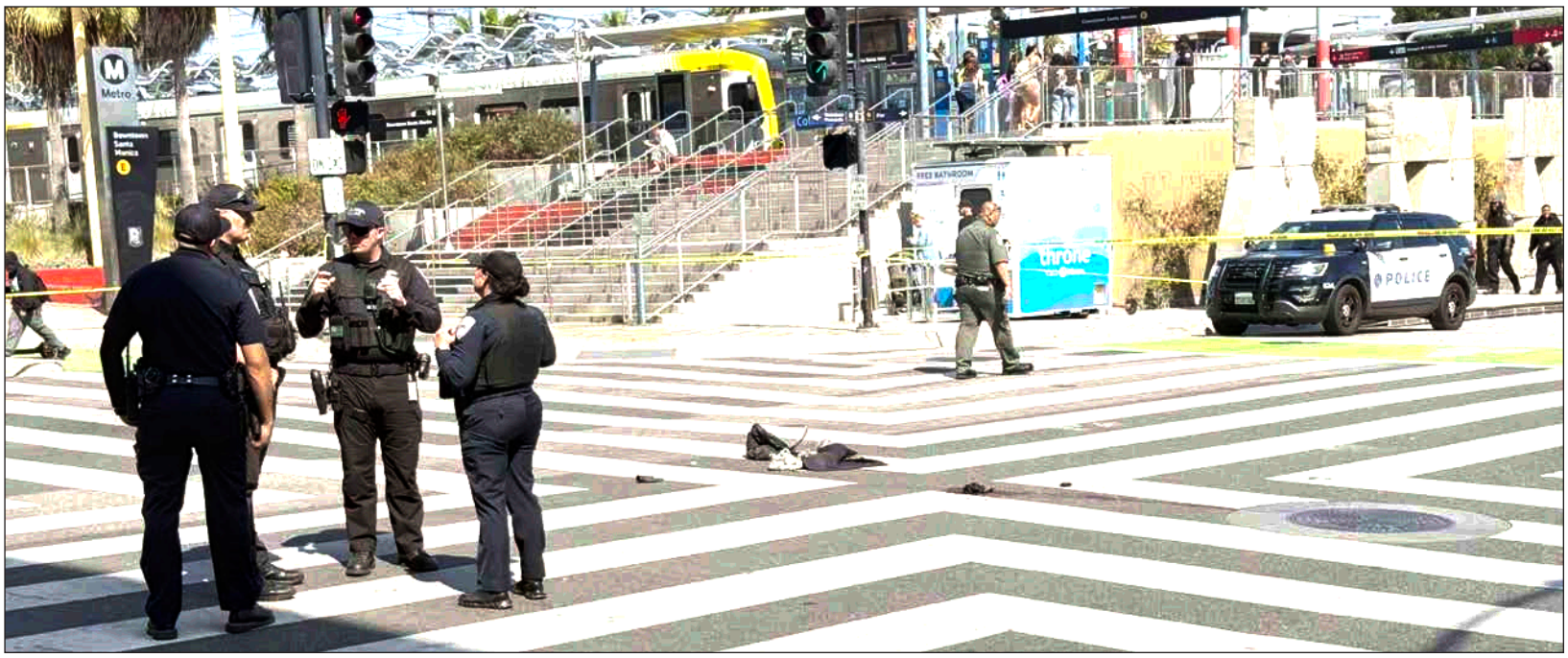
**MATTHEW HALL**
Daily Press Editor

A pedestrian hit at a downtown Santa Monica intersection last week has died from their injuries.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, officers responded to the intersection of 4th and Colorado at about 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15 for a report of a car vs. pedestrian accident.

Officers arrived within moments and located a man in the roadway with significant injuries. The Santa Monica Fire Department responded and transported the individual to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead. The identity of the deceased has not been released at this time.

The driver of the vehicle involved remained at the scene and has been




Todd James

SEE **CRASH** PAGE 4 **ACCIDENT:** The fatality occurred near Pali High's Santa Monica facility but did not involve a student.

# L.A. County awards $5.1 million for living shoreline beach protection projects

**MAAZ ALIN**
SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County will invest $5.1 million in nature-based coastal protection projects at three popular beaches marking a significant step toward safeguarding the coastline against rising seas and climate change impacts.

The funding from Measure A will advance "living shoreline" projects at Dockweiler, Zuma and Redondo beaches through their next planning and design phases, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors said.

"We're working with nature to protect what matters most:

SEE **SHORELINE** PAGE 8



Courtesy Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors

**BEACHES AND HARBORS:** The funding will advance 'living shoreline' projects at Dockweiler, Zuma and Redondo beaches.

# Los Angeles Olympics will be the first to sell naming rights

**MATTHEW HALL**
Daily Press Editor

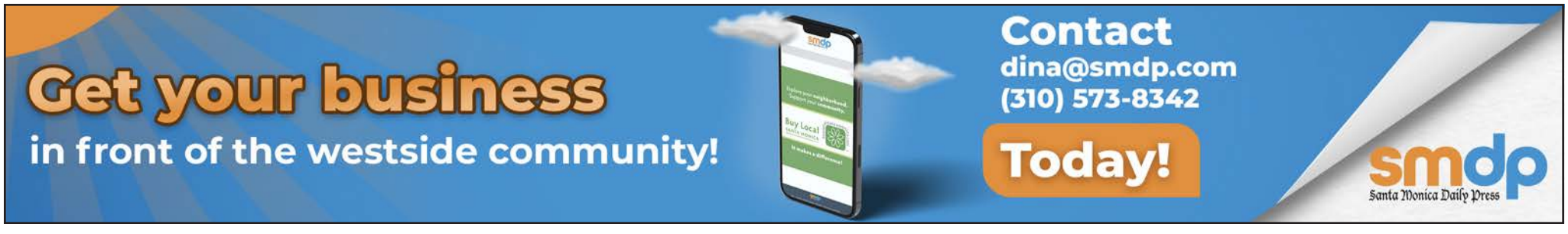
For the first time in Olympic and Paralympic Games history, organizers have awarded venue naming rights, with LA28 announcing that the Comcast Squash Center at Universal Studios and Honda Center will carry corporate sponsors' names during the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

The decision marks a significant departure from traditional Olympic protocol and represents what organizers call "the largest commercial revenue raise in sports." Officials said the move supports LA28's goal of hosting fully privately funded Games without constructing new venues.

"From the moment we submitted our bid, LA28 committed to reimagining what's possible for the Games," said LA28 Chairperson and President Casey Wasserman in the announcement. "Today's historic announcement delivers on that promise, creating the first-ever venue naming rights program in Olympic and Paralympic history."

The Comcast Squash Center at Universal Studios will host squash's Olympic debut on the Courthouse Square backlot, a location organizers said is instantly recognizable to film fans worldwide. Honda Center in Anaheim will become the first arena to retain its corporate name during Olympic competition when

SEE **LA28** PAGE 6



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

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



Matthew Hall

**PICNIC:** The Santa Monica Democratic Club held its annual picnic over the weekend. The event included opportunities to socialize with local elected officials and community leaders. Several candidates running for state office, including candidates for Governor were in attendance.

caffe luxxe
Most Loved
Coffee Shop
THANK YOU
Let's raise a cup to Santa Monica!
Artisanal Roaster Since 2006

310-394-2222
caffeluxxe.com
@caffeluxxe
925 Montana Avenue
Santa Monica
CA 90403

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Santa Monica**

## Providence Opens New Primary Care, Pediatric Clinics After Wildfire Closure

Providence has relocated its Saint John's Physician Partners and The Doctors of Saint John's Palisades primary care and pediatric clinics to two new Santa Monica locations after wildfires forced the closure of their Pacific Palisades facilities in January.

The healthcare provider announced the opening of the state-of-the-art clinics designed to serve both Palisades and Santa Monica communities with comprehensive medical care.

"We are deeply proud of our physicians, operations teams, and caregivers for their dedication and hard work in making these clinic relocations a reality," said Dr. Ruth Sorotzkin, president and family medicine physician. "It is an honor to serve the Palisades and Santa Monica communities, and we look forward to supporting their health and wellness for many years to come."

Both clinics are now accepting new and returning patients. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place Thursday, Aug. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at 1301 20th Street, Suite 470, Santa Monica.

The primary care clinic, located at 1301 20th Street, Suite 470, features physicians Dr. Brian Madden, Dr. Michael Fuchs, Dr. Gary Green, Dr. Mihaela Balica and Dr. Igor Sapozhnikov. The clinic can be reached at 310-829-8923.

The pediatric clinic opened at 2021 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 245E, with pediatricians Dr. Alisa Bromberg, Dr. Caroline Shim and Dr. Catherine Jin. Families can contact the pediatric clinic at 310-454-2296.



Courtesy photo

**PROVIDENCE SAINT JOHN'S PHYSICIAN PARTNERS:** Providence Saint John's Physician Partners - From left to right Dr. Mihaela Balica, Dr. Gary Green, Dr. Igor Sapozhnikov, and Dr. Michael Fuchs.

Saint John's Physician Partners delivers primary and specialty care using evidence-based treatments across the Westside community. The network emphasizes personalized, compassionate care through a collaborative approach in neighborhood settings.

The relocations represent Providence's continued commitment to maintaining healthcare services for residents affected by the January wildfires that devastated the Pacific Palisades area.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF

# ‘Ketamine Queen’ accused of selling fatal dose to Matthew Perry agrees to plead guilty

A woman known as the “Ketamine Queen,” charged with selling Matthew Perry the drug that killed him, agreed to plead guilty Monday.

Jasveen Sangha becomes the fifth and final defendant charged in the overdose death of the “Friends” star to strike a plea agreement with federal prosecutors, avoiding a trial that had been planned for September.

She agreed in a signed statement filed in court to plead guilty to five federal criminal charges, including providing the ketamine that led to Perry’s death.

In a brief statement, Sangha’s lawyer Mark Geragos said only, “She’s taking responsibility for her actions.”

Prosecutors had cast Sangha, a 42-year-old citizen of the U.S. and the U.K., as a prolific drug dealer who was known to her customers as the “Ketamine Queen,” using the term often in press releases and court documents.

She agreed to plead guilty to one count of maintaining a drug-involved premises, three counts of distribution of ketamine, and one count of distribution of ketamine resulting in death or serious bodily injury.

The final plea deal came a year after federal prosecutors announced that five people had been charged in Perry’s Oct. 28, 2023 death after a sweeping investigation.

Sangha admitted in the agreement to selling four vials of ketamine to another man, Cody McLaury, hours before he died from an overdose in 2019. McLaury had no relationship to Perry.

Prosecutors will drop three other counts related to the distribution of ketamine, and one count of distribution of methamphetamine that was unrelated to the Perry case.

Sangha will officially change her plea to guilty at an upcoming hearing, where sentencing will be scheduled, prosecutors said. She could get up to 45 years in prison. The judge is not bound to follow any terms of the plea agreement, but prosecutors said in the document that they will ask for less than the maximum.

She and Dr. Salvador Plasencia, who pleaded guilty last month, had been the primary targets of the investigation. Three other defendants — Dr. Mark Chavez, Kenneth Iwamasa and Erik Fleming — pleaded guilty in exchange for their cooperation, which included statements implicating Sangha and Plasencia.

Perry was found dead in his Los Angeles home by Iwamasa, his assistant. The medical examiner ruled that ketamine, typically used as a surgical anesthetic, was the primary cause of death.

Sangha presented a posh lifestyle on Instagram, with photos of herself with the rich and famous in cities around the globe. Prosecutors said she privately presented herself as a dealer who sold to the same kind of high-class customers.

Perry had been using ketamine through his regular doctor as a legal, but off-label, treatment for depression, which has become increasingly common. Perry, 54, sought more ketamine than his doctor would give him. He began getting it from Plasencia about a month before his death, then started getting still more from Sangha about two weeks before his death, prosecutors said.

Perry and Iwamasa found Sangha through Perry’s friend Fleming. In their plea agreements, both men described the subsequent deals in detail.

Fleming messaged Iwamasa saying Sangha’s ketamine was “unmarked but it’s amazing,” according to court documents. Fleming texted Iwamasa that she only deals “with high end and celebs. If it were not great stuff she’d lose her business.”

With the two men acting as middlemen, Perry bought large amounts of ketamine from Sangha, including 25 vials for $6,000 in cash four days before his death. That purchase included the doses that killed Perry, prosecutors said.

On the day of Perry’s death, Sangha told Fleming they should delete all the messages they had sent each other, according to her indictment.

Her home in North Hollywood, California, was raided in March 2024 by Drug Enforcement Administration agents who found large amounts of methamphetamines and ketamine, according to an affidavit from an agent. She has been held in federal custody for about a year.

None of the defendants has yet been sentenced.

Sangha also agreed in her plea deal not to contest the seizure of her property that went with the investigation, including more than $5,000 in cash.

Perry struggled with addiction for years, dating back to his time on “Friends,” when he became one of the biggest stars of his generation as Chandler Bing. He starred alongside Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc and David Schwimmer for 10 seasons from 1994 to 2004 on NBC’s megahit series.

By ANDREW DALTON AP Entertainment Writer

GET IT DAILY...



## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

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

Run of decent/fun SSW ramps up through the day, largest late. AM window looks best. Initial SSW swells creeps up through the day, starting modest and trending fun-zone. Think knee-waist high for better breaks in the morning, getting into chest-high territory for the afternoon. Clean morning conditions and a quick tide push first thing. Look for surf to fatten up a bit mid-morning on the high tide. Onshores could be manageable for the early afternoon tide push. Evening bogs out on a 6’+ high tide.

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

First pulse of fun SSW swell tops out. AM winds look favorable at this point. Topped out SSW swell puts more widespread waist-chest high surf in the water as the better breaks west of Dume go shoulder high through the day. A little more of a tide push window first thing in the morning when winds look best. Afternoon onshores look manageable, and the evening could get a little cleanup, but you’ll again have to deal with a 6’+ high tide at the end of the day.

## Weather

**Tuesday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 74.
**Tuesday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
**Wednesday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 77.
**Wednesday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted | (ft)High/Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025/08/19 | Tue | 01:54 AM | -0.51 | L |
| 2025/08/19 | Tue | 08:43 AM | 3.92 | H |
| 2025/08/19 | Tue | 12:57 PM | 2.76 | L |
| 2025/08/19 | Tue | 7:11 PM | 6.34 | H |
| 2025/08/20 | Wed | 02:37 AM | -0.76 | L |
| 2025/08/20 | Wed | 09:12 AM | 4.19 | H |
| 2025/08/20 | Wed | 1:53 PM | 2.39 | L |
| 2025/08/20 | Wed | 8:02 PM | 6.54 | H |
| 2025/08/21 | Thu | 03:14 AM | -0.83 | L |
| 2025/08/21 | Thu | 09:40 AM | 4.42 | H |
| 2025/08/21 | Thu | 2:39 PM | 2.04 | L |

## Daily Lottery

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

**POWERBALL**
Draw Date: 8/16
23 40 49 65 69
Power#: 23
Jackpot: 605 M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 8/15
4 17 27 34 69
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 216 M

**SuperLotto Plus**
Draw Date: 8/16
10 12 19 33 36
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 35 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 8/17
10 14 17 21 30

**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 8/17
EVENING: 4 6 0
Draw Date: 8/17
MIDDAY: 6 9 2

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 8/17
1st: 07 - Eureka
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:49.76

**PUBLISHER**
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

**PARTNER**
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

**EDITOR IN CHIEF**
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

**CONTRIBUTING WRITERS**
Charles Andrews,
Devan Sipher,
Miles Warner.

**CIRCULATION**
Guadalupe Navarro
ross@smdp.com

**STAFF WRITERS**
Maaz Alin
maaz@smdp.com

**LEGAL ADVERTISING**
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

**MARKETING & ADVERTISING MANAGER**
Dina Araniva
dina@smdp.com

**PRODUCTION**
Esteban Inchaustegui
production@smdp.com

Julio Davalos
julio@smdp.com

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

AWARD WINNER

Sustainable Quality Awards
WINNER

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

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

Santa Monica Daily Press

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2824 (CCS)**
**(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING SECTION 9.64.065 TO THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH AN OFF-SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2824 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2824 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Santa Monica Municipal Code section 9.64.065 to incentivize the production of housing units in accordance with a pilot program that allows developers of housing developments to satisfy inclusionary affordable housing obligations for new market rate housing using three options: off-site new construction of a 100% affordable housing project, substantial rehabilitation to preserve existing affordable housing stock, or in lieu-fees.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**
**BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:** Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Authorize Commercial Cannabis Uses within Certain Zoning Districts

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to authorize commercial cannabis uses within the City's non-residential zoning districts.

**DATE/TIME:** **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION:** City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

**HOW TO COMMENT:**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Cannabis Ordinance

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

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

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

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

# A look at Texas' redistricting walkout and California's response, by the numbers

A walkout by Democratic legislators in Texas has ended and Republicans arranged to push a plan for redrawing the state's congressional districts through the GOP-controlled Legislature and give President Donald Trump a better political landscape.

Democrats' boycott of daily sessions kept the House from passing a new map because the state constitution requires 100 of the chamber's 150 members to be present to do business. Democrats hold 62 seats.

A national, partisan brawl over redistricting has now started to shift to California, where Democrats are hoping to impose a new map that offsets any advantage Trump and his fellow Republicans might gain in Texas.

Here's a breakdown by the numbers.

**5 MORE SEATS SOUGHT BY TEXAS REPUBLICANS**

Texas is the nation's second most-populous state and has 38 congressional seats. Republicans hold 25 of them but are hoping to boost that number to 30.

Their goal is to make it easier for the GOP to hold on to its slim U.S. House majority in the 2026 midterm elections, so that Democrats have little ability to thwart Trump's agenda and can't initiate investigations of his administration.

**48 IS THE DEMOCRATS' GOAL FOR SEATS IN CALIFORNIA**

Democrats hold 43 of 52 congressional seats in California, the nation's most populous state. At Gov. Gavin Newsom's urging, they've drafted a proposal to increase the number to 48.

However, the current map was drawn by an independent commission created though a voter-approved ballot initiative in 2008. To avoid legal challenges, Democrats want to put their proposal on the ballot in a special election in November.

**10 YEARS BETWEEN TYPICAL MAP REDRAWINGS**

Redistricting usually happens after the once-a-decade population count by the U.S. Census Bureau and sometimes in response to a court ruling. Changes are required to keep a state's congressional districts equal in population after people move into or out of an area.

Trump is pushing for a rare mid-decade redistricting in Texas, and Republicans are also considering it in other states including Missouri, Florida and Indiana.

**7 SEATS IS THE SIZE OF THE GOP'S US HOUSE MAJORITY**

Republicans currently hold 219 seats in the U.S. House, seven more than the 212 held by Democrats. Four of the chamber's 435 seats are vacant, three of them previously held by Democrats.

Midterm elections most often go against the president's party. In 2018, during Trump's first term, Democrats had a net gain of 41 seats to capture the House majority.

**15 DAYS BEFORE TEXAS DEMOCRATS RETURNED HOME**

Most House Democrats left Texas on Aug. 3 and stayed outside the state for 15 days. They fled to blue states like Illinois, California and Massachusetts to stay out of the reach of the Texas law enforcement officers trying to bring them back.

Many of the same lawmakers also walked out in 2021 for 38 days to protest GOP proposals for new voting restrictions. Once they returned, Republicans passed them into law.

**24 HOURS A DAY OF POLICE ESCORT FOR DEMOCRATS**

The Democrats who bolted for other states and returned now have an around-the-clock escort from Texas Department of Public Safety officers to make sure they return to the Capitol, House Speaker Dustin Burrows' office said.

Burrows' office did not provide more details, calling it an ongoing law enforcement operation. Plainclothes officers escorted them from the chamber after Monday's session.

By JOHN HANNA Associated Press

# CRASH

FROM PAGE 1

fully cooperative with the investigation. SMPD said that at this time, there are no indications of drug impairment.

This investigation remains active. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has additional information is encouraged to contact the Santa Monica Police Department Watch Commander, available 24/7, at 310-458-8427 or Traffic Enforcement Sergeant Jason Olson at Jason.Olson@santamonica.gov.

editor@smdp.com



## GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# *Connecting books and business: how the Santa Monica Public Library is strengthening our local economy*

In Santa Monica, we understand the importance of connection – whether it's between community groups and neighbors or local businesses and customers.

That's why Santa Monica Public Library is proud to launch a new initiative this September that celebrates our connections and fosters community spirit.

Just in time for Library Card Sign-up Month, the "Read Local, Shop Local: Community Discount Program" is more than just a fun perk for cardholders. It's a reflection of the library's role in supporting Santa Monica's economic growth and opportunity.

Starting Sept. 2, library cardholders can receive exclusive offers and discounts at a growing number of local businesses by showing their Santa Monica Public Library card. It's a simple idea with a big impact. Your library card, a symbol of lifelong learning and access, now doubles as a way to explore all that our city has to offer.

We're excited to team up with an inaugural group of businesses that span everything from fitness to food to the arts. From Pilates studios and pet training services to performance venues and pubs, these businesses demonstrate the diversity of Santa Monica's local economy. Our hope is that this program encourages residents to discover new experiences throughout Santa Monica and highlights the library's role as a vibrant community and cultural connector.

While the connection between libraries and businesses may not seem immediately obvious, economic development has been a long-standing and valued part of our mission. And it's more than shopping discounts. The library has a deep commitment to fostering learning and growth across all disciplines and interests.

Following the Palisades Fire, the library provided space for the Small Business Administration, or SBA, to meet with impacted business owners and help them navigate everything from insurance claims to finding new space for their damaged businesses.

And earlier this year, we partnered with the El Camino College Small Business Development Center, or SBDC, to present a series of free business education programs for entrepreneurs.

In March, we partnered with SBDC to celebrate Women's History Month at the Main Library with a panel discussion featuring women entrepreneurs, including Santa Monica Mayor Lana Negrete, owner of the Santa Monica Music Center, and former Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce CEO Laurel Rosen, owner of One from the Heart. In June, we hosted an SBDC workshop at the Fairview Branch on financing strategies, covering everything from loans to crowdfunding.

In July, the city of Santa Monica hosted a Small Business Resource Fair for Palisades and Malibu business owners. Exhibitors, such as SBA, SBDC, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., turned the Main Library's Central Courtyard into a one-stop shop for business support and city resources, providing information about loan opportunities, city permits, short-term office space, and more.

Later this month, we're offering a free branding workshop at the Montana Branch led by Mellissa Tong of Duckpunk Productions. Attendees will learn how to craft compelling stories and help their small business stand out from its competitors.

Through initiatives like these, and with the launch of our Community Discount Program in September, the Santa Monica Public Library continues to evolve with our community's needs. We're not just a place to read and relax. We're a place to gather, connect, learn and grow.

To learn more about the Santa Monica Public Library, visit santamonica.gov/library. If your Santa Monica-based business is interested in participating in SMPL's Community Discount Program, please email library@santamonica.gov.

By Erica Cuyugan, Santa Monica Public Library Director


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

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

DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!

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

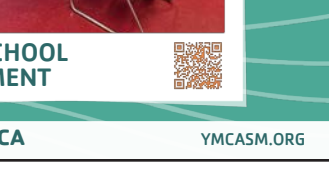
TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients

OR

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

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

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

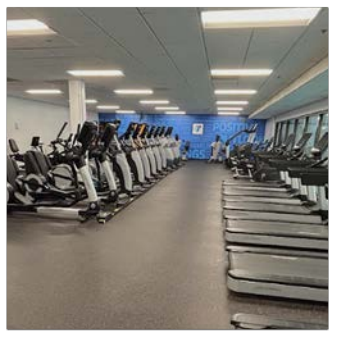



KEEP IT MOVING
Professional Movers
You Pick the Location
We will take care of the rest
Call us Now:
(310) 430-3226



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


EARLY LEARNING CENTER


BUILDING WELLNESS


CONTINUED FIRE RELIEF


AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Santa Monica**

## Santa Monica Sharks Dominate Consecutive Swim Meets

The Santa Monica Sharks captured victories in two consecutive swim meets last week, demonstrating strong teamwork and rising talent across multiple events.

The aquatics team first secured a win at the BASE qualifying meet at Hemingway Aquatics Center in Carson on Sunday, Aug. 3. The Sharks followed with another impressive victory at the Southern California Municipal Aquatics Federation championship meet in San Clarita on Saturday, Aug. 9.

The SCMAF championship featured more than 400 swimmers from 15 teams representing areas from Kern County to San Diego County. The Sharks brought 70 swimmers to the competition and proved to be the strongest team in the federation.

"This team is something special," said Ken, the Sharks' head coach for 20 years. "They've worked hard all season, and it's showing in the pool. Winning two meets in one week says a lot about their dedication and drive."

The team delivered standout performances across all events during both meets, showcasing personal bests and consistent excellence in competition.

The back-to-back victories highlight the program's development under the guidance of coaches Ken and Will, who have built a competitive team that excels at the regional level.

The Sharks' success at these high-level competitions positions them well for future meets and demonstrates the strength of the Santa Monica aquatics program.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF



Courtesy photo

**SANTA MONICA SHARKS:** Santa Monica Sharks captured victories in two consecutive swim meets last week.

## LA28

FROM PAGE 1

it hosts volleyball events.

The naming rights program was developed in partnership with the International Olympic Committee, with initial opportunities offered to existing partners of The Olympic Partner program. Under the pilot program, qualifying LA28 partners can maintain existing venue naming rights during Games time and secure additional marketing assets to enhance their promotional efforts.

Up to 19 temporary venues will also become available for naming rights to Worldwide Olympic & Paralympic Games partners and LA28 partners.

"The Olympic Games Paris 2024 reminded us that the power of sport can inspire the world," said Jennifer Khoury, Chief Communications Officer of Comcast Corporation. "We're honored to work with LA28 to help bring the most spectacular summer Olympic and Paralympic Games to the U.S. for the first time in more than 30 years."

Honda executives expressed similar enthusiasm for the partnership. "As a Founding Partner of LA28, Honda is immensely proud that a world-class sports and entertainment venue like Honda Center will step onto the international stage," said Ed Beadle, Vice President of Digital Services & Marketing at American Honda Motor Co.

The revenue stream supports LA28's ambitious $6.9 billion budget, funded entirely through private sources including ticket sales, sponsorships and International Olympic Committee payments. Organizers have raised just over $1 billion toward their $2.5 billion domestic corporate sponsorship goal.

Los Angeles will become only the third city worldwide to host the Olympics three times, following previous Games in 1932 and 1984. The 2028 Games will mark the city's first time hosting the Paralympics.

The "no-build" approach emphasizes using existing venues rather than constructing new facilities. SoFi Stadium in neighboring Inglewood will host the opening ceremony and serve as what organizers call the largest Olympic swimming venue ever. The century-old Memorial Coliseum will also play a central role in ceremonies.

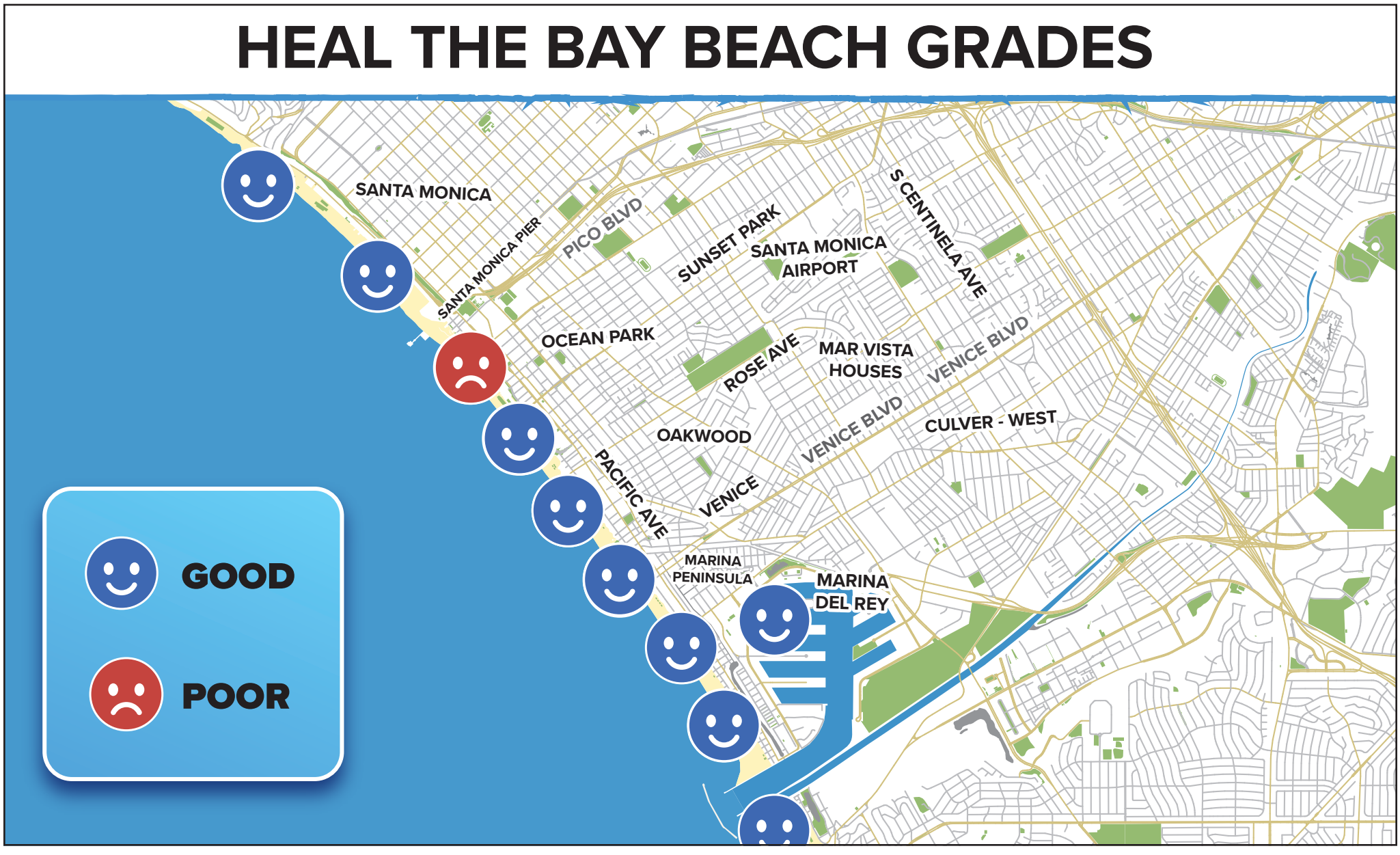
Other major venues include the Intuit Dome for basketball, Crypto.com Arena for gymnastics, and various locations throughout Southern California that showcase the region's diverse landscape and entertainment heritage.

While Santa Monica declined to be part of the event, Venice will be represented in the Olympic and Paralympic triathlon competition. The transition area and finish line will be staged where Venice Boulevard meets the sand, offering spectators and global television audiences a unique view of the area.

Additional naming rights partnerships are expected as the three-year countdown continues, potentially establishing a new commercial model for future Olympic Games worldwide.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

**UCLA**

## UCLA to Name School of Nursing for Entrepreneur Joe C. Wen

UCLA's School of Nursing will be renamed the UCLA Joe C. Wen School of Nursing following a $30 million commitment from alumnus Joe C. Wen and his family, the university announced Tuesday.

The gift represents the largest philanthropic commitment in the nursing school's history and will make it the first UCLA school named for an Asian American.

"Nurses are the backbone of health care," said UCLA Chancellor Julio Frenk. "This extraordinary gift from Joe C. Wen and his family honors that vital role. It expands our ability to educate the next generation of nurse leaders and faculty."

> "My family joins me in this commitment to support the mission of the School of Nursing to strengthen excellence in education and the health care system"
> - Joe C. Wen

The commitment will support the school's four educational programs, expand nursing research and help UCLA meet California's health care needs.

Wen, who earned a bachelor's degree in economics from UCLA in 1998, immigrated from Taiwan to the United States as a teenager. He later earned an MBA from USC before launching a paper trading company in 2003 that evolved into Formosa Ltd., now a multinational conglomerate.

"My family joins me in this commitment to support the mission of the School of Nursing to strengthen excellence in education and the health care system," Wen said. "This transformational gift will help create a global academic research powerhouse and think tank for future nursing leaders."

Wen and his Orange County-based family have committed over $100 million to the University of California system since 2022. In 2024, their gift led to the creation of the UC Irvine Joe C. Wen School of Population & Public Health, making him the first Asian American to name two UC schools.

The UCLA School of Nursing, established more than 75 years ago, enrolls nearly 600 students annually across undergraduate and doctoral programs. It was the first undergraduate nursing program west of the Mississippi and the first in California to confer a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

School of Nursing Dean Lin Zhan called the gift "historic and visionary," saying it will help prepare exceptional nurses and leaders across health care systems.

The school maintains a partnership with UCLA Health, which employs nearly 6,000 nurses across California.

"This transformative gift will allow the UCLA School of Nursing to excel in preparing outstanding nurses at a time when we see shortages in the hospital and health system industry," said Johnese Spisso, president of UCLA Health.

EDITED BY SMDP STAFF




David Esquivel - UCLA

**UCLA SCHOOL OF NURSING:** Alumnus Joe C. Wen and his family have committed $30 million to rename UCLA's School of Nursing the UCLA Joe C. Wen School of Nursing.

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2823 (CCS)**
**(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.08.780 RELATING TO PROHIBITED ITEMS AT PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2823 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2823 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Santa Monica Municipal Code section 4.08.780 to remove bicycle helmets from the list of prohibited items at public assemblies and community events. The Ordinance will take effect immediately.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2822 (CCS)**
**(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE RAND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND THE RAND CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2822 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2822 authorizes a second amendment to an existing Development Agreement that broadens the permitted uses allowed within the existing building located at 1776 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, removes barriers to leasing and/or transfer of the building consistent with City goals and policies to create a vibrant mixed-use environment in the Civic Center district, provides the City with additional project and community benefits, establishes that future improvements, changes, and/or modifications to the building shall be, with limited exceptions, governed by the Santa Monica Municipal Code in effect at the time the improvements, changes and/or modifications are proposed, and extends the term of the Agreement.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

INSIDE
THE DAILY PRESS
PODCAST
smdp.com/pod
ALSO AVAILABLE ON

Santa Monica Daily Press
Classifieds

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

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

## DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/17/25 2025123The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Russon & Johnston CPAS 5126 Clareton Drive Suite 110 Aguora Hills, CA 91301 . Los AngelesArticles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are 1. John Russon 5126 Clareton Drive Suite 110 Aguora Hills, CA 91301 2. Nathan Johnstpn 5126 Clareton Drive Suite 110 Aguora Hills, CA 91301 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Partnership . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/25. Registrant /Corp/LLC Nathan Johnston Title: General Partner Nathan Johnston . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/17/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

## DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 08/15/25 2025168806The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Synergy HomeCare of Beverly Hills 9171 Wilshire Blvd Suote 500 Beverly Hills, CA 90210. . . Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are J & C Wellness LLC 1541 Ocean Ave Suite 200 Santa Monica, CA 90401. If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/25. Registrant /Corp/LLC J & C Wellness LLC Title: President Joseph Williams . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/15/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

## Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No. 25STCP02782 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of GEUNSU LEE, HYE YOUNG CHO for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: GEUNSU LEE, HYE YOUNG CHO with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Eunsun Lee to Ella Choeunsun Lee . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 09/12/2025 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 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED HERE

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




## SHORELINE

FROM PAGE 1

the beaches that connect us, support our ecosystems, and serve our communities," said Gary Jones, director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors. "These projects reflect our commitment to resilience, preservation, and equity."

The grants from the Regional Park and Open Space District represent the latest phase of an initiative launched in 2024 and officials are nearing completion of a feasibility study that helped shape the projects' design.

Living shoreline projects differ from traditional concrete seawalls by using native vegetation to restore dunes and natural habitats that provide coastal protection. The approach aims to defend against rising sea levels and increasingly powerful storms while maintaining public beach access.

The largest allocation, $3.1 million, will fund the Zuma Beach project in Malibu. Plans call for widening the beach and creating new dune habitat while enhancing existing dune areas. Sand placed at Zuma Beach is expected to naturally migrate south and widen Point Dume Beach as well.

The Redondo Beach project will receive $1.7 million to widen the beach between the Redondo Beach Pier and Topaz groin while creating new dune habitat in that stretch.

Dockweiler State Beach in Playa del Rey will get $230,000 for a more modest intervention. The project will install a low sand barrier along the bike path to prevent sand from accumulating in parking lots. Work will also focus on restoring existing dune habitat through sand fencing, removing invasive plant species, seeding with native vegetation and constructing new access paths.

"Measure A was created by L.A. County voters to ensure every community has access to safe, healthy, and resilient public spaces," said Norma E. García-González, director of the County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Regional Park and Open Space District.

García-González emphasized the projects' dual purpose of environmental protection and community access, particularly for families seeking relief from extreme heat or recreational opportunities.

The three projects will now enter design development and environmental review phases, with construction targeted to begin in coming years. County officials pledged extensive community engagement throughout the process, including public meetings, email updates and presentations to local organizations.

> "Measure A was created by L.A. County voters to ensure every community has access to safe, healthy, and resilient public spaces"
>
> - Norma E. García-González

The living shoreline initiative represents a key component of the Department of Beaches and Harbors' broader Coastal Resilience Initiative, which seeks to protect beaches through scientific approaches, partnerships and public participation.

Measure A, approved by Los Angeles County voters, provides funding to ensure equitable access to parks and recreational facilities across all communities. The latest awards demonstrate how the measure supports both environmental protection and public access goals.

The Department of Beaches and Harbors oversees Marina del Rey harbor and 23 miles of coastline, including internationally recognized beaches such as Zuma, Malibu Surfrider, Venice and Manhattan Beach.

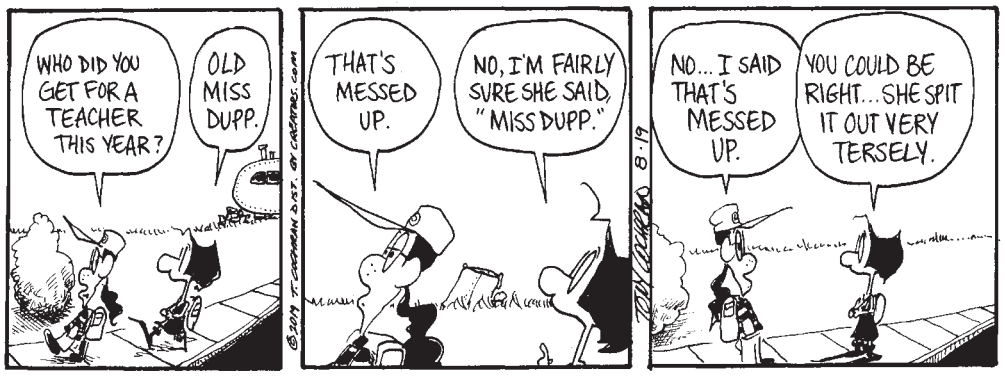
Officials noted that the nature-based approach offers advantages over traditional coastal engineering by working with natural processes rather than against them. The projects aim to preserve beach access for communities that depend on coastal areas for recreation and respite from urban heat.

maaz@smdp.com

Thank you for buying local.
Buy Local SANTA MONICA
buylocalsantamonica.com TM
It makes a difference!

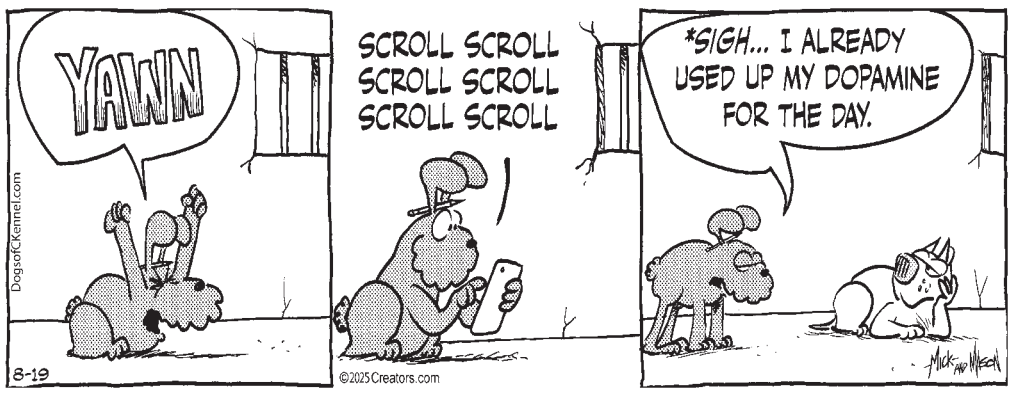
## Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN




## Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART




## Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE




## Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER




"YOU WANT GARBAGE NIGHT CHANGED TO THURSDAY?"

## Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING




# FIND THE WORDS

**This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.**

© australianwordgames.com.au 6672

## Tropical Queensland

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

Alva
Atoll
Beer
Bell
Boat
Botanic gardens
Break
Cape
Cays
Dalby
Dawn
Dunk
Eulo
Fine
Fish
Free
Giru
Gore
Hats
Hazy
Herberton
Hills
Hook
Ingham
Islets
Laze
Long
Nebo
Nelia
Nhulunbuy
Noosa
Ocean
Olio
Orallo
Paget
Palm Cove
Pawpaw
Pool
Rain
Roma
Sand
Shoal
Staff
Sunny
Tides
Toads
Tour
Tully
Tuna
Vast
Warm
Yerra

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
**I'm over the limit**

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

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19)

You are the one-of-a-kind element. Even familiar ingredients become something entirely new in your hands, because no one else has your exact combination of voice, experience and perspective. This year you'll turn it into gold again and again. More highlights: a tough sale, but you do it and make a bundle. A team win and a joining of families with relationship bliss. Aries and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 16, 4, 33 and 9.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't doubt the power of your inner shifts - especially love and perception - to make a difference in the outer world. A change in your perspective might seem small, but it has real effects both in your life and beyond.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Straying from convention feels natural to you, though others see you as boldly taking a risk with that choice. Your approach draws curiosity. People take notice. The opportunities that follow are a response to your courage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're no longer tethered to chasing or contorting for someone emotionally unavailable. You've got work that matters - and people coming to your door for value. Your humor and poise are intact today. Head high, and march on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've been functioning without a system. Without catering. Without a room full of yes-people, mentors or support staff. And with all this solo work, you've made magic. Help is coming. In the meantime, give yourself more credit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a gleam in your eye. You're holding something back - a thought, a fantasy, a plan - and these private thoughts fuel your pleasure and confidence. To enjoy what you know and be powerful without sharing gives you a magnetic spark of mystery.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The power of repetition will be a theme. Repetition as a creative force. Cycles and patterns carry power. By repeating actions, thoughts and words, things evolve. Tasks get easier or harder, their meaning shifts and you grow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When there's too much to do, nothing gets done well. That's why you'll step back, survey the scene, and choose the single most important thing. You'll complete the task and then elevate it to an art form.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your life shows the evidence of how deeply you know yourself. You've felt the squeeze of overextension and distraction, and instead of spiraling, you're drawing a boundary out of a real desire to feel better and do what matters to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Getting your life into a more manageable spot emotionally is the goal that makes all the difference. When things feel messy, ask: Is this helping me emotionally? If not, the answer is no. Or not now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're the boss of this season. Your intuition is razor sharp, and you'll notice the cost of every single thing - emotionally, energetically, logistically. And you're choosing not to keep paying for things that give you neither peace nor progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even if personality is a construct, there's still a way of being that feels better to you. As you live inside it more, people who matter either understand or fall away naturally. You don't need to explain. You just need to proceed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll have to stretch to meet a responsibility and show up when you'd rather be enjoying yourself. These little sacrifices make a difference though, so take heart. There's something in it for you too, don't worry.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

## Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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

## Newsday Crossword

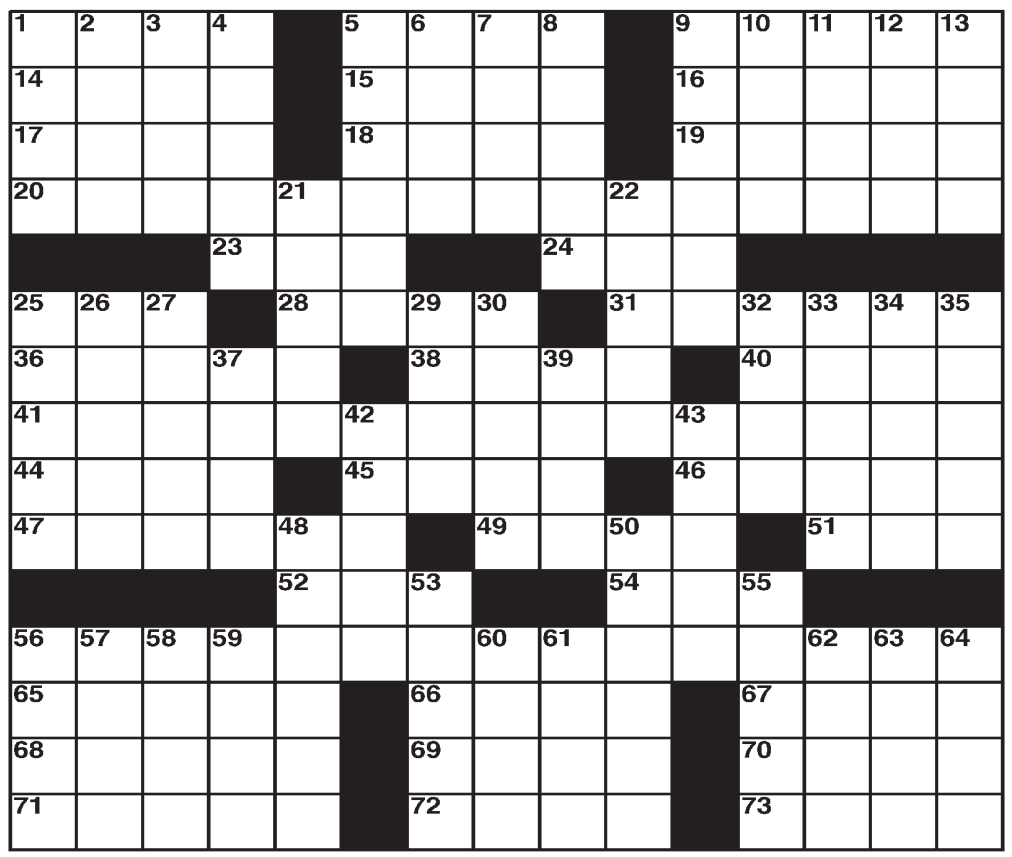
**WHAT'S NEW** by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

**ACROSS**

**1** Blender sound
**5** "Look, I did it!"
**9** Purse handle
**14** Conceal
**15** Yale students
**16** Sports squads
**17** Jazz great Fitzgerald
**18** Hoarse voice
**19** Roof overhangs
**20** What powers plug-in drills
**23** Small even number
**24** Chimp, for example
**25** Secretly include on an email
**28** Circle segments
**31** Brand of steel wool scrubber
**36** Bold poker bet
**38** Otherwise
**40** __ and hearty (healthy)
**41** Fiction book for teens
**44** At any time
**45** Prefix for final or sweet
**46** Musical drama
**47** Transmit again
**49** Dalmatian's marking
**51** Pigpen
**52** Winning tic-tac-toe line
**54** Univ. near Harvard
**56** Start speaking impolitely
**65** Banish
**66** Hammer or saw
**67** Sicilian volcano
**68** Subtraction symbol
**69** Border line
**70** The whole alphabet
**71** Flower stalks
**72** Underground plant part
**73** Toothpaste holder

**DOWN**

**1** "This is fun!"
**2** Small mountain
**3** Doing nothing
**4** Give feedback
**5** Extreme fear
**6** Jai __ (indoor sport)
**7** Hockey puck shape
**8** Pet protection org.
**9** Equipment for playing records
**10** Rip (apart)
**11** Four-star review
**12** Prayer's last word
**13** "Hey, you!" whisper
**21** Nasal accent
**22** Surprise victory
**25** Longtime aspirin brand
**26** Piece of garlic
**27** Helpful hints
**29** Transfer legally
**30** Run-down urban areas
**32** Hunt for bargains
**33** Installs, as a sidewalk
**34** Watchful and ready
**35** Cause to be late
**37** Concerning, on a memo
**39** Minor mistake
**42** "Same here"
**43** "__ I can help it!"
**48** __ than (at a minimum)
**50** Eggy brunch serving
**53** Playful river mammal
**55** Good dog's reward
**56** Precious stones
**57** Highway off-ramp
**58** Point of a fork
**59** Grad of a school
**60** Well-__ (wealthy)
**61** Corporate symbol
**62** Caesar's rebuke
**63** Snooty person
**64** Thin fog



CREATORS SYNDICATE ©2025 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM

08/19/25

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




## TUESDAY | AUGUST 19

**MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB**
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room. Each week will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-08-19T10

**BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-08-19T12

**COUPLES' SCRAMBLE**
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvde Santa Monica. Join us for an evening of golf, good company, and a touch of friendly competition at our debut Couples' Night Two-Person Scramble. Whether you're longtime partners, close friends, or just enjoy a great game together, this event is all about connection, camaraderie, and a relaxed round of golf. $30.00 —Free for members and 1 guest. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/couples-scramble/16525347/2025-08-19T17

**SPEED DATING (AGES 30-45)**
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Weary Livers 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica. Speed Dating is Finally here! Join 40+ singles at Weary Livers Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/speed-dating-ages-30-45-/16348454/2025-08-19T19

**THE NO CHASERS**
9:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! EVERY TUESDAY THE NO CHASERS. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-no-chasers/15099083/2025-08-19T21

**TUESDAY OPEN MIC**
10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-08-19T22

## WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 20

**DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS**
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-08-20T11

## THURSDAY | AUGUST 21

**SPILL THE TEA WITH THE MAYOR!**
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dr. T House 1709 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Meet the Mayor of Santa Monica, Lana Negrete and ask her any questions you have on your mind while she "spills the tea" on any happenings going on in the city! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/spill-the-tea-with-the-mayor-/16564626/2025-08-21T17

**MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP**
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/montana-branch-book-group/14818668/2025-08-21T18

**THE THREE BELIEFS OF EGO: A SUFFERER'S GUIDE TO FREEDOM**
6:30 p.m. Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite #33 Santa Monica. The Three Beliefs of Ego explores a simple but transformative idea: that the ego, often misunderstood, is structured around three unconscious beliefs — lack, attachment, and control. These beliefs quietly shape how we think, feel, and respond to life, giving rise to emotional pain. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-three-beliefs-of-ego-a-sufferer-s-guide-to-freedom/16526553/2025-08-21T18

**SUMMER FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOP**
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Merrihew's Sunset Gardens 1526 Ocean Park Boulevard Santa Monica. Join Kaylyn Garceau of True Vine Studio for a Summer Floral Arranging Workshop! Kaylyn will walk you through general design fundamentals that you can apply for all your DIY floral arranging. We will spend the majority of our time together making a centerpiece in a vase that you can take home with you. No previous experience required; the class is open to all skill levels! Tickets: $150 - flowers, clippers, vases, and simple mechanics will all be provided. Plus all workshop participants receive 10% off all day-of purchases at Merrihew's Sunset Gardens! Kaylyn Garceau is the Owner and Creative Director of True Vine Studio, a floral design company providing garden-inspired styling for weddings, events, productions, and publications. True Vine Studio's clients and collaborators include Vogue, Architectural Digest, The Fifteen Percent Pledge, Washington Post, and many more. Check out True Vine Studio. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/summer-floral-arranging-workshop/16456142/2025-08-21T18

## FRIDAY | AUGUST 22

**LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX**
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave. Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-08-22T18

## SATURDAY | AUGUST 23

**POP UP PILATES & PLUNGE**
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Crescent Bay Park 2000 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. Join us for a Saturday beachside burn with Pop Up Pilates + breath-work, plunges, live DJ, wellness experiences & more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pop-up-pilates-plunge/16456160/2025-08-23T09

**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/16094481/2025-08-23T10

**DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS**
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-08-23T11

**DOG DAZE OF SUMMER**
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. The Dog Daze on Montana Avenue is back! Join them for sales, treats, giveaways, photo opps and more! It's the perfect way to celebrate an afternoon with your four-legged friend.Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/dog-daze-of-summer/15799899/2025-08-23T11

**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/14548485/2025-08-23T11

**THE VALLEY NUPES PRESENT: POLOS, PLAID, AND SUNDRESSES**
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl, Santa Monica. Hosted by the Valley Nupes of the San Fernando–Santa Clarita (CA) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. This day party is all about that smooth, soulful vibe. It's a celebration of culture, community, and music. You don't want to miss this one. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-valley-nupes-present-polos-plaid-and-sundresses/16348577/2025-08-23T15

# Pacific Ballet Theatre

## ELI BROAD STAGE

**August 24 5:30 pm**

Middleton's Carmen is both thrilling and breathtaking."
Hollywood Times



🔥Fire
❤️Love
💔Jealousy
🗡️Betrayal

# Carmen

A Gypsy Tale told through
Ballet~Flamenco and Latin Dance

**Tickets @ Eventbrite and PBDTLA.org**

**Promo Code: CARMEN for 20% Off**