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Westside artists bring years of critique to new Santa Monica gallery show



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Ten Los Angeles-area artists who have spent the past three years critiquing one another's work will share the results with the public this month in "Between Darkness and Dawn," a contemporary art exhibition running Sept. 11-27 at Propeller Gallery in the Santa Monica Airport Arts Center.

The show at Studios 3026, 3026 Airport Ave., is open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. An opening reception is set for Sunday, Sept. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m., and a closing reception for Saturday, Sept. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The exhibition juxtaposes narrative works confronting the challenges of modern life with vibrant quilts and abstract paintings that celebrate the promise of a new day. The exhibiting artists are Manuela Ammendola, Barbara Danzi, Helen Desmond, Christine Forest, Kevin Higa, Lydia Kann, Deborah Pitt, Anna Sapenuk, Aaron Schechter and Melissa Thrasher.

The artists belong to the Westside Artists Critique Group, which began in May 2023 as part of a yearlong program run by the Los Angeles Art Association. It has continued through several iterations since, weathering the loss of its founding leader, Wendy Widell Wolff, who was diagnosed with cancer in late 2024 and died in March 2025. Kann, the group's leader and a Santa Monica resident, kept it going, with Schechter stepping in as co-leader when she traveled. The group opened to new members in July and now counts

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ART: "Between Darkness and Dawn" exhibition opens Sept. 11 at Santa Monica Airport Arts Center, featuring 10 LA-area artists.

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Malibu council sends parking ordinance back for a broader rewrite

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SMDP Staff Writer

The Malibu City Council voted Monday unanimously to hold off on adopting a new parking-enforcement ordinance, instead sending it back to city staff with instructions to expand the measure to cover every public and private parking lot within the city.

The vote came on Ordinance No. 538, which staff had recommended the council introduce on first reading. As drafted, the ordinance would have authorized the city's Parking Enforcement Team and Volunteers on Patrol to issue citations at a handful of publicly owned off-street lots, including the Los Angeles County-owned Malibu Library parking lot, Malibu Bluffs Park and Las Flores Park.

Rather than advance that narrower version, council members said they wanted the ordinance to reach as many lots as possible. "Why don't we just make this apply to every single public parking lot, private or public, within the city limits," Mayor Bruce Silverstein said, adding that the city could then work out whether individual lot owners would post the signs required for enforcement.

The measure relies on California Vehicle Code Section 21107.8, which allows local governments to extend traffic and parking enforcement to off-street lots that are open to the public, provided signs are posted at the entrances. Luis Flores, the city's public safety manager, told the council the change would let parking officers work alongside the Sheriff's Department to address problems in lots where the city currently has no authority to write tickets.

Flores said the Malibu Library lot has drawn RVs, abandoned vehicles and people cooking inside their vehicles late at night, raising fire risks. The ordinance was tied to the city's strategic goal of reducing homeless encampments. Under the measure, the city's oversized-vehicle rules — with escalating fines of \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second and \$500 for a third — could be enforced in the covered lots.

Much of the discussion focused on repeat offenders. Councilmember Steve Uhring pointed to one RV whose owner, he said, has spent much of his time parked on Civic Center Way and the rest in the library lot. Flores said the man had been towed on numerous occasions, incarcerated and released, and had paid off his citations while continuing to return. Councilmember Haylynn Conrad said the city had ordinances on the books yet could not stop the RV from shuttling between

locations. "This is extremely frustrating for all of us," she said.

A representative of the Sheriff's Department told the council the ordinance would strengthen an enforcement tool tied to vehicle registration. Drivers must clear outstanding parking citations to renew their registration each year, the representative said, and vehicles whose registration has been expired for six months can be towed. Asked whether deputies would patrol the lots if private owners posted signs, the representative said they would.

Councilmember Steve Uhring urged staff to write the strongest version possible. "Let's make it as strong as we can," he said, adding that the problem had persisted for years and that more force behind the measure would leave the city better off. He said he did not object to a delay of a week or two.

Councilmember Marianne Riggins pressed staff on cost, seeking assurance the program would not become a drain on the city. "As long as we break even, that's all," she said. Flores said the added enforcement would be handled under the city's existing parking-enforcement contract, which was recently extended for three years and expanded to include another patrol vehicle and officer, so no new appropriation would be required.

The push to broaden the ordinance created a procedural hurdle. Under the vehicle code, the city must give affected lot owners 10 days' written notice before the rules can take effect on their property. Staff had published a hearing notice in the Malibu Times on Aug. 6 but had not notified individual owners. A staff member cautioned that notifying every parking lot owner in the city would take time and could push adoption past the Sept. 14 meeting originally targeted for a second reading.

Silverstein moved to continue the item to the soonest meeting at which staff could provide the required notices. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Council members also asked that the revised ordinance direct the city manager to reach out to private lot owners and other public agencies, encouraging them to post enforcement signs and grant the city authority to issue citations on their property.

Interim City Attorney Trevor Rusin said the ordinance would not disturb existing requirements that some shopping centers provide public beach parking under their coastal development permits, which the city can enforce separately.

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LIONS: Left to right: DG Francis, Lion Kinglsey, PDG Carol Ann, Lions Ken & Alan.

Courtesy photos

It is a time for new beginnings. Schools will be starting soon, promising a fresh start and a year of growth, and the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club is also beginning a new year under the leadership of our newly installed President, Carol Ann Emmitt. As one of the first two female members of the Santa Monica club, Carol Ann has served as president multiple times and is a Past District Governor of Lions District 4-L3, which serves the Los Angeles area.

Our SMPP Lions Installation was held this month at the Del Rey Yacht Club, where District Governor Frances Lee installed our new slate of officers. President Carol Ann then had the pleasure of installing our first new member of the year, Capt. Ken Cleveland of the Santa Monica Salvation Army.

The evening also gave us an opportunity to recognize our two longest-serving Lions, Arne Levee and Kingsley Fife. Both physicians, they joined the club within a couple of months of each other and quickly became good friends. Sadly, Arne passed away earlier this year, so his wife, Linda, stood in for him during the recognition. Kingsley, meanwhile, has never slowed down. He continues to serve as our membership chair and keeps club members informed about meetings, service activities and member milestones.

With school starting again, our first service project of the new Lions year will be August 11 at Santa Monica Memorial Park, where we will participate in the annual PAL Back-to-School event. Led by our service chair, Brian Ransom, Lions will once again be handing out keychains, stickers and other fun items, along with Target gift cards, to help local students get their school year off to a good start.

Increasing our service in the community is a big part of President Carol Ann's plan for the coming year. At our first meeting in our new location, the Hyatt Centric Delfina Santa Monica, on September 2, Brian will be collecting shopping bags that members have filled with food for the Westside Food Bank. We originally began this project during the holiday season, but we have come to recognize that the need for food assistance continues throughout the year, especially as families face higher costs and continued economic uncertainty.

If you would like to contribute food for the Westside Food Bank, learn more about our plans for the year ahead, or simply find out what being a Lion is all about, please consider joining us as our guest on September 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Centric Delfina Santa Monica, 530 Pico Boulevard in Santa Monica. Valet parking is available. To RSVP, please contact Kingsley at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com.



Surf report _____ WATER TEMP: 74.3

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Fun waves off a punchy swell combo. Clean all morning, light afternoon ruffle, evening clean up. Fun shot of SSE/S tropical swell expected to continue, along with long-period SSW Southern Hemi and some lingering homegrown NW windswell, setting up widespread waist-shoulder high surf, while top exposures/combo breaks are head high. Variable to light S winds in the morning, go light to low-end moderate W for the afternoon (south facing points cleanest). Wind drops back off in the evening.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Swell blend dips, but still another fun day of surf. Morning winds staying on the lighter side. Primary SSW/S combo of Southern Hemi and tropical swell is expected to ease, as lingering NW windswell looks to hold. Still plenty of waist-chest high waves, while focal points are shoulder high+, most size in the morning. Light/variable wind in the morning then a westerly breeze in the afternoon that'll likely favor the south facing points.



Weather

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 86.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)High/Low
2026/08/27	Thu	03:49 AM	-0.19 L
2026/08/27	Thu	10:03 AM	4.57 H
2026/08/27	Thu	3:23 PM	1.72 L
2026/08/27	Thu	9:29 PM	6.00 H
2026/08/28	Fri	04:13 AM	-0.07 L
2026/08/28	Fri	10:25 AM	4.83 H
2026/08/28	Fri	3:59 PM	1.46 L
2026/08/28	Fri	10:02 PM	5.78 H
2026/08/29	Sat	04:37 AM	0.17 L
2026/08/29	Sat	10:49 AM	5.08 H
2026/08/29	Sat	4:39 PM	1.24 L
2026/08/29	Sat	10:39 PM	5.39 H
2026/08/30	Sun	05:01 AM	0.53 L
2026/08/30	Sun	11:15 AM	5.31 H
2026/08/30	Sun	5:23 PM	1.08 L



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Draw Date: 8/25
MIDDAY: 4 8 1



Draw Date: 8/22
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Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 49 M



Draw Date: 8/25
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2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 05 - California Classic
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Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 3381 through 3385, the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for the County of Los Angeles (County), State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

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Notice is given that by operation of law at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, on July 1, 2024, the Tax Collector declared the real properties listed below tax defaulted. The declaration of default was due to non-payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in tax year 2023-24 that were a lien on the listed real property. Non-residential commercial property and property upon which there is a recorded nuisance abatement lien shall be subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell after three years of defaulted taxes. Therefore, if the 2023-24 taxes remain defaulted after June 30, 2027, the property will become subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2028. All other property that has defaulted taxes after June 30, 2029, will become subject to the Tax Collector's Power to sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2030. The list contains the name of the assessee and the total tax, which was due on June 30, 2024, for tax year 2023-24, opposite the parcel number. Payments to redeem tax-defaulted real property shall include all amounts for unpaid taxes and assessments, together with the additional penalties and fees as prescribed by law, or be paid under an installment plan of redemption if initiated prior to the property becoming subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell.

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on July 23, 2026.

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available at the Office of the Assessor.

The following property tax defaulted on July 1, 2024, for the taxes, assessments, and other charges for the Tax Year 2023-24:

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SITUS 1919 CLOVERFIELD BLVD SANTA MONICA CA 90404-4938 4274-001-034 \$41,187.51
SITUS 1925 CLOVERFIELD BLVD SANTA MONICA CA 90404-4937 4274-001-036 \$41,072.41
4274-001-046 \$5,282.41
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DRACH,MARGARET TR MARGARET DRACH TRUST SITUS 201 OCEAN AVE NO 706P SANTA MONICA CA 90402-1425 4293-019-043 \$27,553.12
ECKSTEIN,SHIRLEY TR ECKSTEIN TRUST SITUS 1440 23RD ST UNIT 203 SANTA MONICA CA 90404-2922 4275-006-056 \$15,182.71
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17TH STREET 2 SANTA MONICA CA 90403 4277-009-060 \$58,128.07
GOMEZ,JOHN TR GLORIA GOMEZ TRUST SITUS 1728 PEARL ST SANTA MONICA CA 90405-2727 4273-022-006 \$946.23
HANTMAN,DAVID I SITUS 201 OCEAN AVE NO 1805P SANTA MONICA CA 90402-1442 4293-019-142 \$19,849.40
HOHMAN,WILLIAM L JR ET AL ALMEIDA,KAREN M SITUS 66 VILLAGE PKWY SANTA MONICA CA 90405-2852 4270-013-086 \$32,577.90
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AROUND TOWN

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Salsa at Tongva, Early Pumpkin Drops & Top Westside Burgers

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes outdoor films, local singles mixers, new Palisades dining, and much more!

Singles Night at Circle Bar: Ditch the apps and meet local Westside singles in person at Circle Bar's dedicated evening mixer on Main Street. Thursday, Aug. 27, 7 - 10 p.m., 2926 Main St. circlebar-sm.com

Virginia Avenue Park Open House & Resource Fair: Bring the family for an interactive community open house featuring local organization resource booths, family activities, music, and food trucks showcasing neighborhood programs for the fall season. Friday, Aug. 28, 5 – 7 p.m. 2200 Virginia Ave. santamonica.gov/events/4az8aq31k5r48zdcqsrb6gyww/202608281700

Summer Friday Movie Night: Matilda at Cayton Children's Museum: Wrap up the Cayton's summer screening series with a family-friendly movie night featuring Matilda. Tickets include full access to the museum's interactive exhibit spaces prior to showtime, plus complimentary movie snacks and drinks inside the kid-tailored theater space. Friday, Aug. 28, 5:30 p.m., 395 Santa Monica Place caytonmuseum.org

Ballet of Lights Sleeping Beauty in a Sparkling Show: The Broad Stage hosts an illuminated ballet performance bringing the classic fairy tale to life through glowing costumes and choreography. Saturday, Aug. 29, 4 p.m., Broad Stage, 1310 11th St. balletoflights.com/sleeping-beauty

New Outdoor Music & Movie Series Saturdays at Tongva Park: Spend your Saturday nights under the stars at TONGVA TWILIGHT: Sounds & Cinema, a free outdoor series blending live music, iconic films, and summer vibes in Tongva Park. Grab your friends, pack a picnic and enjoy complimentary popcorn on movie nights while supplies last. This week, Son Mayor will bring its high-energy salsa orchestra to Tongva Park, complete with a complimentary salsa lesson before the performance. Saturdays, through Sept. 12, 7 - 10 p.m., 1615 Ocean Ave. santamonica.gov/events/tongva-twilight-sounds-cinema-series

Marina Movie Nights: Grab your family, a picnic dinner, and a blanket or low-profile beach chairs and make your way to Burton Chace Park for the free summer events on select Saturdays from August 22 to September 26. Movies start at 8 p.m. but arrive by 7 to pick out your spot on the lawn. Free admission! visitmdr.com/annual-events/marina-movie-nights

Salvation Army 2nd Chance Benefit Concert: Tickets include a buffet dinner, drinks, and silent auction access, with 100% of proceeds supporting local, free adult rehabilitation programs. Sunday, Aug. 30, 6 p.m., 1533 4th St. smdp.com/salvation-army-rehab-center-to-host-benefit-concert-aug-30/

Palisades Night at The Bungalow: Community meets nightlife at The Bungalow Santa Monica's monthly neighborhood party. Featuring beats from Palisades native DJ Graham Funke, themed cocktails, and exclusive merch, the evening brings together beachy vibes for a good cause—with proceeds benefiting LA Strong Sports and rebuilding the Pacific Palisades Park and Recreation Center. Thursday, Sept. 3, Starting at 7 p.m., The Bungalow Santa Monica, 101 Wilshire Blvd. thebungalow.com/santa-monica/palisades-night

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Pier Locals Night (every 3rd Thursday)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?
Abbot Kinney Supper Club: Expect a golden hour dinner party with long tables, good people, and a Japanese-inspired six-course menu with a little California flair. Friday, Aug.



Courtesy Image
SUMMER SERIES: Santa Monica presents free “Tongva Twilight: Sounds & Cinema” series Saturdays Aug. 8–Sept. 12 at Tongva Park.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The park across the street

Guess I will begin with a question. Is it possible to be head over heels in love, and still be heartbroken? Though Ohio born and raised,I have been a resident of Santa Monica for decades, and full confession, I am still madly in love with this place... warts and all. If you are reading this, you have your own reasons for loving her, and for what you don't love. The noise level, traffic, overbuilding, etc...none of us is blind to those pesky warts. Still, like faithful, patient parents, we find ourselves forgiving and continuing to love her, no matter what. Could there be any place more special than our city?

What I love are quirky, treasured memories of the old post office on Fifth Street, where at Christmas the portly Salvation Army captain would stand at the entrance, ring his bell, and shout out in his own special cadence.. "Salvation Army". I loved the restaurant at the old Broadway department store where I had my last enjoyable meal before early pregnancy morning sickness hit.

That is just going down memory lane with a few personal examples. Through the changing years, there has always been something to love and appreciate.

However, if you pinned me down and insisted I had to choose one thing and one thing only that I most love about Santa Monica, it would be Palisades Park, the park across the street from my apartment building on Ocean Avenue. You see, I was there yesterday, August 22, when everything changed for me. Oh, the memories that park holds. In my single days, I would jog in the park, with two brief stops. First, a quick prayer at the feet of Saint Monica, who watches over us at the corner of Wilshire and Ocean Avenue. Next, for good luck, I would touch the cold nose of the bust of Arcadia Bandini de Baker, who helped develop Santa Monica. She sits proudly in the middle of the park's rose garden.

Sometime later, while sunbathing in the park, I would meet the love of my life, who later became my husband and father to our son. Many years later, I would curl up on a bench at the Rose Garden, trying to write his eulogy... The historic old totem pole at the end of the park, the glorious plants and flowers. Well, you can see why my love has never waned. And then there was yesterday.

By now you have watched the news and you know about the domestic incident and then the terrible event that followed. I was standing in front of my apartment building and watched a police officer take his gun out of his holster and shoot a knife-wielding man. I have never witnessed anyone killed. It is not like the movies or TV. It's real, and it's horrible. I watched for a long time while they tried CPR, unsuccessfully.

I have been absolutely swallowed up with shock and grief, and held both the man and the police officer in my fervent prayers. He was doing his duty, which means to protect others; he may have to end someone's life. I am writing this not to condemn either man. Honestly, I don't know why I am writing this. I don't know what to do with all these feelings and grief.

I am not a politician nor anyone with all the answers. I am just an average, everyday citizen who loves her city. I don't write bills or pass laws. Here is what I do, though. I remember that all lives are precious. Underneath the wild-eyed, smelly, sometimes violent person we often see on our streets...there is a real person that was not that way once upon a time. Maybe you grew up with him or her...worked with him... maybe you had Christmas dinner with him. Maybe he's your ex, your child, even....

Maybe it just starts with that...there has to be a compassionate, effective way to battle the Godzilla that is mental illness. Everyone should have access to the medical assistance that would uncover a healthy and productive, and loved human being. We have to let go of fear and judgment and stigma that remains in our society. I went to church today seeking some answers, solace... something to help me understand. It wasn't until nearly the end of the service, when we sang that old Burt Bacharach tune..." What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love" that I realized the truth in the following lyrics..."It's the only thing there is just too little of...no, not for some, but for everyone." Maybe we can just start there.

As for the park, I love her just as much, though now it's a bittersweet love that will do its best to heal my wounded heart.

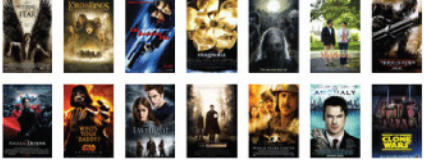
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 26ENT-0124: Development Agreement for Digital Display at 1355 Third Street Promenade

1355 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica, CA 90401

APPLICANT: XYZ NOW, LLC

PROPERTY OWNER: XYZ NOW, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the following request:

A proposed Development Agreement for the installation and operation of a new, approximately 1,000 square-foot full-motion LED digital display that would be installed at the corner above the ground floor of the existing Landmark commercial building located at 1355 Third Street Promenade. The digital display will display paid on-premise and off-premise advertising and community content including civic announcements, community interest content, public safety information, public art programming, events information, and local business spotlights. The proposal also includes installation of a reconstructed historic blade sign for on-site branding/identification of the existing building's tenants.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation to the City Council that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15311, and 15331.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 AT 6:00 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 planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

Address your comments to:

Rachel Kwok	Environmental Planner
Re:	1355 Third Street Promenade Digital Display DA
VIA E-MAIL:	planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL:	City Planning Division 1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28 Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Rachel Kwok by e-mail at rachel.kwok@santamonica.gov. The application for the Project is available on the City's web site at <https://www.santamonica.gov/development-agreements>. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Metro E 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 aplicaciones 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

EVENTS THIS WEEK AUG 27 - SEP 3

Sunday, August 30, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Brew Works 1920 Colorado Avenue, Suite C Pacific Palisades.

Tahitian Terrace Social Club Summer Event

Tahitian Terrace Social Club will host its Summer Event at Santa Monica Brew Works, located at 1920 Colorado Avenue & 20th in Santa Monica, 90404. The event is sponsored by Department of Angels. RSVP to tsolochek@gmail.com by August 25. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tahitian-terrace-social-club-summer-event/19563609/2026-08-30T16>

Thursday, August 27, 8:00 p.m.

The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica.

Stand Up (Intermediate / Advanced): Final Showcase

Don't miss Stand-Up Intermediate / Advanced final showcase! These comics have polished their sets and are ready for the stage. \$17.79. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/stand-up-intermediate-advanced-final-showcase/19228426/2026-08-27T20>

Friday, August 28, 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St Santa Monica.

Drunk Theatre LA | Wildest Improv Comedy Show!

A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! \$0.00 to \$40.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/drunk-theatre-la-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/19388772/2026-08-28T21>

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Illusion Magic Lounge 1418 4th St Santa Monica.

Circus Magic Fundraiser Show

Join us on Thursday, August 27 at Illusion Magic Lounge in Santa Monica for an unforgettable evening where circus, magic, and wonder come together for a great cause. \$43.78 to \$107.50. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/circus-magic-fundraiser-show/19545767/2026-08-27T18>

Friday, August 28, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Beach Lifeguard Tower 28 Santa Monica.

Shabbat on the Beach

Bring a friend or the whole family! Warm your toes in the sand, and join your community in singing and celebrating the joys of a magical Shabbat experience. Feel free to bring your own instruments to join Rabbi Katzan during Shabbat on the Beach. Make sure to bring beach chairs, blankets, jackets, and your own dinner if you plan to picnic on the beach afterward. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-shabbat-on-the-beach-/18778280/2026-08-28T17>

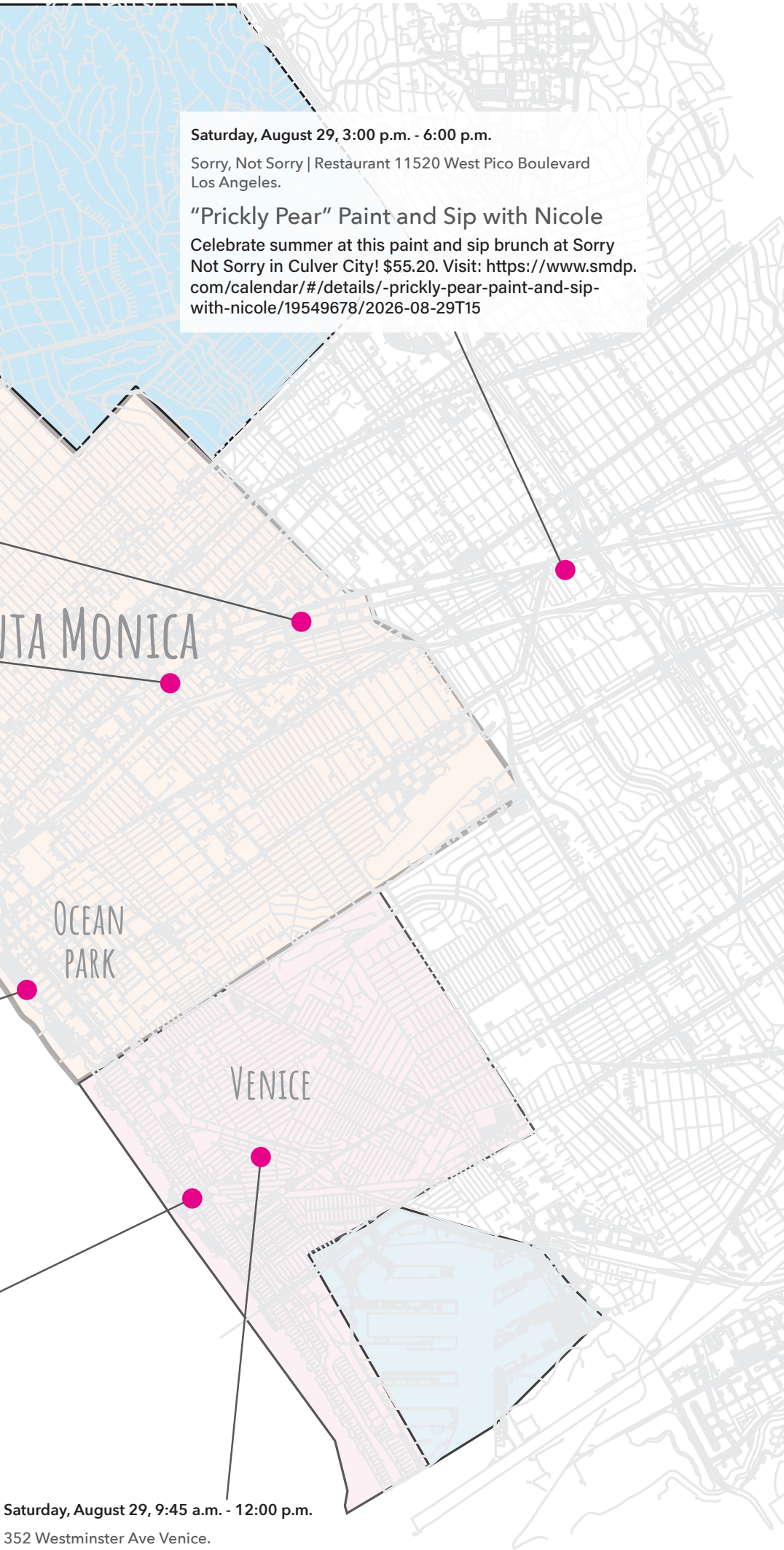
Sunday, August 30, 5:05 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-08-30T17>

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more events at:
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[Run/Walk] Step Up for Team SPARC: LA Marathon 5K Run/Walk Training Session

Event information about SPARC's free 5K family-friendly run/walk on August 29th, 2026 beginning at 9:45 am at SPARC headquarters at 685 Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-run-walk-step-up-for-team-sparc-la-marathon-5k-run-walk-training-session/19640194/2026-08-29T09>



THURSDAY | AUGUST 27

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Sign up here to receive emails about upcoming exercise classes and cancellations: [post283.com/exercise](https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-08-06T11). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-08-06T11>

MEN'S SOCCER - LA PIERCE

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Corsair Stadium SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Organized by the SMC Athletics Department. Games held at SMC Corsair Stadium Admission is free. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/men-s-soccer-la-pierce/19500851/2026-08-27T15>

LOS ANGELES FOUNDER SOCIAL

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 561 Brooks Avenue Los Angeles. Join us for an evening of mingling with CPG founders from around the Los Angeles area, co-hosted with The Cycle. \$45.00 to \$60.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/los-angeles-founder-social/19419016/2026-08-27T17>

LOUNGE NIGHT

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join us in the bar lounge from 5 to 10 p.m. generally on the fourth Thursday of the month for appetizers, drink specials and great conversation! Please register so we know how much food to prepare. \$10 entry to the event will be donated to a veterans nonprofit effort. Food will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. while supplies last. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lounge-night/18566930/2026-08-27T17>

MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY CONVENINGS

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition - Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. A space for Palisades MHC fire survivors to come together, explore research, and share experiences as they navigate recovery — hosted by NPHS and the Just Environments Lab. Join for research presentations, time to connect with fellow community members, and a chance to share your experience as researchers shape the next phases of this work. Food and refreshments provided, and a virtual attendance option is available.Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/manufactured-housing-community-convenings/19662342/2026-08-27T18>

THERAPIST MIX AND MINGLE

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 619 Marr Street Los Angeles. A relaxed mix-and-mingle for LA therapists to connect, build community, share ideas, and make new relationships. Therapist Mix & Mingle is a relaxed, low-pressure after-work gathering for local ther-

apists who want to get out of the office (or away from the computer), meet new people, and build genuine professional community. Come enjoy drinks and light appetizers while connecting with potential friends, referral colleagues, collaborators, and new opportunities. We know how hard it can be to rally after a long day, so this event is intentionally easy and flexible: arrive whenever you can, stay as long as you'd like, and mingle at your own pace. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/therapist-mix-and-mingle/19660842/2026-08-27T18>

CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Castanea Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy 50% OFF all coffees at Castanea Venice Beach ?? Early Bird special every Mon–Thu from 9–10am. Start your morning with premium coffee at a special price – limited time offer! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-early-bird-special/18847307/2026-08-20T21>

FRIDAY | AUGUST 28

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-08-07T09>

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am for a 50 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a view of the sparkling ocean. (Tuesday and Thursday offered via zoom). Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early. Be prepared to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-08-28T10>

SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE CAYTON

Join us every Friday this summer for family movie night! Featuring after-hours museum access, themed activities, snacks, and favorite films. Perfect for little ones who can't sit through a full movie! (Movie nights run from 5-8PM) Summer Movie Schedule: 6/26 Space Jam, 7/3 Homeward Bound, 7/10 Encanto, 7/17 Lyle, Lye Crocodile, 7/24 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids, 7/31 Happy Feet, 8/7 Ratatouille, 8/14 Hook, 8/21 Coco, 8/28 Matilda. Private Movie Screenings. Bring movie night to your next celebration. Private screenings are available for birthday parties, group events, and special gatherings Contact our team to create a custom movie experience at Cayton Children's Museum.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026153333. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRESH PRINTS RENTALS, 153 1/2 N ARNAZ DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): MUNYON VENTURES LLC, 153 1/2 N ARNAZ DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ DANIEL RESNICK-NEILLIE, MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/15/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/13/2026, 08/20/2026, 08/27/2026, 09/03/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026160881. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TCTF LLC, 3826 GRAND VIEW BLVD #66573, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): TODAYS CEILING TOMORROWS FLOOR LLC, 3826 GRAND VIEW BLVD #66573, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ RHONDA RABANAL, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/24/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/13/2026, 08/20/2026, 08/27/2026, 09/03/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026166217. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TEA FOR STREETS, 5125 BORLAND RD APT 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032, County of Los Angeles. Al#ON B20260342199. Registered Owner(s): TFS LIVE, INC., 5125 BORLAND RD APT 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ SAFIR WAZED, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/13/2026, 08/20/2026, 08/27/2026, 09/03/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026167111. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DOF ADVISORY, 7316 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD APT 404, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): XIAOLONG LI, 7316 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD APT 404, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ XIAOLONG LI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/04/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/13/2026, 08/20/2026, 08/27/2026, 09/03/2026

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Local author Gary Fields debuts contemporary thriller ‘The Book of Judges’

Los Angeles-area author Gary Fields has published his first novel, “The Book of Judges,” a contemporary thriller that weaves a modern murder mystery together with eight stories of historical fiction. Released by SparkPress, the book follows young lawyer Joshua Sutton, doctoral candidate Samantha Bollinger and tech expert Mark Roth after a beloved judge is murdered and his virus-infected laptop is found to hold an ancient secret. The trio is thrust into a three-day quest for answers that spans millennia. As Roth pulls clues from the computer, Sutton and Bollinger are chased around Florida by the killer and others who want the laptop. The two realize they have both been haunted by dreams of historical judges seeking justice in life-and-death cases — in Mongol-ruled China, Imperial Rome, Byzantium, post-Renaissance Venice, Henry VIII’s England and Charlemagne’s Frankish kingdom — that come to define human rights. The story builds to a race to New York City to stop the murder of another judge who could save humanity.

The novel has drawn comparisons to the work of Dan Brown. Library Journal said the debut will satisfy fans of Brown-style historical conspiracy thrillers, while Kirkus Reviews called it a twisty thriller with an unusual plot. Sheldon Siegel, the New York Times bestselling author of “Special Circumstances,” described it as a masterful blend of modern-day thriller and historical fiction.

Fields earned a law degree from the University of Miami and a degree in mathematics and computer science from SUNY Albany. He has designed computer systems for Fortune 500 companies and built a law practice specializing in community associations. He has also written hundreds of songs, performed as a solo acoustic artist, led civic activism in his community and coached youth sports for 18 years. He and his wife, Debbie, live in the Los Angeles area.

“The Book of Judges” is available in paperback for \$17.99 (ISBN-13: 978-1684633487). Fields is currently working on a sequel.

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28, 6:30 p.m. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DcJ1kKoJes7/>

Fall Arrives Early at Randy’s Donuts: Because waiting until September is overrated, Randy’s Donuts is kicking off pumpkin season early with offerings like Pumpkin Cake donuts with cream cheese icing, Pistachio Crumb raised donuts, and Cinnamon Coffee Cake donuts, paired with iced or hot Pumpkin Pie and Pistachio Lattes. Available starting Monday, Aug. 31, 829 Wilshire Blvd. randysdonuts.com

Multiple Santa Monica Ice Cream Shops Listed in LA’s Top 10: A viral top 10 countdown spotlighting the city’s top scoop destinations gave big shoutouts to local staples like Sweet Rose Creamery (225 26th St.) and Rori’s Artisanal Creamery (910 Montana Ave.), celebrating their organic ingredients, inventive flavor rotations, and neighborhood charm. [instagram.com/reel/Dbd9xskD5wA](https://www.instagram.com/reel/Dbd9xskD5wA)

Pasjoli & The Office on “The Best Burgers In LA” List: The Infatuation heaps praise on the Pasjoli (2732 Main St) burger: “The thick, dry-aged patty is pan-seared and basted in herb butter, then blanketed with cheddar and bone marrow aioli. A handful of crisp shallots and a thick ring of sautéed red onion are the only vegetables in sight.” Father’s Office (1018 Montana Ave) gets serious love too: “Topped with caramelized onions, gruyere and Maytag blue cheese, bacon compote, and arugula, this is the perfect combination of sweet, salty, and tangy.” theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-burger-la

Palisades Village reopens with new restaurants from Nancy Silverton and Timothy Hollingsworth: The Caruso-owned Palisades Village reopened on Saturday after more than \$100 million in repairs. Celebrity chef Timothy Hollingsworth opened Alphabet Bar & Grill in the former Hank’s space. Designed as the Village’s neighborhood restaurant, it serves American classics, such as rotisserie chickens with a range of sauces and just-charred burgers under cheddar and buttery onions. Caruso had hoped to work with Nancy Silverton for years. But it was the mission of aiding the Palisades that finally spurred the Mozza, Chi Spacca and La Brea Bakery founder to conceptualize Spacca Tutto, an Italian-leaning steakhouse set to debut in Palisades Village next month. <https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2026-08-20/palisades-village-reopen-nancy-silverton-timothy-hollingsworth-new-restaurants>

Further Afield: Fiesta La Ballona: Culver City’s marquee summer festival celebrates its 75th anniversary at Veterans Memorial Park with live music across two stages, carnival rides, games, beer gardens, and over 40 local food vendors. Free admission. Friday, Aug. 28 – Sunday, Aug. 30, Veterans Memorial Park, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City fiestaballona.org

Looking Ahead: Thai Fest by the Beach (9/19-20); A Pierfect Benefit (9/19); Ocean Way Festival (9/26-27); Off the Hook Seafood Festival (10/11); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/18)

If there’s something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly at [instagram.com/seanbesser](https://www.instagram.com/seanbesser) or email me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Salsa at Tongva, Early Pumpkin Drops & Top Westside Burgers

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

WELL, I HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL!

DID YOU TELL YOUR GRANDMA?

SHE WILL BE OK WITH IT WHEN SHE STARTS TRIPPING OVER ALL THE BAGS OF CASH I'LL BE BRINGING HOME.

DID YOU GET A JOB?

NOT JUST YET, BUT I'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO EITHER A WELDER OR A BARISTA.

WELDERS GET TO WEAR STEEL-TOE SHOES!

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

DEAR PIT BULL DIARIES, CHAPTER ONE.

TYPE TYPE TYPE

THIS IS INCREDIBLE. COME LOOK AT THIS, EVERYONE!

WOW! A TYPEWRITER! I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THOSE IN YEARS!

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Reports today

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Reports today

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"HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION" BY ZACK HILL. A+ FOR ACCURACY.

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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

COO-COO

"HE WON'T ATTACK THE CLOWN."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

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Be very warned! Here there be Poison Ivy

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 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 7045

Adopted words

H	A	E	H	O	R	S	D	O	E	U	V	R	E	E
A	R	T	V	C	R	O	I	S	S	A	N	T	E	R
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C	V	A	I	O	L	L	O	P	I	O	H	M	A	N
G	A	S	R	C	H	U	T	Z	P	A	H	U	W	E
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Ad hoc	Double entendre	Halal
Ad nauseum	Elan	Hoi polloi
Angst	En masse	Hors d'oeuvre
Attache	Ergo	In vitro
Bravura	Ersatz	Kitsch
Chauffeur	Fatwa	Omelette
Chutzpah	Faux pas	Pro rata
Critique	Gateau	Saute
Croissant	Gemütlich	Savoir faire
Czar	Gulag	Soupcon
Dossier	Guru	Uber

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Footy fanatics

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 27)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Under the sturgeon moon, may you know what it means to be armored and soft at the same time. You are protected where it counts; you are safe enough to be vulnerable in the ways and the timing that best serves you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). May this sturgeon moon remind you not to overlook your most enduring qualities and gifts. Your effortless and generous love, your loyalty to your purpose, the constancy of your character - these remain whether anyone applauds them or not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). May this sturgeon moon steady your heart through uncertain waters. Rivers change course, storms pass overhead and shorelines shift. A clear sense of who you are keeps pointing home, even when the landscape looks unfamiliar.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). May this sturgeon moon bring you the peace of knowing you will be cared for, whatever happens. Seas part, volcanos erupt, people drift in and out of your circle and something in your core aligns with that which never changes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). May this sturgeon moon encourage you to release what was only meant for a season. Ancient rivers keep flowing because they never cling to every stone. Make room for what belongs in the next stretch ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). May this sturgeon moon fill you with gratitude for life's oldest blessings: an endless sky reflected in clean water, nourishing food, safe passage, a place to rest and another season to greet the moon again.

HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). May this sturgeon moon remind you that life's finest qualities are shaped by time. Some sturgeon spend more than a century growing to their mighty size. And so shall your wisdom, little by little, year after year.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The fullness of the sturgeon moon echoes with the fullness of your heart in this time of recognition and acknowledgment of everything here that meets your needs naturally and helps you grow through life's seasons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). May this sturgeon moon help you recognize your own history with fresh appreciation. You have outgrown versions of yourself that once seemed permanent. The person reading these words has already survived remarkable transformations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). May this sturgeon moon help you recognize the treasures that stay when circumstances shift: a faithful friend, a steady purpose, a curious mind, a generous heart. Your wealth will come in forms that survive changing seasons.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). May this sturgeon moon leave you with fewer reasons to hurry. In the way that ancient things move at their own pace, the life that belongs to you asks for patience more often than speed. Steady effort has remarkable reach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). May this sturgeon moon remind you that your deepest strengths were formed long before today's worries appeared. Trust what has already carried you through countless changes. Some parts of you have been practicing for this moment your whole life.

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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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Feud stopper
- 5 Crab leg complement
- 8 Birch by-product
- 13 Organic balm
- 14 Fighting mood
- 15 Salt, say
- 16 Make no moves
- 18 Examined minutely
- 19 Parlor purchase
- 20 Emulate hawks
- 22 49 follower
- 23 Dish attachments
- 25 Sweltering
- 26 Postgraduate major
- 29 Stays connected
- 32 Suffix for seven UN members
- 35 Commission collectors
- 36 Top-tier
- 37 Some classified listings
- 39 Yellowstone grazer
- 40 Severity
- 41 Old enough to know better
- 42 What's fare for you
- 44 Wall climber
- 45 Ingenious move
- 48 Knack for design
- 49 Junior Olympic Games grp.
- 50 Ascertain
- 51 What some banks resemble
- 54 Brief upturns or downturns
- 56 Capital east of Olympia
- 58 Sports surprises

- 61 Espionage device
- 63 "Aggravate" antonym
- 64 Verizon sold it in 2001
- 65 Not at all outlandish
- 66 In check
- 67 Carmine, e.g.
- 68 Polyethylene vehicle

DOWN

- 1 Tomato can contents
- 2 Elevated platform
- 3 Winter outerwear
- 4 Site for some weddings
- 5 Capsize
- 6 Notable period
- 7 Finishes up with
- 8 Marine mammal

FOUR-FINGER EXERCISE by Zachary Edward-Brown
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- 9 Stringed instrument
- 10 Zebra kin
- 11 Forest mom
- 12 Call off
- 15 Squash eater's implement
- 17 Lavish love (on)
- 21 Part of an Uncle Sam costume
- 24 Expedites
- 26 One of the Mario brothers
- 27 Follow, as an impulse
- 28 Invitation subheading
- 29 Lowered oneself, in a way
- 30 Get lost
- 31 Dark green
- 32 Infamy
- 33 Before conclusion of business
- 34 Occupy pleasantly
- 38 Furtive
- 43 Rock climber's support
- 46 Move higher
- 47 Well-honed
- 51 Perfumery bit
- 52 Absurd
- 53 Showed disbelief
- 54 Code being tested
- 55 Battle with words
- 57 More limited
- 58 World's largest oil producer
- 59 Poker payoff
- 60 Lament loudly
- 62 Soil turner

1	2	3	4		5	6	7			8	9	10	11	12
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GALLERY

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14 artists.

“In some ways, we’ve become a little like a family,” Kann said. “We take the work seriously, but we also show up for one another’s exhibitions, share opportunities and resources, and genuinely enjoy being together.”

Members meet monthly, taking turns presenting work for questions and suggestions. The approach, adapted from Los Angeles Art Association guidelines, has the group respond to what it sees before the artist explains his or her intentions.

“We’re honest, but we’re not critical in the sense of finding fault,” Kann said. “We focus on the artist’s intentions and on what we see as the work’s strengths and possibilities, recognizing that art is subjective and that we each bring different experiences and perspectives.”

Those conversations can steer an artist in unexpected directions, she said. One member recently presented deeply poignant narrative work about his family history, a sharp departure from the abstract imagery he had shown before. He traced the shift to an earlier group critique of Kann’s own art book project.

“Perhaps the greatest gift of the group is that, over three years, we’ve learned how to be useful to one another across a remarkably wide range of artistic goals and practices,” Kann said.

The exhibition includes two free public workshops. “What Is This Artwork Asking of You?” on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., invites participants to

respond to the art through drawing, writing and movement. “Tango in Art!” on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 10 to 11 a.m., pairs a tango demonstration with a lesson open to all, no experience required.

Kann said the first workshop is meant to unsettle a common assumption.

“Many people come to a gallery assuming they don’t know enough about art to respond to it ‘correctly,’” she said. “We want to turn that idea on its head.”

“There is no single correct way to see or experience art; even professionals can have very different responses to the same work,” she added. “Art is a relationship, and like any relationship, each of us brings our own perspective and experience to it.”

The show arrives as the Airport Arts complex faces an uncertain future, with the city planning the site’s eventual transition. Kann said that awareness lends the moment urgency.

“For artists on the Westside, spaces like this are precious and increasingly rare,” she said. Losing the studios and gallery, she added, would mean losing “an environment where artists can connect, collaborate, share ideas, and be part of something larger than their individual practices.”

She said she hoped the community that has grown at the site would survive whatever comes next.

“The buildings may change, but our hope is that the spirit of this remarkable artist environment — and the role it plays in the broader community — will have a place in whatever comes next,” Kann said.

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Name Change

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