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Locals to be honored at 'Pierfect Benefit'



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PIER: The Santa Monica Pier Corporation's "Pierfect Benefit" will feature live music, celebration and awards for Judy Abdo and Larry Barber.

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation will honor local legends at the inaugural "PIERfect Benefit" on Sept. 6.

Attendees will gather at the historic Merry Go-Round Building on Santa Monica Pier from 3:30-7:30 p.m. to celebrate the pier's history and honor Judy Abdo and Larry Barber with the inaugural Santa Monica Pier Awards.

Abdo served as an original board member of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, then the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation, in the 1980s and fought for the pier to remain open and accessible to the public. Originally a school teacher, she went on to become the first out-lesbian Mayor of Santa Monica, with a career spent advocating for rent control, education and pier accessibility. Barber led the movement to save the pier from demolition in the 1970s as the chair of Friends of the Santa Monica Pier. While working as a cook at Al's Kitchen, Barber's activism played a major part

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Trump's use of the National Guard during Los Angeles immigration protests is illegal, a judge says

President Donald Trump's administration violated federal law by sending National Guard troops to Southern California during immigration enforcement operations and accompanying protests, a federal judge ruled on Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer in San Francisco did not require the several hundred remaining troops to be withdrawn and set his order to go into effect Sept. 12.

The order comes after California sued, saying the troops sent to Los Angeles over the summer were violating a law that prohibits military enforcement of domestic laws. Lawyers for Trump's Republican administration have argued the Posse Comitatus Act doesn't apply because the troops were protecting federal officers, not enforcing laws. They say the troops were mobilized under an authority that allows the president to deploy them.

The judge's decision comes as Trump has discussed National Guard deployments in Democratic-led cities like Chicago, Baltimore and New York. He has already deployed the guard as part of his unprecedented law enforcement takeover in Washington, where he has direct legal control.

Trump federalized members of the California National Guard and sent them to the second-largest U.S. city over the objections of Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and city leaders. Trump did so under a law that allows the president to call the guard into federal service when the country "is invaded," when "there is a rebellion or danger of a rebellion against the authority of the Government," or when the president is otherwise unable "to execute the laws of the United States."

Trump has pushed the bounds of typical military activity on domestic soil, including through the creation of militarized zones along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Newsom posted on X, in an all-caps reflection of the president's own social media style, "DONALD TRUMP LOSES AGAIN. The courts agree - his militarization of our streets and use of the military against US citizens is ILLEGAL."

The White House and the Defense Department did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

Breyer's scathing ruling accused the Trump administration of "willfully" violating the law, saying it used troops for functions that were barred by their own training materials, refused to "meaningfully coordinate with state and local officials" and "'coached'" federal law enforcement agencies on the language to use when requesting assistance.

"These actions demonstrate that Defendants knew that they were ordering troops to execute domestic law beyond their usual authority," he wrote. "The evidence at trial established that Defendants systematically used armed soldiers (whose identity was often obscured by protective armor) and military vehicles to set up protective perimeters and traffic blockades,

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>
> - Charles Breyer

engage in crowd control, and otherwise demonstrate a military presence in and around Los Angeles."

Roughly 4,000 National Guard soldiers and 700 Marines were deployed to Los Angeles in early June to deal with protests, over the objections of state and local officials. All were pulled back by the end of July except about 250 National Guard troops. The judge noted that the remaining troops got improper training on what they can and cannot do under the law.

Breyer also noted the Trump administration's possible plans to call National Guard troops into other U.S. cities.

In Los Angeles, National Guard members joined an operation at MacArthur Park in downtown Los Angeles intended as a show of force against people in the U.S. illegally and those protesting the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. They also accompanied federal immigration officers on raids at two state-licensed marijuana nurseries in Ventura County, Army Maj. Gen. Scott Sherman testified.

Sherman, who initially commanded the troops deployed to Los Angeles, testified during the second day of the trial that he raised concerns the deployment could violate the Posse Comitatus Act.

He said soldiers were trained on the law and given materials that included a list of

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Pier assault on Israeli tourist being probed as hate crime

On Sunday, August 31, 2025, at approximately 5:20 p.m., Santa Monica Police Department officers responded to a report of a battery on the Santa Monica Pier. Responding officers met with a male victim who reported being surrounded by a group of individuals and physically assaulted. Based on statements made during the incident and circumstances reported, detectives are investigating this case as a hate crime.

The victim sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene by Santa Monica Fire Department personnel. He later sought additional medical care on his own.

This incident occurred during a pro-Gaza demonstration at Palisades Park, which included a counterdemonstration where approximately 100 participants were present. Officers responded to several verbal altercations and disturbances between the two groups.

We are deeply disturbed by this incident and the hateful conduct reported in connection with it. The Santa Monica Police Department condemns all forms of hate and antisemitism. We want to be clear: hatred and intimidation will not be tolerated here. Our officers remain committed to responding swiftly, investigating thoroughly, and working with our community and law enforcement partners to ensure violators are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Santa Monica belongs to all who live, work, and visit here—and everyone deserves to feel safe.



Photo Courtesy Ariel Yaakov Marciano
ASSAULT: Visitor attacked by protestors.

The investigation remains active, and detectives are pursuing leads, reviewing video evidence, and working with regional partners. Anyone with information or video related to this incident is urged to contact the Santa Monica Police Department's Detective Martin Jauregui (martin.jauregui@santamonica.gov) at 310-458-8944 or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

In betweener day, still fun size but potential for wind issues early. A mix of old and new SSW swell for size in the knee-waist high range pushing chest-shoulder high for standouts. Cooler water temps to start after a couple afternoons of breezy onshores. Wind forecast is lower confidence, with potential for westerly onshore flow out of the gates...if that happens, we're looking at cooler water temps

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

New SSW swell tops out for fun surf. Watching conditions as onshore flow could stick around. A notch below the pulse from earlier in the week as SSW tops out, providing surf in the knee-waist-chest high range as top out west spots go head-high. We could have a bit more windswell in the mix, but that'll likely come with pesky onshore westerly wind, so the sheltered summer points would be your best bet for decent shape, even with the mix of swells.

Weather

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 68. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

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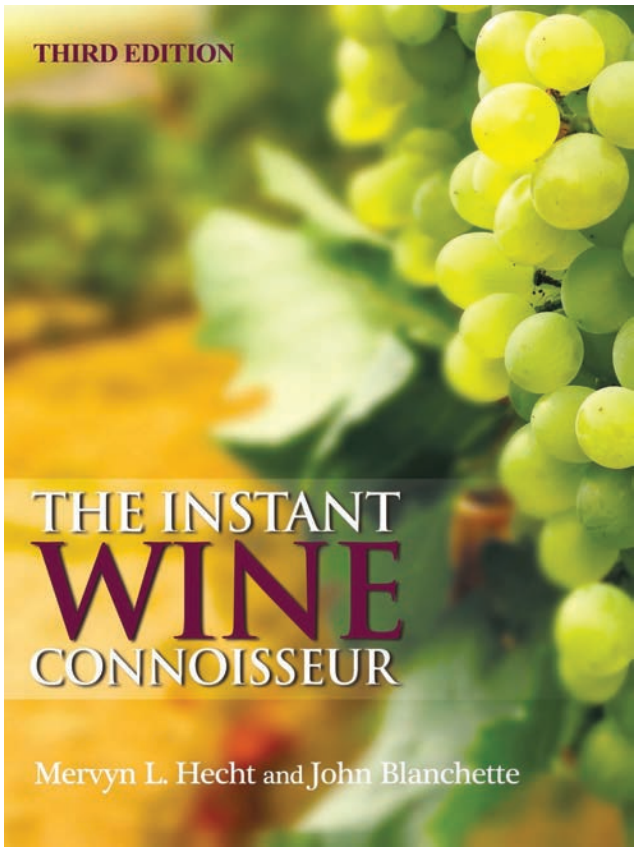
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Appellate Court Upholds Conviction of Former Santa Monica Police Chief's Daughter

A California appeals court Monday upheld the assault and conspiracy conviction of former Santa Monica Police Chief James Butts Jr.'s daughter in connection with an attack on her landlord more than nine years ago.

The three-justice panel from the state's 2nd District Court of Appeal rejected Ashley Melissa Butts' appeal of her conviction on multiple grounds. The 39-year-old was found guilty of masterminding an attack on her landlord in South Los Angeles.

The appellate court denied Butts' challenge to four rulings made by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mildred Escobedo during the original trial. The panel also rejected the defense's request to conditionally reverse the conviction and order the trial court to consider whether Butts should be granted mental health diversion.

The case stems from allegations dating back more than nine years involving the assault on Butts' landlord in South Los Angeles.

Butts is the daughter of James Butts Jr., who previously served as Santa Monica police chief from 1991 to 2006 and currently serves as mayor of Inglewood.

The appellate decision represents the latest chapter in the legal proceedings that have stretched across nearly a decade since the original incident occurred.

Details about the specific nature of the assault or the conspiracy charges were not immediately available. The case was handled by the Los Angeles County Superior Court system before reaching the appellate level.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal covers Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and regularly handles criminal appeals from the region's superior courts.

Neither the mayor's office nor representatives for Ashley Butts immediately responded to requests for comment following Monday's ruling.

The conviction and subsequent appellate decision highlight ongoing legal troubles for the former police chief's family, though the case predates much of Butts Sr.'s current term as Inglewood mayor.

The appellate court's decision appears to conclude the legal challenge, though it was not immediately clear whether further appeals to higher courts might be pursued.

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Santa Monica

Film Santa Monica launches as city's official office for permitting, production support and location marketing

Santa Monica will partner with Film Santa Monica, a new entity of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, starting Sept. 1 to handle all film permitting, support and marketing for the beachside city.

The Santa Monica City Council approved a three-year contract with Film Santa Monica on July 29. The organization will oversee film permit coordination and communication with production teams and residents.

"Santa Monica has always been an ideal backdrop for filming of all kinds, and there are so many iconic shots of our city in beloved movies and TV shows," Mayor Lana Negrete said. "This strategic effort to leverage that as a revenue source aligns perfectly with our goal of increasing Economic Opportunity & Growth in our city."

Film Santa Monica will provide a streamlined permitting process with personalized guidance for production teams. The organization will also market the city as a premier filming destination for television, movies and commercial shoots.

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> - Evan Edwards, chief operating officer of Film Santa Monica

"The creation of Film Santa Monica presents a distinct opportunity to localize management of productions taking place in our beloved beach city," said Evan Edwards, chief operating officer of Film Santa Monica.

Santa Monica has served as the backdrop for numerous blockbuster films. Recent productions include "Barbie" scenes filmed outside Santa Monica City Hall with Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling, and "Iron Man" featuring Robert Downey Jr. above the Santa Monica Pier. The city also appeared in "Baywatch" beach scenes and the bus sequences in "Speed" with Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves.

The organization aims to increase economic growth through local productions while promoting Santa Monica's brand as a filming destination.

For more information or to place a filming inquiry, visit filmsantamonica.com.

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Fireside Cellars to close on Montana Avenue after 75 years



Sam Mulick

COMPANY: Fireside Cellars owner Fred Hakim will have to move locations and store more than a $1 million in merchandise after his property company ended his lease.

A neighborhood wine store is closing on Montana Avenue after 75 years so the Whole Foods next door can expand.

Fred Hakim, who has run Fireside Cellars since 2003, said Anderson Real Estate Group informed him in April that his lease at 1421 Montana Avenue would not be renewed after the current three-year agreement ends in September. The company informed him of Whole Foods' desire to expand into his space, and the expansion would be more beneficial for the property company, he said. Hakim asked the company if they could give him until at least the end of the year to find a new location and sell his remaining inventory, but Anderson denied. Hakim added that he suspects the company had a long desire for Whole Foods to expand, which is why they decreased his most recent lease from five to three years.

"Maybe even a year ago they could have told me this," he said. "This way, they had all their options open to themselves. And so I'm the one that's getting the short end of the stick."

Hakim said he will try to sell the remaining inventory, a wide-ranging wine and spirit collection, before having to close the store on Sept. 30, but finding a new location and negotiating a new lease may take more than a year.

"I have maybe about $1.5 million [value] in inventory, and for me to deplete that inventory in four months is next to impossible," he said. "The economy is not that hot right now, your high-end wines don't sell that well."

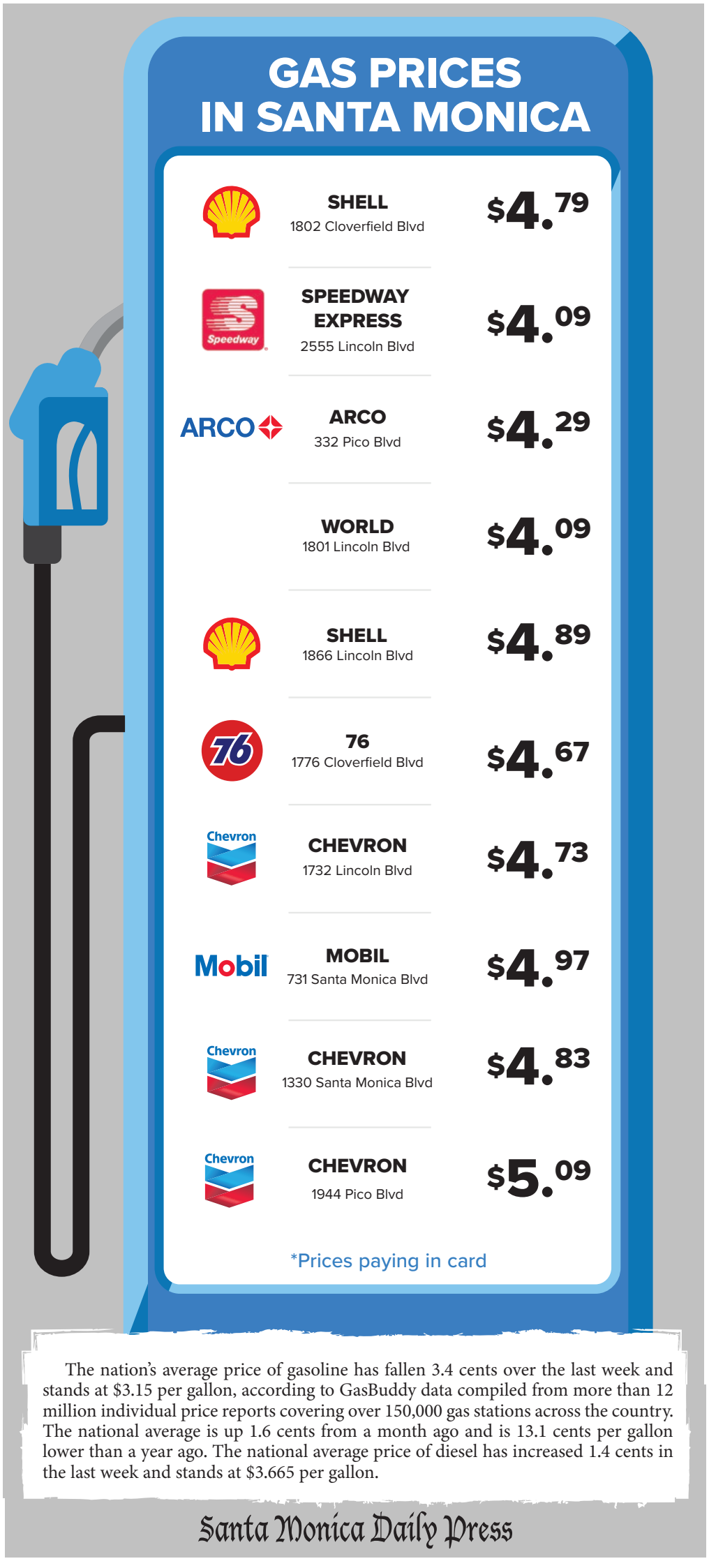
An Iranian immigrant who came to the U.S. with $100 in his pocket, Hakim said he originally worked in the wine business to fund his own education. The son of a pharmacist, he grew up in a retail environment and wanted to serve the community after taking over Fireside Cellars in 2003. In the store, he focuses on giving individual attention to each customer, taking pride in helping

> "Always, I take pride in recommending what I really think is the best for the customers, even if I make less money or not, because at the end of the day, if they're happy, they come back and support me
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Palisades

New Community Center Opens to Serve Wildfire Survivors

A first-of-its-kind community center dedicated to helping California wildfire survivors will officially open Wednesday with a ceremony featuring Santa Monica's mayor and community leaders.

The Palisades Community Renewal Center will offer free therapy and counseling, art classes and community programs for those impacted by the Palisades wildfires. The facility at 3212 Nebraska Avenue represents a long-term commitment to recovery, with organizers emphasizing that community healing takes years, not months.

"The PCRC's mission is to provide ongoing, sustained support, recognizing that community recovery takes years, not months," organizers said.

Ken Picerne, president and board chairman of the Picerne Family Foundation, will speak at Wednesday's dedication ceremony alongside Santa Monica Mayor Lana Negrete, Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis and other officials. A Palisades High School student will also address attendees.

The center's trauma-informed services are available to anyone who lived, worked, studied or served in communities affected by the wildfires. Services will begin in September through partnerships with Maple Counseling and P.S. ARTS, with additional programs planned based on community needs.

Juliet Curry, director of the Palisades Community Renewal Center, will help lead the ceremony, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon Pacific Time. Media check-in begins at 10 a.m., followed by remarks at 10:30 a.m. Facility tours and interviews will be available from 11 a.m. to noon.

Chief Matthew Hallock of the Santa Monica Fire Department and Amanda Daflos, deputy Los Angeles mayor, are also scheduled to speak alongside community leaders and residents affected by the fires.

The center will hold a Community Open House on Saturday, Sept. 6, opening its doors to the public for the first time.

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> - The Palisades Community Renewal Center

Wednesday's ceremony will include parking onsite at the Nebraska Avenue location. The facility represents a collaborative effort to address both individual and community recovery needs following the devastating wildfires.

For more information about the center and upcoming events, visit www.pcrcsm.org.

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CELLARS

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people celebrate important occasions for the people they love. Some of his most prized wine is from wineries including St. Supéry and Cardinale that he won in a Napa Valley Wine Association charitable auction. Since announcing the closing, Hakim said his neighborhood has shown an outpouring of love and support for his business.

"Always, I take pride in recommending what I really think is the best for the customers, even if I make less money or not, because at the end of the day, if they're happy, they come back and support me," he said. "All the support that I'm getting from people shows that the past two or three years, I've done the right job for them."

As a neighborhood business, Hakim added that one of his employees for more than 20 years, Mark, was diagnosed with cancer and that customers come in every day asking about his health and expressing their sympathy. The neighborhood's outpouring of support proved that the most important thing he built over the past 22 years was community, Hakim added.

Hakim said that he understands Anderson did not have any legal obligation to inform him of the lease ending, but expected more courtesy as a 22-year tenant. He also said he does not blame Whole Foods for wanting to expand and that as a business owner, he knows one has to take advantage of every opportunity. However, he said he feels that small businesses are essential to the area as corporate tenants increase.

"My biggest crime is even though legally, the landlord didn't have to give me any heads up, they are a big property owner and there was no need for them just to keep me in the dark all that time," he said. "What, they will have all corporate tenants and make Montana [into] Rodeo Drive, Santa Monica?"

Anderson Real Estate Group did not respond to a request for comment.

Before it closes, Fireside Cellars will offer heavily discounted prices on merchandise, up to 60% off on many items. The store, located at 1421 Montana Avenue, will close on Sept. 30.

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Police search for suspect after restaurant employee stabbed at Pier



Courtesy photo

PIER: A restaurant employee was hospitalized Sunday evening after being stabbed multiple times near the Santa Monica Pier, authorities said.

Santa Monica Police officers responded around 5 p.m. to Ocean Front Walk following reports of a stabbing. According to Santa Monica Close Up, city Code Enforcement officers were the first on scene and found the victim bleeding from several wounds. They provided first aid until firefighters arrived.

The victim, who had been eating lunch outside his workplace, was stabbed three times by a man believed to be homeless who approached from behind before fleeing east toward Ocean Avenue, a witness told Santa Monica Close Up.

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in saving the pier.

Santa Monica Pier Corporation executive director Jim Harris said it could not have been easier to convince the Board that the two were worthy of recognition.

"It's very important that we continually remind our public that places like the pier are fragile and you need to have advocacy," he said. "You need to have people fighting for them all the time or something that seems unimaginable, like tearing down the pier and replacing it with a bridge to a man-made island, those are the realities that are out there."

The event will support the Pier Corporation's annual programming including concerts, festivals, historical presentations and the annual "Save the Pier" play, which depicts the community effort in the 1970s to rescue the pier from Santa Monica City Council plans to demolish it and build a manmade island.

"We have been producing these wonderful community events and doing these tours for so long, we are asking the community to help out and invest in our organization so that we can do more," Harris said.

To further their efforts of beautifying the pier and expanding public programming, the Pier Corporation will announce the creation of a new nonprofit called Friends of the Santa Monica Pier at the benefit, Harris said. The new nonprofit will help the Pier Corporation accomplish future goals like implementing security ambassadors on the pier and building a statue of Pete Peterson, a legendary Santa Monica lifeguard who invented the lifeguard rescue tube.

The benefit will help the Pier Corporation launch an initiative of bringing 200 children from communities in Compton, Downtown L.A. and the inner city to the pier.

"For most of them, it'll be the first time they've ever been to the pier or the beach," Harris said. "We're bringing these children in with chaperones to experience a day on the pier for free. And that's something that I'm very proud of."

> We have been producing these wonderful community events and doing these tours for so long, we are asking the community to help out and invest in our organization so that we can do more
> - Jim Harris, Santa Monica Pier Corporation executive director

The event, which was rescheduled from its original date due to the L.A. wildfires in January, will also raise money for the Pali Strong Foundation – a community organization providing relief to those affected by the wildfires.

For tickets and information, visit santamonicapier.org/pierfectbenefit25.

By SAM MULICK

TRUMP

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activities prohibited by the act, including doing security patrols and conducting traffic control, crowd control and riot control.

Sherman said that while the Posse Comitatus Act prohibits troops from carrying out those actions, he was told by his superiors that there was a "constitutional exception" that permitted such activities when the troops are protecting federal property or personnel.

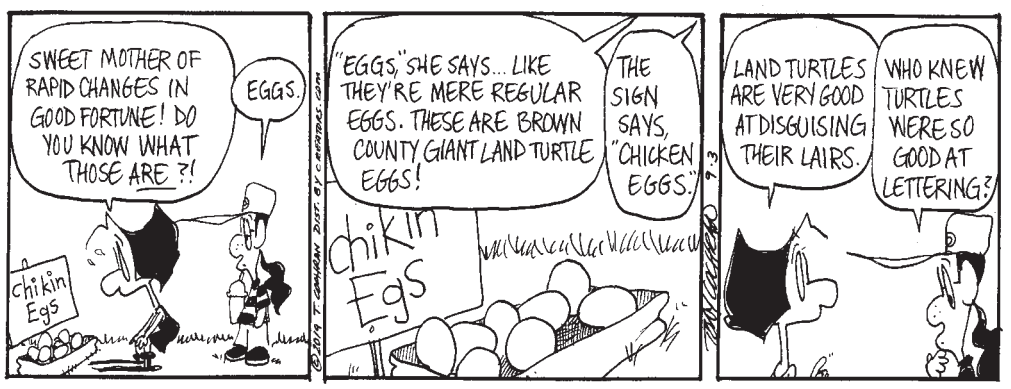
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By TONY COCHRAN



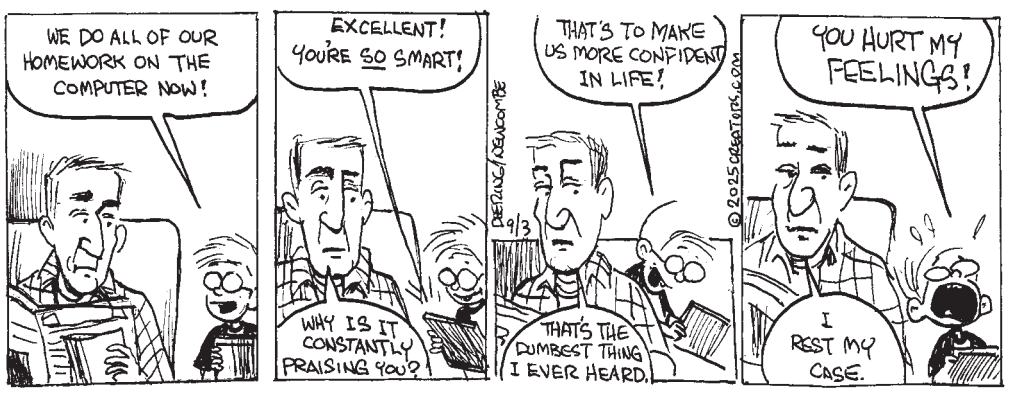
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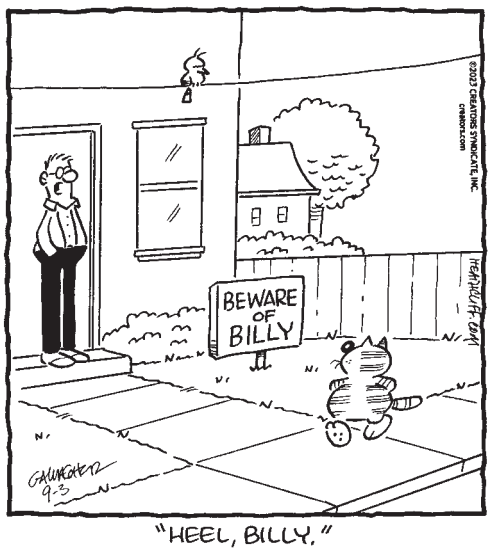
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"HEEL, BILLY."

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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Airdura	Drill	Lace	Organdy	Thread
Award	Duck	Lame	Pins	Toile
Back	Dye	Lawn	Rare	Tops
Belt	Edges	Leno	Rayon	Tulle
Bias	Eyelet	Loden	Satin	Tweed
Bodkin	Flax	Lycra	Saye	Wait
Braid	Gauze	Malimo	Seam	Walk
Casement	Gazar	Matelasse	Silk	Yarn
Chiffon	Hemp	Mesh	Stub-tex	
Coat	Iron	Neat	Tais	
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 3)

Compassion, graciousness, social conscience, duty and love in many forms have fortified you. But it also has stretched you thin at times. This is a year when you finally return to feeling strongly rooted and at the center point of your own power, confidence and life. More highlights: You'll make three big sales. You'll learn a skill that pays off in surprising ways. You'll laugh with new friends. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 16, 27, 6 and 31.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Left unchecked, your active mind can spiral into worry. The way to stay grounded isn't by trying to stop thinking, but by deliberately shifting your focus into visualizing what you want to happen and then staying there, mentally developing that dream.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today is a good day to stretch toward someone you don't "get" yet - an effort that also stretches your heart, humanity and ultimately your resources. The more you can know, understand and accept about people, the more capable you become.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). "Drink coffee. Do stupid things faster," says the sign that's funny because it's true. Energy without direction is chaos. Before you rev the engine, chart the route. A solid plan turns momentum into progress instead of a mess.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A mural can turn a plain wall into a view. A book can turn an ordinary day into an adventure. When the excitement isn't occurring naturally, you add it, for instance, by talking with someone new, which is a window to another world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're leaning into your passions and interests with a fresh wave of enthusiasm. Collaborate with people who help you focus or spark ideas. Learn about other systems and methods. Eventually, you'll form a practice around these discoveries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're always game to challenge your assumptions, expand your perspective and become a more well-rounded person. That's why you're in a strong position today to see things clearly now. You'll spot opportunities, anomalies and the red flags that others miss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People state opinions like they're gospel, or latch onto the one part of the story that supports their view. Today hits at the core of selective truth and the way people build narratives out of fragments that flatter their beliefs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Complexity abounds. Even within a simple decision such as choosing to eat better, there are dozens of tiny, invisible decisions embedded - what to buy, when to prep, how to store it, etc. In all things, try to streamline the path forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want more freedom, but the key might be in giving it. Loosen your grip, release control, and let things breathe - a relationship, a process, a timeline. Your trust changes the dynamic. The results will pleasantly surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a lot coming at you, but it's not your style to just endure it. Decide what gets your attention and what doesn't. Protect your energy like it's an asset - because it is. The right boundary will be your best investment today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone's response (or lack of it) doesn't define you. You're offering something original, genuine, maybe even ahead of its time. Stay connected to your own values and vision. The right people will resonate - and they'll show up soon enough.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your imagination is a place where impractical things can and should happen. If it doesn't defy the rules of your current reality, it's not big enough. Try on different fantasies to see what fits. It's a way of shopping for your future with no obligation to buy.

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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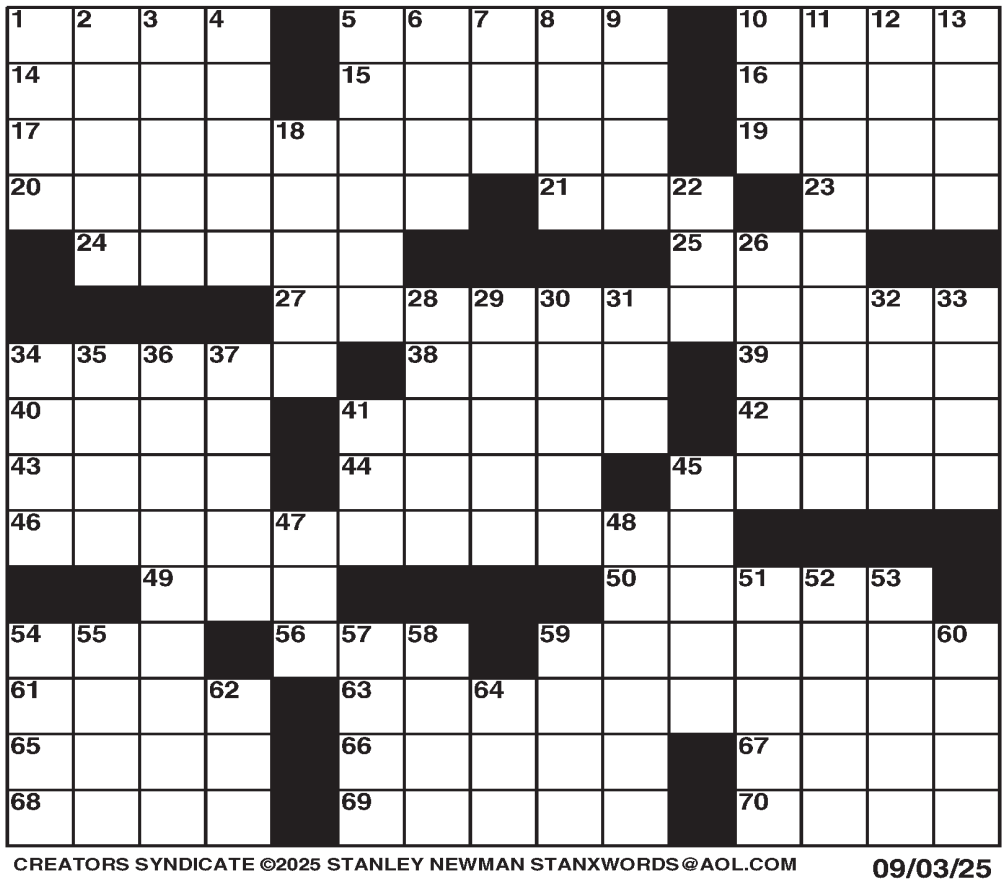
PAY DAY by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS

1 Job-related move, for short
5 Olympic sledder
10 Pasture measure
14 Diabolical
15 "All kidding __..."
16 Casual discussion
17 Payment for a business intermediary
19 Tex-Mex food truck serving
20 Pittsburgh footballer
21 20 Across' org.
23 Farm enclosure
24 Made a goof
25 Expert pilot
27 Payment for entering a nightclub
34 Sports shoe attachment
38 Aid in criminality
39 Cheer for a team
40 __ around (loiter)
41 Latches (onto)
42 Singles in wallets
43 Verdi opera
44 Name meaning "born again"
45 Manicurist's abrasive
46 Payment for owning a home
49 Dampen
50 Soup beans
54 Meat in an omelet
56 Vehicle for hire
59 Widens, as pupils
61 Creme-filled cookie
63 Payment for crossing a river
65 Chain-__ fence
66 Talk host O'Brien
67 Ticklish red Muppet
68 Ingests
69 Convinces to decide
70 Park bench plank

DOWN

1 Boxing arbiters
2 Paperless party announcement
3 Trash-can insert
4 Of earlier vintage
5 Texas border city
6 UN member until '91
7 Photo file format
8 Genesis paradise
9 Coral ridge
10 Stop stalling
11 Escort for a date
12 Speed contest
13 British prep school
18 Choose by ballot
22 __-di-dah
26 Billiards bounce
28 Person paid to park
29 Fine black wood
30 Convened again
31 Euro fractions: Abbr.
32 Suffix meaning "attendee"
33 Crafts etailer
34 British bloke
35 Place to hibernate
36 Substantial gift to a college
37 Visibly awed
41 Canine warning
45 Banish
47 List-shortening abbr.
48 Makes even
51 Wives or husbands
52 Ring-shaped 9-Down
53 Historic Alabama city
54 Rabbit's hideaway
55 Operatic solo
57 First-learned fundamentals
58 Forehead
59 WWII turning point
60 Space on a schedule
62 Signs off on
64 Tempest __ teapot



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WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 3

GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Welcome.. pease join daily at 10 am for a 45 minute guided mindfulness meditation which will also include a short loving friendliness meditation at the end. Give yourself the love and attention you deserve by developing your mind, finding peace and creating community. Everyone is welcome. Please bring the appropriate attire for sun and wind along with a cushion or chair. We will meet by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center Van at the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South lot across from the Ocean View Park tennis and basketball court. Use these coordinate 33.999050,-118.484385.. please arrive 5 minutes early to set up and check the schedule for any changes or cancellations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/guided-mindfulness-meditation/16169673/2025-09-03T10

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/16449187/2025-09-03T11

MAKERSPACE AKA CRAFTERNOON

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Makerspace aka Crafternoon Join us for a shared DIY space. Feel free to bring your own crafting project, or just come for inspiration and community. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/makerspace-aka-crafternoon/15748880/2025-09-03T15

CINEHAUS MOVIE NIGHTS

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The Eden Hotel 1301 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. CineHaus presents: Sunset Screenings at The Eden. Step into old Hollywood charm as CineHaus transforms the courtyard of The Eden Hotel into a dreamy open-air cinema. Grab a cocktail or a hot drink, settle under the stars, and lose yourself in iconic films the way they were meant to be seen — together. From hot popcorn and candy to s'mores, we've got everything you need for the perfect movie night. Cozy, timeless, unforgettable — only at CineHaus. $17.00 to $185.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cinehaus-movie-nights/16585124/2025-09-03T19

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 4

BIKINI NIGHTS AT BAR XUNTOS

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Xuntos 516 Santa Monica Blvd Santa Monica. BIKINI NIGHTS AT BAR XUNTOS are inspired by the iconic Bikini Club in Barcelona, birthplace of the famous Bikini Sandwich & the "it" club for live music & good times for generations of Barcelonians since its opening in the 1950's. Chef Sandra loves putting new spins on the Bikini Sandwich on the menu at Xuntos, & this night will showcase these itsy-bitsy melty toasties paired with the perfect accompaniment: premium Barcelona beer from Estrella Damm & live music! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/bikini-nights-at-bar-xuntos/16453934/2025-09-04T16

COMMUNITY CORP. SUMMER SOCIAL

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 1639 18th St 1639 18th Street 1639 18th St Santa Monica. Community Corp.'s Summer Social is back! Join leading changemakers, advocates, and partners from across L.A.'s affordable housing landscape for a night of live music, refreshments, and meaningful community connection. Tickets are $100 online ($108 with tax and fees) or $125 at the door, and include live music, appetizers, and drinks. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/community-corp-summer-social/16644360/2025-09-04T17

COMEDY SAMURAI: FORTY YEARS OF BLOOD, GUTS, AND LAUGHTER

6:30 p.m. Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite #33 Santa Monica. To tell Larry Charles's life story is to tell the story of modern American comedy. Over the last 40 years, few comedians have been a part of so many iconic, beloved projects. Larry was one of the original writers and producers on the first five seasons of Seinfeld, executive produced both Curb Your Enthusiasm and Entourage while directing 18 episodes of Curb and served as the showrunner for Mad About You. His film directing credits include Borat, Bruno, and The Dictator, the comic documentary Religulous (starring Bill Maher), and Masked and Anonymous (which he co-wrote with Bob Dylan who stars). In Comedy Samurai, Charles pulls back the curtain on the making of his successful projects, offering sharp, never- before-told anecdotes about Jerry Seinfeld, Sacha Baron Cohen, Bill Maher, Bob Dylan, Nic Cage, Mel Brooks, Julia Louis-Dreyfuss, and Larry David, among many others. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/comedy-samurai-forty-years-of-blood-guts-and-laughter/16582626/2025-09-04T18

FUNDRAISER FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

8:00 p.m. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice. $42.25. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/fundraiser-for-the-boys-and-girls-club/16443956/2025-09-04T20

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 5

PUPPETS IN THE LIBRARY!

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library 2601 Main St. Santa Monica. Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with a puppet show highlighting how great it is to have a library card. Then make a paper bag puppet to take home and create your own puppet shows! For ages 4 - 11. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/puppets-in-the-library-/16455886/2025-09-05T16

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/14385252/2025-09-05T18

TRIVIAL COMEDY

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Avenue #Unit F4 Santa Monica. Come flex your knowledge AND enjoy a fun showcase of some hilarious comics who also have some favorite trivia fun facts too. In between sets, our host will be asking the audience trivia questions which you can answer for your chance at winning a cool prize! Recommended for 18 + (material is mature and can be compared to content seen in rated R films). Bergamot Station Arts Center • @bergamotsantamonica. Doors open 30 minutes before. No-drink minimum. 10% off at Birdie G's • @birdiegsla. FREE PARKING in our lot. Located directly at the 26th Street/Bergamot Station Metro Stop. 24/7 security guard on site. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/trivial-comedy/16607353/2025-09-05T20

ELECTRIC LODGE PRESENTS: HIGH VOLTAGE

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Avenue Los Angeles. Electric Lodge presents: High Voltage. Join us for High Voltage, an electrifying evening of performance! First Friday of each month. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/electric-lodge-presents-high-voltage/15774947/2025-09-05T20

BRISK FESTIVAL LA 2025

8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Morgan-Wixson Theatre 2627 Pico Bvd Santa Monica. Brisk Festival LA Celebrates Its 5th Edition with 49 Plays, 33 in English and 16 in Spanish, Over 200 Artists, and a Fresh Take on Contemporary Theater. From August 16 to September 7, 2025, Brisk Festival LA returns to the Morgan-Wixson Theater with a bold new edition showcasing 49 short plays—33 in English and 16 in Spanish—written, directed, and performed by over 200 artists from across the globe. Following the successful launch of its first international edition in Buenos Aires, the festival is back in Los Angeles to celebrate five editions of storytelling that transcends language and geography. Produced by Full Emotions and founded by actor and filmmaker Christian Rodrigo, Brisk has become a vital platform for independent theater, amplifying new voices and fostering cultural exchange through the performing arts. $19.00 to $29.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brisk-festival-la-2025/16402497/2025-09-05T20

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 6

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/16094481/2025-09-06T10

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/14548485/2025-09-06T11

NOMA ANNUAL MEETING

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Franklin School Auditorium 2400 Montana Ave Santa Monica. The NOMA ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON! IN PERSON! IN PERSON! SATURDAY SEPT 6th at 1:30PM / FRANKLIN SCHOOL. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/noma-annual-meeting/16653363/2025-09-06T13

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