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Santa Monica adopts fiscal distress resolution as cash reserves plummet



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COUNCIL: City Manager Oliver Chi emphasizing the resolution serves as a strategic communication tool rather than an emergency declaration that would trigger service cuts or staff layoffs.

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The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved a resolution declaring fiscal distress Tuesday night, citing the financial strain from $229 million in sexual abuse settlements and declining revenues that have pushed the city's cash reserves to what officials called a "fairly dire situation."

The 7-0 vote came after the council pulled the item from the consent calendar for public discussion, with City Manager Oliver Chi emphasizing the resolution serves as a strategic communication tool rather than an emergency declaration that would trigger service cuts or staff layoffs.

"This resolution does not reduce city services, does not cut staffing, it does not declare a fiscal emergency," Chi told the council during the meeting.

The resolution highlights the city's ongoing financial challenges stemming primarily from settlements related to sexual abuse claims against former city employee Eric Uller, who worked in youth programs decades ago. The city faces additional claims from more than 180 claimants seeking "several million dollars" in damages, according to city documents.

Santa Monica's cash position has deteriorated dramatically from its typical $300-400 million to $150 million, with $60 million of that amount specifically earmarked for financial stabilization over the next few years. Chi described the situation as "fairly dire" during his presentation to the council.

The resolution cites multiple factors contributing to the city's financial distress, including the COVID-19 pandemic's impact, which led to over 400 staff layoffs in 2020 and created lasting "trauma within our organization," according to Chi. The pandemic resulted in a 26.8% decline in General Fund revenue in fiscal year 2020-21, forcing a 23.9% budget reduction.

City officials emphasized the resolution's purpose as a tool for interfacing with regulatory agencies, securing grants, and communicating with state and federal entities about Santa Monica's financial circumstances.

"This is a tool that we're using as part of the larger budgetary strategy that we're looking to institute," Chi said, noting that a comprehensive financial recovery plan would be presented to the council in October.

The resolution drew public criticism, with resident Nikki Kolhoff calling the fiscal distress "council's own creation" resulting from "discretionary expenditures" related to the Uller case. She argued the city has been paying settlements "without question" instead of challenging claims.

"We are left to conclude that the city continues to pay in order to avoid a public investigation of the underlying crimes," Kolhoff said during public comment.

Council members defended the action as proactive fiscal

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SMPD arrest suspect in series of prowling incidents

Santa Monica police arrested a 58-year-old man in connection with multiple prowling and peeping incidents reported over several months in the city's Beat 4 area.

Calvin Otis Arnold was taken into custody without incident on the evening of Sept. 3 during a crime suppression operation in Palisades Park. Officers from the Santa Monica Police Department's Crime Impact Team observed Arnold matching the description of the suspect they had been seeking.

Arnold was arrested as he entered a parked vehicle. A search of the car yielded clothing items believed to have been worn during several of the reported prowling incidents, according to police.

He was booked into Santa Monica Jail on charges of peeking while loitering and prowling. Arnold remained in police custody as of the time of the police announcement.

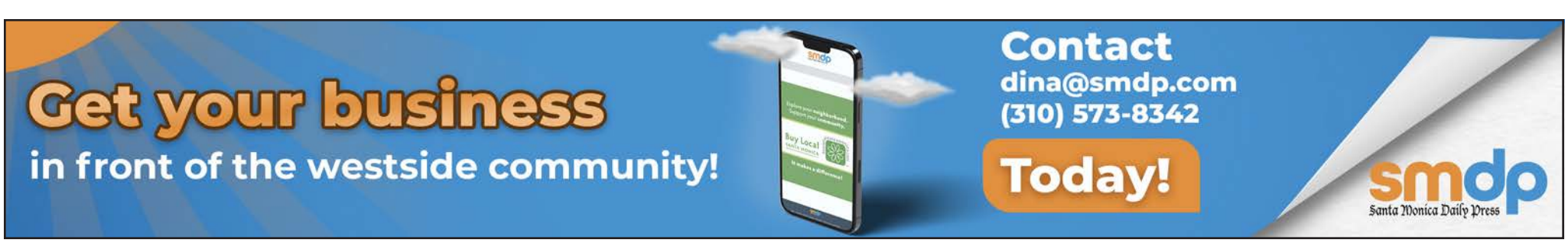
Investigators linked Arnold to multiple incidents in which he was reportedly observed looking through windows of an apartment complex. Two victims were targeted on more than one occasion, police said.

Over the past month, officers from the Crime Impact Team and Directed Action Response Team conducted several focused operations to locate the suspect before Wednesday evening's arrest.

Police said there is no indication Arnold attempted to enter any homes or make physical contact with residents during the incidents.

The investigation led by Detective Orta in the Criminal Investigations Division remains ongoing. Anyone with information about these incidents is encouraged to contact Orta at Maricela.Orta@santamonica.gov or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.

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Home Depot stores, long a hub for day laborers, now draw immigration agents out on raids

At a Home Depot parking lot, a man patrols on a bicycle for federal immigration agents, toting a megaphone on his hip so he can blast a warning to day laborers waiting to land a landscaping or construction job.

The workers from Mexico, El Salvador and elsewhere carry whistles to also sound the alarm, while activists swap details over two-way radios about whether cars whizzing by could be unmarked vehicles carrying officers preparing for a raid.

Their work is cut out for them. Agents have raided the lot outside the 108,000 square-foot Home Depot store in the Van Nuys neighborhood of Los Angeles at least five times since June, rounding up some immigrants and sending others running in search of safety.

Home Depot stores in Southern California have long been an informal job-seeking hub for day laborers in the country both legally and illegally. Now the locations have become a prime target for immigration agents.

In fact, Home Depot was reportedly mentioned as a target for immigration raids by Stephen Miller, the White House deputy chief of staff and chief architect of President Donald Trump's immigration policies, earlier this year.

At least a dozen Home Depot stores have been targeted, some of them repeatedly, in Southern California since the administration stepped up its immigration crackdown this summer.

Immigrant advocates sued over the raids but on Monday the Supreme Court cleared the way for federal agents to continue conducting sweeping immigration operations for now in Los Angeles, the latest victory for the Trump administration at the high court. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem called it "a win" for the rule of law, while advocates swiftly criticized the ruling.

"When you undermine the civil rights of those who are more vulnerable, you undermine the civil rights of everyone else," Pablo Alvarado, co-executive director of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, said Monday during a press conference held near a Home Depot.

Last month, outside a Home Depot in Monrovia, a man ran onto a nearby freeway to flee immigration authorities, and was struck and killed.

The Van Nuys location has been hit particularly hard.

ESCAPING THREE RAIDS

Javier, a 52-year-old Mexican immigrant who has lived in U.S. states spanning from California to Kansas over the past three decades, said he narrowly escaped three raids at the store, avoiding agents by hiding beneath a truck, peeling off in his car and dashing inside among the busy shoppers.

"They come in big vans and they all go out to chase people," he said in Spanish, asking that his last name not be used out of fear of government reprisal.

The store sits on property near the Van Nuys Airport that is owned by Los Angeles World Airports, a department in a city whose policies limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said in a statement that her office supports the litigation against the sweeps and has trained city workers to prepare for immigration enforcement on city-owned properties.

City councilperson Ysabel Jurado has voiced opposition to a plan for a new Home Depot in her district, contending the company hasn't done enough to fight the raids.

Chris Newman, legal director for the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, said "these locations should be protected by the city to the same degree the public libraries are."

In response to questions about raids at Home Depot stores, Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin said in an emailed statement Tuesday that the agency has made more than 5,400 arrests in the Los Angeles area since early June and is targeting immigrants based on their legal status, not their ethnicity.

"Every day, DHS is enforcing our nation's laws across all of Los Angeles, not just Home Depot," she said.

CONTRACTORS MAKE UP ABOUT HALF ITS BUSINESS

Immigrant advocates say the country's largest big-box home improvement retailer benefits from having an ample labor pool at the ready for contractors and should do more to protect customers, employees and day laborers.

The Atlanta-based company, with nearly $160 billion in annual sales through Feb. 2, counts on contractors and professionals for about half its business — and that's a key draw for largely immigrant-day laborers. Its second-ranked competitor, Lowe's, gets about 30% of its business from contractors, relying more heavily on homeowners and DIY enthusiasts, said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

"So if you're going for the volume, if you're going where people are, and you can enforce things, you go to Home Depot," Saunders said.

The raids haven't hurt overall sales, but the disruptions could affect specific stores by making some customers afraid to shop there, Saunders said.

In the Los Angeles area, the company's stores saw a 10.7% decline in foot traffic in June from a year ago and a 10% decline in July, according to Placer.ai, an analytics firm that tracks people's movements based on cellphone usage. That's a larger drop than the 3.8% and 2.7% declines reported at stores nationwide for the same months.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMMUSD

SMMUSD Launches Modern Website to Improve Family Access

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has unveiled a new website designed to help families, students and staff quickly find information and services.

The launch caps a year-long planning process that began when the district's previous web provider merged with Finalsite. After reviewing options, SMMUSD selected Finalsite as its new provider to build a modern, user-friendly platform. Finalsite specializes in educational website services.

"Our website is often the first stop for families and students who are looking for answers," said SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton. "This new platform helps our community access information faster, from enrollment and calendars to class updates and our student information system, Aeries."

Shelton said the improved access removes barriers and keeps the focus on student success and family accessibility.

The redesigned site includes simplified navigation and enhanced search capabilities to help users find pages, forms and resources more quickly. The mobile-first design works on phones, tablets and desktops.

Built-in translation tools make content accessible for families who prefer languages other than English. The site also meets accessibility compliance standards to support users with assistive technology.

Other features include integrated district and school calendars with subscription options, timely alerts and banners for urgent notices, and consistent templates across school sites for easier navigation.

The project emphasized community access and ease of use. SMMUSD gathered feedback from families and staff to prioritize frequently visited pages and essential services including enrollment, academic programs, student wellness, meals, transportation and special education resources.

The new site also offers improved security and reliability through hosted infrastructure, regular updates and uptime monitoring.

The website is now live at www.smmusd.org. Families can explore updated menus, check school and district calendars, and use translation and accessibility tools.

Malibu High School has already transitioned to the new format. All other school websites will launch as they are completed throughout 2025.

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Pacific Palisades

Chamber Music Palisades announces 29th season lineup

Chamber Music Palisades unveiled its 29th season featuring performances by the New Hollywood String Quartet, Los Angeles Wind and Piano Sextet, a Hollywood Bowl and LA Phil harpist, and a violin, viola and flute trio.

The season will include works by Bach, Haydn, Brahms, Ravel, Gershwin, Childs and Broughton, plus a world premiere by local film composer Lolita Ritmanis. Alan Chapman, the organization's commentator for 29 years, will return for the upcoming season.

Season subscriptions are available at cmpalisades.org for $120, offering savings of $20 when purchasing all four Wednesday night series concerts. Individual concert tickets cost $35 and can be purchased online or at the door. Full-time students with valid school identification receive free admission.

The season opens Oct. 8, 2025, at the organization's new venue, Brentwood Presbyterian Church, located at San Vicente and Bundy. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m., a new start time for the series. Free parking is available off Bundy Drive.

The season brochure, available at cmpalisades.org, provides detailed information about musicians and programs.

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management. Council Member Natalya Zernitskaya noted that Los Angeles declared a fiscal emergency in June.

"We are not there. We're trying to take decisive action before it gets there," Zernitskaya said.

Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis emphasized the city's responsibility to address the ongoing liability while protecting financial stability.

"We are carrying the weight of more than $229 million in sexual abuse settlements tied to the misconduct of one former employee decades ago," Torosis said. "We cannot allow the mistakes of the past to bankrupt our future."

The settlements have been funded largely through general fund reserves and by borrowing over $52 million from various city funds. The city's general fund reserves now stand at only 61% of their pre-pandemic levels.

Beyond the Uller settlements, the city faces additional financial pressures including declining sales tax and tourist occupancy tax revenues, increased costs, and federal economic policies that may impact the local economy.

The resolution also aims to help Santa Monica navigate regulatory challenges, particularly with the California Coastal Commission, and potentially expedite processes like parking rate modifications that could generate additional revenue.

City Attorney Heidi Von Tongeln prepared the resolution, which does not grant the city manager any powers beyond those already established in the city charter and municipal code.

Chi acknowledged that placing the resolution on the consent calendar was an oversight, apologizing for not better communicating the item's significance to the community beforehand.

"I should have done a little bit better job messaging on all of the different considerations," Chi said.

Despite the financial challenges, Chi expressed optimism about finding solutions, stating the city has strategies that are "achievable" and that he is "absolutely optimistic we're going to figure out a solution."

The resolution is expected to aid the city in pending state legislation that could provide relief for municipalities facing similar liability situations.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Off a peg from Wed but still fun swell mix rolling in. AM winds look light, more PM onshores. SSW swell starts ease, as decent size NW windswell due to hold. Waves mainly running thigh-stomach high, while top combo breaks hit chest high and continue to pull in some peaks. Touch of wind texture due early morning, along with a nice tide push. SSW onshores puffing up mid-day, then rising to low-end moderate W-WNW for the afternoon.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Waves level off as swell combo continues. Light winds and a nice tide push first half of AM. Continued blend of SSW swell and NW windswell, for thigh to stomach high surf at many spots, while best combo breaks see chest high peaks. Light winds for the tide push first half of the morning, low-end moderate WSW onshores due in the afternoon.

Weather

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 70. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2025/09/11	Thu	7:05 PM	0.42	L
2025/09/12	Fri	01:17 AM	3.68	H
2025/09/12	Fri	06:12 AM	2.08	L
2025/09/12	Fri	12:53 PM	5.90	H
2025/09/12	Fri	8:23 PM	0.53	L
2025/09/13	Sat	03:03 AM	3.16	H
2025/09/13	Sat	06:46 AM	2.67	L
2025/09/13	Sat	1:53 PM	5.66	H
2025/09/13	Sat	10:06 PM	0.48	L
2025/09/14	Sun	3:18 PM	5.45	H
2025/09/14	Sun	11:38 PM	0.20	L
2025/09/15	Mon	07:13 AM	3.66	H

Daily Lottery

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Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 41 M

Fantasy 5
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Santa Monica Municipal General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for a portion of the parcel located at 1331 Wilshire Boulevard.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider whether to adopt amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for a portion of the parcel located at 1331 Wilshire Boulevard. Specifically, the subject parcel is currently "split zoned", as it is located within both the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) and Low Density Residential (R2) Zoning Districts, with the split occurring through the rear portion of an existing commercial building. The General Plan designations for the parcel are similarly split. The subject map amendments will only be for a portion of the site to expand the Mixed-Use Boulevard zoning district and General Plan designation to encompass the entirety of the existing commercial structure and the immediately adjacent parking area. The remainder of the site, which is improved with a surface parking lot, will remain R2 and Low Density Residential.

This item is being brought back to the City Council for consideration after it was previously presented to the City Council on May 13, 2025, and tabled to a later date.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to:
City Clerk
Re: **1331 Wilshire Blvd Rezoning**

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman by e-mail at ross.fehrman@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 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 Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL : Esto es una noticia pública para revisar 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

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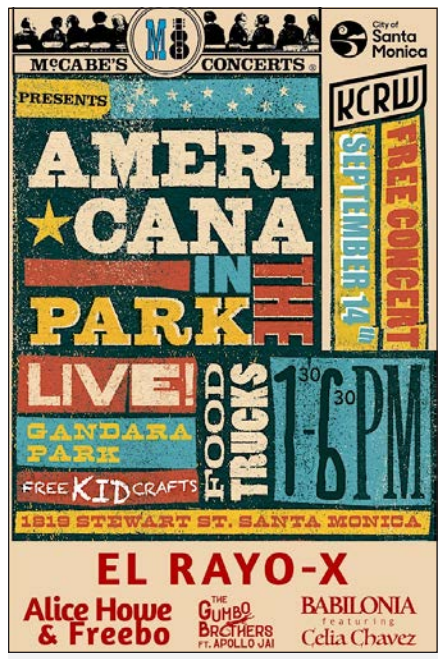
AROUND TOWN

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Annual Americana Festival, Multiple Restaurant Openings

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Annual Americana Festival, Multiple Restaurant Openings, and much more!

Heal the Bay's Bring Back the Beach Gala: Since 1985, Heal the Bay has been at the forefront of protecting our local coastlines through bold advocacy, science, and community action. In the wake of the recent wildfires, it's more important than ever to support Heal the Bay's coastal cleanup efforts. Tickets include a curated menu, creative cocktails, a bioluminescent ball, silent auctions, networking, and more. Thursday, Sept. 11, 5:30pm, Jonathan Club, 850 Palisades Beach Rd. https://healthebay.org/event/bring-back-the-beach-gala-2025/



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Live Talks: Debbie Gibson with Wil Wheaton: Debbie Gibson reflects on the lessons she learned in her years as a young pop pioneer and on her hard-earned journey to embrace her authentic self, allowing her to lead the healthy, engaged—and electric!—life she does today. Thursday, Sept. 11, 8p.m., New Roads School 3131 Olympic Blvd. https://livetalksla.org/events/debbie-gibson/

Sustainable Landscape Expo: Check out the new growing space, located next to the Miles Memorial Playhouse. The garden will be serving as a demonstration garden for implementing low water systems for Pollinator Friendly Plantings as well as Edible Crops. City Staff will be onsite to discuss a variety of topics. Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. - 12p.m. Reed Park Community Garden, 1133 7th St. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/48vkh5szxxqky2prxfbcrfnf4k/202509130900

Country Night at The Venice West: Grab your cowboy boots for a one-night-only honky-tonk dance party featuring a high-energy YEEDM DJ set, line dancing instruction, and classic country beats—no partner required for this western-style soirée by the beach. Saturday, Sep 13 at 10:30p.m., 1717 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/p/DN03d5v0h5E/

Cinema Sundays at Sunset on the Promenade: Jumanji: This summer, Third Street Promenade transforms into Santa Monica's most charming outdoor movie theater every weekend. Sunday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m., in front of the Apple Store, 1415 3rd Street Promenade https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cinema-sundays-at-sunset-tickets-1588204385069

Flow & Flight - A Movement Class & Wine Tasting Experience: Join AJA Vineyards & Inspired Method for a fitness & wine event! Start with a movement & breath work class followed by wine tasting at AJA. Sunday, Sept. 14, 1 - 4p.m., 1417 2nd St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/flow-flight-a-movement-class-wine-tasting-experience-tickets-1467365944039

Annual Americana Festival in the Park: This musical afternoon celebrates Americana music from traditional roots, blues, jazz and folk to its modern forms. Pack a picnic, bring blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy an evening of family-friendly entertainment. Local food trucks will be on hand, along with kid-friendly activities, and more. Sunday, Sept. 14, 1:30 to 6:30p.m., Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart St. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4x3fvhnfqw5zn029x2ntt212x5/202509141330

Pacific Park Opens New Haunted Funhouse: The 2,800-square-foot haunted attraction honors Santa Monica's amusement history, inspired by the legendary "Toonerville Funhouse" that appeared at Ocean Park Pier in the 1920s and later at Pacific Ocean Park in 1958. Visitors will wander through nine mysterious rooms designed to disorient, amuse and entertain with optical illusions, tricky layouts and unexpected surprises. The attraction features a coin-operated Fortuneteller who lures guests into a labyrinth of curiosities, where they may end up in Sprinkles the Clown's ice cream truck freezer. https://pacpark.com/new-funhouse-at-pacific-park/

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Wellness & Waves (through 10/11); Weekly Western Wednesday Line Dancing (through 10/29); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 10/31)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Wally's Tasting Series -New World vs Old World Reds: Explore ripe fruit, bold spice in

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LIONS ROAR

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Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club: fall activities and vision walk ahead

As summer draws to a close, the members of the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club is busy looking ahead to autumn. We have a full calendar of activities and events planned for the rest of 2025. Joining us for service projects and social gatherings will be our two newest members, Patty Namkoong and Stephen McMahon, who were inducted at our August 6 club meeting.

On August 12, the SMPP Lions took part in the annual PAL Back-to-School event at Memorial Park. Starting a new school year is always exciting, but this celebration makes it even more special by helping students prepare for the year ahead. Our club members handed out 600 Target gift cards along with Lions key rings and stickers. This project is always a favorite—the enthusiasm of the students is truly contagious.

Looking ahead, our next big event will be the Foundation Fighting Blindness Los Angeles Vision Walk on Saturday, September 13, from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Crescent Bay Park. This national organization is one of the largest funders of retina research in the U.S., working to develop therapies and treatments for eye diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinitis pigmentosa. If you'd like to walk with us or volunteer to help with set-up, registration, or the crafts area, please contact Brian at SMPPlionsclub@gmail.com. It's always a fun day that makes a real difference for families affected by vision loss.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, our next meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month—September 10 at 6 p.m. at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge. Our guest speaker will be Micah Akerson, Community Recreation Manager for Santa Monica. He oversees the design, management, and evaluation of recreation programs that reflect the city's needs and new ideas, so it promises to be an interesting Presentation.

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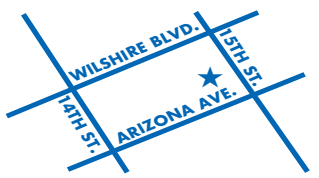
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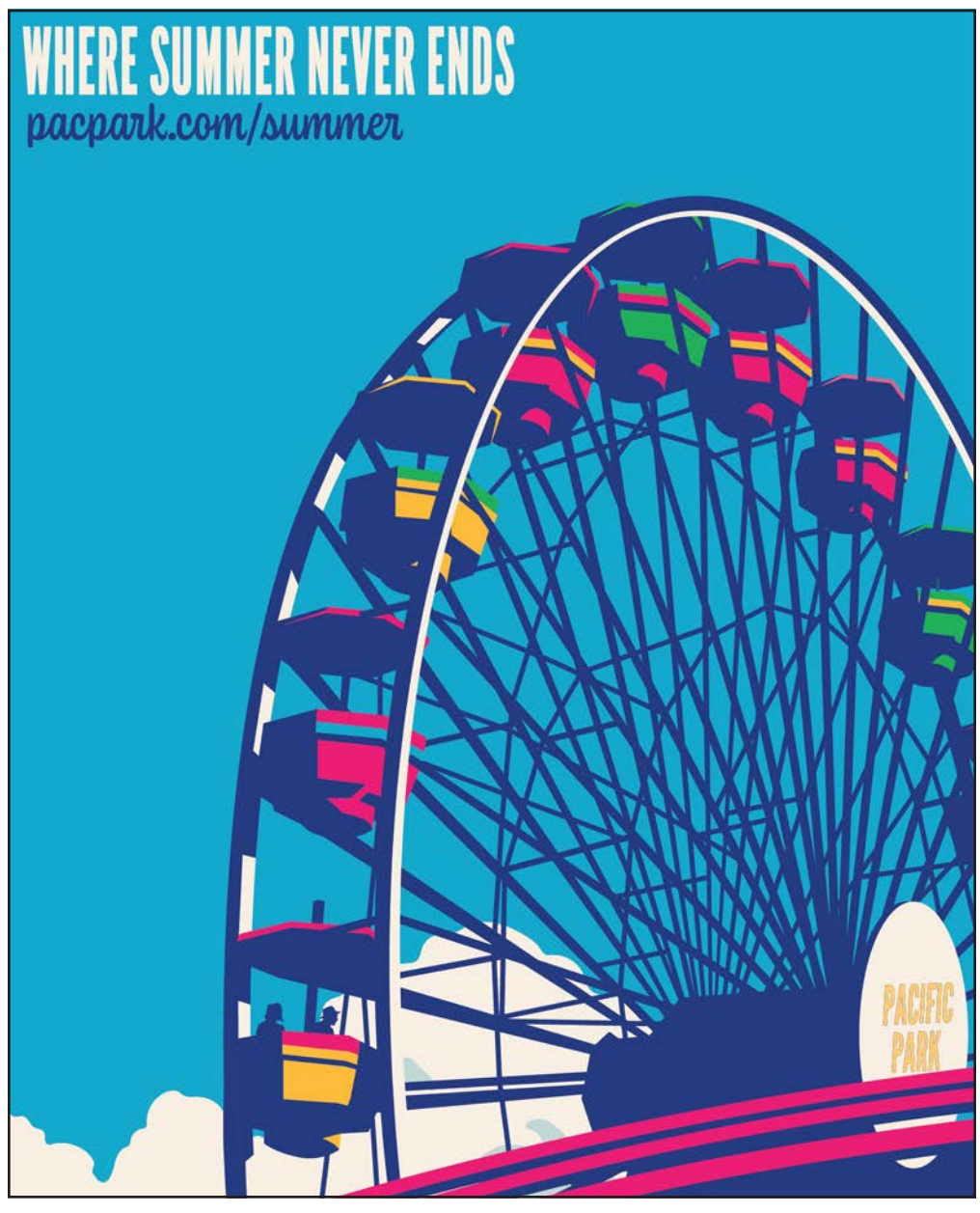
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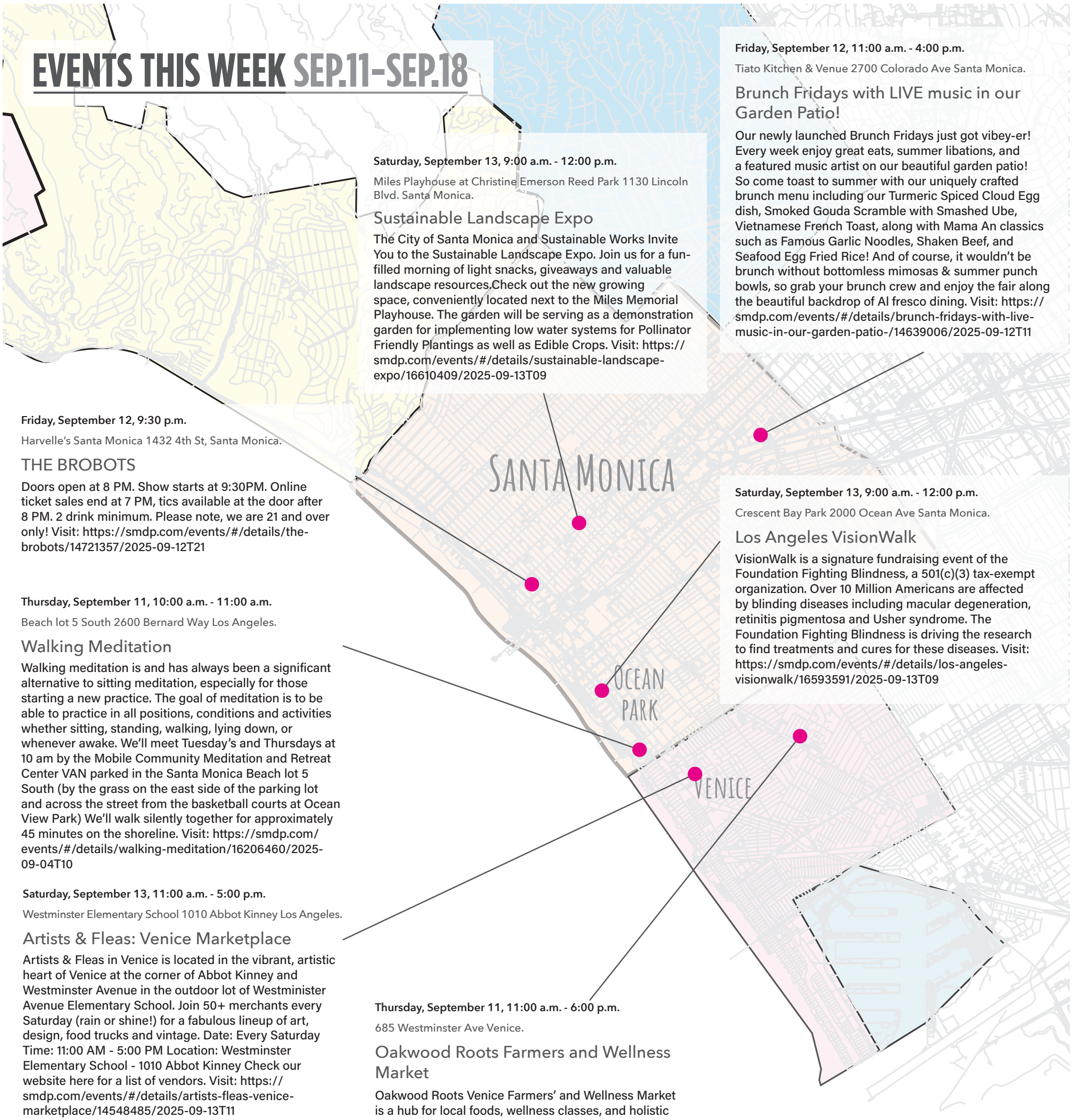
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EVENTS THIS WEEK SEP.11-SEP.18



Friday, September 12, 9:30 p.m.

Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica.

THE BROBOTS

Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-brobots/14721357/2025-09-12T21

Thursday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles.

Walking Meditation

Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 10 am by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-09-04T10

Saturday, September 13, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles.

Artists & Fleas: Venice Marketplace

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/14548485/2025-09-13T11

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Miles Playhouse at Christine Emerson Reed Park 1130 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica.

Sustainable Landscape Expo

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Thursday, September 11, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

685 Westminster Ave Venice.

Oakwood Roots Farmers and Wellness Market

Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2025-09-11T11

Friday, September 12, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

Brunch Fridays with LIVE music in our Garden Patio!

Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-09-12T11

Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Crescent Bay Park 2000 Ocean Ave Santa Monica.

Los Angeles VisionWalk

VisionWalk is a signature fundraising event of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Over 10 Million Americans are affected by blinding diseases including macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and Usher syndrome. The Foundation Fighting Blindness is driving the research to find treatments and cures for these diseases. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/los-angeles-visionwalk/16593591/2025-09-13T09



THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 11

NAVIGATING MEDICARE TOGETHER: A, B, C'S AND D'S OF MEDICARE

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Navigating Medicare Together: A, B, C's and D's of Medicare Are you new to Medicare? Do you have questions about your loved one's Medicare benefits? In this presentation, the Center. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/navigating-medicare-together-a-b-c-s-and-d-s-of-medicare/16465434/2025-09-11T13

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street Santa Monica. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/rent-control-board-meeting/13406661/2025-09-11T19

DEBBIE GIBSON WITH WIL WHEATON

9:15 p.m. Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica. Debbie Gibson reflects on the lessons she learned in her years as a young pop pioneer and on her hard-earned journey to embrace her authentic self, allowing her to lead the healthy, engaged—and electric!—life she does today. Debbie Gibson is an award-winning singer-songwriter and Broadway actress with over sixteen million album sales worldwide and eleven US Top 40 singles. Now releasing new music through her own Stargirl Records label, she has also starred in several independent and TV movies, some of which she's created and executive produced. A philanthropist involved in numerous charitable endeavors, Debbie wrote this memoir while touring to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of her multi-platinum Electric Youth album and Lost in Your Eyes single simultaneously hitting #1 on the Billboard charts. $56.05. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/debbie-gibson-with-wil-wheaton/16644469/2025-09-11T21

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

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/16169673/2025-09-12T10

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

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COMEDY CONFESSIONAL

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave Santa Monica. A monthly stand up comedy show where we collect anonymous confessions from the audience, and the comedians work them into their act! Curated Comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. THE CROW is listed in the LA Times as one of the best places to see comedy in LA! Read more about The Crow in this feature article of the LA Times. Directions to The Crow at Bergamot Station: https://www.crowcomedy.com/directions FREE PARKING in the lot at Bergamot Station Arts Center. (You're welcome, Los Angeles.) Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/comedy-confessional/16602419/2025-09-12T20

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE EXPO

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LOS ANGELES VISIONWALK

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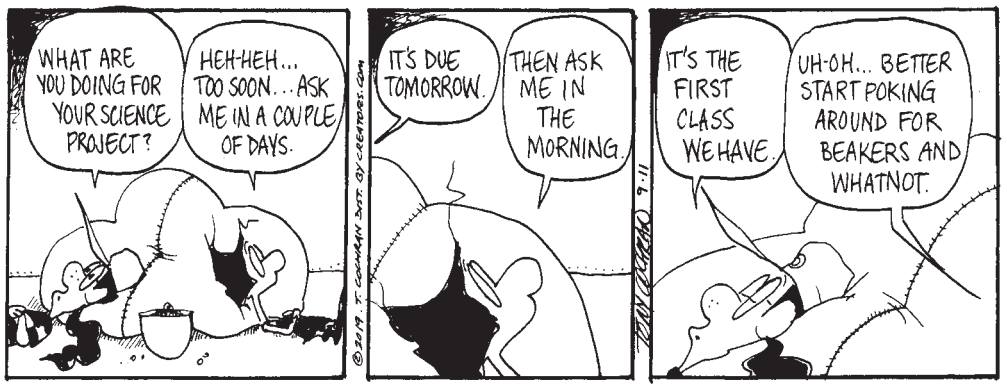
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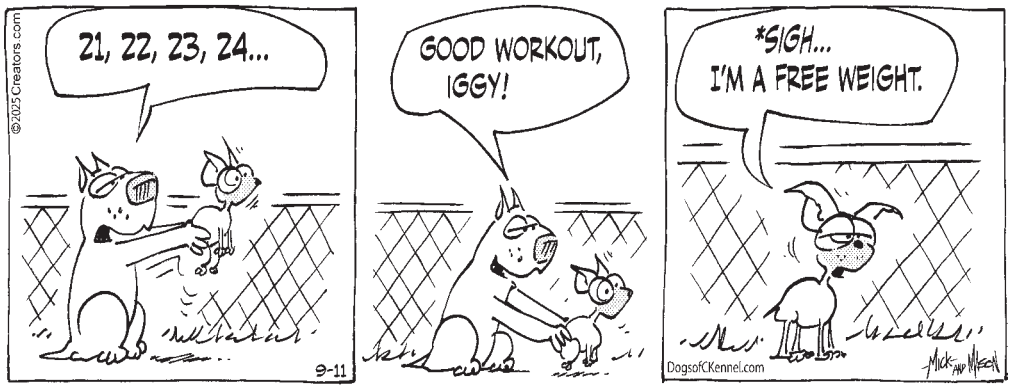
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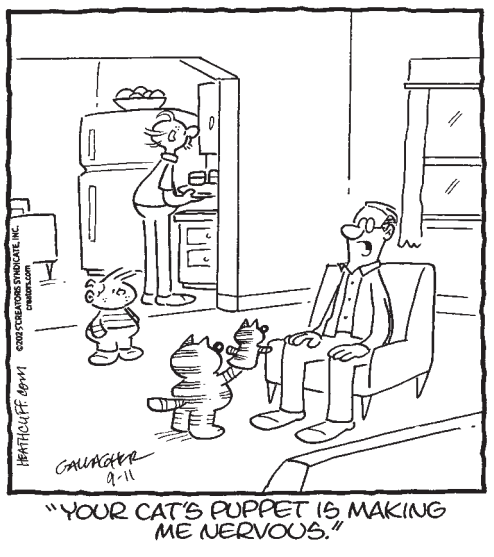
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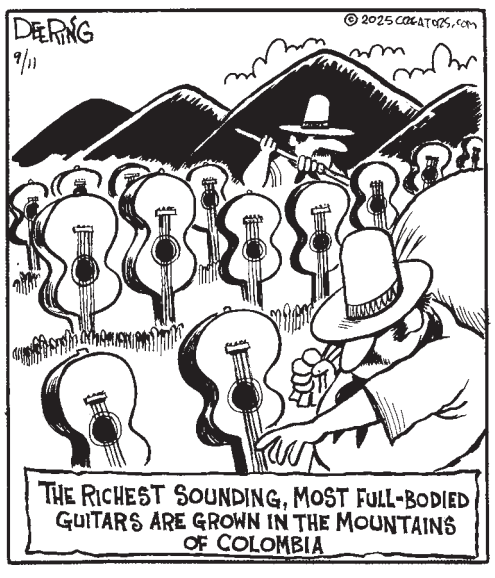
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 11)

Welcome to your Year of the Chosen Path. After seasons of reacting to life's turns and circumstances beyond your control, finally the opportunity to boss the universe around (in the best way). Heart's desire organizes into a plan, a team, a quest and a creation you rule. More highlights: A relationship becomes an irreplaceable bond. Exquisite financial timing. Legacy builds. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 16, 4, 39 and 20.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you like yourself and are comfortable alone, every other part of life expands. The more at ease you are within yourself, the more freedom, openness and enjoyment you can find in every other environment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Imagine if you did every wild thing you wanted to. Life would get quickly exhausting. Today's unconventional possibilities delight you, and the delight will keep coming because you only take on one adventure at a time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though people typically transform after big life events like divorce, illness, moving and creative breakthroughs, why wait for a crisis? You can transform just because you want to try a new role, no drama necessary.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone tells you more than they meant to. It's not just because you're trustworthy; it's because your presence feels like a closed door on the world, a place where words are safe to wander.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will try to know who a person really is behind the "mask" they wear. Even so, you don't think of these postures and social presentations as "fake" so much as going out of the way to deliver in a particular way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your happiness has different populations. Sometimes happiness is being surrounded by loved ones. Other times, happiness is among strangers. Today, happiness is having glorious uninterrupted time and space to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your way of relaxing isn't about doing nothing; it's about doing something that makes time vanish. Dive into it without watching the clock. The satisfaction will linger longer than any quick distraction ever could.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You recognize a familiar pattern before it repeats. Instead of bracing, you redirect the energy, changing the ending entirely. This subtle pivot is like rewriting the scene in your own favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're settling into a new groove and you don't want to get sucked back into the gravitational pull of who you've been. This one requires a conscious and deliberate break with old habits, patterns, people, places and things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could spend the day thinking about what's missing, but instead you're more inclined to notice what's here and make more of it, which feels infinitely better, and has the curious effect of attracting what you wanted in the first place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Something you used to see as a weakness is actually going to become the very thing that helps you connect with people. Instead of hiding it, you'll lean into it. Others will be endeared to you as you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today, your designer's eye will crave complexity, layers, detail and richness. Your dramatic eye will focus on nuance, subtle shifts in tone, shading and meaning. Your attention span, however, will win in the end. It just wants to finish fast.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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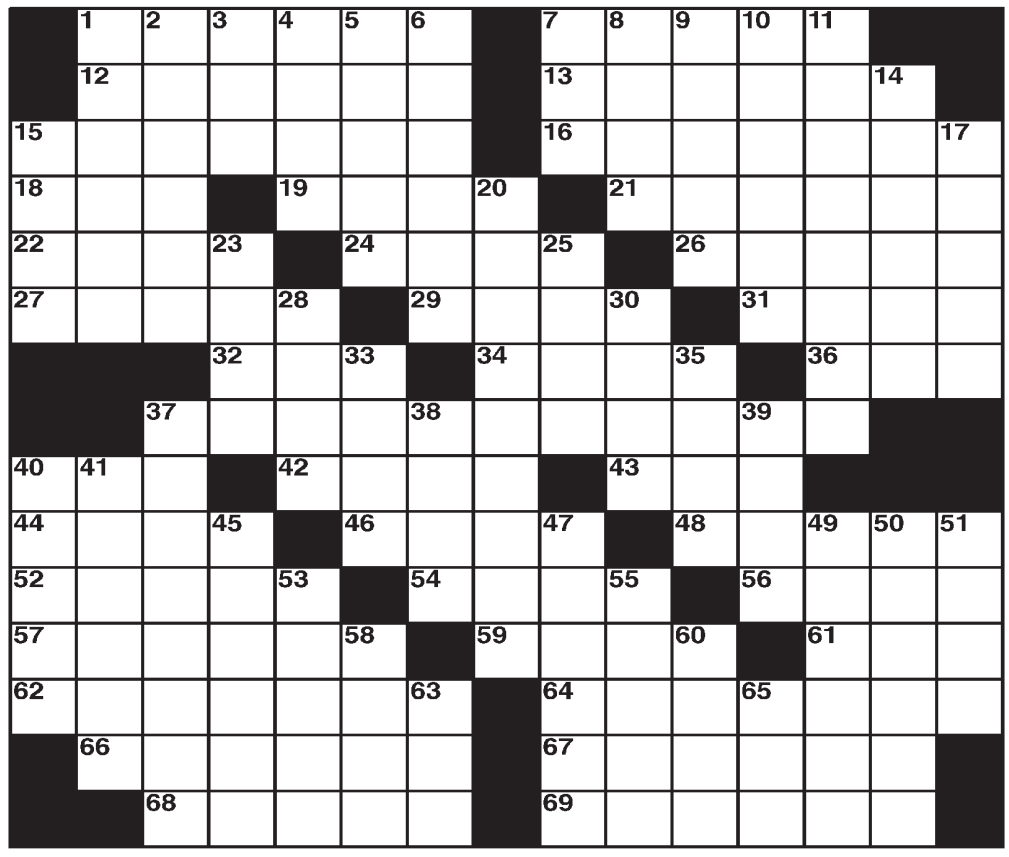
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13 Misprint list
15 TV ad's call to action
16 Billiards target
18 Alias of Aurora
19 HSers' hurdles
21 Inscrutable person
22 Remus rabbit's title
24 "Great" kid lit detective
26 Choir guy
27 Coupe cousin
29 Dark blue
31 Lost altitude
32 Sheriff's "Scram!"
34 About 10 minutes of silents
36 Bowl successes
37 *"Je dois être en désaccord!"*
40 What most of AZ eschews
42 Victorian outcry
43 Medical insurance org.
44 Rapper/cop show actor
46 Quick break
48 Have a good soak
52 Menfolk
54 Vertical transportation giant
56 Turned green, perhaps
57 Bring forth
59 Dental procedure
61 Dust remover
62 "Now you listen..."
64 Ophthalmic specialty
66 Impels
67 Beef about
68 Goes after
69 New botanical growth

DOWN

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2 Athletic college major
3 Seat for a service
4 Times given names
5 Bee-y
6 Patio furniture material
7 Brief moment
8 Authentic
9 Fail to be
10 Treats very gently
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AROUND TOWN

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New World reds, and dive into earthy depth and finesse of Old World classics. Saturday, Sept. 13, 3p.m., 214 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1020850&restref=1020850&experienceId=511116

Hermanito Opens in Downtown SaMo: The LA-based Mexican bar and restaurant known for its inventive fusion of Mexican and Japanese flavors has officially opened its doors in a stylish new location bringing house-made Sonoran-style tortillas, playful mezcal-forward cocktails and a cozy community atmosphere to the neighborhood. https://www.instagram.com/hermanitosawtelle/

Florence Osteria Pizza e Vino Opens in Downtown SaMo: Florence's WeHo piano bar is expanding with a pizza and wine-focused second location by the beach! 🍷🍕Expect Italian food featuring an extensive wine program and an intimate atmosphere. 413 Santa Monica Blvd. https://smdp.com/lifestyle/food/florence-osteria-pizza-e-vino-opens-in-santa-monica/

Jade Rabbit Now Open: The third venture from the chef behind Cassia and Spice Table is back with a fast casual Chinese restaurant that they're calling a cross between Panda Express and Cava, which obviously means I need to try it ASAP! 2301 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/p/DONP7vOjqlx/

Tartine Important Life Update: Tartine is now serving pizza dinner! 🍕 1925 Arizona Ave. https://www.instagram.com/p/DOMa_K6komw/

Further Afield: Manhattan Beach Food & Wine Festival: The two-night event features 46 restaurants alongside wineries, craft breweries, premier spirits, curated non-alcoholic beverages, and live entertainment. I will be there Friday night wearing my elastic waistband pants for it! 🤣Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 12 & 13 https://www.manhattanbeachfoodandwine.com/

Bonus Further Afield: Hollywood Bowl Fireworks Finale: The band Chicago closes out the 2025 Bowl season with back-to-back-to-back night of fireworks and memorable music. Friday to Sunday, Sept. 12-14 https://www.hollywoodbowl.com/events/performances/3637/2025-09-13/fireworks-finale-chicago

Looking Ahead: Thai Fest by the Beach (9/20-21); The Other Art Fair (9/25-28); Oktoberfest on the Promenade (9/27); Montana Ave. Art Walk (9/27); Tech St. Santa Monica (10/13); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/18); OTH Santa Monica Seafood Festival (10/19)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Annual Americana Festival, Multiple Restaurant Opening

HOME DEPOT

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HOME DEPOT SAYS IT IS NOT ALERTED TO RAIDS

Home Depot has repeatedly denied being involved in immigration enforcement operations. The company's late co-founder Bernie Marcus supported Trump, though a Home Depot political action committee has donated to both Democrats and Republicans.

The company said it isn't told if a raid is going to take place at any of its roughly 2,300 stores.

"We tell associates to report any suspected immigration enforcement activity immediately and not engage with the activity for their safety," said Beth Marlowe, a company spokesperson, adding that if employees feel uneasy after a raid, they can go home for the rest of the day with pay.

In Van Nuys, witnesses said federal agents have arrested those in the lot before appearing to ask about their immigration status. Local managers have shut the store's automated glass doors to keep agents out, they said.

"They're just fishing," said Luis, a 37-year-old day laborer who is a legal resident and grew up in the United States after arriving from Mexico as a child. He declined to use his last name fearing government reprisal.

'HOME DEPOT IS NOT AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER'

The trend of workers gathering outside Home Depot began with the rise of the home improvement retail store that allowed people, including contractors, to price shop and buy materials directly, said Nik Theodore, a professor of urban planning and policy at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

"The basis of competition began to shift and what distinguishes a contractor from getting the bid or not more and more has to do with labor costs," Theodore said. "Home Depot is not an innocent bystander in all of this. Their sources of success were instrumental in catalyzing this change."

As the trend grew so did complaints about workers congregating in store parking lots, and in 2008 Los Angeles passed an ordinance requiring similar retailers opening up to adopt plans to provide relief, such as a seating area, bathrooms and trash facilities.

In the parking lot in Van Nuys, a non-profit runs a labor center that takes workers' names and tracks employers who fail to pay as promised. That's one reason workers said they keep returning even after the repeated raids.

The other is community.

Since the raids, Javier said he's started considering returning to Mexico to wait out the Trump administration. In the meantime, he said he'll keep coming to Van Nuys to find work.

"It's a place that becomes familiar," he said. "Here, all of us together, we've become friends."

By AMY TAXIN and ANNE D'INNOCENZIO Associated Press. D'Innocenzio reported from New York. Associated Press writer Elliot Spagat in San Diego contributed to this report.

ARREST

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Residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity to the Santa Monica Police Department's non-emergency line at 310-458-8491. The department also offers free home security assessments through the Community Engagement Team at 310-458-8474.

The prowling incidents occurred over several months in Beat 4, though police have not specified the exact locations or provided additional details about the nature of the incidents.

Arnold, born July 12, 1967, faces charges under California Penal Code sections 647(i) for peeking while loitering and 647(h) for prowling.

Edited by SMDP Staff

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Santa Monica Municipal General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for a portion of the parcel located at 2644 30th Street.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider whether to adopt amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for a portion of the parcel located at 2644 30th Street. Specifically, the subject map amendments would be from Single-Unit Residential (R1) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) for both the General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map, but will only apply to the portion of the site that is currently developed with a commercial building. The remainder of the site, which is currently improved with a surface parking lot, is not subject to the proposed amendments and will remain Single-Unit Residential for both the General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map.

This item is being brought back to the City Council for consideration after it was previously presented on May 13, 2025, and tabled to later date.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to:
City Clerk
Re: **2644 30TH St Rezoning**

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman by e-mail at ross.fehrman@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 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 Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

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