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Charter airline JSX seeks to launch service at Santa Monica Airport



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FLIGHTS: Dallas-based company submitted its application Thursday, seeking approval to launch daily flights in 2025 using the ATR 42-600.

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Charter airline JSX has applied to begin operations at Santa Monica Airport, proposing to use environmentally friendly turboprop aircraft to serve regional destinations while the airport remains open.

The Dallas-based company submitted its application Thursday, seeking approval to launch daily flights in 2025 using the ATR 42-600, a fuel-efficient turboprop aircraft designed with advanced noise-reduction technology.

JSX plans to operate the service during regular airport hours, targeting Santa Monica residents and visitors with connections to regional destinations. The move comes as the future of the city-owned airport remains unclear with an ongoing debate over converting the land into a park.

"JSX has reimagined regional air travel with comfort, reliability, and accessibility at its core, and we see Santa Monica Airport as a natural gateway to extend that experience to local residents," said Alex Wilcox, JSX's chief executive officer.

The company said its choice of aircraft reflects sensitivity

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Santa Monica police end freeway standoff, BB Gun recovered

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A man suspected of brandishing a weapon on Interstate 10 was taken into custody Wednesday after a brief standoff that closed the freeway in both directions, police said.

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to the embankment near 17th Street after the California Highway Patrol reported a man believed to be holding a gun, according to a department statement released early Thursday.

The suspect fled beneath the 17th Street bridge before surrendering to officers without incident. Police recovered a BB gun at a nearby location that was connected to the incident.

No injuries were reported during the approximately 30-45 minute operation that required closing I-10 in both directions near 17th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

The department deployed resources from its SMART Center, including a drone, while the Los Angeles Police Department provided air support from above.

The freeway was fully reopened Wednesday evening, police said.

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Santa Monica adopts first Aging and Disability Action Plan

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The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved the city's first-ever Aging and Disability Action Plan last week, establishing a three-year roadmap to address the needs of a rapidly growing population of older adults and people with disabilities.

The plan comes as nearly one in five Santa Monica residents is over the age of 65, mirroring statewide demographic trends that project one in four Californians will be over 60 by 2031. Among adults aged 75 and older, 42% are living with a disability, according to city data.

The plan addresses the needs of a growing demographic in the coastal city, where disability prevalence peaks among adults 75 and older.

The comprehensive plan emerged from an extensive community engagement process that included more than 500 participants who contributed through surveys, focus groups and multilingual outreach conducted in English, Spanish, Farsi and Russian. Nearly 70% of survey respondents rated Santa Monica as age- and disability-friendly, though community feedback revealed

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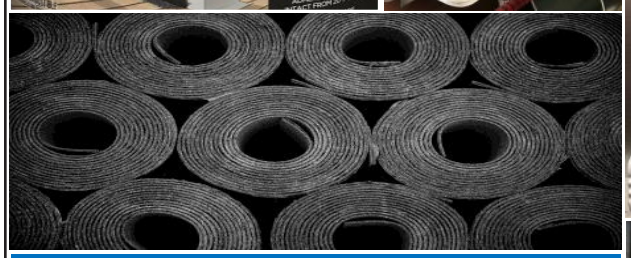


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Kimmel's suspension is the latest display of Trump's growing power over the US media landscape

President Donald Trump has used threats, lawsuits and government pressure as he remakes the American media landscape, unleashing his long-standing grievances against an industry that has mocked, criticized and scorned him for years.

He's extracted multimillion-dollar settlements, forced companies into costly litigation and prompted changes to programming that he found objectionable.

Now Trump is escalating his campaign of censure and retaliation, invigorated by successful efforts to push ABC late-night host Jimmy Kimmel off the air for his commentary on conservative activist Charlie Kirk's assassination.

> We can do this the easy way or the hard way
>
> - Brendan Carr

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One while returning from Great Britain on Thursday, Trump said federal regulators should consider revoking broadcast licenses for networks that "give me only bad publicity."

"All they do is hit Trump," he said. "They're licensed! They're not allowed to do that. They're an arm of the Democrat Party."

Brendan Carr, Trump's handpicked head of the Federal Communications Commission, issued a similar warning the previous day while criticizing Kimmel's remarks about the political ideology of the suspected assassin.

"We can do this the easy way or the hard way," Carr said. "These companies can find ways to change conduct, to take action, frankly, on Kimmel, or there is going to be additional work for the FCC ahead."

ABC suspended Kimmel hours later.

It was the kind of brute force response that Trump and his loyalists have routinely flexed since the Republican president returned to the White House with a vow to retaliate against critics and political opponents. Trump's reach has extended deep into the private sector, using the apparatus of the federal government to pressure companies to make changes that can reshape the public dialogue.

CRITICS FEAR CRACKDOWNS ON FREE SPEECH

Trump has already reached settlements with ABC and CBS over their coverage. He has filed defamation lawsuits against The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. Republicans in Congress stripped federal funding from NPR and PBS. At the FCC, Carr has used his influence to target diversity, equity and inclusion programs and to root out what he describes as liberal bias.

In the aftermath of Kirk's assassination, Trump has clamped down more firmly, with broader implications for the future of free speech protections that have been a bedrock of the American political system.

Attorney General Pam Bondi recently said that "we will absolutely target you, go after you, if you are targeting anyone with hate speech." Her words alarmed advocates who fear an elastic definition of the term could be used to criminalize dissent.

The First Amendment is widely viewed as protecting even the most disparaging remarks, and the Supreme Court said in an unanimous opinion last year that "government officials cannot attempt to coerce private parties in order to punish or suppress views that the government disfavors."

Bondi later revised her comments to say she was focused on "hate speech that crosses

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Don't be brash. Food scraps are too precious to trash.

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West Coast states issue joint vaccine recommendations ahead of CDC advisers meeting

Four Democratic-led Western states announced joint recommendations Wednesday about who should be vaccinated for seasonal respiratory viruses, including the flu and COVID-19, saying the Trump administration has jeopardized public health by politicizing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii early this month formed the West Coast Health Alliance in an effort to combat what they describe as the "weaponization" of federal health agencies to advance antivaccine policies, despite decades of scientific research showing that vaccines are safe and effective.

Their recommendations follow those of major medical organizations and came a day before a panel of CDC advisers were due to begin meeting to review recommendations for some vaccines, including COVID.

> Democrat-run states that pushed unscientific school lockdowns, toddler mask mandates, and draconian vaccine passports during the COVID era completely eroded the American people's trust in public health agencies
> - Andrew Nixon

U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a leading antivaccine activist before becoming the nation's top health official, fired the entire 17-member panel earlier this year and replaced it with a group that includes several anti-vaccine voices. Former CDC chief Susan Monarez told senators on Wednesday she was fired after 29 days on the job after refusing Kennedy's demands that she sign off on changes to the childhood vaccination schedule without data to back up the changes.

"Public health leaders warn these moves dismantle independent, science-based oversight and inject politics into decisions that protect Americans' health — undermining the CDC's credibility at a moment when trust and clarity are most needed," the West Coast Health Alliance said Wednesday.

In a written statement Wednesday, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services spokesman Andrew Nixon criticized the effort.

"Democrat-run states that pushed unscientific school lockdowns, toddler mask mandates, and draconian vaccine passports during the COVID era completely eroded the American people's trust in public health agencies," Nixon said. "HHS will ensure policy is based on rigorous evidence and Gold Standard Science, not the failed politics of the pandemic."

The recommendations from the West Coast Health Alliance include that all residents older than 6 months get a flu vaccine and that all babies receive protection from RSV. Among those who should receive the COVID vaccine are children 6 months to 23 months old; all adults over 65, and everyone younger than 65 who has risk factors or is in contact with people with risk factors; anyone pregnant or planning a pregnancy; and "all who choose protection."

Kennedy's moves have prompted debate and action in the states. Florida has taking steps to become the first state to get rid of school vaccine mandates, with some states looking to follow its lead. Others are promising to protect vaccines for children and adults.

Democratic Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey governor has said the state is requiring insurance carriers to cover vaccinations recommended by its public health department, regardless of whether they are endorsed by the federal government. Her state is also leading a bipartisan coalition of eight Northeast states that met over the summer to discuss coordinating vaccine recommendations.

In New Mexico, pharmacists have received the go-ahead to administer COVID-19 shots based on state health department guidelines rather than just the federal government's immunization advisory committee.

Pennsylvania's pharmacy board voted this month to protect the availability of COVID-19 vaccines for those most in need and to make it accessible across the state, at the urging of Gov. Josh Shapiro. Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and Washington Gov. Bob Ferguson have directed health officials to make sure residents are able to be vaccinated against the virus.

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Surf report — WATER TEMP: 69.8

FRIDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Decent size off mix of southerly swells. Could end up kinda fun if wind/weather cooperate. SSW/S Southern Hemi swell slowly winds down for knee-waist high surf, chest-high+ for far top spots. Still not much NW energy in the mix. Depending on what the remnants of Mario do, we could see a sizeable show of southerly windswell in the Bight, along with breezy southerly wind. GFS guidance has that mellowing mid-morning which would lead to a decent afternoon. Euro has lighter wind overall. Keeping an eye on it.

SATURDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest

A little smaller but still fun off mix of southerly swells. AM texture possible. SSW/S swell is down a peg with knee-waist high surf still running, topping out in the chest-high range. Keeping an eye on the tropics for another potential pop of SSE swell, but that would mostly miss the region. Still not much NW energy in the mix, so structured spots remain your best shot at a corner. Lightest wind, best conditions expected in the morning, but we could get a little westerly wind texture first thing. Moderate PM onshores due.

Weather

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Light south southwest wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 66. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 74. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

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2025/09/19	Fri	09:04 AM	4.92	H
2025/09/19	Fri	2:37 PM	1.50	L
2025/09/19	Fri	8:37 PM	5.87	H
2025/09/20	Sat	03:12 AM	-0.03	L
2025/09/20	Sat	09:27 AM	5.13	H
2025/09/20	Sat	3:14 PM	1.17	L
2025/09/20	Sat	9:14 PM	5.66	H
2025/09/21	Sun	03:36 AM	0.30	L

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SuperLotto Plus — Draw Date: 9/17 — 5 16 24 31 46 — Mega#: 27 — Jackpot: 44 M

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION/AVAILABILITY
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE MEMORIAL PARK REDEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION PROJECT

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given of the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Memorial Park Redevelopment and Expansion Project (Project) located in the City of Santa Monica (City). The Draft EIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PROJECT LOCATION AND EXISTING ONSITE USES: The Project site is comprised of two parcels located in the City of Santa Monica: the existing 10.3-acre Memorial Park (Assessor Parcel Numbers [APN] 4283-010-901); and the 2.9-acre former Fisher Lumber site (APN 4283-010-902). Together, these parcels total approximately 13.2 acres. The project site is not listed as a hazardous materials / waste site.

The Project site is centrally located within the City's Pico Neighborhood and bounded by Colorado Avenue to the north, 14th Street to the west, Olympic Boulevard to the south, and 16th Street to the east. Vehicle access to Memorial Park is currently provided via the surface parking lot along 14th Street, located in the western portion of the Project site. Pedestrian entries are provided along 14th Street, Olympic Boulevard, and 16th Street. The City's Public Landscape Division (PLD) staff, materials, and equipment are housed within the buildings located at the former Fisher Lumber site (also known as PLD's "Colorado Yards"), accessed via curb cuts along 14th Street and 16th Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the proposed Project is to renovate and expand Memorial Park to meet an increasing demand for recreational activities. The proposed Project would combine the existing 10.3-acre Memorial Park with the 2.9-acre former Fisher Lumber site (currently PLD's Colorado Yards) to create a 13.2-acre expanded park. With a focus on better serving community needs, the proposed Project would develop modernized public recreation facilities, improved accessibility to park amenities, and enhanced community gathering spaces. Key components of the proposed Project include the following, which will be developed in phases:

- Two synthetic turf combo fields (two playing fields per combo field)
- Three natural grass youth fields (one fast-pitch softball and two baseball fields)
- Four rooftop tennis/pickleball courts
- A new community hub building and the replacement of the children's playground with a new universally accessible playground
- Renovation and expansion of the skate park
- Replacement of the existing community recreation center with a new community recreation center
- New covered parking lot and passenger loading zone

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYZED: The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Project, including Air Quality, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials. The Draft EIR analysis is supported by a robust Initial Study (IS) and supporting technical studies, which have been appended to the Draft EIR. The IS analyzed the following resource areas that would not be significantly impacted by the proposed Project: Aesthetics and Shade/Shadow Effects, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Neighborhood Effects, Noise and Vibration, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfires.

The Draft EIR identified no unavoidably significant impacts would occur as a result of the proposed Project. The proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts regarding air quality. With mitigation measures, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts on hazards and hazardous materials and cultural and tribal cultural resources.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: In accordance with CEQA, a minimum 45-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The comment period will start on September 17 and end on November 3, 2025. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and project background materials may be viewed online at: https://www.santamonica.gov/environmental-review/.

ESPAÑOL: Este es una noticia para la preparación de un reporte sobre los posibles efectos ambientales en referencia a la construcción propuesta de un parque, lo cual puede ser de interés a usted. Para más información, llame a Anna Fernandez, al numero (310) 458-8341

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How Gavin Newsom channeled Jerry Brown 1.0 with his flip-flop on oil and gas

Over the last half-century, California has had seven governors — counting Jerry Brown twice — who varied widely in temperament, ideology and efficacy.

One variable trait has been consistency, whether their positions on issues have changed and, if so, whether they own up or duck accountability.

Brown, who held the position from 1975 to 1983, was particularly prone to policy pirouettes, most spectacularly regarding Proposition 13, California's iconic taxation limit.

Prior to its overwhelming approval in 1978, Brown repeatedly labeled the measure a "rip-off." After its passage, however, Brown immediately declared himself a "born-again tax cutter" as he ran for reelection that year. He also sponsored a state income tax cut and a subsequent spending limit ballot measure. He even ran for president in 1980 (unsuccessfully) as an advocate of reduced spending and a balanced federal budget.

There were other notable flip-flops during Gov. Brown 1.0, including one on taxation of international corporations that he blamed on receiving "flaky data" from the state's top tax official.

When asked about his frequent changes of position, Brown would cite Ralph Waldo Emerson's aphorism that "a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines," implying that those with high intellects should be exempt from accountability.

Brown's two Republican successors, George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson, made few promises other than managerial competency and largely delivered. They were followed by risk-averse Democrat Gray Davis, who nevertheless was recalled in 2003, and replaced by Republican action movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Schwarzenegger promised to shake up state government with tight limits on spending but quickly learned that he could not outmaneuver a Legislature dominated by professional Democratic politicians — nor persuade voters to pass his ballot measures. However he didn't try to evade responsibility for his failures.

When Brown returned to the governorship in 2011 nearly three decades later, he was a much different person. Not only was he older but he was less prone to flights of political fancy. He promised merely to address bread and butter issues such as the state's budget deficit and its deteriorating highways.

That brings us to Gavin Newsom, who is — in a sense — Brown's nephew from the decadeslong intertwining of the Newsom and Brown families.

Newsom's governorship has resembled Brown's first stint: promises of bold action on issues such as single-payer health care, housing shortages, homelessness and climate change, followed by backtracking with excuses.

He has termed campaign promises such as creating single-payer health care and building 3.5 million new homes as "aspirational," rather than doable, and blamed local officials for not attacking homelessness effectively. As Newsom enters the last phase of his governorship and appears to be preparing for a presidential campaign, ala Brown 1.0, he is navigating his biggest flip-flop.

A year ago, Newsom was denouncing gasoline refiners for gouging consumers and pocketing huge profits. He demanded that the Legislature help him crack down.

During the just-concluded legislative session, however, he and legislators acted to increase oil production in California. Meanwhile, the California Energy Commission has stalled proposed regulations meant to curb refiner profits.

What happened? The 2024 presidential election revealed popular angst about the cost of living. Meanwhile, two refineries announced plans to shut down, possibly leading to gasoline shortages and much higher prices, which would backfire on a Newsom presidential campaign.

> "We are all the beneficiaries of oil and gas. No one's naive about that"
> - Gavin Newsom

Bloomberg reported this month that Newsom and legislators are even considering giving one of the refineries millions of dollars to remain open.

"We are all the beneficiaries of oil and gas. No one's naive about that," Newsom said at a recent press conference. "So it's always been about finding a just transition, a pragmatism in terms of that process."

Sure it is.

Dan Walters, CalMatters

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Trump's cruel agenda

EDITOR:

"Trump blames the 'radical left' for Charlie Kirk's Killing" – NBC News 9/10/25

The Tacomas and Rams, festooned in the Stars and Stipes, some banners flown in blackface and upside down, flanked by squadrons of noisy muscle cars and schools of biker gangs, rallied in tribute to Charlie Kirk from their social-posted origin at Pepperdine's Waves of Flags and north on PCH here in Malibu. Then POTUS vowed to target "left wing organizations" in retaliation for his assassination. Such Chaos ! In the name of our collective horror at disorder, here are my Top 5 Malibu Left Wing Organizations the MAGA faithful can next target in Malibu to advance POTUS' MPC (Maximum Performative Cruelty) agenda:

AVIATOR NATION – While A/N's popular Composer's Breakfast has proven a fertile hub for iconic, working and emerging music and film industry players, the former picture postcard Malibu Inn also hosts an Open Mic Night that soils the tow-headed, Kodachrome-smeared innocence of Gidget's Beach by programming so-called "comics" who play BLUE as in potty mouth, BLUE as in Blathering Lunatic Unhinged Elites. Suggested MAGA action: buy out the house, open a tab and make your voice, herd !

MALIBU LABOR EXCHANGE – (in your best Stephen-Miller-jacked-up on Fox voice) "This hotbed of illegal immigrant trafficking, a long-festering pustule under the skin of a half-assed sanctuary city, is a greased pole, an easy slide into Malibu's overheated and might I add Federally Funded rebuild economy! Its physical location, a decaying trailer that would make Jim Rockford wince, is perched on cinder blocks, a stick in the eye to what used to be a great "Hangin' Judge" (cc: Robert Downey, Jr. !) Merrick and his very unfairly shuttered courthouse!" Today KBUU, a local pirate radio station run by a communist, reported the racket wants to put down roots, like a foundation and plumbing. Suggested MAGA action: for maximum impact, wait "two weeks" until it gets dark early, then ignite torches and fireworks in your demonstration around the trailer as visual "exclamation points" for LA TV news, which comes on the air at 4pm (consider exclusive tip to KTLA after what parent company Nexstar did to Kimmel !)

CAFÉ DE LA PLAGE – We all know about the Lunatic Left's obsession with French Culture, French Cuisine and the French Communism comes from their shared fixation on gender fluidity. Macron's own wife we learned recently hides a whole baguette under that Chanel suit, and no one there seems to care ! Here in Malibu the overtly Woke, LGBTQ – friendly Café de la Plage on Point Dume crosses the line with their $25 Vegan Ice Cream. Suggested MAGA action: rally your motorbikes and stage a stinky "rolling thunder" Ice Cream Social in the common area of Point Dume Village featuring only tubs of Thrifty Vanilla that you feed each other with your hand and foment an ANIMAL HOUSE style "Food Fight!"

OUR LADY OF MALIBU – If you've ever tuned in to CNN anticipating coverage of a planned State Execution of a Convicted Criminal only for the program to be postponed then hijacked by a lunatic left wing governor or judge, chances are Malibu cinema icon Martin Sheen has colluded with a Nun at OLM and booked a satellite press tour to gum up the works (this schtick has served him well since returning from the set of APOCALYPSE NOW a broken man, per son Charlie in his new Netflix doc). Suggested MAGA action: get the elder Sheen excommunicated! Tell all your Group Chats to pitch in and Amazon all extant VHS copies of THE BELIEVERS (Orion, 1987) to The Vatican.

THE HANNAH MONTANA HOUSE – Adjacent to Malibu West Swim Club and the first property on the Architectural Charm Bracelet known as Broad Beach, this all-white, 2 story behemoth served as the exterior of the beachfront home of Hannah Montana, a fictional Daughter of the Heartland created by Miley Cyrus on the Disney Channel before she, and it, went Woke. Suggested MAGA action: invite all your friends to park conveniently at the northernmost end of the Zuma lot and make Broad Beach "your own" with LED strobes, red, white and blue smoke and a crowd-sourced musical tribute to Charlie. Camp out overnight on the dunes and lawns of neighboring mansions, it's ok they are usually empty this time of year.

Inviting the MAGA faithful to camp out here in Malibu reminds me that, before it became an incorporated city, Martin Sheen declared himself Mayor and suggested all the crazy people then-governor Ronald Reagan had loosed on the streets by shutting down California's mental hospitals should make their way here and sleep on our beaches. Tit for tat, dude!

Jeremy Walker, Malibu

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After LA fires, a 'toxic soup' lingers in the homes that remain, endangering families

A few days after the September 11 attacks, the Environmental Protection Agency assured New Yorkers the air near Ground Zero was safe to breathe. Tragically, that wasn't true.

In the 24 years since, studies have linked toxic exposure in Manhattan to soaring cancer rates among first responders, residents, office workers and students. Thousands have died and thousands more are sick. The federal victim compensation fund has paid nearly $15 billion to more than 65,000 people.

Today Californians face a similar public health crisis — only this time, it's unfolding across wildfire-scarred communities. And insurers are making matters worse.

The recent Eaton and Palisades fires destroyed, damaged or rendered inaccessible about 15,000 homes. Some 75,000 remain standing in the two fire perimeters, and many appear safe and intact.

But environmental hygienists say these homes in the fire zone that escaped total loss are nevertheless embedded with toxic residue, including cyanide and asbestos, as well as heavy metals such as manganese, lithium, beryllium, lead, arsenic, cobalt and volatile organic compounds.

Like the toxic soup at Ground Zero, these compounds are exceedingly dangerous, especially in combination. They can lodge deep in the lungs, enter the bloodstream and cause cancers, strokes and long-term neurological disease.

In many homes, these toxins have penetrated walls, furniture, heating and air conditioner systems in ways that cannot be fully eradicated. Those houses will need to be stripped to the studs or demolished.

Yet insurers are telling families it is safe to reinhabit the homes — according to testing thresholds set by their own contracted vendors. Their version of "safe," like the EPA's after 9/11, doesn't match the science, nor does it safeguard people on the ground.

The newly formed Coalition for Insurance Accountability seeks to hold these insurers to account, shine a light on these invisible dangers and push regulators to adopt higher, science-backed safety standards.

Why is there such a disconnect between the dangerous environmental realities and what insurance companies are willing to test and cover? The answer is profit.

After California's record-breaking wildfires in 2017 and 2018, many insurers quietly rewrote policies to exclude or severely limit coverage for fire-prone areas. After the most recent fires, insurers often refused to cover testing for asbestos, lead and heavy metals, unless there was visible physical damage.

Even the FAIR Plan, California's insurer of last resort, tried protecting its assets by rejecting lab-based testing. A recent court ruling found FAIR Plan has unlawfully denied claims for damages that were not visible or detectable by smell.

This narrow definition of damage is a common industry tactic. Insurers avoid paying for the comprehensive testing and remediation that science says is necessary. They are redefining risk, rather than acknowledging the true scope of the contamination and long-term health consequences.

As Californians face this invisible crisis, the state must work to close the gap between what insurers claim is safe and what science proves is safe for the families who want to return home. This isn't a call for panic; it's a call for accountability and decisive action.

Nicole Kolinsky is the executive director of the Coalition for Insurance Accountability.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Airport

Spirit of Santa Monica to Honor LA Wildfire First Responders at Douglas Day 2025

The Spirit of Santa Monica will present Douglas Day 2025 on Sunday, Sept. 21, a free community celebration that will pay special tribute to first responders who battled the January 2025 Los Angeles wildfires.

The event, running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Atlantic Aviation at Santa Monica Airport, honors Santa Monica's aviation legacy while recognizing community resilience. Mayor Lana Negrete will present commendations at 1 p.m. to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Santa Monica Fire Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles City Fire Department and other agencies that played critical roles in firefighting and recovery efforts.

Douglas Day celebrates the city's aviation history and the legacy of Donald Douglas, whose spirit of innovation continues around the historic Santa Monica Airport. The event will feature aircraft displays showcasing vintage planes and future mobility innovations, STEAM-powered discovery zones with hands-on activities for youth, and recruitment and community booths hosted by first responders and local organizations.

Attendees can expect live music, food trucks and family-friendly entertainment throughout the day. The celebration aims to showcase both Santa Monica's aviation heritage and the heroic efforts of those who protected communities during the recent wildfire crisis.

Ben Marcus, board chair of Spirit of Santa Monica, and Mayor Negrete will participate in the ceremony recognizing first responders. The event highlights the connection between Santa Monica's innovative past and its continued commitment to community service and resilience.

The venue at 2828 Donald Douglas Loop N offers space for historic aircraft displays and community booths where hundreds of attendees can interact with first responders and local organizations. The hands-on youth activities emphasize science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics education.

Attendees can RSVP at SpiritofSantaMonica.org.

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Courtesy photo

EVENT: Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Atlantic Aviation at Santa Monica Airport.

Beach

Santa Monica College Hosts Coastal Cleanup Day at Historic "Inkwell" Beach

Santa Monica College will host Coastal Cleanup Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20, at Santa Monica Beach Tower 20 at the end of Bay Street.

The event is part of the world's largest volunteer effort focused on marine environment protection. SMC students will help clean the college's adopted beach section known as the "Inkwell," a historic site where SMC student Nick Gabaldón and other African Americans challenged Jim Crow racism and helped open public beaches for all.

Organizers will provide gloves, buckets and safety training. Volunteers should bring sunscreen, a hat and a reusable water bottle.

Participants are encouraged to bike, walk or take public transit to the beach. Those who drive can request parking passes at the lot entrance between Bay Street and Bicknell Street.

More information is available by emailing Ferris Kawar at kawar_ferris@smc.edu.

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Los Angeles

State Sen. Ben Allen Launches Campaign for California Insurance Commissioner

California State Sen. Ben Allen announced his candidacy for California Insurance Commissioner, pledging to prioritize consumers while ensuring a climate-resilient insurance market. The Santa Monica Democrat enters the race with advantages in polling, fundraising and political support.

The January Palisades Fire proved a defining moment for Allen's public service career. The fire erupted near where he grew up and is raising his family, devastating communities he has represented for more than a decade in the State Senate.

"The Palisades Fire underscored what we've known for years: our world is changing beneath our feet," Allen said. "If we want to keep California affordable and livable, we must make our insurance system adaptable to the realities of a changing world, while making sure insurance companies treat people right."

Allen immediately worked on the governmental response, bringing state and federal leaders together for resident assistance, securing funding to rebuild infrastructure and helping families recover. He wrote legislation to assist mobile home park residents who lost everything and provide tax assistance for fire victims.

Allen's campaign received endorsements from U.S. Sen. Adam Schiff, Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire, Pro Tem-designee Monique Limon and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. He starts with nearly $1 million in campaign funds, and recent Probolsky Research polling showed him with double the numbers of the closest Democratic challenger.

"Ben has a proven record of tackling tough public policy issues, and I can think of no one better prepared to take on the challenges ahead," Schiff said.

Allen has served in the State Senate since 2014 after serving as school board president. He authored one of the nation's most ambitious plastic waste reduction laws and recently spearheaded the Combating Auto Retail Scams Act. As an environmental policy leader, he was lead author of the climate bond passed by voters in November 2024.

For more information, visit BenAllenCA.com.

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Santa Monica College Opens Fall Jazz Series with Freddie Hubbard Tribute

Santa Monica College's Music Department will present its 2025 Fall Jazz Series with three live concerts, opening with "Hub-Tones" — a tribute to jazz trumpeter Freddie Hubbard — on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.

The opening concert will feature Ralph Moore, Marvin "Smitty" Smith, special guest Michael Cottone and surprise guests at the Music Hall in the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street, Santa Monica.

Admission is free with any student ID. General admission tickets are $10 plus a modest service charge. Advance tickets may be purchased at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 Monday through Friday during limited hours. Tickets may also be purchased starting one hour before performance time at The Broad Stage Box Office at the SMC Performing Arts Center.

Renowned tenor saxophonist Ralph Moore, a member since 1995 of Kevin Eubanks' band on Jay Leno's Tonight Show, performed and recorded with Freddie Hubbard from 1987 to 1991. Moore has played with various musicians including the Horace Silver Quintet, drummer Roy Haynes, Dizzy Gillespie's reunion band and Gene Harris.

Drummer and composer Marvin "Smitty" Smith has recorded more than 200 albums with various musicians since starting in Jon Hendricks' band in the early 1980s. He has worked with Bobby Watson, John Hicks, Slide Hampton, Kevin Eubanks, Ray Brown, Dave Holland, Sonny Rollins and Sting.

Special guest trumpeter and composer Michael Cottone has performed with Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox, Bette Midler, Gwen Stefani, The Marías, the Eagles and Ulysses Owens Jr. He has recorded for Ziggy Marley, Al Jarreau, Neil Diamond, Michael Bublé and John Legend.

The series continues with Oscar Hernandez y Alma Libre on Oct. 17 and concludes with the Peter Erskine Quartet on Nov. 21. Details are available at smc.edu/events or by calling 310-434-4323.

Free parking is available on premises. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00486 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Youssef Akhlarzad for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Youssef Akhtarzad court for a decree of changing names as follows: Youssef Akhtarzad to Joseph Akhtarzad . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 10/24 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 7125 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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LIONS ROAR

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Lions Club September meeting highlights community service and Santa Monica's 150th anniversary

The September meeting of the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club was filled with celebration and community spirit. Members gathered to wish Kathy Boole and Brian Ransom a happy birthday and enjoyed an engaging presentation from Micah Akerson, Community Relations Manager for the Santa Monica Department of Recreation & Arts.

Micah's slide presentation highlighted the many ways the department enriches life in Santa Monica. Through social, cultural, and recreational programs, Recreation & Arts helps connect neighbors of all ages. From sports and aquatics at the Santa Monica Swim Center to youth activities at the Cove Skatepark, adult sports leagues, camps, and classes, there's something for everyone. To learn more go to their website: santamonica.gov/departments/recreation-and-arts

He also shared a look at Santa Monica's 150th anniversary celebration, taking place July through December 2025. The anniversary programs reflect on the city's history of innovation in art, culture, sports, technology, architecture, and environmentalism—while also looking ahead to the future.

In addition to our speaker, Service Chair Brian Ransom reviewed the many projects our Lions will take part in over the coming months:

Foundation Fighting Blindness Los Angeles 5K Vision Walk – September 13 at Crescent Park

Westside Food Bank 5K Hunger Walk – November 2 at Ocean View Park

Santa Monica YMCA Healthy Aging Fair – November 17 at the Santa Monica YMCA

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December, at Bristol Farms in Santa Monica (date to be announced)

These projects reflect the Lions' mission to serve our community and make a difference where it's most needed. If you want to join us, please reach out to Brian at smpplionsclub@gmail.com to get more details.

If you'd like to be part of this active, welcoming group, we'd love to meet you! Join us at our next dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at the Elks Lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd. (near 11th Street, with free parking in the adjacent lot). Please RSVP by contacting Kingsley Fife at 310-367-2679 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com.

Come see what Lions are all about—you might find yourself inspired to join us in service and fellowship!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ocean Park

The Other Art Fair Returns to Barker Hangar With Largest LA Edition

The Other Art Fair, presented by Saatchi Art, returns to Los Angeles Sept. 25-28 for its 14th edition and largest fair to date at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica.

The event will feature 150 independent artists from around the globe, showcasing contemporary art, immersive installations, live performances and family-friendly activities. Artworks are priced from under $200 to $2,000, making art collecting accessible and affordable.

"The Other Art Fair has always been about discovery, connection and breaking down barriers in the art world," said Nicole Garton, Global Fair Director.

Art world experts hand-selected exhibitors, including selection committee members Terrell Tilford of Band of Vices, Daisha Board of Daisha Board Gallery, Erin Remington of Saatchi Art and Garton.

New this year is THE DREAD SPA, offering visitors chakra cleansing through immersive experiences including sound baths, karmic exchanges and aura portraits. The Salon Carré art parlor, inspired by 18th-century Parisian salons, will feature complimentary tea leaf readings Sunday, Sept. 28.

The New Futures Award will spotlight emerging artist Kipkemoi, a German-Kenyan Los Angeles-based artist exploring themes of belonging and identity through acrylic works contrasting bright colors with monochromatic portraiture.

Special programming includes Opening Night with DJ Phatrick and complimentary whisky cocktails by Balcones Distilling on Sept. 25, Friday Late with KCRW on Sept. 26, Mariachi Tierra Mía performance on Sept. 27 and tea leaf readings on Sept. 28.

Food vendors include Thai Mex Cocina, Word of Mouth plant-based truck, Arrvo Coffee, Cali Craving and LA LA Lasagna.

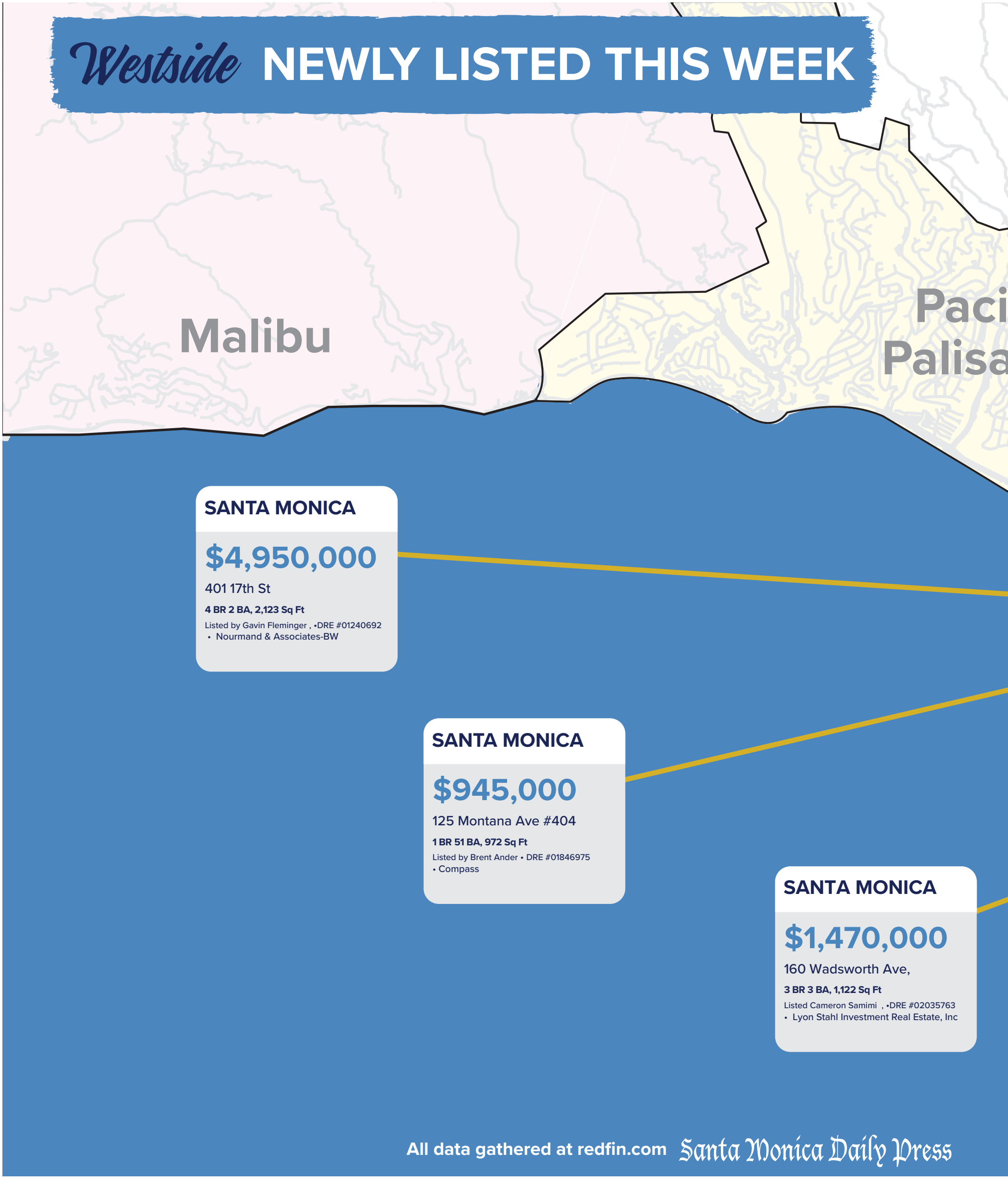
Tickets are available at www.theotherartfair.com/la/. Hours are Thursday 6-10 p.m., Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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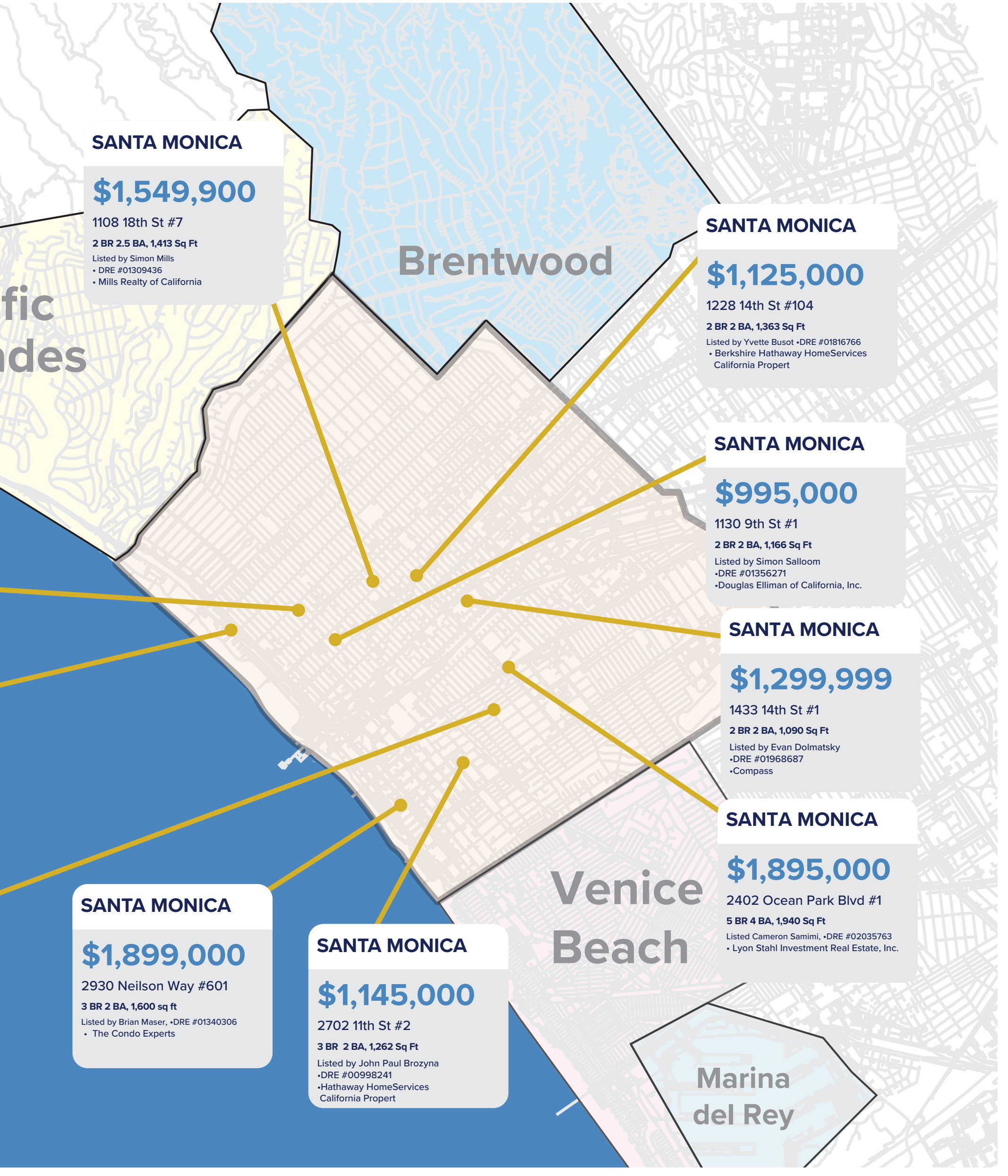
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160 Wadsworth Ave,

3 BR 3 BA, 1,122 Sq Ft

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$1,895,000

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FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 19

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave Santa Monica, CA. 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/14385252/2025-09-19T18

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 20

COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY 2025
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Heal the Bay Presents The 36th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day. Coastal Cleanup Day is the world's largest volunteer-driven environmental event, mobilizing millions of people across the world to protect our planet! In Los Angeles County, Heal the Bay proudly leads this monumental effort, organizing over 50 cleanup sites spanning our coasts, rivers, parks, and dive and kayak sites. Our amazing volunteers picked up more than 18,000 pounds of trash last year! Save the date on Saturday, September 20th, 2025, 9 am to noon, as we once again welcome more than 7,000 volunteers to help tackle Los Angeles's marine debris crisis! Please contact ccd@healthebay.org with any questions. Registration Coming Soon About Coastal Cleanup Day, LA County: Coastal Cleanup Day is an international day of action to protect our oceans, watersheds, and wildlife from trash and plastic pollution. In collaboration with the California Coastal Commission and the Ocean Conservancy, Heal the Bay has proudly been the Los Angeles County Coordinator of this event for the past 36 years. Choose one of the many clean up sites throughout the county. Whether you want to tidy up the mountains, better your neighborhood, or spruce up the beach, we've got you covered! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/coastal-clean-up-day-2025/16449375/2025-09-20T09

COMPOST GIVEAWAY AT CITY YARDS
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. City Yards 2500 Michigan Ave Santa Monica. Join us for Resource Recovery and Recycling's quarterly compost giveaway on September 20th, 2025, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/compost-giveaway-at-city-yards/14544561/2025-09-20T09

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holiday. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/uc-master-gardeners-at-pico-farmers-market/16517441/2025-09-20T10

I AM, YO SOY BOOK READING WITH MIRELLE ORTEGA
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. A special book reading celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Author/Illustrator Mirelle Ortega will read the book she illustrated with an interactive art demo to follow. For families. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/i-am-yo-soy-book-reading-with-mirelle-ortega/16455897/2025-09-20T11

ANTI-AGEING NUTRITION SECRETS FOR HEALTH AND LONGEVITY
12:30 p.m. Santa Monica Seventh-day Adventist Church
1254 19th Street Santa Monica. Dr. John Westerdahl, an internationally recognized expert in food, nutrition, and wellness, leads this three-part seminar inspired by the world's Blue Zone-regions known for the longest living, healthiest people on earth. Learn more about evidence-based strategies for healthy aging and how to make a special anti-aging smoothie with samples for everyone to enjoy! Booklet authored by Dr. Westerdahl will be available to registered attendants. Register on Eventbrite for seating. Free parking on site. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/anti-ageing-nutrition-secrets-for-health-and-longevity/16645741/2025-09-20T12

MEXICAN PRESENCE IN SANTA MONICA PROJECT
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. The Library introduces the Mexican Presence in Santa Monica Project, a group of community members seeking to document the rich cultural history, genealogy, and influence of Mexican American families in Santa Monica through historic images, oral histories, and other primary resources. Meet some of the families piloting the project and learn how you can contribute as well. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/mexican-presence-in-santa-monica-project/16455898/2025-09-20T14

ABOUT THEREVEREND SHAWN AMOS
8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St Santa Monica. Curator of the blackbox series The Reverend Shawn Amos opens the 2025/26 Season by inviting everyone onto the dance floor! Join the joyful bluesman for a night of classic 1960s dance and rhythm & blues, plus favorites from his own catalogue—and as always, he has a few festive surprises waiting. If you have ever seen The Rev perform, you know that no two performances are alike—and you are guaranteed to be dancing. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/about-thereverend-shawn-amos/16230156/2025-09-20T20

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

DOUGLAS DAY HONORING OUR 1ST RESPONDER HEROES AT THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Atlantic Aviation 2828 Donald Douglas Loop N Santa Monica. Join us for Douglas Day 2025, taking place on Sunday, September 21, 2025, a celebration in honor of our first responders and aviation legacy. Mark your calendar for this powerful and moving tribute. Discover Santa Monica's Legacy and Inspire the Next Generation. Bring your young explorers to ignite their passion for science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) education through exciting demonstrations and interactive experiences. Don't miss this journey through history and into the future of mobility. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. This free event is open to the public - donations are welcome and greatly appreciated! https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/L2TEQZFPZEEDL. Generously Hosted by: Spirit of Santa Monica and made possible by our sponsors, donors, volunteers and participants. To request sponsorship & volunteer information or for PR requests, email Vanessa@spiritofsantamonica.org. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/douglas-day-honoring-our-1st-responder-heroes-at-the-santa-monica-airport/16406360/2025-09-21T10

THE WATERFRONT - SUNDAY REAL FUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy a bottomless brunch buffet Sundays at The Waterfront! The Waterfront Venice is a full-service restaurant celebrating Californian cuisine with views of the Pacific Ocean. Situated between Rose and Navy on the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk, our food & beverage menus celebrate California with carefully selected seasonal produce from local farms. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-waterfront-sunday-real-funday-brunch-buffet/14894114/2025-09-21T11

AMERICANA IN THE PARK 2025 FESTIVAL
1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Gandara Park 1819 Stewart St Santa Monica. In its fifth year, Americana in the Park returns for an action-packed single afternoon format! McCabe's Guitar Shop presents a free festival featuring a broad spectrum of live music, from traditional roots, blues, jazz and folk to Americana's modern forms. Join us for family-friendly programming from top notch local talent like El Rayo X, Alice Howe & Freebo, Gumbo Brothers, and Babilonia featuring Celia Chavez, along with food trucks, kid-friendly interactive elements and a McCabe's Guitar Shop Pop-up! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/americana-in-the-park-2025-festival/16229254/2025-09-21T13

BANNED BOOKS READING GROUP
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Banned Books Reading Group The banned books reading group reads and discusses materials that have been historically challenged or are on the American Library Association's "Banned and Challenged Books" lists.... Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/banned-books-reading-group/15607288/2025-09-21T14

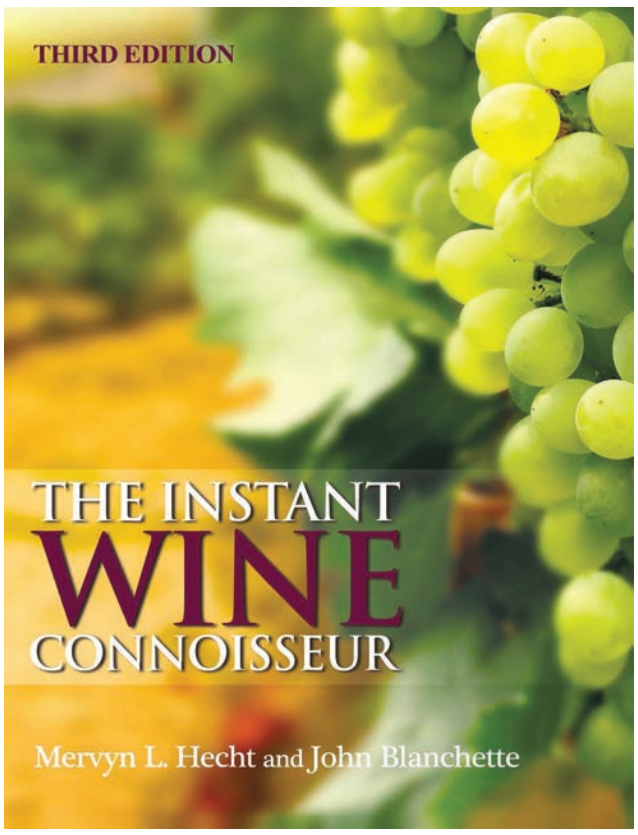
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MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 22

GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Pease feel free to join Monday, Wed and Friday for a 45 minute guided mindfulness meditation which will conclude with a short loving friendliness meditation. 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 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/16169673/2025-09-22T10

CITIZENSHIP CLASS
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. An ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. The classes help students study the 100 civics questions, practice the dictations, review the citizenship application, and prepare for the interview. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/citizenship-class/16220806/2025-09-22T10

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KIMMEL

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the line into threats of violence."

Todd Blanche, Bondi's deputy, suggested that protesters could have violated the law by yelling at Trump while he visited a restaurant near the White House.

> We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them, and doing everything they can to score political points from it
> - Jimmy Kimmel

"Is it sheer happenstance that individuals show up at a restaurant where the president is trying to enjoy dinner in Washington, D.C., and accost him with vile words and vile anger?" Blanche said. He said authorities could investigate whether it's "part of an organized effort to inflict harm and terror and damage to the United States."

POLITICS AND COMEDY COLLIDE ON LATE-NIGHT SHOWS

The latest saga with Kimmel began Monday night with the comedian's commentary about last week's shooting of Kirk, which took place on a college campus in Utah.

"We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them, and doing everything they can to score political points from it," Kimmel said. He also compared Trump's grief to "how a 4-year-old mourns a goldfish."

Trump allies said Kimmel was falsely suggesting that the shooter was right-wing. Authorities have not formally presented a motive for the killing, but evidence indicates that he held liberal beliefs. Gov. Spencer Cox, R-Utah, has said "there clearly was a leftist ideology,"

On Wednesday, Carr appeared on a podcast hosted by Benny Johnson, a conservative commentator, and accused Kimmel of the "sickest conduct possible." Carr said "you could make a strong argument that this is sort of an intentional effort to mislead the American people about a very core fundamental fact."

Carr placed the move against Kimmel in the broader context of Trump's efforts to undermine the power of legacy media companies.

"He smashed the facade that they get to control what we say, what we think, the narrative around events," Carr said. "And we're seeing a lot of consequences from President Trump doing that."

Reminding affiliates that their broadcast licenses come with an "obligation to operate in the public interest," Carr said "it's time for them to step up" and say Kimmel's content "isn't something that we think serves the needs of our local communities."

KIMMEL FACES CORPORATE BACKLASH

It didn't take long for Nexstar Media Group, the country's biggest operator of television stations, to echo some of Carr's language.

"Continuing to give Mr. Kimmel a broadcast platform in the communities we serve is simply not in the public interest at the current time," Andrew Alford, president of Nexstar's broadcasting division, said in statement.

The controversy landed at a sensitive time for Nexstar, which needs FCC approval for its $6.2 billion acquisition of Tegna.

ABC soon announced that Kimmel would be taken off the air. It is unclear when or whether he will return. Kimmel has not commented publicly.

Later in the evening, the television company Sinclair said its stations would carry "a special in remembrance of Charlie Kirk" on Friday during Kimmel's usual time slot. The company also asked Kimmel to apologize to Kirk's family and donate money to Turning Point USA, the conservative group that Kirk turned into a political powerhouse.

House Democratic leaders, in a statement, accused Carr of "bullying ABC" and "forcing the company to bend the knee to the Trump administration," and said a "war" on the First Amendment by Trump and the GOP "is blatantly inconsistent with American values."

The news of Kimmel's suspension broke after midnight in Britain, where Trump was traveling for a state visit. But the president soon posted on Truth Social, his social media platform, to celebrate what he called "Great News for America."

CBS had already announced the cancellation of Stephen Colbert's show over the summer, and Trump said more dominoes should fall, calling for the cancellation of shows by Jimmy Fallon and Seth Meyers.

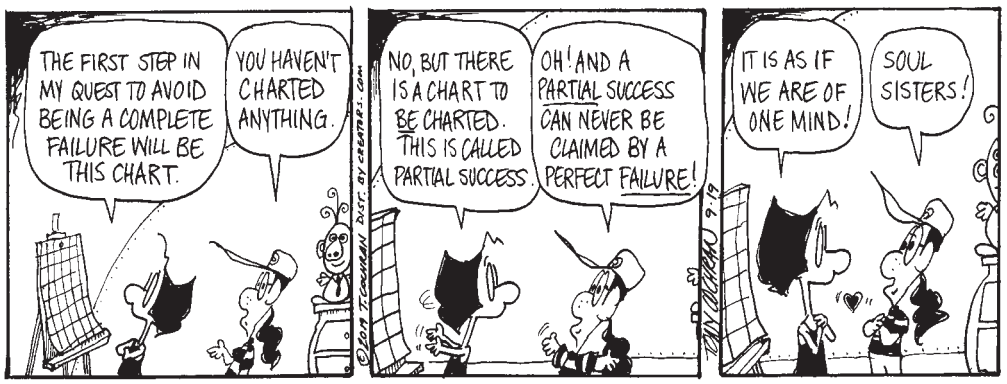
"Do it NBC!!!" he wrote.

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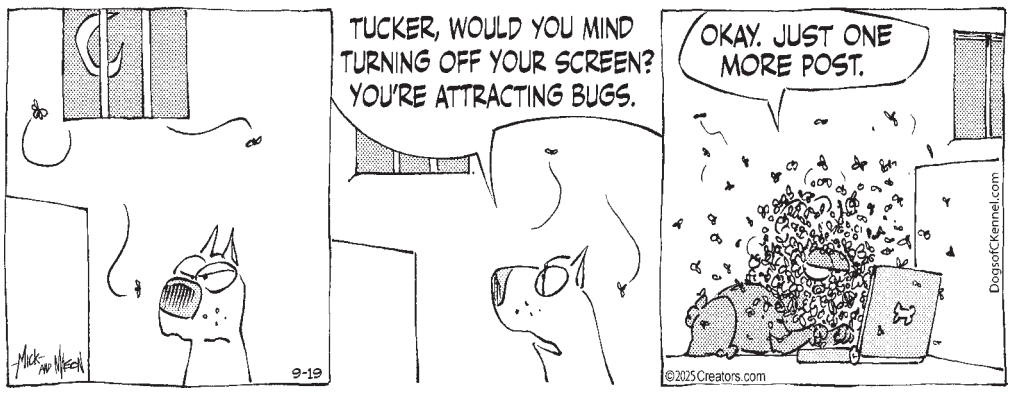
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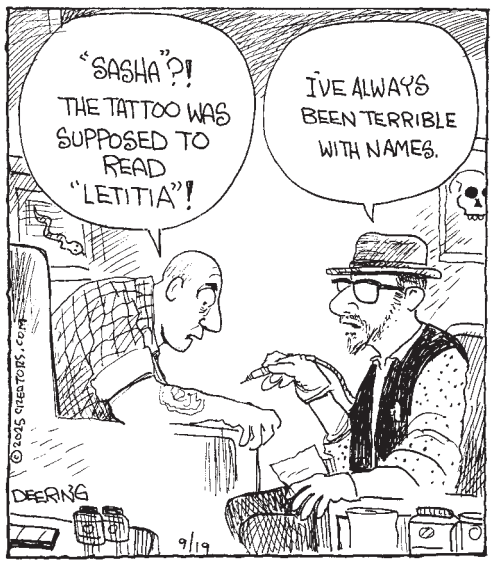
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Welcome to your Year of New Magic. You break the expectations and shine in your own style, inspiring wonder and awe. But perhaps the best "trick" of all is how you manage to create such tender, fun relationship dynamics, turning so many people into adoring fans. More highlights: A domestic upgrade, a cross-country excursion and finally getting the pay you deserve. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 31, 6, 40, 5 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Opportunities don't always arrive in tidy order after "earning." Sometimes they come early, because someone senses your readiness - or more likely because it's needed in the moment and you're in the vicinity to be tapped.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone needs a support system. You'll be attracted to those with talents and skills that complement yours. Even if you must go out of your way to add to your team, it will be worth it because building teams is building power.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A strategic act of inclusion builds goodwill. The one you performed a while back is now affecting your life in a good way because someone feels woven into your circle - evidence that this is the way to continue on, moving forward in kindness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Selectivity turns a good day into a great one. Choose depth over breadth. The temptation is to say yes to it all, but if you only say yes to one, you can immerse, enjoy more fully and gain more satisfaction than scattered energy would allow for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If your first communication doesn't land, take that as information. Use it to guide an adjustment of tone, language or delivery. Tweak gradually. Change one thing at a time so you can see what made the difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Prometheus is the figure in Greek mythology who stole fire from the gods and gave it to humans, a gift that brought light, warmth, knowledge and power. There's a Promethean fire lighting up your situation today - the breakthrough that feels stolen from the heavens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The air will be cleared. Misunderstandings between people will be resolved. Much will be accomplished because of this, but for now, just concentrate on flowing as much compassion as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People may not talk about the flip side of a situation, but everyone knows there is one and can make an accurate guess about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not necessary to be easy to read, contact or find today. You'll cultivate a magnetic vibe based in mystery and maybe a dash of ambiguity while you're at it. People will be drawn in by not understanding everything right away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know exactly who your role model is, but you may not know who is using you as a role model. For this reason, be on your best behavior at all times today. You'll be copied in this state.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is no winning or losing today, only actions that will change the journey for a mile or two. But all roads are leading to the same destination, so don't take any of it too seriously. It's a day when you can't go wrong, so just have fun with the choice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You get the feeling that you won't get the task correct right away. This one requires practice. But a small win in the early stages will give you the gumption to keep at it.

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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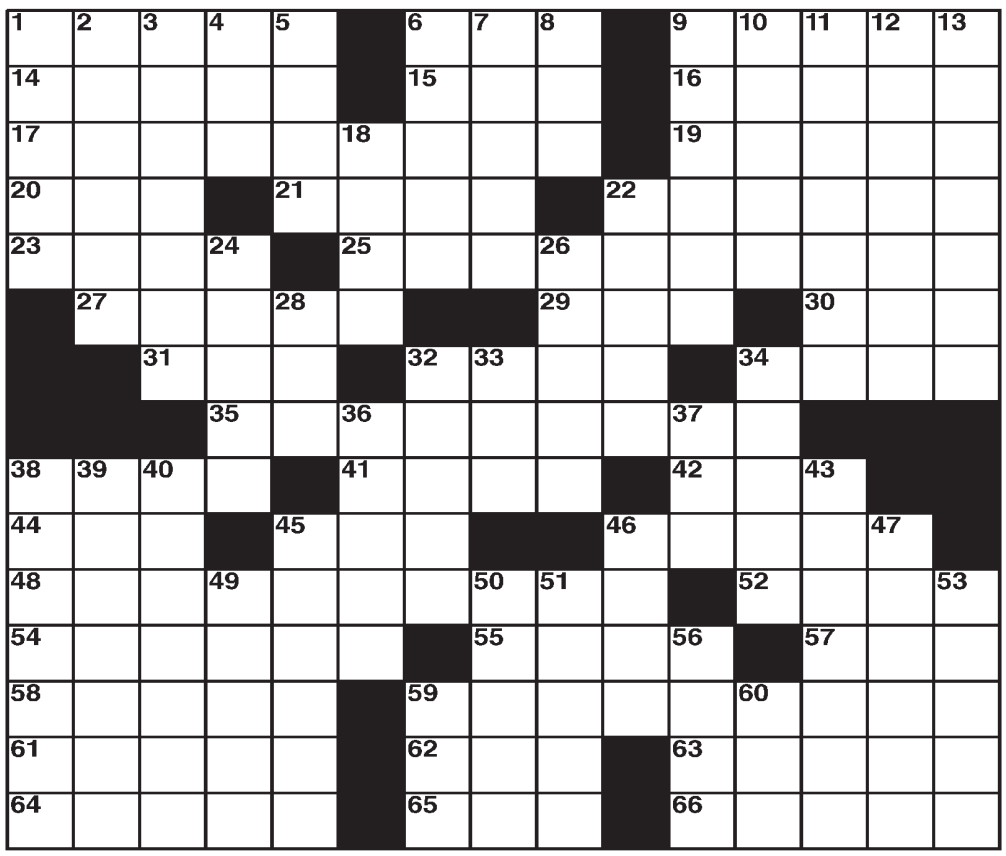
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23 Apricot cousin
25 *Ruler in the news since 2022
27 Back-in-style "Amazing!"
29 No longer a thing
30 Digital communication letters
31 Finch creator
32 Safari attire
34 Whom ESPN's Courage Award is named for
35 *Devout
38 Sews up
41 What lentils are rich in
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45 Healthful facility
46 Signal silently
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52 Labor Dept. unit
54 Expressed disapproval
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63 Leave no trace of
64 Schedule fillers
65 Thunderstorm residue
66 What's spelled "between the I's" of the starred clues' answers

DOWN

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3 Rather wrong
4 "Enough," in brief
5 Novelist Gruen
6 Xerox rival
7 Disney Polynesian girl
8 Very long-running NBC show
9 Under wraps
10 Light circles
11 Idyllic locales
12 Early in the workday
13 Antiseptic
18 Ancient American royal
22 Demoted orbiter
24 Still-life vessels
26 Violinist's accessory
28 Omega counterpart
32 What memes have gone
33 Agreement obstacle
34 "Just like me"
36 Triglyceride, e.g.
37 *Número minúsculo*
38 Some potatoes
39 Shaped like a Kiss
40 Way, way back
43 #
45 Sheep farmer's tool
46 Soda that sounds short
47 Remove the chaff from
49 Key, for instance
50 Parting word
51 Brought along
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AGING & DISABILITY

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significant challenges in housing stability, mobility and access to information.

Alana Riemermann, a senior analyst with the city's Housing and Human Services Department, told the council that the plan addresses priorities that "came up over and over" from multiple stakeholder groups during the year-long development process.

"These are the details that we would be working out in implementation," Riemermann said during the council meeting. "That's why we need this interdepartmental collaboration, because then we can bring the experts to the table."

The plan is organized around five focus areas: mobility, access and inclusive public spaces; connected and resilient community; coordinated communication and outreach; housing stability and affordability; and inclusive emergency preparedness.

Development of the plan was funded through a California Department of Aging grant and guided by a 16-seat advisory committee that included community members, subject matter experts, commissioners and city staff. The city also joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities as part of the initiative.

The Council raised questions about specific implementation details during Tuesday's meeting. Natalya Zernitskaya inquired about bringing back physical communication materials and conducting ADA assessments of the city's website, noting the need for features like accessible photo descriptions and video captions.

Barry Snell focused on transportation options for older residents, particularly the goal of enabling them to access city resources without driving. Riemermann noted that the city already operates a Mobility On-Demand program but said one of the top recommendations was "expanding the MO program so it's available during the weekend and during later evening hours."

The plan also addresses emergency preparedness, with discussions about helping residents assemble emergency kits rather than just providing information. The city operates a Community Connect program through the fire department that allows residents to voluntarily register accessibility needs for emergency situations.

Ellis Raskin emphasized the importance of housing affordability for seniors while noting the city's "unique ecosystem of licensed care facilities, memory care facilities" that serve residents requiring specialized assistance.

Implementation will begin in early 2026, led by a collaborative of city departments and community organizations. The Housing and Human Services Department will coordinate efforts, align with other city initiatives and provide regular public updates every six months.

There is no immediate budget impact from the plan's approval, though staff will return to the council if specific budget actions are required during the three-year implementation period.

At the end of three years, Santa Monica will submit a progress report to AARP as part of its membership in the Age-Friendly network.

The plan builds on Santa Monica's existing investments in accessible public spaces, mobility programs and social services targeted at older adults and people with disabilities, positioning the city to better serve its aging population in the coming years.

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DATA: Adults aged 75 and older, 42% are living with a disability, according to city data.

AIRPORT

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to community concerns about noise and environmental impact. The ATR 42-600 features lower fuel consumption and advanced noise-reduction technology compared to traditional jet aircraft, according to JSX.

"Our approach at SMO is centered on thoughtful, responsible operations that respect the neighborhood and align with the values of the Santa Monica community," Wilcox said.

JSX said its application is in response to proven local demand. The company said more than 2,200 Santa Monica residents have already flown JSX from other regional airports, taking more than 14,000 trips in recent years.

"As long as the airport is open, it should serve our community," said Santa Monica resident Lorae Tayler. "Air service from SMO would be convenient and reduce time in traffic traveling to other regional airports and keep the economic benefits local."

The proposed service would offer JSX's signature streamlined experience, including check-in just 20 minutes before departure at a dedicated lobby. The ATR 42-600 would feature 30 seats, complimentary snacks and cocktails, and planned high-speed internet service.

JSX markets itself as a "hop-on" public charter service that bridges the gap between commercial airlines and private jets. Founded in 2016, the company operates 29 airports across the United States and Mexico with a fleet of 50 Embraer jets and two ATR 42-600 turboprops.

The airline has received industry recognition, including being named the top domestic airline by Travel + Leisure magazine in both 2024 and 2025. JSX was also the first airline worldwide to receive autism-aware certification in 2023.

How long JSX would operate is unknown as the Airport itself may be on borrowed time. The City has the ability to close the airport in 2028 and a debate has emerged over the future of the land. While longtime airport critics want the property to become a new park, a new push for housing on the site emerged recently. Council is awaiting a feasibility study on options before making final decisions on what might happen.

However, the airport is open in the meantime. If approved by airport authorities, JSX would join other operators at the facility, which primarily serves general aviation, flight training and charter services. The airport's central location near downtown Santa Monica and proximity to major beaches and business districts makes it attractive to aviation companies despite the operational restrictions.

The timeline for approval of JSX's application remains unclear, but the company said it is prepared to begin service in 2025 if approved.

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GUN

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The incident occurred on an embankment that serves as a large homeless encampment, as area residents know.

Police withheld the suspect's identity pending investigation. The department emphasized its commitment to transparency and encouraged the public to access crime reports through its official website.

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Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Esfir Khazan CASE NUMBER: 25STPB07255 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Esfir Khazan.A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jennifer Smilowitz in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests that Jennifer Smilowitz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: Oct 30th , 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 11 Room _ Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the Petitioner: Robert B. Rosenstein/Paul N. Evenson Rosenstein k Associates 28600 Mercedes St Temecula, CA 92590Telephone: 951-296-3888 Fax: 951-29603888 Email: Robert@thetemeculalawfirm.com

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