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Thieves destroy local filmmakers home, including cutting his pipes and stabbing his bed

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A GoFundMe campaign has been launched to help Santa Monica cinematographer Fidel Ruiz-Healy after his home was ransacked and rendered unlivable while he was out of town on a work trip.

The fundraising effort, launched September 16, describes how Ruiz-Healy came home to find every crevice turned over and all of his valuables stolen while items were left behind in his bedroom including trash and weapons. The squatters had also cut plumbing pipes and electrical wires.

The theft is particularly devastating for Ruiz-Healy, who his friends described as an "incredibly talented, award winning cinematographer, director, editor, a filmmaker jack of all trades." His equipment serves as his primary source of income, and the stolen items included not only his own cameras but also collaborators' equipment he was storing. Making matters worse, insurance coverage on the valuable equipment had lapsed on August 30, just weeks before the break-in.

Ruiz-Healy filed a police report valuing the stolen camera equipment at $25,000.

Ruiz-Healy had been in New York for just over a week, working with the Juilliard School's drama department directing film projects. When his friend dropped him off at his Santa Monica home around 11 p.m. on September 16, he immediately noticed something was wrong.

"Upon pulling into the backyard, I noticed that the back gate was open. I noticed that the shed was open and a lot of things are missing from there," Ruiz-Healy said. "I



Courtesy photo

FILMMAKER: Fidel Ruiz-Healy is unable to return to his home after it was rendered unlivable by criminals.

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Councilman Zwick hired as housing advocate for California nonprofit

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

City Councilman Jesse Zwick has announced he has accepted a position as Southern California Director for the Housing Action Coalition, a Bay Area-based nonprofit that advocates for increased housing development across California.

The announcement raises questions among some residents about potential conflicts of interest, as Zwick will continue serving on the council while working for an organization that lobbies for pro-housing policies and represents developers, architects, engineers

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Birdie G's to close citing economic troubles and civic neglect

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Birdie G's, the acclaimed comfort food restaurant at Bergamot Station Arts Center, will close after service on Dec. 31, ending a six-year run that earned national recognition and local devotion.

Chef Jeremy Fox opened Birdie G's in June 2019 with the Rustic Canyon Family of Restaurants,

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- **Submission Deadline is October 24, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca) There is no charge for the RFP package.

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What a new poll shows about where Americans think the country is heading

Republicans' outlook on the direction of the country has soured dramatically, according to a new AP-NORC poll that was conducted shortly after last week's assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

The share of Republicans who see the country headed in the right direction has fallen sharply in recent months, according to the September survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Today, only about half in the GOP see the nation on the right course, down from 70% in June. The shift is even more glaring among Republican women and the party's under-45 crowd.

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> - Chris Bahr

Overall, about one-quarter of Americans say things in the country are headed in the right direction, down from about 4 in 10 in June. Democrats and independents didn't shift meaningfully.

Interviews with Republicans who took the poll suggest that political violence and nagging worries about social discord are playing a role in the notable shift in their mood after a summer scarred by killings of figures on both sides of the political spectrum, although they also mentioned another array of worries, including jobs, household costs and crime.

"I've spent a lot of time worrying about the worsening political discourse and, now, the disturbing assassinations," said Chris Bahr, a 42-year-old Republican from suburban Houston.

"If you'd have talked to me two weeks ago, I wouldn't have brought it up as a main concern but more of a gnawing feeling," the software administrator said. "It's something I've been thinking about. But now it's violence, while before it was just this sense of animosity and division."

AN UNUSUALLY SHARP DROP AMONG REPUBLICANS

Views of the country's direction tend to be fairly stable, but major events sometimes shake partisans' feelings about the state of the country, even when their party is in power. Democrats, for example, were more likely to say the U.S. was headed the wrong way after the Supreme Court in June 2022 overturned Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that established a federal right to abortion. Democrat Joe Biden was president.

But the GOP shift in optimism, especially among younger Republicans and GOP women, is noteworthy for its scale. The drop in Republicans who see the country headed in the right direction is bigger than the decline between October 2020 and December 2020, after President Donald Trump, a Republican, lost his reelection bid. It's more similar in scope to the decline that occurred in the first two months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among Republicans younger than 45, the decline is particularly glaring: 61% say the country is headed in the wrong direction, a spike of 30 percentage points since June, the last time the question was asked.

Mostly, 42-year-old truck driver Mustafa Robinson, a Republican, is troubled by the cost of living, but he has been increasingly bothered by what he wishes was a stronger sense of national unity.

"It's like, you think you're heading in the right direction with your career and your job, but everything around you is going up in price. It seems like you can't catch a break," said Robinson, a married father of three who lives in Delaware County just southwest of Philadelphia. "But we are also supposed to be united as a country and coming together. And we are not. I'm so perplexed how we're not on the same page about anything, so bad that these people are being shot."

SOME EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Kirk, who started the Arizona-based political organization Turning Point USA and had been a leader rallying young conservatives for Trump, died Sept. 10 after he was shot during an outdoor event at Utah Valley University.

On June 14, Democrat Melissa Hortman, Minnesota's state House speaker, and her husband were shot to death in their in their suburban Minneapolis home in what authorities called an act of targeted political violence.

In April, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, his family and guests fled the governor's mansion in Harrisburg after a man broke into the home and set a fire that caused significant damage. It happened during the Jewish holiday of Passover, and Shapiro is Jewish.

Last year, Trump was the target of an assassination attempt during an election campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, where he was shot in the ear.

Worries about political violence aren't new for many Americans. Last October, an AP-NORC poll found that 42% of U.S. adults were "extremely" or "very" concerned about the possibility of increased political violence directed at political figures or election

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Trump signs proclamation imposing $100K annual fee for H-1B visa applications

President Donald Trump on Friday signed a proclamation that will require a new annual $100,000 fee for H-1B visa applications, among other changes to the program for highly skilled foreign workers that has come under scrutiny by the administration.

H-1B visas are meant to bring the best and brightest foreigners for high-skilled jobs that tech companies find difficult to fill with qualified U.S. citizens and permanent residents. The program instead has turned into a pipeline for overseas workers who are often willing to work for as little as $60,000 annually. That is far less than $100,000-plus salaries typically paid to U.S. technology workers.

Trump on Friday insisted that the tech industry would not oppose the move. "I think they're going to be very happy," he said.

First lady Melania Trump, the former Melania Knauss, was granted an H1-B work visa in October 1996 to work as a model. She was born in Slovenia.

The H1-B program was created in 1990 for people with a bachelor's degree or higher in fields where jobs are deemed hard to fill, especially science, technology, engineering and math. Critics say they allow companies to pay lower wages with fewer labor protections.

Historically, these visas — 85,000 per year — have been doled out through a lottery system. This year, Amazon was by far the top recipient of H-1B visas with more than 10,000 awarded, followed by Tata Consultancy, Microsoft, Apple and Google. Geographically, California has the highest number of H-1B workers, according to UCIS.

Critics say H-1B spots often go to entry-level jobs, rather than senior positions with unique skill requirements. And while the program isn't supposed to undercut U.S. wages or displace U.S. workers, critics say companies can pay less by classifying jobs at the lowest skill levels, even if the specific workers hired have more experience.

As a result, many U.S. companies find it cheaper simply to contract out help desks, programming and other basic tasks to consulting companies such as Wipro, Infosys, HCL Technologies and Tata in India and IBM and Cognizant in the U.S. These consulting companies hire foreign workers, often from India, and contract them out to U.S. employers looking to save money.

Doug Rand, who served as the director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services during the Biden administration, said this amounts to a "split personality disorder" for the program, with only about half of the visas each year going to traditional companies that offer long-term employment and can put immigrants on a track to citizenship. The other half go to staffing or consulting firms — and while many are established and well-known companies, others are just one-person operations that wouldn't exist without the H1-B program.

"They're basically entering the lottery so they can hire people that they then rent out to other larger companies doing actual work," Rand said. "And so there's a lot of misbehavior and chicanery in this part of the system."

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In 2024, lottery bids for the visas plunged nearly 40%, which authorities said was due to success against people who were "gaming the system" by submitting multiple, sometimes dubious, applications to unfairly increase chances of being selected.

Major technology companies that use H-1B visas sought changes after massive increases in bids left their employees and prospective hires with slimmer chances of winning the random lottery. Facing what it acknowledged was likely fraud and abuse, USCIS this year said each employee had only one shot at the lottery, whether the person had one job offer or 50.

Critics welcomed the change but said more needs to be done. The AFL-CIO wrote last year that while changes to the lottery "included some steps in the right direction," it fell short of needed reforms. The labor group wants visas awarded to companies that pay the highest wages instead of by random lottery, a change that Trump sought during his first term in the White House.

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Weather

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Monday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Tuesday: A chance of showers, mainly before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)	High/Low
2025/09/22	Mon	03:58 AM	0.70		L
2025/09/22	Mon	10:09 AM	5.42		H
2025/09/22	Mon	4:23 PM	0.76		L
2025/09/22	Mon	10:23 PM	4.92		H
2025/09/23	Tue	04:18 AM	1.13		L
2025/09/23	Tue	10:30 AM	5.47		H
2025/09/23	Tue	4:58 PM	0.70		L
2025/09/23	Tue	11:00 PM	4.45		H
2025/09/24	Wed	04:37 AM	1.57		L
2025/09/24	Wed	10:51 AM	5.45		H
2025/09/24	Wed	5:36 PM	0.73		L
2025/09/24	Wed	11:40 PM	3.97		H
2025/09/25	Thu	04:53 AM	2.01		L
2025/09/25	Thu	11:13 AM	5.35		H
2025/09/25	Thu	6:18 PM	0.86		L
2025/09/26	Fri	12:28 AM	3.48		H
2025/09/26	Fri	05:05 AM	2.40		L
2025/09/26	Fri	11:37 AM	5.18		H
2025/09/26	Fri	7:08 PM	1.07		L
2025/09/27	Sat	01:39 AM	3.05		H
2025/09/27	Sat	05:05 AM	2.74		L
2025/09/27	Sat	12:06 PM	4.95		H
2025/09/27	Sat	8:20 PM	1.26		L
2025/09/28	Sun	12:49 PM	4.69		H
2025/09/28	Sun	10:12 PM	1.25		L
2025/09/29	Mon	2:19 PM	4.46		H
2025/09/29	Mon	11:36 PM	0.97		L
2025/09/30	Tue	4:23 PM	4.53		H
2025/10/01	Wed	12:25 AM	0.62		L
2025/10/01	Wed	07:48 AM	3.87		H
2025/10/01	Wed	11:58 AM	3.24		L
2025/10/01	Wed	5:38 PM	4.85		H
2025/10/02	Thu	01:02 AM	0.31		L
2025/10/02	Thu	07:51 AM	4.15		H

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Draw Date: 9/17
7 30 50 54 62
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 99 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 9/16
10 14 34 40 43
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 423 M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/18
3 8 27 29 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/18
EVENING: 5 2 1
Draw Date: 9/18
MIDDAY: 2 8 3

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3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
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Petition to Admin Estate

KIMBELL D. GOURLEY, ISB# 3578JONES WILLIAMS FUHRMAN GOURLEY, P.A.The 9th and Idaho Center225 N. 9th Street, Suite 820P.O. Box 1097Boise, ID 83701Telephone (208)331-1170Facsimile (208)331-1529kgourley@idalaw.comAttorneys for Applicant,Debra LaabsNOTICE TO CREDITORS (Idaho Code § 15-3-801) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OFTHE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADAIN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NINA CARLENE COLLIER, Deceased. Case No. CV01-25-14493NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debra Laabs has been appointed personal representativeof the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent, or the estate arerequired to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Noticeor said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Debra Laabs, c/o Kimbell D.Gourley at the address below and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 26th day of August, 2025.JONES WILLIAMS FUHRMAN GOURLEY, P.A._/s/ Kimbell D. GourleyKimbell D. GourleyAttorney for Personal Representative225 North 9th Street, Suite 820Boise, Idaho 83702

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:GEORGE ERNEST CHAMBERS CASE NUMBER: 24STPB06482. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of GEORGE ERNEST CHAMBERS A Petition for Probate has been filed by KEITH CHAMBERS in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests that KEITH CHAMBERS 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 7TH , 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 62 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: Peter Borenstein (SBN 304266) P.O. Box 885 Culver City, CA 90232 Telephone: 213-362-8740

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Name Change

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00472 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Kathy Joy Smith for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Luanne Smith court for a decree of changing names as follows: Luanne Smith to Kathy Joy Smith . 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 10/10 /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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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00475 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Cassandra Camille Garbutt for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Cassandra Camille Garbutt court for a decree of changing names as follows: Cassandra Camille Garbutt to Cassandra Camille Kumar . 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 10/10 /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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As checks and balances fade, Prop. 50 gives Californians a chance to hold the line

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As a former California redistricting commissioner, I have witnessed firsthand the careful, deliberate and transparent process that drew our congressional lines to reflect the real people of our state. The work was not easy, but it was honorable — and it safeguarded the principle that every community deserves fair representation.

Which is why I am both alarmed and deeply disappointed at the way conversations around Proposition 50, California's mid-cycle redistricting measure, have often been reduced to a single, shallow question: "What will it cost?"

Yes, this special election carries a financial cost. But if we view it only through dollars and cents, we ignore the greater risks. An estimated 3.4 million Californians stand to lose health care coverage due to Medicaid cuts, and another 3.1 million people — children, veterans and families — face the loss of vital nutrition assistance through SNAP.

There are measurable consequences of this moment that will reshape the health and stability of our state, while steadily eroding the foundations of our democracy.

We cannot ignore the reality that this year's map-redrawing in Texas and other states, at President Trump's urging, has been widely challenged as racial gerrymandering. This continues a generational pattern in many states where lines are drawn to weaken Black, brown, immigrant and working-class voices so politicians can pick their voters.

The Constitution is clear: The role of Congress is to make laws and act as a check and balance to the executive branch. But the Republican-led Congress has failed to fulfill that role. Instead of standing as a safeguard, Congress has abdicated its responsibility and has been a rubber stamp for the president's unconstitutional whims.

The burden for checking this abuse of power has now shifted to the states and to the people themselves. That is why California must do everything within its power to counter. Midterm redistricting is a moral necessity. We need to pass Prop. 50 and do what we can to hold the line.

The real cost of inaction shows up when children go hungry because their communities are drawn out of political power and their needs are ignored.

The real cost shows up when working families are silenced, while wealthy donors and entrenched politicians redraw maps to protect themselves.

The real cost shows up when generations of struggle for fair representation are erased by a pen stroke that divides neighborhoods and dissolves communities of interest.

And ultimately, the greatest cost is borne by our democracy itself. If we refuse to act because we are afraid of the dollar amount for a special election, then we are complicit in paying a far higher price in human dignity and democratic erosion.

Serving as a redistricting commissioner meant listening to thousands of Californians: parents, farmworkers, business owners, pastors, students, seniors and more. They shared stories of who they are and how their communities function, from the Central Valley to the coast, from urban cities to rural towns.

We honored the state Voting Rights Act, respected communities of interest and built maps in the open for everyone to see. It was democracy in action. It was Californians proving that independent, transparent redistricting is not only possible but necessary.

Now, faced with deliberate racial gerrymandering in other states and unchecked executive overreach at home, California must respond with equal determination.

Democracy is never free. Every generation is asked to invest something in its survival. But the question before us is not whether midterm redistricting is expensive. The question is whether we will further enable the unchecked cost of inhumane laws, unconstitutional abuses and far-reaching executive orders affecting ordinary Californians.

We've watched this presidential administration dismantle DEI programs and send the National Guard into our cities under false claims of "rampant crime" — all while cutting the very programs that reduced it. He has targeted and criminalized vulnerable people under the guise of "public safety."

It is shortsighted for Californians to think only about California at this moment. To stand by and allow more of the same is to surrender to authoritarianism in slow motion. The safeguards we once believed would protect us simply aren't holding.

Now is not the time for neutrality. If reversing course is what it takes to protect representation, equity and democracy itself, then we must act.

The price of justice will always be less than the price of injustice. That is the truth we must remember before we decide what "cost" really means. It is why I urge every voting-age Californian to back Prop. 50, so we can temporarily set aside the 2020 congressional maps and do our part to stand against authoritarian overreach.

Trena Turner served on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2020. She is an ordained minister and the executive pastor of Victory In Praise Church in Stockton.

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Why California voters should reject Prop. 50 and stay out of the redistricting wars

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In 2008, the Voters First Act created California's Citizens Redistricting Commission, an independent body consisting of people who reflected the state's diversity. Good government groups pushed the ballot measure forward, seeking to make sure voters were — as the law's name declared — put first. I served on the first commission two years later.

Voter approval of an independent commission effectively ended the backroom partisan gerrymandering that characterized redistricting in California for decades.

Commission members spent nearly a year drawing new maps, giving citizens access to more than 100 public meetings and different ways to submit written comments. Voters could describe their communities, their environment, their infrastructure and their economy. This gave the commission a picture of the whole of California and helped it create districts that gave voters a fair chance at electing accountable representatives.

California's commission is now considered the gold standard for U.S. redistricting, free of partisan self-interest and conducted fully in public view.

If only Texas could learn from California. There, lawmakers adopted new maps in August in an attempt to rig the 2026 election in favor of Republicans — at the behest of President Donald Trump. Their actions represent the basest motivations of politicians so fearful of losing power, all they can think to do is cheat.

Their determination to stack the congressional deck prompted Gov. Gavin Newsom to pursue retaliatory mid-cycle redistricting in California to elect more Democrats. It's now in the hands of voters in a special election on Nov. 4. Proposition 50 would replace the maps drawn by the state's independent commission with districts drawn by legislators solely to gain or protect Democratic seats. And that protection will extend through three election cycles.

That is hardly a temporary change.

As a registered Democrat, I would celebrate replacing members of Congress who have forgotten their oath to serve constituents and protect the Constitution. But it can't be at the expense of California's Constitution — nor its voters who mandated fair, nonpartisan redistricting.

Newsom said the move by Texas Republicans justifies a retaliatory strike. But we witness daily the chaos and mistrust created by revenge politics in Washington. That is not the model of responsible government Californians deserve. Nor do Californians want to spend millions of taxpayer dollars to gamble that different congressional districts will produce the sought-after change, while real problems remain unaddressed.

No one knows the magic number of blue seats needed to win this electoral war, especially as more red states jump in beside Texas. Is the governor willing to risk losing incumbents in more competitive California districts? Will he accept failure if Democrats fall short nationwide?

This is not an unprecedented moment. We've seen for decades how partisan gerrymandering suppresses voters' choice, undermining trust and feeding cynicism. We know that once given power, politicians will fight to retain it with the confidence that a declaration of crisis is all the cover they need.

Newsom should look for a different response to redistricting warfare.

U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley, for example, proposed legislation to ban mid-decade redistricting nationwide. I don't know what brought Kiley, a Placer County Republican, to this moment. Perhaps it's self-preservation under the threat of being gerrymandered out of his seat. But considering a national solution to a national problem would be a welcome undertaking.

Newsom says Democrats can take back Congress if the American people are given a fair chance, a voice and a choice. In California, the people already have that chance, and it's the independent redistricting commission.

Californians can send a clear message to Newsom and legislative leaders on Nov. 4 to respect the will of the people and not sacrifice the independent redistricting commission, nor the state's limited financial resources, for short-term political gain.

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BIRDIE

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naming it after his daughter, Birdie, and his grandmother, Gladys. The restaurant became known for Fox's inventive interpretations of comfort classics inspired by his Jewish heritage and Eastern European traditions.

"It's with both sadness and gratitude that we share Birdie G's will close," Fox and his partners announced in a statement. "From the start, Birdie G's received tremendous love — from locals, regulars, and the press."

The restaurant faced multiple challenges that made operations unsustainable, including pandemic shutdowns, staffing shortages, declining tourism and rising costs. The owners also cited lack of city support, including parking restrictions and unmet development promises at Bergamot Station.

"We also want to acknowledge the lack of city support we encountered," the statement read. "While these weren't the only challenges, they were contributing factors — and we hope Santa Monica will do more to support independent restaurants in the future."

The city responded with its own statement expressing sadness over the closure while defending its efforts to support the restaurant.

"Throughout this time, the city worked to maintain open dialogue about parking solutions and encourage their continued success," the city said. "The city remains committed to supporting our small businesses, recognizing the essential role they play in shaping the character and strength of our community."

Santa Monica has spent decades trying to redevelop the area.

The 2013 Bergamot Area Plan envisioned revitalizing the arts center into a mixed-use creative district. A year's long process culminated in a plan that would have preserved four historic buildings while adding 208,000 square feet including arts facilities (65,700 sq ft), a 120-room boutique hotel, creative offices, and community space. The City Council approved the concept 5-1 despite arts community concerns about gentrification and displacement.

While negotiations continued through 2020, construction never began before external factors shifted the City's priorities toward affordable housing instead, driven by state housing mandates requiring 8,895 new units by 2029, including 1,880 affordable units on city-owned land.

In early 2025, the City Council declared the 5.6-acre Bergamot site "surplus land" suitable for housing development, moving away from previous private commercial/hotel plans. The current proposal aims to build affordable apartments for households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income.

The City expects to select a development team and authorize negotiations by early 2026, with final development proposals returning to City Council in Q1 2026.

Physical construction is likely 2-3 years away, around 2027 or later.

Despite the challenges, Birdie G's achieved significant recognition during its tenure. The New York Times named it one of the 25 best restaurants in Los Angeles, and it earned a spot on the L.A. Times 101 Best Restaurants list multiple years, ranking No. 52 in 2024. The restaurant also received recognition in the Michelin Guide.

Fox, who has been executive chef and partner of the Rustic Canyon group since 2013, led Rustic Canyon to a Michelin star in 2019. He was a James Beard Award finalist for Best Chef: West in 2017 and a 2024 semifinalist for Outstanding Chef in America for his work at Birdie G's.

Birdie G's will host its 8 Nights dinner series in December as a farewell event featuring Fox's chef friends from across the country.

The closure continues a challenging period for the Rustic Canyon Family of Restaurants, which has operated multiple Santa Monica establishments since Josh Loeb opened the flagship Rustic Canyon Wine Bar & Seasonal Kitchen in 2006. Loeb partnered with pastry chef Zoe Nathan and investor Colby Goff to build the restaurant group.

The group's current active roster includes Rustic Canyon, Huckleberry Bakery & Café, Milo + Olive, Sweet Rose Creamery in Brentwood, and Esters Wine Shop & Bar in Santa Monica, plus The Dutchess in Ojai, which opened in 2022.

However, the group has weathered several closures in recent years. Cassia, the acclaimed Southeast Asian-French brasserie that opened in 2015, served its final meal on Feb. 22, 2025. The restaurant, led by chef Bryant Ng, was named one of the Best New Restaurants in America by Bon Appétit and earned a Michelin Bib Gourmand rating. Ng subsequently opened a new restaurant, Jade Rabbit, a fast-casual restaurant celebrating Chinese American food.

Tallula's, the group's Mexican restaurant in Santa Monica Canyon, closed in August 2023 after six years of operation. Sweet Rose Creamery's Santa Monica location on Pico Boulevard also closed in 2024, though the original Brentwood shop remains open.

Fox has hinted that the Birdie G's concept may reappear in the future but acknowledged the current location became unsustainable amid industry headwinds affecting restaurants nationwide.

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ZWICK

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and other industry stakeholders.

In his statement, Zwick said he was "excited to announce" his new role with the Housing Action Coalition, known as HAC. The organization has spent decades building what it calls a "diverse coalition" in the Bay Area around increasing housing construction "for people of all income levels."

"My role will entail transplanting HAC's proven model to Southern California to expand our growth and impact across the state," Zwick said in the announcement.

HAC describes itself as a member-supported nonprofit that advocates for building more homes "at all levels of affordability" to address California's housing shortage and affordability crisis. The organization's members span more than 20 industries, including affordable and market-rate home builders, architects, designers, engineers, attorneys, labor unions, tech companies and businesses of various sizes.

The organization operates through two arms: a 501(c)3 educational branch that produces programs and resources about housing policy, and a 501(c)4 advocacy arm that engages members and legislative allies to support pro-housing policies and new home construction.

The announcement is scheduled as the first topic of conversation for the City's neighborhood council with some saying Zwick should not participate in future housing discussions.

"Should he, at minimum, now recuse himself from any matter that involves discussion of housing or that he tries to make be about housing?" said Tricia Crane.

The City of Santa Monica maintains strict conflict of interest policies governed by California state law, including the Political Reform Act and Government Code Section 1090, as well as the city's own Code of Ethics and specific ordinances.

Under these rules, public officials are prohibited from participating in governmental decisions where they have a "reasonably foreseeable and material financial interest." Officials must also file public statements disclosing their economic interests and recuse themselves from decisions where conflicts exist.

When an official has a conflict of interest, they must publicly state the nature of the disqualification and refrain from participating in the decision-making process.

The rules also include post-employment restrictions that bar former city officials from representing clients before city agencies for compensation within two years of leaving their position.

Santa Monica has been grappling with housing issues for years, including debates over rent control, affordable housing requirements, and development projects. The council regularly votes on housing-related matters, from individual development proposals to citywide housing policies.

At their August 12 meeting, the Council voted on a new policy to allow developers to build affordable housing requirements offsite.

HAC's executive direct, Corey Smith, was at that meeting and spoke in support of the project calling it a common sense proposal.

HAC's membership includes both affordable and market-rate housing developers who could potentially have business before the Santa Monica City Council. The organization advocates for policies to make it "faster, easier, and more affordable to build enough housing for all who need it."

In his statement, Zwick indicated he was seeking to connect with various housing industry stakeholders as he assesses the Southern California landscape.

"If you're an affordable or market-rate housing developer, architect, engineer, land-use attorney, nonprofit advocate, labor union, major employer, or simply a fellow traveler in the fight for a more abundant California, I'd love to hear from you," Zwick said.

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COUNTRY

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officials in the aftermath of the presidential election.

Trump has blamed the "radical left" for Kirk's killing and has discussed pursuing progressive groups in response. Without establishing any link to last week's shooting, he and members of his administration have discussed classifying some groups as domestic terrorists, ordering racketeering investigations and revoking tax-exempt status for some.

THE ECONOMY IS ALSO A FACTOR FOR SOME

GOP women's view of the nation's course has shifted almost as much as younger Republicans' view, according to the poll. About three-quarters of Republican women say the country is going in the wrong direction, up from 27% in June. By comparison, 56% of Republican men say the country is going the wrong way, up from 30% in June.

And not all of the people who think the U.S. is on a worrying trajectory have political violence at the top of their mind. Joclyn Yurchak, 55, from northeast Pennsylvania, ticked off a list of problems she feels have put the United States on a downward path.

Yurchak, a warehouse worker going back to school for business, says good jobs are harder to find and require longer commutes. She is bothered by illegal immigration, though she believes Trump has begun to make inroads, and worries about criminal drug activity in her area.

Asked about Kirk and other political targets, Yurchak attributed the episodes to a broader fraying of the nation's social fabric.

"It's all the violence, not just political. There's just so much crime in the country. It's disgusting," said Yurchak. "Nobody has respect for anybody anymore. It's sad."

Like others, Minnesota Republican Jeremy Gieske first noted economic uncertainty as the chief reason for his wrong-track opinion, before circling back without prompting to what he called "all the political poison."

"We're at each other's throats," said the 47-year-old product manager from Rogers, just northwest of Minneapolis. "This viciousness on both sides. We have villainized others, like we're on the brink of social collapse. Is Kirk the straw that breaks the camel's back or sets off a powder keg? It's on everyone's mind."

By THOMAS BEAUMONT and LINLEY SANDERS
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COMMUNITY NEWS

DTSM

Downtown Santa Monica Hosts First-Ever Oktoberfest Celebration

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. will host its inaugural Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., offering free admission to a community celebration featuring German music, themed drinks and family activities.

The festival will take place within the newly launched Entertainment Zone on Third Street Promenade, with the 1200 block serving as the main stage area. Bavarian-inspired decorations will extend across all three blocks of the promenade.

Live entertainment includes performances by the Zeitgeist Oktoberfest Band, who will lead traditional games and kick off festivities, followed by high-energy sets from Partydoktor Tom und die Sauerkrauts. Programming will feature polka dances, Oktoberfest games, themed photo opportunities and a dedicated children's play area.

Festival attendees who purchase beverages at participating Entertainment Zone locations will receive complimentary reusable Oktoberfest steins while supplies last. Participating businesses include 1212 Santa Monica, Barney's Beanery, Cabo Cantina, Casa Martin, Holey Moley, Pickle Pop and Ugo Santa Monica.

Community partners include the German American Club of Santa Monica and local exhibitors such as Fred Fitness and Goethe-Institut Los Angeles, with additional participants to be announced.

The Entertainment Zone allows guests to enjoy alcoholic beverages throughout Third Street Promenade. Participants must be 21 or older to purchase alcohol.

While attendance is free, registration is encouraged at Eventbrite.

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that works with the city to manage services and operations in downtown Santa Monica. The organization promotes economic stability, growth and community life within the downtown area through the Property-based Business Assessment District.

The district encompasses the area bounded by Ocean Avenue, Wilshire Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard and the Santa Monica Freeway. More information is available at DowntownSM.com.

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Montana Ave

Montana Avenue Art Walk Returns With 150-Plus Artists Sept. 27

The Montana Avenue Art Walk will transform Montana Avenue from 7th to 17th streets into an open-streets arts destination Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The free, all-ages event features more than 150 visual artists, live music presented by Pence Hathorn Silver – Luxury Property Group, free children's workshops by Paint+Lab, and a $20 wine garden hosted by Bottled Poetry. The festivities will take place among the avenue's independent boutiques and local restaurants.

"In recent years, we've watched Art Walk grow into a notable regional event—on par with long-standing shows like the Beverly Hills Art Show," said Jenny Rice, event producer for the Montana Avenue Merchants Association. "Artists are coming from across the region, and thousands of residents and art enthusiasts are filling the street."

Rice said the event demonstrates the community's support for open streets festivals and Santa Monica's commitment to the arts.

Event highlights include the Bottled Poetry Wine Garden featuring curated wine tastings, an art display and a live set by DJ MOZO. Live music performances throughout the day will include jazz, Latin, cover bands and DJ sets spanning from 7th to 17th streets.

Paint+Lab will offer free workshops for all ages, including acrylic lessons for children, abstract "adventure" stations and speed-portrait drawing.

The Montana Avenue Merchants Association presents the art walk with support from Art of Recovery, an initiative of the City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs.

Event sponsors include the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, City of Santa Monica, Office of Sustainability and the Environment, Pence Hathorn Silver – Luxury Property Group, and Santa Monica Travel & Tourism.

The Montana Avenue Merchants Association produces community-forward events that highlight local artists, merchants and restaurants, activating the district through arts, culture and open streets programming.

For additional information and a list of participating artists, visit santamonicaartwalk.eventbrite.com.

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Los Angeles

Supervisor Horvath Launches Fall Emergency Preparedness Fair Series

Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath is hosting emergency preparedness fairs this fall to help residents prepare for disasters including wildfires, earthquakes and floods.

The events, scheduled for October and November in disaster-prone communities across the Third District, will provide families, older adults and small businesses with emergency planning resources and safety tools.

"Emergency preparedness is a way of life in the Third District," Horvath said. "Whether you've mapped your evacuation route and packed a go-bag, or you're just beginning to think about disaster planning, these fairs are for you."

Three events are scheduled: Saturday, Oct. 4, at Topanga Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 1, at Calabasas Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 16, at Skirball Cultural Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each fair will feature hands-on demonstrations, emergency supply checklists, evacuation planning workshops and family activities. County departments including the Office of Emergency Management, LA County Fire and the Department of Public Health will provide free resources and guidance alongside local nonprofits.

Los Angeles County has experienced devastating wildfires, earthquakes and flooding in recent years, resulting in billions in damages. Horvath's district, which includes high-risk zones, has been on the frontlines of these emergencies.

The supervisor is extending National Preparedness Month beyond September to ensure sustained attention to emergency readiness and community resilience.

Additional dates and locations, including venues in the San Fernando Valley, will be announced soon. All events are free and open to the public.

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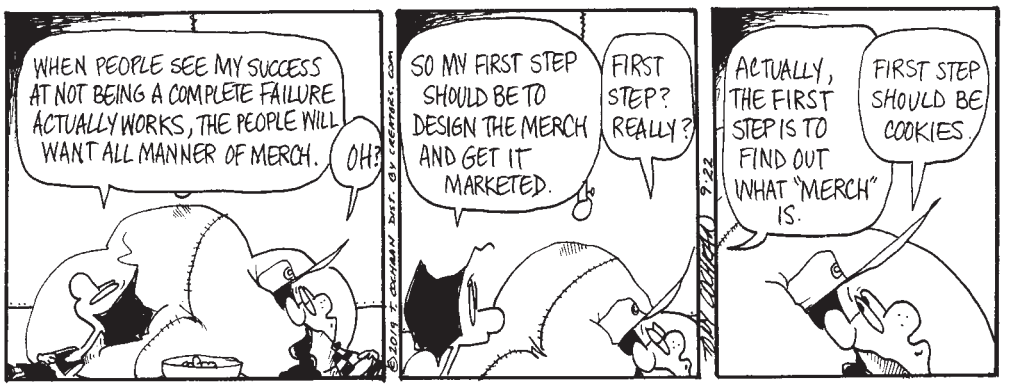
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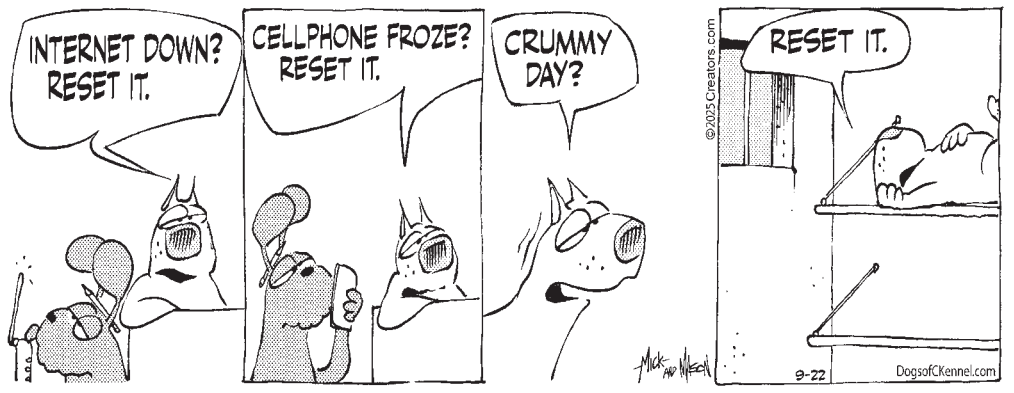
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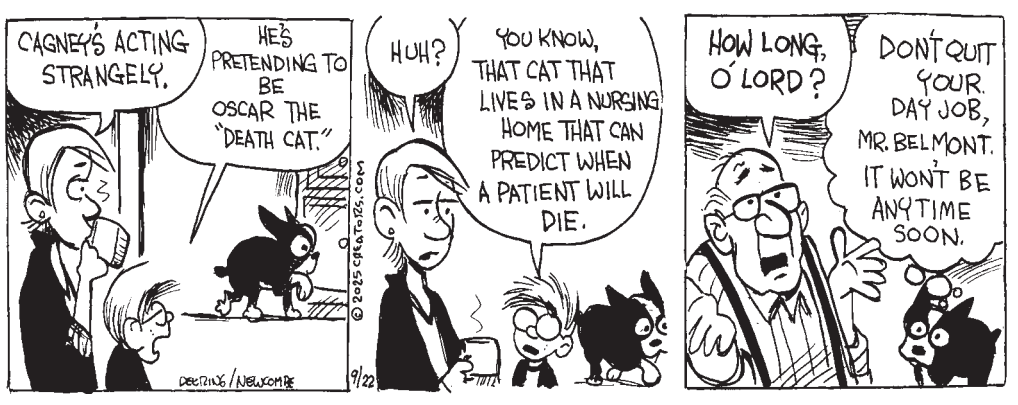
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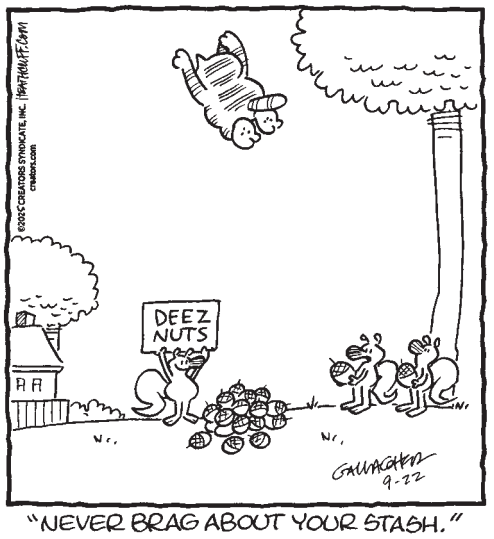
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Clap	Injury	Rank	Swat
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Greater social awareness will set you apart from the amateurs. You aim to listen, find out what the need really is and serve it well. At work it's called professionalism, and in relationships it's called the reason you're their favorite.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reciprocity won't come in the form of a one-to-one, equal exchange, but still, justice will prevail. You'll receive your end of the bargain in an unexpected way and from a surprising direction, and this will be better than anything you expected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been generous with others, rallying and executing when they needed you most. Now the energy shifts back toward you, and this goodness that lands in your path will affirm you're as deserving as any you serve.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Keep track of your life, especially in photos or a journal. Small personal details, like the view from your window, a snip of conversation or your lunch, will be very meaningful to Future You. These are the good old days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What matters most can't be measured. Invisible forces like timing, trust, intuition, emotions, reputation, faith or even subtle energies in a room will exert sway over your scene. You'll be successful because you're attuned to what others overlook.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your knack for presentation earns points. Whether it's in your attention to detail, the irresistible packaging or your honest enthusiasm, you'll bring the wow factor and will find immediate buyers for whatever you're selling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Luck follows you in subtle ways, like finding the excellent parking spot, bringing you into the fortuitous coincidence or free food. Others may call it chance, but you know it's connection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can be proud of your endurance in a relationship and mourn what it cost you. You can ache over being "trapped" in certain work and take pride in being entrusted with it. You can cherish your friendships and crave solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Love doesn't always arrive in declarations. If you've come to doubt those "shout it from the mountain top" moments, you probably prefer to learn someone's love through the patience they show you, or the boundaries they respect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's OK to let someone else take the wheel for a while. Whether in conversation or projects, romance or actual driving, you'll find the perspective you need right now is from the passenger side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Back to basics: Are you tired, hungry or lacking in emotional support? The easiest way to attract good fortune is to tend to these matters first, because left unattended, they increase the gravitational pull of bad choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The urge to impress people feels uncomfortable because it turns too much consciousness toward the self, which tends to bring on an anxious and performative vibe. On the other hand, it's just a sign that you're in the game, and you care.

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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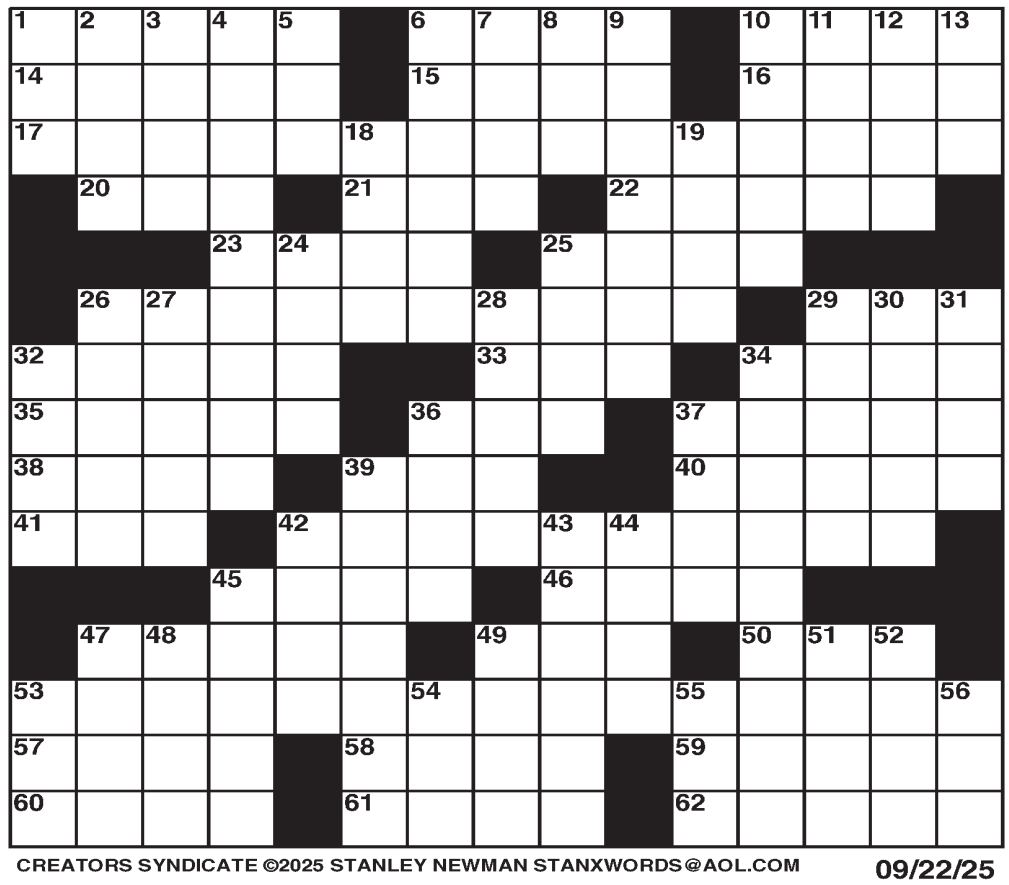
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ACROSS

1 Rodeo rope
6 Fly high
10 Perform by oneself
14 Bring home, as a stray cat
15 Actress Kendrick or author Quindlen
16 Much admired person
17 Site for home runs
20 *Simpsons* bartender
21 Install, as bricks
22 Gooey campfire treat
23 Home's entryway
25 Big cat that roars
26 Site where pucks are propelled
29 Jacket's sleeve
32 Salami city of Italy
33 Donkey
34 Defendant's answer to a charge
35 Hoarse-sounding
36 Degree in finance: Abbr.
37 Triangular river-mouth formation
38 Pre-holiday nights
39 Bit of toothpaste
40 Squad of best players
41 Moisten
42 Site for heavyweight bouts
45 Nobel novelist Morrison
46 "If it __ broke..."
47 Small jeweled crown
49 Paramedic's skill: Abbr.
50 Nest egg fund: Abbr.
53 Site with tall players and high hoops
57 Rod between car wheels
58 A Great Lake
59 Go inside
60 Makes a knot in
61 Boys in a family
62 Short opinion piece

DOWN

1 Chemist's work room
2 Garden of Eden guy
3 Just adequate
4 Police officers using radar
5 Local wagering center: Abbr.
6 Weekly pay
7 Merely
8 Now __ then (occasionally)
9 Dried grapes
10 __ Says (kids' game)
11 Aroma
12 __ Star State (Texas)
13 Ancient
18 Lotion's soothing ingredient
19 Run __ (go wild)
24 Adequate
25 Da Vinci's *Mona* __
26 Throw with force
27 Beginning phase
28 Synagogue leader
29 Paul who cofounded Microsoft
30 Affix a new price on
31 Polite address for a lady
32 Got taller
34 Written requests with many signatures
36 Long skirt
37 Mend, as a sock
39 Gives to a charity
42 Tiresome speaker
43 City near Vesuvius
44 Young lass
45 Accepts willingly
47 Car with a meter
48 Speck of land in the sea
49 Bible's firstborn boy
51 Dull routines
52 Vicinity
53 Mammal that flies
54 Male sibling, for short
55 Middling grade
56 Make an attempt



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ROBBERY

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walked towards the back entrance to the house, I noticed that the window screen was off and the doors and the gates were open."

Inside, he discovered the full extent of the damage. "When I went into the house, I saw that the whole place was trashed, ransacked. Every corner turned upside down, anything of value was obviously taken," he said.

Most disturbing was what he found in his bedroom, which had been converted into what he described as "a little squatters den." The intruders had left behind knives in the bed, marijuana, and food scattered throughout the room, suggesting they had been living in the house for an extended period.

The level of destruction went beyond typical burglary. The squatters had deliberately sabotaged the home's infrastructure, cutting pipes in the crawl space underneath the elevated house and shutting off the water. "Somebody knew what they were doing," Ruiz-Healy said.

While Ruiz-Healy had previously noticed minor signs of attempted break-ins—damaged car locks and a broken front gate lock—nothing had prepared him for this level of invasion. Though he had maintained friendly relationships with homeless individuals in the area and tried to help when possible, this incident was "something different."

The psychological impact has been significant. He said the experience had been very traumatic and has left him looking over your shoulder and getting a little jumpy of noises after having his life turned upside down.

While losing the property is tough, especially as it's necessary for his employment, the loss of the creative assets is particularly devastating. Ruiz-Healy said several of the hard drives taken contain projects and creative works that are only valuable to him and he'd particularly like to get those items back if possible.

Despite the loss, Ruiz-Healy has been overwhelmed by support from the filmmaking community. "The outpour of support has been beyond anything I could have ever imagined," he said. "Everyone's ready to jump in and support and just make sure that you know the work and the process can keep going."

Fellow filmmakers have offered to lend equipment for upcoming projects, demonstrating the tight-knit nature of the artistic community Ruiz-Healy has cultivated throughout his career.

Police responded to the scene, though Ruiz-Healy had to wait to document the full damage until investigators completed their work. He plans to update the police report with serial numbers he has tracked down, hoping to recover equipment and especially the irreplaceable hard drives containing his creative work.

"We'd love to get some equipment back. Would love to, more than anything, would just so love to get like hard drives and more like things that have, the things that can't be replaced," he said.

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Petition to Admin Estate

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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

THIS INEVITABLE RUIN

6:30 p.m. Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite #33 Santa Monica. Carl and Princess Donut are ready to battle it out in the epic seventh book in the New York Times bestselling Dungeon Crawler Carl series—now with bonus material exclusive to this print edition. The ninth floor. Faction Wars. Nine armies enter, each led by rich and powerful aliens from across the galaxy. The winning team must capture and hold the castle at the very center of the battlefield. Strategy, alliances, pitched battles, betrayal....It all makes for great fun and even greater television. But thanks to Carl, Donut, and Katia, this season is different. For the first time ever, the crawlers have their own army. The NPCs, who are normally used as nothing but cannon fodder, have become fully self-aware and formed an unprecedented team of their own. And it's not just the crawlers who are at risk this Faction Wars. Any combatant who dies on this battlefield stays in the ground. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/this-inevitable-ruin/16564228/2025-09-22T18

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 23

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-09-16T10

TECH & TASKS

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Assistance provided on a drop-in, first arrive. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2025-09-16T16

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2025-09-23T17

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-09-16T22

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 24

CLIMATE & OUR COAST WORKSHOP

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Heal the Bay Main Office 1444 9th St Santa Monica. An award-winning, hands-on experience designed to help you master the science behind climate change. In just three hours, you'll gain a clear understanding of the impacts on our coast. This unique workshop offers: Interactive Learning: Quickly grasp the complexities of climate change through an engaging, collaborative process. Trusted Science: Grounded in the IPCC reports that inform global leaders. Collaborative Experience: Work with fellow participants to uncover intricate connections, reflect on emotional impacts, share perspectives, and brainstorm actionable solutions. Inspiration and Empowerment: Leave feeling inspired and ready to make a positive impact. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding and contribute to meaningful change. Register now and be part of the solution. When: August 27 & September 24, 6 pm – 9 pm. Where: Heal the Bay HQ, 1444 9th St., Santa Monica, 90401. Cost: Free. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/climate-our-coast-workshop/16594068/2025-09-24T18

STOP TRYING!: THE LIFE-TRANSFORMING POWER OF TRYING LESS AND DOING MORE

6:30 p.m. Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite #33 Santa Monica. If you're struggling to get things done or meet your goals, the problem isn't that you're not trying hard enough, it's that you're trying in the first place. When it comes to getting stuff done, we fall short more often than we like to admit. This can leave us feeling frustrated and ashamed, because despite trying our very best we can't seem to meet our goals. Why? The surprising answer is ingeniously outlined in Stop Trying!: The Life-Transforming Power of Trying Less and Doing More—an evolutionary guide that evokes the revelatory force of The Five-Second Rule and the sublime practicality of The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up. Put simply, it turns out that trying is just an illusion for doing. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/stop-trying-the-life-transforming-power-of-trying-less-and-doing-more/16583974/2025-09-24T18

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