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Latinx photography exhibition opens at Santa Monica College, part of region-wide art project

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SMDP Staff Writer

A major photography exhibition celebrating Latinx identity opens this fall at Santa Monica College's Pete and Susan Barrett Art Gallery, featuring 38 emerging artists from across Southern California in a show that has gained new urgency amid the current political climate.

"Concrete Hope (Esperanza Concreta)" serves as the centerpiece of FotoSoCal, an ambitious year-long project spanning more than 20 related exhibitions across Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Orange counties. The constellation of shows will be presented at community college galleries and public art spaces throughout the region.

"We're coming together to celebrate latinidad at a time when the political climate is turning

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Thomas Salvatierra

EXHIBITION: Featuring 38 emerging artists from across Southern California in a show that has gained new urgency amid the current political climate.

Santa Monica man arrested for allegedly doxxing ICE attorney

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A 68-year-old Santa Monica man was arrested Monday on federal charges alleging he doxxed an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) attorney by posting her home address online and directing others to "swat" her residence.

Gregory John Curcio appeared Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, where a federal magistrate judge ordered him held without bond and scheduled his arraignment for Oct. 14. He faces up to five years in federal prison if convicted of violating laws designed to protect federal employees from harassment.

"Contrary to what some misguided individuals think, doxxing federal agents and

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LA County approves $30 million emergency rent relief for wildfire survivors, immigrant families

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved nearly $30 million in emergency rent relief, targeting residents displaced by January wildfires and immigrant families affected by federal immigration enforcement actions.

The Emergency Rent Relief Program will provide up to $15,000 in assistance covering six months of rent or mortgage payments for eligible households. The program represents a significant expansion of housing stability efforts as the county grapples with overlapping crises affecting thousands of residents.

"Los Angeles County will never look away when our neighbors are living in fear of losing both their homes and their livelihoods," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, who co-authored the motion with Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "Today, we invested nearly $30 million in rent relief and directed swift action to explore eviction protections so immigrant families and wildfire survivors can breathe easier."

The program targets four primary groups: wildfire survivors who lost homes, jobs or income; immigrant families experiencing sudden wage loss due to federal raids; low-income tenants at risk of eviction; and small landlords repairing fire-damaged affordable housing units.

Eligible recipients include tenants and homeowners displaced by wildfires who have exhausted

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PROJECT: The $3.2 million project, funded through Proposition 4 bonds allocated by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, targets high-risk areas in Topanga Canyon and Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve.

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Los Angeles and Ventura county fire departments launched a major wildfire prevention initiative recently in the Santa Monica Mountains, deploying hand crews and 500 goats to clear hazardous vegetation from 674.6 acres of parkland and open space.

The $3.2 million project, funded through Proposition 4 bonds allocated by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, targets high-risk areas in Topanga Canyon and Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve. The initiative comes eight months after devastating wildfires swept through Southern California, including the Palisades, Eaton and Kenneth fires that underscored the urgent need for proactive fire prevention measures.

Los Angeles County Fire hand crews began clearing vegetation this month along Santa Maria Road and Mulholland Drive in Topanga, with work continuing to Summit to Summit Motorway. 500 goats will arrive at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve for approximately three weeks of brush clearing before moving to the next treatment location.

"This grant is a critical investment in the safety of our communities," said Ventura County Fire Chief Dustin Gardner. "It is a forward-looking, community-centered approach that addresses immediate risks and long-term resilience."

The Mountains Recreation and

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Judge orders Trump administration to restore $500 million in federal grant funding to UCLA

A federal judge has ordered the Trump administration to restore $500 million in federal grant funding that it froze at the University of California, Los Angeles.

U.S. District Judge Rita Lin in San Francisco granted a preliminary injunction on Monday, saying the government likely violated the Administrative Procedure Act, which requires specific procedures and explanations for federal funding cuts. Instead, the government informed UCLA in generalized form letters that multiple grants from various agencies were being suspended but offered no specific details.

In August, UCLA announced that the Trump administration had suspended $584 million in federal grants over allegations of civil rights violations related to antisemitism and affirmative action.

Lin issued a ruling later that month that resulted in $81 million in grants from the National Science Foundation being restored to UCLA. She ruled that those cuts had violated a June preliminary injunction where she ordered the National Science Foundation to restore dozens of grants that it had terminated at the University of California, which operates 10 campuses across the state.

The White House did not immediately respond to an email from The Associated Press requesting comment on Monday's ruling.

The Trump administration has used its control of federal funding to push for reforms at elite colleges that the president decries as overrun by liberalism and antisemitism. The administration also has launched investigations into diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, saying they discriminate against white and Asian American students.

Two Ivy League institutions, Columbia and Brown, struck deals to preserve funding that was held up by the Trump administration over similar claims that they had not done enough to respond to campus antisemitism.

In the case of Harvard, which pushed back with a lawsuit over cuts to its funding, a federal judge in early September ruled the funding freeze amounted to illegal retaliation for Harvard's rejection of the Trump administration's demands.

The Trump administration had proposed to settle its investigation into UCLA through a $1 billion payment from the institution. Democratic California Gov. Gavin Newsom has called it an extortion attempt.

UCLA has said that such a large payment would "devastate" the institution.

Monday's ruling concerns hundreds of medical research grants from the National Institutes of Health that include studies into Parkinson's disease treatment, cancer recovery, cell regeneration in nerves and other areas that campus leaders argue are pivotal for improving the health of Americans.

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Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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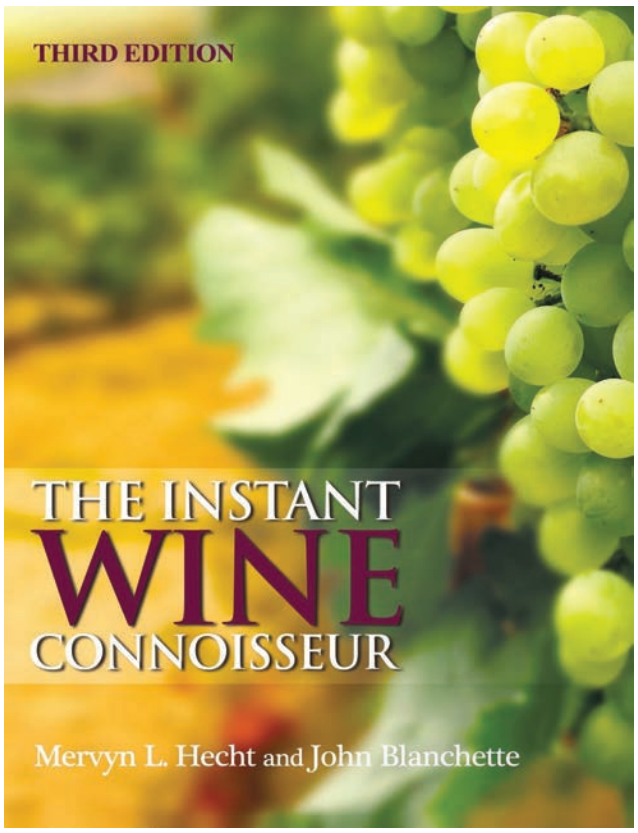
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GUEST COMMENTARY

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The stakes for a redistricting war differ between Newsom and Californians

Last week, as Gov. Gavin Newsom was signing legislation aimed at giving his Democratic Party five more congressional seats, contending that it would protect democracy, postal workers throughout the state were delivering a four-page flier denouncing the gerrymander as a threat to democracy.

Newsom declared that Democrats should "play hardball" in response to President Donald Trump's drive for Texas and other red states to conduct their own gerrymanders to shore up the slender majority for Republicans in the House of Representatives.

> We tried to hold hands and talk about the way the world should be
> - Gov. Gavin Newsom

"We tried to hold hands and talk about the way the world should be," Newsom said. "We can't just think differently, we have to act differently."

The flier, however, featured a statement from Gloria Chun Hoo, president of the California chapter of the League of Women Voters, denouncing Newsom's effort to set aside — temporarily, he promises — the districts drawn by an independent, bipartisan commission four years ago. The organization later emphasized it was not affiliated with the coalition that sent it.

"California has become a national model for independent redistricting," Hoo's statement read in the mailer. "Let's protect the integrity of our democratic process and reject the dangerous idea of mid-cycle redistricting."

So in a nutshell, that's the issue before voters as they ponder the fate of Proposition 50 in a Nov. 4 special election. The flier delivered to voters last Thursday is just the beginning of what will be a tsunami of mail, text messages, emails, video spots and other propaganda for and against the measure, driven by tens of millions of dollars — perhaps hundreds of millions — by the two parties and their ancillary allies.

That assumes, of course, that Trump's declared intention to block California's measure with a Department of Justice lawsuit fails.

The stakes are enormous. The most obvious is whether Trump will continue to enjoy GOP control of both congressional houses, but there is also the effect on Newsom's nascent campaign for the presidency in 2028.

Oddly, however, Newsom is fundamentally playing for a tie. Even if voters approve Prop. 50 and it generates five more Democratic members of Congress, it would merely offset the five-seat gain that Republicans seek in Texas through their own new maps. Whether any gerrymanders ultimately decide the 2026 election won't be won in California or Texas but in the other states — both red and blue — that are also considering redistricting.

"Republicans have one-party control or veto-proof majorities in more states and fewer guardrails around redrawing maps," the reporter declares, adding, "More than a dozen red states and three blue states meet the conditions to potentially redistrict for 2026 without the need for a special election or amending the state constitution."

Shawn Donahue, a political science professor at the University at Buffalo, told the Journal that Republicans would pick up as many as six House seats nationwide from a fully blown redistricting battle.

The scenario raises three questions about the Newsom-led redistricting drive in California.

WILL VOTERS DO HIS BIDDING?

Would rejection of Prop. 50 torpedo his presidential ambitions? And if Democrats do gain California seats in 2026 but don't recapture the House, would Newsom still benefit?

Victory in November is not a slam dunk. A new poll by UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, found support to be lukewarm: 48% among all voters and 55% among high-propensity voters. Professional campaign advisors who work ballot measures generally assume that proponents need about 60% initial support to have a strong chance of surviving the opposition campaign.

While Prop. 50 will be on the ballot, it will also be a proxy war for the transcontinental feud between Trump and Newsom, and to some extent, the rivalry between Newsom and other Democrats who may fancy themselves as 2028 presidential candidates.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Columnist

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employees is not a harmless crime," said Acting U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli. "It endangers the agent's personal safety and that of their family." According to a federal complaint, Curcio created a Facebook post in February that identified the victim — an ICE attorney — as an ICE agent, posted her home address and directed others to "swat" her at that location. He also posted similar instructions on another social media account he controlled.

"Swatting" involves making false emergency calls to law enforcement to prompt a significant police response at a specific address, often reporting fabricated crises or crimes.

The victim told authorities she had never met Curcio but knew he was a former resident at her mother's Santa Monica apartment building. She said Curcio had harassed and threatened her mother for years and began targeting her family in January 2024.

Federal investigators say Curcio's harassment campaign extended far beyond the doxxing incident. According to court documents, he repeatedly asked the victim's mother, "What would you do if someone threw acid in your face?" and once posted a note on her apartment door demanding she move out.

Santa Monica police reported that security camera footage captured Curcio pepper-spraying the woman's apartment doorknob in November 2024. The victim's mother later suffered burns to her skin and eyes from the substance.

"I am afraid Curcio is going to kill me," the victim's mother told investigators. "I also fear for the safety of my daughter, her daughter's husband, and my grandchildren."

Court records show Curcio also sent harassing emails to the victim's husband and made posts on social media platforms identifying the victim's mother as "an enemy of the U.S." while posting her home address and calling for her deportation.

Federal law prohibits making certain personal information about covered federal employees public, including Social Security numbers, home addresses, phone numbers and personal email addresses. The law applies when such information is released with intent to threaten, intimidate or incite violence.

Los Angeles has been a flashpoint for immigration raids this year with over 5,000 arrests since June 2025. While authorities have said they target dangerous criminals, operations have swept up bystanders and U.S. citizens, sparking widespread protests. ICE agents in masks and unmarked vehicles have conducted workplace raids and mass detentions, including holding hundreds overnight in a federal building basement.

The first wave of raids caused mass outrage in the community including street protests.

U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli has prosecuted 18 people for allegedly interfering with operations, though prosecutors dropped at least five cases when video evidence contradicted agents' claims. Despite community backlash and legal challenges, DHS maintains its zero-tolerance approach, vowing continued enforcement regardless of local resistance.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has put the State government in the debate by signing a series of bills aimed at protecting California's undocumented immigrants from aggressive raids. Senate Bill 627, which would prohibit federal officers from wearing masks during their operations, has drawn the most attention so far but its impact may be limited as state and local authorities are generally unable to regulate federal officers.

The Santa Monica arrest comes amid what federal officials describe as a dramatic surge in threats against immigration officers. Department of Homeland Security data shows assaults on ICE agents have increased by more than 400% in recent years, with a 500% spike in attacks during operations.

DHS officials have reported other incidents of ICE officers and their family members being doxxed by enforcement opponents. In Southern California, flyers have appeared listing names, photos and phone numbers of ICE and Homeland Security Investigations agents. In Tennessee, Nashville's mayor's office published details of a federal immigration operation, including agents' names, on a city website.

The federal government has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to agent harassment. DHS Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin said in September that filming or posting videos of on-duty ICE agents constitutes "doxxing" and even a form of "violence."

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Marsha Blackburn introduced the "Protecting Law Enforcement from Doxxing Act" in June, which would explicitly criminalize publicly identifying federal officers with intent to interfere with enforcement actions. Violators would face fines and up to five years in prison.

ICE's Office of Professional Responsibility is investigating the case against Curcio. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lauren E. Restrepo of the National Security Division is prosecuting. Officials said the Santa Monica Police Department was not involved in the case. A criminal complaint contains allegations, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

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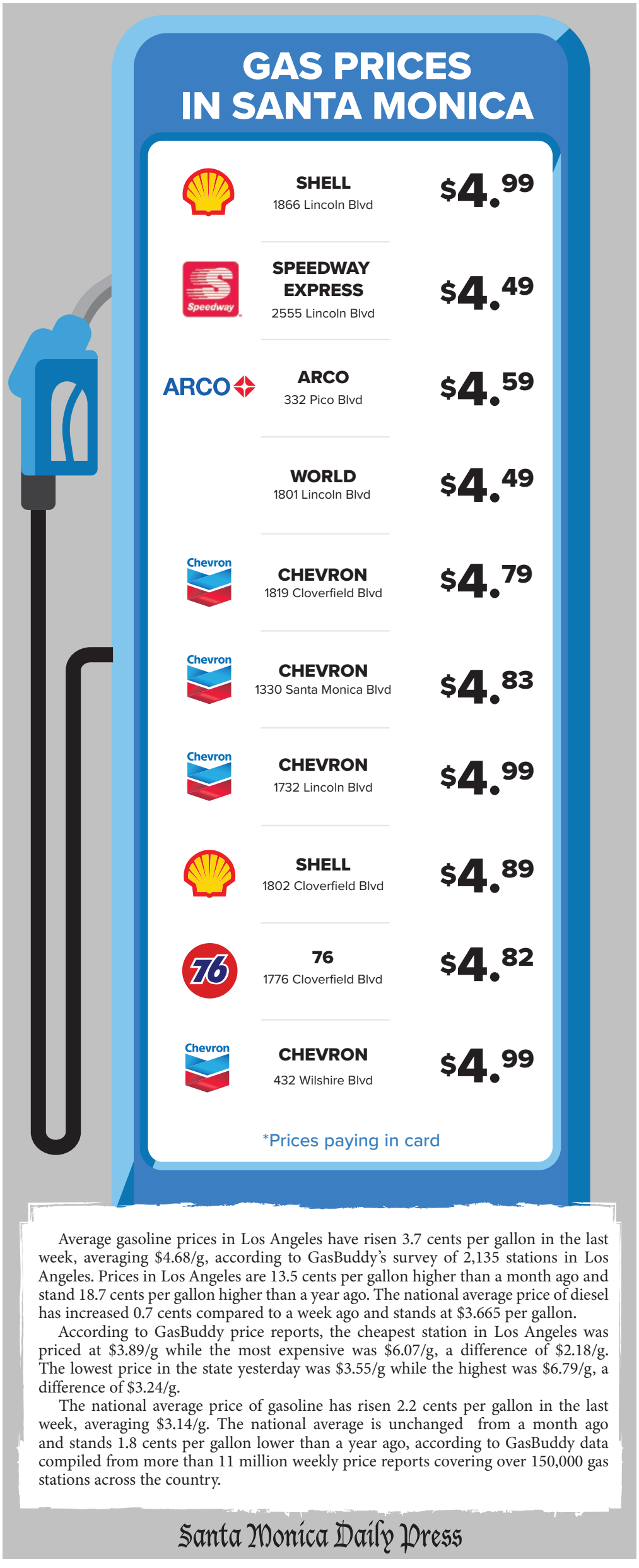




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According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.89/g while the most expensive was $6.07/g, a difference of $2.18/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.55/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.24/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.14/g. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 1.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Main Street

Much Love Animal Rescue Hosts Adoption Event at MUD\WTR

Much Love Animal Rescue hosted an adoption event Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at MUD\WTR: Gather in Santa Monica.

The local nonprofit, dedicated to saving dogs and finding them loving homes, provided families and pet lovers an opportunity to meet adoptable dogs, enjoy refreshments and potentially find a new companion.

The event will take place at 2515 Main St., Santa Monica, featuring adoptable dogs and healthy beverages from MUD\WTR.

Much Love Animal Rescue works to rescue dogs and connect them with loving families throughout the Los Angeles area. Tails will wag. Hearts will melt. Don't miss it!

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EXHIBITION

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against us," said Erika Hirugami, the exhibition's curatorial director and an award-winning curator who also teaches art history of photography at SMC. She cited the federal government's immigration policies as driving the urgency behind the project.

The exhibition challenges traditional photography display conventions, featuring mixed-media works created from volcanic rock, light boxes, cinder blocks and propane tanks alongside more than 80 artworks that embrace what Hirugami calls the "brown community" in all its complexity.

One standout installation, "Herencia Laboral" (Labor Inheritance) by Anaheim-based Chicano/x artist Alkaid Ramirez, exemplifies the show's themes. In the performance piece, Ramirez dons a blindfold printed with his father's enlarged eyes and proceeds to disassemble a washing machine while sightless. The exposed drum becomes a screen for projected family photos and video.

The work pays homage to manual labor's dignity while exploring what Ramirez calls the "intersectionality of being an artist with these inherited labor skills." His immigrant father worked as a washer and dryer repairman and taught his children the trade.

The featured artists represent diverse Latinx experiences, including Mexican Irish, Afro-Mexicana, Mexipino (Mexican-Filipino) and Jaxican (Japanese-Mexican) identities. Hirugami, who identifies as Jaxican, said the artist roster developed organically from her colleagues at Claremont Graduate University.

"We're all so interrelated, like a big family," she said, describing a community of Southern California photographers who "all know each other, stand up for each other, and push each other to do better and thrive."

The project embraces traditional Latinx cultural symbols including piñatas, abuelitas, cholos, tatuajes, virgencitas, mercados, rosarios and familia, presenting them without apology as part of the region's cultural landscape.

Walter Meyer, SMC Art Department chair, said the exhibition demonstrates the Barrett Gallery's commitment to fostering conversations around social justice and equity.

Beyond her curatorial work, Hirugami teaches photography history at SMC and Cypress College, exhibition design at Mission College, and immigration policy and politics through contemporary art at UCLA. She plans to integrate both exhibitions into her curricula and regularly brings students to regional art events.

"It totally warms my heart when they follow through," she said of student participation. "They're so eager not just to learn, but to be involved in the photography community."

The exhibition's nine-month run promises variety for repeat visitors. Hirugami said no two visits will be identical due to the diverse media and rotating elements within the show.

The current political environment, including what Hirugami described as daily ICE raids and mass deportations, has heightened the project's significance.

"Under the current administration, my community is being targeted violently, aesthetically and politically," she said. "I'm here to unapologetically celebrate my community, and I truly believe these photographic works have the power to shift the narrative."

The exhibition began with a soft opening Sept. 23, followed by a series of lectures leading to the official Oct. 14 kickoff featuring a campus-wide symposium and opening reception.

Two additional SMC exhibitions complement the Barrett show: Juan Manuel Valenzuela's solo exhibition "Nurturing Masculinities" at SMC's Emeritus Gallery, runs through Nov. 7. The Malibu Campus Gallery will join FotoSoCal in March 2026.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Move Studios Opens as LA's First Combined Pilates-Yoga-Rebounder Facility

Move Studios, a pilates, rebounder and yoga studio founded by longtime Angeleno Gina Priolo, has officially opened at 2903 Lincoln Blvd. in Santa Monica.

Move Studios is the first in Los Angeles to combine pilates, yoga and rebounder in one studio, pioneering a holistic approach to mind-body fitness that strengthens, balances and energizes.

Priolo, a Venice resident with a background in healthcare and corporate leadership, has been a devoted pilates practitioner for decades. She first discovered her love for the practice after becoming a mother.

"Pilates became essential to me during a transformative time in my life and gave me strength, focus and grounding when I needed it most," said Priolo. "That experience inspired me to build a space where others could feel the same sense of empowerment through movement."

> "Pilates became essential to me during a transformative time in my life and gave me strength, focus and grounding when I needed it most"
> - Gina Priolo

The studio features 12 Merrithew reformers for pilates, 24 Manduka yoga mats and 14 rebounders per class. Members can use the Move Studios app to view schedules, reserve exact spots, track progress and stream on-demand content.

The facility emphasizes cleanliness with professionally sanitized equipment between classes, non-toxic and organic cleaning products, and visible air-quality monitors. The space features balanced audio from eight flush-mounted speakers, soft textures, rounded plaster walls, European white oak flooring, natural stone accents and warm LED lighting.

Move Studios offers above-market pay, ongoing education and comprehensive mentorship for team members. Founding team members will have opportunities to grow with the company and lead future studios as the brand expands.

The studio is located at 2903 Lincoln Blvd. with complimentary underground parking. Grand opening memberships are available for $199 per month.

For more information, visit move-studios.com.

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RENT RELIEF

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FEMA or insurance benefits, small landlords repairing rent-stabilized units, and immigrant households impacted by federal enforcement actions. The relief caps were raised from an initial $5,000 to $15,000 following amendments by Board Chair Kathryn Barger.

"By raising the rent relief caps from $5,000 to $15,000 to cover up to six months of rent and adding $10 million to the overall program, we're giving families real breathing room," Barger said in a statement following the vote.

The $29.8 million program builds on $10 million already allocated for rent relief earlier this year. An additional $19.788 million will come from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund across fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Chair Pro Tem Solis emphasized the program's role as a safety net during multiple ongoing crises. "We know our residents, especially wildfire victims and those impacted by immigration raids, are navigating an incredibly difficult year," she said. "As the safety net for our most vulnerable, the County of Los Angeles must do its due diligence to provide relief and meet the needs of our residents."

Supervisor Janice Hahn highlighted the dual nature of the current crisis, noting that federal immigration enforcement has targeted workplaces rather than focusing solely on criminals.

"There are fire survivors who are still struggling to get by. At the same time, ICE isn't targeting criminals – they are raiding workplaces," Hahn said. "That means thousands of families have lost, not only their loved ones, but their breadwinners."

The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs will oversee program implementation, with a mandate to launch within 90 days. DCBA must report back to the board within 150 days with updates on program utilization, funding allocation adjustments, and recommendations for building permanent rent relief infrastructure.

In a companion action, supervisors directed County Counsel to explore options for an eviction moratorium or other legal protections for households affected by federal immigration enforcement. A verbal update on these potential protections is scheduled for the Oct. 7 board meeting.

The January 2025 wildfires devastated communities across Los Angeles County, destroying thousands of homes and displacing residents countywide. Simultaneously, federal immigration enforcement actions have disrupted families and employment across the region, creating what officials describe as overlapping housing stability crises.

The emergency relief program represents one of the largest county-level housing assistance efforts in recent years, pairing direct financial aid with potential legal protections to prevent mass displacement.

County officials said the program's data collection requirements will inform future housing stability policies and help determine whether permanent rent relief infrastructure should be established beyond the current emergency response.

Applications for the Emergency Rent Relief Program are expected to open within three months, with detailed eligibility requirements and application processes to be announced by DCBA in coming weeks.

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MOUNTAINS

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Conservation Authority is leading the fuel reduction efforts in partnership with both fire departments through the Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan. The project aims to create strategic defensible space around communities including Topanga, Malibu, Calabasas and Agoura Hills.

> With proper land management practices, we can help mitigate the risk of wildfire while also preserving the environment and protecting life and property
>
> - Drew Smith, Los Angeles County Assistant Fire Chief

"Fire prevention is a year-round activity for the MRCA," said Ken Nelson, MRCA Chief Fire Management Officer. "With lower-than-average rainfall and warmer weather, fire season is, unfortunately, already upon us."

The use of goats represents a shift toward more sustainable land management practices. Los Angeles County Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith explained that while mechanical hand crews have maintained these areas in the past, the fire department is now utilizing more environmentally friendly methods.

"With proper land management practices, we can help mitigate the risk of wildfire while also preserving the environment and protecting life and property," Smith said.

The funding comes from Proposition 4, approved by voters in November 2024, which allocated $31 million to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for watershed improvement, wildfire resilience and habitat restoration. The Legislature fast-tracked the program through Assembly Bill 100, authored by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel and signed by Governor Newsom in April.

"In less than two weeks the Conservancy has granted funds and begun to put extensive preventative management strategies in place before the next fire season," said Steve Veres, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy chairperson. "We will move quickly and fund the entities who will most effectively protect our communities now."

High-intensity wildfires have become increasingly common in the Santa Monica Mountains, driven primarily by Santa Ana and sundowner winds. The January 2025 fires highlighted the growing severity of fire seasons in Southern California and the critical need for year-round prevention efforts.

Environmental consulting firm Dudek completed biological surveys and flagging for sensitive species last week, while Native American tribal monitoring will be present at each location. Los Angeles County will provide an on-site professional forester to monitor the projects.

Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell emphasized the collaborative nature of the effort. "This funding is vital for ongoing efforts to protect our region from the growing threat of wildfire," he said. "It builds on the strong foundation laid by the Ventura County Fire Department and our community partners."

The MRCA and Conservancy have preserved more than 75,000 acres of local open space and habitat and are active members of the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance, an umbrella group convened by Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath.

The $3.2 million grants represent the first of many awards the Conservancy plans to distribute from Proposition 4 funds for wildfire prevention and climate resilience efforts.

Updated project information is available at https://mrca.ca.gov/statewide-critical-fuel-reduction-projects/.

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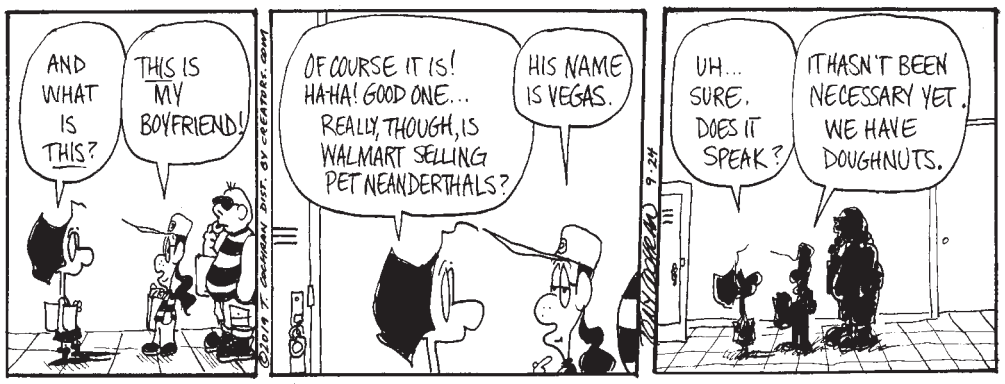
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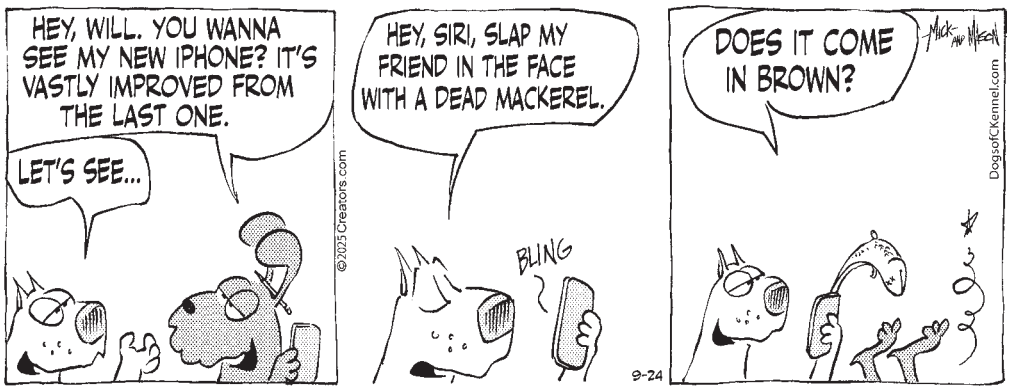
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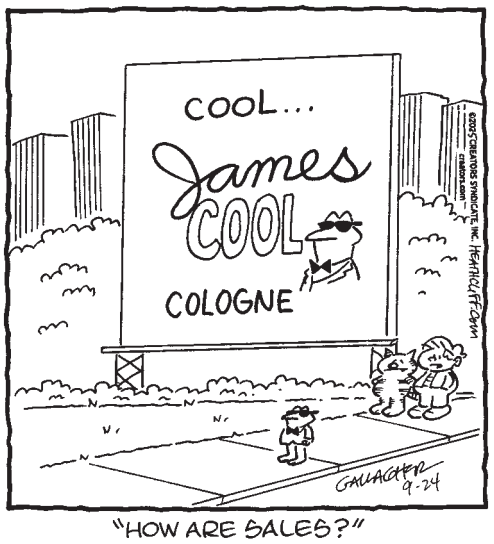
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Yes, you have lugged a responsibility about as far as you want to, but there's so much more trail ahead. You deserve a rest, some ease, a little luck. So when it comes, don't hesitate, defer or pretend you don't need this. Just take it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your body will give clear signals: tension, excitement, ease, discomfort. You don't need to make a story around this or create reasons for these responses. Let instinctive wisdom cut through the mind's noise. Obey the body.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even when you think the right thing is implied, the rules are obvious and the logic is prevalent, you'll still see a more successful outcome if you make your boundaries clear and your expectations known.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The future scares you, but you're more equipped than you know. The proof is in your past victories. Give yourself the pep talk you need. Cultivate the ability to speak yourself into courage. Such an ability will continue to serve you well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've given so much, and though the world still asks for more, you are not depleted. Every ask makes you more resourceful, imaginative and resilient. You're headed toward an opportunity. It will show you there are easier ways forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Juggler's secret: Let the air do the work while the hands handle exactly what they can, which is always one thing at a time. No matter what's thrown into your rotation today, you have rhythm and grace on your side.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Every interaction leaves an impression. The way you listen gives others a feeling. Your laugh gives them something to work for. The most casual comment sticks. After you leave the room, your influence will linger in fondness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The wish for time off is really your soul asking for space. You can't pause the world, but you can claim little islands of rest. Today, even five quiet minutes will restore more than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Anything that's been hard for you, you've done more than survive. You've turned it into your story, your style and the legacy you pay forward. You'll work through tasks and problems of the day, integrating all into your being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Since people around you are distracted or not watching closely, you have some freedom to try things out without scrutiny. You can test new approaches, adjust your style or play with strategy - a low-risk way to improve how you handle the situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can feel the energetic essence of ideas. The good ones leap off for you. Your creativity will keep leveling up because you're willing to discard what doesn't have that "zing-zap." Morning brings momentum; evening brings brilliance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Gratitude doesn't erase sadness, but it gives it company. You can cry and still feel thankful. You can ache and still feel blessed. You'll recognize how all your emotions of the day seem to belong there - proof of a life fully lived.

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.

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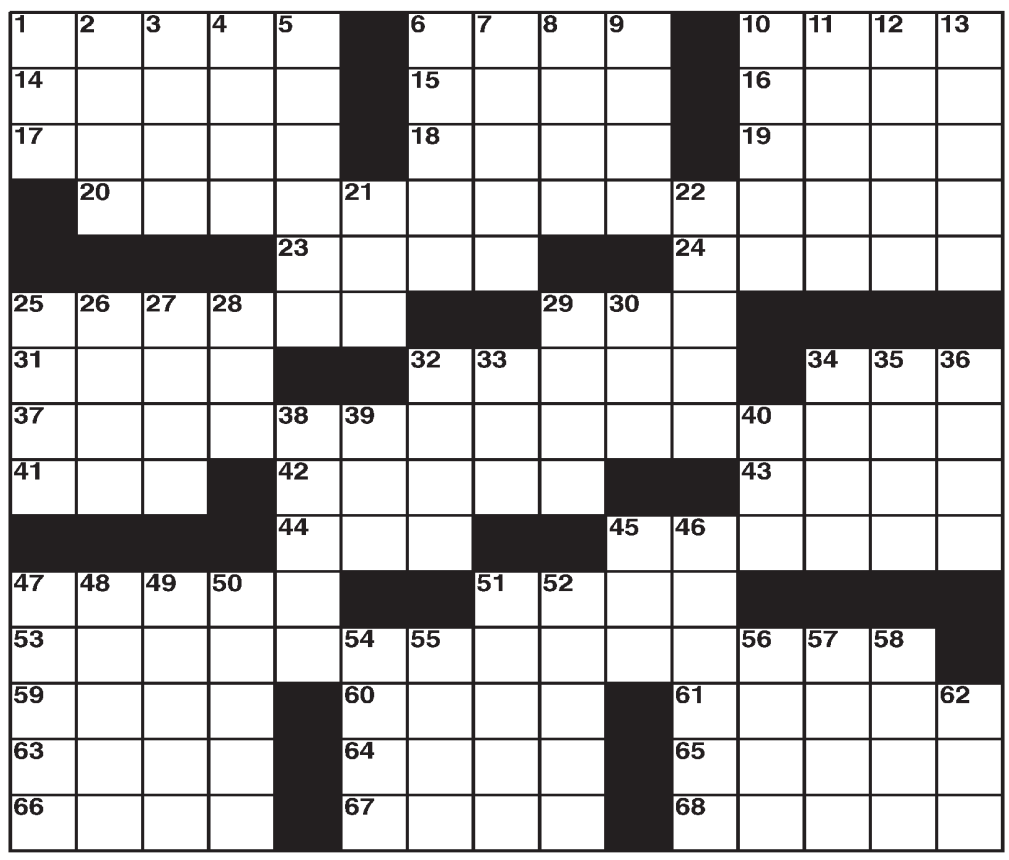
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1 Hole-boring tool
6 Smartphone programs
10 Datebook entry: Abbr.
14 Hunter's wooden duck
15 Flooring square
16 Perform alone
17 Harpoon or javelin
18 Ray of sun
19 Purple fruit
20 Wages and tips, to the IRS
23 Uses a scissor
24 Makes simpler
25 "Finally!"
29 Military missions, for short
31 Home for hens
32 Nasal sound of scorn
34 "Now I understand!"
37 Annual medical checkup
41 Conclusion
42 Beloved folks
43 White Greek cheese
44 Leather-piercing tool
45 Free tickets
47 From Dublin
51 Sear on a grill
53 Basic, polite behavior
59 Peas, for a peashooter
60 Poetic spheres
61 "Work __ for yourself"
63 Plumbing problem to "plug"
64 Any exam grade
65 1-to-10 scoring system
66 Rich vein of ore
67 Online auctioneer
68 Midafternoon hour

DOWN

1 Oral care deg.
2 Seized auto, for short
3 Pastry decorator
4 Trucker's haul
5 Words of a song
6 Facing the pitcher
7 Ship docks
8 Theater production
9 Prefix for final
10 Pet adoption org.
11 Casual shirts
12 Decorative feather
13 Heavy books
21 Bolt fastener
22 Birds' tree homes
25 Farmland measure
26 Bugs Bunny or Bart Simpson
27 Thunderous
28 Likely (to)
29 __ and aahs
30 Be too nosy
32 Emblem "of approval"
33 *Fresh Air* broadcaster
34 Hotshot pilots
35 Dislike very much
36 "That's too bad"
38 State west of Montana
39 Just published
40 "No __, ands or buts!"
45 Golf standard score
46 Sculptor or painter
47 Bet-matching statement in poker
48 Juliet's love
49 "This ticks me off!"
50 Chimney output
51 Snake charmer's snake
52 Sled-racing dog
54 Alaskan port
55 Lobster cousin
56 Engrave deeply
57 Fly like an eagle
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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

CINEHAUS MOVIE NIGHTS

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The Eden Hotel 1301 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. CineHaus presents: Sunset Screenings at The Eden Step into old Hollywood charm as CineHaus transforms the courtyard of The Eden Hotel into a dreamy open-air cinema. Grab a cocktail or a hot drink, settle under the stars, and lose yourself in iconic films the way they were meant to be seen — together. From hot popcorn and candy to s'mores, we've got everything you need for the perfect movie night. Cozy, timeless, unforgettable — only at CineHaus. Dates vary — check our lineup! Doors 7:30 PM | Movie 8:00 PM | Tickets - buytickets.at/cinehaus | First-come seating Drinks, snacks, s'mores & good vibes every time. Bottle service inquiries: nikita@nolongernetwork.com Gift certificates: tickettailor.com/events/cinehaus/store. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cinehaus-movie-nights/16585124/2025-09-24T19

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 25

MOON HOOCH

8:00 p.m. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice. $55.47. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/moon-hooch/16443986/2025-09-25T20

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave. Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-09-26T18

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 27

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS AT PICO BRANCH LIBRARY

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Enjoy light refreshments, connect with neighbors, and learn about SMPL's Community Mapping initiative! Share your feedback through a brief survey or join a guided discussion with library staff. Your input will help us map our library's future. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/community-conversations-at-pico-branch-library/16220810/2025-09-27T10

PIÑATA PARTY

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Make a small piñata and fill it with treats in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Materials will be provided. For ages 5 - 10. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pi-ata-party/16455902/2025-09-27T11

ROOTS & WELLNESS: A CULTURAL AROMA BLENDING EXPERIENCE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Roots & Wellness is an immersive, interactive art and aroma installation designed to engage the public in a multi-sensory exploration of scent, memory, and cultural connection. Created by sensory artist Parisa Parnian, this experience invites participants to discover how natural botanicals and aromas can serve as a bridge between personal history, nature, and emotional well-being. At the installation, visitors will have the opportunity to interact with beautifully designed, themed aroma-blending stations, each featuring a curated selection of dried flowers, herbs, spices, and essential oils. These elements are inspired by diverse cultural traditions, local landscapes, and the universal connection between scent and memory. Participants will be encouraged to create their own custom aroma blends, filling small sachets with botanicals that resonate with them personally. Registration is required. This project is made possible through a grant from the Art of Recovery initiative by Cultural Affairs of the City of Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/roots-wellness-a-cultural-aroma-blending-experience/16455903/2025-09-27T14

MULATTO MATH: SUMMING UP THE RACE EQUATION IN AMERICA

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th Street Santa Monica. It's Monique DeBose's edgy one woman show, part of the exciting "Black History [every] Month" 2025 project. "Very entertaining, cool, and enlightening...poignant and humorous!" LOS ANGELES BEAT. Through original music and stories of her family's history, this mixed race woman (from an African American father from the segregated south and Irish American mother from upstate New York) shares her most precious, vulnerable stories of her exploration of family, race and identity. As an audience member, you get the have the experience of being a fly on the wall for some of the most potent and real conversations from 'the other side.' The show is heartfelt, funny and an intimate look at race and the implications of race consciousness in America. Yes, it's one woman's story...but audiences from all backgrounds have found themselves and heard their own voices in Monique's story. Live music and multi-media, too! $25.50 to $29.50—Post-show wine and nibbles reception included. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/mulatto-math-summing-up-the-race-equation-in-america/16638092/2025-09-27T19

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 28

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/14894114/2025-09-28T11

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 29

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/16220806/2025-09-29T10

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7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED @ https://ci.ovationtix.com/34923/production/1126449?performanceId=11576550. $10.00 Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-09-29T19

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 30

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 arriv. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2025-09-16T16

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

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