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Wide ranging council meeting covers water quality, events and dog bites

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council will consider several ordinances and policy changes at its Tuesday meeting, including stricter requirements for dog owners after bite incidents, a new framework for waiving fees at major community events and the annual report on the city's water quality.

The council is scheduled to vote on an ordinance that would require dog owners to share contact and rabies vaccination information within 48 hours after their dog bites another person or animal, causing at least one puncture wound. The measure, which received first reading Sept. 30, extends existing state requirements that apply only to human bite victims.

Under current California law, dog owners must provide their information to people bitten by their dogs but face no such requirement when their dogs bite other animals. The proposed city ordinance would close that gap and allow bite victims to pursue civil damages of $1,000 or actual damages if owners fail to provide required information.

"The City has received complaints from residents about dog versus dog incidents resulting in injury where the person having

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From caregiver to Stanford: SMC student leader's journey of service and success



Courtesy photo

SMC: 21-year-old economics and math major served as Associated Students president at SMC during a tumultuous year marked by devastating wildfires, political tensions and ongoing student challenges.

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SMDP Staff Writer

David Duncan left high school to care for his ailing grandmother, but that act of family devotion ultimately led him to a path of public service that will take him from Santa Monica College to Stanford University this fall.

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LA County moves to declare immigration emergency amid federal enforcement

MAAZ ALIN
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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors took sweeping action Tuesday to protect immigrant communities from what officials described as escalating federal enforcement operations, approving a motion to declare a local emergency and redirecting funds to support vulnerable families.

The board approved Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath's motion to initiate a Proclamation of Local Emergency in response to federal immigration actions that supervisors said have spread fear and disrupted neighborhoods across the county. The formal proclamation is scheduled to come before the board Oct. 14.

"These raids are not about safety — they are about fear," Horvath said. "They are targeting families, disrupting classrooms, silencing workers, and forcing people to choose between staying safe and staying housed. Declaring a Local Emergency is how we fight back — with care, with coordination, and with every legal tool available to protect our immigrant communities."

Once adopted, the emergency proclamation would empower

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California's two-tier economy mirrors Great Britain's 'Upstairs, Downstairs' past

Forty years ago this month, I began a 9,000-mile tour of California, gathering data, conversations and observations about megatrends propelling the state into the next century. The result was a 14-part series in the Sacramento Bee, later published as a book titled "The New California: Facing the 21st Century."

Its overall theme was that massive changes in the state's economy — shifting from manufacturing to services and technology, coupled with equally massive cultural and ethnic changes, along with rapid population growth — were reshaping the state's future.

I quoted two researchers, Leon Bouvier and Philip Martin, who projected California's future as "the possible emerging of a two-tier economy with Asians and non-Hispanic whites competing for high-status positions while Hispanics and blacks struggle to get the low-paying service jobs."

Any objective description of 2025 California would conclude that Bouvier and Martin, a UC-Davis faculty member at the time, hit the nail squarely.

A new article in Forbes magazine by Michael Bernick, a lawyer who was director of the state Employment Development Department a quarter-century ago, compares two-tier California to "Upstairs, Downstairs," a 1970s British television series.

The 68-episode series explored relationships between a wealthy family and its servants as a microcosm of the socioeconomic trends affecting Great Britain during the early 20th Century.

Bernick notes that current California economic numbers are lackluster, but behind that data is the more fundamental reality of "California's evolving Upstairs, Downstairs economy: its prospering Upstairs college-educated professional and knowledge economy workers, and the army of Downstairs service economy workers who serve them.

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Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

ECONOMY: Farmworkers harvest banana peppers near Helm on July 1, 2025. The divide is widening between California's high and low wage workers.



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California expungement law offers a fresh start to rehabilitated people held back by a conviction



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PRISON: Inmate Jesus Robledo gives fellow inmate Luis Abrams a hair cut in the recreation area of their housing unit at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility on Sept. 18, 2023. Last year the Tulare County set a record of eight inmate deaths in their facility.

At 15, I became a mom. Desperate to make money to support my baby, I got involved in drug sales and theft. I cycled in and out of the criminal justice system until I was 23.

Community programs in San Francisco helped me turn my life around. Today, I work for a nonprofit that connects people in county jails to diversion programs, which help them make similar transitions. And as founders of Freedom Braiders, my daughter and I lead programs that teach the art of hair braiding and offer cognitive behavior classes in jails.

Although the mistakes of my past do not define who I am today, my old record still stands in the way of simple things, such as passing a background check so I can volunteer at my grandchildren's school.

I am one of the 8 million Californians — that's 1 in 5 people — living with a conviction record. Having an old criminal record creates all kinds of barriers. It hinders our ability to find jobs, housing and an education, and often keeps us stuck in a cycle of post-conviction poverty.

Californians now have the chance to permanently expunge old conviction records. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a law in 2022 that makes many old conviction records eligible for expungement, as long as a person has fully completed their sentence and has had no further contact with the justice system.

As part of my job, I visit county jails each week and I meet women with stories similar to mine. I can envision how much promise their future holds — if they can clear their records. I see this work as an opportunity to show them that their community will not give up on them, that they deserve a second chance.

Most just want a chance to make a living. That's where the idea of barbering comes in.

While they are in jail or just leaving it, we train them to become a barber or a braider, so they have a skill to utilize when they get out. Many student barbers who come through my family's barber shop are either formerly incarcerated or have a conviction.

This is my family's way of paying it forward.

Roughly 30% of jobs in California require a person to be licensed, and many of those licenses are off-limits for people with old convictions.

With barbering, a criminal conviction doesn't automatically exclude formerly incarcerated people from getting licensed, but the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology has discretion. That inevitably puts some people at a disadvantage and makes getting a conviction record expunged even more important.

Now 49 years old, I started my expungement process a few months ago. I had put it off for decades because I was afraid of being rejected.

I attended an expungement clinic, where lawyers helped me prepare the

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Weather

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66.
Monday Night: A slight chance of showers after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Tuesday: A chance of showers before 11am, then rain likely after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. Breezy.
Tuesday Night: Rain likely before 11pm, then a chance of showers after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. Breezy.

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Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 575 M

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California's long-running saga over local tax measures might return to the ballot



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

TAX: A voter fills out their ballot at a voting center in the Firebaugh Senior Center on Nov. 5, 2024. Voters nationwide are casting their ballots in the 2024 Presidential Election.

Last week, a state appellate court declared that a 2020 ballot measure to increase hotel taxes in San Diego is valid even though it did not receive the two-thirds approval that voters had been told it would require. The decision was the latest skirmish in a years-long political and legal wrangle over voting requirements for local tax increase proposals.

To begin at the beginning, in 1996, California voters approved Proposition 218 which, among other things, required two-thirds voter approval for local taxes designated for specific purposes. Proponents described it as an extension of Proposition 13, California's iconic tax limit measure approved in 1978.

In 2017, the state Supreme Court hinted that while the two-thirds vote requirement applied to taxes proposed by local governments, it might not apply to those proposed by a citizens initiative, when enough signatures are collected.

Writing a 5-2 decision in a case called "Upland" because it dealt with a tax on marijuana sales in that city, Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar declared, "Multiple provisions of the state constitution explicitly constrain the power of local governments to raise taxes. But we will not lightly apply such restrictions on local governments to voter initiatives."

Tax proponents took the hint and began placing tax measures on the ballot via initiative, but often wound up in court. While some local judges applied the supermajority standard, others declared that simple majority votes suffice.

In 2020, the Supreme Court — in a roundabout way — ended the confusion by refusing to consider an appellate ruling that validated special taxes proposed by initiative and approved by simple majorities.

Last year, the California Business Roundtable and other groups that disliked the Supreme Court's partial dismantling of Prop. 218 fired back with a constitutional ballot measure that would reimpose supermajority votes for special taxes proposed via initiative and place very tight restrictions on the legislature's power to raise taxes.

Once again, however, the Supreme Court interceded. It blocked the initiative, unanimously declaring that the Taxpayers Protection Act, as it was dubbed, would be a revision of the state constitution because of its restrictions on the legislature and therefore was itself unconstitutional.

"No speculation regarding potential future consequences is needed to conclude that the TPA is a revision on its face," the court declared. "The measure would fundamentally restructure the most basic of governmental powers. The TPA would exclude the levying of new taxes from the Legislature's control by requiring voter approval of all such measures."

It's against this background that the battle over hotel taxes in San Diego has been waged. Local leaders sought the increase largely to finance expansion of an already cavernous waterfront convention center in hopes of attracting more and larger conventions and trade shows.

When the issue was placed before local voters in 2020, they were told that it required a two-thirds vote. It received 65.2% of the vote and election officials declared it a loser, but the San Diego City Council nevertheless voted to say it passed.

Tax increase opponents sued, alleging that while the measure was placed on the ballot by initiative petition, it was a sham that concealed the role that officialdom played in the process. It resulted in last week's appellate court ruling that the tax increase is valid.

Tax opponents may take the issue to the state Supreme Court, but their chances of winning seem slim. Meanwhile, however, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is promoting a potential measure for the 2026 ballot that would reinstate the two-thirds vote for local special taxes, regardless of how they made the ballot.

"The Upland loophole has allowed special interest groups to write initiatives that raise taxes, direct the money to themselves, and pass them with just a simple majority," the organization's president Jon Coupal said.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sacramento

Governor Signs Landmark Legislation to Combat Antisemitism in K-12 Schools

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed AB 715, landmark legislation aimed at addressing rising antisemitism in California's K-12 schools, according to an announcement from the bill's lead authors.

The bipartisan measure, authored by Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Hollywood) and Assemblymember Dawn Addis (D-Morro Bay), passed both legislative chambers without a single "no" vote. The bill was co-authored by Assemblymember Mike Fong (D-Alhambra), Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-Encino), Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), Senator Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach), and Senator Akilah Weber Pierson (D-San Diego).

AB 715 was the only priority bill for the California Legislative Jewish Caucus and addresses what officials describe as an alarming rise in antisemitic incidents. While Jewish people comprise approximately 3% of California's population, anti-Jewish hate crimes accounted for 15% of all hate crimes in 2024, according to the announcement.

The Anti-Defamation League reported a 893% increase in antisemitic hate crimes nationwide over the past decade, with a significant surge following the Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attack on Israel.

The legislation establishes an Office of Civil Rights featuring multiple coordinators, including an antisemitism prevention coordinator. These positions will assess discrimination in schools, provide recommendations to the Legislature, governor and school districts, and equip educators with tools to support all students.

> "Every student deserves to be safe, valued, and respected — no matter who they are or what they believe"
>
> - Rick Chavez Zbur, Assemblymember

"Every student deserves to be safe, valued, and respected — no matter who they are or what they believe," Zbur said in a statement. "At a time when hate is rising and antisemitism is sweeping our communities, AB 715 reaffirms California's commitment to inclusion and standing up against bigotry in all its forms."

Addis, who described herself as "a mom and a teacher," called the legislation "a historic first in the nation effort" centered on children's wellbeing.

Jewish Caucus Co-Chairs Gabriel and Wiener said California is "sending a strong and unambiguous message — hate has no place in our schools and will not be tolerated."

David Bocarsly, executive director of JPAC, the bill's sponsor, called it "more than policy" but "a promise that Jewish children, their families, and all students, deserve a great public education and classrooms free from hate and discrimination."

The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2026.

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Venice

Independent Film Collective Launches Community-Funded Movie Project

The Alchemy Collective is launching an independent filmmaking initiative that aims to bypass traditional studio systems by allowing communities to decide what films get made and distributed.

The project centers around "Alchemy in Venice," a film developed by Director/Producer Jon Fitzgerald and professional violinist Noella Jung. The movie follows three artists who speak different languages as they connect and evolve while pursuing their passions in Venice Beach, California.

Jung originally approached Fitzgerald in 2023 with a rough screenplay draft. Together, they reshaped the storylines and relocated the setting to Venice Beach while expanding the scope to address human rights issues and themes of communication and sustainability.

"This isn't crowdfunding. It's film culture funding. It's the start of something bigger," the collective states in promotional materials.

The funding model offers three participation categories. Supporters can make small donations starting at one dollar, which qualify as tax-deductible contributions. Larger contributors can become part of a "mosaic experience," while companies can access customized sponsorship packages. The collective also offers equity investment opportunities in the film and related product marketplace.

Participants who donate $10 or more can have their photos included in a movie mosaic as part of the promotional campaign. The offer is limited to the first 1,000 participants and requires registration at https://www.alchemyinvenice.com/.

The project extends beyond filmmaking into product development, with plans to create art and merchandise from recycled materials. A percentage of proceeds will benefit cause partners aligned with the film's themes.

Jung's previous success with a book in Korea influenced the decision to develop a companion book for U.S. audiences ahead of the film's completion. The book will provide character backgrounds and explore related causes, serving as part of the marketing strategy rather than a byproduct of the finished movie.

The collective describes the initiative as building "a fresh model for independent filmmaking" where community support, rather than studio backing, determines which stories reach audiences.

To participate or learn more about the project, visit https://www.alchemyinvenice.com/.

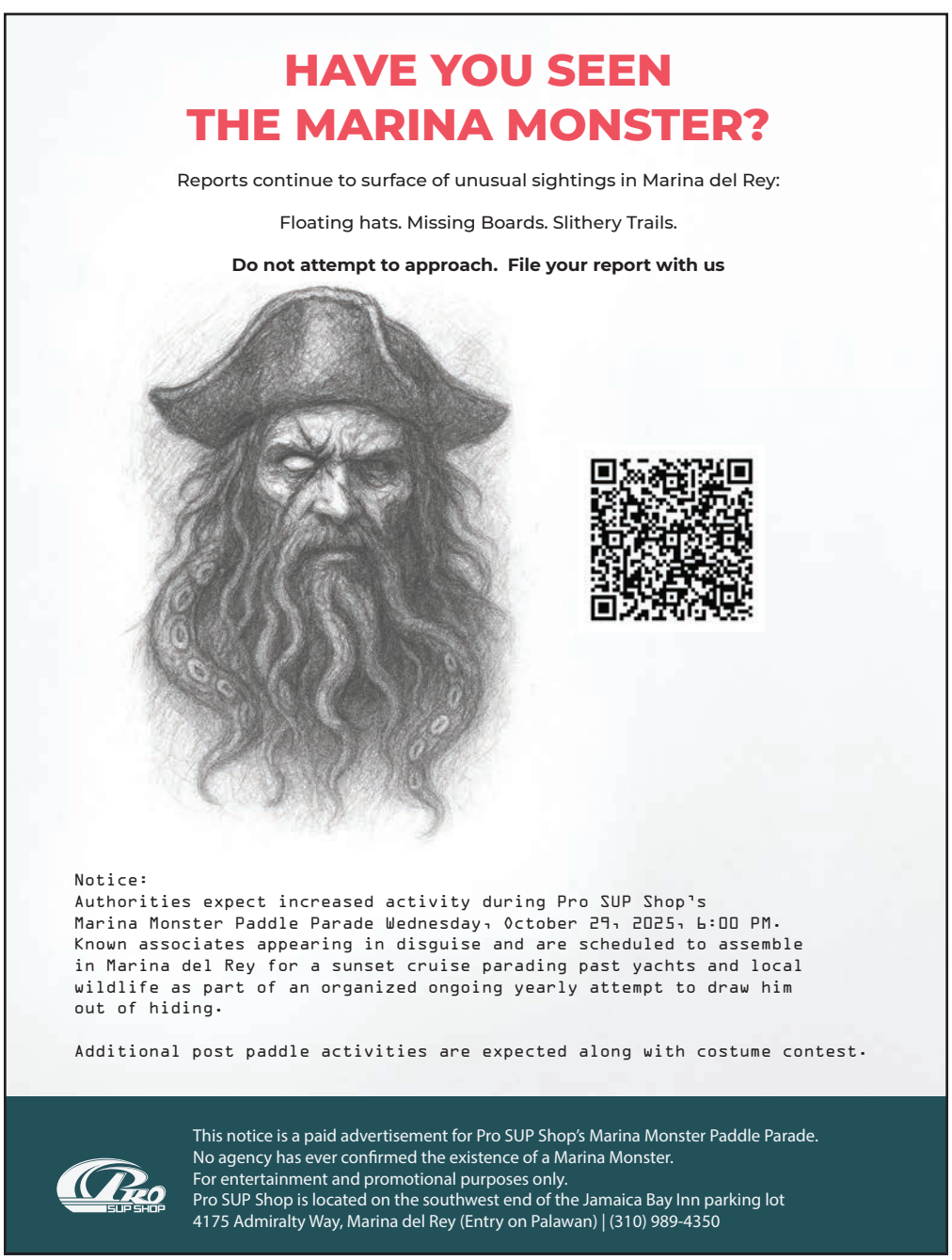
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Samohi

Former Student Returns as Math Teacher to Inspire Next Generation

Jasson Martinez has come full circle at Santa Monica High School, returning as a math teacher to the campus where he graduated in 2019.

Martinez, who attended McKinley Elementary and Lincoln Middle School before graduating from Samohi, earned his undergraduate degree and teaching credential at California State University, Long Beach. He now teaches Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 to freshmen and juniors.

His decision to pursue education was influenced by a pivotal moment during summer school at Samohi, when he met Mr. Veral, his first male Latino math teacher.

"Mr. Veral was my first math teacher who was a male identifying Latino and to me, this was a sign that Latinos can do it," Martinez said. "It showed me that I can also have a purpose in the place I didn't expect."

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Martinez said he focuses on creating a welcoming environment where students feel comfortable being themselves and changing the mindset of "when will I need this math in my life?" to showing that math is everywhere.

As the first Latino in his family to earn a college degree, Martinez said his achievement represents more than personal success. His immigrant parents wanted to show that "Latinos can do it," he said.

Martinez supports three Latino-based clubs that meet in his classroom, aligning with the district's mission of belonging, curiosity and empowerment. He said he wants students to make connections and learn from mistakes in his classroom.

Outside of teaching, Martinez enjoys spending time with his family, girlfriend and dogs.

His journey from student to teacher reflects the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's values and demonstrates how educators can give back to the communities that shaped them.

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Courtesy photo

SCHOOL: Jasson Martinez attended McKinley Elementary and Lincoln Middle School before graduating from Samohi.

Correction

A story published last week quoted Mayor Negrete as saying St. Joseph operated the Manor. St. Joseph Center did not operate The Manor and that facility is not closing. St. Joseph Center was contracted by LA county to only handle case management.

STUDENT

FROM PAGE 1

challenges. His leadership helped deliver hundreds of thousands of dollars in disaster relief and expanded campus engagement to record levels.

"I always knew I wanted to go back" to school, Duncan said. "It just had to be the right time."

That time came in early 2023, when Duncan enrolled at SMC after years of caring for his grandmother, who raised him along with his mother and grandfather. His grandmother has since passed away, but his 98-year-old grandfather remains active in the family, currently working on a novel.

Duncan's initial three-hour daily commute by public transit became a catalyst for his political awakening. Learning that SMC students had helped pioneer the Metro GoPass program he relied on sparked a realization about student government's broader impact.

"I realized that student government could have a big impact not just on campus but also on the surrounding community," Duncan said.

He first won election as director of budget management for Associated Students before being elected president, representing SMC's diverse student body of more than 30,000.

During his presidency, Duncan demonstrated crisis leadership when the Palisades and Eaton wildfires devastated the region earlier this year. Leveraging his position on the Student Senate for California Community Colleges board of directors, he helped coordinate direct aid for affected students and communities.

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>
> - David Duncan

Under his leadership, student organization participation reached an all-time high of 89 active clubs, reflecting increased campus engagement despite ongoing challenges.

Duncan's advocacy extended beyond campus boundaries. He twice traveled to Washington, D.C., with fellow student leaders to lobby for legislation benefiting students, including a California Assembly bill expanding access to EBT benefits that help low-income students purchase groceries.

Closer to home, he organized support for Measure HLA, a Los Angeles ballot initiative requiring pedestrian and bicycle-friendly improvements during street repaving projects to enhance public transit access.

"We also lobbied local transit departments to change their schedules to increase students' access to campus—especially for those taking night classes," Duncan said.

His commitment to public service stems from personal experience. Growing up near the Inglewood Oil Field, Duncan witnessed how pollution disproportionately affects lower-income communities, sparking his interest in environmental justice.

"Taking care of my grandparents, navigating public health and social systems—it all made me think about how we can do better by people, especially the most vulnerable," he explained.

SMC's Public Policy Institute became instrumental in shaping his advocacy approach. The nonpartisan interdisciplinary institute, unique among community colleges, offered hands-on experience in policy work.

"PPI showed me how institutional change happens," Duncan said, crediting professors Shari Davis and Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein as influential mentors.

Duncan's academic and leadership achievements earned him acceptance to 23 prestigious universities. Initially planning to apply only to local schools like UCLA, he was encouraged by SMC's Office of Student Life to consider private institutions as well.

At Stanford, Duncan plans to continue his advocacy at the intersection of economics, climate policy and transit justice, with long-term aspirations in policymaking.

"I'm still figuring out what the next chapter looks like, but in the long term, I'd like to be a policymaker," he said. "Now more than ever, it's important to be engaged in our democracy and protect the most vulnerable among us."

Duncan credits SMC with transforming his life both academically and personally.

"The community at SMC is really something special," he said. "It's supportive, tight-knit and genuinely invested in your success."

His journey from high school dropout to Stanford-bound student leader exemplifies the transformative power of community college education and the impact of students who choose service over self-interest.

Duncan's story demonstrates that sometimes the most circuitous paths lead to the most meaningful destinations.

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00512 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Alexandra Feliss Sipher for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Alexandra Feliss Sipher court for a decree of changing names as follows: Alexandra Feliss Sipher to Alexandra Feliss Sipher Parris . 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 11/14 /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 7215 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

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25STCP02111. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Daniel Enku Enku filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Daniel Enku Enku to Semaii Ehssen. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: NOV 10 2025 Time: 8:30am Dept.: 45 Room: 527 The address of the court is 333 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, California 90012. Santa Monica Daily Press, a newspaper of General Circulation for Los Angeles County Case No. BS087128, 10/6/2025, 10/13/2025, 10/20/2025, 10/27/2025

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NWCP00457 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Serina Hernandez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Serina Hernandez court for a decree of changing names as follows: Serina Hernandez to Serena Estella Poprac . 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 11/10 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: P Room: _503 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Norwalk Courthouse 12720 Norwalk Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650. 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 09/16/2025 2025199884The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Santa Monica History Museum 1350 7th St Santa Monica, CA 90401. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Santa Monica History Museum Society, Inc 1350 7th St Santa Monica, CA 90401. Los Angeles If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A Registrant / Corp/LLC Santa Monica History Museum Society, Inc Title: President Susan Potter . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 09/16/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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ENFORCEMENT

FROM PAGE 1

the county to expedite contracting, procurement and hiring while requesting additional financial assistance and mutual aid to support affected communities. The proclamation would remain in effect until terminated by the board.

The emergency declaration comes as Los Angeles County — where one in three residents are immigrants — faces what officials characterize as unprecedented federal enforcement operations targeting workplaces and neighborhoods.

"Unprecedented ICE raids at workplaces — targeting hardworking immigrants, not criminals — are tearing apart communities, leaving families without breadwinners, and sowing fear and chaos in immigrant neighborhoods," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who co-authored the emergency motion. "As we grapple with how to respond to ICE's cruelty and disregard for the law, I think it is important we have every tool at our disposal, including emergency powers."

In related action Tuesday, the board approved Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis' motion requesting the Los Angeles County Office of Education provide a report within 30 days on implementation of state laws protecting immigrant students. The report will examine how Assembly Bill 49, the California Safe Haven Schools Act, and Senate Bill 98, the Sending Alerts to Families in Education Act, are being enforced on school campuses.

"These laws are essential to keeping our schools safe, inclusive, and welcoming places where every child can learn and thrive without fear," Solis said. "Immigrant students and their families deserve to feel protected and supported in their communities."

The board also approved reallocating $1.3 million in previously unused funds to sustain the county's Mobile Immigrant Services Program. The money was originally set aside in 2023 in anticipation of buses transporting immigrants to unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County but had gone unused.

The mobile program, operated through the Office of Immigrant Affairs within the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, delivers free legal assistance, case management, benefits enrollment and language-access support directly to immigrant communities. The mobile model allows the county to reach individuals and families in homeless shelters, on the streets and those too afraid to seek help through traditional channels.

"The Trump administration's inhumane immigration enforcement has put thousands of families at risk," Solis said. "This action ensures that Los Angeles County can continue supporting some of our most vulnerable residents. Today's vote is about protecting families and preserving their dignity in the face of an evolving crisis."

The funding reallocation moves $1.3 million from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' Provisional Financing Unit allocation to its operating budget. It also authorizes the department to pursue additional grants and funding sources to expand immigrant services, emergency financial assistance and language access programs.

During Tuesday's meeting, County Counsel presented options for a potential eviction moratorium, part of the county's ongoing effort to leverage legal tools to protect families affected by federal immigration actions. Advocates and county departments will continue evaluating those options in coming weeks.

The actions build on Solis' ongoing efforts to strengthen immigrant support, including adoption of the county's Language Access Policy, expansion of legal assistance programs and creation of emergency financial aid for families destabilized by immigration enforcement.

The emergency proclamation, once formally introduced Oct. 14, would authorize county departments to take all necessary emergency actions to protect and stabilize impacted communities throughout Los Angeles County.

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ECONOMY

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"This two-tier economy is not new," Bernick continues. "It has been building in the state over the past two decades — and in some ways since the late 1970s. What is new is how this economy is so widely taken for granted in 2025. It is accepted as the natural order by the very people on the Upstairs who regard themselves as champions and protectors of the working class and poor."

Those in California's mostly white and Asian overclass, Bernick writes, "have been increasingly vocal this year in denouncing the national administration. They denounce inequality and poverty, and speak often of social justice. But they are silent as to the low wage workers who attend to their daily needs, and the inequality that they benefit from. In fact, policies they and the state's political leadership have advocated for the past decades have expanded the Downstairs workforce."

Bernick contrasts current California with its more egalitarian and economically mobile mid-century version but adds, "There is no way of going back to this earlier economic structure of a greater self-sufficient middle class, but also no reason to do so."

However, Bernick adds, "it is one thing to serve others and another to serve others in a position of low pay, status, and authority. That's the condition in California with its Downstairs workers, the result of policies by state government dating back to the 1990s and of culture shifts. The state Legislature has imposed an empire of rules and costs that has undercut the ability of California employers to create stable, decently-paid jobs. In the place of a jobs strategy, an expansive benefits system has been assembled. Perhaps of greatest consequence, many of the service and blue collar jobs have come to be viewed as beneath Californians. Immigrant workforces have been brought in, helping to keep wages low."

Bernick concludes that if answers to the low wage jobs problem are scarce, "a start is to at least be honest about politics. The equality politics and rhetoric of the state's Upstairs workforce bear little relation to their high degree of entitlement today, and how the state's economy actually is operating."

Well said.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist

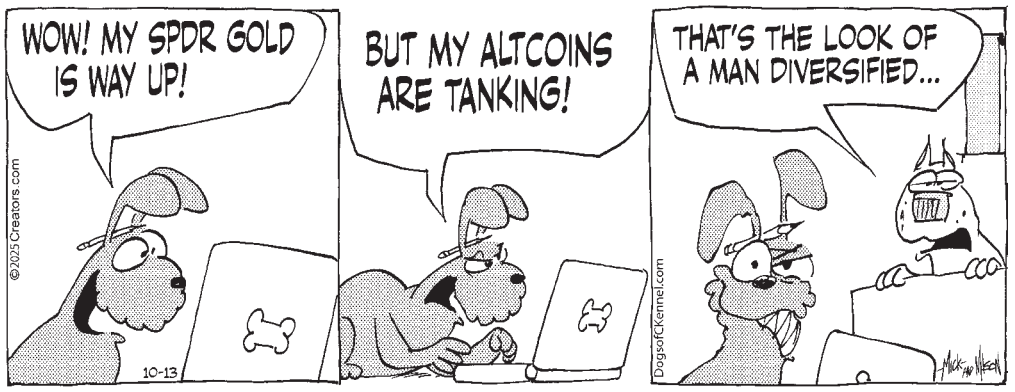
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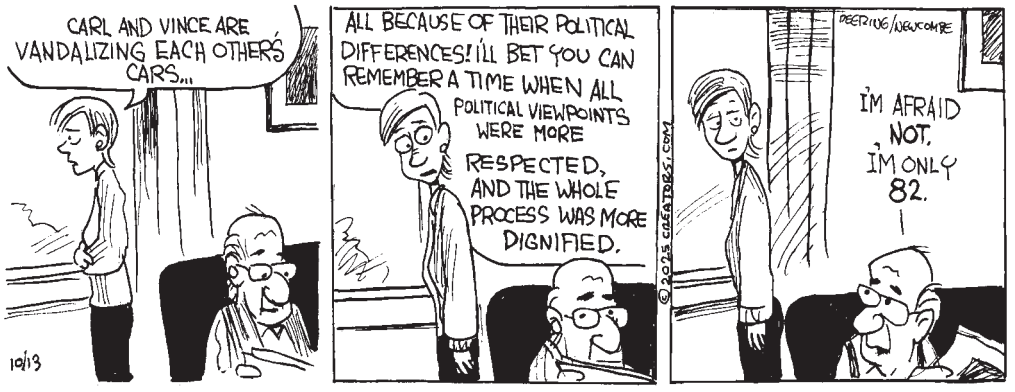
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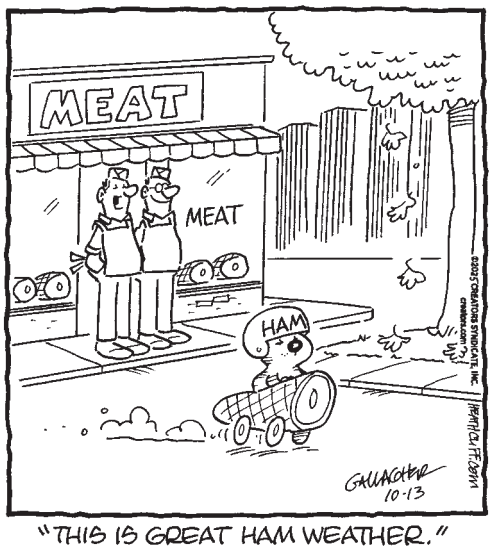
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It's your Year of Mastery. Courage is the down payment, practice is the installment plan, and confidence is the payoff. More highlights: You'll have three big interests you toggle between, keeping freshness alive. You'll live in a style that feels cleaner, better, smoother to you. It's about cutting out the friction. Growing your financial knowledge makes more experiences possible. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 1, 2, 8 and 20.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're making someone's life more beautiful. Maybe that someone is you. Beauty isn't always a constant show. More typically, it's a series of deliberate, tender acts. Do less, do it brilliantly, and then let yourself feel the loveliness in that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Somewhere in the world there's an EMT or surgeon doing the big life-saving work. That's true. But you are also doing the relentless, messy, intimate labor of life in whatever form that takes. It's real work and it deserves compassion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A longing feels like a locked gate. Instead of rattling the bars, accept the reality: There's nothing better about being on one side or the other. But if you simply must get in, consider options other than the obvious one in the front.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Family dynamics can be among the most difficult, but at least you're not alone in it. Every home has its weather. You can't stop the storms, but you can carry an umbrella of patience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been of service and helpful at your own expense. It's time to get attentive to your own needs and dare to put them first now - it's an order that will really help everyone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Not being where you want to be only means that you've got somewhere to go. It's not a cause for alarm or a reason for punishment. Rather, it's an opportunity for compassion and a call to get up and try again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When the money feels tight, just remember that wealth isn't only numbers. It's what those numbers can do. It's about having options. And money isn't the only thing that gives you options. Imagination can do that, too. Treat today's limits as creative prompts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your standards are so high. If something feels flattened or "fine" instead of brilliant, that's useful information. Make one precise choice toward your standard today and let that decision orient the rest of the hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Waiting for inspiration is like waiting for weather - unpredictable. Instead, make a daily appointment with your art. Even when you arrive empty, the act of showing up counts big time. Today, the muse accepts this as an invitation to join you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Wanting is the stuff of being alive. But that doesn't mean it feels good, especially wanting what you can't have. Consider that some of the world's most elegant solutions were born in constraint. Today's magic comes disguised as thrift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Failure is rarely final. More often it's a rehearsal with costumes and lighting, but no audience. Each stumble adds skill. By opening night, you'll be fluent in recovery, which is the trait most admired onstage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've known loneliness, and you've befriended it, too, so it's no longer a void so much as a space where new music, words or connections can resound. You cherish this space like an empty stage that you begin to dress, making it ready for the next scene.

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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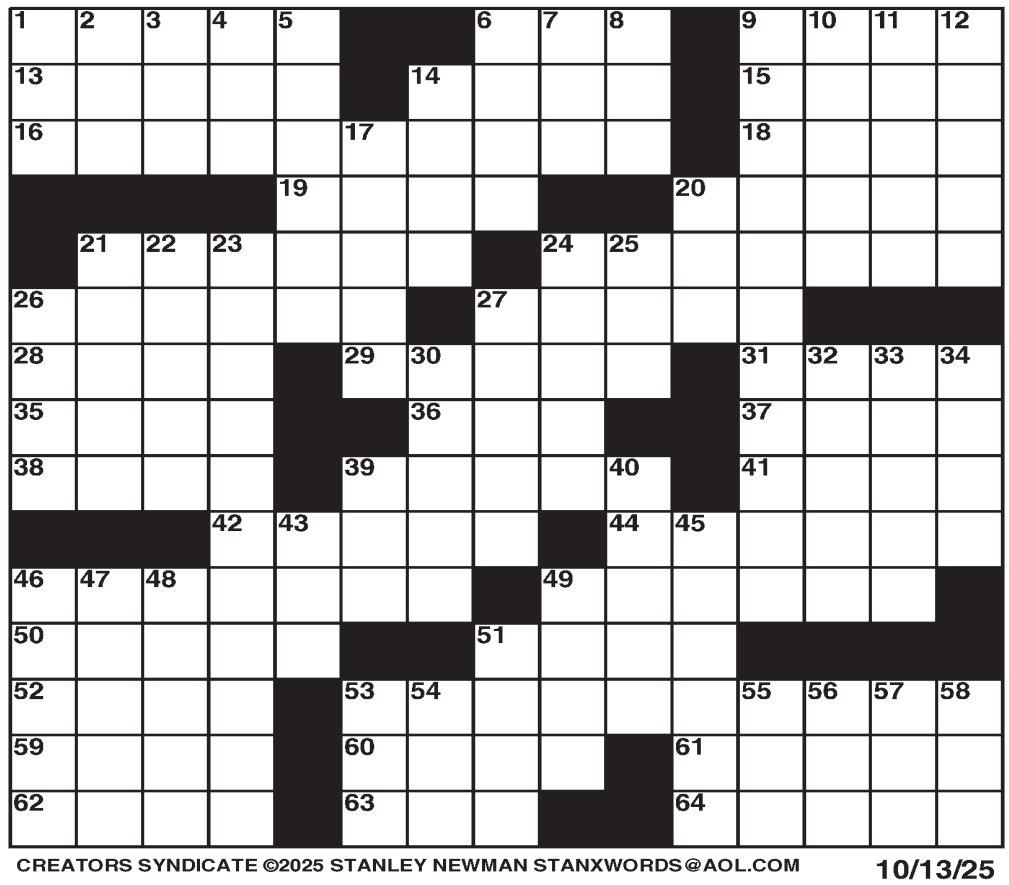
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ACROSS

1 Car driver's turns
6 Angry feeling
9 Small rugs
13 Stood up
14 Metal-filled rocks
15 Revise writing
16 Tool for cutting loaves
18 Spherical hairstyle
19 Isn't feeling well
20 Direct an auto
21 At a low-volume voice
24 Happen before
26 Large wooden wine container
27 Courtroom event
28 Hawaiian feast
29 Prim and proper
31 Cable sports channel
35 First part of a play
36 Highest poker card
37 Suit to __ (be just right)
38 Red veggie
39 Walks heavily
41 Huge in area
42 Sneakers and sandals
44 Real estate brokers
46 Eggs-and-cheese breakfasts
49 Shop's salespersons
50 Wise adage
51 Price paid
52 Explorer __ the Red
53 Circle-shaped cutter for Italian pies
59 Egypt's main river
60 Give approval for
61 Simple school course
62 Fortune-teller
63 Pay-__-view movie
64 Worked at a keyboard

DOWN

1 Scientist's workshop
2 Make a mistake
3 Enemy
4 Baggage screening group: Abbr.
5 Calm and quiet
6 Colorful part of an eye
7 Football official, for short
8 Point opposite WNW
9 Butcher's tool for cutting beef
10 Price to run a commercial
11 Weary
12 Mall tenant
14 Nothing but
17 __ time (does something while waiting)
20 Caribbean or Mediterranean
21 Spaghetti topping
22 Give a speech
23 Tool for cutting apples or pears
24 Was nosy
25 Get __ of (throw out)
26 Divulge a secret
27 Mexican meals in shells
30 Stories that may be "tall"
32 Offended the nose
33 People who are annoying
34 Tennis court dividers
39 Houseplant holder
40 Dip for tortilla chips
43 Garment edge
45 Become soaked
46 Prophetic signs
47 Scientist Curie
48 Banish
49 Warm and comfortable
51 Powerful business leader
53 Burst, as a bubble
54 Eisenhower nickname
55 Bale kept in a barn
56 Sixth sense, for short
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MEETING

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control or custody of the dog causing the injury failed to provide contact information to the owner of the injured dog," according to the staff report.

The ordinance would also amend the city's leash law to establish civil remedies when off-leash dogs bite people or animals in public. Victims could recover $1,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater, in private civil actions against owners who violated leash requirements.

Animal Control Officers would continue investigating reported dog bites and could issue infractions or administrative citations to owners who refuse to provide required information. The city would be authorized to release dog owners' contact information to bite victims when the city possesses that information and owners have failed to share it.

SIGNATURE EVENTS PROGRAM

The council will also consider establishing a "Santa Monica Signature Events" category that would provide automatic fee waivers for qualifying community events produced by nonprofit organizations.

The proposed resolution identifies 14 recurring events for the designation, including Pier 360, Easter on the Promenade, Pride on the Promenade, the July 4th Parade, the Festival of Chariots and the Westside Unity Classic Car Show.

To qualify as signature events, programs must take place at city-owned sites, be free and open to the public, demonstrate at least three years of annual presence in Santa Monica, and provide cultural, social, recreational or economic benefit to the community. Political or religious events, commercial activations and programs hosted by outside organizations without clear community benefit would be ineligible.

The Recreation and Parks Commission would conduct annual reviews of signature event requests and could add or remove events through a coordinated process. Event organizers could appeal commission decisions to the director of recreation and arts.

The proposed change aims to streamline what city staff described as a cumbersome process involving the City Council Discretionary Funding Program and protracted fee negotiations.

COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY BUDGET CHANGES

The council will consider restructuring its discretionary budget program to restore flexibility for responding to emerging community needs.

Currently, about $95,000 of the $137,398 discretionary budget is pre-allocated to recurring commitments, leaving only $23,500 available for new requests. Staff recommends moving $83,000 in recurring allocations — including funding for business improvement districts, the July 4th Parade, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Santa Monica Pride and Santa Monica High School Grad Night — into the city's operating budget.

Under the proposal, the discretionary budget would increase to $140,000 and provide $20,000 per council member, with all allocations still requiring approval by council majority vote. Staff would conduct biennial reviews to identify additional recurring programs that could transition to the base budget or qualify as signature events.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

The council will hold a public hearing on the 2025 Report on Water Quality Relative to Public Health Goals, which assesses the city's drinking water supply against state and federal standards.

The city's water quality complies with all drinking water standards, according to the report. The Department of Public Works Water Resources Division delivers water to more than 93,000 residents and conducts over 10,000 tests annually across the water system.

State law requires public water systems to report every three years on any elements detected in water at levels above Public Health Goals or Maximum Contaminant Level Goals. These goals identify extremely low theoretical risks but are not enforceable standards that water systems must meet.

No additional treatment actions are recommended for the city's potable water supply, according to staff.

Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

REOPENING THE CIVIC CENTER

Council must decide whether to extend negotiations with Revitalization Partners Group (RPG) for the Civic Auditorium redevelopment after their six-month Exclusive Negotiation Agreement expired Oct. 8.

RPG proposes converting the historic venue into an immersive digital and holographic theater with capacity between 2,800 to 3,300 seats, plus 14,000 square feet of new retail and restaurant space. The design envisions preserving historic elements while relocating parking and creating new green space on the former courthouse lot.

Despite engaging with the project since July 2024, RPG has provided only preliminary architectural concepts and verbal financial estimates to city staff. City staff's independent analysis of the proposed $360 million project suggests it appears economically questionable without substantial public subsidy, showing negative returns even under optimistic scenarios with 200 shows annually.

Council faces three options: approve a six-month extension for continued negotiations, grant a three-month extension requiring accelerated analysis, or terminate the agreement and explore alternative redevelopment options for the site, which has been closed since June 2013. Previous redevelopment efforts in 2010-2012 and 2018-2019 proved unsuccessful.

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REHABILITATED PEOPLE

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paperwork. I've submitted my request for expungement and, though the process can take several months, I'm looking forward to starting fresh with a clean record and continuing to give back to the community.

I owe my second chance to mentors at two organizations, Mission Girls and Alive and Free. They showed me a different path was possible.

Joe Marshall, co-founder and violence prevention leader of Alive and Free, always told me, "The more you know, the more you owe."

Joanna Hernandez is the director of strategic partnerships at the San Francisco Pre-Trial Diversion Project and owns a barber shop with her family in Contra Costa County.



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6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Weary Livers 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica. Connect with founders, builders, and investors in a high-energy evening designed to maximize meaningful conversations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/speed-networking-night-for-tech-professionals-la-tech-week/16991443/2025-10-13T18

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY

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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-10-13T19

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 14

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/13799967/2025-10-14T17

AN EVENING WITH WERNER HERZOG

8:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater-New Roads School Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater-New Roads School
Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/an-evening-with-werner-herzog/16644619/2025-10-14T20

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/16004734/2025-10-07T22

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 15

CINEHAUS MOVIE NIGHTS

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The Eden Hotel 1301 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. CineHaus presents: Sunset Screenings at The Eden. Step into old Hollywood charm as CineHaus transforms the courtyard of The Eden Hotel into a dreamy open-air cinema. Grab a cocktail or a hot drink, settle under the stars, and lose yourself in iconic films the way they were meant to be seen — together. From hot popcorn and candy to s'mores, we've got everything you need for the perfect movie night. Cozy, timeless, unforgettable — only at CineHaus. $17.00 to $185.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cinehaus-movie-nights/16585124/2025-10-15T19

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 16

GETTING THE HOMELESS HOME

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Jonathan Club in Santa Monica 850 Palisades Beach Rd Santa Monica. Come together with us to make a true difference. This event is about empowering people and creating pathways to end homelessness. Visit: Come together with us to make a true difference. This event is about empowering people and creating pathways to end homelessness. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/getting-the-homeless-home/16991463/2025-10-16T18

WAGS & WITCHES

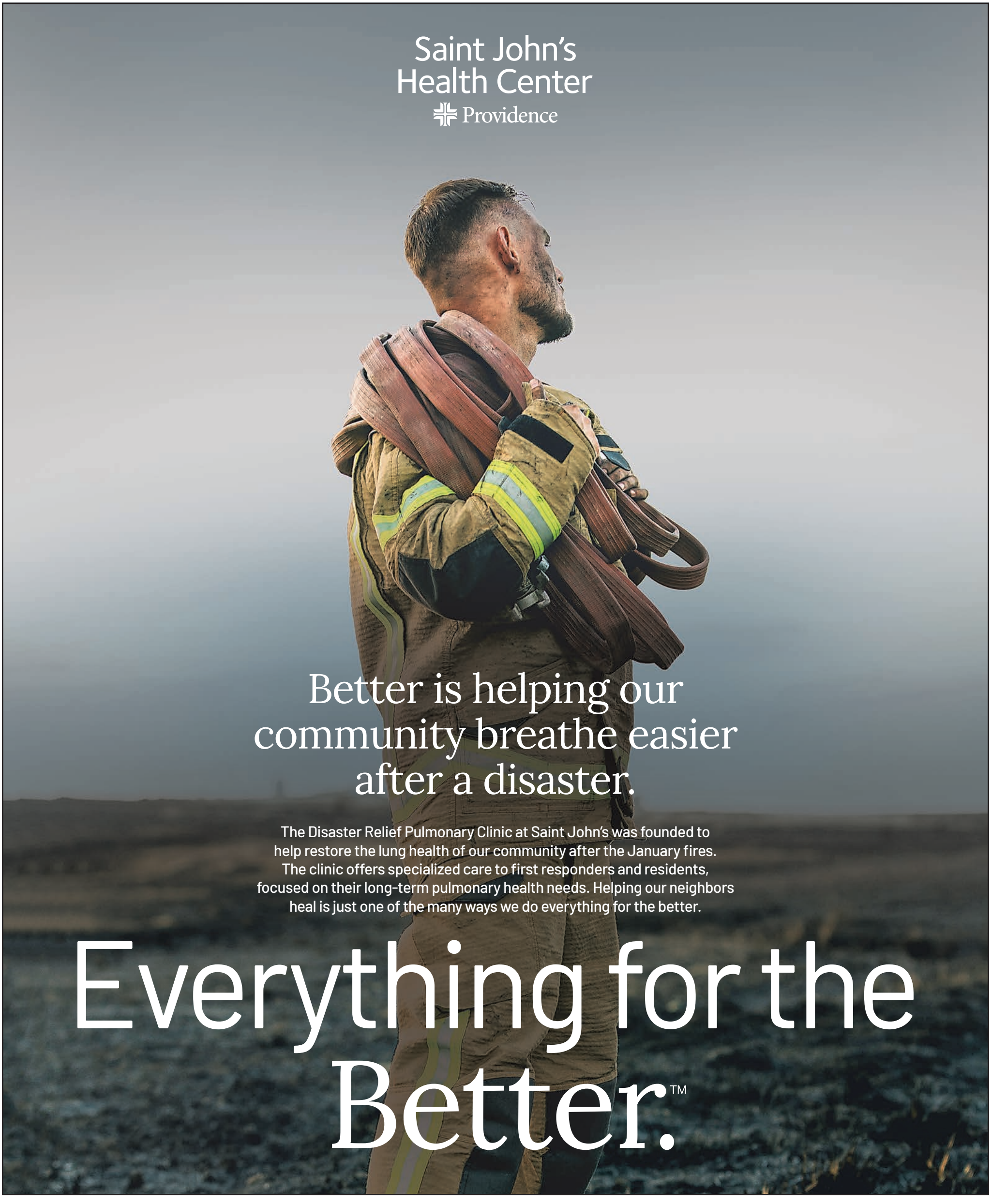
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fairmont Miramar - Hotel & Bungalows Fairmont Miramar - Hotel & Bungalows 101 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica. Join us for a howling good time at our annual Wags & Witches doggy celebration! Sip on spooky Tito's Vodka cocktails, show off your most creative Halloween looks, and take part in our spirited Costume Contest with prizes for the best dressed. Grand Prize: An overnight stay at Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows. Thursday, October 16 | 6PM – 8PM | Miramar Gardens. Complimentary event for hotel guests & local community. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/wags-witches/16969433/2025-10-16T18

MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/montana-branch-book-group/14818668/2025-10-16T18

Saint John's Health Center

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Better is helping our community breathe easier after a disaster.

The Disaster Relief Pulmonary Clinic at Saint John's was founded to help restore the lung health of our community after the January fires. The clinic offers specialized care to first responders and residents, focused on their long-term pulmonary health needs. Helping our neighbors heal is just one of the many ways we do everything for the better.

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