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Santa Monica Council approves water quality report showing safety compliance

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The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved the city's 2025 Water Quality Report on Tuesday, confirming that the municipal drinking water supply meets all federal and state safety standards despite exceeding some voluntary health advisory levels.

The report, required under California Health and Safety Code Section 116470, analyzes water quality against Public Health Goals (PHGs) and Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) — extremely stringent advisory benchmarks set well below enforceable safety limits.

"The City's drinking water supply complies with all Federal and State drinking water standards," said Sunny Wang, Water Resources Manager, in the report presented to council.

While Santa Monica's water exceeded some PHGs during the 2022-2024 reporting period, it remained well within all Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) — the legally enforceable standards that determine whether water is safe to drink. The distinction is critical for public understanding of water safety.

PHGs represent theoretical health risks based on conservative scientific models. For cancer-causing substances, they typically correspond to one additional cancer case per million people drinking two liters of water daily for 70 years — a risk level the state considers negligible.

"PHGs are goals identifying extremely low risks," the report explains. "These risks, when normally assessed, pertain to one in one million persons drinking the water over a seventy-year period who may be at risk from a contaminant based on assumptions and theoretical extrapolations."

The city detected trace amounts

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WATER: The Arcadia Water Treatment Plant was recently retrofitted to enhance overall production efficiency and aid in sustainable groundwater management.

LA County distributes $31.7 million in Emergency wildfire relief to thousands of households

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Los Angeles County has distributed more than $31.7 million in emergency financial assistance to 3,425 households severely impacted by the devastating 2025 wildfires, reaching over 9,600 individuals through a rapid-response relief program launched just 28 days after the fires began.

The LA County Household Relief Grant, administered by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs in partnership with The Center by Lendistry, provided awards ranging from $6,000 to $18,000 to families affected by the Eaton and Palisades fires. The program prioritized the county's most vulnerable residents, including households with children, older adults, people with disabilities and those who lost their livelihoods.

"My goal in co-authoring the motion to create the LA County Household Relief Fund was to ensure that Eaton Fire and Palisades Fire survivors had immediate access to financial assistance when they needed it most," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger. "These funds made a tangible difference for families facing unimaginable loss and gave them critical support at a time when every bit of help mattered."

The program's swift implementation underscored the urgency of the crisis facing wildfire survivors. County officials mobilized resources to launch the relief effort in less than a month, recognizing that displaced families could not wait for traditional bureaucratic processes.

"Standing up the Household Relief Grant in just 28 days was an extraordinary challenge, but our team knew that families couldn't wait," said Rafael Carbajal, director of the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. "This wasn't a full solution, but it was the support we could offer in a moment of real urgency."

Data from the program reveals the scope of devastation faced by recipients. More than 51% of grant recipients reported losing

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Special Council meeting to focus on yet another wave of Uller settlements

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council will hold a special meeting Oct. 21 to hear another round of claims related to the Eric Uller sexual abuse case, potentially adding to what is already the most costly single-perpetrator sexual abuse disbursement by any municipality in California history.

The city has paid more than $200 million to victims of Uller, a former civilian employee and volunteer with the Santa Monica Police Activities League who sexually abused children over more than a decade. The settlements resolved hundreds of claims from individuals who alleged Uller molested them as children between 1987 and 1999.

The new claims hearing suggests the financial toll may continue to grow for the city, which has already tapped self-insurance reserves and general funds to cover settlements. Santa Monica is also suing excess insurance carriers to recover portions of the payouts that insurers have refused to reimburse.

A PATTERN OF ABUSE

Uller used his position as a PAL volunteer and police department IT employee to prey on vulnerable children, predominantly Latino boys from Santa Monica's Pico neighborhood.

He portrayed himself as a

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No Kings Day in Santa Monica













Matthew Hall

PROTEST: Santa Monicans participated in a peaceful No Kings Day protest on Saturday with humor and a general sense of community spirit. Large crowds of protesters gathered in cities across the country for "No Kings" demonstrations against what they see as a drift into authoritarianism under President Donald Trump. There were also demonstrations outside capitols in several Republican-led states and hundreds of smaller public spaces. Republicans disparaged the demonstrations as "Hate America" rallies, but in many places the events looked more like a street party.

As government shutdown hits third week, military service members turn to nonprofits for aid

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

As a government shutdown continues, military relief organizations are working to prevent a financial crisis for hundreds of thousands of service members and their families facing disrupted paychecks.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance have mobilized emergency assistance programs, offering interest-free loans and financial counseling to bridge the gap for personnel serving without guaranteed pay during the political impasse.

Since Oct. 10, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance has processed more than $900,000 in interest-free payroll loans for 370 civilian employees, with an average loan of $2,470. The nonprofit serves the entire Coast Guard workforce, including civilians who did not receive their mid-month paycheck despite active-duty members being paid through a last-minute presidential intervention.

"Missing a paycheck is more than an inconvenience—it can be a crisis for many military families," said retired Navy Rear Adm. Dawn Cutler, chief operations officer for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. "We've mobilized our resources to provide support with compassion, dignity, and care."

The relief society, with 213 locations throughout the United States and globally, can provide zero-interest loans of up to $2,000 to eligible service members. The organization prioritizes support for those without access to payroll protection plans or interest-free loans from financial institutions.

President Donald Trump signed an executive memorandum Oct. 15 directing the Pentagon to redirect roughly $8 billion in unused Department of Defense research and development funds to ensure approximately 1.3 million active-duty military members and activated reservists received their mid-month pay. Trump called the prospect of unpaid troops "a serious and unacceptable threat to military readiness."

However, future pay periods remain uncertain without a funding bill, as the stopgap fund reallocation was only a temporary fix.

The federal government shut down Oct. 1 after Congress failed to enact fiscal year 2026 appropriations by the deadline. The impasse stems from partisan conflict over budget priorities, with Republicans and Democrats clashing over federal spending levels, a GOP push to rescind previously approved foreign aid funds, and whether to extend Affordable Care Act health insurance subsidies set to expire.

House Speaker Mike Johnson and GOP leaders have demanded Senate Democrats pass a "clean" stopgap funding bill that would extend government funding temporarily into November. Democrats have refused to support any funding measure unless it includes an extension of ACA health care subsidies for approximately 24 million Americans.

Republicans control the White House and both chambers of Congress but lack a 60-vote Senate supermajority, giving Democrats the ability to filibuster GOP funding bills. The Senate has attempted and failed about 10 times to advance various funding measures.

About 150,000 federal employees in California, plus 160,000 military members, are impacted by the closure. Social Security benefits will continue, but customer service may suffer. National parks remain open with limited services. Air travel may face delays as TSA agents work unpaid. Santa Monica officials said they anticipate no disruptions to city services or programs, including federally-funded housing vouchers

By law, military and national security operations are considered essential government functions. All active-duty service members and Guard and Reserve members on active federal orders must continue reporting for duty without pay because their work is deemed critical to protecting national security.

However, nearly 400,000 of the Pentagon's approximately 800,000 civilian employees have been furloughed, sent home without pay as their jobs were not designated essential. Those civilian employees who remain on the job in roles such as shipyard maintenance, certain intelligence positions or health care providers on base are working as excepted personnel without paychecks.

Monthly drill weekends have been canceled or postponed for many reserve units because the military cannot pay traditional reservists for training assemblies without appropriations.

Permanent change of station moves and non-essential travel orders have largely been delayed unless deemed essential to a mission. Training exercises and schools not immediately mission-critical are being postponed, especially when they rely on civilian instructors or contractors who are furloughed.

About 25% of military families report having less than $500 in savings, and a similar number experience food insecurity, meaning even a one-cycle missed paycheck can cause serious hardship.

Several financial institutions serving military customers have offered relief measures, including short-term, no-interest loans to cover delayed paychecks. The Defense Department worked with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service to allow commissary grocery purchases on the Military Star credit card with zero interest and no payments for 90 days during October.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers assistance covering essential living expenses such as food, gas, utilities, childcare and other urgent needs. Service members are encouraged to visit their nearest full-service office for personalized assistance.

Office locations and contact information can be found at nmcrs.org/locations. To make a donation or for more information, visit nmcrs.org.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance offers interest-free loans during pay suspension to help cover essential expenses such as rent, insurance, childcare and groceries. Active-duty members, reservists, civilian employees, Coast Guard Academy cadets and full-time NAF/WG employees are eligible.

Support amounts equal up to one month's Basic Allowance for Housing for military

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **66.5**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Smaller surf as old swell eases. Morning wind is light but there's a deep mid-morning high tide too Waves drop a notch with a modest scale, fading blend of SSW and NW swell, has most staying under waist high, while top combo breaks do a little better mid-day as the tide is ebbing down from a deep mid-morning high tide. Morning winds looking light, manageable W onshores due in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Waves up a peg as some new swell moves in. More onshores due, looking lightest early morning. Some new NW swell expected to join in, as old swell mix fades, nudging surf into the thigh-stomach range for spots west of Pt. Dume, after the deep mid-morning high tide backs out for awhile. W-WNW winds due through the day, light+ early morning, moderate for the afternoon.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 58. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy drizzle before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

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2025/10/22	Wed	03:29 AM	1.83	L
2025/10/22	Wed	09:44 AM	5.82	H
2025/10/22	Wed	4:43 PM	0.08	L
2025/10/22	Wed	10:56 PM	3.87	H
2025/10/23	Thu	03:47 AM	2.15	L
2025/10/23	Thu	10:05 AM	5.76	H
2025/10/23	Thu	5:19 PM	0.13	L
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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Immigrant resistance movement forged in California prisons persists decades later

I keep thinking about José René Flores, a Los Angeles resident incarcerated at a Southern California migrant detention facility in the 1980s. The El Centro Immigration Detention Facility, where immigration agents sent Flores, has a long and deep history of brutality.

But Flores' story is not just one of violence and violation. It is also a story of protest and solidarity — reflective of a larger lineage of resistance from inside detention, including the people the Trump administration is currently working to silence and disappear. They've risked their "rightless" lives with the hope that the world might learn about the inhumane conditions behind detention walls, and that they might be free.

Flores migrated to the United States from El Salvador in 1980, after being attacked by members of his homeland's National Guard, a paramilitary organization known for committing atrocities during the Salvadoran Civil War. As a teenager, he was targeted for his involvement in a factory trade union and for participating in the revolutionary organization Frente de Acción Popular Unificada.

"There was terrible repression in El Salvador," Flores told me when I interviewed him several years ago. "I was criminalized for having long hair and black glasses. Just looking different and being young meant you were a criminal, marijuanero, guerillero and a drug addict."

When Flores arrived in Los Angeles, he was apprehended by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials, who transported him to El Centro, because he chose to apply for political asylum. The detention center, located in California's Imperial Valley, was built to incarcerate unauthorized Mexican men and those convicted of deportable crimes in 1945. By the time Flores got there, it had evolved from a small camp into a large-scale facility with a deep history of labor exploitation, physical abuse and surveillance.

INS officials forced Flores and his fellow detained migrants to work as low-paid and sometimes unpaid laborers, limited their access to low-nutrient food and medical care, and oversaw a climate of physical and psychological intimidation.

Flores and a few other Salvadoran migrants decided to fight back. All of us felt the same, said Flores: "Offended. Mistreated. We wanted to tell each other not to be sad. That we were all in this together."

In 1981, they began a 15-day hunger strike. Their refusal to eat and the use of their bodies to protest called out the violence of the state, making the public aware of the punitive nature of detention.

Due to the protest and the efforts of the immigrant aid group Concilio Manzo, the INS released Flores from the facility that same year.

Soon after, in 1985, a much larger hunger strike at El Centro made international news. Fifteen migrants from around the world organized an eight-day hunger strike. Between 175 and 300 incarcerated men participated, demanding that their grievances be heard.

While official INS accounts asserted that the detention center functioned simply as an administrative holding site where people waited for their deportation hearings, the stories the strikers shared with lawyers and the media framed the detention center as a site of punishment.

The protestors also publicized an important factor missing from the INS narrative: why many Central Americans had migrated to the U.S. in the first place. A number of the protestors came because they had been persecuted in their home countries for fighting back against repressive Latin American regimes funded by U.S. tax dollars.

The 1985 strike resulted in further repression from INS officers. But it also helped shift the narrative around detention in the public eye, even as the U.S. continued to incarcerate immigrants and asylum seekers at sites such as the Krome Service Processing Center in Florida, the Port Isabel Detention Center in Texas, and Guantanamo Bay in Cuba under both Democratic and Republican administrations.

Acts of protest from people behind detention walls have never stopped. In the coming decades, migrants have demanded that lawyers and immigrant rights organizations hear and document their stories, filed class action lawsuits, and staged acts of defiance, like refusing to eat or work to challenge the cruelty of the state.

Dissent continues under "Trump's Reign of Terror." At the end of September, for instance, 19 incarcerated migrants commenced a hunger strike inside Louisiana's Angola prison, Camp J, calling for basic standards of care, such as prescription medication, toilet paper and clean water.

Such acts of resistance and refusal from the inside show that, despite carceral efforts to control, isolate, and strip migrants of their humanity, people will continue to find ways to fight back.

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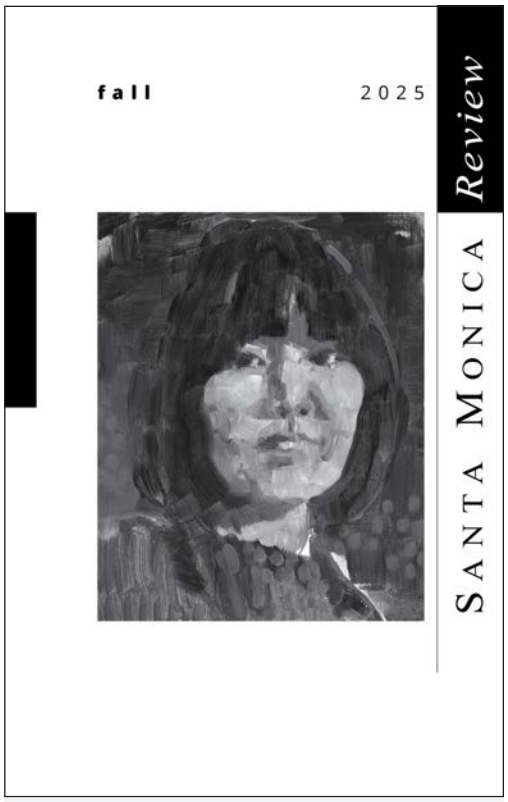
COMMUNITY NEWS

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Santa Monica College Literary Journal Celebrates Fall 2025 Edition with Author Readings

Santa Monica College will host a celebration for the fall 2025 edition of the Santa Monica Review, the nation's only community college-published literary magazine with national distribution.

The launch party, "Santa Monica Review Presents...A Celebration of the Fall 2025 Issue with Readings by Recent Contributors," will take place from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at The Edye in the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street at Santa Monica Boulevard.



Courtesy photo

ARTS: A launch party with author readings will celebrate the release of the fall 2025 issue of Santa Monica Review on Oct. 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center.

Tickets cost a suggested $10 donation and are available at smc.edu/tickets. The event will include refreshments, book sales and free parking. Seating is first-come, first-served.

Review editor Andrew Tonkovich will emcee the celebration, which features a welcome by writer Stephen Cooper and readings by four contributors: Abby Walthausen, Garrett Saleen, Mona Leigh Rose and Diana Wagman.

The fall issue includes 11 original short stories and two essays, mostly by West Coast writers. Contributors include Brian Ma, Kareem Tayyar, D.A. Hosek, Albert Goldbarth, Warren Perkins, Michael Cadnum, Reid Sherline and Michael Alessi.

"We might call this the death, disappearance, and disaster issue," Tonkovich said. "There are ghosts, dead bodies, and lost people in these stories and essays. I like to think they're mourned, resuscitated, and celebrated."

The issue features cover art by writer, poet and painter Kenji Liu. Tonkovich also hosts the weekly show "Bibliocracy Radio" on KPFK 90.7 FM.

An additional celebration, "Alabaster Anniversary: Celebrating 37 Years of the Santa Monica Review," is scheduled for 2 p.m. Nov. 22 at Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, 681 N. Venice Blvd., Venice.

Founded by novelist Jim Krusoe, the Santa Monica Review has published experimental writing for 37 years. Recent work from the magazine has appeared in Pushcart Prize, Best American Short Stories and PEN/O. Henry anthologies.

The publication costs $14 per issue or $25 for annual subscription. Copies are available online at smc.edu/sm_review, at the SMC Campus Store at 1900 Pico Blvd., Beyond Baroque, Small World Books in Venice and other area booksellers.

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LOS ANGELES

Google Partners with LA28 Olympics as Founding Partner, Cloud Provider

Google will serve as the official cloud provider and founding partner of the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games, supporting enhanced viewing experiences through NBCUniversal's coverage.

The partnership, announced Tuesday, will integrate Google technologies including Google Search, Google Cloud and AI tools like Gemini to connect fans, staff and athletes to the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

"This partnership is a testament to our commitment to innovation and delivering a technologically advanced, engaging and digitally accessible Games when we welcome the world in 2028," said LA28 Chairperson and President Casey Wasserman.

Google's technology will support more than 70,000 volunteers and workforce members helping welcome visitors to Los Angeles. The company will provide consumer and enterprise solutions to enhance the Games experience for millions of fans and athletes.

Through Google Search, Gemini and Google Cloud, the partnership brings AI technology to help fans discover information during NBCUniversal's coverage. NBCUniversal will also partner with YouTube to provide select Games content.

"With tools like Gemini and new Google Search features like AI Mode, it's easier than ever for people to find the information they're looking for," said Marvin Chow, Google's vice president of marketing. "Our partnership with LA28, Team USA, and NBCUniversal builds on our successful collaboration from last summer."

NBCUniversal Chairman of Global Advertising & Partnerships Mark Marshall said Google's "pioneering spirit" will combine with NBCU's content and community to deliver "a world class viewing experience for fans of all ages."

The LA28 Games will feature more than 15,000 athletes in a celebration spanning venues from the Pacific Ocean to Hollywood stages. Los Angeles will become the third city to host three Olympic Games, following 1932 and 1984, and will host its first Paralympic Games.

The Games will mark historic milestones, including becoming the first Olympics with more women athletes than men and the first since 1948 to build no new permanent infrastructure.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Santa Monica High Students Present Hispanic Heritage Proclamation to City Council

Students from Santa Monica High School's Legado Latino club made history this month when they received and presented the official Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation before the Santa Monica City Council, marking a significant moment of recognition for Latino youth voices in the community.

The presentation, led by club members under the guidance of Dr. Guadalupe Mireles-Toumayan, represented both a celebration of cultural heritage and an opportunity for young Latino leaders to take center stage in civic engagement.

"Receiving the proclamation felt like a moment of pride for all of us," said Milly García Hernandez, president of Legado Latino. "It was powerful to stand before the City Council and remind everyone that Hispanic heritage is part of Santa Monica's story. We're honoring our ancestors while showing that our voices continue to shape the future."

The proclamation ceremony highlighted the contributions of Latino families and culture to Santa Monica's diverse community fabric. For many students, the experience represented more than ceremonial recognition — it served as a platform for visibility and empowerment.

"For me, this proclamation means visibility," said student Danna Garcia Hernandez. "It means that the contributions of Latino families are being seen and appreciated. It's a celebration of who we are — our language, our music, our traditions — and how they enrich not only Santa Monica but the entire world."

Dr. Mireles-Toumayan's leadership proved instrumental in inspiring students to embrace their cultural identity while developing civic engagement skills. García Hernandez praised her adviser's impact on the club's mission.

"I want to thank our chair and adviser, Dr. Guadalupe Mireles-Toumayan for her exceptional leadership and dedication to uplifting Latino culture and youth voices," García Hernandez said. "Her commitment to celebrating Latino identity has empowered us to embrace our roots, express cultural pride, and represent our community with confidence."

The students' reflections reveal the deep personal impact of participating in formal civic proceedings. Evelyn Garvin said the city's recognition gave her hope about community values.

"Being recognized by the city gave me hope," Garvin said. "It shows that our community values diversity and the cultures that make Santa Monica unique. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month taught me that our roots connect us to people all over the world."

For student Jonathan Granados, presenting the proclamation deepened his connection to his heritage. "Presenting the proclamation made me realize how proud I am of my heritage," he said. "Hispanic Heritage Month gives us the chance to share our culture and show that our stories and struggles are about love, family, and perseverance."

The experience also reinforced themes of leadership and civic participation among participating students. Valeria Cueva-Lopez said the ceremony boosted her confidence in community advocacy.

"This experience made me feel part of something bigger," Cueva-Lopez said. "Knowing that our voices were heard by city leaders gives me confidence to keep speaking up for my community and celebrating where I come from."

Student Gia Mata emphasized the connection between cultural identity and leadership potential. "When we embrace our roots, we also embrace our purpose," Mata said. "The proclamation reminded me that our voices matter — that young Latinos can be leaders in any space."

Hispanic Heritage Month, observed annually from September 15 to October 15, celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1988.

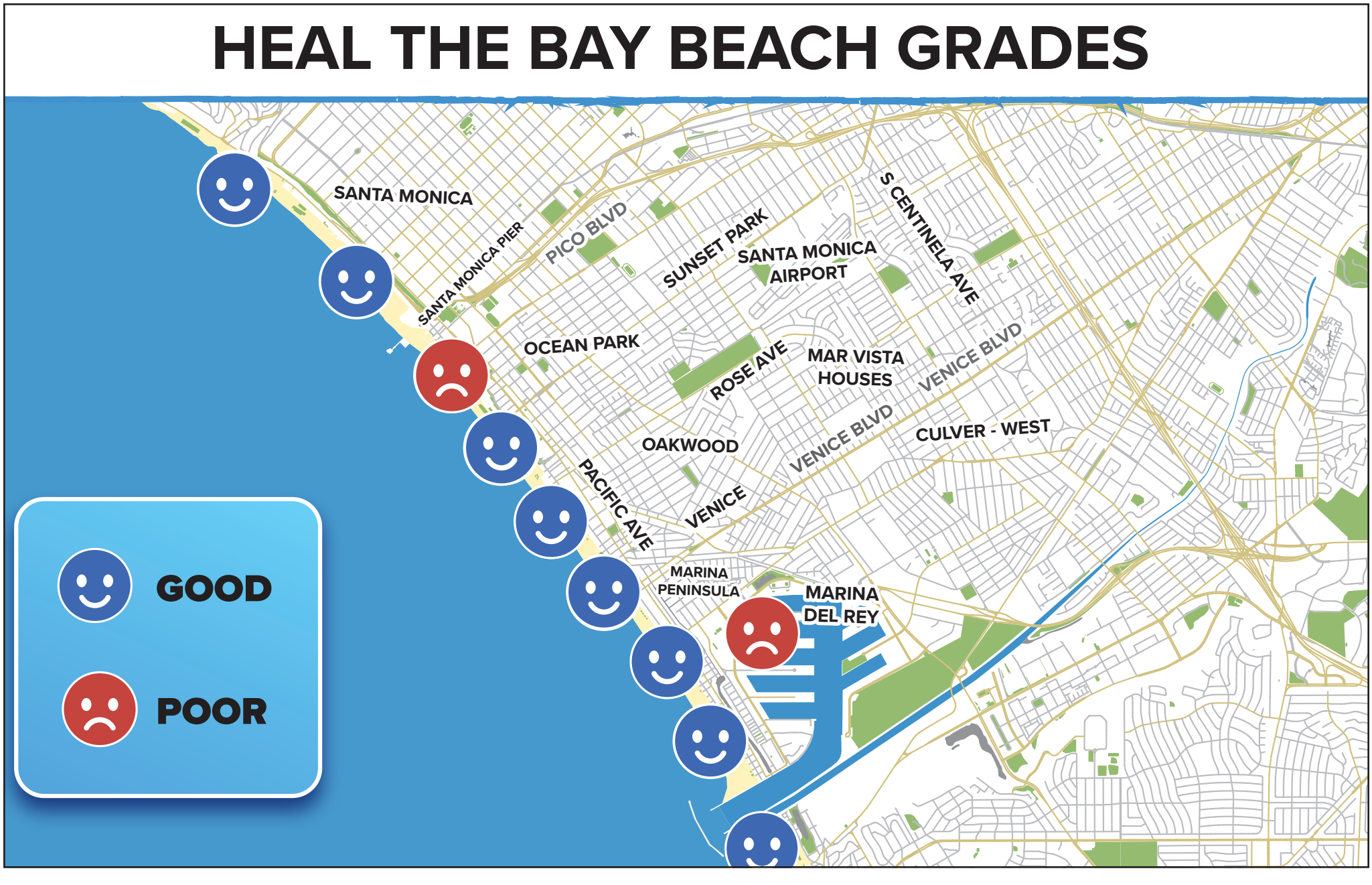
Jonathan Alvarado reflected on the broader cultural significance of the month-long observance. "Hispanic Heritage Month gives us a chance to celebrate the stories that built us — the music, food, and values that make us who we are," he said.

The Legado Latino club's presentation demonstrates how educational institutions can foster civic engagement while celebrating cultural diversity, creating opportunities for student voices to contribute meaningfully to community dialogue and recognition.

The proclamation reading represents Santa Monica's ongoing commitment to acknowledging the diverse communities that contribute to the city's cultural richness and civic life.

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> "I want to thank our chair and adviser, Dr. Guadalupe Mireles-Toumayan for her exceptional leadership and dedication to uplifting Latino culture and youth voices"
> - Milly García Hernandez, president of Legado Latino



COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Emily Shane Foundation Partners with Malibu Moves Running Event

The Emily Shane Foundation will serve as a partnering charity for Malibu Moves, a community running event featuring multiple races at Zuma Beach on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, 2025.

The event offers races for all fitness levels, including a half-marathon, 10K, 5K, 1K kids run and 1-mile Zuma Dash. The first $35,000 raised will support youth programs, including the foundation's Successful Educational Achievement Program.

The SEA Program provides one-on-one academic tutoring and mentorship to underserved middle schoolers at risk of academic failure. Since 2012, the foundation has served close to 1,200 students across 13 sites in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

The weekend event includes races and a festival with a beer garden, music and local vendors. VIP packages offer services including Drip IV, B12 shots, gourmet catering from locally sourced ingredients and compression booths. All runners receive Malibu Moves merchandise, medals, race shirts and tote bags.

Participants who sign up with the Emily Shane Foundation join "Team ESF" and receive a 20% discount. The foundation seeks volunteers for various shift times during the event.

An online silent auction will run through Monday, Oct. 27, at 12 p.m. PST, featuring theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates, family experiences and wine tastings.

The foundation noted that due to impact from the Palisades fire on funding, community support is needed now more than ever.

For more information, visit www.emilyshane.org to sign up, sponsor participants, volunteer or donate.

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WILDFIRE RELIEF

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equipment or tools essential for work or business operations. Nearly half of all recipients — 43% — had children under 18 in their households, while 19% had no access to alternative housing. Over 21% lost their primary mode of transportation in the fires.

The relief funding helped families address immediate needs ranging from food and shelter to rent payments during a critical period when many had lost everything. For households with children, older adults and those with health-related needs, the grants provided essential stability during the chaotic early days of recovery.

"Los Angeles County launched the Household Relief Grants just 28 days after the fires — to help families keep a roof over their heads, support older adults in staying safe, and give survivors a foundation to begin again," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath. "This program delivered more than financial relief — it helped restore stability, dignity, and hope for those most impacted by the wildfires."

The $31.78 million distributed included the initial $28 million allocated by the Board of Supervisors, plus an additional $2.5 million from FireAid and other donations. The program was designed as immediate relief while longer-term recovery assistance programs were being developed.

County officials emphasized that the relief grants, while significant, represent only the beginning of what will be a lengthy recovery process for wildfire survivors. The program served as a bridge to help households stabilize in the immediate aftermath while working toward longer-term solutions.

"Our work isn't over," Carbajal said. "We know recovery from the wildfires is only just beginning. We are grateful for the opportunity to have served our community by providing a vital lifeline to thousands of households during such a difficult time."

The county has established an online dashboard at dcba.lacounty.gov/household-relief-grant where residents can access program data and learn more about recovery efforts. Officials continue to work on additional assistance programs as the community begins the long process of rebuilding.

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The 2025 wildfires marked one of the most destructive fire seasons in Los Angeles County history, displacing thousands of families and destroying entire neighborhoods across multiple communities. The Household Relief Grant program represents one of the largest emergency assistance efforts undertaken by the county in response to a natural disaster.

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COUNCIL

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law enforcement authority figure, driving unmarked police cars and flashing a badge to lure children. Victims reported that Uller groomed them with gifts including cash, sneakers, video games and trips to baseball games, while threatening some with deportation or jail if they reported the abuse.

Warning signs emerged as early as the 1990s. In 1995, a PAL employee reported that Uller offered to "clean" a boy's penis under the pretense that his father was a doctor. When she reported the incident, her supervisor warned her not to "spread gossip" and threatened disciplinary action. Santa Monica police interviewed the child but dismissed the incident as a "misunderstanding."

Multiple city employees and police officers raised concerns over the years about Uller's relationships with boys, including reports of him taking minors to his home and on unsanctioned trips. In the early 2000s, child pornography was discovered on a work computer linked to Uller. Despite these red flags, no formal investigation or discipline occurred.

JUSTICE DENIED

The case finally unraveled in spring 2018 when Santa Monica police received an anonymous tip and referred the matter to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Detectives arrested Uller and the district attorney filed five felony counts four days later, including lewd acts upon a child and oral copulation of a minor.

Uller was later found dead by suicide in his apartment, before the case could proceed to trial and all criminal proceedings were dismissed following his death.

A RECORD SETTING FAILURE TO PROTECT KIDS

The Uller case ranks among the largest institutional child sexual abuse scandals in terms of both victim count and financial settlements.

For a single perpetrator, it exceeds the Penn State Jerry Sandusky case, which involved 35 victims and resulted in $109 million in payouts. It approaches the scope of the Los Angeles Unified School District's Miramonte Elementary case, where teacher Mark Berndt abused approximately 150 students, leading to roughly $170 million in settlements. Michigan State University paid $500 million in 2018 to 332 victims of Larry Nassar, who abused athletes under the guise of medical treatment. USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic Committee together paid $380 million to Nassar's victims.

The case falls far short of some of the recent institutional abuses. The Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy involved 82,000 claimants and a $2.46 billion settlement trust. The Catholic Church has paid an estimated $3 billion nationwide since the 1980s, with the Los Angeles Archdiocese alone surpassing $1.5 billion in recent settlements.

What distinguishes Santa Monica's case is the concentration of abuse by one individual within a single municipal program, resulting in an extraordinary per-capita financial burden for a city of its size.

ONGOING IMPACT

The settlements have contributed to a budget crisis in Santa Monica. By 2025, city officials cited Uller-related payouts as a major factor in the city's budget problems alongside pandemic-related revenue losses. The city has curtailed projects and dropped plans to host certain 2028 Olympic events to avoid additional costs. The scandal also damaged public trust, particularly in the Pico neighborhood where most victims lived.

In response, Santa Monica implemented comprehensive reforms. The city hired abuse prevention expert Praesidium Inc. to audit all youth programs and created a Child Protection Committee with a designated officer to oversee safety measures. New protocols include enhanced background checks for all volunteers, mandatory child abuse reporter training for city employees, a citywide code of conduct for interactions with youth, and stricter oversight requiring two adults present during youth activities.

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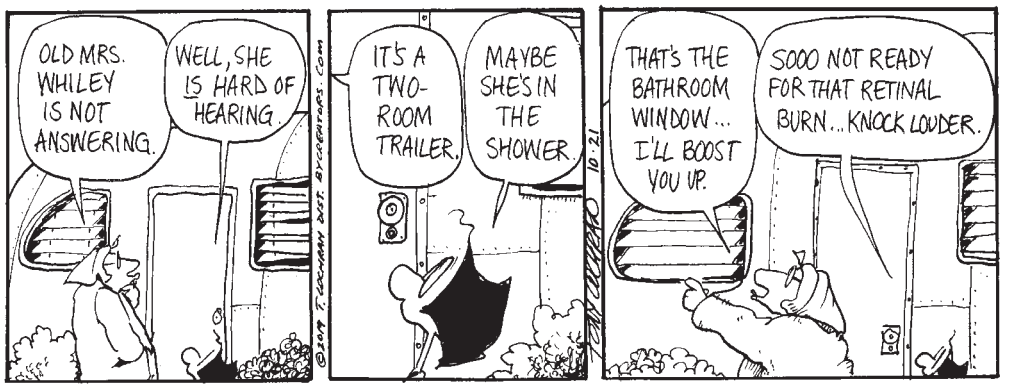
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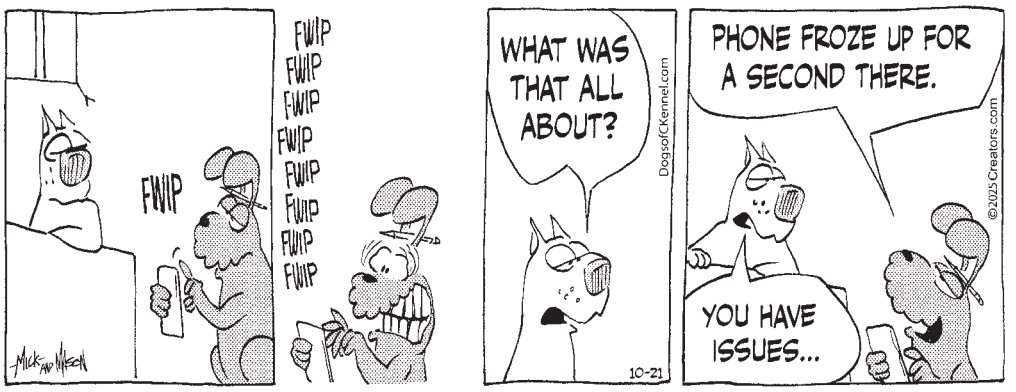
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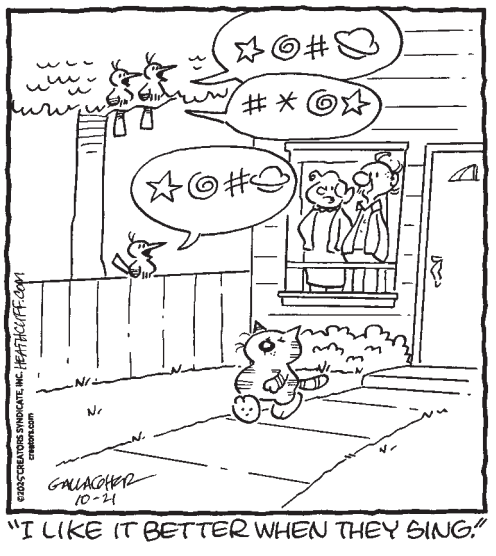
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 8 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Animal menagerie

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Bear	Cougar	Egret	Grip	Pelican
Birth	Deer	Elks	Hair	Purr
Bison	Devil	Emus	Hiss	Roar
Boa	Dhole	Endangered	Hoot	Rock
constrictor	Dingo	Ermine	Howl	Secure
Box	Dodo	Euro	Hyena	Soft
jellyfish	Dogs	Feed	Lion	Squeal
Buzz	Dook	Fire	Meow	Tweet
Call	Dove	Fluffy	Ocelot	Varieties
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Cats	Duck	Gecko	Okapi	Wolf
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Externalize your stress. Write it, speak it, move it out. Don't let it stay trapped in your muscles and stomach. You don't prove you care by suffering. You prove it by being loving, which is easier when you're lighter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not necessarily pessimistic to see problems that don't (yet?) exist. This kind of mental exercise can actually be a form of optimism. It's your belief in solutions that allows you to imagine a full range of future scenarios.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even as you aim for efficiency, you know that it's not always the most effective way. People need to feel seen and safe to open up. If you're not getting an authentic version of them, you probably won't get the best connection or contribution either.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your natural appeal is working for you now; the more quirks you lean into, the stronger your magnetism. Being appealing doesn't mean everything works smoothly right away. Your first efforts might stumble or meet resistance. That's normal. You're just warming up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A performance doesn't have to be onstage to get applause. The way you present yourself today wins fans. Warmth is your default, just like the sun that is your guiding luminary, and you'll have orbits today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People underestimate the courage it takes to ride the rollercoaster of a creative life. Exciting experiments, connections that spark or disappoint, risks galore - all part of the creative process. You have the stomach for it today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will not be fooled by what is technically clever but morally hollow. What erases context, compassion and reality does not erase your awareness. You point to the real problem. Nothing can stop you from seeing it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You sense the unspoken currents in the room and respond with heart. This gift doesn't obligate you to carry anyone else's load, only to witness with compassion, which is often just what is needed to facilitate healing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fresh perspective comes with fresh context. Change the scenery, even slightly, and your mind loosens from its old grooves. You'll see a problem in a whole new light. You may even solve the issue instantly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes it's about getting into the mix and handling things. And sometimes it means staying out of the mix and observing things. Your instinct about which tactic to take is what makes you a stellar leader.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The more time you spend in front of a screen, the more important it becomes to touch what's real. Paper, stone, leaves, skin - textures recalibrate you in ways no feed or algorithm ever could.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Consider the role of silence. Not absence, but the active nothingness, pure potential, presence without interruption. In a blank space, priorities will get rearranged. Energy will be restored. Questions will be answered. The hush speaks louder than any conversation.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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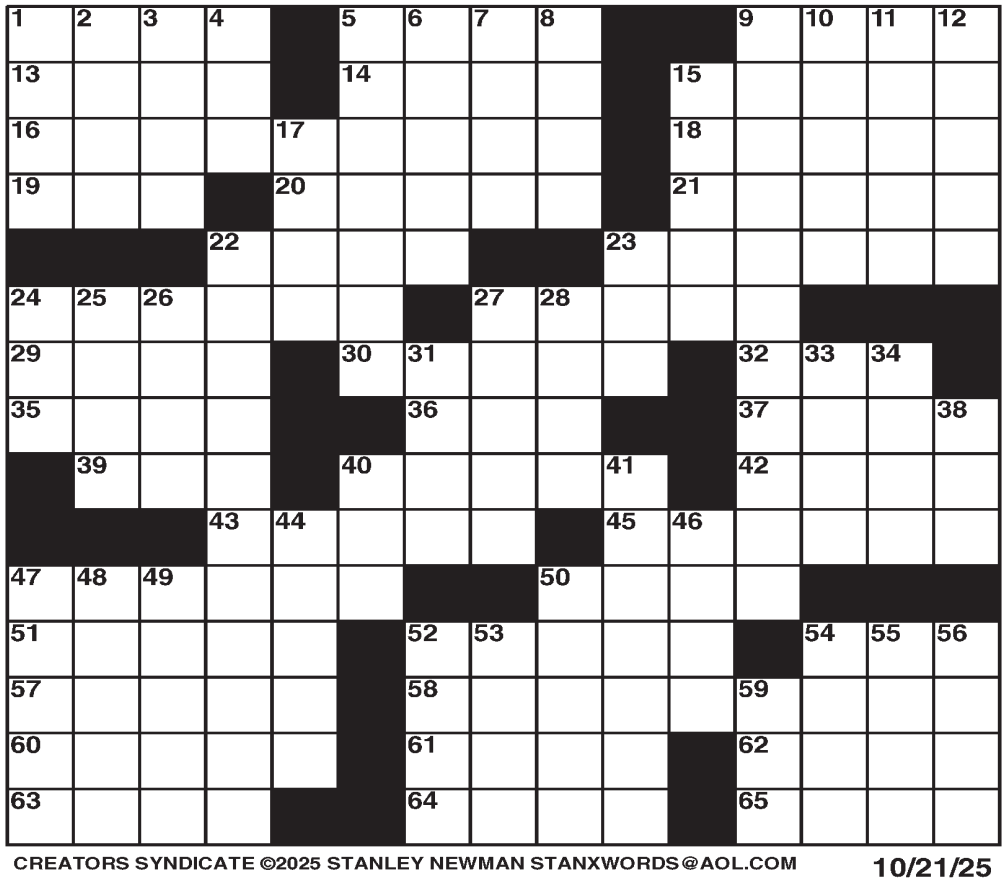
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ACROSS

1 Misplace
5 Baby sheep
9 Slammed-door sound
13 __ and crafts
14 Woodwind instrument
15 __ bear (Arctic mammal)
16 Inflatable sphere for the shore
18 Protruding navel
19 __ sauce (sushi condiment)
20 Balance-sheet plus
21 Rogue
22 Starting 15-Down stake
23 Confidential fact
24 Positive potential
27 Divide up with others
29 Tie up at a pier
30 Settle a debt
32 Once owned
35 High school dance
36 Soup-cooking vessel
37 Major burden
39 When a plane is due in: Abbr.
40 Discharged, as a cannon
42 "Do __ others as..."
43 Land parcel
45 Opinion pieces
47 Capital of Massachusetts
50 Get away fast
51 Upscale Honda
52 Go bad, as milk
54 TV network with an eye logo
57 Was furious
58 Inflatable platform for lying on water
60 Windowpane material
61 *M*A*S*H* star Alan
62 "In addition..."
63 All __ (fully attentive)
64 Small snack
65 Stinging insect

DOWN

1 Science research rooms
2 Triple-decker cookie
3 Remain
4 PC "cancel" key
5 Crab's undersea cousin
6 Belittle
7 Tunneling mammal
8 Strap around a waist
9 Inflatable birthday party structure
10 Wedding vow locale
11 Too easily tricked
12 Welcome upon arrival
15 Card game with bluffs and bets
17 Glove insert
22 Inflatable sleeping surface
23 "O __ can you see..."
24 Official at home plate
25 Tiny skin opening
26 Chimney residue
27 Tennis or soccer
28 Detest
31 Long heroic tale
33 Elsa's sister in *Frozen*
34 Required task
38 Maritime distress call
40 "Ceiling" room cooler
41 Samson's female betrayer
44 Turnpikes and freeways
46 __-addressed stamped envelope
47 Flat-bottomed boat
48 Central Florida city
49 Sweet cubes added to tea
50 Frozen __ (grocery department)
52 Extend across
53 Game on horseback
54 Pepsi or Coke
55 Deep male voice
56 Halt
59 Attorney's field



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WATER QUALITY

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of several substances above PHG levels, including uranium, bromate, lead, hexavalent chromium and fluoride. However, all readings remained significantly below MCLs that would trigger regulatory action or pose immediate health concerns.

For example, uranium levels in Santa Monica's treated groundwater averaged 1.2 to 2.0 picoCuries per liter during the reporting period — above the PHG of 0.43 pCi/L but well below the MCL of 20 pCi/L. Similarly, lead levels measured 0.0021 mg/L at household taps, exceeding the PHG of 0.0002 mg/L but remaining below the action level of 0.015 mg/L.

The city's water system serves over 93,000 residents plus businesses and visitors. Staff conducts more than 10,000 laboratory tests annually to monitor water quality, with 24-hour surveillance across the distribution system.

"The water quality of the City's drinking water supply is monitored 24/7 across the water system and over 10,000 tests are conducted annually to ensure its quality and safety," according to Rick Valte, Public Works Director.

Santa Monica sources about 75% of its water from local groundwater wells and 25% from the Metropolitan Water District, which imports water from the Colorado River and California's State Water Project. The city operates several treatment facilities, including the Arcadia Water Treatment Plant that uses reverse osmosis, filtration and disinfection processes.

The report notes that reducing contaminant levels to meet PHGs would require costly additional treatment with uncertain health benefits. "The health protection benefits of these further hypothetical reductions are not clear and may not be quantifiable," staff concluded.

California requires water agencies serving more than 10,000 connections to prepare PHG reports every three years. The reports must include public hearings to accept community input.

"No additional actions are recommended for the treatment of the City's potable water supply," the report states.

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The approved report will be available for public review at City Hall, the Main Library, the Water Resources Division office, and online at the city's water information webpage. A public notice about the report was published in the Santa Monica Daily Press on September 30.

The next PHG report will be due in 2028, continuing the city's commitment to transparency about water quality monitoring and public health protection.

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NAVY

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members, with equivalent rates for civilians. Members can apply online through the CGMA portal, with funds issued via ACH transfer or Zelle. Repayment begins once pay is restored, typically within two months.

"The Coast Guard is like a family, and CGMA embodies, in essence, the tradition of passing-the-hat to support a fellow shipmate in need," said Eiric Kellogg, a furloughed program evaluator in Washington who received CGMA assistance.

To support Coast Guard personnel, donations can be made online at mycgma.org/donate or by mail to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, 1005 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 220, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information, visit mycgma.org.

Both organizations also recommend service members contact their financial institutions about payroll protection plans, contact insurance companies about deferred payments, delay non-essential purchases, notify landlords and creditors about the situation, and avoid high-interest pay advance products.

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Correction

In a story in yesterday's paper, incorrect information was provided regarding ownership of Pier 86 Barbershop. Jasu Diaz is the sole owner of Pier 86 Barbershop.

GET IT DAILY...



TUESDAY | OCTOBER 21

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

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12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Join them today to show your support for the library: For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-10-21T12

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 22

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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. City Hall 1685 Main St Santa Monica. Santa Monica Animal Shelter employee, Melissa Kaltman, is currently facing a difficult health challenge and has begun treatment for stage 3 breast cancer. Melissa has been a valued member of our city family, known for her kindness, professionalism, and positive spirit. As she navigates this difficult journey, we hope this fundraiser will help ease the financial burden of medical expenses and related costs. Every dollar makes a difference. Show your support, purchase a meal in advance. Burgers, hot dogs & chips. $9.99 Per Meal. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/benefiting-melissa-bbq-fundraiser/17163935/2025-10-22T11

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/16585124/2025-10-22T19

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 23

WALKING MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 10 am by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early and check schedule for any changes or cancellations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-10-23T10

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