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Layoffs coming to Santa Monica College as the school runs out of money next year

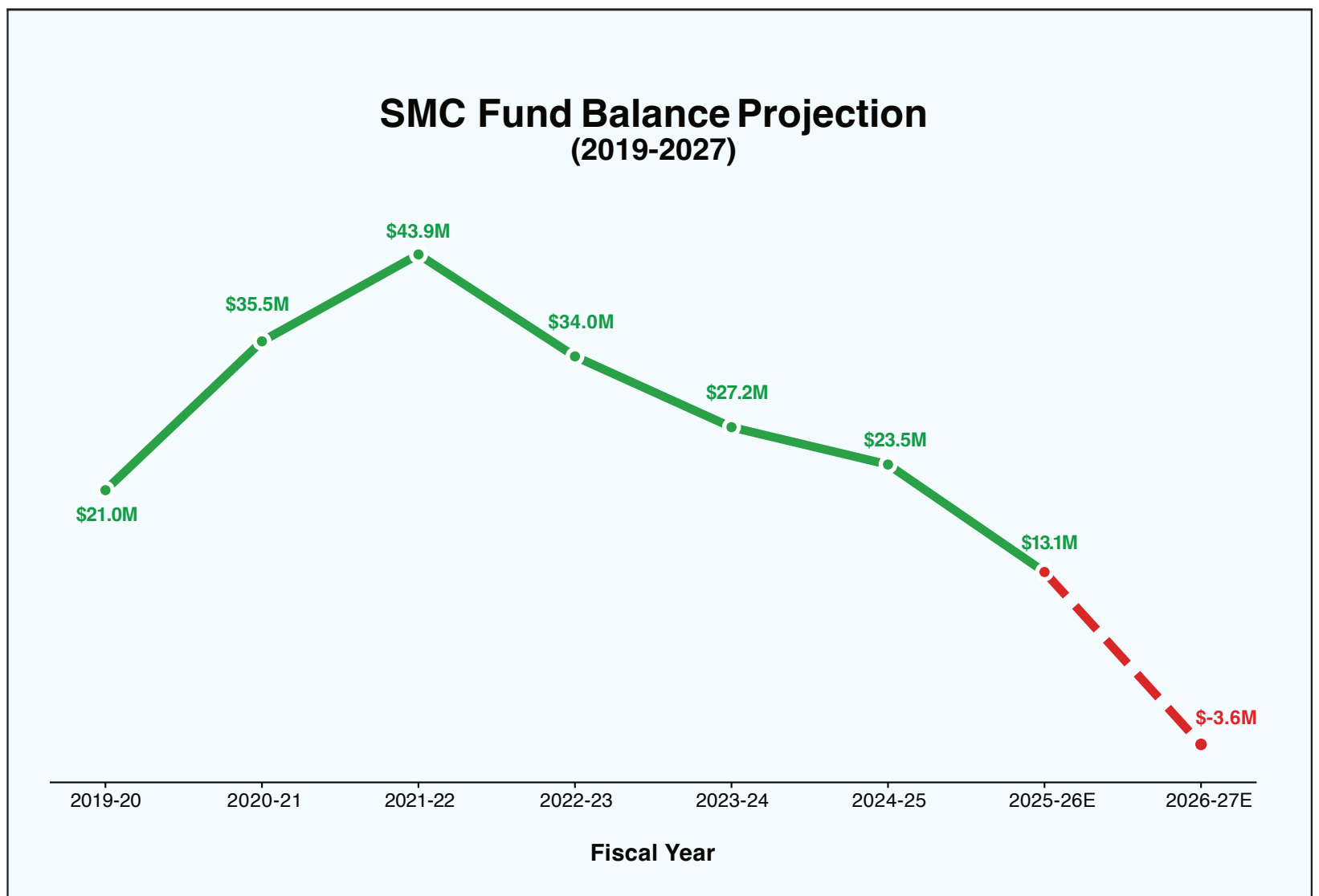
MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica College will eliminate approximately 70 positions as the institution confronts a projected \$16.7 million deficit that could deplete its financial reserves by the 2026-27 school year, Superintendent/President Kathryn E. Jeffery announced in a letter to the college community.

The layoffs, which affect classified staff and management positions, represent the latest effort to address a structural budget deficit that has steadily eroded the college's fund balance from \$43.9 million in 2021-22 to a projected \$13.1 million by the end of the current fiscal year and a loss of \$3 million by next fiscal year.

"This decision weighs heavily on me," Jeffery wrote. "These are not just positions on a spreadsheet — they represent real people, colleagues who have dedicated themselves to our students and our mission."

The college has already notified affected employees and is working with the California School Employees Association to support those impacted by the reductions. The layoffs come after the college implemented \$8.6 million in budget cuts for the 2025-26 fiscal year, including a 5% reduction in class schedules, attrition-based position



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SAVINGS: The college is projecting a negative fund balance in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

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Malibu Council advances soccer fields, community center plans for city-owned lands

MAAZ ALIN

SMDP Staff Writer

The Malibu City Council took decisive action Monday on the future of several community-owned parcels, approving temporary soccer fields at one site while continuing design work on a multigenerational community center, though disagreements over priorities and resources highlighted the challenge of balancing community needs with post-fire reconstruction efforts.

The council voted 4-0 to direct staff to work with an ad hoc committee to develop plans for temporary sports fields at the Ioki property, known as the Chili Cook-Off lot, with an emphasis on regulation soccer fields that the city currently lacks for older age groups.

“Having regulation fields, I think it’s a necessary thing if we’re going to have soccer here,” said Council Member Haylynn Conrad, who helped schedule AYSO games and emphasized the need to accommodate regulation-sized fields.

The council also voted 4-0 to approve exploring options for a native plant nursery with the Santa Monica Mountains Fund and potential communal gardens on city property, though the specific location remains to be determined.

The decisions came during a lengthy discussion of the Malibu Community Lands Project, a community-driven initiative to determine appropriate uses for 61 acres of city-owned vacant land acquired through

various transactions, including a 2017 swap with the state.

Deputy City Manager Richard Rojas presented updates on five parcels: Heathercliff, Ioki, La Paz (Parcel C at Cross Creek Ranch), the Triangle lot, and Trancas field. The item had been continued twice before due to the city’s focus on fire recovery efforts.

For the Heathercliff property, staff reported being on track to present final design options in March for a multigenerational community center that could include pools, a gymnasium, senior center and expanded library services. The city entered into an agreement in November 2025 with Frederick Fisher and Partners to prepare conceptual designs, with \$100,000 allocated for design services from a community benefits budget.

However, Council Member Bruce Silverstein introduced a motion to suspend work on the La Paz performing arts center to focus resources on Heathercliff, which passed 3-1 with Mayor Marianne Riggins opposed.

“We’re two cities here where we have to be focused on the rebuild as much as we can, but we also have to continue to run the rest of city,” Silverstein said. “I don’t know that this is the time, though, to be undertaking construction projects which we know take forever in the city even in the best of times, and we are far, far from the best of times.”

Silverstein also raised a previously undisclosed proposal involving a potential land swap that would trade all or part of the Ioki property for the Bell lot in front of City Hall, the Smith lot, and possibly other

properties. The proposal, brought by a private developer interested in building a small luxury facility, would consolidate city control over the civic center area while potentially preserving community recreation space.

“It might be dead in the water. I don’t know, because I’m not allowed to talk to anybody,” Silverstein said, referencing Brown Act restrictions. “But before we should start deciding to build on any of these properties or do anything permanent, I think we should explore whether this is something that we have an appetite for.”

The council voted 4-0 to agendize a discussion of the potential swap for the second meeting in March, when new City Manager Joseph Irvin will be in place.

The Triangle lot proved more contentious. Riggins moved to explore working with the Chamber of Commerce for a small office and informational center with parking at the site, citing the upcoming World Cup and Olympics.

“We’ve got a lot of visitors are going to be coming for the World Cup and for the Olympics, and if we don’t get started right now, it’s not going to get done in time for either of those events,” Riggins said.

But the motion failed on a 2-2 vote, with Silverstein and Council Member Steve Uhring opposed. Acting City Manager Rob DuBoux expressed concerns about diluting staff focus during the fire recovery period.

“Let’s focus on those ones first. Let’s get to a certain point to where we can start developing those other projects,” DuBoux

said.

Community Services Director Kristin Riesgo noted that youth sports leagues expressed a strong preference to use the entirety of the Ioki site for sports fields, while the ad hoc committee had also discussed senior housing and workforce housing options at earlier meetings.

Riesgo explained that temporary field options include futsal-style fields that roll in and out with minimal grading or irrigation, though these may not accommodate full regulation sizes for older age groups.

Uhring advocated for exploring a senior living facility on city property, noting the aging population’s needs.

“I just had a friend of mine — his mother just was, I think she was 83 or something, and she fell and nobody heard about her for a couple days,” Uhring said. “So now he’s got to put her in a home someplace, and they’re trying to find — I hear that from people in Malibu but unfortunately, there’s no place in Malibu for them to put somebody like them.”

The Trancas field emerged as a potential site for fire-resistant native plants and community gardens, with Conrad praising the Santa Monica Mountains Fund’s proposal as “really important.”

Silverstein emphasized that revenue generation should not be the primary factor in deciding land use.

“We could put a casino in the Ioki spot that probably be the highest and best use, and give

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The actual grass may soon be greener after Council rejects turf fields



City of Santa Monica

PLAN: The vision plan establishes a goal of achieving 5 park acres per 1,000 residents over the next 25 years.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved a comprehensive 25-year Parks and Recreation Vision Plan early Wednesday, but not before amending a controversial policy on artificial turf fields that sparked passionate debate from students and environmental advocates.

The council voted 7-0 to adopt the plan with a key modification: existing artificial turf fields will be re-evaluated at the end of their natural life to determine if durable natural grass alternatives may feasibly replace them, rather than automatically being replaced with artificial turf as staff had originally proposed.

Council Member Jesse Zwick proposed the amendment after hearing from numerous Santa Monica High School students from “Team Marine,” parents and the Commission on Sustainability who urged the council to ban artificial turf entirely due to concerns about heat islands, microplastics and chemical exposure.

“I sympathize with the kids as a person who played soccer, and the turf fields, I think are worse in most respects,” Zwick said. “They do get hot. They do lead to more injuries. They do leave nasty burns when you slide.”

The vision plan establishes a goal of achieving 5 park acres per 1,000 residents over the next 25 years. Santa Monica currently offers 144 park acres, equating to roughly 1.55 acres per 1,000 residents — below the Los Angeles County average of 3.3 acres and significantly below the National Recreation and Park Association’s recommendation of 6 to 10 acres for cities with populations between 100,000 and 250,000.

Senior Park Planner Antonio Lopez told the council that 96% of survey respondents visit a park, arts or recreation facility in a typical year — 15% above the national average. Additionally, 49% participate in a city program or event annually, 13% above the national average.

The artificial turf debate dominated much of the discussion. Staff had proposed a compromise policy: no new artificial turf fields would be installed, existing grass fields would remain grass, but the two existing artificial turf fields at Airport Park and Belmar Park would be replaced with artificial turf when they reach the end of their lifespan.

City Architect Amelia Feichtner explained that staff’s recommendations focused on maintaining adequate playable field access for youth sports programs while exploring more durable natural grass systems. She noted that artificial turf fields allow for consistent playability and significantly greater usage with fewer weather- and maintenance-related closures.

However, Council Member Zwick noted that the city’s own Environmental Impact Report for Memorial Park found that using grass “would avoid the use of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, or PFAs and microplastics that have potential to degrade over time, resulting in potential contamination of water and soil and potential adverse effects on human health.”

Council Member Dan Hall initially offered a substitute motion to keep staff’s original recommendation, expressing concern that immediately transitioning Airport Park’s artificial turf field to grass would reduce capacity for high-intensity adult sports like



Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance that would (1) Permanently Adopt Economic Recovery Interim Zoning Ordinance 2825 (CCS) and (2) Amend the Text of Article 9 Zoning and Planning of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown and Citywide Areas by Streamlining, Simplifying, and Modifying Land Uses and Limitations, Updating Standards for Specific Uses and Activities, Including Alcohol Permits and Review, Modifying Definitions, Adding Flexibility for Certain Non-Conforming Uses, and Making Other Minor Changes, Corrections, Clarifications, and Clerical Amendments. Additionally, amendments related to the applicability of Resource Recovery and Recycling requirements and trash enclosure dimensional standards are proposed to remove barriers for new and existing businesses, facilitate process streamlining and updated standards for objectivity.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the Planning Commission's January 21, 2026 recommendation to adopt proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance (Santa Monica Municipal Code Article 9 Planning and Zoning) that would (1) Permanently Adopt Economic Recovery Interim Zoning Ordinance 2825 (CCS) and (2) Amend the Text of Article 9 Zoning and Planning of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown and Citywide Areas by Streamlining, Simplifying, and Modifying Land Uses and Limitations, Updating Standards for Specific Uses and Activities, Including Alcohol Permits and Review, Modifying Definitions, Adding Flexibility for Certain Non-Conforming Uses, and Making Other Minor Changes, Corrections, Clarifications, and Clerical Amendments. Additionally, amendments related to the applicability of Resource Recovery and Recycling requirements and trash enclosure dimensional standards are proposed to remove barriers for new and existing businesses, facilitate process streamlining and updated standards for objectivity.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, February 24, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Economic Zoning Amendments

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California neglects its private duty nurses and fails its sick children

Leah Hernandez is a 9-month-old baby living with bronchopulmonary dysplasia, a chronic lung disease affecting newborns.

Born premature at 29 weeks, Leah depends on a gastrostomy tube for nutrition, a tracheostomy to maintain her airway and a ventilator for breathing support. She and her family live in Sacramento and rely on private duty nursing, an in-home healthcare service for medically fragile patients.

A lack of available nurses delayed Leah's return home by several months, because of Medi-Cal's lack of investment in private duty nursing.

Instead of coming home, Leah was discharged to a pediatric nursing home in the Bay Area — more than two hours away from her family — where she remained for several months. She had to be readmitted to the hospital several times, costing Medi-Cal thousands of dollars in unnecessary costs.

Leah's story is unfortunately all too common. As an in-home healthcare provider that has operated in California for more than 30 years, we care for some of the state's most medically fragile patients. Most of these patients are children who depend on ventilators, feeding tubes, seizure management and around-the-clock care to survive.

Pediatric private duty nursing for them is not optional, supplemental or nice to have. It is a legally required service under Medicaid, designed to keep vulnerable patients safe at home and out of expensive hospitals.

And yet, while California has continued to invest in Medi-Cal, the state has not raised reimbursement rates for private duty nursing in nearly a decade. During that time, the cost of living has soared, wages in other nursing fields have increased and our responsibilities have grown more complex.

Many nurses have been forced to leave the field altogether, not because they want to abandon the families who rely on them nursing for care, but because the state's reimbursement structure makes it very difficult to do in-home nursing care.

Families like Leah's wait months, sometimes years, for nursing care that they're legally entitled to receive. Medically fragile children end up being hospitalized repeatedly for preventable complications, simply because there are not enough nurses to keep them safe at home. Hospital readmissions are up to 1,300 times more expensive than offering properly compensated care in the home setting.

Right now, there are hundreds of sick children stuck in the hospitals waiting to go home. Many of us cannot imagine the reality of being separated from our kids, let alone when they are sick.

We need our lawmakers to act and honor their oath to protect and serve all of California's children. Gov. Gavin Newsom should do the right thing and allocate funding for private duty nursing in the state budget.

By investing in private duty nursing services, California is expected to save more than \$175 million dollars a year, by reducing unnecessary hospital stays and promoting consistent homecare for medically fragile patients.

California speaks proudly about its values of equity, compassion and caring for the most vulnerable. But right now, our state's policymakers are failing the very people who embody that description.

A decade of neglect is long enough. Now is the time to honor California's commitments and invest in private duty nursing. Our patients' lives depend on it.

Jarrod DePriest is president and CEO of Maxim Healthcare

PARKS

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soccer, rugby and football. But he withdrew his motion after Zwick clarified that the amendment allows staff to determine what's feasible based on research results.

"As long as feasibility includes we are heavily weighing loss in adult sports time as well for high intensity sports, then I'm fine with that," Hall said.

Council members also directed staff to study how streets and even the Interstate 10 freeway could potentially be utilized for public recreational purposes. Council Member Ellis Raskin advocated for "reusing the freeway land for a public good, for public parks."

"Let's not cap it. Let's get rid of it," Raskin said, noting the idea has worked in other cities.

The plan, which updates the city's 1997

Parks and Recreation Master Plan, establishes eight principles including nourishing existing parks, expanding new parkland, connecting open space and supporting funding partnerships. It proposes a vision of "City as Habitat" — reinforcing the city's parks and open spaces as nourishing habitat for people, plants, animals and programming.

The Recreation and Parks Commission, the Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment, and multiple other advisory bodies supported the plan and the 5-acre goal during months of community outreach.

The vision plan will guide strategic open space decisions for the next 25 years, particularly for the Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project, which presents the largest parkland expansion opportunity in the city's 150-year history.

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Matt Mahan’s campaign for California governor will be a voter litmus test



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SACRAMENTO: San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan speaks during a press conference at Cal Expo in Sacramento on March 16, 2023.

With the not-unexpected entry of San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, the large field of candidates to succeed Gov. Gavin Newsom is probably complete — and could very well shrink again.

The run-up to this moment has been the oddest gubernatorial election process in modern history with potential candidates serially dropping in and dropping out. Until Mahan’s announcement on Thursday, there were eight other Democrats — not counting the obscure vanity runners — and two Republicans in contention.

With the array now likely fixed and no shadow candidates of note remaining, things will begin to sort themselves out. Polling will become more precise, political financiers will make their commitments and those stuck at the bottom in polls and money will find other ways to exist. They may not drop out before June’s top-two primary, but will find themselves ignored by donors and the media.

That would still leave a half-dozen Democrats with at least outside chances of making it into the November runoff by finishing first or second in June.

Back to Mahan.

One of the most interesting things about the San Jose mayor is that he’s been a fairly harsh critic of Newsom. Until now, billionaire Tom Steyer has been the only Democratic hopeful to sharply criticize the state’s governance shortcomings, but he’s never explicitly linked Newsom to the state’s most obvious problems, such as housing shortages and high utility bills.

Mahan has been much more specific.

Last August, in a commentary for the San Francisco Standard, Mahan excoriated Newsom for spending so much time positioning himself as a foe of President

Donald Trump, rather than dealing with California issues.

“Gov. Newsom’s supporters say he is ‘breaking the internet’ and ‘owning’ Trump,” Mahan wrote. “But the governor, and every elected official and leader, also need to own up to the truth. And the truth is that California has the highest unemployment rate in the nation, at 5.5%, and nearly half the nation’s unsheltered homeless people. We have the highest energy and housing costs in the continental United States, and, largely because of these high costs, the highest effective poverty rate in the nation.”

In declaring his candidacy, Mahan maintained his separation from the political status quo.

“I’m jumping in this race because we need a governor who is both a fighter for our values and a fixer of our problems,” he said. “We can fix the biggest problems facing California, and I believe that because we’re making real progress on homelessness, public safety (and) housing supply in San Jose.”

Given the state’s chronic budget deficits, one of the many issues for Mahan and other Democratic candidates will be whether the state should reduce spending or raise taxes. The latter is partly framed in a pending ballot initiative that would impose a 5% tax on the wealth of about 200 California billionaires, primarily for health care programs now facing reductions.

The wealth tax is a holy grail for the Democratic Party’s left wing and it’s an issue on which Newsom and Mahan agree. Both say that it would drive wealthy

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Pacific Park Celebrates Valentine's Day With 'Love Lights the Pier'

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will celebrate Valentine's Day with "Love Lights the Pier," a festive celebration running Feb. 1–15.

The iconic amusement park will feature live DJ music, photo opportunities and rides aboard the world-famous Pacific Wheel. The event offers couples, families and friends ways to celebrate along the coast.

Highlights include a Ferris wheel serenade with romantic live DJ performances Saturday, Feb. 14 from 4:30–8 p.m. Heart-themed souvenir photos will be available when riding the Pacific Wheel or in Pacific Park's photo booths from Feb. 1–15.

Guests can pose at a giant, flower-covered heart bench in front of Inkie's Scrambler from Feb. 1–15. The Pacific Wheel will shine with 174,000 LED lights in red, pink and white, featuring animated hearts, romantic messages and love emojis nightly from Feb. 9–15.

"Love Lights the Pier" is a joyful celebration that brings together romance, fun, and unforgettable experiences for all ages," said Nathan Smithson, senior director of business affairs at Pacific Park. "At the center of it all is one of Southern California's most romantic icons—the nine-story-tall Pacific Wheel—offering sweeping ocean views and an extraordinary way to celebrate all things love during Valentine's."

The Ferris wheel has earned national recognition as one of Los Angeles' most romantic attractions. USA Today names it among the city's "Romantic Places for Couples," Westways magazine calls it one of "Los Angeles' Great Places to Make a Romantic Proposal," and Discover Los Angeles describes it as offering one of LA's most romantic views.

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is LA's only admission-free amusement park, offering 12 rides, 14 midway games, five food offerings and retail beach shops. More information and hours of operation are available at [pacpark.com](https://www.pacpark.com). The Ferris wheel Valentine's love lights celebration can be viewed online at <https://www.pacpark.com/live>.

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BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SMMUSD invites sealed proposals for: RFP #26.09 Property Management Services. All proposals must be electronically submitted via Secure Bids at <https://www.colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/RFP2609> on or before: Thursday, March 5, 2026 2:00 P.M. RFP forms and specifications may be obtained in the link provided within this notice.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID # 4501 Towing and Roadside Services for Light, Medium and Heavy Vehicles and Components

Submission Deadline is February 26, 2026 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

FARMERS MARKET

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

February at the market

As we anxiously await Groundhog Day on February 2 with the hopes that there will be good tidings for an early spring, we are seriously considering celebrating Valentine's Day all month long! Are there people in your life whom you care about that you just cannot say enough about how much you appreciate them? We have some ideas. An apple a day? Random fruit and veggie gifting! :) Or a flower? Share a basket of strawberries, the ultimate icebreaker! Or maybe a new favorite veggie? Harry's Berries is back at Main Street! How's that for inspiration!!

We have a few surprises coming to the markets this month with the Spring Celebration and SMC Glass sale on the 7th and a Mini Renaissance Festival on Valentine's Day at the Pico Farmers Market. At Main Street, the Edgemar promises to bring a special Valentine's menu for a pop up on February 15 and on stage look for new music from local student musicians from Sol LA, Pali High, UCLA and more.



Courtesy photo

BERRY: Harry's Berries are back on Main St.

February Calendar 2026

Pico

February 7 Spring Celebration featuring the SMC Glass Sale Activities for the kids, community booths DJ and the Greenleas

February 14 Mini Renaissance Festival costumes encouraged Kids in costume receive a treat. Cardahlay

February 21 Free seedlings and plants - Master Gardeners. East of Lincoln

February 28 Greens Festival at Virginia Ave Park so shop the farmers market early, afternoon parking will be limited. GM Jazz

Main Street

February 8 GM Jazz Quartet 10am-1pm

February 15 9 Ball 10-11:15am
Alex Chalet 11:30am-1pm
Bambola Shoppe – Upcycling Workshop
Fat Uncle/Siemens-Gonzales Family Farms pop up

February 22 DJ and the Main Street Jam 10am-1pm
LA County Fire Department Ocean Lifeguard
Santa Monica Police Department pop up

MALIBU

FROM PAGE 2

a Chumash casino make a ton of money. No way we wouldn't be doing that," Silverstein said, arguing the city should focus on open space and community amenities consistent with its vision and mission statements.

The council requested staff return with

options for the Triangle lot in March, including the possibility of temporary gravel parking while permanent uses are determined. Interim City Attorney Trevor Rusin noted that standalone parking lots are not currently allowed in city code but could potentially be explored as a temporary use.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Big Blue Bus Offers Free Rides for Transit Equity Day

Big Blue Bus will offer free rides Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026, in honor of civil rights activist Rosa Parks’ birthday and Transit Equity Day.

Transit Equity Day is celebrated nationwide as a day of action supporting equitable, affordable, accessible, reliable and safe transit for all, honoring Parks’ legacy.

This year’s theme, “Transit Moves Democracy,” highlights work being done by community leaders, environmentalists and social justice advocates fighting for equitable, accessible and fully funded sustainable public transit systems in communities.

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Los Angeles

Police Arrest Five in Multi-County Organized Retail Theft Investigation

The Santa Monica Police Department’s Criminal Investigations Division executed multiple search and arrest warrants across Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties as part of a three-month organized retail theft investigation.

The operation, conducted in coordination with specialized enforcement teams and regional law enforcement partners, resulted in five arrests and the recovery of approximately \$100,000 in stolen merchandise.

Partnering agencies included the Los Angeles Police Department Organized Retail Theft Task Force and the California Highway Patrol Border Division Organized Retail Crime Task Force.

The investigation focused on an organized retail theft operation responsible for thefts from multiple retailers throughout Southern California, spanning from San Diego County to Santa Barbara County, including a Lululemon store in Santa Monica. The thefts occurred between June and October 2025.

Investigators determined the suspects were part of a coordinated retail crime network that stole merchandise and resold items at secondary locations.

Search warrants were served in Van Nuys, Sylmar, Fontana and Jurupa Valley.

In Sylmar, more than 120 items of stolen merchandise were recovered with an estimated value of approximately \$11,000. One suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property with intent to sell.

In Fontana, thousands of stolen items were recovered with an estimated value of approximately \$65,000. Three individuals were arrested on related charges.

In Jurupa Valley, approximately \$24,000 in stolen merchandise and suspected counterfeit items were recovered. One suspect was arrested.

The investigation remains ongoing.

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CRIME: The operation, coordinated with enforcement teams and regional partners, led to five arrests and recovery of approximately \$100,000 in stolen merchandise.

CAMPAIGN

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Californians out of the state, reduce their investments in job-creating business and deprive the state budget of their annual income taxes.

California is a deeply blue state but its Democratic politicians, including those running for governor, are not a monolith.

Mahan and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa are probably is the most centrist members of the field, and could face opposition from union leaders.

The outcome of the campaign will be a litmus test of just how left-of-center California truly is.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist



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SUMMONS(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 24SMCV03059NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): CIERRA MASON, an individual; E&S RING MANAGEMENT CORP., a California Corporation; and DOES 1 TO 50YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Victoria Torres, an individualNOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia

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Name Change
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00638. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Lawrence James Goodman for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Lawrence James Goodman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lawrence James Goodman to Larry James Goodman. 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. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 01/23/2026, Time: 8:30 A.M., Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date: 12/12/2025. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 01/26/2026, 02/02/2026, 02/09/2026, 02/26/2026

SMC

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eliminations and discretionary budget reductions.

Despite those measures, the college faces an additional \$10.1 million deficit in the adopted 2025-26 budget, with projections showing the shortfall could grow to \$16.7 million the following year — resulting in a negative fund balance of \$3.6 million by June 2027.

The financial crisis stems from multiple factors that have converged over the past several years. The college's enrollment has declined approximately 13% since 2018-19, dropping from 19,501 full-time equivalent students to 17,089 in the current year. More significantly, changes to funding at the state level have been chipping away at SMC's finances for years.

Under the funding formula implemented in 2018-19, California community colleges receive allocations based on three components: base enrollment (70%), supplemental support for low-income students (20%), and student success metrics (10%). When the formula was introduced, 27 districts — including Santa Monica — saw funding decreases and were placed in “hold harmless” status, receiving their previous year's allocation plus cost-of-living adjustments.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the state extended those protections through 2024-25. However, starting in 2025-26, colleges in hold harmless status no longer receive annual cost-of-living increases, effectively freezing their state funding even as expenses continue to rise.

At a budget workshop last year the school said it wasn't alone with 51 of the state's 73 community college districts currently in hold harmless or stabilization status.

However, SMC's funding freeze compounds challenges from declining enrollment that began before the pandemic. The college's resident credit enrollment dropped from 19,501 students in 2018-19 to 17,551 the following year, then rebounded to 19,101 in 2020-21 with the help of \$16.7 million in federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund dollars. As that one-time federal support expired, enrollment resumed its downward trajectory, falling to 16,075 by 2022-23 before modest increases in recent years.

Non-resident enrollment has followed a similar pattern, declining 33% since the pandemic. The 2,841 non-resident students are currently worth about \$28 million to SMC and officials said had enrollment continued uninterrupted, non-resident tuition would have been worth about \$46 million today.

Those figures may continue to decline as non-residents are having difficulty obtaining visas to enter the country.

State apportionment and non-resident tuition together comprise 87% of the college's unrestricted general fund revenue. In the 2025-26 adopted budget, total unrestricted revenue is projected at \$224.9 million while expenditures are budgeted at \$235.1 million.

The college's expenses have significantly outpaced revenue increases since 2021-22. Salaries have increased 18.9% from \$118.1 million to \$140.4 million over that period, while benefits have grown 24.8% from \$59 million to \$73.7 million. Together, salaries and benefits now represent 91% of the college's unrestricted expenditures.

Utility costs have proven particularly volatile, increasing 78.7% from \$3.8 million in 2021-22 to a projected \$6.7 million in 2025-26. Insurance costs have similarly surged 57.6% over the same period, from \$1.6 million to \$2.5 million.

The financial pressures are reflected in the college's fund balance, which measures the institution's reserves. After receiving \$32.9 million in federal pandemic relief funds between 2020-21 and 2022-23, the college's fund balance peaked at \$43.9 million (22.65% of expenditures) in 2021-22. As the one-time federal support ended and structural deficits persisted, the fund balance has declined steadily.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recommends districts maintain reserves of at least 16.67% of annual expenditures — approximately two months of operating costs. The college's fund balance dropped to 11.99% in 2023-24 and is projected to fall to 5.57% by the end of the current fiscal year, well below recommended levels. Current projections show the fund balance turning negative in 2026-27 without additional interventions.

“The 2026-27 deficit is projected to be \$16,730,361, resulting in a negative fund balance in 2026-27,” budget documents state.

The college has been working to address the structural deficit since April 2023, when the Budget Committee first reviewed multi-year projections showing the fund balance would fall below 5%. For 2023-24, the college planned \$7.7 million in budget reductions but achieved only \$3.5 million in actual savings, with \$4.1 million in planned cuts not materialized — including \$2.9 million from schedule efficiencies and \$1.1 million from attrition and hiring freezes that did not produce expected savings.

For the current year, the college implemented more aggressive measures totaling \$8.6 million, including a 5% reduction in class schedules (\$2 million in savings), a 5% reduction in counseling schedules (\$206,961), position consolidation and attrition (\$2.8 million), funding shifts to restricted sources (\$1.8 million), and discretionary budget cuts (\$620,200). The Santa Monica College Foundation also provided \$1.2 million in one-time reimbursements, with \$202,410 in ongoing support.

Despite these actions, the college continues to operate with significant structural deficits. Budget documents show annual deficits of \$9.9 million in 2022-23, \$6.9 million in 2023-24, and \$3.6 million in 2024-25, with the 2025-26 deficit now projected at \$10.1 million.

In her letter, Jeffery acknowledged the difficult choices ahead while emphasizing the college's commitment to its educational mission. “There are no easy options,” she wrote. “Each budget-balancing strategy carries real impacts for our students, staff, faculty, and programs.”

The college is considering additional measures including salary reductions, further furloughs, additional class schedule reductions, new revenue enhancement initiatives, and other proposals.

The college is also pursuing enrollment growth strategies to eventually increase state funding, though such efforts face headwinds from declining high school graduation rates. According to Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education projections, California high school graduates are projected to decline 29% by 2041, with key feeder districts for Santa Monica College seeing steep drops in the coming years.

The college maintains multiple fund types beyond its unrestricted general fund, including restricted grant programs, capital outlay funds, and bond funds for construction. However, these restricted sources cannot be used to address the unrestricted fund deficit.

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED HERE

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

I AM SURRENDERING THE PODIUM TO THE GIRL WITH THE BAD ATTITUDE.

THAT COULD BE ANY OF US! BESIDES THAT, WHO LEFT YOU IN CHARGE?

THE CLUB HATERS CLUB WAS MY IDEA. I GET TO BE BOSS.

IS THAT A RULE?

NO! I HATE CLUB RULES! IT'S A RULE TO HATE CLUB RULES!

THEN I VOTE WE DON'T VOTE ON ANYTHING ANYMORE!

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

I THINK I'LL WATCH THE CLOUDS GO BY.

UH, THEY'RE NOT MOVING.

YOU GUYS WANNA GET ON THAT?

SORRY.

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

MRS. BELMONT, HOW OLD ARE YOU?

IT'S NOT POLITE TO ASK A WOMAN HER AGE, DEAR.

CAN YOU GIVE ME A BALLPARK?

BOTTOM OF THE NINTH, BASES LOADED.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

"SIX MORE WEEKS OF STROKE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

SO, THAT NEW MEDICATION THEY'VE BEEN ADVERTISING REALLY DOES CAUSE YOU TO DANCE LIKE THAT...

FIND THE WORDS

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

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The pursuit of happiness

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Adore	Genial	Jubilant	Play
Aglow	Glad	Lap up	Relish
Amiable	Glee	Laugh	Sunny
Amused	Good mood	Merry	Take pleasure
As happy	Grin	Mirth	in
as a clam	High	Nice	Thrill
Chat	In awe	Nirvana	Touching
Droll	In seventh	Open	Treat
Excited	heaven	Peace	Zest for life
Fine	Joyfulness	Perky	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Cost of living increases



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't confuse missing an absurdly high target with failure. You're playing a different game than someone setting modest, incremental goals. If you're going to dream big, make peace with the fact that big dreams come with big gaps between effort and outcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). That "small issue" is way more complex than it looks and could turn into a big mess if you don't fix it quickly and completely. A clear, thorough response now, while it's still containable, will keep you from having to revisit this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You feel like the protagonist in an antagonistic environment. You're resistant to joining a culture you don't quite understand or agree with at the moment. Don't let them put words in your mouth. Say it your way. Not loud, but clear.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be taking things to the next level. Are you ready to do this? Of course not. That's not how it works. First, you commit beyond your capability. Then, in the process of the work, your capability grows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It feels good to achieve something, but today you're thinking a bit bigger than getting the job done. You're arriving at a new identity. Focus not on single achievements but on building the identity you want, day by day, choice by choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be extremely content as you untangle a messy situation. This was caused by someone who isn't as practical and detail-oriented as you. You could place blame, but you'll give thanks instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A vibe is interesting. Follow-through is informative. Chemistry can write a convincing story very quickly. Watch what people do over time instead of letting a spark decide the plot. Wait to see how someone shows up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You needn't always use your own energy to get things done. Use energy from the outside, too, in the form of inspiring muses, helpers, teachers and tools. You also get energy from simply removing any friction with or resistance to reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Standing between the capers of the past and your wishes for the future, your mind feels taut and energized. So much creativity lives in this tension between memory and possibility. Linger here and write it all down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A focus on home and daily life has you zeroing in on issues of sustainability. You're seeking habits that nourish you in the long term and organized systems that bring you freedom. A new guide will help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A relationship will bring you playful, intelligent fun, shared language, shared history - heaven on earth. When two people are fully themselves, meeting without effort, it's a rare bond to treasure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You let others who dominate conversations come away knowing a lot more about themselves than they know about you. Recognize when you're nearing the limits of your natural curiosity and veering into the territory of emotional labor.

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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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Take a cab or bus
- 5 Phone downloads
- 9 Fright-causing
- 14 Gumbo vegetable
- 15 Horse hoof sound
- 16 Weird
- 17 Shakespearean king
- 18 Civil rights icon Parks
- 19 Cello's smaller relative
- 20 Grass-cutting machine
- 22 Somebody ___ (another's)
- 23 Letter before tee
- 24 Sermon deliverer
- 25 Wide belts
- 29 Color of emeralds
- 31 Speck of land in the ocean
- 32 Sulk
- 33 Cowhand's chow
- 37 TV psychologist McGraw
- 38 Kayaks and canoes
- 39 Cost to take a cab or bus
- 40 "Half" prefix for circle
- 41 Bachelor of ___ degree
- 42 Stovetop appliance
- 43 Enclosures for canaries
- 45 Performer in a choir
- 46 Brims of baseball caps
- 49 That man's
- 50 Unsuitable
- 51 Shoes for pro hockey
- 57 Rich layer cake
- 58 Huff and puff

DOWN

- 59 Biblical ark builder
- 60 Make furious
- 61 Just a single time
- 62 Scent-sensing organ
- 63 Feeling suspicious
- 64 Animal with antlers
- 65 ___ out a living (scraped by)

DOWN

- 1 Dice toss
- 2 Scandinavian furniture chain
- 3 Make a sketch of
- 4 Deserve to receive
- 5 Puzzle clue heading
- 6 Snow-clearing vehicles
- 7 Sit for a photo
- 8 Practice boxing

DOWN

- 9 Very strict
- 10 Overhead rotating cooler
- 11 Stood up
- 12 Makes furious
- 13 Dough-rising ingredient
- 21 Get introduced to
- 24 Poodles and parakeets
- 25 Drinks with a straw
- 26 Tennis great Arthur
- 27 Thin in physique
- 28 Aircraft that can hover
- 29 "Billy" barnyard beasts
- 30 Same old routines
- 32 Tiny skin opening
- 34 Pressed a doorbell

DOWN

- 35 Strong craving
- 36 Beverage served on tap
- 38 Pieces of luggage
- 42 Endanger
- 44 Aorta, for example
- 45 Female sibling
- 46 Extremely important
- 47 Hole ___ (golfer's dream shot)
- 48 Private's superior, for short
- 49 Therefore
- 51 Apple's music player
- 52 Walking stick
- 53 Vampire novelist Rice
- 54 ___ apart (dismantled)
- 55 Lack of difficulty
- 56 Backyard building

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MONDAY | FEBRUARY 2

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2026-01-26T18>

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. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED @ <https://ci.ovationtix.com/34923/production/1126449?performanceId=11576550>. \$10.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2026-02-02T19>

ELECTRIC LODGE: MAX 10 SHOW

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Avenue Los Angeles. Join us for MAX10! 10 performers have 10 minutes to share their art and talent! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/electric-lodge-max-10-show/14548502/2026-02-02T19>

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 3

TEA TIME WITH TRANSFER: LEARN MORE ABOUT CALGETC

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Student Services Center Transfer Lounge (SSC 230). Tea Time with Transfer provides a supportive and welcoming space to help students achieve their transfer dreams! Over a cup of tea, students can access valuable information about transfer resources, explore opportunities, and receive personalized guidance and insights to navigate their transfer journey. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tea-time-with-transfer-learn-more-about-calgetc/17839306/2026-02-03T10>

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 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park. Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! For more information call (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2026-01-13T10>

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WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Laurie Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications, studying for. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-01-27T14>

8PM FREE "ROXY'S GOT BALLS" BINGO TUESDAYS @ TINY'S HI-DIVE IN LOS ANGELES!

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Tiny's Hi-Dive 12012 West Pico Boulevard Los Angeles. 8pm TUESDAYS "Roxy's Got Balls!" Drag Queen BINGO is LIVE & FREE at Tiny's Hi-Dive in Los Angeles w/ Roxy Wood! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/8pm-free-roxy-s-got-balls-bingo-tuesdays-tiny-s-hi-dive-in-los-angeles-/14857154/2026-02-03T20>

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://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2026-01-13T22>

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 4

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2026-01-14T08>

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/17751141/2026-01-14T12>

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 5

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia

Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviértase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-01-08T11>

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2026-01-22T11>

BOOK RELEASE FOR THE INVASION OF PANTOMIME BY TIM XONNELLY

7:30 p.m. Beyond Baroque 681 Venice Blvd. Venice. Please join us to celebrate the release of SoCal/Berkeley poet Tim Xonnely's new book, The Invasion of Pantomime. In these poems, Xonnely reflects upon the surreal quality of the COVID pandemic and entering his seventh decade in an increasingly repressive and violent culture in works replete with dream imagery and queer pride. Also reading will be acclaimed authors antmen pimentel mendoza (My Boyfriend Apocalypse) and Roberto F Santiago (Like Sugar). Of The Invasion of Pantomime, Kirk Read says, "Tim Xonnely's voice is reassuring. No matter how much technocracy encroaches, there are poets wandering the aisles of Costco or navigating the world of online hookups.... All is not lost. There are still poets being poets. This collection is tender and weird and utterly endearing." Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/book-release-for-the-invasion-of-pantomime-by-tim-xonnely/17913859/2026-02-05T19>

CHASING MONARCHS

7:30 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St Santa Monica. Fifty years after the startling discovery that monarch butterflies spend winters in the forests of Mexico, photographer and National Geographic Explorer Jaime Rojo reveals this winged wonder of the insect world in new ways with never-before-seen visuals. Tag along with conservationists and citizen scientists who are helping this species avoid catastrophic threats, all through Jaime's beautiful photos and videos. \$125.00 to \$1,000.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chasing-monarchs/16112586/2026-02-05T19>

TRAKTR RECORDS PRESENTS

8:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. With JAKALI , MOKAY , P.O.P. , JTAPP and AUXIN Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 8:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/traktr-records-presents/17821024/2026-02-05T20>

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 6

NEW EXHIBITION AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM CELEBRATES FOOD & FAMILY

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum 1350 Seventh Street Santa Monica. Explore the evolution of African American and intercultural food traditions in Southern California, tracing the impact of the Great Migration and global immigration on Santa Monica's culinary landscape. Through the lens of shared meals, recipes, and community gatherings, the exhibition examines how food fosters a sense of belonging, connection, and cultural continuity. Drawn from the archives of the Quinn Research Center and the Santa Monica History Museum, Food & Family features photographs, oral histories, cookbooks, utensils, maps, and other materials that reveal how everyday cooking helped define home and identity for generations of Santa Monica residents. Opening Reception 2pm-4pm on January 24 includes free admission. \$0.00 to \$5.00 Free for Children, Students, Seniors, SNAP/EBT card holders. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/new-exhibition-at-the-history-museum-celebrates-food-family/17896821/2026-02-06T11>

DATE NIGHT FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Viola Floral Studios 1639 11th St. Suite 162 Santa Monica. Celebrate Valentine's Day early! Say goodbye to 'What should we do?' on date night! Strengthen your bond by crafting a stunning flower arrangement together. Surprise each other with your creativity and appreciation for beauty in this romantic in-person workshop. Ideal for new couples getting to know each other or those seeking fresh date night ideas. Limited to 8 couples; price is per couple. Level: Beginner. Viola Floral Studio: 1639 11th St. Suite 162, Santa Monica. Convenient parking in the back of the building. Please note that all workshops are non-refundable, but if something comes up, feel free to send a friend in your place — flower joy is always transferable. We'll be starting promptly at 6pm, so plan to arrive by 5:45pm to settle in, sip something refreshing, and get ready to bloom. Kit Included. Everything is taken care of by our amazing team, including fresh flowers, vases, floral shears, and guided instructions to create a stunning floral arrangement. Expect to leave with a flower masterpiece crafted by your own hands, enriched with newfound knowledge of florals and design. \$225.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/date-night-flower-arranging-workshop/17600940/2026-02-06T18>



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