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## Santa Monica posts sharpest rent decline in Los Angeles metro

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Rents in Santa Monica have fallen faster than in any other city in the Los Angeles metro area over the past year, dropping 8.1% annually as of April 2026, according to the latest data from several sources — a dramatic reversal from just 12 months ago, when a devastating wildfire was pushing Westside rents sharply higher.

Santa Monica posted the steepest year-over-year rent decline among all 27 cities tracked in the Los Angeles metro by Apartment List, falling 8.1% in the company's April 2026 report. Zumper's listing-based data showed an even sharper drop of 12% year over year as of February 2026. RentCafe recorded a more modest 0.4% annual decline for larger buildings.

By contrast, Los Angeles County rents were virtually unchanged year over year — up just 0.03% according to RentCafe and down 0.1% according to CoStar's fourth-quarter 2025 multifamily report. California statewide rents edged up 1.1% over the same period, according to RentCafe. According to Apartment List, the metro-wide annual rent decrease was 1.4%, while California rents rose 0.4% and national rents fell 1.7% over the same period.

The USC Lusk Center's Casden Multifamily Forecast, released Dec. 3, 2025, projected Los Angeles

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## Denim run brings exercise and advocacy to Santa Monica



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**RUN:** Organizers will hold the first local event this Sunday.

MICHELLE EDGAR  
Special to the Daily Press

This Sunday morning in Santa Monica, the inaugural Denim Runs

will kick off as a release, and a reclamation all at once, founded by survivor and advocate Summer Willis, arriving during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This race

is a powerful invitation for those to show up, run in denim, and stand in visible solidarity with survivors

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## Route 66, a quintessential American road trip heavy on kitsch and history, turns 100

There are faster ways to get from Chicago to Los Angeles, but none have the allure or cultural cachet of Route 66.

To John Steinbeck, it was the Mother Road that led poor farmers from Dust Bowl desperation to sunny California. To Native Americans along the route, it was an economic boon that also left scars. To Black travelers, it offered sanctuary during segregation. And to music fans, it was the place to get their kicks.

Route 66 marks its 100th anniversary this year. Despite losing its status decades ago as one of the nation's main arteries, people from around the world still flock to it to take perhaps the quintessential American road trip and soak in its neon lights, kitschy motels and attractions, and culinary offerings.

Each town has its own history and magic, said Sebastiaan de Boorder, a Dutch entrepreneur who, with his wife, breathed new life into The Aztec Motel in Seligman, Arizona.

"It's an essential part of American culture and history," he said of the highway. "The historical aspect is just a very big important part of American culture, with its influence and its character."

### THE DREAM

Route 66, which runs for roughly 2,400 miles from Chicago through

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### LA Country

### \$500K Awarded to Restore Topanga Lagoon and Improve Coastal Access

The Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM) has received \$500,000 in Measure A funding to advance the Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project, a multiagency initiative to restore coastal habitat and improve public access at Topanga Beach.

The project is led by RCDSMM in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH), California State Parks, and Caltrans. Topanga Beach draws nearly one million visitors annually but has faced two decades of challenges from coastal erosion, aging infrastructure, and damage from the 2025 Palisades Fire.

Planned improvements include erosion and sea-level rise mitigation, an FAA-approved helipad for emergency response, upgraded transit stops and parking, and a one-acre expansion of usable beach.

“This investment advances the long-term resilience of our coastline, expands access to nature and recreation for our communities, and protects vital ecosystems as we confront the climate crisis,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath.

“Topanga Beach is one of our most visited stretches of coastline, and projects like this are essential to keeping them safe and accessible for the public,” said Warren Ontiveros, deputy director of the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors.

The funding will support design and engineering work, moving the project closer to construction. The broader effort will also protect the Pacific Coast Highway from storm damage and integrate improvements within lower Topanga State Park.

Measure A was approved by nearly 75% of LA

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- Lindsey P. Horvath, Los Angeles County Supervisor

County voters in 2016. This latest funding round will distribute more than \$78 million to 48 organizations across the region.

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**FUNDS:** RCDSMM receives \$500K in Measure A funds for Topanga Lagoon restoration and beach access improvements.

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# California should halt its boom-and-bust budgeting and boost reserves instead

Five gubernatorial candidates met at a recent debate hosted by a coalition of groups called Jewish California. How should the state confront its structural budget deficits, the candidates were asked. Should California raise taxes or do a better job with money the state already takes in?

Eric Swalwell and Tom Steyer favored higher taxes. Matt Mahan, Steve Hilton, and Antonio Villaraigosa argued for better performance from revenues the state already has.

Despite their answers, California's course could be set before the next governor takes office.

The Legislative Analyst's Office projects persistent structural budget deficits for California — \$18 billion in fiscal 2026–27 and up to \$35 billion in 2027–28 and beyond.

How Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature address that gap will set the course for years. And how voters decide some November ballot measures, including a proposed wealth tax, could further bind the next governor.

Fiscal discipline marked the Jerry Brown years, at least until he helped “temporarily” make California the state with the highest marginal income tax rate in 2012. A lot has happened since that no governor could anticipate: catastrophic wildfires, a global pandemic, cascading housing and homelessness crises, among others.

Over the past seven years, California's general fund expenditures have risen about 66%. Inflation explains only about a third of that. Also the number of state employees per resident is up 19%, while the state's net population has fallen by 450,000 people.

In total, 1.8 million Californians have left the state, partially offset by immigrant growth and births. Between 2018 and 2022, about 57,000 high-net-worth individuals left, taking roughly \$1.1 trillion in personal wealth with them.

The message is clear. California has a spending problem, and taxpayers are getting a miserable return.

California has the highest unemployment rate in America, the lowest affordability in the continental United States, declining homeownership, median housing prices at twice the national average, \$23 billion spent on homelessness as the houseless population rose 40%, and infrastructure that is near the bottom of national

rankings.

The root causes include chronic budget volatility, weak fiscal discipline, poor accountability and a woefully inefficient government. Employers also cite taxes, regulation and bureaucracy as reasons to invest elsewhere, feeding the weak job market.

We can't boil the ocean, so let's address the first two issues — budget volatility and fiscal discipline.

California's tax structure depends disproportionately on high-income earners and capital gains, making revenue acutely sensitive to market swings. In boom times, Sacramento treats windfalls as permanent. In lean years, it scrambles to cut services or raise taxes.

Consider the administration's \$165 billion revenue overestimate in 2022. It produced what appeared to be a \$98 billion surplus and set off spending commitments. But the surplus was imaginary; the spending was not.

The Legislative Analyst's Office has proposed a sensible correction: build much larger reserves into the budget. Current law caps reserves at 10% of general fund tax revenues — far too low for a state as volatile as California. Under present policy, reserves would cover only about a third of projected shortfalls.

Raise the cap to 50% and the state could cover closer to three-quarters. The idea is to build toward that level over several budget cycles, improving stability without crowding out vital programs.

That reform would also create a tax revenue “norm” based on a 20-year extrapolation. Revenues above the norm would be treated as windfalls and deposited into reserves; revenues below it would mark shortfall years, when those reserves could be used.

This fix would require the Legislature to place a measure on the ballot. On a question so important to the state's future, that is exactly the right answer.

Fiscal discipline is not austerity; it is accountability. It means insisting that every dollar produce genuine value for taxpayers.

California does not need a bigger government. It needs a better one.

Chris Thornberg a New California Coalition board member and a founding partner of Beacon Economics. Pete Weber is a New California Coalition board member and cofounder of its Hartland chapter.



## Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.4

**FRIDAY FAIR** | **SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Decent to locally fun SW swell (220-200 degrees) builds through the day, peaks the 10th-11th. Not a major swell but shaping up to be a nice round of waves for North LA, with playful lines for average zones - definitely worth keeping an eye on. The storm lived up to expectations, boosting confidence in waist-chest-shoulder high surf at the better breaks, standouts head high to a little larger. Morning wind is light but far from perfect - SE/S wind likely adds some ruffle early and will add some lump midday as it puffs up a bit. Wind should lay down in the evening... watch that window.

**SATURDAY FAIR TO GOOD** | **SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest

Strongest day of the weekend for the summer points. Lightly onshore but manageable. Tide is full early, but will be in a decent place pretty quickly. This will be the strongest day of the weekend for summer focal points that thrive on the longer period energy as SW swell peaks. Not as much windswell in the mix so the beachbreaks west of Dume straighten out a bit. Onshore flow trends a bit stronger from the S/SW. The summer points could do ok if the wind trends more W. It's worth keeping an eye on with the decent SW swell in the water.

## Weather

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast in the morning.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Light west wind becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A chance of rain and thunderstorms before 11pm, then rain likely between 11pm and 2am, then rain likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan along with Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed 2026-27 Annual Action Plan, which identifies the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of a projected \$1,164,932 in CDBG funds and \$542,428 in HOME funds to address the high-priority needs specified in the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan.

The Proposed 2026-27 Annual Action Plan is now available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning March 27, 2026. Both the Proposed 2026-27 Annual Action Plan and the HUD-approved 2025-29 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at [www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs](http://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs).

Hard copies are available upon request through the Housing and Human Services Department at [humanservices@santamonica.gov](mailto:humanservices@santamonica.gov) or by telephone (310) 458-8310. Written comments may be submitted by April 27, 2026 by email to [humanservices@santamonica.gov](mailto:humanservices@santamonica.gov) or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Department, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All comments received will be incorporated into the final draft of the 2026-27 Annual Action Plan, currently due to HUD by May 15, 2026. The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the proposed plan on April 28, 2026.

**ESPAÑOL** Esto es un aviso público para invitar a cualquier parte interesada a participar en el repaso del Plan Preliminar de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2026-27. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Lupe Madrid en el Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8310.

## GUEST COMMENTARY

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# As tax deadlines loom, Californians should note how little they get for paying high taxes

Watt Avenue is one of several Sacramento County streets named for famous inventors, in this case James Watt, father of the steam engine.

Watt Avenue is also one of the county's busiest and most important arterials, with nearly 100,000 vehicles a day crossing its bridge over the American River.

The north-south route runs for nearly 30 miles, including a small extension with a different name. It has one of Sacramento's few river crossings and is the only direct connection between two major east-west freeways, Interstate 80 and Highway 50.

Therefore, Watt not only serves local traffic but carries many heavy trucks, including a steady stream of county-owned semis carrying garbage from a transfer station to a landfill.

Not surprisingly, Watt's heavy load of traffic has a tendency to beat up its asphalt surface. The county occasionally resurfaces some stretches, but Watt remains one of the region's rougher rides.

Sacramento County's street and road conditions are not the worst in the state, but they are markedly below those of all counties combined, a 2023 study commissioned by local governments found — as Watt's bumpy surface attests.

We Californians pay the nation's highest taxes, including various fees, on fuel for our vehicles, about 90 cents a gallon, and a hefty chunk of that is parceled out to local governments for roadway maintenance.

April is the month when state and local governments expect us to pay for the privilege of being Californians. April 10 is the deadline for paying semi-annual property taxes without penalty, and April 15 is the deadline for filing federal and state income tax returns.

It is, therefore, an appropriate time for weighing whether the taxes we Californians pay — not only those on property and income, but throughout the year on sales and fuel — buy satisfactory levels of service.

The Washington-based Tax Foundation, in a new report, pegs Californians' state and local tax burden at 13.5% of personal income, or \$10,167 a person — fifth highest

in the nation. That's roughly \$400 billion in taxes that those we elect to office have to spend each year.

Whether we consider our return on that investment to be adequate is probably as individual as our fingerprints. But WalletHub, a website that researches personal finance issues, recently attempted to calculate it objectively. California gets the nation's second lowest score, eclipsed only by New Mexico. New Hampshire scored the best, followed by Florida.

WalletHub's research team calculated tax revenue per adult for each state and compared it to five categories of government services: education, health, public safety, economy and infrastructure combined with pollution.

California's services were rated as mediocre, 37th overall, with low scores for public safety, economy, infrastructure and pollution. However, the state's high level of taxation, mirroring the Tax Foundation's data, sank its return on investment to near the bottom.

No matter how politicians frame it, we Californians are paying some of the nation's highest taxes. And they could go even higher this year, as dozens of local governments ask their voters to raise sales taxes, promising better services in return, and as tax increase measures await voters' decisions in November.

Despite the tax load, the state is dealing with multibillion-dollar budget deficits, due to overspending its revenues, and legislators are being pressed to cover the shortfalls with new corporate taxes.

Return on investment is almost never discussed. But it should be kept in mind as we contemplate pending tax measures and elections for governor and other statewide, local, legislative and congressional offices this year.

High taxes should bring us smooth roads, effective police and fire services, high levels of education, reliable water supplies and other efficient returns on our investment, which residents of New Hampshire and Florida apparently enjoy.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist



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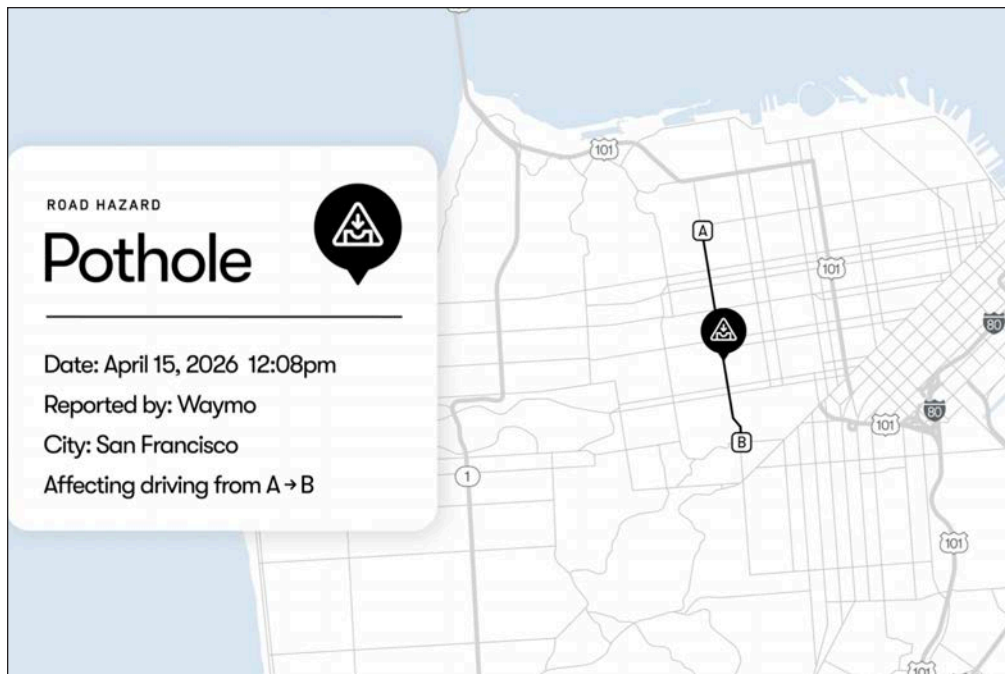
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# Waymo, Waze partner to help cities track, fix potholes



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**MAP:** The new feature will forward road improvement information to authorities.

Waymo and Waze announced Wednesday a pilot program to help cities more efficiently identify and repair potholes using data collected by Waymo's autonomous vehicle fleet.

The program uses Waymo's onboard perception and physical feedback systems to detect potholes in real time. That data will be shared with cities and state Departments of Transportation through the Waze for Cities platform — a free service — alongside user-reported pothole information. Waze users will also receive alerts when approaching a Waymo-identified pothole, and can verify reported hazards to improve data accuracy.

The pilot will launch in five metro areas where Waymo already operates: the San Francisco Bay Area and the Los Angeles, Phoenix, Austin and Atlanta metros. Waymo said it has already identified approximately 500 potholes across those markets. The company said it plans to expand the partnership to additional cities over time, including those with freeze-thaw cycles that worsen road

conditions.

Many cities currently depend on 311 calls from residents and manual inspections to identify pothole problems — an approach officials say can leave gaps in road condition reporting and complicate equitable allocation of maintenance resources.

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan said his city already uses object detection on municipal vehicles and welcomed the added data. "We appreciate the collaboration with Waymo and Waze as we explore how technology can help identify issues like potholes faster so we can respond more efficiently," he said.

Sarah Kaufman, director of the NYU Rudin Center for Transportation, said the program reflects a broader responsibility companies bear when operating on public streets. "It's a simple step," she said, "but it reflects a broader principle of responsibility."

Waymo said it will seek feedback from participating cities and explore expanding the types of actionable road data it provides.

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**RENT**

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County rents would grow just 0.64% annually through October 2027.

The city's median rent now stands at \$2,328 per month, down from roughly \$2,527 a year ago. Among the 28 cities tracked by Apartment List in the LA metro, no city has seen a steeper decline.

"Santa Monica's rent growth over the past year has fallen behind both the state and national averages," Apartment List noted in its April report.

The decline marks a sharp turn from early 2025, when the January Palisades Fire — which destroyed more than 6,800 structures in adjacent Pacific Palisades and displaced tens of thousands of residents — sent a demand shock through the Westside rental market. In the months that followed, Santa Monica posted its first sustained rent increases since 2022, with Apartment List recording a median of \$2,527 and year-over-year growth of 2.9% as of March 2025.

That surge proved short-lived. By July 2025, the market had recorded three consecutive monthly declines. By October, the median had slipped to \$2,478. The current annual decline of 8.1% reflects a market that has moved decisively in the opposite direction.

The correction is visible across unit sizes tracked consistently by Apartment List. One-bedroom apartments have fallen from a median of \$2,392 in March 2025 to \$2,203 today — a year-over-year decline consistent with the 8.1% drop Apartment List recorded

citywide. Two-bedroom units have declined from \$2,867 to \$2,641 over the same period. The overall median has slipped from \$2,527 to \$2,328, a year-over-year loss of nearly \$200 per month.

Despite the sustained pullback, Santa Monica remains among the most expensive rental markets in Southern California. The city's median rent of \$2,328 sits 7% above the LA metro-wide median of \$2,176. Newport Beach leads the metro as its most expensive city at \$3,484 per month, while Long Beach remains the most affordable at \$1,770.

So far in 2026, Santa Monica rents have fallen 2.0% through March — a markedly different trajectory from the same period last year, when rents rose 2.1% in the first three months of 2025.

The current downturn is part of a longer pattern. After surging more than 20% cumulatively in 2021 and 2022 on pandemic-era demand, Santa Monica has now recorded three straight years of annual rent declines according to Apartment List. Rents fell 5.9% in 2023, 1.1% in 2024, and are now tracking far steeper losses in 2026.

Analysts point to a combination of factors intensifying the decline locally: an influx of new multifamily housing supply, strict rent control regulations, and ongoing population outflows from the city. Studios and one-bedrooms — unit types most exposed to competition from new inventory — are showing the largest percentage drops.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS****Santa Monica****Santa Monica History Museum Names Anne Wallentine Executive Director**

The Santa Monica History Museum has appointed Anne Wallentine as its new executive director, effective following her tenure as the museum's curator from 2023 to 2025.

During her time as curator, Wallentine developed several notable exhibitions, including the museum's first exploration of LGBTQ+ history in collaboration with the OUTWORDS Archive, an interactive exhibition on housing history, and a treescape exhibit tied to Santa Monica's sesquicentennial.

Before joining the museum, Wallentine held senior roles at communications agencies, advising Fortune 500 companies and nonprofits on narrative strategy and public engagement.

"Anne combines deep historical knowledge with a profound commitment to community engagement," said Museum President Susan Potter. "Her knowledge of our institution, paired with her vision for participatory public history, makes her the ideal leader to guide the museum into its next chapter."

"The museum is a vital community resource, and I look forward to deepening our partnerships and expanding our programs to ensure every resident feels a connection to our shared history," Wallentine said.

Wallentine graduated summa cum laude in history from Washington University in St. Louis and holds a master's degree in art history from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. Her writing has appeared in the Financial Times, The Economist, Smithsonian Magazine, The Art Newspaper, and Hyperallergic.

In her new role, she will focus on expanding collaborative exhibitions, school partnerships, and public programming.

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- Susan Potter, Museum President

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**MUSEUM:** Santa Monica History Museum names former curator Anne Wallentine as new executive director.

**LA Country****LA County Mental Health Department Extends Fire Relief Drop-In Services Through June**

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), in partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services' CalHOPE Program, will continue offering mental health and supportive services through June 2026 for residents displaced or affected by the 2025 Eaton and Palisades Fires.

Two walk-in centers operate Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

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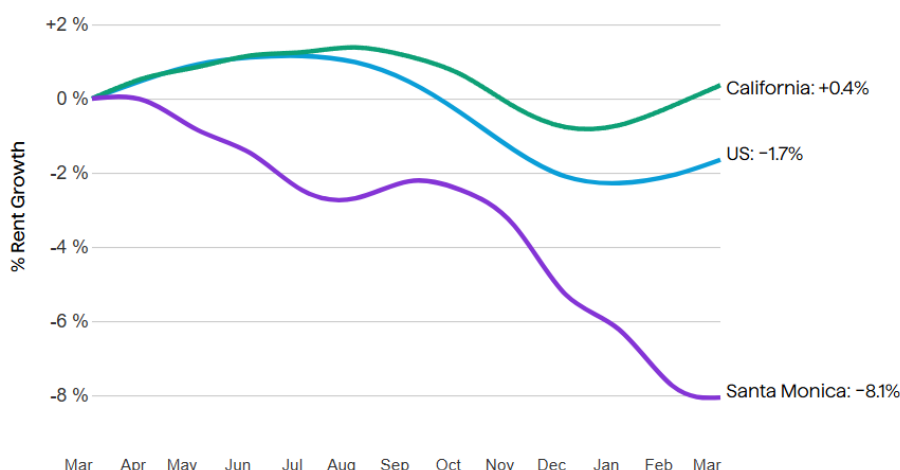
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Services include individual and family counseling, crisis stabilization, support groups, case management, wellness activities, and referrals to additional resources. Funding is provided through a SAMHSA Emergency Response Grant targeting those experiencing trauma, adjustment disorder, or mental health challenges related to fire losses.

A fire support line at (833) 659-0600 connects callers to mental health professionals. Additional resources are available through the 24/7 LA County Help Line at (800) 854-7771, the CalHOPE Warm Line at (833) 317-HOPE (4673), and SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline at (800) 985-5990.

Further resources are posted at [dmh.lacounty.gov/disaster-resources](https://dmh.lacounty.gov/disaster-resources).

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**Santa Monica Rent Growth Over Past 12 Months**

Apartment List

**RENT:** Santa Monica rents dropped 8.1% year-over-year, the steepest decline in LA metro, per Apartment List.

**When The Water Dies - NEW PLAY**

*When the Water Dies*, written, starring and directed by Santa Monica native Sebastiano Pigazzi (*HBO's We Are Who We Are*, and *Just Like That*), comes to the Santa Monica Playhouse for four special performances on April 4, 11, 14, and 16. This powerful family drama unfolds between past and future, centered around a fateful dinner where nothing will ever be the same. Scan for tickets. Or enter the link: [wtwd.ludus.com](https://wtwd.ludus.com)



**DENIM**

FROM PAGE 1

of sexual violence. What unfolds along the coast this weekend is not just a race, but the beginning of a national movement spanning Santa Monica, New York, and Austin, designed to transform awareness into action.

For Willis, the starting line has been years in the making. “12 years ago, I was assaulted as a college student at the University of Texas. “For a long time, I tried to outrun it, avoid it, suppress it.” It was not until a decade later, sitting on her living room floor with her two young children, that everything shifted, “They both started crying, and I realized if I didn’t do something, they were going to inherit this trauma. I wasn’t going to let that happen.”

That moment became a turning point not just toward healing, but toward action and hat same night, Willis came across the story of Julie Weiss, who ran 52 marathons in 52 weeks for pancreatic cancer awareness. “I saw what was possible; strength, resilience, and the power of community coming together,” Willis said. She went on to run 29 marathons in a year, using each mile as both personal reclamation and public advocacy.

Her work extended beyond endurance into legislation. What happened to her in college was not legally recognized as rape under Texas law at the time; a reality that propelled her to help pass the Summer Willis Act, redefining consent in the state. Through the Summer Willis Foundation, she has since focused on trauma informed advocacy and systemic change.

It was the collective stories she encountered along the way that shaped the vision for Denim Runs. “No matter where I went, I kept hearing the same thing; I felt shame. I was silenced.” she said. “So I thought, why not create a day where survivors can feel the power of crossing a finish line, surrounded by a community that sees them and stands with them.”

That vision is now materializing on a national stage. The Santa Monica kickoff will feature voices including Monica Lewinsky, Sasha Pieterse, and Lisa Phillips, alongside a broader wellness festival that reflects the event’s deeper intention; healing in community. Programming will include self defense demonstrations, survivor storytelling, live music, and local food vendors, with free admission and registration open to the public . The Santa Monica event is sponsored by Dodulian Law Group (DLG) specializing in adult sexual assault and child sexual abuse cases with a 98% winning record. DLG will be on site to provide counsel for victims: [www.dlawgroup.com](http://www.dlawgroup.com)

Behind the scenes, the effort has been years in the making. “For more than two years, this has been a fully self funded effort,” said Laurence Cohen, who has worked closely on the initiative’s growth. “What started as one woman’s story has evolved into something much bigger than all of us.”

Cohen traces part of that evolution back to Weiss, who initially connected him with Willis. “When Summer read Julie’s story

and reached out, none of us knew it would culminate in a national movement,” he said. “Denim Runs was inspired by Denim Day, but this is about extending that mission; creating an experience that celebrates the resilience and courage of survivors; men, women, and children.”

That expansion is now being supported at scale through Waymo, which has signed on as the national presenting sponsor. The partnership reflects a broader alignment between innovation and community impact, Waymo’s autonomous ride service has increasingly been cited by riders, particularly women, as offering a greater sense of safety, privacy, and control in transportation.

The event has also garnered support from

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For more than two years, this has been a fully self funded effort

- Laurence Cohen

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the Santa Monica City Council, underscoring the city’s role in fostering civic driven initiatives that bridge wellness, advocacy, and public space.

For Willis, however, the focus remains deeply personal, and deeply collective.

“When we bring all of these experiences together, from the past few years into one moment, one day, one run,” she said, “we create something bigger than awareness; we create change.”

That sentiment is echoed by Weiss herself, whose journey helped ignite Willis’s path. “Inspiration is contagious,” she said. “Summer is remarkable; she took a spark and turned it into marathons, legislation protecting survivors, and now a movement. When we share our stories honestly, we give others permission to discover what they’re truly capable of.”

In a city often defined by movement, Denim Runs offers a different kind of pace; one that asks participants to slow down just enough to recognize why they are moving in the first place. The finish line will not just mark distance, but it will mark visibility, solidarity, and the beginning of something long overdue; the courage to move forward together. [www.thedenimruns.com](http://www.thedenimruns.com)

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## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26VECP00128. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Northwest District - East Bldg, 6230 Sylmar Ave. Room 107, Van Nuys, CA 91401. Petitioner Shannon Renee Fischel for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Shannon Renee Fischel filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Shannon Renee Fischel to Shannon Renee. 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: 05/01/2026, Time: 8:30 A.M., Dept: O, Room: 511. The address of the court is the same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 03/12/2026. Shirley K. Watkins, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026, 04/10/2026

## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23VECP00161. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys CA 91401. Petitioner Samera Habib for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Samera Habib filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ali Islaam Webb to Ali Jonathan Webb. 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: 05/29/2026, Time: 8:30a.m., Dept: O, Room: 511. 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: 03/25/2026. Michael R. Amerian, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026

## Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Catharina Anna Lewin, also known as Catharina Lewin. Case No. 26STPB03033. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Catharina Anna Lewin, also known as Catharina Lewin. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Damion Patrick Lewin in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Damion Patrick Lewin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 20, 2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. Probate 67 located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: Damion Patrick Lewin, 623 Ashland Ave. Apt. 3, Santa Monica, CA 90405, 310-919-7349. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/03/2026, 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026

## ROUTE 66

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Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona before ending in Santa Monica, California, was stitched together a century ago from a collection of Native American trading routes and old dirt roads with the goal of linking the industrial Midwest to the Pacific coast.

Oklahoma businessman Cyrus Avery, known as the Father of Route 66, saw it as more than just a way to cross the country efficiently. It was a chance to connect rural America and create new pockets of commerce.

Avery knew the number 66 would be ripe for marketing and could be seared into drivers' minds, and he was right: Route 66 has been immortalized in movies, books, including Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" and Jack Kerouac's "On the Road," and songs such as Bobby Troup's "(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66," which served as an anthem for post-World War II optimism and mobility.

## WAVES OF MIGRATION

Since its November 1926 designation as one of the nation's original numbered highways, the onetime Main Street of America has embodied the promise of prosperity.

It became a literal path of hope for migrants escaping drought-ravaged farms and poverty during the 1930s Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. And during World War II, it was used to move troops, equipment and workers out West.

The postwar boom of the 1940s and 1950s were Route 66's heyday, as it became a popular vacation route. Cars became more affordable, disposable income increased, and people began chasing freedom on the open road.

"People generally have a sense of adventure, a sense curiosity. And you can find that on Route 66. This is the road of dreams," author and historian Jim Hinckley said.

## GOING MAINSTREAM

Roadside diners and motels thrived, as crafty entrepreneurs dreamed up ways to part motorists from their money. There were rattlesnake pits, totem poles, trading posts, caverns where Old West outlaws purportedly hung out, and modern engineering marvels like St. Louis' gleaming steel arch.

Barns were painted with larger-than-life ads, billboards teased local attractions, and neon was everywhere.

## THE CHERRY ON TOP? THE FOOD.

There were places to grab and go, but also to sit down and relish a slice of home. The Cozy Dog Drive In — famous for its breaded hot dogs on a stick — has fit both bills since 1949. Inside the dining room in Springfield, Illinois, travelers tell tales of life on the highway.

"The road wouldn't be alive without the stories of all the places along it that kept it going from town to town," third-generation owner Josh Waldmire said. "We just survive off each other. The road feeds us, and as long as we put our feelings and love back into the road, it will reverberate with the travelers and the stories of the people."

## A DIVIDED HIGHWAY

Route 66 was an economic boon to the Native American tribes along the way. But although it brought tourists, it also left scars of eminent domain across tribal land and perpetuated stereotypes.

More than half of the highway crossed through Indian Country, and vendor signs often made casual references to tipis and feathered headdresses — symbols easily

appropriated for marketing but not always representative of the distinct cultures found along the route.

At Laguna Pueblo west of Albuquerque, restaurants and service stations sprang up, some operated by military veterans from the pueblo who were masters at fixing everything from flat tires to busted radiators.

Pueblo women adapted too, turning utilitarian pottery vessels into works of art coveted by tourists. Homemade bread and pies sealed the deal.

Laguna leaders have long considered the road — or he-ya-nhee' in the tribe's language of Keres — as "the corridor of commerce," said businessman and tribal member Ron Solimon. Capitalizing on that potential, the tribe has built a multimillion-dollar empire of casinos, burger stands and other businesses.

There were also dangers along the route, particularly during the Jim Crow era, when Black travelers had to rely on guides like the Green Book to find safe lodging and services.

"Especially for long-distance travel, segregation was a fact of life," said Matthew Pearce, state historian for the Oklahoma Historical Society. "And so Black motorists needed to know a safe place to go."

The Threatt Filling Station near the central Oklahoma community of Luther wasn't listed in the Green Book, but it did serve as a safe haven between two sundown towns, where people who weren't white needed to leave by sunset. The station offered barbecue and even baseball.

Edward Threatt, whose grandparents opened the station around 1933, recalled a TV program about travelers getting their kicks on 66. "By and large, the Black traveler didn't get a lot of kicks on Route 66," he said. "And if they got some kicks, it wasn't the kind you would think of."

## A NEW DIRECTION

President Dwight Eisenhower's vision for a modern interstate highway system eventually led to Route 66 being decommissioned as a federal highway in 1985. Some towns along the route died, and it fell to local governments, state historical societies, and private businesses to preserve their sections of the famed road.

A driving force was Angel Delgadillo, a barber who lobbied the Arizona Legislature to designate the road as a historic highway. He saved Seligman from turning into a ghost town and set the bar for preservation elsewhere.

In New Mexico, original sketches for neon signs have been preserved, Route 66-themed murals abound and developers in Albuquerque have restored motor lodges along the longest urban stretch of the road still intact.

More than 90% of the road is still drivable in California. Cadillac Ranch in the Texas Panhandle offers the chance to spray-paint half-buried cars. And at the Mississippi River, travelers can walk or bike across the old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

More than 250 of the route's buildings, districts and road segments are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. But it's more than bricks and asphalt that fuel the fascination.

"Some of the most interesting and fun things that happen to people when they travel the route is running into somebody they know or some happenstance thing that comes totally unexpected," said author and historian Jim Ross. "And that's a great part of the Route 66 experience."

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN Associated Press. Associated Press writers John O'Connor in Springfield, Illinois, and Sean Murphy in Oklahoma City contributed to this report.

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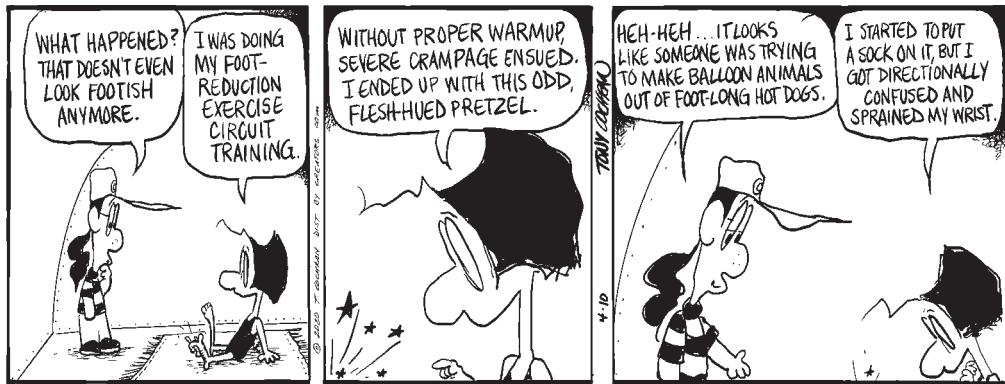
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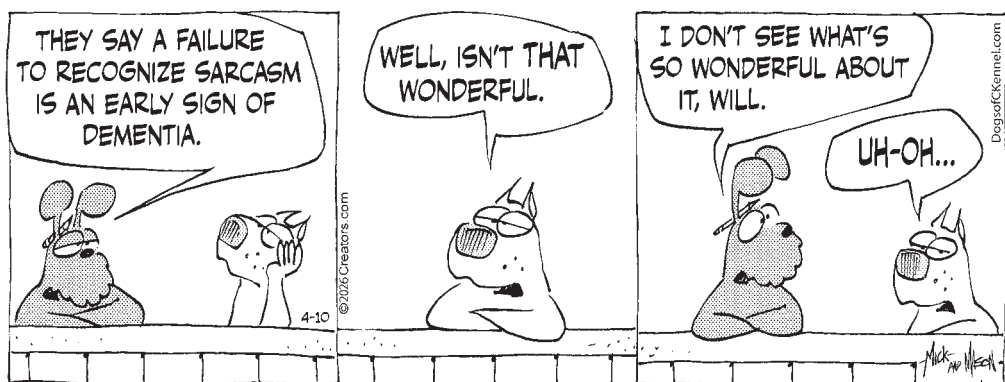
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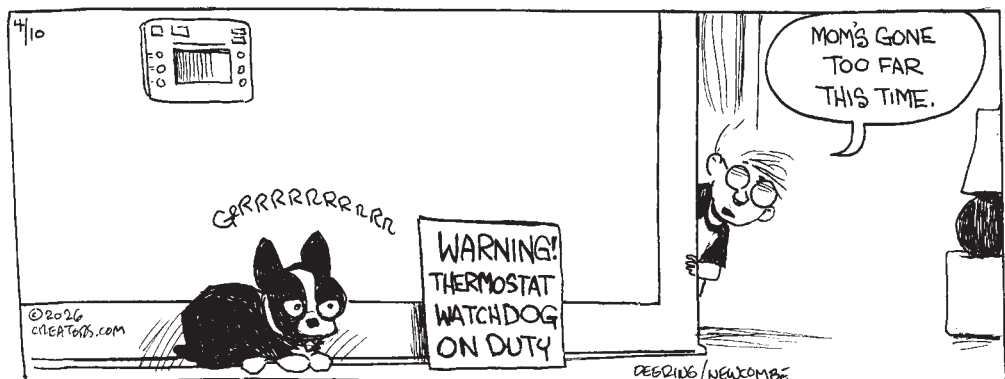
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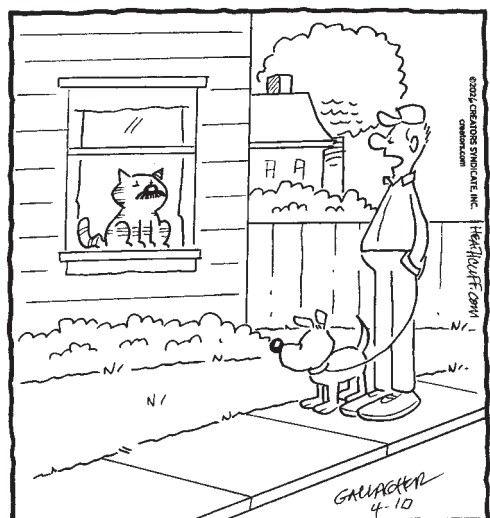
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**FIND THE WORDS**

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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**Roaming holiday**

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

**Driver education**



**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10)**

Welcome to your Magnetically Charged Year. You know what and whom to focus on because you are irresistibly attracted to the challenge of it. You'll grow from the hard work, and you'll gain marketable skills in the process. More highlights: Love from all around, tender, exciting, accepting, friendly and more. You'll also have the secure feeling that comes from loyalties demonstrated. You'll travel in style. You'll invest in what pays you back. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 40, 2, 13 and 23.

**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll be offered an opportunity. The real gift is that you're a person people feel compelled to offer things to. The actual offerings may not be a match, but your graciousness from this position will keep bringing in more options.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Friendships feel especially lively. It's partly luck and partly the simple truth that you treat connection as a treasure. When you make time for people, they bring their best selves along. Shared laughter becomes the most reliable currency.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The best moment to give people the whole story is when they are dying to know. The worst moment to share the whole story is when they didn't ask and aren't curious. Create the appetite first, then feed it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A real friendship should add energy to your life, not drain it. If you consistently don't feel lifted, the passage suggests the relationship might not actually function as a friendship. It could be habit, proximity, obligation or a one-sided dynamic.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Good friendships feel supportive. If one doesn't, broaden your social circle. When you experience different kinds of company, you start to notice how each relationship actually feels. The comparison will help you see what kind of company you truly want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships are always working on multiple levels. Sometimes a deep understanding can be achieved through things shared right on the surface. Today's breezy exchanges and lighter agreements build trust and establish a way of being together.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're good with money for the same reason you're good with people. You notice what's needed, what's fair, what makes the exchange feel right. Deals land well today because your sense of balance turns transactions into mutual satisfaction.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're happy to keep your own life peaceful, though other people's drama can be oddly entertaining. Pay attention to what hooks you today. The story you can't stop watching may reveal something about your own hidden wishes, desires, fears or tendencies.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). And just like that, you become risk averse. It just doesn't seem worth it. That's how you know you have something good, something worth protecting. Heed the inclination to play it safe and enjoy the goodness you already have.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A deadline approaches. It provides you with all you need - just the amount of pressure to make creativity flow. Keep moving and you can't go wrong. Ideas will drop in as needed. All that's left to do is let it happen.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your attention and energy affect the things and people you touch because everything you do carries a little of your energy with it. Today, you'll choose carefully where to share yourself. Some scenes won't honor your contribution. Skip them entirely.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You know that what's doable for you may be impossible for someone else, and you're careful not to project or make assumptions. Your curiosity and compassion help you set expectations appropriately.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- 1 South Africa's first prime minister
- 6 Instructor, informally
- 11 County near London
- 12 Missouri city, in a sense
- 13 Start of a quote
- 15 Unrestrainedly
- 17 Carries around
- 18 Popular toy
- 21 "Scat!"
- 23 Script writers
- 24 Suit
- 25 Innovator called AI as a kid
- 27 They're not legit
- 28 Middle of quote
- 32 Prepare, as brioches, perhaps
- 33 Minute parts
- 38 Where "every kind of creature" was kept
- 39 Oso \_\_\_ (Barcelona bear)
- 44 Speaker of the quote, reminiscing about 52-Down
- 47 Nation tops in population density
- 48 Alma mater for Streep and Hathaway
- 49 Disinclined to mix
- 50 Kilowatt-hour fraction
- 52 Gush forth
- 53 Get behind
- 54 Conclusion of quote
- 58 Skate through
- 59 Lower your blades
- 60 Music genre beginning
- 61 Window adjunct,

**DOWN**

- 1 High-confidence comment
- 2 It's south of Green Bay on I-41
- 3 Poetic monogram
- 4 Great weight
- 5 Self-evident truth
- 6 Heavy reading
- 7 Some LAPD officers
- 8 Elation exclamation
- 9 Fancy topper
- 10 Odious
- 14 Abbr. on corporate

**CHEQUES**

- 15 Store to improve
- 16 New Delhi nabob
- 19 *Treasure Island* inspiration
- 20 Roles associated with 44-Across
- 22 Try hard to win
- 24 Basic dude
- 26 Heart of the matter
- 27 Email mover
- 29 Christophe's corpulent
- 30 Irish euro depiction
- 31 Luau keepsake
- 33 Ideologies
- 34 Texter's transition
- 35 Decadal
- 36 Top-10 baby girl

**NAME SINCE 2005**

- 37 Left a union
- 39 Reach the highest height
- 40 Posture supporters
- 41 Recreation destinations
- 42 Poker replacements
- 43 Oppressive persona
- 45 The usual
- 46 Unceasingly
- 51 Certain schoolrooms
- 52 Subject of the quote
- 55 RAF Air Specialist, e.g.
- 56 Speak fondly
- 57 "Lines" of travel that are Blue, Brown, Pink, Purple, etc.

**Sudoku**

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

9	1	7	2	6	8	4	5	3
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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## FRIDAY | APRIL 10

### BIG FEELINGS WEEKEND AT CAYTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cayton Children's Museum 395 Santa Monica Place, #374 Santa Monica. Each month, Cayton Children's Museum dedicates a full weekend to one shared emotional theme. April is all about Caring for our planet — a weekend that aims to teach children about the importance of respecting the natural world around us. Museum activities will focus on the beauty and wonders of nature, animals, and community spaces! All activities are included with admission and membership. Through interactive art, building challenges, experiments, storytelling, and collaborative play, children explore our natural world, with parents and caregivers invited to participate alongside. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/big-feelings-weekend-at-cayton-childrens-museum/18487820/2026-04-10T08>

### BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of AI fresco dining. RESERVE NOW. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio/14639006/2026-04-10T11>

### BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-04-10T17>

### FOOD, CULTURE, CLIMATE

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Miles Playhouse, Reed Park, 1130 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica. Learn and discuss how food justice can help build a more just and regenerative future! Join us for an engaging evening to explore the intersections of food, culture, and climate with

environmental educator Isaias Hernandez, founder of QueerBrownVegan. Isaias will delve into key food justice topics including community land stewardship and local food systems. He will reflect on how land functions as a living archive of ecology and culture, shaping the ways we understand and interact with the environments around us. Drawing from inspiring stories across Los Angeles, he will highlight how communities are reconnecting with the land through practices like community gardening and composting. Gather with community members, experience one of our thriving community gardens, learn about food justice, hear about local community-led sustainability efforts, and share your thoughts and ideas! We can't wait to see you there! Reserve your spot: Full details and RSVP at FOOD, CULTURE, CLIMATE. Visit: <https://sustain.ucla.edu/event/food-culture-climate-exploring-food-justice-with-isaias-hernandez/>

## SATURDAY | APRIL 11

### WELLNESS & WAVES RETURNS TO SANTA MONICA PIER, FREE SAT. MORNING FITNESS

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. With the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop, Wellness & Waves offers a welcoming, energizing way to start the weekend—no membership required. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-04-11T08>

### SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET - VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK/PICO BOULEVARD

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. The family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park! 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, delicious foods, live music and more. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-farmers-market-virginia-avenue-park-pico-boulevard/12382447/2026-04-11T08>

### DADTIME

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Virginia Avenue Park (fitness room inside the Park Center) 2200 Virginia Avenue Santa Monica. Every Saturday morning dads come together to let their young children (0-3) explore, socialize, and learn from uninterrupted play. StrongStart Facilitator on hand to answer questions. Free coffee, and the Pico Boulevard Farmer's Market is just outside! Provided FREE by Early Engagement

& SMMUSD. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/dadtime/17327106/2026-04-11T09>

### SATURDAY MORNING YOGA WITH KIM

9:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Free Community Yoga created with care for those impacted by the Palisades Fire In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrsm.org/event/saturday-morning-yoga-with-kim-4b86f> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/saturday-morning-yoga-with-kim/18425309/2026-04-11T09>

### \$5 COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing \$5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Sign-up at <https://www.peoplesdogtraining.com/group-classes>. \$5.00 — General \$5.00 then Pay-What-You-Can. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-11981844/2026-04-11T10>

## SUNDAY | APRIL 12

### SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET - SUNDAY MAIN STREET

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Main Street Farmers Market 2640 Main Street Santa Monica. The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. Enjoy musical entertainment, prepared and pre-packaged foods, kids activities as well a local artisan crafts. Market is open Sundays from 8:30-1:30, year-round, rain or shine. Some closures due to holidays. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-farmers-market-sunday-main-street/12382445/2026-04-12T08>

### MAKERS HIVE MARKET

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl, Santa Monica. April 12th | 12pm - 5pm at Center Plaza Join us on the 2nd Sunday of every month for The Makers Hive Market. The Makers Hive Market brings curated local handmade goods, art, and vintage items to Santa Monica Place. This community-focused pop-up vendor market is free to attend, pet-friendly, and features live music and photo opps. Date: April 12th | 12 PM - 5 PM Where: Center Plaza What to Expect: Shop from 35+ incredible local makers and small businesses Enjoy live music throughout the day Family-friendly | Free Admission. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/makers-hive-market/17882256/2026-04-12T12>

### THE NIGHT SKY SHOW - MATINÉE

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (MSB 126 Planetarium) Math & Science Building, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The

Night Sky Show - Using SMC's 4K Digistar projection system, Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent will talk about the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, and present a virtual tour of constellations and other night-sky celebrities making their appearance in the evenings ahead. The Night Sky Show is followed by the Feature Program. General Admission: \$10. Children (3-12): \$7. Show Combo (Include the Feature Program at 2 p.m.): \$16 adults, \$10 children (3-12) (A \$1 per ticket service fee will be charged by the ticketing company.) There will be a short intermission prior the start of the Feature Program. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-night-sky-show-matinee/18045437/2026-04-12T13>

### KALEIDOSCOPE PERFORMS IN SANTA MONICA, SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church 1220 2nd St Santa Monica. Music by Philip Glass, Rhiannon Giddens, Kala Ramnath, and Ludwig van Beethoven. \$15.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/kaleidoscope-performs-in-santa-monica-sunday-april-12-2026/18420694/2026-04-12T14>

### CRAFT CAFÉ & SUPPLY SWAP WITH PEO VEE

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Circular Library 1221 Abbot Kinney Boulevard Venice. Join Peo Vee for our monthly Craft Café & Supply Swap! Every second Sunday at Circular Library, we invite upcyclers and sustainable crafting enthusiasts to gather, swap supplies, and create together. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/craft-caf-supply-swap-with-peo-vee/17776352/2026-04-12T14>

### VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - SUNDAYS AT SUNSET

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. The parade follows a strict no-smoking or drinking policy, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Why Join? Connect with old and new friends. Celebrate the artistic and cultural spirit of Venice. Enjoy a safe and fun environment for all ages. So, light up your ride, bring your friends, and join us this Sunday at Windward Plaza. Don't forget to turn on your lights and practice safe cycling at night! Let's ride into the sunset together! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-04-12T00>



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