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With Election Day approaching, late voters may want to skip the Post Office

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Voters across Los Angeles County are casting their ballots this week but experts are warning that if you haven't mailed your ballot yet, you might want to consider an alternative approach to voting to make sure your vote counts.

A combination of new federal postal regulations and a sharp rise in rejected ballots has made mail voting close to election day increasingly risky.

Under California law, mail ballots are counted if postmarked by Election Day and received within seven days. However, a U.S. Postal Service rule that took effect Dec. 24, 2025, warns that postmarks "may not necessarily reflect" the day USPS took possession of a mailpiece and there may be delays as mail is transported to a regional processing hub. The LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk recommends voters mail their ballots at least seven days before Election Day.

Voters can avoid postmark risk entirely by using one of more than 400 official 24-hour drop boxes throughout the county or dropping off a ballot at any Vote Center.

Voters can also cast their ballots in person at one of the 122 Vote Centers.

The Vote Centers, administered by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, are open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Monday, June 1 and will increase access ahead of Election Day, when all Vote Centers will operate from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Locations and live wait times are available at locator.lavote.gov.

"The RR/CC encourages voters to review their ballots carefully and vote early, as this ballot includes a large



VOTING: There are several drop boxes in Santa Monica and an in-person voting center in the Civic Center Parking Structure, 330 Olympic Dr 2nd Floor Plaza Level.

number of contests and candidates," Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean C. Logan said in a statement.

Under California's Voter's Choice Act, any registered LA County voter may cast a ballot at any Vote Center in the county — no precinct assignment required.

HOW TO VOTE

Drop boxes are available 24 hours a day across the county and will be locked at 8 p.m. on June 2. Locations are listed at locator.lavote.gov.

Voters who prefer to cast their ballot in person can do so at any Vote Center. Each site is equipped with accessible Ballot Marking Devices, which display five candidates at a time for races with large fields. Voters can press a "More" button to view all candidates. The county also offers an Interactive Sample Ballot tool at isb.lavote.gov that allows voters to pre-mark their selections on a smartphone or computer and transfer their choices directly to the Ballot Marking Device at the Vote Center, saving time at the polls.

Voters who have lost or never received their ballot may request a replacement in person at the Registrar-Recorder's Norwalk headquarters at 12400 Imperial Highway.

LATE REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE

Residents who missed the May 18 voter registration deadline are not necessarily out of options. California's Conditional Voter Registration program allows eligible residents to register and vote on the same day at any LA County Vote Center through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Under the program, voters

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Today!

Insurance Commissioner candidates stump for votes at the beach

MICHELLE EDGAR
Special to the Daily Press

As wildfire recovery continues across communities including Pacific Palisades, Malibu and Altadena, the race for California Insurance Commissioner has evolved beyond discussions of premiums and policies into something much larger; a debate over who gets rebuilt, how quickly communities recover and whether California's insurance system itself can remain sustainable.

That urgency filled Jonathan Beach Club Thursday evening, where more than 100 attendees gathered for an Insurance Commissioner Candidate Forum featuring State Senator Ben Allen, Steven Bradford and Patrick Wolfe, alongside industry experts Stacey Korsgaden and Merritt Farren. Moderated by Amy Bach of United Policyholders and hosted by James Woods, the conversation moved well beyond campaign rhetoric into a larger discussion about rebuilding, regulation and consumer protection.

While candidates shared concerns over affordability and market instability, clear distinctions emerged around how California should move forward. Steven Bradford repeatedly emphasized modernization and accountability. Bradford focused heavily on underinsurance, arguing that many homeowners only discover gaps in coverage

after disaster strikes. "Consumers buy homes and assume they're covered," Bradford said, pointing to homeowners in Pacific Palisades and Altadena who learned too late that replacement costs had far exceeded policy limits.

His proposed solution included a consumer facing online dashboard where homeowners could enter an address and home information to determine realistic replacement values based on current labor, inflation and material costs. "Show me the math," Bradford said later in the discussion while arguing for greater transparency surrounding premium increases and stronger requirements for insurers to justify rates before receiving approval.

Korsgaden focused on underinsurance through a different lens, arguing that structural changes in policy design have created vulnerabilities for homeowners. Korsgaden pointed to the industry's move away from guaranteed replacement cost policies following earlier catastrophic fires and suggested California should reconsider bringing those protections back. "What happens if your entire community burns?" Korsgaden asked, noting that labor and rebuilding costs can surge dramatically after a large scale disaster.

She additionally emphasized the importance of stronger consumer advocacy

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Michelle Edgar

ELECTION: Santa Monica local Ben Allen is running for Insurance Commissioner.

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OPINION

UNMUTED

Devan Sipher

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Who are these people flooding our mailboxes?

It's that biennial season when you get to feel like the winner of a popularity contest each time you fetch your mail. There are so many political candidates so eager to prove their virtues (or another candidates' vices), and as you remove the fistfuls of glossy, grandstanding mailers is your first thought: A) I feel loved; B) I'm fortunate to still live in a democracy; or C) Why won't these people leave me alone?

As I perused the official sample ballot from Los Angeles County, I realized that I recognized very few of the names and I doubt I'm the only one. I counted 134 people running for public office, and that doesn't include the 61 running for governor—but it does include several facing charges of criminal or ethical violations.

If the latter surprises you, keep in mind that the current occupant of the Oval Office was elected as a convicted felon, so the bar is pretty low.

However, mere accusations aren't proof of wrong-doing, and there's only an accusation against Fiona Ma, the current State Treasurer running for Lieutenant Governor due to term limits (not to be confused with Eleni Kounalakis, the current Lieutenant Governor running for State Treasurer). Ma was accused of sexual harassment by a former employee but has denied the allegation. She rightly points out that the lawsuit against her was dropped, but that was because of a settlement that required the State of California (meaning you and me) to pay \$350,000 to her accuser.

Robert S. Draper, L.A. County Superior Court Judge (Office No. 2 on your bingo card), has also been accused of sexual harassment, based on inappropriate (and somewhat bizarre) comments. Though Judge Draper has had an impressive legal career, including 14 years on the bench, he's now 84 years old and hasn't been allowed to adjudicate a case since 2023, when it was determined that he no longer could carry out his duties due to diminished faculties. Where have we seen this show before? The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) rated him "not qualified."

If you're not familiar with the LACBA ratings (the link is included in the online version of this column), it's a great resource for separating the wheat from the chaff—or at least the "qualified" from the unqualified. Of the 37 judicial candidates on the ballot, only one received the highest ranking of "exceptionally well qualified": Judge David Walgren (Superior Court Office No. 81).

Moving on to statewide contests, if you're reading a newspaper, you most

likely know who's running for governor, though you may be underwhelmed by the choices. I have to confess I've gone from dreading Kamala Harris might run for governor to deeply regretting that she didn't.

Not that we're lacking for star power, given that Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer, Pete Buttigieg and even Hillary Clinton make nearly daily appearances on the campaign literature of Brian Goldsmith, who is running for state senator.

The celebrity endorsements are supposed to convince us of Goldsmith's qualifications and capabilities, but they have the inverse effect on me. The mailers trumpet Goldsmith's opposition to Trump, which is mostly irrelevant to the job Goldsmith's seeking, while offering little about his accomplishments or skills beyond ingratiating himself (or sucking up) to Democrat bigwigs.

Competing for our attention (and our mailbox real estate) is Dr. Sion Roy, a cardiologist and former president of the Santa Monica Democratic Club, boasting endorsements from more local, lower-wattage politicians. Santa Monica Renters Rights (SMRR) has sent out repeated missives touting Roy's support for rent control while referring to Goldsmith as an untrustworthy stranger, which implies that Goldsmith's sucking up needed to start a little further down the ladder.

And in case you're wondering, Roy is also eager to lead the battle against Trump from the deep blue perch of Sacramento.

There are actually eight other candidates in the state senate race, including Zennon Ulyate-Crow, the precocious 23-year old executive director of Abundance Network Santa Monica and Mike Newhouse, a moderate Democrat and former president of the Venice Neighborhood Council, who is endorsed by several police associations.

Newhouse gets credit for including the most information on his mailers about his background and his goals. However, when I visited each of the campaign websites, it's Goldsmith, an accomplished political consultant, who offered the most extensively detailed positions on the largest range of issues.

There are many other contests, and I highly recommend checking out the LA Times and/or LAist voter guides. There are two former Santa Monica mayors running for state office: Tony Vazquez for California Treasurer and Michael Feinstein for Secretary of State. And Ben Allen, term-limited out of the state senate seat so many are pursuing, is now running for

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 62.6

THURSDAY | **SURF:** 2-3tt+
FAIR | Thigh to stomach

Still some peaks leftover for the beachbreaks and the points stay rideable. Wind looks a little lighter overall compared to Wednesday. Combo of SSW and NW swells backs off but should still be peaky west of Dume. The points stay rideable on the right gear. Average breaks run waist-stomach high and the summer/combo standouts push chest-shoulder high at times.
Light wind for a clean morning window.

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

Fun-zone surf off a mix of leftovers and new swell. Some WNW swell helps beachbreak shape. Knee-thigh high+ surf should still be pretty easy to track down with Southern Hemi standouts around waist-chest high in the AM, dipping some in the afternoon. Old and new SSW swells mix with some longer period WNW energy for corners at the beachbreaks, but probably not properly peaky. Nice tide push early morning and winds look light for that window. Moderate to breezy afternoon winds for chewed up conditions west of Dume, best to try and hit the AM window for the beachbreaks. Points stay fine.

Weather

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/05/28	Thu	02:51 AM	-0.17	L
2026/05/28	Thu	09:05 AM	3.41	H
2026/05/28	Thu	1:46 PM	1.90	L
2026/05/28	Thu	8:12 PM	5.72	H
2026/05/29	Fri	03:26 AM	-0.44	L
2026/05/29	Fri	09:49 AM	3.39	H
2026/05/29	Fri	2:14 PM	2.13	L
2026/05/29	Fri	8:39 PM	5.79	H
2026/05/30	Sat	04:00 AM	-0.60	L
2026/05/30	Sat	10:29 AM	3.36	H
2026/05/30	Sat	2:42 PM	2.30	L

Daily Lottery

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at <http://www.calottery.com>

<p>Draw Date: 5/25 17 32 48 60 64 Power#: 10 Jackpot: 154 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 5/26 2 6 19 22 27</p>
<p>Draw Date: 5/26 1 5 49 51 59 Mega#: 7 Jackpot: 331 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 5/26 EVENING: 3 6 0 Draw Date: 5/26 MIDDAY: 6 9 6</p>
<p>Draw Date: 5/23 10 15 18 27 33 Mega#: 16 Jackpot: 23 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 5/26 1st: 11 - Money Bags 2nd: 05 - California Classic 3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George Race Time: 1:45.11</p>

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE

INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The Santa Monica City Council is now accepting applications for annual appointments of members to the following City Boards and Commissions:

Board/Commission	No. of Appointments	Term End Date	Special Requirements
Airport Commission	1	6/30/2030	Resident of Santa Monica (Term may be adjusted due to Airport Conversion Project)
Architectural Review Board	2	6/30/2030	Persons qualified to: analyze architectural and environmental trends/information; appraise resource uses per Municipal Code; and be responsive to needs of the community. Experts in conservation, recreation, design, landscaping, the arts, urban planning, cultural-historical preservation, and ecological and environmental science
Arts Commission	1	6/30/2029	Reside or work in Santa Monica and shall be actively involved in the arts
Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee	2	6/30/2030	Resident of Santa Monica
Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment	2	6/30/2030	Reside or work in Santa Monica and must have significant expertise in one of the following areas: Energy, water, transportation, stormwater, wastewater, coastal issues, waste reduction and public health, land use and sustainable development, public education
Disabilities Commission	1	6/30/2030	Resident of Santa Monica who self identifies with a disability
	1		Resident of Santa Monica with significant experience in the disability community
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.	3	6/30/2030	Directors shall be City residents or persons who are employed, own property or hold business licenses in the City of Santa Monica.
Housing Authority Board	1	6/30/2028	Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participant with a voucher issued by the Santa Monica Housing Authority program
	1		Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participant with a voucher issued by the Santa Monica Housing Authority program and be formerly unhoused
L.A. County West Vector Control District	1	6/30/2030	Registered Santa Monica voter
Landmarks Commission	1	6/30/2030	Resident of Santa Monica over the age of 18 and an architect historian
	1		Resident of Santa Monica over the age of 18 with demonstrated interest and knowledge of local history
	1		Resident of Santa Monica over the age of 18
Personnel Board	1	6/30/2030	Either a resident of Santa Monica, resident of Los Angeles County that is employed full-time within Santa Monica, owns real property in Santa Monica, or has been issued a business license by Santa Monica
Planning Commission	1	6/30/2030	Resident of Santa Monica
Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission	1	6/30/2027	Resident of Santa Monica between the ages of 18 and 25
	1	6/30/2029	
Recreation and Parks Commission	2	6/30/2030	Resident of Santa Monica
Santa Monica Library Board	2	6/30/2030	Resident of Santa Monica
Santa Monica Pier Corporation	4	6/30/2030	At least one shall be a resident of Santa Monica, with the remaining being residents or persons who do business or are employed in Santa Monica
Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, Inc.	3	6/30/2030	At least one shall be a resident of Santa Monica

Applications due by noon, June 16, 2026.

Appointments to be made by City Council, **June 23, 2026.**

Applicants are encouraged to attend the meeting and speak about their qualifications during public comment.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in these positions will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

Applications are available on-line at: www.smgov.net/boards

All current applications on file and received by the deadline will be considered.

Disability related assistance and alternate formats of this document are available upon request by calling (310) 458-8211.



AROUND TOWN

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Free Concerts, Wine & Food Events, & More

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes a variety of free summer concerts, multiple wine dinners and other wellness food events, and much more!

Santa Monica College Mariachi Ensemble Los Corsarios Presents Free Concert: Directed by Mary Alfaro, the ensemble will perform a program of traditional rancheras, boleros and huapangos. Thursday, May 28, 11:15 a.m., SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. smc.edu/calendar/music.php#event-details/05c7e86f-ad26-4ee6-b3f9-19900966d11c

Grocery Store Comedy Show: Belly Laughs is a stand up comedy show showcasing rising stars and seasoned veterans of the LA comedy scene. Grab a drink, some food, sit back, relax, and laugh! Friday, May 29, 7p.m., Fatty Mart, 12210 Venice Blvd. [instagram.com/p/DYabcbSpaV](https://www.instagram.com/p/DYabcbSpaV)

Pier Play Festival Featuring Afro-House Artist AMÉMÉ: AMÉMÉ, a West African native whose music draws on his Benin heritage, brings together Afro-house tribal percussion, ethereal vocals and deep house influences. He joins a previously announced bill that includes Âme Live Presents — described as an expanded live format incorporating guest vocalists — along with a back-to-back set from AWEN and Xinobi, French artist Notre Dame and rising talent Darina Chuz. Saturday, May 30 <https://www.rasa.fyi/event/pier-play-4/prls>

Chamber Music Palisades Free Concert: Enjoy a two-part program that includes the Cantilena Trio and a special jazz set as the conclusion. Saturday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m., Brentwood Presbyterian Church, 12000 San Vicente Blvd. cmpalisades.org

"Off the 405" Free Outdoor Summer Concerts: The Getty Center's annual series presents some of today's most exciting bands as they take the courtyard stage and create a vibrant musical experience amid stunning architecture and breathtaking sunset views. This weekend features aja monet, a celebrated surrealist blues poet, vocalist, and composer. Saturday, May 30, starting at 6p.m., <https://www.getty.edu/whats-on/off-the-405/>

Pilates for the People: Bounce from pilates to brunch at Belles Beach House for a whole day of sweat and community, including complimentary bevvy and sunscreen. Sunday, May 31 10a.m., Venice partiful.com/e/b6iNGZL4lofN5aOVEUcf

We All Play: Join a museum-wide daytime pajama party where the entire museum transforms into a high-energy day of performances, activities, food, treats, and hands-on fun for both kids and adults. Sunday, May 31, 10:30a.m. – 2:30p.m., 395 Santa Monica Place caytonmuseum.org/weallplay

Closing Reception & Open Studios at Santa Monica Studios 3026: Under One Roof, a group exhibition of artists curated by Peter Frank closes on Sunday, May 31 with a Closing Reception and Open Studios event from 2-5pm that will include light refreshments, the opportunity to connect with the artists, plus a Silent Auction of small works by the resident artists. 3026 Airport Ave. FREE. airportartscenter.com

Root to Rise: Day Retreat with Crudo e Nudo Chef Brian Bornemann: Root to Rise invites you into a full-day retreat where movement, mindfulness, and the living earth come together in nourishing harmony. Hosted by yoga and mindfulness teacher Hannah Dawe and Chef Brian Bornemann at the beautiful Ecology Center, this one-of-a-kind experience weaves together morning movement, a guided farm tour, hands-on group food preparation, a fresh farm-to-table lunch, a seed planting ceremony, and a closing meditation with tea. Long-time friends and collaborators. Sunday, May 31 <https://theecologycenter.org/event/root-to-rise-day-retreat-hannah-dawe-chef-brian-bornemann/>

Read Between the Wines: Bring your favorite book — romance, sci-fi, smut, whatever you're to Reading Rhythms at Bodega Wine Bar and settle in for a night of reading with wine, food, and good company as the backdrop. Happy hour pricing all night long. Monday, June 1 at 6p.m., 814 Broadway luma.com/reading-cpn6

Bleak Week Film Festival returns to Santa Monica with a global expansion: American Cinematheque's "Bleak Week: Cinema of Despair" will screen films at the Aero Theatre while expanding to nearly 100 theaters worldwide. June 1 - 7

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**City of
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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council regarding Amendments to the Downtown Community Plan and Amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to implement the City's Realignment Plan

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to the City's Downtown Community Plan and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Consistent with the City's Realignment Plan, the amendments would create new incentives for Downtown housing projects, establish a flexible regulatory framework for City-owned sites in the Downtown, and facilitate economic opportunity on key gateway sites in the Downtown. The amendments may also include other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications as necessary.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

Address your comments to:	Rachel Kwok:	Environmental Planner
	Re:	Realignment Plan Updates
	VIA E-MAIL:	planningcomment@santamonica.gov
	VIA MAIL:	City Planning Division
		1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
		Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information, please contact planningcomment@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia pública para nuevas regulaciones para implementar la ley estatal de vivienda. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov.



NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit electronic bids for the:

**Street Lighting Modernization Program - Package 2 Project
SP2574**

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, OpenGov Procurement or <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via OpenGov Procurement immediately after bid close time.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: N/A

PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$3,720,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 270 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: \$5,200 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>. The Contractor is required to have a **Class A and C-10** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Malibu and LA County Enter Agreement to Advance Fire Recovery

The City of Malibu has entered into a tolling agreement with Los Angeles County, pausing litigation over claims against the county brought in the city's February lawsuit arising from the Palisades Fire. The city took the step in light of recent action by the county and cooperative efforts between the two governments, while fully preserving Malibu's legal rights.

A tolling agreement is a legal mechanism that pauses the statute of limitations on a claim. By entering into the agreement, the city is not abandoning its case or its pursuit of answers but rather choosing a path that prioritizes immediate, tangible outcomes for Malibu residents over the constraints of active litigation.

The city's decision reflects its recognition that Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath and the county have advanced a serious commitment to infrastructure investment and resiliency. The county's five-year, nearly \$250 million capital plan, spanning 20 projects to improve water capacity, fire flow and system resiliency across Waterworks District 29, represents the kind of investment Malibu has long sought. The city is prepared to work constructively with the county to ensure the plan is executed with urgency and accountability.

"The City Council authorized the filing of the lawsuit to pursue accountability and compensation from multiple parties whose conduct appears to have caused or materially contributed to the destructive spread of the Palisades Fire," Mayor Bruce Silverstein said. "We are grateful for County Supervisor Horvath's partnership and her commitment to the nearly \$250 million capital plan that includes significant improvements to Waterworks District 29 required to improve resiliency moving forward. The Tolling Agreement provides space for the City and County to continue working collaboratively on the recovery effort, while the City continues to pursue its legal claims against other parties. Although the City Council is hopeful that litigation with the County will be obviated altogether, the Tolling Agreement preserves the City's rights to pursue claims involving the County at a future date if the City Council should determine it is necessary or appropriate to do so."

Silverstein added that the agreement reflects the city's commitment to getting results for residents who lost so much in the Palisades Fire. "Our residents and our rebuilding community cannot afford delays, and we will keep pushing until the job is done," he said.

Last month, Horvath and Malibu leaders broke ground on a critical water main project along Carbon Canyon, a \$14 million investment representing a significant first step in the capital plan. The project is supported in part by a \$2.5 million grant included in the 2026 California state budget. The county has also secured \$2.2 million in Proposition 4 funding for brush clearance and fire safety efforts in the Santa Monica Mountains and has requested \$800 million in federal recovery assistance, including Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants.

Malibu residents, businesses and workers have also benefited from the county's \$50 million in direct fire relief funds, along with support from the Malibu-Topanga Business Interruption Fund, funded by the Office of Supervisor Horvath.

The city will continue to monitor implementation of the capital plan, hold partners to their commitments and take whatever steps are necessary to protect Malibu's residents, infrastructure and future.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026101293. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EMILY SHOJI CONSULTING, 1812 ARMACOST AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): EMILY SHOJI, 1812 ARMACOST AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ EMILY SHOJI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/07/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/14/2026, 05/21/2026, 05/28/2026, 06/04/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026099585. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BOOMBOVA STUDIOS, 1249 CHELSEA AVENUE UNIT C, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): TANYA NOLAN, 1249 CHELSEA AVENUE UNIT C, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ TANYA NOLAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 5/6/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 5/14/2026, 5/21/2026, 5/28/2026, 6/4/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026112063. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWO COASTS LEGAL, 3110 MAIN STREET BLDG C, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): EMILIJA KOVACEVIC, 3110 MAIN STREET BLDG C, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ EMILIJA KOVACEVIC, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/21/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/28/2026, 06/04/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Big Blue Bus Offers Free Rides on Primary Election Day

Big Blue Bus will offer free rides system-wide on Tuesday, June 2, for Primary Election Day to make it easier for residents to get to the polls.

As part of its commitment to connecting riders to essential destinations, the transit agency said it is helping voters travel safely, conveniently and affordably to cast their ballots.

Riders can roll to the polls in three easy steps. First, voters should make sure they are registered before Election Day. Registration is available online, by mail or in person. Second, voters should locate their assigned polling place or nearby vote center. Third, riders can plan their free trip to the polls by visiting bigbluebus.com.

For additional help planning a trip to the polls, call Customer Service at 310-451-5444.

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SMC

SMC to host free Collaboration Showcase concert June 2

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present the SMC Collaboration Showcase, a free performance featuring ensemble works from jazz, commercial and European art music traditions, including arrangements and compositions created by SMC students.

The showcase will be held Tuesday, June 2, at 11:15 a.m. in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. at Santa Monica Boulevard. Free parking is available on premises, and seating is on a first-arrival basis.

The musicians in the showcase are students in SMC's Music 49 (Combo and Chamber Ensemble) class, led by SMC Music Professor Jimmy Cheesman and SMC Music Department Chair Brian Driscoll. Launched in spring 2025, the class gives students the opportunity to explore, prepare, rehearse and perform music in a wide range of styles for small ensembles, including jazz combos, chamber quartets, rock bands and commercial ensembles. The course also addresses practical matters such as the logistics of equipment, technology, and rehearsal and performance spaces.

The performance is subject to change or cancellation without notice. More information is available by calling 310-434-4323.

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INSURANCE

FROM PAGE 2

and criticized delays in addressing complaints involving policyholders and claims handling. "When there's a complete loss, that's the easiest claim to have. You write the check," she said, arguing that survivors should not face months of burdensome inventories after losing everything.

Farren repeatedly returned to simplification and consumer usability. Drawing on experience in both law and technology, Farren argued that consumers should not need specialized expertise to understand whether they are adequately protected. Among his proposals was creating annual Department of Insurance rebuilding benchmarks by zip code and requiring insurers to identify potential coverage gaps directly to homeowners. "We need to simplify that and do it in a way that works for consumers," Farren said.

Allen focused on resilience and long term insurability. Allen argued that attracting insurers back into communities ultimately depends on rebuilding differently than before. He pointed to examples where communities enforcing strict fire safety standards and infrastructure investments have successfully lowered risk and attracted carriers. "The insurers are only interested in coming back to communities if they're built to the highest fire

safety standards," Allen said.

Allen cited examples from Palisades and other communities where investments in resilient infrastructure, fire prevention systems and stricter standards helped restore insurability. Rather than framing insurance solely as a market challenge, Allen argued that rebuilding itself has become an insurance strategy.

Wolfe emphasized restoring trust in the office itself and protecting its long term credibility. Calling the Department of Insurance "fragile," Wolfe warned that California had reached an inflection point and stressed the importance of leadership focused solely on the role rather than broader political ambitions. "This may be the hardest job in California," Wolfe said, adding that the office would require difficult decisions and long term commitment.

Across differing approaches, one theme repeatedly emerged as insurance is no longer simply about premiums and policies - increasingly it may determine whether communities recover at all.

For many homeowners still rebuilding after disaster, California's next Insurance Commissioner may help decide not just who receives coverage, but what California itself looks like in the years ahead.

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California Insurance Commissioner, where his intelligence and integrity would be welcome.

It's easy to support someone as conscientious as Allen, but I have the advantage of having interviewed him. I know far less about most of the other candidates, though I've now spent hours researching all of them online, which is

something few people have the time to do.

Is it truly democracy if we have so little clue who we're voting for? Of course not. It's not news that we have a terribly flawed system. Yet it still beats the alternatives. I prefer a little electoral homework to kneeling at the golden statue of our dear leader. How about you?

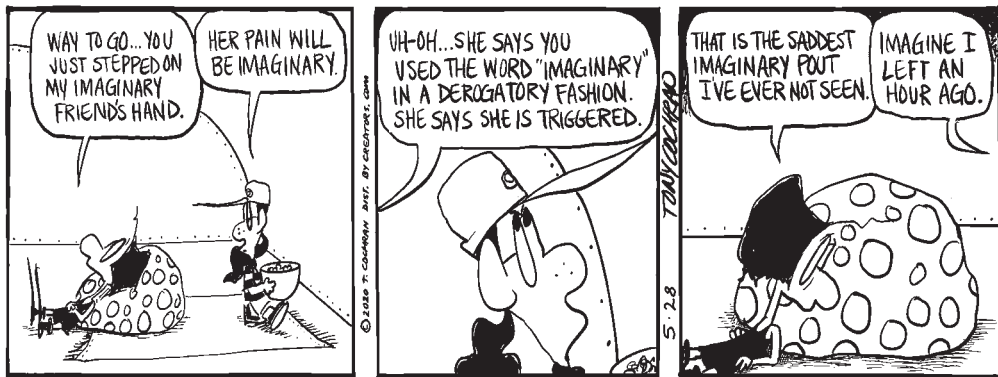
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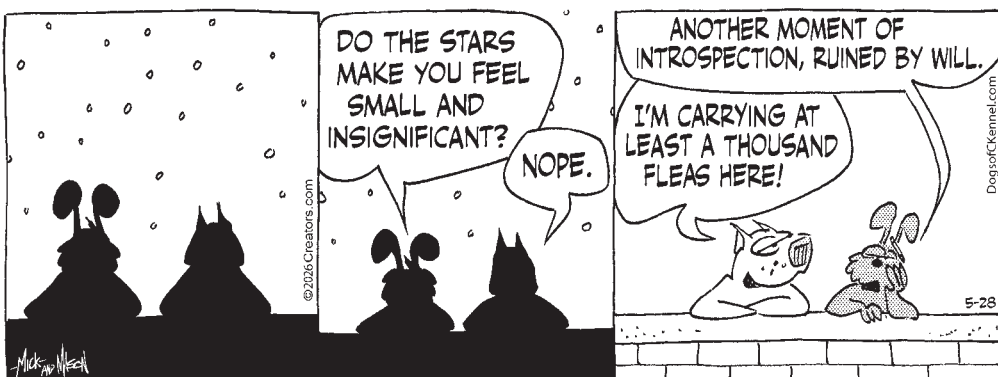
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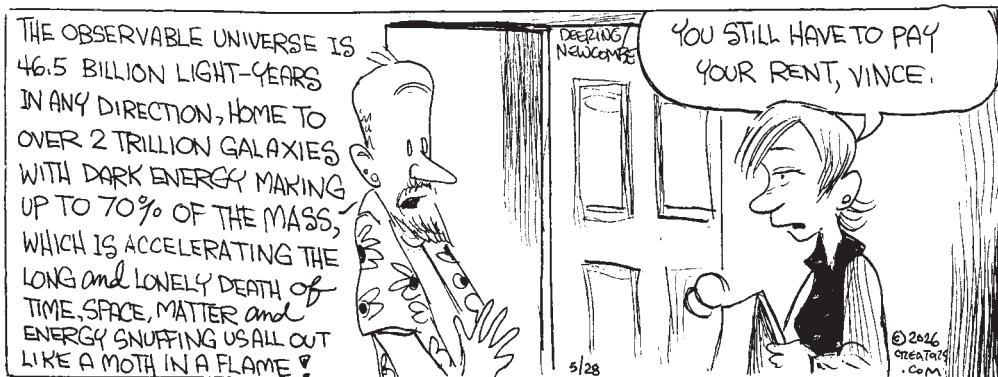
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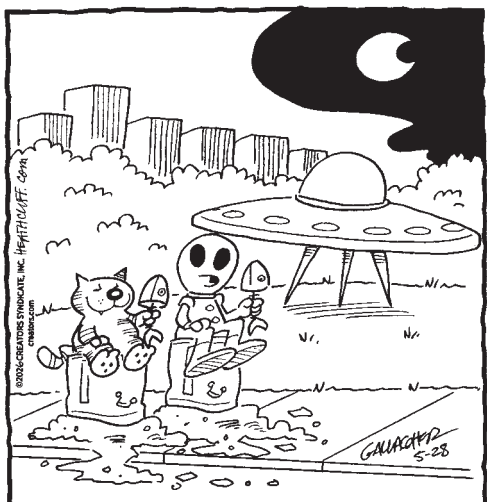
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6954

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Who owns a thing? The one who paid for it? Who uses it the most? The one who maintains it or loves it the most? Expect conflicting opinions, and perhaps there's some sorting to do on the matter today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remembering to read the room before you engage it in any way will be the difference that allows you to make sales, win friends or turn strangers into fans. Take your time to observe individuals and assess the collective energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just when you think life is pretty good, it gets better. You've gotten in the habit of doubling down on your blessings. You feed your better angels and they flutter around you, dusting a bit of heaven over everything you do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A new project is as juicy as an apple. And just like an apple, it will be better to devour it in one sitting. Whatever you leave for later will brown and be far less appealing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know what matters, and that's why you don't waste time fussing over what doesn't. Your time and attention is precious, and you'll figure out just how to apply it to the best effect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It would be boring to be good at everything right away. The learning curve is part of the ride. When you experience a bit of awkwardness, give yourself credit for having the courage and character it takes to grow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's an opening just waiting for the right person to step in: you. You're not a perfect fit. If you were, the experience would lose all appeal. You'll grow into this one after you have the boldness to claim it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today shows a self-directed side of you. You do what you want to serve the purposes of your choosing, fulfilled according to your own criteria. Outside opinions will mean very little, if anything, to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Would you rather manage something you don't understand or understand something you can't manage? Today you won't have it all, but you'll have the patience you need to handle the scene and nudge it toward a better future dynamic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're ready to make changes, and help will come from many places. Why choose one? Why not try several and see what you think? Different modalities inform your journey, including mystical, psychological, physical and financial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are people you report to, but are they really the boss of you? Get clear about your own power and autonomy. It's not something to hand over to someone just because they have a certain title.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Achievement comes with a prize, but it's not the top prize — not by far. You really are better off setting your mind on the learning process. It will bring you a rich array of benefits, a feeling of being in (and of) the flow of things.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Swamp thing
- 5 Old Testament kingdom
- 10 Sudden increase
- 14 Takeback
- 15 Of ebb and flow
- 16 Big seller of bookcases
- 17 Recital range
- 18 Safari sight
- 19 Refined fellow
- 20 Sparrow's steerer
- 23 Film clip, e.g.
- 24 Sorority letter
- 28 Prepare
- 29 Sort of photo frame
- 33 More Machiavellian
- 35 *Metal precioso*
- 36 Bishop's domain
- 37 Event with runs
- 41 Maestro
- 44 Bad tidings
- 45 Volvos' former rivals
- 48 What campers carry
- 52 EGOT actress Davis
- 54 Mystery writing award
- 55 Reception amenity
- 57 Ergonomic desktop device
- 61 Cut back on
- 64 Beside oneself
- 65 Hand ___ (compliment)
- 66 About 9% of a globe

- 67 Market subsegment
- 68 Poetic adverb
- 69 Expands excessively
- 70 Very pale
- 71 Flits (about)

DOWN

- 1 Lunar feature
- 2 Kicks back
- 3 Film's special effect
- 4 Calmed down
- 5 Throat trouble
- 6 Sets of cymbals
- 7 Polish for print
- 8 Vietnamese finger food
- 9 Itch remedy
- 10 Pattern cutter
- 11 Banjo cousin
- 12 Chaps
- 13 Novelist Conroy
- 21 Fast-food fixture
- 22 Former MGM rival
- 25 *Nature* network
- 26 Baltimore Ravens mascot
- 27 Hacker's equipment
- 30 Cornball
- 31 Starfish ray
- 32 Carries out
- 34 Playful growl
- 38 USPS mover's form
- 39 Downspout sites
- 40 Making less pure

- 41 Wallet note nickname
- 42 Giraffe's chew
- 43 Dino's origin
- 46 Taiwanese beverage
- 47 On an angle
- 49 Rio dances
- 50 Trusted authority
- 51 Mollify
- 53 Strong devotions
- 56 Fuss over oneself
- 58 Bahamas arrival of 1492
- 59 Garden perennial
- 60 Dash dial
- 61 Maximum level
- 62 World Bank HQ
- 63 Cleanse (of)

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

1	3	2	7	5	4	9	8	6
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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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VOTING

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complete a registration application at the Vote Center and cast a ballot, which is held securely until the registration is verified through California's statewide VoteCal database. Once validated, the ballot is processed and counted alongside all others.

To register, voters should bring a California driver's license or identification card, or have the last four digits of their Social Security number available.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

The June 2 primary features a wide range of federal, state and local contests. With Gov. Gavin Newsom termed out, the governor's race heads a ballot that also includes other state constitutional offices, U.S. Senate and House seats, and State Legislature races. Locally, voters will weigh in on the LA County Sheriff, LA County Assessor, two seats on the LA County Board of Supervisors, and the Los Angeles mayor's race, among other contests.

AROUND TOWN

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Santa Monica, the legendary 72 oz Steak Challenge, from the Big Texan Steak Ranch is taking over Route 66—where brave contenders attempt to devour a massive steak dinner in under one hour on a live stage. Thursday, June 4, 4 - 8p.m., Santa Monica Pier <https://www.meetdaisy.co/calendars/see-santa-monica/events/route-66-steak-challenge-texas-meets-santa-monica>

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio;

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Oysters & Wine at Divine Vintage: The Blue Plate Oysterette van is coming to Divine Vintage. Get 3 oysters for \$10 to along with your wine of choice. Sunday, May 31, 3-7p.m., 1025 Montana Ave. [divinevintage.com/products/new-zealand-oysters-sauvignon-blanc](https://www.divinevintage.com/products/new-zealand-oysters-sauvignon-blanc)

Winemaker Dinner at Shutters with Turnbull & Shypoke: Celebrate Napa Valley craftsmanship with winemaker Peter Heitz as Turnbull and Shypoke wines take center stage in a dynamic, flavor-driven dining experience. Turnbull and Shypoke represent generations of Napa Valley heritage, known for artisanal, small-lot wines that reflect uncompromising quality and authenticity. Wednesday, June 3, 7p.m., 1 Pico Blvd. <https://www.shuttersonthebeach.com/experiences/#!/collection/4fbfa96d-3a78-424b-bf2e-3895ac89bbc>

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Tercero Winemaker dinner at Orto: Enjoy a four course dinner featuring Tercero Wines from Los Olivos presented by the winemaker. Thursday, June 4, 7p.m., 502 Santa Monica Blvd. [opentable.com/r/orto-santa-monica](https://www.opentable.com/r/orto-santa-monica)

The Infatuation's 2026 Best Santa Monica Restaurant List: The updated list has 21 spots, including newcomers Holy Basil on Santa Monica Blvd., Ghisallo on Ocean Park Blvd., Breadhead on Montana Ave., and Not No Bar on Main St., joining mainstays like Bay Cities, Tar & Roses, and Father's Office, and Michelin ranked spots Cobi's, Melisse, and Seline. [theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-restaurants-in-santa-monica](https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-restaurants-in-santa-monica)

Further Afield: U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship: For the first time in history, the U.S. Women's Open is being played at Riviera Country Club on the Westside, bringing elite professional golf and international attention to the region. Expect four days of top-tier competition, celebrity sightings, and fan events tied to one of golf's major championships. June 2 - 5, Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, CA <https://www.santamonica.com/global-events/>

Looking Ahead: World Cup Street Parties; Santa Monica Block Fest IV (6/13); Hollywood on the Coast Food & Wine Fest (6/13); Juneteenth Celebrations (6/19-20); Main St. Summer SOULstice Festival (6/20)

Also on the ballot is county Measure ER, a proposed half-cent general sales tax intended to fund county health services.

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THURSDAY | MAY 28

CHAIR FITNESS WITH COACH TODD

11:00 a.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Chair Fitness with Coach Todd. Register with American Legion. Email jimkirtley@ymcala.org for more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chair-fitness-with-coach-todd/18763133/2026-05-28T11>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-05-28T11>

LOUNGE NIGHT AT AMERICAN LEGION

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. American Legion Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join us in the bar lounge from 5 to 10 p.m. generally on the fourth Thursday of the month for appetizers, drink specials and great conversation! Please register so we know how much food to prepare. \$10 entry to the event will be donated to a veterans nonprofit effort. Food will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. while supplies last. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lounge-night-at-american-legion/18825635/2026-05-28T17>

SALSA & BACHATA LESSONS & DANCING WITH DANCER UNIVERSITY + TINDER

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Victorian 2640 Main Street Santa Monica. Experience Santa Monica's premier Latin night at The Victorian! Enjoy ocean breezes, expert-led lessons & two floors of Salsa and Bachata. \$17.85. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/salsa-bachata-lessons-dancing-with-dancer-university-tinder/18936864/2026-05-28T20>

HARVELLE'S PRESENTS

8:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Show starts at 8:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tix 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/harvelle-s-presents/18565088/2026-05-28T20>

FRIDAY | MAY 29

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the palm trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be aware and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Free—Donations are accepted. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-05-29T10>

WELL FED EXHIBITION

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery 1310 11th Street Santa Monica. Well Fed rewrites the antiquated myth of the "starving artist." This exhibition is a testament to what can be created when artists are nourished through creative and intellectual exchange. The work on view challenges the rigid systems that confine us: conventional expression, rampant consumerism, technological encroachment, and informational overload. SMC's Mentor Program provides a uniquely collaborative environment for artists across backgrounds to explore and expand their practice. Here, artists are able to be fiercely committed, vulnerable, and curious as they surrender to their creative calling. The students of the Gallery Program worked with this dynamic group to create this exhibition, developing their own professional abilities along the way. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/well-fed-exhibition/18910662/2026-05-29T11>

MISHKON TEPHILO - SHABBAT ON THE BEACH

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Santa Monica Beach Look for the blue and white Mishkon flag Los Angeles. Warm your toes in the sand, and join your community in singing and celebrating the joys of a magical Shabbat experience. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mishkon-tephilo-shabbat-on-the-beach/18847315/2026-05-29T17>

HAMBONE COMEDY: THE COMEDIAN'S STAND UP COMEDY SHOW

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. 302 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica. Laugh your way through Santa Monica at Hambone Comedy —top comics, pro vibes, and booze! One epic night of comedy gold! *Taped Set. \$23.18 to \$28.52. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/hambone-comedy-the-comedian-s-stand-up-comedy-show/18890825/2026-05-29T19>

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-05-29T21>

SATURDAY | MAY 30

PUPPIES & BEER 5K VENICE BEACH, CA - RUN WITH OR WITHOUT DOG

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 517 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Puppies & Beer 5K: The Ultimate Beach Day! Get ready for the most "pawsome" 5K in Venice Beach on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, at 8:00 AM. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/puppies-beer-5k-venice-beach-ca-run-with-or-without-dog/18911240/2026-05-30T08>

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/18475500/2026-05-30T08>

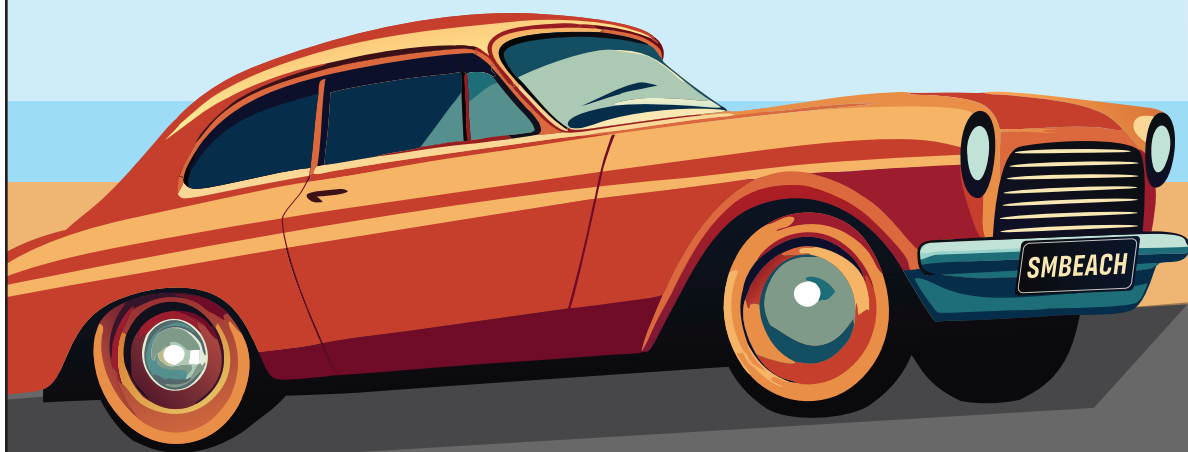
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