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Palisades recovery reshapes how Los Angeles builds for the future



Michelle Edgar

PROJECT: Palisades Recreation Center's \$40M rebuild launches as public-private partnership model for LA civic projects.

MICHELLE EDGAR
Special to the Daily Press

As demolition equipment moved into the Palisades Recreation Center last week, city leaders and project partners were talking about something much larger than a gymnasium, but how this could become a model for how the city delivers public projects, preserves community identity and creates future gathering spaces.

While much of the focus surrounding the recreation center has centered on rebuilding after the Palisades fire, officials involved in the \$40 million public private partnership say the larger impact may ultimately be changing how civic projects happen in Los Angeles. "It's an incredible moment in the history of our city," said developer Rick Caruso. "I believe this public private partnership has proven that

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Santa Monica's World Cup summer is a global cultural invitation



Courtesy image

EVENTS: Santa Monica launches six weeks of World Cup programming June 11–July 19 across the Pier, Promenade, and Tongva Park.

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This summer, Santa Monica is preparing to step onto the world stage. From June 11 through July 19, the coastal city will transform into

one of the largest fan engagement destinations connected to the FIFA World Cup, anchored by six weeks of programming designed to merge sport, music, wellness, art, mobility, and community into a citywide celebration by the Pacific.

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Beyond Board marks seven years building a global executive network from Santa Monica



Michelle Edgar

ANNIVERSARY: Beyond Board marks seven years with executive networking event at The Bungalow in Santa Monica.

MICHELLE EDGAR
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For the past seven years, Santa Monica has served as one of the recurring homes for Beyond Board, a growing executive network that has evolved from a curated board placement community into one of the country's most connected ecosystems for governance level talent, investors, founders, and senior executives.

Over 50 C-suite executives and board directors gathered last Thursday at The Bungalow in Santa Monica for Beyond Board's latest Los Angeles cocktail networking event, followed by a conversation moderated by founder and CEO Sarah Zapp. The evening marked the organization's seventh anniversary and continued national expansion.

Founded by Zapp, Beyond Board has grown into a network of more than 13,000 board directors,

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Contests for California governor and LA mayor head toward primary election with no clear leaders

California spiraled toward a primary election Tuesday with its two marquee races defined by uncertainty and a pair of outsider candidates looking to crack open the state's durable Democratic hierarchy.

In the governor's race, former Fox News TV host and British political adviser Steve Hilton is urging Republicans to unite behind him as he fights for one of two spots in the November election alongside two Democrats, billionaire climate activist Tom Steyer and former state attorney general Xavier Becerra.

In the Los Angeles race for mayor, reality TV personality Spencer Pratt is hoping to turn his insurgent campaign into a surprise upset of Democratic Mayor Karen Bass. The two are tightly clustered with Nithya Raman, a progressive member of the City Council running to Bass' political left.

"We can't give up on LA," Pratt told applauding supporters at a block party Sunday. "We've got to fight."

Democrats once feared that the party's large field of gubernatorial candidates could open a path for two Republicans to advance to November. But in the campaign's closing days, Hilton warned the opposite could happen — what he called a "doomsday scenario" in which only Democrats advance.

Hilton is pleading with his chief Republican rival, county Sheriff Chad Bianco, to pull out of the contest, fearing an all-Democratic ticket would dampen GOP turnout across the state and reorder races for Congress and the

Legislature.

Becerra and Steyer locking out a Republican from the November ballot would be "a disaster for California, it means no change. It's a disaster for everyone who's running as a Republican up and down the ballot," Hilton said on the social platform X.

Bianco said he wasn't backing down.

"It's clear that Steve Hilton supporters should unite and support me," he posted late Sunday, adding that supporters of the Democratic candidates should vote for him too.

Mail voting began in early May, but just 15% of voters had returned their ballots as of Sunday. That's left the candidates seeing room for a last-minute shake-up in the race's closing days.

A VULNERABLE MAYOR LOOKS FOR A SECOND TERM IN LA

In heavily Democratic Los Angeles, Bass' shaky first term has left her vulnerable. She points to a drop in homelessness, though encampments and rows of rusting RVs remain a common sight in many neighborhoods. Meanwhile, she's still trying to overcome lingering fallout from the 2025 Palisades Fire, the most destructive in Los Angeles history. Bass was in Ghana as part of a presidential delegation when the flames ignited. Pratt lost his home in the blaze and has made the fire and the city's recovery a foundation of his campaign.

At Pratt's block party, Vivian Escalante, a historian who lives in the heavily Hispanic Boyle Heights neighborhood adjacent to downtown, said the quality of life has been sliding for years — dirtier streets, more homeless encampments and a lack of pride in the neighborhood she's called home all her life.

"It's gotten completely worse," Escalante said, with a Pratt cap perched on her head. The Democratic Party, she said, has "completely abandoned us."

The LA race is officially nonpartisan, but Bass is a Democrat, as is Raman, who made a last-minute decision to challenge her one-time ally and is among the top group of contenders.

Pratt, who rose to fame alongside his wife, Heidi Montag, on "The Hills," is a registered Republican who has received a nod of approval — if not an outright formal endorsement — from President Donald Trump. He has sought to distance himself from national politics, saying his concerns are strictly within city limits.

A University of California, Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies poll, co-sponsored by The Los Angeles Times, found Bass tightly clustered with Raman and Pratt, with other candidates trailing. The poll of 1,351 likely voters conducted between May 19 and May 24 gave no candidate a statistically significant edge.

The city is at a difficult juncture.

Hollywood jobs have been decamping for years for cheaper filming locations. A downtown renaissance was crushed by extended pandemic closures and many office buildings remain desperate for tenants. The city has long struggled to provide basic services, whether paving buckled streets and fixing sidewalks or keeping streetlights on.

A CROWDED GOVERNOR'S RACE WITH NO CLEAR LEADER

The governor's race has been the most wide open in a generation. More than 50 names are on the ballot.

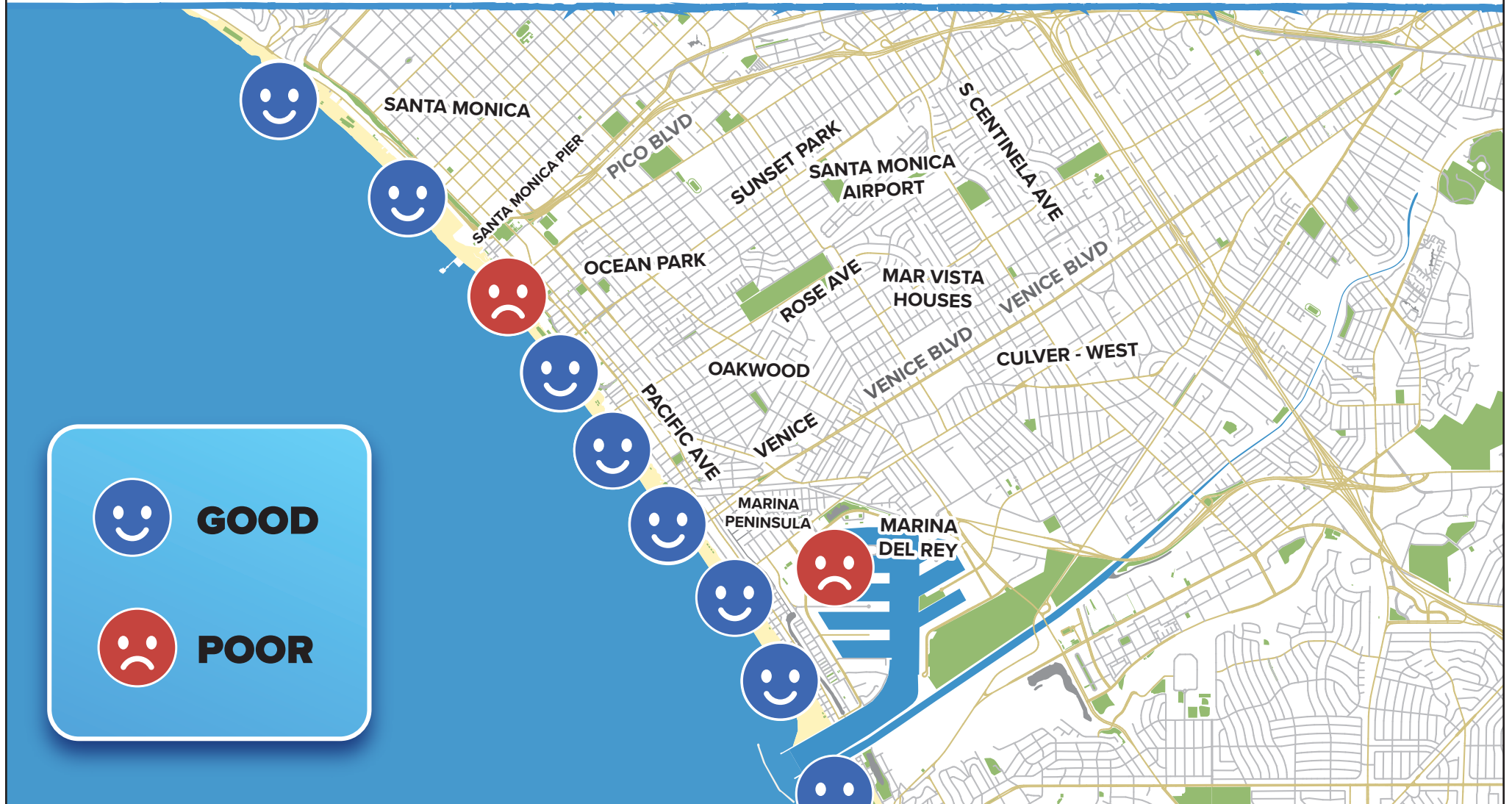
Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom is banned by law from seeking a third term. Other candidates seeking to replace him include former Democratic U.S. Rep. Katie Porter, Democrat Matt Mahan, the mayor of San Jose, and Bianco, the Riverside County sheriff.

Rebecca Katz, a strategist with Steyer's campaign, said Sunday that they are "feeling pretty good" but emphasized how close the race was with a sporting reference, "It's three candidates for two spots, every possession counts."

Steyer, a former hedge fund manager turned liberal activist, has set spending records hoping to advance to the November contest. Hilton, a former Fox News host who has been endorsed by Trump, has promised

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Long after protests ended, this interfaith group rallies to remember LA immigrants taken by ICE

On a sunny Tuesday afternoon in the spring, nearly 30 people — mostly women — gathered in a circle at the base of the steps leading to the Los Angeles Federal Building, where immigration court and services are held. They call themselves the godmothers of the disappeared.

After a prayer, Katharine Guerrero told the group that famed Tongva Chicana activist Gloria Arellanes taught her the importance of standing together in a circle as a way to break away from lines that divide. This was once a gathering place for the Tongva, the region's native people. Guerrero quickly noted the history of state and racial violence that spanned the surrounding blocks: unmarked Tongva graves around the nearby church; a slavery auction site; she pointed across the freeway to where 18 Chinese men and children were lynched in 1871. And now, this is the locus of the Trump administration's mass deportation campaign.

The godmothers offer an important companion to rapid response, protests and legal aid — all community-led efforts — against the occupation of Los Angeles, the campaign that started a year ago with belligerent, daytime raids in the region's immigrant communities. The weekly vigil provides 60 minutes of quiet discernment to remember those taken and begin healing once the raids and disappearances have ended.

A multi-faith group, the L.A. godmothers advocate for the release and return of detainees and those disappeared by immigration agents; an end to divisive federal tactics pitting people against each other; and appeal for a change of heart among law enforcement, immigration agents and military members.

When the occupation began last June, the streets surrounding the federal building were choked by demonstrators protesting unconstitutional arrests, violent raids and military presence. Guerrero was there as a volunteer medical aide, where she tended to people shot with rubber bullets.

As actions escalated between sheriff's deputies, police, federal agents and demonstrators, Guerrero viewed the godmothers' work as a way to maintain activism and vigilance in a calm, intimate space that starkly contrasted with the surrounding chaos.

"With godmothers, there's a disarming that allows for conversation," Guerrero explained. "We forget we belong to one another and in those moments, you get the opportunity to remember."

Guerrero said she witnessed the impact of the group's presence on the

military and national guard, who were deployed here to surround federal properties last summer. She described subtle signs like worried glances beneath helmets and visors and sudden attention to public prayer.

"We are called to be in solidarity, even if that means the person suited up," Guerrero said. "That's the hard work."

The godmothers named themselves in honor of Argentina's Las Madres de Plaza de Mayo — the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, or known in English as the Mothers of the Disappeared. They were mothers, aunts and grandmothers who met daily in Buenos Aires' Plaza de Mayo during the military dictatorship in the late 1970s, and demanded information on loved ones that had been disappeared by military and secret police.

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra explained that the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo not only prayed for their children, but also the soldiers of Argentina's military regime.

"They also gave flowers to the soldiers and they won," Salvatierra said. "They changed the regime and were able to liberate their sons and daughters from prison."

The L.A. godmothers have more than flowers to offer. Together, they have raised approximately \$22,000 to assist more than 100 families whose members and income earners have been detained. That includes helping pay bail. At least twice, the godmothers have found crying mothers with children outside the detention center, despondent and unsure of how they will afford legal aid.

The vigil offers a moving meditation. We walked in parallel lines, often guided in song, to two different entrances into the federal complex where detainees are held. First, to the driveway that leads to a subterranean loading dock.

There, Rosa Manriquez read aloud a short biography of Rutilio Grande, the Salvadoran priest whose death encouraged Archbishop Oscar Romero to stand up against state repression. Both were murdered by a death squad. Manriquez sang a call and response "God have mercy" three times and began a litany, or the practice of naming saints and calling for their intervention. The names include revolutionaries, artists and organizers — like Emma Goldman, James Baldwin and Octavia Butler — who imagined, advocated and fought for a more just and civil America.

When the litany concluded, Susan Garcia offered testimony of a recent trip to the Adelanto ICE Processing Center, a private prison in the Mojave



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TUESDAY | **FAIR TO GOOD** | **SURF:** 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Not too far off from Mon with more solid surf. Similar AM conditions, PM looks a little bumpier. SSW swell sticks around, NW windswell takes another dip as we see a little more SSE swell mix in. That mix continues to help break up those Southern Hemi lines. More waist-stomach high surf for average breaks. Head-high+ for better zones and standouts pushing overhead+. AM winds look similar to Mon with light wind for a clean start, staying mellow and shifting SW into midday. We could get more moderate westerly wind in the afternoon that stays lumpy into the evening.

WEDNESDAY | **FAIR TO GOOD** | **SURF:** 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Size starts to come down, should still be pretty fun in the morning once the tide comes in. SSW swell starts to ease, and we could see a little more NW energy back in the mix to help with shape. Drained out early, fun corners showing as the tide moves in mid-morning as long as the wind cooperates - we could get a little more S texture to start the day. PM onshores don't look too bad at this point, so even if the AM window is a little tricky there may be some opportunity later in the day.



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Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Gavin Newsom's rosy painting of California's economy leaves out its darker undertones

As Gavin Newsom makes his increasingly frequent appearances outside the state — seemingly preparing for a 2028 presidential campaign — one of his stock messages is that California's economy is soaring.

"We dominate in every category," Newsom bragged during a recent presentation to the Center for American Progress, a left-leaning think tank. "We are the center of the universe (and) America's coming attraction."

He cited the state's \$4-trillion-plus economic output that, were it a nation, would rank 4th or 5th largest in the world, and mentioned the ranks of Nobel Prize winners and vigorous venture capital investment in the state.

Moreover, he boasted, California has used that economic vigor to finance an array of social programs and services, such as universal health care, proving, he said, that such largesse can co-exist with capitalistic gains.

Subliminally, Newsom was pitching the notion that electing him as president could bring California-like prosperity and generosity to the nation as a whole. However, since Newsom is using the economy as a major talking point, it would be fair to provide key facts he fails to mention.

Yes, California has world-class economic output, but it is due largely to a very narrow sector, Silicon Valley's high-tech industry, which has hugely benefited its entrepreneurs and capital investors.

However the industry is undergoing a shakeout due to the artificial intelligence phenomenon and it's shedding thousands of jobs, thus concentrating wealth even more.

Meanwhile the state's other world-famous sector, Southern California's movie and TV industry, is hurting badly as production migrates to other states and nations — so badly that the state is offering subsidies in an effort to slow the hemorrhage.

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, California's unemployment rate has routinely ranked among the nation's highest, with a million members of its labor force lacking jobs.

Beacon Economics, a major consulting firm that closely charts California's economic situation puts it this way: "On one hand, California's economy is in good health. While the official figures for the last quarter are still being tallied, the state's economic growth comfortably outpaced the national average of 2.5% in 2025, tracking toward an annual growth rate near 3%.

"At the same time, the job market is sagging. California now has the highest unemployment rate of all fifty states in the Union, stubbornly hovering at 5.5%, and its job market appears to be going in the wrong direction. The total number of jobs in California actually shrank by 0.6% since the beginning of this year, making it the 17th worst-performing state in the nation in terms of job creation."

One result of these contradictory data is one of the nation's highest levels of income disparity, as a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California points out. Only eight other states have wider gaps.

"The gap between top and bottom incomes in California has increased substantially (by 57%) since 1980, when families at the top earned seven times more than those at the bottom," the PPIC report says, reflecting 72% income growth for those in the top tenth in income but 19% growth for those in the bottom tenth.

The Census Bureau's calculation of poverty that includes the state's staggering living costs puts California's rate at the highest, 17.7%, tied with Louisiana. A similar calculation by PPIC and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality puts it at 16.9%, while another 17.9% of the population is "near-poor."

About 15 million Californians are poor enough to qualify for healthcare under the state's Medi-Cal program but, as Newsom failed to mention in his Center for American Progress presentation, his new budget reduces Medi-Cal eligibility for some Californians to shrink the state's chronic budget deficit, which he also didn't mention during his recitation of cherry-picked data.

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Young and unemployed? Remote work, not AI, may be the problem, study finds

The rise of remote work since the pandemic has made businesses more reluctant to hire young, inexperienced workers and is the key driver of higher unemployment rates for recent college graduates, a study released Monday has found.

The study, by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, compared occupations that can be done remotely — such as software development — with those that are done in person, such as nursing. The study finds that the unemployment rate among young college graduates in “remotable” jobs rose by about 1 percentage point from 2017-2019 to 2022-2024.

Yet for older workers in those fields — those aged 29 and over — the jobless rate declined slightly, leading to a notably higher unemployment rate for younger college graduates in remotable occupations compared with older workers.

Yet in non-remotable jobs, there has been little gap in the unemployment rates between older and younger college grads, the study finds. A similar pattern exists for those without college degrees, the New York Fed said.

The study, led by New York Fed research economist Natalia Emanuel, concludes that businesses are reluctant to hire new college grads into remote work because it is harder to train and mentor them if they work outside of the office. The authors of the study calculate that remote work is responsible for nearly two-thirds of the rise in the unemployment rate for young college graduates since the pandemic.

“Remote work has weakened incentives to hire young workers by impeding on-the-job training,” the study said. “Employers may not want to hire fresh graduates onto distributed teams because it is more difficult to teach them the requisite skills from afar.”

The study lands amid widespread concern over the employment prospects of college

graduates as artificial intelligence makes inroads into a variety of white-collar jobs, including finance, law, entertainment, and media. This spring, college graduates have been booing references to AI during commencement speeches.

But the study notes that the worsening employment picture for young college grads pre-dates the development of artificial intelligence tools such as ChatGPT. And when the authors looked at the exposure different occupations had to AI, it found that AI had little impact on youth unemployment.

The unemployment rate for college grads under 29 rose 20% from before the pandemic to 3.7%, on average, in 2022-2025, the New York Fed said. For college grads aged 22 through 27, unemployment reached 5.8% last year, the highest outside the pandemic since 2012.

The study’s findings are consistent with the low-hire, low-fire state of the job market, where layoffs are low and the unemployment rate is mostly stable, but those out of work are struggling to find new jobs.

The New York Fed study also looked at detailed data from an unnamed Fortune 500 tech company and found that its hiring patterns mirrored what they had seen in the broader data.

When the company’s offices were closed and staff worked remotely, “the firm hired fewer inexperienced workers and more experienced workers, who might need less mentorship to do their jobs well,” the study said.

“Once its offices reopened, the company shifted back to hiring younger workers,” the study said. But even after the reopening, the company favored more experienced workers for teams that included remote work.

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

ELECTION

FROM PAGE 2

to bring down costs in a state with some of the nation’s highest gas prices, utility costs and taxes. Becerra has been stressing his experience in arguing he’s best prepared to lead the nation’s second most populous state, having served as the Biden administration’s health secretary, a former U.S. House member and state attorney general.

Broadly, Republicans in the race are promising drastic change after years of

Democratic governance — Democrats haven’t lost a statewide race in two decades and Republicans last elected a Los Angeles mayor in 1997. Democrats, though in charge for years, are promising to bring down costs and continue to fend off the Trump administration in its numerous conflicts with Democratic California.

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SYMPOSIUM: Santa Monica College (SMC) held a first-ever STEM Student Poster Research Symposium in May in the SMC Mathematics + Science Building Lobby. Thirty students and several groups presented their projects via poster presentations, highlighting a vast range of STEM research conducted both on campus and beyond. The three student winners recognized were Kevin Davidson, Leslie Huerta Sandoval, and Lexie Williamson. The event was sponsored by the SMC Foundation through its Northrop Grumman/Elkin Chair of Excellence in Physical Science & the STEM MÁS grant. The symposium was organized collaboratively by the SMC STEM academic departments, the STEM MÁS program, and the SMC Career Services Center.

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- Virginia Avenue Park** — 2200 Virginia Ave, Santa Monica
- Washington Preschool** — 2802 4th St, Santa Monica

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- Santa Monica Main Library** — 601 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica
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- Oakwood Rec. Center** — 767 California Ave, Venice, Los Angeles
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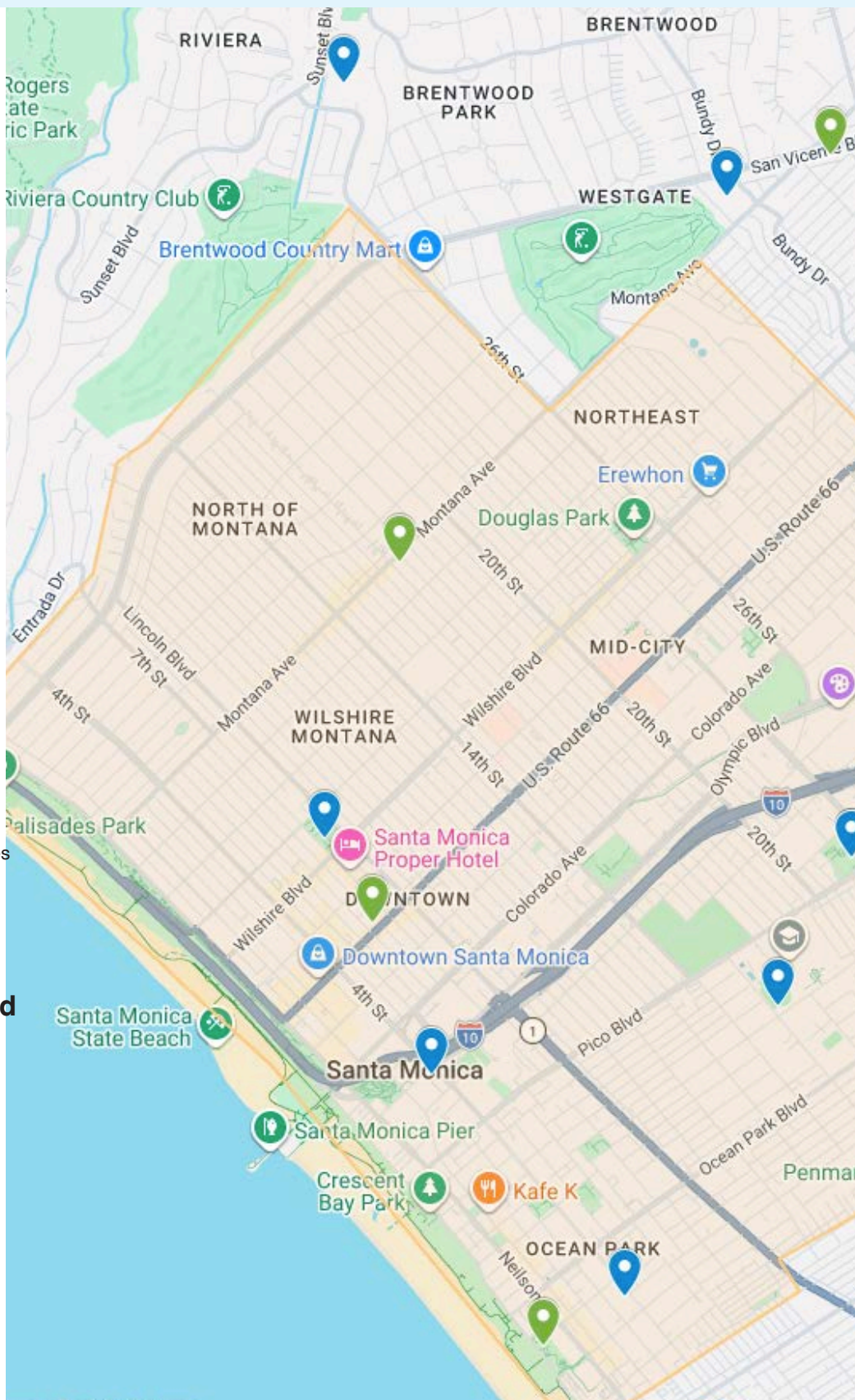
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To the left is a list of nearby places to vote or drop off your ballot. Deadline is 8 p.m. this evening.

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BEYOND

FROM PAGE 1

senior executives, founders, and investors across the country. What began as a concept around creating meaningful access to board opportunities has expanded into a broader executive ecosystem spanning Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Miami, and San Francisco, with more than 120 live and virtual events produced to date.

The caliber of speakers reflects the level of the community itself. Previous Beyond Board conversations have featured leaders including the CEO of Walmart International, the Executive Chair of Walgreens, investor Tim Draper, Ashton Kutcher discussing technology and media, journalist Katie Couric, and Imagine Entertainment co-founder Brian Grazer.

Beyond Board's business is ultimately about placement, not simply networking. The company has built a track record connecting executives to board opportunities and recently expanded into executive search through partnerships with leading executive advisory organizations. Companies seeking board directors or senior executive hires are increasingly turning to Beyond Board for access to a relationship driven talent pipeline that traditional search firms often struggle to reach. "People want trusted relationships and curated introductions," said Zapp. "The strongest opportunities often happen through community."

The conversation featured Mike LaSalle, Co-President, Partner, and Executive Committee member of Shamrock Capital, in discussion with Zapp. Shamrock Capital has invested across media, entertainment, sports, and intellectual property businesses, with LaSalle serving on boards including The Lede Company, Boardwalk Pictures, Ad Results Media, Linden Entertainment, and Iyuno.

His previous board experience includes FanDuel, before sports betting became mainstream, as well as the Harlem Globetrotters, Excel Sports Management, and Modern Luxury Media.

The discussion ranged from investment instincts and creator economy ownership to artificial intelligence and the evolving value of talent driven businesses.

One of the strongest moments of the evening came when LaSalle was asked what makes a great board member. His answer was not strategy or status. "Be a good human," he said, emphasizing humility as one of the most important and often overlooked qualities in board leadership.

LaSalle also reflected on the resilience required to build a career in private equity and investing, sharing lessons from identifying opportunities before they become obvious to the broader market. He pointed to FanDuel as an example of recognizing long term potential in categories many investors initially dismissed as too niche or legally uncertain.

The conversation also touched on Taylor Swift's highly publicized ownership battle over her music catalog and what it revealed about the future of intellectual property, creator ownership, and talent as an investable asset class.

Across companies like The Lede and Excel Sports Management, LaSalle noted that much of his investment philosophy centers around people themselves, and understanding human capital may be just as important as understanding financial models.

Artificial intelligence was another major theme of the evening, with LaSalle discussing both the opportunities and disruptions AI may create across media, entertainment, and talent driven industries.

As Beyond Board continues to expand nationally, Santa Monica remains an important part of its story, serving as a backdrop for conversations shaping the future of leadership, governance, media, and investment.

Executives and board directors interested in future opportunities are encouraged to submit updated board resumes and biographies directly through Beyond Board's network platform at <https://www.beyondboard.co/>

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WORLD CUP

FROM PAGE 1

Santa Monica, and surrounding public spaces, positioning the city as both a gathering place for international visitors and a cultural hub for local residents.

For Santa Monica Mayor Caroline Torosis, the six week celebration represents something much larger than a sporting event. "Santa Monica has always had a magnetic pull, but this summer we are welcoming the world to our shores in a way that feels truly historic," Torosis said. "Six weeks of culture, music, wellness, and community celebration across our downtown and coastline isn't just about the World Cup; it's the opening chapter of Santa Monica's renaissance. We are showing the world what is possible when a city activates its public spaces with creativity, purpose, and joy. And with LA28 on the horizon, this is Santa Monica's moment to establish itself as the premier destination for global culture, international visitors, and world class events for years to come."

Among the signature experiences is Golden Hour, taking place June 12, June 27, and July 10 along the Third Street Promenade, where live music, interactive fan experiences, outdoor dining, curated brand activations, and stages featuring musical performances and dance are expected to transform downtown into a sunset driven celebration surrounding key World Cup match days. Organizers also see the series as an important opportunity to engage local businesses and drive visitors deeper into the Promenade through immersive and uniquely Santa Monica experiences designed to create energy, discovery, and connection.

For Debbie Lee, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, the programming represents an opportunity to showcase the district as the epicenter of the city's World Cup experience. "With so much happening across LA, Downtown Santa Monica stands out as a premier destination to celebrate the World Cup," Lee said. "The Third Street Promenade is home to the official FIFA Pop Up Store, Culto Futbol, and JD Sports, making it the ideal place to shop, celebrate, and soak up the energy of the tournament, all just steps from the California coast. Add in the Golden Hour events and the massive open streets celebration of COAST, and Downtown Santa Monica isn't just a place to watch the matches; it's where the World Cup truly comes to life."

Adding to the wellness and lifestyle programming, Tongva Park will host the Drenched "New Energy" luxury outdoor Pilates experience on June 14 as part of The Garden Series, blending fitness, recovery, hospitality, and elevated experiential design within one of Santa Monica's most iconic public spaces. The activation reflects the broader vision behind the six week programming slate; creating immersive moments that merge

wellness, culture, and community engagement in a distinctly coastal California setting.

Families and younger fans will also play a central role in the programming through the World Play Zone and Junior Junction, running June 11 through June 27 in partnership with Volo Sports, alongside youth clinics and workshops with the YMCA. The activation is designed to create an accessible entry point for children and multigenerational households to participate in the global energy of the tournament through soccer challenges, games, clinics, and hands on play.

Music and mobility will intersect on June 21 with LA Metro's Make Music Day, a free all ages celebration at the Downtown Santa

Monica Metro Station featuring live bands, rhythm workshops, and community programming tied to both the World Cup and the Route 66 Centennial.

The six-week run culminates July 19 with COAST 2026, a massive open streets festival expected to draw up to 100,000 attendees. The event will transform more than a mile of downtown Santa Monica into a pedestrian focused cultural corridor filled with art installations, live performances, global food concepts, wellness experiences, and interactive activations connecting the Pier, Tongva Park, Palisades Park, and the Metro terminus.

For Bernard Kida, founder of Revel Republic, the vision extends beyond a single tournament. "This is about creating a platform where community, culture, and global connection all meet in one place," Kida said. "The World Cup gives Santa Monica a

rare opportunity to welcome the world while also reminding residents what is possible when public space is activated with purpose, creativity, and accessibility. The short term impact is energy and economic activity, but the long term opportunity is defining Santa Monica as a global gathering place for culture, entertainment, wellness, and shared experience for years to come."

The programming is expected to attract residents and visitors from across Southern California and around the world, while providing a preview of how Santa Monica may leverage future global events to drive economic activity, support local businesses, activate public spaces, and strengthen its identity as a cultural destination. With the FIFA World Cup serving as the catalyst and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon, city leaders see this summer not as a one time celebration, but as a defining moment in Santa Monica's evolution. For six weeks, the city will invite the world to experience its beaches, parks, businesses, culture, and community; offering a glimpse of what the future of global destination programming can look like when sport becomes a platform for connection.

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With so much happening across LA, Downtown Santa Monica stands out as a premier destination to celebrate the World Cup

- Debbie Lee, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica

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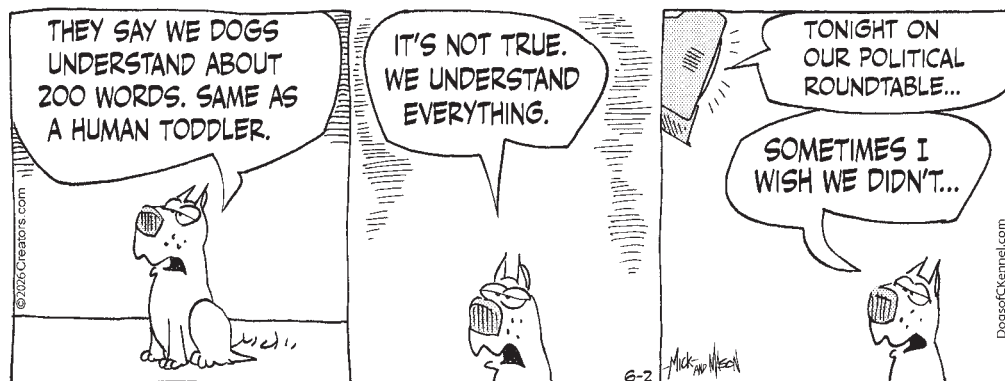
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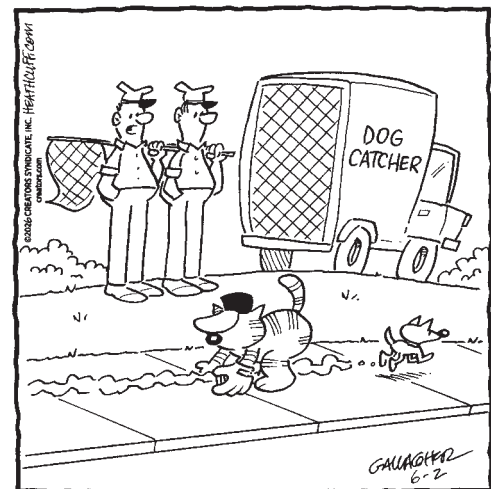
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FIND THE WORDS

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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Animal kingdom

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Back to a project. This starts with your purpose and will eventually achieve quite a few other people's purposes by the time it's completed. This will continue to evolve. Every little bit of work counts. The ocean is made of drops.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Things that drain others become workable, even satisfying, for you because you've learned to see a challenge in a way that makes it engaging. This unlocks an advantage to you. You gain a kind of leverage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Fill up your senses with beauty. You're in your best mood after you've laid eyes on at least 20 lovely things. Aesthetics are like oxygen to you. You can move, think and live better when you've had plenty.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some say attitude is everything, and even if it's not, well, attitude is certainly something. You're willing to experiment with yours today, adjusting to find the tone that works best for the situation and the people involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The universe plants a little red flag on your path. You'll notice it, and you don't have to react right away. This is a heads-up, not a scolding. Just a little "keep an eye on it" note.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Not all confidence is real. The one who acts superior or "too cool" could be covering insecurity. The aloof vibe, the edge, the quiet one-upmanship - all can be forms of armor. Your warmth pierces it eventually.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The work is different from what you thought it would be. It's true nature reveals itself little by little, pulling you deeper into your own heart. At some point, the time and effort will be irrelevant in this labor of love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). New situations have a way of making your mind race ahead trying to anticipate what could go wrong or right. Breathe and bring attention back to the moment. The more present you are to it, the more attractive you are to fortune's favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The obvious path might work for others, but they aren't headed where you are. Your originality and fire are the things to protect. Don't do anything that feels forced. It would only flatten something essential in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Many will share a moment, but no two experiences of it will be alike. Each person observes something different. Speak your memories, compare notes and discover what others found interesting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Trying to persuade people from their beliefs is a waste of time. Instead, you'll live in a way that reflects your values. Others take notice of what's working well for you. Some will want to do as you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Endings sometimes come first; beginnings can happen last. You don't need to hang a title on it yet. Wait until you've seen it all. The right one will come to you when you understand the entire arc of the story.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Small plateau
- 5 Crunchy Mexican food
- 9 Caps and derbies
- 13 West Point student
- 14 Musk of Tesla
- 15 Triple-decker cookie
- 16 Author's negotiator
- 17 French girlfriend
- 18 Page of a book
- 19 Succeed in wooing that lady
- 22 Hanks or Cruise of films
- 23 Meet with
- 24 Chess or charades
- 27 Top naval officer: Abbr.
- 30 Computer mouse sounds
- 35 Spanish cheer
- 36 International org. based in NYC
- 38 Lorna of literature
- 39 Regard as very important
- 42 Helicopter blade
- 43) or (, for short
- 44 Rockies and Alps: Abbr.
- 45 Seafood in a shell
- 47 Mauna ___ macadamia nuts
- 48 Pillow covering
- 49 Express verbally
- 51 Hoops league: Abbr.
- 53 Entertain successfully
- 62 Home for bees
- 63 Revered advisor
- 64 Celebrate noisily
- 65 Word-of-mouth
- 66 At a tie score

67 Current style

- 68 Relate, as a story
- 69 Classroom furniture
- 70 Difficult

DOWN

- 1 Yuletide wise trio
- 2 Adam's first home
- 3 Upper house of Congress
- 4 When a late lunch may end
- 5 Any sports squad
- 6 ___ mater (former school)
- 7 Dimes and quarters
- 8 "Just a moment!"
- 9 Donut's center
- 10 Region

11 Rip in paper

- 12 Pillowlike
- 13 Crow's sound
- 20 Nebraska city
- 21 Bottled up
- 24 Start playing for pay
- 25 Brass or bronze
- 26 Steaks and pork chops
- 28 Pirate captain
- 29 Large wall picture
- 31 Written promise to repay
- 32 Part of a semicolon
- 33 Pretzel shapes
- 34 Sight or hearing
- 36 Mother ___ (Peace Prize nun)

37 Evil Roman emperor

- 40 Foldaway bed
- 41 ___ to be (fated)
- 46 Tattered, as cloth
- 48 Photo taker
- 50 "___ got to be kidding!"
- 52 New parents' celebration
- 53 ___ in the dark (wild guess)
- 54 Give a job to
- 55 O-shaped
- 56 Feeling healthy
- 57 Metallic rocks
- 58 Dip a donut into coffee
- 59 Hardly ___ (rarely)
- 60 ___ bar (serve drinks)
- 61 Ancient

Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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PALISADES

FROM PAGE 1

when the public sector and the private sector work together, great things can happen.”

The project, a collaboration involving the City of Los Angeles, Steadfast LA and LA Strong Sports, represents the largest public private partnership and donation in the history of the city’s Recreation and Parks Department.

“We’re rapidly looking at what we’ve done here and asking how we change policies to make sure we can continue these types of public private partnerships

- Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Department of Recreation & Parks, City of Los Angeles

For Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Department of Recreation & Parks, City of Los Angeles, the most important question is not what was built, but how it was built. “We’re rapidly looking at what we’ve done here and asking how we change policies to make sure we can continue these types of public private partnerships,” Kim said.

The statement hints at a larger conversation emerging across Los Angeles in the aftermath of fires and other crises; whether traditional timelines and approval structures can meet the pace communities increasingly demand.

Projects of this scale often take years to

navigate agreements, approvals and planning processes. Leaders involved in the Palisades effort noted that groundbreaking occurred at what many described as an unusually accelerated pace.

Kim admitted he initially approached the effort cautiously. “I’ll be honest with you, in the very beginning I was a little reluctant,” Kim said. “I grew up in the city and there are challenges, but support from city leadership and Mayor Karen Bass shifted the direction.”

Mayor Bass framed the recreation center as part of a larger civic mission. “Los Angeles’ recovery goes beyond rebuilding homes and businesses; it’s about restoring the vital public spaces that make up the heart and soul of the community, like the Palisades Rec Center,” Bass said.

For Caruso, rebuilding public spaces was always central to the effort. “The most important part of any community is community space. It’s park space; for seniors, for kids and for families.”

The vision also extends beyond replacing what existed before. Although the original 1950 gymnasium carried historic significance as the first post World War II civic building in Pacific Palisades, Caruso said preserving pieces of the past remains part of the design. “It’s all about respecting the history of this community and what was dear to them while building something for the next hundred years,” Caruso said.

Materials from the original structure are expected to be salvaged and incorporated into the redesigned park along with historic photographs and community elements.

Leaders are already thinking beyond recovery and toward the city’s next chapter. As Los Angeles prepares for the Olympics, Kim said he envisions the recreation center becoming a community gathering place similar to those seen in Olympic cities around the world. “Parks are where communities gather,” Kim said. “We’ll make that happen.”

Councilmember Traci Park perhaps summarized the larger meaning behind the project. “The Pali Rec Center is the heartbeat of town, and having it restored is a huge milestone in the recovery,” said Park.

As rebuilding continues across Los Angeles, the Palisades Recreation Center may answer a larger question facing cities after crisis recovery is no longer simply about replacing what was lost, but deciding what comes next.

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daisy around the entrance.

The flowers are visible to detainees, Manriquez said, but also offerings to federal agents and military members.

“They don’t have to do this,” Manriquez said.

None of this had to happen. But now we are living the aftermath. While the immediate focus remains on protecting immigrant communities and people of color wrongfully detained, the godmothers invite us through vigil, prayer and song to consider what comes next, imagining a more just community and country and then get to work — the hard work.

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TUESDAY | JUNE 2

LADIES GOLF CLINIC

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Join us every Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 AM for a relaxed, social golf experience designed for women of all skill levels. Whether you’re picking up a club for the first time or looking to build confidence in your game, Matchas & Mulligans is all about learning, connecting, and having fun in a welcoming, pressure-free environment. Led by our in-house golf pros, you’ll learn new skills each session. Blend light instruction with a social atmosphere — the ladies’ clinic is perfect for improving your skills while meeting like-minded golfers. \$60 per person per session. What’s included: - Instruction for the first half, fun challenges for the second half. - Coffee, matcha, and croissants. - Beginner-friendly instruction + skill building. - A supportive, no-judgment environment. - A great way to meet new friends. Bring your friends or come solo—either way, you’ll leave feeling more confident and connected. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ladies-golf-clinic/18482158/2026-06-02T09>

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, MULTI-LEVEL HIGH

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. For more information visit the Adult Education Center online. Register online or contact Maria Barajas at (310) 664-6222, ext.76205, mbarajas@smmusd.org. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/english-as-a-second-language-esl-conversation-multi-level-high/14243827/2026-06-02T10>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Unleash your creativity and connect with your community in this hands-on art making session. In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrms.org/event/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm-81a63> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-06-02T15>

US WOMENS OPEN GOLF

The Riviera Country Club 1250 Capri Pacific Palisades. \$54.19. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/us-womens-open-golf/16444352/2026-06-02T00>

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/16994548/2026-06-03T10>

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 3

RIBBON CUTTING: YOUNIQUE SURGERY CENTER & MEDICAL SPA

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 317 5th St #200 Santa Monica. Ribbon Cutting Celebration Younique Surgery Center & Medical Spa - Santa Monica Wednesday, June 3 8:30am 1317 5th St #200, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ribbon-cutting-younique-surgery-center-medical-spa/18887590/2026-06-03T08>

COMMUNAL GARDENING @ ISHIHARA PARK

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-06-03T09>

AUTHOR TALK WITH MARY SAVIG

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Join us for a fascinating discussion with Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig on the history and significance of craft at state fairs—from blue-ribbon quilts to sculpted butter cows, and so much more! A Dolly Parton crop art portrait. Size-96 cowboy boots. A button quilt. State Fairs: Growing American Craft features more than 100 photos of extraordinary and unconventional crafts from state and tribal fairs, including needlework, basketry, jewelry, ceramics, crop art, butter sculpture, and saddles. The catalog highlights personal stories and regional and cultural traditions, creating a vibrant portrait of American life. Come one, come all! State Fairs has a little something for everyone. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-mary-savig/18437794/2026-06-03T11>

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Desert where many of those detained in Southern California are sent.

The group then moved to the rear loading dock adjacent to the Metropolitan Detention Center, singing the Black spiritual “Down by the Riverside.” There, Richard Barragan prayed in Spanish through a microphone connected to a small, speaker cabinet on wheels, so detainees and their captors could hear.

Then, Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, led the group in one last song — “Woke Up This Morning (With My Mind Stayed on Freedom).” One by one, we approach the black chain link fence erected last summer. Each individual placed a white



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