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## Michelob ULTRA brings big World Cup energy to the Santa Monica Pier



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**SOCCKER:** The installation is going to transform the Pier into a soccer club for the duration of the World Cup.

**MICHELLE EDGAR**  
Special to the Daily Press

As Los Angeles prepares to welcome the world for the FIFA World Cup, one of the tournament's most ambitious fan experiences is set to land on the Santa Monica Pier.

Featuring appearances tied to opening week celebrations from entertainment icons including Kevin Hart, DJ Pee Wee, Disco Lines, Men in Blazers, soccer legends, live DJs, and immersive fan programming, Michelob ULTRA's

Pitchside Club is transforming one of Southern California's most iconic destinations into a global gathering place for the world's biggest sporting event.

From June 12 through 25, Michelob ULTRA, the Official Beer Sponsor of the FIFA World Cup, will transform the Santa Monica Pier into the Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club, a two-week immersive fan experience designed to blend soccer, entertainment, music, culture, and community in the heart of Santa Monica.

The activation arrives at a pivotal moment for Los Angeles, which is entering an unprecedented era of global sporting events with the FIFA World Cup, Super Bowl LXI in 2027, and the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games all on the horizon.

For Michelob ULTRA, Santa Monica represented the ideal setting. "We wanted to bring the excitement and energy from the New York City location at last year's FIFA Club World Cup to the West Coast," said Ricardo Marques,

Senior Vice President of Marketing for Michelob ULTRA. "As one of America's most recognizable landmarks, the Santa Monica Pier is the perfect place for fans to come together and experience the FIFA World Cup 2026. With millions of visitors each year and a global reputation that extends far beyond Los Angeles, the Pier gives us an opportunity to welcome both local fans and international visitors in a setting that is uniquely Southern

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## Ben Allen is lone Santa Monican to advance after multiple locals lose primary races

**MATTHEW HALL**  
Daily Press Editor

Initial returns from Tuesday's California primary election showed Santa Monica-connected candidates struggling across multiple statewide and legislative contests, signaling a potentially significant diminishment of the city's political influence in Sacramento.

With early results representing an initial bulletin of vote-by-mail and vote center ballots, four candidates with deep ties to Santa

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## SMMUSD adopts Data-Driven approach in Third Budget revision

**MAAZ ALIN**  
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is refining how it forecasts its year-end finances, replacing historical approximations with a more rigorous, data-driven methodology that officials say will produce a

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Today!

# Australia Consulate celebrates World Cup Socceroos at Qantas Hanger furthering legacy across Los Angeles

**MICHELLE EDGAR**

Special to the Daily Press

With the FIFA World Cup set to transform Los Angeles into one of the epicenters of global sport, Australian officials, civic leaders, business executives, and members of Australia's national football team gathered Friday inside a Qantas maintenance hangar near Los Angeles International Airport to celebrate the arrival of the CommBank Socceroos and reflect on the opportunities the tournament presents for both cities and communities.

Hosted by Qantas Airways and the Australian Consulate-General in Los Angeles, the event served as both a welcome reception and a broader conversation about sport's ability to connect nations, drive economic development, and leave lasting community impact.

For Los Angeles leaders, the World Cup represents far more than a month of matches. "This is kind of the kickoff to the arrival of the entire world in Los Angeles," said Paul Krekorian, City of Los Angeles' Executive Director of Major Events, who oversees the city's preparations for a historic run of major global events, including the FIFA World Cup, Super Bowl, and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Krekorian emphasized that the true measure of success will not be attendance figures or television audiences, but the long-term benefits left behind for Angelenos. Under Mayor Karen Bass's "Games for All"



Courtesy photo

**SOCCER:** Australia's Socceroos welcomed to LA with World Cup reception highlighting sport's economic and community impact.

vision, city leaders are focused on ensuring investments tied to the World Cup and Olympics extend beyond stadiums through workforce development, accessibility improvements, public infrastructure, youth programs, and community engagement initiatives. "I'm excited about the idea of future generations looking back at this period

in time and thinking that was the moment we were able to create these benefits," Krekorian said. "In the same way that we look back at the 1984 Olympics today and see how much we're still benefiting from them."

Among the initiatives he highlighted are more than 100 free public activations planned throughout Los Angeles neighborhoods,

designed to bring the World Cup experience directly into communities and ensure residents can participate regardless of their ability to purchase tickets. "It was important that these events be accessible to everyone," Krekorian said. "We're bringing the games to the communities."

The event's setting reflected another theme echoed throughout the morning - the power of connection. Standing beneath a Boeing 787 Dreamliner undergoing maintenance, Qantas Executive Vice President, Americas' Ash Howell welcomed guests to what he described as "a little piece of Australia in the heart of Los Angeles." "This isn't a prop," Howell joked. "This is a live working hangar." The facility, one of the largest commercial aircraft hangars in the Northern Hemisphere, serves as a critical operational hub for Qantas' North American network. Los Angeles remains one of the airline's most important international gateways, supporting up to 21 flights each week and connecting nearly 800,000 passengers annually between Australia and the United States.

Yet Howell said the gathering represented something larger than aviation. "Connection is really the reason we're all here today," he said. "Moments like this remind us that connection is about more than distance. It's about people, teams, and the pride that travels with them."

That theme was echoed by Australian

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## IMAGINATION IS TURNING INTO RESTORATION.



Join us in rewilding the Santa Monica Beach Dunes. This is a magical place to reimagine what our coast can become. As native plants take root, the dunes grow stronger, wildlife returns, and a living shoreline begins to take shape. What we dream now will sustain generations to come. Discover more at [linktr.ee/santamonica beachdunes](https://linktr.ee/santamonica beachdunes)



**SANTA MONICA BEACH DUNES**

## GUEST COMMENTARY

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# June at the market

Happy June! We are celebrating the last days of spring and looking forward to welcoming in summer with Summer Solstice just a couple of weeks away. So much going on this month with graduations, Father's Day, summer vacation! It's the perfect time to check out what's new at the Farmers Markets! Whether you're on your way to the beach or getting ready for a weekend camping trip, we've got the most amazing, delicious snacks to boost your energy, put a smile on your face and some pep in your step! Who needs an energy drink when farmers market fruits and vegetables are packed with nutrition! Did you say PEACHES!? Yes! Your favorite stone fruits are available at the farmers market now!

Special events happening at the Pico and Main Street Farmers Markets include the Juneteenth celebration at Virginia Park on June 20 and then, on Sunday, June 21, be sure to stop by the Main Street Farmers Market for a special Father's Day Summer Solstice celebration. Spend the summer with us and enjoy music and activities for the kids! Always fun, always free!

### June Calendar 2026

<b>Pico</b>	
<b>June 6</b>	<b>DJ and the Greenleas</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>GM Jazz</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>East of Lincoln Master Gardeners Juneteenth Celebration in the Park</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Megan Ukoh</b>
<b>Main Street</b>	
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Triple B Band 10am-1pm Soccer Stars</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>GM Jazz Quartet 10am-1pm</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Father's Day and Solstice Celebration Cadre Scott 9-11am Megan Ukoh 11am-1pm SolLA Instrument Petting Zoo</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>DJ &amp; the Main Street Jam 10am-1pm Westside Waldorf Natural Crafting</b>



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**FRUIT:** Plums are ready for at the local farmers markets.



## Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.4

**THURSDAY** | **SURF:** 3-4ft+  
*FAIR* | Waist to shoulder

Surf trending solid again as new SSW swell moves in. A little more SE wind expected. Size picking back up as our next round of SSW swell moves in. Starting off similar to where Wed leaves off, waist-chest high with better breaks head-high. Standouts pulling in some overhead sets. Those bigger ones become more consistent into the afternoon SE wind looks more problematic than Tue/Wed, so plan on needing some protection for the mid-AM tide push. Early PM window looks decent with manageable SSW/SW wind.

**FRIDAY** | **SURF:** 4-5ft  
*FAIR* | Chest to head

Solid day of waves, conditions look best in the AM. PM onshores manageable either side of Dume. SSW swell tops out for waist-chest high waves at average spots. Better breaks head-high with some overhead sets in the mix. Not a lot of NW energy in the mix so the open beach-breaks are pretty walled -- especially around the early/mid-AM low tide. Variable to light southerly AM wind, clean at the points with some crumble out west. A little more S wind in the afternoon, but looks manageable on either side of Dume.

## Weather

**Thursday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 68.

**Thursday Night:** Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

**Friday Night:** Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 60.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/06/04	Thu	07:04 AM	-0.23	L
2026/06/04	Thu	2:13 PM	3.26	H
2026/06/04	Thu	5:39 PM	2.86	L
2026/06/04	Thu	11:56 PM	5.00	H
2026/06/05	Fri	07:45 AM	-0.02	L
2026/06/05	Fri	3:05 PM	3.40	H
2026/06/05	Fri	6:42 PM	2.96	L
2026/06/06	Sat	12:42 AM	4.60	H
2026/06/06	Sat	08:28 AM	0.24	L
2026/06/06	Sat	3:51 PM	3.64	H
2026/06/06	Sat	8:09 PM	2.96	L
2026/06/07	Sun	01:41 AM	4.13	H

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<p>Draw Date: 6/1 2 42 47 57 58 Power#: 14 Jackpot: 194 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 6/2 5 11 19 25 31</p>
<p>Draw Date: 6/2 15 26 43 48 60 Mega#: 12 Jackpot: 368 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 6/2 EVENING: 6 9 5 Draw Date: 6/2 MIDDAY: 4 2 6</p>
<p>Draw Date: 5/30 1 2 22 26 27 Mega#: 21 Jackpot: 25 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 6/2 1st: 05 - California Classic 2nd: 11 - Money Bags 3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms Race Time: 1:43.60</p>

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**BID #4519 HEAVY DUTY TOW SERVICE FOR TRANSIT BUSES AND FIRE APPARATUS.**  
Submission Deadline is June 11, 2026 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

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## AROUND TOWN

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# Summer Starts with Steaks, Sweets and Sports

**SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes a legendary Texas steak challenge on the Pier, a Swedish candy invasion, a popular new burger joint on Montana and Raising Cane's on 3rd St. Promenade, a high-stakes pickleball tournament for a good cause, and much more!**

**Route 66 Steak Challenge:** The famous 72-ounce steak challenge from Texas' Big Texan Steak Ranch arrives at the Santa Monica Pier as 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>

**Point Break Night Market:** Saba Surf is putting on a night market block party featuring local vendors, tattoos, crafts, sweet treats and burritos. Thursday June 4, 6 - 9:30p.m., 12912 Venice Blvd. [instagram.com/saba\\_surf](https://www.instagram.com/saba_surf)

**Free Yoga Every Saturday in June:** The Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition hosts FREE yoga at Reed Park Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., 1133 7th St. [wilmont.org](https://www.wilmont.org)

**Halldays' Beach Volleyball Meet-Up:** A ticket includes A ticket includes beach volleyball, post-game snacks and one of the brand's workout sets. 🏐 Saturday, June 6, Annenberg Beach House, 415 PCH [instagram.com/p/DYr6DtvEef/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DYr6DtvEef/)

**Marina WELL Rey - a free Health, Wellness & Selfcare Expo:** Over 60 local businesses will be offering Free Classes, Talks, Doggy Yoga, Vendors and Entertainment. Saturday, June 6, Coco Beach Sports Bar & Grill, 404 Washington Blvd., Venice [eventbrite.com/e/marina-well-rey-health-wellness-self-care-expo-tickets-1985527200305](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marina-well-rey-health-wellness-self-care-expo-tickets-1985527200305)

**Unicorn Movie Club X Variety of So Cal Pickleball Tournament:** Two local nonprofits team up for a lively double-elimination pickleball tournament welcoming all skill levels. Enjoy lunch, an open bar, and a high-energy atmosphere, with all proceeds benefiting SoCal children and families. Saturday, June 6, 3p.m., Santa Monica Pickleball Center, 1330 4th St. [santamonicapickleballcenter.com](https://www.santamonicapickleballcenter.com)

**Penmar Wine Mixer:** Enjoy a Step Brothers-inspired afternoon featuring over 50 wines from 15+ participating wineries, live DJ sets, sunshine, and Venice vibes. Saturday, June 6, 3p.m., 1233 Rose Ave. [tickets.thepenmar.com/e/penmar-wine-mixer](https://www.tickets.thepenmar.com/e/penmar-wine-mixer)

**Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation Fundraiser (Saturday June 6, 12 - 3pm):** The fundraiser is a fun afternoon to help the animals at the Santa Monica animal shelter. For a small donation you could win prizes in the raffle and bid on unique experiences in the silent auction. There will be face painting, balloon animals, burgers, the Santa Monica Police Department's Mounted Unit and more. @ 1640 9th St. [smasf.org](https://www.smasf.org)

**Saturdays at Seven Secret House Show:** Expect a secret Venice Beach location, local musicians, complimentary drinks, and the kind of intimate concert experience that's hard to find anywhere else in LA. Saturday, June 6, 7p.m., Venice [instagram.com/saturdaysatseven](https://www.instagram.com/saturdaysatseven)

**Self-Guided Coastal Crossroads Tour:** Celebrate Nick Gabaldon Day and Juneteenth at the debut of the Coastal Crossroads Tour, an exploration of Santa Monica's coastal landmarks, public art, cultural sites, and Black history. For the inaugural event, four sites related to Santa Monica's Black experience will be docented by esteemed historian Dr. Alison Rose Jefferson and her team of storytellers. The full self-guided tour with all 20 stops will go live on Sunday, June 7, 1p.m. [givecloud.co/coastalcrossroads](https://www.givecloud.co/coastalcrossroads)

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Santa Monica is welcoming Texas to the Isonic End of the Trail to kick off their Route 66 caravan to Chicago. Cheer on our Chiefs of Police and Fire as they attempt to eat a 72 oz steak, kick up your boots with line dancing and a live country-western band, see classic cars from Petersen Automotive Museum and be one of the first to try Santa Monica Brew Works' new End of the Trail Pale Ale.

LIVE BAND ★ LINE DANCING ★ KIDS ACTIVITIES  
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**66:** The party on the Pier has a Texas theme.

**WORLD CUP**

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Counsel General Tanya Bennett, who highlighted sport's unique ability to strengthen relationships between nations while creating opportunities for business, tourism, and cultural exchange. "Sport unites communities, creates lasting legacies, and brings people together," Bennett said. "The FIFA World Cup is a global opportunity to showcase excellence, inspire future generations, and deepen the connections between our countries."

**“I’m excited about the idea of future generations looking back at this period in time and thinking that was the moment we were able to create these benefits, in the same way that we look back at the 1984 Olympics**

- Paul Krekorian, City of Los Angeles’ Executive Director of Major Events

That spirit of connection was echoed by Tanya Bennett, who emphasized that the World Cup represents far more than competition on the field.

“Sport really does play a unique role in showcasing Australia’s identity and culture right here in the United States,” Bennett said. “Sport unites communities, creates lasting legacies, and brings people together.”

Bennett noted that the tournament provides a rare opportunity to strengthen ties between Australia and the United States while highlighting the depth of the countries’ relationship across tourism, trade,

investment, and cultural exchange. She described the World Cup as a moment when visitors, supporters, business leaders, and communities come together around a shared global experience.

Looking ahead to Australia’s matchup against the United States, Bennett called it “a special moment between our countries—a fierce competition between the closest of allies and friends,” underscoring the role sport can play in building international relationships while inspiring future generations on both sides of the Pacific.

For the athletes, the moment carried a more personal meaning. Veteran goalkeeper and captain Mathew Ryan, preparing for his fourth FIFA World Cup, reflected on the significance of representing Australia on the sport’s biggest stage. “Every chance I get to wear this badge is special,” Ryan said. “It’s an example of me living my dream.”

For younger players, the opportunity represents the realization of aspirations formed years earlier while watching previous generations of Socceroos compete. “It would mean everything,” said Alessandro Circati, who hopes to appear in his first World Cup. “It’s a dream I’ve had since I was a little boy.”

Midfielder Cameron Devlin described the tournament as “the pinnacle of sport,” while emphasizing that the opportunity to represent Australia remains the greatest honor. “We’re just normal Australian boys who are fortunate enough to be in this position,” Devlin said. “To wear the Australian badge on your chest every day is something we don’t take for granted.”

Head coach Tony Popovic connected the current squad to Australia’s football history, recalling the nation’s breakthrough qualification for the 2006 FIFA World Cup after a 32-year absence. “We broke the barrier - since then we’ve shown we belong on this stage,” said Popovic.

As attendees gathered over Australian coffee from Bluestone Lane and looked out across the active maintenance floor, the event served as a reminder that the World Cup’s impact extends well beyond the pitch.

For Australia, it is an opportunity to showcase national identity. For Los Angeles, it’s a chance to demonstrate global leadership while creating lasting community benefits, and for the athletes preparing to compete, it is the culmination of dreams years in the making. As the countdown to kickoff continues, the message from inside the hangar was clear that the World Cup is about more than sport, but about connection, opportunity, and the legacy left behind long after the final whistle.

“I’m excited about the idea of future generations looking back at this period in time and thinking that was the moment we were able to create these benefits, in the same way that we look back at the 1984 Olympics,” said Krekorian.

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## SMMUSD

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sharper picture of where the district will close the fiscal year.

The shift was outlined in the district's 2025-2026 Third Budget Revision, which the Board of Education reviewed during its regular meeting May 19. The revision provides an overview of the district's financial position as of April 30 and is part of its routine financial review and annual budget reporting cycle.

"This year, we are taking a more rigorous, data-driven approach to our year-end projections — moving away from historical approximations and toward a more sophisticated methodology that produces a more precise picture of where we will end the financial year," said Gerardo Cruz, SMMUSD assistant superintendent of business services and chief financial officer.

Cruz said the refined methodology is intended to reduce uncertainty and improve how the district allocates its resources.

"A more accurate forecast means fewer year-end surprises, reduced instances of unspent funds and greater confidence in the numbers driving our determinations," Cruz said. "When projections are grounded in this revised and sound methodology, we can make more intentional, timely resource decisions; ultimately directing dollars more efficiently on behalf of our students and staff."

The Third Budget Revision follows the second interim budget special meeting held March 11 and features a thorough breakdown on the variance between the two periods. To produce the revision, district staff reviewed revenues and expenditures against projected figures, adjusted revenue lines for any changes in funding, evaluated how much allocated budget remains unspent and balanced funds before the fiscal year concludes June 30.

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the district projects approximately \$153.2 million in total general fund revenue, a variance of \$72,151 from the second interim budget. The revenue projections stem from stable funding sources, including local property tax, parcel tax revenue and community partnerships that help sustain programs across Santa Monica and Malibu schools.

Total unrestricted general fund expenditures decreased from \$163.8 million to \$160.1 million, providing a cost savings of \$3.7 million. The variance is the result of a decrease in employee salaries and benefits for vacancies that have not been filled, partially offset by an increase in nonpublic agency contracts, additional special education contribution and books and supplies.

Total restricted general fund expenditures increased from \$78.9 million to \$79.7 million, a difference of \$860,729. That change resulted from an increase in local revenue, a decrease in state revenue and an increase to the local general fund contribution to special education.

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton emphasized that the revised figures do not signal reductions to district operations.

"It is important to note that the adjustments reflected in this report are not budget cuts — they are simply a more accurate accounting of expenses that we do not anticipate materializing before the close of the fiscal year," Shelton said. "No programs or positions are being reduced — we are simply right-sizing our projections to reflect reality. This approach strengthens our credibility with the Board and the community by demonstrating fiscal discipline and transparency."

In addition to providing an overview of the district's financial position, the revision analyzes the impact on multi-year projections of the general fund for the current fiscal year and the next two fiscal years. The district continues to maintain the state-required minimum reserve of 3% for economic uncertainties.

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The district self-certified a positive certification for the revision and confirmed that it will meet its obligations during the current fiscal year and the next two fiscal years. Based on the multi-year projections, the district is expected to maintain a good financial position over the next several fiscal years, with an expectation that operational costs, including employee health and welfare benefits, will continue to increase each year.

District leaders noted that there is a reserve for future deficit spending and a reserve for up to two months of general fund expenditures. The district's fund balance includes restricted funds, such as the state-mandated reserve and the board-approved two-month reserve policy, which are not considered a surplus because they are set aside to ensure financial stability and cover unexpected emergencies.

District staff will continue to monitor expenditure trends and identify cost-saving measures as part of its strategy to maintain fiscal stability and refine the ongoing budget development process.

As part of its commitment to fiscal transparency, the Board of Education and community members will continue to receive updates from district staff. The upcoming budget reporting cycle updates include the Fourth Budget Revision and Estimated Actuals in June, followed by the Unaudited Actuals in September.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

### Santa Monica College, Nonprofit Launch First Affordable Housing Property Management Certificate at a California Community College

Santa Monica College and Oakland-based affordable housing nonprofit Merritt Community Capital Corporation have launched California's first for-credit affordable housing property management certificate program at a community college, set to begin in fall 2026.

The Affordable Housing Property Management Certificate of Achievement was developed through Merritt's Rising Affordable Housing Management Professionals initiative, known as RAMP, part of the organization's broader Commitment to Community workforce development program. Course offerings counting toward the certificate are available during the summer 2026 intersession at [smc.edu/RealEstate](http://smc.edu/RealEstate).

The program was piloted in spring 2026 with a three-unit Affordable Housing Property Management course before receiving approval for a full certificate.

The curriculum is designed to equip students with practical skills in affordable housing operations, resident engagement and real-world problem-solving, preparing them for careers that directly support housing stability in local communities.

"As the affordable housing industry grows, so does the need for skilled property managers to support residents and preserve communities long-term," said Merritt President and CEO Ari Beliak. "RAMP is a direct response to that demand."

SMC Vice President of Academic Affairs Jason Beardsley said the program aligns with the college's mission to train workers responsive to regional labor market needs.

For more information, visit [smc.edu/RealEstate](http://smc.edu/RealEstate).

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**SMC:** Santa Monica College's Student Services Center at its main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. SMC has launched an Affordable Housing Property Management Certificate of Achievement in partnership with Merritt Community Capital Corporation.

## ELECTION

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Monica were each behind the frontrunners..

Former Santa Monica Mayor Tony Vasquez finished a distant fifth in the Democratic primary for State Treasurer, drawing about 10% in a field led by Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis with 34%. Only the top two vote-getters advance to the November general election and Republican Jennifer Hawks is in second place.

Green Party leader and longtime Santa Monica activist Mike Feinstein fared no better in the Secretary of State race, collecting about 3% — far behind incumbent Democratic Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, who led with 61%.

Current State Sen. Ben Allen, whose district includes Santa Monica, entered a crowded Insurance Commissioner field seeking to advance to November and was the lone bright spot as he found himself in second place in a top 2 primary. Allen trailed frontrunner Jane Kim, a Democrat, 27% to 22%, with Republicans and other Democrats splitting the remaining votes.

In the hotly contested Senate District 24 primary, Sion Roy — a Democrat aligned with Santa Monica's progressive political infrastructure — ran fifth in a 10-candidate

field with 13.08%. Republican G. Rick Marshall led with 20%, followed closely by Democrat Brian Goldsmith at 19%, Republican Kristina Irwin and Democrat John M. Erickson both have 16%.

The results reflected a low-turnout environment statewide but LA County voter turnout was trending 2 to 3 percentage points ahead of the June 2022 gubernatorial primary as of Tuesday afternoon, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan said.

By 2 p.m., more than 100,000 voters had cast ballots in person and nearly 1 million vote-by-mail ballots had been returned. Logan said polling locations opened on time with no significant incidents reported.

Logan projected final turnout would land in the mid-30% range, compared to roughly 28% four years ago.

Hundreds of thousands of additional ballots remained uncounted, and officials cautioned that results would continue to update in the days ahead.

All results remain unofficial. Los Angeles County accepts vote-by-mail ballots postmarked by Election Day for up to seven days, meaning final totals could shift substantially before certification.

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## PITCHSIDE

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California. The vibrant, outdoor energy is exactly what Michelob ULTRA is all about, enjoying an active lifestyle while celebrating the moment with friends.”

The activation reflects a growing trend among major brands to create destination experiences that extend beyond traditional sponsorships. Rather than relying solely on signage and advertising, Michelob ULTRA is investing in a fully programmed fan village featuring live entertainment, appearances by soccer legends, interactive competitions, and daily experiences designed to keep visitors returning throughout the tournament. “As the Official Beer Sponsor of the FIFA World Cup 2026, the Pitchside Club Santa Monica is an activation that is transforming our sponsorship into an immersive, weeks long social and experiential destination,” Marques said. “We are moving beyond traditional branding to deliver unparalleled experiential entertainment.”

Santa Monica leaders view the activation as another milestone in the city’s broader strategy to position itself as Southern California’s gathering place during the World Cup and the lead up to the Olympics. “We bet big on ourselves and it’s already paying off,” Mayor Caroline Torosis said. “We’re making history this summer with a lineup of events, activations and partnerships that this community has not seen before. It’s no exaggeration to say that this summer, Santa Monica is the place to be in Southern California.”

The Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club represents one of the largest private investments tied to Santa Monica’s World Cup programming and serves as a centerpiece within a summer calendar expected to draw visitors from around the globe. The initiative also underscores Michelob ULTRA’s expanding commitment to soccer, a sport the company increasingly views as central to its global growth strategy.

Over the past several years, the brand has invested heavily across international soccer properties, including Copa América and the FIFA World Cup. With the tournament returning to the United States for the first time since 1994, company leaders see the moment as an opportunity to create lasting connections with fans while helping shape the broader cultural experience surrounding the event. “Once the tournament wraps this summer, our attention will pivot to LA28, which unites both our soccer and Olympic Games sponsorship in what is sure to be another legendary moment for Los Angeles,” Marques said.

That connection between the World Cup and the Olympics is particularly relevant for Santa Monica, which is positioning itself as one of the region’s premier gathering places during both events.

“As Los Angeles steps into this global

spotlight, Santa Monica is the perfect hub to seamlessly blend the excitement of the FIFA World Cup 2026 and LA28,” Marques said. “Creating the Pitchside Club in one of the most fan centric destinations in the city was a big priority for us.”

Throughout the activation, visitors can expect daily DJ performances, freestyle soccer exhibitions, interactive fan challenges, jersey customization stations, appearances from soccer legends, live entertainment, and hosted broadcasts from some of the sport’s most recognizable personalities. Programming is anchored around major tournament moments, including the United States Men’s National Team opener on June 12 and a special Mexican National Team celebration on June 18 featuring former players and team legends.

The goal, according to Michelob ULTRA executives, is to create more than a watch party. Michelob ULTRA’s strategy increasingly blends sports, entertainment, music, celebrity culture, and social experiences into a single destination experience. “By seamlessly integrating live DJs, soccer legends, and immersive entertainment at the Pitchside Club Santa Monica, we purposefully designed an experience that transcends a traditional viewing experience to become a definitive cultural destination for fans,” Marques said.

The company says success will ultimately be measured by the memories fans create throughout the tournament. “We are creating a destination that feels both globally significant and locally authentic,” Marques said. “Whether fans are watching matches, meeting soccer legends, customizing jerseys, enjoying live entertainment or simply gathering with friends, we want the Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club to be the place where some of their favorite FIFA World Cup memories are made.”

Beyond the fan experience, the activation is expected to contribute to the economic energy surrounding one of the largest sporting events in the world. By transforming the Santa Monica Pier into a global gathering place for visitors and residents alike, Michelob ULTRA hopes to drive foot traffic throughout the surrounding business district while helping showcase Santa Monica to an international audience. “Major sporting events create opportunities that extend well beyond the venue itself,” Marques said. “We are excited to contribute to the energy and activity surrounding this historic moment for Los Angeles and Santa Monica.”

As the countdown to kickoff continues, the Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club represents more than a brand activation. It is a statement about where Santa Monica sees itself in the years ahead, at the intersection of sport, culture, tourism, entertainment, and community. As the world arrives in Los Angeles, one of its first stops may very well be the Santa Monica Pier.

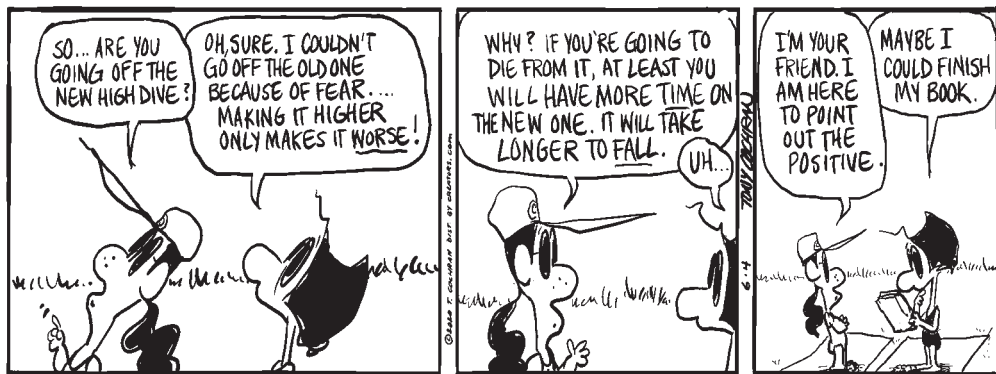
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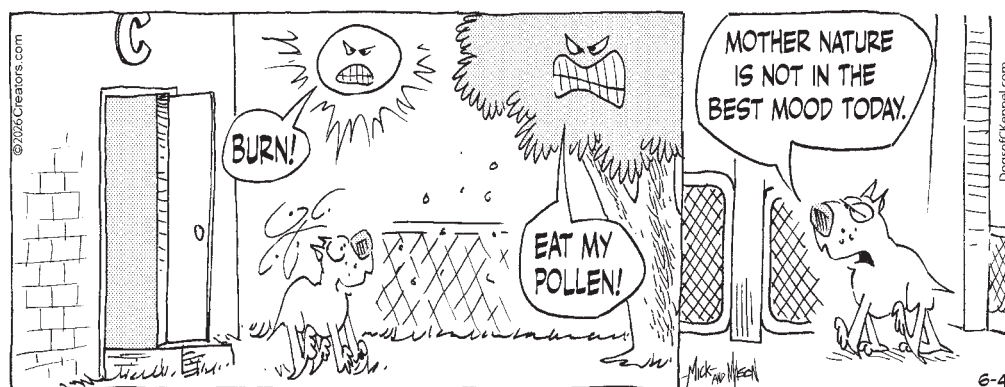
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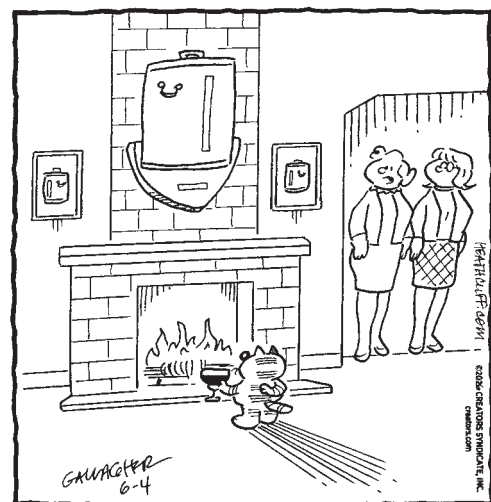
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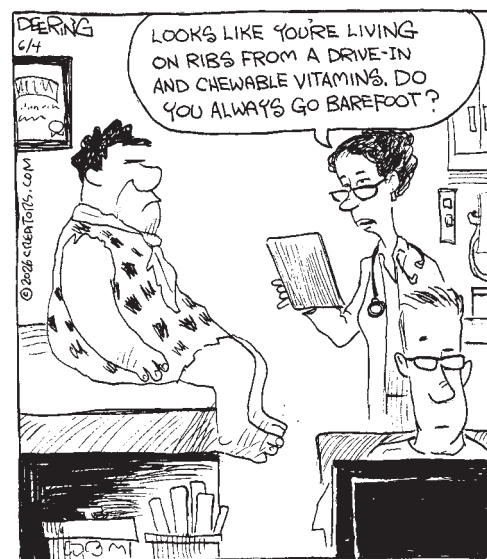
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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Hope is a lever. There is always a way to make it work, to adjust or flip it. "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." -- Archimedes

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are the product of generations who hoped to survive savage conditions, to thrive through cruelty and turmoil and to beat impossible odds. Though you endure and advance, in a sense you have already arrived. You are hope embodied.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Hope is intrinsic. It's just part of the deal. It's sown into the simplest interactions and integrated into the profoundly life-changing ones as well. So you don't have to conjure hope, only remember its existence in existence itself.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your signmate Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison before negotiating an end to apartheid and institutionalized racist laws, knew something about hope. "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." -- Nelson Mandela

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Hope has many disguises, and for you they are often quite whimsical. Sometimes it arrives as laughter at the worst possible moment, or the urge to clean a room, answer a message, plant tomatoes, buy new boots or learn three guitar chords after midnight.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Hope loves evidence, but it can also survive on rumor. A single good conversation, one sweet kiss, the smell of bread from a nearby kitchen, and suddenly the whole nervous system starts voting in favor of the future again.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Hope is often mistaken for naivety by people who confuse cynicism with intelligence. It actually requires enormous imagination to believe broken things can regain function, beauty can return and people can surprise and delight each other.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Hope floats. It's like the impenetrable beach ball that can bob in a swimming pool or an ocean, that can ride in on any average tide or surf a tidal wave. Its properties have it hovering above the deepest dangers, buoying the heaviest hearts.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hope is relentlessly durable. People drag it through wars, divorces, blackouts, funerals and tax season, and somehow it never dings, dents or gets dusty. You cannot run out, so use as much of it as you can in as many ways as you can think to.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hope has been a subject of pondering for many great minds. Einstein believed hope came in the form of a powerful punctuation mark. "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." -- Albert Einstein

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Hope is a bridge built by people who never got to cross it themselves. Every road, recipe, protest song and library book carries the fingerprints of someone who believed the future should contain more chances than the past did.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Hope behaves like ivy. Give it one crack in the wall and soon it's climbing everywhere, curling around rusted gates, abandoned factories and exhausted hearts, insisting on beauty where practicality alone would have bulldozed the entire scene long ago.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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**Newsday Crossword**

**25-DOWN BONDING** by Chris Gross  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Mambo-like dance
- 6 Lip protector
- 10 "Halls of Montezuma" org.
- 14 Vast body
- 15 Discs + creme snack
- 16 Genesis mariner
- 17 Never existed
- 18 Proclamation emblem
- 19 Remedy
- 20 Mosquito breeding ground
- 23 Palm tree fruit
- 24 Fire product
- 25 Grand Rapids resident
- 31 Set to assemble
- 34 Coming soon
- 35 All those in favor
- 36 It means "mouth"
- 37 Advanced funds to
- 38 Courtroom prop
- 40 What the suspicious smell
- 41 Scarf down
- 42 Many a Mozart melody
- 43 City near Florence
- 44 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 45 Tokyo transport
- 48 Bozeman sch.
- 50 Rookie gamer
- 51 Oregano cousin
- 57 Eleventh-hour
- 58 Reiterate
- 59 Choose to serve

62 Barrel-\_\_\_ maple syrup

63 Big name in Western fiction

64 Prefix for modern

65 To a high degree

66 Vast bodies

67 HS ordeals

**DOWN**

- 1 Sty dweller
- 2 Obamacare initials
- 3 Minus
- 4 Yuletide topper
- 5 Stomach soother
- 6 Croatia neighbor
- 7 Field of study
- 8 Show a preference

9 Lose feathers

10 Cooper title character

11 Seoul food setting

12 Barnyard mom

13 Singing star since the '60s

21 Wisecrack

22 Part of VFW

25 They're "bonded" to four answers

26 "Rumor has it..."

27 Approximate

28 Of armadas

29 Source of shades

30 Sushi staple

32 Turk neighbor

33 Second-largest solar

system moon

38 *Despicable Me* villain

39 Feel off

40 Hoopster's misses

42 Be neighboring

43 Accumulate

46 Basks in

47 "...moreover"

49 What some loaves are

51 Balkan native

52 Engage in

53 Memory measure

54 Part of some plots

55 Emu cousin

56 Prefix for physics

60 Early PC part

61 HS helpers

**Sudoku**

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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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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## AROUND TOWN

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**World Play Zone at the Metro Station:** A family-friendly World Cup activation featuring soccer challenges, skill stations, and interactive play. Weekends, June 11–28, SaMo E Line Downtown Station Lot [santamoniacup.com/events/junior-junction](https://santamoniacup.com/events/junior-junction)

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

## WHAT TO EAT &amp; DRINK?

**Free Lobster for a Year? Luke's Lobster Launching In-Shack Exclusive Mystery Grab Bags:** On June 4 and 5 with mystery grab bags! Diners who spend \$25 or more can walk away with merch prizes including a grand prize of free lobster rolls for a year! 200 Santa Monica Blvd. [lukeslobster.com/pages/lucky-lobster](https://lukeslobster.com/pages/lucky-lobster)

**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://opentable.com/r/orto-santa-monica)

**An Evening with Vega-Sicilia Winery:** Join a tasting experience featuring the legendary wines of Tempos Vega-Sicilia, including Spain's iconic Único alongside elegant white selections from their renowned Tokaj estate, Oremus. Guests will enjoy a curated lineup accompanied by cheeses, charcuterie, and seasonal small bites. \$150. Thursday, June 4, Wally's, 214 Wilshire Blvd. [opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1020850&restref=1020850&experienceId=720007](https://opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1020850&restref=1020850&experienceId=720007)

**Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest:** About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, June 5, starting at 5p.m. [abbotkinneyblvd.com](https://abbotkinneyblvd.com)

**New Dog Menu Launch Event at Fig Tree:** Celebrate the launch of a new pup menu with free house-made dog biscuits, rescue pup meet-and-greets, and the chance to meet adoptable dogs from Wags & Walks. 🐾 Friday, June 5, 3–5p.m., 431 Ocean Front Walk, Venice [instagram.com/figtreeevening](https://instagram.com/figtreeevening)

**Arbowl Supper Club at Our Place - Homestyle:** Enjoy a 5-course pop-up dining experience in support of real people looking for new friends and social connections. Each course will be a re-imagination of meaningful home cooked dishes from our Arbowl team members childhoods, spanning 5 different cultures across the meal. Saturday, Jun 6, 7:15p.m. <https://posh.vip/e/rbowl-supper-club-at-our-place-homestyle>

**Win-Dow on Montana Grand Opening (June 9):** The wildly popular smashburger concept continues its Westside expansion with a Montana Avenue location. Launch week includes a variety of daily specials including a free burger with any purchase on opening day. 930 Montana Ave. [instagram.com/thewindow.la](https://instagram.com/thewindow.la)

**Jeremy Renner + Kym Renner + Junior Cookies ❤️ A Cookie With a Purpose:** The limited Renner Crunch Cookie is a buttery cookie with milk chocolate, marshmallow crunch loaded with potato chips, pretzels, and cornflakes, and topped with rainbow sprinkles. \$5 from each 4-pack will be donated to support Camp RennerVation, helping provide summer camp experiences for children in foster care and at-risk youth. 2726 Main St. [juniorcookies.com](https://juniorcookies.com)

**Kändi Now Open:** Swedish candy has become a social-media phenomenon in the U.S., with specialty imports drawing long lines in cities across the country. The playful candy shop bringing the sweet taste of Sweden to Santa Monica, has officially opened its doors. Kändi offers a curated selection of unique Scandinavian treats, including tangy sour candies, fluffy marshmallows, rich chocolates and other favorites you won't typically find in the U.S. 1230 Montana Ave. [instagram.com/swedishkandi/](https://instagram.com/swedishkandi/)

**Raising Cane's Grand Opening:** Stay tuned for news on this because it appears to be ready to open VERY soon! I expect it in the next 2 weeks. [instagram.com/raisingcanes](https://instagram.com/raisingcanes)

**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 4 – 7, Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, CA <https://www.santamonica.com/global-events/>

**More Further Afield:** Uncorked LA @ California Science Center: More than 100 wines, after-hours access to museum exhibits, DJs and food trucks make this one of the more unique summer tasting events in Los Angeles. 🍷 Saturday, June 6, 7 - 11p.m. [eventbrite.com/e/uncorked-la-tickets-1984498164431](https://eventbrite.com/e/uncorked-la-tickets-1984498164431)

**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); Venice Fest (6/20); Make Music Day Santa Monica (6/21); Pier 360 Beach Festival (6/27-28); Main St. July 4th Parade (7/4); COAST Open Streets Festival (7/19)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at [sean@smdp.com](mailto:sean@smdp.com). Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Summer Starts with Steaks, Sweets and Sports



## THURSDAY | JUNE 4

## 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](mailto:jimkirtley@ymcala.org) for more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chair-fitness-with-coach-todd/18763133/2026-06-04T11>

## 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! Sign up here to receive emails about upcoming exercise classes and cancellations: [post283.com/exercise](https://post283.com/exercise). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-06-04T11>

## 17TH ANNUAL NEW MEDIA FILM FESTIVAL

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Culver City Theater 9500 Culver Blvd Culver City. The New Media Film Festival® returns June 3–4 with two days of premieres, filmmaker Q&As, and global storytelling. June 3 events take place online; June 4 brings the red carpet to the Culver Theater in Los Angeles. Known honoring stories worth telling since 2009 in classic and tech categories with judges from HBO, Marvel, BBC, PBS, EMMYS, GRAMMYS and other Industry Leaders. The festival has helped alumni secure distribution, funding, casting opportunities, and book deals to name a few. As filmmaker John Carstarphen shared, "I've never felt more relaxed or inspired at a film festival... I think the New Media Film Festival is the future of film festivals." His experience reflects what many attendees describe: a welcoming, innovative space where creativity and community come together. \$15.00 to \$65.00— Pricing differs for online and in person. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/17th-annual-new-media-film-festival/18309969/2026-06-04T16>

## SMALL GROUP READING WITH SUSAN SCHUELER IN SANTA MONICA

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 2829 2nd Street Santa Monica. Join International Medium Susan Schueler as she brings through your loved ones on the other side for this IN PERSON event in Santa Monica. \*If Venmo is your preferred payment preference to avoid fees, inquire with Susan at [Susanschueler17@mac.com](mailto:Susanschueler17@mac.com). Join International Medium Susan Schueler as she brings through your loved ones on the other side. This in person small group reading is reserved for no more than 8 participants and each individual will receive a personal reading (Psychic/Mediumship). This is a VERY unique experience, so expect an intimate evening full of love, healing and joy, as Susan demonstrates that love never dies. This is held at a private residence in Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/>

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## 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/18409321/2026-06-04T21>

## FRIDAY | JUNE 5

## 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 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 present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-06-05T10>

## LA COUNTY REGISTRAR AT PRC - REGISTER TO VOTE

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition - Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. Stop in to ask. How temporary displacement affects voter registration. Whether you need to re-register to Vote. How can you ensure your voter registration is up to date? you can also check registration at, and change it if it is wrong at all info at Collapse description. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/la-county-registrar-at-prc-register-to-vote/18461162/2026-06-05T10>

## PEAK HEALTH TO HOST BEACH PILATES EXPERIENCE IN SANTA MONICA

10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach Near Lifeguard Tower 26 Santa Monica. Peak Health, a Los Angeles-based wellness platform focused on making evidence-based health practices accessible, social, and sustainable, will host a Beach Pilates experience in Santa Monica on Saturday, June 6. Led by Peak Health Founder & Executive Director Jill Aida Horn, MPH, the event will feature a 45-minute beachfront Pilates class designed to bring together movement, mindfulness, and community in an outdoor setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Following the class, attendees will also have the option to participate in an ocean dip. Attendees are encouraged to bring a yoga/pilates mat, water, sunscreen, and comfortable workout attire. The class is open to all fitness levels. Jill Aida Horn, MPH, Founder & Executive Director of Peak Health. \$20.

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