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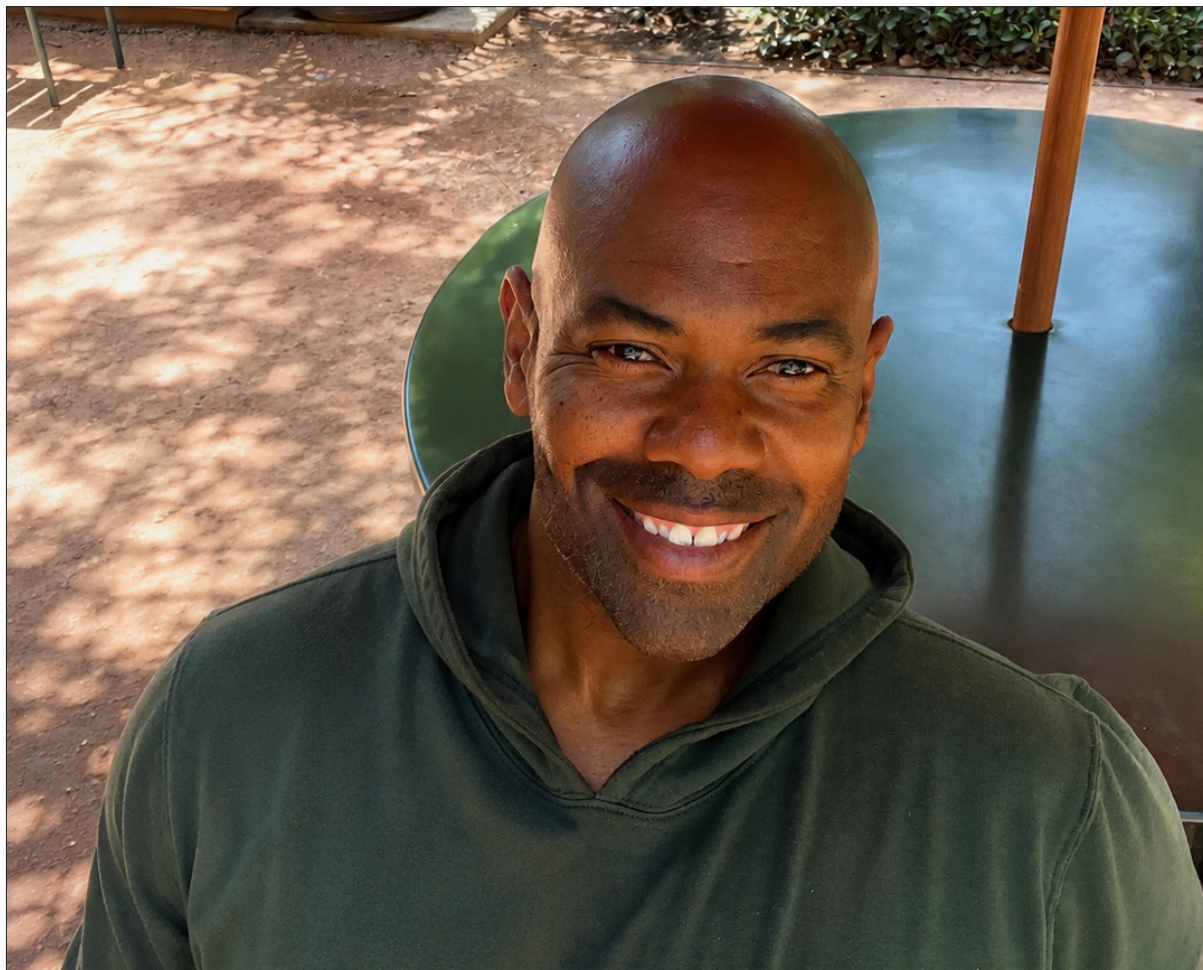
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SMDP Staff Writer

For almost five years, Daren Auld has been a fixture at Ocean View Park, shaping players on the Santa Monica tennis courts with the same quiet dedication he brought to every corner of his life. Now, the 48-year-old coach is fighting for that life after a Stage 4 colon cancer diagnosis has left his family facing a medical and financial crisis — and the community he spent years building is fighting alongside him.

Auld, a self-employed instructor and the sole breadwinner for his wife and two young children — including an infant son — was diagnosed after weeks of deteriorating health that he and his family initially attributed to an abdominal tear. He has no adequate health insurance. His sudden hospitalization has compounded an already devastating situation.

But those who know Auld say his legacy on the courts speaks for itself.

“What started as coaching tennis became much more than that,” said his younger brother, Brenn Auld, who is helping manage the family’s affairs during the crisis. “Over the



Courtesy image

COACH: Ocean View Park tennis coach Daren Auld, 48, battles Stage 4 colon cancer as the community rallies to support him.

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Los Angeles trial begins for man accused of sparking the deadly Palisades Fire

A federal arson trial began Monday for the man accused of sparking last year’s deadly Palisades Fire as the area struggles to rebuild and the aftermath reverberates through the Los Angeles mayor’s race.

Jonathan Rinderknecht, 29, appeared in court for jury selection wearing a white shirt and blue tie, having pled not guilty to starting what became one of the most destructive wildfires in California history. Prosecutors say Rinderknecht started a fire on Jan. 1, 2025, and it burned undetected deep in root systems before flaring back up on Jan. 7.

The Palisades Fire ultimately killed 12 people and destroyed thousands of homes as it incinerated hillside neighborhoods in Pacific Palisades and the city of Malibu. Rinderknecht faces at least five years in prison if convicted of charges that also include malicious destruction by means of a fire.

Lead defense attorney Steve Haney has said Rinderknecht is being made as a scapegoat for the Los Angeles Fire Department’s failure to fully extinguish the Jan. 1 blaze. The trial is likely to take about two weeks.

A group of more than 80 potential jurors were sworn in Monday. Jurors will fill out a questionnaire and return to the courthouse Tuesday, where attorneys on both sides will have the opportunity to question them and dismiss ones they believe are unsuitable to be on the jury.

News of the trial drew mixed reactions from residents of the Pacific Palisades, who have spent the last year and a half tussling with insurance claims and red tape

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Council wants to preempt homelessness with new program

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council meets Tuesday with an agenda that includes a potential entry in the 2027 Tournament of Roses Parade, updated hotel worker wage requirements, a new homelessness

prevention pilot program, revised beach parking hours and changes to how the council conducts its public meetings.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PILOT
Housing and Human Services Director Aileen Reynolds is recommending council authorize

an \$800,000 contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Services and Housing Department to launch a Predictive Prevention Pilot aimed at keeping at-risk Santa Monica residents housed before a crisis occurs.

The program, based on the county’s Homelessness Prevention

Unit model, uses predictive analytics developed by UCLA’s California Policy Lab to identify households at the highest risk of homelessness. A Santa Monica-specific risk list of 513 residents has already been generated using

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Raman beats Pratt to advance in LA Mayors Race

Progressive city council member Nithya Raman has advanced to a November runoff against Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, setting up an unexpected matchup between two Democrats and former political allies to run the struggling city of nearly 4 million.

The outcome means Spencer Pratt, a Republican and former reality television personality from "The Hills," is out of the running. His candidacy had drawn national attention because of his celebrity and willingness to challenge liberal governance in a city dominated by Democrats, but the buzz did not translate into enough votes to make the runoff.

Raman made a last-minute entry into the race, after she had endorsed Bass for reelection. She was elected to the council with the support of the Democratic Socialists of America, and the election will test whether voters in the heavily Democratic city want to move further to the political left to address long-running problems of homelessness, buckled streets and sidewalks and climbing rent and home prices.

The race also has historical markers. Bass is the first Black woman to hold the post, and Raman could be the first South Asian woman in the job.

"If you're as frustrated by the broken status quo as I am, I hope you'll join our movement to build a city that works for everyone," Raman said in a statement. "For too long, City Hall has prioritized giving political advantage to powerful interests that fund elections. Meanwhile, working people pay the price in higher rents, depleted services and a city that has stopped working for them."

"A campaign against Nithya Raman, who allows encampments near schools and cuts the police force, is one Mayor Bass looks forward to winning," said Bass campaign strategist Douglas Herman.

The mayoral matchup sets the field in one of the state's two marquee races. In the other, the California governor's race, Democrat Xavier Becerra has advanced to the general election but it's not yet clear if he will face Republican Steve Hilton or fellow Democrat Tom Steyer.

The mayoral race was technically nonpartisan, so the candidates appeared on the ballot without party identification next to their names.

The election was not a vote of confidence in Bass, who according to incomplete returns received under 35% of the vote, a vulnerable position for an incumbent.

Raman had been running in third until Sunday, but she gained more votes with every update provided by election officials in Los Angeles since June 2, primary day.

Bass represents the Democratic establishment as the incumbent mayor, and she's backed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, former Vice President Kamala Harris and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, along with influential labor unions. She served in the state Legislature and Congress before becoming mayor in 2022 and was under consideration to be former President Joe Biden's running mate in 2020.

Raman — in her first run for citywide office — has promised to speed up housing construction, bring back entertainment industry jobs and improve services in a city known for dirty streets, gridlock and homeless encampments that are commonplace in many

neighborhoods.

"What we are doing right now is just not working," Raman says. "LA's primary strategy for homelessness has been to move encampments from one block to another, from your block to your neighbor's block and back again. ... It's political theater."

It took nearly a week to determine who would face Bass in November due to California's notoriously slow vote-counting process. Ballots are mailed to every eligible voter and they are counted if they are postmarked by Election Day and arrive at an election office within seven days.

Los Angeles, like other counties in California, processes and counts mail ballots in roughly the order they are received, so the last ones returned are the last ones counted.

On Tuesday night after polls closed, Los Angeles released results from mail ballots that had been returned early and already processed as well as votes cast that day. Those votes put Bass in the lead with Pratt running in second and Raman behind in third. Since then, the county has been processing and releasing results from mail ballots that arrived later.

Election data shows that large numbers of Democrats held onto their mail ballots and returned them in the race's final days, which helps explain why Bass and Raman have been doing better than Pratt in the votes counted since primary day.

Born in India, Raman moved to the United States as a child and earned degrees from Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she studied urban planning.

She has opposed efforts to prohibit homeless people from setting up tents within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. However, she appears to have softened her opposition to no-camping zones, which were intended to curb the spread of encampments and clear streets. She voted against dozens of them on the council but later said she would not block them if elected mayor.

Raman's positions on policing in the city have also changed.

She once talked of a department that would be much smaller and posted "defund the police" on social media in 2020. She did not support the mayor's 2023 police contract, which she said was too expensive for the financially strapped city.

More recently, she said the Los Angeles Police Department should remain at its current size, about 8,600, down from about 10,000 in 2020. The police union has taunted her in ads, calling her "Flip Floppin' Raman."

In diverse Los Angeles, mayors are elected by building coalitions, ethnically and geographically. And to surpass 50% of the vote and win, Raman will need to find more supporters.

"I don't think it's impossible, but she is going to have to expand beyond her ideological base," said Democratic consultant Bill Carrick, who sees Bass as vulnerable.

"The people who didn't vote for Nithya weren't voting against her, they were voting for somebody else. Karen (Bass) had a good number of people who were voting against her," Carrick added.

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD AP Political Writer

A floating pitch, Motley Crue and merch: Fan fests extend the World Cup experience beyond the games

If those expensive tickets to World Cup matches are out of reach, there are still options to commune with fellow fans while watching the games.

From a floating pitch to Motley Crue, the World Cup fan festivals have something for everyone in addition to the soccer.

As is the custom for the World Cup, the 16 cities across Canada, Mexico and the United States that are hosting games will all have fanfests, or fan zones. The Associated Press counted some 78 fan fests sanctioned by the FIFA host city organizing committees.

But there are many more. Some 20 Major League Soccer teams are hosting events tied to the World Cup, with other teams partnering with the host city fan fests.

These are designated areas, often in parks and public squares, where fans can watch the games, enjoy food and beverages, take in some entertainment and buy official merch. It's also a chance for cities to showcase local culture.

But this World Cup is unlike any of the previous versions. There are 48 teams, which means there are more games spread out over a longer timeline. Cities are already stretched thin by economic stressors like inflation and gas prices.

While cities got some federal dollars for the World Cup, those funds have not covered all the costs. As a result, some of the festivals are cutting back days of operation, and other are charging for tickets, guaranteed admission, seats or elevated experiences — like cabanas in the Houston heat.

MAMDANI, HOCHUL JOIN IN

In an effort to make sure the people of New York “don’t feel overlooked,” Gov. Kathy Hochul and New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani announced free fan fests in each of the city’s five boroughs. There is also a fan fest planned for Sports Illustrated Stadium in Harrison, New Jersey.

MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, which will be dubbed New York New Jersey Stadium during the World Cup, will host eight matches, including the final.

“Every fan should be able to watch the greatest tournament on earth without dipping into their savings,” Mamdani said.

ESCHEWING FEES IN TORONTO

Concerns over costs to cities caused Toronto to float a plan to charge \$10 for entry to the official fan fest scheduled for Fort York and the Bentway. But there was outcry.

Now some 16,000 tickets a day will be free, but nearly 4,000 premium tickets will also be sold. Organizers said the charge was necessary to prevent overcrowding and make sure the events didn’t go over budget.

“Toronto residents already paid \$180 million to host the games, and tickets to the stadium are cost prohibitive for most people,” Josh Matlow, a Toronto city councilor, said on social media. “At the very least, an event that was promised to residents, no matter their means, so that everyone can be part of the World Cup, will be free and accessible to all.”

BIG CITY SPRAWL FESTS

The larger cities presented a challenge for the hosts, so rather than one fan fest, there

are many.

In Los Angeles, a large fan festival will open the World Cup at the L.A. Coliseum from June 11-14, with tickets available at \$10 apiece. Then there will be 10 other free fan fests scattered throughout the region, from Burbank to Venice Beach, on varied dates throughout the tournament.

The San Francisco Bay Area opted for a more grassroots approach, where it partnered with different groups, including the NBA’s Golden State Warriors, for watch parties. The biggest celebration will be in San Pedro Market Square in downtown San Jose, a partnership between the San Jose Earthquakes and the Bay Area Host Committee.

In Mexico City, there’s an official fan fest in the Zocalo, the renowned public square in the heart of the city, but Mayor Clara Brugada announced plans for 18 other free community events where locals can watch the matches.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CAPITALIZES ON THE MOMENT

The last time the United State hosted the World Cup in 1994 it led to the launch of Major League of Soccer. Now the league’s teams are hoping for a World Cup bump,

“Historically, after every men’s World Cup that the U.S. men’s national team has participated in, we’ve seen about a 10% to 20% growth in interest in MLS

- Camilo Durana, the league’s chief business officer

holding their own “Soccer Celebration” fests to draw new fans.

MLS has a record 44 players on various national teams in the tournament.

“Historically, after every men’s World Cup that the U.S. men’s national team has participated in, we’ve seen about a 10% to 20% growth in interest in MLS,” said Camilo Durana, the league’s chief business officer. “The idea that this World Cup, in its expanded form, played on home soil with MLS playing such an important role



Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.4

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 6-8tt
Overhead to well overhead

Pumping SSW swell builds all day. Beachbreaks maxed out, points good. Clean AM, PM onshores mellow. SSW swell builds further and will eventually peak through the evening and into Wednesday. Many exposed breaks will easily be head high to overhead. Good spots are several feet overhead and the standout beachbreaks to the west of Dume will be up to 2x overhead (although fast, walled and drifty). Generally clean in the AM with wind light/variable to light onshore. Onshores stay mellow in to the PM - some crumble but not bad. Evening clean-up in play.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 6-8tt
Overhead to well overhead

Powerful, pumping SSW swell continues all day. Clean AM, PM onshores again mellow. Points good. Very solid surf continues, close in size to Tuesday afternoon (dependent on the specific spot’s preference for swell period, some breaks will be bigger/better, while others may be a little smaller). But widespread overhead surf continues, while good spots are several feet overhead. Standout breaks should continue to see sets around 2x overhead. Generally clean in the AM with light/variable to lightly onshore wind. S onshores peak early PM then winds lighten rest of the day.



Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast after midnight.

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2026/06/10	Wed	06:08 AM	3.23	H
2026/06/10	Wed	11:29 AM	1.42	L
2026/06/10	Wed	6:13 PM	5.52	H
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Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 392 M

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California wants to change how it funds senior services. That could mean fewer meals for LA's elderly

Every day in Los Angeles County, thousands of older adults rely on a simple but essential service: a meal.

For some, it's delivered to their door. For others, it's shared at a local senior center. No matter how it's served, for many the meal services signify stability, connection and the ability to remain safely at home.

Now a proposed change in how California distributes funding for these services could reduce access to them for the communities that rely on them most.

The state, through the California Department of Aging, is updating its intrastate funding formula, which determines how money is shared across various local agencies. The goal is to make sure the funding matches the level of need and it's done equitably across regions.

But there are real reasons for concern. The proposal prioritizes a formulaic balance over the operational reality on the ground.

Not all aging service regions are interchangeable. Not all systems operate at the same scale. And not all communities face the same level of demand.

Los Angeles County, for example, serves roughly a quarter of California's older adults, including one of the state's largest populations of low-income older adults and older adults with complex needs.

In a system this large, even modest funding changes can have significant consequences. The projected impact of a proposed 17% cut in Los Angeles County could mean nearly 186,000 fewer meals served at community sites and over 157,000 fewer home-delivered meals annually.

All that equates to about 1,300 fewer meals per day. These older adults may lose access to food, human connection and services that help them remain healthy and independent.

So how does a formula designed to improve equity produce this kind of outcome? The issue isn't the data but how the data is weighted.

The proposed formula considers age, income, disability and geography and gives those factors roughly equal weight, even though they don't all drive service demand the same way.

Equal weighting may look fair on paper, but it fails to reflect how need manifests in real communities.

Low-income older adults, for instance, are far more likely to rely on publicly funded nutrition and supportive services. High-density urban regions like Los Angeles serve significantly more people and operate at a different scale than smaller systems.

The data also shows that population growth isn't occurring evenly across the state — L.A. County added more than 92,000 older adults in a single year — but the proposed formula doesn't proportionally reflect that increase.

When those realities aren't reflected in the formula, funding can shift away from communities with the highest levels of need. This isn't just about Los Angeles County; other large, high-demand regions could face similar challenges.

The state is right to update the formula. But before finalizing it, the state should test alternative scenarios and ensure the model reflects real-world demand without creating unintended consequences.

This request is not about delaying progress. This isn't an argument against change; it's an argument for getting it right.

California has made strong commitments to helping older adults age with dignity and independence. That commitment depends on funding systems that work in practice, not just on paper.

Maral Karaccusian is the director of the Los Angeles County Aging and Disabilities Department.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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- **Submission Deadline is July 7th, 2026 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>) There is no charge for the RFP package.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pier

Santa Monica "Pier 360" Beach Festival Returns June 27-28

The Santa Monica "Pier 360" Beach Festival returns June 27-28, bringing two days of ocean sports, live entertainment and beach culture to the Santa Monica shoreline and Pier. The free, all-ages festival runs daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with beach activities beginning at 8 a.m. and the Pier deck opening at 10 a.m.

Tracing its roots to the 1930s, when paddleboard racing first took hold at the Santa Monica Pier, the festival features paddleboard races, open-water swim competitions, a 4-on-4 beach volleyball tournament, the Santa Monica Strongman Classic, lifeguard competitions including historic surfboat races, skateboarding showcases and lessons, and a roller rink on the Pier deck overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A Museum of Beach Life will offer an immersive look at surf culture, Muscle Beach and Santa Monica's ocean history.

Live music will run throughout both days on the main stage. A beer and spirits garden is open to guests 21 and older. Family activities, beach games and interactive experiences round out the programming.

"Pier 360 captures everything that makes Santa Monica special — our connection to the ocean, our active beach lifestyle, and the incredible energy of the Pier," said Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier.

General admission is free, though some competitions require advance registration and entry fees. A \$25 Festival Pass upgrade includes an official T-shirt, swag bag, one Pacific Park ride ticket and one complimentary beverage ticket.

The festival is produced by Santa Monica Pier Corporation, a nonprofit not fully funded by the City of Santa Monica. For full details, athlete registration, volunteer opportunities and festival passes, visit santamonicipier.org/pier360. The Santa Monica Pier is located at 200 Santa Monica Pier.

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PIER: Pier 360 Beach Festival returns June 27-28 with free ocean sports and entertainment at Santa Monica Pier.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC Presents 47th Annual Student Photography Exhibition June 13-20

Santa Monica College will present its 47th Annual Student Photography Exhibit from June 13 through 20 at the Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery in the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St.

The show features high-caliber prints — spanning fine art, portraiture, still life and other genres — created by students in SMC's Photography Department. An opening reception will be held Saturday, June 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"This annual exhibition is an exciting time for us to celebrate our hard-working students and the amazing photographs they've created," said Photography and Fashion Department Chair Josh Sanseri. "Our gallery reception is always a fun event."

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. For information, call 310-434-4289.

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Courtesy Image

EXHIBIT: Photo by Horacio Rodriguez will be on display in the 47th Annual SMC Student Photography Exhibit June 13-20 in SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery at the SMC Performing Arts Center.

PALISADES

FROM PAGE 1

for building permits as they try to regain normalcy in their lives.

"It drums up all of the emotions over this past year and makes me think about all of the suffering and chaos of all of our neighbors and friends' lives," said Meghan Wald, whose home was among the few left standing in her block.

Palisades streets are now crowded with construction vehicles and workers, and charred trees have recovered their luscious green. But vacant lots abound, filled with weeds and wildflowers and the skeletal frames of homes. Of the more than 450 construction projects, only 17 homes have been certified for occupancy.

Wald and her family now live in nearby Brentwood, but she visits weekly to support the handful of businesses that have reopened, including her hair salon, her usual CVS pharmacy and the Palisades Garden Cafe, where her kids used to grab snacks after school.

"It's great to see the shops that we know and love coming back," Wald said. "It's also hard to imagine what it's going to be like. It will never be the same."

The fire has been a central theme in incumbent Mayor Karen Bass 's reelection bid as she defends the city's recovery process. Bass was in Ghana as part of a presidential delegation when the flames ignited. One of her challengers, reality TV personality Spencer Pratt, lost his home in the blaze and has made what he calls municipal ineptitude a central campaign message. It's not yet clear if Pratt won enough votes in the primary to face Bass in November's runoff election.

Judge Anne Hwang has ruled that the defense can't introduce evidence or arguments about alleged negligence by the fire department, saying it was irrelevant and could confuse the jury.

Defense attorneys had planned to include testimony from a firefighter that the earlier fire was visibly smoldering when first responders left the scene. That was gathered as part of a lawsuit filed by fire victims against the city.

Haney said he also plans to argue that the government lacks solid evidence or witness testimony linking Rinderknecht to the first fire, and that first responders heard fireworks in the vicinity of where the blaze started.

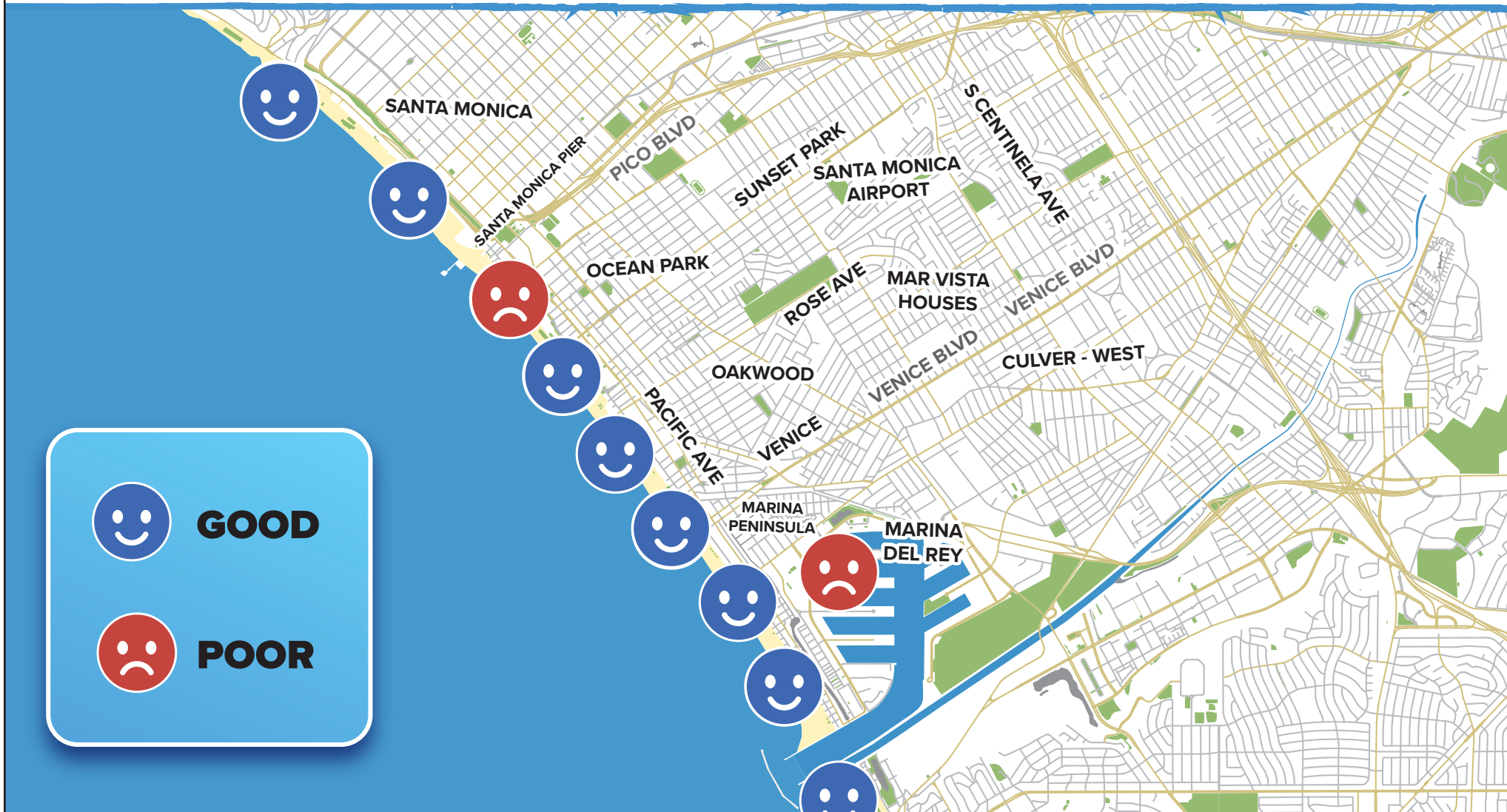
Prosecutors say geolocation data from Rinderknecht's phone shows that he was in the area of the fire as it rapidly grew, and investigators later seized a Bic barbecue lighter from his car that he admitted to having with him on the trail. They will claim he was upset about a failed relationship as well as thwarted plans for New Year's Eve, and that he ranted to his Uber passengers that evening about being angry at the world, according to an April 29 pretrial memo filed by the U.S. attorney's office.

Lena Loh, who opened a skin care clinic in the Palisades three months before the fire, said Rinderknecht's prosecution gives her no sense of relief. She has been struggling to reopen and is looking to leave because she can't sustain the business financially anymore.

"I don't necessarily think putting him on trial is gonna fix anything," she said. "This is a city issue. The city needed to manage that small speck of fire better."

By JAIMIE DING and CHRISTOPHER WEBER Associated Press

HEAL THE BAY BEACH GRADES



COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

more than 500 risk factors, including public benefits use, mental health holds, arrests and emergency room utilization. The pilot would proactively engage 72 of those households, providing case management, service referrals and flexible financial assistance.

County-wide, more than 90% of households served through the program retained housing following participation, according to the staff report. Funding would come from the voter-approved Measure GS Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund, with approximately \$460,000 directed toward income assistance and \$340,000 toward tenancy preservation and staffing.

ROSE PARADE FLOAT

Council members will consider approving a city-sponsored float entry in the Jan. 1, 2027 Rose Parade, carrying the theme "Welcome." City Manager Oliver Chi is recommending council authorize a contract of up to \$650,000 with Artistic Entertainment Services for float design, construction, animation, floral decoration and parade operations.

The base program cost is \$350,000, with an additional \$300,000 contingency included to cover potential design enhancements. Initial funding would be drawn from a \$3 million Economic Development Fund established as part of the city's Realignment Plan, though staff intends to offset costs through a sponsorship and fundraising campaign launching in summer 2026.

Staff evaluated the three float builders pre-qualified by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association — Artistic Entertainment Services, Fiesta Productions Inc. and Phoenix Decorating Company — before recommending Artistic Entertainment Services based on its experience, volunteer programming and sponsorship integration capacity.

The proposed float design would feature the Santa Monica Pier and its solar-powered Pacific Wheel, Pacific Ocean imagery, sustainable mobility themes, public art elements, native landscaping and ocean-inspired animation. City officials framed the entry as a marketing opportunity ahead of Santa Monica's role hosting the ESPN broadcast of Super Bowl LXI in 2027 and the 2028 Olympic Games.

HOTEL WORKER WAGES

City Attorney Heidi Von Tongeln is asking council to adopt an emergency ordinance aligning Santa Monica's hotel worker minimum wage requirements with a new Los Angeles ordinance set to take effect July 1. Los Angeles adopted Ordinance No.

188944 on May 26, establishing a wage schedule that increases hotel worker pay to \$25 per hour on July 1, rising incrementally to \$30 per hour by January 2030. The ordinance also requires hotels that do not provide a defined level of health benefits to pay workers an additional \$4.25 per hour beginning July 1, increasing in subsequent years.

Santa Monica's existing ordinance, adopted in 2016, requires only that local hotel worker wages match those set by Los Angeles but does not account for the new health benefit-or-pay structure. A second inconsistency involves the room-count threshold: Los Angeles exempts hotels with fewer than 60 guest rooms from the higher hotel worker wage, while Santa Monica currently applies its ordinance to all hotels regardless of size. Of Santa Monica's 41 hotels, 16 have fewer than 60 guest rooms.

Staff has prepared both an emergency ordinance, which would take effect immediately upon adoption, and a standard ordinance for first reading that would take effect 30 days after a second adoption.

BEACH PARKING HOURS

Transportation Director Anuj Gupta is seeking council approval to extend beach parking lot closing times by one hour in both summer and winter. Most lots would close at 9 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. during summer months and at 7 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. in winter. Seasonal hour changes would shift to align with Daylight Saving Time rather than fixed calendar dates. Parking Lot 1 South, adjacent to the Pier, would receive a further extension to 11 p.m. to align with nearby business hours. Staff noted the changes respond to longstanding public complaints that lots close while daylight remains.

COUNCIL MEETING RULES

Interim City Clerk Denise Anderson Warren is presenting a resolution amending the council's Rules of Order to comply with Senate Bill 707, a 2025 state law updating teleconferencing and public accessibility requirements under the Brown Act. The changes include adopting a technology disruption policy, expanding outreach to non-English-speaking communities, and adding a two-way telephone option for public comment. Additional changes would move general public comment on non-agenda items toward the end of meetings, tighten the collaboration requirements for councilmember discussion items and simplify public speaker registration by eliminating the four-minute speaking option.

Most rule changes would take effect at the council's June 23 meeting, with SB 707-related provisions effective after July 1.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

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The lineups run the gamut of musical styles and tastes.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Flo Rida, Ziggy Marley and Motley Crue are among those performing at the city's fan zone in PNE Grounds at Hastings Park.

Kansas City's fan fest will have performances by the Chainsmokers, Sheryl Crow, the All-American Rejects and others at the National WWI Museum and Memorial.

Imagine Dragons and Enrique Iglesias are among the acts at Parque Fundidora in Monterrey, Mexico.

By ANNE M. PETERSON AP Soccer Writer



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WORLD CUP

FROM PAGE 3

from a hosting perspective, we think it can have an even greater impact, and that's the opportunity for us."



In Seattle, the Sounders, the Reign of the National Women's Soccer League and their partners announced a floating fan zone and soccer pitch on a barge off Waterfront Park's Pier 62 on Elliot Bay, drawing on the city's seafaring past.

CONCERTS GALORE

Many fan fest concerts are free, but most are first-come, first-served, and require advanced registration. There are options for

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TENNIS COACH

FROM PAGE 1

years he built genuine relationships with students, parents, fellow coaches, and families throughout the Santa Monica community. Many of the people who came to him for tennis instruction ended up becoming lifelong friends."

Brenn Auld, himself a former instructor at Ocean View Park, was the one who connected his students with Daren almost five years ago before relocating out of state, confident they would be in good hands.

"That's one of the reasons the response to his diagnosis has been so overwhelming," Brenn Auld said. "The community isn't just supporting a coach. They're supporting someone who has spent years supporting them."

The extent of Daren Auld's commitment to that community became painfully clear in the weeks before his hospitalization. Despite struggling to breathe, losing what his brother estimated as nearly 30 pounds in just a few weeks, and barely able to walk from the parking lot to the courts, Auld refused to abandon his students.

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"The moment I knew something was seriously wrong was when Daren called me and asked for help," Brenn Auld said. "Daren doesn't ask people for help. It's completely out of character for him."

When Brenn arrived at the courts, what he saw stopped him cold.

"I almost didn't recognize him," he said.

"He had lost what looked like nearly 30 pounds in a few weeks. This was a man who stood 6'4" with a commanding presence, and now he was struggling just to walk from the parking lot to the courts. What used to take a minute or two was taking more than ten minutes. Every movement looked painful. Every breath looked labored."

For several weeks, Brenn stepped in to physically hit balls with students while his brother coached from a bench — a compromise that allowed Daren Auld to keep working for the family depending on him.

"He was focused on taking care of everyone else long before he knew how serious his own condition was," Brenn Auld said.

The full severity became clear when a text message summoned Brenn to the hospital. Daren had been admitted and needed an emergency blood transfusion.

"That's when he told me the doctors had found a mass in his colon, on his liver, and additional spots on his lungs," Brenn Auld said. "I remember feeling like the air left the room."

He drove to the hospital within the hour and spent the night. What struck him most, even then, was his brother's instinct to deflect concern onto others.

"Even in the hospital he kept asking how the students were playing and how I was doing," Brenn Auld said.

Daren Auld is currently undergoing chemotherapy and recovering from a recent liver biopsy while also managing blood clots and significant physical deterioration requiring physical therapy. The road ahead is uncertain, but his brother believes the same qualities that made him an exceptional coach will carry him through.

"He knows how to lock in," Brenn Auld said. "The same determination, discipline, and resilience that helped him compete as a high-level junior player and college athlete are the same qualities he is bringing into this battle."

For those who only knew Daren Auld as a coach at Ocean View Park, his brother wants them to understand the full measure of the man.

"He's naturally reserved and values his time alone," Brenn Auld said. "He's not someone who seeks attention or wants to be the center of the room. But if you're in trouble, he's the first person you call. He will drop everything to help you."

"This is a community trying to support someone who has spent a lifetime supporting everyone else."

A GoFundMe campaign has been launched to help the Auld family manage mounting expenses. Donations can be made at gofundme.com/f/support-darens-fight-against-stage-4-cancer.

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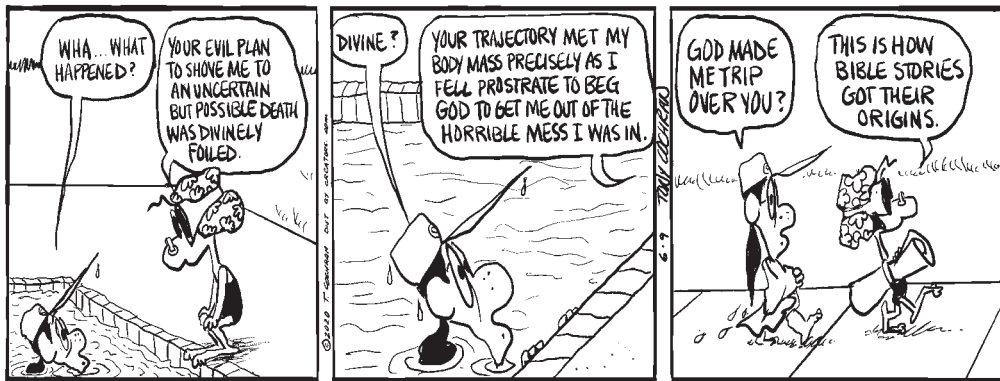
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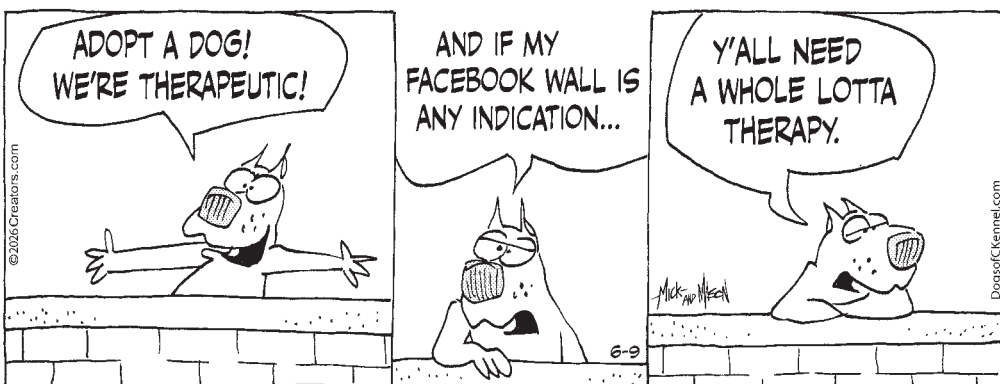
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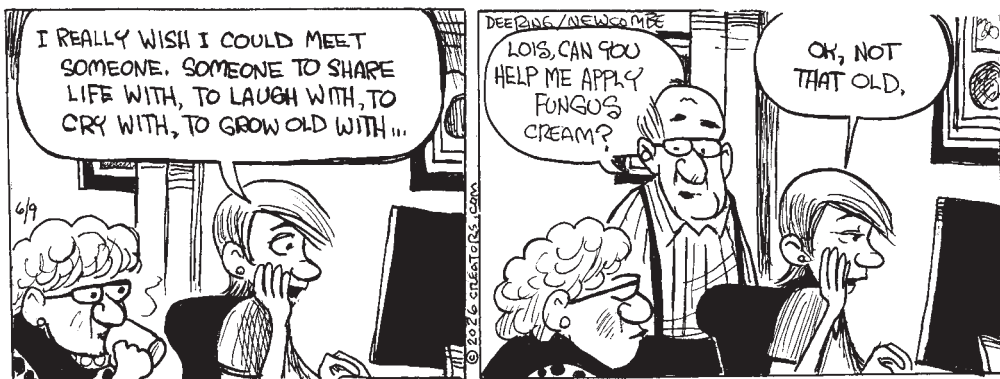
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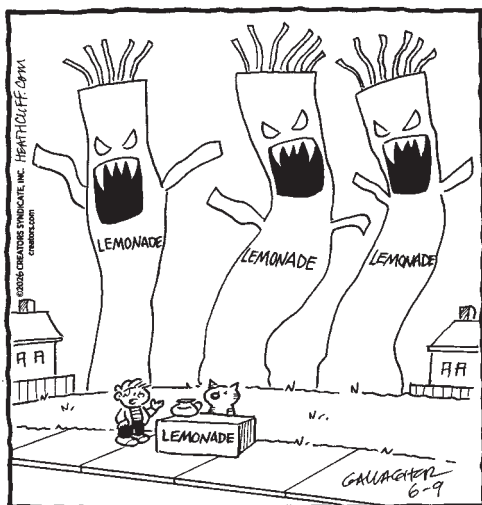
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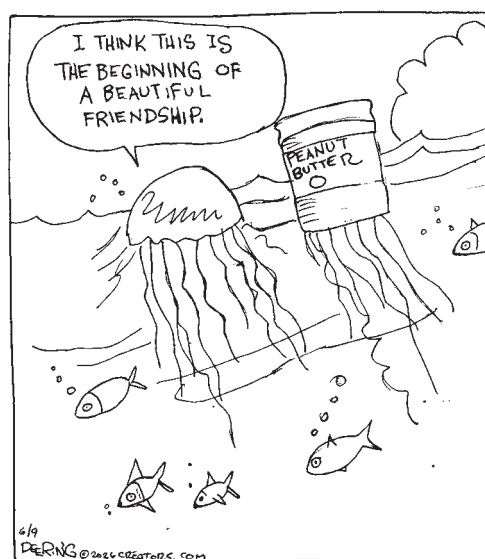
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 9)

It's your Year of the Labyrinth. Unlike a maze, your path does not contain tricks, dead ends or wrong turns. There is only one path - a creative and magical winding way, which you'll follow in grace and certainty. More highlights: Sweet, funny company when you want it. Tickets of all kinds open the door to fantastic and thrilling experiences. You'll share what you have in abundance and be provided for in kind. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 16, 8, 11 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The gift that would make the biggest difference at home these days is organization. A good logistical flow is the mood-lifter that lends a sense of progress, ease and accomplishment. Even one cleaner drawer is enough to start luck rolling in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Hope wafts in like a fresh breeze to delight the senses, especially the olfactory realm. The scents you love will relax your nervous system and convey signals of safety, luxury and goodness. Getting these feeling right leads to more luck.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What contributes most to a lovely home life is clear communication with everyone and everything that lives there. Relationships need the lines open, but so do pets, plants and the inanimate world that is always "talking" to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). More than decor or upgrades, what changes everything now is tenderness. Because your home thrives on emotional atmosphere. A kind tone, a shared meal, a softer landing after hard days - comfort multiplies when people feel genuinely cared for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Beauty is the blessing that transforms your environment now. A home should feel expressive, alive and welcoming to the senses. Art, color, music, lighting - every dramatic flourish is a reminder that life is supposed to feel enjoyable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Functionality can be the greatest luxury. Tiny inefficiencies have a way of draining psychic energy over time. A repaired system, useful tool or cleaner routine restores peace of mind and frees up attention for more creative and fulfilling pursuits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Harmony is the true wealth of a household. You'll notice how much easier everything becomes when everyone and/or everything is included and respected in the picture. To consider the physical balances in play, as well as labor, emotion and design elements, is to live in grace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A restorative home contains spaces where secrets, feelings and unfinished thoughts can exist without intrusion. You'll have the privacy and protection that matter now. Creating more emotional safety will strengthen every relationship, including the relationship to self.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fresh energy is the blessing your home life craves. Open the windows, rearrange the furniture, invite fascinating people over or bring symbols of possibility into your environment. A household grows luckier where there's movement, humor and room to dream bigger.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reliability is the cosmic gift that keeps good stuff flowing your way. When the practical foundations are handled well, everyone relaxes. Timely tending to maintenance creates a secure and sustaining home environment from which to build your beautiful life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Freedom is essential to domestic happiness and abundance. It's having room to think, create and exist without excessive scrutiny that allows for flourishing. Small adjustments toward more individual expression within the household will lighten and improve the mood.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your home absorbs emotional and spiritual tone like a sponge. What you actually do at home makes your place an auspicious environment. Music, prayer, laughter, imagination, study and embodied expressions of health and joy infuse the space with inspired compassion.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Construction site hoister
- 6 EMT's expertise
- 9 Lobster relative
- 13 Pasture
- 14 Variety of a color
- 15 Fishing rod
- 16 Cozy nook
- 17 Not permanent, as ink
- 19 Intensely profound
- 21 Be adjacent to
- 22 Sandwich bread
- 23 Embarrass
- 28 Cough syrup meas.
- 29 Earth-friendly prefix
- 31 Evergreen tree
- 32 Very cruel
- 35 Neighbor of Turkey
- 36 Extremely broad
- 39 Green gemstone
- 40 Stop holding
- 41 "Let me find out"
- 43 ___ for (choose)
- 44 Wad of gum
- 47 ___ and blood (kin)
- 48 Rower's implement
- 50 Make airtight
- 51 Very elated
- 55 Front door feature to look through
- 59 Mirror reflections
- 60 British title below duke
- 61 Brew from a kettle
- 62 Soda bottle sizes
- 63 Overcast sky's color

DOWN

- 1 Famous people, for short
- 2 Increase altitude quickly
- 3 Take home from a pet shelter
- 4 Halifax, ___ Scotia
- 5 Lambs' mothers
- 6 Made like caramels
- 7 Blender setting for baby food
- 8 Authentic
- 9 Number-crunching pro
- 10 Steal from
- 11 100 percent
- 12 Spelling contest

13 Angry with

- 18 Open-handed hit
- 20 Stir to action
- 24 Short, as a speech
- 25 Mysterious glow
- 26 Read the bar code of
- 27 Bird in a coop
- 29 Point opposite WSW
- 30 Blackboard accessory
- 31 Be too inquisitive
- 32 Creative thoughts
- 33 Wrestling surface
- 34 Fine wool fabric
- 36 Surface to hang a picture on
- 37 Sit in traffic
- 38 Foldaway bed

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- 39 Peanut butter brand
- 42 "Quiet!"
- 44 ___ counter (radiation detector)
- 45 Western films
- 46 Bestow good upon
- 48 Stared at
- 49 In the lead
- 50 Glide on ice
- 52 Tiny bit
- 53 Window ledge
- 54 French female friend
- 55 Wooden pin
- 56 Something to whisper into
- 57 Historical period
- 58 Two-___ paper towels

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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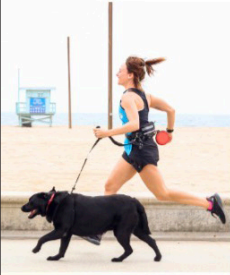


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TUESDAY | JUNE 9

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.pcrsm.org/event/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm-8758b> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-06-09T15>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2026-06-09T17>

CURTAIN UP: AN EVENING WITH THEATRE PALISADES

6:00 p.m. Pacific Palisades Woman's Club 901 Haverford Ave Pacific Palisades. Join us for a special evening celebrating the talent of both youth and adult performers from Theatre Palisades & Theatre Palisades Youth, with drinks and snacks. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/curtain-up-an-evening-with-theatre-palisades/18929076/2026-06-09T18>

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/18409321/2026-06-09T21>

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 10

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. Free— Donations are accepted. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-06-10T10>

VIRTUAL FIRE DISASTER SUPPORT GROUP

2:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Virtual Fire Disaster Support Group This virtual support group is designed for adults directly impacted by recent fire-related disasters. Led by a licensed therapist, each session offers a safe, supportive space to process experiences, build coping strategies, and promote emotional stabilization over time. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions to foster consistency and connection within the

group. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/virtual-fire-disaster-support-group/18566767/2026-06-10T14>

WINE WEDNESDAY AT THE WHALER

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THURSDAY | JUNE 11

CHAIR FITNESS WITH COACH TODD

11:00 a.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Chair Fitness with Coach Todd. Register with American Legion. Email jimkirtley@ymcala.org for more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chair-fitness-with-coach-todd/18763133/2026-06-11T11>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-06-11T11>

USA SOCCER HOUSE

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 57 Windward 57 Windward Avenue Los Angeles. The Home For Fans This Summer = Free Entry For ALLOPEN TO ALL FANSThe home for soccer fans to cheer on the U.S. Men's National Team this summer. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/usa-soccer-house/18942555/2026-06-11T12>

NEW BOOK LAUNCH AUTHOR EVENT! DR. GILLIAN GODDARD

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Zibby's Bookshop 1113 Montana Ave Santa Monica. Take charge of your hormonal health at every stage of life, from your first period through post menopause, at this in-person event with renowned endocrinologist Dr. Gillian Goddard, the voice behind the viral Hot Flash Substack. Hormones play a powerful role in nearly every function in the body, from mood and metabolism to heart rate, digestion, bone health, and muscle growth. Yet many women are left without clear, accessible guidance on how their bodies work or what to do when something feels off. Drawing from years of clinical experience, Dr. Goddard breaks down hormonal health across every life stage, including puberty, reproductive years, perimenopause, menopause, and beyond. She introduces the four key hormone loops that help keep the body in balance: reproductive, thyroid, growth hormone, and adrenal. Through real patient stories and the latest medical research, she offers practical insight into common challenges and how to better advocate for your health. This empowering and informative event will leave attendees with the tools and confidence to better understand their bodies and have more productive conversations with their doctors. A must-attend for anyone looking to take control of their health and feel their best at every stage. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/new-book-launch-author-event-dr-gillian-goddard/18781193/2026-06-11T18>



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