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Santa Monica Council adopts water outlook projecting a surplus through 2027

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The City Council voted unanimously to adopt the city's 2026 Annual Water Supply and

Demand Assessment at its last meeting, a state-required report projecting that Santa Monica will have more than enough water to

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A new suspected arsonist arrested in Santa Monica after setting multiple fires in Pacific Palisades

A suspected arsonist was taken into custody in Santa Monica on Monday after allegedly setting multiple fires in Pacific Palisades the day before, authorities

said, rattling a community still rebuilding from last year's catastrophic Palisades Fire, as federal prosecutors try a man accused of starting that disaster.

Los Angeles Police Department officers identified the suspect after alert residents in Pacific Palisades

SEE ARREST PAGE 8

Santa Monica's season of fun opens with multiple events



WEEKEND: With school out, Santa Monica kick-started summer entertainment options last week with multiple events including the Cardboard Regatta at the Beach House, Pride on the Promenade and several World Cup events.

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Higher prices for gas, groceries and flights will likely outlast the Iran war

A tentative deal to end the Iran war makes it reasonable to ask how soon prices will drop for gasoline, groceries, airline tickets, and other items that got more expensive during the conflict.

Not so fast, experts say.

Even after oil starts flowing again from the Middle East, it could take awhile for consumers to see a difference at local fuel pumps, supermarkets and other places they shop, according to economists and industry analysts.

Fighting over the Strait of Hormuz disrupted not only supplies of crude and refined fuel but also the supply chains for fertilizer, food and even footwear. Businesses expect higher costs to linger, which means their customers might need to prepare for that too.

"It is not clear, despite three months of war, that anything has been achieved that makes the American consumer better off," Brett House, an economist who teaches at Columbia Business School, said. "In fact, by almost any measure, not just the American consumer, but the world, is worse off as a result of this attack."

If the deal between the U.S. and Iran holds, here's how experts see the war's effects receding — or not — in the weeks ahead:

US MOTORISTS CAN EXPECT SOME GAS PRICE RELIEF

Following news of the tentative agreement, oil prices fell Monday to about \$80 for a barrel of U.S. benchmark crude. That compares to \$67 per barrel before the war and the price of over \$120 a barrel reached earlier in the conflict.

Refineries typically pay for crude oil a month or more in advance, so even after oil prices drop, they won't immediately be processing cheaper products.

"The tendency of gasoline prices to fall slowly is partly because the raw material takes weeks to work through the system until it's delivered to consumers," said Michael Lynch, a distinguished fellow at the nonpartisan Energy Policy Research Foundation.

In places without enough refining capacity to meet their needs, such as the West Coast of the U.S., gas prices will take longer to drop, said Mark Barteau, a professor of chemical engineering and chemistry at Texas A&M University.

In some Asian and African countries that rely more on oil from the Middle East, the supply shock led to school and government office closures and instructions to work from home, according to the International Energy Agency.

"The bottom line is that getting back to 'normal' will be a lengthy process involving many parties and countries," Barteau said. "Getting an agreement between the U.S. and Iran to open the strait is just the beginning."

FLIGHTS WON'T GET CHEAPER RIGHT AWAY

Industry experts have spent months warning that even if the war ended, travelers should not expect airfares to go down immediately.

Airlines typically buy fuel in advance,

adjust their schedules gradually and price tickets based heavily on demand, meaning lower oil and jet fuel prices can take weeks or months to get factored into the cost of commercial flights.

"I think it's unlikely that we're going to see a retreat or reduction in the cost of flying at any point this summer," Columbia's House said.

Fuel surcharges that some airlines outside the U.S. added are one of the first areas where passengers might get a reprieve, said Gordon Ho, a professor at the University of Southern California's business school.

"Consumers are going to say, 'Wait a minute, why are you still charging me a fuel surcharge?'" Ho said.

PRESSURE ON GROCERY PRICES WILL LIKELY CONTINUE

Reopening the strait is unlikely to deliver instant relief at the grocery store, according to David Ortega, a professor of food economics and policy at Michigan State University.

Fuel accounts for roughly 15% to 30% of the total cost of food, according to the Independent Grocers Alliance, a grouping of 7,500 global supermarkets.

But it can take months for an energy shock like the one caused by the Iran war to wind through the food supply chain and raise grocery prices. And once prices go up, it takes them a long time to come back down, especially when the future is unpredictable, Ortega said.

"We're likely still looking at inflationary pressure on food in the coming months," Ortega said. "There's still a good deal of uncertainty about how the reopening will unfold, and it will take time for fuel, diesel and retail fertilizer prices to come back down."

Rabobank, which is based in the Netherlands, said it expected war-related food price inflation to peak sometime next year in Europe. In the U.S., grocery prices are expected to rise 3.2% this year, which compares to a historical average of 2.6%, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

FARMERS REMAIN STRAPPED FOR FERTILIZER

Reopening the Strait of Hormuz would also be a welcome change for farmers and the production of food globally. Roughly 30% of the world's fertilizer passed through the waterway before the war began. Prices soared as the supply was effectively cut off, and shipments probably will take a long time to return to pre-war levels.

The consequences of the shortage facing farmers now may only intensify down the road, regardless.

Many farmers around the world are going through planting seasons without the fertilizer they need or paying sky-high prices for both fertilizer and fuel needed to produce and transport their products. The World Food Program of the United Nations expects this to have a "devastating impact"

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Capitol's perpetual rivalry on display as Newsom and legislators clash over budget

A few months after his inauguration as governor in 1999, Gray Davis uttered a few words that rattled the Capitol.

While being interviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board, the Democrat expressed frustration about his differences with legislative leaders; and, declared that their job was "to implement my vision."

"They have a totally different view of the world than I do, totally different," Davis said. "It was my vision that commanded a 20-point victory, the largest victory in 40 years."

"People expect government to reflect the vision that I suggested. Nobody else in the Legislature ran statewide. Their job is to implement my vision. That is their job."

Davis had been sparring with Senate President Pro Tem John Burton and Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa over legislative priorities.

Davis prioritized education proposals while the Legislature wanted to focus, instead, on health insurance. The impasse had become so heated that Burton and Villaraigosa essentially barred Davis' aides from communicating with the legislative staff.

"I am adhering to my agenda, not the agenda that other people have for me," Davis continued. "They didn't run for governor. They want to have their agendas, let them run."

At the time, Davis was the first Democratic governor in 16 years, which should have ushered in an era of cooperation with his fellow occupants of the Capitol. Instead, their squabbling exemplified the perpetual rivalry between governors and legislators over who dominates the political agenda.

Legislative leaders had sparred with two Republican governors, George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson, for 16 years prior to Davis, but the fact that he was a Democrat did not bridge the institutional gap. In fact, his testy relationship with Burton and Villaraigosa was quite similar to the friction that Davis had experienced as chief of staff to Jerry Brown, whose governorship preceded Deukmejian and Wilson.

As Gavin Newsom tries to wrap up

his governorship and segue into an almost certain presidential campaign, his differences with today's legislative leaders — again over priorities — are on display.

Newsom almost desperately wants to erase a string of multibillion-dollar budget deficits caused by overspending revenues. He portrays his proposed \$349.4 billion budget as balanced — not only for the forthcoming fiscal year but for the first cycle of his successor.

The plan narrows, but does not close, the chronic gap between income and outgo by holding down spending on education and health and social welfare services that are bread-and-butter priorities for Democratic legislators.

Ever since Newsom unveiled his revised budget in May, legislators have been bombarded with complaints by advocates of the services, such as Medi-Cal health care for low-income Californians.

The budget that legislative leaders released last week to meet Monday's constitutional deadline would either restore many of Newsom's reductions or delay them for the next governor. Overall, the legislative version would hike spending by more than \$6 billion compared to Newsom's budget, thus increasing the deficit unless there is a spike in revenues, which the Legislature believes will happen.

"The Legislature looks to stop drastic cuts to safety net programs that millions of Californians rely on to make ends meet," Senate President Pro Tem Monique Limón, a Santa Barbara Democrat, said in a statement.

With the June 15 deadline satisfied, Newsom and legislative leaders now have two weeks to agree on a more finalized budget so that the 2026-27 fiscal year can begin on July 1 with legal authority to spend specific appropriations.

With Newsom nearing lame duck status, his ability to have his way on the budget is diminishing. His career aspirations may be less important to legislators than maintaining services for their constituents.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist



Surf report WATER TEMP: 68.9

WEDNESDAY | SURF: 4-6ft
FAIR TO GOOD | Chest to overhead

Fun to mid-sized mix of old SSW and new SW swell. Mid-AM window looking best. Another strong round of long period SW(220-200) swell from a recent storm that dropped massive surf in Tahiti. The westerly direction is decent for North LA, particularly the Pt. Dume to County Line zone. Waist-stomach high waves pushing chest-shoulder to a bit overhead at better spots as standouts out west go overhead+. Drained early morning tide to wait out, winds look okay for the mid-morning window as shape improves. Moderate NW afternoon sea breeze.

THURSDAY | SURF: 4-5ft
FAIR | Chest to head

SPAC energy backs off but there's still something left for the AM tide push. It'll be drained to start the morning, low tide at 7:10am. Worth waiting on the tide push mid-morning for most spots. Blend of holding SW swell and leftover SSW/S swell keeps the lights on, down slightly from Wednesday. Early window looks semi clean with a chance to see some S wind chatter. Mid to later AM on the tide push looks reasonably clean. Building W wind expected for the afternoon.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67. South southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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| 2026/06/17 | Wed | 12:54 PM | 3.93 H |
| 2026/06/17 | Wed | 5:25 PM | 2.27 L |
| 2026/06/17 | Wed | 11:36 PM | 6.39 H |
| 2026/06/18 | Thu | 06:59 AM | -1.19 L |
| 2026/06/18 | Thu | 1:47 PM | 4.06 H |
| 2026/06/18 | Thu | 6:30 PM | 2.34 L |
| 2026/06/19 | Fri | 12:31 AM | 5.70 H |
| 2026/06/19 | Fri | 07:46 AM | -0.64 L |
| 2026/06/19 | Fri | 2:40 PM | 4.25 H |
| 2026/06/19 | Fri | 7:45 PM | 2.38 L |
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| <p>Draw Date: 6/13 12 14 38 41 43 Mega#: 13 Jackpot: 29 M</p> | <p>Draw Date: 6/15 1st: 12 - Lucky Charms 2nd: 05 - California Classic 3rd: 01 - Gold Rush Race Time: 1:49.46</p> |

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Name Change

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

LA County Board of Supervisors Approves Homelessness Prevention Plan for Wildfire Survivors and At-Risk Residents

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a motion directing the county to establish a coordinated homelessness prevention framework, with wildfire survivors from the January Eaton and Palisades fires among the first populations the new system is designed to serve.

The motion, authored by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Lindsey P. Horvath, comes as new survey data underscores the urgency: two-thirds of fire-affected residents remain displaced, and nearly half have exhausted or will soon exhaust their insurance-funded temporary housing benefits, according to the nonprofit Department of Angels' latest Community Voices: LA Fire Recovery Report.

Forty percent of survivors said they could afford no more than six months of housing without assistance, while fewer than one in three believe they can sustain housing costs for more than a year on their own.

"Fire survivors are doing everything right, including paying their mortgage, finding temporary housing, and waiting for support to catch up to their needs," Barger said. "We can't let families lose their housing on top of everything else they've already lost."

Horvath said the county needs a prevention system that reflects current realities. "Recovery isn't one-size-fits-all," she said. "We have to make it easier to access support, connect people to the right resources sooner, and coordinate across agencies so temporary setbacks don't become permanent losses."

Under the motion, the county's Chief Executive Office will work with the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, the Los Angeles County Development Authority, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and other departments to build the new framework.

Within 45 days, the county will launch a public Homelessness Prevention Resource webpage listing available county, regional and partner services, including rental assistance, mortgage relief, legal aid and utility assistance.

The motion also calls for designating a single point of contact to coordinate prevention efforts across agencies and directs the development of an outreach plan — due to the board July 21 — to connect fire-impacted community organizations with available resources. Organizations identified for engagement include the Eaton Fire Collaborative Long-Term Recovery Group, the Altadena Town Council, the Malibu and Palisades Long-Term Recovery Groups, the Topanga Town Council and the Sunset Mesa Homeowners' Association.

County departments will also develop a Coordinated Homelessness Prevention Referral System featuring a triage tool to match residents with appropriate services and identify gaps in support for populations at heightened risk of housing instability, including fire survivors, seniors on fixed incomes, transition-age youth and justice-impacted individuals. The motion establishes a dedicated Prevention Navigator position within the Department of Homeless Services and Housing using existing resources.

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Santa Monica

Santa Monica accepting applications for new Restorative Justice Commission

Santa Monica is accepting applications for its new Restorative Justice Commission, with a deadline of July 8.


Commission members will be appointed by the City Council and must be Santa Monica residents. Each appointee should have subject matter expertise relevant to restorative justice or lived experience representing communities impacted by past and present inequities.

The City Council established the seven-member commission last month as part of the city's new Restorative Justice Program, one of the largest locally funded restorative justice initiatives of its kind. In January, the council approved a framework for the program along with a \$3.5 million dedicated Restorative Justice Fund.

Once seated, the commission will be charged with developing program criteria, eligibility standards and oversight mechanisms.

Applications are available now on the city's website. To learn more and to apply, visit smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Los Angeles County health officials warn against use of recalled infant formula tied to botulism outbreak

Los Angeles County public health officials are urging parents and caregivers to stop using Nara Organics Whole Milk Organic Powdered Infant Formula after investigators linked the product to a multistate infant botulism outbreak spanning California, Pennsylvania and Washington.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued the warning as part of an ongoing investigation involving three suspected or confirmed cases across the three states. All three affected infants were fed the Nara Organics formula. No confirmed cases have been identified in Los Angeles County.

Nara Organics agreed June 13 to voluntarily recall all lots of the product. The formula was distributed nationally through Target stores, Target.com and Nara.com between July 2025 and June 2026. Laboratory testing of the product is underway.

Parents and caregivers should discard the formula or return it to the point of purchase, and wash any items or surfaces that may have come into contact with it using hot soapy water or a dishwasher. Businesses should not sell, donate or use the recalled product.

Officials urge immediate medical attention for any infant displaying symptoms including constipation, difficulty feeding, sucking or swallowing, a weak cry, diminished facial expression, poor head control, muscle weakness or trouble breathing.

Infant botulism is a rare but serious illness caused when spores of the bacterium Clostridium botulinum colonize an infant's intestines and produce a toxin that causes progressive muscle weakness. Without treatment, the illness can lead to respiratory failure.

The only FDA-approved treatment, BabyBIG®, is produced by the California Department of Public Health's Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program — the sole global source of the treatment. The program reports that BabyBIG® significantly shortens hospital stays and improves recovery outcomes.

The CDC, FDA and CDPH are coordinating with local public health officials on the investigation. Healthcare providers with suspected cases are urged to contact the CDPH Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program at (510) 231-7600.

Parents with questions may contact the Public Health InfoLine at 1-833-540-0473, available daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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California

Santa Monica airport conversion project wins \$10 million state grant

The Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project is set to receive a \$10 million Proposition 4 Climate Bond grant from California to advance state and city goals of improving access to nature, parks and the outdoors.

"I am so excited about this transformative state investment that will improve our city and region for the better," said state Sen. Ben Allen, author of Proposition 4 and former chair of the Natural Resources budget subcommittee. "It recognizes the ability nature and recreational spaces have to improve the health and wellbeing of the surrounding communities. The scale of this park would provide a generational change that our residents will benefit from long into the future, and I appreciate Santa Monica's leadership that is helping provide this opportunity for local families."

Expanding park access was among the community resilience initiatives voters approved in 2024 through Proposition 4's \$10 billion investment proposal. Local governments and organizations are now being considered for grants supporting natural resource preservation, water quality, fire prevention and management, clean air and energy, and similar advancements.

The conversion project is a historic effort to transform roughly 192 acres of airport land into a metropolitan park, delivering a community-centered public space to an urban area in need of greater park access and expanding opportunities for sports, arts, culture and conservation.

"This \$10 million award is a meaningful step toward realizing what Santa Monica has long envisioned for this land," Mayor Caroline Torosis said. "The airport conversion gives us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create something lasting: new open space, restored habitat, and infrastructure that will serve residents for decades to come."

The investment improves the city's position to receive further public and private financing. A portion of the funding will help the city complete feasibility and environmental review to advance the land conversion.

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SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, June 25, 2026

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board will hold a public hearing on the following topics at its meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street:

- 1) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1806(a)(1) of the Rent Control Charter Amendment (RCCA) be amended to establish a minimum unpaid-rent threshold for nonpayment evictions, requiring that the amount owed exceed 150% of the applicable HUD fair market rent before a tenancy may be terminated.
- 2) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1806(a)(2) of the RCCA be amended to retain protections for certain replacement subleases and establish additional protections for occupancy by family members, dependents, minor children, and certain additional occupants, while preserving reasonable landlord approval standards.
- 3) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1806(c) of the RCCA be amended to expand protections for certain family members and dependents remaining in a rental unit after a tenant vacates, including expanding the list of eligible family members and removing the requirement that the tenant's departure be due to death or incapacitation.
- 4) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1806(a)(11) and 1806(a)(12) of the RCCA be adopted as just-cause grounds for termination related to affordable housing deed restrictions, including failure to meet eligibility requirements or failure to provide required income or qualification documentation, and that Section 1806(b) be amended so that written notice required under proposed Section 1806(a)(12) be subject to the reasonable-notice framework before service of notice to terminate tenancy.
- 5) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1822 of the RCCA be adopted to establish the City's finding that Article XVIII provides greater tenant protections than California Civil Code section 1946.2 and supports continued application of the City's local just-cause eviction framework.

The agenda and staff reports will be available on the Board's website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at: www.santamonica.gov/rentcontrol.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 16.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.72/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 50.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.15/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 11.7 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.182 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$4.83/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$7.59/g, a difference of \$2.76/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.50/g while the highest was \$7.59/g, a difference of \$3.09/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 9.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.99/g today. The national average is down 52.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 91.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pier

Pacific Park names Steve Garcia director of sales and marketing

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier has named Steve Garcia its director of sales and marketing, effective immediately, in a role designed to drive revenue growth, elevate brand presence and expand partnerships across local, national and global markets.

Garcia brings experience in sales leadership, marketing strategy and business development across the entertainment, tourism and live events industries. He will lead all revenue-generating initiatives for the park, including group sales, sponsorships, partnerships, events and ticketing programs, while enhancing its positioning as a destination for visitors worldwide.

"Steve's proven ability to drive revenue, build high-performing teams and create strategic partnerships makes him an exceptional addition to Pacific Park's leadership team," said Jeff Klocke, chief executive officer at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. "As we continue to grow and evolve, his expertise will be instrumental in expanding our reach and elevating the Pacific Park brand."

Garcia will work closely with the executive team and department leaders while maintaining an active presence in the community. His focus will include developing sales strategies to meet and exceed annual revenue targets, strengthening tourism and hospitality partnerships, and leading integrated marketing efforts that drive awareness, engagement and visitation.

"I'm excited to join Pacific Park at such a dynamic time and to be part of an organization that is both an iconic destination and a key contributor to the local economy," Garcia said. "I look forward to building on the park's strong foundation, developing new partnerships, and creating experiences that resonate with both local audiences and visitors from around the world."

Most recently, Garcia served as director of sales and special events at Live Nation, where he led sales and local marketing across multiple San Diego venues. Earlier, he held leadership roles at SeaWorld San Diego and Sesame Place, served as chief operating officer and strategic advisor at TicketSearch North America, and held senior roles with Patron Technology. Earlier in his career, he worked in live theater and production management, including roles with Daryl Roth Theatres in New York.

Garcia holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theater directing from New York University. He now resides in Santa Monica.

Pacific Park, LA's only admission-free amusement park, offers 12 amusement rides, 14 midway games, Snackville with five food offerings and seaside retail shopping. For more information and operating hours, call 310-260-8744 or visit pacpark.com.

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SMC Planetarium July shows spotlight women in space, exoplanets and search for life

The Santa Monica College Planetarium will present live-hosted shows on three Friday evenings in July, plus a Sunday Family Matinée on July 12, with feature programs on women in space, exoplanets and the search for life beyond Earth.

Each show runs about 40 minutes and is followed by a short audience Q&A with Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent. Friday shows begin at 6 p.m. with "The Night Sky Show," followed at 7 p.m. by the feature program. The Sunday matinee starts at 1 p.m., with the feature at 2 p.m. No children under age 3 are permitted at Friday evening shows.

"The Night Sky Show," using SMC's 4K Digistar projection system, presents the latest astronomy and space exploration news and a virtual tour of the night sky. It plays Friday, July 10 at 6 p.m.; Sunday, July 12 at 1 p.m.; and Fridays, July 17 and 24 at 6 p.m.

The new Women in Space Series program "Space Flight" highlights Shuttle Era astronauts Sally Ride, Mae Jemison and Peggy Whitson. It shows Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 12 at 2 p.m.

"Understanding Exoplanets," part of the Deep Sky Deep Dive series, explores planets beyond our solar system. It shows Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

"Search for Life Beyond Earth" examines where scientists are looking for extraterrestrial life and how it might be found. It shows Friday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

All shows are in room MSB 126 of the Mathematics + Science Building on the SMC Main Campus at 1900 Pico Blvd. Ample free parking is available.

Tickets are available at smc.edu/tickets, with a \$1 per-ticket service fee. "The Night Sky Show" and the feature program each cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for children ages 3-12. A show combo is \$16 for adults and \$10 for children.

More information is available at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling 310-434-4163. All shows are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Downtown Santa Monica

Santa Monica police seize more than 200 grams of methamphetamine in Palisades Park arrest

A Santa Monica police investigation led to the seizure of more than 200 grams of methamphetamine and the arrest of a suspect on drug and warrant charges, authorities said.

Officers were patrolling the 1500 block of Palisades Park on June 14 when they observed what appeared to be a narcotics transaction, police said.

During the investigation, officers determined that one subject had provided false identifying information and had an outstanding no-bail probation violation warrant out of San Bernardino County.

A search turned up more than 200 grams of methamphetamine, including a single bag weighing more than 150 grams.

The suspect was arrested on suspicion of narcotics sales, possession of drug paraphernalia and the outstanding warrant.

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COUNCIL

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meet demand over the coming year, even under worst-case drought conditions.

The 6-0 vote came at the council's June 9 meeting. Council member Snell made the motion to adopt the assessment, and Council member Ellis Raskin seconded it. Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Zwick was absent.

The assessment, required annually under the California Water Code, analyzes whether the city can meet water demand during a projected hot, dry year. For this report, that period runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The analysis is meant to identify potential shortages and, if necessary, trigger response actions to head them off.

By the city's projections, supply will comfortably outpace demand. Even without any conservation measures, staff estimated a 14 percent surplus — enough to place Santa Monica at the state's Standard Shortage Level 0, meaning no shortage. Factoring in the city's longstanding 20 percent conservation target, that cushion grows to a 34 percent surplus.

The higher figure shows the city does "have an abundance of water," Dinaz Kureishy, a civil engineering associate in the Water Resources Division, told the council during a presentation on the item.

To reach those numbers, staff assumed a constrained set of supplies. The assessment counts on 6,755 acre-feet of local groundwater, a worst-case figure drawn from the city's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, plus 7,406 acre-feet from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Tier 1 allotment. Together that totals 14,161 acre-feet of available supply for the projected year.

Against that supply, the city set demand at two levels. Unconstrained demand — water use with no conservation — was projected at 12,472 acre-feet, leaving the 14 percent surplus. Constrained demand, which reflects the city's 20 percent conservation reduction, was 9,977 acre-feet, producing the 34 percent surplus.

Despite the no-shortage finding, staff recommended that the city remain in a Stage 2 Water Shortage, which calls for a 20 percent reduction in water use compared with each customer's 2013 baseline. Santa Monica has stayed in Stage 2 since 2014 and has consistently met the 20 percent target, according to the staff report.

Staff said maintaining Stage 2 supports the city's broader water goals and helps

comply with state mandates, including the 2009 Water Conservation Act, known as Senate Bill X7-7, and Executive Order B-37-16, which focuses on permanently reducing per-capita water use. Officials also framed conservation as a way to protect ratepayers, noting that lifting Stage 2 would increase demand and push the city to buy more imported water, which could raise rates.

Two council members pressed staff on whether the favorable outlook accounts for the city's pace of development. Council member Dan Hall asked staff to revisit the supply figures, seeking to confirm that the projection reflected "the water supply we need for all of the zoning and the planned building and everything."

Council member Lana Negrete sharpened the point, saying residents watching the meeting share her concern. "All development is happening," she said. "I wonder if we have the infrastructure to support it." She asked whether the assessment's figures account for the thousands of new housing units being built. "Do these numbers reflect supporting that for this next year?" she said. Negrete also praised the presentation, telling Kureishy, "You're doing amazing in this element."

Kureishy said the report is narrower than that. "This document is only taking into account for the next year, so we're not looking at long-term growth," she said, adding that it is difficult to forecast exactly how much development will occur in a single year. The one-year assessment is a state requirement rather than a city planning tool, she said, and long-term capacity for projected growth is addressed through other documents, including the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

Staff also recommended that the council adopt a finding that the assessment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the act's "common sense" exemption, on the basis that the report cannot have a significant effect on the environment.

Staff reported no immediate financial impact from the action and said they would return to the council if budget actions become necessary. The assessment was prepared by the Public Works Department's Water Resources Division and was presented to the Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice, and the Environment on Feb. 23.

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ARREST

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witnessed fires being set Sunday and photographed a Nissan Versa they believed was connected. Witnesses provided the vehicle's license plate number to police, who used automated license plate reader cameras to locate the car Monday morning in Santa Monica.

Officers conducted what police described not as a pursuit but as a "following" — tracking the vehicle after obtaining an identity on the suspect, positioning officers in the area with helicopter support and pulling him over without incident.

According to LAPD, the suspect allegedly set four separate fires in the Pacific Palisades area on Sunday. Most involved brush, though one may have involved an outbuilding or portable toilet. The case has been forwarded to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, and LAFD arson investigators are also working the case.

Councilwoman Traci Park, who represents the district, announced the arrest Monday and credited witnesses, construction workers, a Flock camera system, LAPD and LAFD with extinguishing the fires and identifying the suspect. Authorities have not released the suspect's

name, the precise locations of the fires or potential charges.

"Eighteen months after the Palisades Fire, our community has every reason to take fire threats seriously," Park said. "Multiple intentionally set fires this weekend are infuriating."

Separately, LAFD responded Saturday morning to a grass fire near 17000 W. Sunset Blvd. that burned approximately 50 feet by 100 feet of vegetation. No structures were threatened and no injuries were reported. Authorities have not said whether that incident was among the fires connected to the arrest.

The arrests come as federal prosecutors are trying Jonathan Rinderknecht, who has pleaded not guilty to allegations that he started the New Year's Day Lachman Fire above Pacific Palisades. Court filings allege that fire reignited during a wind event and became the Palisades Fire, which killed 12 people and destroyed thousands of homes in January 2025.

"Anyone who deliberately puts lives, homes, and a recovering community at risk will face the full consequences of their actions," Park said.

The Westside Current contributed to this report

INFLATION

FROM PAGE 2

on crop yields — and consequently, food prices and the availability of food — for months to come.

RETAILERS DON'T ANTICIPATE A COST REPRIEVE

U.S. retailers that sell shoes were encouraged to see falling gasoline prices, hoping they would mean Americans have more money to spend on back-to-school shopping, said Andy Polk, senior vice president of the Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America trade group.

However, shoe companies anticipate their own costs staying higher for the foreseeable future, Polk said. The group's members keep a two- to three-month inventory of finished products, but their next orders may include suppliers charging more for materials, he said.

Most of the footwear sold in the U.S. is imported, and Polk said he expects shipping costs to remain higher for the rest of 2026 and 2027.

U.S. tariffs imposed last year have made it more difficult for shoe sellers to absorb higher costs or pass them on customers,

he said. In May, footwear prices were 5.2% higher than the same month a year earlier, according to government figures.

SHIPPING INDUSTRY EXPECTS A SLOW RECOVERY

Judah Levine, head of research at the freight booking platform Freightos, said the Strait of Hormuz closure has affected about 2% to 3% of the total volume of container ships that are used for global shipping, but higher oil prices and disruption have impacted the shipping industry more broadly.

Josh Steinitz, chief strategy officer of the business logistics platform ShipStation Global, said consumers might notice higher shipping costs and more out-of-stock items online until the end of the year.

"I think fuel surcharges, which then flow into shipping costs, which then get passed along to consumers, are still going to be with us for quite sometime from many of the major carriers," Steinitz said.

By MAE ANDERSON AP Business Writer. Associated Press writers Cathy Bussewitz, Anne D'Innocenzo, and Wyattte Grantham-Philips in New York, Dee-Ann Durbin in Detroit and Rio Yamat in Las Vegas contributed to this report.

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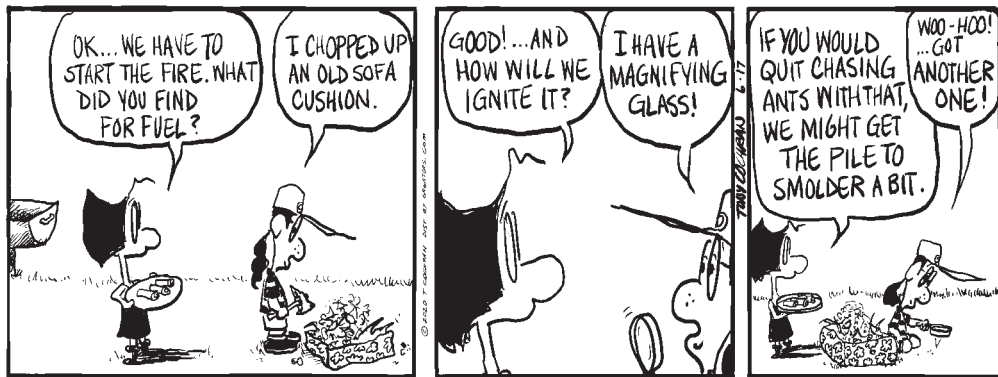
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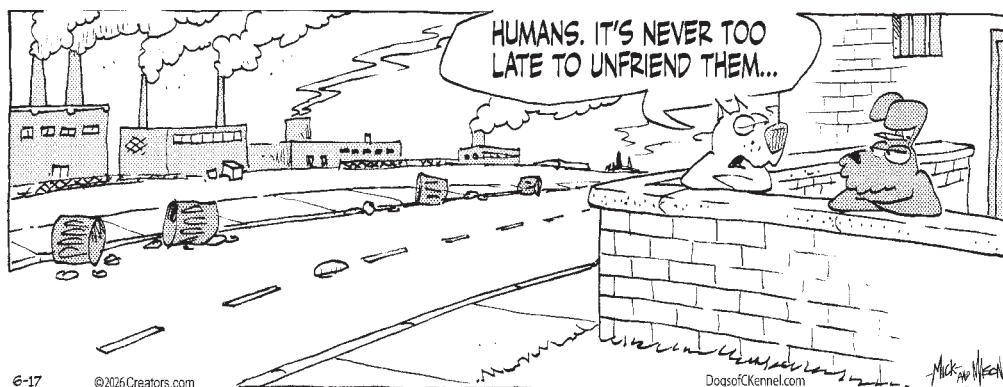
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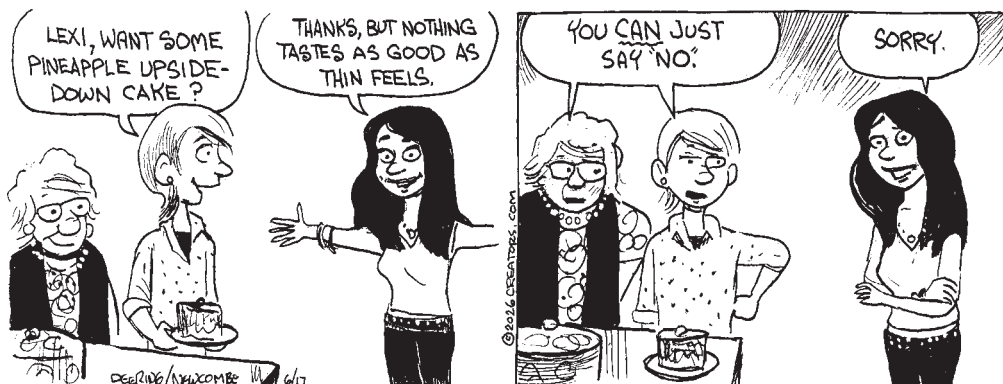
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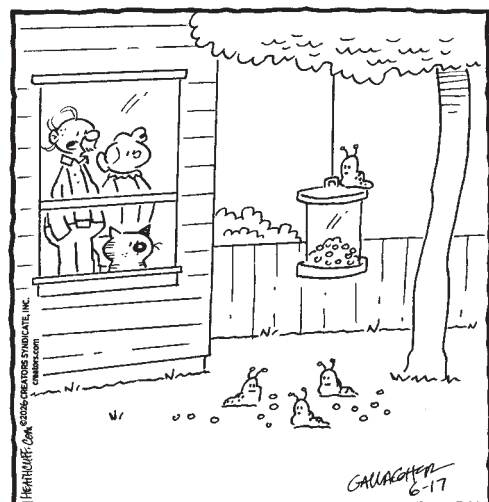
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17)

It's your Year of the Golden Fleece. Like Jason sailing toward the impossible prize, you will become fortune's favorite in ambitious pursuits. Ideas from heaven ignite your imagination and put fire in your belly. You've the quickness and strength to act on them. More highlights: Conversation changes your financial future. Loyal, sweet relationships grow. You'll protect your energy without hiding your warmth. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 22, 30 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Shared humor creates intimacy faster than many serious conversations. You'll laugh with people and get to know them, because laughter has a way of inviting truth to the surface where it can be shared and accepted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may not always show up in bubbly ways, but people feel your positivity through your sense of humor - especially the subtle or dry kind. The feeling people get around you: safe, comfortable, understood, relaxed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the lantern. Your warmth draws people toward you, especially those wandering in the dark. Like travelers seeking light, they gratefully find you, follow your lead and lay their service and talents at your feet.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's all about mutual appreciation and connections. The best friendships are between people who don't need each other at all but simply like each other. Paper and pen will help you concentrate, comprehend and express your truest self.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Like a perfumer turning many flowers into a single beautiful scent, you take inspiration from different people, experiences and ideas, then blend and balance them all into an expression that is uniquely your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's nobility in how you choose to place your focus. You have already decided what matters to you, and that's half the battle. Today, you'll tend to what matters and let nothing shake you from your purpose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friendship is a creative endeavor built by two. Each is aware of their own side of the build. Think of a way to learn more about what the other person is experiencing, and you'll work better together from here on out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone who hates mornings may dream of becoming a 5 a.m. gym person, but if their natural rhythm is nighttime creativity, the habit won't stick. Work with the patterns that exist. What doesn't fit into the established order won't last.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The real reason people give you their attention today? You've proven that you're respectful of it. You don't overpromise and you don't bore. You either sense what they are expecting or you find it out, then deliver with a twist.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You do not put your blanket trust in a person. Rather, you trust them to behave in the ways they've shown you are typical of them. Fundamentally, trust is a prediction. You're getting better at predicting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One way you show your love is to roll with the way the other person is feeling. You don't expect, demand or even want them to behave inauthentically. You're willing to take the high and low moods in stride.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll sail through the task that used to take you days and weeks. Why? You've learned what's unnecessary. You've cut out a lot of discussion, research and deliberation because experience has taught you what works. Stick with it.

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ACROSS

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- 5 Clumps of grass
- 10 Inquire
- 13 Taiwanese PC brand
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- 16 Small, in rappers' names
- 17 USA alliance
- 18 Tot's round-table session
- 20 Reveal, as a secret
- 22 Synagogue scholar
- 23 "___ está usted?"
- 24 Language in Rome
- 26 Tot's "Look what I brought" session
- 29 "High" parts of shoes
- 30 Topped with frosting
- 31 Coffee alternative
- 34 Indonesian tourist isle
- 35 Hiking trails
- 37 Face of antique watches
- 38 Ancient
- 39 Retire for the day
- 40 Good judgment
- 41 Tot's open-air session
- 44 Welcome relief
- 47 Paper package
- 48 Come into a room
- 49 Memorization aid
- 53 Tot's milk-and-cookies session

DOWN

- 1 End a plane flight
- 2 Smoothie berry
- 3 Big Apple baseballers
- 4 Cauliflower kin
- 5 Washington city
- 6 In ___ (all together)
- 7 Cost for a cab
- 8 Kind attention, for short
- 9 Spain's Costa del ___
- 10 Whodunit excuse
- 11 Disney's Lion King
- 12 Calvin of fashion
- 15 President Ford
- 19 Statuesque
- 21 Stormy weather systems
- 24 Urge to scratch
- 25 Collarless shirts
- 26 Stamp "of approval"
- 27 Had in your hand
- 28 "Same here"
- 29 Cable movie channel
- 31 Fey or Turner
- 32 Uncomplicated
- 33 Pub serving
- 35 Short golf stroke
- 36 Right-hand person
- 37 Big name in canned corn
- 39 Unusual mannerisms
- 40 Unwanted email
- 41 Crude oil cartel
- 42 Highly decorated
- 43 Offended the nose
- 44 Adjust, as a clock
- 45 Bored feeling
- 46 Long look
- 49 Beef or pork
- 50 Christmas carol
- 51 Rural hotels
- 52 Hand over legally
- 54 Crib or cradle
- 55 Vitamin dose stat.

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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WEDNESDAY | JUNE 17

TODDLER STORYTIME AND SONGS

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Toddler Storytime and Songs Join us for storytime on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We share stories, songs, and movement activities to build early literacy skills for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/toddler-storytime-and-songs/18526513/2026-06-17T10>

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/free-walk-in-legal-clinic/13906563/2026-06-17T16>

STAND-UP LAB W/ OWEN SMITH SHOWCASE

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. A night to remember! Don't miss Stand-Up Lab's final showcase! These comics have polished their sets and are ready for the stage. \$17.79. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/stand-up-lab-w-owen-smith-showcase/18996125/2026-06-17T20>

WINE WEDNESDAY AT THE WHALER

101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. \$15 wine flights & half off bottles of wine all day every Wednesday. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wine-wednesday-at-the-whaler/16952883/2026-06-17T00>

THURSDAY | JUNE 18

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/18763133/2026-06-18T11>

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/18566926/2026-06-18T11>

SUCCULENTS & SANGRIA

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 3113 Lincoln Boulevard Santa Monica. Join us for an evening of sangria sipping, succulent potting, food, drinks, and a cabi clothing pop-up at Urban Jungle Plants and Pottery. \$44.52. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/succulents-sangria/19065225/2026-06-18T18>

DDC PRESENTS: GOOD GRIEF

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. A night of stand-up comedy about grief, loss, and laughing through it. \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ddc-presents-good-grief/19161066/2026-06-18T20>

FRIDAY | JUNE 19

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. Please RSVP on FB, IG or email <https://mobilecommunitymeditationcenter.com/> and remember to check FB or IG for any changes or cancellations. Free— Donations are accepted. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-06-19T10>

DADS GOLF FREE AT HOLEY MOLEY GOLF CLUB

1315 3rd Street Promenade, Santa Monica. Celebrate this Father's Day with 27 outrageously themed mini-golf holes for boundless hours of family fun at Holey Moley Golf Club, located on Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. From June 19-21, all dads golf for free, plus enjoy an all-day happy hour on June 21 featuring \$4 well spirits, \$5 select cans, \$8 select cocktails, as well as \$1 wings and a \$10 Caddy Classic Burger. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/dads-golf-free-at-holeymoley-golf-club/19113871/2026-06-19T12>

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/18942555/2026-06-19T12>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-06-19T17>

MISHKON TEPHILO - COMMUNITY SHABBAT AND DINNER

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mishkon Tephilo 206 Main Street Venice. Enjoy a beautiful in-person Shabbat followed by a delicious dinner with the Mishkon community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mishkon-tephilo-community-shabbat-and-dinner/18847399/2026-06-19T18>

GOOD CAUSE COMEDY

9:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. Laugh for a Good Cause at LA's newest comedy benefit show! Want something fun to do solo? Night with friends? Date night? Look no further! \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/good-cause-comedy/18890830/2026-06-19T21>

SATURDAY | JUNE 20

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

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. With the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop, Wellness & Waves offers a welcoming, energizing way to start the weekend—no membership required.

Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-06-20T08>

JUNE NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEAN UP

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ginger Rogers Beach Santa Monica. Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup at Ginger Rogers Beach. Join Heal the Bay for a beach cleanup at Ginger Rogers Beach! Celebrate Pride Month and help remove trash and debris before it washes out to the ocean. June 20, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Ginger Rogers Beach – Tower 18, 14710 CA-1, Santa Monica, CA 90402. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/june-nothin-but-sand-beach-clean-up/18986389/2026-06-20T10>

FAMILY ART STUDIO 10:00AM-1:00PM

10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Unleash your creativity and connect with your community at our Community Arts workshop! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrsm.org/event/family-art-studio-10-00am-1-00pm-b76d0> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/family-art-studio-10-00am-1-00pm/18763431/2026-06-20T10>

SUMMER SOULSTICE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF ROUTE 66

12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Main Street Between Strand Street and Pier Avenue Santa Monica. As Santa Monica joins communities across the nation in celebrating the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66, Main Street's beloved Summer Soulstice Festival returns on Saturday, June 20, transforming the neighborhood into a vibrant, car-free celebration of music, community, local businesses, and Southern California beach culture. From noon to 7 p.m., Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic between Strand Street and Pier Avenue, creating a walkable festival corridor filled with live music, family activities, outdoor experiences, local food and drinks, classic Volkswagen displays, pickleball, pet-friendly programming, and interactive activations. While Route 66 is known as America's most famous highway, Summer Soulstice Festival celebrates the destinations, local businesses, and communities that made the Mother Road an American icon. For one day, Main Street trades traffic for people, inviting residents and visitors to experience one of Santa Monica's most vibrant neighborhoods in a uniquely festive setting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/summer-soulstice-celebrates-100-years-of-route-66/19102016/2026-06-20T12>



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