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Every Saturday, Santa Monica dads gather to learn and to let go



Courtesy Image

SESSION: DadTime brings fathers and toddlers together every Saturday at Virginia Avenue Park for free peer support.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

For three years, on every Saturday the park has been open, a

group of fathers has pushed strollers into a hard-to-find fitness room at Virginia Avenue Park, poured free coffee and sat down on the floor to watch their young children play.

The sessions, called DadTime, are run by the nonprofit Early Engagement and cost nothing to attend. Fathers bring children from birth to age 3 for peer support

and parenting guidance from Early Engagement Executive Director Ben Swett and co-facilitator Luis

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Santa Monica to mark Juneteenth with new additions to its annual celebration

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica will honor Juneteenth this weekend with two distinct events — a new wellness-focused gathering Friday evening and the city's longstanding annual festival Saturday afternoon.

The inaugural Juneteenth Gathering will take place Friday, June 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Christine Emerson Reed Park and the Miles Memorial Playhouse. Led by the city's Recreation & Arts Department

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Cowabunga: World's First Official TMNT Pizzeria Lands on the Promenade

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael and Michelangelo have finally found a permanent home on the West Coast — and it comes with a serious New York-style pizza program.

The world's first official Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

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Clean Earth rovers remove tons of trash from the Marina



Maya Furukawa

CLEAN: The new technology is being deployed in Marina Del Rey.

In Early March, I visited one of the Clean Earth Rovers sites to see how the company uses technology as a means to prevent marine pollution. The company was founded by CEO Michael Arens, with the goal of creating technology to better our environment. Clean Earth Rovers operates out of several Southern California waterways, including San Pedro, Wilmington, Huntington Harbor, and Newport Harbor, and hopes to expand into Marina Del Rey in the near future. In January of this year, Clean Earth Rovers launched four Rover AVPro™ autonomous cleaning robots into the Port of Los Angeles, reaching all 15 of its Marinas. These robots specialize as autonomous surface vessels designed to remove debris from the various bodies of water before it gets out to the ocean.

The Rover resembles a pontoon-style boat, with a collection system built into its center. During my visit, I was able to watch the team use their rovers around the Cabrillo Way Marina. They're controlled via remote or iPhone, allowing the operator to move the rover around the surface of the water and collect any trash. Each rover's bag can catch up to 100 to 150 pounds of trash and can be emptied and reused in under five minutes, making this operation not only environmentally conscious but also efficient. According to CER, these rovers can clean up to 25 acres in an eight-hour shift on one battery charge.

Each day, the team begins by visiting each harbor, taking note of the conditions at each location. This allows them to determine whether or not the harbor is heavily polluted, identify and map "trash hotspots", and log any environmental conditions such as weather and water visibility. They then get the rovers into the water. Depending on how much

trash is found in the marina, the amount of time they spend at each site varies. When their clean is done, they remove the rovers, weigh the trash collected, and dispose of the waste using the marina's facilities. They also collect photos at each site, providing a visual log of any impact. After this process has been completed, they move on to their next location. A notable aspect of this technology is its minimal impact on the surrounding environment. The Rovers are fairly small, move at a slow pace of only 5 mph, and are extremely quiet. This creates very minimal disruption for not only marine life, but also boaters. Since the rovers only collect debris at the surface of the water, it makes it easy for any marine life to avoid them. According to the company, so far, they have not yet caught a single animal.

Another piece of technology Clean Earth Rovers is working on is "smart buoys", which are water quality testing buoys. These buoys collect water samples and test them every thirty minutes, then send the data directly to an app. This app can then track bacteria levels, algae blooms, and potential fish that are killed. For coastal communities such as Santa Monica, this technology could provide beachgoers, lifeguards, and officials with faster and more accurate safety information than ever before. As marine pollution continues to impact Southern California, Clean Earth Rovers is expanding from a local startup to a regional operation focused on removing thousands of pounds of trash from our marinas and oceans. Their mission is to clean the Southern California waterways, one rover, one harbor, and one bag of trash at a time.

By Maya Furukawa and Ella Calabrese

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Single-payer healthcare in California is possible. An economic and political thicket stands in the way

Is there a pathway for California to create a universal healthcare system, one with benefits paid through a “unified financing system” that merges federal and state funds with costs now borne by employers and — probably — a new layer of taxation?

The answer appears to be that, while such a pathway may be possible, hacking it through the thicket of healthcare economics and politics would require dozens — or even hundreds — of difficult choices.

That’s the gist of a 181-page report from a team of University of California researchers that was charged with defining the factors to be resolved before such a system could be implemented.

On Wednesday the research team, organized by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, outlined the report’s findings and fielded questions during a webinar. Its responses about the specifics of a unified system generally boiled down to maybe yes, maybe no.

In other words, someone or some entity would have to plow through the seemingly countless variables catalogued in the report and decide which would be included and which would be excluded.

Those variables start with the overall approach. Would it be a “single-payer” system in which the state finances medical services for every Californian, similar to the systems in the United Kingdom and parts of Western Europe? Or would it be a hybrid that retains some aspects of the current system?

Would the state pay the current private and public health care providers or set up its own proprietary network? Would payments be fee-for-service or encompass the managed care system that currently dominates health insurance?

Would the federal government, which now pays roughly half of California’s healthcare bills through Medicare, Medi-Cal and various programs for federal workers, be willing to give the state those many billions of dollars for a unified system? How would undocumented immigrants — now ineligible for federally financed services — be handled?

The report generally contends that a

single-payer system would, by eliminating the paperwork and other aspects of the current system, be the most efficient from a cost/benefit basis. However, it would probably be the most difficult version to create from a political standpoint.

Single-payer would be a holy grail achievement for the political left, both in California and nationwide. The current search for some form began eight years ago when Gavin Newsom, then running for governor, declared “I’m tired of politicians saying they support single-payer but that it’s too soon, too expensive or someone else’s problem,” thus pledging to pursue it.

Once elected, however, Newsom drifted away, eventually calling single-payer “aspirational” rather than a hard promise, and sought incremental extension of coverage through Medi-Cal and other programs.

He did, however, sign legislation in 2019 creating a commission to study the issue, saying, “As our march toward universal coverage continues I am calling on the brightest minds — from public and private sectors — to serve in the Healthy California for All Commission to improve the health of our state.”

The commission’s 2022 report endorsed a “system of unified financing,” but didn’t specify a single-payer system. It led to the 2023 passage of Senate Bill 770 that, among other things, called for the UC study on alternatives that was released in April.

In a sense, the issue has come full circle. When Newsom advanced the notion of a single-payer system in 2018, everyone knowledgeable about the state’s massive, very expensive and multi-player system of healthcare also knew that fundamental change would be very complicated and very difficult.

The UC report says the same thing, only in more detail. Newsom managed to avoid making those tough decisions and will soon depart, probably for a presidential campaign. Will the pursuit of a pathway continue? Or has it just been a theoretical exercise?

Don Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist



Surf report WATER TEMP: 66.6

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

Smaller, still fun surf as SW swell tapers off, most size in morning. Best winds then too. Fading old SW swell is still good for waist to shoulder high zone waves in the morning, as standouts are hitting head high, after the draining early morning low tide fills in for a while. Surf slowly dips during the day. Light+ WSW onshores most of morning, rise to moderate for the afternoon.

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

Size stays pretty fun as SSW swell sticks around. Best to try and hit the early window. SSW swell sticking around for knee-waist high surf, pushing chest-shoulder high for better breaks as standouts (mostly west of Dume) go head-high+. Bit more of a tide window early in the AM before shape drains out, likely the best of the day, winds lightest then too. Outside of the sheltered points, it’ll be tougher to take advantage of the tide rebound midday as onshores pick up and get lumpy before there’s enough water for shape to improve significantly.

Weather

Friday: Patchy drizzle before 11am. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 59. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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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
2026/06/20	Sat	01:31 AM	4.90 H
2026/06/20	Sat	08:34 AM	-0.02 L
2026/06/20	Sat	3:34 PM	4.49 H
2026/06/20	Sat	9:16 PM	2.27 L
2026/06/21	Sun	02:41 AM	4.08 H
2026/06/21	Sun	09:22 AM	0.63 L
2026/06/21	Sun	4:25 PM	4.76 H
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Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 452 M

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Jackpot: 30 M

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Community Plan and Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Implement the City's Realignment Plan.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider adoption of amendments to the City's Downtown Community Plan and Zoning Ordinance for implementation of the City's Realignment Plan. Consistent with the plan, the amendments would create new incentives for Downtown housing projects, establish a flexible regulatory framework for City-owned sites in the Downtown, and facilitate economic opportunity on key gateway sites in the Downtown. The amendments may also include other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications as necessary. On June 17, 2026, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Numbers 26-009 (PCS) and 26-010 (PCS) making a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed amendments.

At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will also be considering compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

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

HOW TO COMMENT:

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City Clerk
Re: Realignment Plan

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

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

US gas prices below \$4 for 1st time since March, but remain 25% higher than last year

U.S. gas prices fell to just below \$4 a gallon on average Thursday, bringing some relief to drivers who have seen soaring costs amid Washington's war with Iran.

But filling up is still more expensive than it was before the conflict began.

According to motor club AAA, a gallon of regular gasoline is now averaging at \$3.999. It's the first time since March that prices have been that low. And the drop aligns with easing crude oil costs overall, with some optimism about an initial agreement between the U.S. and Iran to end their war.

Still, American drivers are collectively paying about \$1 more per gallon than they were before the U.S. joined Israel to attack Iran in February — and prices are 25% higher than they were at this time last year. That's caused many households to tighten their budgets in other areas, or rethink where they want to spend their money more broadly.

MORE EXPENSIVE BILLS BEYOND GAS

Research has shown that short-term swings in the cost of gas leads consumers to adjust both their driving and wider spending — with some even pulling back on core necessities like groceries when prices at the pump get high, notes Dylan Brewer, an assistant professor in Georgia Tech's School of Economics.

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Product prices across the United States are projected to keep climbing for the rest of 2026

- Pat Penfield, a professor of supply chain practice at Syracuse University

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If costs continue to cool in the coming weeks, he said, more people may be able to “loosen their belts a little bit.” Cheaper fuel will also be welcome by businesses that rely on gas and diesel to transport their goods. But it could take a few months for that to trickle through the supply chain, Brewer adds.

And gas isn't the only thing that's gotten more expensive over the course of the war. Groceries, airline tickets and even condoms and shoes cost more amid global supply chain disruptions. Even if oil and other core

necessities — like fertilizer — begin flowing from the Middle East again, experts warn the sticker shock will likely outlast the fighting.

“Product prices across the United States are projected to keep climbing for the rest of 2026,” Pat Penfield, a professor of supply chain practice at Syracuse University, said on Thursday.

Penfield pointed to depleted inventories and ongoing supply chain consequences spanning from the war — noting that farmers, for example, already had to pay higher costs for fertilizer and other supplies in the spring that will “ripple through to increased food prices by autumn.” And at the gas pump, he noted that limited refinery capacity in the U.S. “remains a significant bottleneck” toward bringing down prices further.

WHAT PRICES AT THE PUMP LOOK LIKE NATIONWIDE

Steep fuel costs have already pushed U.S. inflation to its highest level in three years. And many consumers are still filling their tanks for much more than \$4 a gallon.

That price is a national average, with costs varying between states due to factors like proximity to supply and differing tax rates. In California on Thursday, prices averaged about \$5.64 for a gallon of regular gas, per AAA, followed by \$5.57 in Hawaii. Meanwhile, prices in Indiana and Texas sat at about \$3.40 and \$3.49 a gallon, respectively.

Recent relief for fuel prices arrived with cooling costs for crude oil — the main ingredient in gasoline.

Brent crude, the international standard, sat under \$80 per barrel Thursday. And U.S. benchmark crude tumbled to below \$76 per barrel. That's still a little higher than the roughly \$70 price tag before the war, but far below the \$100-plus price from just a few weeks ago.

WHY OIL COSTS ARE FALLING

Prices fell overnight after President Donald Trump signed an agreement with Iran. The tenuous agreement calls for Tehran to dilute its stockpile of highly enriched uranium and waives U.S.-backed sanctions on the country — immediately allowing Iran to sell its oil freely in a significant concession from Washington.

Major ship owners have also begun moving vessels through the key Strait of Hormuz since the memorandum of understanding was signed Wednesday, according to maritime data from Lloyd's List Intelligence, although some reported that only more limited side routes were open. And U.S. Vice President JD Vance said Thursday that the Navy has lifted its own blockade to allow some transit to and from Iranian ports.

Still, it could take weeks or months for traffic to return to prewar levels. Before the war, the strait carried a fifth of the world's crude oil. And Gulf oil producers that throttled back production will need time to get the oil moving again.

Some ship captains may take their time to determine if the passage is safe. The agreement between the U.S. and Iran calls

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Honor Juneteenth by Giving Blood: Help Save Lives in the Black Community

The American Red Cross is urging community members to donate blood in observance of Juneteenth, citing a critical need for donors to support patients living with sickle cell disease.

Sickle cell disease is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States, affecting approximately 100,000 people, a disproportionate share of them Black Americans. Patients may require ongoing blood transfusions throughout their lives — sometimes as many as 100 units per year — to increase healthy red blood cells, improve oxygen flow and reduce the risk of serious complications.

Because blood types and antigens are inherited, donors of similar racial and ethnic backgrounds are often the closest match for sickle cell patients, making donations from Black individuals especially critical, the Red Cross said.

Since launching its Sickle Cell Initiative in 2021, the organization said it has enrolled more than 140,000 first-time African American blood donors.

Dorian Archie, who was diagnosed with sickle cell disease at birth and has relied on transfusions throughout his life, is among those featured in the Red Cross' Juneteenth campaign. Archie works as a motivational speaker and community advocate.

"Donating blood is one of the most powerful ways to show up for someone in your community," Archie said. "You could be the match that helps someone keep going."

Local blood drives are scheduled at the following Santa Monica locations:

— June 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church Santa Monica, 1502 20th St.

— June 22, 1 to 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.

— June 25, 1 to 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.

To be eligible, donors must be at least 17 years old in most states — or 16 with parental consent where permitted — weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Those 18 and younger must also meet certain height and weight requirements.

Donors can schedule appointments at RedCrossBlood.org, by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or through the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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Pacific Palisades

Raisin company heir charged with antisemitic hate crime against rabbi in Pacific Palisades

The heir to one of California's largest raisin companies was charged with felony hate crimes for allegedly threatening to kill a rabbi who was leading a Sabbath evening prayer service at his Pacific Palisades home.

Bruce Alfred Lion, 64, of Pacific Palisades, was charged with three felony hate crimes — one count of violation of civil rights and two counts of criminal threats — in connection with a June 5 incident. He faces up to nine years and four months in state prison if convicted as charged.

According to prosecutors, Lion stood on the balcony of his home around 8 p.m. that evening and shouted antisemitic threats at his next-door neighbor, a rabbi conducting a Shabbat prayer service.

Lion was arrested June 13. His arraignment was scheduled Thursday in Department 30 of the Airport Courthouse. Bail was set at \$225,000.

"Hate has no place in Los Angeles County," District Attorney Nathan Hochman said. "Los Angeles County is experiencing an alarming increase in hate crimes, with record-high antisemitic offenses and unprecedented levels of crimes targeting individuals based on their religion, race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation."

The case is being prosecuted by the Airport Branch Office. The Los Angeles Police Department's West Los Angeles Division is continuing its investigation.

Lion is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Exclude Eligible Sites from Senate Bill (SB) 79 Implementation Until One year Following the Adoption of the 7th Cycle Housing Element, pursuant to Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1)

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance which shall include, but are not limited to, adoption of an Exclusion Ordinance to temporarily exclude sites meeting the criteria established in Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1) from SB 79's increased development standards within a one-half mile radius of specified transit stops until one year following the adoption of 7th Cycle Housing Element (2030). Consistent with City Council's direction, proposed amendments may also include consideration of strategic increases to local development standards to allow for additional site eligibility in the Exclusion Ordinance. On June 17, 2026, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 26-008 (PCS) making a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed amendments.

The City Council will also consider adopting a finding of statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Government Code Section 65912.160(c) (2).

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

LA County confirms measles case linked to LAX, hotel

Los Angeles County health officials have confirmed a measles case involving a traveler who was infectious while passing through the county, potentially exposing people at Los Angeles International Airport, a nearby hotel and several healthcare facilities, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced.

The traveler arrived on Cathay Pacific Airlines flight CX 884 at LAX's Tom Bradley International Terminal on June 11. People at the terminal from 10 a.m. to noon that day may have been exposed.

Additional exposure sites include the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel shuttle from the terminal from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. June 11, and the hotel itself, 5711 W. Century Blvd., from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. that same day.

This is the sixth measles case reported in LA County in 2026.

Those who were at the listed locations during the specified times may develop measles seven to 21 days after exposure, with the symptom monitoring window closing July 2. Healthcare facilities where the traveler was seen are directly notifying potentially exposed patients and staff.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working with county health officials to notify passengers who were seated near the infected traveler on the flight.

People who have previously had measles or received the recommended vaccine are likely protected but should still monitor for symptoms. Unvaccinated individuals or those with unknown vaccination status face higher risk and should monitor symptoms closely.

Los Angeles County Health Officer Muntu Davis said the case comes as the county sees increased international travel and large crowds tied to World Cup events.

"Measles spreads easily and can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, brain swelling, and even death," Davis said. "We urge everyone to confirm their immunity and get the MMR vaccine if needed, especially before traveling and attending crowded events."

Measles spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes. The virus can remain viable in the air and on surfaces for several hours after an infected person has left an area. Infected individuals can transmit the disease up to four days before a rash appears and up to four days after.

Symptoms include fever above 101 degrees, cough, runny nose, red and watery eyes, and a rash that typically begins on the face and spreads downward, appearing three to five days after other symptoms.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine — MMR — is the primary prevention method. Two doses are 97% effective against measles; one dose is 93% effective. Community protection requires two-dose vaccination coverage of at least 95%.

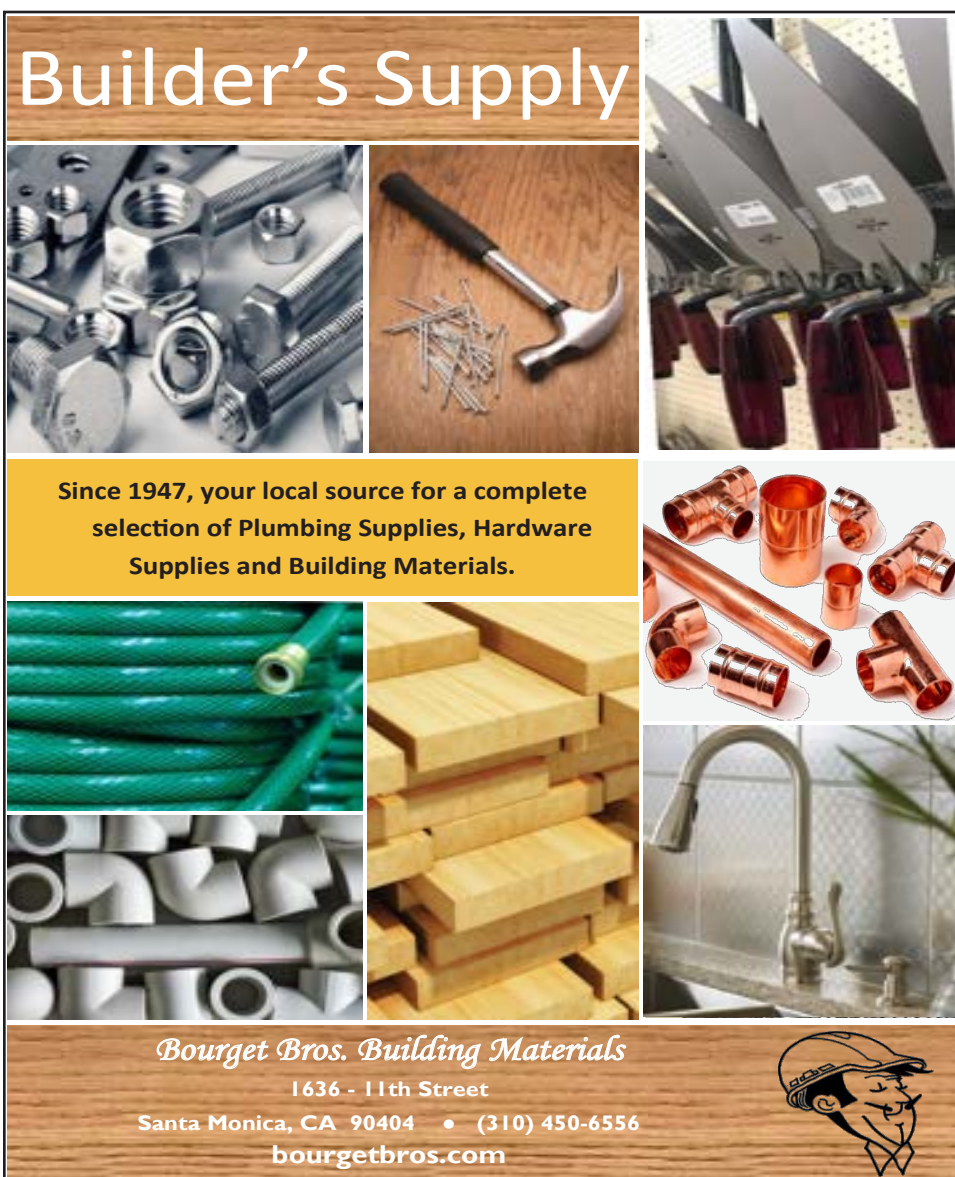
Nationally, 2,073 measles cases have been reported in 2026 as of June 12, most linked to outbreaks that began in 2025. The majority of cases involve unvaccinated individuals or those with unknown vaccination status; 6% required hospitalization. An ongoing outbreak in Mexico has produced more than 18,362 cases this year.

Uninsured or underinsured residents can access free or low-cost vaccines by calling 2-1-1 or visiting publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/clinics.htm.

For more information on measles, visit ph.lacounty.gov/measles.


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DADTIME

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Salgado, the infant and toddler director at Growing Place Lab School. Small local grants, support from partners including the Santa Monica Malibu School District and the Bahala Foundation, and contributions from participating dads cover the expenses, including the coffee.

What keeps the program going, organizers say, is the same thing that makes it unusual: it is free, consistent and open to any father who finds his way in.

The dads come mostly from the nearby Pico neighborhood, walking strollers over from home. Others drive in from the valley, Inglewood and as far as Boyle Heights. They are truck drivers and rocket scientists, teachers and tech workers, united by the shared challenges of raising very small children.

"We've got millionaire tech dudes and guys who depend on SNAP benefits," Swett said. "They all hang together, partly because of the values of the room, and because the challenges of dealing with a 2-year-old cut across any bounds of race, class or income."

A typical session begins before the fathers arrive. Swett and Salgado get to the park around 8 a.m. to set up a room built for a specific kind of play. They lay out a wooden climbing structure called a Pikler triangle, blocks, a few stuffed animals and an assortment of dollar-store kitchen items — pie tins, bowls and graspable "O-balls" that infants can hold and toddlers can kick.

Because the fitness room is tucked inside the park's headquarters and hard to find, the pair tape hand-painted signs reading "Dads," with arrows, around the grounds.

"Eventually, the signs make them curious," Salgado said. "We joke that dads find their way to us when they're ready, or when they really crave air conditioning."

Fathers begin arriving around 9 a.m. Old friends greet each other with hugs. Men sit on the floor to signal to their children that the space is safe. Some children nap; others stack blocks, climb or throw metal pans that clatter when they land.

What looks like chaos is the point. The facilitators call it free play, and they describe it as the foundation of early brain development.

"This is the most important learning of a child's life," Salgado said. "By experimenting with their environment, they are building lifelong mental tools — the thinking, feeling and people skills they will depend on and build on for the rest of their lives."

The harder part, organizers say, is for the adults. A large sign on the wall, "The Rules of the Room," advises that "Free Play requires Boundaries for Adults." The rules discourage interrupting, intervening or directing a child. Regulars can recite the maxims — "Information, not direction," "connect and then correct" — which are also inscribed on the Pikler triangle.

"We have a deep instinct to protect our children, to help them and to serve them, but they need to experiment on their own to learn," Swett said. "So we're trying to move the center of choice from the parent to the child."

Around 10:15 a.m., Swett gives a short talk inspired by something he has seen in one of his sessions — "a little philosophy and a few helpful tips, on a theme." By 11:30 a.m., children begin rubbing their eyes or asking for strawberries from the farmers market outside.

For some fathers, the program fills a gap in their own lives.

"DadTime has been a tremendous help in my life, the fact that it is giving me a structure and a foundation to be a parent ... without having an actual father in my own life," said Ron Dansby of Inglewood, father of Dhakari.

Others describe it as a fixed point in the week. "It's our family's Saturday morning ritual," said Nimbus Goehausen of Santa Monica, father of Pasha and Elijah. "I've made a lot of friends here, and learned a lot about being a dad."

All caregivers are welcome, including mothers, nannies and grandparents, as long as they follow the rules of the room.

The distance some fathers travel to attend, organizers say, reflects both demand and scarcity. Fathering expert Richard Cohen has noted that about half of all parents are men, yet almost all infant and toddler programs are aimed at mothers. There are good reasons for that, including that mothers still do most of the work — but dads need a space, too.

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GAS PRICE

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for a permanent end to hostilities and starts a 60-day negotiating clock to reach a final deal on the future of Iran's nuclear program, though Trump left the door open to resume attacks.

Refineries also 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. Energy shocks have been even starker in places that rely more heavily on imports from the Middle East — notably countries across Asia and Africa.

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN and WYATTE GRANTHAM-PHILIPS AP Business Writers



CITY OF SANTA MONICA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 479 On-Call Regulatory and Treatment Optimization Support for Water Resources

- Submission Deadline is July 20th, 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.

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in collaboration with producing partners Go As If Productions and christy roberts berkowitz, the free event is designed around rest, community and the healing arts and is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Attendees can experience sound immersion with Onyi Love, card readings from Sanyu Estelle and DJ sets from Black Girls Love Vinyl, along with performances by Qur'an Shaheed, Tolliver and Linaforia. An art workshop, Casted Frequencies, led by Camera Obscura Artist in Residence London James, will invite participants to reimagine sneakers as cultural artifacts. Space for the workshop is limited.

The evening will also include a screening inside Miles Memorial Playhouse of "BLKNWS: Terms & Conditions," a 2025 feature-length cinematic art installation directed by visual artist and filmmaker Kahlil Joseph. The Sundance Institute has described the work as "a massive, hypnotic tapestry of the Black experience across the diaspora, inspired heavily by the intellectual legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois and his vision for the Africana encyclopedia."

Food and drink will be available for purchase, including Jamaican patties from The Patty Wagon, baked goods from Cakes By Chanté and wine through a 21-and-over pop-up bar garden curated by Offhand Wine Bar. Several Black-owned small businesses will also be on site.

The following day, the 34th Annual Juneteenth Celebration returns to Virginia Avenue Park on Saturday, June 20, from 1 to 7 p.m. This year's theme — "A Legacy of Liberation: Honoring Our Resistance and Resilience" — reflects what organizers describe as the past and ongoing fight for equity and justice for Black Americans.

The free, family-friendly festival will feature live performances across multiple genres. ADAWE, presented in partnership with BroadStage, blends West African roots, gospel harmonies and American funk. The Kobie Dozier Quintet performs jazz, rap, R&B and funk with a message of self-determination and unity. Nichelle Monroe, a descendant of Santa Monica's first Black family, will perform her blend of opera, soul and jazz. The Gumbo Brothers, a Los Angeles-based ensemble founded in 2002, close out the lineup with a high-energy mix of hip-hop, New Orleans funk, soul and traditional brass jazz.

Interactive drum workshops led by Project KnuckleHead and Chazz Ross will incorporate West African and bucket drumming. The Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council will

present an invocation and special honors to community members.

Food trucks including B&R Burgers, Jon Que's Smokeout, The Patty Wagon, Cakes By Chanté and JuicedUp! will be on site, alongside a marketplace of Black-owned vendors.

"By expanding our Juneteenth offerings, we hope to welcome even more people to celebrate in Santa Monica and experience the rich music, art, and cultural opportunities," Mayor Caroline Torosis said. "Whether you prefer a cozier gathering or a more robust community festival — or both — there is something for everyone as we honor this important holiday."

Santa Monica's connection to Juneteenth stretches back more than three decades. In 1992, local resident LaVerne Ross approached the City Council and successfully persuaded members to establish an official Juneteenth event — making Santa Monica one of the first cities in the country to fund such a celebration, doing so roughly 30 years before Juneteenth was recognized as a federal holiday.

Ross, who was born in Texas to parents who worked as sharecroppers and whose paternal grandfather was a formerly enslaved man, moved to Santa Monica in 1957. She continued celebrating Juneteenth with her family before making it her mission to have the holiday recognized by the broader community. Ross remains an active member of the Juneteenth Celebration in Santa Monica Committee, which organizes the annual festival in partnership with the city.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and declared enslaved people in the state to be free — more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. President Biden signed legislation in 2021 making Juneteenth a federal holiday, and the Santa Monica City Council designated it an official city holiday in March 2022.

In observance of the holiday, which falls on Monday this year, City Hall, the Santa Monica Public Library, The Transit Store and City Yards Operation Center will be closed. Parking meter enforcement and street sweeping will be suspended for the day, with the exception of meters posted for daily enforcement.

Both weekend events are free and open to the public but tickets are requested from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-juneteenth-gathering-tickets-1988970586566> or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-34th-annual-juneteenth-celebration-tickets-1988887577283>.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 26ENT-0086 (Conditional Use Permit)

1029 26th Street
APPLICANT: The Playgroup House c/o Jacquelyn Garcia, Crest Real Estate

PROPERTY OWNER: Sasania LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Conditional Use Permit to allow the establishment of a Child Care and Early Education Facility within the Single-Unit Residence (R1) Zoning District. The proposed use shall be established through the conversion of an existing Large Family Day Care and shall be subject to California State licensing requirements with a maximum capacity of 40 children, as well as the standards and requirements stipulated in Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.120.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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

HOW TO COMMENT

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

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

Address your comments to:	Gina Szilak	Senior Planner
	Re:	26ENT-0086
	VIA E-MAIL:	planningcomment@santamonica.gov
	VIA MAIL:	City Planning Division 1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28 Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Gina Szilak at (310) 458-2200 ext. 5216 or by e-mail at regina.szilak@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodation, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov



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TMNT

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Pizzeria opens Saturday at 1444 Third Street Promenade, bringing the beloved franchise's sewer-dwelling heroes into brick-and-mortar dining for the first time in the brand's 40-year history. The grand opening June 20 will feature exclusive giveaways for the first 100 customers who make a purchase and a special character appearance by the Turtles themselves.

For fans who grew up watching four mutant brothers battle the Foot Clan between slices, the 3,000-square-foot restaurant is designed to feel like stepping into the franchise's original 1980s universe — from its New York City roots to its underground aesthetic and unmistakable sense of humor.

"For more than 40 years, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles has inspired a passionate fan community across generations, and our TMNT Pizzeria brings that fandom to life," said Josh Silverman, president of global products and experiences at Paramount. "The Turtles are synonymous with pizza, so we wanted to create an immersive experience that celebrates the spirit of the franchise that audiences have embraced for decades."

The restaurant is the work of the Lunchbox Group, a company with a track record in fan-focused, IP-licensed themed dining. Founded by Andy Nguyen, Polo Nguyen, Tim Dang and Eric Phan, the group previously developed the One Piece Cafe in Los Angeles and Las Vegas, the Sonic the Hedgehog Speed Cafe, and the Hello Kitty Cafe Las Vegas, among others.

"As someone who grew up with the Turtles, this has been such an incredibly fun passion project for us to pursue," Nguyen said. "Not only did we want to do justice to the Turtles experience, but we knew the food had to actually be legitimately good, too."

The company said a commitment to quality separates TMNT Pizzeria from the novelty-dining category it might otherwise occupy. The menu centers on New York-style slices and whole pies developed in collaboration with Brooklyn-based pizza consultant Angelo Womack, a veteran pizzaiolo with more than two decades of experience. Womack previously owned and operated Michelin-recognized Oak & Rye in San Jose and has worked with acclaimed pizza brands including Roberta's, Scarr's Pizza and Mama's Boy.

The pizza program emphasizes authenticity at every level, from replicating New York water conditions to traditional fermentation and baking techniques — the kind of obsessive craft that would impress even the most discerning ooze drenched mutant.

"We've spent a lot of time dialing in the dough, fermentation, bake and overall structure of the slices so that the pizza stands on its own — whether you're a TMNT fan or just somebody who loves great pizza," Womack said.

Signature pies carry franchise-worthy names to match. The Cowabunga Cheese arrives with fresh mozzarella, tomato sauce, parmesan and a drizzle of olive oil. Shredder's Revenge loads up pepperoni, jalapeños and Mike's Hot Honey. Rocksteady's Meat Smash piles on Italian sausage, bacon, pepperoni,

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- Angelo Womack

ham and prosciutto.

The restaurant, which occupies the former home of Johnnie's New York Pizzeria, seats approximately 60 guests across indoor and outdoor dining areas. The interior features wall-to-wall TMNT decor including the franchise's signature green ooze, neon lights and visual nods to New York City and the Turtles' beloved underground sewer lair. Staff wear TMNT-themed clothing, with pizza chefs in turtle-themed aprons and floor staff

dressed as Foot Clan ninjas.

Officials said that by day, the restaurant offers a family-friendly environment with free arcade games but it will transition in the evening to a more adult-oriented setting with happy hour offerings and a cocktail program, with a bar serving alcohol on weekends. Exclusive merchandise is available only at the Santa Monica location, including graphic tees, hoodies, lanyards, tote bags and custom skate decks.

The Promenade opening marks something of a homecoming for the franchise in Santa Monica. Ahead of the release of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" in August 2023, Paramount and Nickelodeon Movies staged a 10-day immersive pop-up that drew more than 16,900 visitors to the Los Angeles installation alone.

The permanent pizzeria is part of a much larger franchise expansion by Paramount, which includes a 30-episode preschool-targeted YouTube animated series, a global master toy license awarded to Mattel beginning in 2027 — ending Playmates Toys' nearly four-decade hold on the brand — and an accelerated theatrical slate featuring "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 2," scheduled for Aug. 13, 2027, and a live-action/CG hybrid film planned for 2028.

Santa Monica is one of three cities chosen for the global restaurant rollout, with locations also planned for Monterrey, Mexico, and São Paulo, Brazil. For a franchise built on New York pizza and California attitude, the Promenade address feels about right.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the following officers:

For three (3) individuals on the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education	Full term of four (4) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

The Nomination Period for these offices begins on July 13, 2026, and closes on August 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. One Candidate Workshop will be held on July 13 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, in the Council Chamber where Nomination Packets will be issued. Candidates unable to attend the workshop must make appointments to pick up Nomination Packets after the workshop. Available appointment dates/times will be posted at santamonica.gov/elections/2026-11-03 on July 6th when City Clerk staff will begin taking appointments.

If Nomination Papers for an incumbent officer are not filed by August 7, 2026, the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 12, 2026, to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent, for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open on November 3, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

/s/Denise Anderson-Warren, Interim City Clerk
June 16, 2026



NOTIFICACION DE LA ELECCIÓN

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Mónica el martes, 3 de noviembre de 2026, para los siguientes funcionarios:

Para tres (3) miembros del Concejo Municipal	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros de la Junta del Control de Alquileres	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para cuatro (4) miembros del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Mónica-Malibu	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para cuatro (4) miembros de la Junta de Síndicos del distrito de la comunidad universitaria de Santa Mónica	Período completo de cuatro (4) años

El período de nominación para estas oficinas comienza el 13 de julio de 2026 y cierra el 7 de agosto de 2026 a las 5:00 p.m. El 13 de julio de 2026 a las 10:00 a.m. se llevará a cabo un taller de candidatos en el ayuntamiento, en la sala del Consejo, donde se emitirán los documentos de nominación. Se les alienta a los candidatos potenciales que no pueden asistir al taller, que se comuniquen con la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal para programar una cita para recoger los documentos de nominación. Las citas disponibles se publicará en santamonica.gov/elections/2026-11-03 el 6 de julio momento en el cual la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal comenzará a tomar citas.

Si los papeles de nominación para un oficial titular no son presentados para el 7 de agosto de 2026, los votantes tendrán hasta 83 días antes de la elección, el 12 de agosto de 2026, para nominar otros candidatos que no sean la persona que es el titular, para la oficina electiva del titular.

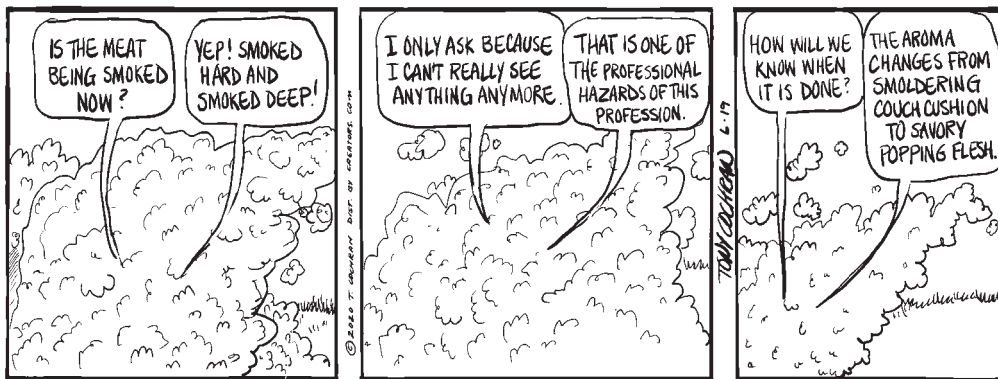
Si no se nombra a nadie o solamente a una persona para un cargo electivo, se puede realizar el nombramiento al cargo elegido según lo prescrito por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California.

Los centros electorales estarán abiertos el 3 de noviembre de 2026 entre las 7:00 am. y 8:00 pm.

/f/Denise Anderson-Warren, Secretaria Municipal Interino Fecha: 16 de junio de 2026

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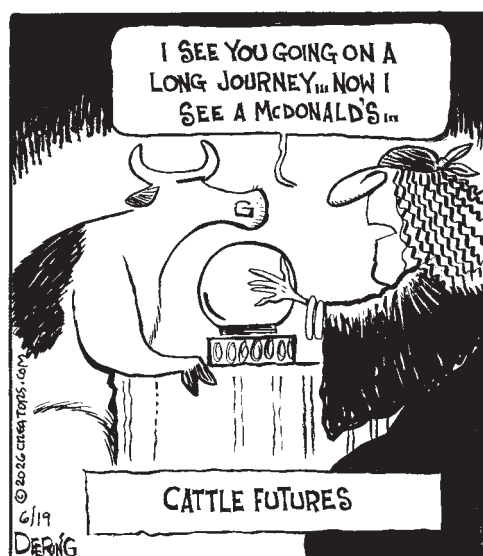
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It's your Year of the Aegis, in which you are protected by a shield like Athena's - forged from wisdom, preparation and strong boundaries. You handle intensity with composure, earning trust, authority and strategic advantage along the way. More highlights: Enriching friendships. Your work gains attention from stylish and influential people. You'll solve a long-running problem with elegance and make money doing it. Aquarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 11, 28, 32 and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As schoolchildren released for recess know, it's a pleasure to let off some uninhibited energy, especially when you've been cooped up in a highly structured environment. The cosmic school bell will ring for you today. Go claim your place on the playground.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You deal with stress better when you can spot the absurdity in a situation instead of getting stuck in irritation. Humor helps you stay loose when life gets weird. When you can laugh at the chaos a little, the inconveniences bounce off you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are some enchanted logistics in play today. The practical parts of life begin cooperating with your dreams instead of obstructing them. It's not every day that schedules, money and timing align as well as this!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Anyone can feel good around "yes" people, but it takes a very evolved person to seek out the "no" people and hear what they have to add. The critics make you better, stronger, sharper and more impervious to pain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your understanding of love keeps changing. Sometimes affection is shown through gestures, touch and thoughtfulness. But often it's the practical, repetitive and sacrificial behaviors you enact for your loved one that indicate the deepest devotion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The body, mind and spirit all work together. You think better when you eat better, and when your heart is filled with love, you feel like expressing yourself through movement. Anything you improve through joy will affect all parts of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be accounting for tasks done and undone and reflecting on how it went down - the hits and misses, the expectations and surprises, the soft impressions plus some hard numbers. Your realism here will ultimately be your success ticket.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Have a little more faith. Even foolish faith will do. Today it's better to be naive than to be jaded. The energy of happiness attracts more joy. The energy of cynicism fulfills its own prophecy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You constantly strive for a better understanding of the other person's perspective. Empathy is the strength that doesn't call attention to itself. Though relating to others is an act of kindness, it's also a strategy that helps with today's challenge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you don't make intentional choices about your priorities and limits, life makes them for you. It may work for a few hours or days, but eventually, attempting to handle too many different responsibilities at once becomes unsustainable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to succeed at work, maintain relationships and pursue creative goals. You'll do it, just not all today. These feelings of overwhelm come from unnecessarily conflating the time frame. Avoid compressing too much into one imagined moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll think deeply and extend your insight into the past and future. Some call such vigilance "overthinking" because they can't relate. It's natural to assume that everyone is like you, but many aren't paying close attention, so you need to.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Monopolize
- 6 Narc's org.
- 9 Part of a train
- 12 Organic acid
- 13 Where to get brushes
- 15 Performed well playing
- 16 Theatrical encouragement
- 17 Horn of Africa land
- 19 Parlor service
- 20 *Seinfeld* neighbor
- 24 Monastic title
- 25 Dominate totally
- 26 Easter precursor
- 27 Set apart
- 29 Make a splash
- 31 "Nifty!"
- 32 Patriotic shopping suggestion
- 37 Settle by mail
- 38 Airhead
- 41 Attach with a twist
- 44 Aces' HQ
- 47 Unsaid assent
- 48 Mauna ___
- 49 Sidestep
- 52 Cosmetics chain
- 54 Dignified women
- 55 Have no worries
- 58 Wedding photo subject
- 61 Contemptuous comment
- 62 Tuscan tall building
- 63 Long time, for short

64 Take away, as a tray

65 Go after

DOWN

- 1 Dust-making tool
- 2 Broody music
- 3 Person overly picky about ports
- 4 Render weaponless
- 5 Wizard's liquid
- 6 More visionary
- 7 Dispatcher's question
- 8 Question for enlightenment
- 9 Cantina cocktail conclusion
- 10 Fail to be
- 11 Powers that be category
- 13 Purview
- 14 Bagpiper's wear
- 16 Shivery sound
- 18 What ends many matches
- 20 Radar wielder
- 21 Pal of Pooh
- 22 Actor Morales
- 23 Source of new USN ensigns
- 28 Truckful
- 30 Without additives
- 31 Be left with
- 33 Topiary trees
- 34 Out of control
- 35 Insets, for instance
- 36 Consumer survey category
- 39 Dress in
- 40 Unmatched
- 41 Icy juice drink
- 42 Nab
- 43 Many Olympic judges
- 44 Contracted counsel
- 45 Out of the way
- 46 Novelist trio surname
- 50 Too quick
- 51 Side not "stuffed" in the five longest answers
- 53 Atmospheric prefix
- 56 Book-to-be's ___ date
- 57 Kiwi cousin
- 59 Upscale vineyard
- 60 Quite wide

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

4	3	6	9	8	5	1	2	7
2	8	1	4	6	7	5	9	3
5	9	7	3	2	1	8	4	6
7	5	4	8	1	3	9	6	2
3	1	2	5	9	6	4	7	8
9	6	8	2	7	4	3	1	5
6	4	3	7	5	9	2	8	1
1	2	5	6	4	8	7	3	9
8	7	9	1	3	2	6	5	4

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026122370. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALPHA GROUP CONTRACTING, 28942 HANCOCK PKWY, VALENCIA, CA 91355, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): UNLIMITED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., 30505 JASMINE VALLEY DR, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ DAMON VARGAS, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/04/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026122167. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALLSTAR MEDICAL CARE, 8023 BEVERLY BLVD UNIT 1584, LOS ANGELES, CA 90048, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): VITAL SCOPE MEDICAL, INC, 8023 BEVERLY BLVD UNIT 1584, LOS ANGELES, CA 90048. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ JUSTIN COHEN, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/04/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00263 LOS ANGELES. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Amaya Ashlock Lopez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Amaya Ashlock Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Amaya Ashlock Lopez to Amaya Sierra Lopez. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: [hearing_date], Time: [hearing_time], Dept: [department]. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Canyon Newspaper. Date: [order_date]. [Judge_name], Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00267. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica 90401. Petition of Juanito Maldonado for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Juanito Maldonado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Juanito Maldonado to John Maldonado. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 07/24/2026, Time: 8:30a, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 06/04/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00270. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, 90401. Petition of Jesus Alberto Hernandez Martinez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jesus Alberto Hernandez Martinez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jesus Alberto Hernandez Martinez to Jesus Alberto Hernandez. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 07/24/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 06/05/2026. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00279. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Petition of Danae Paige Rico for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Danae Paige Rico filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Danae Paige Rico to Paige Wells Rico. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 08/07/2026, Time: 8:30AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 06/11/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026



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-hole-moley-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 clean-up 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.pccrsm.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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