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A musical weekend in Santa Monica



Rent Control Board considers new threshold to prevent eviction for unpaid rent

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board will hold a public hearing Thursday on a package of proposed tenant-protection amendments to the city's rent control charter, including a measure that would bar landlords from evicting tenants over unpaid rent balances.

SEE RENT PAGE 6

Police Safely Resolve Mental Health Crisis at Santa Monica Place

The Santa Monica Police Department safely resolved an incident at Santa Monica Place on Monday involving an individual experiencing a mental health crisis, taking the person into custody without injury.

Specially trained Crisis Negotiation Team personnel, patrol officers and the Santa Monica Fire Department worked together to de-escalate the situation and bring it to a safe resolution. The individual will be transported to a

SEE POLICE PAGE 8

SONGS: Santa Monicans had multiple chances to partake in music last weekend with the Soulstice concerts along Main Street and Make Music Day in local parks. The events were held on what became a busy weekend in the city that also included ribbon cuttings for new stores and ongoing events tied to the World Cup.

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Firefighters deliver conflicting testimony over fireworks in Palisades Fire arson trial

Firefighters delivered conflicting testimony Monday during the federal arson trial for the man accused of sparking the deadly Palisades Fire in Los Angeles last year, with one saying he heard fireworks before the blaze started and the other saying he did not.

The government has accused Jonathan Rinderknecht, 29, of sparking a brush fire in the coastal Pacific Palisades neighborhood on Jan. 1, 2025, that they say ultimately reignited and became one of the most destructive wildfires in California history.

Prosecutors have spent the duration of the trial painting Rinderknecht as a vengeful, mentally unstable arsonist who was angry at society. They brought expert witnesses who testified the fire cause was “incendiary,” or caused by an open flame. Rinderknecht’s attorney Steve Haney has repeatedly posited that investigators missed one simple explanation: fireworks.

Defending that explanation proved to be difficult Monday when Haney called two firefighters to the stand that delivered contradicting accounts of the evening. Later, the judge dismissed a juror who thanked one of the firefighters for their service after the testimony.

Los Angeles Fire Department firefighter Robert Appleford, stationed in the Pacific Palisades, testified to seeing flashes of light and hearing fireworks before and after midnight that evening. Minutes later, the department received a call about the brush fire that Rinderknecht is accused of sparking.

But Appleford’s captain, Dave Sanders, later testified that he did not see or hear any fireworks. When Haney asked if Sanders recalled being interviewed by fire investigator Kyle Brown and telling him that he heard fireworks that night, Sanders said no.

Haney declined to comment on Sanders’ testimony.

The uncooperative witness testimony was a blow to the defense, who also called two of their own expert witnesses to cast doubt on the federal investigation and testify that fireworks were the most likely cause of the fire. Prosecutors spent hours questioning their credibility on cross examination.

Haney also asked a Pacific Palisades resident who lost his family home in the fire to testify about hearing fireworks on New Year’s Eve. Veterinary student Ari Sallus said he was hiking up a nearby hill with his girlfriend when he saw a flash of light and heard a loud bang from behind him.

He kept hiking and reached the top of the hill minutes later. In the same direction that he heard the bang earlier, he spotted a “little orange light” that was growing steadily and called 911.

On Thursday, Haney had called to the stand a security guard for the neighborhood and another resident who lived close to the

hiking trail leading up to the clearing that the government has said was the origin point of the fire. Both said they heard fireworks and saw a group of teenagers running down the trail after.

The firefighter witnesses also led to a juror being dismissed. During a break, Judge Anne Hwang informed attorneys that she heard one juror say to Appleford, “Thank you for your service,” as he stepped off the stand.

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It does demonstrate a bias toward the LA Fire Department

- Anne Hwang

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Haney said it was “entirely inappropriate” for a juror to interact with a witness “favorably or unfavorably.”

Hwang agreed. She said the juror’s act of thanking the firefighter for his service despite him not even testifying about his firefighting work on the stand showed “strong feelings” on the issue.

“It does demonstrate a bias toward the LA Fire Department,” Hwang said, ultimately excusing that juror and seating an alternate.

Monday’s trial proceedings demonstrated the impact of some of the limits placed on the defense, who initially planned to argue that it was the fire department’s fault for not putting out the Jan. 1 fire.

Haney had wanted to use depositions from a firefighter and a state park ranger that the Jan. 1 blaze was still visibly smoldering when first responders left. The firefighter alerted his supervisors of so-called hot spots in the burn area. That testimony was gathered as part of a lawsuit filed by fire victims against the city.

However, Hwang ruled that any evidence or argument of LAFD negligence in their response to the Jan. 1 fire could not be used at trial. She said it was irrelevant and could confuse the jury.

By JAIMIE DING Associated Press

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Ronaldo becomes first player to score in six World Cups with two goals against Uzbekistan

Cristiano Ronaldo became the first player to score in six different World Cup tournaments on Tuesday by getting two goals in Portugal's 5-0 win over Uzbekistan.

The 41-year-old Ronaldo made history in the sixth minute when João Cancelo crossed it to him and he shot with his right foot to make it 1-0. He ran toward the bench and celebrated with his teammates after the score.

He scored again in the 39th minute when he got a pass from Bruno Fernandes and shot with his right foot just inside the near post to make the score 3-0.

Ronaldo was named man of the match.

The goals make him the second-oldest player to score at a World Cup behind Cameroon forward Roger Milla, who was 42 when he scored at the 1994 tournament in the United States.

Ronaldo's goals come after he was criticized for failing to score in Portugal's 1-1 draw against Congo in the team's opening match.

Ronaldo and Argentina captain Lionel Messi became the only men in history to play in six World Cup tournaments this year. Ronaldo's scoring streak started in his debut in 2006 and he also netted goals in 2010, 2014,

2018 and 2022.

While he shares the record for most tournaments with Messi, he stands alone in scoring a goal in each edition after Messi failed to score a goal at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Ronaldo's goals Tuesday gave him 10 career goals in the tournament. Messi has 18 after a hat trick in Argentina's opener against Algeria and two more goals Monday against Austria that made him the all-time leading scorer in tournament history.

His performance extended his record by giving him 145 international goals, and his 10 career goals in the World Cup moved him past Eusébio's nine to make him Portugal's all-time scoring leader at the tournament.

Tuesday's game was the 230th of Ronaldo's international career, which is the most in history.

This is likely to be the final World Cup for Ronaldo, who won the European Championship with Portugal in 2016 and the Champions League five times with Manchester United and Real Madrid.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN AP Sports Writer



Surf report WATER TEMP: 65.1

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

Size picking up with new SSW swell on tap, fun to mid-sized surf on tap. Cleanest early. Waist-chest high waves get pretty easy to track down as new SSW swell tops out. Better breaks pushing head-high as standouts (mostly west of Pt. Dume) go a bit overhead. Not much NW energy in the mix, so structured breaks are your best shot at a corner. Early window looks pretty clean, maybe a little bit of onshore crumble for the early AM window out west. Moderate onshore lump for the back half of the day, sheltered points stay pretty clean.

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

Another solid day of waves as SSW swell holds. Structure your best chance at a nice corner. Waist-stomach high surf for average breaks, pushing chest-shoulder+ for better spots as standouts go upwards of a head-high to a little overhead. Moderate high tide in the morning, lack of NW energy walls up the open beachbreaks. Morning window looks decent, some W wind crumble in the forecast but looks mellow until the early afternoon. Back half of the day gets lumpy/chewed up outside of the sheltered points.

Weather

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 72. Light south southwest wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Light south wind becoming south southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
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2026/06/24	Wed	07:22 AM	3.03	H
2026/06/24	Wed	11:47 AM	2.16	L
2026/06/24	Wed	6:34 PM	5.44	H
2026/06/25	Thu	02:04 AM	0.27	L
2026/06/25	Thu	08:34 AM	3.16	H
2026/06/25	Thu	12:31 PM	2.44	L
2026/06/25	Thu	7:11 PM	5.60	H
2026/06/26	Fri	02:44 AM	-0.10	L
2026/06/26	Fri	09:22 AM	3.29	H
2026/06/26	Fri	1:12 PM	2.61	L

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00285. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Hyun Ji Cha for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Hyun Ji Cha filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hyun Ji Cha to Leah Cha. 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 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: 06/16/2026. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/24/2026, 07/01/2026, 07/08/2026, 07/15/2026

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Summons

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) Case No. 25STCV10120. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Raymond Gamzeletova. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Jaime Danilo Flores, an individual. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center, your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee

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LIONS ROAR

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Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club: June update and a look ahead

The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club meeting this June was what we call a working meeting. Members assessed the success of our Comedy Night fundraiser and discussed bringing it back in 2027, tied up loose ends from the 2025–26 fiscal year, welcomed a prospective new member, John, and heard from our incoming executive committee about plans for the new Lions year beginning July 1.

This is always an exciting time for Lions around the world because the 108th annual Lions Clubs International Convention is taking place in Hong Kong. During the convention, new international leadership is installed and shares its vision for the coming year.

One of Lions International's priorities this past year has been Mission 1.5, a global membership initiative focused on growing Lions membership worldwide. Our club rose to the challenge, welcoming six new members this year.

We are always looking for individuals who are passionate about the environment, youth empowerment, humanitarian service, addressing food insecurity, or improving health in our communities. We welcome new ideas and opportunities to support these causes. While we remain committed to the traditions that have guided Lions for more than a century, we also recognize the importance of flexibility and adapting to meet today's challenges. Joining Lions is great chance to broaden your vision, while adding a human connection to your networking and social engagement, and make a positive impact in the community.

One inspiring example of passion and service was Helen Keller. In 1925, she addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Lions accepted that challenge, and ever since, sight-related programs have been a cornerstone of our service efforts.

Lions have played a significant role in the fight against river blindness by supporting the distribution of hundreds of millions of treatments and helping train community volunteers in Africa and Latin America. Our commitment to vision programs also includes simple but meaningful local efforts, such as collecting, refurbishing, and distributing eyeglasses.

To find locations where you can donate gently used eyeglasses, visit the SMPP Lions website - www.e-clubhouse.org and click Donate Your Eyeglasses in the left column. What passion can you bring to the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club?

Due to the international convention taking place in early July, the SMPP Lions Club will not hold its regular membership meeting on July 1. If you are interested in attending our September 2 dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. at our new location, the Hyatt Centric Delfina Hotel Santa Monica, please contact Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com.

The hotel is located at 530 Pico Boulevard in Santa Monica and has valet parking. We would be delighted to welcome you as our guest, learn about your interests, and share more about how Lions serve our local and global communities.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LA County

Particle Pollution Advisory Extended Through Wednesday After Boyle Heights Warehouse Fire

Los Angeles County public health officials have extended a particle pollution advisory through 12:30 p.m. Wednesday following a large structure fire in Boyle Heights that broke out June 17.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District extended the advisory after smoke from the fire continued to affect air quality across the Los Angeles area. Regulatory monitors showed improved PM2.5 levels beginning Monday, with the Air Quality Index registering Good to Moderate at most locations. Near the fire, AQI reached Very Unhealthy levels Monday evening before dropping to Moderate by Tuesday morning.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health urged residents to stay indoors with doors and windows closed if they smell or see smoke, run air purifiers if available and set HVAC systems to recirculate rather than draw in outside air. Officials recommended against using whole-house fans or swamp coolers during smoky conditions.

Residents who must go outside in heavily affected areas should wear an N95 or P100 mask, officials said. Those in areas that are too hot to remain indoors were advised to seek public spaces such as libraries or shopping centers.

Smoke exposure can cause temporary irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and lungs. Anyone experiencing difficulty breathing, chest pain or significant respiratory distress should seek medical attention immediately, officials said. Life-threatening symptoms warrant a call to 911.

Current air quality readings are available at aqmd.gov or through the South Coast AQMD mobile app.

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City Hall

Santa Monica to Expand Branch Library Hours to Four Days a Week

The city of Santa Monica will expand full-service hours at three branch libraries to four days per week beginning Monday, July 6, the latest step in a phased restoration of library access.

The Santa Monica City Council approved funding to restore library hours last fall as part of the city's Realignment Plan. The phased expansion began in January 2026 with three days of full-service hours returning to the Fairview and Ocean Park branches. The gradual approach gave the Santa Monica Public Library time to recruit staff and prepare facilities, officials said.

Under the new schedule, the Fairview Branch at 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. will discontinue Friday service and add Monday and Thursday hours, operating Monday through Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.

The Montana Branch at 1704 Montana Ave. will add Wednesday hours and operate Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Self-service hours will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Ocean Park Branch at 2601 Main St. will add Tuesday hours and operate Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours at the Main Library and Pico Branch will not change.

To mark the expansion, the library will host an open house at the Montana Branch on Wednesday, July 8, from noon to 8 p.m. Community members can meet library staff and neighbors, enjoy refreshments and take part in activities for children and families.

"Expanding full-service hours at our branch libraries is another meaningful step in restoring and strengthening the services our community values most. Santa Monica Public Library is more than a place to check out books. It is a welcoming space for learning and connection," Director of Library Services Erica Cuyugan said.

"We're excited to continue restoring access across the system and to celebrate this milestone with our patrons and staff."

During full-service hours, patrons can browse collections, pick up holds, check out materials, reserve and use computers, and get assistance from staff. The library also offers programs and events at its five locations and across the city, including economic development workshops and neighborhood association meetings.

For more information, visit smpl.org.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 17.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.55/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 62.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 95.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 19.2 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$4.990 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$4.69/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$8.59/g, a difference of \$3.90/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.69/g while the highest was \$8.59/g, a difference of \$4.90/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 14.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.85/g today. The national average is down 67.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 67.3 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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RENT

FROM PAGE 1

The hearing, set for June 25, is the latest step in a months-long process that could send multiple charter amendments to voters in November 2026.

NONPAYMENT THRESHOLD

The centerpiece of the nonpayment proposal would establish a minimum debt threshold before a landlord could move to terminate a rent-controlled tenancy. Under the proposed language, a landlord could not pursue eviction for nonpayment unless the amount owed exceeds 150% of the fair market rent for an equivalent-sized unit in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan area, as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The fair market rent is not the amount paid by the tenant and individual tenants could fail to pay rent for different amounts of time depending on the difference between their actual rent and the HUD number.

Current Santa Monica rent control rules allow landlords to terminate tenancies for any unpaid rent to which they are entitled.

The proposal would also require that eviction notices specify the number of bedrooms in the tenant's unit and the applicable 150% fair market rent figure — giving both parties a clear reference point before proceeding.

Comparable thresholds exist in other California cities, though Santa Monica's proposed standard is notably higher. Los Angeles city code sets its threshold at one month's fair market rent, while Berkeley and Oakland both use a single month's equivalent as well. Los Angeles County's threshold is two months' fair market rent.

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

The board will also consider proposed amendments that would limit a landlord's ability to evict tenants based on changes in household composition.

Under existing rules, landlords can seek eviction if tenants violate lease obligations — which can include having additional occupants. The proposed changes would add new categories of protected occupancy.

For listed family members — including spouses, domestic partners, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and dependents — landlords could not terminate a tenancy solely because those relatives moved in, even if their presence exceeds the number of occupants permitted in the lease. Tenants would not be required to seek landlord approval before adding such family members.

A separate provision would protect tenants from eviction when additional occupancy results from the birth, adoption or change of legal custody of a minor child.

For non-family occupants, the proposal would establish a request-and-approval framework. A landlord could not deny an

additional occupant if the tenant remains in the unit and the landlord has unreasonably withheld approval after receiving a written request. The proposed language specifies that denying approval based on an occupant's creditworthiness or financial qualifications would be considered unreasonable if that person will not be legally obligated to pay rent. Landlords could legitimately deny requests if they share the unit with the tenant, if the proposed occupant is prohibited by law or deed restriction, or on other legitimate grounds. A landlord who fails to respond within 14 days would be deemed to have approved the request.

All three provisions would be subordinate to state and federal law and applicable affordable housing deed restrictions.

FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER VACANCY

The board will also consider expanding protections for family members who remain in a unit after the primary tenant leaves. Current law protects spouses, children and domestic partners who lived in the unit at least one year — but only when the tenant vacates due to death or incapacitation.

The proposed amendment would broaden that protection in two respects: expanding the list of covered relatives to include parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and dependents; and removing the requirement that the original tenant vacated due to death or incapacitation. Under the new language, any covered family member who has lived in the unit at least one year when the tenant vacates would be protected from eviction on the grounds of unauthorized occupancy.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Two additional just-cause eviction grounds are proposed for units subject to affordable housing deed restrictions. One would allow eviction where a tenant does not qualify under deed restriction terms, or is causing a violation, and the landlord is acting in good faith to comply with the restriction. A second would allow eviction where a tenant has refused to provide required proof of income or eligibility after written notice.

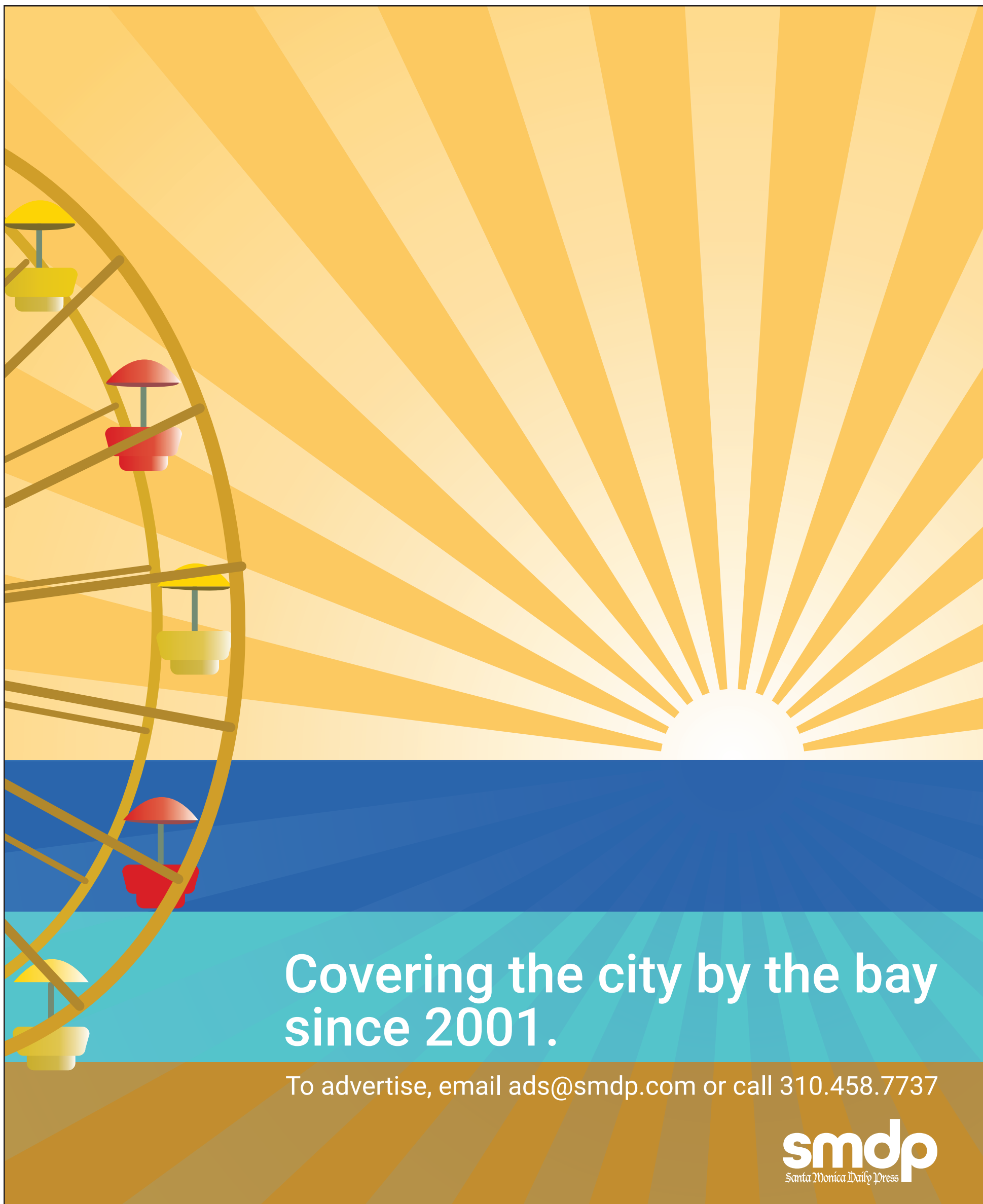
A fifth proposal would add a new charter finding declaring that Article XVIII provides greater tenant protections than the California Tenant Protection Act of 2019, which is codified in Civil Code section 1946.2. The finding is intended to preserve the local just-cause framework's applicability to rent-controlled units.

The board approved three separate administrative charter amendments — covering commissioner term limits, the registration fee framework and petition timelines — at its June 11 meeting and has already forwarded those to the City Council. Staff's current target is to have any board-recommended charter amendments ready for City Council consideration at its July 14 meeting.

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POLICE

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local hospital for a mental health evaluation, police said.

While first responders managed the incident, portions of the immediate area were restricted out of an abundance of caution. Northbound 2nd Street was closed between Colorado Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard during the response. Police said there was no known threat to the broader community and asked the public to avoid the

area while emergency personnel worked.

The department thanked community members, businesses and visitors affected by the temporary street closures and area restrictions for their patience and cooperation.


Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress can call or text 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, to reach trained counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In an emergency or when there is an immediate threat to safety, call 911.

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EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ASSISTING INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AT SANTA MONICA PLACE



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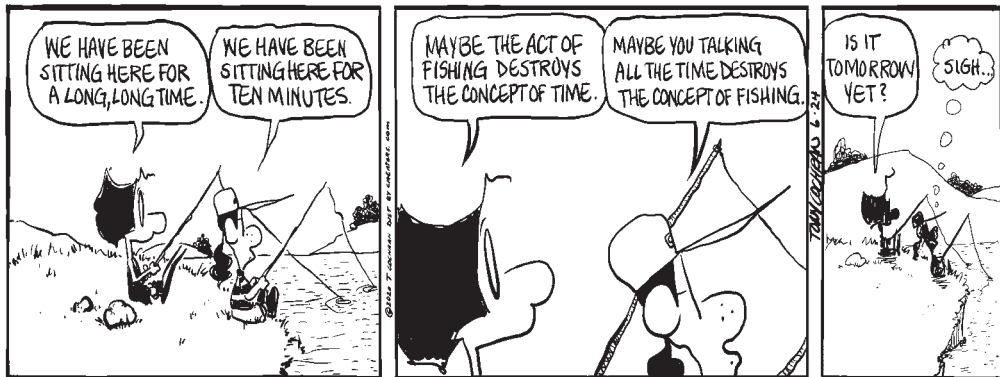
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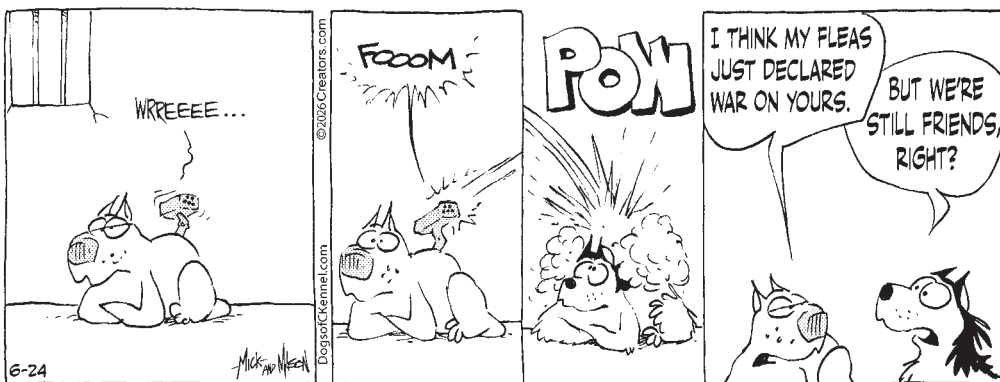
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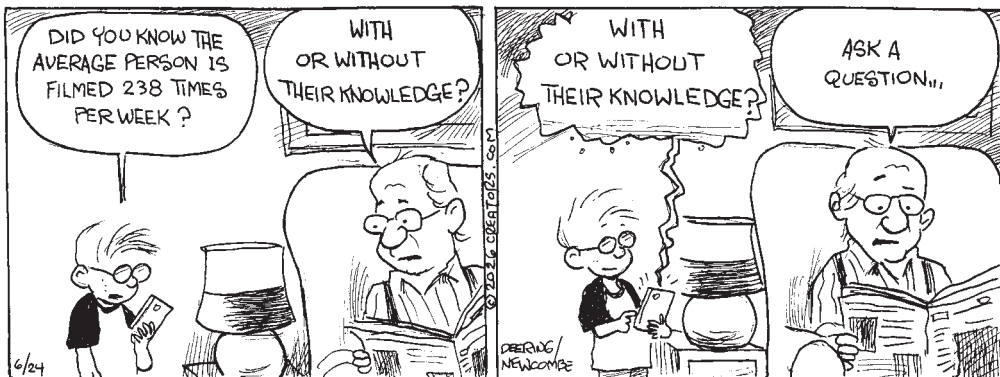
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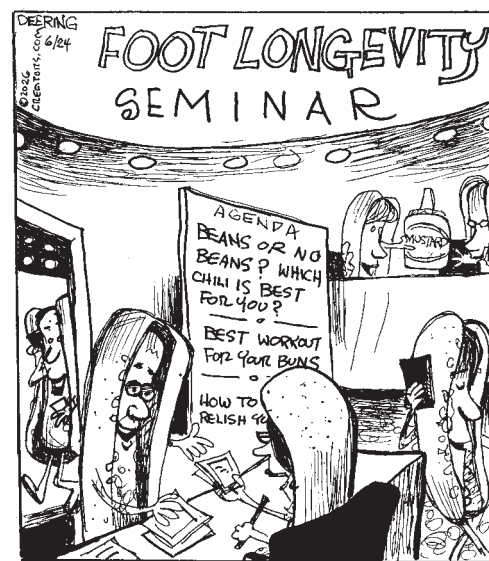
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24)

It's your Year of the Divine Instrument. You'll discover or go deeper into learning a favorite tool and use it to create much success, harmony, refinement and beauty. More highlights: You'll often be in good company. Lifestyle changes become permanent and healthy fixtures. By year's end, you'll look back and be astonished by how much love transformed your priorities, identity and inner life. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 37, 2, 20 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've traversed this territory long enough to understand two things at once: Having goals and direction is helpful, but obsessing over the result can make you miss the enjoyment and the opportunity to learn from what's happening along the way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the same way a certain smell can unlock a forgotten room in your memory, today's encounter will reconnect you to a part of yourself you have not visited in years. All that you carry inside you has a purpose and a reason.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll experience a relationship with unusual magnetism. Attraction thrives in mystery. Enjoy the electricity without rushing to conclusions. This one needs time to develop. Time will tell what's real and what stays in the realm of fantasy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Wins and losses are just temporary circumstances, but character is the thread through all of it. The moves you make today are for the win, not because they will strategically guarantee a prize but because they reflect your stellar soul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not arrogant to recognize what makes you special. Because you understand your own uniqueness, you're able to see and acknowledge the uniqueness in others. Today, you're careful to see people as individuals instead of lumping them into categories or types.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maybe there are no past mistakes, only past ways of doing things that turned out to be suboptimal. You're doing it better because you know better, and tomorrow you'll know even more, thanks to your stellar attitude and forward motion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Considering the daily bombardment of messages telling us what we should want, it's easy to give into societies strong suggestions. For your true wants, turn inward, noticing what fascinates, delights, intrigues and satisfies you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Around certain people, you hardly have to explain yourself. This easy compatibility is among your favorite blessings. You've been around enough difficult people to realize the value and possibility that comes from relationships that fit your life well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pause, reassess and reorder priorities. It's all part of setting yourself up for success. It takes time but doesn't waste time. Every preparation, each rehearsal and all the reps you do to practice will pay off when it's go time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your imagination is always collaborating with reality. Today, your creative gears will lock in and turn an ordinary event into something much more promising - maybe even epic. At the very least, you'll create a compelling story.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're starting with the end in mind today. You'll make sure you have the resources and permissions needed to finish a project before you ever start it. Much of the project's success will depend on assigning well-defined roles to the right people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a cost to every relationship. There are also things to ignore, points to focus on, elements to be believed even though they are not objectively believable - the things you do for love.

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Newsday Crossword

LAST DANCE by Guilherme Gilioli
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ACROSS

- 1 Chew like a beaver
- 5 "What time ___?"
- 9 Refine, as ore
- 14 Connecticut Ivy League school
- 15 ___ the Great (kid-lit sleuth)
- 16 New employee
- 17 Not-so-spicy dip
- 19 Drop ___ to (write to)
- 20 Clever like a fox
- 21 Say grace, say
- 22 Formal decrees
- 23 Former student, for short
- 24 Pretzel shape
- 25 Novel's plot surprise
- 31 Foe
- 32 "Fruity" suffix for nectar
- 33 On ___ with (equal to)
- 35 ___ glance (quickly)
- 36 Mistake
- 38 Three, on a sundial
- 39 Costa ___ (Central American nation)
- 41 Beagle or basset hound
- 42 Fragrance
- 44 Two-time Oscar actor for Tarantino films
- 48 Three, in Mexico
- 49 Animal's hideout
- 50 Archaeologist's bony find
- 53 Family vans: Abbr.
- 54 Scooby-___ (cartoon Great Dane)
- 57 Regions
- 58 Backyard auto-wheel swaying seat

- 60 Weighing machine
- 61 Pakistan neighbor
- 62 Hardly ___ (rarely)
- 63 Makes docile
- 64 Snakelike fishes
- 65 Statue's bottom

DOWN

- 1 Workout rooms
- 2 Hammer target
- 3 Friend in battle
- 4 Get married
- 5 Trapped by routine
- 6 Spicy sandwich sausage
- 7 ___-bitsy (tiny)
- 8 Earl Grey, for instance
- 9 Follow secretly

- 10 Civilian defense force
- 11 Guitarist Clapton
- 12 Pre-Easter period
- 13 Golf pegs
- 18 Spread apart, as fingers
- 22 Come into a room
- 23 Biceps' location
- 24 Bingo-like casino game
- 25 Close to
- 26 Playful prank
- 27 Get in touch with
- 28 Sign before Libra
- 29 Sales pitch
- 30 Make impure
- 34 Nabisco's round cracker
- 36 Unsuccessful '50s

- Ford
- 37 Becomes inedible
- 40 Gallery event
- 42 Cheese with holes
- 43 Elevator compartment
- 45 Colored parts of eyes
- 46 Opposite of singular
- 47 Places of refuge
- 50 Speedy
- 51 Black-and-white marine mammal
- 52 Sewn skirt border
- 53 King's address
- 54 Star soprano
- 55 Change for \$5
- 56 Fairy-tale beast
- 58 All-even score
- 59 Spider creation

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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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>

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5:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Come by yourself or bring the whole family to make art at the PCRC! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrsm.org/event/p-s-arts-family-art-night> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/p-s-arts-family-art-night/19066073/2026-06-24T17>

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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>

ART TO BREATHE

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition - Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. A workshop designed for participants ages 13 to 17 years old, hosted by the Lowe Family YMCA and sponsored by Palisades Recovery Coalition. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/art-to-breathe/18763109/2026-06-25T16>

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7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Shoreside® Restaurant and Bar 1515 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. Join us on the pool deck for our Soccer Watch Party Series. \$23.18. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/usa-vs-turkey-watch-party/19228318/2026-06-25T19>

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FRIDAY | JUNE 26

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>

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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>

SATURDAY | JUNE 27

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/18475500/2026-06-27T08>

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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Marine Park Community Garden , 1406 Marine St. Santa Monica 90405. Hosted on the 4th Saturday of each month, in June we are recognizing and uplifting our LGBTQ+ community across Santa Monica. A rainbow of colors await you at the Marine Park Community Garden where we will be making: Flower Crowns. Painted Kindness Rocks. Pressed Flower Cards. Getting our hands dirty in the garden beds. Our garden can be tough to find. If you find the tennis courts, walk through the gate leading to them all the way to the back and you'll find us adjacent to the last tennis court. It's an oasis hidden in plain sight. This is a free event and open to all. Come for the coffee, stay for the compost. Find this and other events at Santamonica.gov/events

SANTA MONICA 'PIER 360' BEACH FESTIVAL RETURNS JUNE 27-28

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica "Pier 360" Beach Festival returns June 27-28, 2026, bringing two action-packed days of ocean sports, live entertainment, beach culture, and community celebration to the iconic Santa Monica shoreline. The free, all-ages festival transforms the beach and Pier into the ultimate Southern California summer experience, welcoming thousands of locals and visitors for competition, music, food, interactive experiences, and nonstop good vibes. Tracing its roots back to the 1930s, when paddleboard racing first took hold at the Santa Monica Pier, Pier 360 celebrates the rich traditions of California beach life while showcasing today's most exciting sand and sea competitions. Festival activities begin at 9 a.m. daily, with festivities continuing throughout the Pier and beach until 5 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-pier-360-beach-festival-returns-june-27-28/19129254/2026-06-27T09>



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