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Coastal advocates sound alarm over effort by Gov. Newsom to gut Coastal Act protections in Santa Monica



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BEACH: The Santa Monica coast has again drawn the eye of state lawmakers, this time over budget negotiations that could strip protections from the local area.

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica officials and coastal advocates scrambled this week to organize opposition to what they described as an extraordinary move by Gov. Gavin Newsom to exempt all multi-unit housing development in the city's coastal zone from the California Coastal Act until the city completes a certified Local Coastal Program.

After a day of frantic meetings, the lawmaker most closely associated with coastal legislation affecting Santa Monica said he had no knowledge of any such measure before the chaos, that he opposed attempts to undermine existing rules and that it's possible the entire idea may never see the light of day.

THE ALLEGATION

Susan Jordan, executive director of the California Coastal Protection Network, sent an urgent appeal to colleagues Tuesday warning that the Governor had transmitted trailer bill language to the Assembly and Senate that would strip Coastal Commission review authority from multi-unit housing projects throughout Santa Monica's entire coastal zone for an indefinite period.

A budget trailer bill is used by lawmakers to enact the statutory and administrative changes necessary to implement the state's annual budget act.

"Not only is this exemption unprecedented, it will create a hole in the Coastal Act," Jordan wrote, "and could provide a template for future exemptions in coastal cities and counties statewide."

The proposed measure, which Jordan said

could advance without review by any legislative policy committee and without opportunity for public comment, would require sign-off from Newsom, the Senate President Pro Tem and the Assembly Speaker.

Jordan identified at least three projects she said would benefit directly from the exemption: the Worthe Real Estate Group's Ocean Avenue project, the Seritage "Sears" project and the Athens Group's Miramar project.

"It's a very sad day when the Governor of your state wants to reward billionaire developers and harm the public's right to affordable access to the extraordinary coast that belongs to them," Jordan wrote.

She said she was preparing a sign-on letter to the Governor, the Pro Tem, the Speaker, state Sen. Ben Allen and Zbur, as well as the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees, and urged colleagues to contact their representatives

directly.

A representative for State Senator Ben Allen said their office had seen the proposed language and that it has raised significant concerns.

"The Senator cannot support what is currently drafted and doesn't understand how this came together without consultation with our office," said Allen's Press Secretary Ben Cheever.

A WARNING ABOUT SELF-DEFEATING INCENTIVES

Jordan warned that the structure of the reported exemption would create a perverse incentive against completing the LCP process: so long as Santa Monica has no certified LCP in place, developers would continue to benefit

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Trump renews push to shift homelessness funding. What's at stake



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CAMP: Rows of tents at the O Lot Safe Sleeping site in San Diego on Aug. 12, 2024. The city of San Diego opened the site in 2023 to offer temporary shelter for unhoused residents after it began implementing the Unsafe Camping Ordinance, which bans homeless encampments.

The Trump administration is renewing its push to change the way it funds homeless shelters and housing in California and other states, and several agencies say it could disrupt their services.

It tried last year to move federal homelessness funds away from permanent housing and into temporary housing that requires sobriety. That move, which goes against the existing "housing first" policy favoring a no-strings-attached approach to housing, was blocked by a federal judge.

Now, the Trump administration is trying again. Once again, it's facing pushback.

This week, a group that includes the National Alliance to End Homelessness and Santa Clara County filed a challenge in Rhode Island's federal court to the Trump administration's latest funding guidelines.

The Trump administration's callous decision to take a second bite at dismantling one of our nation's most important homelessness

prevention programs after a federal court already blocked the administration's first attempt shows a complete disregard for the people who depend on this funding to keep a roof over their heads," Santa Clara County Counsel Tony LoPresti said in a news release.

More than \$4 billion in federal funding is at stake. The National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates the proposed changes could cost California nearly \$238 million for permanent housing, and threaten to put nearly 15,000 Californians back on the street.

"The 'housing first' experiment failed Americans by warehousing the vulnerable without results. This ideology promised to end homelessness. Instead, billions of taxpayer dollars were spent while homelessness increased to record levels," HUD Secretary Scott Turner said in a news release earlier this month.

Marisa Kendall, CalMatters Homelessness Reporter

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Los Angeles sits on a sleeping giant of housing supply. It begins with starter home conversions

The Los Angeles City Planning Commission met last month to consider a proposal to slow-walk the implementation of Senate Bill 79, a state law allowing mid- and high-rise housing near transit centers. The proposal would stall SB 79 until 2030, replacing it with a "Low-Rise Ordinance" that places the right type of housing in the wrong place.

Both the city and the commission recognize that L.A. needs more housing. But there is a far bigger, multibillion-dollar housing opportunity in front of them.

According to new research from the American Enterprise Institute's Housing Center, Los Angeles has a generational opportunity to legalize starter homes: converting aging single-family homes into townhomes, quadplexes or developments of up to eight homes per lot. Legalizing this would add roughly 13,600 additional homes a year, nearly doubling L.A.'s new housing construction, yielding homes at lower prices while generating \$9 billion in property tax revenue.

This conversion process has been underway for years. Across the city, single-family homes worth \$1.1 million are torn down and replaced by \$3.1 million McMansions, without adding supply. Legalizing starter homes doesn't speed up that cycle; it changes what gets built. A four-home conversion produces homes valued at around \$1.2 million each — roughly one-third the McMansion price. Even as individual homes get cheaper, total value rises. L.A. taxes this, so city revenue grows while families pay less.

That is the unusual feature of legalizing starter homes: It solves supply, affordability and revenue problems at once. The revenue stacks as lots convert — about \$182 million in year one, \$9 billion over the decade, \$36 billion over 20 years. It helps fund the city's general fund, schools and other critical services.

Three factors make the L.A. opportunity so significant. Its single-family stock is old; the typical home was built before 1960. The city has spent decades preventing its housing stock from growing. And land is expensive:

the median home is worth roughly \$11 million, most of that in the land itself.

The result: nearly 400,000 single-family homes frozen in time on land worth a fortune.

Starter homes are almost entirely a single-family-neighborhood opportunity, making the geography of the city's SB 79 debate backwards. The state is correct that transit can accommodate taller buildings, and a by-right regime free of SB 79's red tape could deliver thousands of new homes (one estimate: roughly 4,200 per year).

The city's low-rise counteroffer is both too much and not enough: more density than L.A. needs with starter homes citywide, but too little to build meaningfully near transit.

Los Angeles was built on starter homes. From 1921 to 1930, the city permitted around 220,000 homes — about half of them duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes or bungalow courts. Two-thirds of those homes still stand. L.A. didn't stop building them because demand vanished; federal policy, state law and city zoning starting in the 1930s outlawed them.

California has a path to fix this. In 2017, California reformed accessory dwelling unit policy with a simple recipe: streamline approvals, allow by right, lower fees and wait times. The result is almost a quarter of new L.A. homes since have been ADUs. The same recipe applied to starter homes would create a much greater opportunity.

Los Angeles has a shortage of nearly 500,000 homes, and is fighting Sacramento to delay and reduce new construction near transit. Meanwhile, the largest and most beneficial change available to any city sits in plain sight on every block of single-family LA. By legalizing starter homes, the city could build 136,000 more homes over the decade at lower prices, and the \$9 billion would fund crucial services. The only question is whether the city will pick it up.

Arthur Gales is a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.



Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.0

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

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.

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

Winding down, still pretty fun, especially on the AM tide push. A little AM crumble. SSW swell is down a notch from late Thu, in the knee-waist high range for average zones with chest-high surf not too hard to find. Better breaks are shoulder-high+ high. Shape still favors structured spots, but there should be a few more sections at the beachbreaks as the swell period drops. Early window looks mostly clean, light W wind puffing up through the AM. Lumpy afternoon conditions as W onshores pick up.



Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.

Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 59. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

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

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

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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
2026/06/26	Fri	7:46 PM	5.74	H
2026/06/27	Sat	03:18 AM	-0.35	L
2026/06/27	Sat	09:59 AM	3.40	H
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Further information regarding the RFSQ is available at: <https://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/>.

To view and print a copy of the RFSQ, please visit: <http://beaches.lacounty.gov/request-for-proposals/>.

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Sun, Sand, and Pier 360

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Annenberg Beach

House World Cup Fun & Watch Party: Enjoy a mix of soccer-inspired activities and World Cup-themed arts, crafts, and games for all ages, plus livestreaming of the Türkiye vs. USA and Paraguay vs. Australia matches. Thursday, June 25, 6-9 p.m. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-cup-fun-watch-party-tickets-1988664251309>

Danny McBride discussing collection of stories, Thrilling Tales of Modern Men: Stories: An addictive, unpredictable, darkly hilarious collection of stories from Danny McBride—the beloved creator and star of The Righteous Gemstones and Eastbound & Down. Thursday, June 25, 8p.m., New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. <https://livetalksla.org/events/danny-mcbride/>

PRIDE Sunset Swim at Annenberg Community Beach House: Enjoy a night swim in the historic and heated pool with music, pool floaties, complimentary s'mores while supplies last and hands-on crafts like zine making and bead bracelet making with Lavender Art Club. Friday, June 26, 6-9 p.m., 415 PCH <https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4t5bbtx51qbmc2f2t0s0csg0cb/202606261800>

Sunrise Hike: GorpGirls is teaming up with FP Movement for a sunrise ascent up Sandstone Peak in the Santa Monica Mountains. Saturday, June 27 [instagram.com/p/DZSmPdDgBVP/?img_index=2](https://www.instagram.com/p/DZSmPdDgBVP/?img_index=2)

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PIER: The fitness event returns in June.

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AI is helping gas stations collude to raise California fuel prices, lawsuit says

AI-powered software has allowed gas station operators across California to illegally collude and drive up prices at the pump, according to a federal lawsuit.

The proposed class action lawsuit, filed Monday, accuses gas station giants including Marathon and Circle K of violating California's antitrust law through Kalibrate, a fuel-pricing software system used across the world. The plaintiffs describe Kalibrate as the "central nervous system for a conspiracy to extinguish retail price competition among gas stations."

According to the lawsuit, Kalibrate helps "coordinate high prices" and even discourages its users from pricing their gas lower than competitors, saying that doing so would trigger a "downward spiral."

"Kalibrate promises that if gas stations surrender their pricing decisions and competitively sensitive cost and volume data to Kalibrate Fuel Pricing, the software will enable them to avoid competing with other area stations and to charge higher prices to consumers," the lawsuit said.

Californians already pay some of the highest gas prices in the nation, and prices have surged across the globe since the start of the Iran war.

The lawsuit is the latest to accuse software companies of driving up the cost of living for millions in the U.S. Other examples include the Department of Justice's lawsuit against RealPage, which has been accused of helping landlords drive up rent prices, and the DOJ's lawsuit against Agri Stats, a data-sharing company accused of helping the meatpacking industry inflate grocery prices. The DOJ has settled both of those lawsuits in the past year, though various state attorneys general are still pursuing lawsuits against RealPage and numerous property management companies.

Concern over algorithmic pricing prompted Democratic California Gov. Gavin

Newsom last year to sign a bill saying that state antitrust law applies to pricing algorithms, helping to pave the way for this week's lawsuit.

Kalibrate is headquartered in Manchester, England, and operates in more than 70 countries. It did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

The lawsuit accuses Kalibrate of facilitating cartel-like collusion. Only this time, instead of competitors making a secret deal "over cigars in a smoky back room," the price-fixing is done through AI, according to the lawsuit.

"As technology has advanced, so too have the mechanisms available to competitors to fix prices without the cigars, the smoke, or even the room," the lawsuit says.

Among the examples the lawsuit lists is a "restoration" tool that helps "nearly all gas stations in an area raise their prices contemporaneously and by a large amount."

According to the lawsuit, research into algorithmic fuel-pricing software found average price increases of about 6 cents per gallon, rising to as much as 30 cents per gallon in markets where many stations use the technology.

"Because of the volume of fuel sold across California, a single cent increase at the pump will drain a whopping \$134 million from California drivers' wallets every year across the state," the lawsuit says.

The defendants in the lawsuit — which also include BP, Speedway, EG America, Walmart and Albertsons — collectively operate more than 1,700 gas stations in California, according to the lawsuit. None of them immediately responded to a request for comment.

The lawsuit seeks to represent California drivers who bought gas at stations using Kalibrate software since June 2022.

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A complimentary morning of wellness, friendship, and connection on Friday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pacific Palisades Woman's Club. Gentle chair yoga stretches with Alison Burmeister, balance and strength exercises led by local fitness trainer Connie Murphy, refreshments, and time to connect with friends and neighbors. Comfortable attire for movement is recommended. No yoga or fitness experience required. Everyone is welcome. Complimentary parking is available at the venue. Feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, spouse, or family member. Please RSVP by Monday, June 22. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/finding-balance-building-community/19227846/2026-06-26T10>

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Thursday, June 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica.

Junior Golf Summer Camp

Four Wood's 4-Day Junior Golf Summer Camp provides a fun and technology driven environment for young golfers to learn and improve their golf skills. Camps are four days long (Mon-Fri) from 900am - 1230pm and include lunch. \$400.00 — \$400 per week (Monday to Thursday) - Includes lunch & drink. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/junior-golf-summer-camp/18482281/2026-06-25T09>

Friday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles.

Sunset Sessions

Music and good vibes as the Sun sets. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sunset-sessions/18537173/2026-06-26T17>

Saturday, June 27, 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Electric Lodge Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Ave Los Angeles.

Jazz Hands For Autism: Summer Love Fest!

Join Jazz Hands For Autism, SoundSplore, and Yes I Can in a music festival that celebrates the universal love language of the world- music! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-hands-for-autism-summer-love-fest-/19228332/2026-06-27T12>

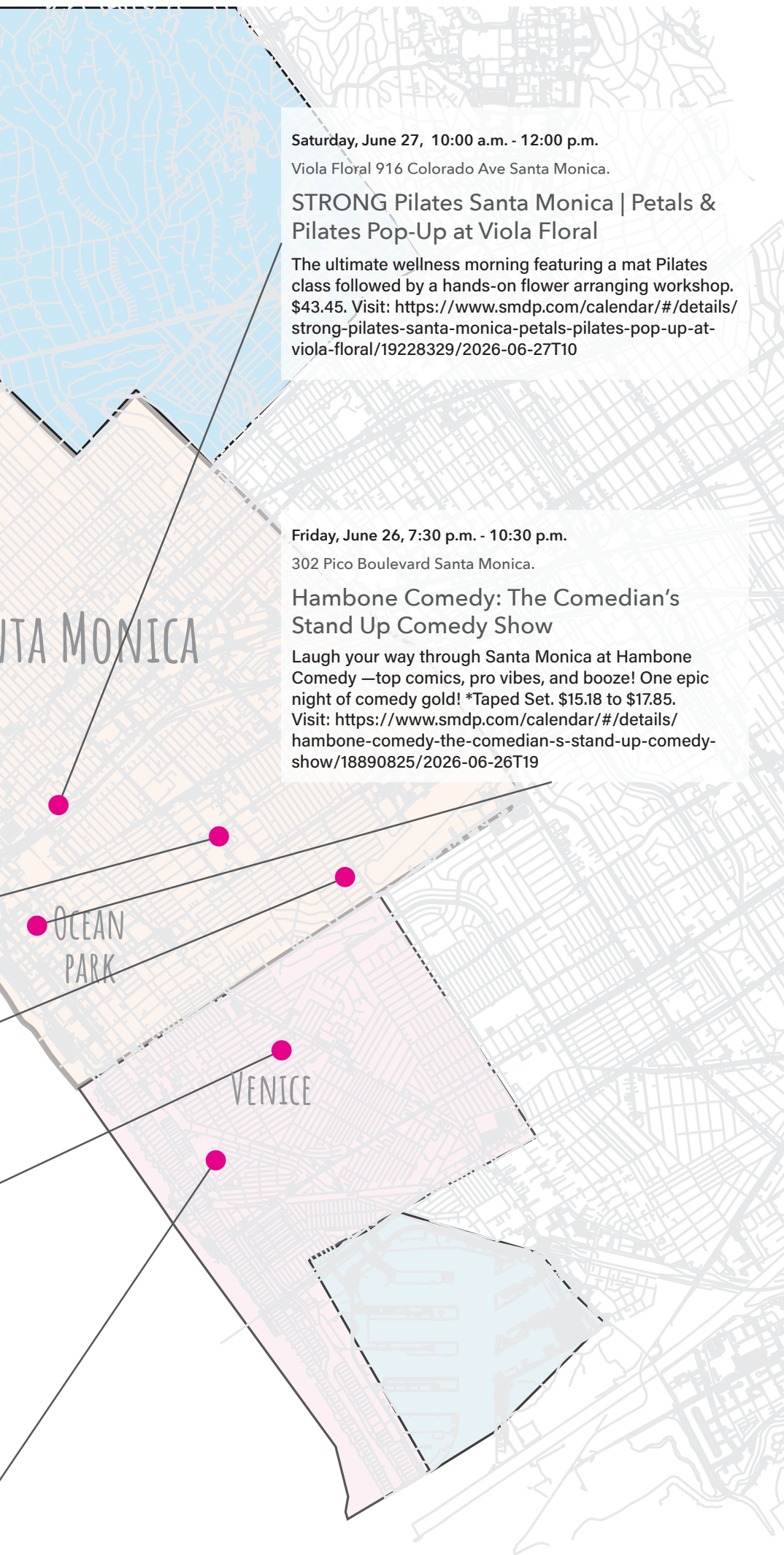
Sunday, June 28, 5:05 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

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Saturday, June 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Viola Floral 916 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

STRONG Pilates Santa Monica | Petals & Pilates Pop-Up at Viola Floral

The ultimate wellness morning featuring a mat Pilates class followed by a hands-on flower arranging workshop. \$43.45. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/strong-pilates-santa-monica-petals-pilates-pop-up-at-viola-floral/19228329/2026-06-27T10>

Friday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
302 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica.

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THURSDAY | JUNE 25

CHAIR FITNESS WITH COACH TODD

11:00 a.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Chair Fitness with Coach Todd. Register with American Legion. Email jimkirtley@ymcala.org for more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chair-fitness-with-coach-todd/18763133/2026-06-18T11>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-06-18T11>

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>

USA VS TURKEY WATCH PARTY

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>

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>

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>

GARDENING WITH PRIDE !!

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](https://santamonica.gov/events)



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Topanga

Topanga Canyon Boulevard to Close Overnight Thursday for Palisades Fire Recovery Work

Caltrans crews will fully close Topanga Canyon Boulevard/State Route 27 between Grand View Drive and Pacific Coast Highway overnight Thursday into Friday as part of ongoing Palisades Fire recovery work.

The full closure will run from 11:59 p.m. Thursday to 5 a.m. Friday, June 26, to allow crews to restripe the highway in preparation for installing an 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe.

Earlier in the evening, one-lane traffic control with flaggers will be in effect between 9 and 11:59 p.m. Thursday at mile marker 2.5 on SR-27. That section spans less than a mile.

Both the one-lane control and full closure may be repeated Friday night into Saturday morning, June 27, during the same hours, if additional work is needed. Caltrans said it will provide updates as they become available.

The restriping will allow future pipe installation to take place behind k-rail barriers, which Caltrans said will reduce traffic impacts during that phase of work.

The project is part of Caltrans' broader SR-27 recovery effort following the 2025 Palisades Fire and subsequent storms. Overnight lane closures for pavement rehabilitation are also in effect north of the work zone.

Motorists traveling through the area are advised to use caution, particularly around blind curves where stalled traffic may not be visible. Fines are doubled in active work zones.

Current traffic conditions are available at quickmap.dot.ca.gov.

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COAST

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from the coastal review exemption, potentially reducing pressure on both the city and the state to finish it.

Without specific language to analyze, officials said they couldn't predict exactly what would happen if the trailer bill were to include the exemptions but the fear is that as City authority is lacking due to the lack of an LCP, if Coastal Commission authority were removed, developers would be able to bypass affordability requirements or density restrictions in prime real estate areas along the coast.

SHADOWS OF 1740

The reported trailer bill comes against the backdrop of negotiations over AB 1740. The bill has been significantly transformed since its February introduction, when it proposed broad coastal development permit exemptions across multiple urban coastal cities. An intermediate version that limited the bill's scope to Santa Monica alone drew criticism from environmental groups as a targeted carve-out rather than systemic reform.

The current version takes a narrower approach, establishing accountability timelines rather than outright exemptions: it requires Santa Monica to submit a complete proposed LCP to the Coastal Commission by Jan. 1, 2029, with the commission required to act within six months of receipt. The Coastal Commission, which opposed earlier versions, is expected to formally recommend support for the current version when commissioners convene in July.

ZBUR'S RESPONSE

Assemblymember Rick Zbur, who authored AB 1740, the coastal accountability bill currently advancing through the Legislature, told the Daily Press he had not been contacted by anyone in the Newsom administration about trailer bill language affecting the Santa Monica coastal zone, and that while his office was able to verify the language exists, it was not under consideration by the Legislature.

"The first I heard about this was actually from the coastal advocates yesterday afternoon, and we've been trying to run this to ground," Zbur said.

He added that it would be highly unusual for the Governor to send trailer bill language affecting his district without giving his office

advance notice and that in this case, the language was drafted inside the Governor's office but never formally presented as part of a negotiation or proposal.

Zbur reiterated his office had nothing to do with any discussions of new proposals, either with Newsom or other individuals and that he was adamantly opposed to any attempt to undermine the deal crafted through the most recent version of his bill.

The City of Santa Monica also said it was unaware of the proposal and was working to establish the origins of any potential language.

DECADES OF DELAY ON THE LCP

Santa Monica has pursued a certified Local Coastal Program for decades. The city received Coastal Commission approval for a Land Use Plan in 1992, but the accompanying Implementation Plan — required for full LCP certification — was never approved, leaving day-to-day coastal development permitting authority with the state Coastal Commission rather than local planners.

The city adopted a revised Land Use Plan in 2018 but withdrew it before the commission acted. It formally resumed the update process in May 2023, with a target of completing both plan components by June 2027. A completed deal would transfer most of the authority for coastal development and permitting to the City and away from the Commission.

Zbur noted that he had spoken with Coastal Commission staff just the day before about AB 1740, and the reported trailer bill did not come up. The commission had not reached out to his office about it either, he said.

A LACK OF CLARITY

While the controversial language has not yet been formalized or put forward in an official capacity, it could still make its way into the bill as negotiations are ongoing. Zbur said the language was not part of any current discussions related to the budget and that he has communicated directly with the Speaker of the House regarding his opposition to the idea.

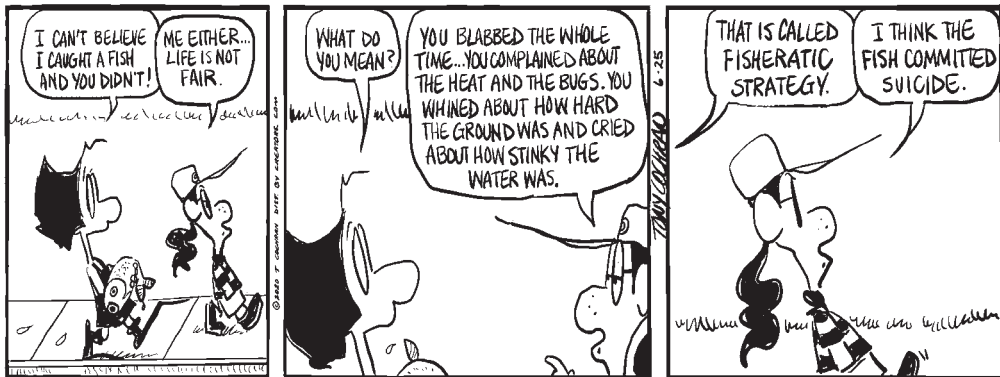
Gov. Newsom's office referred questions to the state Department of Finance.

"As discussions are still ongoing on a final budget agreement between the Governor and the Legislature, there are no final decisions to be announced at this point," said H.D. Palmer Deputy Director for External Affairs, Department of Finance

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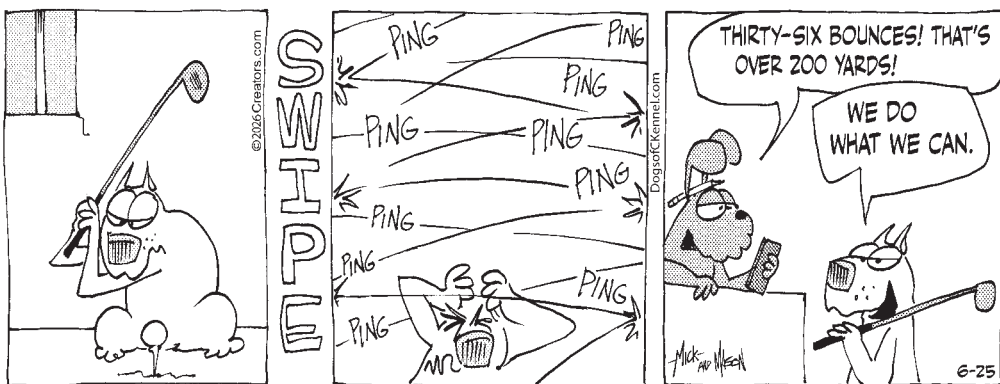
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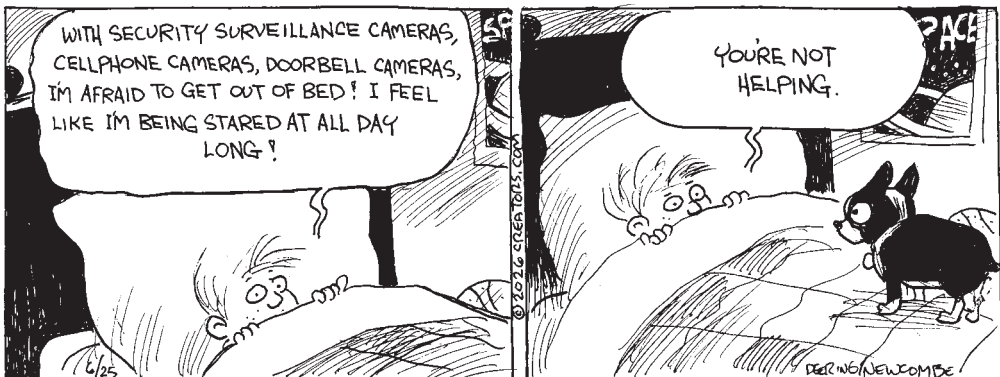
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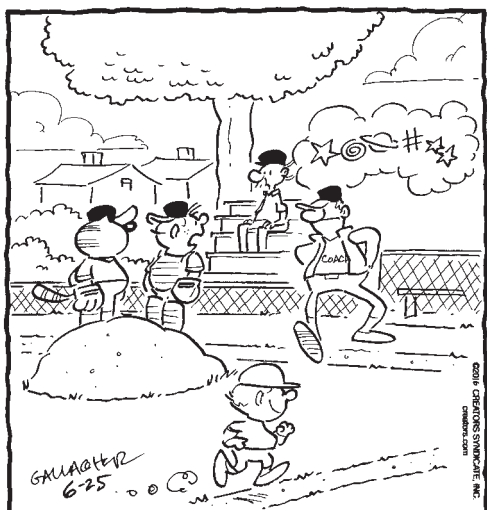
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Mid-life crisis

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It's your Year of Following Footsteps as the well-worn path welcomes you and you don't have to work to figure out what to do; you only have to step in the imprints. Because the basics are made easy for you, your creative mind will whirl with ways to elevate your work. More highlights: You'll plan and create games. Extraordinary relationships feel enchanted, as though they're of another reality. Work awakens dormant talents. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 8, 19, 33 and 2.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your gift to relationships is thoughtfulness. You express affection through practical care, reliability and sincerity. Don't let perfectionism in. Remember that people feel closest to you when they can relax around you. Love lets you relax the controls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your gift to relationships is devotion. You protect, uplift and celebrate the people you love with remarkable consistency. Don't confuse being needed with being valued. Remember to leave room for mystery. Love will adore you "as-is," no performance necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your gift to relationships is emotional courage. You're willing to care deeply and create real intimacy. Don't carry the entire emotional weight of the relationship alone. Remember that support is meant to flow both ways. Love will wrap you in tenderness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your gift to relationships is leadership. To initiate takes boldness and a willingness to be vulnerable. You move forward and show the other person it's OK to trust you. Remember to take turns. Love will delight you with surprising reciprocity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your gift to relationships is compassion. With great empathy, you imagine emotional worlds that others can barely articulate themselves. Don't lose your center trying to merge and bond. Remember that boundaries protect the specialness. Love teaches you to trust yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your gift to relationships is encouragement. You notice potentials and breathe life into unrealized talents and dreams. Remember to live in the present. Don't focus exclusively on what could be. Love shows you the beauty that already exists between you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your gift to relationships is unparalleled attentiveness. You reflect, study and adore your partner's unique way of moving through the world. Don't let things get asymmetrical. Remember to receive. Love will reveal your own originality to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your gift to relationships is depth. You crave honesty and have a rare ability to make others feel emotionally seen and profoundly desired. Don't test people unnecessarily. Remember that trust grows more easily when it's offered freely. Love rewards gentleness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your gift to relationships is openness. You bring humor and a perspective that makes life larger and more alive. Don't run from stillness. Remember that commitment can expand your world instead of limiting it. Love has both roots and wings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your gift to relationships is understanding. You can see multiple perspectives at once. Don't lose yourself trying to maintain harmony. Remember that honesty is more intimate than politeness. Love will help you discover the strength of your own desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your gift to relationships is loyalty. You commit wholeheartedly to building something meaningful over time. Don't become so responsible that vulnerability disappears. Remember that softness creates trust, too. Love will reward you when you allow yourself to be fully known.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't distance yourself from emotional intensity. You give people room to be complicated, unconventional and entirely themselves without judgment. Remember that connection requires participation, not just understanding. Love will meet you with the same freedom and acceptance you offer others.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Strength of resolve
- 5 DHL competitor
- 9 Big mess
- 14 Environs
- 15 Exam for future GPs
- 16 Fierce fighter
- 17 Marvel supergroup
- 18 ...in a gondola
- 20 Tips of masts
- 22 Move with swagger
- 23 Enjoy slowly
- 24 Lentil cousin
- 25 HS diploma equivalent
- 26 ...harnessed to a canopy wing
- 31 Choose from a slate
- 32 Fiery Christmas tradition
- 37 Storm-tracking org.
- 38 Metaphor for freshness
- 40 Arabian nation
- 41 Mockery
- 43 Excessive interest
- 44 ...below an aircraft
- 47 Red carpet arrival
- 50 Wordsworth work
- 51 Repurposed T-shirt
- 52 Rile
- 54 Raised road above water
- 59 ...sliding down a ramp
- 61 Mined material
- 62 Hickory family

DOWN

- 1 member
- 63 Police graduation ritual
- 64 USAF offense
- 65 Australia's ___ Rock
- 66 Throw out
- 67 Metaphor for bureaucracy
- 8 Largest MO airport
- 9 Mover's service
- 10 Spanish girl
- 11 Winery procedure
- 12 Field divider
- 13 Pressed for
- 19 In plain sight
- 21 ___ DA
- 24 Name of 12 popes
- 26 Await a decision
- 27 Yucca cousin
- 28 Hindmost
- 29 Palm fruit
- 30 In a prone position
- 33 Cargo carried
- 34 All, at first
- 35 Narrow the gap
- 36 Entangle
- 60 Coffee container

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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AROUND TOWN

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you of forbidden forests, Dementors, House mascots, Death Eaters, the Dark Lore, and more. Saturday, June 27, 4 p.m. watsonadventures.com/hunt/the-wizard-school-los-angeles-scavenger-hunt/

The Abbot Kinney One (a one-miler taking over Abbot Kinney Boulevard to support the community): This USATF-certified, one-mile running event will take place on Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice, California and provides runners of all levels an opportunity to race down one of the most iconic streets in LA. Sunday, June 28 abbotkinneyone.com

2026 Sunday Funday Pool Parties at Marina del Rey Hotel: Sip, savor, and soak up the SoCal sun with refreshing drink specials, sizzling BBQ bites, and nonstop DJ vibes this summer. And every week there is a different beverage partner. Sundays, June 28 - Sept. 6, 13534 Bali Way eventbrite.com/e/2026-sunday-funday-pool-parties-at-marina-del-rey-hotel-tickets-1990599105510

Dip at Dusk: A dip in the ocean at dusk might be just what the doctor ordered! Sunday, June 28, 7p.m., Lifeguard Tower 28 instagram.com/p/DZp4nGijglm/?img_index=3

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

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Viceroy Monthly Mixology Class - The Modern Matcha: You'll learn how to craft signature drinks—from smooth matcha martinis to bright, citrusy margaritas—while exploring creative twists and techniques. Enjoy a relaxed, social atmosphere as you whisk, shake, and sip your way through a fresh, feel-good cocktail experience. Sunday, June 28, 4p.m., 1819 Ocean Ave. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthly-mixology-class-the-modern-matcha-tickets-1988940015126>

Lula Cocina Mexicana Marks 35 Years on Main St: The “Main Street fixture known for regional Mexican cooking and its margaritas, will celebrate 35 years in business with a community fiesta. The celebration, billed as a thank-you to longtime patrons, will feature mariachis, a photo booth, food and drink specials and prizes all night. Wednesday, July 1, 2720 Main St. <https://www.smdp.com/lula-cocina-mexicana-marks-35-years-on-santa-monicas-main-street/>

Main St.'s Chef Dave Beran Named Best Chef in California by James Beard Awards: At Seline, Beran, who is an alumnus of Alinea in Chicago, crafts an intricate tasting menu that pulls from his L.A. surroundings, fine dining training and Midwestern roots. Pasjoli is his more casual French neighborhood bistro. He walked to the stage to thank those in his life who've supported and inspired him, especially through hardship. A smiling man in a white chef's jacket and black apron Seline and Pasjoli chef Dave Beran was just named the best chef in the state of California. (Allison Zaucha / For The Times) “This has probably been the most difficult year and a half of my life professionally, personally,” he said. “There were points in it where I didn't know where I'd end up. I didn't know if I'd wake up and we wouldn't have restaurants the next day. I didn't know if I'd be capable of going to the restaurants the next day. Moments like that, you look around and you look within and you dig deep, and you realize that what you need more than anything are the people in your life.” <https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2026-06-15/la-chef-is-named-best-in-california-by-james-beard-foundation>

A totally official Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pizzeria is ready to cowabunga: This NBC4 report covers the new super popular pizzeria at 1444 3rd St. Promenade. <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/the-scene/a-totally-official-teenage-mutant-ninja-turtles-pizzeria-is-ready-to-cowabunga/3905457/>

Further Afield: Mish Deli: If your idea of a Jewish deli is limited to overbearing grandmothers and towering pyramids of rye, Chef Eric Greenspan and restaurateur Bill Chait are blowing that up. This “new-school” deli drops the standard nostalgia in favor of a massive, global exploration of flavors. Yes, there is legendary hardwood-smoked pastrami, lox, and Montreal-style wood-fired bagels, and a killer pastry program helmed by MasterChef winner Dara Yu but there is soooo much more! It's absolutely worth traveling East of the 405 for! 127 S. La Brea Ave. theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/mish

Looking Ahead: Main St. July 4th Parade (7/4); COAST Open Streets Festival (7/19); National Night Out (8/4)

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Man shot in armed robbery at smoke shop

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A Santa Monica police officer applied a tourniquet to an injured employee after an armed robbery at a smoke shop on Lincoln Boulevard Wednesday morning.

Officers responded at approximately 8:13 a.m. to Smoke World, 1914 Lincoln Blvd., following reports of an armed robbery involving two suspects. An employee suffered a gunshot wound to the leg during the incident and was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The suspects fled the scene in a dark

gray Dodge Charger traveling southbound on Lincoln Boulevard. Police said there is no indication the suspects remain in the immediate area. Anyone who spots the vehicle or other suspicious activity is asked to call 9-1-1 and not approach.

Detectives are actively working to identify those involved. Anyone with information, video footage or other evidence is asked to contact Detective Martin Jauregui at martin.jauregui@santamonica.gov or the department's watch commander at (310) 458-8427.

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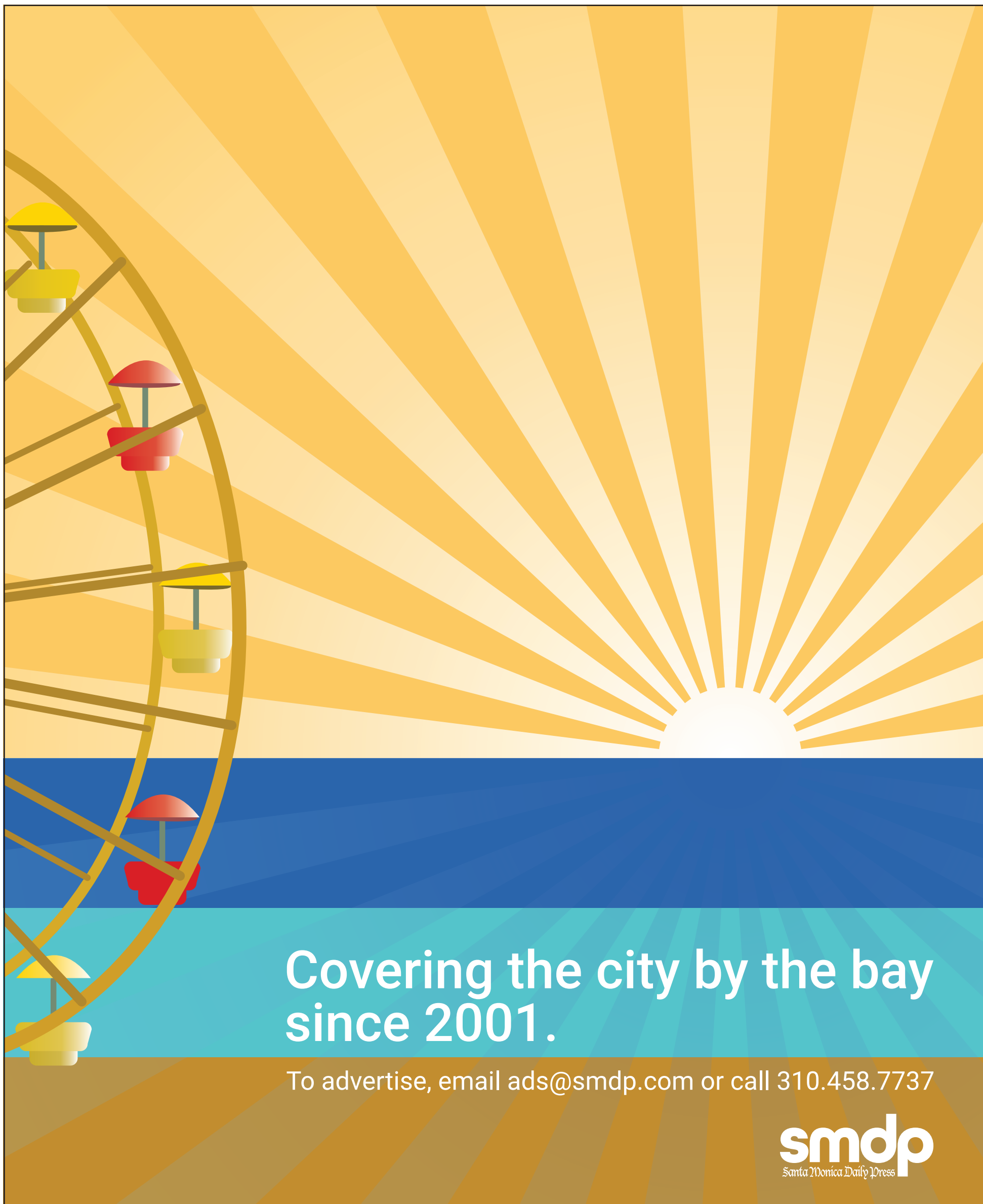
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