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Santa Monica Council adopts \$908.8m budget, sets stage for World Cup, Olympics



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POOL: Santa Monica Councilmembers debated increases to aquatic programs at their last meeting.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council adopted a \$908.8 million citywide

budget this week for fiscal year 2026-27, a spending plan that officials say positions the city for a structurally balanced future while preparing for an unprecedented

run of major events including the FIFA World Cup, the 2027 Super Bowl and the 2028 Olympic Games.

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Santa Monica schools do not limit screen time like LAUSD, instead focus on quality of use

SOPHIA FRIEDMAN
SMDP Intern

While the nation's second largest school district has recently passed stringent new restrictions on screen time for students, local kids will be subject to a more subjective standard for use of technology in Santa Monica schools that balances the quantity vs. quality of time spent on electronic devices.

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) made headlines recently with a policy that bans screens for young students, limits screen time to one hour for elementary grades and up to 10 hours for high school students. However, at their recent meeting, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) heard an update to their policies that specifically deviates from those in nearby jurisdictions.

Director of Education Technology at SMMUSD Bertha

Roman presented the update by noting the recent policy changes at LAUSD.

"Today in 2026 our device footprint is intentionally different from our neighboring districts and it is not a blanket one-to-one model," she said. "Pre-k through first grades have access to 10 devices per classroom, grades 2 through 5 utilize in-classroom computer carts managed at the teacher's discretion and only in secondary schools do students in grades 6 through 12 have a one-to-one take-home device."

Roman walked the board through a real-world example of technology, simulating a real-time lesson through the application Edpuzzle with the board members, using it as an activity to show how the application would be used in the classroom with students. However, the lesson was perhaps too realistic as some of the board members

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Malibu council holds off on wireless moratorium, pivots to 'residential fix'

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Malibu City Council declined June 22 to adopt an emergency moratorium on new wireless telecommunications facilities, instead directing city staff and legal counsel, in consultation with an attorney representing residents, to finalize an alternative

measure known as the "residential fix" for a possible vote at the council's July 13 meeting.

The reversal came after the city attorney's office warned that the proposed 45-day moratorium would likely violate federal law and could backfire by triggering automatic approvals of the very cell installations many residents are fighting.

City staff had prepared the moratorium, Urgency Ordinance No. 536U, at the council's June 8 direction. But Gail Karish of the city attorney's office told members that a 2018 Federal Communications Commission order bars state and local governments from imposing moratoria on telecommunications facilities, finding that such pauses violate Section 253 of the

Communications Act by effectively prohibiting service. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the FCC order in 2020.

Karish said a local moratorium also would not stop the FCC's "shot clocks" federal deadlines of 60 to 150 days for acting on wireless applications. If the city paused applications and then missed those deadlines, she said, the applications

could be "deemed granted" under federal and state law, approving the towers automatically and without city conditions.

"Although it potentially would be lawful under state law, it would conflict with the FCC moratorium order, and it would put the city at risk of potentially deemed-granted

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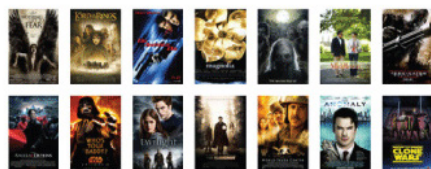
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The World Cup is half over, with 54 of 104 matches complete. And the drama is just getting started

It's halftime at the World Cup. Take a break, everyone.

Wednesday marked the midpoint of the 104-match tournament — technically, just past the midpoint, with 54 matches now in the books and 50 remaining before a World Cup champion is crowned in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on July 19.

The U.S. has reached the Round of 32, which shouldn't be surprising. Mexico and Canada, the other host nations for this biggest World Cup in history, are also through to the knockout stage. And the stars are positively shining: Argentina's Lionel Messi has five goals to kick-start what he hopes is a run toward a second consecutive World Cup title. France's Kylian Mbappé has four, as do Norway's Erling Haaland and Brazil's Vinicius Júnior.

Stadiums are mostly filled; FIFA is touting record attendance. And there have been some feel-good stories, most notably the tale of Cape Verde goalie Vozinha and how his mother was able to come to this World Cup.

"The best is yet to come," FIFA President Gianni Infantino told SNTV earlier this week.

In other words, the second half of this tournament — just like the second half of matches — is when things might get really good.

WHO'S IN

Through Wednesday's games, 13 teams have clinched spots in the Round of 32.

Mexico won Group A, Switzerland won Group B, Brazil won Group C, the U.S. won Group D, Germany won Group E and Argentina won Group J.

France, Norway, Canada, Morocco, Colombia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and South Africa also are assured of moving into the knockout stage.

"I know how it feels, but it's very difficult to explain how it feels," South Africa coach Hugo Broos said after his team clinched its first-ever appearance in the knockout stage. "I'm very happy for the guys."

WHO'S OUT

A handful of teams already know they'll be among the 16 that don't survive the group stage and reach the Round of 32.

The Czech Republic, Haiti, Turkey, Tunisia, Jordan, Qatar and Panama are certain to not advance.

STILL HOPING

With 13 teams into the knockout round and seven eliminated, that leaves 28 teams for 19 remaining spots in the Round of 32.

Some key matches left:

— Australia-Paraguay is a win-and-you're-in game.

— A winner of Japan-Sweden would be assured a Round of 32 spot, as would a winner of Austria-Algeria.

— Tiny Cape Verde would be into the knockout round with a win over Saudi Arabia.

— Colombia-Portugal will decide the

winner of Group K.

THE U.S. PATH

This much is clear: The only match the U.S. might play in the Eastern time zone will be the World Cup final.

The Americans will begin the Round of 32 in Santa Clara, California, on July 1. If they win, they'll go to Seattle for the Round of 16. Win that, and it'll be off to Inglewood, California, for the quarterfinals. Win that, and Arlington, Texas, will be calling for the semifinals.

The most likely opponent for the U.S. in the Round of 32 is Bosnia and Herzegovina. After that, it would seem likely that Egypt could be waiting.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW (OR STARTING SUNDAY)

Once group play ends, the drama really begins.

It's called the knockout stage for a reason — if you don't win in this round, you're knocked out of the tournament. (The only time that won't apply is the semifinals, since the losers of those games will get sent to Miami Gardens, Florida, to decide third place.)

A team will have to win five elimination games to win the World Cup title.

SCORING IS UP

Everybody should have predicted that the record for total goals in a World Cup would get smashed in this tournament. After all, there are 104 matches in this event, compared with just 64 matches in the format that was used over the previous seven World Cups.

And the record for most goals will fall, almost certainly on Thursday or Friday. There were 172 scored at Qatar four years ago; there have been 161 goals through 54 matches so far this year.

But what is noteworthy in this tournament is that scoring per game is at its highest level in more than 50 years — 2.98 goals per match.

An average of 2.81 goals per match were scored at Spain in 1982, 2.97 goals per match at Mexico in 1970, and 3.60 goals per match at Sweden in 1958.

That said, this year's games have been defensive battles compared to what happened in 1954 in Switzerland, when games featured a staggering 5.38 goals on average. That tournament included a game with a 7-5 final score, still the highest-scoring game in men's World Cup history.

THE PACE

By the end of Day 17 of the World Cup on Saturday, 72 matches will be done, 32 will remain. That's the day the group stage ends and the knockout stage — where every match until the semifinals is of the win-or-go-home variety — begins.

And then things slow down. A bit, anyway.

Supreme Court clears way for Trump administration to revive restrictive policy for asylum seekers

The Supreme Court cleared the way Thursday for the Trump administration to potentially revive an immigration policy once used to turn back migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The justices, in a 6-3 decision, overturned a lower court order blocking the practice that limited the number of people who could apply for asylum each day, first under the Obama administration and then expanded during President Donald Trump's first term.

Advocates said the tactic created a humanitarian crisis as thousands of people settled in unsafe makeshift shelters to await their turn. The Trump administration said it was necessary to deal with an increase of asylum seekers at the border.

The policy is not in place now, though authorities have imposed other restrictions on asylum seekers. The Department of Homeland Security did not say if they plan to revive it, but applauded the ruling. "This decision opens up an important tool to continue securing our southern border," said James Percival, the agency's general counsel.

The administration argued that metering is a critical tool that's been used by presidents of both parties and should stay available. Federal attorneys say people turned away at the border could come back later, though lines were thousands of people long when the policy was in place before.

The case is one of several immigration suits the court is considering this term, including Trump's push to end restrict birthright citizenship. The high court also allowed his administration to end deportation for migrants fleeing instability and armed conflict on Thursday.

Under federal law, migrants who arrive in the U.S. must be able to apply for asylum and be screened for fear of persecution in their home countries.

The Justice Department argued that people stopped by authorities haven't arrived in the country, so immigration agents don't have to let them apply.

The court's conservative majority agreed. "A guest does not arrive in a house when he knocks on the front door," Justice Samuel Alito wrote.

But attorneys for people seeking asylum say the law has long meant anyone arriving at a port of entry should be screened, and blocking arrivals disregards the nation's ideals.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor dissented from the bench, saying that the majority's opinion

"regrettably and tragically extinguishes the light of the torch of the Statue of Liberty."

In an unusual exchange, Alito voiced a response after she finished speaking. He expressed surprise that she had read her dissent out loud and defended his opinion by pointing out that the policy had been used during two presidential administrations. "I won't add anything more to that," Alito said.

Metering was first used under President Barack Obama when large numbers of Haitians appeared at the main crossing to San Diego from Tijuana, Mexico. It was expanded to all border crossings from Mexico during Trump's first term in the White House.

It ended in 2020 when the government introduced greater restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic, and President Joe Biden formally rescinded it in 2021.

The same year, a California-based federal judge found that metering violated the asylum seekers' rights and the law requiring screening. A divided appeals court panel affirmed the ruling but nearly half of judges on the full San Francisco-based court voted to rehear it, a strong signal that might have caught the attention of the Supreme Court.

Attorneys with the group Democracy Forward first brought the case, and condemned Thursday's ruling. "We are disappointed in the Court's decision and call on all Americans to demand that our government protect the families the Court today decided to keep in harm's way," said President and CEO Skye Perryman.

They represented the group Al Otro Lado, whose executive director said the decision would mean a "hardening of borders to keep out the most vulnerable," that is "sure to result in many more lives lost."

U.S. law allows people seeking refuge to apply for asylum once they are on American soil, regardless of whether they came legally. To qualify for asylum, they must show a fear of persecution in their homeland for specific reasons, like race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

People who are eventually granted asylum can't be deported. They can legally work, bring in immediate family, apply for legal residency and seek citizenship.

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST Associated Press. Associated Press writers Fatima Hussein and Rebecca Santana contributed to this report.



Surf report WATER TEMP: 65.8

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

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.

SATURDAY | **SURF:** 3-4ft
FAIR | Waist to chest

Smaller wave gear kind of day. Possible E wind texture for the points in the morning. A mix of old and new SSW swells keeps knee-waist high waves running as better breaks top out around chest-high. We should have a little more NW energy in the mix for more broken up surf, looking fairly fun for the small wave gear. E wind texture is possible for the points in the morning. If that shows, the afternoon window should improve as the wind switches to the W. Vice versa for spots west of Dume. - AM window would be cleaner with a lumpy afternoon.

Weather

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

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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2026/06/27	Sat	09:59 AM	3.40	H
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2026/06/27	Sat	8:20 PM	5.86	H
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Voters in deep blue California are souring on ballot measures that add new taxes

California is a blue state, and one of the manifestations of its political orientation has been a tolerance for one of the nation's highest levels of taxation.

The state's tax rates on retail sales and personal and corporate incomes are among the highest of any state. Although tax rates on real estate are relatively moderate, high property values still translate into high bills for their owners.

Specific taxes, such as those on fuel, utilities, cigarettes, liquor, medical care, gambling, guns and ammunition, contribute even more. Overall, state and local governments and school districts collect around \$400 billion in taxes every year, more than \$10,000 per Californian, according to the Tax Foundation. That's the fifth-highest per capita burden nationwide.

The state budget now being hammered out behind closed doors contains a raft of relatively minor taxes, such as a new one on managed health care services, and another on software.

Meanwhile, dozens of local governments are seeking voter approval of new sales and parcel taxes. The November ballot could contain several tax-related measures, some that would increase levies, and some that would curb tax hikes.

Collectively, they test the appetite of California voters for raising the state's tax burden, and there's some evidence that their tolerance is waning.

In May, the Public Policy Institute of California asked a sample of the state's voters how they would address the state's chronic budget deficits and was told that 55% of them they "want to pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides fewer services," as researcher Dean Bonner put it. Even among Democrats, solving the state's deficits mostly through taxes drew only 10% support.

A couple of weeks after the poll was taken, California had a primary election that included 92 local measures that would either increase taxes directly or approve

bond issues that would automatically increase local property taxes to repay them. Only 57.5% of them were approved, the California Taxpayers Association calculated, a sharp drop from the 70% increase level of other recent elections.

Interestingly — and perhaps importantly — voters' sourer attitude about taxes was even evident in notoriously progressive San Francisco. Its voters rejected Proposition D, which would have increased the city's tax on large corporations whose executives are paid 100 times or more of rank-and-file employees, and Proposition C, which would have boosted the city's gross receipts tax on businesses.

Tax increases in two other Democratic regions also bit the dust: a new tax on vacant residential properties in San Diego and a sales tax hike in Contra Costa County. Voters in Los Angeles County passed a sales tax increase for healthcare, but only by a paper-thin margin.

So what's behind what appears to be a shift among California's voters, who are overwhelmingly Democrats? It's probably a reaction to the state's ever-increasing costs of living.

The same revelatory PPIC poll about taxes also found that Californians are worried about inflation.

"More than four in ten Californians (44%) identified the cost of living and the economy as the most important issue facing the state; the second most commonly chosen issue was housing costs and availability (14%)," the pollsters revealed. "Economic anxiety has continued to grow in recent years; today, three in four Californians expect difficult economic times ahead for the state. About seven in ten or more across parties, regions, and demographic groups are pessimistic."

Pessimistic voters tend to reject measures that would increase their living costs. We'll find out much they dislike taxes in November.

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Los Angeles

LA28 Unveils Paralympic Competition Schedule Featuring Record 560 Medal Events

Los Angeles organizers have released the full competition schedule for the 2028 Paralympic Games, the first Paralympics ever to be held in the city and the largest in the event's history.

The LA28 Paralympic Games will feature 560 medal events — the most since Seoul 1988 — across a record 23 sports in nearly 20 venues spread throughout a 35-mile radius. Competition will span 14 days, with the Opening Ceremony on Aug. 15, 2028, and the Closing Ceremony on Aug. 27.

In a historic first, competition will begin before the opening ceremony, with Wheelchair Rugby starting on Day -2 and Boccia on Day -1. No athletes will be eliminated before the ceremonies.

Para Climbing will make its Paralympic debut at LA28 after becoming the first sport ever added to the Paralympic program by an organizing committee. The sport will feature 80 athletes competing across eight medal events over four finals sessions from Aug. 24–27.

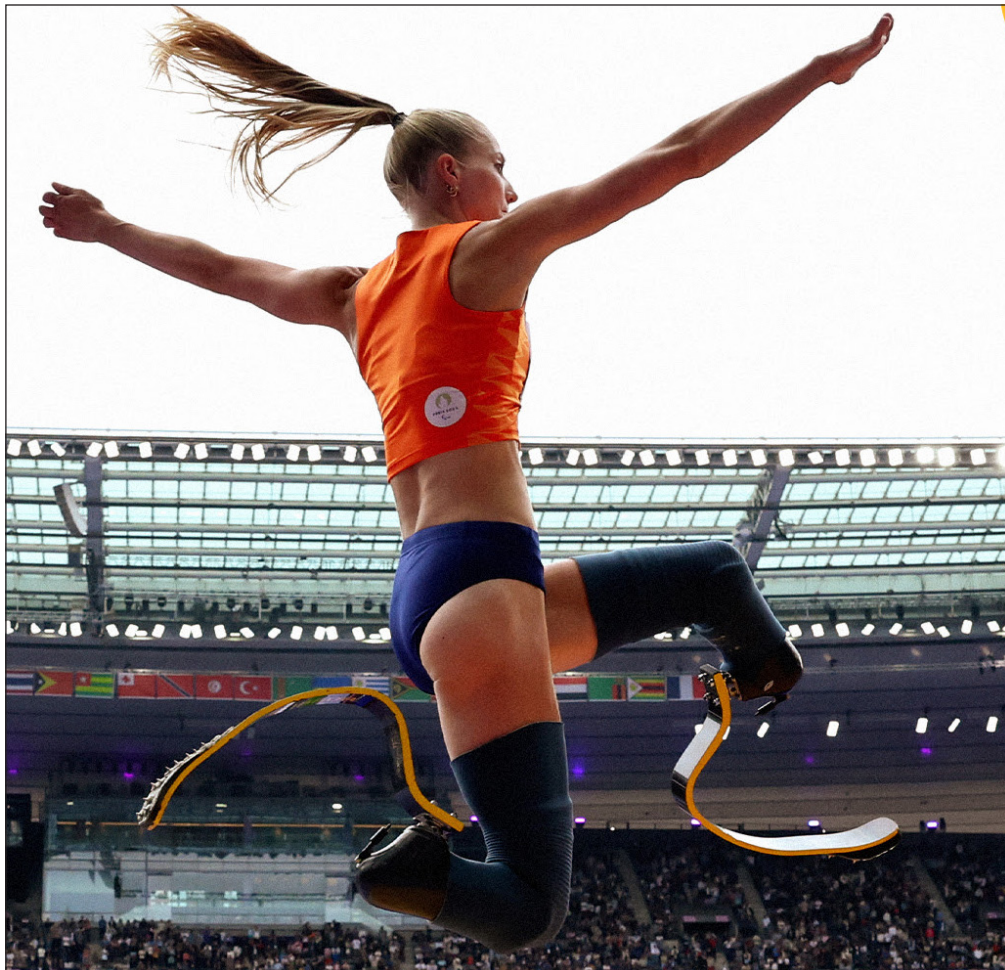
Three additional new events were added across Para Table Tennis, Para Triathlon and Para Swimming.

The Games will feature the largest and most gender-balanced athlete field in Paralympic history, with 45% of quota spots allocated to women, up from 42% at Paris 2024.

The final weekend will be among the most event-dense in Paralympic history. Super Saturday, Aug. 26, will feature 15 finals sessions and more than 50 gold medals awarded across 12 sports. The closing day, Aug. 27, will award 20 medals — the most on a final day since Atlanta 1996.

Tickets will go on sale in 2027 through AXS and EVENTIM. For updates, visit the LA28 Games Plan page.

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LA28 PARALYMPIC SCHEDULE RELEASED: 560 medal events across 23 sports, Aug. 15–27, 2028.

WORLD CUP

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There is only one Round of 32 game on the schedule for Sunday — South Africa vs. Canada at Los Angeles. Things pick up again after that and matches are planned every day until July 8. That means the tournament will have 27 consecutive days of play before everyone gets a day off.

A REMATCH?

Argentina and France gave us an epic World Cup final in 2022. It's not outside of the realm that we get a rematch this year; the way the bracket is looking at this point (and this could easily change), they should be on opposite sides, making a collision in the final possible.

Argentina has five goals through its first two matches, and Messi — who turned 39 on Wednesday — has all five of them. Messi now has 18 goals in World Cup play, an all-time record.

When Argentina plays in the Round of 32, Messi will basically get a home game in Miami. It won't be at the stadium that he and Inter Miami call home, but it will be in Miami Gardens and in what has been his home market for the last three years since he came to MLS.

Mbappe has four goals for France so far in this tournament, giving him 16 in World Cups, tying for second-most all-time with Miroslav Klose of Germany — who held the record before this year's tournament started.

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Santa Monica Police report 71% jump in arrests, launch major homelessness operation

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica police responded to 2,570 calls for service and made 96 arrests during the week of June 7–13, with year-to-date arrest totals running 71.1% ahead of last year's pace, according to a department weekly report.

The Santa Monica Police Department has logged 2,377 arrests so far in 2026, compared with 1,389 over the same period in 2025. Officers also conducted 1,159 self-initiated calls — representing 45% of total weekly activity — continuing a trend of elevated proactive enforcement that is up 30.4% year-to-date over 2025.

CRIME SUPPRESSION

Officers made several notable arrests during the week across narcotics, weapons and stolen vehicle cases.

On the 1200 block of 4th Street, officers responded after a passerby reported seeing a man appear to rack the slide of a firearm. Using SMART Center resources, officers conducted a high-risk stop and detained the subject without incident, recovering a BB gun and a methamphetamine pipe.

Near Ocean Avenue and Arizona Avenue, officers responding to a fight in progress detained a suspect who was found to be carrying a loaded firearm.

SMPD units also assisted the Los Angeles Police Department after a stolen vehicle pursuit ended in the Ocean Park area. Four suspects fled on foot, a perimeter was established, and all four were taken into custody.

In a separate incident, an officer responding to a prowler call near Arizona Avenue detained a man found in a carport who was on parole for burglary. A parole hold was granted.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Officers conducted 243 traffic stops during the week, issuing 153 citations and 68 advisories. Enforcement focused on school zones, Lincoln Boulevard, Pacific Coast Highway, downtown Santa Monica and areas flagged by residents.

A motorcyclist was ejected and hospitalized after the bike struck a concrete median on Broadway. Separately, a driver was arrested on DUI and hit-and-run charges after officers located a vehicle near

9th Street and Idaho Avenue with fresh collision damage and nitrous oxide tanks inside.

A street racing arrest was made near the 3000 block of Ocean Park Boulevard, where an officer observed two vehicles racing. One vehicle yielded and the driver was arrested for participating in a speed contest.

HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

The department's Homeless Liaison Program handled 163 radio calls, conducted 138 self-initiated contacts, issued 36 citations and made 10 arrests during the week. Officers also referred five individuals to SamoBridge.

The week's largest operation was a coordinated Community Livability Operation that brought together approximately 60 participants from SMPD, the Department of Mental Health, HoST, The People Concern, the Salvation Army, DTSM Block by Block, Exodus and other partners. The operation covered downtown, the Metro platform and adjacent parking, the Pier, Tongva Park, Palisades Park and the 1500–1700 block of Ocean Front Walk.

It resulted in seven arrests, 15 citations, 40 contacts, three SamoBridge connections and the removal of more than 10,980 pounds of trash by HoST workers.

In a notable individual case, officers contacted a lifelong Santa Monica resident who was having a medical emergency while walking in the middle of Wilshire Boulevard. After treatment by the Advanced Provider Unit, HLP officers and a DMH clinician coordinated with the man's family, transported him to SamoBridge and secured his admission into treatment.

Officers also arrested a man sleeping outside City Hall during closure hours after discovering he had an outstanding extradition warrant for fraud out of Philadelphia.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Officers attended the Ocean Park Association's monthly meeting, providing updates on crime statistics, traffic concerns and planning for World Cup-related deployments. NROs also engaged with attendees at the Pride Festival on the Third Street Promenade and attended graduation ceremonies during the week.

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BUDGET

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The budget, which covers all city funds net of reimbursements and transfers, includes 2,287.6 full-time equivalent positions and a capital improvement program totaling \$110.4 million in the coming fiscal year and \$116.6 million in 2027-28.

“The CIP serves as a defining feature of this year’s budget,” Finance Director Oscar Santiago told the council.

The General Fund, which covers core city services, is budgeted at \$525.2 million in operating expenditures, with \$19.9 million in capital spending.

The council also separately adopted the Santa Monica Housing Authority’s operating budget for the coming fiscal year, which is approximately 0.9% greater than the prior year, with increases primarily reflecting labor agreement impacts and the addition of a housing inspector position.

STRUCTURAL BALANCE ON THE HORIZON

Officials noted that updated projections show the city on track to achieve structural budget balance — meaning ongoing revenues match ongoing expenses — for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic, potentially as early as next summer.

That projection, however, depends on voter approval of a citizens initiative parcel tax on an upcoming ballot.

“So, you’re saying if that parcel tax does not pass, or for some reason it doesn’t qualify for the ballot, that we will face some pretty difficult decisions ahead with regards to supporting our schools and potentially continuing the level of services that we provide our community through any number of programs,” said Councilman Dan Hall.

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fails, the city would face difficult decisions.

The city also carries a \$47 million obligation to repay its housing trust fund, Santiago confirmed in response to questions from Councilwoman Lana Negrete. Santiago said repayment is budgeted to occur when additional funds become available.

CAPITAL PROGRAM REVISIONS

Three targeted changes were made to the capital budget since the council’s May 26 study session. The Santa Monica Neighborhood Greenways Project was advanced from 2027-28 into the current fiscal year, supported by a grant from the Southern California Association of Governments. The 4th Street Transit Priority Improvements were accelerated to boost bus operations ahead of the LA28 Olympics. Funding for a separate affordable housing project was reduced to align with updated scheduling.

FEE AND FINE INCREASES

The budget adoption package included updates to the city’s master fee and fine schedules, drawing some public pushback on aquatics fees.

Most city user fees were recalculated through a citywide fee study and adjusted for cost-of-living, with amounts rounded down to the nearest nickel. Fees not covered by the study will increase 3.3% on July 1, reflecting projected growth in total city compensation costs.

Aquatics permit fees, unchanged since 2021, are set to rise 8 to 9%, ranging from a 50-cent increase for Santa Monica-based nonprofit youth groups to up to \$8 more for non-resident organizations using long-course lanes.

In response to criticism over the adult permit fees, staff said additional analysis confirmed adult aquatics groups recover 58%

of costs — higher than youth groups at 44% — and that even with the increases, Santa Monica’s lane rental rates remain below those in Long Beach, Torrance and El Segundo.

Mayor Caroline Torosis pressed staff on whether 58% is an acceptable endpoint or a step toward higher recovery. Recreation and Arts Director Jenny Rogers said the department targets 80 to 90% cost recovery for most recreation activities but has deliberately kept aquatics lower, noting that maintenance and staffing costs have risen roughly 20%.

On the enforcement side, three existing code enforcement fines — for construction work without a permit, construction work with an expired permit, and non-compliance with an approved construction management plan — will each increase to \$1,000. A new \$500 fine was also established for violations of tenant protection regulations during construction.

Councilmembers flagged parking fines for future review, noting that a \$350 penalty for using a forged disabled parking placard may not be sufficient to deter violations.

There are no changes to transient or permit parking rates in city lots and structures. The downtown discount validation program and a bulk parking agreement with the state Judicial Council were both extended through June 30, 2027.

The budget takes effect July 1. Negrete recused herself from a separate vote authorizing \$20,000 in discretionary funds for Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District grad night, citing her ownership of the Santa Monica Music Center that has contracts with the district. The remaining council members approved that allocation unanimously.

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MALIBU

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approvals," Karish said, recommending against adoption.

The debate unfolded against the backdrop of repeated wildfire disasters. The entire city lies within a very high fire hazard severity zone, and the 2025 Palisades Fire destroyed more than 700 structures and affected roughly a third of Malibu, compounding damage from the 2018 Woolsey Fire. Residents have raised alarms about lithium-ion backup batteries on utility poles, which Mayor Bruce Silverstein warned could spark or burn as more facilities are added, citing recent battery fires in the region.

Rather than a blanket ban, residents and their attorney have pushed the residential fix, which would designate residential zones as disallowed locations for wireless facilities. Under the proposal, a carrier would have to show through clear and convincing evidence that there is no technically feasible alternative before building in a neighborhood.

Silverstein pressed his colleagues to act immediately, arguing the city could adopt the fix as an urgency ordinance, even one labeled a moratorium, so long as it included that escape valve. "It's technically called a moratorium, but it's really not the kind of absolute moratorium that the FCC order speaks to," he said. "It's a moratorium subject to an out, and the out is exactly what the residential fix proposes."

The mayor, a lawyer, said his approach has always been to "find ways to get to yes," and he warned that delay tends to kill action. "When the council doesn't establish a specific deadline to do something, it goes into a black hole the minute they recess," he said, while acknowledging "the mayor position is

nothing but ceremony."

Other members urged caution, saying a rushed, un-agendized ordinance could invite exactly the federal challenge the city was trying to avoid. Council member Steve Uhring said even the label was risky. "If you call it a moratorium, you're just sending a red flag up the post," he said. "You're waving a flag in front of the FCC." He wanted time for legal review "to make sure we know what the hell we're doing."

Council member Doug Stewart agreed, warning the measure would draw scrutiny from carriers and regulators alike. "This is going to be like a magnet by these cell companies, and if we don't have it done properly, we're going to get destroyed on this," he said, adding that the city would have "one chance to do this properly." He also questioned the fire rationale, noting no one had quantified how many cell towers cause fires nationally.

Council member Marianne Riggins sided with the cautious approach, while council member Haylynn Conrad pushed to confront carriers, saying "they can't just put up fire hazards all over our neighborhoods, we just burned down."

It emerged during the discussion that staff had vetted the residential-fix language with the residents' attorney several years earlier but shelved it over concerns it might delay a California Coastal Commission approval. Staff reported that 24 wireless applications were approved in February and March, with 12 later appealed by residents.

Reaching consensus, the council took no vote and directed staff and counsel to work with the residents' attorney on a legally sound version to return July 13.

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SCHOOL

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experienced technical difficulties while logging in, prompting student representative Anthony Rome to explain his own experience with glitches in applications.

"I personally had a setup like this at my school and I can tell you from firsthand experience that even throughout the year, using it more and more it's still glitched and often wasting valuable class time," he said.

Roman said the overall focus is to use software to enhance learning through the shift to a new model of technology.

"We're shifting to a design driven use of instructional tech where technology is used intentionally as a catalyst to redesign tasks, allowing students to collaborate, to build and to create original work that would be impossible without a device," she said.

This shift would follow the 'default to technology' model, a method of passive consumption of media which Roman said was a lingering habit from the pandemic era.

She said this approach to screen use would 'prioritize active engagement' among students, emphasizing how it would aid their individual learning experiences.

SMMUSD uses a phased approach to implementing the technology including the collection of input from teachers and parents through surveys.

The Board questioned how responses should be evaluated when some terms like 'excessive use' may be subjective. Rome said he often used his device for what he felt were good reasons even if they weren't necessarily classroom related.

"What if we're doing productive things on

our screens? Because I know a lot of teenagers my age doomscroll. I do that too but also like my other, I have other interests that I count as productive like music that I spend all day on the screen," he said.

Roman said there will be further discussions to define "passive use of technology versus intentional use and then what counts as screen time and what does not count as screen time," in later meetings.

The instructional technology guidelines also included the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within the classroom. Superintendent Antonio Shelton said the continuing evolution of AI will lead to further revision of policies.

"As you all know with AI every day something changes so this theme would be an evolving policy, or policies, that we may have to bring back multiple times to share with you through update and I want to make sure people out in the audience that are not here that may listen to this later understand that that's the case," he said.

While the board is soliciting feedback on the topic, they have yet to achieve a 10 percent response rate from their surveys and officials said they want more people to respond at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ_5ix2IfaVklejgorjLkVNIoKaKEPwjNyB5iLGnSxhUFMEA/viewform.

This discussion surrounding AI led to the closing of the meeting, where Smith explained that this was not the board's first rodeo in dealing with technological advances.

"We have talked about AI. We do this often that this is not so I just I just wanted to make that clear that this isn't a new venture in the way that we look at things and that we evaluate things," Smith said.

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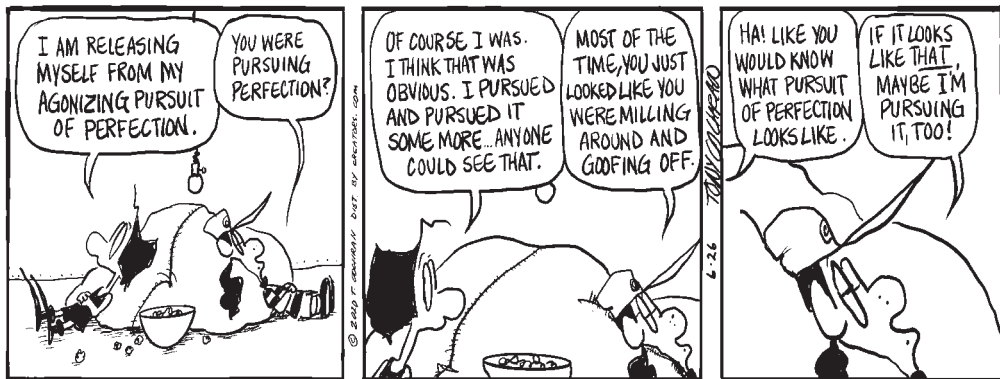
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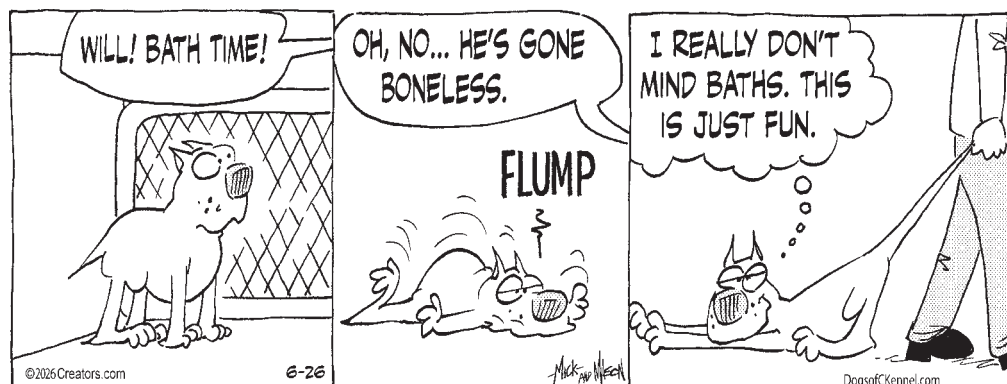
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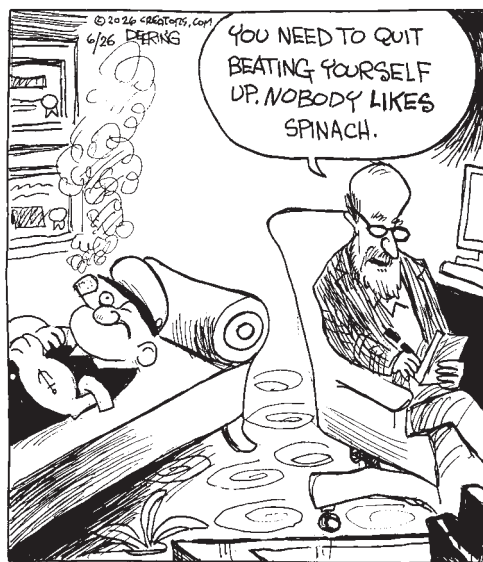
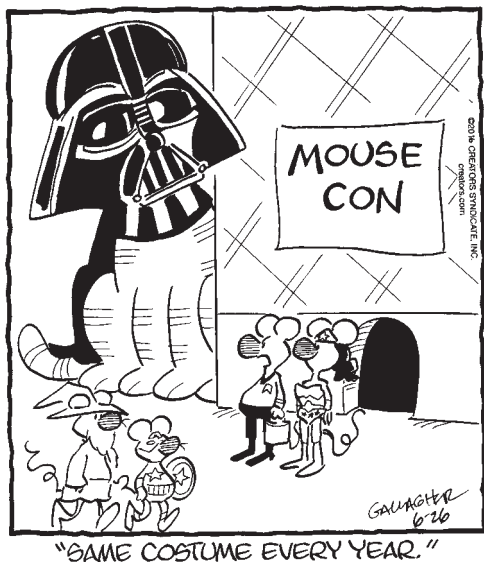


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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You sense what people want, and you could easily provide it, but the question is: Should you? Pleasing people isn't always the same as helping them. You'll go beyond what people want to give them what they need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's someone who occupies more mental real estate than they probably realize. Tiny interactions feel loaded with meaning and possibility. This can be distracting, but it is also creatively energizing. Channel some of that voltage into your own ambitions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Lots of people become jaded by hard challenges. Not you. You're resilient. You face the challenge with the spirit of improvisation and charm. You move through the puzzles with style and the perfect balance of courage and flexibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're trying to lead with your better instincts. But the inner child wants a popsicle and a playground, the critic wants to file a complaint, and the dreamer wants to go back to sleep. Choose humor and patience over force.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Upon reflection, the past situation that was such a disappointment at the time turned out to be the plot twist that kept things interesting — maybe even the one that made you heroic. The current detour has equal promise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Laughter has a way of becoming uncontrollable at exactly the wrong moment — a very relatable tension. Those things that break unexpectedly reveal something liberating underneath. You'll experience the sublime relief of humor, spontaneity and shared humanity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A simple acknowledgment has restorative power. For instance, hearing your own name spoken kindly can be a healing in and of itself. Reminded of the importance of making people feel welcome, you'll fill someone's deep need for recognition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). After the hard work, you'll have a sense of accomplishment that makes it all worthwhile. The feeling is such a high, and the product and rewards of your work are so magnificent, you could become happily and helpfully addicted to this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In the same way your pet senses your mood, you have an animal-like instinct toward emotional resonance with you care about, and you communicate beyond what language can convey. You'll use it to make an accurate and fortuitous move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some parts of collaboration will work out and others not so much. When money, relationships and stress get knotted together in a ball, don't try to untangle it. Toss it instead. As soon as you let it go, life gets fun again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll speak carefully not to avoid conflict, stick to the script or please anyone, but because you know that words matter. Today you'll think what you say, say what you think and wield your influence well.

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- 1 Doctor, as a document
- 5 Respectful term
- 9 Tropical lizard
- 14 Seconds or thirds
- 15 Common Russian prename
- 16 Provo resident
- 17 Shave target
- 19 *Calamares*, *croquetas*,...
- 20 Team Alan Shepard was partial to
- 21 It's right under your nose
- 23 Board for a race
- 24 Move your rudder
- 25 Produce a good result
- 28 Sun in Santiago
- 29 "Further" fuss
- 31 Implicit warning
- 32 Vacillate
- 34 Entry-level cellphone brand
- 36 Overstuff
- 37 *Golden Girls* star
- 40 *Avatar* race
- 41 #2 at many cos.
- 42 Common Russian prename
- 46 Keen insight
- 48 Pilsner alternative
- 50 I may stand for it
- 51 "Watch yourself!"
- 54 Only just now
- 56 Fully
- 57 Hammer away at
- 58 Some of the earliest

PCs

- 59 Issues slowly
- 62 Uncommon blood
- 64 Strike out
- 65 Security issue
- 66 Opportunist
- 67 Arab League charter member
- 68 Stumbles
- 69 Keeps contained

DOWN

- 1 Formal mission
- 2 Childish comeback
- 3 With fury
- 4 Land in France
- 5 Mineralogy scale
- 6 Emulating

7 Intellectually quick

- 8 Lunar plains
- 9 Intuitive, so to speak
- 10 Navigational projection
- 11 Short and concise
- 12 Casual clothing
- 13 Conducted here
- 18 Traveler of kids TV
- 22 Where to buy cues or clubs
- 25 Manuel's mouth
- 26 Title for Merkel
- 27 Wide-leg denim, in 2026
- 30 Sinkside device
- 33 Kagan's appointer
- 35 Cannoneer's

calculation

- 38 Unendingly
- 39 Great exertion
- 40 Family descriptor
- 43 Two- or three-story
- 44 Add spice to
- 45 Jumbo jets of a sort
- 46 Brings down
- 47 Source of some salt
- 49 Start to lock
- 52 All-animal tale
- 53 Part above a sole
- 55 Delight in
- 58 Calls upon
- 60 Scuba stat
- 61 Halibut habitat
- 63 What many a rudder resembles

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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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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

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>

SUNDAY | JUNE 28

A DELICIOUSLY SWEET AFTERNOON!

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New York Bagel Deli & Bakery 2216 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica. Join us for an afternoon filled with yummy treats and good vibes! \$28.52. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/a-deliciously-sweet-afternoon-/18982628/2026-06-28T11>

THIRD STREET WALK

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Historic Shotgun House 2520 2nd St Santa Monica. The Conservancy's Third

Street Walk reveals the architectural and historical highlights and evolution of Santa Monica's very first historic district, established in 1990. The neighborhood contains 27 original bungalows built between 1903 and 1915, as well as four structures from the late 1800s. Designating this district was a grass-roots effort, organized by local residents who took on the responsibility for the necessary planning studies and neighborhood organizing for the district nomination. The work involved in creating the district cemented strong bonds among the affected homeowners and built a community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/third-street-walk/18818926/2026-06-28T12>

TRASH ART AT THE LIBRARY

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Trash Art Day at the Library Join us this April for a laid-back day of art! Let's explore the amazing art pieces we can create using materials we find around us. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring... Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/trash-art-at-the-library/18109354/2026-06-28T14>

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Paint Lab 1453 14th St Santa Monica. In this workshop each student will work on their own project with guidance from an instructor. \$61.60. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ acrylic-oil-painting-workshop-sunday/18978924/2026-06-28T15>

MY LAWYER IS AN ANGEL - CHASING THE AMBULANCE CHASERS OFF THE ROAD!

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. It's the world premiere of acclaimed playwright Jerry Mayer's serious comedy about ambulance chasers, those predators whose faces leer down at us from every billboard in town, and the angel of an attorney (yes, there is such a thing) who's on a mission to chase them off the road. The internationally acclaimed team that brought you Jews R2 Much Fun, Almost Perfect, Aspirin & ELEPHANTS, You Haven't Changed a Bit and Other Lies and more, reunites renowned playwright Jerry Mayer with veteran (and frequent Mayer) director Chris DeCarlo. Original music is by Steve Mayer. The stellar cast features DeCarlo (Author! Author!, Mistakes Were Made), Michael Brunino (The Italians, Tracy Kelly: Siblings Gang), Summer Moran (The Last Spark of Us, Strings Attached), Elena Rosa (The Dropout, L.A.'s Finest). \$25.00 to \$35.00— Use Code SMDP for \$10 off each ticket (phone or email only). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/my-lawyer-is-an-angel-chasing-the-ambulance-chasers-off-the-road-/18922943/2026-06-28T15>

VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - SUNDAYS AT SUNSET

5:05 p.m. Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique

and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-06-28T17>

MONDAY | JUNE 29

COMMUNAL GARDENING @ ISHIHARA PARK

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-06-08T09>

A CINDERELLA Summer – an “Enchanting” Family Theatre Musical

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. “An Enchanting Cinderella!... highlighted by fast pacing, fancy costuming and a lovely, unweeepy Cinderella...particularly within the context of Rudie and DeCarlo's trademark Gilbert & Sullivan comic lyrics.” LA Times The beloved Rudie-DeCarlo musical CINDERELLA is back for summer, with a stunning multi-media makeover. It's Cinderella like you've never seen her before, with new songs, hilarious special FX, a silent movie segment that will have you falling out of your seat, dazzling costumes, amazing magical prestidigitation, and a story about being true to your dreams and loving yourself as you are that's as meaningful today as ever before. \$15.00 to \$17.50— Kids \$15, Adults \$17.50, includes photos opps. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/a-cinderella-summer-an-enchanting-family-theatre-musical/18790691/2026-06-29T12>

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-06-15T21>



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