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Santa Monica 4th of July Parade reverses course for 2026



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PARADE: Santa Monica's 4th of July Parade reverses the route this year, heading north on Main Street starting at 9:30 a.m.

MATTHEW HALL
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The Annual Santa Monica 4th of July Parade will take a new path this year, reversing its traditional route as organizers tie the celebration to a new post-parade festival and a pair of milestone anniversaries.

The 2026 parade will begin at Marine Street and travel north on Main Street, concluding at Pico Boulevard — the opposite of the classic southbound route that has defined the event since its founding. Participants will stage and check in at Santa Monica Beach Parking Lot 5 South, where vehicle inspections will also take place before the parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4.

The route change was developed in coordination with the City of Santa Monica to funnel participants and spectators toward Pulse in the Park, a free World Cup-themed festival running from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tongva Park. The event will feature live music, food vendors, pop-up shops, family activities and an enclosed beer garden. Organizers are billing it as the city's first official post-parade celebration.

This year's parade carries a dual theme: the 100th anniversary of Route 66 and America's 250th birthday. Santa Monica serves as the western terminus of Route 66, and the semiquincentennial of American independence gives organizers two major milestones to mark simultaneously.

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Inside the World Cup knockout stage bracket: Some teams have an easier path than others

If the World Cup was the NCAA basketball tournament, then teams like Morocco and the Netherlands would have some serious anger toward the selection and seeding committee right now. England, Mexico, Portugal and Spain might not be all that happy, either.

Lionel Messi and Argentina, on the other hand, probably wouldn't complain much about their potential path to the World Cup final four.

The bracket is set for the knockout stage of the World Cup. There was no selection committee; slots were predetermined — Group A winner on this line, Group D runner-up on this line, etc. — so it wasn't exactly like how the NCAA tournaments go. And FIFA doesn't reseed like some sports, so a couple lower seeds are certain to get into at least the Round of 16.

So, when taking the 32 qualifiers for the knockout stage and ranking them like it's an NCAA tournament — essentially seeding the field 1 to 32 based on the FIFA live rankings entering Sunday — it's easy to see why some "regions" might be tougher to navigate than others.

A breakdown of the World Cup bracket:

Foxborough Region

— Quarterfinal: July 9 at Foxborough, Massachusetts.

— Round of 32 matchups: No. 12 Germany vs. No. 27 Paraguay, No. 2 France vs. No. 26 Sweden, No. 29 South Africa vs. No. 25 Canada (won 1-0 by Canada on Sunday), No. 7 Netherlands vs. No. 6 Morocco.

— Outlook: Netherlands vs. Morocco in the Round of 32 means that at least one of the seven highest-ranked teams left in the tournament won't even get to the Round of 16. France and Germany — perennial European powers — could meet in the Round of 16. And Canada (the first team through to the Round of 16 after winning the knockout stage opener over South Africa on Sunday) might have to change time zones twice on its way to the quarterfinals, while Germany, Paraguay, France and Sweden will all be in either Massachusetts, New Jersey or Pennsylvania in the Rounds of 32 and 16.

— If the seeds hold: France would play Morocco in the quarterfinal.

Inglewood Region

— Quarterfinal: July 10 at Inglewood, California.

— Round of 32 matchups: No. 8 Portugal vs. No. 13 Croatia, No. 3 Spain vs. No. 18 Austria, No. 14 United States vs. No. 30 Bosnia and Herzegovina, No. 10 Belgium vs. No. 17 Senegal.

— Outlook: The U.S. gets one of the lowest-ranked teams left in the tournament to open the Round of 32 and would remain in the Pacific time zone until the semifinals. Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal did not get an easy draw at all, with Croatia right off the bat and then potentially Spain in the Round of 16. (Can't imagine Spain is too thrilled with this, either.) Belgium vs. Senegal is in Seattle, and the winner will stay there to play the U.S. match winner; that's a big break for weary legs.

— If the seeds hold: Spain would play Belgium in the quarterfinal.

Miami Gardens Region

— Quarterfinal: July 11 at Miami Gardens, Florida.

— Round of 32 matchups: No. 5 Brazil vs. No. 16 Japan, No. 24 Ivory Coast vs. No. 19 Norway, No. 9 Mexico vs. No. 20 Ecuador, No. 4 England vs. No. 28 Congo.

— Outlook: Mexico and England will be heavily favored in their Round of 32 matches, then would be in line to go head-to-head in the Round of 16 — in what would be a road game at Mexico City for England. And Mexico is one of only two teams not to surrender a goal in the group stage, with Spain being the other. Brazil gets a bit of an easier path to the quarterfinals, opening with Japan and then — if it wins — drawing the Ivory Coast-Norway winner.

— If the seeds hold: Brazil would play England in the quarterfinal.

Kansas City Region

— Quarterfinal: July 11 at Kansas City, Missouri.

— Round of 32 matchups: No. 1 Argentina vs. No. 31 Cape Verde, No. 22 Australia vs. No. 21 Egypt, No. 15 Switzerland vs. No. 23 Algeria, No. 11 Colombia vs. No. 32 Ghana.

— Outlook: Again, there is no "selection committee," but if there was it would have gotten this one right by putting the best goalscorer in Argentina's Lionel Messi against the tournament's best story in Cape Verde in the Round of 32. And Messi gets to be at home in Miami Gardens, a few miles from Inter Miami's stadium for that matchup. Australia or Egypt awaits the Argentina match winner, Switzerland-Algeria has potential for a lot of goals, and Colombia faces a Ghana team with nothing to lose.

— If the seeds hold: Argentina would play Colombia in the quarterfinal.

Inside the bracket

News and notes about the Round of 32 matchups:

— France, Mexico and Argentina were the only teams to escape group play with 3-0-0 records.

— There are four Round of 32 matchups between unbeaten teams: Netherlands (2-0-1) vs. Morocco (2-0-1), Belgium (1-0-2) vs. Senegal (1-0-2), Brazil (2-0-1) vs. Japan (1-0-2) and Argentina (3-0-0) vs. Cape Verde (0-0-3).

— Expect some goals in France vs. Sweden (combined 17 goals in the group stage), Netherlands-Morocco (16), Belgium-Senegal (14), Brazil-Japan (14) and U.S.-Bosnia and Herzegovina (13).

— On the flip side, the first goal of Mexico-Ecuador might be that match's decider. Mexico wasn't scored on in group play and Ecuador surrendered only two goals in those three matches.

— The semifinal matchups are the winner of the Foxborough quarterfinal against the winner of the Inglewood quarterfinal (at Arlington, Texas on July 14) and the winner of the Miami Gardens quarterfinal against the winner of the Kansas City quarterfinal (at Atlanta on July 15). The final is at East Rutherford, New Jersey on July 19.

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Sports Writer

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Petition to Admin Estate

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Supreme Court rules states can count late-arriving mailed ballots, rejecting Trump-led challenge

The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that states can count ballots that arrive after Election Day, a persistent target of President Donald Trump.

The 5-4 decision rejected a Republican-led attack on laws in more than half the states and the District of Columbia that permit mailed ballots to arrive and be counted some number of days after the election, provided they are postmarked by Election Day. The outcome spares officials the headache of changing their ballot rules just a few months before the 2026 midterm congressional elections.

In just over half those states, the more forgiving deadlines apply only to ballots cast by military and overseas voters.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote the court's majority opinion, joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and the three liberal justices.

Federal laws setting a single Election Day "leave open when those votes must be received," Barrett wrote.

Congress could change the law, she said. "If varied deadlines for ballot receipt similarly call for a national solution, the American people must choose it through their elected representatives," Barrett wrote.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote the dissent for four justices. "Not only is today's decision inconsistent with statutory text, legal context, historical practice, and precedent; it also threatens to produce lamentable consequences," Alito wrote. "The majority's holding spawns a slurry of troubling election-law questions and risks further undermining Americans' confidence in election integrity."

The legal challenge was part of Trump's broader attack on most mail balloting, which he has said breeds fraud despite strong evidence to the contrary and years of experience in numerous states. Trump has repeatedly claimed that his loss to Joe Biden in 2020 resulted from fraud even though more than 60 court decisions and his own attorney general said that argument had no merit.

Trump called the court ruling a "tremendous loss" and renewed his call for Congress to pass the SAVE America Act, which has made it through the House of Representatives but not the Senate.

"There is only one reason to oppose — CHEATING!" Trump wrote on Truth Social.

Among other changes, the legislation would limit who is able to receive a mail ballot and impose a documentary proof-of-citizenship requirement for registering to vote.

"If we want fair and secure elections, Election Day should mean exactly what it says, which is why this decision makes it even more imperative that Congress pass the SAVE America Act," RNC Chairman Joe Gruters said in a statement.

The court heard arguments in March in a case from Mississippi pitting the state against Trump's Republican administration and the Republican and Libertarian parties. At issue was whether federal law sets a single Election Day that requires ballots to be both cast by voters and received by state officials.

The federal appeals court in New Orleans struck down a Mississippi law allowing ballots to be counted if they arrive within five business days of the election and are postmarked by Election Day.

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>
> - Joe Gruters, RNC Chairman

The outcome is a "sigh of relief" for a lot of election administrators, said Stephen Richer, a Republican and the former top election administrator in Arizona's Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix.

A ruling in favor of the Republican National Committee "would have created a whole host of administrative challenges for the affected states," said Richer, who is now a legal fellow at the Cato Institute.

RNC officials did not immediately respond Monday to email and telephone requests for comment.

By MARK SHERMAN Associated Press

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.6**

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Small'ish/play fun surf - drained out early on neg low tide, improving through mid AM w/light wind. NW windswell and a bit of lingering SSW swell will have most breaks in waist high and below surf. Top combo breaks out west are a little larger. Crumble to light bump into the afternoon before a bit more bump develops for the later afternoon.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Repeat of Tuesday with similar waves/winds.
Drained dawn patrol neg low tide, improves thru mid AM.
Lingering mix of NW windswell and leftover SSW swell will have most breaks in surf at or under the waist high mark. Top combo breaks out west are a little larger. Crumble to light bump into the afternoon before a bit more onshore bump follows for the later afternoon.

Weather

Tuesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 66. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 59. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light south in the evening.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 58.

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2026/06/30	Tue	11:33 AM	3.56	H
2026/06/30	Tue	3:38 PM	2.58	L
2026/06/30	Tue	9:58 PM	5.99	H
2026/07/01	Wed	05:27 AM	-0.58	L
2026/07/01	Wed	12:06 PM	3.61	H
2026/07/01	Wed	4:16 PM	2.57	L
2026/07/01	Wed	10:30 PM	5.87	H
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2026/07/02	Thu	12:39 PM	3.70	H
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2026/07/02	Thu	11:04 PM	5.63	H
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2026/07/03	Fri	5:44 PM	2.61	L
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Fantasy 5
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Big box tinderboxes: Warehouses are exposing more Californians to costly, toxic disasters



Photo by Ted Soqui for CalMatters

FIRE: Firefighters battle a blaze at a cold storage facility in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles on June 22, 2026. Authorities declared a state of emergency as the fire intensified, prompting evacuations in the surrounding area. The fire started on June 17, 2026.

Automation, exploitation and the sheer size of today's warehouses are magnifying fire risk. A half-dozen recent warehouse fires demonstrate that warehouse fires can no longer be considered a bug in the system. They are a feature.

A 2025 analysis by the insurance company Zurich describes how "too dense, too tall" storage trends have increased warehouse fire hazards. Imagine 1 million square feet under one roof, piled high with TVs, kayaks, electronics, batteries, hand sanitizer, vapes, toys, clothing, suitcases, all nested together, wrapped in plastic, and stored on pallets floor to ceiling.

When a mega-warehouse burns, it's like a whole neighborhood going up in flames.

Mega-warehouses larger than 1 million square feet are popular in part because they make the transition to automation more cost-effective. Automation facilitates top-to-bottom stacking in addition to minimizing the need for human workers. Increased fuel density, larger areas to cover, more complex electrical systems and fewer eyes on the floor have made warehouses a recipe for incendiary disaster.

Big box conflagrations require multi-agency collaboration, hundreds of firefighters and days or weeks before containment. Just look at the cold-storage warehouse fire in Boyle Heights this past week, which choked the air across Los Angeles. Fires can cause supply chain issues, financial losses in the millions, plumes of acrid smoke, soil and water contamination, and massive piles of toxic debris.

A 2020 fire in Redlands leveled a concrete tilt-up the size of a city block and took a week to extinguish. That fire blanketed nearby neighborhoods with smoke, ash and noxious fumes, creating the equivalent of two football fields of debris.

Post-fire clean up resulted in a backroom deal to dump thousands of truckloads of rubble next to the San Bernardino neighborhood of Verdemont, where high winds dispersed concrete dust and dislodged pebbles that pelted windows, people, cars and pets.

This lasted for years until the rubble was removed using thousands of truck trips.

In December 2021, a three-alarm fire at the Carson Industrial Center was fueled by pallets of beauty products. Toxins entering the Dominguez Channel created a malodorous, organic die-off that cause headaches, sore throats, burning eyes and nausea for months.

After logging over 4,700 odor complaints, the region's air quality regulator issued five citations to the warehouse's complex chain of actors, including cosmetics brands, wholesalers and Prologis, one of the largest warehouse companies in the world.

At the Kimberly-Clark warehouse in Ontario in April, a viral video showed an employee allegedly igniting some of the warehouse's 1 billion rolls of toilet paper, saying, "All you had to do was pay us enough to live." Warehouse fires include higher rates of arson on the part of exploited employees, who may set blazes, tamper with electrical systems and disable mandatory sprinkler systems.

As an industry, warehouse work is dependent on temp labor models with low wages, hostility toward collective

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What the federal probe of Newsom and the first partner means for his presidential ambitions

Last week Gov. Gavin Newsom revealed in a video and a social media post that the U.S. Department of Justice is investigating him and his wife, framing it as a political attack by President Donald Trump.

"Donald Trump isn't just coming after me because of my mean tweets," Newsom said. "He's coming after me because I am considering running for president."

"To get me, he's coming after my wife," Newsom continued. His spouse, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, who adopted the title of "first partner" after Newsom became governor, issued her own retort, saying, "This is not presidential behavior, and the governor and I will continue to speak truth to power because the American people deserve so much more."

Although there was no official a confirmation, numerous political media outlets verified from off-the-record sources that an inquiry about Siebel Newsom's for-and nonprofit organizations is underway.

Siebel Newsom is a documentary filmmaker whose work focuses on sexism. Her nonprofit organization called the Representation Project advocates for gender equity using her documentaries, and it pays Siebel Newsom's for-profit company, Girls Club Entertainment, for the films.

In required disclosures, Newsom has acknowledged soliciting $4.3 million in donations to another Siebel Newsom organization, the California Partners Project, since 2020.

Right-wing media gleefully celebrated the disclosure as bolstering allegations that Siebel Newsom — and implicitly Newsom — had benefited financially from contributions that corporate interests had made to her activities, some of them so-called "behested" payments that Newsom had solicited.

The California Post, an offshoot of the right-leaning New York Post, ginned up a lengthy opinion article portraying

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SACRAMENTO: First partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom scolds the media for asking Gov. Gavin Newsom questions that weren't about the newly signed legislation that provides funding for Planned Parenthood and reproductive health services, at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento, on Feb. 11, 2026.

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July at the market

Yes! It's true! Barbeque season is officially here! There isn't a better place for grilling options than farmers markets! Whether you're a meat eater, pescatarian or veggie lover, we've got the freshest options around. Grilled stuffed squash? Shish kabobs with veggies and mushrooms? BBQ ribs or sausages? Salmon? Grilled peaches? Yes! We've got what you need for the perfect grilling experience. Not to mention watermelon and sweet corn are now in season!! Hurray!

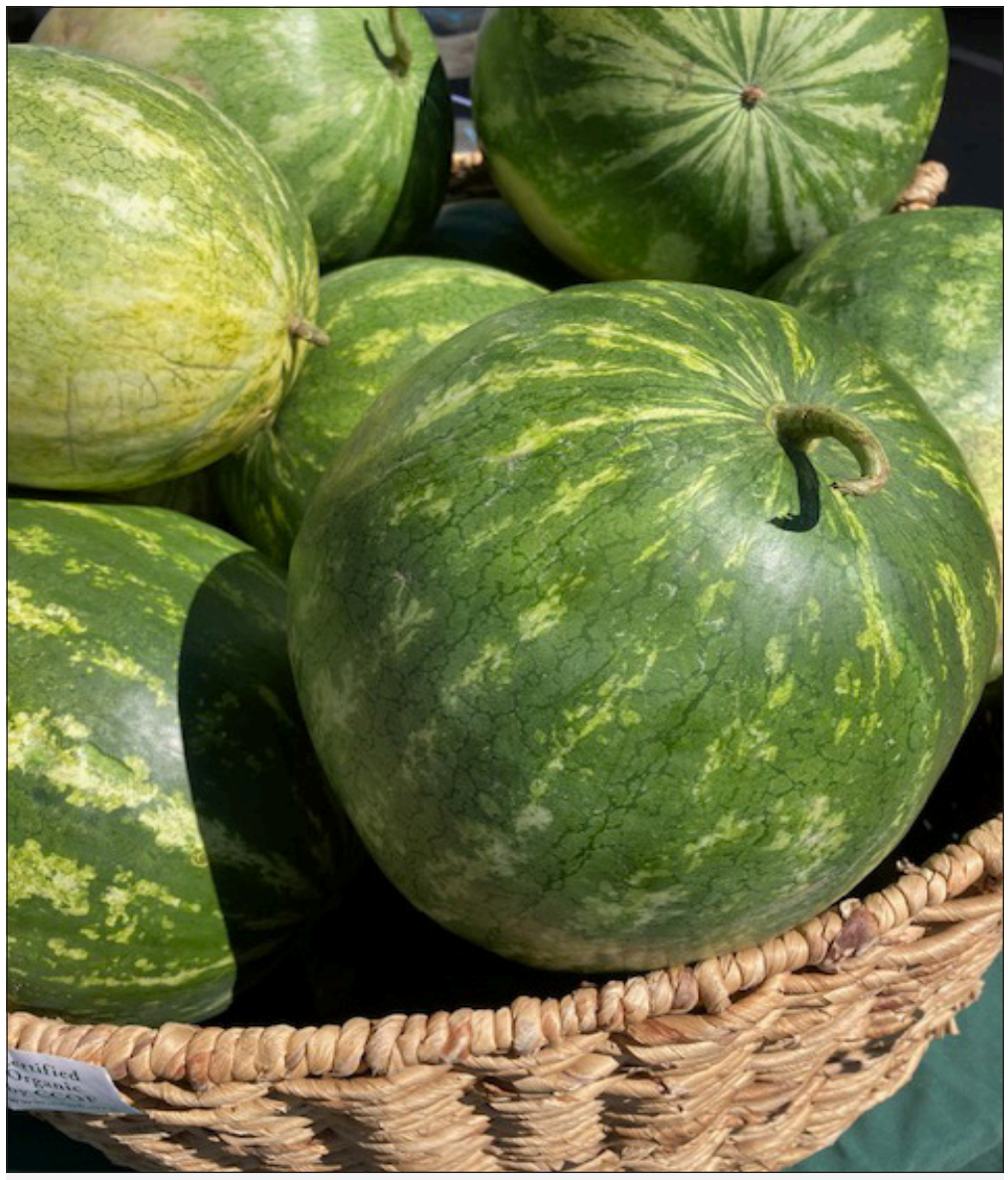
Looking for a low key hang out spot for the 4th of July holiday weekend? Check out the music scene at the Pico Farmers Market with local favorites DJ and the Greenleas and at the Main Street Farmers Market with special guests, the Triple B Band. Whether you are on your way to the beach or a BBQ we are the perfect pit stop to grab last minute picnic and grilling items, breakfast, coffee and a treat, meet some friends and listen to some music. It's the perfect way to start your day.

Coming to the Main Street Farmers Market this month, look for 2 new farmers, Dancing Crow Vineyards and Sweet Mountaintop dried flowers and herbal remedies.

Don't miss the Downtown Farmers Market anniversary on July 15 and on July 23, 4-7pm it's the State of the City event at the Main Street Ocean Park Library. Come join us as we help celebrate with a farmers market, cherry tomato and berry tasting. Hope to see you there.

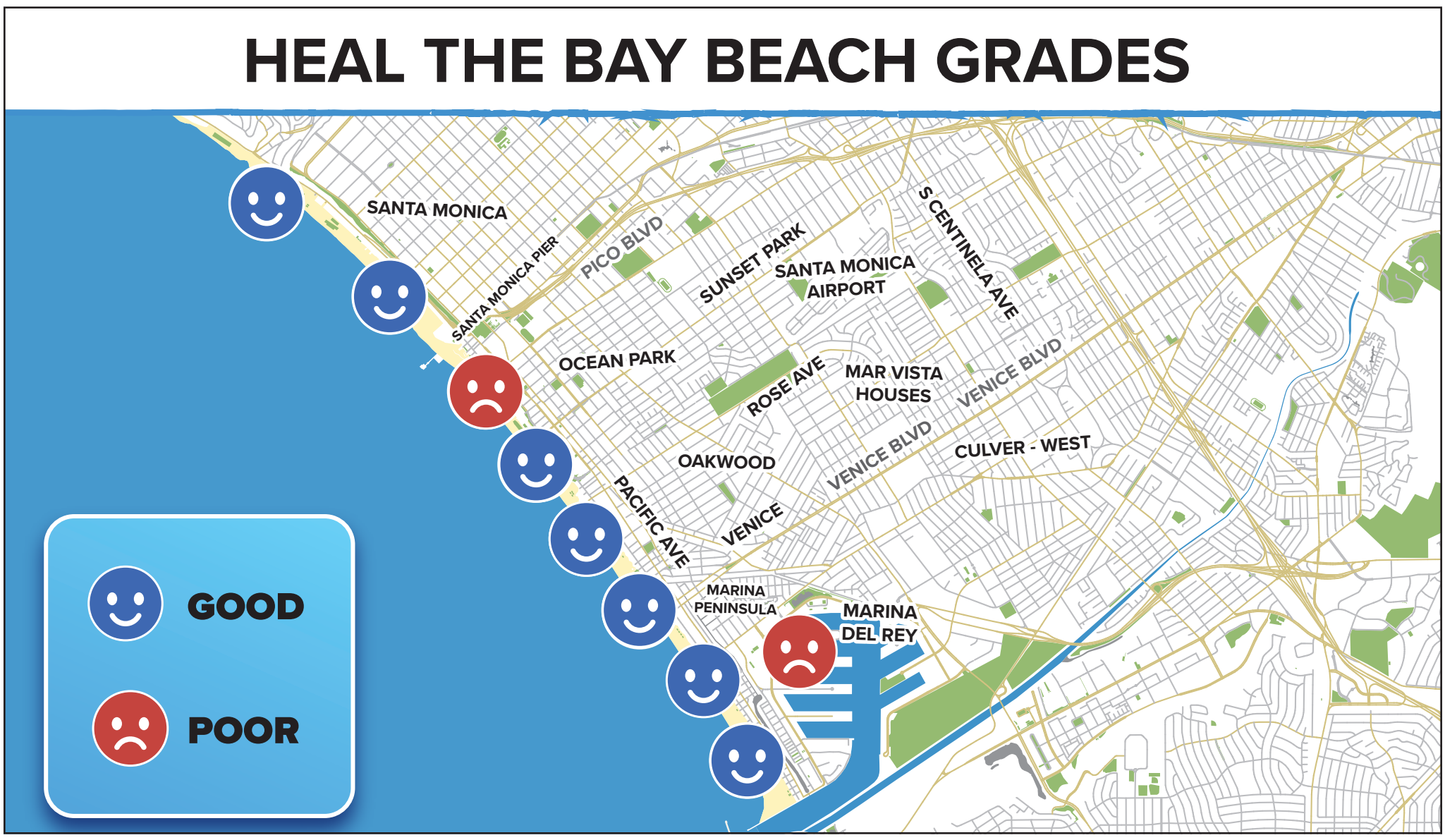
JULY CALENDAR 2026

Pico		
July 4	**DJ and the Greenleas**	
July 11	**GM Jazz**	
July 18	**East of Lincoln**	
	UC Master Gardeners	
July 25	**Megan Ukoh**	
	Main Street	
July 5	**Triple B Band**	**10am-1pm**
July 12	**GM Jazz**	**10am-1pm**
	My Gym Obstacle Course	
July 19	**Sierra Levesque**	**9-11am**
	Megan Ukoh	**11am-1pm**
	Adventures with Doc JC	
	Santa Monica Police Department	
July 26	**DJ & the Main Street Jam**	**10am-1pm**
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SUMMER: The hot weather is bringing new fruits to the market.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Airport

JSX Adds Nonstop Santa Monica-Oakland Flights in September

JSX will begin nonstop flights between Santa Monica Airport and Oakland on Sept. 14, the air carrier announced. Seats are now on sale.

The service will operate up to three times a day, and twice a day on Saturdays, on JSX's ATR 42-600 aircraft, which seats 30 and offers free Starlink Wi-Fi. Introductory one-way fares start at $149 and include at least two checked bags, onboard cocktails and business-class legroom, the company said.

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"Our customers tell us they want less friction and more speed when they travel within California," said JSX CEO Alex Wilcox. "This new service between Santa Monica and Oakland is truly California's high-speed plane. From door-to-door, there's no faster, more convenient way to go from the west side of Los Angeles to the North Bay than with JSX."

Port of Oakland Director of Aviation Craig Simon welcomed the route. "We're excited to welcome JSX's new nonstop service between Oakland and Santa Monica, expanding convenient and seamless travel options for our passengers," he said, noting the carrier's existing service to Burbank, Carlsbad and Las Vegas.

The Oakland route expands JSX's growing network from Santa Monica Airport. Customers can book at www.jsx.com.

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FLIGHTS: JSX launches nonstop Santa Monica to Oakland flights Sept. 14, with fares starting at $149.

NEWSOM

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Newsom as having "a long trail of corrupt connections" dating back to his days as mayor of San Francisco.

Meanwhile, media figures who ordinarily would have been supportive of Newsom acknowledge that soliciting contributions to his wife's activities opened the door.

"Those donations, known as 'behested payments,' aren't illegal in California, but, long before Newsom started asking for them, many have found them unsavory — with good cause," Los Angeles Times columnist Anita Chabria wrote. "A behest, after all, is by definition a command or at least a strong suggestion."

New York Magazine, in a lengthy piece by former prosecutor Elie Honig, cited a list of political enemies that President Trump has attempted to besmirch or prosecute and concluded that Siebel Newsom's interconnected for- and nonprofit organizations and Newsom's behested contributions were legitimate fodder for official scrutiny.

"Justice Department leadership has fully disgraced itself, and Trump has earned his status as a permanent suspect in any case that might touch on a disfavored Democrat," Honig wrote. "But he's not always the culprit. And in this case, it appears that neither Governor Newsom nor Siebel Newsom are victims."

So there it lies. Federal agents are sniffing around and Newsom decided to make a preemptive strike, framing it as an effort by Trump to damage the governor's almost certain run for the White House in 2028.

The situation begs for deconstruction.

The most obvious aspect is that if the investigation was ordered up by Trump, it is just about the greatest political favor he could have given Newsom.

The California governor has risen to the top of the shadow campaign for president on his self-appointed position as Trump's harshest opponent. Thus, being the subject of an investigation makes him — he certainly must hope — a hero, even a martyr, within the Democratic Party.

Accordingly, Newsom's political apparatus immediately sent out a plea for contributions to help him fight off the investigation.

Honig has it right in New York Magazine. The behested payments and Siebel Newsom's tangled array of private organizations invite scrutiny. The outcome, if there ever is one, could either boost or torpedo Newsom's presidential ambitions.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist

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PARADE
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The 2026 grand marshal is Dr. Walid "Wally" Ghurabi, medical director of the Nethercutt Emergency Center at UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center for more than 40 years. His selection is tied to a third centennial in the mix — UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center's 100th anniversary — with the parade billed as one of the culminating events of that celebration. UCLA Health is among the parade's sponsors.

The reversal is not entirely unprecedented. In 2022, when Civic Center construction blocked the traditional staging area, organizers ran the parade in the same northbound direction — staging at the South Beach Lots and traveling up Marine Street before heading north on Main to Pico. That year marked the parade's return after a two-year COVID-19 hiatus and drew an outpouring of community support.

This year's route change is more deliberate, designed to end closer to Tongva Park and the new post-parade festival rather than at the southernmost beach lots. Updated route maps and participant information are available at SantaMonicaParade.com.

The parade is presented by the Ocean Park Association, a resident-advocacy neighborhood group covering Santa Monica's southwest beach community. It was founded in 2007 by Jeff Jarow, a longtime Santa Monica resident who has also served on multiple committees in the city including as president of the Santa Monica Sister City Association. As Jarow recalls it, a few patriotic neighbors simply decided they wanted to celebrate the nation's founding — and a parade was born.

What started as a small neighborhood procession has grown into one of the city's signature civic events. Thousands of people are involved as participants, volunteers and spectators.

The event is free to spectators and run entirely by volunteers, funded through sponsorships and donations.

Perennial crowd favorites include the Santa Monica High School Viking Marching Band, the Dogtown Car Club's classic and vintage cars, fire trucks and police vehicles, a double-decker bus, and Pacific Park's pink octopus mascot "Inkie." Participants are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue; children, leashed pets and wagons are welcome.

The parade was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with Jarow citing public health orders prohibiting large gatherings and the City's suspension of funding for special events amid budget cuts exceeding $80 million. It returned in 2022 and has grown steadily since. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Marine Street and Main Street.

The parade isn't the only patriotic activity in Santa Monica this year.

A Fourth of July road race that relocated to Venice Beach last year following the Palisades Fire is returning to its original Pacific Palisades home for its 49th annual running Friday.

The Palisades Will Rogers Fourth of July 5K/10K Run, presented by Providence Saint John's Health Center, will return to its traditional course through Will Rogers State Historic Park after moving to the Venice Beach boardwalk in 2025 as fire recovery efforts continued across the neighborhood.

"We're proud to be returning our historic race to its home in the Pacific Palisades this Fourth of July," said Thomas Hathaway, chief financial officer and lead organizer of the Will Rogers-Pacific Palisades Foundation.

The race offers four distances: a 10K run, a 5K run/walk, the Dick Lemon Run — a high school competition 5K — and a half-mile Kids Fun Run. The 10K course features ocean views and switchbacks through Will Rogers State Park before finishing at a course that has seen elite runners and Olympic athletes cross the line.

The event's organizing foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is donating a portion of race proceeds to local charities. To date, the race has raised more than $200,000 toward rebuilding the Palisades Recreation Park, with reconstruction expected to begin this summer, Hathaway said.

Donations to organizations supporting Palisades recovery can be made through the event's RunSignup page. Registration for Friday's race is open at the same site 9https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/PacificPalisades/PalisadesWillRogers5K10KRun)

The race is managed by Spectrum Sports Management and owned by the Palisades-Will Rogers 5&10K Run Foundation, which is dedicated to honoring the legacy of humorist and entertainer Will Rogers through fundraising and preservation efforts at his namesake state historic park.

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BIG BOX
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bargaining, rapid employee turnover and high rates of worker disability.

In recent days, the Lineage cold-storage warehouse in Boyle Heights burned for more than a week as the associated parties shifted responsibility. Global cold storage food distributor Lineage Logistics leases the building from Chill Build, LLC, which is a joint venture of Barber Partners and Bain Capital. Lineage in turn leases the roof to Los Palos Street Operating, LLC, which is a division of Altus Power, whose solar equipment may have malfunctioned during maintenance.

Community members and residents city-wide impacted by toxic air from layers of insulated foam and plastics — and millions of pounds of burning or rotting frozen food — deserve to know who is responsible. It's also important to understand how global capital underwrites local harm.

Monumental buildings have monumental consequences. Frontline community members have known that for years. Now we are all getting a taste of it.

Susan A. Phillips is a professor of environmental analysis and director of the Robert Redford Conservancy at Pitzer College.

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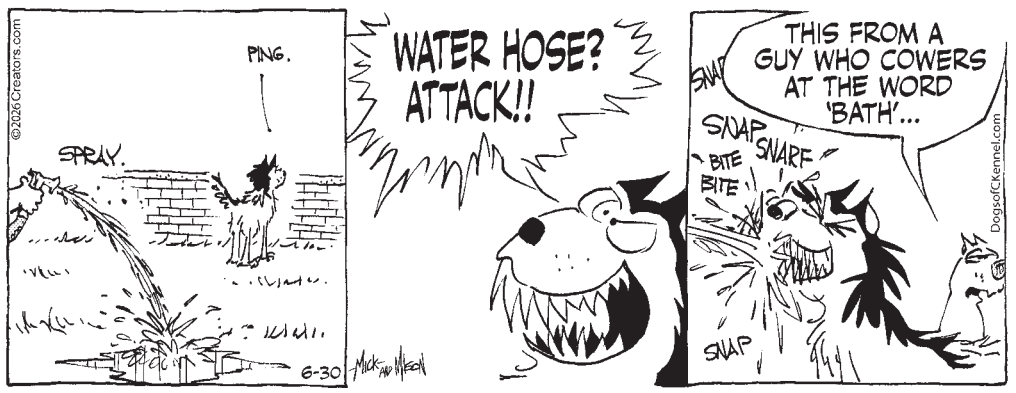
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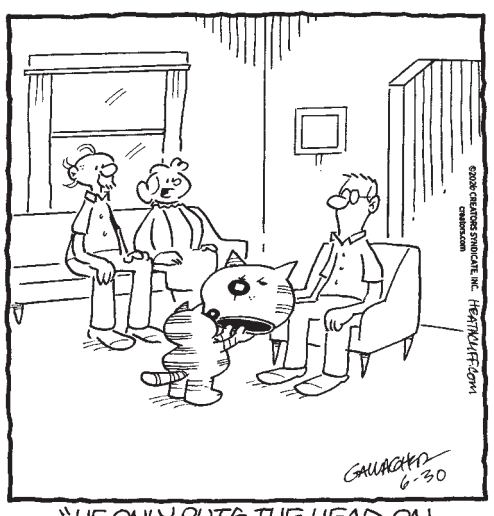
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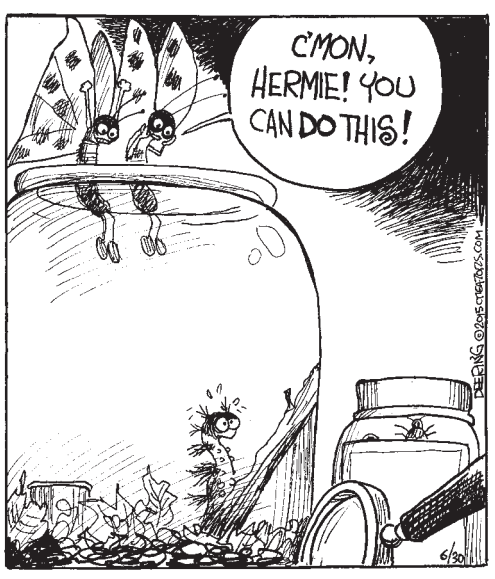
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FIND THE WORDS

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 28 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6987

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You give in ways both visible and invisible. The invisible ways often take more effort. It's normal to want to be seen and appreciated for those efforts. Mercury retrograde asks: Who takes care of whom? Is the arrangement fair?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Not everything is part of a pattern, but many things are, and that's why you're constantly noticing, searching for meaning and predicting outcomes. Mercury retrograde asks: How can I learn from the past? Why am I remembering this now?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ideally, home brings out the best in you. If there are ways your domestic situation depletes your energy, they'll stand out now, wanting to be fixed. Mercury retrograde asks: Where do you feel most like yourself? What environments support your growth?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Certain traditions survive because they still serve a purpose. Others survive because no one has questioned them. Mercury retrograde asks: Which customs nourish you? Which are ready for revision?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are people who know versions of you that were updated long ago, but they never got the memo. Mercury retrograde asks: Which parts of your identity have evolved? How would you introduce yourself if no one knew your history?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are conversations you never finished. Some ended through circumstance, some through silence. Mercury retrograde asks: What still needs expression? What would happen if I said what I want to say?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You remember the facts, but memory is never only factual. Each time you revisit an experience, you bring new understanding to it. Meaning changes with time. Mercury retrograde asks: What else might be true? What have you overlooked in the retelling?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The people who raised you still have influence. They occupy space in your decisions. Whether you're glad about it or not, gratitude and independence can coexist. Mercury retrograde asks: Which voices belong in the room? Which no longer get a vote?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't always have the words for what you're going through at the time you're going through it. But eventually, language catches up with experience. Mercury retrograde asks: What can you name now that you couldn't name before? What becomes clearer when you tell the story differently?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The past occurred one way, and only a time traveler could change that. But your feelings about what happened will keep changing. Distance creates perspective. Mercury retrograde asks: What did your family teach you? What did you teach yourself instead?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A promise isn't always forever. Some promises deserve renewal. Others deserve release. Mercury retrograde asks: What commitment still reflects your values? What are you maintaining purely out of obligation or habit?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The past is not a destination. It is a reference point. Memories inform your next steps, but they don't determine them. Mercury retrograde asks: What belongs in your future? What memory can remain behind while the lesson comes with you?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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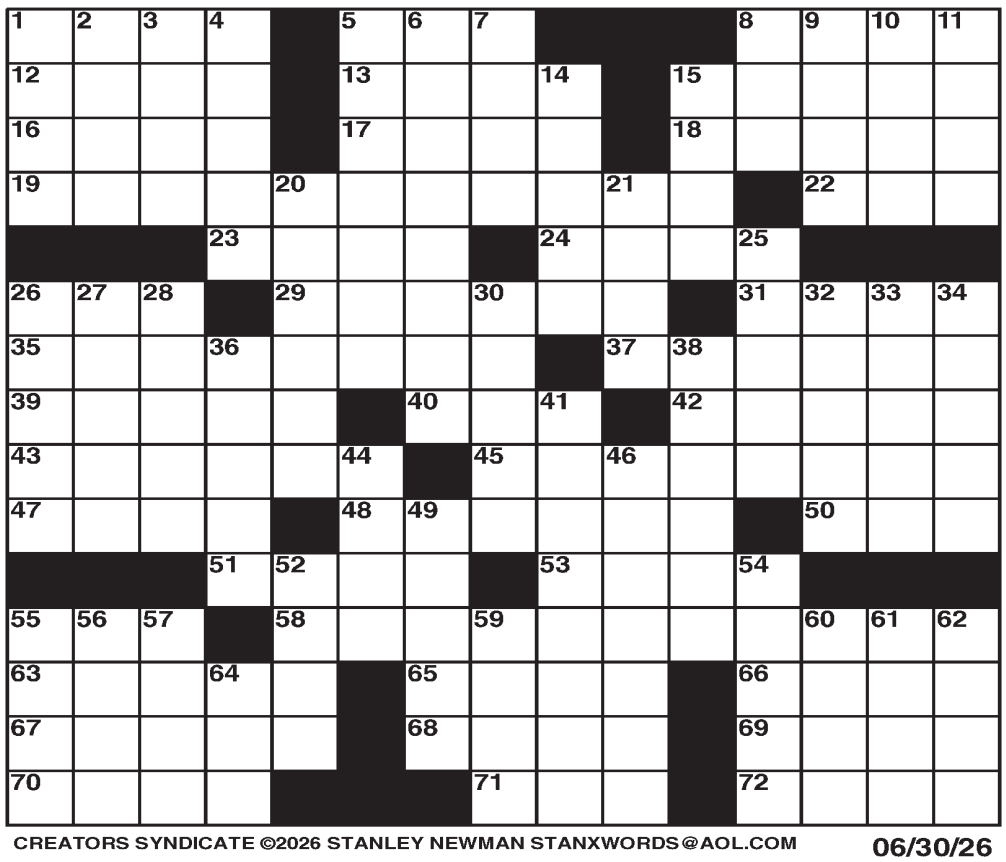
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ACROSS

1 Sharp point on a farm fence
5 Pecan or macadamia
8 In no danger
12 Burn-soothing plant
13 Bills with Washington's face
15 Unimportant
16 Urban air pollution
17 Chick's chirp
18 Go inside
19 Declaration signer with a beer named for him
22 Dollar-sign shape
23 Confidentiality contracts: Abbr.
24 Sports squad
26 Female pig
29 Most frosty
31 Two-band, as a radio
35 With 45-Across, they became the original United States
37 Promise confidently
39 Dome home made of snow
40 Dusting cloth
42 Hydrant attachments
43 Soft felt hat
45 See 35-Across
47 __ up (admit the truth)
48 Bit of body art
50 Weep
51 Scottish caps
53 Corrosive liquid
55 Recede, as the tide
58 Largest Declaration signature
63 Honolulu greeting
65 Earth-friendly sci.
66 A Great Lake
67 Piano technician
68 Auction, for example
69 Jump high
70 Appear to be
71 Billboards and commercials
72 Stolen property

DOWN

1 Low male voice
2 __ mater (former school)
3 Kitchen or den
4 Commenced
5 "There's __ like home"
6 More anxious
7 __ off (started a golf hole)
8 Moral wrongdoing
9 Initial poker bet
10 Enemies
11 Goofs up
14 Petty quarrels
15 Small plateau
20 Newspaper executive
21 "Simple Simon __ pieman..."
25 Brick artisan
26 Too rigid to bend
27 "That's too bad"
28 Desolate regions
30 Make into law
32 Sound from an orchestra
33 Less restrained
34 Needing neatening
36 Hen's perch
38 Guaranteed winner
41 Grasped, with "of"
44 Prefix meaning "air"
46 Venues
49 Fire residue
52 Slightly open, as a door
54 Large cylindrical battery
55 Has a meal
56 Stars and Stripes color
57 T-__ steak
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4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2026-06-16T16

CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Castanea Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy 50% OFF all coffees at Castanea Venice Beach ?? Early Bird special every Mon–Thu from 9–10am. Start your morning with premium coffee at a special price – limited time offer! Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-early-bird-special/18847307/2026-06-16T21

WORLD CUP WATCH PARTIES
10:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. Third Street Promenade 3rd Street Santa Monica. Enjoy a drink, grab a bite and watch all the World Cup matches with your peers with free watch parties throughout the tournament on the 1300 block of the Promenade. SCHEDULE: Wednesday, June 24 Noon - Canada v. Switzerland 3 p.m. - Scotland v. Brazil 6 p.m. - Mexico v. Czechia Thursday, June 25 1 p.m. - Ecuador v. Germany 4 p.m. - Japan v. Sweden 7 p.m. - USA v. Türkiye Friday, June 26 Noon - Norway v. France 5 p.m. - Uruguay v. Spain 8 p.m. - New Zealand v. Belgium Saturday, June 27 | Golden Hour Event 2-10 p.m. 2 p.m. - Panama v. England 4:30 p.m. - Colombia v. Portugal 7 p.m. - Jordan v. Argentina The Golden Hour Event will also feature pre- and post-match activities, including a stage on the 1400 block of the Promenade with sets by DJ Aye Jaye, DJ Freckles, DJ QwessCoast, and musical duo The PRVLG. Tuesday, June 30 6 p.m. - Mexico v. TBD Wednesday, July 1 5 p.m. - USA v. TBD. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/world-cup-watch-parties/19260606/2026-06-30T22

MAHJ ON
6pm - 8pm. Westside Winds Mah Jongg presents - Get your Mahj On. Class and game play at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge.1040 Pico Blvd. Open to Elks and their guests. Free parking. ADA Accessible. Register at https://elks-westside-winds.cheddarup.com

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
LA Documentary Debut of Duty to Disobey – a film not just about the military, it's about conscience, courage and the cost of integrity when institutions fail.
Location: Lighthouse Church – 1220 20th Street, Santa Monica 90404. Price: $20 – Screening: 6:15pm Ticket Link: https://dutytodisobey.ticketspice.com/santa-monica-ca

WEDNESDAY | JULY 1

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/18461167/2026-06-24T09

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

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/16994548/2026-07-01T10

PALI TRADING POST GRAND OPENING
11:00 a.m. Pali Trading Post 15248 Sunset Boulevard Pacific Palisades. The Pali Trading Post will celebrate its grand opening on July 1 beginning at 11 a.m. The event, which will include live music, will be catered by Prima Cantina. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pali-trading-post-grand-opening/19236198/2026-07-01T11

JAZZ A GO GO AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA
7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica. JAZZ A GO GO at LouLou Santa Monica- Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late - Live Jazz that turns into a Vibe.Music you Feel. People you Meet. Amazing Food. Nights that Flow. JAZZ A GO GO (@jazzagogonight) by Loulou Santa Monica, Gilles Signature & Gilles Los Angeles - curated by the creator of @jazzeclecticla Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late Watch the LouLou experience: https://bit.ly/loulou-jazz-a-gogo Book Now: bit.ly/booking-loulou LouLou Santa MonicaJAZZ A GO GOEvery Wednesday From 7 PM till late395 Santa Monica Pl #300, Santa Monica, CA 90401(323) 410-2337info@loulousantamonica.comloulousantamonica.comReserve your table now: bit.ly/booking-loulou. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-a-go-go-at-loulou-santa-monica/18476815/2026-07-01T19

LOVE ISLAND COMEDY SHOW
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Mi's Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd Street Santa Monica. Get ready for a hilarious night mixing reality TV vibes with stand-up laughs you won't want to miss! WE'VE GOT A COMEDY SHOW!! Join hosts Meredith Lynch and Sabrina Kennelly for a night of comedy and fire pit discussions on summer's hottest TV show, Love Island. $14.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/love-island-comedy-show/19227412/2026-07-01T20

THURSDAY | JULY 2

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-07-02T11

RADIO CLUB MEETING
5:30 p.m. American Legion - Ronald Reagan Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join the Radio Club to learn about how to get HAM licensed! Other activities include "Parks on the Air," where you venture to a local park and reach out to others in order to "activate" your site. HAM radio is all about connecting the community and continually training to assist our first responders when disaster strikes. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/radio-club-meeting/18566934/2026-07-02T17

FRIDAY | JULY 3

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-07-03T09

NBC SPORTS' "STAR-SPANGLED SUNDAES"
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica at the corner of Santa Monica Ave and 3rd Street 1343 3rd Street Promenade SP1D Santa Monica. WHAT: On Friday, July 3, 2026, NBC Sports brings "Star-Spangled Sundaes" to Los Angeles, a delicious dose of summer spirit that invites fans to stop by Downtown Santa Monica from 1pm - 7pm to enjoy complimentary ice cream sundaes served in exclusive NBC Sports-branded baseball helmet bowls. Honoring America's favorite pastime ahead of July 4th weekend, the classic summer treats invite fans to celebrate NBC Sports' upcoming "Star Spangled Sunday," July 5 on NBC, Peacock, and NBCSN – which marks the first time a media company has presented all 15 MLB games nationally in a single day. Coverage begins on NBC and Peacock at 9 AM PT. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/nbc-sports-star-spangled-sundaes-/19268249/2026-07-03T13

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. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-07-03T17

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