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# The coast is clear for COAST 2026 in downtown Santa Monica



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**PROMENADE:** The city’s public drinking zone has been confined to the Promenade but will expand to the full Downtown area for the end of the World Cup.

**DEVAN SIPHER**  
Special to the Daily Press

COAST 2026, Santa Monica’s grand finale for the World Cup, will have access to an expanded zone for public drinking this month after a recent vote by the Downtown Santa Monica Inc. Board to fully activate the city’s Entertainment Zone (EZ) on July 19.

The event encompasses a celebratory festival across much of the city, and last week the board of Downtown Santa Monica Inc. (DTSM) voted to join the party by

sponsoring an expanded EZ.

For the past year, the downtown EZ has allowed patrons to carry open alcohol purchased from approved restaurants while walking on the Third Street Promenade. Per state law, drinks can only be consumed in plastic or paper containers by patrons 21 or older, wearing wristbands issued by the restaurants, and beverages cannot be taken into other businesses.

Although sales and foot traffic data was presented at the DTSM board meeting, there was no data specifically regarding the EZ.

Nor was much data shared about the impact of the World Cup. Hotel occupancy rates suggest it hasn’t been the economic home run that Santa Monica (and many other cities) were hoping for, yet it’s still succeeding in bringing tourists and locals downtown for watch parties and other events. According to DTSM, almost 9,000 people showed up on the Promenade on the opening day of the FIFA pop-up store, which is less than the roughly 21,000 present for the first day of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pizzeria, but still a higher number than usual

The city is going all out for the final game of the quadrennial soccer tournament on July 19th, creating many pedestrian-only streets and promising art installations, live music and interactive zones, plus food trucks, beer gardens, and, of course, large viewing screens. The EZ is a natural fit with the city’s plans.

The question for the DTSM board was less about activating the zone for the event than whether or not to expand it. Expansion was a topic of significant debate at the January

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City of Santa Monica  
Ordinance Number 2859 (CCS)  
(City Council Series)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA MONICA (CITY) AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE  
SECTION 3.04.030 ON BEACH PARKING LOT PARKING PERMITS AND HOURS**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2859 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Prior to adoption of the Ordinance, the City-owned beach parking lots operating hours were 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from November through March, and 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from April through October, except for the Santa Monica Pier Deck Parking Lot, Parking Lot 1 North, and Anneberg Beach House Parking Lot. The operating hours were established to provide only two closure times per year, while attempting to adhere to the opening and closure language specified in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) section 3.04.030. The former closure times created scenarios in which the lots closed on many days each year while there was still daylight. Residents and users of the lots highlighted the inability to use the lots to park and watch the sunset on those days. As a result, the Ordinance amended SMMC section 3.04.030 to specify beach parking lot closing times of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (extended from the current 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., respectively), and adjusted the closure time seasonal changes to align with the Daylight Saving Time clock changes in the spring and fall. The Ordinance also added Parking Lot 1 South to the exceptions list in section 3.04.030(a) to be able to set its closing time of 11:00 p.m. to align with Santa Monica Pier business hours.

The Ordinance takes effect thirty days after adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

# Mentally ill man in a mask prompts new parking rules on Larkin Place

**MAAZ ALIN**

SMDP Staff Writer

The City Council has unanimously approved a new overnight permit parking zone on a residential cul-de-sac in response to a man the city manager said had been repeatedly driving onto the street at night to intimidate residents.

The council voted June 23 to establish Preferential Parking Zone AAA on Larkin Place, prohibiting parking from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily except for vehicles displaying a valid resident permit. Larkin Place is a short cul-de-sac north of San Vicente Boulevard, roughly between 9th and 11th streets.

City Manager Oliver Chi told the council that staff had spent the previous two months working with residents to address what he described as a recurring harassment situation. An individual had been driving onto the street a couple of nights a week, putting on a mask and attempting to intimidate the people who live there, Chi said.

"As we've assessed all the different options, it does appear the issues are being concentrated in the evening hours," Chi said, noting there was "no technical law enforcement violation for law enforcement to engage."

Chi said the man did not appear to be homeless and was driving a Toyota Prius. The situation, he said, appeared to be connected to mental health issues. Of the options staff reviewed, an overnight permit zone "seemed like the best and most sort of practical response to the circumstance," he said.

The measure carried unanimous neighborhood support. According to Chi, every resident on Larkin Place signed a petition asking the city to convert the street to overnight permit parking. Under the city's preferential parking ordinance, residents may petition for a zone once signatures represent two-thirds of the dwelling units on a block, after which staff evaluates conditions and the council exercises its discretion to approve or deny.

Residents had cited overnight parking of vehicles for extended periods, late-night noise, nuisance activity, conflicts with vehicle occupants, a reduced sense of safety and sanitation concerns. Staff concluded that relying on existing parking and municipal code enforcement would have a limited practical effect absent clearly observable and independently enforceable violations.

Council Member Lana Negrete, who seconded the motion, said, "I hope the residents of Larkin feel that we're responsive." She noted that the cul-de-sac is unusual, a small street where "you're only parking there if you live there."

Several council members urged the city to address the man's apparent mental health needs and to watch for the problem migrating elsewhere.

"What happens if he goes to next street?" asked Council Member Barry Snell, who said he supported the measure but wanted law enforcement to keep watch. He added that there "might be some issues from a mental health standpoint" that the city could examine.

Council Member Natalya Zernitskaya said the issue came to the council's attention through residents who reached out during office hours, and she encouraged others to do the same. "If we don't know there's an issue going on, we can't address it," she said, asking residents to be patient while the city meets legal requirements.

The approval also reopened a broader debate over preferential parking. Council Member Ellis Raskin, who made the motion, said he is generally not in favor of such zones, citing a warning from a former mayor. "Once you grant one, you can't really stop granting them," Raskin said.

Jesse Zwick, who presided over the discussion, said he agreed there are fundamental problems with many of the city's permit zones but disagreed that nothing could be done. He pointed to residential streets near Ocean Park Boulevard businesses that sit "effectively empty from nine to five" while employees and customers cannot park nearby.

Chi said a suite of mobility and Vision Zero proposals will return to the council in late summer or early fall, including options to build more flexibility into existing permit zones as the city installs bike lanes and other roadway improvements.

The new restrictions are exempt from environmental review under state guidelines, the staff report said. Implementation — including signage, resident notification and a grace period before enforcement — is expected within roughly eight to 10 weeks. Costs for signage, permit administration and enforcement are expected to be absorbed within existing department budgets.

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# How California can ensure wine labeled 'American' uses exclusively American grapes



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local  
**CELLAR:** An employee in the cellar room of a winery in Paso Robles on July 30, 2025.

The California Legislature will soon have to choose between siding with global beverage companies that view iconic California wineries and growers as disposable, or siding with a California industry being squeezed from all sides.

The legislation currently under consideration in the state Senate, Assembly Bill 1585, is personal since my family's 51-year-old wine grape business will close its doors this year.

For three generations, we have grown wine grapes on California's Central Coast. We survived recessions, droughts, changing consumer tastes, labor shortages and rising costs. We worked through good years and bad years believing that if we grew a quality product and worked hard, there would always be a place for California-grown grapes in California wine.

My father built this business believing that California wine was one of the great agricultural success stories in America. For decades, growers, wineries, farm workers and rural communities grew together. We invested millions of dollars in vineyards, equipment, employees and the future of California agriculture.

We never imagined that one of the greatest threats to our survival would come from imported wine being blended into products labeled as "American," while California grapes were left rotting on the vine.

Today, that belief is becoming harder to hold.

As our family business comes to an end, one fact is particularly difficult to accept: While California growers left an estimated 400,000 tons of wine grapes

unpicked last year, some of the largest wine companies in the country imported nearly the same amount of bulk wine, and continued selling their products under the "American" appellation label.

That is why AB 1585 matters. The bill by Assemblyman Damon Connolly, a San Rafael Democrat, closes a loophole that allows a wine labeled "American" to contain up to 25% imported wine and still be marketed as an American product. Most consumers have no idea this is happening. If a bottle says "American," they naturally assume the wine came from American vineyards.

In virtually every other major wine-producing nation, that 100% assumption would be 100% correct. For example, a French wine comes 100% from France. Yet in the United States, imported wine can make up one-quarter of the bottle and still be labeled "American."

The largest wineries, typically multinational beverage companies, claim they need this flexibility because they cannot source enough wine domestically. That argument falls apart when hundreds of thousands of tons of California grapes are left unharvested.

The reality is simpler: Imported bulk wine is often cheaper than California-grown fruit. For large companies, it is a way to protect margins. For family growers, it is a path to extinction.

That may sound dramatic, but I am living that reality.

Our family is not alone. Across California, vineyards are being removed, growers are walking away from land



## Surf report WATER TEMP: 66.9

**THURSDAY** | **SURF:** 2-3ft+  
**FAIR** | Thigh to stomach

Playful new SSW swell for exposures July 2nd-4th. Maybe enough NW for occ. beachbreak corners. The lead into the holiday weekend gets a fresh round of longer period SSW swell - builds Thursday (the 2nd), peaks the 3rd and holds decent energy into July 4th. Could be enough NW windswell in the mix to keep the lights on at the beachbreaks - not expecting peaks but maybe some open corners here and there. Decent to pretty good wind for the end of the week and into the weekend - trending back to light/variable wind in the mornings (after several days of southerly wind in the mornings).

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

Fun surf for the mid-AM to early PM window. Mind the low tide if you're surfing early. Peaking SSW swell spreads waist-high surf around pretty well as chest-high sets show. Standouts go upwards of head-high on occasion. A little bit of NW energy mixing in, not enough for proper peaks, but the open beachbreaks should at least be in play with workable sections and the odd open corner. Drained dawn patrol low tide is worth waiting out, evening with some onshore crumble as it builds mid-AM. PM gets lumpy.

## Weather

**Thursday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 68.

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

**Friday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/07/02	Thu	05:59 AM	-0.48	L
2026/07/02	Thu	12:39 PM	3.70	H
2026/07/02	Thu	4:57 PM	2.58	L
2026/07/02	Thu	11:04 PM	5.63	H
2026/07/03	Fri	06:30 AM	-0.29	L
2026/07/03	Fri	1:13 PM	3.82	H
2026/07/03	Fri	5:44 PM	2.61	L
2026/07/03	Fri	11:41 PM	5.25	H
2026/07/04	Sat	07:00 AM	-0.01	L
2026/07/04	Sat	1:48 PM	4.00	H

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<p>Draw Date: 6/29 10 14 41 53 59 Power#: 3 Jackpot: 375 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 6/30 11 17 28 35 36</p>
<p>Draw Date: 6/30 26 41 50 53 62 Mega#: 12 Jackpot: 542 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 6/30 EVENING: 7 4 5 Draw Date: 6/30 MIDDAY: 1 6 4</p>
<p>Draw Date: 6/27 16 21 22 25 34 Mega#: 27 Jackpot: 33 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 6/30 1st: 11 - Money Bags 2nd: 05 - California Classic 3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit Race Time: 1:45.82</p>

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## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00280. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Maryah Elizabeth Thompson for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Maryah Elizabeth Thompson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Maryah Elizabeth Thompson to Maryah Elizabeth Thompson Whitfield. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 07/24/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 06/16/2026. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/25/2026, 07/02/2026, 07/09/2026, 07/16/2026

## AROUND TOWN

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# 4th of July Weekend Happenings!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town celebrates the historic 100th anniversary of the Mother Road with a packed holiday schedule of parades, park festivals, and coastal celebrations.

**Point Break Night Market:** This night market is part block party, part food fest, and part group crafting session. Thursday, July 2, 6 - 9:30p.m., Venice <https://partiful.com/e/ctKjbUCVESmEcrsXzPW3>

**Penmar Sunset Sessions Independence Day Weekend:** They are getting patriotic for Independence Day by having the Red Bull Air Force drop parachutes over this Friday's Sunset Session. Friday, July 3, 4 - 9p.m., <https://www.instagram.com/p/DaJyCK1shwC/>

**Annual Main St. 4th of July Parade:** The parade kicks off at 9:30am at Marine St. and Main St., traveling North toward City Hall & Tongva Park. You can watch the parade anywhere along the Main St. route that includes classic cars, community organizations, city leaders, and more. The official parade grandstand will be located in front of the Ocean Park Library at the corner of Ocean Park and Main St. Multiple Main St. shops will be open in support of the community, including Rabano, Edgemar, Papille Gustative, Dolcenero Gelato, and Junior Cookies...please show them your support in return that day! <https://www.santamonicaparade.com/>

**Venice 4th of July:** The city of Venice's official celebration will have fireworks, a duck race, local eats, and a DIY regatta! [instagram.com/p/DZbJTaKG37s](https://www.instagram.com/p/DZbJTaKG37s)

**Pulse in the Park:** Enjoy a high energy, World Cup themed festival in Tongva Park, following the annual community Santa Monica 4th of July Parade on Main Street. Saturday, July 4, 11:30a.m. - 3:00p.m. [santamoniacup.com/events/sunset-sessions](https://www.santamoniacup.com/events/sunset-sessions)

**Marina del Rey 4th of July Fireworks:** Prime viewing spots are at Burton Chace Park and Fisherman's Village, both of which offer synchronized music during the fireworks show. The fireworks will be shot from a barge off the Marina's south jetty. Saturday, July 4, 9:00 - 9:20p.m. [visitmdr.com/annual-events/annual-4th-of-july-fireworks-show](https://www.visitmdr.com/annual-events/annual-4th-of-july-fireworks-show)

**Pacific Palisades 4th of July Concert & Drone Show:** The evening kicks off with a massive live music concert featuring local rock mainstays, followed by a state-of-the-art, synchronized aerial drone light show illuminating the night sky over the Palisades. Advanced tickets are mandatory via [palisades4th.org](https://www.palisades4th.org). Gates open at 6:00 p.m., Palisades Charter High School Stadium, 15777 Bowdoin St.

## FOURTH OF JULY AT VICEROY SANTA MONICA JULY 4TH AT 2PM

**Fourth of July Poolside Party at Viceroy Santa Monica:** The Dream is an Independence Day pool party inspired by summer nostalgia and carefree beachside afternoons, bringing a lively holiday energy to the hotel's pool deck from 2-8 p.m. 1819 Ocean Ave. <https://dice.fm/event/18x9lr-shades-la-the-dream-4th-jul-viceroy-santa-monica-santa-monica-tickets>

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

## WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

**Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest:** About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, July 3, starting at 5p.m. <https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/>

**Ina Bakes Independence Day Pop-Up:** Kick off the holiday weekend with something sweet. We're baking up seasonal favorites and festive, patriotic pastries — perfect for barbecues, beach days, and backyard celebrations. Menu/pre-order available. Saturday, July 4, 9a.m. – 2p.m., 535 Rose Ave, Venice [inabakes.com/shop](https://www.inabakes.com/shop)

**Not No Bar on Main St. Listed as One of the Top Bars in LA:** This Infatuation list glows about the newish hot spot, stating, "Though everybody inside this crowded Santa Monica spot will be eating bubbly-crust pizza, don't be fooled. Not No is a cocktail bar first. Dates smooch up against the bar with coupes in hand while groups of friends lounge on two-tops and booths like the Feast of Dionysus. Euro disco thumps over the hi-fi system while a couple of cooks twirl pizza dough in the open kitchen. It's loud, a little messy, and a lot of fun. This is the kind of place you might stop into for a quick drink and end up staying for a while, sipping on tropical-leaning cocktails, like the rum-based Curry Killer laced with coconut and green curry, or the

**HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm**  
**LOCATION 2219A Main St Santa Monica, CA 90405**

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOPANGA

Upcoming Temporary Overnight Traffic Controls in Palisades Fire Recovery Zone on Topanga Canyon Boulevard

Crews will fully close Topanga Canyon Boulevard/State Route 27 (SR-27) between Grand View Drive and State Route 1/Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) from 11:59 p.m. Monday to 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 6-7, to continue prep work to install a concrete pipe.

Additionally, one-lane traffic control with flaggers directing traffic will occur between 9 and 11:59 p.m. Monday at mile marker 2.5 on SR-27. The one-lane section will be less than a mile.

Crews are modifying the highway at this location to install an 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe underneath and perpendicular to SR-27. By reconfiguring the traffic lanes, crews can work on installation behind k-rail and minimize impacts to traffic.

The 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe is designed to carry increased capacity of water and mud during rainstorms, reducing the amount of debris flow on the highway in future storms. It is replacing a 34-inch pipe. Additional work on this project includes a drainage system and access road for future pipe maintenance. The entire project is expected to be completed around November 2026.

This work is part of Caltrans' SR-27 recovery projects from the 2025 Palisades Fire and subsequent storms.

North of the work zone, overnight lane closures for SR-27 pavement rehabilitation will also be in effect. Check current traffic conditions on the Caltrans Quickmap at <https://www.quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.

Motorists are advised to remain focused on the road through this stretch of SR-27 to avoid additional delays. Take extra caution while driving, especially around blind curves, in case of stalled traffic. Fines can be doubled in work zones.

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Los Angeles

MRCA Deploys 80-Plus Personnel to Patrol Parklands on Fourth of July

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will deploy more than 80 wildland fire-trained personnel to patrol its parklands on the night of the Fourth of July, part of an annual effort to protect visitors and natural resources during the holiday.

The deployment focuses on public safety, fire prevention, law enforcement and public awareness across the urban-wildland interface. More than 50 MRCA fire protection personnel — full-time, seasonal, paid call-out and volunteer staff, all wildland firefighters — will patrol from the Pacific Coast to Santa Clarita aboard Type 3 and Type 6 fire engines. Eleven pieces of firefighting equipment,

including Type 3 engines and tactical water tenders, will be positioned throughout the jurisdiction.

"The MRCA will be out in full force on the Fourth of July to patrol its parklands and curb illegal activity," said Chief Fire Management Officer Ken Nelson. "Our crews are well-trained and ready to respond to the threat posed by dry brush, fireworks, and warm weather."

An additional 30 rangers, operations staff and public officers, most also certified wildland firefighters, will patrol high-traffic areas including Mulholland Drive, Topanga Canyon, the 118 Corridor and Malibu.

"We are very prepared and ready to respond," said Chief Ranger Fernando Gomez, who has patrolled Mulholland on the Fourth of July for more than 25 years. "We want the public to understand that some areas may be closed. Be vigilant, read signs, and pay attention to your surroundings."

In Malibu, equipment will be pre-positioned and patrols deployed at coastal locations including Winding Way and Lechuza Beach. On Mulholland Drive, the Jerome C. Daniel Overlook above the Hollywood Bowl and the Universal Overlook will close by 6 p.m., and all other overlooks will close to vehicles at 5 p.m. The city of Los Angeles has committed LAPD, LADOT and Recreation and Parks ranger staff to the Mulholland operation.

In Topanga Canyon, security guards will join MRCA staff at the Top of Topanga Overlook from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday through Monday, coordinating with Topanga Arson Watch volunteers and the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station.

The MRCA, a local government public entity, manages more than 80,000 acres of parkland and maintains a workforce trained in wildland fire suppression and fuel management. Its rangers are California peace officers as well as trained wildland firefighters.

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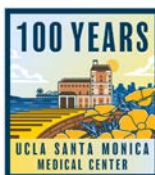
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## EVENTS THIS WEEK JUL 2 - JUL 9

Thursday, July 02, 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

The Room Santa Monica 1325 Santa Monica Boulevard Santa Monica.

### REGGAE BOUNCE "By The Beach"

The Ultimate Caribbean Dance Party On The West Side! Thursdays just got even better "Pon Di Wes Syde"! RSVP Now For Free Tickets. \$0.00 to \$17.85. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/reggae-bounce-by-the-beach-/19218433/2026-07-02T22>

Thursday, July 02, 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica.

### Comedy Cookout (Standup Comedy)

Kick the Pre-Holiday Weekend Off with a celebration of America! (jkjkjk it's standup, but it's great!) \$22.82. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/comedy-cookout-standup-comedy-/19271080/2026-07-02T21>

Friday, July 03, 9:30 p.m.

Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica.

### ALLIGATOR BEACH

Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tix available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Funk roots run deep - all the way to Hermosa Beach, California - where some of the most sought-after backup musicians in the biz are creating a stir in a New Orleans-flavored funk band called Alligator Beach.

Alligator Beach: New Orleans meets Los Angeles. We are going to grab something from The Meters, The Neville Brothers, Maceo Parker and Aretha. We are going to round up all the party people and head down to the beach to have a funky good time and shake everything we got. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/alligator-beach/18565090/2026-07-03T21>

Saturday, July 04, 9:30 a.m.

Marine Street and Main Street

### Main Street Parade

The annual Main Street Fourth of July Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Marine Street and Main Street, traveling north toward City Hall and Tongva Park. Spectators can watch from anywhere along the Main Street route, which will feature classic cars, community organizations and city leaders. The official grandstand will be located in front of the Ocean Park Branch Library at the corner of Ocean Park Boulevard and Main Street.

Sunday, July 05, 5:05 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

### Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-07-05T17>

Saturday, July 04, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ocean Park Building 2301 2nd St Santa Monica.

### MV Ward July 4th Breakfast

Join us for the Mar Vista congregation pancake breakfast as we celebrate the 4th of July activities in Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mv-ward-july-4th-breakfast/17431925/2026-07-04T07>

Friday, July 03, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Electric Lodge Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Ave Los Angeles.

### Electric Lodge Presents: High Voltage

Electric Lodge presents: High Voltage. Join us for High Voltage, an electrifying evening of performance! First Friday of each month. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/electric-lodge-presents-high-voltage/15774947/2026-07-03T20>

Check out  
more events at:  
[smdp.com/events](https://www.smdp.com/events)

Saturday, July 04, 5:00 p.m.

The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica.

### BYOBaby: Comedy Show

Have a baby? Date nights non-existent? We have an adult comedy show for parents that you can bring your baby. \$12.45 to \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/byobaby-comedy-show/19065236/2026-07-04T17>

Saturday, July 04, 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica.

### Saturday Rosé Brunch at Loulou Santa Monica

Saturday Rosé Brunch at Loulou Santa Monica- Every Saturday from 11:30 AM -Named one of the 14 Best Buffet Brunches in the USA.This is how weekends should begin.French Rosé flowing.Crêpe, Omelette & Paëlla stations.DJ's & live performances with the Riviera Vibe.A Rooftop bathed in sunshine and Pacific breezes.\$55 before noon | \$65 after noonGroups of 6+ get a complimentary Bottle of Côte de Provence Rosé (21+)Brunch, Celebrate, Escape.Repeat!LouLou is your new Saturday ritual.Book now: [bit.ly/loulou-rose-brunch-booking](https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/saturday-ros-brunch-at-loulou-santa-monica/18746443/2026-07-04T11). \$55.00 to \$65.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/saturday-ros-brunch-at-loulou-santa-monica/18746443/2026-07-04T11>



## 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 diviértase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM 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>

## SATURDAY | JULY 4

### 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. Each Saturday morning begins

at the top of the Santa Monica Pier at the intersection of Colorado and Ocean with an easygoing group run from 8 to 9 a.m., open to all levels. Guests can then head to the west end of the Pier for yoga and yoga-pilates fusion classes from 9 to 10 a.m., led by top local instructors. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-07-04T08>

### 26TH ANNUAL KIDS' FUN RUN

8:30 a.m. Palisades Recreation Center 851 Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades. Kids 10 years of age and under are invited to run or walk in the Kids' Fun Run, which begins at 8:30 a.m. on July 4th. All kids, whether pre-registered or registering on July 4th, need to check in at the Fun Run Tent, location in the grass area in front of Palisades Recreation Center. Parents must sign the waiver on their child's registration form. The Kids' Fun Run is a non-competitive run emphasizing participation, with each registered child receiving a t-shirt, American flag and participation ribbon at check-in. A patriotic clown will be on hand to entertain the kids at the start line and for balloon animals after the race. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/26th-annual-kids-fun-run/19188582/2026-07-04T08>

### 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. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-07-04T10>

### 77TH ANNUAL PACIFIC PALISADES JULY 4TH PARADE

4:00 p.m. Palisades Village 15225 Palisades Village Ln Pacific Palisades. Palisades Americanism Parade Association announced the return of the Fourth of July parade through the Historic Village. The parade will begin at 4 p.m. The parade will include Patriotic Pups and Kids on Bikes. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/77th-annual-pacific-palisades-july-4th-parade/19188600/2026-07-04T16>

### PALISADES JULY 4TH MUSIC AND DRONE SHOW

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Palisades Charter High School 15777 Bowdoin St Pacific Palisades. Our July 4th celebration, including music, kids activities, food trucks and a drone show will, once again, be at Palisades Charter High School in the Stadium by the Sea in 2026. (Stadium gates open to ticket holders at 6 p.m.). Lee Dyson of Hey Mister DJ will kick off the event at 6 p.m., followed by music from Vinyl Jam (who appeared at our Palisades event at Paul Revere Middle School in 2025 and a drone show by Magical Light Shows starting at around 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisades-july-4th-music-and-drone-show/19188607/2026-07-04T18>



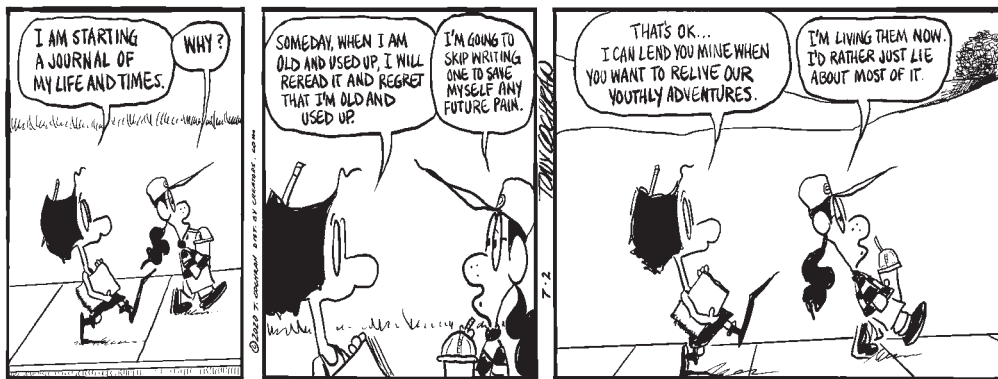
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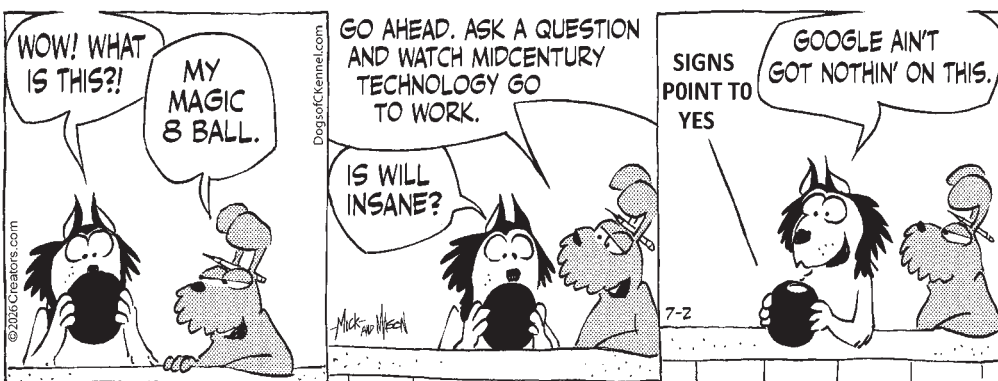
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By TONY COCHRAN



**Dogs of C-Kennel**

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



**Zack Hill**

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



**Heathcliff**

By PETER GALLAGHER



**Strange Brew**

By JOHN DEERING



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

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**Ten pin bowling**

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| Average  | Fail      | Party       | Speed    |
| Aware    | Fast      | Perfect     | Sporting |
| Bagger   | Focus     | Pins        | Still    |
| Ball     | Foul      | Play        | Strike   |
| Bonus    | Frame     | Popular     | Take     |
| Break    | Handicap  | Power       | Thumb    |
| Curl     | Holes     | Refreshment | Total    |
| Dirk     | Lanes     | Rivalry     | Wait     |

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It's your Year of the Garden of the Hesperides. Like the golden apples of Greek myth, what was planted long ago now bears fruit. You stop striving and start gathering. More highlights: Your gift for reading people, assembling teams and creating strategies that fit the group will produce enviable wins. You'll be enriched by a sweet relationship that teaches you a different culture. Speculative efforts pay out. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 31, 6 and 22.

**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Don't worry about what's smart, cool or sophisticated. Warmth is the quality people really respond to now. A conversation doesn't have to be deep to be meaningful. You'll connect best through laughter and shared experience.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). We often judge people not by what they did, but by what we wish they had done. Before deciding someone has disappointed you, consider whether you're reacting to what they really did or to an expectation you had of them.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When someone is interested in you, you sense their attention and curiosity even when your reaction, or lack thereof, tells a different story. You like to hold your cards close to the vest while you decide how or whether to respond.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Beautiful photographs can be lit by sunshine, softened by fog or shaped by shadow. Each reveals something different. You don't need circumstances to match one ideal. Because you're open to many forms of beauty, it's everywhere. You're living a beautiful life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe things have gotten so convoluted you're inwardly asking, "How did I get here?" But that's a question for another day. Right now, any step that seems remotely aimed in your direction is the next one to take. Moving through this part will be simpler than it seems.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your work has gravitas. Work with a strong point of view will have both fans and critics. The goal is not to be universally liked. The goal is to attract people who need what you offer and love how you offer it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're upholding a standard set by you, not by society. Circumstances may change, but your standard does not. It's not always easy to meet, but it's easy to remember because by now it's a part of you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A familiar frustration points toward a familiar lesson. Consider the pattern. The slightest change will interrupt it. When things repeat, respond differently this time and see what happens. It's an experiment, not a comment on your identity.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't ask people to do anything you're unwilling to do yourself. That integrity strengthens your position and earns cooperation. If you can show them, even better. People are more likely to follow an example than a request.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's something you need to understand on a deeper level, and a quick note won't get you there. Give the subject a full page. Writing doesn't just record your thoughts. It shows you what they are.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've set a specific intention for your own development. Instead of waiting for life to challenge you, you'll challenge yourself, making it much more likely you'll grow in your preferred direction.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When you decline an offer, your kind instinct is to redirect, compliment and duck out, or any other move you think will let them down easy. But if they don't get the hint, just remember: The word "no" is a complete sentence.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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**Newsday Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

- 1 What "go" begins with
- 6 Dark doings
- 10 Brazenness
- 14 In existence
- 15 Bounty competitor
- 16 Jai \_\_\_
- 17 "We \_\_\_ to be self-evident..."
- 20 Had something
- 21 "Faire" focus
- 22 Writer Welty
- 23 Slender swimmers
- 24 Kin of contra-
- 25 "...unalienable Rights, \_\_\_..."
- 31 Insurgents
- 32 Free File program offerer
- 33 Glowing notice
- 35 Popeye pal
- 36 The Ebro's destination
- 37 "\_\_\_ sport!"
- 38 With a new hue
- 40 Script writer
- 41 Proverbial criers
- 44 "...\_\_\_..."
- 47 Wear well
- 48 Jazz Age artist
- 49 Most secure
- 52 It grows on a stalk
- 53 Health facility
- 56 "...\_\_\_ Happiness"
- 60 Sister of Charlotte
- 61 Artemis program runner
- 62 Stage fare

**DOWN**

- 1 "Good one!"
- 2 In profusion
- 3 Madden
- 4 Film format
- 5 Face facts
- 6 All the same
- 7 Grafton's *Vengeance* starter
- 8 Correct conclusion
- 9 Some police prints
- 10 Less subdued, design-wise
- 11 Adele, for instance
- 12 "If I Were King of the Forest" singer
- 13 Toon saxophonist
- 18 Directs, in *Variety*-speak
- 19 Book after Judges
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**DOWN**

- 41 Coins depicting Ataturk
- 42 Thrust forth
- 43 Have a grasp of
- 45 Reprove, with "out"
- 46 Ogle
- 49 Former Volvo rival
- 50 Word on some cornerstones
- 51 Big Apple's Bravest
- 53 Antlered animal
- 54 Fruit category
- 55 From way off
- 57 Equal standing
- 58 It will be 250 two days from now
- 59 What many keep money in

**Sudoku**

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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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board meeting due to concerns about costs and liability, and some directors remained unconvinced of the retail sales benefit of flowing alcohol. A divided board requested that the City Council grant maximal parameters for the EZ, including everything from Ocean Avenue to Fourth Street and from Wilshire to Colorado. However, the request was based on the condition that the board would have final say on when to implement the EZ and on its size.

Up until now, the EZ has only been activated on the Promenade, as it was for Oktoberfest and Pride. But DTSM CEO, Debbie Lee, presented two more options for the board to consider regarding the 19th: A) adding Ocean Avenue to Third Street with \$11,000 in estimated costs for signage, security and sanitation services, or B) including the entire area defined in the Council's ordinance at more than double the cost, though she noted that the police department hadn't yet signed off on the plan's safety.

"I don't have a recommendation or a thought," said board member Gleam Davis, who has championed the EZ from its inception, "but if the right answer is the

\$28,000 one, I wouldn't let it get in the way."

The amount pales next to the hundreds of thousands the city is investing in the event, yet it would seem to be more than DTSM has available.

"My understanding is our budget is pretty tight," said board member Richard Bloom. Lee reminded him that July starts a new fiscal year, which offers a workaround.

Bloom also asked about liability costs, since the EZ program requires participants to indemnify the city but not DTSM. Interested businesses would be required to indemnify both, and they may also be asked to pay a fee to cover the cost of the expansion.

Also under consideration is providing eligible Fourth Street businesses with pop-up locations on the Promenade, possibly also for a fee, thereby eliminating the need to extend the zone east to Fourth.

Given that this will be a first test of the organizational and promotional logistics necessary for a successfully expanded zone, including the challenge of securing parking structures in an open-carry area, it's not clear why DTSM waited so long to address the issue and get the ball rolling. The vote was unanimous, though five of the 12 directors were absent, including directors who had previously voted against expanding the EZ.

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that has been farmed for generations, and rural communities are losing jobs that have supported local economies for decades.

When a vineyard disappears, the loss extends far beyond the farm gate. Farm workers lose jobs. Trucking companies lose business. Equipment dealers lose customers. Rural communities lose economic activity and tax revenue. California loses agricultural production that may never return.

To be clear, AB 1585 does not ban imports, and it does not prevent wineries from sourcing wine from other countries. It simply says that if a wine is marketed as American, consumers deserve transparency about what they are buying, and American growers deserve a fair

opportunity to compete.

The California Assembly understood that principle when lawmakers from both parties voted unanimously to support the bill. Now the Senate must decide whether it will stand with California farmers, farm workers, our communities and our iconic California wine industry — or instead do the bidding of a handful of multinational beverage conglomerates seeking to preserve a misleading label that benefits their bottom line.

My family's business will not survive this downturn. After 51 years, that chapter is coming to an end.

Thousands of other growers are still fighting for their future.

Jason Smith is a second-generation wine grape grower in Monterey County. He is the president and CEO of Valley Farm Management.

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House Of Learned Doctors with aquavit, kiwi, and fennel." <https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/most-fun-bars-la-right-now>

**Newly Opened:** West Side Oyster Club on Ocean Ave.: "Santa Monica Gets a New Seafood Concept Just in Time for Summer" with this new restaurant taking over the former Blue Plate Oysterette space. The husband-wife entrepreneurs and Santa Monica residents are focusing on, a casual-meets-luxury seafood concept that's as serious about its caviar offerings as its restaurant's laidback, beach city spirit. 1355 Ocean Ave. <https://lamag.com/food/west-side-oyster-club-ocean-avenue-santa-monica-open/>

**Jeni's New Summer Flavors:** Flavors launching July 2 include Campfire S'mores (Marshmallow & toasted sugar ice cream with gooey chocolate and graham cracker cookies), Strawberry Pretzel Pie (Pretzel streusel and strawberry sauce in cream cheese ice cream), and Hibiscus Chilli Punch Sorbet.

**Further Afield:** If you're hoping to enjoy fireworks on the fourth of July, here are some of the best spots in the city for displays: The Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood Forever Cemetery, Dodger Stadium, and the dock at Marina Del Rey.

**Looking Ahead:** COAST Open Streets Festival (7/19); State of the City Event (7/23); National Night Out (8/4)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at [sean@smdp.com](mailto:sean@smdp.com). Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: 4th of July Weekend Happenings!

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