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The Killers, Olivia Dean to headline first-ever Santa Monica beach music festival

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Goldenvoice announced Thursday that The Killers and Olivia Dean will headline the inaugural Ocean Way Festival, the first major music festival to be held on the city's shoreline on Sept. 26-27.

The complete lineup is 54 Ultra, Alvays, Austin Millz, BLOND:ISH, Carlita, Coco & Breezy, DJ Harvey, Durand Jones & The Indications, EREZ, Good Neighbours, Heidi Lawden, Hiatus Kaiyote, Hot Chip DJ set, Jack White, Khruangbin, Nala, Olivia Dean, Poolside DJ set, SG Lewis, Sublime, The Killers and Vandelux DJ set.

The festival will feature a main stage hosting five acts per day, a second stage designed for a more intimate setting, and a mix of standing-room and open blanket areas intended to reflect how people typically spend a day at the beach, organizers said.

Tickets go on sale to the general public Thursday, July 23, at 11 a.m. Pacific time at oceanwayfestival.com. A presale for Santa Monica residents begins Wednesday, July 22, at 11 a.m. Hotel packages and access to the festival's Proper Beach

Club went on sale Thursday, July 16.

Two-day general admission passes start at \$399 and include access to all general admission areas, both stages, shaded seating areas and food and beverage vendors. Two-day Premium Pit passes start at \$749 and add access to a dedicated bar, flushable restrooms and an elevated viewing deck near the main stage. Payment plan options are available, and hotel packages bundling tickets with lodging and transportation are also being offered.

The Proper Beach Club, a beachfront hospitality area developed with Proper Hotels, will include a private lounge designed by Kelly Wearstler Studio.

The festival is designed as a transit-first event with no on-site parking. Metro's E Line stops near the festival entrance, and Big Blue Bus and shuttle service will also be available, along with bike valet and other micro-mobility options.

Goldenvoice, a subsidiary of AEG Presents, was selected by the City of Santa Monica through a competitive process to develop the festival as part of the city's

Courtesy image

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COAST 2026 caps Santa Monica's World Cup celebration with a look toward LA28

MICHELLE EDGAR

Special to the Daily Press

After more than a month of welcoming the world, Santa Monica is preparing for one final celebration that reflects how global sporting events can transform a city.

On Sunday, the city will close out its six-week World Cup programming with COAST 2026, a free open streets festival that will transform more than a mile of downtown into a pedestrian-first celebration of soccer, music, culture, wellness and community.

Stretching across Ocean, Arizona and Colorado avenues, Third Street Promenade and the Santa Monica Pier, COAST invites residents and visitors to walk, bike and explore downtown through live entertainment, interactive art, wellness programming, family activities and public watch parties for the FIFA World Cup Final.

More than simply celebrating the tournament's championship match, COAST reflects a broader vision for Santa Monica's future—one where public spaces become gathering places, local businesses thrive and major global events leave a lasting civic legacy as Los Angeles prepares for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The festival revives Santa Monica's beloved COAST open streets event, which had been paused since the pandemic, and returns this year thanks to funding from Metro's Open Streets Program. Produced by Revel Republic in partnership with the City of Santa Monica, COAST brings together public agencies, local businesses, artists, performers and community organizations for the city's largest World Cup celebration.

Throughout the past six weeks, Santa Monica has embraced the World Cup through activations that transformed Third Street Promenade and the surrounding downtown into one of Southern California's premier fan destinations.

Helping bring that vision to life has been Revel Republic, the experiential production company behind COAST 2026 and much of Santa Monica's World Cup programming. For Sunday's finale, Revel Republic is coordinating more than 80 vendors and activations across downtown, including partnerships with Red Bull, Therabody, Verizon and AI Wellness, creating an immersive celebration that blends sports, culture, music, wellness and local business.

The scale of participation reflects more than just a festival. It demonstrates how major sporting events can create meaningful economic opportunities for local businesses while transforming public spaces into vibrant places where residents and visitors gather together. "One of the best things about the World Cup is the way it brings people together," said Debbie Lee, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. "Throughout the tournament, Downtown Santa Monica has become a place where residents, visitors and soccer fans from around the world can gather, celebrate and create lasting memories."

Lee said COAST builds on that momentum by transforming downtown into an all-day celebration. "COAST 2026 builds on that energy by filling our streets with

music, entertainment and experiences that invite people to spend the day exploring Downtown Santa Monica," Lee said. "When people come together like this, our local businesses benefit, our community comes alive, and our downtown continues to grow as one of Southern California's most vibrant destinations."

Mayor Caroline Torosis said the festival represents more than the conclusion of the World Cup, it signals Santa Monica's continued resurgence as an international destination. "Hosting the world this summer has been a preview of what's ahead for Santa Monica," Torosis said. "The World Cup brought thousands of visitors to our businesses and our beach, and the grand finale caps a month that showed our comeback in full swing. When the world comes to Los Angeles, Santa Monica is where they come to celebrate."

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- Caroline Torosis, Mayor

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Throughout the Promenade, each block offers a distinct World Cup experience. The 1400 block, dubbed "The Warm Up," features community yoga, youth soccer activities, outdoor games and the FIFA Pop-Up Store. The 1300 block, "The Tailgate," gets fans match-ready with World Cup face painting, photo opportunities and interactive activations. Arizona Avenue's "Grandstand" serves as the festival's primary outdoor watch party with a large viewing screen, fan seating, food vendors and interactive experiences, while the 1200 block's "Huddle" pairs live music from Jam in the Van with outdoor match viewing and dining from local favorites including 1212 Santa Monica, Cabo Cantina, Casa Martin and Ugo.

Thousands of fans are expected to gather around multiple LED screens throughout downtown to watch the FIFA World Cup Final together, with viewing available at the Grandstand, the Santa Monica Stage near Ocean and Arizona avenues and participating businesses throughout downtown.

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Democratic Club fails to endorse City Council candidates

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Democratic Club declined to endorse any candidate in the City Council race after two rounds of voting, with the top vote-getter falling short of the required 55% threshold and club rules barring further balloting.

In the final round of voting, 324 individuals cast ballots for Council endorsements and no candidate received the 179 votes necessary to secure a nomination. Under club rules, when no candidate qualifies during any given round, candidates who receive less than 20% of the vote are eliminated and a new round of voting is held. However, when all candidates fall below 55% but above 20%, the vote process is considered a stalemate and ends with no endorsement.

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- Jon Katz, Club President

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“There are no endorsements in the city council race because nobody can drop off from this list,” said Club President Jon Katz.

While the number of votes changed across two rounds of voting, the top three candidates remained Lana Negrete, Caroline Torosis and Ashley Oelsen. Doug Trussler was consistently fourth. Negrete and Torosis are the only two incumbents running but the full field has yet to be set as candidates have until mid August to fill out their official nomination paperwork.

The outcome prompted criticism from some club members who based their argument on “bullet votes” or ballots that only voted for one candidate. As voters could vote for up to three candidates, club vice president Sean Kolodji argued that voters who only

backed one of three possible candidates may have been confused about the impact of their vote. He also implied single-candidate voting undermined the Club’s impact in the election and that some additional voting should occur.

“I do think that because of this electoral defect we should take another bite at the apple and try to figure out how to have, come to, some resolution where our club can have its voice heard in this council election vote,” he said.

Other members weighed in on both sides. Some suggested bullet voters likely acted intentionally. Others urged the board to prioritize the integrity of the process and consider another vote with proper notice. One member raised a separate question, asking whether the board might consider a fresh vote on the City Council race later, once the candidate filing deadline had passed and the full field was set.

Katz said he had explained the voting mechanics to candidates beforehand and that the process was clear to everyone involved. After the meeting, he reiterated the integrity of the process and said there will be no further rounds of voting nor will the Club’s board make its own endorsements.

“More broadly, I think the outcome reflects what the Santa Monica Democratic Club has become. This was the largest endorsement vote we’ve held in at least the past 16 years that I’ve been involved, with a much larger and more diverse membership than we’ve had historically. Members brought a wide range of perspectives and were deeply engaged in evaluating an exceptionally strong field of candidates. While no City Council candidate reached our 55% threshold for endorsement, I view that as a reflection of the breadth of viewpoints within our Club and the seriousness with which our members approached the responsibility of making an endorsement,” he said.

While the council race produced no endorsement, the club backed candidates in several other local races. Heather Thomasson won a Rent Control Board endorsement as did Sue Himmelrich and Kurt Ganska.

For the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, Alicia Mignano, Stacy Rouse and Robbie Stainberg were endorsed.

In the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees race, Luis Barrera Castanon, Kira Blade Snell, Tom Peters and Sion Roy all won endorsements.

The club also voted to support Better Neighbors LA’s push to enforce Santa Monica’s short-term rental ordinance in the coastal zone, and endorsed Assembly Bill 2465, which would cut off tax breaks for companies that contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 70.0

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

SE wind looks to spoil modest waves. Afternoon worth watching for the points. Shaping up to be a junky mix of minor Southern Hemi swell plus some short-period NW swell and a little southerly windswell. End result looks like low quality knee-high high waves for most spots, standouts out west maybe pulling in some waist-high surf.

Southerly wind should mellow out some in the afternoon. It'll probably stay pretty junky for the beachbreaks west of Dume, but the points stand a chance at cleaning up for the lower tide window later in the day.

SATURDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Afternoon/evening window the one to watch as southerly wind winds down through the day. Swell from likely Elida may creep in, but at this point I wouldn't expect a significant shift in size from Thu-Fri until later in the day. The biggest change over those days looks like it'll be the wind, still out of the S/SE but starting the day lighter and mellowing out through the afternoon. That means we'll probably see the evening window as the cleanest of the day - especially for the points - which gives us a chance at the best conditions of the day lining up with a little more surf.



Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 73.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 68. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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2026/07/18	Sat	07:01 AM	-0.09	L
2026/07/18	Sat	1:40 PM	4.79	H
2026/07/18	Sat	7:21 PM	1.93	L
2026/07/19	Sun	01:05 AM	4.65	H
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2026/07/19	Sun	2:25 PM	4.89	H
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Name Change

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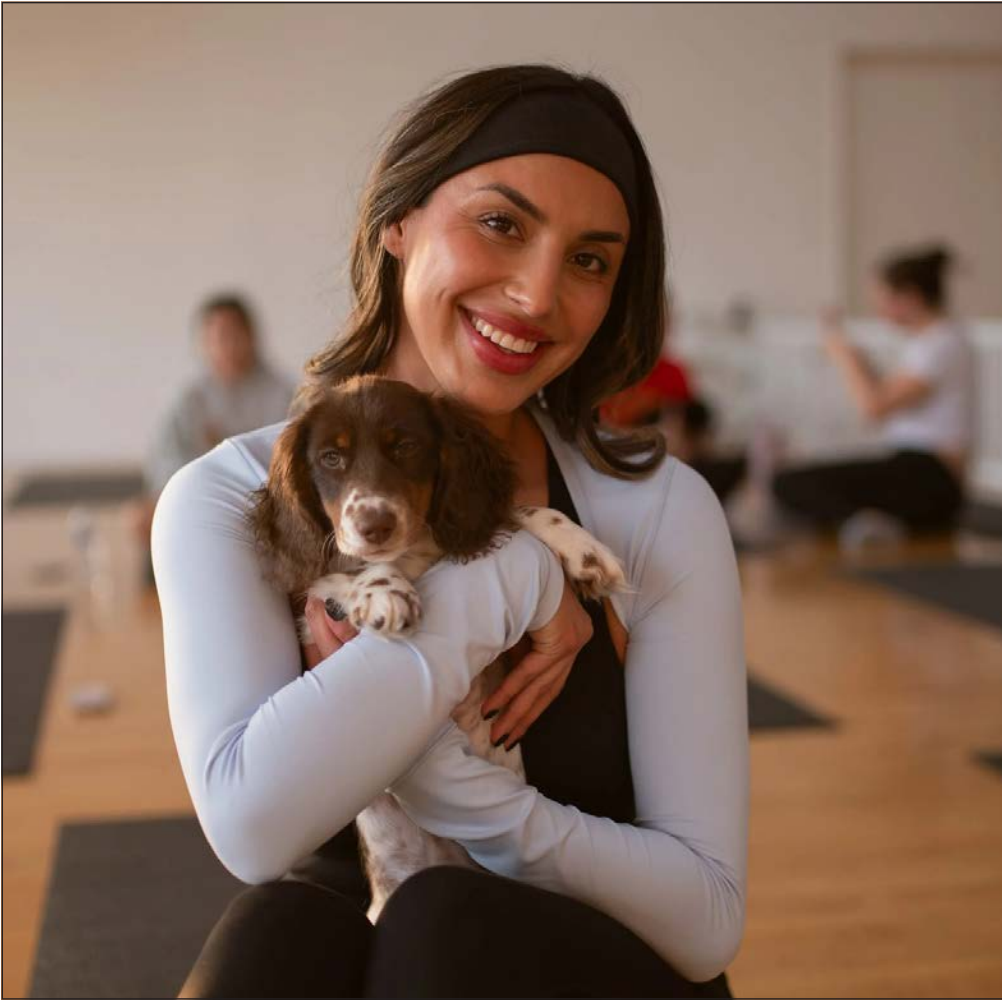
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Puppy Yoga Studio to reopen in Santa Monica, with ticket proceeds aiding rescues



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STUDIO: Puppy Sphere opens yoga-and-puppy studio in Santa Monica July 18, donating \$1 per ticket to local rescues.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

We were convinced movement and puppy time each had their own kind of power for mental well-being, so we wanted guests to get the full dose of both, no shortcuts

- Francesca Albo

Puppy Sphere, a wellness events company that pairs yoga with puppy playtime, will open a new studio in Santa Monica this month, returning to a Los Angeles market its founders say holds a special place in the company’s story.

The studio opens July 18 at 2400 Main St., steps from the beach. To mark the return, the company said it will donate \$1 from every ticket sold during the studio’s first month to local animal rescues.

“Los Angeles holds a special place in our story, and Santa Monica is the perfect home for what we do: wellness, play, and connection, all in one,” co-founders Francesca Albo and Lea Burbidge Izquierdo said in a statement. “We cannot wait to welcome the city back into the Puppy Sphere.”

The studio’s signature offering is a 75-minute session called Wellness Puppy Yoga, which combines a 45-minute yoga flow with 30 minutes of what the company calls puppy chill time. Each guest receives a yoga mat, and a cart of sparkling drinks is available during the session. The company said themed and seasonal events will roll out over the course of the year.

Albo, the company’s chief executive, said the format was the product of extensive testing.

“We were convinced movement and puppy time each had their own kind of power for

mental well-being, so we wanted guests to get the full dose of both, no shortcuts,” she said.

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Need for speed? Driving above the speed limit costs you — and doesn't actually save much time

Speeding in your car to work, to pick up your children from school, or go from one errand to the next not only wastes money in gas and sends harmful emissions into the air, it barely saves you time, new research says.

It is something to think about as gas prices stay elevated throughout the summer months and add pain to day-to-day driving and seasonal road tripping.

“If your goal is to shave one minute off your time, then you’ve got to drive fast. If your objective is to get to your destination safely and to save fuel, then you might drive slower than the speed limit

— William Northrop, mechanical engineering professor at the University of Minnesota and study co-author

Instead, abiding by posted speed limits can save U.S. drivers millions of dollars at the gas pump and eliminate millions of gallons of fuel each day, according to a study published Thursday in the *Nature* journal *Communications Sustainability*. That is fuel that, when burned, emits planet-warming gases into the atmosphere. To top it all off, changing driving habits wouldn't even add a full minute to a driver's commute.

University of Minnesota researchers analyzed 120 million vehicle trips across the United States from four Wednesdays in 2021 using driving data on national road networks, speed limits and U.S. Geological Survey elevation data. The analysis included roads with speed limits of 45 mph (72 kph) and higher.

More than 43% of the studied trips included at least one instance of speeding, and drivers spent nearly 12% of their driving time going faster than the speed limit.

They found that if drivers of light-duty, conventional internal combustion engine

vehicles actually drove at posted speed limits, it could save an average of \$22 million, based on fuel costs at the time, 6.7 million gallons of fuel and 57,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide every day. The researchers said that is comparable to taking about 5.5 million passenger vehicles off the road.

And while drivers say that speeding saves them precious time, researchers found that is not really the case. With an average daily driving distance of 28.6 miles (46.03 kilometers), driving at or below the posted limit corresponds only to about 54 seconds longer per day.

“If your goal is to shave one minute off your time, then you’ve got to drive fast. If your objective is to get to your destination safely and to save fuel, then you might drive slower than the speed limit,” said William Northrop, mechanical engineering professor at the University of Minnesota and study co-author.

The research considered battery-electric vehicle efficiency only in California given the level of EV adoption in the U.S. at that time. Based on the California modeling, “We find that driving slower is beneficial for EVs as well,” he said.

Interestingly, the study found differences among states. Nevada saw elevated speeding prevalence as well as high speed excess. There was high speeding prevalence in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, though those states did not necessarily exhibit high speed excess. Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and South Dakota showed both low speeding prevalence and speed excess.

THE COST OF FASTER DRIVING TODAY

Driving faster increases a vehicle's energy use and the emissions from its engine, as well as reduces efficiency. Vehicle engines have become increasingly more efficient over the past several decades even as vehicles have gotten bigger and more powerful. But speed limits have also climbed since the Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act was implemented, which mandated 55 mph national speed limits amid the 1970s energy crisis.

Accounting for the average cost of gas today and more vehicle miles traveled, that increases to roughly \$26 million and 7.2 million gallons of fuel that Americans collectively could save each day this year just by not putting the pedal to the metal.

One limitation of the research is that slower driving could impact traffic patterns, which could play a role in efficiency.

However, it is especially timely as U.S. drivers remain price-sensitive to volatile gas prices as the war in Iran has sent the cost for a gallon of fuel above \$4 this year. Experts have said there are a number of ways to improve one's gas mileage, including something as simple as slowing down. Less fuel needing to be purchased because of better efficiency could influence oil market demand, which in turn could impact pricing.

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CONCERT

FROM PAGE 1

Realignment Plan, a civic investment effort focused on public safety, business growth and cultural programming valued at more than \$60 million. City officials said the festival will serve as the cultural anchor of "The Sandbox on the Beach," a newly designated beachfront district for major civic events that will also host activations tied to the FIFA World Cup 2026, Super Bowl LXI and the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"Santa Monica is in the middle of a renaissance. The city is welcoming the world

“Santa Monica is in the middle of a renaissance. The city is welcoming the world to its shores, and Ocean Way Festival is how we’re making sure our own community is at the center of it

- Caroline Torosis, Mayor

to its shores, and Ocean Way Festival is how we’re making sure our own community is at the center of it,” Mayor Caroline Torosis said in a statement.

Nic Adler, Goldenvoice’s vice president of regional festivals, said the company’s history in Santa Monica — including early shows the company produced at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium — shaped the decision to bring a new festival to the city.

"Santa Monica has an incredible music history, and Goldenvoice has been fortunate to be part of that story," Adler said. "From legendary shows at the Civic Auditorium to the origins of Ocean Way Recording just steps from the beach, there's a creative legacy here that's unlike anywhere else. Ocean Way Festival is our opportunity to celebrate that history while building something that feels

authentically Santa Monica for years to come."

The festival takes its name from Ocean Way, a street near the Santa Monica Pier where Ocean Way Recording got its start in a three-car garage before relocating to Hollywood, where it went on to host numerous recording artists over four decades.

Brad Korzen, CEO of Proper Hospitality, said the beach club concept was meant to complement the festival experience rather than compete with it.

"Music and design have always been at the core of what we do at Proper. Proper Presents has been a big part of that journey, and the Proper Beach Club at Ocean Way Festival feels like a natural next step. To bring our approach to hospitality to an event of this scale, right here in Santa Monica, takes everything we've built to a whole new level," said Korzen.

The Santa Monica City Council approved preliminary agreements last year to partner with Goldenvoice on the festival.

The festival footprint includes the beach, the Pier parking deck and portions of adjacent beach parking lots, with the main stage positioned at the base of the Pier facing south. The event will be held entirely on the sand and is separate from the city's Twilight Concert Series, which is based on the Pier.

Planned elements include a food lineup featuring Westside restaurants, a "beach club" area in place of a traditional VIP section, a farmers market-style vendor strip, a high school day and college day connecting students with industry professionals, free concerts at Reed Park and Tongva Park, and beach cleanups conducted with Heal the Bay. Organizers said the festival's sustainability measures exceed city requirements, pointing to partnerships with waste-reduction company Three Squares and battery company Overdrive for solar-charged stage power.

In the weeks leading up to the festival, organizers said they will hold free events throughout Santa Monica, including concerts, beach cleanups, leadership programs for local high school and college students, and youth surf and water safety programming, along with partnerships with local businesses.

Ocean Way Festival is produced by Goldenvoice, which also produces the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival and Stagecoach: California's Country Music Festival, and operates venues including the Fonda Theatre, The Roxy Theatre, El Rey Theatre, The Novo, Shrine Auditorium & Expo Hall, The Regency Ballroom and The Warfield. The company promotes more than 2,000 concerts annually across California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Alaska and Canada.

Additional information on tickets and the festival lineup is available at oceanwayfestival.com.

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SPEEDING

FROM PAGE 5

Rob Middleton, associate research scientist of mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan who was not involved in the research, said the study was well-done. But he also noted that the fuel saved from driving more slowly still only represents a fraction of daily gasoline consumption in the U.S., which is about 375 million gallons daily.

"It's a big number, but it's a small fraction,"

Middleton said. "This is a 'freebie' in that it doesn't really cost anyone anything to do."

"The market penetration of selling EVs is still small, so we still need fuel, we still need ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles, we're still going to have them for a very long time," he added. "Things that we can do to either make the new ones better or to improve our fuel supply, we need to do."

By ALEXA ST. JOHN Associated Press

COAST

FROM PAGE 2

One of this year’s featured partners is Red Bull, whose North American headquarters is based in Santa Monica. The company will debut an interactive Energy Zone where fans can enjoy live DJ sets from the Red Bull Event Vehicle, test their soccer skills and grab an ice-cold Red Bull before joining festivities across downtown. “With Red Bull North America’s headquarters based in Santa Monica, supporting COAST 2026 is an opportunity to show up for the community we call home and help create an unforgettable experience for fans visiting and from the city,” the company said.

Therabody will also bring recovery and wellness experiences to COAST, complementing programming that includes guided breathwork, movement classes and meditation in Palisades Park’s Superbloom Garden and reinforcing wellness as a central part of the festival experience.

Music and performance will unfold across four stages throughout the day. The Main Stage at Ocean Avenue and Broadway will feature Bomba Borikén, Masanga Marimba, Sangre Nueva and Esther Anaya before transitioning into a community salsa celebration curated by Salsa Way’s Cesar Romero following the World Cup Final.

The Indie Stage will spotlight emerging musicians and DJs, while the Santa Monica Stage will serve as both a primary viewing location for the championship match and home to afternoon performances from Funky House Collective.

PUPPY

FROM PAGE 4

“After a ton of trial and error, 45 minutes of yoga into 30 minutes of puppy time turned out to be the magic ratio.”

The company traces its origins to the founders’ own experiences with stress and burnout in demanding corporate jobs. Burbidge Izquierdo, the chief operating officer, said their dogs, Nala and Hershey, helped them through difficult periods.

“Not everyone can have a dog, but everyone deserves to feel that,” she said, describing the daily comfort the animals provided. “So we built Puppy Sphere to bottle that magic ... without the commitment of owning one.”

The company frames the experience as more than a novelty. It describes its aim as nervous system regulation and meaningful connection, positioning time with puppies as a gentler approach to mental wellness for people who are unable to own a dog. Albo said the yoga-and-puppy format remains the core of the business even as it has expanded into offerings such as Simply Puppy Yoga and Puppy Pilates.

“That format is the heartbeat of everything we’ve built,” she said. “But the mission hasn’t budged an inch: help people reconnect, recharge, and smile a little more.”

The founders said the animals’ welfare is central to the experience, not an afterthought. Each class is staffed by two to three dedicated puppy care workers in addition to the instructor, with a pet first aid-certified supervisor on-site at all times, according to

Families will have their own dedicated destination at the Kids Stage, where programming curated in part by Nicole Blaine and The Crow will feature comedy, live music, youth performances, the Bob Baker Marionette Theater, Jason Mesches, Rangeela Dance Company and The Crow’s Kid Rock Band.

Visitors can also experience “Memory World” at the Camera Obscura Art Lab, participate in community art projects, enjoy family activities and explore dozens of local businesses participating throughout the festival footprint.

COAST also reflects Santa Monica’s commitment to creating people-first streets and encouraging alternative transportation. Visitors are encouraged to arrive by Metro’s E Line, Big Blue Bus, bicycle or on foot, while free bike valet stations and temporary street closures allow thousands to experience downtown without cars.

When the final whistle blows Sunday afternoon, COAST will mark more than the end of the FIFA World Cup. It will celebrate six weeks in which Santa Monica welcomed the world, demonstrated the power of community partnerships and reimagined its streets as places of connection.

If the World Cup showcased what Southern California can accomplish on the global stage, COAST offers a hopeful reminder that some of the tournament’s most meaningful victories happened not inside the stadiums, but in the communities that came together around them.

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the company. The puppies receive at least 45 minutes of rest between sessions, water on demand and regular wellness checks.

“Puppy well-being isn’t a checkbox for us, it’s the whole point,” the founders said. The company said the socialization also helps the puppies grow into more confident animals as they await adoption.

Founded in 2021, Puppy Sphere describes itself as a global wellness events company operating across corporate wellness, mental health and experiential events. It says it has hosted more than 500 private events and raised \$16,000 for animal rescues. The company has partnered with Google, TikTok and The New York Times, and has counted Sabrina Carpenter, Simu Liu, Alessia Cara, Mr. Beast and Travis Scott among its guests.

Albo was named an EY Entrepreneur of the Year in 2025, and both founders were named to Inc.’s Female Founders 500 in 2026, recognition the company attributed to its growing brand and celebrity partnerships and its fundraising for rescues.

Burbidge Izquierdo said Santa Monica was a natural fit and signaled more expansion to come.

“The whole city breathes wellness, community, pets, good living, basically everything Puppy Sphere is about,” she said. “But this is just chapter one, more studios are coming!”

More information is available at thepuppysphere.com.

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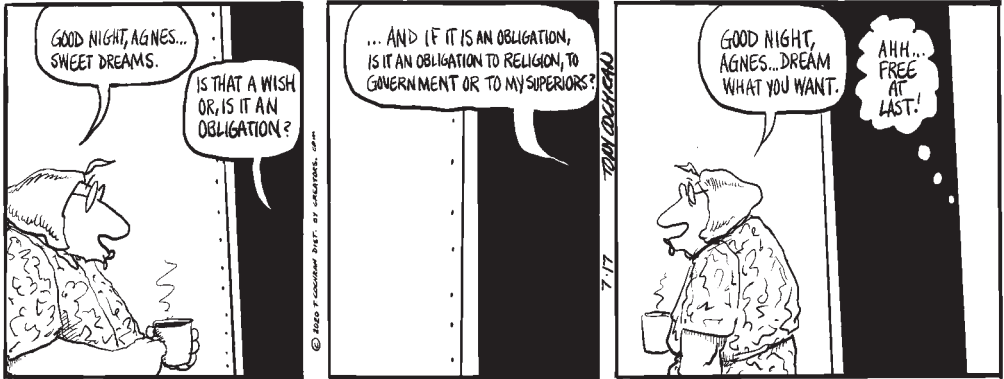
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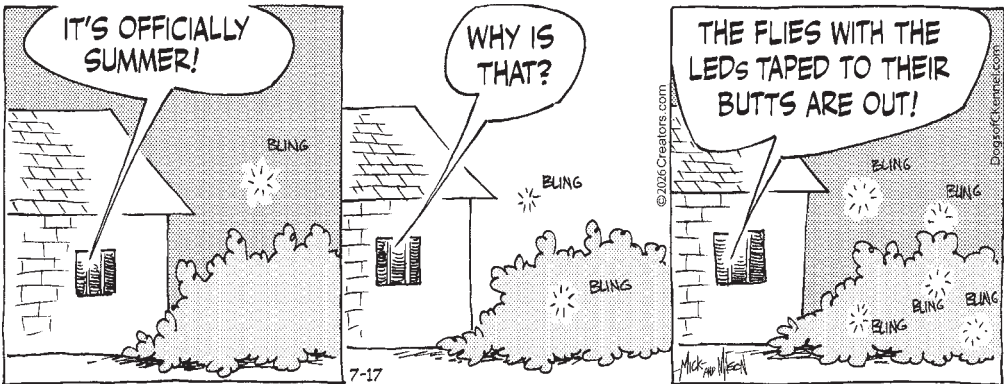
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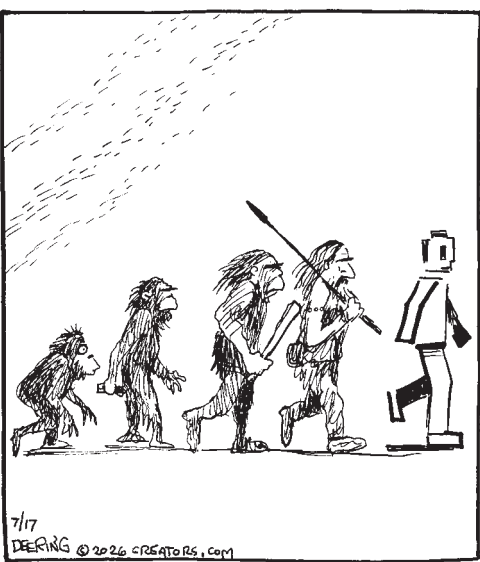
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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World of destinations

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Skills on display

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (July 17)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). “Hard work leads to success.” “This is how a good family behaves.” “You have to leave home to make something of yourself.” These are all stories about how the world works, but are they universal truths? Today you’ll challenge a collective narrative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone doesn’t appreciate everything you do for them, but that matters very little to you now. Your generosity is offered as a gift, not a negotiation. Maybe they’ll never “get it,” but your generosity remains a constant pillar of your character.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Since the word “don’t” reinforces the negative and makes people defensive, you focus on the “do” side of things. Keep talking about the desired result. Describe it well and ask for it in as many ways you can think of.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One mark of genius is an open mind. Today it’s advantageous to ask questions, even if you think you know the answers. The rewards of continual efforts to clarify the world will make you positively rich.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe your habits and patterns seem predictable to you, but don’t underestimate the amount of time people actually need to learn one another. The people around you still don’t seem to know what you’ll do next - how exciting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An apple falls. The moon circles the Earth. Most people see two separate facts. Newton saw a relationship and had an idea. Many of the best ideas are connections between two seemingly unrelated facts. You’ll make one today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A person who listens well is surprisingly rare. That’s why the attention you give is far more valuable than money, status or other tangible commodities being exchanged today. You’re kind, and you’ll be respected for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You’re a problem solver. When a feeling appears, your instinct is often: What action should I take? But not every uncomfortable feeling requires a project. Sometimes the feeling just wants acknowledgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The more you try to fall asleep, the harder it becomes. And the same can go for waking up. So instead of forcing yourself, think in terms of creating circumstances conducive to the state you desire, or making the incentives compelling and obvious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reality wraps its arms around you and you hug it right back. Instead of wishing for different circumstances, you work with the ones in front of you. The more complex they are, the more creative you get.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When overloaded, the goal is not necessarily to solve everything. The goal is to reduce the sense that you’re carrying 12 things in your head at once. Write everything down then decide the next three things, not the next 30.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Does it seem like a relationship exists mostly in the hypothetical? Potential is a possibility, not a promise. Paying attention to what is happening today will be more illuminating than imagining what might happen someday.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Female Justice before Elena
- 6 Bantu warrior chief ___ Zulu
- 11 LXIV years before Hastings
- 14 Discharges
- 15 Auto racing’s “Intimidator”
- 17 Year-end poem setting BEFORE 18-Across
- 18 See 17-Across
- 19 Hankering
- 21 *Carmen* character
- 22 High rollers’ preference
- 25 FL-to-CA road
- 26 Caution adage BEFORE 29-Across
- 29 See 26-Across
- 31 Top tier’s elite
- 33 Many Yankee fans
- 34 Common exec deg.
- 37 Snow globes of a sort
- 39 Arms of swashbucklers
- 41 Starfish arm
- 42 Yellowish brown
- 46 Sheets of stamps
- 47 See 49-Across
- 49 Message on a top-secret document AFTER 47-Across
- 50 Well-being
- 53 Frequent *Antiques Roadshow* item
- 55 Visibly furious
- 57 Passes in pronunciation
- 60 NFL conversion AFTER 63-Across
- 63 See 60-Across
- 65 Where indie films are

DOWN

- fare
- 66 Arm’s ___ nerve
- 67 Red Sox great’s nickname
- 68 Trenching tool
- 69 What can go before “glass”
- 1 JFK, in the ‘50s
- 2 Pass over
- 3 Coming soon, to Shelley
- 4 Less-than-confident comment
- 5 What can go before “physics”
- 6 Grapefruit portion
- 7 “Dream on!”
- 8 Pirate plaint

- 9 Persons working with wool
- 10 “Oh, of course”
- 11 Big Apple mascot
- 12 Challenge preamble
- 13 “Your show is starting”
- 16 What to take on memory lane
- 20 Not to be trusted
- 23 Overly, to Octavio
- 24 Tact tail
- 26 Hideout
- 27 Common Russian prename
- 28 Overly smooth
- 30 Pronto
- 32 Casino tip
- 34 Yelp link
- 35 Harris tale title

- 36 Focused grp.
- 38 Got it together
- 40 Term of endearment
- 43 Busyness
- 44 Young fox
- 45 High-powered
- 47 Weigh-in stat
- 48 Form of shampoo
- 50 Thai shish kebab
- 51 Greek square of old
- 52 Stumblebum
- 54 Turn to confetti
- 56 They resemble P’s
- 58 Austrian article
- 59 Chips and pretzels. in ads
- 61 Madrid’s Mama Bear
- 62 Amalgamate
- 64 Olympians’ big challenge, for short

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FRIDAY | JULY 17

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/19242128/2026-07-10T09>

MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE TOUR AT ACBH

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pacific Coast Highway Santa Monica. Santa Monica Conservancy docents will be on hand to share the rich history of the Annenberg Community Beach House site from the 1920s to the present day. Our free 20-minute docent tours are available every weekend on a walk-up basis for individuals and groups of up to six people. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House, where you will be greeted by a docent. To learn more about the history of the Annenberg Community Beach House, click here. For groups of twelve or more, please get in touch with guest services at (310)-458-4904 or beach.house@santamonica.gov. View parking details on the City website. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/marion-davies-guest-house-tour-at-acbh/19340399/2026-07-10T12>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-07-10T17>

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Join us every Friday this summer for family movie night! Featuring after-hours museum access, themed activities, snacks, and favorite films. Perfect for little ones who can't sit through a full movie! (Movie nights run from 5-8PM) Summer Movie Schedule: 6/26 Space Jam, 7/3 Homeward Bound, 7/10 Encanto, 7/17 Lyle, Lye Crocodile, 7/24 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids, 7/31 Happy Feet, 8/7 Ratatouille, 8/14 Hook, 8/21 Coco, 8/28 Matilda. Private Movie Screenings. Bring movie night to your next celebration. Private screenings are available for birthday parties, group events, and special gatherings Contact our team to create a custom movie experience at Cayton Children's Museum.

SATURDAY | JULY 18

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/18475500/2026-07-18T08>

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.

PICKLE ME SILLY !!

11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd., Santa Monica, 90404. This is a very big DILL !! It's a quick and easy refrigerator Sweet Pickle that we will be demonstrating, with attendees able to take supplies home to try their hand at making some easy pickles. The Summer Bounty of your garden can be overwhelming. Zucchini coming out of your ears and cucumbers that need picked every other day. Preserving your Produce has gone the way of the root cellar. But creating your own pickled veggies will delight you every time you pop open a jar. They also make unique and fun home-made treats to share with others. Fun for people of all ages. Garden opens at 9 AM for exploration and a community breakfast. Pickling demonstration will begin at 10 AM. More Info at <https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4h3kptsehkank210z46h6br2ca/202607181000>

READY, SET, DOUGH! SANTA MONICA'S FIG RESTAURANT DEBUTS NEW HANDS-ON KIDS' PIZZA-MAKING CLASSES | SATURDAYS FROM 3:30PM - 4:30PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Potting Shed at FIG Restaurant (101 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010, USA. Calling all future pizzaiolos! This summer, Santa Monica's farm-to-table FIG Restaurant, nestled within the iconic Fairmont Miramar Hotel and Bungalows invites aspiring young chefs to roll up their sleeves with Kids' Pizza-Making Classes every Saturday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in the Potting Shed. Designed for little foodies with big imaginations, the engaging, hands-on experience lets budding chefs stretch fresh dough, spread San Marzano tomato sauce or Nutella, and customize their own sweet or savory pizza from scratch with a variety of toppings from mozzarella, pepperoni, sausage, bell peppers, olives, and wild mushrooms to strawberries, bananas, crushed Oreos, mini marshmallows, gummy bears, coconut flakes, and more before enjoying their delicious masterpiece alongside a classic root beer float. To top it all off, each child will suit up in a chef's hat and apron, creating plenty of picture-perfect moments and memories the whole family will savor long after the last slice. TICKETS: \$66 per child | Reservations can be made via OpenTable.

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

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. It's the world premiere of acclaimed playwright Jerry Mayer's serious comedy about ambulance chasers, those predators whose faces leer down at us from every billboard in town, and the angel of an attorney (yes, there is such a thing) who's on a mission to chase them off the road. The internationally acclaimed team that brought you Jews R2 Much Fun, Almost Perfect, Aspirin & ELEPHANTS, You Haven't Changed a Bit and Other Lies and more, reunites renowned playwright Jerry Mayer with veteran (and frequent Mayer) director Chris DeCarlo. Original music is by Steve Mayer. The stellar cast features DeCarlo (Author! Author!, Mistakes Were Made), Michael Brunino (The Italians, Tracy Kelly: Siblings Gang), Summer Moran (The Last Spark of Us, Strings Attached), Elena Rosa (The Dropout, L.A.'s Finest). \$25.00 to \$35.00— Use Code SMDP for \$10 off each ticket (phone or email only). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/my-lawyer-is-an-angel-chasing-the-ambulance-chasers-off-the-road/18922943/2026-07-18T19>

STAND-UP JESUS! BLESSED BE THE PUNCHLINES!

7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th Street Santa Monica. "Razor-sharp, whip-smart, irresistible satire!" PBS Chicago Have you ever prayed that Jesus would come back as a stand-up comedian? Well, your prayers have been answered. The second coming is no longer coming. It's here and it's called STAND-UP JESUS! Sold Out since October - 2026 is the Second Coming! \$25.00 — Includes wine and wafers (the vanilla kind). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/>

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SUNDAY | JULY 19

COAST

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Third Street Promenade 1351 3rd Street Promenade, Suite 201 Santa Monica. On July 19, the World Turns to Santa Monica for COAST 2026, a free, all-day celebration spanning more than a mile of Downtown Santa Monica. From the Third Street Promenade connecting Colorado, the Metro and the Pier, the streets open up for a day of live music, art, soccer, food, and play. The event is free to all, with premium zones available for those who want an elevated experience. Bring the whole family, wander from block to block, and discover something around every corner as Santa Monica comes alive from 10 AM to 6 PM. Made possible by the City of Santa Monica, Downtown Santa Monica, Metro, and Revel Republic, COAST 2026 is one of the biggest days of the summer happening right in your backyard. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/coast/19299270/2026-07-19T10>

COMMUNITY BBQ

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Simon Meadow 15551 Sunset Boulevard Pacific Palisades. Lowe Family YMCA will host a community BBQ with "food, games, friends and good vibes." Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blanket — and "enjoy all kinds of fun!" Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/community-bbq/18763134/2026-07-19T11>

EXPERIENCE SUSHI MAKING

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Our Place + Cafe 1344 Abbot Kinney Boulevard Los Angeles. Join us for an interactive and unforgettable culinary experience. \$108.55. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/experience-sushi-making/18982630/2026-07-19T13>

MONDAY | JULY 20

SUMMER FUN AT HOLY GROUNDS

Join us at Holy Grounds on weekday mornings this summer for a cup of coffee, chats with old and new friends, and special activities at 10a! We're located at 725 California Avenue in Santa Monica. Free underground parking! Holy Grounds is the coffee bar and book/gift shop at St. Monica. Located inside the Caruso Community Center, we serve organic coffee and tea from Urth Caffe, assorted pastries and baked goods, and soft drinks. We also have a great selection of books, music, jewelry and unique religious gifts for all occasions! Free WiFi for our customers! Stop by and check us out! Mondays: Connect with our parish Navigators and find your niche at the parish. Tuesdays: Drop in for Coffee Talk with Father Vince and discuss faith issues that are of interest to you! Wednesdays: Meet up with special guests from our local community. Thursdays: Test your board games skills! Fridays: Deacon Kevin welcomes all to Book Club.

Open Streets Festival |

Ocean Avenue, Colorado Avenue, Arizona Avenue,
Third Street Promenade and the Santa Monica Pier

COAST 2026

Sunday, July 19 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Enjoy food,
music, family-friendly
activities, arts, culture
and soccer fun, including
livestreams of the World
Cup final match.



Make an entire car-free day of it!
Walk, bike, take Big Blue Bus or the
Metro E Line to COAST 2026 and
celebrate the convenience and joy
of a clean, green, multi-modal city.

Four LED screens livestreaming the World Cup final match | Four stages with live music, comedy shows and dance performances | Guided meditations and Tea & House in Palisades Park | Camera Obscura Art Lab exhibit, art workshops + a collaborative community mural | Interactive booths with games, activities, giveaways | Soccer and other sports | Third Street Promenade Entertainment Zone + themed Promenade blocks | Beer garden for ages 21+ | and more!



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