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Unique boutique brings its gourmet flair to Montana

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SMDP Staff Writer

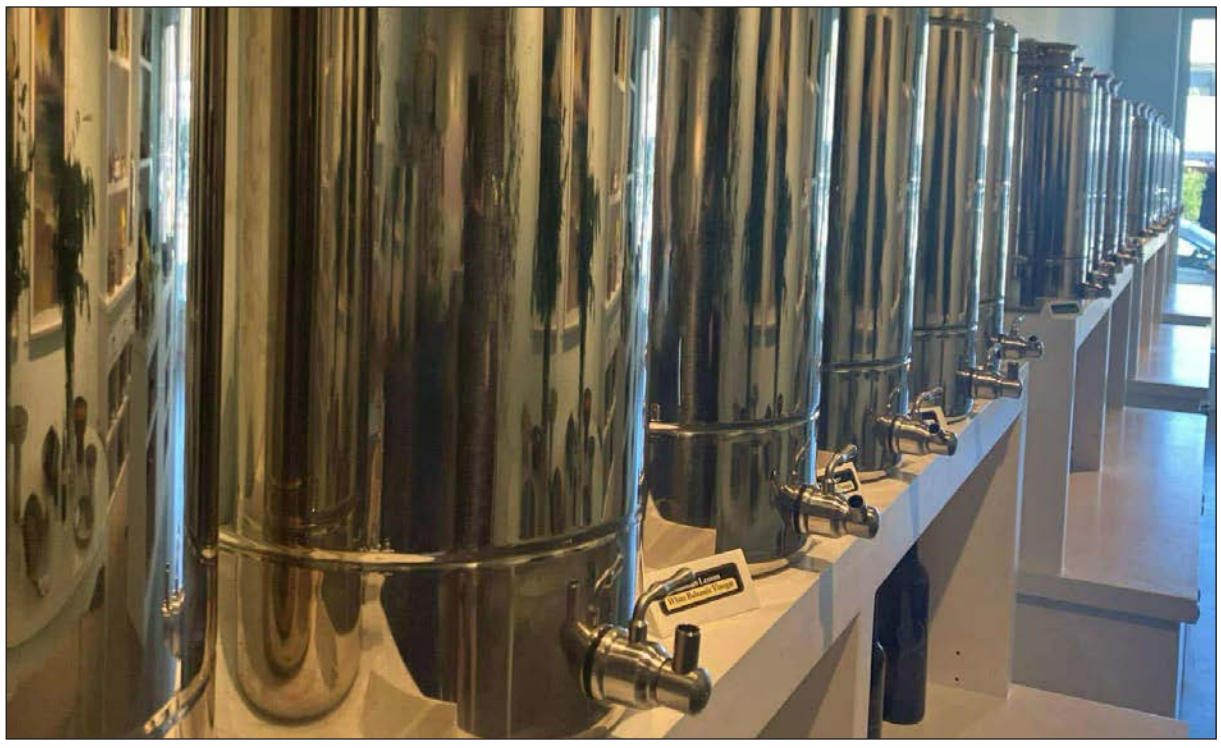
A new boutique on Montana Avenue is aiming to redefine what it means to shop for olive oil. O&V California, which quietly opened its doors this summer offers a tightly curated selection of globally sourced extra virgin olive oils, aged balsamic vinegars and gourmet pantry staples, all with a strong emphasis on education, transparency and neighborhood connection.

The store is the longtime vision of Santa Monica resident Tana Harris, a native Texan who moved to California in the 1980s and has spent the last 30 years on the Westside. After a career in the nonprofit sector and time spent caregiving for aging family members in Houston, Harris decided to act on a decade-old dream of opening her own culinary store, a shop focused on the truth and tradition behind olive oil.

"I always thought I knew everything there was to know about olive oil and vinegar," Harris told the Daily Press. "But I learned I didn't know anything. I wanted to educate my neighbors and friends on the benefits of real extra virgin olive oil, to help them taste something that's fresh and pure and properly sourced."

O&V California's shelves are stocked with items from producers around the world, but everything is carefully selected with freshness and integrity in mind. Harris sources olive oils in small batches, timed to the harvest cycles in both the northern and southern hemispheres, ensuring products arrive at peak quality. Some oils come from Italy and California, while others are shipped from Tunisia, Spain or Portugal, depending on seasonal yields and

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Scott Snowden

OLIVE OIL: O&V on Montana brings olive oil and vinegar to the streets food scene.

Lawmakers grapple with the good and the bad as the Olympic Games approach Los Angeles

Budget crunch threatens ability to prepare for the games

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

California legislators are wrestling with mounting financial and logistical challenges as the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics approach, with state officials warning that budget constraints could undermine preparations for what organizers describe as the most complex Games in Olympic history.

At a California Senate Special Committee hearing, lawmakers and Olympic organizers outlined a daunting array of challenges facing the $7.1 billion event, from coordinating to ensuring benefits reach working-class communities amid the state's ongoing fiscal crisis.

"We are in a significant crisis when we're talking about the state of California's economic outlook," said Sen. Rosilicie Ochoa

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California prepares for $18 billion economic boost

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

California officials are projecting an $18 billion economic impact from the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics in Los Angeles, with organizers describing the unprecedented scale as equivalent to "seven Super Bowls a day simultaneously for 30 days."

The projections, shared during a California Senate Special Committee hearing on international sporting events, estimate the games will support approximately 90,000 full-time equivalent jobs and generate $700 million in state and local tax revenue.

"This truly is home game and we haven't hosted an Olympics in the United States since 2002," said Reynold Hoover, CEO of the LA28 Organizing Committee. "This will be the largest Olympics ever, and the first time, and

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HHS bans undocumented immigrants from Federal health, education programs

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced it will bar undocumented immigrants from accessing taxpayer-funded programs including Head Start and community health centers, reversing a 27-year-old policy interpretation in what officials called a move to restore legal compliance.

HHS formally rescinded a 1998 Clinton administration interpretation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 that had allowed undocumented immigrants to access certain federal public benefits. The new policy takes effect immediately upon publication in the Federal Register and includes a 30-day comment period.

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>
> - Robert F. Kennedy Jr., HHS Secretary

"For too long, the government has diverted hardworking Americans' tax dollars to incentivize illegal immigration," said HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "Today's action changes that—it restores integrity to federal social programs, enforces the rule of law, and protects vital resources for the American people."

The policy change affects numerous programs previously accessible to undocumented immigrants, including Head Start early childhood education, community health centers, mental health services, substance abuse treatment programs, and family planning services. HHS estimates American citizens could receive as much as $374 million in additional Head Start services annually under the new restrictions.

The expanded list of programs now classified as "Federal public benefits" under PRWORA includes Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, Health Center Program, and various health workforce programs. The administration said the list is not exhaustive and additional programs may be added.

Acting Assistant Secretary Andrew Gradison of the Administration for Children and Families said Head Start's new classification "puts American families first by ensuring taxpayer-funded benefits are reserved for eligible individuals."

The policy aligns with President Trump's Executive Order 14218 of February 19, 2025, titled "Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders," which prioritized legal compliance and protection of public benefits for eligible Americans.

Health officials and community organizations strongly condemned the change, warning it could endanger public health and create fear in immigrant communities.

"This expanded definition of what can be classified as a federal public benefit is another assault on our nation's immigrant communities," said Dr. Mitesh Popat, CEO of Venice Family Clinic, which serves 45,000 people in the Los Angeles area. "It is designed to sow fear and confusion among immigrant families to prevent them seeking health care from community health centers."

Los Angeles County health directors issued a joint statement expressing deep concern about the policy's impact. "When people are afraid to seek care — or are blocked from accessing it altogether — prevention opportunities are limited, illnesses go untreated, mental health crises escalate, and substance use disorders worsen," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of LA County Public Health; Dr. Christina Ghaly, Director of LA County Health Services; and Dr. Lisa Wong, Director of LA County Mental Health Services.

The officials warned that delayed care could lead to higher rates of emergency room visits, hospitalizations, homelessness, and the spread of communicable diseases, ultimately threatening entire communities' health.

Venice Family Clinic, a federally qualified community health center, said it doesn't ask patients about immigration status and lacks guidance on how to implement the new policy. The clinic operates locations and Early Head Start centers across nine cities in Los Angeles County.

"HHS agencies have not provided guidance on how to implement this decision, so we don't really know what it means for us operationally," Popat said. The clinic called on Congress and courts to override what it termed an "assault on immigrant families."

The LA County health officials emphasized their commitment to serving all residents regardless of immigration status, stating that "health care is a human right and essential for the well-being of all people." They warned the policy could create a "chilling effect" on all patients seeking care,

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Thousands of Californians lost work after LA immigration raids. Citizens did, too

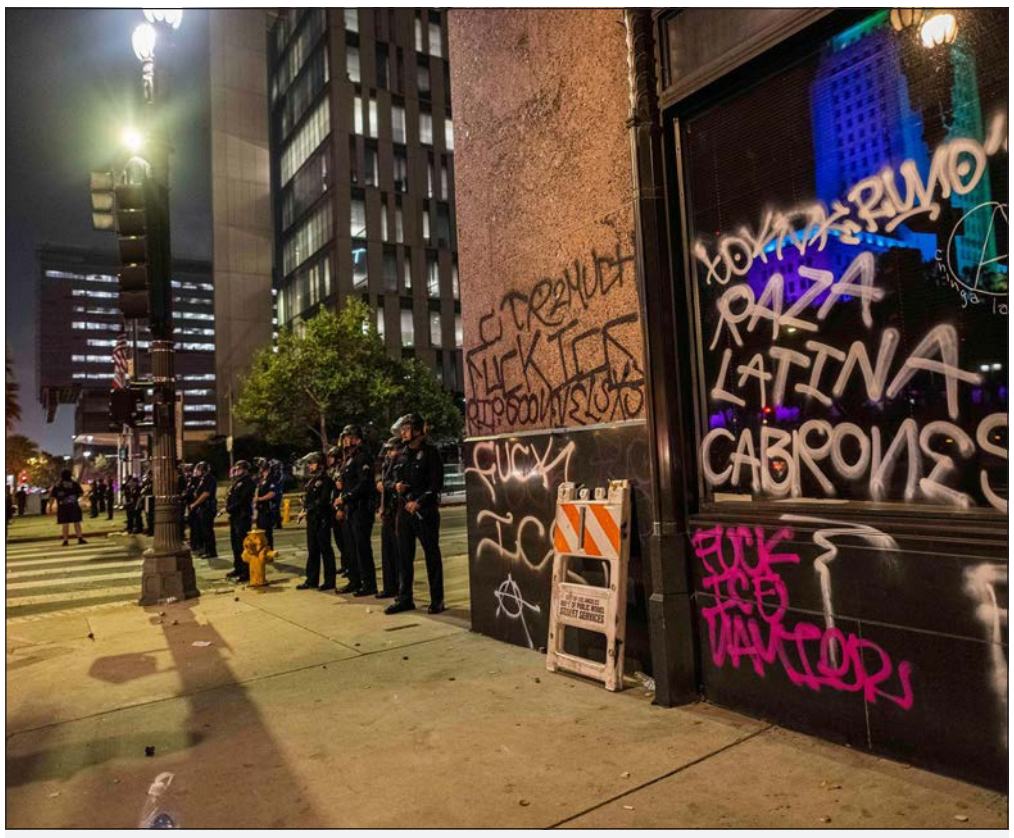


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LOS ANGELES: Demonstrators protest against ICE immigration raids in downtown Los Angeles on June 8, 2025.

California saw a 3.1% drop in private-sector employment the week immediately after the Trump administration stepped up its immigration raids in the state, according to a new analysis of U.S. Census data.

UC Merced researchers said the steep drop is second only to the unemployment surge the state experienced during the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, and greater than the immediate decline during the Great Recession in 2007 and 2008.

This appears to be the first analysis of the data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey from the time when federal agents' focus on the state became clear in early June, when a raid at a garment factory in downtown Los Angeles preceded weeks of sweeps and unrest.

The Census Bureau surveys Americans every month about whether they worked the week before. The UC Merced researchers compared survey results from the week of May 11 to the week of June 8, and found that in California, more citizens than non-citizens reported that they did not work the week after that first raid.

The percentage decline would equate to a loss in California of 271,541 jobs from citizens and 193,428 non-citizens, the report said.

"What we know from previous research is that the work that undocumented immigrants or non-citizens do does not exist in a vacuum," Edward Flores, lead author of the report, told CalMatters. "If there's disruptions to the work that undocumented immigrants do, it has ripple effects. A slowdown in one industry could cause slowdowns in other industries."

That's consistent with other studies that have shown that mass deportations of undocumented workers reduces job opportunities for U.S.-born workers, and studies that have shown the raids' negative effects on local economies.

Flores, the faculty director of the UC Merced Community and Labor Center, said he plans to keep tracking and analyzing the Census data and will release similar reports as the federal immigration crackdown continues. He said he expects further escalations of raids because a new federal spending bill substantially increased funding for immigration enforcement.

The effects of the enforcement may continue to be felt more strongly in California. The report also showed that the number of male citizen workers slightly increased in the rest of the U.S. compared with California during the same periods.

White and Latino workers in California were the most affected, the researchers found. The number of Latinos in California who reported work between May and June declined 5.6%, while the number of whites in the state who reported work during the same period decreased 5.3%, according to the report.

The researchers recommended that state policymakers consider "significant action" that may include economic stimulus and disaster relief, similar to what was available during the pandemic.

Flores pointed out that undocumented immigrants lack a financial safety net, such as access to unemployment benefits. As they continue to lose work, that's not just a problem for them and their families, but for the state.

"When low-income people spend money, they spend it on things they immediately need, which can stimulate the local economy," he said.

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Weather

Friday: A slight chance of thunderstorms before 11am. Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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2025/07/18	Fri	4:20 PM	5.57	H
2025/07/18	Fri	11:58 PM	0.80	L
2025/07/19	Sat	06:06 AM	2.95	H
2025/07/19	Sat	10:14 AM	2.29	L
2025/07/19	Sat	5:18 PM	5.94	H
2025/07/20	Sun	01:06 AM	0.06	L
2025/07/20	Sun	07:46 AM	3.18	H
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Power#: 22
Jackpot: 288 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 7/15
6 10 24 35 43
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 100 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/16
4 6 8 31 46
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 26 M

Fantasy 5
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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, July 21, 2025, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:

1437 Lincoln Boulevard (25ARB-0135): Multi-Family Residential
To review the design, colors, materials, landscape and sign program for an eight-story, 85-foot tall, 76,896 square foot residential housing project consisting of 90 units (80 market rate units; 10 affordable units), above three levels of subterranean parking in the Lincoln Transition East Zoning District of the Downtown Community Plan (DCP-LT).

2901 Santa Monica Boulevard (25ARB-0134): Multi-Family Residential
To review the design, colors materials and landscape plans for the construction of an eight-story, 85' tall, 98,189 SF housing project consisting of 129 units and three levels of subterranean parking in the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL) Zoning District.

1318 4th Street (25ARB-0041): Mixed-Use-100% Affordable +Commercial
To review the design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of a six-story, 75'-4" tall, 100% affordable housing mixed-use development consisting of 122 residential units and an approximately 20,000 square-foot grocery market on the ground floor above 2 levels of subterranean parking in the Bayside Conservation Zoning District (BC). Continued with comments on March 17, 2025.

1640 5th Street (25ARB-0046): Multi-Family Residential
To review the design, colors, materials, and landscape for an eight-story, 87' tall, 112,302 square feet residential housing development project consisting of 132 units (117 market-rate units; 15 affordable units) above three levels of subterranean parking in the Transit Adjacent Zoning District of the Downtown Community Plan (DCP-TA). Continued with comments on April 7, 2025 and on June 2, 2025.

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431#).

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ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Caltrans Announces Overnight Lane Closures Along Interstate 405 through Sepulveda Pass for Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Caltrans has announcee overnight lane closures along Interstate 405 (I-405) through the Sepulveda Pass for k-rail installation and median barrier work.

The work will start after 9 p.m. each night from Monday, July 21 through Saturday, July 26, and will end by 6 a.m. each morning.

Those traveling along the following routes will experience intermittent closures as follows:

Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25

* Up to two lanes of northbound I-405 between Wilshire Boulevard and Mulholland Drive/Skirball Center Drive

* Up to two lanes of southbound I-405 between Skirball Center Drive/Mulholland Drive and Wilshire Boulevard

Saturday, July 26

* Up to two lanes of northbound I-405 between Wilshire Boulevard and Mulholland Drive/Skirball Center Drive

This work is part of the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation Project between the Los Angeles communities of Van Nuys and Westwood along the Sepulveda Pass. This project will apply $143.7 million toward improve the safety and mobility along I-405 between Van Nuys and Westwood as well as sustainably extend the pavement life.

Due to weather or operational reasons, the schedule is subject to change including the times and dates, the number of closures and other details. Residents and businesses located near construction may experience noise, vibrations and dust associated with construction activities. Please visit https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/ for current road conditions.

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UCLA

Lawsuit Alleges Cover-Up at UCLA over Child Sexual Abuse

A national law firm has filed a civil lawsuit against the University of California Regents following the criminal conviction of a longtime teacher at UCLA's Krieger Child Care Center for child sexual abuse.

Herman Law filed the suit on behalf of a 3-year-old girl, alleging the university failed to protect children despite warning signs about Christopher William Rodriguez, who worked at the center for nearly 25 years.

The civil complaint alleges Rodriguez committed repeated sexual assaults against the child over several months. Despite concerns raised by parents and staff, the lawsuit claims UCLA kept Rodriguez in his position with unsupervised access to young children.

"This is about justice for the victims and accountability for those who failed to protect them," said Greg Glazer, a trial attorney at Herman Law. "UCLA should never have allowed this to happen."

Rodriguez was recently convicted on multiple counts, including sexual battery against children as young as 3 years old.

The lawsuit alleges Rodriguez was allowed to take girls into restrooms alone, covered classroom windows and had children sit on his lap. The complaint states one child ran away crying, but the abuse continued.

"We believe there are more victims — many more," Glazer said during a press conference announcing the lawsuit.

The suit brings claims of negligence, negligent hiring and supervision, and statutory violations under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 340.1. The complaint also alleges an institutional cover-up.

Herman Law is seeking damages on behalf of the child and her family. The firm has urged additional survivors to come forward and said UCLA has provided assurances against retaliation for those who share information.

"Silence protects abusers. Institutions must be held accountable. Predators must be stopped," Glazer said.

The firm is encouraging anyone with information about abuse or misconduct at the Krieger Child Care Center to contact them at (561) 565-6190 or visit ChristopherRodriguezLawsuits.com. All reports are handled confidentially.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Main Street

Father-Daughter Authors Host Book Signing Fundraiser for Palisades Fire Victims

Local author and filmmaker Cali Gilbert and her father, Joe Gilbert, will host a dual book signing and fundraiser Saturday, July 19, at Mystic Journey Bookstore in Santa Monica to benefit the Pacific Palisades Rebuilding Fund.

The event from noon to 2 p.m. at Mystic Journey, 2923 Main Street, will support female entrepreneurs who lost homes and businesses in the devastating January fires. The fund was created by Cali Gilbert through her nonprofit, Tower 15 Productions.

The event is open to the public and will offer opportunities to meet both authors, purchase signed copies of their books and view original artwork.

Cali Gilbert's newest release, "A Second Chance with Dad," is a memoir chronicling her experience as a full-time caregiver for her 83-year-old father following the loss of her mother. The book explores themes of healing, forgiveness and finding unexpected beauty in late-life connection.

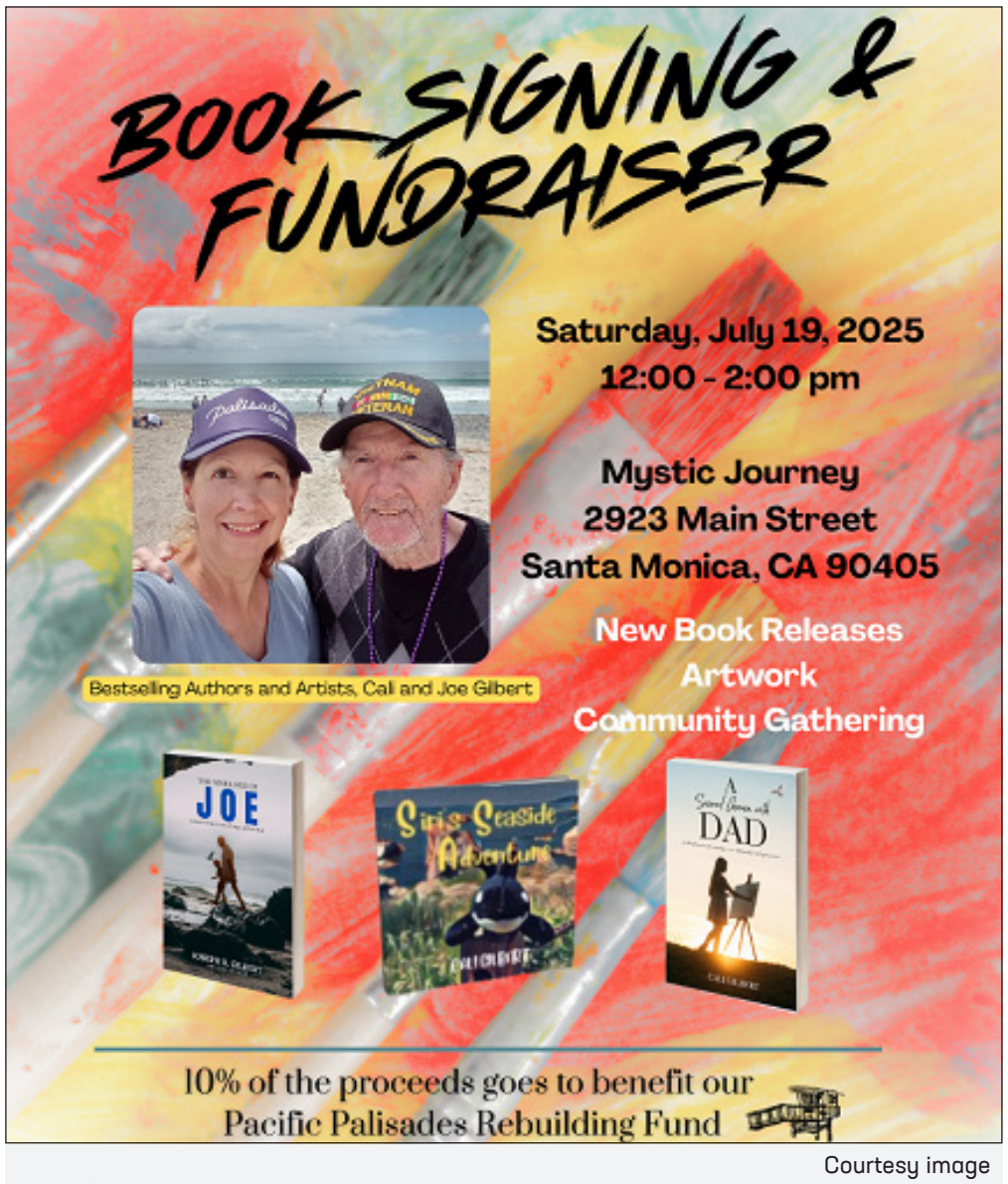
Joe Gilbert will sign his memoir, "The Nine Lives of Joe," which reflects on his journey as a Vietnam veteran, artist and storyteller. The event will also feature Cali's first children's book, "Siri's Seaside Adventure."

"This is more than a book signing," says Cali Gilbert. "It's a celebration of resilience—through story, through art and through community. We wanted to use this special moment to give back to the women in our neighborhood who lost so much earlier this year."

Ten percent of all proceeds from book and art sales will be donated to the Pacific Palisades Rebuilding Fund, which specifically focuses on supporting female entrepreneurs affected by the fires.

The Gilbert family's fundraising effort represents part of broader community recovery initiatives following the destructive January fires that devastated the Pacific Palisades area. The event combines literary celebration with community support, highlighting the ongoing needs of fire victims while showcasing local talent and resilience.

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Courtesy image

CALI GILBERT AND JOE GILBERT: Cali Gilbert and her father, Joe Gilbert, will host a dual book signing and fundraiser Saturday, July 19.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area.**

Additionally, Proposed Amendments to Interim Zoning Regulations to Promote Economic Recovery by Increasing Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area and Establishing a Pilot Program to Allow Exclusively Outdoor Commercial Uses in the Office Campus District.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance (Santa Monica Municipal Code Article 9 Planning and Zoning) to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area. On July 2, 2025, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 25-013 and recommended that the Council adopt the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments were previously adopted as interim zoning regulations, with minor changes, and include expanded opportunities for Alcohol Exemption permits, increased operational flexibility for restaurants with entertainment, and removal of the prohibition against certain fast-food restaurants in establishments with frontage along the Third Street Promenade.

Additionally, the City Council will consider the adoption of Interim Zoning Regulations established by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2754 (CCS), amended and extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2761 (CCS), amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2794 (CCS) and amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2809 (CCS) to promote economic recovery by increasing land use flexibility in the City's downtown area and establishing a pilot program to allow exclusively outdoor commercial uses in the Office Campus (OC) District. The proposed amendments would include, but not be limited to, allowing additional land use flexibility in the City's downtown area and flexibility in floor area ratio for existing non-conforming buildings located on the Promenade.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Economic Recovery Zoning Ordinance and Interim Zoning Ordinance Amendments

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

Santa Monica College Presents Family-Friendly 'Seussical TYA' Musical

Santa Monica College's Theatre Arts Department will present "Seussical TYA (Theatre for Young Audiences)" July 25-Aug. 3 at the Theatre Arts Main Stage on the SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, July 25 and Aug. 1, and Saturday, July 26 and Aug. 2. Matinees are scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, July 27 and Aug. 3. All performances are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

The 75-minute musical adventure through the Jungle of Nool follows Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent to military school for thinking too many "thinks." Horton faces a double challenge protecting the Whos from naysayers and dangers while guarding an egg left by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird.

Throughout the story, Horton encounters ridicule, danger, kidnapping and even a trial, but the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. The production explores themes of friendship, loyalty, family and community that ultimately triumph over adversity.

The musical features music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. The book is by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss, "Seussical for Young Audiences" premiered at The Coterie Theatre in Kansas City, Missouri, under artistic director Jeff Church.

The SMC production is directed by Terrin Adair with music direction by Gary Fritzen.

Advance tickets range from $25 to $22 ($18 for SMC students and staff) plus a service charge and can be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-4165 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets purchased on performance weekends at the Events Box Office are $3 higher. Parking is free, and transportation information is available at smc.edu/transportation.

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MUSICAL: front, left to right) Ginger Simpson, Kathy Syta, Isabella Sawoski, Kennedy Burnette, Sophia Lafaurie-Muñoz, Julie Duclos, Celt Ward, and (rear, left to right) Justin Lescoulie, Isabella Sanesi, Victoria Pizzaro, August Michael Brooling, and Victoria Middagh rehearse for the Santa Monica College production of Seussical™ TYA. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 25 and Aug. 1, and Saturday, July 26 and Aug. 2 — with matinees at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 27 and Aug. 3— in the Theatre Arts Main Stage, located on the SMC Main Campus (1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica).

DTSM

Palisades Dolphin Strong Hosts Music Benefit Concert for Wildfire Recovery

Palisades Dolphin Strong will host its first fundraising benefit concert July 20 on 4th Street to support local wildfire recovery efforts and honor the legacy of The Amazing Music Store, a beloved Pacific Palisades institution for over four decades.

The Amazing Music Benefit Concert will feature live and silent auctions, a red carpet and live performances with leading musicians. The four-hour event will showcase local talent and provide an opportunity for the community to gather in celebration of reviving the Palisades' musical arts scene.

Sam Laganà, who was sworn in as Honorary Town Sheriff for Pacific Palisades in March, will serve as emcee. The Pali High alumnus and voice of the LA Rams is recognized for his extensive community service, philanthropy and Palisades stewardship.

The event honors Patrick Hildebrand and his son PJ of The Amazing Music Store, which was lost in the Palisades fire. All proceeds will support relief efforts for the music store and ongoing community support initiatives and grants for families affected by the fires.

Invited guests include U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, impacted residents and friends of the Pacific Palisades, and former Santa Monica Mayor Phil Brock.

Auction highlights include a signed instrument from Grammy-winning saxophonist Tom Scott of Steely Dan, a guitar from Taylor and merchandise from Norman's Rare Guitars, a Matador-Fire eco-friendly home protection system valued at $5,000, and a full architectural design package from Everlasting Homes valued at $144,000.

Proceeds will directly benefit Patrick Hildebrand and support Palisades High School's booster club and ongoing community rebuilding initiatives led by Palisades Dolphin Strong.

The event represents the first in a series of efforts to rebuild neighborhood touchpoints and safeguard the future for those most severely impacted by the Palisades fire.

This is a cashless event accepting credit cards and Zelle. All ages are welcome.

For tickets and more information, visit https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/amazing-music-benefit-concert and https://palisadesdolphinstrong.org.

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FUNDRAISING BENEFIT CONCERT: Palisades Dolphin Strong will host its first fundraising benefit concert July 20.

HEALTH

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including U.S. citizens.

HHS said the policy change aligns with long-standing Congressional intent and doesn't alter funding levels, but ensures public resources are no longer used to incentivize illegal immigration. The department promised to issue further guidance to affected programs to ensure full implementation.

The 1998 interpretation that was rescinded had "improperly narrowed the scope of PRWORA" for over two decades, according to HHS, by allowing access to programs Congress intended only for American citizens.

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Trump administration pulls $4B in federal funding for California's bullet train project

The Trump administration revoked federal funding for California's high-speed rail project on Wednesday, intensifying uncertainty about how the state will make good on its long-delayed promise of building a bullet train to shuttle riders between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The U.S. Transportation Department announced it was pulling back $4 billion in funding for the project, weeks after signaling it would do so. Overall, a little less than a quarter of the project's funding has come from the federal government. The rest has come from the state, mainly through a voter-approved bond and money from its cap-and-trade program.

President Donald Trump and Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy both have slammed the project as a "train to nowhere."

"The Railroad we were promised still does not exist, and never will," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "This project was Severely Overpriced, Overregulated, and NEVER DELIVERED."

The loss marks the latest blow to California by the Trump administration, which has blocked a first-in-the-nation rule to phase out the sale of new gas-powered cars, launched investigations into university admission policies and threatened to pull funding over transgender girls being allowed to compete in girls sports.

It also comes as rail project leaders are seeking private investment to help pay for its estimated price tag of more than $100 billion.

Voters first approved the project in 2008 and it was supposed to be operating this decade. But cost estimates have consistently grown and its timeline pushed back.

State officials are now focused on building a 119-mile (192-kilometer) stretch connecting the Central Valley cities of Bakersfield and Merced that is set to be operating by 2033. The California High Speed Rail Authority is slated to release a report this summer to state lawmakers with an updated funding plan and timeline for the project.

Authority officials wrote in a letter earlier this month that the Trump administration made up its mind about revoking funding before thoroughly reviewing the project. They noted that more than 50 structures have already been built, including underpasses, viaducts and bridges to separate the rail line from roadways for safety.

"Canceling these grants without cause isn't just wrong — it's illegal," authority CEO Ian Choudri said in a statement Wednesday. "These are legally binding agreements, and the Authority has met every obligation, as confirmed by repeated federal reviews, as recently as February 2025."

The authority has asked potential private investors to express their interest by the end of the month.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said the state will keep "all options on the table" to fight the revocation of federal funds.

"Trump wants to hand China the future and abandon the Central Valley. We won't let him," he said in a statement.

The state has "no viable plan" to complete even the Central Valley segment, said Drew Feeley, acting administrator of the transportation department's Federal Railroad Administration, in a report released last month. He called the project a "story of broken promises" and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

California Democrats also have criticized project spending. Democratic Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan said at a budget hearing earlier this year that her constituents "overwhelmingly believe" high-speed rail spending "has been irresponsible."

Newsom plans to extend the state's cap-and-trade program, a key funding source for the project which is set to expire at the end of 2030, through 2045.

The program sets a declining limit on the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions large emitters can release. Those polluters can buy allowances from the state needed to pollute, and about 45% of that money goes into what's known as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, according to the Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee, a group of experts that reviews the program.

The fund helps pay for climate and transportation projects, including high-speed rail.

The bullet train project receives 25% of the money from the fund, which ends up being a little less or a little more than $1 billion annually, depending on the year. Newsom in May proposed guaranteeing $1 billion a year for the project from the fund, but lawmakers have not agreed to that.

By SOPHIE AUSTIN Associated Press/Report for America. Austin is a corps member for The Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercovered issues.

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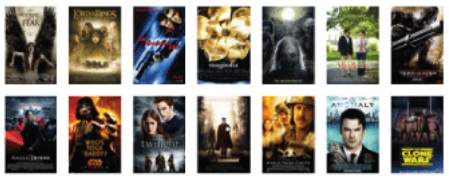
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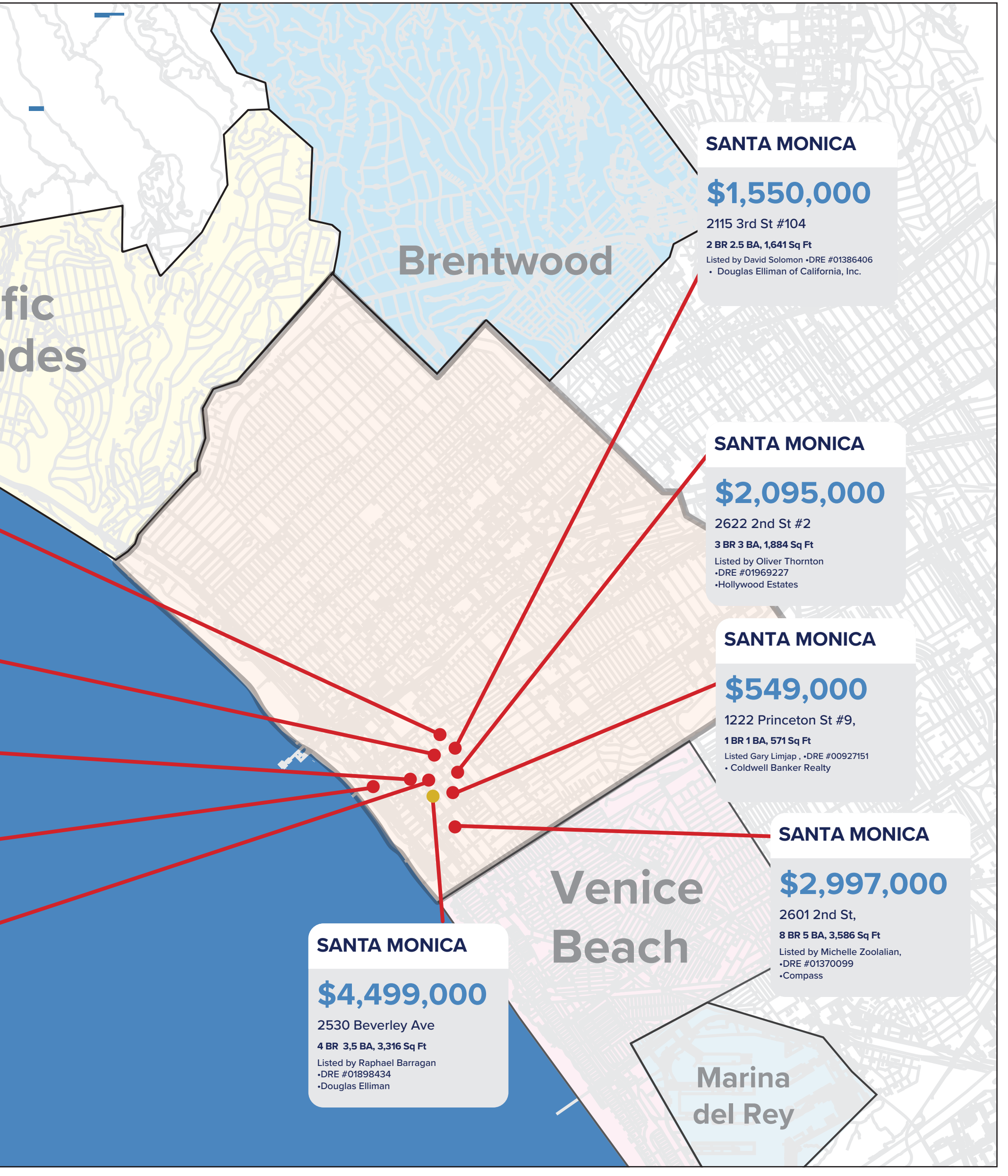
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Disneyland is celebrating its 70th anniversary: Here's a look at the park then and now

Disneyland is celebrating 70 years of being "The Happiest Place on Earth."

The summerlong festivities in southern California include the opening of "Walt Disney – A Magical Life," a show featuring a lifelike animatronic of the company's founder that debuts Thursday and also marks Disneyland's official anniversary.

Walt Disney's vision of creating a getaway for families revolutionized the amusement park industry with immersive attractions featuring robotic figures and holographs, and shows and characters appealing to children.

The park's emphasis on storytelling and attention to detail is still evident today in theme parks across the world.

Disneyland now ranks as the world's second-most visited theme park, closely behind Magic Kingdom at Disney World in Florida, which opened in 1971. According to the Themed Entertainment Association, Disneyland drew more than 17 million people in 2023, bouncing back from an unprecedented 13-month closure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The park was built on what was once orange groves in Anaheim, just outside Los Angeles. It opened on July 17, 1955 — a year that also saw Ray Kroc start his first McDonald's restaurant and Jim Henson introduce his original version of Kermit the Frog.

Disneyland's first day was famously a disaster, all broadcast on a live television special. The park opened just a year after its groundbreaking and simply wasn't ready for its big day.

Attractions broke down, there weren't enough restrooms, food and drinks were in short supply, traffic backed up for miles and the shoes of the first guests sank into freshly paved asphalt.

Among the original rides still around today are the Mad Tea Party, Peter Pan's Flight and Jungle Cruise.

The cost to get in that first year was $1 for adults and 50 cents for children, although tickets for most rides were an additional 10 to 50 cents.

Today, a one-day ticket starts at more than $100 and on some days can double that.

Over the years, the park has hosted U.S. presidents, kings and queens, and countless celebrities. A few even got their start at Disneyland — actor Kevin Costner was a skipper on the Jungle Cruise and comedian Steve Martin worked at a magic shop where he learned about being a performer.

The Walt Disney Co. now has six resorts with a dozen theme parks worldwide. The parks have become one of its most successful and important business segments.

The resort in Anaheim now includes Disney California Adventure and Downtown Disney, a shopping and entertainment district.

While Disneyland still features many of the touches Walt Disney oversaw himself, the original park is ever-evolving, sometimes to the dismay of its loyal fans.

Some of the moves have been made to keep up with a changing society, while others have been made to introduce more thrilling attractions with the latest technology to keep up with competitors.

Just last year, Disney received approval to expand its Southern California theme parks. A new parking structure and transit hub are the first steps in its plans to open more space for new attractions.

By JOHN SEEWER Associated Press

COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Mind Master Event in Malibu to Feature Leadership Expert Richard Greene

A transformational leadership workshop focusing on embodied presence and authentic communication will take place July 20 in Malibu, featuring renowned speaker Richard Greene.

"Living in Magic: Embodied Leadership," hosted by Gula World and Champïone by Mileva, will explore how energy, posture and presence work together to unlock personal power and elevate leadership impact.

Greene, dubbed the "Master of Charisma" by The Sunday Times of London, is the author of "Words That Shook The World" and creator of an acclaimed BBC Maestro course on public speaking and charisma. The USC Law School graduate has worked with world leaders, Fortune 500 executives and professionals in more than 25 countries.

In his rare in-person session, Greene will present his framework for dismantling public speaking myths and unlocking confidence to lead with clarity and authenticity. He has coached presidents, Princess Diana, Tony Robbins and CEOs across 53 countries.

The seaside gathering will include guided movement, science-backed skincare practices and expanded awareness exercises designed to help participants lead from within.

Event highlights include a yoga power flow session to cultivate body awareness and posture that supports confidence, high-frequency facials for men and women, and a "From Resin to Radiance" workshop with Violet Mileva, founder of Champïone. The workshop will cover how ancient tree resins, frequency-based skincare and breathwork can transform personal presence.

Additional activities include Tai Chi with Steve Baker, ecstatic dance with DJ Katrina Essence, and a nourishing dinner with conscious networking opportunities.

Organizers say the event addresses society's shift toward conscious leadership that emphasizes alignment and presence rather than traditional titles.

Champïone, founded by cosmetic chemist and healer Violet Mileva, uses electromagnetic frequencies and time-honored resins in products designed to reverse effects of trauma, aging and stress. The company aims to reach 200,000 people this year.

Gula World is a wellness community that focuses on mind-body optimization through plant-based products, adaptogenic drinks and events for conscious living.

Registration is available at: https://lu.ma/hq2u2bhv

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FRIDAY | JULY 18

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-07-11T19

SATURDAY | JULY 19

COMPOST
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. City Yards 2500 Michigan Ave Santa Monica. Join us for Resource Recovery and Recycling's quarterly compost giveaway on July 19th, 2025, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue. Please bring gloves and containers if you're picking up compost - a limited supply of bags are available. This is a self-service event so please be prepared to load your own compost. We're also giving away FREE food scrap pails. One per household while supplies last. This event is open to all Santa Monica residents with proof of residency. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/compost/14712444/2025-07-19T09

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/uc-master-gardeners-at-pico-farmers-market/13766365/2025-07-19T10

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-06-28T11

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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing $5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class proceeds donated to charitable organizations that advocate for animals, and animal shelters and rescues. Sign-up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training. $5.00 —General $5.00. First Responders & Wildfire Victims FREE. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-06-28T12

SUNDAY | JULY 20

THE WATERFRONT - SUNDAY REAL FUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy a bottomless brunch buffet Sundays at The Waterfront! The Waterfront Venice is a full-service restaurant celebrating Californian cuisine with views of the Pacific Ocean. Situated between Rose and Navy on the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk, our food & beverage menus celebrate California with carefully selected seasonal produce from local farms. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-waterfront-sunday-real-funday-brunch-buffet/14894114/2025-07-20T11

MONDAY | JULY 21

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR
6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica, CA 90401. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2025-07-21T18

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. $10.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-06-23T19

BOOK DISCUSSIONS
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712450/2025-07-17T18

TUESDAY | JULY 22

WALKING MEDITATION
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Away Santa Monica. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 2 pm by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-07-15T14

GELSON'S WEST LA TO HOST TACO TUESDAYS WITH TACOS, MARGARITAS, AND MEZCALS
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gelson's 12121 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles. Every Tuesday from 4 PM to 10 PM, Gelson's West LA Wine Bar will be hosting Taco Tuesdays, bringing together a festive blend of flavors and fun. Enjoy a variety of mouthwatering tacos, refreshing margaritas, and smooth mezcals, all served in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. The perfect way to spice up the week—gather friends and enjoy a night of great food, drinks, and good times. Prices vary. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/gelson-s-west-la-to-host-taco-tuesdays-with-tacos-margaritas-and-mezcals/15309564/2025-07-08T16

WEDNESDAY | JULY 23

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-07-02T12

THURSDAY | JULY 24

ARTS/CRAFTS
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-07-17T11

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CHALLENGES

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Bogh, highlighting the tension between Olympic preparations and budget realities. "Our obligation is to the most vulnerable in this state, as well as the safety and security of the individuals that are either tourists, players and the districts that we represent."

The hearing, led by Sen. Ben Allen and Vice Chair Sen. Maria Elena Durazo, marked a critical juncture as organizers face the enormous scale of coordinating the largest Olympics ever. LA28 Organizing Committee CEO Reynold Hoover warned that preparations involve far more than initially anticipated.

"The list of things to do is much longer than 10,000," Hoover told lawmakers. "This will be the largest Olympics ever, and the first time we've had Paralympics in Los Angeles."

BUDGET PRESSURES MOUNT

The financial challenges are particularly acute given California's current economic climate. LA County CEO Fesia Davenport warned that without adequate funding for planning, the state risks "constraining our ability to pull off an effective Olympics event."

"If we do not have a funding source to start the planning today, we place ourselves at risk," Davenport said, noting that the county faces demands equivalent to supporting multiple Super Bowl events daily for a month.

The organizing committee operates as a nonprofit with no direct government funding, relying entirely on sponsorships, broadcast rights, and ticket sales. However, state and local agencies must still prepare for massive service demands, from law enforcement to emergency management.

EQUITY CONCERNS TAKE CENTER STAGE

Several lawmakers emphasized preventing what Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas called "the tale of two games" — ensuring Olympic benefits don't bypass working-class communities.

"This is going to be a beautiful story of one united Los Angeles where we can grow our economies together," said Smallwood-Cuevas, whose district includes venues like the Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Park.

The senator pressed organizers about concrete hiring benchmarks and preparation for underserved residents, including formerly incarcerated workers. "What are the things that we will need to have in place, and especially if some of these a year out, it may put strain on resources?"

Sen. Durazo emphasized the importance of centering working people in Olympic planning. "We have examples of our past of project labor agreements and community workforce agreements, and the kinds of things that we know are very specific to the well being of not just Angelenos, but those who will come into work."

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION

Perhaps the most visible challenge will be managing regional transportation, with plans for a "games route network" spanning over 350 miles of express lanes that will "dramatically impact everyone in Los Angeles," according to organizers.

The Games Mobility Executives are coordinating between Metro, Caltrans, and other agencies to manage what Hoover described as unprecedented logistical complexity.

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT INTENSIFIES

Committee Chair Allen emphasized the need for sustained legislative oversight as preparations accelerate. "The time to begin serious legislative oversight and collaboration is now," Allen said.

The committee plans additional hearings focusing on specific challenges, including transportation coordination and venue planning across the Los Angeles region.

Despite the challenges, organizers remain optimistic about the Games' potential economic impact, projecting $18 billion in economic benefits and 90,000 full-time equivalent jobs. The "no build" approach using existing iconic venues offers financial advantages compared to other Olympic host cities.

The 2028 Games will mark the third time Los Angeles has hosted the Olympics, following successful events in 1932 and 1984 that generated budget surpluses through careful cost control and use of existing facilities.

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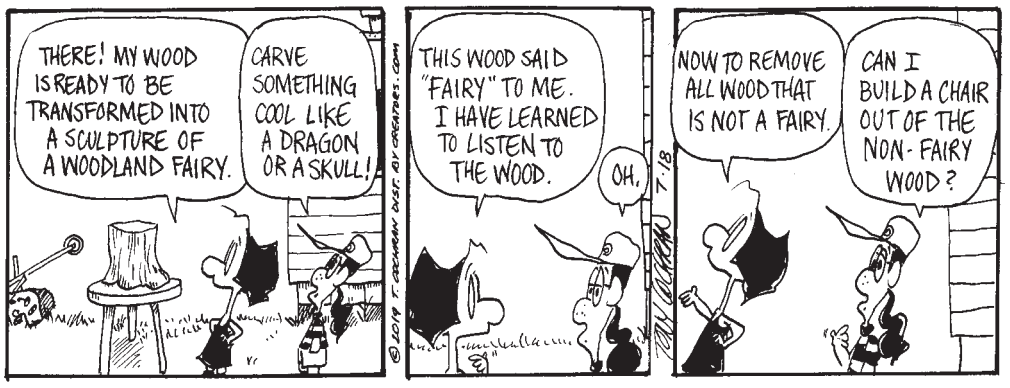


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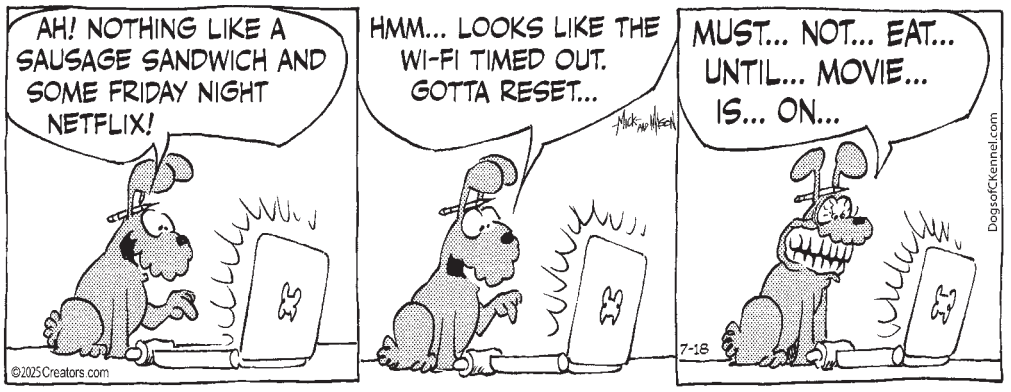
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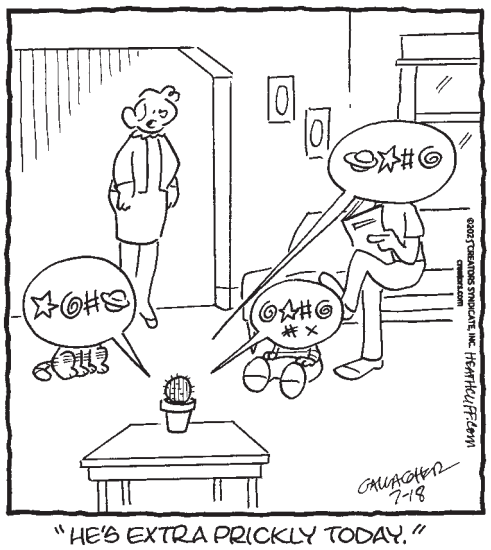
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't fake chemistry. You know this, but it's wild how many people still try. You feel it instantly -- in art, in conversation, in a stranger's glance. Trust your aesthetic radar. It rarely steers you wrong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sure, you could talk around the issue so thoroughly that the original point gets lost, but it's a strategy you've outgrown. You're in a phase where clarity is more important than avoiding the discomfort of honesty. Anything less than true communication would feel like self-betrayal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Certain relationships have developed into something so consistent, so predictable, they've readied you for something a little more surprising. You'd like to be challenged, and you will be, in just the right amount.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The day brings an awareness of how you give love, not per quota, but as a part of yourself, ongoing -- an endless lease in your heart. You'll show love with service, through gifts, and mostly just by prioritizing their happiness and well-being.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're tired of things that glitter with promise and deliver nothing but complication. Today, seek the plainspoken, the under-designed, the unpolished gem. The soul of a thing will speak to you before the packaging does.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you're holding in your body affects your mood, and sometimes much more than you realize. Where does tension cluster? Where is the ease? Before you talk, before you act, scan the system. There's wisdom in the unspoken signals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's money to be made, but the real payoff is not so obvious. Stay tuned to shifts in power and key information handed through the side door. Stay alert. The most useful information will be traded in whispers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your powers of discernment will continue to serve you well today. Don't be seduced by the wrapper or distracted by clumsy packaging. Tune into the intent behind the words, the vibe behind the visuals, the energy behind the smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're cool even when emotions come in hot. You don't have to slam the door. You don't have to blow it up. You can just... slow the rhythm. Delay the return text. Skip the call. Let the silence speak, as it most certainly will today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anything that went wrong in the past was a lesson you either already learned or will absorb in time without further effort. There's no need to keep processing, digging, ruminating. Take control with a simple shift in focus. Forward only.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You advocate for your needs without demanding others sacrifice theirs. You deserve to have your time respected, your creative priorities honored and your evening protected so you can show up where you shine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How do you know you can trust someone? The proof is in how they show up over time. Same with you. Don't worry about the core goodness or character traits or anything too mystical. Look at the record, and do what it takes to have a good one. This is about logistics.

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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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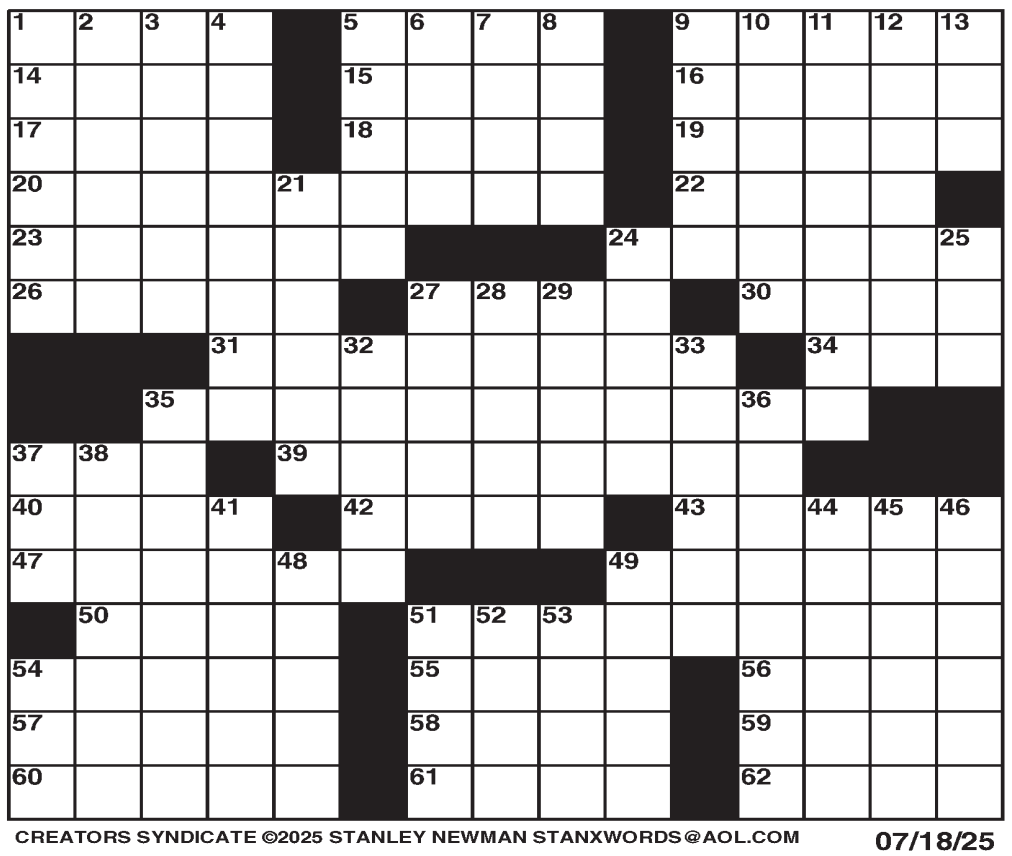
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1 Lock opener
5 Miner's accessory
9 Helvetica kin
14 Poetic time
15 Smoothie flavor
16 Cardio/dance program
17 Store serving stacks
18 Compulsion
19 Faint of heart
20 Start of a Plato quote
22 Arthurian lady
23 Rather arrogant
24 Adjective for overlook
26 Observe, in Ecclesiastes
27 Nursing sch. class
30 Minor progress
31 Pasta sauce herbs
34 Grp. like CARE
35 Middle of quote
37 Frequent book fair sponsor
39 Haile ___
40 Close kin
42 Leftovers
43 Campus org. for future ensigns
47 Some jabs
49 Made up for
50 O'Haras' home
51 End of quote
54 Wears out
55 Share a side with
56 Slimming procedure, for short
57 Greet with disdain
58 Prefix meaning "surrounding"
59 First Burr in *Hamilton*
60 Battery appendage
61 Coordinate
62 Needle work of a sort

DOWN

1 ___ brief (court filing)
2 Nary a chance
3 Road show company
4 Where Bunyan wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
5 Show that you got it
6 Significant plot
7 New Testament travelers
8 Quiches, essentially
9 Mexican forebears
10 Irreparable
11 Coming soon
12 Unshakable
13 Minor male
21 Rangers' rivals
24 Packs away
25 Firm's data security exec
27 Mentally quick
28 Nonround fruits, cutely
29 Uneasy feeling
32 Still-life crockery
33 Pacific Rim faith
35 Emblem on Australia's coat of arms
36 Flier to Saint Petersburg
37 Hole number
38 Cost of learning
41 Bookbinding material
44 New York's largest lake
45 Small brewer
46 AOL mailed more than a billion of them, through 2006
48 Small bite
49 Lofty story
51 Refreshers of a sort
52 Follow closely
53 Go bad
54 Initials meaning "undecided"



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BOUTIQUE

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polyphenol levels.

"These are fruits, not fats," she said. "Olives are only good for about 14 months after they're picked. After that, there's no health benefit and almost no flavor left. That's why we bring them in every six months, it's the only way to guarantee freshness."

Harris partners with a multigenerational importing family whose business has evolved

> "We want people to come in and find something that feels like a gift, for someone else or themselves"
> - Tana Harris

over a century from general goods to a laser focus on olive oils and vinegars. She said they provide detailed chemical analyses of every shipment, including breakdowns of polyphenols, oleic acid and squalene levels.

The balsamic vinegars are sourced exclusively from Modena, Italy, with some aged up to 20 years in wooden barrels. Most are IGP or DOP certified. Other goods, like preserved lemons, heirloom beans, jams and almond butters, are sourced from smaller producers in California, many of whom have never sold to anyone in Los Angeles before. One jam maker in Ventura reportedly sells only to O&V.

The goal, Harris said, is to stock the store with items that enhance the olive oil experience without overcrowding the space or overwhelming visitors.

"We want people to come in and find something that feels like a gift, for someone else or themselves," she said. "It's about quality, not clutter. We're not trying to sell mattresses like five other shops on the street."

In addition to products, O&V California offers monthly "Olive Oil 101" tasting classes, held after hours and designed as a relaxed introduction to oils and vinegars. Each 90-minute class includes small bites, a guided tasting session and a private shopping experience. Guests can opt for wine or a cocktail and tickets are priced at $45.

The shop also plans to host community events with a philanthropic element, with a portion of proceeds going to local nonprofits such as Community Brigade and the Santa Monica Fire Department.

"We want to be more than a store," Harris said. "We want to be part of the neighborhood, somewhere people can come to learn, connect and enjoy themselves."

The interior of the store reflects that philosophy. Clean lines, custom-built shelving and soft lighting set the tone. Harris said she intentionally left the front of the store sparse to encourage curiosity from passersby, resisting suggestions to crowd the entry with displays or tasting tables.

"I wanted people to look in and wonder what it is," she said. "Some think we sell coffee, some think it's a wine shop. But once they step inside, they see it's something different."

For Harris, the leap from nonprofit work to specialty retail isn't as dramatic as it seems.

"I still had to eat, I still had to cook," she said. "And I thought I was doing everything right. But then I learned what was really in those bottles at the grocery store and it shocked me. I wanted to offer something better, and I wanted to do it in Santa Monica."

She lives about a mile from the store and walks to work. That proximity, she said, reinforces her sense of accountability to the community, both as a retailer and as a neighbor. "I love it here. This is home," Harris said. "People know each other. I wanted to build something that would belong here, something beautiful, welcoming and honest."

O&V California is at 1109 Montana Ave and open Tue–Sat 10am–6pm, Sun 12noon–5pm.

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IMMIGRATION

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Gov. Gavin Newsom has twice vetoed California lawmakers' attempts to extend unemployment benefits to undocumented workers. In addition, the state just cut Medi-Cal benefits to undocumented immigrants and froze new enrollments because of budget constraints.

When reached for comment, Tara Gallegos, spokesperson for Newsom, said: "Donald Trump's ruthless and cruel raids have sent families into hiding, impacting our schools, churches, businesses, and workforce — hurting not only California, but the entire nation." She added that the governor will continue to fight the Trump administration in court; the state has sued Trump over his deployment of Marines to Los Angeles soon after the stepped-up raids.

The California Finance Department closely monitors demographic and economic trends as it shapes state spending plans. When asked to comment about the UC Merced report, Finance Department spokesperson H.D. Palmer pointed to the "downside risk" mentioned in the state's most recent economic forecast in the revised May budget. It stated that the Trump administration's large-scale deportation program could "significantly degrade the state's labor force."

By Levi Sumagaysay. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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OLYMPICS

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also the largest Paralympics ever, and the first time we've had Paralympics in Los Angeles."

The economic impact figures are based on a 2017 study, but Hoover indicated the numbers could increase as planning progresses. "We're working actually on a new economic study to we think that those numbers will increase, because at the time the study was done in 2017, we didn't have some of the other venues identified," he said.

The games are expected to attract over 15 million visitors to the region, with more than 15,000 athletes competing. For the first time in Olympic history, there will be more female athletes competing than male athletes, Hoover noted.

"We expect about an $18 billion economic impact, not only to the region, but nationwide," Hoover told the committee. "That will include about 90,000 full time equivalent jobs, it'll be about a $6 billion labor income, and we think somewhere around $700 million in tax revenue to the state and local communities."

The massive undertaking will require between 45,000 to 50,000 volunteers, Hoover said, describing the volunteer program as "an amazing, powerful uniting event." The LA28 organizing committee's own headquarters will grow to about 4,000 full-time employees.

Senator Ben Allen, who chairs the committee, emphasized the transformative potential of the events. "As legislators, we all have a responsibility to ensure that California's involvement with the games delivers long term value to our residents and our taxpayers," Allen said.

The games will introduce five new sports to the Olympic program: baseball, softball, squash, cricket, lacrosse, and flag football. On the Paralympic side, para climbing will make its debut.

Beyond Los Angeles, the economic benefits are expected to ripple throughout California. Regional areas anticipate increased tourism, restaurant visits, entertainment, and hotel stays, contributing to local Transient Occupancy Tax development.

"Regional areas will have an increase in people going out to restaurants, people going to the entertainment shows, the zones there, the hotels, the TLT that is going to be developed for the local cities, and much more," said Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, who represents the Bay Area where World Cup matches will be held.

The state's tourism economy, which already generates $12 billion in state and local tax revenues and supports 1.2 million jobs, is expected to receive a significant boost from the games.

County of Los Angeles CEO Fesia Davenport highlighted the regional coordination required, noting that while the county is not the official host or financial guarantor, it will play a "significant, critical and essential role" in supporting the games throughout the region.

The organizing committee operates as a nonprofit with a $7.1 billion budget funded entirely through sponsorships, International Olympic Committee payments, broadcasting rights, licensing, merchandising, and ticket sales. Hoover announced that eight major sponsors have already committed $2 billion.

"There is no other place in the world that can host the games of this size and magnitude," Hoover said. "This is a no build games. So our only build will be temporary builds and temporary facilities. We will use existing iconic venues throughout the city of LA and the county."

The games will feature a historic 50-state Olympic torch relay, described by Hoover as "the thread that's going to bind the nation" and "a way that we're going to unify the world."

With 1,100 days remaining until the opening ceremonies, California officials are emphasizing the long-term benefits extending well beyond the games themselves. The economic projections represent just the beginning of what organizers hope will be decades of lasting impact from hosting the world's largest sporting event.

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