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Possibly illegal tenancy rules force council to rewrite ballot measure for November election



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HOUSING: Efforts to rewrite rules for renters in the city resulted in a ballot measure that would have exposed the city to significant threats of litigation.

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

The City Council and the Rent Control Board voted this week to pull back the most contested piece of a ballot measure headed

for the November election, after city attorneys warned the proposal was untested in court and would likely invite a lawsuit.

Meeting jointly in a special session, the two bodies voted to strip out language that would have let additional household members

remain in a unit after the original tenant moved out for any reason, and would have expanded who qualifies to stay behind. In its place, council members directed staff to draft a narrower measure that would extend just-cause eviction protections to single-family

homes and condominiums and bring owner move-in rules for those units in line with existing rent-control law — provisions city officials said carry far less legal risk.

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Do you toss food once the date on the label has passed? Experts say that's often a waste

If you've ever tossed out a carton of milk or a container of yogurt solely because the date on the packaging had passed, you're not alone.

Many people throw away food simply because of the date printed on the label. But often it is still perfectly edible, according to experts.

With no federal regulations requiring standardized labels for dates on food except for baby formula, it's no surprise that deciphering terms like "Best Before," "Best By," "Best If Used By," "Enjoy By," and "Sell By" can be mind-boggling.

What most people don't realize is that those labels are more about how fresh something is — not how safe the food is to eat.

California is trying to bring some clarity with a new law that requires food manufacturers to use just two labels: one for quality and another for safety.

Here are a few tips to help you understand food date labels and keep perfectly good food out of the trash even if you don't live in California.

MORE THAN 50 DIFFERENT DATE LABELS ARE USED IN THE US

In the United States, more than 80% of consumers discard food approaching the package date label at least occasionally, a 2019 study by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health found.

"The date labels guarantee quality up until that point," said Donald Schaffner, a food safety expert at Rutgers University. "They are not about the safety of a product."

Food date labels vary state by state and are determined by the food manufacturer. Researchers from the University of Maryland found that more than 50 different date labels are used across the United States.

"They're based on when the manufacturer thinks that product will taste its best, when its quality will be at its peak," said Rachel Zemser, a San Francisco Bay Area food scientist who helps food companies design, launch and market new food products.

FOOD PACKAGING HELPS DETERMINE HOW LONG FOOD IS SAFE TO EAT

Unopened canned food like beans, tomatoes, fruit, vegetables, and any shelf-stable food package in liquid, will last for years after the date stamped on its label. The same goes for boxes of soy milk or boxes of almond milk, or any food that's been heat-treated and sealed to stay safe without refrigeration.

Dry goods, like cookies, crackers and cereal, also have a long shelf life because the low moisture in them doesn't allow bacteria to grow.

"People can use their best judgment by smelling and tasting the product because dry crackers and cookies, and things of that nature, may be stale but they are not going to make you sick if you eat them," Zemser said.

But extra precautions should be taken with beef, chicken or fish. They can go bad even if it's in your refrigerator, but wrapping them tight in plastic and freezing it before the "best by" date on its packaging could help it last longer.

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- Rachel Zemser

"Most bacteria needs moisture and air to grow and thrive, so very dry products will last, but I wouldn't risk it with meat," Zemser said.

The FoodKeeper, a website and free app developed by the Department of Agriculture, Cornell University, and the Food Marketing Institute, provides guidance on how long foods stay fresh and safe to eat.

California is trying to clarify label confusion

California became the first state in the U.S. to standardize food labels by banning "sell by" dates.

The law that went into effect July 1 requires manufacturers selling food in California to use two standardized labels: a "Best If Used By" label for peak quality and a "Use By" label for product safety. "Sell by" dates are used by stores to ensure products are being displayed for a reasonable amount of time before quality declines, said Nate Rose, a spokesperson for the California Grocers Association.

"Think of it like an internal referencing system for store managers and employees," he said.

New York state lawmakers recently passed a similar measure for labels that is awaiting Gov. Kathy Hochul's signature.

MOST LABELS ARE ABOUT FOOD QUALITY, NOT SAFETY

The only product legally required by the

Americans' confidence in US economy falls as Iran conflict sends gas prices higher

Americans' confidence in the economy fell this month as gas prices resumed their climb after the U.S. and Iran stepped up their fighting.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index fell to 90.8 in July from 92.2 in June. That's essentially the same tepid range its been in since the beginning of the year. In late 2024 and early 2025 the readings were well above 100.

Consumer attitudes had improved modestly in June as gas prices came down to around \$3.70 a gallon from more than \$4.50 a gallon in late April and early May. But as fighting in the Middle East escalated, the average price for a gallon of gas in the U.S. started to rise again. On Tuesday it was \$4.10, according to the auto club AAA.

After being attacked by the U.S. and Israel in late February, Iran shut down the Strait of Hormuz, through which about one-fifth of the world's oil travels, causing a spike in gas prices. That accelerated inflation, causing Americans' inflation-adjusted incomes to decline.

Americans remain soured on the economy after five years of elevated inflation, potentially posing a risk to President Donald Trump and Republicans in the midterm elections, which are now less than 100 days away.

Trump continues to blame inflation on his predecessor, Democrat Joe Biden. Yet inflation has risen since Trump's inauguration last year, to 3.5% from 3% in January 2025. It jumped even further after the Iran war began Feb. 28, when it was just 2.4%.

Write-in responses to the survey, which were collected from July 1 to July 22, remained

pessimistic. The Board said references to gas prices were down slightly but remained elevated. Respondents' mention of food and grocery prices increased.

Government data shows that buying food to bring home has gotten 33% more expensive since the beginning of 2019. To navigate those higher prices, Americans have turned to couponing, comparison shopping and cutting back on favorite foods as they absorb the biggest jump in grocery prices in a half-century.

Beef epitomizes out-of-control grocery prices for many Americans. The price of a pound of ground beef reached \$6.82 in June — 79% more than at the beginning of 2019, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

References to jobs and unemployment picked up slightly this month and views of the current job market fell. Expectations of how the labor market will be six months going forward improved slightly, but remained in negative territory.

U.S. employers slowed hiring last month and added only 57,000 jobs, less than half the previous month's total. The unemployment rate declined to a low 4.2% from 4.3% in May, though the drop mostly occurred because many people out of work gave up looking and were no longer counted as unemployed.

The number of consumers who mentioned war and geopolitics decreased this month, but the Board suspects that recent escalation in fighting between Iran and the U.S. could cause those mentions to rise in the next survey.

By MATT OTT AP Business Writer



Surf report WATER TEMP: 75.2

WEDNESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

Pumping. SW/SSW S. Hemi swell peaks, SSE tropical swell from Genevieve builds, still NW windswell. All sort of swell running and wind looks favorable for the morning. Long period SW/SSW swell tops out, SSE swell from Genevieve is on the rise all day, peaks late (LOTUS timing looks behind). There may still be enough NW windswell to help shape, too. Cleanest early. Expecting widespread head high surf. Good spots are overhead off the blend and standouts of North LA push well overhead.

THURSDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 4-6ft
Chest to overhead

Genevieve swell holds solid, SPAC swell eases. Semi broken up shape but NW windswell fades a bit. Expecting Genevieve swell to trend more SSE/S through the day and hold. Even though NW windswell will likely drop from the first half of the week, the SPAC swell is west enough that the beachbreaks have some sections/corners on offer. Genevieve ticking most of the boxes for good tropical swell. Head high-overhead surf at decent breaks. Good spots are 2' overhead and standouts push well overhead.



Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 76.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 66. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.

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2026/07/30	Thu	11:18 AM	4.15 H
2026/07/30	Thu	4:10 PM	2.17 L
2026/07/30	Thu	10:17 PM	6.01 H
2026/07/31	Fri	05:22 AM	-0.29 L
2026/07/31	Fri	11:44 AM	4.32 H
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Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 41 M



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3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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California cannot keep rewarding utilities after catastrophic wildfires

A group calling itself Wildfire Victims First has been mailing Californians this year and running ads, claiming to speak for people like me.

It does not. It is a fake wildfire victims group, funded by California’s three for-profit electric monopolies.

I am an Eaton Fire survivor. My organization, Every Fire Survivor’s Network, represents more than 10,000 people. We are the real wildfire victims.

Eighteen months after the Eaton Fire, 2 in 3 survivors remain displaced. Retirement savings have been drained. Credit cards are maxed out. More than half of us are on the brink of losing our temporary housing.

Rather than protect us, Gov. Gavin Newsom is working on an 11th-hour utility bailout behind closed doors — right now — before the Legislature reconvenes in August.

We have seen this before. We know how it ends.

Last September, in the final two days of the legislative session, Newsom and legislative leaders gutted and amended Senate Bill 254, stripping a bill meant to protect wildfire survivors and replacing it with a 231-page bill protecting California’s electric utilities.

The rewrite came so late, the Legislature had to extend its session to meet the constitutional 72-hour review requirement. Some legislators admitted they didn’t know what they were voting on. One observer told the Los Angeles Times it was “effectively a bailout.”

That is not how democracy is supposed to work.

The state said the electric utilities needed protection or they’d go bankrupt. The California Public Utilities Commission approved a \$1.1 billion rate increase, plus nearly \$1 billion in retroactive payments, paid by California families to Southern California Edison — whose equipment was investigated as the probable source of the Eaton Fire.

Two months later, Edison raised its shareholder dividend for the 22nd consecutive year, to nearly \$1.3 billion. Edison’s three largest institutional shareholders are BlackRock, Vanguard and State Street.

Thanks to the rate hikes, Edison’s profits more than tripled in 2025, from \$1.3 billion to \$4.5 billion. CEO Pedro Pizarro’s pay soared 20% to \$16.5 million.

This was not protection from bankruptcy. It was a transfer of wealth from hardworking Californians to Wall Street. It happened the same year the Eaton Fire killed 19 people and destroyed the lives of tens of thousands more.

California’s legislators and Newsom face a choice: protect the families who lost everything or hold the corporations responsible.

Anationwidecoalitionrecentlauncheda website, DearNewsom.org, and it includes the NAACP, the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, which represents 70 immigrant rights organizations, and Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group with more than a million members.

In a letter, NAACP’s president and CEO Derrick Johnson urged Newsom to choose democracy over corporate special interests, calling on the governor to “stand with survivors, reject policies that shield corporate misconduct and ensure California leads the nation by putting people before powerful interests.”

To put it simply: No more bailouts of the electric monopolies negotiated behind closed doors, before survivors have been made whole.

If Newsom’s proposals are good for California, make that case openly — through the ordinary legislative process — not in language inserted days before the legislative session ends. Let California be a model for America, not a model for what happens when corporate power outweighs democracy.

Newsom should apply the same basic principle every parent teaches their child, and which forms the basis of our nation’s system of civil justice: You break it, you fix it. Not: You break it, your victims lose everything, and shareholders and executives walk away even richer.

If the results of repeated catastrophic failure are record profits, record executive compensation and record shareholder dividends, then catastrophic failure is exactly what this system will keep producing.

Joy Chen is the executive director of Every Fire Survivor’s Network and a former deputy mayor of Los Angeles.

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‘Pretty sure he’s wet:’ Immigration agents used racial slurs during LA sweeps, court records show

Federal immigration agents used racial slurs, including “wet” and “tonks,” to identify people to target while sweeping through Los Angeles last year, according to text messages cited in a new court filing asking a federal judge there to bar agents from racial profiling.

Plaintiffs in the Vasquez Perdomo vs. Noem case filed a motion for a preliminary injunction on Monday, arguing that agents had conducted an “ongoing campaign of suspicionless and discriminatory detective stops” across the Central District of California even after the high-profile street raids of summer 2025 had ceased. As one ICE agent admitted in a deposition, “We’re [still] doing the same thing [as “Operation at Large”] just with a different name.”

The filing includes evidence from months of discovery, including body camera footage and depositions of agents, ordered by U.S. District Judge Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong after the U.S. Supreme Court stayed an earlier temporary restraining order in the case last September.

Attorneys with the American Civil Liberties Union, a coalition of advocacy organizations and private attorneys argue in the court filing that the new evidence undercuts the government’s argument to the Supreme Court that agents were relying on specific intelligence about individuals instead of race when deciding who to stop.

In bodycam footage, according to court documents, a Border Patrol agent at the Hollywood Home Depot says, “There was a guy, I’m pretty sure he’s wet he was just sitting in that minivan.”

In one text message cited in the filing, an agent says, “Yeah, just plug us in wherever you see some tonks and we’ll jump out.” In another message, an agent describes seeing “tonks everywhere selling food.”

“Tonks” is a derogatory term Border Patrol agents have used, reportedly derived from the sound a heavy item like a flashlight makes on a migrant’s skull. In 2019, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the parent agency for Border Patrol, issued guidance explicitly stating “the term ‘tonk’ is not appropriate” due to its derogatory connotation, according to emails and text messages disclosed to HuffPost under the Freedom of Information Act.

In one deposition an immigration agent bluntly says that the suspicious appearance they look for is “Older Hispanic male.” In their filing, plaintiffs’ attorneys argue that immigration agents engaged in unlawful practices by not developing “pre-stop individualized, particularized assessment of reasonable suspicion” of targets, but instead used racial profiling to detain anyone they believed to be low-income and Latino. Such actions swept up U.S. citizens and violated the Constitution’s prohibition on unreasonable search and seizures.

The court filing made public Monday reveals a May 2025 directive from Immigration and Customs Enforcement headquarters telling field officers to “turn the creativity knob up to 11” and arrest more “collaterals.” That’s the agency’s term for people who aren’t the original target of an operation but who are encountered in the process.

ACLU attorneys said the agents’ practices, including racially profiling Latinos, were condoned and directed from the top.

“This was not a rogue method of operationalizing agency orders; it was precisely what agency leadership desired,” the filing states.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs said ICE doubled the ranks of its field teams, “thanks in part to recruitment ads employing white nationalist messaging.” The filing says some plaintiffs and organizational members, including those who are U.S. citizens, have already been stopped more than once.

While the filing relies on communications from agents’ cell phones, most agents involved in the LA raids have yet to turn over their devices.

Last month, during a contentious hearing, Frimpong weighed whether to hold the federal government in contempt for failing to comply with a court order to turn over agents’ cell phones.

The government said in court that of 1,400 Border Patrol agents involved in Los Angeles operations last year, more than half reported using their personal cell phones.

The federal government said that it asked agents to upload any data from their personal phone to a government repository, a compromise created with its union designed to limit any workplace grievances. But only 88 agents volunteered to turn their phones in for forensic imaging, and none of them have been imaged yet.

Plaintiffs argued that the government deserved sanctions by “straight-up saying they will not comply with an order because their employees might complain if they do.”

Progress on the government phones hasn’t gone much faster. In court, lawyers for the federal government revealed they have only been imaging 3 government phones every 2 weeks, without knowing the exact number of government phones but estimating around “200-300 still to go.” That’s a rate that would take the government close to four years to comply with the court’s order.

“There’s enough to suggest that this is a system-wide practice of identifying people through racial slurs,” said Mayra Joaquín, an attorney with the ACLU.

CalMatters has reached out to the Department of Homeland Security for comment. Sergio Olmos and Wendy Fry, CalMatters Reporters

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 19.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.67/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 23.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.24/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 17.8 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.255 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$4.99/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$6.79/g, a difference of \$1.80/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.89/g while the highest was \$7.79/g, a difference of \$3.90/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 10.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.06/g today. The national average is up 23.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 95.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Applications Now Open for Santa Monica Renter Aid Program

The city of Santa Monica has launched Santa Monica Renter Aid, a program offering one-time or short-term financial assistance and housing stabilization services to eligible renter households facing a temporary housing crisis.

Funded through Measure GS and administered by The People Concern in partnership with the city's Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Division, the program is designed to help renters remain safely and stably housed. Applications are due Aug. 20 and can be submitted at Santa Monica Renter Aid.

"Nobody should lose their home over one bad month," Mayor Caroline Torosis said. The program puts roughly \$6 million directly into the hands of renters who hit a rough patch, she said, adding that keeping people housed is "more cost effective and more humane than helping them after they've already lost everything."

To qualify, households must be Santa Monica residents, be experiencing or at risk of a housing crisis, and meet income requirements at or below 120% of Area Median Income. Priority goes to low-income households, older adults, people with disabilities and families with minor children at greatest risk of homelessness.

Applicants must provide documentation verifying eligibility. Assistance is not guaranteed and depends on eligibility, priority criteria and funding availability.

Residents who need help applying may attend free in-person support hours through Aug. 20: Tuesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park's Park Center Building, 2200 Virginia Ave., and Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Paper applications, multilingual assistance and accessibility accommodations are available during those hours.

Representatives from The People Concern will also answer questions at the State of the City event on Thursday, July 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. The free, all-ages community event takes place on Main Street between Hollister Avenue and Ocean Park Boulevard and highlights community achievements in 2026 and plans for 2027.

For more information, contact santamonicarenteraid@thepeopleconcern.org or visit santamonica.gov.

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Santa Monica

Appian Way reopens ahead of schedule after faster-than-expected bridge demolition

Appian Way reopened to vehicle traffic Tuesday, days ahead of schedule, restoring the main access route to the Santa Monica Pier's primary parking lots.

The road had been expected to stay closed for up to eight days while crews demolished a section of the existing Pier Bridge above it as part of the Santa Monica Pier Bridge Replacement Project. Instead, the work wrapped up in a single day.

City officials credited the faster timeline to a change in construction method. Instead of saw-cutting, which crews used in other sections of the bridge, the contractor used two hydraulic breakers to tear down this portion. The switch sped up the work without compromising safety, officials said, allowing the roadway to reopen well ahead of projections.

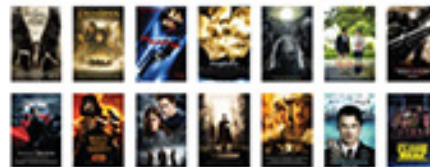
The bridge replacement project aims to improve safety, accessibility and long-term reliability at the historic gateway while keeping the Pier and its businesses accessible to visitors. It is scheduled for completion by 2028, ahead of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

More information is available at santamonica.gov/pierbridge.

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Montana Ave

Ocean Avenue goes car-free for free Art on Ocean festival Aug. 8

A scenic stretch of Ocean Avenue will trade vehicle traffic for art, music, food and community during Art on Ocean — Palisades Park Arts Festival on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The free, all-ages event will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. along Ocean Avenue between California Avenue and Montana Avenue. Organizers will close the festival area to cars, transforming the roadway beside Palisades Park into a walkable outdoor arts destination overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

More than 100 visual artists from across California will present original paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and mixed-media and handcrafted work. Attendees can meet the artists and buy work directly from them.

Live music will play throughout the day, with performances by Nick Kennerly, Mudslide Mojo, La Compania and Country House Party spanning classical violin, Americana, Latin jazz and dance favorites.

The Wine Garden will feature wines by Divine Vintage, a full bar by Thirst Trap, food from Blue Plate Taco, DJ sets and a Paint & Sip experience. It is limited to guests 21 and older with valid ID; those under 21 must be accompanied by an adult.

Several local organizations will offer free creative activities for children and families. Paint Lab will bring a pop-up version of its Santa Monica studio to Ocean Avenue with free workshops, and the Kids' Area will feature art projects, sensory play, face painting and bracelet making.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from local vendors including Blue Plate Taco, Triple Beam Pizza and Ubatuba Açai.

“Santa Monica deserves a free art show that stands alongside the best in Southern California,” said Jenny Rice, event organizer with Beach Native Marketing & Events. “It’s more than an art show. It’s a community celebration centered around art.”

The festival is presented in partnership with the City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability & the Environment, with support from the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition and Paint Lab.

After the festival, the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition, known as Wilmont, will host its first free outdoor movie of the summer in Palisades Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket and stay for a film under the stars.

Admission is free. RSVP is encouraged at art-on-ocean.com/santamonica. Art on Ocean is produced by Beach Native Marketing, LLC.

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FESTIVAL: Art on Ocean festival transforms Ocean Avenue into car-free arts destination Aug. 8, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIAFOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. LAUREN PRAKKE, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 25, INCLUSIVE, Defendants.
Case No.: 23STLC02162[Unlimited excessed \$25,000]COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
CAUSES OF ACTION: 1. Subrogation 2. Negligence
COMES NOW Plaintiff, PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY, alleges as follows:
PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS1. At all times mentioned herein, plaintiff PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY (sometimes referred to as "plaintiff") was an insurance company qualified to do business in California.2. At all relevant times referenced herein, 1012 2nd Street Homeowners' Association, (hereinafter referred to as "Insured") is and was a business entity insured by Plaintiff for damages incurred in the incident described herein.3. At all times mentioned herein, defendant, Lauren Prakke, was an individual residing in the City of Santa Monica in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.4. The true names and capacities of defendants DOES 1 through 25, Inclusive, are unknown to plaintiff. Plaintiff therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this complaint to insert the true names and capacities of the fictitiously named defendants when the same have been ascertained.5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based upon such information and belief thereon alleges, that each defendant designated as a DOE herein is responsible in some manner for the acts, omissions, occurrences, and liabilities hereafter alleged and referred to.6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all relevant times mentioned herein, Defendant, Lauren Prakke, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive, and any one of them, were members of or adjacent to the 1012 2nd Street Homeowners Association.7. Insured is the 1012 2nd Street Homeowners Association.8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all relevant times mentioned herein, Lauren Prakke in Apartment 2 at 1012 2nd Street in Santa Monica was in dominion and control of the water that flowed from her apartment and caused the April 8, 2020 waterflow incident to Insured.9. On April 8, 2020, without warning, Plaintiff's Insured's HOA (in particular, Apartment 1) experienced water damage due to water intrusion from water coming from Defendant's overflowing bathtub.10. An investigation suggests that either by Defendant's negligence or neglect or chosen behavior, that water was

coming from Defendant (most likely from the bath tub overflowing for 5-10 minutes) that intruded into Plaintiff's Insured's HOA causing damages.11. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of said Defendants, and each of them and as a result of the damages caused by said Defendants, and after receiving proof of loss, Plaintiff paid to or on behalf of Insured the sum of \$13,467.20 and became subrogated to that amount.FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION-SUBROGATION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS12. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained above as though fully set forth herein.13. At all relevant times herein, plaintiff's insured, 1012 2ND STREET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, had a policy of insurance in effect which was issued by plaintiff and covered Commercial General Liability. The policy number was PHPK2003227. That at said times, 1012 2ND STREET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION was insured by plaintiff against any damage done to Plaintiff's personal property.14. 1012 2ND STREET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION sustained damage to due to water damage and made a lawful demand for compensation upon plaintiff based upon the policy of insurance. Plaintiff has been obligated to pay various expenses of its insured pursuant to the Commercial General Liability coverage portions of the insurance policy issued to 1012 2ND STREET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION by plaintiff in the amount of \$13,467.20. Plaintiff paid the claim of its insured to protect its own interests, and not as a volunteer.15. By reason of the aforesaid policy of insurance, the payments made pursuant to the policy, and pursuant to California Insurance Code Section 11580.2(g), plaintiff subrogated to the rights of 1012 2ND STREET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION for all payments made for replacement and repairs to Plaintiff's personal property. If not for the policy of insurance described herein, 1012 2ND STREET HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION could have validly asserted its claim for damages arising from the water intrusion incident against the defendants, and each of them.16. Justice requires that the loss be entirely shifted from plaintiff to defendants, and each of them, whose equitable position is inferior to that of the plaintiff. Plaintiff is entitled to recovery of all damages alleged herein, which are in a liquidated form, and is also entitled to pre-judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law pursuant to the provisions of California Civil Code Sections 3287(a) and 3291.SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION-NEGLIGENCE AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS17. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained above as though fully set forth

herein.18. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based upon such information and belief thereon alleges that Defendants and each of them so negligently, wantonly, recklessly and carelessly allowed her bath tub to overflow with water so as to cause damages to Plaintiff.19. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of said Defendants, and each of them and as a result of the damages caused by said Defendants, and after receiving proof of loss, Plaintiff paid to or on behalf of Insured the sum of \$13,467.20 and became subrogated to that amount.PRAYER FOR RELIEFWHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendants, and each of them as follows:FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: 1. For monetary damage in the amount of \$13,467.20 2. Interest from the date of loss, per Civil Code Sections 3287 and 3291. 3. Costs of Suit. 4. All other damages that are deemed proper by the Court.SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: 1. For monetary damage in the amount of \$13,467.20 2. Interest from the date of loss, per Civil Code Sections 3287 and 3291. 3. Costs of Suit. 4. All other damages that are deemed proper by the Court. DATED: April 4, 2023ROBINSON DI LANDOBy: Michael C. Robinson / Orion S. Robinson, Attorneys for Plaintiff, PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY
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COUNCIL

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The reversal is a significant retreat from what the City Council had approved just weeks earlier. The council voted July 14 to place three rent-control charter amendments on the November ballot, including the disputed occupant measure, which passed 4-2 with Councilmembers Lana Negrete and Barry Snell opposed and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Zwick recused. The original proposal grew out of a January council directive aimed partly at protecting family members left behind when a primary tenant was detained by federal immigration enforcement, and would impose eviction restrictions when tenants added a spouse, parent, sibling or other qualifying relative, or a "household" member, to a unit.

As drafted, the measure eliminated a longstanding requirement that a tenant's death or incapacity trigger the eviction protection for those left behind, instead applying it whenever a unit was vacated for any reason, and broadened the class of people eligible to remain from spouses and children to any lawfully residing occupant.

City officials told the two boards this week that the changes had drawn concern from outside parties, including arguments that the measure would circumvent the state's Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act and could leave landlords unable to recover their units at all. City Attorney Heidi von Tongeln said staff could not find any jurisdiction that had eliminated the death-or-incapacity trigger entirely or extended protections to as broad a class of occupants as Santa Monica's measure proposed. She said the change was "a case of first impression" that had never been tested in court, and that passing it as written would likely draw a lawsuit.

Von Tongeln and outside counsel walked the boards through a scenario critics have raised: if an original tenant moved out voluntarily, a second occupant could remain, effectively forming a new landlord-tenant relationship, then bring in additional occupants of their own who could remain again once that second tenant left — creating what several officials called a "perpetual tenancy" problem. Von Tongeln also noted that because the change would be made through a charter amendment rather than

a routine ordinance, any successful legal challenge would be far harder to fix, since correcting it would require going back to voters at the next general election.

City Manager Oliver Chi told the boards the city faces an Aug. 7 deadline set by Los Angeles County to finalize ballot language, leaving little time to explore alternatives.

Rent Control Vice Chair Kay Ambriz initially favored keeping the ballot measure intact but restoring the death-or-incapacity requirement, a position seconded by Commissioner Ericka Lesley. Commissioner Kurt Gonska argued for scaling back the proposal, saying the city had "proactively invited a legal challenge" that could jeopardize rent-control protections more broadly, while Phillis Dudick said the board needed more time and more public input before proceeding.

On the council side, Negrete said she opposed the entire measure, arguing it could create loopholes for subletting and would hit small landlords who were unaware of the changes. Councilmember Dan Hall said he was reluctant to rewrite charter language "from the dais" without a formal staff report, and proposed advancing only the single-family-home and owner-move-in provisions while sending the occupant-protection concepts back for further study ahead of the next election cycle, in 2028. Natalya Zernitskaya agreed, saying she shared the intent behind the measure but wanted more time to "protect the city and protect tenants." Ellis Raskin was the lone dissenting voice, calling the pullback "unprecedented" and noting the proposal had been developed over months of public hearings by the Rent Control Board.

After hearing that discussion, the Rent Control Board voted 5-0 to recommend removing the household-occupant and new-occupant eviction protections from the ballot measure, while taking no position on the single-family-home and owner-move-in provisions, which fall under the city's housing policy law rather than the rent-control charter.

The City Council then voted to rescind the existing resolution and direct staff to return with a new measure limited to the single-family-home and owner-move-in provisions, with Raskin casting the only "no" vote. Zwick was absent for the vote.

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ECONOMY

FROM PAGE 2

federal government to have an expiration date is infant formula. It should not be consumed past that date because its nutrients decline over time.

"Infant formula is the sole source of nutrition for the infant, and the concern is that the child could have a nutritional deficiency" if given expired formula, Schaffner said.

In general, people should use their own

judgment and look for signs like mold, strange odors and unusual colors to decide whether or not to toss out food.

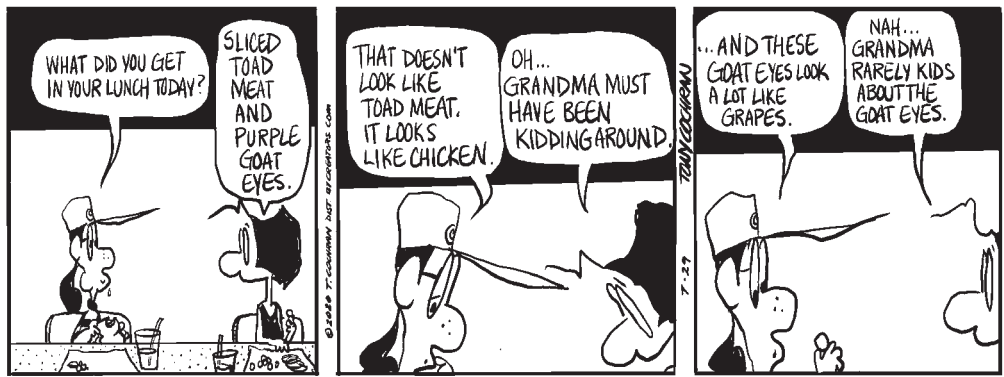
And follow your taste buds.
"Practice your own food stock rotation, buy appropriate amounts of food, don't buy giant amounts that you won't be able to eat," Schaffner said. "Because who wants to eat poor quality food?"

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ Associated Press

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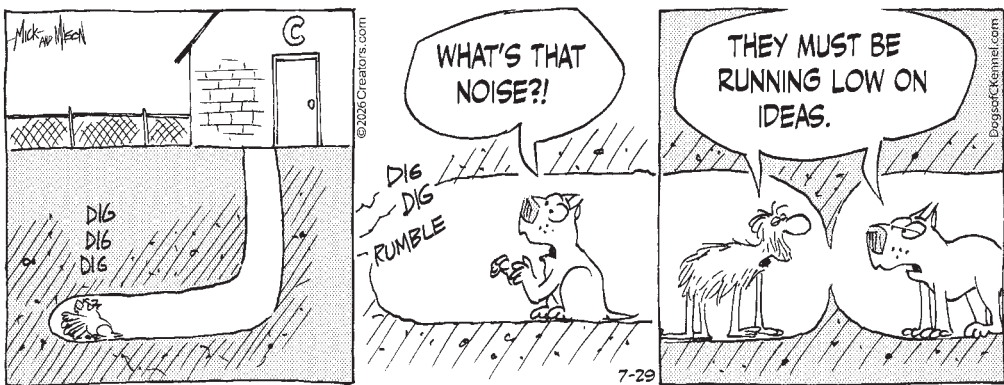
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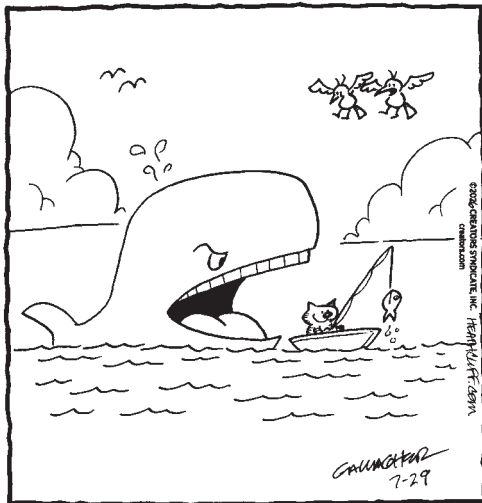
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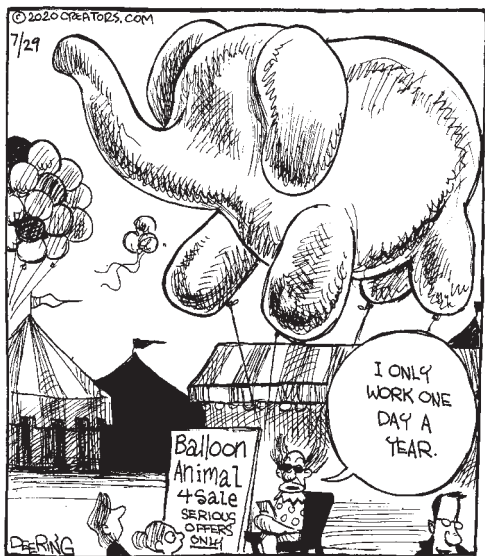
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Cooking techniques

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 29)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know it's yours when you'd still choose it whether you were getting applause or not. Buck Moon mantra: I'm the only one who has to approve. My reasons are enough, even when nobody else completely understands them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know you've outgrown it when you keep explaining why you stay. Buck Moon mantra: I don't need another reason to move on. My life has room for something that fits me better every day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know you've found your people when it feels safe to say what's on your mind, or not say it, because the silence is a safe place, too. Buck Moon mantra: I can be myself. Real connection doesn't require constant performance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know you've made peace with the past when you stop rewriting the conversation in your mind. Buck Moon mantra: Yesterday is over and there's no changing it now. I don't have to win an argument that already ended.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know the project is a good fit when working on it leaves you with more energy than you started with. Energy surplus is a gift. Buck Moon mantra: I gratefully recognize, receive and use the fuel available.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know you're ready when you stop looking for one more sign and start with what you already know. Buck Moon mantra: I know enough to take another step. I'll figure out the rest as I go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know you've found the right project when the work becomes more interesting than the result. You enjoy solving the next problem more than imagining the end product. Buck Moon mantra: I love the work and the work loves me back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know you've found a good rhythm when work and rest both have a place in your day. Buck Moon mantra: I don't have to choose between getting things done and taking care of myself. Both fit into a day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know you're being honest when the words leave your mouth and your body relaxes instead of tensing. Buck Moon mantra: I can handle the truth. Things get simpler once I've faced it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know you belong when you stop editing yourself before you speak. Buck Moon mantra: I don't have to earn my place by becoming someone else. My real voice is enough. The right people get it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know you've found the truth when it keeps making sense after you've slept on it. Buck Moon mantra: Time helps me recognize what's real. Clarity comes in its own time. My job is just to stay aware.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know a friendship is healthy when you leave the conversation feeling more like yourself. Buck Moon mantra: I make room for people who make room for me. We both leave feeling lighter - that's the standard.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Brand of electric auto
- 6 Out of kilter
- 10 Common lipstick color
- 13 Verbalize
- 14 Wingtip or loafer
- 15 Reduced-price event
- 16 "Rhyming" memory aid
- 18 Airline accident agcy.
- 19 Chicken ____ (main course)
- 20 Sailor's "yes"
- 21 Harass persistently
- 22 Holler
- 24 Actor Dennehy or director De Palma
- 26 Party pooper
- 30 Make humble
- 34 Anvil metal
- 35 Brit's "Dear me!"
- 37 Nevada city
- 38 Lowly workers
- 39 To be, in France
- 40 Bistro's listing
- 41 Brief confession
- 42 Fiery felony
- 43 Thanksgiving drumsticks
- 46 Licorice-flavor herb
- 47 Commotion
- 52 Portion out
- 54 Feel poorly
- 56 Mysterious glow
- 57 Difference of opinion
- 58 Spa's soothing waters
- 61 Joint above a shin
- 62 Much-admired celebrity

- 63 Wide neckwear

- 64 Have a look at

- 65 Viral Web post

- 66 Davis of *Thelma & Louise*

DOWN

- 1 Inserts, as a shirt into pants
- 2 Moral code
- 3 Direct a car
- 4 Make an exit
- 5 Statue or portrait
- 6 Pale-looking
- 7 "This is fun!"
- 8 Fish eggs
- 9 So far
- 10 "Rodential" big messes

- 11 Otherwise

- 12 Financial burden

- 15 More devious

- 17 Unvarying

- 21 Recycling container

- 23 Feeling of amazement

- 24 Fair-haired female

- 25 Also-____ (candidates who lost)

- 27 Brightly colored T-shirt

- 28 Cook in an oven

- 29 Luau side dish

- 30 Shirtsleeve insert

- 31 Borscht ingredient

- 32 Credit card's once-a-year charge

- 33 Musician's mistake

- 36 Japanese coin

- 38 Desserts with pecans

- 42 Egyptian snake

- 44 Model airplane package

- 45 Nervous swallow

- 48 Elevate

- 49 Fraction of a pound

- 50 Inert gas in the air

- 51 Dreadlocked Jamaican

- 52 Boats like Noah's

- 53 Toe the ____ (do as told)

- 54 Molecule part

- 55 Castaway's spot

- 58 That guy

- 59 Praiseful poem

- 60 Dustcloth

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WEDNESDAY | JULY 29

COMMUNAL GARDENING @ ISHIHARA PARK

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-07-29T09>

TODDLER STORYTIME AND SONGS

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Toddler Storytime and Songs Join us for storytime on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We share stories, songs, and movement activities to build early literacy skills for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/toddler-storytime-and-songs/18526513/2026-07-08T10>

LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wise and Healthy Aging 1527 4th Street Santa Monica. Kim Selbert, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist will facilitate this class. We all need more laughter in our lives, right? Through clapping, guided breathing and gentle movement with music, we will learn how to reduce stress, become more energetic and playful and connect positively with other seniors. It's easy, fun and very uplifting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/laugh-for-the-health-of-it/19300395/2026-07-08T11>

ADULT ART STUDIO 4:30-5:30PM

11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Unleash your creativity and connect with your community! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrscm.org/event/adult-art-studio-4-30-5-30pm-25264> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/adult-art-studio-4-30-5-30pm/18461158/2026-07-08T11>

THURSDAY | JULY 30

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and

feel great heading into the rest of your day! Sign up here to receive emails about upcoming exercise classes and cancellations: [post283.com/exercise](https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-07-16T11). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-07-16T11>

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviértase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-07-16T11>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Join us for our summer art workshops for elementary age kids! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrscm.org/event/elementary-art-studio-summer-camp-6d445> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-summer-camp/19066074/2026-07-16T13>

STORY-CRAFT TIME

3:00 p.m. 861 Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades. Listen to a story and create something inspired by it! Recommended for children ages 3 and older. For ADA accommodations, please call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/story-craft-time/19018567/2026-07-23T15>

HAMA SUSHI - MUSIC OPEN MIC (THURSDAYS)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 352 Westminster Ave Venice. Thursday nights in Venice! Open Mic at Hama Sushi. Exciting things are happening at Hama Sushi! Open Mic every Thursday 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Come on down to Hama. The world is waiting! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/hama-sushi-music-open-mic-thursdays/18526607/2026-07-23T18>

LA TECH MIXER 2026

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica. KICK OFF THE SUMMER 2026. KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR 2026 THE RIGHT WAY WITH THE BEST NETWORKING IN LA!!! As seen in Entrepreneur Magazine. We're LA's premier tech networking event with one of the largest membership groups in Southern California and growing every month! Don't miss this opportunity to meet your next big business connection!. \$0.00 to \$36.06. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/la-tech-mixer-2026/19317956/2026-07-30T18>

TULUM THURSDAYS AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica. Tulum Thursdays at LouLou Santa Monica- Every Thursday from 6:00 PM - Step into LouLou's signature Bohemian Chic haven where the elegance of Tulum meets the coastal glamour of Santa Monica. Sunset rooftop vibes Afro-Tribal House beats by DJ Yanicrash Live percussion performances Cocktails, cuisine & curated moments. Inspired by the spirit of Ibiza, Mykonos, and the Riviera Maya, Tulum Thursdays are a ritual of rhythm, flavor, and barefoot luxury. Watch the LouLou experience: bit.ly/loulou-tulum-thursdays-yt. LouLou Santa Monica Tulum Thursdays Every Thursday from 7:00 PM 395 Santa Monica Pl #300, Santa Monica, CA 90401(323) 410 - 2337info@loulousantamonica.comloulousantamonica.com Reserve your table now: bit.ly/booking-loulou

MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION

8:00 p.m. Pacific Resident Theatre 703 Venice Blvd., Venice. Mrs. Warren's Profession by George Bernard Shaw Directed by Michael Rothhaar In Victorian England, when women enjoy few legal rights, Kitty Warren has built an international business empire. When her daughter Vivie, who has been "boarded out her whole life," graduates from Cambridge, she presses her mother for answers as to her existence. The truth of how her mother survived poverty is difficult to hear; but it's not the whole story. Mrs. Warren's Profession takes a hard look at the choices a woman must make, faced with little or no options before her, and the moral implications of economic survival. \$25.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mrs-warren-s-profession/19416313/2026-07-30T20>

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-07-23T21>

FRIDAY | JULY 31

Palisades Seniors Luncheon

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Pacific Palisades Woman's Club 901 Haverford Ave Pacific Palisades. Presented by Pali Long-Term Recovery Group in partnership with the American Red Cross and California Community Foundation. Enjoy a delicious lunch and catch-up with friends, neighbors and fellow Palisadians while listening to guest speaker Sam Laganà explore Coach John Wooden's timeless principles for living a life of purpose, character and integrity while sharing

a compelling vision of hope, healing and renewal for the future of Pacific Palisades. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisades-seniors-luncheon/19431410/2026-07-24T11>

SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE CAYTON

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 Shrank 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.

Bundy Triangle Night Market

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-07-24T17>

SUNSET SESSIONS- BENEFITING MAKE A WISH

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles. Music and good vibes as the Sun sets. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sunset-sessions-benefiting-make-a-wish/19264528/2026-07-24T17>

DEAR EVAN HANSEN

7:00 p.m. Miles Playhouse Pacific Palisades. Directors Sydney Diamond and Lara Ganz lead a cast of 20 teen actors in the powerful and deeply moving musical, "Dear Evan Hansen," presented by Palisades Youth Performing Arts at Miles Playhouse, located at 1130 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Anxiety? Check. Awkward conversations? Check. Life-changing misunderstandings? Double check. Dear Evan Hansen is a funny, moving and unforgettable musical about friendship, family and finding connection in a world that's constantly refreshing its feed. Come for the incredible music, stay for the emotional rollercoaster, and remember: sometimes a single letter can change everything. \$15.00 to \$35.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/dear-evan-hansen/19451692/2026-07-24T19>

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