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Venice Family Clinic to host free health services during National Health Center Week

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Venice Family Clinic will open its doors to the community Aug. 4-8 for National Health Center Week, offering free health services, food distribution and specialized programs for homeless individuals and families preparing for the school year.

The nonprofit community health center, which serves 45,000 people annually across the Westside of Los Angeles, Inglewood and the South Bay, will host daily events at clinic locations in Inglewood, Venice, Mar Vista and Hawthorne. All services will be provided free of charge to the public, regardless of income, insurance or immigration status.

"At Venice Family Clinic, we believe health care isn't just a service — it's a human right," said Venice Family Clinic CEO Dr. Mitesh Popat. "National Health Center Week gives us a chance to open our doors wider, meet people where they are and show how compassionate care can transform lives and strengthen entire communities."

The week begins Monday, Aug. 4, with a free food market and resource fair at the clinic's Inglewood South La Brea Health Center from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will feature distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables, along with enrollment assistance for CalFresh/SNAP benefits and health insurance. Walk-in appointments for mobile mammography will also

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Chariots roll down Main Street



Matthew Hall

CHARIOTS: Three towering, hand-pulled chariots rolled through Santa Monica and Venice on Sunday, for the 49th annual Festival of the Chariots, one of North America's longest-running celebrations of Indian culture and spirituality. The festival, organized by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) transforms Venice Beach into a vibrant cultural celebration. The festival's centerpieces were three elaborately decorated chariots, each standing 40 to 50 feet tall and adorned with red, blue and gold cloth, fresh flower garlands and colorful flags. The chariots carry statues of Lord Jagannath, Lady Subhadra and Lord Balarama and are pulled entirely by human power using thick rope cables.



Marina del Rey Career Day connects nearly 50 students to tourism industry opportunities

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Marina del Rey Tourism Board's second annual Career Day successfully introduced nearly 50 local high school students to diverse career paths in tourism and hospitality during a comprehensive Saturday event that featured guided tours, hands-on learning experiences and networking opportunities.

The Aug. 2 event, organized in partnership with the Office of LA County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, gave students from local Boys & Girls Clubs and Children's Institute firsthand exposure to the Marina's thriving hospitality sector through visits to five key venues: the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station, City Cruises, FantaSea Yachts, Jamaica Bay Inn and The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey.

"We're proud to help local students explore the many exciting and meaningful career paths that tourism and hospitality have to offer," said Janet Zaldua, CEO of Marina del Rey Tourism Board. "Together with the Office of LA County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, we're excited to have reached even more students at our second annual Career Day as they begin to think about their future careers."

The program addressed a critical need to connect young people with an industry that serves as a major economic engine for the region. Marina del Rey hosted 529,000 overnight visitors and 517,000 day

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Adult Great White Shark spotted near Santa Monica Pier



Carlos Gauna

SHARK: While small sharks are common in the local waters, large shark sightings are more rare.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A large great white shark estimated at 14-15 feet long was spotted just 50 yards from shore in Santa Monica Bay last week, swimming near an unaware paddleboarder before heading south toward the Santa Monica Pier.

Carlos Gauna, who observed and tracked the shark, said the untagged adult great white was spotted in an area known for juvenile shark activity but was notably larger than the typical young sharks seen in the region.

"I'm conservatively estimating this shark at around 14-15 feet long," Gauna said in an online post alongside his video. "I've seen a fair share of sharks in my days, and I'm pretty confident in my estimates these days."

Gauna followed the shark as it moved south from the north end of the bay toward the pier before airspace restrictions prevented further tracking. He alerted lifeguards on the beach about the sighting.

"It's a good reminder that we do live next to these apex predators daily," Gauna said. "It's a testament to just how rare a negative encounter with one can be."

According to Heal the Bay, Santa Monica Bay serves as a seasonal home to dozens of shark and ray species, with juvenile great white sharks being regular visitors to Southern California's coastal waters during warmer months. The young sharks, typically measuring up to 10 feet long, are drawn to the area by abundant prey and warm water conditions.

Adult great whites typically migrate south in winter when coastal waters drop below 60 degrees, though warmer ocean temperatures in recent years due to climate change and El Niño-like conditions have caused some sharks to remain in Southern California waters year-round.

The sharks congregate in shallow waters throughout the region, including areas off Huntington Beach, San Onofre, Long Beach, Santa Monica Bay and Ventura. They are frequently spotted by boaters, pier visitors, surfers and paddlers, particularly between El Porto and Manhattan Beach Pier.

Juvenile great whites primarily feed on bottom fish such as halibut, small rays and smaller sharks, while adults prey on marine mammals. The species is protected under California law, making it illegal to hunt, pursue, catch or kill great white sharks.

According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, there have been only 13 fatal white shark attacks in the state since the 1920s. Experts note that poor water quality, powerful waves, strong currents and stingrays pose greater threats to ocean users than sharks.

Fish and Wildlife said that shark bites are extremely rare. They said that while humans are not normal prey for sharks, they can be dangerous when humans cross into their territory. Officials said that since 1950, there have been 225 shark incidents in California involving all species of sharks, at least 197 of which involved white sharks. Of those, 16 were fatal and all of the fatalities likely involved white sharks.

Regulators said that a shark incident is defined as any documented case where a shark approached and touched a person in the water, or touched a person's surfboard, kayak, paddleboard, etc. This summary does not include shark sightings where no contact occurred, instances where sharks approached boats, or cases where hooked sharks caused injury or damage.

It is important to note that while human beach use and ocean activities have greatly increased due to the growing population and greater popularity of surfing, swimming, and scuba diving, shark incidents have not increased proportionally. This is even more evident when looking at incidents where a person was injured.

The increase in shark sightings is considered positive for ocean health, as sharks maintain ecosystem balance by keeping fish populations healthy. Scientific studies show that shark depletion can result in the loss of commercially important fish and shellfish species, including key fisheries such as tuna.

Great white shark populations in the Northeastern Pacific are thought to be low, ranging from hundreds to thousands of individuals, making protection efforts crucial for the species' recovery.

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At this summer camp run by grandmas, kids learn cooking skills and life advice

The smell of frying garlic and ginger is inescapable as it wafts through the room, while a row of fidgety kids watches an older woman in a blue plaid apron cooking in front of them.

> Isolation and loneliness is something that seniors are challenged with, and they love having younger people around them
> - Zainab Hussain

"When I was growing up my mom used to make this a lot," she says, showing a chicken stir fry recipe.

At this "Intergenerational Summer Camp" in a Southern California suburb, the grandmas are in charge. Every week, they taught a group of 8-to-14-year-olds how to cook a new dish and do a handicraft such as sewing, embroidering, clay jewelry and card marking.

"Isolation and loneliness is something that seniors are challenged with, and they love having younger people around them," said Zainab Hussain, a program manager at Olive Community Services, a nonprofit aimed at bringing older adults together that hosted the camp.

The camp was held at a community center in Fullerton, a city in Orange County that's home to a large Arab population, and many of the campers and grandmas come from those communities. In between activities, the small room bustled with energy as the girls chatted and munched on snacks. Some of the volunteer grandmas milled around and watched, content to just be around the youngsters.

In July, during the final week of camp, Janna Moten and her friends were learning how to use a sewing machine and make pouches.

"Slowly, slowly," one grandma chided as Moten stomped on the machine's pedal, causing the needle to rapidly jerk up and down.

She pressed her foot down again, gingerly, and managed to sew a straight line.

"Honestly, I'm just here for the food," the 9 year old quipped. Still, she beamed as she showed the two pieces of fabric she sewed together and turned inside out, forming a rectangular pocket.

Moten said she's been practicing hand-stitching at home after learning embroidery a previous week.

"Sewing's pretty easy, it's just hard keeping the lines straight," she said. She added that her own grandma was stricter than the ones at summer camp.

Haqiqah Abdul Rahim, the instructor for sewing, said many kids don't learn these skills at school anymore through home economics classes, so they're "filling in a gap."

She stood in front of the room at the start of the activity, holding up various tools and explaining what they were: seam roller, thread snipper, rotary fabric cutter.

Rahim also doesn't get to spend a lot of time with her grandchildren because they don't live close.

"It is heartwarming to be able to interact with those who love being around you," Rahim said.

The kids have learned about kitchen safety and how to cook with a grandma's touch — such as mixing spices with water before adding them to a dish so they don't burn, or using fresh turmeric.

The summer camp was held in partnership with the Golden Connections Club, started by high school student Leena Albinali last year to foster interactions between teens and elders.

The 14-year-old lives with her grandma but realized other students didn't have the same opportunity to spend as much time with their grandparents. She also learned about ageism and other challenges faced by senior adults in one of her classes.

At monthly lunches, they invite seniors to the school and discuss topics where both groups can learn from each other, Albinali said.

"They treat us like we're their grandchildren," she said. The teens share what they know about artificial intelligence and its impact on their lives, and the elders share life stories and advice.

One of the most important things they've shared with her is to live in the moment, something that's taken on new meaning for her.

"The people we have right now, they're not going to be with us forever," she said.

By JAIMIE DING Associated Press

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.4**

TUESDAY — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Small'ish but peaky off a mix of swells with clean conditions expected in the morning. Still decent to fun off a mix of SSW and NW windswell. Beachbreaks and points at least somewhat peaky with knee-waist high surf. Top combo spots hit chest high on a slow rebuilding trend through the day.

WEDNESDAY — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Building and fun surf the 6th-7th as SSW swell fills in further to a peak. Light AM wind. New, longer period SSW swell will pick up through Wednesday and hold on Thursday, mixing with small NW windswell. The middle to second half of the week will see the largest surf of the work week, generally favoring the points for shape (although just enough windswell hanging in there for some corners at the beach-breaks). Look for waist-shoulder high surf at the better breaks, with sets to head high at standouts.

Weather

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 65. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive no later than the below-stated date and time, sealed BIDS from General Contractors. The Project encompasses the following overall scope:

Track, Field, and Scoreboard Replacement::
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Procedure:

Tuesday, July 29, 2025, bid packages will be available at ARC West LA Branch located at 1736 S Sepulveda Bivd. Los Angeles, CA 90025.
Contact for all inquiries: **Kyle Whitley, Senior Project Manager, kyle.whitley@vanir.com; Mathew Denuccio, Project Manager, matt.denuccio@vanir.com**
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 1:00 PM, September 8, 2025, BID MUST BE HAND DELIVERED

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN**. September 8, 2025**

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Scientists say they have solved the mystery of what killed more than 5 billion sea stars

Scientists say they have at last solved the mystery of what killed more than 5 billion sea stars off the Pacific coast of North America in a decade-long epidemic.

Sea stars – often known as starfish – typically have five arms and some species sport up to 24 arms. They range in color from solid orange to tapestries of orange, purple, brown and green.

> "It's incredibly difficult to trace the source of so many environmental diseases, especially underwater"
> - Blake Ushijima

Starting in 2013, a mysterious sea star wasting disease sparked a mass die-off from Mexico to Alaska. The epidemic has devastated more than 20 species and continues today. Worst hit was a species called the sunflower sea star, which lost around 90% of its population in the outbreak's first five years.

"It's really quite gruesome," said marine disease ecologist Alyssa Gehman at the Hakai Institute in British Columbia, Canada, who helped pinpoint the cause.

Healthy sea stars have "puffy arms sticking straight out," she said. But the wasting disease causes them to grow lesions and "then their arms actually fall off."

The culprit? Bacteria that has also infected shellfish, according to a study published Monday in the journal Nature Ecology and Evolution.

The findings "solve a long-standing question about a very serious disease in the ocean," said Rebecca Vega Thurber, a marine microbiologist at University of California, Santa Barbara, who was not involved in the study.

It took more than a decade for researchers to identify the cause of the disease, with many false leads and twists and turns along the way.

Early research hinted the cause might be a virus, but it turned out the densovirus that scientists initially focused on was actually a normal resident inside healthy sea stars and not associated with disease, said Melanie Prentice of the Hakai Institute, co-author of the new study.

Other efforts missed the real killer because researchers studied tissue samples of dead sea stars that no longer contained the bodily fluid that surrounds the organs.

But the latest study includes detailed analysis of this fluid, called coelomic fluid, where the bacteria Vibrio pectenicida were found.

"It's incredibly difficult to trace the source of so many environmental diseases, especially underwater," said microbiologist Blake Ushijima of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, who was not involved in the research. He said the detective work by this team was "really smart and significant."

Now that scientists know the cause, they have a better shot at intervening to help sea stars.

Prentice said that scientists could potentially now test which of the remaining sea stars are still healthy — and consider whether to relocate them, or breed them in captivity to later transplant them to areas that have lost almost all their sunflower sea stars.

Scientists may also test if some populations have natural immunity, and if treatments like probiotics may help boost immunity to the disease.

Such recovery work is not only important for sea stars, but for entire Pacific ecosystems because healthy starfish gobble up excess sea urchins, researchers say.

Sunflower sea stars "look sort of innocent when you see them, but they eat almost everything that lives on the bottom of the ocean," said Gehman. "They're voracious eaters."

With many fewer sea stars, the sea urchins that they usually munch on exploded in population – and in turn gobbled up around 95% of the kelp forest s in Northern California within a decade. These kelp forests provide food and habitat for a wide variety of animals including fish, sea otters and seals.

Researchers hope the new findings will allow them to restore sea star populations - and regrow the kelp forests that Thurber compares to "the rainforests of the ocean."

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Devan Sipher

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No kings in Santa Monica

Last Friday, President Trump fired the Commissioner of Labor Statistics when she provided data that displeased him, which suggests we may have officially crossed into an Orwellian era. But if we're demoralized by the denigration of democratic norms, we don't have to look all the way to Washington, because it's happening right here in Santa Monica.

Three days prior to the President's action, the City Council purged all of the appointed members of the Downtown Santa Monica (DTSM) board of directors in a hastily called special meeting by Councilmembers Barry Snell, Dan Hall, and Caroline Torosis. With little explanation and less warning, six of the seven Councilmembers voted to remove the DTSM board members and then declared an "emergency" due to their removal, which allowed the Council to appoint new people of their choosing.

And they happened to choose two former members of the Council and the recent interim city manager. The Council claimed that they were merely appointing people from the list of current applicants. What they didn't mention was that all but one of them had coincidentally applied in the 10 days prior to the announcement of the supposedly surprise meeting.

The Council has the legal right to remove any appointed board member or commissioner with or without cause, which is also what the President's defenders have repeatedly said, not only this week, but when he fired the consumer product safety commissioners, the federal trade commissioners, the National Labor Relations Board members, and the Kennedy Center board members. Now the door has been opened for the same kind of power plays in Santa Monica.

"There are many commissioners that this council did not appoint that act against the wishes of this council," Councilmember Hall stated at the meeting shortly before unseating the DTSM board members. "We have CHOSEN not to remove those commissioners." The emphasis on the word "chosen" is mine, but the implicit threat is his.

The Council seems to be operating on an assumption that the 2024 election provided them with a mandate for their agenda, but of the roughly 80,000 eligible voters in Santa Monica, only about a quarter of them voted for the winning slate. That doesn't constitute anything resembling a mandate, and, ironically, it's significantly less support than Donald Trump received from voters in that same election. Yet all of the Councilmembers defiantly spoke at the No Kings rally, protesting the President's hubris and autocratic overreach.

"How does anybody not see that this is the same thing at a local level?" asked Mayor Lana Negrete, who was the only Councilmember to vote against the removal of the board members.

Councilmember Hall rejected the comparison with Washington. "The parallels are unfair and incorrect," he said. "What we are trying to do here is prevent the dismantling of an agency."

That was one of several reasons given for the Council's actions. Councilmembers expressed grave skepticism about the board's efforts to sustain DTSM as well as criticism about the number of unoccupied downtown storefronts. Of course, if the inability to improve the city's economy is a legitimate reason for dismissal, then the Councilmembers should all be recalled. However, they also raised other valid concerns, including the board's makeup.

"The residents have been underrepresented due to prior council appointments," said Councilmember Snell, who lambasted the fact that none of the current board members are residents of the city and all of them are downtown business or property owners, likely making decisions based on "financial motives rather than community interests."

But there's a big difference between having compelling complaints and taking unprecedented and undemocratic action. In the history of Santa Monica, I haven't found a previous example of a single board member or commissioner being removed without cause (let alone six).

When there was an attempt to remove a housing commissioner in 2022, former Mayor Gleam Davis, who was a Councilmember at the time, said "it means that anybody who disagrees with people on this council has to be afraid now if they're on a board or a commission." She said she found it "offensive." But she must have changed her mind, because she's now one of the "scabs" replacing the ousted board members.

What happens if a coup falls in a forest and no one hears it? That's a thought I have frequently these days when seeing the national news. There's an ideology taking root that democratic norms are only something that applies to one's opponents. It's an infection in the body politic, and now the virus is spreading to Santa Monica.

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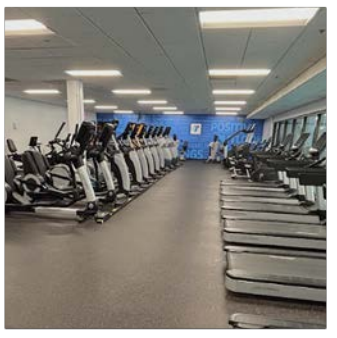
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be available.

A signature event, Homeless Connect Day, is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chuck Lorre Rose Avenue Health and Wellness Center in Venice. People experiencing homelessness can access showers, free meals, haircuts, hygiene kits and clean clothing. Medical services will include check-ups, immunizations, dental care, and testing for HIV, hepatitis and syphilis. DMV services and identification assistance will also be provided.

Thursday's Wellness Day at the Irma Colen Health Center in Culver City will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring group fitness classes, stress therapy, mental wellness activities and healthy refreshments. Staff will assist with health insurance enrollment and provide immigration and legal aid resources.

The week concludes Friday, Aug. 8, with Children's Health Day at the Maxine Waters Health and Dignity Center in Hawthorne from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Students and families can participate in back-to-school shopping with free school supplies and books, receive immunizations and vision services, and enjoy face painting, balloon animals and arts and crafts.



Photos courtesy of Venice Family Clinic

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC: Free food distributions and free haircuts provided during Venice Family Clinic's 2024 National Health Center Week celebrations.

National Health Center Week serves as an annual reminder of the vital role health centers play in improving public health and advancing health equity nationwide. Community health centers like Venice Family Clinic provide essential care to underserved populations, often serving as the primary source of medical care for low-income families and individuals without insurance.

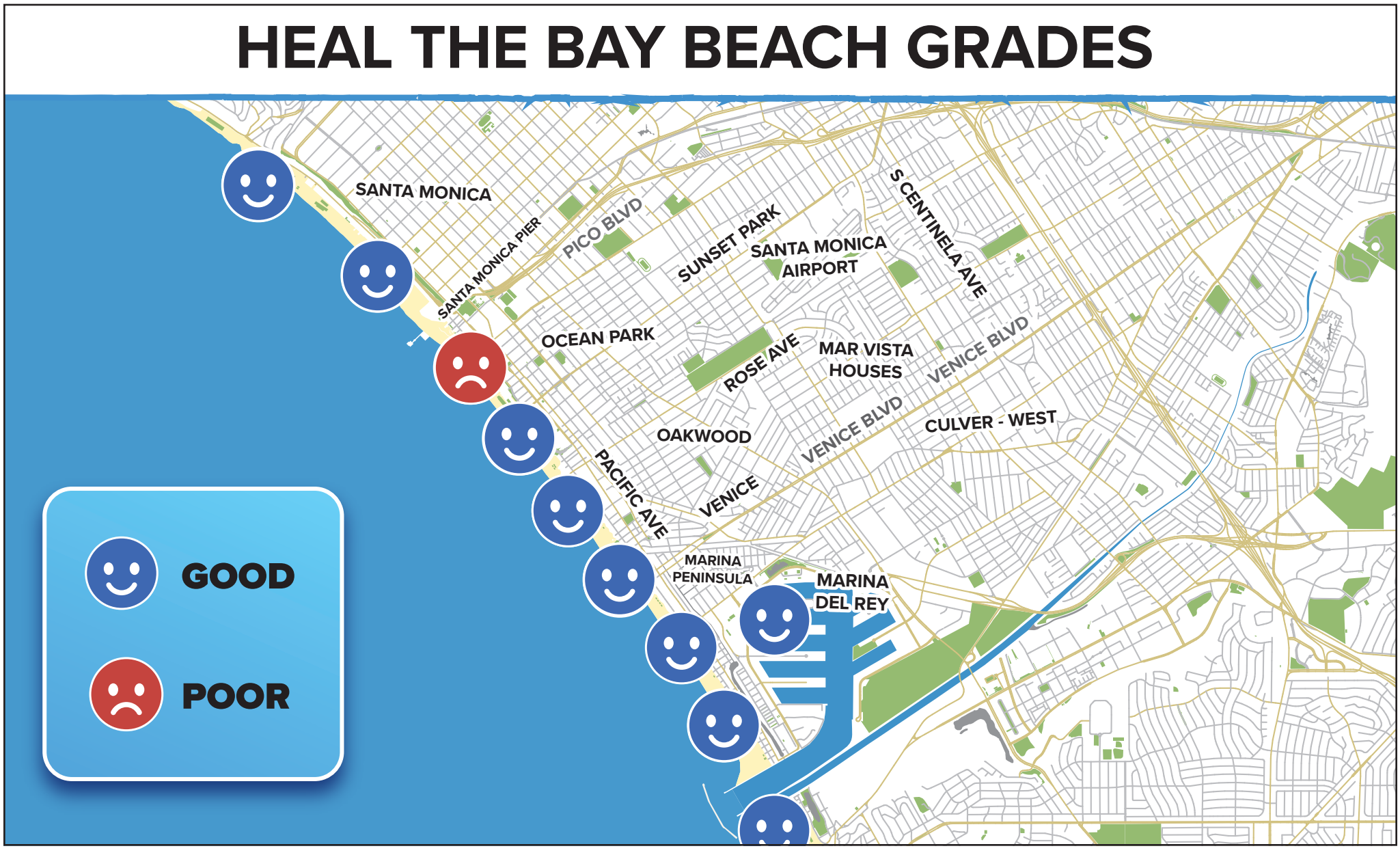
Venice Family Clinic operates a network of locations and Early Head Start centers spanning from the Santa Monica Mountains through the South Bay. In addition to its brick-and-mortar facilities in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood, Culver City, Redondo Beach, Carson, Gardena and Hawthorne, the clinic maintains mobile units and an extensive street medicine program to reach people experiencing homelessness.

The clinic's comprehensive services extend beyond basic medical care to include mental health services, dental care, vision services, substance use treatment, prescription medications, domestic violence counseling, HIV services, healthy food distributions, health education, health insurance enrollment and child development services.

All National Health Center Week events are open to the public, and media are welcome to attend. For more information about specific events and services, visit venicefamilyclinic.org/nhcw25.

The Venice Family Clinic has been serving the Los Angeles area's most vulnerable populations for decades, maintaining its commitment to providing high-quality health care regardless of patients' ability to pay or their documentation status.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Community Gardens Host August Workshop Series on Pollinator Habitats and Urban Growing

The Santa Monica Community Gardens will present three educational workshops in August focusing on pollinator-friendly gardening, tomato competitions and small-space growing techniques.

The series begins Saturday, Aug. 9, with a pollinator gardening workshop from 3 to 4:15 p.m. at Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. Volunteers will discuss attracting hummingbirds, bees and butterflies to gardens, followed by hands-on activities with California Climate Action Corps Fellows.

Fellows will cover species selection, planting and maintenance of native plants. The workshop aims to increase pollinator habitat throughout Santa Monica as part of an "Emerald Necklace" connecting communities.

The annual "Best Tomato in Santa Monica" competition takes place Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Participants can enter homegrown tomatoes including Big Rainbow, Cherokee Purple and Better Boy varieties. All entries must be registered by 9:30 a.m.

Non-participants can view various tomato types, examine Moon and Stars varieties, measure themselves against glass gem corn and see trombetta squash. A new mural on the garden shed will be unveiled. Garden pancakes will be served at 9 a.m.

The series concludes Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9 to 11 a.m. with a small space gardening workshop at Marine Park Community Garden, 1406 Marine Street. UC Master Gardener Renee Szostak will lead the session on urban gardening techniques for patios, balconies and small yard spaces.

The workshop will cover container gardening, raised beds and vertical growing methods. Szostak will conduct a DIY activity and participants can tour the garden to see current plantings.

The garden opens at 9 a.m. for coffee and refreshments. The workshop begins at 10 a.m. Seating is limited and attendees should bring chairs or blankets. The garden is located between the tennis courts and homes on the western side of the park, next to the tennis court closest to the alley.

The workshops represent a partnership between Santa Monica Public Library, Office of Sustainability and the Environment, and California Climate Action Corps.

Find more information at https://www.santamonica.gov/events

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GARDENING: The series begins Saturday, Aug. 9, with a pollinator gardening workshop.

The Beach

Supervisor Announces $4.2M Restoration of Marvin Braude Bike Trail

Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath announced Monday that a $4.2 million project to repair the Marvin Braude Bike Trail and Santa Monica Canyon Channel outlet at Will Rogers Beach will begin Aug. 4.

The six-month construction project will restore a section of the popular coastal trail that was damaged during February 2024 storms and king tides, which caused a federally declared disaster.

"The Marvin Braude Trail is a vital part of our coastal infrastructure and a cherished community space," Horvath said. "We heard the voices of our community and decided to step in to ensure a full and lasting restoration."

A small section of the bike trail north of the outlet experienced critical washout damage in February 2024. The combination of king tides and intense storms damaged the adjacent bike pathway, though the pedestrian bridge crossing Santa Monica Canyon Channel remains structurally sound.

County officials emphasized that the bridge design and construction were not at fault — only the bike pathway was affected by the weather events.

The project qualifies for Federal Emergency Management Agency funding due to the federal disaster declaration. LA County Public Works will oversee the restoration work aimed at making the trail "stronger, safer, and more resilient," according to Horvath's office.

The Marvin Braude Bike Trail serves as a major coastal corridor for cyclists, pedestrians and beachgoers along the Pacific Coast. The restoration project will reinforce the damaged section to better withstand future weather events.

During construction, some beach access points may temporarily close, but the existing bike and pedestrian path will remain open. County officials are advising beachgoers to avoid active work zones during construction hours for safety reasons.

The project is expected to be completed within six months, ensuring the trail remains accessible for future generations of users along the popular coastal route.

Horvath said the county responded to community concerns about the trail closure and worked to secure funding for a comprehensive repair rather than a temporary fix.

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Santa Monica

Providence Saint John's Earns Top Honors in U.S. News & World Report's 2025 Best Hospitals Rankings

U.S. News & World Report has named Providence Saint John's Health Center one of the Best Regional Hospitals for 2025, recognizing its excellence in patient care and specialty services. The Santa Monica hospital ranked among the top 10 in Los Angeles and Orange counties and among the top 23 in California.

This year, U.S. News ranked Providence Saint John's orthopedics program among the top 45 in the nation. Both orthopedics and urology earned "high performing" status in adult specialties, placing them in the top 10 percent nationwide. The hospital also received high performance ratings in 14 common procedures and conditions, including back surgery, colon cancer surgery, heart arrhythmia, heart attack, heart failure, hip fracture, hip replacement, kidney failure, knee replacement, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, lung cancer, pneumonia, prostate cancer and stroke.

"Being recognized by U.S. News & World Report is a tremendous honor and a reflection of our commitment to delivering university-level care and advancing clinical excellence on the Westside," said Michael Ricks, chief executive of Providence's LA Coastal Service Area and Providence Saint John's Health Center. "We are dedicated to providing the highest quality care with compassion and innovation. This recognition affirms the work of the physicians, nurses and care teams who make that possible — and inspires us to keep pushing the boundaries of patient care."

The annual evaluation by U.S. News measures excellence in patient care across a variety of common procedures and conditions, as well as in high-acuity care. Rankings and ratings are designed to assist patients and their health care providers in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions or elective procedures.

To calculate the Best Hospitals rankings, U.S. News evaluated each hospital's performance on objective measures such as risk-adjusted mortality rates, preventable complications and level of nursing care. The Best Hospitals Specialty rankings methodology and Procedures & Conditions ratings methodology measure patient outcomes using data from millions of records provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Providence Saint John's Health Center has served the Westside Los Angeles community for more than 80 years. As a nationally renowned 266-bed hospital, Providence Saint John's provides the latest in diagnostic technology and specialty care with a strong commitment to its core service lines: heart and vascular care, oncology, orthopedics, neurosciences, digestive health and women's health. The hospital has achieved 4-Star recognition from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, placing it among the top 20 percent of U.S. hospitals for quality and safe care.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, August 11, 2025, 7:00 PM

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

STUDY SESSION:
Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to City Council Regarding Mills Act Monitoring and Contract Changes

DISCUSSION ITEM:
Review and possible recommendation to the City Council to enter into a Mills Act contract for the following property:

- 226 Palisades Avenue

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

Translation service available upon request. Please contact Planning@santamonica.gov at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

Servicio de traducción disponible a pedido. Comuníquese al Planning@santamonica.gov al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión programada.

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received **prior to 12 p.m.** on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Landmarks Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation.

Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

MARINA

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visitors in 2024, generating $617 million in economic impact and supporting 4,100 local jobs.

Supervisor Mitchell emphasized the event's importance in expanding access to career opportunities within a key sector of the local economy.

"I'm proud to partner with the Marina del Rey Tourism Board to help increase awareness and expand access to the wide range of opportunities within the hospitality sector," Mitchell said. "Events like this are essential for connecting more young people to careers in an industry that continues to be a major economic driver for our Marina del Rey community and throughout the County."

The day's programming was designed to inspire students while providing practical insights into various career trajectories. Many industry leaders who participated in the event shared their own journeys from entry-level positions to senior leadership roles, demonstrating the advancement opportunities available within the sector.

"The tourism and hospitality industry is always looking for passionate and enthusiastic talent," Zaldua said. "We hope that by planting the seeds of inspiration, local students will begin exploring a career path that they may not have considered before."

For participating youth organizations, the event represented a valuable opportunity to expose students to career possibilities they might not have previously considered.

"Opportunities like Marina del Rey Career Day are invaluable to the youth we serve at Children's Institute LAUNCH program, a youth driven program supporting at-risk and system-involved youth in achieving goals in education, wellness, employment, and more," said Angelica Sanchez, Launch Program Supervisor at Children's Institute. "By exposing youth to various real-world careers, especially careers they might have not considered, they can begin to envision a future filled with purpose, stability, and opportunity."

The event concluded with a celebratory lunch at Jamaica Bay Inn's Beachside Restaurant, where students received certificates from Supervisor Mitchell's office. Participants also received raffle prizes and other giveaways recognizing their engagement throughout the day.

The Career Day built upon the Marina's existing youth outreach efforts, including individual programs offered by hotels and restaurants, the Sheriff Department's Explorer's Program and City Cruises' Waterbus summer job opportunities. The collaborative approach allowed students to explore multiple career paths within a single comprehensive experience.

Tourism revenue generated through hotel bed taxes directly supports community programs including summer concerts, the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular, movie nights in parks and weekly food truck events, creating a direct connection between the industry and community benefits.

The success of the second annual event positions the Marina del Rey Tourism Board to continue expanding its youth outreach efforts, potentially reaching even more students in future years while strengthening the pipeline of local talent for the region's hospitality industry.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2821 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING AND AMENDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE 2816 (CCS) TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AS PART OF PROJECTS UTILIZING SENATE BILL (SB) 1123 ON VACANT PARCELS ZONED FOR SINGLE-UNIT RESIDENTIAL, ENSURE PROJECT FEASIBILITY OF SB 1123 PROJECTS BY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RELAXED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND EXPAND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADUS TO ALL PROJECTS UTILIZING GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65852.28 AND 66499.41, WHICH INCLUDES PARCELS WITHIN MULTIPLE-UNIT ZONING DISTRICT AS PERMITTED PURSUANT TO SB 684

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2821 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

On September 19, 2024, Governor Newsom approved Senate Bill (SB) 1123, which became effective on July 1, 2025. Primarily, SB 1123 expands upon prior State law (SB 684) to allow a parcel zoned for single-unit residential to be ministerially subdivided to up to 10 parcels. On May 13, 2025, City Council directed staff to return with an ordinance allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in conjunction with projects utilizing SB 1123. On June 10, 2025, Council adopted Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance (IZO) Number 2816 implementing the allowance of ADUs in SB 1123 projects. Council also provided additional direction to staff to return with amendments to IZO 2816 to ensure the feasibility of these projects and to allow all projects utilizing Government Code Sections 65852.28 and 66499.41 to include ADUS.

On July 29, 2025, City Council extended IZO 2816 until December 31, 2026. Council also amended IZO 2816 to allow ADUs in SB 1123 projects, modify specific requirements and development standards to ensure the feasibility of SB 1123 projects, and expand the allowance for ADUs in all projects utilizing Government Code Sections 65852.28 and 66499.41, which includes parcels within multiple-unit zoning districts as permitted pursuant to SB 684.

The Ordinance was adopted on July 29, 2025 and became effective immediately upon its adoption. The Ordinance will expire December 31, 2026, unless extended by the City Council in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090(C).

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

Tesla awards CEO Musk millions of shares valued at about $29 billion

Tesla is awarding CEO Elon Musk 96 million shares of restricted stock valued at approximately $29 billion, just six months after a judge ordered the company to revoke his massive pay package.

The electric vehicle maker said in a regulatory filing on Monday that Musk must first pay Tesla $23.34 per share of restricted stock that vests, which is equal to the exercise price per share of the 2018 pay package that was awarded to the company's CEO.

In December Delaware Chancellor Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick reaffirmed her earlier ruling that Tesla must revoke Musk's multibillion-dollar pay package. She found that Musk engineered the landmark pay package in sham negotiations with directors who were not independent.

At the time McCormick also rejected an equally unprecedented and massive fee request by plaintiff attorneys, who argued that they were entitled to legal fees in the form of Tesla stock valued at more than $5 billion. The judge said the attorneys were entitled to a fee award of $345 million.

The rulings came in a lawsuit filed by a Tesla stockholder who challenged Musk's 2018 compensation package.

That pay package carried a potential maximum value of about $56 billion, but that sum has fluctuated over the years based on Tesla's stock price.

Musk appealed the order in March. A month later Tesla said in a regulatory filing that it was creating a special committee to look at Musk's compensation as CEO.

In a letter to shareholders, Tesla's board said that Musk hasn't received "meaningful compensation" for eight years, citing the 2012 CEO Performance Award that was last earned in 2017. The board argued that Musk deserves compensation because he's delivered "transformative and unprecedented growth" that's "translated into immense value generated for Tesla and all our shareholders."

Musk has been one of the richest people in the world for several years.

Wedbush analyst Dan Ives feels Musk's stock award may alleviate some Tesla shareholder concerns.

"We believe this grant will now keep Musk as CEO of Tesla at least until 2030 and removes an overhang on the stock," Ives wrote in a client note. "Musk remains Tesla's big asset and this comp issue has been a constant concern of shareholders once the Delaware soap opera began."

Tesla shares have plunged 25% this year, largely due to blowback over Musk's affiliation with President Donald Trump. But Tesla also faces intensifying competition from both the big Detroit automakers, and from China.

In its most recent quarter, Tesla reported that quarterly profits plunged from $1.39 billion to $409 million. Revenue also fell and the company fell short of even the lowered expectations on Wall Street.

Under pressure from shareholders last month, Tesla scheduled an annual shareholders meeting for November to comply with Texas state law.

A group of more than 20 Tesla shareholders, which have watched Tesla shares plummet, said in a letter to the company that it needed to at least provide public notice of the annual meeting.

Investors have grown increasingly worried about the trajection of the company after Musk had spent so much time in Washington this year, becoming one of the most prominent officials in the Trump administration in its bid to slash the size of the U.S. government.

Tesla's stock rose more than 2% in morning trading.

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN AP Business Writer

COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Spiritual Events Combine Kabbalistic Teachings with Vibrational Science in Malibu

A two-part spiritual experience blending ancient Kabbalistic wisdom with modern frequency science will take place in Malibu this August, featuring renowned teachers and the premiere of a scientifically-backed frequency film.

The first event, "The Alchemy of Love: A Kabbalistic Evening by the Sea," will be held Thursday, Aug. 7, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at a private beachfront estate in Malibu. The gathering coincides with Tu B'Av, known as the "Jewish Valentine's Day," but organizers say the focus extends beyond romantic love to encompass self-love and divine connection.

Spiritual teacher Priscilla MelekShalom Kashani, who brings over 20 years of experience in Kabbalistic healing, will guide participants through soul alignment exercises. Hadari Oshri, founder of Gula World, will lead a frequency activation called "Enter a World of Miracles and Claim the Love That Is Already Yours," introducing the 22 energy channels known as LAPA BATE.

Paul Edge, a researcher in vibrational science and frequency-based wellness, will make a special guest appearance to discuss his 17 years of research into Water Mandala Frequency Films. His work, validated by Heart Rate Variability studies, examines how frequency can reduce stress, balance hormones and promote emotional clarity.

The second event takes place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Vistage Yoga in Malibu Country Mart, featuring the public premiere of Edge's film "The River." Described as a cinematic vibrational journey 17 years in the making, the film uses sacred frequencies designed to reset the nervous system and awaken emotional clarity.

The Sunday event will include a Water Mandala Frequency Activation, yoga flow, community dinner and introduction to the Mind Master Mushroom Mix, a nootropic supplement. Edge's research incorporates water memory, mandala geometry and sound, representing what organizers call the convergence of science and spirituality through frequency.

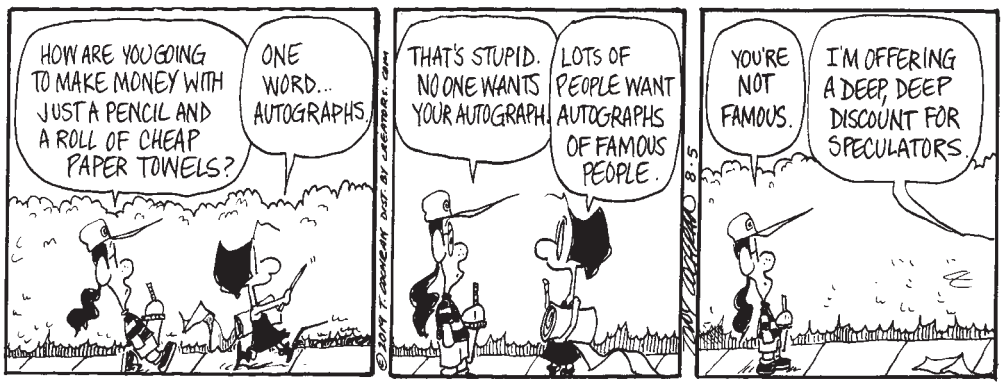
Organizers say the events are designed to work together, with the first opening participants to divine love frequencies and the second grounding those frequencies through full-sensory experience.

Tickets are limited for both events. More information and registration are available at www.GulaWorld.com.

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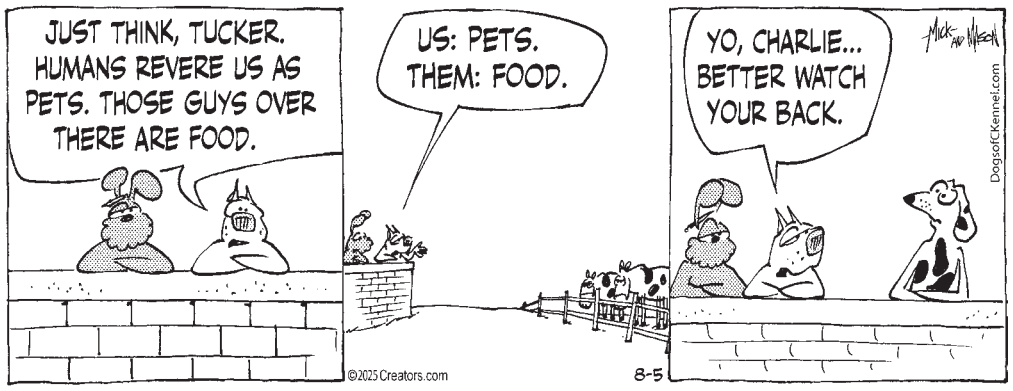
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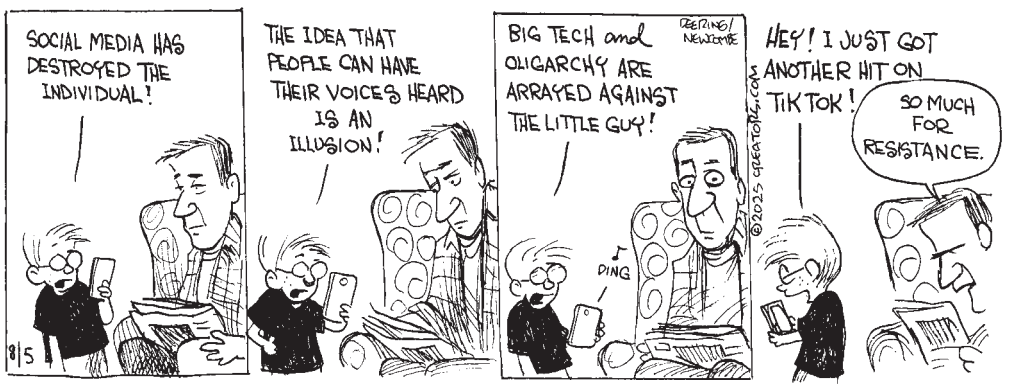
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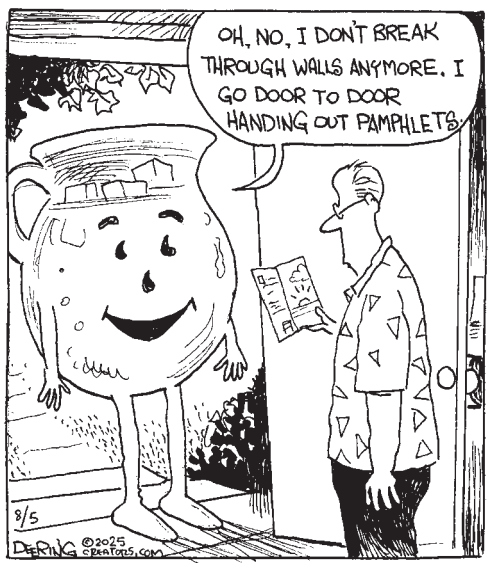
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"THAT SLUG HAS POWERFUL MAGNETISM."

Strange Brew

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6658

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 5)

You'll find yourself in the rare position of being both admired and underestimated, which gives you the perfect opportunity to rise. You'll make your moves before they know you're a contender. More highlights: A small win snowballs into something huge, giving power to many. A romantic surprise defies logic. You'll live with more art, more autonomy and more joy. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 5, 27, 13 and 24.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your confidence is evident as you speak softly, move slowly and do very little. Everyone is leaning in to listen to you. Respect can't be demanded - it has to be commanded, and you're the evidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your path won't follow a typical pattern - no problem. Life doesn't have to make immediate sense. Let the chaos self-organize. In this universe, the rule of disorder is temporary and will settle into harmony of one kind or another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though relationships can be messy, you have more power over them than you might think. Spot and heed red flags early. You will create stronger boundaries and set yourself up for better, more supportive experiences.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've developed a baseline of healthy routines that are now so natural to you, you barely think about them. But someone close to you is still struggling - a reminder of how far you've come and an opportunity to offer compassion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a busy time - so many events - but you don't have to participate in all of them. Wherever you go, you'll make something interesting happen. Just remember that not every interesting thing should happen. Be choosy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your mindset has shifted. Your emotional energy has changed. Because of this, the world looks different to you. It's evidence that reflects the work you've done internally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is the natural way to act on what matters most to you, whether or not that happens to match your idealized self-concept. The real challenge isn't prioritizing values, it's admitting which ones are actually driving you. Discomfort leads to growth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Few things frustrate you more than waste, especially when you know exactly who could benefit. You notice the imbalance and take part in a subtle redistribution today, shifting the goods, energy or attention to where it actually belongs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't second-guess the good stuff you've earned. Let yourself feel proud. Let yourself enjoy it. And when you hit a place where you don't love what you're getting, change what you give.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you usually come prepared, today brings opportunity that requires a slightly different version of you to show up. Raise your level, and your voice and your confidence will grow to meet that level.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ideas pop to mind without rhyme or reason. Thoughts are uncontrollable, but your response to them is yours to manage. To shrug away thoughts that don't help you and put useful ideas on repeat - that's mastery.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Charisma can be primed and practiced. You're preparing to be your best social self - not faking it but consciously choosing your energy, which leads to more ease, confidence and connection.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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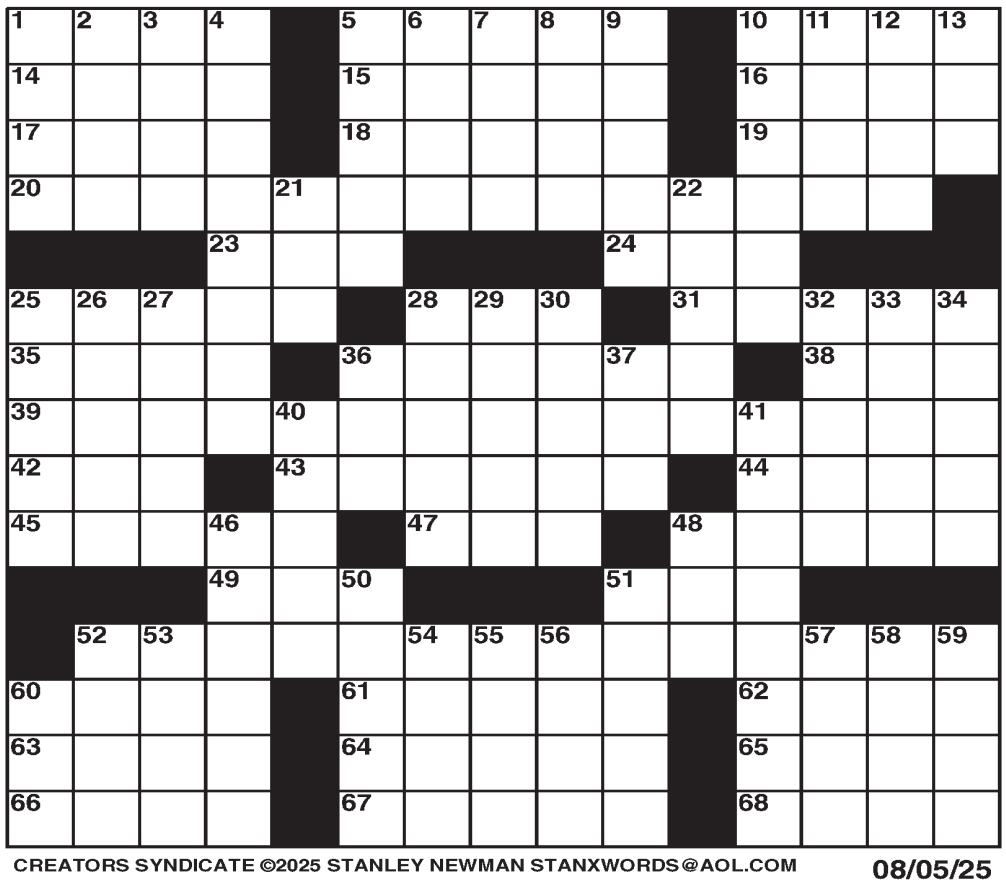
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ACROSS

1 Quick snack
5 End-of-term exam
10 Took a photo of
14 Region
15 Fictional Scarlett
16 Nickel or dime
17 Discontinued Swedish car
18 __ and raves (carries on)
19 Search (for)
20 "That's getting it done"
23 Yo-yo or kite
24 Exclamation like 37-Down
25 Walk proudly
28 Family MDs
31 Letter before beta
35 Opera solo
36 Story told in segments
38 __ Vegas, NV
39 Definitely able to get it done
42 Abel's mother
43 Sheep's sounds
44 Formal ceremony
45 '70s dance music
47 Make a wager
48 Lent a hand
49 Pie __ mode
51 Rainbow shape
52 "That's how I get it done"
60 Desire to have
61 Waking up now
62 Reach by phone
63 Wicked
64 "There's no __ like home"
65 In __ of (substituting for)
66 Go out with
67 Plain __ (obvious)
68 Besides that

DOWN

1 Cape Canaveral org.
2 Spoken, as opposed to written
3 Close securely
4 Done as a routine
5 Sudden raid
6 "If __ my way..."
7 Mom's mom
8 Overly stylish
9 Rodeo rope
10 Academy or college
11 Common TV drama length
12 Pigpen sound
13 Explosive letters
21 DO __ DISTURB
22 Giant sea mammal
25 Turned logs into boards
26 Rome's __ Fountain
27 Makes angry
28 Do pretty good on a test
29 Deep investigation
30 Occupy, as a table
32 Tartan pattern
33 Undue speed
34 Invited
36 Resort with hot springs
37 "I've solved it!"
40 Horseshoe-shaped fastener
41 Tot's wheels
46 Palace for a king
48 Jacket sleeve
50 Adjust to a situation
51 Concur
52 Coffee, slangily
53 Group of troops
54 Norway's capital
55 "Take __ a compliment"
56 Pleasant
57 Monopoly corner square
58 Spanish cheers
59 Clear-sky color
60 Get married



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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NCWP00347 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Basil Maall Calderon Olivia for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney:Basil Maall Calderon Olivia court for a decree of changing names as follows: Basil Maall Calderon Olivia to Basil Maall Benatar OliviaThe court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 9/12/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: L Room: 506 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1270 Norwalk Blvd Norwalk, CA90650 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NNCP00538 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Julia Carol Hill for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney:Julia Carol Hill court for a decree of changing names as follows: Julia Carol Hill to Julia Long The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 9/19/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: V Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Alhambra Courthouse 150 W Commonwealth Ave Alhambra, CA 91801. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No. 25STCP02782 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of GEUNSU LEE, HYE YOUNG CHO for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: GEUNSU LEE, HYE YOUNG CHO with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Eunsun Lee to Ella Choeunsun Lee . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 09/12/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St, Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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5126 Clareton Drive Suite 110 Aguora Hills, CA 91301 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Partnership . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/25. Registrant /Corp/LLC Nathan Johnston Title: General Partner Nathan Johnston . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/17/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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TUESDAY | AUGUST 5

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/16206460/2025-08-05T14

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025 - SANTA MONICA ALL STARS

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is excited to invite the community to National Night Out 2025 on Tuesday, August 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main Street). This year's theme, "Santa Monica All Stars," brings the community together for a sports-inspired evening of fun, food, and connection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/national-night-out-2025-santa-monica-all-stars/16394966/2025-08-05T17

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-08-05T22

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 6

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

DAVID BOWIE ART EXHIBIT AT SANTA MONICA ART MUSEUM

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica Art Museum 1219 3rd St Promenade Santa Monica. A DAY WITH DAVID BOWIE: Step into the orbit of one of music's most iconic figures. This intimate photographic exhibition explores David Bowie's essence and artistic energy through rare images, featuring moments captured by Christine de Grancy during Bowie's time with Brian Eno and the artists of Gugging. A tribute to imagination, rebellion, and reinvention. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/david-bowie-art-exhibit-at-santa-monica-art-museum/16449189/2025-08-06T12

THURSDAY | AUGUST 7

NOMA MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

7:00 p.m. Zoom N/A Santa Monica. SM Fire Chief Matthew Hallock and Fire Marshal Joe Cavin will be addressing fire threats to our city and strategies for fire prevention at the next North of Montana Avenue Neighborhood Council meeting this Thursday at 7pm. The public is invited; entry to the Zoom session available at smnoma.org. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/noma-meeting-thursday-august-7-2025/16452492/2025-08-07T19

FRIDAY | AUGUST 8

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

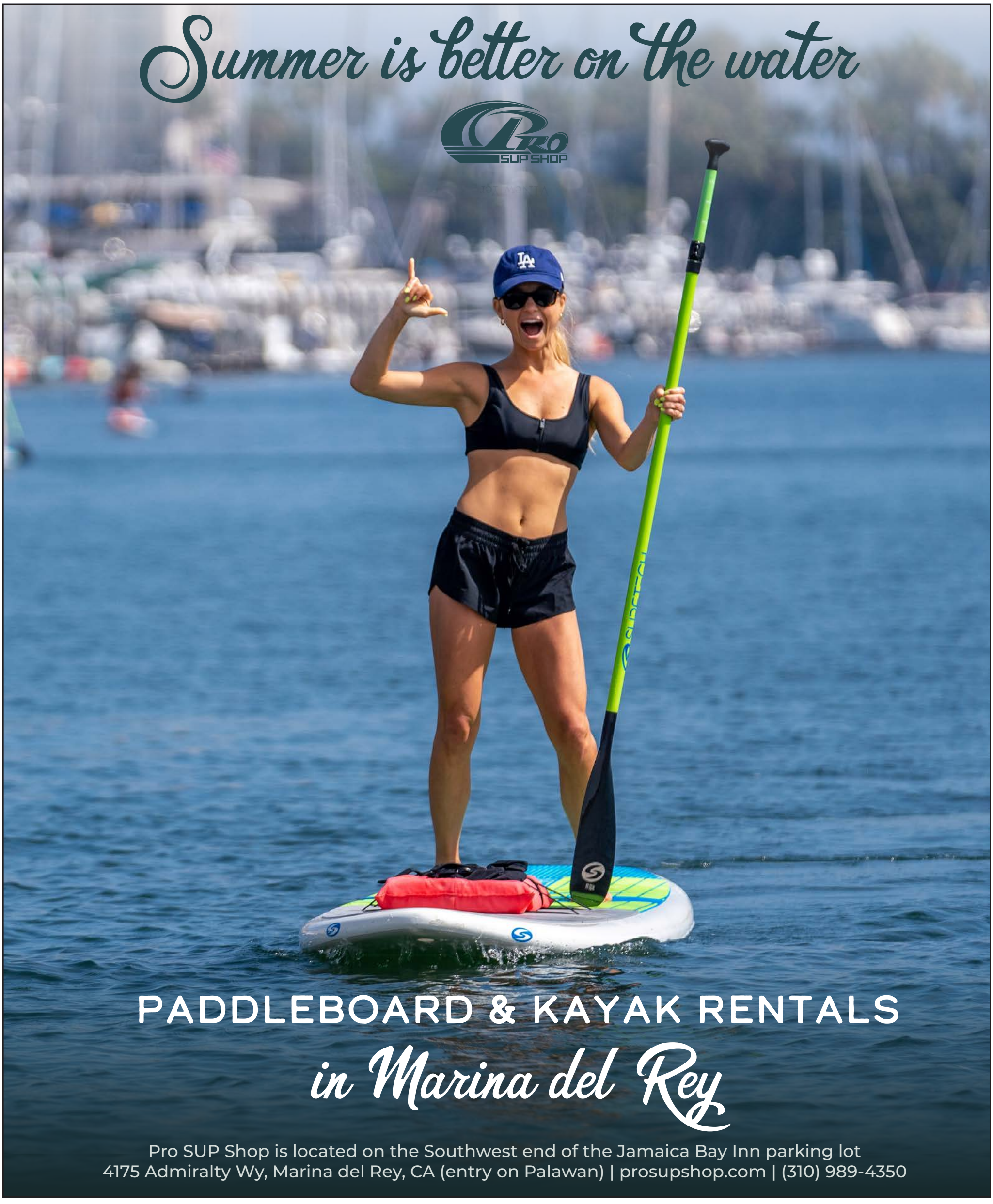
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California 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/14165546/2025-08-08T19

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