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Third Annual Marina del Rey Career Day Brings career possibilities to life for local students

More than 40 local students got a firsthand look at careers in the maritime, public safety, tourism and hospitality industries during the third annual Marina del Rey Career Day, hosted by the Marina del Rey Tourism Board in partnership with the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.

The event connected students from local Boys & Girls Clubs with industry professionals through guided tours, hands-on activities and interactive presentations highlighting career paths available throughout Marina del Rey.

Students toured the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Marina del Rey Station, City Cruises, FantaSea Yachts, Hilton Garden Inn and The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey, meeting with professionals in tourism, hospitality, maritime operations and public safety. Along the way, they learned about the training and skills required for jobs including sheriff's deputy, executive chef, hotel manager and boat captain.

"We're proud to introduce local students to the rewarding careers that Marina del Rey tourism and hospitality industries have to offer," Janet Zaldua, CEO of the Marina del Rey Tourism Board, said in a statement. "With our partners at the Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and local Boys & Girls Clubs, Career Day has sparked



Courtesy photo

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JOBS: Students got a taste of various nautical jobs last week thanks to an employment program in the marina.

Snap Inc. reports 19% revenue growth, narrower loss in second quarter

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Snap Inc. reported second-quarter revenue of \$1.6 billion Monday, a 19% increase from a year earlier, as the Snapchat parent company posted a narrower net loss and its highest free cash flow performance to date for a second quarter.

The Santa Monica-based

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Homelessness on L.A. Metro system falls 57% since 2024, agency says

MAAZ ALIN

SMDP Staff Writer

The number of people experiencing homelessness on the Los Angeles Metro transit system has dropped 57% since 2024, transit officials announced Monday, marking a second consecutive year of steep declines that the agency credits to a public safety approach pairing outreach services with law enforcement.

The 2026 point-in-time count found 31% fewer unhoused people

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California voters have approved billions of dollars in bonds. Why don't we track results?



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

BAKERSFIELD: Workers build affordable housing in Bakersfield on May 29, 2024. Californians will vote on an affordable housing bond issue in November.

Californians have consistently invested in new government programs. Over the past quarter century, voters have approved tens of billions of dollars in state bonds to build schools, improve water systems, address climate risks, expand housing opportunities and strengthen public infrastructure. Those investments shape daily life across our state.

Yet years after the votes are counted and projects are underway, it can be surprisingly difficult to answer a simple question: Did we get the results we were promised?

California has long tracked how bond dollars are spent, to guard against waste and fraud. We have yet to consistently measure whether those investments achieved the outcomes voters expected.

That distinction matters. Since 2000, the state has issued \$196 billion in general obligation bonds and now has \$81.8 billion bonds outstanding. This fiscal year alone the state will spend nearly \$8.6 billion servicing bond debt.

These investments support priorities Californians overwhelmingly value, allowing the state to finance projects that benefit generations of residents while spreading costs over time.

As these investments grow, so should our commitment to tallying their impact.

Did a bond-funded program improve wildfire resilience? How many families benefited from new housing investments, and did the investments increase affordability? Did infrastructure projects deliver the benefits promised?

These are questions investors ask. The government and voters should ask them,

too.

Across the private and nonprofit sectors, measuring outcomes has become standard practice. Organizations report how much they spent and demonstrate what those investments accomplished.

Public sector spending should meet that same standard — not to assign blame, but to improve future decisions.

While California already requires agencies to report on bond expenditures, compliance is inconsistent and the reports often emphasize dollars spent rather than results achieved. That leaves legislators, taxpayers and future voters without a clear picture of what worked, what didn't and what can be improved.

As a measured next step, Assembly Bill 1754, authored by Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco, would require statewide bond measures to define clear objectives, establish meaningful ways to measure progress, and collect data to evaluate success and publicly report — in a simple-to-read format — whether those outcomes are being achieved. Think of it as a one-page report card.

The cost of reporting would be covered through bond administration rather than the state's general fund.

It's been suggested that this new requirement may slow project funding or create unnecessary paperwork. However, defining a project's evaluation criteria would logically flow from the objectives proposed for issuing the bonds. The expected reporting is brief: a sentence or a single number per project, part of a one

Trump is making a rare Western trip to talk about the economy, something polls show he’s weak on

President Donald Trump is making a rare visit to California and Nevada this week to try to draw contrasts with Democrats on the economy, border security and crime, seeking to shore up support for Republicans in November elections that will determine whether his party keeps control of Congress.

The Republican president has struggled to connect with voters on the economy as elevated inflation and feelings of uncertainty have overshadowed the stock market gains he often talks about along with a low national unemployment rate.

Trump visited the Los Angeles area on Tuesday to speak at a fundraising dinner for the Republican National Committee at a golf club his family owns in the suburb of Rancho Palos Verdes. On Wednesday, Trump will discuss the economy during an event at Red Rock casino in Las Vegas.

Only 32% of U.S. adults approved of Trump’s handling of the economy in an AP-NORC poll conducted in late July. In the same poll, most Americans, 69%, characterized the state of the economy as “poor,” and many said the cost of everyday essentials like groceries and gas was a “major” source of stress in their lives.

Trump’s overall approval rating is at 33%, slightly below where he stood at this point in his first term.

Trump is likely to take aim at Democratic Gov. Newsom

During the trip, Trump is likely to throw barbs at California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat eyed as a likely candidate for his party’s presidential nomination in 2028. Newsom has become one of the president’s highest-profile opponents.

White House spokesperson Olivia Wales said the president plans to “draw a sharp contrast between his commonsense agenda and the radical policies of Democrats like Gavin Newsom,” touting his own efforts to cut taxes, reduce fraud in government programs, and crack down on immigration and crime.

California was one of Trump’s first domestic stops after returning to office in January 2025. He surveyed the aftermath of wildfires that had wiped out whole neighborhoods of Los Angeles County, left thousands of people homeless and killed more than two dozen.

Newsom greeted Trump at the airport on that trip, and they chatted amiably and gestured toward cooperation despite a bitter

history. But the comity did not last. Six months later, Newsom argued in a speech that “democracy is under assault” by Trump after the president sent National Guard troops and U.S. Marines into Los Angeles without Newsom’s consent. This came after protests following a series of immigration raids by federal authorities.

Trump routinely mocks Newsom and refers to the governor using a derogatory nickname, while Newsom taunts the president with frequent social media posts.

The Democrat wrote on social media on Monday that California is raising its minimum wage next year to \$17.40 an hour, more than double the federal minimum wage of \$7.25.

“Donald Trump and the GOP are still defending a \$7.25 minimum wage while workers scrape by. Pitiful,” Newsom wrote.

Housing prices are a big issue at Trump’s second stop: Nevada

Nevada, where Trump will be on Wednesday, is led by a Republican governor, Joe Lombardo, who faces Democratic Attorney General Aaron Ford in a battle for reelection in November. The contest is considered one of the most competitive governor’s races in the country.

The Nevada State Democratic Party is putting up billboard signs about Trump’s visit that tie him to Lombardo and higher costs. The state is grappling with a shortage of affordable housing, exploding energy demand from artificial intelligence data centers and federal cuts to key state programs.

Trump has tried for several months to sell voters on his income tax cuts and claims of a manufacturing renaissance. But interest rates are high, a gallon of gasoline costs more because of the Iran war, tariffs are still reshaping the economy and by the White House’s own estimates there is a national shortage of housing.

The president called his own housing bill a “yawn,” and past speeches advertised by the White House as being about the economy, including one he delivered at a General Motors facility in Michigan last week, gave way to Trumpian weaves about his political enemies and construction projects in the nation’s capital.

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE Associated Press. Associated Press writers Josh Boak in Washington and Jessica Hill in Las Vegas contributed to this report.



Surf report WATER TEMP: 73.9

WEDNESDAY FAIR SURF: 1-2tt Knee to thigh

Staying mellow with peaky shape for the big boards. Knee-waist high+ surf and a mostly clean AM. Minor mix of southerly swells plus a little NW windswell in the mix for some quick corners in the knee-waist high range, standouts occasionally a little bigger, but under chest-high. Nice conditions for the low tide and following tide push in the AM before afternoon onshore bump kicks in. Evening window looks like it'll clean up some.

THURSDAY FAIR TO GOOD SURF: 1-2tt Knee to thigh

Surf bottoms out w/ small southerly swells on tap. Cruisy lines at the points for beginners/groms. Knee-thigh high surf on tap with a clean early AM window looking like your best bet for the day. Better breaks, mostly west of Dume push waist-high. Windswell comes down from earlier in the week, but there should still be enough around to cross up beachbreaks out west. Clean early AM and a moderate low tide. PM window slows down around the nearly 6' high tide.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 74.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.

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2026/08/05	Wed	10:33 PM	1.29	L
2026/08/06	Thu	04:39 AM	2.79	H
2026/08/06	Thu	08:12 AM	2.44	L
2026/08/06	Thu	3:53 PM	5.53	H
2026/08/07	Fri	12:02 AM	0.65	L
2026/08/07	Fri	07:03 AM	2.99	H
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Summons

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR 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 ALLEGATIONS 1. 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 DEFENDANTS 12. 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 DEFENDANTS 17. 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 RELIEF WHEREFORE, 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, 2023 ROBINSON DI LANDO BY: Michael C. Robinson / Orion S. Robinson, Attorneys for Plaintiff, PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 07/22/26, 07/29/26, 08/05/26, 08/12/26

California nearly achieved universal healthcare. Now, millions are losing coverage

Two years ago, California hit a milestone decades in the making: Nearly every person in the state qualified for health insurance, regardless of immigration status and income, pushing the state's insured rate to a record 95%. Now that progress is unravelling.

Facing budget shortfalls and new federal restrictions, state leaders have begun rolling back the coverage system they built. Analysis at the UC Berkeley Labor Center and UCLA Center for Health Policy Research project California's uninsured rate could nearly double, to almost 15%, by 2030.

"I knew it was going to be bad, but seeing that doubling was shocking to me," said Miranda Dietz, director of the labor center's healthcare program.

An estimated 2.2 million people could lose insurance over the next four years from combined state and federal cuts, the researchers found. The losses will fall hardest on undocumented immigrants and low-income Californians, with the uninsured rate more than doubling among Black and Asian Californians. The southern part of the state will bear the brunt, driven by its larger share of low-income and immigrant residents.

Many Californians remember how difficult it was to get healthcare before the state expanded and improved insurance options.

In 2008, Kandi Hill had just given birth to her third child. When she started throwing up and experiencing irregular menstrual cycles with heavy bleeding she struggled to find a doctor who would run any tests other than an STD panel. In a matter of months, she died from stage four cervical cancer. She was 31.

Cervical cancer has a 91% five-year survival rate if caught and treated early, according to the National Cancer Institute, but back then the Medi-Cal system was bare bones, and doctors didn't seem to take poor Black patients seriously, said her husband, Ramonte Means.

Means was left to raise two small children and an infant alone. He has been the sole provider for his family ever since, often working part-time and frequently without insurance, stitching together multiple jobs — janitorial work, customer service, job coaching — to make ends meet. Usually, Means said, his employers won't give him full-time hours so that they don't have to provide benefits. With multiple part-time jobs, he tries to keep his income low enough to qualify for Medi-Cal and ensure his kids stay covered too. He'd rather get insurance through an employer, but he can't afford a plan out-of-pocket.

"None of us want anything for free. I work two jobs. My kids go to school," Means said. "We're just asking for some dignity."

Today's Medi-Cal isn't perfect, Means says, but it's much better than when his wife died — patients have more benefits and can see specialists.

"I truly believe if all this happened now, she'd have been fine," Means said. "The system failed my kids more than anything — failed the whole family."

MILLIONS GAIN COVERAGE

When the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, California quickly expanded its

Medicaid program. Previously, the program was reserved for women and children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Low-income adults were excluded unless they had dependent children. The law allowed California to open enrollment to childless adults and raised the income limit to 138% of the federal poverty level — about \$22,000 for an individual today.

More than 5 million Californians gained coverage, including Means, who had occasionally earned too much money before the change.

"So 138% poverty is not a lot of money in terms of increasing income, but when you talk about how many people actually become eligible it has a significant impact," said Nadereh Pourat, associate director at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

An additional 1.7 million middle-income Californians bought insurance through the commercial Affordable Care Act marketplace known as Covered California.

"That's a huge policy change," said Rachel Linn Gish, spokesperson for Health Access California, a consumer advocacy group. "Millions and millions and millions of Californians covered in 10 years. No other state can say that."

Still, one major group remained uninsured: undocumented immigrants. They account for about 2.3 million residents, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

NEWSOM: THE HEALTHCARE GOVERNOR

Gov. Gavin Newsom campaigned on a promise to bring single-payer healthcare to the state. He pivoted to expanding access within the existing system — transforming Medi-Cal with new benefits and a focus on high-quality primary care.

The Democratic governor's administration also launched the state's second-largest coverage expansion, phasing in Medi-Cal eligibility for low-income undocumented adults until all adults and children qualified in 2024.

"We're making sure that universal access to healthcare coverage becomes a reality here in California," Newsom said in 2022 when the state allowed undocumented seniors to enroll in Medi-Cal.

At its peak, the state-funded expansion covered 1.4 million adults and 217,000 children and cost more than \$10 billion a year.

Republican lawmakers have sharply criticized that price tag, and increasingly, so have moderate Democrats.

"We need to have cost containment," said Sen. Catherine Blakespear, a Democrat from Encinitas, when the state passed last year's budget.

Total Medi-Cal spending has more than doubled since Newsom took office in 2019, growing from about \$96 billion to \$217 billion this year. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office attributes most of that growth to higher spending per recipient — added benefits, higher drug prices and some demographic changes — rather than enrollment alone. People are seeing doctors

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Downtown Santa Monica

Santa Monica to present free 'Tongva Twilight' summer music and film series

The City of Santa Monica will present "Tongva Twilight: Sounds & Cinema," a free outdoor series of live music and films every Saturday evening from Aug. 8 through Sept. 12 at Tongva Park.

The six-week series, produced by the Recreation & Arts Department in partnership with concert producer Rum & Humble, begins at 7 p.m. on the park's lawn. Organizers encourage guests to pack a picnic and bring a blanket or low-back chair. Admission is free.

The series builds on the inaugural Santa Monica International Jazz Festival at Tongva Park in May and the FIFA World Cup celebrations across the city in June and July.

The lineup opens Aug. 8 with all-star ska jazz ensemble Western Standard Time, followed by New Orleans funk band The Rumble on Aug. 15. Salsa orchestra Son Mayor performs Aug. 22, with a complimentary salsa lesson before the show. The Windbreakers bring yacht rock hits Sept. 5. Additional performances and film screenings will round out the series, with the full schedule to be announced on the City of Santa Monica's website.

"The new series reflects the City's continued commitment to activating Santa Monica's parks with free arts and cultural programming that brings neighbors together while celebrating the City's vibrant creative community," Mayor Caroline Torosis said.

The series' title nods to the city's much-loved Twilight Concerts of the past.

"Once again, we can gather in the cooling breeze under the stars and within earshot of the waves to enjoy specially curated concerts and films," said Martin Fleischmann, producer of Tongva Twilight and founder of Rum & Humble. "So grab your friends, pack a picnic, and join us."

Tongva Park spans 6.2 acres between Ocean Avenue and Main Street, just south of Colorado Avenue. The award-winning park features rolling hills, Mediterranean gardens, more than 100 plant species, a splash pad, playground, amphitheater and ocean overlooks. Located at 1615 Ocean Ave., it is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Parking is available at the Santa Monica Civic Center Parking Structure and at metered spots nearby.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 0.3 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 27.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.27/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 7.1 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.326 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$5.05/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$6.83/g, a difference of \$1.78/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.81/g while the highest was \$9.00/g, a difference of \$5.19/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.05/g today. The national average is up 28.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 93.6 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Airport

Author Nina Fresco to discuss Santa Monica Airport history at book talk

Proteus Air Services will host a book talk and signing with author Nina Fresco on Saturday, Aug. 8, to celebrate the release of her new book, “First Around the World: The History of the Santa Monica Municipal Airport.”

Fresco will read excerpts from the book, and copies will be available for purchase. The event will take place at Proteus, 2501 Airport Ave., Santa Monica.

The book traces the origins of the Santa Monica Municipal Airport to the 1920s, when aviation was new and rapidly expanding and Santa Monica did not want to be left behind. When the city was offered a strip of dirt near Ocean Park Boulevard to serve as the Santa Monica Municipal Air Field in 1921, it seized the opportunity and made history.

“Author Nina Fresco brings the rich history of Santa Monica Airport to life in this compelling look at aviation in Southern California and its dramatic impact on the City of Santa Monica in the 20th Century,” said Mike Machat, curator of the Santa Monica Museum of Flying.

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BOOK TALK: Nina Fresco signs “First Around the World” at Proteus Air Services Aug. 8, tracing Santa Monica Airport’s history.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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or two-page summary.

Accountability and efficiency are not competing values. In fact, better outcome reporting can help policymakers identify successful investments, improve future bond programs and build stronger public confidence in how taxpayer dollars are used.

That confidence matters. California will continue asking voters to invest in schools, housing, transportation, water infrastructure and climate resilience. Those investments deserve broad public confidence.

The strongest argument for future bond measures isn’t simply that California has important needs — it’s that the government can demonstrate previous investments achieved meaningful results.

Evidence builds trust. Trust strengthens confidence in public institutions. And confidence makes it possible to continue investing in California’s future.

by Cathy Cockrum Dean

HOMELESSNESS

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on the system than a year earlier. This year’s tally estimated 395 to 517 people experiencing homelessness on Metro, down from 631 to 684 in 2025 and 1,041 to 1,092 in 2024. Because the count is not an exact census, results are reported as a range to account for statistical margins of error.

Metro attributes the progress to what it calls an integrated public safety model, which combines care-based services with coordinated law enforcement and security. In January, the agency’s Department of Public Safety launched a Care-Based Services Division that brought Metro Ambassadors, the Homeless Outreach Management and Engagement program, and Community Intervention Specialists together under one umbrella.

“This continued decline reflects the dedication of Metro employees and our many partners who work every day to address homelessness with compassion, accountability and coordination,” Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins said. “These results show that our model is making a real difference — for people experiencing homelessness and for the tens of thousands of customers who rely on Metro every day.”

Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass tied the gains to policies adopted during her tenure. “During and after the COVID-19 pandemic, many more unhoused people began to populate our Metro system,” Bass said. “We combined compassionate outreach with enhanced public safety strategies to get people housed with the services they need. These results prove that our approach is working and these efforts must continue.”

The agency said its results depend on collaboration with the Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services & Housing, the city and county of Los Angeles, and community-based organizations that provide outreach, interim housing and permanent housing placement. In fiscal year 2026, Metro’s outreach teams connected 354 individuals to permanent housing.

The transit count was conducted Jan. 20 as part of the broader Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count led by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Sixty-two volunteers, including outreach workers, Metro employees and riders, surveyed the rail and busway system in a single evening, focusing on stations, rights-of-way and parking lots. The methodology matches the countywide

effort and aligns with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, though the Metro-specific figures were not included in LAHSA’s published regional total.

Metro carries nearly 1 million boardings daily across a fleet of 2,200 buses and six rail lines. The agency said its April 2026 customer satisfaction survey found approval had risen to 87%.

The transit improvements run counter to the broader regional picture. LAHSA’s 2026 count found homelessness across the county rose 1.2%, to an estimated 73,040 people, and climbed 3.4% within the city of Los Angeles, to about 45,194 — reversing two consecutive years of declines. Unsheltered homelessness in the city jumped 7.9%.

LAHSA attributed the regional increase largely to a funding-driven pause in a flexible rental assistance program, which slowed movement through the rehousing system. Interim chief executive Gita O’Neill said access to permanent housing remains the decisive factor. “When our unhoused neighbors lost access to rental subsidies, the system slowed, there was less upward movement in interim housing, and progress stalled,” she said.

Bass offered a different emphasis on the regional reversal, attributing it to federal policy under the Trump administration and to what she described as a 50% cut in state Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funding, from \$1 billion to \$500 million, which she said cost the city of Los Angeles \$70 million.

LAHSA also cited economic pressure, noting that a Los Angeles County household must earn \$110,000 a year to afford the average rent of \$2,745 a month, and that the region lacks more than 473,000 affordable homes it needs.

The counting methodology has faced scrutiny. A RAND Corporation study published in 2025 found LAHSA’s volunteer-led count has significantly undercounted the region’s unsheltered population in recent years, and a HUD-mandated review of the 2025 count identified duplication and utilization errors that prompted revisions. LAHSA has also weathered a forensic audit, the loss of roughly \$350 million in annual county funding and the resignation of its former chief executive over the past year.

Officials describe the point-in-time count as a directional indicator rather than a census, cautioning that year-over-year changes should be read alongside other local data.

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curiosity and helped local students envision the opportunities available in their backyard.”

Mitchell said the event gives students a look at career paths within Los Angeles County departments and the industries that support the marina.

“It’s important for students to see the opportunities available within our Los Angeles County departments and the industries that help Marina del Rey thrive,” Mitchell said. “This event is about investing in the next generation and supporting the workforce and businesses that make this world-class marina a welcoming destination for residents and visitors alike.”

The day concluded with a recognition ceremony at the Hilton Garden Inn, where students received completion certificates presented by Mitchell’s office. A raffle rewarded participants for their engagement

in the day’s activities.

Angel Silva, director of teen programming at the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley & Eastside, said the event exposes students to possibilities they might not have otherwise considered.

“The teens love Marina del Rey Career Day, which offers an invaluable opportunity to learn about career paths directly from professionals in the field,” Silva said. “It opens their eyes to possibilities that they didn’t even know existed, feeding their curiosity and encouraging them to confidently pursue new paths.”

The Marina del Rey Tourism Board said the annual event reflects its commitment to introducing local youth to career opportunities while supporting the workforce behind the marina’s tourism and hospitality industry.

Submitted by Kiana Meagher. Edited by SMDP Staff.

SNAPCHAT

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technology company said revenue for the three months ended June 30 totaled \$1,598,993,000, up from \$1,344,930,000 in the same period last year, according to a news release. Revenue for the first six months of 2026 reached \$3.13 billion, a 15% increase from \$2.71 billion during the same period in 2025.

Snap posted a net loss of \$163,960,000 for the quarter, or 10 cents per diluted share, an improvement from a net loss of \$262,570,000, or 16 cents per diluted share, a year earlier. Operating loss also narrowed to \$170,721,000 from \$259,676,000.

Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure the company uses to gauge underlying business performance, rose to \$249,615,000 from \$41,270,000 in the prior-year quarter, a 505% increase. The company said its results included \$128.5 million in restructuring charges that were excluded from the adjusted figure.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$176,214,000 for the quarter, compared with \$88,494,000 a year earlier. Free cash flow, defined as operating cash flow minus spending on property and equipment, was \$120,538,000, up from \$23,793,000 in the same quarter last year.

“Q2 reflects the progress we are making to strengthen our core business and build a more durable financial foundation for Snap,” co-founder and CEO Evan Spiegel said in the release. Spiegel said the company grew revenue by 19%, expanded margins and generated positive free cash flow while improving advertising performance and growing its direct revenue business. He said Snap remains focused on serving its 971 million monthly active users, delivering value for advertisers and investing with discipline to increase free cash flow per share over time.

The company reported 493 million average daily active users for the quarter, a 5% increase year-over-year, and 971 million average monthly active users, up 4%. Average revenue per user was \$3.25, a 13% increase from a year earlier.

By region, North America generated \$942,883,000 in revenue, up 15% from a year ago. Europe revenue rose 33% to \$353,806,000, while revenue from the rest of the world grew 17% to \$302,304,000, according to the release.

Common shares outstanding totaled 1,682,281,000 as of June 30, essentially flat compared with the same date in 2025. The company had 4,723 full-time employees as of quarter’s end, a 9% decrease from a year earlier.

Snap’s balance sheet showed total assets of \$7.47 billion as of June 30, down from \$7.68 billion at the end of 2025. Cash and cash equivalents stood at \$958,848,000, compared with \$1,030,435,000 at the end of last year. Total stockholders’ equity was \$1,927,088,000, down from \$2,281,495,000 six months earlier.

During the quarter, the company repurchased \$250,465,000 of Class A non-voting common stock, according to the cash flow statement in the release.

Snap did not issue specific financial guidance for the third quarter of 2026 in the release, saying it would discuss its outlook during an earnings call and investor letter. The company hosted a conference call Monday at 2 p.m. Pacific time to discuss the results, with an audio webcast made available on its investor relations website.

Snap Inc., headquartered in Santa Monica, operates the Snapchat visual messaging app along with Specs Inc., a subsidiary focused on computing hardware, in addition to Bitmoji, Saturn and other digital services, according to the release.

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METRO: Homelessness drops 57% since 2024, with outreach and enforcement credited for decline.

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HEALTH

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MEDI-CAL CUTS LOOM

Orlando and Lourdes are immigrants from El Salvador. CalMatters is using only their middle names because they fear being identified by immigration officials. Orlando has lived in Los Angeles for more than 20 years and works in construction with a work permit. Lourdes manages a store and is undocumented.

Recent federal immigration raids have already upended their lives. They've had to counsel their 6-year-old daughter that there are "good police" and "bad police." Now Lourdes, who needs radiation therapy for cancer, worries about losing her Medi-Cal insurance.

To slow Medi-Cal's growth, the state froze enrollment for undocumented adults starting in January; roughly 86,000 fewer undocumented immigrants are covered.

Starting next summer, immigrants without legal status will lose dental benefits and face new monthly premiums. These and cuts to coverage for some legal immigrants are expected to push about 800,000 people off insurance, according to the UC Berkeley Labor Center.

"We pay taxes every year. We deserve to have health insurance," Orlando said.

Services have also been curtailed more broadly. Last year, the state dropped coverage of weight-loss drugs like Ozempic for people who are simply overweight, keeping them only for more serious diagnoses like diabetes. This year, lawmakers scaled back wraparound services, including case management and medical meal-delivery services for low-income patients. They also reinstated a wealth test that caps how much savings an enrollee can have, regardless of their income, which advocates say punishes people for building a financial cushion.

The cuts have stirred outcry from lawmakers on the left, some of whom want the state to raise revenue through corporate taxes or other means rather than shrink Medi-Cal.

Sen. Lena Gonzalez, a Democrat from Long Beach and chair of the Latino Caucus, said she pressed Newsom and his team twice to save benefits for undocumented people.

"I said this is legacy work for you, and I don't want you to ever forget that," Gonzalez said. "For this to happen was just really surprising."

Linn Gish credited Newsom with supporting healthcare access "from day one" but called the recent rollbacks disappointing: "We hoped he would be a champion until the end."

Newsom's office declined an interview request. In a statement, the Department of Health Care Services emphasized that the Legislature voted to approve the budget that included the cuts and said Newsom remains committed to "responsibly" supporting

universal coverage.

"Gov. Newsom has consistently highlighted California's coverage gains as central to his broader commitment to universal healthcare coverage and a more inclusive safety net," the statement said.

FEDERAL CHALLENGES

Many Democrats, Newsom chief among them, blame President Donald Trump, whose One Big Beautiful Bill tax reform law rewrote Medi-Cal rules and cut federal funding to California. The law also let enhanced Affordable Care Act subsidies expire, contributing to a 140,000-person drop in Covered California enrollment. State officials estimate the Medi-Cal program could lose more than \$30 billion annually once federal changes fully take effect in 2027.

The biggest change: Many adults must now prove they're working or volunteering at least 80 hours each month. Research has shown most low-income adults already meet requirements but lose coverage anyway because of bureaucratic errors.

"All it takes is one piece of lost mail and all of a sudden you lose coverage ... and things can snowball," said Dylan Roby, a health policy researcher and professor at UC Irvine.

Combined with shorter eligibility periods, the state estimates this will cause 1.3 million people to lose insurance in the next four years.

Those losses won't be spread evenly. Los Angeles and other parts of Southern California could see the steepest declines, according to the Labor Center, which also projects that Latino Californians will lose coverage faster than other groups.

Linnea Koopmans, CEO of Local Health Plans of California, which represents Medi-Cal insurers, said the combined cuts will create a two-tiered system of haves and have-nots. "There's a lot at stake and a lot to be lost," Koopmans said.

But some Republican lawmakers counter that blaming Washington, D.C. is disingenuous. California has run deficits for four straight years, predating most federal restrictions, which haven't even taken effect yet.

Sen. Roger Niello, a Republican from Roseville and vice chair of the budget committee, put the current impact of federal healthcare restrictions at \$3 billion out of a \$351 billion state budget.

"It's difficult (to argue) that the woes are being caused by the federal government," Niello said, calling the state's spending problem structural. Revenues have grown, but spending has grown faster.

The current budget leaves the toughest healthcare decisions to the next governor.

"Gov. Newsom says he solved the deficit for the next governor. He hasn't," Niello said.

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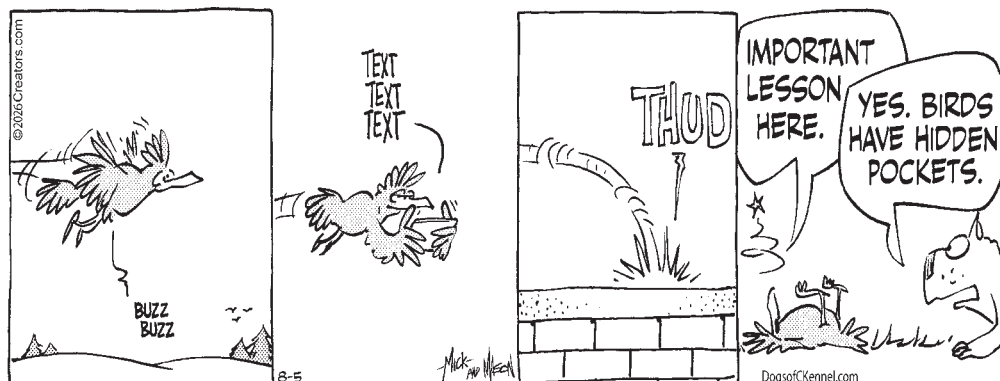
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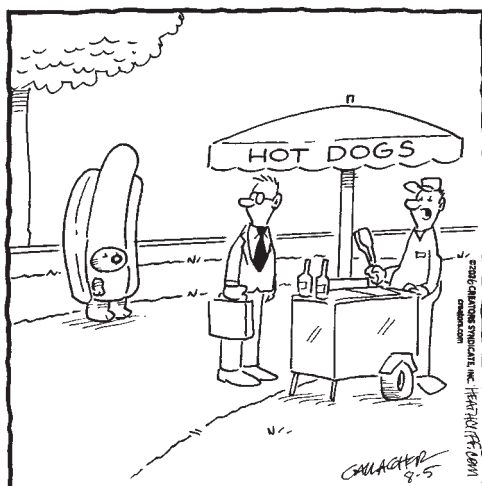
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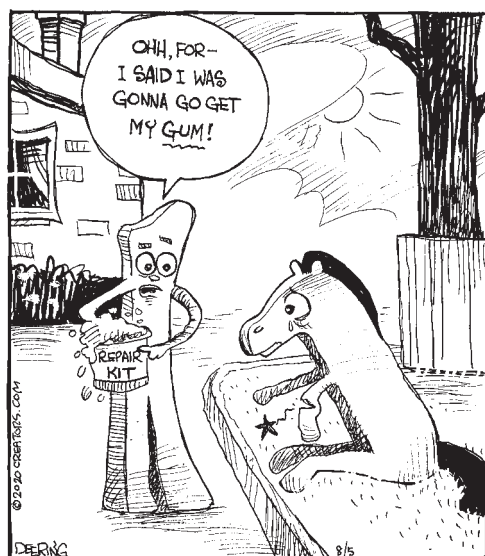
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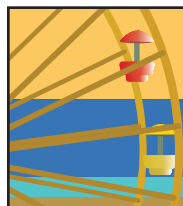
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). On the last day of Venus in Virgo, let go of overthinking. Going forward you'll need more curiosity than certainty. There's no reason to fear being seen for who you are right now, as-is, because fortune will favor your authenticity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As this Venus chapter draws to a close, let go of second-guessing yourself. Instinct over analysis is the way. And there's no reason to fear making the first move, because your motion activates those around you to support you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In these final moments of Venus in Virgo, let go of what merely functions. It's got to delight you, too - otherwise you won't keep coming back. A sustainable dynamic will be rich in both beauty and efficiency.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As Venus packs her bags for Libra, let go of whatever stands in the way of accepting help. Is it your pride? Or are you worried there are strings attached? It's better to take those risks and take the help that's offered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As Venus changes the subject, let go of trying to impress anyone. Your warmth will accomplish what performance never could. The people meant for you will crave your attention, not your perfection. You make them feel seen, and that's enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As Venus leaves your sign, let go of believing every answer has to come from you. The next chapter is collaborative. Your greatest advantage won't be knowing everything, but attracting people whose strengths naturally complement your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As Venus returns home to your sign, let go of waiting to enjoy your life. Beauty isn't a reward for finishing the work. It's nourishment that helps you do the work with greater joy, confidence and generosity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As Venus heads home to Libra, let go of trying to read every hidden motive. Some people are exactly as kind as they appear. Curiosity will serve you well, and people will enjoy responding to your respectful questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As Venus waves goodbye to Virgo, let go of perfection. Going forward, you'll need more connection than correction. You may even come to the realization that something you called a "flaw" is what makes you irresistible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As the atmosphere softens, let go of measuring every opportunity by its immediate usefulness. From where you're standing, it's impossible to see how it will all come together. Trust that some of your most treasured future experiences will begin as today's simple pleasures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As Venus slips into Libra, let go of assuming you have to do everything differently. Innovation often involves invention, but not always. Sometimes it's about giving your unique take on the obvious solution.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As one Venus story ends and another begins, let go of being the emotional sponge for those with messy feelings. You try to help wherever you can, and you've been generous. But you're allowed to live in lightness, too.

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

7	3	8	4	5	2	1	6	9
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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Author Angelou
- 5 Short hairstyle
- 8 Fortune-teller's deck
- 13 Shade trees
- 14 Sport played on ponies
- 15 Evade
- 16 Saves for a rainy day
- 18 German autos
- 19 Adds herbs and spices to
- 20 Any portion of a talk show
- 22 Spot for docking
- 24 Movers' truck
- 25 Con game
- 29 Lawbreaking gangs
- 34 ___ than (minimally)
- 36 Beach volleyball surface
- 37 Anger
- 38 "Not possible for me"
- 39 Where clouds form
- 40 Event host
- 42 In favor of
- 43 Top blackjack cards
- 45 "O Canada," for one
- 46 Bonds between relatives
- 49 Doggie docs
- 50 Pie ___ mode
- 51 Crunchy Tex-Mex food
- 53 Envision
- 57 Kids' racing vehicles
- 62 Capital of Egypt

- 63 Drinks quickly
- 65 TV host DeGeneres
- 66 Sailors' affirmatives
- 67 Korea's continent
- 68 Stands up
- 69 "That's right"
- 70 Firecracker sound

DOWN

- 1 Untidiness
- 2 Burn-soothing plant
- 3 Community rec center: Abbr.
- 4 Poses a question
- 5 Generic dog
- 6 Suffix for scram
- 7 Young lads
- 8 Place that grows

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- pekoe leaves
- 9 Group of grads
- 10 Impolite
- 11 Thor's father
- 12 Try out
- 14 Is suddenly terrified
- 17 ___ up (absorb)
- 21 All paid up
- 23 Takes a chance
- 25 Scornful sound
- 26 Hot chocolate
- 27 Home security device
- 28 Guys
- 30 Could possibly
- 31 Specialty market
- 32 Say "Hi!" to
- 33 Appears to be
- 35 Male horses
- 39 Playhouse scenery
- 41 VH-1 rival
- 44 Computer printer's blue
- 45 Wide neckwear
- 47 "That's also my opinion"
- 48 Birds of prey
- 52 Approves
- 53 Pastry decorator
- 54 West African nation
- 55 Feels unwell
- 56 Online auctioneer
- 58 Not much paint
- 59 Civil rights icon Parks
- 60 Bed size
- 61 Sudden obstacle
- 64 Examine closely

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WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 5

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/18526513/2026-08-05T10>

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#!/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-08-05T10>

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/19300395/2026-08-05T11>

THURSDAY | AUGUST 6

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. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#!/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-08-06T11>

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/event-3/#!/details/story-craft-time/19018567/2026-08-06T15>

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: SANTA MONICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meeting is held over Zoom. Link will be sent after registration Please view current and past Agendas here Santa Monica. The Government Affairs Committee meeting focuses on reviewing potential impacts of new policies, legislation, and ordinances on our membership. The agenda includes discussing these potential changes and voting on the Chamber's positions regarding upcoming proposals. We will determine how to support or oppose these initiatives, guiding our advocacy efforts to protect our members' interests. This meeting is crucial for shaping our policy engagement and response strategies. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#!/details/government-affairs-committee-santa-monica-chamber-of-commerce/17408642/2026-08-06T16>

RADIO CLUB MEETING

5:30 p.m. American Legion - Ronald Reagan Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join the Radio Club to learn about how to get HAM licensed! Other activities include "Parks on the Air," where you venture to a local park and reach out to others in order to "activate" your site. HAM radio is all about connecting the community and continually training to assist our first responders when disaster strikes. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#!/details/radio-club-meeting/18566934/2026-08-06T17>

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. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#!/details/hama-sushi-music-open-mic-thursdays-/18526607/2026-08-06T18>

LA BUSINESS MIXER AUGUST AT WURSTKÜCHE

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Wurstküche Restaurant Venice Beach 625 Lincoln Boulevard Los Angeles. German American professional and casual business networking mixer. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our business mixer at Wurstküche in Venice, a venue celebrated for its outstanding selection of sausages and beer. This event offers a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow professionals in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy great conversations, expand

your network, and strengthen relationships with like-minded individuals while savoring delicious food and drinks. We look forward to seeing you there! \$17.85. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#!/details/la-business-mixer-august-at-wurstkuche/19429777/2026-08-06T18>

SECOND SIGHT AND TOM FREUD LIVE AT CABIN CREEK VENICE

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 517 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Cabin Creek Concerts hosts an evening of live music on the Venice Beach Boardwalk! \$12.51. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#!/details/second-sight-and-tom-freud-live-at-cabin-creek-venice/19405009/2026-08-06T18>

CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - COFFEE & ESPRESSO CLASS

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Castanea Sicilian Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Experience a unique Espresso & Coffee Class in Los Angeles, Venice Beach and dive into the world of specialty coffee. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to pull the perfect espresso, steam milk correctly, and prepare classic coffee drinks like cappuccino and latte just like a professional barista. Our Barista Coffee Class in Venice Beach, Los Angeles teaches you the fundamentals of espresso extraction, how to use an espresso machine, and basic latte art techniques. Whether you're a beginner or a coffee lover, this class will help you improve your coffee skills and knowledge. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#!/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-coffee-espresso-class/18526609/2026-08-06T19>

FRIDAY | AUGUST 7

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#!/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-08-07T09>

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 Shrunk the Kids, 7/31 Happy Feet, 8/7 Ratatouille, 8/14 Hook, 8/21 Coco, 8/28 Matilda. Private Movie Screenings. Bring movie night to your next celebration. Private screenings are available for birthday parties, group events, and special gatherings Contact our team to create a custom movie experience at Cayton Children's Museum.

DINELA RESTAURANT WEEK AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

11:30 a.m. - 8:45 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica. DineLA Restaurant Week at LouLou Santa Monica- August 14-28, 2026 - DineLA Restaurant Week is almost here. From August 14-28, enjoy a special three-course prix-fixe menu featuring LouLou favorites, from Beef Tartare and Poulet Rôti to Île Flottante and Crème Brûlée. Lunch · \$25 · Monday-Friday · 11:30 AM-3 PM Dinner · \$55 · Daily · 5 PM-8:45 PM A limited-time invitation to experience the French Joie de Vivre at LouLou. Reserve your table now: bit.ly/loulou-dinela. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#!/details/dinela-restaurant-week-at-loulou-santa-monica/19546447/2026-08-07T11>

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- AUGUST 7TH

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles. Golden hour, good music, and one of our favorite Friday traditions. This week's Sunset Sessions is presented by FX's The Shards, Ryan Murphy's seductive new drama set in 1980s Los Angeles, where glamorous high school seniors send their days chasing beauty, parties and the city's coolest spots. Sounds familiar? Join FX and Camber at The Penmar for a special edition of Sunset Sessions. Grab your ticket and then add yourself to Camber's guest list here: <https://www.handstamp.com/e/camber-penmar-fx> for free first drink tickets, koozies, a photobooth and an exclusive blanket (while supplies last).

SHABBAT ON THE BEACH

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Santa Monica Beach Lifeguard Tower 28 Santa Monica. Bring a friend or the whole family! Warm your toes in the sand, and join your community in singing and celebrating the joys of a magical Shabbat experience. Feel free to bring your own instruments to join Rabbi Katzan during Shabbat on the Beach. Make sure to bring beach chairs, blankets, jackets, and your own dinner if you plan to picnic on the beach afterward. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#!/details/-shabbat-on-the-beach-/18778280/2026-08-07T17>



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