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Los Angeles County faces $1.5B federal cuts, warns of devastating service reductions

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Los Angeles County officials are warning of unprecedented budget cuts that could eliminate health benefits for more than 700,000 residents and force the closure of major county facilities as the region grapples with over $1.5 billion in anticipated federal funding reductions.

Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport told the Board of Supervisors recently that the county faces known federal cuts of approximately $714 million through fiscal year 2027-2028, plus additional projected cuts exceeding $800 million. The reductions primarily target health and social services programs that serve the county's most vulnerable residents.

"I do not believe based on what is before us that we will be able to continue service levels at the levels that the county has provided in the past," Davenport said during the board's weekly budget update.

The most severe impacts are expected to hit the county's safety net programs. New federal work requirements for Medi-Cal could eliminate benefits for more than 700,000 county residents by fiscal year 2027-2028 — roughly 20% of the 3.4 million people currently receiving the health coverage. An additional 47,000 lawfully present immigrants will see their Medi-Cal benefits reduced to emergency and pregnancy services only starting in fiscal year 2026-2027.

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FESIA DAVENPORT: Fesia Davenport told the Board of Supervisors that the county faces known federal cuts of approximately $714 million through fiscal year 2027-2028, plus additional projected cuts exceeding $800 million.

Downtown Santa Monica meets for the first time with new Council-approved appointees

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The Downtown Santa Monica Board held its first meeting last week with six newly appointed members following the Santa Monica City Council's extraordinary decision to fire all of its prior appointees to the organization in July.

The meeting proceeded with routine introductions from the new board members and only a brief mention of the controversial process that installed them from Chair Michelle Aronson who declined to comment on ongoing legal issues.

"As many of you know, there was a meeting held on July 29 at this board, and that meeting has not been respected by the City of Santa Monica," Aronson said. "I understand their position at this point. I know that there are other questions and legal issues around that that some have raised."

The mass firing stemmed from a July 25 memo authored by Councilman Barry Snell, along with Councilmembers Dan Hall and Caroline Torosis, requesting the removal of all six city appointees. The Santa Monica City Council announced the discussion publicly on July 28 and voted on July 29 to recall the appointments.

The memo cited "growing concerns regarding the lack of transparency and accountability" but provided vague justifications for the unprecedented action. Council members argued the board was too heavily weighted

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Santa Monica City Council unanimously approves first citywide equity plan

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The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved the city's first comprehensive citywide equity plan last week, establishing a five-year roadmap to address racial disparities and historical harms while investing in community-led initiatives.

The 7-0 vote caps a year-long community engagement process that included more than 60 listening sessions with residents across diverse neighborhoods. The plan, extending through 2030, represents the city's most ambitious effort to embed equity as a core value across all municipal departments.

"This is the first time where we've been able to go to all of our departments and say 'Hey we really really need everybody's to move this forward,'" said Lisa Parson, the city's Equity Inclusion Manager. "Three people cannot fully advance equity for a city."

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Covered California health insurance will cost more in 2026. Here's what's behind the double-digit increase



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INSURANCE: A Covered California Enrollment Center in Chula Vista on April 29, 2024.

Californians who get their health insurance through the state's marketplace will see premiums increase by an average of 10.3% next year.

Covered California officials on Thursday announced the first double-digit rate increase since 2018, saying it represents a "confluence" of factors putting upward pressure on the market.

Rising health care costs, the expiration of enhanced federal subsidies and policy-driven market uncertainty together are fueling the hike, Covered California Director Jessica Altman said.

Insurers in recent years have expected health care costs to increase by about 8% each year. That makes up the bulk of next year's increase. But Altman said about 2% of the rate increase in the state's version of the Affordable Care Act marketplace is based on federal financial assistance that expires at the end of the year.

President Donald Trump's signature spending and tax reform bill — the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" — left out funding for enhanced premium tax credits used by more than 90% of Affordable Care Act enrollees nationwide. Congress enacted these subsidies during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure people had health insurance. Since then, Affordable Care Act enrollment has nearly doubled nationwide from 12 million to 24 million people.

"We've never been through a loss in affordability like the expiration of the enhanced tax credits," Altman said.

Congress could still decide to re-up the subsidies in September. If it doesn't, California will lose about $2.1 billion in enhanced tax credits for consumers.

DOUBLE WHAMMY FOR CONSUMERS

Ariana Brill, a certified health insurance agent who helps people enroll in Covered California, said if the enhanced subsidies aren't renewed, consumers' pocketbooks will be hit twice next year.

"We'll see rates go up. We'll see assistance go down. And the net premium, the consumer's take home price, is going to go up considerably," Brill said.

Open enrollment typically starts on Nov. 1, but Brill said clients are already calling her with concerns about increases. A majority of her clients, about 2,600 of them, will have to pay significantly more for health care if Congress doesn't extend the enhanced subsidies, she said.

If that happens, Brill said she expects some people to switch to less comprehensive, lower-cost plans to make ends meet. Others will drop coverage altogether.

"For most people, affordability is a huge part of their decision making. Very few of us have the luxury of buying things without looking at the price," Brill said.

State officials recently took steps to ease the potential loss of federal subsidies for the lowest-income Covered California members. The state will spend $190 million to maintain subsidies for people earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level (individuals earning about $23,000 or families of four earning about $48,000).

Still, that investment is far short of the $2.1 billion the state stands to lose.

Covered California's previous estimates indicate that 600,000 people could drop coverage as a result of lost subsidies and rising costs. That, in turn, could make health care even more expensive, experts say. That's because younger and healthier people tend to forego coverage first, leaving sicker and more costly people behind. To meet their needs, insurers have to charge more.

"With those lower utilization people leaving the marketplace, which leaves only the high cost users in the pool, it drives up premiums for those who are left," said Matthew McGough, a policy analyst for KFF's Affordable Care Act program who co-authored a recent study looking at 2026 premium increases.

More people seeking health care and higher prices are already the primary factor driving annual rate increases, McGough said. Some of that can be attributed to the aging population and widespread use of costly

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What states are doing in the battle over congressional maps as Texas pursues plan Trump sought

A partisan move by Texas to redraw its congressional maps in the middle of the decade to secure five more GOP seats in the U.S. House set off a clamor to replicate the effort in statehouses controlled by both parties.

So far, though, only California has taken steps toward redistricting.

Changing congressional maps in a bid to ensure one party's victory over another — called gerrymandering — has typically been done more furtively. But President Donald Trump's call for Texas to redraw the maps to better ensure that Republicans retain control of the House in the 2026 elections has blown the lid off the practice.

Here is a rundown of what states are doing.

TEXAS KICKED IT OFF, THEN DEMOCRATS LEFT THE STATE

Democratic lawmakers who left Texas have scuttled a special session on redistricting but appear set to end their standoff after nearly two weeks.

The Republican majority adjourned their special session Friday morning in Austin. Gov. Greg Abbott was expected to quickly call another, and Democrats have said they will return to Texas provided California Democrats move forward with their own new maps.

Past efforts by Democrats to abscond and deny Republicans a quorum similarly only delayed the passage of bills, but didn't quash them. Abbott has said he will keep calling new special sessions, if necessary.

State Rep. Jon Rosenthal, a Democrat from Houston, told The Associated Press this week that their protest was about raising awareness.

"They may still pass these maps, but we're going to do everything we can to awaken America," he said.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS PROPOSE RETALIATION

In response to Texas, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Thursday that the state will move forward with redrawing congressional maps aimed at putting five more Democrats into the U.S. House.

The proposed maps, which are expected to be released Friday, are an attempt to counterbalance Texas' and Trump's plan to add five Republican seats.

Newsom has been outspoken about retaliating if Texas's redistricting takes effect, telling Trump this week in a letter that the president was "playing with fire."

Unlike Texas, however, California has an independent commission that handles redistricting after the census each decade, which is typically when districts are reshaped to account for population shifts. Any changes would first need the approval of state lawmakers and voters.

State lawmakers plan to officially declare a special election next week.

MISSOURI REPUBLICANS TAKE STEPS TOWARD REDISTRICTING

At Trump's urging and partly in response to California's threats, Missouri's Republican majority is preparing for a special session on congressional redistricting

A document obtained by The Associated Press shows the state Senate has received a $46,000 invoice for software licenses and staff training for redistricting.

While Republican Gov. Mike Kehoe hasn't officially announced a special session, Republican House Majority Leader Alex Riley told the AP it is "pretty likely" to happen. Riley added that he has had discussions with White House staff about it.

Republicans hold six of Missouri's eight congressional seats. The party could target a Democratic-held district in Kansas City to pick up another seat.

In justifying the redistricting, Missouri Republicans accused neighboring Illinois of rigging its maps and pointed to a draft proposal circulating in California.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS TRY TO CHANGE STATE LAW

New York, similar to California, has an independent commission that changes the political maps only after every census. But state Democrats introduced legislation to allow mid-decade redistricting.

Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul said that if Texas proceeds, "we must do the same."

But the soonest new maps could be in place would be for the 2028 elections. That is because the proposal would require an amendment to the state constitution, a change that would have to pass the Legislature twice and be approved by voters.

WISCONSIN DEMOCRATS TAKE A DIFFERENT TACK

While Republicans control the Legislature, Democrats turned to the courts to try to force a redrawing of congressional district boundary lines before the 2026 midterms.

Two lawsuits were filed in July after the liberal-controlled Wisconsin Supreme Court — without explanation — previously declined to hear challenges directly.

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS PROMISE A RESPONSE TO TEXAS

Maryland House Majority Leader David Moon, a Democrat, says he will sponsor legislation to trigger redistricting if Texas or any other state holds redistricting ahead of the census.

FLORIDA'S GOVERNOR HINTS AT SUPPORT FOR REDISTRICTING

Republican state House Speaker Daniel Perez said his chamber will take up redistricting this year through a special committee. Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has told the public to "stay tuned" and has reiterated his support for the state joining

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Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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2025/08/18	Mon	08:08 AM	3.58	H
2025/08/18	Mon	11:44 AM	3.03	L
2025/08/18	Mon	6:10 PM	6.06	H
2025/08/19	Tue	01:54 AM	-0.51	L
2025/08/19	Tue	08:43 AM	3.92	H
2025/08/19	Tue	12:57 PM	2.76	L
2025/08/19	Tue	7:11 PM	6.34	H
2025/08/20	Wed	02:37 AM	-0.76	L
2025/08/20	Wed	09:12 AM	4.19	H
2025/08/20	Wed	1:53 PM	2.39	L
2025/08/20	Wed	8:02 PM	6.54	H
2025/08/21	Thu	03:14 AM	-0.83	L
2025/08/21	Thu	09:40 AM	4.42	H
2025/08/21	Thu	2:39 PM	2.04	L
2025/08/21	Thu	8:46 PM	6.58	H
2025/08/22	Fri	03:48 AM	-0.73	L
2025/08/22	Fri	10:08 AM	4.62	H
2025/08/22	Fri	3:20 PM	1.75	L
2025/08/22	Fri	9:26 PM	6.44	H
2025/08/23	Sat	04:18 AM	-0.48	L
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CANCELING HOUSE FIRES BY USING FREE GREY WATER AND ELECTRIC PUMPS

Wildfire experts say that house fires are usually started by windblown burning embers from brush fires. The other important cause of fires is downed electrical lines.

Many of the thousands of homes and buildings that burned in Pacific Palisades and Eaton/Altadena might have been saved with a new fire prevention system built around storage and distribution of Grey Water using electric pumps to irrigate the roofs and sides of structures in the fire zones. Irrigating the exterior surfaces of houses and buildings helps prevent windblown embers from igniting house and building fires.

Grey Water (every drain except toilets) is about 80% of household use, averaging 160 gallons per day, is essentially wasted and can overwhelm sewage systems. Excluding kitchen sink Grey Water reduces the amount to approximately 130 gallons per day which can be reused. In the meantime, Grey Water is being circulated by electric pumps into and out of a water tank maintaining a volume of 2000 gallons to be available in case of a wildfire and flying embers. 130 gallons/day x 365 days x 7,000 houses equals approximately 325 million gallons per year of free Grey Water available to help maintain landscape in the Palisades and about 425 million gallons per year to help maintain landscape in Eaton/ Altadena, which lost more than lost 9,000 structures.

The combined total of 750 million gallons/year of Grey Water used for watering trees and landscape could also be used for maintaining swimming pools. *Realize Safety* has developed high volume spraying systems to saturate individual and surrounding properties using water pumped directly from swimming pools to fight fires first hand.

On top of using Grey Water to irrigate fire preventative landscape and fill swimming pools, excess water could be invaluable in replenishing ground water via Dry Wells.

New construction would include solar panels/battery storage powering the electric pumps which are needed when the electrical grids are shut down during strong windy conditions. Downed electrical lines started devastating fires in the Palisades and Altadena.

A below ground 2000 gallon water tank costs about $4,000 and holds more than enough water to prevent a fire on an average size house and property along with keeping shrubs and trees watered. Grey Water could maintain a healthy lawn with its many benefits including emitting oxygen and humidity and capturing carbon and dust. Grey water could also be used for watering native fire-resistant plants and trees planted after highly combustible brush is cleared from hillsides. Fire resistant planting helped in successfully preventing a fire in an Orange County development. Recent discussion has recommended circling the whole development with fire resistant trees and shrubs, especially on houses built on upslope. Provided there is enough room, even have a lawn, acting as a fire break, in between. Obviously, it would be the type of grass, like Bermuda, that spreads and thrives being trimmed as short as 3/4”. Since the outsides of structures would be protected with water/foam irrigation, fire departments could concentrate on ‘maintaining the perimeter’ by extinguishing brush fires using fire hydrants and water dropping planes and helicopters.

Grey Water from baths, showers, and wash basins still needs filtering to be safely reused for watering landscape and maintaining swimming pools. The Grey Water is first collected in a small holding tank before being pumped through a filter into the 2000 gallon tank containing a two horsepower submerged electric pump. The electric pump which moves the water through the filter is much smaller. The water used for irrigating the sides and roofs of structures needs GreenFire foaming agent which reduces surface tension allowing water to spread out more easily and be ‘stickier’. This forms a thick foam/water emulsion on the walls and roofs of houses and buildings in fire zones to help extinguish windblown embers before they start fires. Even with fire hardened construction including heat resistant windows there is still the threat of radiant heat plus the action of numerous embers striking the heat resistant windows causing cracking and breakage. Radiant heating of the outside of the structure also causes convection heat buildup inside the structure. This can lead to increased pressure and the threat of windows being blown out from the inside and flaming embers being blown in. So irrigating the outsides of structures, including widows, helps put out flying embers but it also helps prevent radiant heat from entering the insides. Note that flame resistant windows are not flame proof and can only withstand intense radiant heat and flaming embers for a maximum of 2 hrs. and need water/foam irrigation protection/cooling from an active Grey Water System.

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Currently the regulations in Los Angeles County require Grey Water plumbing in all new construction. Adding a Grey Water Fire Prevention system, using PEX including filtering, could cost 20,000 to $30,000 which is about 3% of the total value of a million dollar house, a very good investment. Looking at costs from another standpoint it would cost about $2 billion to add complete Grey Water Protection Systems to 7,000 properties as opposed to the $180 billion loss that the Palisades suffered. In other words, the cost of prevention would be about 1% of the estimated cost of destruction. Grey Water Protection could also be added to existing structures in high hazard areas. It would be in the interests of local government and insurance companies to help with the costs of installing Grey Water Protection. In fact, an effective fire prevention system could make getting fire insurance possible and much cheaper and available where insurance companies are opting out because of high risk.

In the Palisades, there are many improvements that can be made: The most important being maintaining the 117 million gallon Santa Inez Reservoir. The three one million gallon water tanks in the Palisades hills that were supplying water to houses and hydrants were depleted in the first twelve hours of the fire. This was partially because ‘smart’ check valves were not installed at the service entrances of houses and water would run out over burned properties. But the main reason for the depletion was the DWP shutting off water because it was needed for the fires spreading east. The three million gallons of water used from the three tanks over 12 hours, or 250,000 gallons per hour could have been replenished with a 500 horsepower gas water pump pumping water from a full Santa Ynez Reservoir. Other improvements, on top of installing the service entrance ‘smart’ check valves, would be placing fire hydrants and planting fire resistant trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the development.

The Palisades can get control over their water system by relegating the DWP to only replenishing the Santa Inez Reservoir. In the event of another horrific fire and the DWP stops water delivery, the reservoir contains more than enough water to outlast any fire in the Palisades and the Palisades could gain control over water going to houses and fire hydrants. Grey Water irrigation on the roofs and sides of houses would offer protection while the Fire Departments would concentrate fighting the brush fires using water from fire hydrants and water drops from planes and helicopters. The Santa Ynez Reservoir is in the hills above the Palisades Highlands and could offer protection in the immediate area, and downwind, via high power firefighting water cannons capable of delivering 18,500 gallons/minute to a distance of 600 feet. The prevailing wind in the wildfire was north by northeast and most of the Palisades is to the south and southwest, and in the path. Spraying water from the ground can be an effective way to impede a wildfire.

Rebuilding should incorporate the flame resistant features of the houses that survived the Palisades fire. Their main features were cement siding (could have been stucco) and an insulated metal roof without eaves. Tile could be added to metal roofs as a design prerogative. Other features would include insulated windows that help stop heat penetration, insulated and screened venting on the roof and crawl space, plus insulated steel doors and steel gutters.

Since some fires start in the middle of the night, satellites and drones equipped with infrared cameras could be tasked with alerting fire prevention headquarters and the Grey Water electric pumps could be activated remotely in the area of a fire. If the satellites and drones fail, the Grey Water pumps could also be activated by heat or smoke or both. Obviously, there should be fire alarms/sirens in high threat areas connected to the fire headquarters, along with remote start-up of the Grey Water pumps. The heat or smoke activated fire alarms should be to be heard for minimum of five miles. In the Palisades fire, Grey Water systems would have provided an additional 14 million gallons of free Grey Water. These 14 million gallons could have been for fire prevention, instead of fire fighting, before houses and buildings became fully engulfed in flames. Solar powered electric pumps, with battery back-up, would operate when electrical grids are shut down.

It would take less than 2 hours to disperse the entire 2,000 gallon tank of filtered Grey Water. But the 2,000 gallons of Grey Water could be used over a week or more, as needed, keeping houses/buildings and landscaping irrigated to help prevent a disastrous wild fire from destroying structures. There could also be a requirement that new construction would include solar and all electric appliances. This would remove the hazard of gas appliances along with their increased carbon pollution.

These words give a rough outline of fire prevention, fire fighting ideas and require extensive design and engineering work to be realized including mechanical, electrical, electronic and hydraulic engineering plus creative and innovative thinking.

When the next brush fire happens, fire retarding construction and planting plus integrated Grey Water Irrigation Systems would help prevent the catastrophic destruction seen in the Pacific Palisades and Eaton/Altadena fires.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Palisades

County Supervisor Pledges $10 Million to Rebuild Fire-Damaged YMCA

Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath announced a $10 million commitment last week to help rebuild the Palisades-Malibu YMCA, which was destroyed in January wildfires.

The pledge, made during a groundbreaking ceremony, supports a $25 million capital campaign launched by the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles to restore and expand the community center.

"Community isn't just about the homes we live in—it's also about the places where we come together, where we build relationships, and where we watch our children grow," Horvath said. "The Palisades-Malibu YMCA has long been one of those beloved gathering spaces, and its loss after the fires remains deeply felt."

The supervisor called the project "more than just a construction milestone" and "a symbol of recovery, resilience, and hope."

Victor Dominguez, president and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, expressed gratitude to Horvath and the Lowe Family for leading the fundraising effort.

"As the Center for Community Well-Being with 28 centers across the L.A. region, we have always been a place where everyone belongs," Dominguez said. "Now we can ensure that the Palisades community members will once again be able to gather at their local Y, where everyone is invited to grow, give, and get involved."

The rebuilt facility will span two campuses: a restored Via de la Paz site and an expanded Simon Meadow facility. The new design will feature indoor-outdoor spaces rooted in nature and community.

The Via de la Paz campus is expected to receive partial funding from FEMA's Public Assistance program, while the Simon Meadow expansion relies entirely on community donations.

The January wildfires caused extensive damage throughout Los Angeles County, destroying numerous community facilities and homes. The YMCA served as a vital gathering place for residents in the Palisades-Malibu area before its destruction.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles operates facilities across the region, providing fitness, youth programs, and community services to local residents.

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Los Angeles

LA County Launches Campaign to Help Residents Keep Medicaid, SNAP Benefits

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has approved a motion to launch the "Keep Your Coverage" campaign, aimed at helping residents maintain enrollment in Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program amid new federal work requirements.

The motion, authored by Chair Pro Tem and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis and co-authored by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, establishes a multilingual initiative to provide critical resources and connect beneficiaries to work and volunteer opportunities through American Job Centers.

"The County has a moral responsibility to do what it can to help residents enrolled in Medicaid and SNAP preserve their benefits – we cannot let people fall behind," Solis said. "Today's motion is about delivering on our due diligence help our residents understand how to keep their coverage and connect them to vital work and volunteer opportunities."

The campaign responds to President Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill," signed into law July 4, which includes nearly $1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and SNAP over 10 years. The reconciliation bill introduces new and expanded work requirements that could affect millions of Californians.

According to county officials, 13.4 million Californians rely on Medicaid for health coverage, while 5.4 million receive SNAP food assistance. Approximately 3.5 million Medicaid enrollees in California risk losing benefits due to work requirements, and 368,000 individuals could lose food assistance.

"When our neighbors' healthcare and food security are at risk, we must act swiftly and decisively," Horvath said. "Everyone deserves the dignity of knowing they won't lose care or food because of bureaucracy."

The campaign will include training for promotoras and community health workers to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance to help enrollees maintain benefit coverage. Despite federal exemptions, new eligibility criteria may impact working adults, children, older adults, veterans and people with disabilities through administrative barriers.

"As this federal bill slashes away at programming that helps our most vulnerable to fuel increased immigration enforcement that only terrorize our communities, we know we must do all that we can to proactively protect our residents from these alarming policies," Solis said.

The initiative aims to ensure eligible residents can continue accessing healthcare coverage and food assistance programs amid the federal policy changes.

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INSURANCE

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pharmaceuticals like Ozempic and Wegovy to treat diabetes and other chronic health conditions.

But insurers nationally and in California have pointed out other factors contributing significantly to increased costs. These include tariffs on drugs and medical devices, enrollment and eligibility changes included in Trump's budget package, and inflation. Most insurers are assuming Congress won't extend the enhanced premium tax credits.

Nationally, the median premium increase for next year is 18%, according to the KFF analysis. Loss of subsidies accounts for 4%, McGough said.

"It's definitely a significant factor this year and that along with the general environment of uncertainty are what is pushing these rates above what we've seen in the past few years," McGough said.

Supported by the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), which works to ensure that people have access to the care they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford. Visit www.chcf.org to learn more.

By Kristen Hwang. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

EQUITY PLAN

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The plan centers on five core goals: confronting and repairing historical harms through restorative action; deepening trust through inclusive community engagement; expanding pathways to opportunity for underserved communities; transforming government operations for equitable results; and building a culture where equity is understood and valued.

One immediate outcome will be the establishment of a $32,496 equity micro-grant program, funded through a budget amendment that transfers remaining earmarked funds from the transitioning "We Are Santa Monica" fund. The grants will empower residents to advance equity initiatives within their own neighborhoods.

"We have a lot of really strong passionate community members who want to do this work with us," Parson said. "We would love to be able to empower them to advance some of their own ideas for equity through these micro grants."

The plan emerges from extensive community feedback that revealed economic development opportunities as residents' top priority, followed closely by affordable housing. David Gardinier, Equity and Communications Coordinator, said the engagement process successfully reached "communities and folks that we normally don't hear from" by allowing residents to host their own listening sessions.

"Economic development opportunities to be able to do well for themselves and to be able to provide for their families and their communities" ranked as the number one request, Gardinier reported, with immigrant communities particularly emphasizing feeling "like an island" and isolated from city resources.

The plan addresses longstanding concerns about Santa Monica's approach to racial equity. According to city data, residents who identify as Black, Latinx, and Native American fare worse than white residents across nearly every quality-of-life indicator, with many inequalities worsening since 2020.

A key component involves the Landback and Reparations Task Force, which has been meeting monthly to catalog historical harms against marginalized communities. The group will present a comprehensive "harms report" to the council in December 2025, documenting incidents from the displacement caused by the 10 Freeway construction to lesser-known impacts on the Jewish community.

Several council members pressed for accelerated timelines and clearer accountability measures. Mayor Pro Tem O'Connor expressed concern about programs like participatory budgeting and public dashboards being postponed until 2028, calling for more immediate tracking of progress.

The plan acknowledges significant challenges, including the city's financial constraints and reduced staffing levels compared to pre-2020. The equity team described operating in an adversarial political environment at the federal level while focusing on manageable initiatives that work with our existing capacity and resources.

City staff emphasized the plan's evolution from viewing equity as "extra work" to integrating it into core city priorities. Examples include ensuring public works responses are equally distributed across neighborhoods and expanding economic pathways beyond street vending.

Parson articulated the long-term vision: "My dream is that cities don't need an equity team. My dream is that every department understands this and holds it so deeply that you don't need specialists."

The plan will function as both a roadmap and "living document," designed to evolve as community needs change and new insights emerge.

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DISTRICTING

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the redistricting fray.

OHIO MUST REDRAW ITS MAPS BEFORE THE 2026 MIDTERMS

A law in Republican-led Ohio requires new political maps before the 2026 midterm elections. The GOP holds 10 of its 15 House seats already and could try to expand that edge.

INDIANA'S GOVERNOR SPOKE WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President JD Vance said he spoke with Republican Gov. Mike Braun last week, as the redistricting melee intensified, but both politicians remained mum about the discussions.

Braun, who would have to call a special session to draw new maps, has said he expects a "broad conversation" with legislative leaders on the move's constitutionality and said no commitments have been made.

Republicans face more limited possibilities of squeezing out another GOP seat in Indiana. Republican U.S. representatives outnumber Democrats 7-2 in the state already.

KANSAS REPUBLICANS HAVEN'T RULED OUT REDISTRICTING

Republican state Senate President Ty Masterson didn't rule out trying to redraw the state's four congressional districts, one of which is held by the state's sole Democrat House representative.

The Legislature's GOP-supermajority could do so early next year, which would put the new lines in place before the June 1 candidate filing deadline.

By JESSE BEDAYN Associated Press. Associated Press writers Bill Barrow in Atlanta, Anthony Izaguirre in Albany, New York, Holly Ramer in Concord, New Hampshire, Scott Bauer in Madison, Wisconsin, David Lieb in Jefferson City, Missouri, Isabella Volmert in Lansing, Michigan, and Brian Witte in Annapolis, Maryland, contributed to this report.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Authorize Commercial Cannabis Uses within Certain Zoning Districts

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to authorize commercial cannabis uses within the City's non-residential zoning districts.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Cannabis Ordinance

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Tony Kim by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NNCP00518 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Salim Haruka Gerald for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Salim Haruka Gerald court for a decree of changing names as follows: Salim Haruka Gerald to Salim Haruka HartThe 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 9/22/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: T Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica 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

Summons

Summons (Sum 100) (Citacion Judicial)CASE NUMBER(Número del Caso):23STLC02162NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):Lauren Prakke, an individual; and Does 1 through 20, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE) Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance CompanyNOTICE. You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the informationBelow. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy you served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear yourCase.There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California CourtsOnline Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, askthe court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and propertymay be taken without further warning from the court.There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorneyreferral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locatethese nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees andcosts on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información aContinuación.Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en estacorte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estaren el formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta.Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en labiblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corteque le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte lepodrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio deremisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de unprograma de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services,(www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o elcolegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobrecualquier recuperación de $10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene quepagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.The name and address of the court is:(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE Los Angeles Superior Court Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N Hill St, Los Angeles, CA 90012The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without anattorney, are: (El nombre, direcci6n y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o deldemandante si no tiene abogado, son)Orion S. Robinson, Esq. 801 S. Grand Ave, Ste. 500, Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213-229-0100Date 04/04/2023 Clerk By, N Alvarez , Executive Officer/Clerk Court Clerk by (secretario) By David W Slayton (ajunto)

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm **LOCATION** 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

FEDERAL CUTS

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The CalFresh food assistance program also faces dramatic cuts, with new federal work requirements potentially causing more than 113,000 of the county's nearly 1.6 million recipients to lose access to benefits.

"Residents will be directly impacted as we expect federal policy decisions to significantly reduce the number of county residents who are able to access health care services through Medi-Cal and food benefits," Davenport said.

The Department of Health Services, which operates the county's four hospitals and numerous clinics, faces the greatest financial exposure. About 70% of DHS's $6.5 billion budget comes from federal funding, with only 6% from local revenue. The department has already implemented a hiring freeze as of July 21 and is exploring cost-cutting measures to avoid what Davenport described as the "worst-case scenario" of closing a major county facility.

Such a closure "would of course be a devastating blow to residents who depend on the county for care and could also lead to extensive layoffs," she said.

County officials are implementing what Davenport called a "season of austerity" to address the crisis. The board has already approved 3% budget cuts implemented in April, with an additional 5.5% reduction planned for September that will result in "more public facing impacts," including the two-day-per-week closure of regional parks and lakes.

Potential strategies under consideration include hiring freezes, furloughs for county employees, department mergers to achieve administrative savings, and facility closures. The county has instructed departments to request "only the most essential things" for next year's budget.

Supervisor Holly Mitchell characterized the situation as a "manufactured fiscal crisis," arguing that federal tax breaks for wealthy Americans are forcing cuts to essential services.

"We are in a crisis and I don't think we can have the luxury of pretending that it's not a crisis of very significant magnitude as painful as that is," Mitchell said. "I represent a district with 850,000 Medi-Cal recipients out of 2 million — 850,000 people who rely on Medi-Cal who have been told by the federal government you are not worthy."

The federal cuts compound other major financial pressures facing the county, including a $4 billion AB28 settlement for childhood sexual assault cases, costs from negotiated labor agreements, wildfire impacts, and potential probation receivership expenses.

Davenport emphasized that the projections remain fluid as departments continue revising their estimates. "This is very much a work in progress — these figures and impacts are estimates and county departments are continuing to revise their projections," she said.

The CEO urged community engagement to combat the federal policies driving the cuts. "Everyone should be involved and engaged," she said. "We absolutely should be banding together to push back on these cuts and curtailments that are driven by these policies."

Public comment during the meeting included passionate testimony from homecare workers represented by SEIU 2015, who argued the county should invest in its largest low-wage workforce rather than implementing austerity measures.

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DTSM

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toward property and business owners and lacked representation from individuals not economically connected to Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM).

Snell expressed concerns about how downtown was being managed and whether DTSM was honoring its agreement with the city. DTSM is a private nonprofit that manages the downtown business improvement district with a $10 million annual budget, funded primarily by special assessments.

The organization operates under a 13-member board structure with six city-appointed members, six elected by property owners, and one position reserved for the city manager.

The mass removal followed the announcement that CEO Andrew Thomas would depart after failing to secure a $50,000 raise to his $250,000 salary.

Mayor Lana Negrete was the sole opponent of the mass firing, questioning the emergency justification and comparing the action to authoritarian tactics.

DTSM attempted to block the council's decision through an emergency meeting to amend its bylaws, but the City Attorney's office deemed the action invalid. The removal has prompted at least two of the fired members to threaten legal action.

The newly appointed board members include Sean Besser, Richard Bloom, Gleam Davis, Jonathan Gregory, Hodge Patterson, and Elaine Polachek.

Several of the new appointees bring extensive experience in Santa Monica governance. Davis served on the city council for almost 16 years and was previously a planning commissioner. She described downtown Santa Monica as "the economic heartbeat of Santa Monica."

"I really believe that downtown Santa Monica is the economic heartbeat of Santa Monica, and our economic development ebbs and flows with the ebbs and flows of the downtown," Davis said.

Bloom, who lived in Santa Monica since 1981, served on the city council for about 13 years and later represented the city in the state assembly for a decade before serving as a superior court judge.

"I've seen it grow from a local and regional attraction to a world renowned area," Bloom said. "It is absolutely critical to the economic development and the future of our city."

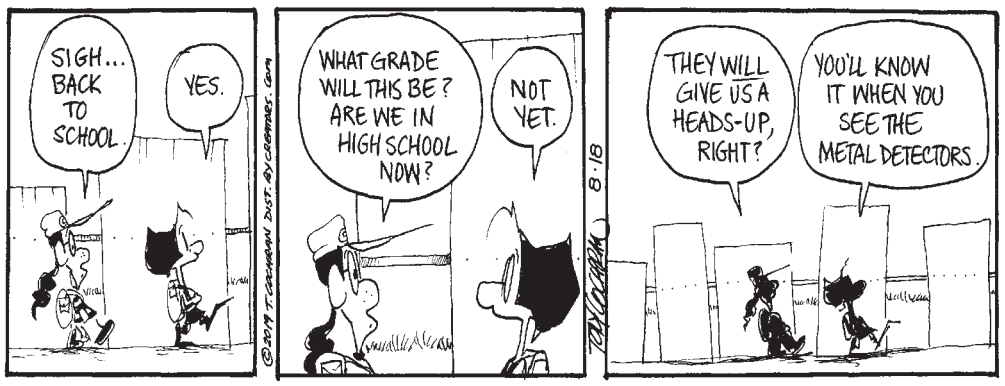
Polachek, a former 28-year city employee who retired in 2017, recently served as interim city manager from February through July while the City Council selected a new permanent manager. She previously sat on the Downtown Santa Monica Board for about eight years in the city manager's designee position.

Other new members include Besser, a 25-year Santa Monica resident and president of the Ocean Park Association; Gregory, who brings more than three decades of corporate experience and founded a homeless organization 30 years ago; and Patterson, CEO of the Santa Monica Family YMCA.

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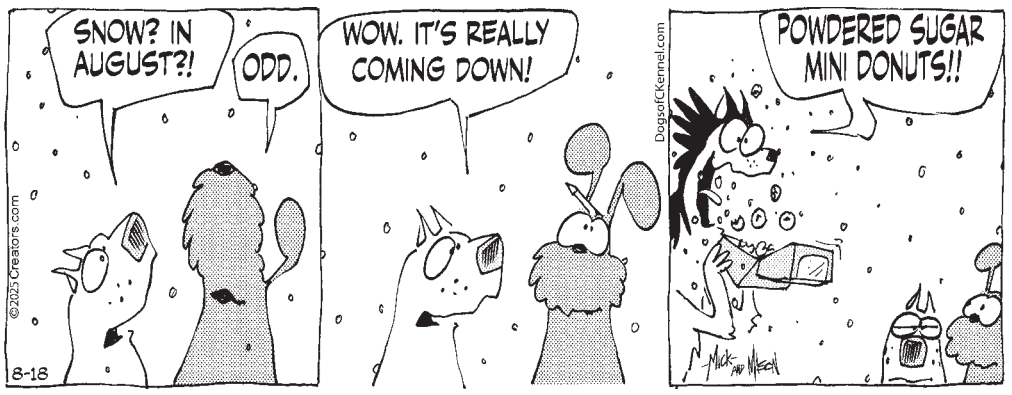
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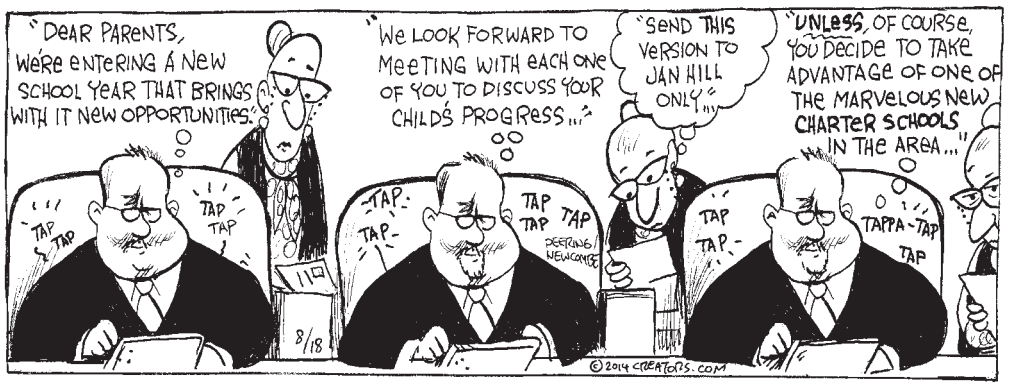
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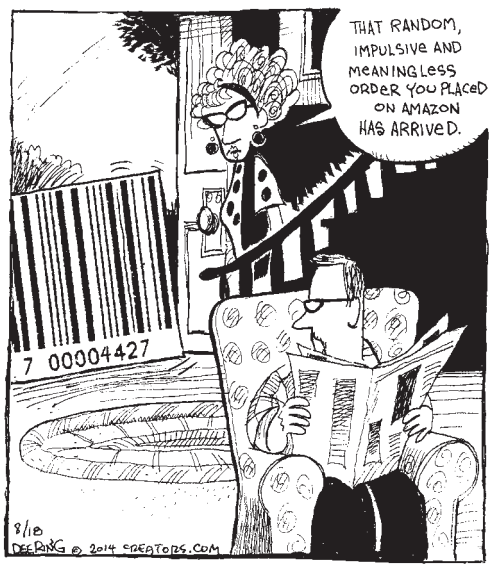
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"GARBAGE NIGHT ON URANUS IS INSANE!"

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 18)

Creative highs get established and then topped. So you'll set new norms for the energy, excitement and novelty in your world. More highlights: You'll do good work that will involve many. You'll be appreciated and publicized. Relationships will deepen, and somehow also seem light and fun. Financial wins come through persistence and well-timed boldness. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 3, 32, 34 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like most people, you have a type, and it keeps showing up in various forms. New friends resemble old ones. It's time to change it up. Social experimentation is favored, and you'll be delighted by surprisingly beneficial outcomes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're skilled at gathering insights and using them to grow. Draw inspiration from everywhere: expert advice, beginner questions and even outsider comments. Sometimes the freshest perspective comes from those who know the least but see the most. You know how to listen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're alert and open, which leads to meaningful connections. A relationship is developing - likely one that feels exciting, mentally engaging and possibly flirtatious or inspiring. The chemistry builds through banter, shared curiosity and the sense that anything could happen.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've stopped idealizing crumbs. Where you once mistook a late text or fleeting gesture for meaning, you now see it clearly - a moment, not a connection. You deserve more, and you know it now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Every action has ripple effects. What feels good now might cause problems later, and what's hard now might lead to something great. You're thinking long term and being strategic, especially when the immediate payoff doesn't tell the whole story.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are deep, complex, curious and alive. Why not give yourself as many good options as possible? You want to choose love that makes you feel free, not loyalty that is rooted in guilt. You want agency.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't need applause to know you're doing it right - but it feels good when it comes. You're steady in your own light, magnetic in your truth. Approval may follow, but your power comes from within.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll delve into complex projects that take time and planning and simple projects, too, that you can jump into and execute on the fly. You'll be seen as a leader, which will pay off for you further down the line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today might feel like a lot. But you're made for "a lot." You've navigated major transitions before, and today you're showing up again. You're more than capable. You're grace under fire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whether today brings an uphill climb or a slippery slope, you're ready to adjust your steps to keep your balance. You've got that energy that just knows when to push and when to coast. No matter the terrain, your instinct drives onward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are those who are wired to test boundaries - and they'll keep pushing until they hit resistance. Hold your ground. You're kind, perceptive and generous, but you know where the line is. Let them feel it. Compassionate, yes. Pushover, no.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you wonder if you're claiming confidence from nowhere, unreasonable in your aims. But no. Your ideas are offbeat, but they are not out of the realm of possibility. This thing you think you can do? You can.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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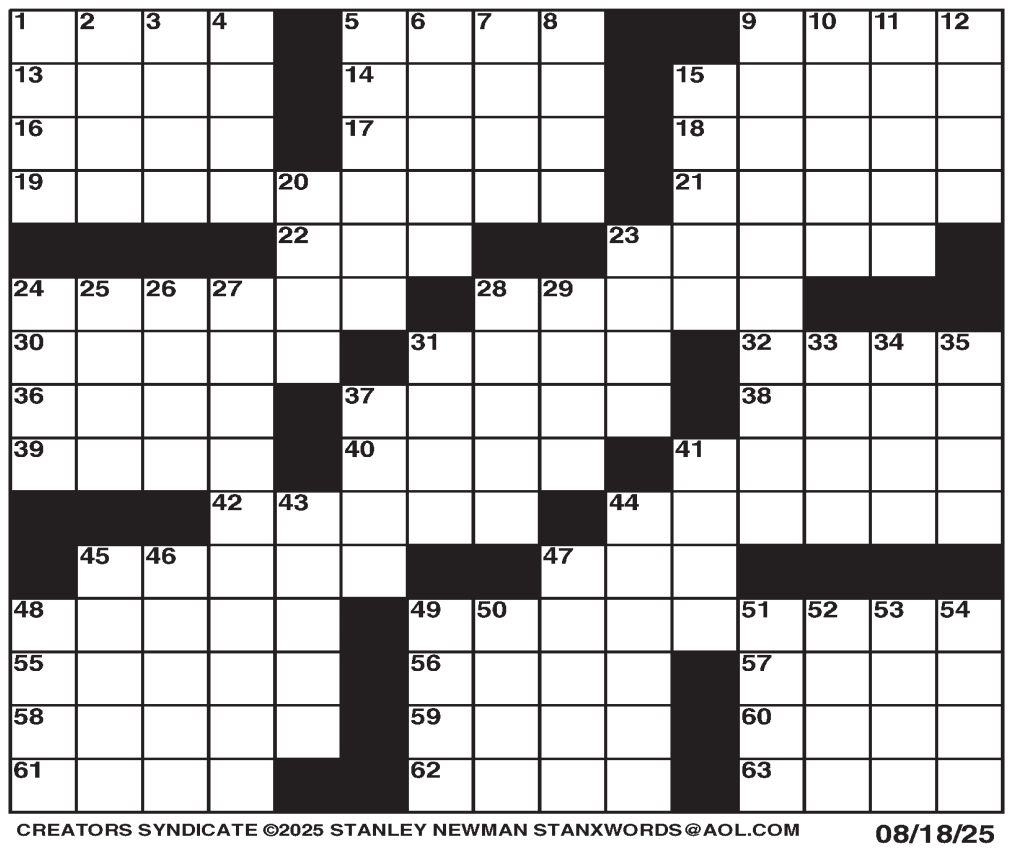
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ACROSS

1 Ocean vessel
5 Throat-clearing sound
9 Paper coffee containers
13 Tree with cones
14 Change now and then
15 Small group of experts
16 Initial poker payment
17 "What time __?"
18 Select group of people
19 Race-timing app
21 Performed in a play
22 Had a meal
23 More factual
24 Breakfast cooked on an "iron"
28 Accidentally drop, as milk
30 Coral reef island
31 Tip of a kite
32 Many a Middle East native
36 Female toon explorer
37 Overcharge for an item
38 Package-sealing roll
39 Finishes up
40 Possesses
41 Roams around
42 "Laughing" African animal
44 Region filled with trees
45 England's William, Prince of __
47 America's uncle
48 Capital of France
49 "Look it up" reference app
55 Straighten, as auto wheels
56 Similar (to)
57 Repair, as a sock
58 State known for potatoes
59 Mailed out
60 Give off, as heat
61 Misplaced
62 Quarterback's throw
63 Loch __ monster

DOWN

1 Healthful resorts
2 Helpful clue
3 Bump __ (encounter)
4 Baby bird's chirp
5 Fly a plane
6 Careless speed
7 Guitarist Clapton
8 Ancient legend
9 App for arithmetic help
10 Bring together
11 Pepper-picking __ Piper
12 Kid's vehicle on snow
15 Gem from an oyster
20 Room divider
23 Scrabble piece
24 Walk in water
25 Like __ of bricks (very heavily)
26 Harrison of *Star Wars*
27 App for illumination
28 Steam room
29 Sty dwellers
31 Small city
33 Rant and __ (talk angrily)
34 Gorillas and chimps
35 Highest-quality
37 Departs
41 Easy win
43 Type of two-choice question
44 Blacks out briefly
45 *Where's __?* ("find the boy" kid's book)
46 Opera solos
47 Potato coverings
48 Bucket for beach sand
49 Insect that stings
50 Scandinavian furniture chain
51 Eve's first home
52 University of Notre __
53 Colored part of an eye
54 Picnic's tiny guests



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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00602 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Natali Patricia Caamal for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Natali Patricia Caamal court for a decree of changing names as follows: Natali Patricia Caamal to Natali Patricia EllisThe 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 9/05/2025 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 90405.. 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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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No. 25STCP02782 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Ana Mendez-Urteaga for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Anabertha Mendez-Garcia, Ana Mendez Urteaga, Ana Mendez-Urteaga, Ana Urteaga, Ana Mendez-Garcia, Ana Bertha Mendez, Ana Bertha Mendez-Garcia with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Anabertha Mendez-Garcia, Ana Mendez Urteaga, Ana Mendez-Urteaga, Ana Urteaga, Ana Mendez-Garcia, Ana Bertha Mendez, Ana Bertha Mendez-Garcia to Ana Mendez . 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 09/29/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N Hill St, Los Angeles, CA 90012 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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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00449 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Isabelle Claudia Winston for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Isabelle Claudia Winston court for a decree of changing names as follows: Isabelle Claudia Winston to Isabelle Claudia Palmer. 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 9/12/2025 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

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NNCP00519 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Bailey Austin Smith for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Bailey Austin Smith court for a decree of changing names as follows: Bailey Austin Smith to Bailey Joan HartThe 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 9/22/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: T Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica 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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00400 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Shadi Behrouz for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Shadi Behrouz filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Shadi Behrouz to Shadi Behrouz Tolouee. 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: 9/5/2023, Time: 8:30AM, Dept: K, Room: The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 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: A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation. Date: JUL 21 2023 LAWRENCE H. CHO JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Publish in the Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00450 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Ana Paula Carballar Aldana for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Ana Paula Carballar Aldana court for a decree of changing names as follows: Ana Paula Carballar Aldana to Ana- Paula Carballar . 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 10/03/2025 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

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No. 25SMCP00294 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Valdez Magne Flagg II for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Valdez Magne Flagg II with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Valdez Magne Flagg II to Tau Valdez Magne Flagg . 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 09/19/2025 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 90405 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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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00405 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Goli Gharagazli Basamah for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Goli Gharagazli Basamah court for a decree of changing names as follows: Goli Gharagazli Basamah to Golnaz GoliThe 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 9/05/2025 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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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00443 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Helen Schneider for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Helen Schneider court for a decree of changing names as follows: Helen Schneider to Elleanor Gussin . 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 09/19/2025 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 07/31/25 2025156158The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. Prior Techne 113 North San Vicente Boulevard 206.Beverly Hills, CA 90211 2. Prior Techne Media 113 North San Vicente Boulevard 206.Beverly Hills, CA 90211. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Prior Techne LLC 113 North San Vicente Boulevard 206.Beverly Hills, CA 90211 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/25. Registrant /Corp/LLC Prior Techne LLC Title: President Mark Dawson . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/31/2025NOTICE: 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 08/11/25 2025164132The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.All Hats No Cap 25323 Pine Creek LN Wilmington, CA 90744. . Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #0N. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Brandon McClain 25323 Pine Creek LN Wilmington, CA 90744 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: An Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/25. Registrant /Corp/LLC Brandon McClain Title: Owner Brandon McClain . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/11/2025NOTICE: 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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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: FILE NUMBER: 2025116899 DATE FILED: June 9th , 2025. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Hollander Clinic 2730 Wilshire Blvd 265, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: 1. Dr. Karyn L & Jennifer Hollander A Medical Corporation . Grossman If Corporation or LLC- Print State of Incorporation/ Organization. CA This Business is being conducted by: A Corporation . I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime. REGISTRANT (NAME/CORP/LLCNAME) (PRINT): Dr. Karyn L & Jennifer Hollander A Medical Corporation Title: Vice Presidmet SIGNATURE: Jennifer Hollander . If Corporation, also print corporate title of officer. If LLC, also print title of office or manager Jennifer Hollander The Statement was filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles on 08/15/2024. FILE NUMBER 2025169341. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS COPY IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT ON FILE IN MY OFFICE: Dean C Logan Los Angeles County Clerk. BY: Dean C.Logan BY:Lakeisha McCoy



MONDAY | AUGUST 18

SUSHI CLASS AND SAKE TASTING

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 2535 South Barrington Avenue Los Angeles. Roll, Sip, Savor. Join us for an unforgettable hands-on sushi-making experience paired with a curated sake tasting. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/sushi-class-and-sake-tasting/16348562/2025-08-18T18

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7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Join a community-led online discussion of a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/main-library-book-group-discussion/11868114/2025-08-18T19

TUESDAY | AUGUST 19

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room. Each week will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-08-19T10

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-08-19T12

COUPLES' SCRAMBLE

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvde Santa Monica. Join us for an evening of golf, good company, and a touch of friendly competition at our debut Couples' Night Two-Person Scramble. Whether you're longtime partners, close friends, or just enjoy a great game together, this event is all about connection, camaraderie, and a relaxed round of golf. $30.00 —Free for members and 1 guest. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/couples-scramble/16525347/2025-08-19T17

SPEED DATING (AGES 30-45)

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Weary Livers 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica. Speed Dating is Finally here! Join 40+ singles at Weary Livers Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/speed-dating-ages-30-45-/16348454/2025-08-19T19

THE NO CHASERS

9:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! EVERY TUESDAY THE NO CHASERS. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-no-chasers/15099083/2025-08-19T21

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

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WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 20

DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-08-20T11

THURSDAY | AUGUST 21

SPILL THE TEA WITH THE MAYOR!

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dr. T House 1709 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Meet the Mayor of Santa Monica, Lana Negrete and ask her any questions you have on your mind while she "spills the tea" on any happenings going on in the city! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/spill-the-tea-with-the-mayor-/16564626/2025-08-21T17

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