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Red Cross grant expands Malibu wildfire recovery effort

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SMDP Staff Writer

A disaster recovery coalition serving communities scarred by the Palisades Fires has received a new grant from the American Red Cross to expand long-term help for families still working to rebuild, the group announced.

The Malibu Community Long Term Recovery Group said the funding will support disaster recovery and unmet needs services for individuals and families in Malibu, Topanga and Pacific Palisades who were displaced from their homes or otherwise affected by the fires.

The coalition, established in April 2025 by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, brings together nonprofits, government agencies, businesses and community partners to coordinate resources and support survivors through what its leaders describe as a recovery measured in months and years rather than weeks.

"Recovery is a long journey, and partnerships like this ensure that survivors continue to receive the support, resources and advocacy they need every step of the way," said Shannon Dunn, executive director of the recovery group.

The grant builds on the disaster case management program run by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu,

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Students return to local schools



BACK TO SCHOOL: Construction was the theme at some local schools this week as students at Samohi returned amid ongoing work on campus and others returned to the former SMASH site that was rebuilt due to a mold infestation.

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Santa Monica College faces accreditation threat over financial crisis

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The years-long failure to arrest Santa Monica College's enrollment decline and fiscal crisis has endangered the school's accreditation according to a new warning sent by the institution responsible for evaluating community colleges.

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior

Colleges (ACCJC) notified SMC Superintendent/President Kathryn Jeffery in July that the college had scored in the "at-risk" category on the commission's Composite Financial Index, based on data submitted in the college's 2026 annual fiscal report. Institutions that score at-risk are automatically placed on enhanced monitoring, a designation ACCJC uses to track member colleges' fiscal stability

throughout the accreditation cycle.

"Federal regulations and ACCJC policy require the Commission to monitor member institutions' fiscal stability throughout the accreditation cycle, in order to ensure that accredited institutions are able to continue to meet their missions and ensure ongoing viability for the students they serve," ACCJC Vice President Melynie Schiel wrote in the letter.

Schiel's letter cited four factors behind the at-risk designation: an unresolved structural deficit, marked by expenses exceeding revenue in each of the last three reporting years, from 2022-23 through 2024-25; a significantly unfunded Other Post-Employment Benefits liability with no district contributions over that same three-year span; a 34% decline

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Forest fires follow roads. The Trump administration wants to build more

The Trump administration announced Tuesday it is rolling back a rule prohibiting logging and road construction in undeveloped parts of national forests, including more than 4 million acres of federally managed forest lands in California.

The change could open some of California's most remote backcountry to new roads and development — even as U.S. Forest Service research shows that roads are a major source of wildfire ignitions in the state's national forests.

People start most of California's wildfires, including on federal land — and it's not just sparks from faulty power lines. Fires can start in many ways: A hiker might burn toilet paper in the backcountry, a hot tub might be miswired, or someone might drag a tow chain or pull a hot car onto dry grass.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, who first announced the plan last year, said today that federal officials filed a proposal and environmental impact statement to rescind the rule in order to reduce barriers to managing fuels on public lands.

Forest Service map, also contain roadless reaches.

The mapping effort revealed that nearly two-thirds of the fires people caused in these forests sparked along roadsides — places where people, the sparks they create, and fuel in the form of flammable, invasive grasses often converge.

California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot said that the roadless rule has not hindered California's forest management and prescribed fire efforts.

"In fact, more than 240,000 acres of roadless land in California have undergone vegetation treatments to reduce wildfire risk and protect nearby communities," Crowfoot said in a letter to Rollins last September. He cited an example in the Caples Creek roadless area south of Lake Tahoe, which he said helped shield communities during the 2021 Caldor Fire.

Crowfoot warned that opening these areas to construction, timber harvests and mining "may put rural communities at increased risk of fire and significantly increase firefighting costs of California."

A NATIONAL PATTERN

It's not just California. A recent, peer-reviewed study by scientists with The Wilderness Society reported earlier this year that wildfire ignitions in national forests across the country are four times more likely near roads. From 1992 to 2024, wildfire ignition densities were lowest in designated wilderness areas, followed by roadless areas. They were highest within 50 meters of roads.

"Opening our backcountry forests to more roads and development, and therefore more ignitions, is also not a wildfire solution, and never will be," Josh Hicks, The Wilderness Society's director of conservation campaigns, said in a statement.

The Trump administration said rescinding the rule doesn't automatically mandate timber harvests or building roads. Instead, it would leave decisions to local national forest managers.

"Future land management decisions would be based on natural resource conditions and needs and informed by states, tribes, and communities," the Agriculture Department's announcement said today.

WHY MORE ROADS?

Environmental advocates are skeptical, especially in light of the Trump administration's executive order last year calling for an "immediate expansion of American timber production."

The roadless rule also already allows for roads to be constructed or rebuilt to protect health and safety from the threat of wildfire.

Retired U.S. Forest Service chiefs, including one who served during the first Trump administration, said in an opinion piece last year that repealing the rule threatens key watersheds and wildlife.

"Why build more roads when the agency, strapped for resources, can't even maintain

In fact, more than 240,000 acres of roadless land in California have undergone vegetation treatments to reduce wildfire risk and protect nearby communities

- Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Secretary

"For too long, outdated restrictions have kept tens of millions of forested acres off-limits to the very treatments that improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk to our communities," Rollins said in a statement.

But in California, the U.S. Forest Service's own research points to a complication: Roads and the people who travel on them are known conduits for fire.

Scientists with the U.S. Forest Service mapped 26 years of fire ignitions along roughly 850 miles of roads in the Angeles, San Bernardino, Los Padres and Cleveland national forests. All of them, according to a



OPINION

UNMUTED

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Oops. They did it again.

Recently, the City Council called a special meeting to rescind an ordinance they had just passed at their previous meeting. This isn't the first time this year they've held a special meeting to do damage control or walk back previous votes, which is making them resemble the gang that can't shoot straight, except they're more like the gang that shoots first and asks questions later.

The latest blunder was over a charter amendment, intended to protect rent control tenants, particularly elderly tenants with loved ones (such as siblings) caretaking for them. Such caretakers can be denied permission to cohabitate in rent control apartments, or worse, they can be evicted when the lease holder dies, potentially leaving them homeless.

The Council wanted to mitigate these risks, and their goal was laudable. Their method was unlawful.

They passed a ballot measure on July 14 giving tenants the right to have family members live with them regardless of lease rules, and since the government doesn't want to be in the position of deciding who constitutes a "family," the Council determined that anyone, related by blood or not, could be considered members of the tenant's "household." (Current law only permits spouses, partners and children.)

Then the Council went a step further, granting any member of a household the right to take over a lease after the original tenant departs, whether the departure is from this mortal coil or just from the neighborhood.

This is where they got out over their skies. If a rent control lease can be traded at any time to anyone, related or not, then there's nothing to stop it from being passed from person to person, in perpetuity, removing the property permanently from its owner's possession.

If we were living in Cuba, this wouldn't be of particular concern, but since we're not, it violates the law.

The City Manager assured the public two weeks later that this infraction was discovered "subsequent to the voting." But that's not accurate. Councilmember Lana Negrete repeatedly addressed the issue before the Council voted, warning of the negative consequences.

"The intent comes from a really good place," said Councilmember Natalya Zernitskaya, referring to the motivation for the ballot measure, "but intent and outcome are not always the same."

That's the kind of forthright assessment we want from our council members. But, unfortunately, it wasn't offered prior to the vote but only after being faced with the ramifications.

It was in fact good intentions that trumped all other considerations for most of the council members. These are the same council members that are digging themselves out from the \$230 million (and growing) hole created by equally virtuous legislators, oblivious to the repercussions

of their actions.

If this were the first time something like this had happened, I'd say give the Council credit for fixing their mistake. But it's become a pattern.

In May, there was a special meeting to propose collaborating with the Coastal Commission after several council members had previously endorsed a bill threatening it. And in March, there was a special meeting to rectify a regulation unconstitutionally restricting the actions of neighborhood associations.

Michael Jenkins, a former president of the City Attorneys Department of the League of California Cities, expressed misgivings. "It's not a desirable way to do business, to constantly have to have special meetings," said Jenkins, who is also a lecturer of local government law at USC. "It suggests things are being rushed and not being given proper consideration."

In February, there wasn't a special meeting, but there probably should have been, because the Council pushed through a flawed ordinance supposedly intended to protect workers' jobs on the Santa Monica Pier but more likely intended to placate a powerful union in an election year.

If the council members hadn't been embarrassed by their gambit, they would likely have allowed for the normal statutory review process by the Pier board. Instead, they rushed to vote (6-1) for something with critical typographical errors that negate its meaning. I've asked the city attorney repeatedly for the past three months why the ordinance wasn't fixed, and she has refused to answer.

"It's an odd situation," said Jenkins. "Why wouldn't you want to fix it?" He explained that errors can potentially invalidate an ordinance or lead to costly lawsuits. "The ordinance has to be clear, explicit and unambiguous to be enforceable."

The most obvious reason for not fixing the errors is that there are far bigger problems with the ordinance. Accusations have been made that it violates state privacy laws and possibly federal labor management laws, and even if those accusations are proved wrong, its primary mechanism for assisting workers is so vague that it's doubtful it could pass judicial scrutiny.

Let me be clear, the issue isn't that the Council makes mistakes. The council members are human, and they have an immense workload. I can barely keep up with all the municipal documentation for the small number of items I choose to write about. Errors are unavoidable. It's the unforced errors, borne too often of hubris, that are shameful and wasteful.

When I was a kid, my grandmother had a motivational plaque over her office desk; it said "If you don't have time to do things right, you don't have time to do them twice."

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 72.3

FRIDAY
FAIRSURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Waves off a notch with easing swell blend. Winds looking light in the morning. Old SSW swell fades, while persistent NW windswell sticks around, for steady thigh-waist-stomach high surf, showing most size out west. Morning winds expected to be light/variable, moderate WNW afternoon onshores.

SATURDAY
FAIRSURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Small, rideable surf. Fun day for the bigger boards/groms/beginners. Fresh bump of modest SSW swell helps keep knee-waist high surf running, a little larger for standouts. We could get a little bump in NW windswell which would help spread the corners around and make the points a little more jumbled/sectioned out. AM conditions look pretty clean with light/variable wind. Sheltered points stay clean all afternoon while spots out west and around Topanga get manageable afternoon lump from light+ onshore W/WSW wind.



Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 67. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69..

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2026/08/21	Fri	12:32 AM	1.00	L
2026/08/21	Fri	5:23 PM	4.88	H
2026/08/22	Sat	01:25 AM	0.62	L
2026/08/22	Sat	08:49 AM	3.63	H
2026/08/22	Sat	12:15 PM	3.27	L
2026/08/22	Sat	6:25 PM	5.14	H
2026/08/23	Sun	02:03 AM	0.31	L
2026/08/23	Sun	08:58 AM	3.79	H
2026/08/23	Sun	1:06 PM	3.00	L
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4 12 18 34 36
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COMMUNITY NEWS

LA Country

ER doctors to be trained for psychiatric holds under LA County pilot

Emergency room physicians at five private Los Angeles County hospitals will be trained and authorized to place patients on 5150 psychiatric holds under a pilot program approved by the county Board of Supervisors.

The motion, authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, aims to free the county’s mental health crisis teams to respond faster to emergencies in the community.

A 5150 hold allows authorized professionals to detain a person against their will for a psychiatric evaluation for up to 72 hours when they pose a risk to themselves or others.

The county has spent recent years expanding its Alternative Crisis Response system, which dispatches mental health professionals rather than armed law enforcement to people in crisis. It now operates 71 mobile crisis response teams around the clock.

As more residents call 988 and the county’s mental health crisis line, calls to law enforcement have declined. Between 2023 and 2025, mental-health-related calls to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department fell 16%, and arrests from those calls dropped 24%. Referrals from the crisis line for mobile responses rose 31% over the same period.

One drain on crisis teams comes from private hospital emergency rooms that call for help initiating holds. County crisis teams spend an average of 1,100 hours each month conducting 5150 evaluations at hospitals.

While county hospitals have long had authorized staff, a 2025 state law, Assembly Bill 416, only recently allowed private hospital ER doctors to become LPS-authorized to initiate the holds. At least 35 private hospitals across the county lack LPS-authorized physicians and rely on the county’s Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams.

“Every hour our crisis teams spend inside an emergency room is an hour they aren’t out in the community responding to someone who is having a mental health emergency in their home or on the street,” Hahn said. “If a patient is already in an emergency room, we should empower trained ER doctors to evaluate them and initiate a 5150 hold, rather than making them wait for a County crisis team to arrive.”

The pilot will begin at the five hospitals that most rely on county teams for evaluations: Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, Providence Saint John’s Health Center in Santa Monica, UCI Health in Lakewood, Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance and UCLA West Valley Medical Center.

The motion directs the county Department of Mental Health to develop a plan to expand training to all eligible non-county hospitals by the end of 2027.

“When someone is already in an emergency department, we should be using the expertise of the physician at their bedside while preserving our mobile crisis teams for people who need help in the community,” Horvath said.

The department must report to the board within 120 days on the pilot’s implementation, including hospital participation and any barriers, and provide quarterly updates thereafter.

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Los Angeles

Superior Court Expands Online Tool to Handle Traffic Tickets

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County has added traffic services to CourtHelp, its interactive online tool, allowing residents to look up citations, make payments and complete common traffic-related requests without calling or visiting a courthouse.

The expansion, available at www.LACourt.ca.gov/help, guides users through citation lookup, identifies options based on individual eligibility and helps them complete eligible requests online. The court expects the traffic services to launch Aug. 17, 2026.

"Available with around-the-clock convenience, CourtHelp's expanded traffic capabilities reflect the Court's enduring commitment to expanding public access to justice through technology and innovation," Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia II said. "By bringing personalized, conversational traffic services to CourtHelp, the Court is meeting people where they are and making it simpler than ever for court users to find the information they need, understand the options before them, and act on their cases with confidence and without delay."

To search, users type "traffic ticket" into CourtHelp, then enter a citation or driver's license number. If a search returns multiple citations, the tool displays details and lets users choose which to manage. If a citation has not been filed with the court, CourtHelp notifies the user and offers to send an alert once it becomes available.

Once a citation is located, users see a menu of eligible actions that may include paying and closing a ticket, enrolling in a payment plan, submitting a payment for an approved plan, requesting traffic school, making a partial payment, requesting due date, payment or traffic school extensions, and requesting an arraignment hearing. When an option is unavailable, CourtHelp explains why and points to alternatives.

"The expansion of CourtHelp into traffic services, one of the most common ways Angelenos interact with our Court, represents a significant enhancement to CourtHelp and marks another step in the Court's efforts to improve the public's digital experience," Executive Officer/Clerk of Court David W. Slayton said.

CourtHelp is the court's AI-driven virtual assistant, which also helps users register for jury service, find filing instructions and locate courtrooms. The enhancement advances the court's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.

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FOREST FIRES

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the ones that already exist?" they asked. "Let's not forget the reasons these backcountry areas do not have roads. The easily accessible high-value timber from national forests has been harvested. What little that remains in these roadless backcountry areas is difficult and costly to access."

U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman, a California Democrat and ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee, blasted the Trump administration for moving forward on rescinding the rule during a catastrophic fire season following

the Trump administration's slashing of the U.S. Forest Service. He vowed to fight it in Congress.

"The Trump administration is at again, selling out our public lands to corporate polluters, ignoring the overwhelming objections of the American people," Huffman said in a statement. He added: "It's reckless."

The public has until midnight on Sept. 21st to comment: https://www.regulations.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

By Rachel Becker. Rachel Becker is a journalist reporting on California's complex water challenges and water policy issues for CalMatters.

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As California demands less plastic in packaging, manufacturers say you'll pay more for stuff

More than two dozen California Assembly Democrats and one state senator sent a letter Wednesday to legislative leaders asking them to delay fees under SB 54, the state's landmark plastic reduction law, for two years — an eleventh-hour push as the Legislature hurtles toward the end of session.

The letter, addressed to Senate President Pro Tempore Monique Limón and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, was signed by 23 Assemblymembers and Sen. Melissa Hurtado. It asks lawmakers to pause fee assessment and collection this year and next, commit to a "reform package" next session, and increase legislative oversight of the program going forward.

The request lands amid a broader fight over how the plastics law is rolling out. Little by little California is demanding that the packages you pick up at your doorstep or at the store contain less plastic. A law Gov. Gavin Newsom signed four years ago aims to phase out 25% of non-recyclable, non-compostable plastic by 2032.

To get there, the state tasked a nonprofit, the Circular Action Alliance, with drafting a plan to meet the state goals. The group estimated the work would cost \$17.2 billion over five years — and is asking for a three-year exemption from the source-reduction deadline.

But as the state moves to implement the law, questions are mounting over how the organization calculates the fees producers — and eventually consumers — will pay, and how much oversight the group actually faces.

Industry groups say the price tag for complying with the law could be tens of billions of dollars higher than California originally estimated. An industry-commissioned study found the law could cost consumers three times what the state projected — between \$683 and \$948 a year, rather than \$190.

That means groceries, shampoo bottles and other consumer goods packed in plastic could cost a little more as the law takes effect.

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, which oversees implementation, declined an interview but said in a written statement that the law puts consumers first and pushes producers to design packaging with recycling in mind.

"Californians are facing rising costs and pollution from increasingly complex packaging that wasn't designed for the recycling systems local governments, ratepayers, and the state developed and funded over the past four decades," said CalRecycle director Zoe Heller. "The law's rollout is a dial, not a switch, giving producers flexibility to redesign packaging, invest in recycling systems, reduce single-use plastics, and make adjustments along the way," she added.

WATCHING THE WATCHERS

The Circular Action Alliance published its fee schedule in June, spelling out what each producer owes into the system. The fees could add up to more than \$10 million for some businesses, according to the Dairy Institute of California. The Dairy Institute is a trade association that represents milk

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processors and dairy product manufacturers.

But unlike a state agency, the Circular Action Alliance answers to almost no one, said Katie Davey, executive director of the Dairy Institute.

"[The alliance] does not have to go through an audit by the state auditor. They're not subject to the (California open government law) Brown Act. They're not subject to public records requests. The Legislature does not approve their budget and does not approve how many employees they need, or how many fees they can charge," Davey said.

As a private nonprofit, Circular Action Alliance indeed is not subject to the Brown Act or public-records law — but records it submits to CalRecycle or other government entities may be.

CalRecycle must approve its fee schedule and implementation plan, and has the authority to audit the organization's performance, said CalRecycle spokesperson Lance Klug, who added that the plastics law includes provisions to ensure the group's budget and fees are appropriate.

The alliance's role "is not to set California policy," said its spokesperson, Larine Urbina. "Our role is to implement the framework established by SB 54 under CalRecycle's oversight."

Davey said the gap extends to enforcement. Businesses that fall short will face so-called malus fees, which fund bonuses for those that comply. But the Circular Action Alliance hasn't said what those fees will be.

Shane Gusman, a lobbyist for the

Teamsters, which represents hundreds of thousands of California workers, raised similar concerns. "They're a wholly independent nonprofit organization that has no oversight. That's part of the problem." The union backed the plastics law hoping it would boost jobs; Guzman now says the fees could affect workers too.

Shortly after the alliance published its fee schedule, Davey and a coalition of industry leaders — including the California Restaurant Association, the California League of Food Producers, the American Forest and Paper Association and the Print Creative Alliance — commissioned a study disputing CalRecycle's numbers.

It found CalRecycle's 2025 estimate of \$21 billion in implementation costs, or \$190 a year per California household, rests on "idealized assumptions that fail to capture real-world costs and complications the regulations will create."

The study puts the number somewhere between \$35 and \$58 billion, rising after the implementation period.

Klug of CalRecycle said the agency's earlier reports were just estimates. "The actual costs will be determined by producer choices," he said. "These costs, for example, will reflect the infrastructure needed to recycle materials that producers are choosing to use."

AGRICULTURE GROUPS PUSH BACK

The biggest hurdle for producers is cutting plastic use 25% by 2032 — which state regulators say will require redesigning packaging and shifting toward reusable products, such as dishes at restaurants and paper-based packaging for produce.

Business groups say they support the state's goals but call the timeline unworkable.

Food safety is one sticking point: alternatives like paper-based containers for berries are less breathable and spoil faster, while heavier glass or cardboard adds transportation costs, said Casey Creamer, president of the California Fresh Fruit Association.

"We just don't want to force something out and not be able to deliver a fresh, healthy commodity, or create a situation that has more significant or adverse environmental concerns just because we look at plastics and packaging in a silo," Creamer said.

Environmental groups oppose any pause.

"All of us pay for plastic pollution through higher garbage bills and clean-ups of polluted beaches and waterways, not to mention the damage to our environment and our health," said Nick Lapis, director of advocacy for Californians Against Waste.

Sen. Ben Allen, a Democrat representing coastal Los Angeles County who authored the law, said it's time plastic producers are held accountable for the waste they produce.

"This 11th-hour Hail Mary is only trying to maintain status quo and avoid due responsibility, throwing years of good-faith negotiations, and affordability and sustainability improvements out the window," he said in a statement about producers' efforts to pause implementation of the law.

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BUSINESSES PASS COSTS TO CONSUMERS

Whether the plastics law is actually driving up grocery prices yet is hard to pin down. Creamer said businesses may already be factoring the organization's planned fees into their prices.

Federal data show grocery prices dipped slightly in July from June, though prices have climbed year over year and that rate is accelerating, said Richard Volpe, a consumer-price expert at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Neither the USDA nor the Bureau of Labor Statistics has released August figures, and no data yet isolates the state plastics law's effect from broader inflation.

Volpe said retailers, who run on thin margins, will eventually pass costs on to consumers — but probably not right away.

"It will not happen overnight," he said. "And it will still be relatively small, mostly on the order of pennies on the dollar."

Industry groups warn it will add up.

"If someone's even on the cusp of food insecurity and they're looking at \$1,000 more a year, that's pushing them over the food cliff," said Nate Rose, a spokesperson for the California Grocers Association.

The Teamsters, which backed the plastics law hoping it would boost jobs, now worry the fees could affect workers too.

The law "has been morphed into something that is going to cost California consumers a substantial amount of money at a time when I don't know if we need to spend thousands more on groceries," said Gusman, the Teamsters lobbyist. "That also has an impact on the workforce."

by Alejandra Reyes-Velarde

SMC

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in the district's ending cash balance over three years; and multiple expired collective bargaining agreements that remained unresolved.

The commission required SMC to submit an update describing the actions it is taking to address those factors, and cautioned that colleges that remain on enhanced monitoring for three consecutive years without resolving their fiscal issues could face adverse action from the commission.

The ACCJC serves as the primary accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for two-year institutions across California and the Pacific, overseeing 136 colleges as of 2024. This institutional seal of approval is the critical mechanism that grants member colleges access to federal Title IV financial aid, ensures the transferability of credits, and maintains the essential academic legitimacy required to serve their student populations.

Jeffery said the data behind the designation was backward-looking and predated a series of cost-cutting steps, including layoffs, contract non-renewals, elimination of vacant positions, furloughs and pay freezes for classified and management employees. The college submitted its formal response to ACCJC and Jeffery said the district has since resolved two of its extended labor contracts — with the California School Employees Association and the Santa Monica College Police Officers Association, both ratified this spring with no ongoing salary or benefit increases — while negotiations continue with the faculty association. She also noted SMC is expected to move out of “hold harmless” state funding status and into the Student-Centered Funding Formula this year, making it newly eligible

for cost-of-living adjustments, though the unfunded liability remains unaddressed pending resolution of the college's core operating imbalance.

Faculty leaders say the crisis has been building for months. Academic Senate President Vicenta Arrizon noted the state Chancellor's Office has separately directed SMC to take part in its Fiscal Health Assessment and Fiscal Forward Portfolio sessions in 2027, and pointed to a Fiscal Responsibility Resolution the Senate brought to the Board of Trustees in April warning that the administration's failure to develop and present a fiscal plan “directly jeopardizes compliance with ACCJC Standard Three.” Arrizon said the college's tentative 2026-27 budget projects a structural deficit of about \$7.6 million with no clear plan yet shared with the campus to close it, and has renewed calls for a campus-wide budget forum this fall along with more frequent, timely updates on the district's response to both ACCJC and the Chancellor's Office.

The fiscal picture has been further complicated by enrollment trends discussed at the college's most recent Board of Trustees meeting. While domestic enrollment has grown moderately, non-resident enrollment has declined 10.44% in the summer term and 8% in the fall, a drop tied in part to a recent U.S. Department of Homeland Security ruling that replaces open-ended F-1 international student visas with a strict four-year admission window. Because SMC international students take an average of 3.5 years to complete their degrees, administrators say the change has introduced significant transfer anxiety among that population. The college is responding with targeted phone outreach aimed at converting applicants into enrolled students and a bilingual marketing campaign promoting SMC's \$46-per-unit cost.

Trustees also aired sharp criticism of the state's Student-Centered Funding Formula, which SMC will fully transition into for 2026-27 as its hold-harmless protections expire. Under the formula, cost-of-living adjustments and enrollment growth funding are calculated across 32 separate metrics rather than as flat, system-wide percentages — a shift that reduces SMC's effective cost of living adjustment by about half compared with what the college would have received under the old formula's rate. Because growth funding is calculated using socioeconomic and education demographics within each district's boundaries, SMC's enrollment growth rate is capped at a tie for the lowest growth allocation in the state.

Trustee Rob Rader said the formula has recreated the funding disparities the state's equalization efforts were meant to resolve. “One of the complaints about prior to equalization was that there were such different rates for every district,” Rader said. “It seems that we've done nothing but return to that on steroids, if you will.” He said large urban districts, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, are also faring poorly under the growth formula and predicted “a lot of agitation for change.”

Trustee Margaret Quiñones-Perez said the formula's structure reflects the outsized influence of smaller, rural districts on the state body that oversees it. “Unless the CEOs of the big districts start booting them out of that committee, our formula is not going to change, because it's not happening with the board of governors,” she said. “It's all those small districts that are doing it.”

Trustee Anastasia Foster pointed to broader fiscal pressure on the city of Santa Monica and voiced support for statewide funding measures, including Proposition 3, which would extend the state's tax on income over \$1 million. “Extension of what's known as

the millionaires' tax has gone a very long way toward supporting our general fund budget,” Foster said, noting that 40% of the revenue is directed to Proposition 98, which funds public education from transitional kindergarten through community college.

The fiscal warnings follow a turbulent spring at SMC. The Board of Trustees voted 6-2 in May to finalize the termination of 45 classified employees — including custodians, administrative assistants, parking enforcement officers, tutors, a plumber and a painter — effective June 30, as the college confronted a projected \$14.7 million deficit heading into the current fiscal year. The cuts came on top of reductions already made for the current fiscal year, including a 5% cut to class schedules.

The school's reserves peaked at \$43.9 million in 2021-22 with help from federal pandemic relief funds and have fallen every year since, a decline of more than \$27 million, or about 61%, in four years.

Rising labor costs have driven much of the structural gap: combined academic and classified salaries have grown more than 20% since 2021-22, and benefits 25%, adding nearly \$40 million to the college's expense base. A wave of retirements — about four times the typical annual rate — is adding further pressure through higher payouts, with the college projecting roughly \$1.1 million in mandatory vacation and banked-hours payouts alone.

Arrizon has said SMC meets five of seven Chancellor's Office indicators of systemic fiscal distress and warned the structural deficit extends into the 2027-28 fiscal year. The college's final adopted budget is expected in September, following a state budget revision that will inform next month's tentative budget presentation.

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Name Change

Legal Notices

Petition to Admin Estate

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26TRCP00265. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 825 Maple Ave, Torrance, CA 90503. Petition of Akeema Starkesha Onalaja for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Akeema Onalaja filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Akeema Starkesha Onalaja to Keems Starkesha Onalaja. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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: 09/11/2026, Time: 8:30AM, Dept: M, Room: 350. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date: 07/30/2026. Amy N. Carlen, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/07/2026, 08/14/2026, 08/21/2026, 08/28/2026

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RED CROSS

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which has served more than 2,550 individuals and provided over 24,000 hours of casework and care coordination. The club has also distributed \$3.5 million in donated goods and \$3.3 million in cash assistance to wildfire survivors, according to the organization.

Kasey Earnest, chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, said the club was honored to expand its work with the Red Cross and grateful to the California Community Foundation, which is serving as the coalition’s fiscal sponsor.

“We’re honored to expand our partnership with the American Red Cross as we continue walking alongside our community throughout the long-term recovery process,” Earnest said.

For many survivors, the hardest stretch of recovery may still lie ahead. Jacquelyn Clites, regional chief executive officer of the Red Cross Los Angeles Region, said housing remains the central challenge as families move deeper into the rebuilding process.

“Each individual’s recovery is unique, but the ongoing needs related to housing, whether that be temporary housing costs, or repair or rebuild needs, has been a significant obstacle at this stage,” Clites said.

She also warned that survivors’ well-being can suffer as public attention fades.

“We recognize this stage of the recovery may be especially difficult for those affected,” Clites said. “As public attention on the recovery wanes, the need continues and the mental health of survivors can suffer as a result.”

The new partnership is part of the national Red Cross Long-Term Recovery Program, which supports individual and household recovery while addressing broader community needs after a disaster. Amanda Ree, director of wildfire long-term recovery at the American Red Cross, said the collaboration would help sustain critical work in the communities hit by the fires.

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we’re able to continue supporting the communities affected by wildfire, and working alongside trusted partners like these will ensure that important work continues in the days and weeks to come,” Ree said.

Clites said the Red Cross grant was one of several awarded to community organizations providing recovery services to families affected by the Palisades and Eaton Fires. A

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- Kasey Earnest, chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu

full list of grantees is available at [RedCross.org/CAFireGrants](https://www.redcross.org/CAFireGrants).

“The Red Cross is here to provide support as recovery continues,” Clites said.

Community members seeking more information about the grant, the Boys & Girls Club’s activities or how to access services can reach Ashley Proud and Crystal Edwards on the recovery group’s team.

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu describes itself as a trusted community anchor offering long-term disaster recovery services, no-cost mental health and wellness services, and youth enrichment programs. More information is available at www.bgcmalibu.org.

The American Red Cross, a nonprofit that relies on volunteers and public donations, shelters and feeds disaster victims, supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood and supports military members, veterans and their families, among other services.

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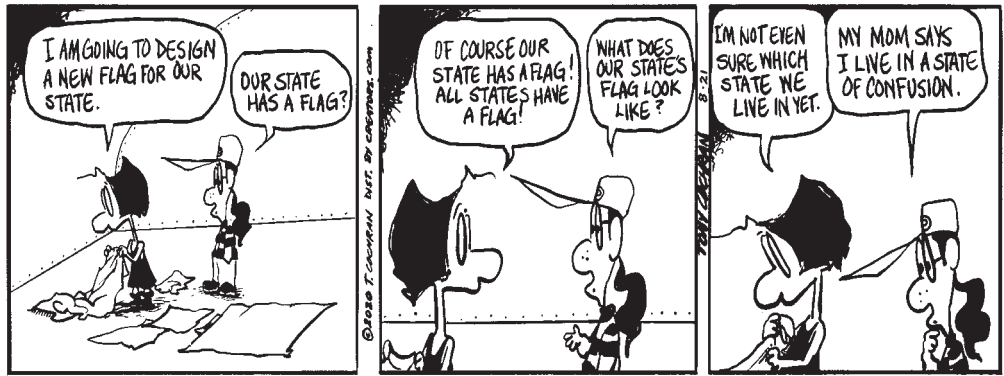


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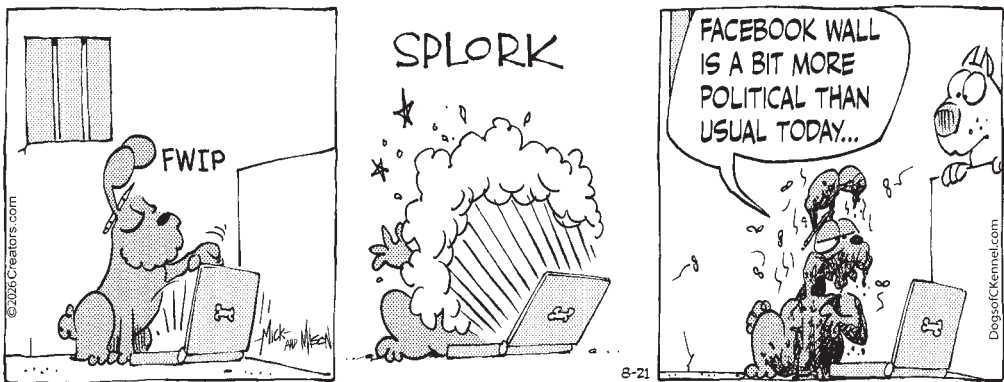
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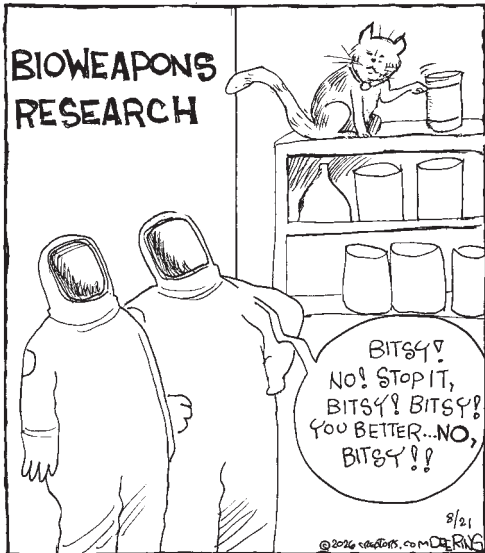
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 21)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Leo season featured an emboldened version of you. You surprised a few of your nearest and dearest with your swift action. You’re headed into a season where you impress them with how hard you can work on what’s important to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the last few weeks, the cosmic cat vibes echoed through your stealth observations. You lingered in the tall grass, unseen, observing the experts who are already doing something you dearly want for your life. And now, no more watching. It’s go time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You’ve explored the more playful aspects of Leo season. The new era sees you continuing in this experimental approach even as you accomplish work that is in no way pretending or messing around. There will be a lightness in your serious pursuits.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Last season, you gave yourself permission to take up more space, and the world didn’t end. Quite the opposite. Now you’ll start living full time in the expansion. People around you will adjust to the more powerful you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The spotlight suited you beautifully. Now comes the quieter pleasure of building something sturdy “backstage.” It’s bothersome to be watched while you’re figuring things out. You’ll have space, resources and the peace you need to do your best work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This is your time. In the weeks ahead, you’ll catch breaks, attract luck, belong to a team that works as hard as you do, and be rewarded and reciprocated at every turn. You’ve earned this, so enjoy it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You spent Leo season volunteering in good faith - a risk that rewarded you. Your habit of taking initiative will keep serving you and your team grows as people learn you can perform whether or not the conditions are ideal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Last season, you made fun a priority instead of treating it like a reward you had to earn first. Keep bringing that same spirit to your many roles in life. The people around you will revel in the levity while still getting things done. Joy is your legacy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You’ve spent time watching people who already live the life you’re building, and you’ve borrowed what works. Now you’ll take it a few steps further, building the habits until they are part of your typical day and therefore take far less energy to initiate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Leo season reminded you that your personality belongs in everything you create. The work doesn’t have to become less “you” as it becomes more professional. Virgo season helps you refine your signature until people recognize it before they see your name.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Leo season tempted you toward bigger ideas, and there’s no reason to scale them back now. Virgo season hands you a calendar, a notebook and enough ordinary Tuesdays to turn one ambitious vision into something people can actually experience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You stepped into the spotlight and let people see what you could do. A few bold choices back there changed the way people see you. In Virgo season, you’ll pick some aspect of the experiment and repeat it until it couldn’t be more natural.

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

9	1	4	7	2	6	3	5	8
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Newsday Crossword

SWARM ON THE MOVE by Adam Simpson
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ACROSS

- 1 Part of a foot
- 5 Hummer producer
- 8 Early word in The Gettysburg Address
- 11 Dim sum cousin
- 13 Button on 47-Across
- 14 Certain telltale sign
- 15 On the dot
- 16 Having declined to the max
- 18 Is very talented
- 20 GPS reading
- 21 Hare-brained hoppers

- 24 Japanese gateway
- 25 Big band activities
- 28 Pacific island paste
- 29 Alligator abodes
- 32 ___ room (she-shed, e.g.)
- 33 Big brewer
- 34 Miscellany
- 37 Drone regulator
- 38 Venerable portal
- 39 Herb that sounds durational
- 40 Tool-handle choice
- 41 Alligator float, for instance
- 45 Render weaponless
- 47 What 23-Down need
- 50 Hub near FTW
- 51 Invitee
- 52 Patio purchases
- 56 “You caught me”
- 60 Steadfast

- 61 Gets lost
- 62 Pack rat
- 63 Seek to win
- 64 Staples in *Amazing Stories* magazine
- 65 “Migrating” theme of the puzzle

DOWN

- 1 “___ yours!”
- 2 “I’m good”
- 3 Certain forensic witness
- 4 Mock laughter
- 5 Must, so to speak
- 6 Fighting sport, for short

- 7 A-listers
- 8 Block end
- 9 Bit of whipped cream
- 10 Shelley’s sun
- 12 Typesetting concern
- 13 Very narrow margin
- 14 Must repay
- 17 Not shirking
- 19 43-Down patron
- 21 Club app button
- 22 British military hat
- 23 Virtual nomads
- 24 Sculptor’s subject
- 26 Sphere of influence
- 27 Victimize
- 28 Sort of dispenser
- 30 Goat-man

- 31 “Truthfully...” text
- 35 Occupy pleasantly
- 36 Origin
- 42 Mantel or sill
- 43 Rope tow descendant
- 44 Be accommodating
- 46 Creative incubator
- 48 Gawks at
- 49 Timid type
- 52 Afterthought introducer
- 53 “My man!”
- 54 Status follower
- 55 Parcel of ground
- 57 “___ heard...”
- 58 Quite wide
- 59 EKG requesters

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MORE OF STAN'S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan's archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords



FRIDAY | AUGUST 21

BAKE AND BRING: A MORNING NETWORKING EVENT FOR THERAPISTS

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 619 Marr Street Los Angeles. A cozy morning pastry potluck for therapists to share treats, sip coffee, make friends, and build new referrals. Not everyone can—or wants to—come out at night. If you're more of a coffee-and-chat person, this relaxed morning networking event is for you. Bring a pastry to share, whether you baked it yourself or picked it up on the way. I'll provide the coffee and a cozy space in Venice where local therapists can connect, make new friends, and build referral relationships in an easy, low-pressure setting. Come as you are, enjoy something delicious, and spend the morning with good people. Looking forward to seeing you there! Plenty of free street parking. \$7.18. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bake-and-bring-a-morning-networking-event-for-therapists/19666104/2026-08-21T09>

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.

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). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sunset-sessions/18537173/2026-08-14T17>

THE_NDA_SHOW

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. The NDA Show is a night of comedy about the nightmares and miracles that can happen while working in film and TV production. This is an intimate celebration of storytelling. And stories about storytelling. These are the stories reserved for dinner parties and dark editing rooms, that deserve a slightly wider audience. Recommended for 18 + (material is mature and can be compared to content seen in rated R films). \$23.11. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the_nda_show/19152436/2026-08-21T20

SATURDAY | AUGUST 22

WELLNESS & WAVES RETURNS TO SANTA MONICA PIER, FREE SAT. MORNING FITNESS

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. With the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop, Wellness & Waves offers a welcoming, energizing way to start the weekend—no membership required. Each Saturday morning begins at the top of the Santa Monica Pier at the intersection of Colorado and Ocean with an easygoing group run from 8 to 9 a.m., open to all levels. Guests can then head to the west end of the Pier for yoga and yoga-pilates fusion classes from 9 to 10 a.m., led by top local instructors. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-08-08T08>

PACIFIC PALISADES DESIGN SHOWCASE

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pali LTRG Hub 15239 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. The Foothill Catalog Foundation (TFCF) has launched 12 new home designs for fire survivors rebuilding in the Pacific Palisades, expanding its Palisades Catalog from 6 to 18 designs. The expansion creates a broader range of rebuilding options for homeowners through a nonprofit model designed to make the post-fire rebuilding process more accessible and predictable, while embracing local architectural character. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pacific-palisades-design-showcase/19662344/2026-08-22T11>

BUTTERFLY BRAWL

2:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Scheduled Bouts TBD * ALL BOUTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. When Saturday, August 22, 2026. Venue Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Showtime Doors Open: 2:00 PM * TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Info An all-ages event. Tickets Starting at \$75. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/butterfly-brawl/18929377/2026-08-22T14>

TONGVA TWILIGHT: SOUNDS & CINEMA

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Tongva Park 1615 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. TONGVA TWILIGHT: Sounds & Cinema is a free outdoor summer series celebrating live music, outdoor cinema, and community at Tongva Park. The series takes place every Saturday from August 8 through September 12, beginning at 7 p.m., and features an eclectic lineup of entertainment ranging from big band ska, salsa, and New Orleans funk to music-themed films—or a combination of both—all beneath the stars, just steps from the Pacific Ocean. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tongva-twilight-sounds-cinema/19553972/2026-08-22T19>

MY LAWYER IS AN ANGEL – CHASING THE AMBULANCE CHASERS OFF THE ROAD!

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. It's the world premiere of acclaimed playwright Jerry Mayer's serious comedy about ambulance chasers, those predators whose faces leer down at us from every billboard in town, and the angel of an attorney (yes, there is such a thing) who's on a mission to chase them off the road. \$25.00 to \$35.00— Use Code SMDP for \$10 off each ticket (phone or email only). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/my-lawyer-is-an-angel-chasing-the-ambulance-chasers-off-the-road/18922943/2026-08-22T19>

STAND-UP JESUS! BLESSED BE THE PUNCHLINES!

7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th Street Santa Monica. "Razor-sharp, whip-smart, irresistible satire!" PBS Chicago. Have you

ever prayed that Jesus would come back as a stand-up comedian? Well, your prayers have been answered. The second coming is no longer coming. It's here and it's called STAND-UP JESUS! Sold Out since October – 2026 is the Second Coming! \$25.00 — Includes wine and wafers (the vanilla kind). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/stand-up-jesus-blessed-be-the-punchlines/18751462/2026-08-22T19>

THE BRIGHT SPOT

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. Because the News Won't Stop, But You Can! \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-bright-spot/19317948/2026-08-22T20>

SUNDAY | AUGUST 23

WELLNESS ON THE WESTSIDE

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl Santa Monica. Experience a day dedicated to health, movement, recovery and self-care at Wellness on the Westside, presented by AI Wellness and Santa Monica Place, on Sunday, August 23, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at Santa Monica Place's Center Plaza. \$30.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-on-the-westside/19576605/2026-08-23T10>

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Paint Lab 1453 14th St Santa Monica. In this workshop each student will work on their own project with guidance from an instructor. \$61.60. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/acrylic-oil-painting-workshop-sunday/18978924/2026-08-23T15>

VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - SUNDAYS AT SUNSET

5:05 p.m. Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-08-23T17>

SINGLES NIGHT @ PENMAR | AGES 30+

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Penmar Golf Course 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles. Penmar after dark — come for the vibes, stay for the chemistry. \$17.85 to \$33.85. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/singles-night-penmar-ages-30-/18996084/2026-08-23T18>



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