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Two shootings leave one man dead and another injured along the Santa Monica coast



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CRIME:: Two weekend shootings leave one dead, one injured in Santa Monica; investigations ongoing.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Two shootings over two days left one man dead and another injured as a hot summer weekend turned violent in Santa Monica, according to police.

The first came Saturday afternoon, when

a Santa Monica police officer shot and killed a man who charged at officers with a knife in Palisades Park. The second came Sunday night near the Santa Monica Pier ramp, where a robbery attempt escalated into gunfire that left a victim with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the leg.

FATAL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Officers were in the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue at approximately 12:49 p.m. Saturday investigating a reported domestic violence incident when a man not connected to that case ran toward them while holding a knife, according to Santa Monica Police.

The man ignored repeated commands to drop the knife and continued to advance on officers, Jacob said. One officer opened fire, striking the man.

Officers immediately began lifesaving measures, and Santa Monica Fire Department

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Newsom returns to a defining California fight: Who pays for wildfire damage?

The bookends of California Gov. Gavin Newsom's nearly eight years in office have been defined by a crucial question: Who should cover the cost of damage from wildfires caused by utility equipment?

The most destructive wildfire in state history, a blaze that killed 85 people and destroyed more than 18,000 buildings in Northern California, started two days after Newsom won the governorship in 2018. Investigators determined it was caused by Pacific Gas & Electric equipment. Facing tens of billions of dollars in liability, the giant utility filed for bankruptcy just weeks after Newsom's inauguration.

Months later, Newsom signed a law creating a \$21 billion fund, paid for by utility shareholders and ratepayers, to help utilities pay for wildfire damages if they take certain safety measures.

Now, as the final legislative session of his governorship ends, Newsom is trying to broker a deal with lawmakers aimed at further shielding utilities from financial trouble if their equipment sparks a wildfire. His push comes as another major utility, Southern California Edison, faces claims from the state's second-most destructive blaze, a 2025 fire that killed 19 people outside of Los Angeles. Investigators ruled this month that it was sparked by one of the company's transmission towers.

Newsom's plan could limit the amount electric and gas companies have to pay victims and attorneys. One of the goals is to stabilize the state's electricity rates, which are among the highest in the nation and have continued to climb in recent years. Utilities have raised rates to pay for wildfire prevention and recovery as climate change has made the blazes more intense and frequent. Six of the state's 10 most destructive wildfires have been caused by utility equipment.

Newsom says the state needs to act quickly because he expects the wildfire fund to run out soon. His plan would require survivors to get paid by utilities sooner.

"Status quo is not going to work," Newsom recently told reporters. "It's not going to work for victims, who consistently are last in line. And that's at the core of this reform."

But some of those victims are pushing back. They've said Newsom's plan prioritizes utilities over the needs of fire survivors. Meanwhile, insurance companies are concerned they would foot more of the bill for property damage. A coalition including the state's major utilities — PG&E, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric — has been urging lawmakers to pass the plan. The last-minute legislative battle could help shape Newsom's legacy as he considers a run for president in 2028.

NEWSOM SAYS HIS PLAN STRIKES A FAIR BALANCE

Under California law, utilities have to pay damages for fires ignited by their equipment, even if a judge doesn't find them negligent. Home insurers that pay for policyholders' rebuilding expenses can try to get reimbursed by utilities.

Newsom's plan could change that by making insurance companies cover more of the cost of property damage. The proposal would also require utility CEOs to forfeit bonuses if their company sparks a wildfire resulting in more than \$1 billion worth of damage. And utility shareholders could be fined up to \$10 million for violating wildfire prevention requirements, according to the governor's office, which hasn't released the full details.

Personal Insurance Federation of California, a group representing property insurers across the state, said insurance rates will increase if the plan is implemented. The onus should remain on utilities to pay, said Rex Frazier, the federation's president.

"Being responsible for your actions is something that parents tell children," he said in a statement. "Hopefully the Legislature will tell this to the utilities."

Fire survivors are also frustrated with the plan, which could limit their payouts. Joy Chen, executive director of Every Fire Survivor's Network, a group of survivors of the 2025 Los Angeles-area fires, blasted it at a virtual town hall this month.

"This is overall a massive transfer of liability for the three for-profit utility monopolies that have continued to burn down communities across California," Chen said.

The Legislature has until Aug. 31 to pass a plan. If they don't, Newsom could call them back for a special session.

Democratic legislative leaders say the state needs to address the issue but haven't specified what a deal could include. Newsom proposed another \$18 billion last year to supplement the wildfire fund, which the Legislature approved.

AN ECONOMIST SAYS THE STATE SHOULD REDUCE UTILITY LIABILITY

California's longstanding requirement that utilities cover the cost of wildfire damages regardless of whether they were negligent is based on the fact that they are providing a public service, said Meredith Fowlie, an economist who co-directs an energy institute at the University of California, Berkeley.

But as climate change has fueled more frequent and destructive fires, the state should rethink how to distribute the ballooning costs of recovering from those blazes, she said.

"Utilities can start fires, but they don't by themselves create catastrophe," Fowlie said.

Other factors make wildfires turn into catastrophes, such as failing to clear vegetation or upgrade homes to make them more fire-resistant, she said. The question of who should be held responsible — and by how much — is "a critical, core issue that we have not dealt with and is not going away," Fowlie said.

Newsom says he's prepared to tackle the issue he's kept revisiting since he took office.

"I'm not going to walk away and hand a real mess to the next governor," he said last week.

By SOPHIE AUSTIN Associated Press

GUEST COMMENTARY

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California must grow ‘connective tissue’ to better link employers to young people seeking careers



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local
FRESNO: An instructor shows students in the ValleyBuild pre-apprenticeship program how to measure and cut pipe in Fresno on Oct. 28, 2024.

Ask a Los Angeles employer whether they’d give a young person their first real shot at a career and most would say yes. Ask them to pull it off across a maze of disconnected programs, agencies and contracts, and the yeses would likely grow quieter.

The willingness is there. So is the vision.

California’s new Master Plan for Career Education, for instance, promises every young person a clear route from classroom to career. The state’s regional K-16 collaboratives connect high school to college to jobs in growing fields.

A July budget trailer bill, Senate Bill 172, made the state’s Regional Economic Development Initiatives office a permanent part of the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, commonly called GO-Biz. And California Jobs First is helping regions reshape their economies.

Clearly California’s challenge isn’t vision; it’s coordination.

In Los Angeles County, the scale of the challenge tells the story. The region trains a quarter of California’s students across 80 school districts, 21 community colleges, five CSU campuses and seven workforce boards.

Each engages employers separately.

A hospital or utility willing to host young interns, for example, must navigate separate onboarding protocols, insurance requirements and “employer-of-record” contracts. For learners under 18, questions about labor law, supervision and liability turn eager employers into cautious ones.

None of this reflects a shortage of willing partners. The people and programs are here; they simply pursue similar goals through separate systems, leaving employers to stitch the pieces together.

Students face barriers, too. Many must weigh unpaid internships against their obligations to jobs, family and school. And funding for paid, work-based learning is scarce.

The Golden State Pathways Program, for instance, can’t cover student wages. And the Learning-Aligned Employment Program committed the state to paid, career-connected experience for college students — but budget pressures cut it short.

Regional partners are taking up the mantle. Last year, nonprofit UNITE-LA served 5,302 Angelenos, engaged 68

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 69.8

TUESDAY
FAIR | **SURF:** 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Another day of thigh-stomach high waves before we see more swell midweek. Clean start, lumpier PM. If you want the surf more playful than sizeable, this looks like another morning to target. Lingering SSW/S swell is still waist high at average breaks and larger at standouts. Still enough NW windswell to open some beachbreak corners. Similar to Monday, the morning is mostly clean then moderate onshore W-WNW flow is expected for the afternoon/evening. May see some fresh SSE tropical swell start to bump up before dark.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD | **SURF:** 4-5ft
Chest to head

Fun tropical swell from Iselle rolling in, along with some Southern Hemi swell. Winds look light. Iselle due to become a hurricane early in the week southwest of Cabo while on a nice track. That sets the stage for some southerly tropical swell filling in, after a build late/overnight on Tuesday. Chest-shoulder high looks probable for average exposures, with potential for the good breaks out west to push 1-2’ overhead. Bit more size possible at select breaks but we’ll need a lot to go our way. Also on the menu, some SSW South Hemi and lingering NW windswell, so waves all around.

Weather

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Light southwest wind increasing to 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 71.

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 73.

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As LA prepares for the Olympics, a lot is riding on its transit system

Everyone knows Los Angeles is addicted to the car, that traffic is unbearable and that public transit is a joke — with trains that go nowhere, buses that are crowded and filthy, connectors that are impossible to navigate and the inexplicable fact that a rail network stops just out of reach of the airport.

Since everyone knows those things as facts, they were certain that this year's FIFA World Cup would be a disaster, and that the Olympics, coming in 2028, will be a worse one.

Except the World Cup wasn't a disaster. And the trains do connect. And the transit system, though a source of exasperation for generations, is showing signs of delivering on its promise.

Whether LA's buses, people movers and trains will run on time during the Olympics is still in question. A lot rides on it. A successful Olympics could highlight LA's place on the world stage and deliver a victory to California's governor and LA's mayor. But if the transit system buckles, it could be a global embarrassment for the city and for California.

LA has had more than a head start. The expansion and modernization of the Los Angeles transit system has spanned decades and required efforts from local, state and federal agencies.

But the mayor who contributed most to it was Antonio Villaraigosa, who served from 2005 to 2013.

Villaraigosa did not come to office as a transit buff. He was a former union organizer whose driving messages revolved around social justice more than trains and buses. But he came to see public transit as a way of uniting a diffuse city, and he used his office to muscle the money and sew together the network.

Ever the salesman, Villaraigosa worked all the political levers. He persuaded voters to approve Measure R in 2008, creating a 30-year, half-cent sales tax that will ultimately generate some \$36 billion in revenue for the system.

That's a lot of money, but even that is nowhere near enough to meet LA's transit needs, so Villaraigosa organized labor and business leaders to lobby Congress for a funding strategy that pledged federal help to local jurisdictions that were demonstrating commitment by raising their own money.

The results were the Transportation Infrastructure and Innovation Act, TIFIA, and America Fast Forward, both of which rewarded federal support to local governments that were doing their part, using taxpayer commitments for transportation improvements.

Today, Villaraigosa is on the edge of the spotlight he once so enthusiastically commanded.

He finished well out of the money in

the June gubernatorial primary, losing to Xavier Becerra, whom he handily defeated in the 2001 Los Angeles mayor's race. Times change, and this year Villaraigosa had a hard time getting voter attention in the crowded gubernatorial campaign after being on the sidelines for a few years.

But Villaraigosa is irrepressible. When we spoke last week, he rattled off his transportation successes with the same cheerful blend of data and tales that have always been at the core of his impossible-to-ignore personality.

I asked about where LA is on transportation and then sat back as he launched into a long list of achievements studded with observations about politics and progress.

Villaraigosa recalled clearing the federal blockade on tunneling through areas of the city that had methane, ending a long standoff with then-Congressmember Henry Waxman.

"He endorsed me," Villaraigosa said. "I went back to him and said 'I would like you and

I to select some experts to study this.' The experts said yes ... True to his word, he removed the federal prohibition."

Then there was the issue of money. As Villaraigosa recounted it, the late Sen. Dianne Feinstein was not particularly receptive to calls for a new financing mechanism, but former Sen. Barbara Boxer was, so he worked with her. Feinstein eventually came around after what Villaraigosa described as gentle pressure.

"We had pickets outside her office," he said, relishing the memory.

Congress approved TIFIA and America Fast Forward. The money began to flow, and the pieces fell into place. The Gold Line Extension, reaching from downtown to areas east, broke ground in 2009. Villaraigosa, grinning broadly, sat in the train conductor's seat.

The Foothill Extension followed, stretching through the San Gabriel Valley. Now known as the A Line, it travels through Pasadena, Arcadia and Azusa, with plans to continue marching eastward.

That opened up the East, but Los Angeles is a vast city, and the network still had huge holes. The Crenshaw Line opened in 2022 and traversed communities in South Los Angeles, bringing a boon to businesses along the route.

And construction along Wilshire Boulevard, blocked for so many years by the federal government's prohibition against drilling in areas that had methane, at last is reaping visible success. This spring, the LA Metro transit agency

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COMMUNITY NEWS

California
California recovers 8,500 stolen items in nationwide retail crime blitz

California law enforcement recovered more than 8,500 stolen items valued at over \$1 million and arrested 97 suspects during a nine-day national crackdown on organized retail crime, state officials said.

The California Highway Patrol joined more than 100 law enforcement agencies nationwide for the National Organized Retail Crime Blitz from Aug. 1 through Aug. 9. Officers conducted coordinated operations at businesses, shopping centers and retail stores, working with local and regional partners to identify and arrest suspects.

State officials framed the effort as a demonstration of a model California has built since 2019, when it established the CHP Organized Retail Crime Task Force to bring together law enforcement, retailers and prosecutors targeting theft networks that cross city, county and state lines.

“We’ve been doing the work for seven years — we didn’t wait for a national headline to start taking organized retail crime seriously,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said. “We’ve built the partnerships, invested in the personnel and gave law enforcement the tools to go after the networks behind these crimes.”

Since 2019, the task force has been involved in more than 4,700 investigations, resulting in more than 5,300 arrests and the recovery of more than 1.6 million stolen items valued at more than \$76.6 million as of July 30.

In the first seven months of 2026, CHP made nearly 350 retail theft arrests, investigated more than 360 incidents and recovered more than 72,500 stolen goods worth an estimated \$6.7 million.

During the blitz, San Diego-area operations produced 34 arrests and 174 recovered items. Operations in the Bakersfield and Turlock area resulted in 23 arrests and 3,887 recovered items worth an estimated \$723,175. Bay Area operations yielded 11 arrests, while operations in Pasadena, North Hills and the City of Commerce produced 17 arrests and 4,270 recovered items.

“The proactive operations conducted during the blitz are a snapshot of the work the Organized Retail Crime Task Force is committed to doing every day,” CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee said.

State officials said the crackdown is part of a broader public-safety strategy. According to California Department of Justice data, between 2024 and 2025 homicide fell 18.6%, robbery dropped 19.9% and property crime declined 14.3%. California recorded its lowest homicide rate since statewide data collection began in 1966.

“We’ve been doing the work for seven years — we didn’t wait for a national headline to start taking organized retail crime seriously”
- Gavin Newsom, Gov.



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CRIME: California recovers \$1M+ in stolen goods and arrests 97 in national retail crime crackdown.

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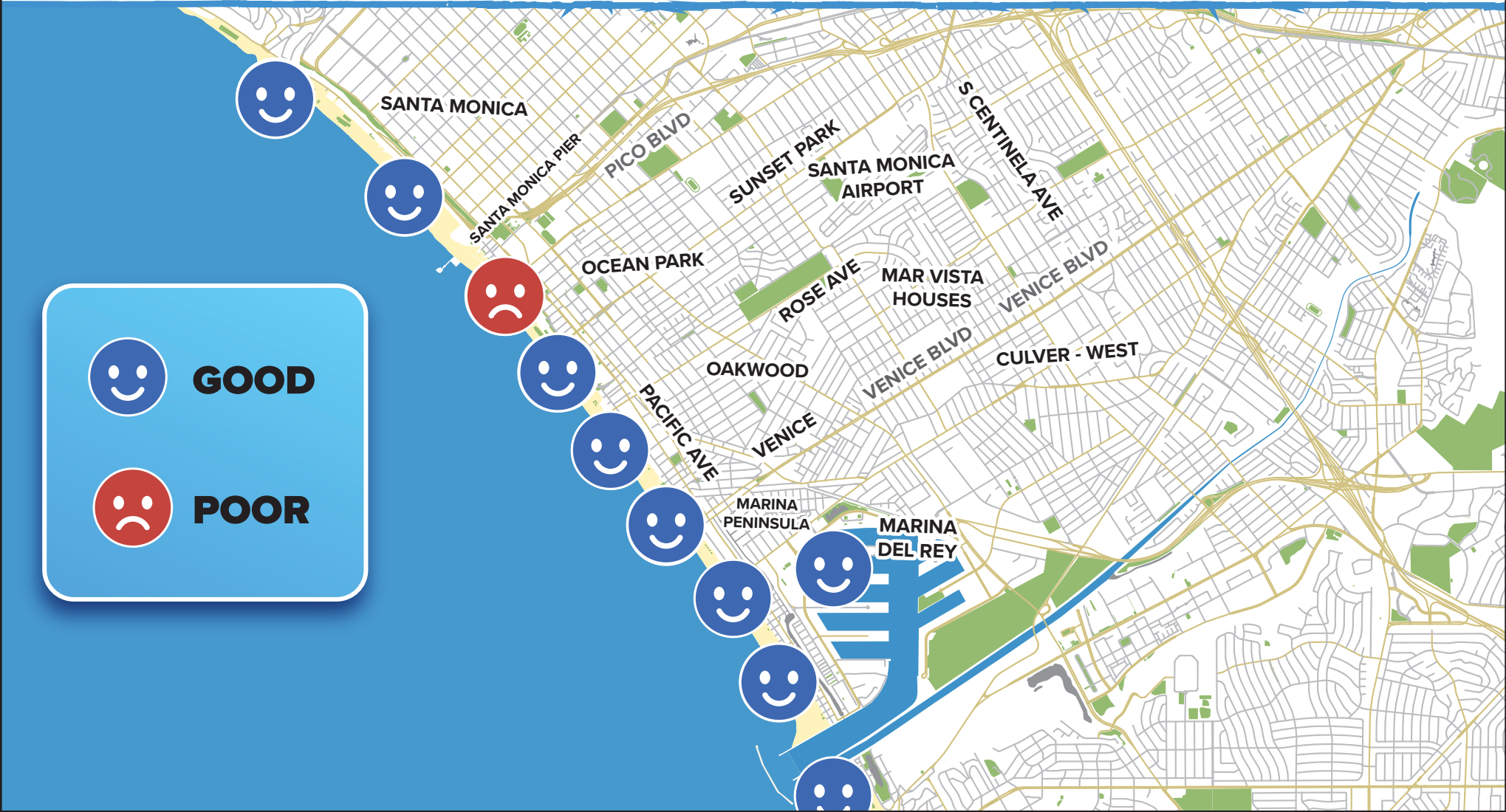
Market hits Main Street



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MARKET: The Sunday farmers market on Main Street was actually on Main Street last week as the weekly event spilled out into the roadway for the first time.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Malibu Nears Completion of PCH Speed Safety Cameras, Launches Public Outreach

The City of Malibu is nearing completion of construction on its Pacific Coast Highway Speed Safety System and has begun the program’s public education and outreach phase.

Over the coming weeks, the city will inform residents and motorists about how the system works, where cameras will be located, when enforcement begins and how the program aims to reduce speeding along Malibu’s 21-mile stretch of PCH.

“Our goal is to improve safety for everyone who uses Pacific Coast Highway, whether they are driving, biking, walking, visiting, or commuting through Malibu,” Mayor Bruce Silverstein said, adding that excessive speeding has caused “unimaginable tragedy” on the roadway.

Since 2010, more than 60 people have died in traffic collisions along Malibu’s section of PCH. In 2023, there were 220 reported crashes resulting in 93 injuries and seven deaths. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department says speed is a primary factor in most injury or fatal collisions.

The push for action intensified in October 2023, when four Pepperdine University students were killed by a speeding driver while standing along PCH. The city then declared a PCH safety emergency and formed a coalition with state and county officials, the Sheriff’s Department, the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans and community partners.

The program was made possible through legislation authored by state Sen. Ben Allen and signed into law in September 2024.

The system uses lidar and camera technology to detect vehicles traveling at least 11 mph above the posted limit, then captures the rear license plate and generates a citation. Under state law, the city may operate up to five camera systems with 10 cameras.

Revenue will first recover program costs, with any remaining funds going toward additional traffic-calming measures alongside Caltrans.

The initial education phase runs from Aug. 18 through late September. A 60-day warning period begins when the system activates in late September, with drivers receiving warnings only. Enforcement with civil penalties begins in late November. Violations do not result in license points or insurance penalties.

Non-violation data will be deleted immediately, and violation records destroyed within 60 days after a case is resolved. The city says the system records only when a violation is detected and will not share data with other agencies. The program includes a diversion option for eligible low-income residents, an appeals process and public oversight.

Learn more at www.malibucity.org/PCHsafetycameras.

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- Bruce Silverstein, Mayor

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Los Angeles

Metro ridership surge continues in July, fueled by leisure and event travel

Los Angeles Metro recorded 25,847,617 boardings in July, about 2 million more than in July 2025 and an increase of 8.79%, the transit agency reported.

Weekend travel drove much of the growth. Saturday ridership rose 10.63% to average 694,263 boardings, while Sunday ridership grew 8.77% to 597,114. Average weekday ridership climbed 7.41% to 903,446.

Metro attributed the gains to a busy month of events across Los Angeles County, including World Cup matches, fan zones and viewing parties, along with Fourth of July celebrations. Home games for the Dodgers, LAFC, Sparks and Galaxy, events at LACMA, CicLAvia in Hollywood, Monster Jam at Crypto.com Arena, a Hilary Duff concert at the Kia Forum and the Vans Warped Tour in Long Beach also contributed.

Rail ridership grew 16.84% to 6,592,276, its eighth consecutive monthly increase. Metro credited recent expansions, including the LAX/Metro Transit Center, the A Line extension to Pomona and the first section of the D Line extension. Saturday rail ridership stood out with 19.3% growth to average 191,365.

By line, A Line ridership rose nearly 20% to 2,176,946, with Sundays up more than 25%. The B and D lines grew 18% to 2,034,822, with Saturday ridership up 33.9%. The D Line, which was closed in July 2025 for construction, saw a 52% Saturday increase and a 46% weekday increase over July 2024. C Line ridership rose 6.7% to 549,846 despite construction affecting nearby tracks. E Line ridership climbed 16% to 1,577,868, and K Line ridership was up nearly 11% to 252,794.

Bus ridership increased 6.3% year over year to 19,255,341, with the largest gains on weekends. Saturday bus ridership rose 7.7% to 502,898 and Sunday ridership grew 6% to 427,383. The J Line, a bus rapid transit route used by many World Cup travelers, was up 7.6%.

The July totals exclude 212,865 rides taken on enhanced direct service to Los Angeles Stadium for World Cup fans attending matches.

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CRIME

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paramedics arrived and continued providing emergency medical care, police said. The man was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead at approximately 1:49 p.m.

The officer was not injured, and no members of the public were hurt, according to police.

The man is described as being in his mid-40s and was homeless. Officers said the individual was not known to the department beforehand and may have been new to the area. His identity will be released by the Los Angeles County Coroner’s Office once formal identification is complete and his next of kin has been notified, police said.

A knife was recovered at the scene and police said there was no ongoing threat to the public.

SMPD said investigators preserved evidence, interviewed witnesses and reviewed all available information, including body-worn camera footage and other video from the area, Jacob said.

“Any incident resulting in the loss of life is significant,” Jacob said. “We recognize the impact this has on the deceased’s family and those who knew him, our community and the personnel who responded.”

Jacob called the shooting a reminder of the unpredictability officers face on the job and said department personnel have his full support. He cautioned that the information released so far is preliminary and could change as investigators gather more evidence.

SECOND SHOOTING NEAR PIER RAMP

The following night, officers responded to a report of a shooting near the Pier ramp at approximately 7:49 p.m. Sunday, according to the Santa Monica Police Department.

A preliminary investigation found that a group of individuals approached the victim and an altercation ensued during an attempted robbery, police said. One of the individuals fired a weapon during the altercation, striking the victim in the leg.

Officers provided emergency medical aid at the scene before the victim was taken to a local hospital. The injuries are not life-threatening, police said.

The suspects fled before officers arrived but a juvenile suspect was taken into custody

later that evening in connection with the incident. Investigators are working to determine the juvenile’s role in the attempted robbery and shooting. Detectives continue working to identify and locate the remaining individuals involved.

RISING ARRESTS AMID REALIGNMENT PUSH

The two shootings come as Santa Monica has reported a sharp rise in arrests this year under the city’s Realignment Plan, a public safety-focused framework the City Council adopted unanimously on Oct. 28, 2025.

The plan committed \$60 million in one-time reserves over 24 months to bolster policing, including doubling the department’s downtown unit, adding non-sworn public safety officers in parks and downtown corridors, opening a new downtown substation, and launching a \$6.125 million real-time crime hub known as the SMART Center.

City data show arrests have climbed significantly in 2026. As of the week ending Aug. 1, arrests were up 68.5% year-over-year, with 3,113 recorded so far this year compared with 1,847 over the same period in 2025. Calls for service also rose 7.7%, to 76,067, while officer-initiated activity was up 26.7%.

The department reached full sworn staffing of roughly 232 officers in early 2026 for the first time in more than two decades, following an increase in applications early in the year.

City officials have pointed to a 12.5% drop in Part I crime in 2025 — from 4,793 to 4,194 incidents — as evidence the strategy is working, alongside a rise in total arrests of 22.9% that year and a jump in traffic citations of 102%.

Homelessness has remained a significant driver of enforcement activity under the plan. Arrests involving people experiencing homelessness rose 52% in 2025, to 2,465, and made up roughly 70% of arrests during at least one week in July, according to city data. The Realignment Plan also called for expanding diversion programs, including the SaMo Bridge respite center, as an alternative to jail for minor offenses.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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opened four stations along the boulevard, connecting Koreatown to the Westside and allowing Dodger fans in that part of town to ride the rail to games.

That link in the rail network took 65 years to build and was made possible by Villaraigosa's work on Waxman. When it opened, the LA Times, citing transit experts, called it a "landmark achievement in L.A. public transit history."

And still the network was riddled with holes, especially downtown, where lines narrowly missed each other. The Regional Connector addressed that gap. It opened in 2023, and riders can now go from Azusa to Long Beach and from East to West Los Angeles.

Villaraigosa looks back fondly on all of that.

"It was a war," he said, but he meant that as a good thing.

Those investments have not solved all of L.A.'s transit troubles. Ridership fell apart during COVID and has struggled to rebuild. President Donald Trump's immigration sweeps chased more riders away. And anytime there is a notable crime on a bus or train, a shudder runs through the system.

But the region's buses and trains faced a test this summer with the World Cup and it did just fine.

Ridership jumped by 2.4 million riders in June over June 2025, and the system

saw its biggest surges on lines around stadiums before and after games. Metro reported no security incidents around the Cup matches.

The Olympics will pose a far greater and more sustained transportation challenge.

Visitors will come from around the world, and the Olympics will be compressed into 16 days of events at dozens of venues spanning the region. A visitor who wants to catch one event in Carson, another in Long Beach and another in Pasadena will depend on a transit system that can connect all that, especially since parking at venues will be scarce.

Mayor Karen Bass has touted the games as an opportunity for the region's transit network to show its strength. But there's much to be done between now and then. Metro needs to acquire scores of special buses, and the rail lines still need some patching.

Most notably, there remains the strange fact that a traveler arriving at LAX cannot catch a train from the airport. Bridging that gap has bedeviled transit planners for years.

But even there, the slow, slow signs of progress are visible. Empty people-movers now cruise around the airport, as engineers test that system. Bass promises it will be ready well in time for the Olympics, and Villaraigosa agrees.

"It'll go to the airport," he said, "finally."

By Jim Newton

CALIFORNIA

FROM PAGE 3

employers and made 193 private-sector job and internship placements.

Its L.A. Regional Cleantech Career Academy has opened doors for 281 young adults over three years. In 2025 alone, 99 young people completed paid cleantech training; nearly 90% came from communities long underrepresented in the industry.

Work-based learning pays off even for younger learners. UNITE-LA's Tech Pathways Academy served 97 high school students last year, alongside L.A. Trade-Tech and West L.A. College. They earned college credit and industry-recognized credentials in class and with employers like Snap and Accenture.

The experience highlights two lessons: First, employers are eager to take part when a trusted intermediary handles coordination, compliance and onboarding. Second, one word makes all the difference — paid — a paycheck lets students who can't afford to work for free take part.

None of this happens by accident. It happens because a regional intermediary does what no single entity can do alone: gives employers one front door; standardizes the paperwork; braids public, private and philanthropic dollars into student wages, and ties work-based learning to education pathways.

Where that connective tissue exists, employers show up. Where it doesn't,

they say "maybe next year."

California has assembled the pieces: California Jobs First, the K-16 collaboratives and the Master Plan for Career Education. The task now isn't inventing new programs. It's connecting the ones we have, so employers and educators stop navigating a dozen initiatives that share goals but not rules or timelines.

California can maximize its regional momentum by investing in that connective tissue — the intermediaries and sector partnerships that bring employers, colleges and workforce agencies to one table.

While the state has rightly invested in apprenticeships as the gold standard of earn-and-learn efforts, true economic mobility necessitates a full continuum of paid, work-based learning opportunities to gain experience without sacrificing a paycheck.

A new administration will soon shape the next phase of California's workforce strategy. The boldest move isn't launching something new; it's accelerating what's already working.

Regions have spent years building the partnerships and earning the trust these plans require. They need continuity, not reinvention. The vision is written. The partnerships are established. Now California just has to scale it and turn every employer's "maybe next year" into "yes, this year."

By Alysia Bell

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Heading inland

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Arid	Desert	Lead	Rugged
Bates	Dusty	Louth	Sand
Bell	Echuca	Moree	Scone
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Bilby	Farms	National	Soil
Birds	Fauna	park	Straight
Brumby	Flat	Opals	Swim
Bungala	Four-wheel	Ormiston	Tara
Caves	drive	Gorge	Weipa
Colonial	Gums	Pimba	
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Planning for Spring

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 25)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Mistakes are inevitable. If you learn from them, they're called an education. If you don't, you may need to keep building up your collection until the breakthrough comes. Some lessons take longer to learn.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Spending time on your spiritual life lifts your physical health, and caring for your body deepens your spiritual life. Exercise, prayer, proper rest, long moments of silence - all send benefits through multiple parts of your life at once.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A reluctant leader may nonetheless be excellent in the post. People who fully appreciate how much responsibility leadership carries are less eager to seek power for its own sake. Knowing what's involved, they approach the role with more caution than enthusiasm.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some experiences make perfect sense only after you've lived through them. Your head catches up with your heart a little later. Move through the bafflement. It all clicks in at the perfect moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll solve a human puzzle. Someone does something that makes no sense. You become fascinated by why they did it. You keep observing until the pattern clicks. Once you understand their motive, you know how to deal with them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you only knew the depth, breadth and intensity of pure love directed at you on a regular basis, all life's irritations, frustrations and injustices would be swept away by the mighty current of this profound truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While it may seem unfair that someone so easily accomplishes the thing you've been struggling to do, it also doesn't matter in the least since the only way to improve is by using what you have for however long it takes to figure it out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Worry is a form of time travel - jumping to a possible future to check out the demands, losses and outcomes that live there, then borrow a bit of the bad feeling to bring back home. Skip the trip today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Identity is a story we tell ourselves about who we are. Good stories sometimes involve contrivances, exaggerations and facts placed in a strategic order. But when it's your story, you have the artistic license to craft it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Micromanaging is often counterproductive, especially when the manager and the managed are both the same person. You have your reasons for doing things your way, even when you don't know what they are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You settle into a remarkably even temper and attitude as you embody this truth. Whether you're in a three-step process or a three-million-step process, it's all stepping, and the number you're on is always "this one."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Learning about the world helps you see that there is much more available to you than the options you knew about last week. The choices most people around you are making might be fine for them, but not for you.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Electric fan sound
- 5 Take suddenly
- 9 Moral misdeeds
- 13 Long walk in the woods
- 14 Not as polite
- 16 Admired person
- 17 Mellows, as wine
- 18 Got out of bed
- 19 Tennis great Sampras
- 20 "Ouch!"
- 22 Challenging to figure out
- 23 Airplane walkway
- 24 Parcels (out)
- 25 Take ___ (disassemble)
- 28 Unwrap, as a gift
- 30 Tip of an ear
- 31 Old TV antenna
- 34 ___ Francisco, CA
- 37 Intense sunlight
- 40 Metallic rocks
- 41 How this answer is written
- 42 Unadorned
- 43 Auction offers
- 44 Double-___ sword
- 45 Said further
- 48 Creme de ___ (chocolate liquor)
- 51 Kingly title
- 52 "It was fine with me"
- 57 Editor's "don't delete"
- 58 Unusual knickknack
- 59 Lake bordering Ohio
- 60 And others: Abbr.

- 61 Florida Disney theme park
- 62 "___ of your business!"
- 63 Weighty book
- 64 Ill-at-___ (nervous)
- 65 Break sharply

DOWN

- 1 "Huh?"
- 2 Way up in the sky
- 3 Scandinavian furniture chain
- 4 Turnpike refueling stop
- 5 Metric weights
- 6 From farm country
- 7 Like very much
- 8 Highest-quality

- 9 Liquid-transfer tube
- 10 Best possible
- 11 University of ___ Dame
- 12 Snow vehicles
- 15 Scale notes after dos
- 21 Take a chair
- 24 Sandwich shop
- 25 "Furthermore..."
- 26 Low-quality
- 27 Fit for the task
- 28 Lubricates
- 29 Good buddies
- 31 Alphabet beginning
- 32 Makes a blunder
- 33 ___ de Janeiro
- 34 Minor inconvenience
- 35 Farmland measure

- 36 Have to have
- 38 Surprise attack
- 39 Bellies
- 43 Classic "spherical" Volkswagen
- 44 Have a meal
- 45 Beneficial feature
- 46 "Same here"
- 47 Nightmare, for example
- 48 About, before a year
- 49 Spanish farewell
- 50 \$100 bill, informally
- 52 ___ cream sundae
- 53 Play a trick on
- 54 Metal in steel
- 55 Ship of 1492
- 56 Profound

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TUESDAY | AUGUST 25

LADIES GOLF CLINIC

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Four Wood Golf 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Join us every Tuesday from 9:30–11:00 AM for a relaxed, social golf experience designed for women of all skill levels. Whether you're picking up a club for the first time or looking to build confidence in your game, Matchas & Mulligans is all about learning, connecting, and having fun in a welcoming, pressure-free environment. Led by our in-house golf pros, you'll learn new skills each session. Blend of light instruction with a social atmosphere — the ladies' clinic is perfect for improving your skills while meeting like-minded golfers. \$60.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ladies-golf-clinic/19572527/2026-08-18T09>

AUTHOR TALK WITH BERONDA MONTGOMERY

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Join us for a riveting conversation with award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery as we discuss her book, *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy*. The histories of trees in America are also the histories of Black Americans. Pecan trees were domesticated by an enslaved African named Antoine; sycamore trees were both havens and signposts for people trying to escape enslavement; poplar trees are historically associated with lynching; and willow bark has offered the gift of medicine. These trees, and others, testify not only to the complexity of the Black American narrative but also to a heritage of Black botanical expertise that, like Native American traditions, predates the United States entirely. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-beronda-montgomery/19500850/2026-08-25T11>

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 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. The adult acrylic/oil workshop is \$48.00 plus the cost of canvas (canvas available for purchase in studio). Workshop cost includes easel set up, paint, brushes, apron, 2 hours of instruction and clean up. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/acrylic-oil-painting-workshop-tuesday/19429773/2026-08-11T13>

WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Laurie Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-08-04T14>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-08-04T15>

WEEKLY WALKING CLUB

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Near Palisades Recreation Center Toyopa Drive and Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades. A weekly walking club will meet on Tuesdays for approximately one hour to walk 1.5 to 2 miles. The group will meet at the corner of Toyopa and Alma Real. All levels are welcome. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/weekly-walking-club/19106860/2026-08-04T16>

PAWS ON THE PATIO AT MARELLE

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. National Dog Day deserves an encore! Join us Wednesday, August 26, for Paws on the Patio, an extended National Dog Day celebration benefiting Labelle Foundation and presented by Tito's Handmade Vodka. Spend the evening in the Sandbourne Courtyard enjoying music from a live DJ, specialty Tito's cocktails and plenty of dog-friendly fun. Meet adoptable rescue dogs from Labelle Foundation, capture photos with your pup and learn more about adopting, fostering or supporting dogs in need. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/paws-on-the-patio-at-marelle/19473827/2026-08-25T17>

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 26

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

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

TODDLER STORYTIME AND SONGS

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Toddler Storytime and Songs Join us for storytime on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We share stories, songs, and movement activities to build early literacy

skills for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/toddler-storytime-and-songs/>

MIDDAY YOGA ON WEDNESDAYS

1:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Free Community Yoga created with care for those impacted by the Palisades Fire In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrscm.org/event/midday-yoga-on-wednesdays-b7af2> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/midday-yoga-on-wednesdays/19509303/2026-08-12T13>

JAZZ A GO GO AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica. JAZZ A GO GO at LouLou Santa Monica- Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late · Live Jazz that turns into a Vibe.Music you Feel.People you Meet.Amazing Food.Nights that Flow. JAZZ A GO GO (@jazzaggonight) by Loulou Santa Monica, Gilles Signature & Gilles Los Angeles · curated by the creator of @jazzeclectica. Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-a-go-go-at-loulou-santa-monica/18476815/2026-08-26T19>

STAND UP 201: DEVELOP YOUR MATERIAL (WEDNESDAYS)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 1424 4th Street Santa Monica. Go beyond the basics! Generate material, refine jokes, and build a 7-minute stand-up set! 6 weeks + a Showcase! \$365.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/stand-up-201-develop-your-material-wednesdays/19660839/2026-08-26T19>

THURSDAY | AUGUST 27

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Sign up here to receive emails about upcoming exercise classes and cancellations: post283.com/exercise. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/event-3/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-08-06T11>

MEN'S SOCCER - LA PIERCE

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Corsair Stadium SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Organized by the SMC Athletics Department. Games held at SMC Corsair Stadium Admission is free. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/men-s-soccer-la-pierce/19500851/2026-08-27T15>

LOS ANGELES FOUNDER SOCIAL

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 561 Brooks Avenue Los Angeles. Join us for an evening of mingling with CPG founders from around the Los Angeles area, co-hosted with The Cycle. \$45.00 to \$60.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/los-angeles-founder-social/19419016/2026-08-27T17>

LOUNGE NIGHT

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join us in the bar lounge from 5 to 10 p.m. generally on the fourth Thursday of the month for appetizers, drink specials and great conversation! Please register so we know how much food to prepare. \$10 entry to the event will be donated to a veterans nonprofit effort. Food will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. while supplies last. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lounge-night/18566930/2026-08-27T17>

MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY CONVENINGS

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition - Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. A space for Palisades MHC fire survivors to come together, explore research, and share experiences as they navigate recovery — hosted by NPHS and the Just Environments Lab. Join for research presentations, time to connect with fellow community members, and a chance to share your experience as researchers shape the next phases of this work. Food and refreshments provided, and a virtual attendance option is available.Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/manufactured-housing-community-convenings/19662342/2026-08-27T18>

THERAPIST MIX AND MINGLE

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 619 Marr Street Los Angeles. A relaxed mix-and-mingle for LA therapists to connect, build community, share ideas, and make new relationships. Therapist Mix & Mingle is a relaxed, low-pressure after-work gathering for local therapists who want to get out of the office (or away from the computer), meet new people, and build genuine professional community. Come enjoy drinks and light appetizers while connecting with potential friends, referral colleagues, collaborators, and new opportunities. We know how hard it can be to rally after a long day, so this event is intentionally easy and flexible: arrive whenever you can, stay as long as you'd like, and mingle at your own pace. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/therapist-mix-and-mingle/19660842/2026-08-27T18>

CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

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Saturday, October 17, 2026

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Poker Lessons | 5:30 PM

First Hand Dealt | 6:00 PM SHARP

Santa Monica Moose Lodge | 1600 Ocean Park Blvd.



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