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Santa Monica launches automated bus lane enforcement with $293 fines

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Santa Monica has begun issuing $293 citations to drivers who illegally park in bus lanes and bus stops following a two-month warning period that caught more than 1,100 violations.

The city's new Automated Bus Lane and Bus Stop Enforcement program, known as ABLE, uses cameras mounted on Big Blue Bus vehicles to automatically detect and photograph illegally parked cars. The formal enforcement launch follows a 60-day warning period that began July 1, during which the system detected 352 instances of illegal parking in bus lanes and 777 violations at bus stops.

"The number of violations detected by ABLE during the warning period is eye-catching, yet not surprising," said Anuj Gupta, Santa Monica's Department of Transportation director. "It underscores the urgent need for programs like ABLE that help enforce existing laws designed to keep our communities moving safely and reliably."



Courtesy photo

BIG BLUE BUS: The enforcement launch follows a 60-day warning period that began July 1.

The enforcement program addresses a persistent problem that city officials say creates safety hazards and accessibility challenges for public transit users, particularly seniors, students and people with disabilities. When vehicles block bus stops, drivers cannot safely deploy wheelchair access ramps at the curb, forcing passengers using mobility devices to navigate around illegally parked cars.

Safety concerns have heightened following a May 30 incident in which an elderly woman was critically injured after being struck by a Big Blue Bus near the 2900 block of Pico Boulevard. The pedestrian was in the roadway when the collision occurred at approximately 8:18 a.m. near the intersection of 29th Street. She was transported to a hospital with critical injuries, though authorities ruled out impairment as a factor and the bus operator cooperated fully with investigators.

The incident underscores city officials' emphasis on transit safety as they implement the new enforcement program. Illegally

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Hammer & Nails pounds their way into Santa Monica

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Men's grooming franchise Hammer & Nails opened its 51st location in Santa Monica last month, marking the company's 10th shop in California as it pursues plans to reach 100 locations by 2026.

The shop at 12121 Olympic Blvd. held its grand opening on July 26 with a community event that included UFC Hall of Famer Urijah Faber, who became a brand ambassador and investor earlier this year.

"Santa Monica represents a key milestone in our journey to redefine the men's grooming industry across the U.S.," said Aaron Meyers, chief executive of Hammer & Nails. "Our goal is to shift the paradigm of how men prioritize self-care."

Founded in 2016, Hammer & Nails offers haircuts, shaves and hand and foot care, including what it calls a whiskey-infused foot treatment. The company operates

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Santa Monica reports Typhus outbreak as County cases surge

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Health officials are investigating a flea-borne typhus outbreak in Santa Monica, marking the second outbreak Los Angeles County has faced this year as cases of the bacterial infection continue to climb across the region.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is investigating five outbreak-associated cases in the City of Santa Monica. Officials said all cases were hospitalized and recovered. In response to this outbreak, Public Health continues to monitor the area for additional outbreak-associated cases. Field staff have conducted an environmental assessment in the affected area to identify transmission risk factors, and they are collaborating with the City of Santa Monica on control efforts.

Public Health said it has conducted outreach to nearby residences, schools, animal control agencies and veterinary practices. Public Health has also disseminated a health advisory via the Los Angeles Health Alert Network (LAHAN) to healthcare providers to increase awareness of risk and prompt early testing and treatment of patients.

Public Health has instructed the Santa Monica Animal Shelter to implement additional intake procedures to prevent the disease from spreading further. Workers at the shelter will now test fleas specifically from cats brought in from an area of the city near 25th and Kansas, Virginia or Stewart streets.

The Santa Monica outbreak follows an earlier outbreak Public Health investigated in Central Los Angeles this year. County health officials are urging residents to take

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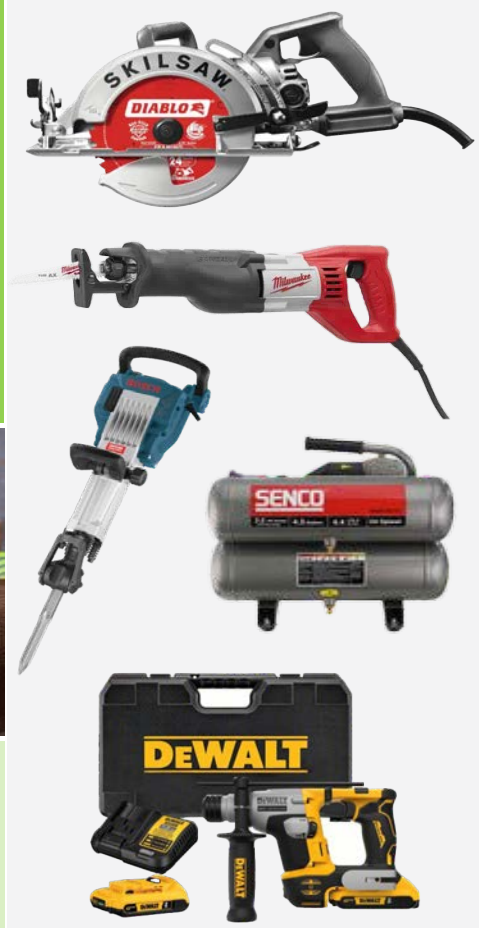
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California schools reverse truancy trends. Improving reading scores could be next

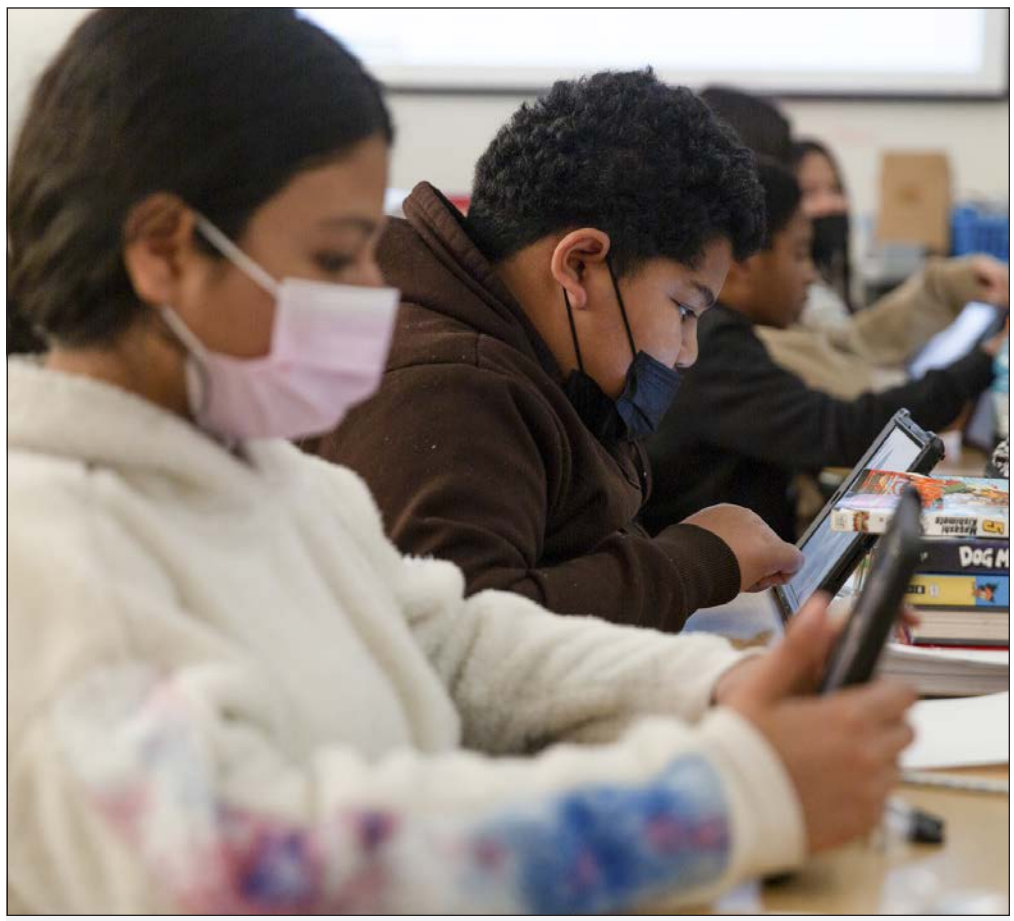


Photo by Shelby Knowles for CalMatters

SCHOOL: Students at Stege Elementary School complete classwork using tablets in Richmond on Feb. 6, 2023.

Good news is a rarity in California's massive public school system, which purports to educate nearly 6 million students but struggles to improve chronically subpar academic achievement levels on state and federal tests.

The most recent round of "Smarter Balanced" assessments showed fractional improvement at best, with fewer than half of all students meeting or exceeding state standards in English language skills, and scarcely one-third doing so in math. Meanwhile, California continues to fare poorly compared to other states in the tests administered by the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

We did get a bit of positive news about California schools recently. After decades of what were termed "reading wars," California's political establishment is finally embracing phonics, a proven technique for teaching children to read that could boost the state's low reading scores. It's a minor miracle that pushes aside years of trendy reading instruction that had failed.

Another miracle may also be occurring: California is making progress on its exceedingly high levels of chronic absenteeism.

A few years ago, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly one-third of the children enrolled in public schools were chronically absent from classes. You can't learn if you're not in class, and the absences negatively affected overall academic achievement, the futures of millions of kids and the state's need for trained or trainable workers as those in the huge Baby Boom generation retire from the workforce.

Chronic absenteeism also adversely affects the finances of local school systems because aid from the state is calculated on attendance, not just enrollment. Schools with high absenteeism rates also tend to have low levels of learning and lose the money they need to raise achievement.

California wasn't alone, of course. However, it kept its public schools closed longer than most in other states, and the makeshift online classes were a poor substitute for classroom instruction.

Children from low-income families, whose parents could not work from home to monitor participation or afford private tutoring, suffered the most from school closures. Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's education establishment were responsible for unnecessarily prolonging them.

From 30% chronic absenteeism in 2021-

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Gutting Medi-Cal's weight loss drug coverage will cost California more in the long run

California just cut off access to critical anti-obesity drugs for hundreds of thousands of patients.

Under the new budget signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, Medi-Cal — the state's Medicaid program — would no longer cover weight loss drugs, such as Wegovy and Zepbound, unless they're prescribed to treat diabetes. The measure is intended to promote fiscal responsibility. By cutting this drug coverage, policymakers say they'll be able to save more than $600 million by 2029.

But they've got it all wrong.

Obesity is a significant driver of skyrocketing health care spending because it's a major risk factor for other costly, chronic conditions. Keeping evidence-based obesity treatments like these drugs accessible would more than pay for itself in the long run by making Californians healthier and more productive.

In California, roughly 3 in 5 adults are overweight or obese, including disproportionate numbers of low-income Californians and people of color. That puts them at higher risk of developing numerous other chronic conditions, including Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers.

Overcoming those risks can be challenging, especially given that genetics alone may account for up to 70% of people's differences in body weight. That's a major reason why lifestyle interventions alone have been largely unsuccessful at stopping the spread of chronic conditions — and why the arrival of anti-obesity drugs in recent years has been so revolutionary.

In 2023, Medi-Cal's coverage of the drugs for weight loss allowed more than 660,000 Californians to obtain the life-changing treatments. That same year, the national obesity rate dipped for the first time in a decade.

The rapid uptake of these drugs hasn't merely improved people's lives. It also has provided policymakers with a new way to downsize health care spending.

Some of my recent research, published in JAMA Network Open, highlights the significant link between weight loss and lower health care costs. Among Medicare beneficiaries with obesity and at least one other related health condition, like diabetes, just a 5% decrease in body weight was associated with a $1,262 drop in annual health care spending, or 7% in savings on average. A 25% weight reduction — which is not at all uncommon among people on anti-obesity drugs — led to an astonishing $5,442 drop in yearly health care costs, or 31% in savings.

This suggests Newsom's plan to slash health care spending by withdrawing coverage for these drugs could actually increase health care spending in the long run.

According to Newsom, covering the drugs under Medi-Cal would cost California $85 million in fiscal year 2025-26, rising to $680 million by 2028-29. Those figures are overestimates, even before accounting for the savings from improved health. Once federal matching funds and drug manufacturer rebates are factored in, the true upfront cost to California would be much lower.

The state's supposed savings also pale in comparison to the cost of untreated obesity, which in 2022 depressed economic activity in California by nearly $90 billion and cost state government more than $10 billion in direct health care spending and foregone tax revenue, according to an independent report.

Based on the research I've done, California could save about $3,000 per patient by continuing to cover weight loss drugs.

It's true that anti-obesity drugs require substantial upfront outlays from Medi-Cal. But it's far more cost effective than paying for patients' health complications down the road. Continuing that coverage is a smart investment in California's future.

By Kenneth Thorpe. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

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DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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

SMC Bundy Campus Tennis / Pickleball Courts:
The project includes the following features: three (3) tennis courts, three (3) combination tennis/pickleball courts, and one (1) single tennis/pickleball court. A restroom building will also be included, with four (4) gender-neutral restrooms and one (1) utility/janitor's room. Additionally, two (2) storage buildings, named Storage 1 and Storage 2, will be part of the project. There will also be shade structures, consisting of full cantilever hip-joined tension sails with three points. The total area of the shade structures will be 1,400 GSF. The improvements to the site will include driveways, a parking lot, site lighting, landscaping, fencing, accessible paths, bleachers, and gathering areas. The project includes the removal and abatement of existing underground utilities containing hazardous materials.

Procedure
Tuesday, 8/26/25, bid packages will be available at ARC West LA Branch located at 1736 S Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025. (e-arc.com) Plan Room.
Contact for all inquiries: **Kyle Whitley, Senior Project Manager, kyle.whitley@vanir.com; Mattew Denuccio, Project Manager, matt.denuccio@vanir.com.**

Contractor's License Classification: California Contractors License A or B.

Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk: **Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 1:00 PM.** (Job Site Parking Lot) 3400 Airport Ave. Santa Monica, California

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 1:00 PM, September 29, 2025; BID MUST BE HAND DELIVERED

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN
Bid Opening: September 29, 2025.

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2. Labor Compliance Program (AB 1506). The District has established a Labor Compliance Program (LCP") pursuant to Labor Code 1771.5. The Contractor qualifying to bid the work shall comply with the LCP and provisions of the Contract Documents relating to implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the LCP.

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4. Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the Board of Trustees on **November 4, 2025**, to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsible and responsive Bid Proposal.

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How California lawmakers can trim up to 20% off consumer electric bills



Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters
STATION: An electric vehicle charging station in Millbrae on July 29, 2022.

Customers of California's investor-owned utilities, such as PG&E and Edison, get a reprieve from soaring utility bills twice a year thanks to a credit from the state's cap and trade program, which requires large polluters to pay for their emissions. But lawmakers could do much more with this program.

This legislative session offers a crucial opportunity to update the climate credit program and use these funds to lower electric rates, delivering meaningful relief where families need it most: on their electricity bills. That change, combined with other rate reforms taking effect next year, could reduce costs for most households by 20%, UC Santa Barbara researchers found.

That's real savings that can improve lives across California. And it starts with thoughtfully reauthorizing the cap and trade program so funding can reach utility customers.

Addressing the affordability crisis requires action on multiple fronts. In addition to reforming the climate credit, state lawmakers should also advance structural changes by regionalizing California's electric grid and protecting electric vehicle programs, which lower costs for everyone.

The urgency is clear. PG&E rates have climbed 40% above inflation since 2018. Rates for other investor-owned utilities are increasing at a similarly dire pace. For families struggling to make ends meet, these increases are crushing.

California's leaders can take decisive action in the coming weeks.

It begins with restructuring the climate credit program to deliver monthly relief, instead of twice a year, by using polluter fees to directly reduce electricity prices. This creates predictable savings and importantly can help inland families afford air conditioning during the brutal summer heat.

Lower electricity prices also could accelerate California's clean energy transition by making electric cars more affordable, helping the state meet its climate goals.

Legislators also could shift funds currently applied to gas bills toward electricity relief, where families need help the most. Electricity represents the largest utility expense for most California households. This shift would be more equitable since nearly all households pay electric bills, but many don't use gas.

State leaders should pair these climate credit reforms with structural electric system changes, including participating in a regionalized grid that enables clean energy sharing across the West. It will help California develop more renewable energy to use or sell to other states, while reducing fossil fuel dependence and improving air quality.

Finally, state policymakers should prioritize state funding for California's electric vehicle programs, which deliver direct savings to all electricity customers.

Every electric car and truck on the road helps lower everyone's bills because EV owners pay more in electricity costs than they actually cost the grid to serve, essentially subsidizing cheaper prices for all Californians. As more families make the switch to electric vehicles, these savings compound, creating a virtuous cycle of falling electricity prices that benefits every household, regardless of what they drive.

California lawmakers and Gov. Gavin Newsom began this session focusing on affordability. By updating the state's climate credit program, reauthorizing cap and trade and leading a clean energy partnership for the West, not only can they stem the tide of relentless rate increases, they can also deliver meaningful savings to utility customers.

By Victoria Rome. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Supervisor Hahn Urges Congress to Act on Gun Violence After School Shooting

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn called on Congress to pass gun violence prevention legislation following a Wednesday morning shooting at a Minneapolis Catholic school during Mass that killed two children and injured 17 others.

"The American people have had enough thoughts and prayers from politicians," Hahn said in a social media post. "These children were literally in Mass when they were murdered. Congress has the power to act on gun violence—what's missing is the courage."

Hahn is also raising awareness about LA County's School Threat Assessment Response Team (START) as the school year begins. START is a team of county mental health professionals who partner with local law enforcement to respond to calls about possible threats against schools countywide, aiming to intervene before threats become reality.

"Whether you are a parent or a student and you hear something that doesn't sound right, I urge you to contact START," Hahn said. "Specially trained County mental health professionals and their law enforcement partners will respond quickly, make sure to keep people out of danger, and get the person in crisis the help they need."

Hahn has led efforts to expand the START program, allowing professionals to respond more quickly to reported threats against schools or students. In 2023, she worked with the Department of Mental Health to launch a countywide ad campaign educating young people about reporting school threats to START.

Teachers, school administrators, parents and students who have experienced or witnessed actual or implied threats of school violence are urged to contact START by calling (213) 739-5565 or emailing START@dmh.lacounty.gov.

For more information, visit https://dmh.lacounty.gov/start-youth.

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Photographer Susan Meiselas to Speak at Aero Theatre Event

The Photographic Arts Council Los Angeles will present "An Afternoon with Photographer Susan Meiselas" on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the American Cinematheque's Aero Theatre in Santa Monica.

The free event is part of PAC LA's ongoing "Year of the Woman" series, created with support from Eastman Museum Los Angeles and in partnership with American Cinematheque. Capacity is limited for the in-person presentation.

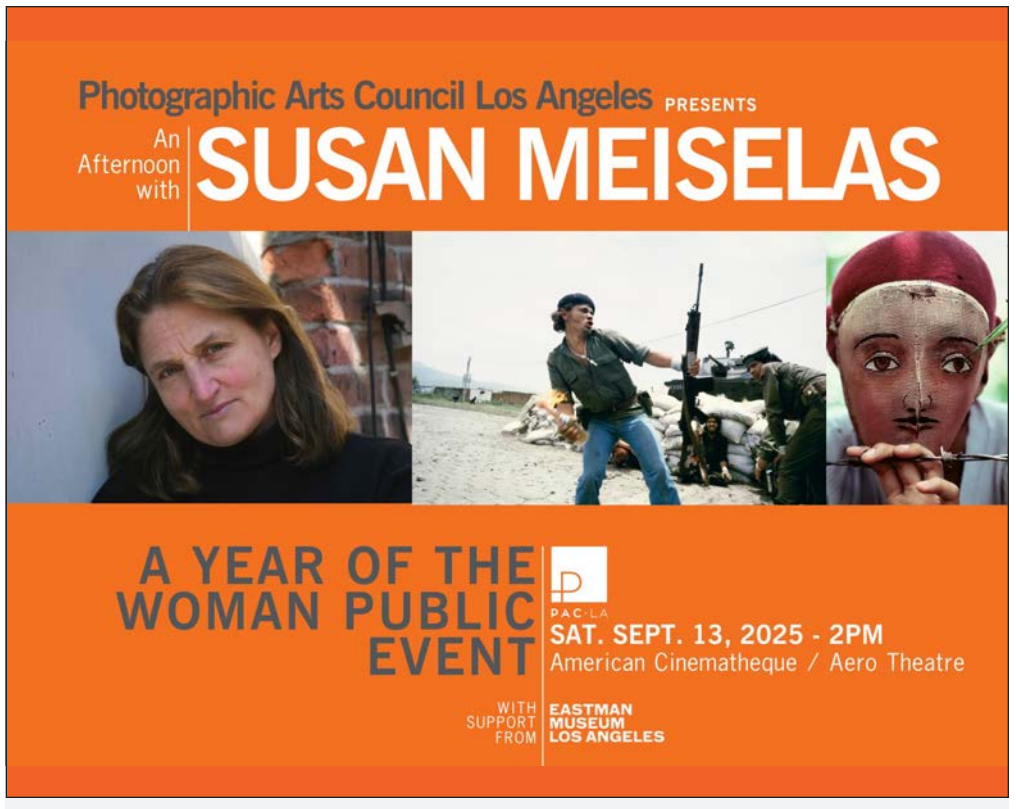
Meiselas is known for documenting human rights issues in Latin America. Her visit coincides with the 2025 rerelease of her acclaimed publication "Nicaragua" from Aperture. The book was first published by Pantheon in 1981.

The photographer's talk will focus on her Nicaragua work spanning multiple decades and the various forms it has taken as a book, exhibition and film. She will trace how her images have circulated and been repatriated, shifting their meaning over time.

A book signing will follow the presentation. The Aero Theatre is located at 1328 Montana Avenue in Santa Monica.

Registration and more information are available at eventbrite.com/e/pac-la-an-afternoon-with-photographer-susan-meiselas-tickets-1543013397609.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 25SMCP00471Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Lyviere Aimee Lopez for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Lyviere Aimee Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Lyviere Aimee Lopez to Aimee Lyviere Helfand The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 10/10/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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NOTICE OF BID REQUEST

Bernards is requesting subcontractor bids for the following Project:

John Adams Middle School STEM Classroom Building-Increment #2, Interim Toilet Building, Gymnasium Locker Room Modernization
Owner: Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District

This is a phased Lease-leaseback project. The final phase will consist of three projects—STEM Classroom Building-Increment #2, Interim Toilet Building and Gymnasium Locker Room Modernization.
The STEM Classroom Building-Increment #2 includes finish grading, minimal soil import and recompaction, construction of new two-story classroom building, fully sprinklered, site work and landscaping.
The Interim Toilet includes minor grading of existing site, temporary site work-concrete or asphalt paving and walks at relocated PC ramps to connect to existing path of travel, relocation of one DSA pre-check restroom modular to serve as interim facilities during the gym restroom alteration, temporary foundations per DSA pre-check modular drawings and underground utilities to existing campus utilities.
Lastly, the Gymnasium Locker Room Modernization project includes removal and replacement of existing shower stalls, new shower stalls and plumbing fixtures, rough-in plumbing as required as well as fire alarm upgrades and other plumbing work at the Girl's and Boy's Shower and bathroom.
Bidders must submit (3) separate bids, one for each project set as described above.

Bids must be submitted on or before 2:00 PM on September 25, 2025

A **non-mandatory** pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for 7:00 AM on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at John Adams Middle School, 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Project documents will be available on or around August 25, 2025

Requests for information are due on September 15, 2025 to jcruz@bernards.com

Project Requirements: Prevailing Wages / Skilled and Trained Workforce, Project Labor Agreement (PLA)

Pre-Qualification: In accordance with California Education Code 17250 and Public Contract Code 20111.6 all mechanical, electrical, plumbing ("MEP") and sheet metal subcontractors (contractors that hold a C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 license), must have submitted prequalification applications (link below) at least ten (10) business days prior to bid date and must be approved at least five (5) business days PRIOR to bid date. Be sure to check approval and expiration dates.

https://www.qualitybidders.com/pages/contractor

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Subcontractors must comply with general prevailing wage rates (PCC 1720 et seq.). Under new California law, all subcontractors and sub-tier subcontractors wishing to conduct business with any public entity must be registered and maintain good standing with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) prior to submitting a bid and during performance of the work (Labor Code 1725.5). Only registered contractors and subcontractors can be awarded public works projects. Please visit www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html for more information/and to register.

Subcontractors must also meet the minimum requirements for Skilled and Trained Workforce (PCC 2600 - 2603 et seq.). Also refer to California Education Code, Sections 81703(c)(2)(F) and 17407.5; Labor Code 1777.5; and CCR Title 8, Section 230.1. Please visit https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Apprentices.html for more information.

T**extura Construction Payment Management System:** Subcontractors will be required to electronically sign and submit their pay applications - including invoices, sworn statements, conditional lien waivers, and unconditional lien waivers. Bernards pays for the majority of the cost for the Textura system. However, there is a small fee paid directly by each Subcontractor or Major Supplier to Textura which must be included in any bid to Bernards. For additional information and associated fees, please visit www.texturacorp.com.

The bidders will be selected using the "Best Value" competitive procurement process under California Education Code section 17400 et seq. "Best value" is a competitive procurement process whereby the selected bidder is selected on the basis of objective criteria for evaluating the qualifications of bidders with the resulting selection representing the best combination of price and qualifications.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor in the classification as required for the work to be performed at the time of bid submission and must maintain the licenses throughout the duration of the project.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact us at:

Bernards
555 First Street
San Fernando, CA 91340
(818) 898-1521
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Contacts: Jose Cruz, jcruz@bernards.com

*Please do not contact Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District regarding this project.

GROOMING

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on a membership model in spaces designed with masculine aesthetics.

The men's grooming industry has grown significantly as male consumers increasingly seek personal care services. Hammer & Nails competes with traditional barbershops and newer salons targeting men.

"This city embraces wellness and style, and we're proud to offer men a space where they can prioritize both," said Fes Russell, owner of the Santa Monica location. "Our shop isn't just about grooming, it's about confidence, community and creating a routine."

The franchise targets entrepreneurs interested in wellness and hospitality businesses. Members receive extended massage time, aromatherapy towels and custom detailing services.

Hammer & Nails operates in multiple states including Texas, Florida, Arizona and Colorado. The company says California represents its largest market presence.

Santa Monica's health-conscious residents and proximity to entertainment industry professionals make it an attractive market for premium grooming services, company officials said.

The membership model provides predictable revenue for franchisees while building customer loyalty, according to the company. Services range from precision haircuts and straight-razor shaves to manicures and pedicures.

Industry analysts note men's grooming is among the fastest-growing personal care segments, with services expanding beyond traditional barbershop offerings to include spa treatments previously marketed mainly to women.

The Santa Monica opening comes as Hammer & Nails faces competition from established barbershop chains and newer premium men's grooming concepts entering the market.

Meyers said the company aims to "bring premium services that tend to the whole man to every corner of the country" as part of its national expansion strategy.

The franchise has grown from a single location to 51 shops in less than a decade through its franchising model. Each location provides what the company describes as personalized experiences in masculine environments.

Santa Monica joins other California Hammer & Nails locations in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. The company also operates in major metropolitan areas across multiple states.

The grand opening event featured shop tours, refreshments and complimentary grooming experiences for attendees, including community leaders and local influencers.

Hammer & Nails positions itself within the trend of men investing in regular grooming and self-care routines, offering services in environments designed to appeal to male preferences.

The company's signature whiskey-infused foot treatment incorporates alcohol-based products into pedicure services, distinguishing it from traditional nail salons.

As expansion continues, success in high-end markets like Santa Monica will likely influence future location decisions in premium California communities.

The franchise model enables rapid growth while allowing local ownership, with franchisees responsible for day-to-day operations under the corporate brand standards.

Company officials said the Santa Monica location will offer the full range of services available at other Hammer & Nails shops, including massage services and grooming treatments designed specifically for men.

More information is available at hammerandnailsgrooming.com. Franchise opportunities can be found at hammerandnailsfranchise.com.

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Courtesy photo

SHOP: Left to Right - Urijah Faber, Brand Ambassador; Fes Russell, Franchisee.

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precautions to protect themselves and their pets as they expect additional cases and clusters to emerge in the coming months.

"This ongoing increase in flea-borne typhus highlights the importance of taking preventive steps to reduce the risk of infection," said Dr. Muntu Davis, Los Angeles County Health Officer.

Los Angeles County has seen a dramatic rise in flea-borne typhus cases since 2010. Last year marked a record high with 187 documented cases. So far in 2025, 106 cases have already been reported — higher than the same period last year. The infections typically peak during late summer and fall months.

Flea-borne typhus, also known as murine typhus, is an acute febrile illness caused by Rickettsia typhi bacteria spread by infected fleas. People become infected when flea feces are rubbed into cuts or scrapes on the skin or into the eyes. The disease is not transmitted from person to person.

In Los Angeles County, infected fleas are most commonly found on rats, free-roaming cats and opossums. Pets such as dogs and cats that go outdoors can bring fleas into homes. Infected animals typically show no signs of illness.

Human symptoms begin within two weeks of contact with an infected flea and may include fever, headache, muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and a rash that spares the palms and soles. While the illness can be mild and self-limiting, it can also present as severe disease requiring hospitalization.

In rare cases, complications may include swelling at the lining of the brain or in heart valves. Though fatalities are uncommon, the first flea-borne typhus deaths in LA County since 1993 were reported in 2022.

"Flea-borne typhus is serious, but preventable," Davis said. "We urge people to take precautions by using flea control on their pets, avoiding contact with stray animals, and preventing wildlife from living in or next to their home or property. If you develop symptoms, such as fever, chills, or a rash, seek medical attention right away."

There are no vaccines to prevent flea-borne typhus, but the disease can be treated with antibiotics. Doxycycline is the treatment of choice.

Health officials recommend several prevention measures: Use EPA-registered insect repellent labeled for protection against fleas when outdoors. Routinely use flea control products on pets and keep them indoors as much as possible.

Residents should avoid attracting wild or stray animals by not leaving pet food or water outside and avoiding feeding or touching stray or wild animals. Properties should be kept free of debris and overgrown plants, with trash stored in containers with tightly fitting lids.

Officials also recommend sealing crawl spaces and any openings where animals could enter, hide or find food and water. Residents should report stray animals or signs of rodents or opossums near their property to local animal control officials.

Healthcare providers should consider flea-borne typhus in patients with non-specific febrile illness accompanied by headache, muscle pain, rash and laboratory abnormalities. Treatment decisions should be based on clinical presentation and exposure history rather than waiting for diagnostic test results.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

LA28 Relocates Olympic Diving Venue to Rose Bowl Aquatics Center

The LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games announced Tuesday it will relocate diving competition to the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in Pasadena for the 2028 Olympics, achieving up to $17.6 million in combined savings and revenue growth.

The decision addresses athlete safety concerns, reduces operational complexities in the Exposition Park zone, and leverages an existing world-class venue, according to LA28 Chief Executive Officer Reynold Hoover.

"This presents a significant opportunity to deliver successful marquee events, with greater budget certainty, while also ensuring an exceptional competition venue for our diving athletes, with their safety remaining our top priority," Hoover said.

In June 2024, LA28 had identified the 1932 Pool in the Exposition Park Zone for diving competition as part of updates that achieved more than $150 million in combined cost savings and revenue increases, unanimously approved by the City Council in March 2025.



Courtesy image

LA28: Diving competitions will relocate to the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in Pasadena for the 2028 Olympics.

However, detailed planning over the past year determined the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center is better suited to host diving events. The facility offers an existing world-class pool that meets Olympic diving standards and requires fewer improvements. It also provides additional athlete amenities and spectator seating while offering significant revenue increases and cost savings for the overall Games budget.

LA28 is discussing future improvements to the John C. Argue Swim Stadium pool in Exposition Park with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for long-term community benefit.

The Los Angeles City Council Ad Hoc Committee on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games voted to move the venue relocation proposal to the full City Council for a future vote.

The LA28 Games will mark Los Angeles' third time hosting the Olympic Games, following 1984 and 1932, and its first time hosting the Paralympic Games. The Games are independently operated by a privately funded, non-profit organization with revenue from corporate partners, licensing agreements, hospitality and ticketing programs, and a significant contribution from the International Olympic Committee.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: FILE NUMBER: 2025116899 DATE FILED: June 9th , 2025. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Hollander Clinic 2730 Wilshire Blvd 265, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: 1. Dr. Karyn L & Jennifer Hollander A Medical Corporation . Grossman If Corporation or LLC- Print State of Incorporation/Organization. CA This Business is being conducted by: A Corporation . I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime. REGISTRANT (NAME/CORP/LLCNAME) (PRINT): Dr. Karyn L & Jennifer Hollander A Medical Corporation Title: Vice Presidmet SIGNATURE: Jennifer Hollander . If Corporation, also print corporate title of officer. If LLC, also print title of office or manager Jennifer Hollander The Statement was filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles on 08/15/2024. FILE NUMBER 2025169341. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS COPY IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT ON FILE IN MY OFFICE: Dean C Logan Los Angeles County Clerk. BY: Dean C.Logan BY:Lakeisha McCoy

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00449 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Isabelle Claudia Winston for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Isabelle Claudia Winston court for a decree of changing names as follows: Isabelle Claudia Winston to Isabelle Claudia Palmer. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 9/12/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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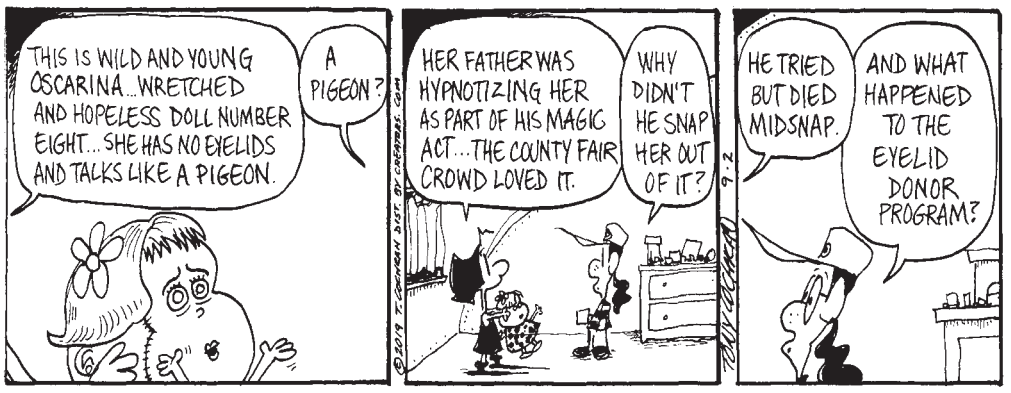
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Summons

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

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



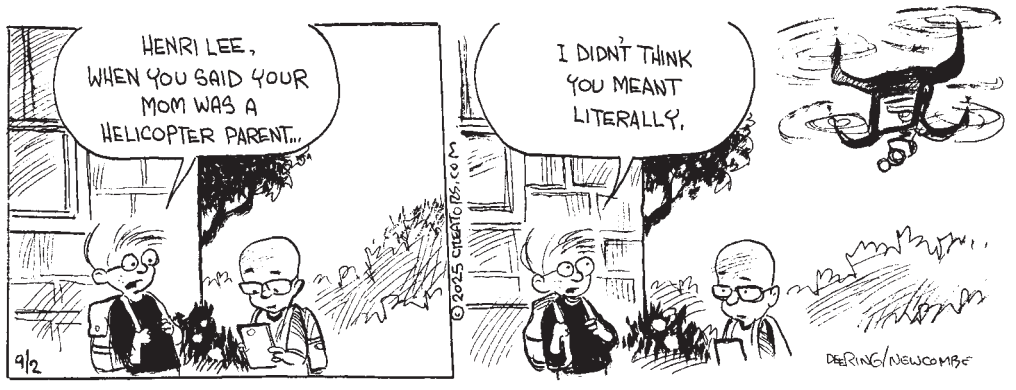
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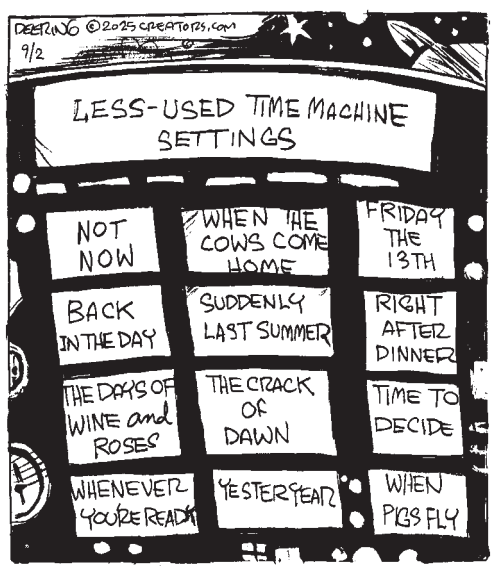
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6686

Pre-loved

Y	K	C	A	T	T	F	A	R	C	H	S	A	C	T
R	A	D	I	O	S	P	L	A	Z	A	S	K	I	S
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Aisles	Cash	Newsagent	Sheets
Apparel	Craft	Nightclub	Shops
Arts	Cups	Novels	Skis
Atlas	DVDs	Pans	Sporting
Axes	Flute	Plaza	goods
Bags	Gates	Pots	Tacky
Basics	Hats	Quilt	Tools
Bike	Inexpensive	Radios	Toys
Books	Junk	Retail	Tyres
Boutique	Kits	Sandals	Vases
Busy	Lawnmower	Scarf	Watches

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2)

Your instincts are as sharp as Excalibur and will cut through illusion, nonsense and practical obstacles alike until nothing stands between you and your desire. But you're not in it for only you. Your proudest success will be a collaboration. Love creates its own home in your life. More highlights: You'll grow into a coveted role. Excellent habits take root. Travel recharges you. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 24, 8, 19 and 42.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It might be tempting to join in the gossip and general conversations and distractions provided by the riffraff. Stay above it. Resist adding fuel to these petty dumpster fires and you'll experience the rewards: a calm, centered and purposeful existence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not trying to impress anyone - and that's exactly why people take you seriously. You're locked in, focused, moving like someone with better things to do than seek approval. If others want in, they'll need to keep up or contribute.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A bold playfulness is inside you, just waiting for the recess bell to ring so you can run out to the playground of life. Social fun gives you a rush, but it doesn't begin that way. You start having fun first on your own, then you're joined.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're moving into your next chapter, which is about owning your whole self in every room. Not just the adaptable version, not the charming facade - the full spectrum of you. It starts with testing the waters with some truth today - saying what's real.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People notice you because your presence is electrified even when you're basically doing little to nothing, because you're never doing little to nothing. You're paying attention, trying to learn how things work and then trying to learn how things really work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not one to rush a process. Still, something about today urges you to act quicker than usual. So you'll make the decision, take the leap, press "send" and trust that whatever you did up to this point was enough. Moving along ...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A graceful pivot is your specialty, especially when plans go sideways or people get weird. Your ability to reset the vibe is your power today. Charm them, redirect the energy, and get things back on the rails, or, better yet, onto your rails.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's counterintuitive but true - structure gives freedom. You'll thrive by firming up your plan and loosely outlining the next steps. Then, once there's a frame, the creativity flows faster, and the work gets fun again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to be perfect to make a difference. You don't have to be perfect to be loved. And you really don't have to be perfect to be worthy of your own esteem. Demanding perfection is a form of abuse. Not OK.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're feeling mischievous, clever and free. It's a mood that gives you charm. You're fired up about what you love, rising in confidence and unfazed by any insecurity you encounter in yourself or others. Flirt, play and win.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You might think of a blunt way to say something first, which is completely normal, but you're also good at pausing, reframing and choosing a more tactful approach. Your social intelligence will save the day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone leans on you in ways you didn't realize. You're doing a lot just by being steady. You might not get credit for it. It might feel like nothing special, because you do it every day, but that doesn't make it any less remarkable.

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

6	5	1	3	2	8	7	4	9
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Newsday Crossword

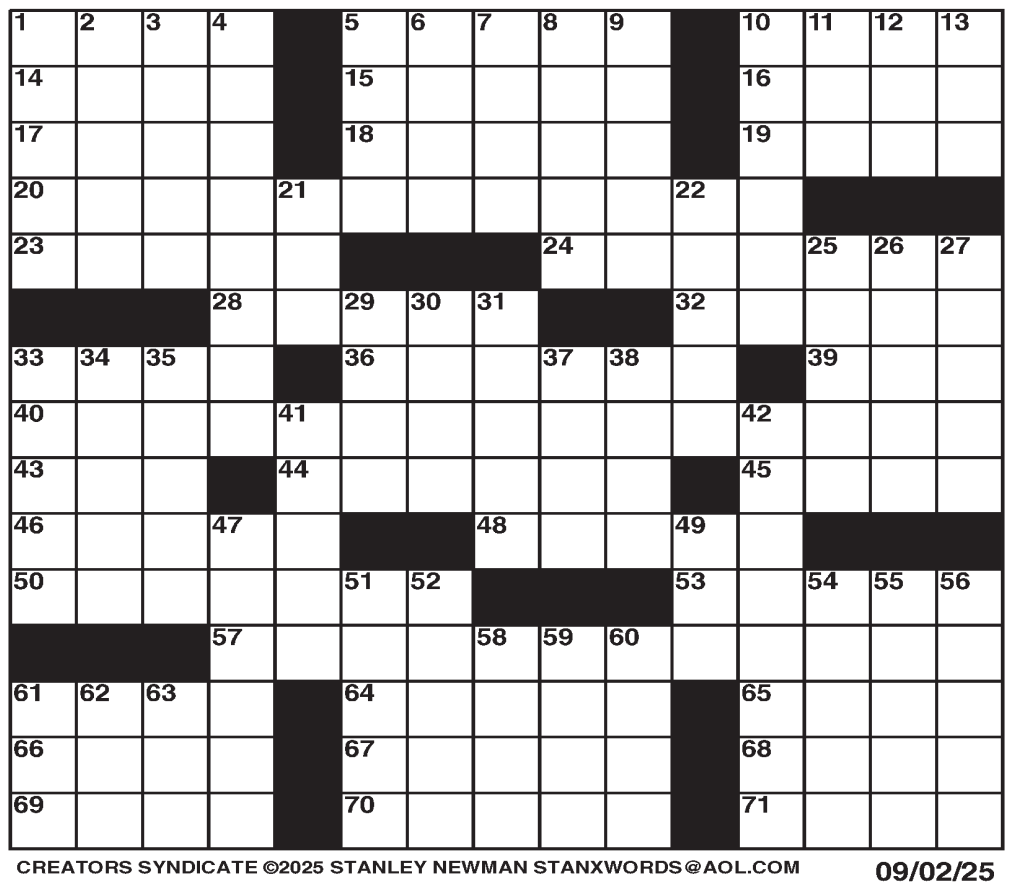
NOTHING TO IT by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Refuse to do something
5 Phony deals
10 Fruit that becomes a prune
14 Cleveland's lake
15 __ Carlo, Monaco
16 Simplify
17 Win by a wide margin
18 Ahead by a pair of points
19 Gush out
20 Meaningless show of support
23 Sample of food
24 Woodwind musician
28 With no skill
32 Exodus miracle food
33 Shortened "sir" counterpart
36 Underwater research site
39 __ Jones Industrial Average
40 Guess not based on facts
43 Go bad, as vegetables
44 Sign up formally
45 Like Cheerios
46 Pay for everyone's meal
48 In a crafty way
50 Hot medicinal beverage
53 Book of maps
57 Insincere ultimatum
61 "Scat!"
64 Bugs Bunny foe Fudd
65 Spherical hairdo
66 Bartlett or Bosc
67 Apartment that's owned
68 "Believe __ not..."
69 Boats like Noah's
70 Novel plot surprise
71 Envelope letters for Manhattan

DOWN

1 French flat hat
2 Fragrance
3 Walks unsteadily
4 Maintained a steady beat
5 Overly confident
6 Manage challenges well
7 Hill-building insects
8 Weekday initials
9 South Korean capital
10 Pre-euro Spanish coin
11 Once around a track
12 Find a purpose for
13 Kitten's sound
21 Japanese money
22 Cuban dance
25 New Delhi's nation
26 Nose, slangily
27 Yellow-brown lion color
29 Airer of NFL games
30 Look intently (at)
31 Tortillas that are filled
33 Merriment
34 Like very much
35 Modify
37 Pause in the action
38 Partner in war
41 Brief quarrel
42 Child's choo-choo
47 Despises
49 "Well, __-di-dah!"
51 Vote into office
52 Give permission for
54 Southpaw's nickname
55 Brother of Moses
56 Newspaper article
58 Prefix meaning "all"
59 Marries
60 Jogging gait
61 Pampering resort
62 __ Majesty (queenly title)
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ENFORCEMENT

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parked vehicles force buses to make unexpected lane changes and create unpredictable traffic patterns that can endanger pedestrians and other road users.

"Clear bus lanes and stops will help us deliver more efficient service for thousands of Big Blue Bus riders every day," Gupta said.

According to city transportation officials, a single vehicle obstructing a bus lane or stop can delay up to 60 riders while creating safety risks for pedestrians and motorists. The impacts disproportionately affect individuals who rely on public transportation, including those with limited access to private vehicles.

The automated system employs two front-facing cameras installed inside the Big Blue Bus fleet, including license plate recognition technology. Registered vehicle owners receive citations by mail, with parking officers manually reviewing each violation before issuing fines.

During the warning period, violators received mailed notices explaining the new program along with information about bus lane and bus stop regulations. The city has offered payment plans for low-income individuals who receive citations.

Santa Monica's implementation of automated bus enforcement reflects broader efforts by transit agencies nationwide to improve service reliability and safety. The technology allows for consistent monitoring of violations that previously required manual enforcement by parking officers.

The program supports the city's strategic priority of maintaining clean streets and safe neighborhoods by investing in tools that enhance the multimodal transportation network. City officials argue that reducing illegal parking in bus lanes and stops advances Big Blue Bus's commitment to operating an efficient, equitable and sustainable transit system.

Big Blue Bus has operated bus-only lanes on several major corridors to improve travel times and service reliability. When vehicles park illegally in these designated lanes, buses must merge into regular traffic, slowing service and disrupting schedules for thousands of daily riders.

The enforcement program builds on a 2023 pilot project in which Big Blue Bus tested the camera technology on two buses over 45 days, documenting more than 500 instances of illegal parking in bus lanes and stops. The pilot results helped city officials recognize the scope of the violation problem and develop the comprehensive enforcement approach.

Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus operates a fleet of 195 vehicles serving a 58-square-mile area, transporting passengers daily throughout Santa Monica and the greater Los Angeles region. The agency, which has served the area since 1928, plans to convert its entire fleet from natural gas to zero-emissions vehicles by 2032. Currently, more than 30 buses operate on battery power, while the remainder use alternative fuels including renewable natural gas.

The transportation department worked with the Santa Monica Police Department to develop the ABLE program, which aims to deter violations through consistent enforcement rather than relying solely on occasional police patrols.

City officials emphasized that the program focuses on improving transit accessibility and safety rather than generating revenue. The $293 fine amount matches California's standard citation cost for parking violations in bus zones.

The automated enforcement represents part of Santa Monica's broader transportation strategy to encourage public transit use and reduce vehicle congestion on city streets. By maintaining clear bus lanes and stops, officials expect to improve service reliability and make public transportation more attractive to residents and visitors.

Transit advocates have long argued that consistent enforcement of bus lane and stop regulations is essential for effective public transportation systems. The new automated approach provides 24-hour monitoring capability that manual enforcement cannot match.

Santa Monica joins several California cities that have implemented similar automated enforcement programs to protect transit infrastructure and improve service quality for public transportation users.

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SCHOOLS

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22, California dropped to 25% in 2022-23 and 20% in 2023-24, according to a new state-by-state report on absenteeism by SchoolStatus, a company that provides consulting services to school systems. California's 18% decline over the last two years was the third-most of any state surveyed by SchoolStatus, behind just Nevada and New Mexico. Nationally, the decline was just 6%.

The report bolsters what Tony Thurmond, the state superintendent of schools and a 2026 candidate for governor, hailed last week.

"Due to historic investments in student supports and family engagement, California has cut TK–12 chronic absenteeism levels by one-third, from 30% in 2022 to 20% in 2024," Thurmond said. "We are on track and committed to reduce chronic absence by 50 percent over five years."

The SchoolStatus report did have one caveat: that reducing absenteeism is relatively easy in elementary grades but becomes progressively more difficult in middle school and particularly among high schoolers.

"Student attendance deterioration accelerates systematically from the middle school transition onward," the researchers noted. "Chronic rates more than double from 5th grade (14.22%) to 12th grade (32.13%)." They called for "targeted intervention when districts track early warning indicators like partial-day absences, tardiness patterns, and family communication response rates during those critical transition years."

Lasting progress will depend on keeping kids in danger of dropping out of high school in class and learning what they need to survive in a competitive world.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 2

WALKING MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Location Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 10 am by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early and check schedule for any changes or cancellations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-09-02T10

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-08-26T10

TECH & TASKS

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Assistance provided on a drop-in, first arrival basis. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2025-09-02T16

THE NO CHASERS

9:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-no-chasers/15099083/2025-09-02T21

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-09-02T22

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 3

GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Welcome.. pease join daily at 10 am for a 45 minute guided mindfulness meditation which will also include a short loving friendliness meditation at the end. Give yourself the love and attention you deserve by developing your mind, finding peace and creating community. Everyone is welcome. Please bring the appropriate attire for sun and wind along with a cushion or chair. We will meet by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center Van at the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South lot across from the Ocean View Park tennis and basketball court. Use these coordinate 33.999050,-118.484385.. please arrive 5 minutes early to set up and check the schedule for any changes or cancellations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/guided-mindfulness-meditation/16169673/2025-09-03T10

DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-09-03T11

MAKERSPACE AKA CRAFTERNOON

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Makerspace aka Crafternoon Join us for a shared DIY space. Feel free to bring your own crafting project, or just come for inspiration and community. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/makerspace-aka-crafternoon/15748880/2025-09-03T15

CINEHAUS MOVIE NIGHTS

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The Eden Hotel 1301 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. CineHaus presents: Sunset Screenings at The Eden. Step into old Hollywood charm as CineHaus transforms the courtyard of The Eden Hotel into a dreamy open-air cinema. Grab a cocktail or a hot drink, settle under the stars, and lose yourself in iconic films the way they were meant to be seen — together. From hot popcorn and candy to s'mores, we've got everything you need for the perfect movie night. Cozy, timeless, unforgettable — only at CineHaus. $17.00 to $185.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cinehaus-movie-nights/16585124/2025-09-03T19

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