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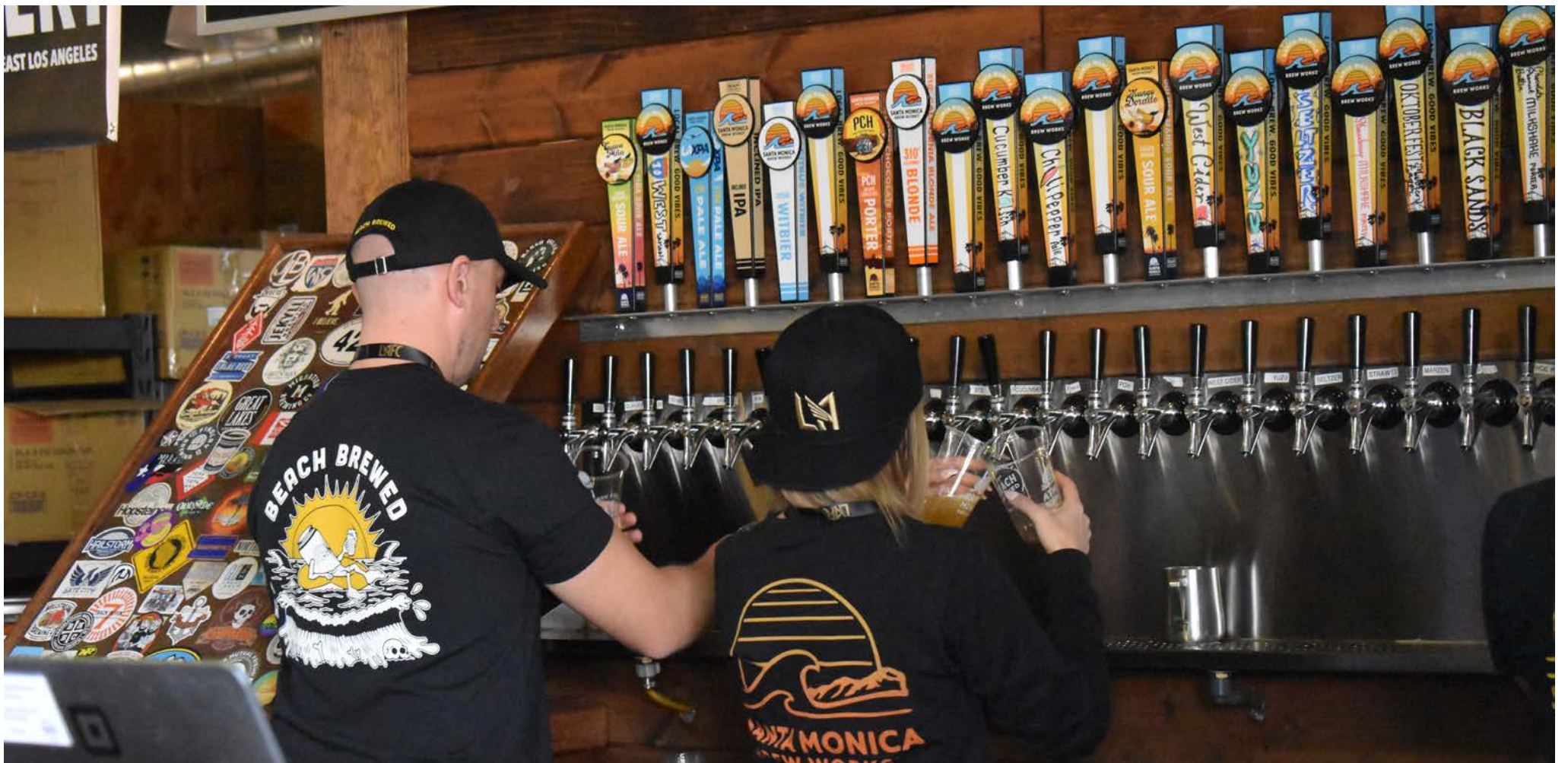
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SMDP Staff Writer

automated red-light camera program, new housing rules near a transit station and lease talks for a string of city properties, part of a wide-ranging agenda that also touches parks,

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Grow with Google closes Route 66 tour with free AI workshop for Santa Monica small businesses



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WORKSHOP: Grow with Google hosts free AI workshop for 30+ Santa Monica small businesses at Annenberg Beach House.

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More than 30 local small businesses gathered at the Annenberg Community Beach House on Aug. 28 for a free workshop aimed at teaching entrepreneurs how to put artificial intelligence to work in their day-to-day operations.

The two-hour session was the final stop of Grow with Google's "Make AI Work for You" tour, a series of small-business workshops the company hosted along Route 66 in honor of the highway's centennial. The Santa Monica event was held in partnership with Downtown Santa Monica, the City of Santa Monica and GO-Biz.

"We were pleased with our turnout of more than 30 local small businesses in attendance," a Google spokesperson said.

The morning focused on practical, hands-on instruction rather than theory. Attendees worked through a session titled "Prompt like a Pro" and tested a range of the company's free tools alongside product experts.

"During the two-hour Santa Monica event, attendees participated in a workshop called 'Prompt like a Pro,' detailing tips and tricks for getting the most out of AI," the spokesperson said. "Attendees also learned how to master Google's no-cost AI tools — from the Gemini App and Gemini Notebook, to AI features embedded directly into Google Workspace — through deep-dives and hands-on tutorials with product experts."

The workshop was pitched to business owners at any level of experience. Organizers said newcomers could expect to leave with a working foundation, while more experienced

users would still pick up new techniques.

Although the sessions highlighted Google's own products, the company said the curriculum was built to teach skills that apply across any AI tool, not just its own.

"'Make AI Work for You' is a course designed specifically to help SMBs use AI to get more done and grow their businesses," the spokesperson said. "The workshop is designed to teach foundational, practical AI skills that apply across any tool. We start by showing small business owners how to interact with AI in everyday language, focusing on how to write effective prompts, evaluate results, and use AI as a brainstorming partner."

The company said it also demonstrated how owners can apply those concepts using accessible, no-cost tools such as the Gemini App and Gemini Notebook, and how AI features can streamline routine tasks inside Google Workspace.

For business owners who could not attend the Santa Monica stop or any of the tour's earlier dates, Grow with Google said the same training resources, guides and courses are available on demand at grow.google/smb. The company positioned the free materials as a way for owners to keep building skills on their own schedule after the road tour wrapped.

The event also landed at a moment when many Los Angeles-area businesses are still rebuilding. Google said its outreach to small businesses recovering from the region's wildfires has centered on long-term resilience, not just reopening.

Last year, the company partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Economic

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Newsom’s pattern of closed-door dealmaking is unbefitting of a presidential hopeful



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SACRAMENTO: An irrigation canal runs through a ranch in the Delta region of Sacramento County, southwest of Elk Grove, on April 22, 2026. The state’s Delta Conveyance Project would be partially constructed on this tract of land.

There’s a deeply troubling ongoing pattern in Gov. Gavin Newsom’s approach to land and water policies in California involving closed doors, backroom deals and disingenuous — or more often than not — inadequate community engagement to move projects forward.

Circumventing guardrails and sidestepping public opinion have become the norm with the Delta Conveyance Project and voluntary water agreements, all while the Newsom administration continued its attempts to fast-track California Forever — another potential boondoggle.

Billionaires, lobbyists and administrative insiders should not be shaping California’s future; Californians should. This pattern of bad governance is preventing the people of California from receiving the transparency and due process they deserve, along with the chance to weigh in on decisions that directly impact their communities.

Who exactly is bearing the cost for these projects? The rest of us.

California Forever, for example, wants to bring as many as 400,000 people to Solano County, creating a free-for-all in the absence of established water rights, stressing a state system that is already oversubscribed and imbalanced. This saga has unfolded as Native American tribes continue to fight for their long-denied water rights and against regulators accused of being discriminatory.

And don’t forget the fisheries. For three consecutive years, commercial salmon fishing was shut down due to excessive

diversions, raising water temperatures and killing salmon eggs which cost the industry \$45 million in 2023 alone. It was only this year that salmon fishing has reopened, yet the policies that led to its suspension remain in place, with voluntary agreements poised to only make things worse.

Water policies and proposals like the voluntary agreements and the Delta tunnel project only add to the strain, and now California Forever is poised to add even more imbalance, with tech-backed billionaires seeking water rights in a system that already cannot maintain its commitments.

The same water flow decisions determine what is left for farmers within the Delta and Delta-adjacent areas who are already losing land and water supply. All of this is happening without the input of Californians. Communities have a right to create economic and development plans from the ground up, not at the behest of the ultra-rich.

Tribes and impacted communities have a right to a seat at the table when their livelihoods are on the line.

Unfortunately, from watching negotiations in Sacramento over water and land throughout the last seven years, the secrecy and backroom deals being conducted by the Newsom administration come as no surprise. Still, the disappointment is immense for tribes and environmental groups that have made attempt after attempt to ensure



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Keep politics out of medical research

As a rheumatologist, I've seen countless patients with rheumatic disease benefit from Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) inhibitors, a life changing medical innovation made possible by research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

As the world’s largest public funder of biomedical research, the NIH drives breakthroughs that ensure Americans receive world class care. However, that progress is now in jeopardy. The administration is proposing structural changes to how research decisions are made and funded, shifts that threaten U.S. competitiveness, public health, and the future of scientific discovery.

Congress must intervene to stop these changes. Taxpayer dollars should support the most rigorous, promising science, not whatever is politically popular. When political oversight replaces unbiased peer review, patients lose.

Neha Singh, DO, Santa Monica

AI WORKSHOP

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Opportunity to host the “Rebuild LA: Small Business Tech Fair,” which brought together more than 120 local entrepreneurs affected by the fires. Google said the tools and resources from that event remain available to any small business owner — whether recovering from a crisis or simply looking to modernize — through the same grow.google/smb hub used for the workshop series.

The company framed AI adoption as part of a broader shift already underway among California businesses. Google’s 2025 Economic Impact Report found that 2.2 million businesses in the state used the company’s tools to connect with customers. Among the local examples the company cited

was Santa Monica-based nēdl.

Friday’s workshop was free to attend, and the company provided complimentary parking along with light food and refreshments. Participants were encouraged to bring a laptop to follow along with the hands-on tutorials.

The Annenberg Community Beach House, where the event was held, sits at 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

The Santa Monica stop closed out the Route 66 centennial tour, but the company said its training resources, guides and courses will remain freely accessible on demand to owners who want to keep learning.

More information and on-demand resources are available at grow.google/smb.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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transparency and public review.

Land and water policies shaped by a few powerful voices, while excluding many, do not reflect the track record expected of a presidential hopeful.

Billionaires, lobbyists and administrative insiders should not be the only ones

shaping California’s future. From decisions regarding the Delta Conveyance Project and voluntary water agreements to what unfolded this year with California Forever, the public must have a fair say in how our land and water is used.

Having a voice in our own future is not a courtesy but a right.

By Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla and Gary Mulcahy

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Downbeat 720 celebrates 25th anniversary with new season

Downbeat 720, a high school performing arts collective sponsored by the city of Santa Monica’s Recreation and Arts Department, celebrates its 25th anniversary with the start of a new season Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The free open mic night for high school students is hosted by comedian Joe Hernandez-Kolski and beatboxer Joshua Silverstein, with music by DJ Jedi. It takes place on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the first performance at 7:20 p.m. All performance-based genres are welcome, and no advance RSVP is required. Teens may perform or attend as audience members, and adults may attend when accompanying a teen performer.

The program invites students to perform music, poetry, comedy or art for fellow participants and professional artist mentors, who offer feedback to help strengthen their skills and provide a space for self-expression.

“Santa Monica is proud to celebrate 25 years of Downbeat 720 and the remarkable young artists who have made this program a creative home,” Recreation and Arts Department Director Jenny Rogers said. “By giving teens a welcoming stage to share their voices, build their skills and connect with professional artists, Downbeat 720 continues to strengthen our community through the power of the arts.”

Downbeat 720 was created in 2001 by Justin Yoffe, Ameenah Kaplan, Hernandez-Kolski and DJ Jedi. Professional artists who have performed for students include Grammy Award-winning musicians Aloe Blacc and Raul Pacheco of Ozomatli, comedian Craig Robinson of “The Office,” Akil the MC of Jurassic 5, poet and actress Amber Tamblyn of “Joan of Arcadia” and a host of HBO’s “Def Poetry.” Alumni include singer-songwriter Jules Paymer and actor and singer Owen Thiele of Hulu’s “Adults.”

The program was held at the Miles Memorial Playhouse until 2020, when it moved online during the COVID-19 pandemic. It returned to in-person sessions at the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center while the playhouse in Reed Park was revitalized. It returned to the Miles Memorial Playhouse in October 2025, months after the space reopened during Santa Monica’s 2025 State of the City.

For more information, visit santamonica.gov/programs/downbeat-720.

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- Jenny Rogers, Recreation and Arts Department Director

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Santa Monica

Santa Monica Democratic Club endorses Goldsmith for state Senate

The Santa Monica Democratic Club has endorsed Brian Goldsmith for state Senate District 24, adding the largest Democratic club in the district to his coalition.

Goldsmith won nearly 60% of the endorsement vote, which followed a head-to-head candidate debate. During the debate, he emphasized common-sense solutions to California’s challenges, including the cost of living, homelessness and what he described as the Trump administration’s ongoing attacks on the state.

The club is the latest Democratic organization to back Goldsmith, following the Heart of LA Democratic Club, San Fernando Valley Democratic Council, Blue Wave Democratic Club and Culver City Democrats United.

“Santa Monica needs a State Senator who understands this community, knows how to work with all stakeholders to get things done, and will fight hard for the things we care about,” said Jon Katz, president of the Santa Monica Democratic Club. “Brian Goldsmith made a compelling case that he is that person.”

Goldsmith said he was grateful for the endorsement. “Grassroots Democratic organizations are the heartbeat of our party, and I look forward to working side-by-side with Santa Monica Democrats to win in November,” he said.

Running for elected office for the first time, Goldsmith has been endorsed by a range of officials, including former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, retired Sen. Barbara Boxer, Rep. Julia Brownley and former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. State Sens. Henry Stern, Josh Becker and Susan Rubio and several Assembly members have also endorsed him.

His support extends to local officials across the district, including Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman, former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and mayors and council members in cities such as Beverly Hills, Calabasas, El Segundo, Agoura Hills, Redondo Beach and Santa Monica.

Goldsmith has also earned backing from organizations including California EnviroVoters, Everytown for Gun Safety, Giffords, Climate Action California, several law enforcement associations, Teamsters Joint Council 42, ILWU locals, the California Legislative Jewish Caucus and Democrats for Israel Los Angeles. In all, more than 150 leaders and organizations have endorsed him.

Goldsmith is running in the open race to succeed Sen. Ben Allen in 2026.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LA Country

LA County debuts new public comment system to make board meetings more accessible

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors rolled out a new public comment registration system at its Tuesday, Sept. 1 meeting, part of an effort to make board meetings more accessible for residents.

The system, supported by PublicInput, registers residents who want to address the board during public comment, whether by phone or in person. It eliminates the need for an access code or PIN when calling in and sends registered speakers real-time text messages when it is their turn, replacing the “raise hand” feature. Callers who are disconnected do not lose their place in line. The system is ADA-compliant and includes a screen-reader-friendly portal.

“Government works best when people can easily participate. By modernizing the public comment process, we are reducing barriers and creating more opportunities for residents across Los Angeles County to make their voices heard,” said Board Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis.

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell said the system respects residents’ time by notifying them when their item is coming up. Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath said it makes participation “more accessible, more transparent, and more responsive.” Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn said the overhaul aims to empower residents who cannot travel downtown on a Tuesday. Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger said modernizing the system makes it easier for residents to weigh in on county decisions.

Registration takes four steps. Speakers register online at publiccomment.lacounty.gov and select the items they wish to address. They receive a text message when their item is active. They then call the local line, 213-444-2600, with no access codes or PINs required. A voice announces each speaker’s turn by name.

Speakers need to register only once, whether for one item or several. Registration opens 30 minutes before each meeting, and residents may register in advance for meeting reminders when the agenda is released.

“This new system removes the barriers that have historically kept people from making their voices heard — whether it’s navigating parking downtown or not knowing when your agenda item will come up,” said Edward Yen, executive officer for the board. “Now, anyone with a phone can register, stay informed in real time, and speak their mind.”

For instructions on using the system, finding board agendas or other information, visit bos.lacounty.gov.

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- Hilda L. Solis, Board Chair and First District Supervisor



**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 100526SH Video Projector Replacement**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter called “the District” will receive up to, but not later than, the below-stated date and time, bids for: Video Projector Replacement

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#>.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: October 5, 2026, by 2:00pm
All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above.
Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District via the bidding website, prior to the date and time set forth, shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: 09/16/26, 10:00 AM sharp. Meet at the Broadstage Ticket Will Call 1310 11th St, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Bidder attendance at Job Walk is mandatory. Sign-In required & late arrivals not permitted.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$125,000.00

CONTRACT DAYS: 7

The Bidder is required to have at time of bid submission and throughout the duration of the project: CSLB C-7 license & CADIR registration, Manufacturer certification. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District’s Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

Post Dates: 09/08/26 & 09/15/26

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will be sold at public auction by Rajesh Thakkar, offered in one or more lots through a competitive online public auction facilitated by MEGA Auctions, to be conducted on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Auction access: WWW.MEGAAUCTIONS.NET Items to be sold include, but are not limited to: DK2 by Marlon multi-utility steel trailer; Bond gas firepits; Suzuki QuadRunner all-terrain vehicle; Maytag top-load washer; LG

French-door refrigerator; Vizio television; holiday décor and storage totes; Shark robot vacuum; portable air conditioner; microwave ovens and small kitchen appliances; audio equipment, speakers and mixing consoles; household furniture; patio furniture; tables and chairs; shelving and storage racks; artwork and décor; tools and hardware; luggage; household electronics; cleaning supplies; unopened items; and miscellaneous personal property.

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COUNCIL PREVIEW

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who run red lights at two intersections. The program, brought by Public Works Director Christopher Dishlip, relies on Senate Bill 720, the Safer Streets Act, which lets cities pursue red-light violations through a civil process. Under that law, citations go to a vehicle's registered owner rather than the driver, carry lower penalties and do not add points to a DMV record.

Proposed fines start at \$100 and rise to \$200, \$350 and \$500 for repeat offenses within three years, with a \$50 late fee. The amounts are capped by state law, and the staff report frames the program as a safety measure rather than a revenue source, noting any surplus must be spent on transportation safety. The report cites Culver City, which has run red-light cameras since 1999 and reported a 12.6% drop in violations in 2017.

The cameras are a companion to a Vision Zero study session, at which staff is seeking council direction and acknowledges the city fell short of its 2016 goal of eliminating fatal and severe-injury crashes by 2026. From 2021 through 2025, Santa Monica recorded 214 such crashes and 21 traffic deaths; 20 of those

killed were pedestrians or bicyclists. Total fatal and severe-injury crashes fell from 62 in 2024 to 52 in 2025, but pedestrian-involved crashes rose every year, from nine to 22. Staff proposes moving from the city's longtime "five E's" model to a seven-element "Safe System" framework.

HOUSING AND ZONING

The council will hold a public hearing and consider first reading of an ordinance raising development standards on 89 single-unit (R1) parcels north of Interstate 10 in the Expo/Bundy area. The change responds to Senate Bill 79, the Abundant and Affordable Homes Near Transit Act, effective statewide July 1, and would let the Expo/Bundy zone qualify for a temporary exclusion from the law until one year after the city adopts its next housing element, expected in 2030. City Planning Director Jing Yeo's report says density would rise to 40 units per acre and the floor-area ratio would increase from 0.5 to 1.25 for qualifying projects, with the 28-foot height limit unchanged. The council chose the R1 approach July 28 over upzoning multifamily parcels, citing displacement risk.

Separately, the council will consider extending for two years emergency zoning

rules for "Light Fleet-Based Service for Autonomous Vehicles," adopted July 14 and set to expire Sept. 12. Staff reports fleet operations have produced vehicle queues of up to 15 cars, along with street and alley staging and noise and lighting impacts near homes.

CITY PROPERTY TALKS

The council is scheduled to meet in closed session this evening at 5:30 p.m. to take up lease negotiations on several city-owned properties, with City Manager Oliver Chi as negotiator. They include Miles Playhouse and portions of Reed Park and Jocelyn Hall, where the city is in talks with Česká olympijská a.s., a Czech Olympic organization whose "Czech House" project director, Blanka Konečná, is the listed negotiating party.

Other properties include the Bergamot Station Arts Center at 2525 Michigan, where negotiators including Housing and Human Services Director Aileen Reynolds and Housing Manager Natalie Verlinich would meet with parties including Bridge Housing and Michaels; city sites on Airport Avenue, involving Gradient Holdings and Transwestern; and 256 Santa Monica Pier, where the city is negotiating with Santa

Monica Brew Works CEO Scott Francis.

PARKS AND COMMUNITY

On the consent calendar, the council will consider a five-year concession agreement, with a five-year renewal option, to move the Santa Monica Trapeze School to Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd. The school, at the Santa Monica Pier since 2008, would pay \$4,000 a month plus 8% of concession sales, invest \$170,000 in startup costs and add about \$48,000 a year to the General Fund.

The council will also consider a request from Mayor Torosis and Councilmember Hall to open negotiations with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District on a successor Master Facilities Use Agreement governing community access to school facilities, and to weigh contingency options should Measure ES fail. A separate request from Councilmembers Raskin and Negrete and Torosis seeks \$1,188 in discretionary funds for the Santa Monica Ballet Folklórico Dance Company's classes at Virginia Avenue Park.

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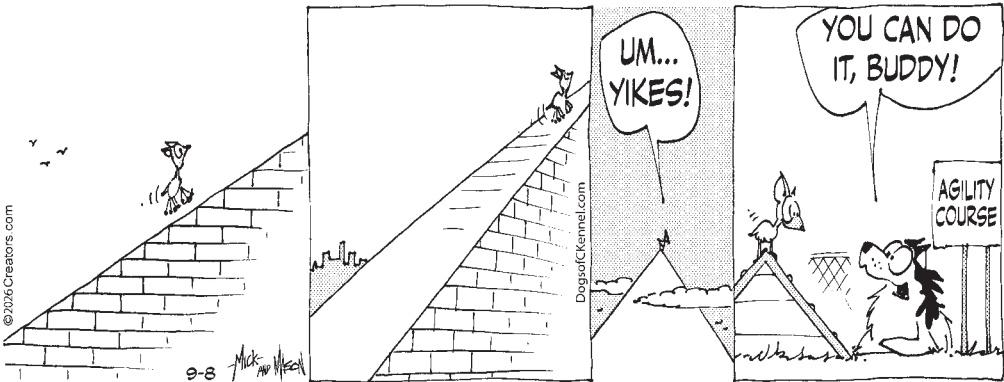
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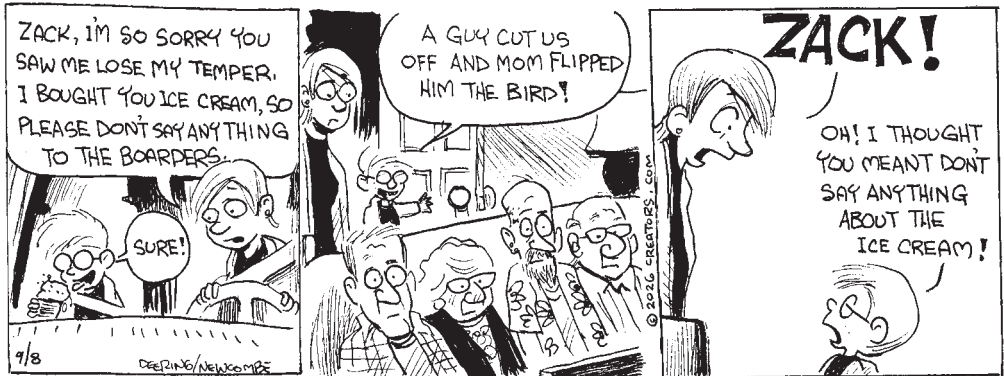
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FIND THE WORDS

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 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Bowls	Gym rat	Oars	Tights
Caber	Inhale	Quoits	Tired
Canoe	Intake	Ramp	Tone
Club	Iron	Rods	Vaults
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Cycle	Judo	Shapely	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Tourists and traffic

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 8)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe your progress has been hindered by other people's perceptions of you, but likely it's your perception of you that has made the biggest impact and some of that is inaccurate. You're capable of more than you think you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Creating involves stages and steps that are much more fun to execute than they are to watch. That's why when you're creating, it's wise not to invite an audience until the end. Let the process be unselfconscious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It would be physically impossible to give your attention to all who want it. And whether or not you realize it, you have a system for determining where to focus. What you learn today will help you tune up the system.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Rest allows you to catch your breath while your best ideas have a chance to catch up with you. The time you spend away from your responsibilities will improve the time you spend returning to them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're always in the middle of a learning process. As long as you have curiosity, this will be you. The little frustrations that happen when you don't know what you're doing yet are badges of honor for the lifelong learner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One small improvement will make a real difference. For instance, a loved one's tone of voice can give you a new feeling about the relationship, a belief that you're allied and that beautiful things are possible because of this.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today you'll be like a journalist with taste, hunting down the story just because it fascinates you. And if you're curious, you can bet others will be, too. You'll get to the truth of the matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're moving fast and you'll experience multiple locations over the course of the day, so it's only natural for certain details to get lost in the blur. This is not a warning to slow down but a suggestion to adjust expectations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's worth learning what your project will be without the influence of others. You can always do new drafts later, but you can't go back to the original impulse once you invite outside feedback.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Imagine if everyone wanted the same job, admired the same people and chased the same dreams. Life depends on differences. You'll lean into those particular interests that fill a space no one else occupies quite the same way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Last week, you were last-week-you. This week, you're this-week-you. There's no continuity expert who is going to complain if you're doing the character different now. You're allowed to change in whichever direction you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's better to connect with a person while you have the chance than wait until you're ready. You don't have to perfectly present yourself. A story doesn't have to have an ending to be worth telling. People want the play-by-play.

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 What falls in a blizzard
- 5 Highest poker cards
- 9 Back-to-health program, for short
- 14 Spanish house
- 15 Biblical ark builder
- 16 Elude capture from
- 17 Just slightly
- 18 Halifax, ___ Scotia
- 19 Old West outlaw ___ James
- 20 Large body of water north of Wisconsin
- 23 Flat panel TV type
- 24 "Half" prefix for final
- 25 Swiss mountain
- 28 Hgt. above sea level
- 30 Tooth's outer layer
- 32 Christian of fashion
- 35 Coll. near Beverly Hills
- 38 No later than
- 39 Money still owed
- 42 Fishing line holder
- 43 Pillow covering
- 44 Take a cab or bus
- 45 Maximally
- 47 Hoops org.
- 49 Part of 35-Across
- 50 Air show stunt
- 53 Evaluate
- 58 Singer's note-identifying skill
- 60 Harsh light
- 63 State with many Mormons
- 64 Lion's den
- 65 Greek fable guy

- 66 Retail store event
- 67 ___ story (autobiography)
- 68 Flower source of bread seeds
- 69 Shady relatives of oaks
- 70 Skidded

DOWN

- 1 Top of the head
- 2 Birth-related
- 3 City southwest of Kyoto
- 4 Walks through water
- 5 Occurring once a year
- 6 House for hens
- 7 Roof overhangs

- 8 Divide up with others
- 9 Come back to a club
- 10 "...lived happily ___ after"
- 11 Owns
- 12 Billboards and commercials
- 13 Hive insect
- 21 Intelligent
- 22 "To explain..."
- 25 Intensified, with "up"
- 26 Don't disturb
- 27 Novel's story line
- 29 ___ fish sandwich
- 31 German auto
- 32 Because of
- 33 Lines on a list
- 34 Capital of Norway
- 36 Multiyear savings

- accts.
- 37 Claim on property
- 39 Spoken aloud
- 40 Performer in a film
- 41 Hold firmly
- 46 Needing a nap
- 48 Soaks in the tub
- 51 Helpful to have
- 52 Leaf of a flower
- 54 Window ledges
- 55 Online commerce
- 56 Futuristic story genre
- 57 Rip to tiny pieces
- 58 Any stage-play accessory
- 59 Not at all anxious
- 60 Empty space
- 61 Zodiac lion
- 62 African snake

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26STCP02999. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill St Los Angeles, California 90012. Petition of Cate Woodson Schaberg for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Cate Woodson Schaberg filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cate Woodson Schaberg to Jamie Woodson Schaberg. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 11/20/2026, Time: 8:30AM, Dept: 529. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 08/10/2026. VIRGINIA KEENY, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/15/2026, 08/22/2026, 08/29/2026, 09/05/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00394. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica 90401. Petition of Scott Hamilton Hunter McKinnies for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Scott Hamilton Hunter McKinnies filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Scott Hamilton Hunter McKinnies to Scott Hamilton Hunter. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 10-09-2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: AUG 14 2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/24/2026, 08/31/2026, 09/07/2026, 09/14/2026

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9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called ‘Night Cap’ starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-09-08T21>

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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-09-09T09>

VIOLA FLORAL BLOOM BAR
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Third Street Promenade (between Arizona and Santa Monica Blvd). Turn your Farmers Market visit into a morning of flowers, creativity, and connection. Join Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. & Viola Floral for Bloom Bar, a hands-on flower-arranging workshop on Third Street Promenade during the Santa Monica Farmers Market. Bring a friend or enjoy a little time for yourself as you learn to turn fresh seasonal blooms into a beautiful, garden-style bouquet. During this one-hour workshop, Viola Floral’s team will guide you step by step through designing and creating your own hand-tied bouquet. You’ll also learn how to clean, condition, and care for your flowers, with practical tips you can use long after the workshop ends. Your finished bouquet is yours to take home, brighten your space, or share with someone special. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/viola-floral-bloom-bar/19781347/2026-09-09T09>

9/11 REMEMBRANCE & FLAG PLANTING
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Palisades Village 15225 Palisades Village Ln Pacific Palisades. On Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 3:30 p.m., the Palisades American Legion Women’s Auxiliary will be placing flags at the Village Green. We need volunteers to help make this meaningful annual tradition possible. Please bring your own hammer. All help is appreciated. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/9-11-remembrance-flag-planting/19761470/2026-09-09T10>

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 and Fridays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a view of the sparkling ocean. (Tuesday and Thursday offered via zoom). 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. Be prepared 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/19479748/2026-09-09T10>

LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wise and Healthy Aging 1527 4th Street Santa Monica. Kim Selbert, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist will facilitate this class. We all need more laughter in our lives, right? Through clapping, guided breathing and gentle movement with music, we will learn how to reduce stress, become more energetic and playful and connect positively with other seniors. It’s easy, fun and very uplifting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/laugh-for-the-health-of-it/19300395/2026-09-09T11>

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