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LA's swamp summer will last through this week with Wednesday expected to be the worst



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WEATHER: The unpleasant weather brought thunder and lightning to the coast yesterday as part of an unusual pattern that is likely to stick around for the rest of the week.

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Hot, humid conditions will grip Los Angeles County through at least Thursday,

with forecasters warning that unusually high overnight temperatures and elevated moisture will make the heat feel more oppressive than the daytime numbers alone suggest.

The National Weather Service issued a

Heat Advisory effective through Thursday, Sept. 10, covering the Malibu Coast, Los Angeles County beaches, the Los Angeles inland coast, the western and eastern Santa Monica Mountains, Calabasas and Agoura

Hills, the west and east San Fernando Valley, the San Gabriel Valley, and the Palos Verdes Hills.

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Venice Blvd Productions to reimagine Montana Avenue Art Walk for Route 66 milestone



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EVENT: Montana Avenue Art Walk returns Oct. 3 with 10 blocks of art, music, and vendors celebrating Route 66's centennial.

MAAZ ALIN

SMDP Staff Writer

Montana Avenue will transform into an open-air arts destination on Saturday, Oct. 3, when the Montana Avenue Art Walk returns as one of the city's signature celebrations commemorating the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66.

The free, day-long event will stretch 10 blocks along Montana Avenue, from Sixth to 17th streets, and will feature fine art installations, live music, wellness experiences, artisan vendors, culinary offerings, interactive brand activations and family-friendly programming, organizers said. The street will be closed to vehicle traffic for the day.

This year marks a shift in how the annual event is produced. The Montana Avenue Merchant Association has selected Venice Blvd Productions to reimagine the Art Walk, the company behind The Venice Fest, a Westside festival that has grown to draw more than 20,000 attendees since its 2021 launch.

Sarah Fisk, owner of Venice Blvd Productions, said the goal is to build on the event's longtime identity rather than replace it.

"The foundation of the Montana Avenue Art Walk remains the same, a celebration of art, local businesses, and the community that makes Montana Avenue so special," Fisk said. "Rather than changing what the Art Walk has always been about, we're adding new layers to the experience — creating more opportunities for people to engage with art, discover local businesses, participate in programming, and explore Montana Avenue from end to end."

Those new layers include a curated live music stage featuring local musicians, interactive art installations, dedicated family and wellness programming, a classic car showcase and new community and brand partnerships, Fisk said.

The event's timing alongside the Route 66 Centennial gives the celebration added significance. As Santa Monica's official Route 66 Centennial event, the Art Walk honors the city's role as the historic western terminus of the highway while showcasing its coastal culture and creative community.

"And with this year coinciding with the

The existing Montana Avenue boutiques and restaurants are an integral part of the Art Walk and, this year, we're creating even more opportunities for them to become part of the programming

- Sarah Fisk, owner of Venice Blvd Productions

Route 66 Centennial, we have a unique opportunity to celebrate Montana Avenue's place within that history while creating something that feels fresh, elevated, and distinctly Santa Monica," Fisk said.

Organizers emphasized that Montana Avenue's boutiques and restaurants will be woven into the day's programming. The 10-block footprint will become an Entertainment Zone, allowing participating restaurants to offer drinks to-go that attendees can enjoy while walking the avenue.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Clock is ticking as LA Olympics organizers plan massive spending spree to retool venues

Ask Reynold Hoover, head of L.A.’s Olympic organizing efforts, how long until the Games begin, and the retired army general won’t hesitate: “687 days,” he told me last week. That’s until the opening ceremonies on July 14, 2028.

“At 5 p.m.,” he added, for good measure.

There’s a lot to do between now and then, though these Olympics are unlike most in one important respect: Los Angeles already has the venues needed to put on the Olympics and Paralympics, which will take place primarily across Southern California and utilize the region’s vast sporting infrastructure. That means Los Angeles won’t need a stadium construction boom when it hosts the Games for the third time.

But just because Southern California has Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, SoFi Stadium in Inglewood and dozens of other places to play ball, run track and swim, that doesn’t mean it’s as simple as opening the doors and letting in athletes and fans.

Many of those facilities need to be retrooled for the games, and on tight deadlines. The coliseum, for instance, years ago removed the track around the field, so Olympic organizers are planning to build a \$100-million platform that will cover the field and the first 14 rows of seats to allow the stadium to be used for track and field.

SoFi, meanwhile, will be home to swimming, which makes sense since it can handle big crowds, but represents a challenge, too, since it doesn’t have any swimming pools. They’ll be built above ground in the center of the facility.

And those construction projects will be pushed by the clock that’s running all the time in Hoover’s head. At the coliseum, work can’t begin until college football is done for the year. At SoFi, which will be known as “2028 Stadium” for the Games, the pools can’t go in until after the 2027 Super Bowl is played in February.

What that means is that organizers are stockpiling money and preparing to spend it fast. The money is flowing in, and ticket sales are breaking records. Spending it will prove the more difficult issue. Of all the money being raised and spent for the 2028 Olympics, 90% of it will be doled out over the last 18 months, Hoover said.

Hoover and John Harper, chief operating officer for LA28, discussed the Olympics last week, even as Los Angeles was still basking in the success of the World Cup. Those matches went off without a hitch: Tens of thousands of

fans funneled in and out of SoFi, and the regional transit network accommodated a noticeable bump in ridership. In terms of security, officials reported just two arrests — both for public intoxication.

Politics intervened, at times. The United States denied entry visas to Iran’s head coach and some team staff members. They re-established training camp from Arizona to Tijuana and shuttled back to Mexico after their matches in the U.S. It left some bad feelings but did not interfere with play directly.

The World Cup is a gigantic undertaking, and this year’s events were scattered across the United States, Mexico and Canada. An estimated 6.8 million fans traveled to venues in all three countries, and Americans warmed to soccer as never before. It was, as Harper put it, a testament to the “unifying power of sport,” as communities across the country, including in Los Angeles, enjoyed events together at watch parties and other gatherings.

Still, it pales next to the Olympics in terms of the planning, transportation and security challenges.

For Los Angeles, the World Cup meant hosting eight soccer games and coordinating the accompanying logistics. The Olympics, by contrast, consist of hundreds of events stretched across 14 days, all laid atop a web of national and international sports entities and media. The Paralympics, which begin soon after the Olympics end, feature another 12 days of competitions in 23 sports.

More than 13 million visitors are expected to come to Southern California for the Games, and the Southern California Association of Governments has estimated that the Olympics will generate as much as \$18 billion for the state’s economy — almost \$12 billion of that to Los Angeles County alone.

That translates into real jobs: the workers who build swimming pools and track platforms, the coffee shops that serve workers and executives, the dry cleaners who clean their clothes, not to mention full hotels and restaurants and a bustling hospitality industry after years of pain inflicted by disasters, tariffs and travelers souring on the United States.

Behind all of this, of course, lurk issues of politics. L.A.’s Summer Olympics bid began in 2014, when Eric Garcetti was the mayor and Donald Trump was still a washed up New York real estate developer. Much has changed: The Olympics will take place as Trump closes out his presidency, and under a different



Surf report WATER TEMP: 71.6

WEDNESDAY FAIR SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Marie leftovers trend more SW, slow down for the points. Winds looking light for the morning. Still some playful waist-chest-shoulder high waves to track down in the morning, but the leftover energy from Marie will be trending more westerly and partially shadowed at the south facing points east of Dume. If you’re after less size, this is a day to target. Steer around the mid morning high tide.

Light sea breeze most of the morning, followed by moderate WNW afternoon onshores and a deepening evening high tide.

THURSDAY FAIR SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Waves level off with blend of old and new swell. Winds on the lighter side, best in the morning. New round of long-period SW Southern Hemi moving in, along with a little NW windswell, as old SSW Marie fades, for mainly waist-chest high surf at exposures, while better breaks west of Pt. Dume hit shoulder+. Mid morning high tide has waves on the sluggish side. Light morning winds for clean conditions.

Manageable WSW onshores in the afternoon.



Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 90. Heat index values as high as 108. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 82. East wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

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2026/09/09	Wed	8:47 PM	6.42	H
2026/09/10	Thu	03:27 AM	-0.46	L
2026/09/10	Thu	09:41 AM	5.29	H
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California’s political hopefuls remain silent on state’s job losses, unemployment

In two months California voters will elect a governor, fill several other statewide offices and choose a new class of state legislators and members of Congress.

The aspirants for those positions are making all sorts of promises to win voters’ approval. But few, if any, have mentioned a slow-motion menace affecting a fundamental facet of life: jobs.

The state has never fully recovered from the virtual shutdown of the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. It still has more than a million unemployed workers. Its unemployment rate continues to be the highest, or nearly so, of any state. And its signature economic sectors, such as high tech and film production, have been shedding jobs for several years.

As ominous as those data points sound, a deeper dive into employment data reveals an even darker reality.

“California’s labor market is holding up, but its foundations remain troublingly narrow,” Justin Niakamal, research manager at Beacon Economics, said in a recent overview of the state’s economy. Healthcare is the only sector with strong employment gains, he noted.

While healthcare jobs are welcome, they are highly dependent on spending by federal and state governments, and both have been cutting back. Moreover, while healthcare is a service industry, it does not create added-value wealth the way technology, film production and agriculture do.

Back to the data.

California’s stubbornly high unemployment rate — 5.1% in July — was second-highest among the states, behind Connecticut and Oregon, both at 5.2%. The rate is the percentage of the labor force that is not employed, even in part-time work, during the month.

The size of the labor force, as well as the unemployment figure, are important to note. Over the previous year, California’s labor force — people who are working or seeking work — declined by 286,300, according to the monthly Employment Development Department report.

To some extent, the labor force decline masks the actual decline in employment. Moreover, the widely quoted

unemployment figure is simplistic: Even if someone is paid for working just a few hours in a month, he or she is counted as employed.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics makes several other computations of employment that are more sophisticated. One, called U-6, measures underemployment. It takes into account workers who want to work full time but can only find part-time work, as well as those who are “marginally attached” to the labor force.

California’s U-6 rate is a much more realistic measure of the job picture. It was calculated at 10.3% in June, easily the highest of any state.

The bureau also calculated U-6 for New York City and Los Angeles County because their populations are larger than many states. New York’s rate was 10.2% while Los Angeles’ was 12.1%.

Those are high numbers but may still understate what’s happening — or not — in California’s job market.

The Ludwig Institute for Shared Economic Prosperity takes the U-6 underemployment calculation even further. It discounts jobs, even full-time work, that pay less than a living wage, which it pegs at \$26,000 a year. It calls its number the “true rate of unemployment,” saying it measures “functional unemployment.”

As one might suspect, Ludwig’s calculations for California — reported by major metropolitan area — are very high, especially in rural communities where agriculture is a primary source of jobs.

California’s highest “true unemployment” rate, according to Ludwig, is in Redding (67.4%). Other rural or semi-rural communities fall into the 50%-65% range. But some urban regions see high rates as well, such as 53.8% in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim metropolitan area.

Only a few regions are under 50%.

Given these numbers, one might expect that California’s officeholders and office seekers would be telling us how they will respond. They are not.

By Dan Walters

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Downtown Santa Monica

Fire department to mark 25th anniversary of Sept. 11 with ceremony

The Santa Monica Fire Department will hold a community remembrance ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, inviting residents to honor the lives lost and the first responders who answered the call.

The ceremony will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Fire Station 1, 1337 7th St. It will bring together firefighters, city officials, community members and local public safety partners for a morning of reflection.

The department holds a Sept. 11 remembrance each year as part of the National Day of Service and Remembrance. This year's ceremony offers an especially meaningful opportunity to remember those who died, including the 343 firefighters killed while responding to the World Trade Center, the department said.

Community members are invited to attend and stand in solidarity with the city's firefighters and public safety community. The ceremony will include moments of reflection honoring the lives lost and recognizing the courage and selflessness of first responders.

Fire Station 1 is also home to a steel artifact recovered from the World Trade Center site, on permanent display outside the department's community room. The artifact serves as a tangible reminder of the day and is available for public viewing during normal business hours.

Twenty-five years later, the department said, it continues to honor the legacy of Sept. 11 by remembering those who were lost, recognizing those who served, and reaffirming the importance of community, service and resilience.

For more information, visit santamonica.gov/events/9-11-remembrance-ceremony.

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California

Allen insurance bills target nonrenewals, stronger enforcement

State Sen. Ben Allen, D-Pacific Palisades, has advanced two bills aimed at protecting insurance ratepayers from losing coverage unnecessarily or being harmed by bad business practices. Both now head to Gov. Newsom.

“California ratepayers have faced an increasingly difficult insurance market, with rising premiums and fewer options available to them in the face of increasing disaster risk,” Allen said. “Working families need better protections to maintain their existing policies and ensure businesses are operating in a manner that best serves them.”

California has recorded the fourth-highest rate of insurance nonrenewals in the nation, contributing to a 250% increase in the FAIR Plan's total exposure since 2022. Notices often fail to explain why a policyholder is being dropped, and some have been dropped for faulty reasons, such as claims of mold or algae on a roof that never existed.

SB 1301 requires nonrenewal notices to include the reasoning behind the decision and to give policyholders a path to fix the identified risk and keep their coverage. It also requires insurers to send notice 90 days before a policy expires, allowing time to remediate or shop for a new policy before relying on the FAIR Plan. The detail requirements also give policyholders grounds to contest a non-renewal.

The Department of Insurance conducts routine market examinations to verify insurers operate fairly and legally, issuing reports that identify corrective actions. While most insurers comply voluntarily, there is no clear tool to require it. A 2025 examination of the FAIR Plan found it had implemented less than half the recommendations from a 2022 report, contributing to failures in serving policyholders after the 2025 Los Angeles fires.

SB 1209 expands the department's authority by authorizing penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation, decided through a formal hearing process.

“When insurance companies break the rules, policyholders pay the price. SB 1209 closes the enforcement loop by holding insurers to strict, non-negotiable timelines to fix systemic violations,” Insurance Commissioner Lara said. “Partnering with Senator Ben Allen on this bill ensures the Department isn't just identifying bad practices, we're stopping them before consumers suffer.”

Newsom has until Sept. 30 to act on the bills.

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WEATHER

FROM PAGE 1

According to the NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard office, a weak offshore pressure gradient is limiting the region's usual sea breeze, allowing temperatures to climb even as lingering moisture from former Hurricane Marie pushes humidity levels well above normal. Forecasters said that combination will make the heat "feel quite uncomfortable across the area," with advisory-level conditions likely across the Los Angeles Basin.

Overnight lows are expected to stay unusually warm as well, with widespread readings in the 70s and some areas in the foothills reaching into the 80s.

Los Angeles County Public Health officials urged residents to take precautions, warning that heat is a leading cause of weather-related death nationally. "Heat causes more deaths in the U.S. annually than floods, storms, and lightning combined," said Dr. Muntu Davis, the county's health officer, adding that older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes and people with chronic medical conditions face the greatest risk.

Officials said residents should call 911 immediately if someone shows signs of heat stroke or heat exhaustion, including confusion, fainting, hot or red skin, a body temperature of 103 degrees or higher, a rapid pulse, headache, dizziness or nausea.

Public Health recommended that residents stay hydrated throughout the day, avoid outdoor activity during peak heat hours, wear lightweight and light-colored clothing, and use sunscreen when outdoors. Officials also warned that vehicles can become dangerously hot within minutes and urged residents never to leave children or pets inside a parked car,

even briefly, saying anyone who sees a child or pet alone in a vehicle should call 911.

Residents without air conditioning were encouraged to use cooling centers, libraries, shopping malls or other air-conditioned spaces, or to call 211 for help locating one. The county said cooling centers, splash pads and community pools are available for those without access to air conditioning, with locations listed at ready.lacounty.gov/heat.

The heat threat is expected to expand Wednesday, when additional Heat Advisories take effect for Ventura County's coasts and valleys, the Santa Clarita Valley, and all of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, remaining in place through Wednesday evening. Forecasters said there is a 20% to 30% chance humidity levels could climb high enough Wednesday to trigger heat warnings, a more serious designation than an advisory.

Inland areas of the Central Coast could see temperatures reach 100 to 102 degrees Wednesday as offshore flow develops, with some locations running 20 degrees or more above normal for this time of year, according to the NWS.

Forecasters said relief should begin arriving Friday, as high pressure weakens and onshore flow strengthens, bringing 3 to 6 degrees of cooling to most of the region. Similar cooling is expected Saturday, potentially pushing temperatures a few degrees below normal, with Sunday's temperatures expected to be similar. There is a 20% chance the cooling trend could be delayed by a day, forecasters said. A slight warming trend of 1 to 2 degrees is possible by Monday as onshore flow weakens again.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 11.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.87/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 21.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.20/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 29.7 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.867 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$5.19/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$7.39/g, a difference of \$2.20/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.09/g while the highest was \$7.99/g, a difference of \$3.90/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.09/g today. The national average is up 10.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 90.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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ART WALK

FROM PAGE 2

Merchants are also encouraged to create their own programming, from special promotions and shopping experiences to artist showcases, music and in-store events.

"The existing Montana Avenue boutiques and restaurants are an integral part of the Art Walk and, this year, we're creating even more opportunities for them to become part of the programming," Fisk said. "We want attendees to discover an artist, hear live music, participate in an experience, stop into a boutique, grab a drink or a bite, and continue exploring, making the entire avenue part of the experience."

Michelle Kelly of the Montana Avenue Merchant Association said the event is a highlight of the year for the neighborhood.

"We're so excited to open up Montana Avenue and share it with everyone as we showcase incredible artists," Kelly said. "It's something we look forward to every year, and we love seeing the street come alive with both the creative energy of the artists and the vibrant community who joins us."

Over the past five years, Venice Blvd Productions has collaborated with brands including Airbnb, Waymo, Gatorade, Athletic Brewing, Smartwater, Sparkling Ice, King's Hawaiian and Postmates. Fisk said the approach that translates from The Venice Fest is a focus on placemaking and giving people a reason to stay and explore, though she noted Montana Avenue's established character calls for a different touch.

"Montana Avenue already has such a distinct identity," Fisk said. "Our approach isn't to bring The Venice Fest to Montana Avenue, it's to take what we've learned producing large-scale community events and apply it in a way that feels authentic to Montana Avenue."

Organizers said they are working with the City of Santa Monica on a traffic and

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operations plan that includes temporary street closures within the footprint while keeping major signalized intersections open. Because the avenue is surrounded by residential streets, Fisk said minimizing neighborhood impact remains a priority, with attention to traffic flow, safety, event hours and cleanup.

The Art Walk is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to walk, bike or drive, with nearby parking and dining available.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 3

California governor. Either Mayor Karen Bass or Mayor Nithya Raman will preside for the city.

Those are officials who don't think much of each other. The struggles between Los Angeles and Washington have defined much of Bass's term so far as mayor, with ICE agents conducting their pantomime raids and L.A. police officers caught between protecting residents from ICE and ICE from demonstrators. It's been a messy relationship, one that Olympics organizers make every effort to avoid.

"I learned a long time ago, as a general ... the importance of relationships across the spectrum," Hoover said. "It doesn't matter who the mayor is or who the president is or who's controlling the Congress."

The Trump administration has ponied up \$1 billion for security, and is weighing requests for extra transportation money. State and local governments are chipping in time and money to build a transportation

network capable of minimizing car travel and, perhaps, demonstrating the capacity of mass transit in Los Angeles. The federal government has given the event special security status, bringing the law enforcement efforts under the banner of Secret Service, a useful tool in coordinating that part of the work.

It seems unlikely that Mayor Bass and President Trump will ever enjoy each other's company, but that's not the measure of success. The mayor, whether Bass or her successor, stands to reap the economic rewards of the Games, which also offer an international platform for Trump's insatiable ego. So there's something in it for everyone.

In the meantime, the clock ticks. Hoover and Harper have effectively built a Fortune 500 company in downtown Los Angeles, and they are poised to shovel billions of dollars into the economy to get venues and infrastructure ready for when the literal torch is lit.

As of Thursday, it's 680 days away. And counting.

By Jim Newton

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Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

AGNES... DID YOU FOLD THE CLOTHES IN THE DRYER?

NO.

DO YOU HAVE A GOOD REASON?

IT SOUNDED TEDIOUS AND UNFULFILLING. ... LIFE IS TOO SHORT FOR TEDIOUS AND UNFULFILLING THINGS.

SUDDENLY, THE RUMPED TOWELS SPOKE OF MAD ADVENTURE AND INTRIGUE.

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

WHAT'S UP, WILL?

WHAT'S UP, WILL?

I'M WHEELER! A STUPID, ANNOYING, SELFISH, EGOTISTICAL JERK!

BAAWK

I HATE MOCKINGBIRDS.

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

I GOT NEW HEARING AIDS.

ARE THEY BETTER?

ABOUT A QUARTER AFTER.

Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

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"HE'S GLAZING THE HAM CAR."

2+2=5

ON THE CONTRARY - I THINK I CLEARLY HAVE THE SKILLS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AS AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR.

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 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 7058

Time for a haircut

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Afro	Cuts	Hair gel	Smooth
Aloe	Damage	Heat	Spray
Apprentice	Dryer	Long	Tea
Barber	Dull	Music	Tint
Basin	Dyed	Natural	Towels
Beard	Extensions	Perm	Trim
Brush	Foil	Pins	Vogue
Care	Funny	Plait	Volume
Chat	Gift	Scissors	Wash
Comb	voucher	Shampoo	Wigs
Curls	Glitter	Short	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 9)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Creativity isn't a category of work. It's a way of thinking. Every problem has an obvious solution. Creativity asks whether there's a better one. Don't save your imagination for dreaming. Let it lead the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are so many fussy rules and tiny details attached to the work at hand that creating an enjoyable experience out of it seems farfetched. But your delight is actually more important (and more easily accomplished) than you realize. Prioritize it and you'll see.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The world hurls forward and you're drawn back instead to something in the past that was simple, wholesome and cozy. Something warm and unrushed that you could hold a while in your hands.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may seem that the more desirable a thing is, the less attainable it is, but it's not really the case. It's just that the methods for getting them are different. Chasing makes them run. Attraction is the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you don't revel in the misfortune of others, you can't help but notice that compared to many, you have it so good right now. However imperfect life seems, your blessings are too numerous to count. And if you don't enjoy them, who will?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's as though you belong in your own time zone. Sure, it matches up with that of others, but it also accommodates the pace that most suits you, no rushing necessary, and plenty of time to pursue whimsy and fully enjoy each moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a growing respect for work done well, even if you're the one doing it, and especially when nobody else notices. That private sense of craftsmanship and the satisfaction of doing great work lasts longer than applause.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'd like to believe that everyone is doing their best with their current understanding, including you. And while you'll know more later, this is good. One day you'll look back in fondness. So love it while you're here.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you step into a new environment, take a moment to orient yourself to your own North Star. Because knowing where you are in relation to your own goals is key to finding your way in the bigger picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). So few are truly patient and so many require it from others. You welcome the chance to exercise patience because, like all exercise, it makes you stronger and gets you ready for the time when you really need to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your creative whims seem frivolous because they are. You're not the only one who needs the pointless things that surprise, delight and inspire. The extra touches will buoy the spirit in the moments between doing what is necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). We are social creatures and can't help but be influenced by those around us, especially the ones we admire. But today is about getting back to your original intent. What did you want before you heard what the other person wanted?

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 Install on a wall
- 5 Golf great ___ Norman
- 9 Muscle soreness
- 13 White gem
- 14 Cousins of mandolins
- 16 Retired Yankee star's nickname
- 17 "Wish me luck!"
- 20 Tinseltown trophies
- 21 January to December
- 22 Meet with
- 23 Japanese soup
- 25 Peanut butter brand
- 27 Tie the knot
- 30 *Gone With the Wind* estate
- 32 *Law & Order* spinoff, informally
- 33 Corrosive liquid
- 35 Country singer McEntire
- 37 Clothes-pressing appliances
- 41 "I've heard that argument before"
- 44 Native American carved pole
- 45 Wild guess
- 46 Sicilian volcano
- 47 Belly muscles
- 49 Eject strongly
- 51 Droop in the middle
- 52 Reduce in rank
- 55 Revise one's writing
- 57 Kid's cereal brand
- 58 "Polka" clothing pattern
- 60 "In that case..."
- 64 Without exception, visually
- 67 Poi base

68 Ambulance

- noisemaker
- 69 Low-cal, in ads
- 70 Fully aware of
- 71 Is unable to
- 72 Shredded cabbage

DOWN

- 1 Santa syllables
- 2 Chimps and gorillas
- 3 Antidrug cop
- 4 Flash of light
- 5 Back-of-book brief dictionary
- 6 Regret
- 7 Crafters' website
- 8 Bits of heredity
- 9 Ooh and ___
- 10 Crunchy, as potato

chips

- 11 Beehive product
- 12 Border line
- 15 Enjoys a long bath
- 18 Sandpaper coating
- 19 Fun facts
- 24 Triple-decker cookies
- 26 Rid completely of
- 27 Light bulb measure
- 28 Sound's bounceback
- 29 See 57-Down
- 31 Borders on
- 34 Idealistic wish
- 36 With a wide-open mouth
- 38 Granola grains
- 39 Ship of 1492
- 40 Hidden obstacle
- 42 Be a fine example of

43 Following orders

- 48 Puts in an overhead bin, say
- 50 Internet hotspot connection
- 52 Backless sofa
- 53 Apply, as pressure
- 54 Set of moral principles
- 56 Money drawers
- 57 With 29-Down, low-carb regimen
- 59 Blood fluids
- 61 Work hard
- 62 Slightest trace
- 63 Distort, as facts
- 65 Aussie hopper
- 66 ___ Faire (modern jousting venue)

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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>

THUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 10

IN-PERSON: THE PAUSE WITH AZITA NAHAI

9:00 a.m. Unplug Meditation | Santa Monica 12401 Wilshire Boulevard, ##101 Los Angeles. Informed by the moon and our own personal and collective reckonings, The Pause is a trauma informed, all-level infused yoga and meditation class. Think of it as your soft place to land: to take a beat, set it all down, and reconnect to what matters. I believe the body says what words cannot. I created the The Pause Sessions because I needed a safe space to give myself permission to fall apart and FEEL; a sacred place to cry, to scream, to breathe, move, laugh and ultimately find my way back to that tender, loving wisdom that hovers over me and within me. \$44.52. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/in-person-the-pause-with-azita-nahai/19686181/2026-09-10T09>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-09-10T11>

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Hama Sushi! Open Mic every Thursday 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Come on down to Hama. The world is waiting! - 09/10/2026. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/nalu-vida-live-jazz-every-thursday/18526607/2026-09-10T18>

ANTIGONE: IN THE LANGUAGE OF KINGS

8:00 p.m. The Getty Villa 17985 E Pacific Coast Hwy Pacific Palisades. Set in the vibrant world of pre-conquest Tenochtitlan, Mexico, this powerful reimagining of a classic tragedy confronts themes of loyalty, familial duty, and the clash between divine law and state edict. Weaving in pre-Hispanic music and poetry, this timeless story brings Aztec mythology to life in a rich historical tapestry that resonates across cultures, pitting love and defiance against tyranny. \$30.00 to \$45.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/antigone-in-the-language-of-kings/19316057/2026-09-10T20>

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 11

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-09-11T09>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-09-11T17>

SUNSET SESSIONS

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles. Music and good vibes as the Sun sets. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sunset-sessions/18537173/2026-09-11T17>

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show - Using SMC's 4K Digistar projection system, Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent will talk about the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, and present a virtual tour of constellations and other night-sky celebrities making their appearance in

the evenings ahead. The Night Sky Show is followed by the Feature Program. General Admission: \$10. Children (3-12): \$7. Show Combo (Include the Feature Program at 7 p.m.): \$16 adults, \$10 children (3-12) (A \$1 per ticket service fee will be charged by the ticketing company.) There will be a short intermission prior the start of the Feature Program. No children under age 3 at Friday evening shows. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-night-sky-show/19794094/2026-09-11T18>

WE SAY SHALOM: LOS ANGELES TOUR STOP

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 2058 Broadway Santa Monica. The LA Tour Stop—a night of live music, comedy, creativity & conversation. Exploring how our differences aren't dangerous—they're divine. \$30.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/we-say-shalom-los-angeles-tour-stop/19686187/2026-09-11T19>

HIGH HOLIDAYS ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR

8:00 p.m. - 7:46 p.m. Shul on the Beach 505 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Join Shul on the Beach for the High Holidays and experience meaningful services, inspiring prayer, and a warm, welcoming community as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah and observe Yom Kippur. Reserve your seats for High Holiday Services and RSVP for Rosh Hashanah Dinner today! \$150.00 to \$250.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/high-holidays-rosh-hashanah-yom-kippur/19760156/2026-09-11T20>

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

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

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. With the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop, Wellness & Waves offers a welcoming, energizing way to start the weekend—no membership required. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-09-12T08>

COACH JACKSON'S HOOP FEST

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Christine Emerson Reed Park 1133 7th Street Santa Monica. A fun-filled day of hoops, music & community. Free event for kids of all ages & levels. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/coach-jackson-s-hoop-fest/19660860/2026-09-12T09>



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