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Museum of Flying extends hours, adding after-school window for visitors

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The Museum of Flying at Santa Monica Airport is extending its daily hours to give families a new after-school window to explore its aviation collection, a change officials say is driven by rising demand.

Beginning Thursday, the museum will stay open an hour later, welcoming visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Previously it closed at 4 p.m.

"Our hours of operation are changing from Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.," said James Roberts, the museum's director of operations. "The new hours take effect on Thursday, September 24th."

Roberts said the decision was a response to growing interest, and that the timing lined up with the return of the school year.

"Yes, this is due to growing demand," he said. "We decided to make the change now that school has started for the fall, we noticed that from 3:30 to 4:30 we have had increased activity and interest in visitation. We believe we can offer a time frame after school and before dinner for guests to come and enjoy our space before heading home for the evening."

The nonprofit museum, at 3100 Airport Ave. on the south side of



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AIRPORT: Museum of Flying extends hours to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday to meet growing demand.

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Santa Monica-Malibu schools open new buildings as $480 million in facility work moves ahead

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Students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District started the fall semester in several newly finished buildings. District officials told the Board of Education on Thursday that a dozen more facility projects are under construction or in design.

Bond program manager Steven Massetti gave the update, which covered projects under Measures M, SMS, MM and QS.

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>
> - Steven Massetti, Bond program manager

"We just went through in 12 minutes about $480 million worth of work," Massetti said after the presentation.

Five major projects were put into use this summer and fall, though crews are still finishing remaining work at each:

McKinley Elementary School: a new administration and classroom building, with a construction contract of $33.5 million.

Ocean Park School House: water intrusion repairs and a modernization totaling $58.5 million.

Grant Elementary School: a $10.3 million library and historic courtyard renovation.

Lincoln Middle School: an $18 million modernization of its legacy building.

John Adams Middle School: a gym restroom and renovation project that finished ahead of schedule.

Massetti noted that his son's classroom is at McKinley. "This is the first time that those two circles have ever overlapped," he said.

At Lincoln, crews found an old doorway cut into a structural wall and filled in, probably about 30 years ago and possibly not to current code. Because of the noise, repairs are being done on weekends.

Not every project is on track. The $24.4 million Grant Elementary classroom building, due to open in January 2027, is running behind. The contractor and construction management team are working to recover the lost time.

"It doesn't sound like a lot when you say it's a few weeks behind schedule, but when that few weeks means you can't start the semester there, it's actually kind of a lot," Massetti said.

Roosevelt Elementary School's $31 million early education and library building remains on schedule to open in January 2027. The new STEM building at John Adams Middle School is expected to open in August 2027.

Recent heavy rain soaked parts of the STEM building before it was fully waterproofed, forcing the contractor to replace the bottom foot of exposed drywall. Massetti cited a $27.5 million construction contract for the building but said he would confirm the figure.

The rain hit Franklin Elementary School harder, because crews there were grading bare dirt. The estimated $32 million early education building and campus improvement project had already been delayed in DSA permitting. New classrooms are now expected to open in winter 2027-28, followed by a new parking lot and a permanent field.

Grading at Franklin has also drawn complaints from neighbors whose backyards sit across an alley from the site. "It's more than just nuisance dust," Massetti said. District staff have met with the neighbors, and the contractor has agreed to power-wash their yards.

Franklin is also home to the district's natural turf pilot project, completed Sept. 2. Rather than setting a fixed opening date, staff will check root depth in early October. "We're going to let the grass tell us when it's ready," Massetti said. He expects the field to open in mid-October.

The largest projects are still years from completion:

Samohi: a new student services building, estimated at $80 million, began construction this summer where the business building once stood. Occupancy is planned for August 2028.

Malibu middle school hub and gymnasium: estimated at $64.5 million, the project recently received DSA approval and held its groundbreaking the week before the

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A timeline of California's decades-long fight to keep Hollywood in state

A high-profile fight between California Attorney General Rob Bonta and Paramount Skydance resolved Monday with a settlement that clears a path for the company to continue with its planned acquisition of another century-old studio, Warner Bros. Discovery.

The deal comes after Paramount threatened to leave the state over an antitrust lawsuit led by Bonta and attorneys general from 11 other states that sought to block the $111 billion merger.

Paramount Chief Executive David Ellison reportedly told senior leaders of the company "clearly we're not wanted here" during a meeting in August. However, California has taken several steps since the 2000s to retain studios like Paramount.

The fight was the latest chapter in the battle for Hollywood, which has been a priority for California lawmakers and the last three governors.

Here are some ways the state has tried to keep its storied industry:

Program 1.0: In 2009, in response to other states beginning to offer financial incentives for motion picture production, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the state's first California Film and Television Production Tax Credit. The program allocated $100 million per year to eligible film and TV production companies through 2017.

Program 2.0: In 2014, lawmakers approved Assembly Bill 1839, which Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law, creating a new version of the Film and Television Production Tax Credit program and more than tripling the credits to $330 million annually through 2020.

2018 expansion: In 2018, Brown again authorized an extension of the program for another five years, through 2025. Following the COVID-19 pandemic that shut down productions, Gov. Gavin Newsom boosted the credit temporarily to $420 million annually.

2025 increase: Hollywood was struggling following the "quadruple-whammy" of the COVID-19 pandemic, a writers strike, deadly wildfires and growing production incentives from other states that lured movies out of California. In response, lawmakers increased the yearly credit in 2025 to $750 million per year until 2030. Newsom championed the boost, saying the industry was "on life support."

This year, when the film and television production tax credit clashed with an initiative to cap corporate tax breaks, lawmakers carved independent film producers out of the groups subject to a new cap.

In July, Democratic Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas of Salinas created the "Select Committee on Growing and Retaining the Creative Economy in California" to, in part, keep film and television production in the state.

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> - Rick Chavez Zbur, Assemblymember

On Saturday, Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2319 by Burbank Democrat Nick Schultz to create a new tax credit for post-production work, including editing and visual effects.

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, a Democrat representing Hollywood, said he was delighted a deal was reached to keep Paramount in California, but that the state needs to do more to retain the industry. Zbur is chair of the state's new Assembly committee focused on keeping film production in California.

"Now that other states are realizing what important, family-sustaining jobs these are, they're competing very aggressively for these jobs," he said.

Zbur said the committee will explore new state incentives during its first meeting, which he expects will take place in October in Los Angeles.

By Kate Wolffe. Kate Wolffe is a politics reporter at CalMatters, where she tracks whether lawmakers deliver on their promises and how their decisions show up in Californians' lives.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **72.5**

WEDNESDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Staying small, a little nudge in SSW South Pac swell keeps knee-waist high waves running. We'll also have a hint of NW swell from a recent Gulf of Alaska storm, but that probably won't be all that noticeable for North LA, even for the breaks west of Pt. Dume. Odalys doesn't get on the board until Thu, but the Southern Hemi nudge keeps the points fun for the longboards. Either way, that AM high tide is still going sluggish. Early PM is still the one I'd watch, especially for sheltered points.

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

Modest, mixed up day of waves. Decent options either side of Dume for the bigger boards. Lingering SW swell, a mix of shorter and mid-period NW energy plus a little something from Odalys combine for knee-waist high waves. Looks like a decent one for the beachbreaks west of Dume, and afternoon onshores look mellow so you can try and capitalize on the mid-PM tide push. Points should be pretty clean all day and offer up some cruisy lines. It'll probably be on the sluggish side and softer around the higher tide windows, but it shouldn't shut down on you.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 81. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest in the morning.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east after midnight.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

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2026/09/23	Wed	8:01 PM	5.51	H
2026/09/24	Thu	02:38 AM	0.19	L
2026/09/24	Thu	08:54 AM	4.88	H
2026/09/24	Thu	2:34 PM	1.41	L
2026/09/24	Thu	8:37 PM	5.55	H
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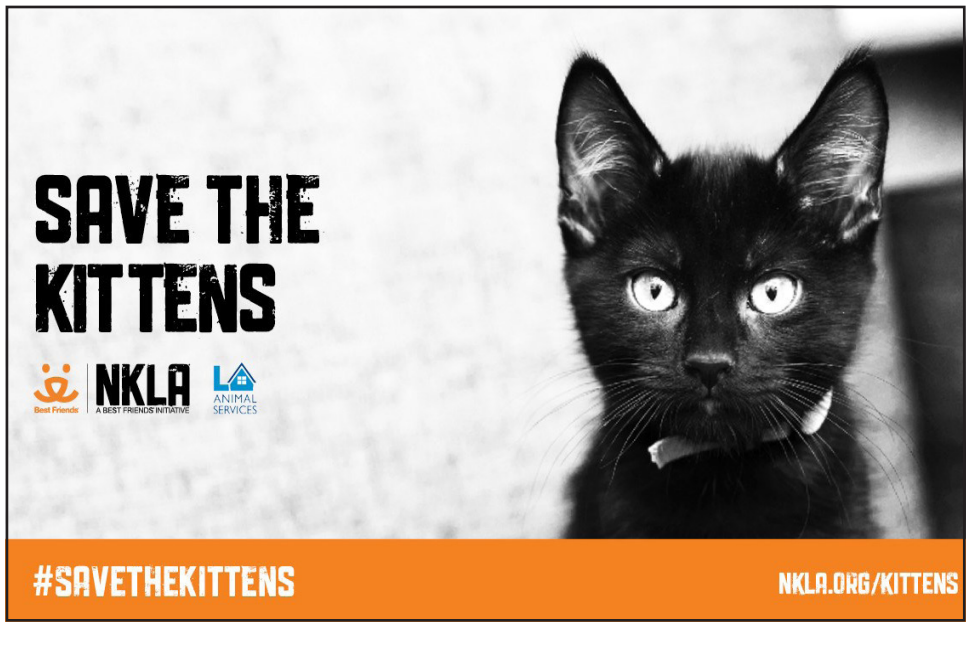
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Taxing California's rich just got more complicated. Prop 40's fate is still uncertain

Proposition 40, which would impose a 5% tax on the wealth of California's billionaires, is arguably the most important measure placed before voters in this century.

It is also probably the most confounding.

While it's sponsored by a healthcare union, it's opposed by several other major unions, who are in an odd bedfellows alliance with the billionaires it targets. Meanwhile, the leader of the sponsoring union faces allegations of personal misconduct.

And even if Prop. 40 passes, two other measures on the ballot could nullify it. Finally, the measure contains complex language, raising questions that would probably generate extended legal battles even if it does pass.

Given all that, it's not surprising that, with mail voting beginning in just a couple of weeks, a new poll indicates Prop. 40 could go either way.

A Public Policy Institute of California survey found that 52% of likely voters favor the measure and 46% are opposed, which in the real world of campaigning means it's too close to call.

Meanwhile, the two measures placed on the ballot by Prop. 40's wealthy opponents are doing fairly well. Proposition 41, which would indirectly nullify Prop. 40 by prohibiting levying any new taxes outside of the state's spending limit, and Proposition 42, which would prohibit taxes on personal property, each have narrow leads in the PPIC poll.

Were all three measures to gain approval, the one with the most votes would prevail — meaning that if Props. 41 or 42 outdoes Prop. 40, the billionaire tax would be void.

None of that intertwining complexity was explained to the people PPIC polled. They were just given the official summary of each proposition before being asked their preferences.

Prop. 40 is sponsored by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West. If it becomes law, a 5% tax would be levied on the assets of about 200 California billionaires, with almost all of the proceeds being spent on healthcare.

However, Dave Regan, the union's fiery leader, is facing allegations by leaders of other unions under the Service Employees International umbrella of having "a pattern and history of bullying, threats, harassment, physical violence and attempted extortion." They said an independent investigation has confirmed the allegations, and they called on him to step down.

"Our first responsibility as an organization is to lead with our values," the other union officials said in a statement. "We stand with all those who are bullied, harassed, or targeted at work, and we stand by our charges. Our national union must now act swiftly to carry out our internal due process and ensure accountability to our values. Every leader is responsible for their role in protecting and promoting respect, workplace justice, gender equity, racial justice, and nonviolence in our union and beyond."

Regan denies the allegations.

But they give Prop. 40's opponents potentially potent campaign ammunition. The split within Service Employees International and in the larger union movement reflects both long-standing feuds and resentment that the measure's revenues would be largely confined to services that Regan's members provide.

As the multifaceted campaigning over Prop. 40 picks up steam, one figure is noticeably absent: Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Prior to the measure's qualification for the ballot, Newsom was publicly attempting to derail it, worrying aloud that if passed, it would encourage wealthy Californians to leave the state and discourage new investment. High-income Californians pay most of the state's income taxes, the state's most important source of revenue.

However, Newsom is also a likely candidate for president after his governorship ends. Opposing taxes on the rich could alienate voters in the ultra-progressive wing of the Democratic Party.

Thus, he now says taxing wealth should be a national matter, not confined to one state.

By Dan Walters

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Meals on Wheels West Names Len Lanzi Interim Executive Director

Meals on Wheels West has appointed board Chair Len Lanzi as interim executive director following the departure of Executive Director Kaylee Hawkins, the nonprofit announced Sept. 17.

Hawkins joined the organization in August 2025 and is leaving to pursue a new leadership opportunity in the nonprofit sector. Lanzi will lead the group while the board prepares to search for a permanent executive director.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff, volunteers and the neighbors we serve, I want to thank Kaylee for her service to Meals on Wheels West and wish her well in her next chapter," board member Rob Sherman said. He added that the priority during the transition is continuity, ensuring clients keep receiving meals, personal connection and supportive services.

> On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff, volunteers and the neighbors we serve, I want to thank Kaylee for her service to Meals on Wheels West and wish her well in her next chapter
> - Rob Sherman, board member

Lanzi brings more than 30 years of nonprofit management, organizational leadership and fund development experience to the role. As board chair, he has been involved in the organization's strategic planning and financial oversight.

"It is an honor to step into this role and support an organization and mission that means so much to me," Lanzi said. "Meals on Wheels West has served our coastal Los Angeles communities for more than five decades, and our responsibility to our homebound neighbors is as important today as it has ever been." He said his immediate focus is supporting staff and volunteers, maintaining relationships with donors and community partners, and ensuring stability.

The organization provides home-delivered meals and supportive services that help homebound neighbors of all ages maintain their health, independence and community connections. Its services include wellness checks, friendly visiting and calling, support for veterans, medically appropriate meals for people returning from hospitals and rehabilitation facilities, help for formerly unhoused individuals moving into permanent housing, pet support and emergency preparedness resources.

Meals on Wheels West serves Santa Monica, Venice, Marina del Rey, Del Rey, Pacific Palisades and Malibu, and delivered more than 200,000 meals last year to a record number of clients. The organization has served Los Angeles County's coastal communities since 1974.

"Leadership may change, but our mission does not," Lanzi said. "We will continue delivering more than a meal."

The board will announce additional information about the executive search when available. For more information, visit MealsOnWheelsWest.org.

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meeting. Completion is expected in summer 2028.

Malibu aquatics center: estimated at $42 million, it is expected to break ground in early 2027.

Board members praised the work and urged the district to do more to show it to the public.

"The people in the community have to see what they paid because it's our tax dollars that's built this," school board member Maria Leon-Vazquez said. She suggested open houses organized by school pathway.

Board Vice President Laurie Lieberman compared the idea to a progressive dinner. She said the district must share visual images and find other ways to show the work. "They can't possibly see where their tax dollars are going," Lieberman said. She added that the projects are about "safety and health" as well as 21st-century learning opportunities.

Massetti said staff would help but acknowledged the challenge. "It's hard to get people to just come to campus," he said.

School board member Jennifer Smith said the district plans another event at Samohi and will send the community a date, separate from tours for prospective parents.

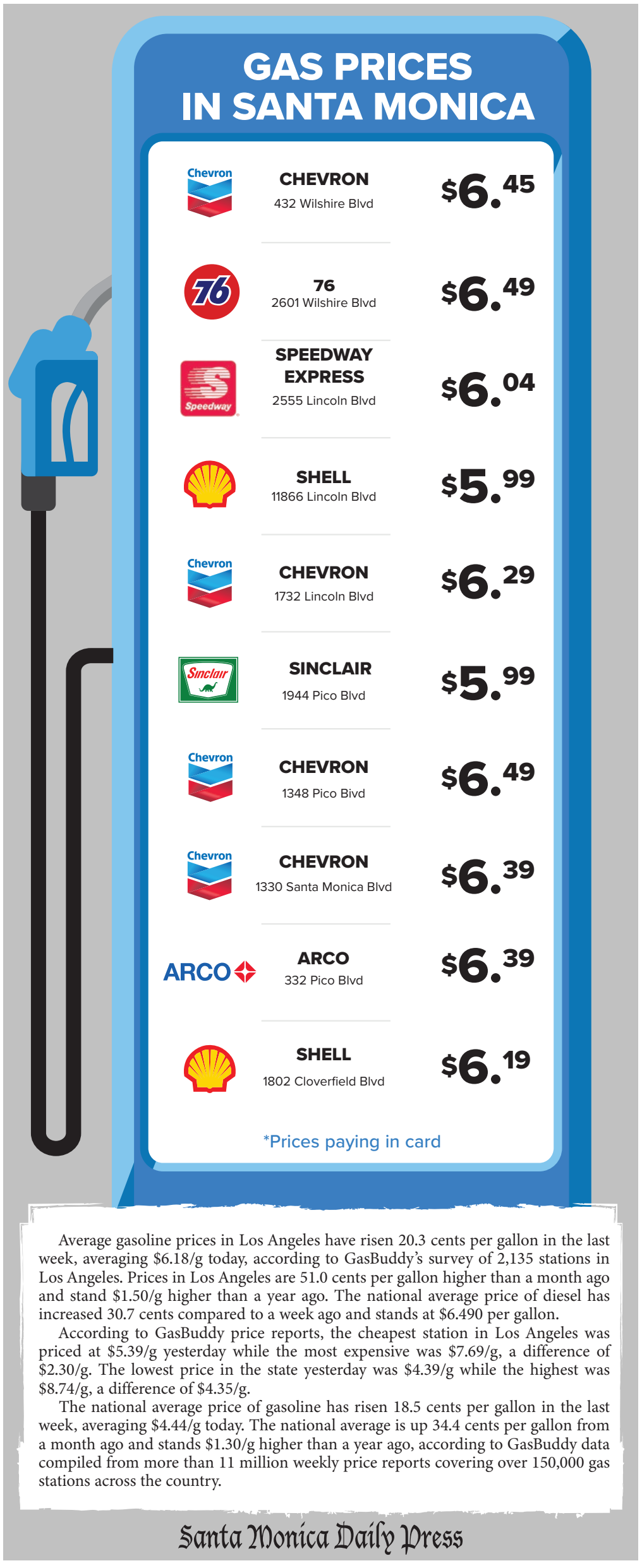
Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton said staff have something planned for the district's State of Our Schools event. Board President Alicia Mignano said the event is Oct. 7.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 20.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $6.18/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 51.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand $1.50/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 30.7 cents compared to a week ago and stands at $6.490 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $5.39/g yesterday while the most expensive was $7.69/g, a difference of $2.30/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $4.39/g while the highest was $8.74/g, a difference of $4.35/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 18.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.44/g today. The national average is up 34.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands $1.30/g 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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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ocean Park

One Sea Star's 3rd Annual 5K Walk Returns to Ocean Park on Sept. 27

One Sea Star, a Santa Monica nonprofit focused on animal welfare, environmental welfare and youth development, will hold its 3rd Annual 5K Walk Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 27, at Ocean Park in Santa Monica. Check-in opens at 9:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

The walk is donation-based and open to the public. Participants can register at oneseastar.org. Snacks will be provided, and participants can win a $100 gift card and other prizes.

Proceeds support the organization's three programs: Compassion for Animals, which brings adoption education and shelter support to Los Angeles Animal Services centers; Neighborhood Beautification, which organizes neighborhood and beach cleanups; and Youth Development, which delivers character-building and leadership programming with local YMCA teen programs.

"Together, we can create a brighter, more compassionate world for all," said Erin Rogers, founder and executive director of One Sea Star.

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> - Erin Rogers, founder and executive director of One Sea Star

The 5K Walk began in 2024 and aims to become the organization's largest annual fundraiser and community event. One Sea Star also partners with Laemmle Theatres, the Los Angeles arthouse cinema chain, on waste reduction, organics recycling and staff sustainability training across its locations.

One Sea Star is a Santa Monica-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to education, outreach and advocacy programs aimed at protecting the environment and promoting respect for all living things.

The event will be held at Ocean Park in Santa Monica. Registration is donation-based at oneseastar.org. More information is available at oneseastar.org, @one_sea_star on social media, or facebook.com/OneSeaStar.

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Los Angeles

Habitat for Humanity Plans Four-Day Palisades Build for Wildfire Survivors

Nearly 18 months after the January 2025 wildfires, about three in four Pacific Palisades survivors remain displaced, and many families who want to return face financial barriers that could price them out of communities they have called home for decades.

To help close that gap, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles will bring hundreds of volunteers and partners together Sept. 23-26 for a four-day Community Build through its ReBUILD LA initiative. The effort coincides with Habitat for Humanity International's 50th anniversary.

Over four days, more than 500 volunteers, residents, corporate and civic leaders, entertainment and media partners, construction professionals and community organizations will work to restore homes and neighborhoods. Projects include rebuilding and repairing homes, landscaping, site clearing and broader revitalization efforts.

"The Palisades Fire devastated Los Angeles in January 2025 and captured the attention and concern of people across the country," said Erin Rank, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. "But Habitat understands long-term recovery requires sustained action even after the headlines fade." She said the build brings together a cross-section of Los Angeles to help the community heal.

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Expected supporters include Joshua Jackson, Melissa Rivers, Bellamy Young, Haley Joel Osment, Karen Pittman, Julie Bowen, "Sugar" Ray Leonard, Quentin Lake, Cat Cora and Chandra Wilson, along with executives from Creative Artists Agency, FOX, the Los Angeles Clippers, Los Angeles Football Club, Los Angeles Rams, NBCUniversal, Paramount, The Rosenzweig Group, Samsung, Sony, United Talent Agency, The Walt Disney Company and Warner Bros. Discovery. Volunteers will assist residents at locations throughout Pacific Palisades and Malibu.

Partners and sponsors include Samsung Home Installation, which will fully outfit a home with new appliances, along with Airbnb, United Airlines, Wells Fargo, the Los Angeles Rams and others.

The Palisades fire burned more than 23,000 acres, destroyed nearly 7,000 structures and left entire communities changed. Families continue to face rising construction costs, insurance gaps and financial uncertainty. Among those often overlooked are hundreds of low-income households from Pacific Palisades and Malibu who lost their homes and remain displaced, Habitat LA said.

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MUSEUM

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the airport, traces its identity to the Douglas Aircraft Company, which called Santa Monica home for more than four decades and built over 10,000 aircraft there during World War II.

> "Here at the Museum of Flying, we are the last entity of the Douglas Aircraft Company"
>
> - James Roberts, the museum's director of operations

"Here at the Museum of Flying, we are the last entity of the Douglas Aircraft Company," Roberts said. "We have original artifacts, photographs and model airplanes from the original Douglas Aircraft factory that spanned most of the north side of the Santa Monica Airport."

Among the holdings, Roberts said, are "award winning murals, original artwork, the original Douglas Board Room table and rare photos related to the Douglas Aircraft Company and its founder Donald W. Douglas Sr." He added that the collection "also represents every aspect of aviation, giving us a little of something for every enthusiast."

The extra hour is aimed in part at younger visitors. The museum has leaned into hands-on exhibits in recent years, and Roberts said it has "created a new emphasis on interactive activities and exhibits geared towards the inspiration and education of children of all ages." He said there are "currently 5 fully interactive and hands on exhibits to explore and engage with."

A marquee attraction, he said, is a full-motion flight simulator: "The Museum also offers a full motion MaxFlight simulator which can perform 360 degree motion over two axes, it is the only one of its kind in Los Angeles!" The museum also displays more than 300 aircraft models, "with more to come in the very near future," Roberts said, and operates a store selling everything "from children's toys to high end aviation collectibles."

The museum's current collection chronicles flight from its earliest days into the jet age, with roughly a dozen to nearly two dozen aircraft. Highlights include a replica Wright Flyer and a Lockheed Vega — both donated by 20th Century Fox and featured in "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" — along with an outdoor Douglas DC-3 monument, a North American F-86 Sabre, a Douglas A-4 Skyhawk and a FedEx Boeing 727-200 nose section. Visitors can climb into open cockpits, including a Boeing 727 cockpit where they can monitor the airport's control-tower radio and view the runway. The museum also hosts the California Aviation Hall of Fame.

Founded in 1974 as the Douglas Museum and Library by Donald Douglas Jr., the museum grew to a collection of more than 50 aircraft before closing in 2002 for financial reasons. It reopened in its current roughly 22,000-square-foot facility on Feb. 25, 2012.

The museum's longer-term future is tied to the fate of the airport, which is scheduled to close at the end of 2028, with the land planned for a park. Roberts said the museum expects to remain open regardless.

"The pending propositions for the future of the Airport would not affect our ability to remain open and operating, although not having the airport would definitely affect our ties to aviation and the active airspace," he said. "We are dedicated and looking forward to continuing to create new opportunities for growth and development at the museum and to offering much more for the community to experience and enjoy."

More information is available at museumofflying.org.

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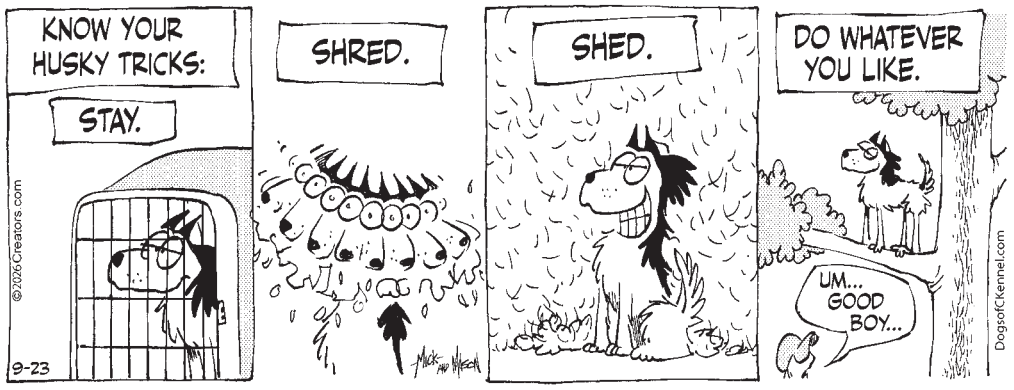
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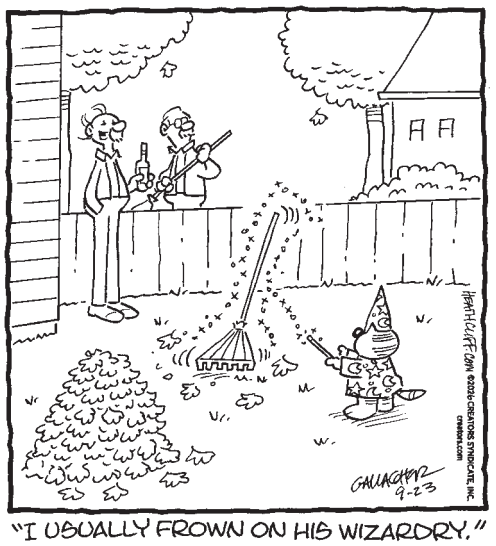
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Amulet	Cost	Gems	Metallic
Ankh	Creative	Gift	Onyx
Bangle	Crown	Gilt	Opal
Beads	Drop	Girandole	Pure
Beryl	Emerald	Gold	Rhinestone
Brooch	Engrave	Hat pin	Ruby
Caliper	Eternity	Inset	Signet
Carved	Ethnic	Jade	Watch
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What worked once will earn another round in this your Year of the Encore. People need your talent and they'll ask you to share it again and again, often with a larger audience or a better reward. More highlights: You'll return to a place you loved. Admirers come out of the woodwork. You'll be in the room where decisions get made and your influence can change lives. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 6, 19, 33 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You think you're doing what everyone does, but actually, there's something special and unique about your particular way. Today, someone notices and asks, "How did you do that?"

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). New circumstances can make your body react as though you are in danger. It's useful chemistry when it keeps you safe, but not so much when it makes ordinary problems feel like emergencies. You're learning to work with your responses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). So many outcomes depend on luck that you're really motivated by endeavors with outcomes dependent on effort. Practicing an instrument, tending a garden, showing up for a friendship - it's really heartening when you get what you put in.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like the sun after a beautiful sunset, someone has gone from view while leaving color behind. You still feel their effect in your thoughts. Whether you meet again or not, the relationship was real, and it changed the way you see things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's something you wish you could learn quickly. Here's a hack: Start with the intention of teaching it to someone else soon. You'll pay closer attention, remember more and spend extra time on the parts that stump you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like the sinking sun under a beautiful sunset, someone has colored the sky of your mind before disappearing. But the sun will rise again, and so will your relationship. The connection is somehow both illusory and real.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today's stars offer you a warning not to judge people's knowledge by how confident they sound. A shy, awkward or hesitant person may know a great deal. A loud, commanding person may know very little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The people you want to impress have your full attention because they are still a bit of a mystery. Familiar people may get the shorthand. Today, a new detail gives you a better question to ask and a reason to listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Other people's approval can feel rewarding because acceptance can feel safe. Even so, your own approval matters more. You'll be mindful not to change too much of yourself or give too much away in exchange for the gold star.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You would not call a dishwasher broken because it cannot bake a cake; baking is not its job. In the same way, a relationship may be working exactly as it is built to work, while still being unable to give you the particular thing you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll treat other people's attention as the precious resource it is. It's a piece of their day they can never get back, and you're sure to give them the kind of attention, care or entertainment that ensures they wouldn't want to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can miss a person and still know the arrangement did not work. Missing someone does not prove you should go back, forgive them or make grand decisions. It means you were close. It won't always feel so sharp.

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

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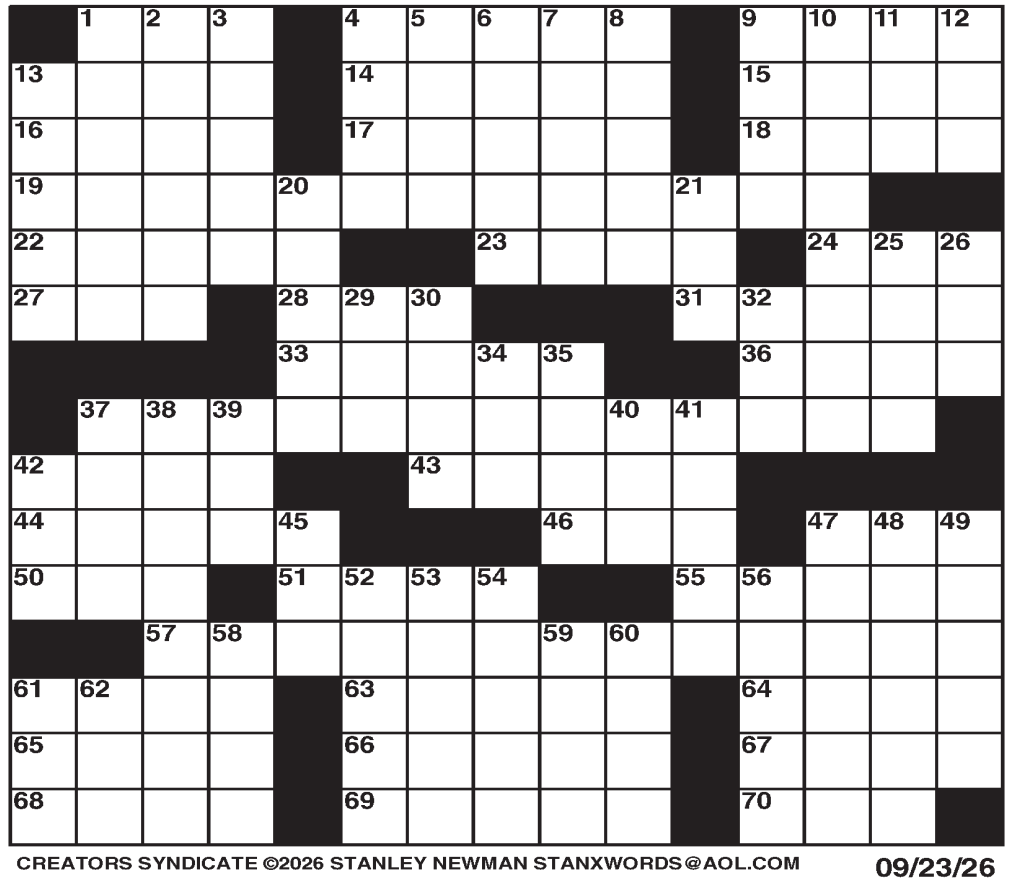
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ACROSS

1 Harbor vessel
4 Golf course vehicles
9 Bouquet holder
13 Waiter's handout
14 *Star Trek* lieutenant
15 Pic that you click
16 Vicinity
17 Batman's sidekick
18 Small orchestra
19 Weighed down
22 With 40-Down, hot drink from India
23 Brother of Isaac
24 CPR pro in an ambulance
27 Install, as carpeting
28 Toward the rear of a ship
31 Video arcade fan
33 Bathtub sealant
36 Leonardo's *Mona* __
37 What words like strength and stretch are
42 Bat's underground home
43 French farewell
44 Turned loose
46 Light brown
47 Charlottesville sch.
50 "__ the fields we go ..."
51 British noble below a duke
55 Desert spot with water
57 Strong poker hand
61 __ and proper (too formal)
63 Chapel walkway
64 French cheese
65 Amazing thing
66 Info gathered by spies
67 "Once __ a time..."
68 Dog's shrill bark
69 Snooped (around)
70 Microsoft web portal

DOWN

1 Mother __ (Peace Prize nun)
2 Vaguely anxious
3 Green tropical fruit
4 Ringlet of hair
5 Sailor's greeting
6 Russian coin
7 Threesomes
8 Capital of Yemen
9 Intuitive feeling, for short
10 Of college life
11 Like father, like __
12 Conclude
13 India's Taj __
20 Apple all-in-one computers
21 Shoveled into
25 Netlike fabric
26 __ la la
29 __ Schwarz (toy store)
30 "Chunk light" sandwich fish
32 Boxer Muhammad
34 Young boy
35 Make a sweater
37 Give a darn
38 Much more than necessary
39 Maiden name lead-in
40 See 22-Across
41 __-the-mill (ordinary)
42 Corp. money exec
45 Family room
47 Seizes by force
48 Part of TV
49 Very pale
52 One more time
53 Nose-horned beast, for short
54 Itemizations
56 Book of photos
58 "My turn"
59 Great joy
60 Had in your hand
61 Two-__ paper towels
62 Feel regretful about



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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. A free drop-in community garden program where gardeners of all levels can learn hands-on skills and help tend a shared learning garden. 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. VisitL https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-09-23T09

VIOLA FLORAL BLOOM BAR
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Third Street Promenade (between Arizona and Santa Monica Blvd). In partnership with Downtown Santa Monica, Viola Floral is hosting the Bloom Bar, an immersive workshop on the Third Street Promenade during the Santa Monica Farmers Market. Viola Floral will show participants how to create a gorgeous, seasonal hand-tied bouquet they can take home! Tickets are $75 per person. All levels welcome Please note: Tickets are transferable. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/viola-floral-bloom-bar/19781347/2026-09-16T09

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-09-16T10

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/19300395/2026-09-16T11

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7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica. JAZZ A GO GO at LouLou Santa Monica- Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late - Live Jazz that turns into a Vibe.Music you Feel.People you Meet.Amazing Food.Nights that Flow. JAZZ A GO GO (@jazzagogonight) by Loulou Santa Monica, Gilles Signature & Gilles Los Angeles - curated by the creator of @jazzeclecticla Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-a-go-go-at-loulou-santa-monica/18476815/2026-09-23T19

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 24

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/18566926/2026-09-17T11

DUBLAB OPEN AIR
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Reed Park dublab Open Air will present two free evenings of live music, DJs, dancing, and sunset vibes in Reed Park. On Thursday, Sept. 24, spread out on the lawn for a live program of jazz, psychedelia and improvisation with SML & Liberate Elemental Forces. On Friday, Sept. 25, the park becomes an open-air dance floor with Spiñorita, GANAS & ANTHNY GBRIEL moving your body to the breeze.

LOUNGE NIGHT
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Monthly lounge night with appetizers and drink specials at American Legion Post 283. $10 entry donated to veterans nonprofit. Join us in the bar lounge from 5 to 10 p.m. generally on the fourth Thursday of the month for appetizers, drink specials and great conversation! Please register so we know how much food to prepare. $10 entry to the event will be donated to a veterans nonprofit effort. Food will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. while supplies last. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lounge-night/18566930/2026-09-24T17

NALU VIDA - LIVE JAZZ EVERY THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 352 Westminster Ave Venice. Open mic every Thursday 6p-8p Come on down to Hama. The world is waiting! Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/nalu-vida-live-jazz-every-thursday/18526607/2026-09-17T18

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. Adapted from Sophocles by Evelina Fernández Directed by José Luis Valenzuela Co-produced by Latino Theater Company. $30.00 to $45.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/antigone-in-the-language-of-kings/19316057/2026-09-17T20

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 25

DUBLAB OPEN AIR
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Reed Park dublab Open Air will present two free evenings of live music, DJs, dancing, and sunset vibes in Reed Park. On Thursday, Sept. 24, spread out on the lawn for a live program of jazz, psychedelia and improvisation with SML & Liberate Elemental Forces. On Friday, Sept. 25, the park becomes an open-air dance floor with Spiñorita, GANAS & ANTHNY GBRIEL moving your body to the breeze.

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum offers free hands-on activities for families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market every Friday through October. 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/18490079/2026-09-25T17

SOMATIC SANDSCAPES
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. A guided sensory rest experience for adults, designed for quiet reflection and calming practice. Let's Do Nothing Together: A sensory rest series for adults In case this event has been updated, please visit https://www.pcrcsm.org/event/somatic-sandscapes for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/somatic-sandscapes/19708925/2026-09-25T18

OKTOBERFEST GRILLED CHEESE & BEER NIGHT!
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Ave Santa Monica. A beer-and-grilled-cheese pairing night with Oktoberfest-themed specialty brews, putting a seasonal twist on the classic comfort food. We'll be pairing our famous grilled cheese recipes with specialty limited release Oktoberfest-themed beers. $81.88. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/oktoberfest-grilled-cheese-beer-night-/19783870/2026-09-25T19

CONFESSIONS OF A SUGAR BABY
8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. Confessions of a Sugar Baby at The Crow in Santa Monica – a true story about navigating health insurance and sugar daddies. The true story of what happens when you don't health insurance & only 6 months to live. You get yourself a bra, cash and sugar daddies. $23.11. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/confessions-of-a-sugar-baby/19065248/2026-09-25T20

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

BEGINNERS SEWING CLASS
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Bungalow Santa Monica 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica. A beginner-friendly sewing class where you'll learn new skills, meet people, and take home a creative project. Get ready for a fun hands on workshop where you'll learn new skills, meet new people and take home new creativity! $107.48. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beginners-sewing-class/19783874/2026-09-26T10

ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Odyssey Theatre 2055 South Sepulveda Blvd Pacific Palisades. A contemporary adaptation of Ibsen's classic set in 2026 America, exploring public health, economic survival, and political polarization. $20-$43. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/enemy-of-the-people/19460409/2026-09-26T20

19TH STREET COMMUNITY DAY
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. 19th Street Community Farm, 2018 19th Street, Santa Monica, 90404. Join us at the 19th Street Community Farm for a morning of getting your hands dirty and checking in with your neighbors. Dig through a worm bin, roll out a couple of seed balls, transplant a seedling, paint a rock or just hang out, have a cup of coffee and count the pollinators. Stroll the rows of food crops, check out the soon to be filled chicken coop. Our newest space, open just over 2 months, is set in a residential space so parking is metered and/or permitted. Bike, walk or bus is a good option. Hope to see you there. Can't make it but want to know more about it? Visit Santamonica.gov or email us at gardens@santamonica.gov. You can also get your Volunteer Registration started by visiting https://www.santamonica.gov/topic-explainers/volunteer-opportunities

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