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Santa Ana winds could prompt power shutoffs in Malibu

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Southern California Edison may cut power to parts of Malibu beginning Thursday as forecasters warn of hot, dry Santa Ana winds that could fuel extreme fire behavior, city officials said Tuesday.

The utility told the city it may shut off power to Malibu's Cuthbert, Galahad, Maguire and Merlin circuits starting at midnight Thursday, Oct. 15. The step, called a Public Safety Power Shutoff, is meant to keep SCE equipment from starting fires during dangerous conditions.

The National Weather Service forecasts hot, dry conditions and Santa Ana winds from Tuesday through Friday. Mountain gusts could reach 70 mph, and any new fire could spread with extreme behavior. The strongest winds and the hottest temperatures, in the

upper 80s and 90s, are expected Thursday and Friday.

SCE notifies affected customers directly. Residents can look up their circuit and check outage and restoration status on the utility's PSPS page at sce.com. According to the city, power may take eight hours or more to come back after the winds die down, because crews must inspect lines and equipment for safety before restoring service.

City officials urged residents to prepare for outages of power, cell service and traffic signals, as well as for fires and evacuations.

The city's guidance includes keeping phones and devices charged and vehicle gas tanks full. Residents should review evacuation routes and reunification locations and prepare emergency supplies, including food, water, medications and essential documents. Officials

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WEATHER: It's been a couple of beautiful days in Santa Monica but we might be in for another wild temperature swing this week.

Taylor Swift did more for LA hotels than the World Cup, but Airbnb may be the big winner

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The 2026 FIFA World Cup let Los Angeles hotels charge more, but it brought them almost no additional guests, and most hotels cut staff instead of hiring, according to a report from a research project of the Hotel Association of Los Angeles.

The report was released in September by the Hospitality Education and Research Organization of Los Angeles, known as HERO LA. It found that occupancy at hotels in the city of Los Angeles rose 1% from 2025 during the tournament and stayed about 5% below 2024 levels. According to CoStar data cited in the report, other major Los Angeles events since 2023 raised occupancy by 7% to 25%. Those events include the College Football Playoff National Championship, Taylor Swift's Eras Tour and the 2026 NBA All-Star Game.

The average daily room rate during the tournament was \$228, the highest of six major LA events the report compared. Occupancy was 71%, the second lowest of the six. Only the 2023 College Football Playoff championship was lower.

In downtown Los Angeles, June occupancy reached 66.4%.

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Meth addict cuts internet service for hundreds of Frontier subscribers over the weekend

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A 48-year-old man was arrested Saturday after a resident reported

seeing him pull wiring from a utility box in Santa Monica, cutting off internet service and television services for a swath of residents North of Montana, police said.

Santa Monica police responded at 1:06 p.m. to the 100 block of Marguerita Avenue. Officers found a man matching the resident's description nearby, and the resident

identified him, according to police. Fred Hudson was arrested on suspicion of felony vandalism.

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Los Angeles tops Orkin's rattiest cities list for second straight year

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles has again been named the rattiest city in the nation, holding the top spot on pest control company Orkin's annual ranking for the second consecutive year.

The 2026 list, released Tuesday, places Chicago at No. 2 and New York City at No. 3. Los Angeles first claimed the No. 1 position last year, ending Chicago's decade-long run atop the ranking.

Orkin attributed Los Angeles' standing to persistent residential rodent activity, pointing to the city's year-round mild weather, dense neighborhoods and abundant access to food, water and shelter. The company said the same features that make the city attractive to millions of people also give rats and mice plenty of opportunities to find what they need to survive, from residential neighborhoods to busy commercial corridors.

The Atlanta-based company determined its rankings by tracking all new residential rodent treatments from Aug. 9, 2025, to Aug. 9, 2026, offering a snapshot of the cities with the highest levels of rat and mouse treatment activity.

South Carolina, which dropped 10 spots to No. 40.

"There's no single type of city or climate that's immune to rodent pressure," said Dr. Shannon Sked, Orkin's national technical director. "Rats and mice are highly adaptable and can thrive in communities across the country wherever they can find food, water and shelter."

The company said fall is an important time for homeowners to watch for signs of rodent activity, as dropping temperatures can push rats and mice indoors in search of warmth, food and protected places to nest.

In downtown Los Angeles, the fight against rodents is ongoing. According to a pest bulletin from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Division, the county is engaged in a continuing battle to control Norway rats in the downtown area, and testing of those rats continues to turn up evidence of viral and bacterial agents.

The department said the findings reinforce the need for strict management practices and active, consistent participation from the downtown business community. Effective control targets rat populations across an entire area, such as a city block, an alley or a section of sewer, because eliminating rats at a single address does little to solve the larger problem.

The county identified environmental sanitation as the best method of control. Trapping and baiting work only alongside improved sanitation, the department said, and their effects are temporary when used alone. Residents and businesses can report rats or conditions that attract them to the Environmental Health Division at 888-700-9995.

Public health officials warn that rodents pose more than a nuisance. According to the county bulletin, rodents have historically been responsible for more human illnesses and deaths than any other group of mammals, and they are associated with diseases including plague, murine typhus, hantavirus diseases, leptospirosis, rat-bite fever and lymphocytic choriomeningitis. The department noted that fleas carried by rats are what transmit plague and murine typhus.

That threat surfaced locally last year, when county health officials investigated an outbreak of flea-borne typhus in Santa Monica. It was the county's second outbreak of the year, following one in Central Los Angeles.

The Department of Public Health identified five outbreak-associated cases in Santa Monica. All of the patients were hospitalized and recovered.

In response, county field staff conducted an environmental assessment, worked with the city on control efforts and contacted nearby residences, schools, animal control agencies and veterinary practices. The department also issued a health advisory to medical providers.

Flea-borne typhus spreads when infected flea feces enter cuts, scrapes or the eyes, and it does not pass from person to person. Symptoms include fever, headache, muscle pain and rash. There is no vaccine, but the illness can be treated with antibiotics.

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“There’s no single type of city or climate that’s immune to rodent pressure

- Dr. Shannon Sked, Orkin’s national technical director

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Public financing of California’s electoral campaigns could curb power of money in politics



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

SACRAMENTO: Tom Steyer speaks during a gubernatorial forum hosted by the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento on April 14, 2026. A ballot proposition that would open the door to public financing of campaigns could empower candidates who don’t have wealth or wealthy supporters.

This year’s gubernatorial primary illustrated vividly that California needs better ways to fund political campaigns. Proposition 4, The California Fair Elections Act, is a crucial step in the right direction, allowing Californians the freedom to create systems of public financing of elections. In the 38 years since it was banned in California, the corrupting influence of money in politics has become increasingly problematic, severely narrowing our options. This came into sharp focus in the recent primary, where Democratic voters faced a choice between Tom Steyer and Xavier Becerra. Like many progressive Californians who voted for Steyer, I did so with great ambivalence. I agreed with many of his policies, but like many others I strongly mistrust billionaires. I suspect for many who voted for Becerra, their wariness of billionaires outweighed their resonance with Steyer’s policies. All of us were in a bind due to the choice before us. Ironically, Steyer’s personal wealth was one of the things that liberated him from

the shackles of external funding. The fact that Steyer received as many votes as he did, despite voters’ mistrust of the ultra-rich, is evidence of the powerful appeal of his progressive messages, including a strong stance on protecting the climate and support for California’s proposed wealth tax, Proposition 40. In contrast, Becerra’s centrist policies were in line with the contributions he received from the fossil fuel industry and other large companies. If you look beneath the soundbite debates, you see a persistent, systemic problem: Our current political system makes it very difficult to get elected without the backing of either personal wealth or wealthy corporate or individual donors. How many strong progressive candidates for California governor — who lacked access to either of these sources of funding — were shut out due to this systemic, baked-in bind? How much of our entire political system in California is driven by access to wealth?

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 70.5

WEDNESDAY | **FAIR** | **SURF:** 4-6ft Chest to overhead
SPAC swell holds nice size all day. Favorable AM wind potentially continues. SSW swell holds steady all day for continued chest to head surf at the summer exposures with focal points overhead +. Minor NW swell mix holds and is just enough to open a few corners, but spots with structure continue to handle the size best. Similar pattern to Tuesday with variable to potentially light offshore flow and favorable tide push in the morning.

THURSDAY | **FAIR TO GOOD** | **SURF:** 4-5ft Chest to head
Size from SPAC swell gradually eases (though still head high-ish waves at summer standouts). SSW swell gradually loses energy as the day progresses. The SPAC swell will still be good for chest to head surf at the summer exposures while focal points go overhead during the morning low-incoming tide. Not much NW swell in the mix, so best to target the spots with some structure. Favorable morning winds look to continue.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. West wind around 10 mph becoming north in the evening.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 84. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. Breezy.

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2026/10/14	Wed	06:48 PM	0.48	L
2026/10/15	Thur	01:39 AM	3.19	H
2026/10/15	Thur	04:52 AM	2.88	L
2026/10/15	Thur	11:40 AM	5.16	H
2026/10/15	Thur	07:47 PM	0.78	L
2026/10/16	Fri	12:21 PM	4.78	H
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Santa Monica opens human services grants cycle; applications due Dec. 14

The city of Santa Monica on Sept. 29 released a request for proposals for its Human Services Grants Program. The city is seeking applications for the fiscal year 2027-31 funding cycle.

The city will provide about \$10 million to selected agencies to address critical community needs and gaps in existing services.

The program currently funds 21 programs run by 18 agencies, serving more than 30,000 residents a year. The programs aim to improve the well-being and quality of life of vulnerable and low-income residents. Those residents include children, youth and families, older adults, people with disabilities and people experiencing homelessness. The goal is an effective, strong safety net for Santa Monicans.

The request for proposals is available on the city of Santa Monica’s OpenGov Procurement Portal. Qualifying agencies may apply by logging into or creating an OpenGov Procurement account. All proposals must be submitted through OpenGov.

Questions are due Oct. 19. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 14.

Funding recommendations will be presented to the City Council in spring 2027. The council will formally approve funding as part of budget adoption in June 2027. The new funding cycle begins July 1, 2027.

For more information, visit santamonica.gov/human-services-grants-program.

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SMC

SMC Sustainability Week offers free workshop, film, compost tour Oct. 19-23

The Santa Monica College Sustainability Center will host free events Oct. 19-23 for Sustainability Week 2026. They include a seed-starting workshop, a composting tour, a documentary screening and a career conference.

Most events take place on SMC’s main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. Sponsors include the SMC Associated Students, Eco Action Club, Club Grow and the SMC Sustainability Department.

On Oct. 20, a seed-starting workshop will run from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Organic Garden. It will cover each step of growing a garden from seed, including soil mixing, cell trays, watering, labeling and hardening off.

On Oct. 21, “DamNation, the Problem with Hydropower,” a documentary on the impacts of damming wild rivers and ecosystems, will screen from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Stromberg Hall (HSS 165). Pizza will be provided.

On Oct. 22, a guided tour of SMC’s composting systems runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. One system uses more than 400,000 worms to eat through hundreds of pounds of food scraps a week. Participants meet at the Organic Garden and will learn how to put organic waste in the correct bins, which keeps it out of landfills. Sandwiches from Ike’s Love will be provided.

On Oct. 23, the Careers for Good Conference runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SMC’s Center for Media and Design, 1660 Stewart St. Professionals from values-driven companies, B-Corps and nonprofits will discuss their work. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Companies and organizations interested in participating can email Luke Johnson at johnson_luke@smc.edu.

On Oct. 29, a Sustainable Costume Contest will be held during Club Row, with prizes awarded.

More events may be added. Details are available at smc.edu/sustainabilityweek or by calling 310-434-3909. Events are subject to change or cancellation.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMMUSD

John Adams Middle School teacher honored by Teach Democracy for civic education work

Jorge Cierra, a social studies teacher and Spanish Immersion Department chair at John Adams Middle School, was recently recognized by Teach Democracy for his commitment to civic education. The honor also recognized his work helping students become informed, engaged members of their communities.

Cierra was among a select group of educators honored at Teach Democracy's Annual Celebration on Sept. 17 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills. Teach Democracy senior staff selected the honorees for their impact on students and sustained dedication to civic learning.

"This recognition is especially meaningful because it celebrates the work my students and I have done together," Cierra said. "When young people realize that their voices, ideas and actions can create positive change, they begin to see themselves as leaders, problem-solvers and active members of the various communities they belong to."

The celebration also highlighted Cierra's Civic Action Project work. Former JAMS students Victoria Villaseñor, Allison Medrano-Rivera and Diego Martinez, now ninth-graders at Santa Monica High School, presented their project at the event. JAMS was one of only three Los Angeles County schools selected to have students present.

The students first presented the project in May at Teach Democracy's Annual Civic Action Project Symposium at the California Endowment. The project explored perspectives on America's 250th anniversary, including why people choose to celebrate the milestone and concerns some community members have about the United States today. The students interviewed community members and surveyed peers, teachers and local residents.

Their presentation caught the attention of Teach Democracy leadership, leading to the invitation to the Annual Celebration. There, the students were also interviewed about their research and findings by Kai Ryssdal, host and senior editor of "Marketplace."

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This
recognition
is especially
meaningful
because it
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the work my
students and
I have done
together

- Jorge Cierra

"Through Civic Action, our students apply their learning to real-world issues, develop a sense of agency and purpose, and see themselves as capable of making a meaningful impact in their communities," said JAMS Principal Martha Díaz Chacón.

The Civic Action Project challenges Cierra's students to identify community issues, conduct research and interviews, analyze information and explore solutions. They then share their findings through public presentations. His students have also earned the Los Angeles County Office of Education Certificate of Civic Engagement through its K-8 Civic Learning Pathways program.

Teach Democracy is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides civic education programs and resources to students and educators.

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SMMUSD

Lincoln Middle School counselor Aimee Stauffer builds trust one conversation at a time

Some of the moments that matter most to Lincoln Middle School counselor Aimee Stauffer happen outside her office. They happen in the LMS WellSpace, at school events, during lunch, or when a student wants to share something as simple as a new pair of shoes or a birthday.

For Stauffer, those everyday interactions help students know they have someone they can turn to.

“It opens up space for them so that they know they can come and talk to me about anything,” she said.

Her interest in education began at the University of California, Irvine, where she worked part time at a preschool during her junior year.

“I got hooked and became an elementary school teacher,” Stauffer said.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology with a minor in psychology from UC Irvine. She later completed a post-baccalaureate program there to earn her Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. After she began her career with the Los Angeles Unified School District, families started telling her counseling might be a natural fit. She returned to school for a master’s degree in counseling psychology in education at the University of Southern California.

That decision brought her to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and LMS in 2003 as a counseling intern. A month in, her mentor went on emergency bedrest, and supervising administrator Francis Costanzo took a chance on her as a full-time substitute counselor.

“My first official day was on Halloween and I was dressed as a vampire,” Stauffer said. “In knowing me, I love a good laugh, so it was all meant to be.”

She said one of the most rewarding parts of counseling is what she continues to learn from students.

“Every single conversation is unique to their experience; it holds its own context and meaning that is special to them,” Stauffer said. “It’s brand new every single day.”

Becoming a parent also changed how she approaches her work.

“Being a mom and learning everyday how to love and care about my own kids has provided me a level of understanding that has made me a better counselor,” she said.

Outside school, Stauffer enjoys cooking, reading, going to the beach, attending concerts, traveling and spending time with her husband, daughters and large extended family. As one of 11 siblings, she said, family remains central to her life.

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- Aimee Stauffer

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PICTURED: Aimee Stauffer with LMS Principal Dr. Jose Cuevas.

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GAS PRICES IN SANTA MONICA

	CHEVRON 432 Wilshire Blvd	\$6.79
	76 2601 Wilshire Blvd	\$6.69
	SPEEDWAY EXPRESS 2555 Lincoln Blvd	\$6.19
	SHELL 1866 Lincoln Blvd	\$6.20
	CHEVRON 1732 Lincoln Blvd	\$6.49
	SINCLAIR 1944 Pico Blvd	\$5.99
	LINCOLN BLVD CAR WASH 1624 Lincoln Blvd	N/A
	SINCLAIR 1944 Pico Blvd	\$5.99
	ARCO 332 Pico Blvd	\$6.39
	SHELL 1802 Cloverfield Blvd	\$6.19

*Prices paying in card

Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 7.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$6.29/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 26.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.62/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 5.9 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$6.248 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$5.43/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$7.69/g, a difference of \$2.26/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.39/g while the highest was \$7.89/g, a difference of \$3.50/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.29/g today. The national average is up 0.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.28/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.

WEATHER

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said elderly and disabled residents and horse owners should consider leaving early. They also asked residents to check on vulnerable neighbors.

Anyone who sees smoke should call 911. California law requires drivers to come to a complete stop at any malfunctioning traffic signal. Officials said residents should be extremely careful with anything that could cause sparks, such as powered garden or landscaping equipment.

The city recommended keeping a battery-powered or car radio on hand to follow weather and emergency information during outages, including KBUU 99.1 FM. Other resources include:

- the Watch Duty app
- Los Angeles County's emergency information page at lacounty.gov/emergency
- county alert sign-ups at ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-notifications
- city alerts at malibucity.org/news

A fire preparedness guide is also available on the city's website.

The warnings come as the National Weather Service office in Los Angeles/

Oxnard said Tuesday that a heat advisory remains in effect from 10 a.m. Thursday to 8 p.m. Saturday. Temperatures up to 95 degrees are expected.

The return of heat and fire danger follows weeks of sharp swings in the region's weather. Southern California went from a prolonged heat wave to the season's first widespread rain as Tropical Storm Rachel approached the region last weekend. Temperatures went from the 70's two weeks ago, to 100 during the recent heatwave to 69 on Monday.

The advisory covers Los Angeles County beaches, the Los Angeles County inland coast including downtown Los Angeles, and the Palos Verdes Hills. It also covers coastal and inland areas of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. Cities in the advisory area include Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Torrance, Redondo Beach and Long Beach.

The weather service said the heat may cause heat illnesses. Forecasters advised residents to drink plenty of fluids, stay in air-conditioned rooms, stay out of the sun and check on relatives and neighbors.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 3

The outsized influence of those with excessive wealth not only removes input from the hands of "we the people," but it puts it in the hands of those whose ethics are often severely compromised.

Prop. 4 repeals the 1988 ban on the public funding of elections in California, providing the opportunity to create local and state programs on a case-by-case basis. It does not mandate public funding or create a system. It simply allows the state and local governments to decide if they wish to do so, and sets general guidelines. Our decision-makers, with public support, would determine spending limits, eligibility criteria and the form of the matching funds system.

In recent years, we have witnessed growing evidence of the inherent corruption of excessive wealth. As a psychology professor, I have been fascinated by the research of Dr. Paul Piff of UC Irvine, who has demonstrated that upper-class individuals are more prone to entitlement and narcissism and less inclined toward empathy, compassion and generosity than people from middle- and lower-classes.

They are also more likely to display notable ethical lapses, such as taking goods intended for others, cheating to win a prize, breaking traffic rules or endorsing unethical workplace behavior. These tendencies show up under a broad range of conditions, from long-term upper-class status to temporary artificial "wealth" in a psychology experiment's rigged game of Monopoly.

From the shockingly broad network of inhumane behavior revealed by the

Epstein files to this substantial body of psychological research, there is no denying that exorbitant wealth undercuts basic human empathy and imperils people's ethical bearings.

The resulting self-serving behavior by people whose wealth imparts outsized power has the potential to unravel the fabric of community and threaten democracy. A now-classic paper by Northwestern University political scientist Benjamin Page and Martin Gilens, then of Princeton, illustrated this, demonstrating that economic elites and business interests have a substantial influence on public policy, while average citizens have little impact at all.

This is not inevitable. Good, successful approaches to democratizing elections already exist. For example, Zohran Mamdani would not have won New York City's mayoral race without access to the city's matching funds program, which aims to minimize the power of private wealth through the public financing of candidates who agree to strict limits on individual donations. New York's state government has a similar program for statewide races, as do 13 other states.

Let's learn from our recent experience of the Steyer-Becerra conundrum — and Mamdani's once-improbable victory — and open the door for a similar system in California, where wealth does not determine who represents us and what policies become law.

By Mary Gomes. Mary Gomes is a psychology professor at Sonoma State University and an alumni ambassador for the OpEd Project. This article was originally published on CalMatters and was republished under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives license.

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HOTEL

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That was down nearly 6% from 70.6% in June 2024. Demand in downtown and the airport corridor fell 10% to 12% from 2024. The report uses 2024 as its benchmark because federal immigration enforcement raids, a National Guard deployment and related unrest reduced downtown tourism in summer 2025.

The survey went to 210 hotels in the city between July 23 and Aug. 7. Fifty-eight hotels answered at least one question and 47 completed it. Of those responding:

- 72% said the World Cup hurt their 2026 finances.
- 48% called the financial impact “extremely negative.”
- 76% reported minimal World Cup-related bookings.
- 2% said the event met projections.

According to the report, FIFA canceled thousands of downtown room nights shortly before the matches began. Among hotels holding room blocks, 56% saw at least half released, and fewer than a third replaced them with comparable bookings. Group demand in Los Angeles slipped 0.7% in June and July. In Chicago, which did not host matches, group demand rose 10.7%.

Workers absorbed much of the shortfall. Of responding hotels, 82% cut seasonal staffing, 74% reduced overtime and 64% reduced employee shifts. UNITE HERE Local 11 represents 28,000 hotel workers in Southern California and the report says the union found that nearly 20% of its Los Angeles members had their hours cut over

the past year because of declining tourism.

Short-term rentals fared better. Airbnb was the tournament’s official fan accommodation and offered new hosts \$750 to list their homes. According to AirDNA data cited in the report, short-term rental listings in the city rose 10% from 2025 during the World Cup. Ahead of the July 10 quarterfinal, Airbnb reported a 63% week-over-week jump in searches for Los Angeles stays. The United Kingdom, Mexico and Canada were among the top international origins, and San Diego was the most-searched destination after Los Angeles.

Short-term rental revenue rose 20.7% in July compared with July 2024, while hotel revenue fell 3.3%. Six in 10 hoteliers said they expect short-term rental growth to hurt bookings and rates during the 2028 Olympics. The report urged the city to scrutinize both Olympic demand projections and short-term rental policy.

Before the tournament, the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee hired consulting firm Micronomics. In a June 2024 report, the firm projected \$594 million in economic impact for Los Angeles County, including \$343 million in direct visitor spending and \$34.9 million in county tax revenue. A January 2026 update raised the estimate to \$892 million, with \$515 million in direct spending and \$50 million in county taxes. The update cited “refined” assumptions about visitor behavior. The projections were commissioned by the event’s organizers and were not independently reviewed.

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VANDALISM

FROM PAGE 1

Repairs were estimated at about \$2,000 and while some residents were told repairs would not be complete until Monday, others had service restored after about 15 hours.

Officers searching Hudson after the arrest found methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, police said. He was booked into the Santa Monica Police Department jail

on suspicion of felony vandalism, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as violating probation and post-release community supervision.

Officers also received a report of tampering with another utility cabinet in the 400 block of Ocean Avenue, near Georgina Avenue but police found no clear signs of damage there.

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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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Bell	Dubbo	Junee	Umina
Bermagui	Edith	Kempsey	Walgett
Bondi	Eungai	Kiama	Woolgoolga
Boro	Fitzroy	Leeton	Wyong
Bourke	Falls	Leura	Yamba
Bulli	Forbes	Nelson	Yass

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Becoming friends

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 14)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can change your place in a group without leaving it. Speak up. Volunteer for a different job. Introduce an idea. One move changes your role. Assume the role you want and they'll adjust.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may see ten things you want to change in your finances, but pick just one to start. For instance, to renegotiate a rate, move money around or cancel subscriptions. One adjustment can alter several numbers at once.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can change a relationship by changing one thing you do inside it, for instance: Ask for what you need, or stop assuming a responsibility you resent. There are new arrangements to be made, but you might have to break the old one first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll have an instinct to divide the work differently and this improves everything and shows you that you don't need to reorganize your entire life to make your days work better. All you have to do is change one repeated part of your routine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want more fun and you will have it when you lean into your creativity without worrying for a second about how others are doing things. Your way may be less precise, but more sustainable and fitting for the way your beautiful mind works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can change the atmosphere at home without changing the people who live there. Change your part of the pattern and they will change theirs - maybe not immediately, but eventually. Be consistent. Keep going until the breakthrough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The conversation changes in the way you've wanted it to. You no longer have to explain yourself because they just get you. It's a liberation of sorts. You can all move on to the topics you most enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The financial position will shift. Someone savvy can share what they know or what they see in your overall picture. There's a way to free up funds or put unused resources to work. Maybe you just need to ask for more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll reinvent yourself, starting with something people can see. Perhaps it's how you introduce yourself, what you agree to or where you show up. Your actions will give people an updated picture of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can try new things without making a grand announcement about it. Work out the details privately. The quiet experimentation permits you to concentrate on how things feel instead of how they look.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a lot you could do, but what do you want to do? Self-interest is permissible and even encouraged now. Pluto in your sign favors your instinct for what the body wants, what you're attracted to and what just feels natural.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your professional role takes focus. The job can change without changing careers. Different responsibilities will fall to you. Show someone a skill they haven't seen or stop doing work that belongs elsewhere.

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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Newsday Crossword

ON VACATION by Carolyn Stewart
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ACROSS

- 1 Fine sprays
- 6 Potato, informally
- 10 Droops
- 14 Lauder of cosmetics
- 15 Dog in Oz
- 16 "That's correct"
- 17 Paying close attention
- 18 Actor Alda
- 19 Taj Mahal city
- 20 Hold nothing back
- 23 Yellowstone grazer

DOWN

- 24 Tip of a shoe
- 25 OPEC, for instance
- 29 Tavern mugful
- 31 Permissible actions
- 34 Sunburn soother
- 35 Border on
- 37 Handball or hockey
- 39 Spoil a surprise
- 42 Adversary
- 43 In addition
- 44 Spoil a surprise
- 45 "Absolutely!"
- 46 Skin opening
- 48 Threatening phrase
- 50 Do tailoring
- 51 Sign of a theater hit
- 52 Yak and yak
- 61 Neck of the woods
- 62 Pennsylvania port
- 63 Exodus peak
- 64 Fabric fuzz
- 65 Make angry

- 66 Carpet fasteners
- 67 Soothe
- 68 Kilt wearer
- 69 Winter driving hazard

DOWN

- 1 Brunch, for one
- 2 Emerald ___ (Ireland)
- 3 Editor's direction
- 4 Actress Hatcher
- 5 Small sofa
- 6 Piece of celery
- 7 Opinion survey
- 8 Four Corners state
- 9 Contribute to a cause
- 10 Phase of a project
- 11 Golden Fleece vessel
- 12 Wise advisor
- 13 5-Down, for example
- 21 Islamic Almighty
- 22 Of the Vikings
- 25 Shrewd
- 26 Drop ___ to (write)
- 27 Travels all over
- 28 Be abundant
- 29 "Taps" instrument
- 30 Incoming flight data: Abbr.
- 31 Carpentry peg
- 32 Face-to-face exams
- 33 Panache
- 36 Chicago NFLer
- 38 Top of the head
- 40 Universal blood
- 41 Oscar actress
- Julianne
- 47 Deed holders
- 49 Cooks, as chestnuts
- 50 Play hockey
- 51 Piece of paper
- 52 "Tall" story
- 53 Diva's solo
- 54 Telescope part
- 55 Former Attorney General Holder
- 56 Fodder storage place
- 57 Reduce, with "down"
- 58 In the past
- 59 Counterfeit
- 60 Symbol of aggression

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2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fairview Branch. Join us for a presentation by Financial Representative Fabrizzia Kaiser Soto on educational accounts and flexible savings strategies, whether your kids choose a traditional college, trade school, or another path. Q&A to follow.

FUNDING YOUR CHILD'S COLLEGE EDUCATION

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Families are invited to learn about educational savings accounts and flexible strategies for preparing for the costs of a child's future education. The workshop explores options that can be considered whether a child ultimately chooses a traditional four-year college, trade school or another educational path. A question-and-answer session follows the presentation.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Main Library, Youth Activity Room. Join the adventure for a one-shot session with characters you create or pick up a ready-made character for the day's journey! All materials provided. For ages 9 - 13.

TEEN CRAFT CLUB

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pico Branch, The Annex. Want to try a fun new craft with your friends? Check out our Teen Craft Club, rotating branches every month. This month, design and decorate your own custom press-on nails at Pico! For ages 12 - 18.

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11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades, CA. A free low-impact group exercise class open to all Legion Family members, with movements designed for every fitness level. A mid-morning way to move and recharge. 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 11a.m. to 12 p.m. 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/18566926/2026-10-15T11>

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FRIDAY | OCTOBER 16

BEACH WALK MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Santa Monica Lifeguard Tower 27 2700 Ocean Ave Santa Monica, CA. A guided silent walking meditation along the beach, led by Stacey Polacco, offering a chance to practice mindfulness in nature; RSVP recommended. Meditation isn't something that needs to happen only in a quiet room without any distracting sights or sounds. In fact we can develop our mindfulness while in nature; walking on the shore feeling the warmth of the sun on our face, the cool ocean splashing around our feet. \$20 Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-walk-meditation/18828982/2026-10-16T08>

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades, CA. An informal coffee gathering for residents back in the neighborhood or planning to return, with no set agenda or formal program. 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/19242128/2026-10-16T09>

LOWE FAMILY YMCA PUMPKIN PATCH

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Simon Meadow 15551 W Sunset Blvd Pacific Palisades, CA. A seasonal pumpkin patch with a hay maze, photo-worthy props, an art installation, and pumpkins in all sizes. A family-friendly stop for fall. The Lowe Family YMCA Pumpkin Patch returns to Simon Meadow Monday to Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the playful hay maze, snap photos with festive photo props, enjoy an art installation and shop pumpkins of all sizes. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lowe-family-ymca-pumpkin-patch/20059545/2026-10-16T15>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles, CA. 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. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-10-16T17>

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17

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, CA. Free Saturday morning fitness at Santa Monica Pier with group runs and yoga. Open to all levels, no membership required. April through October. 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. Each Saturday morning begins at the top of the Santa Monica Pier at the intersection of Colorado and Ocean with an easygoing group run from 8 to 9 a.m., open to all levels. Guests can then head to the west end of the Pier for yoga and yoga-pilates fusion classes from 9 to 10 a.m., led by top local instructors. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-10-17T08>

OH MY GOURD!!!

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica, 90404. Join us for a day celebrating the diversity of the gourd family. Knuckleheads, Warty Goblins and a 4 foot Trombetta Squash will take Center Stage. Many of these are considered decoration and then simply discarded (hopefully in the green bins). We'll be cutting 'em up, and by that I don't mean telling squash jokes, and doing some bragging, maybe some pumpkin puree pancakes, and if lead artist is around, perhaps even get some light tempura pumpkin going on. Pancakes and Planting, what could be better. We'll have plenty of art supplies for young and young at heart to help decorate Ishihara with the creatures of the night! Come dressed in your scariest or funniest outfit. Watch out for the Werewolf, it's been rumored to appear on and around Halloween at Ishihara Park. For more info: SANTAMONICA.GOV/EVENTS

\$5 COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica, CA. A \$5 community dog training class

in the park, with pay-what-you-can options after the initial fee. Sign-up required. People's Dog Training®, A Love At First Sit® Program host ongoing \$5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Sign-up at <https://www.peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training>. \$5.00 — General \$5.00 then Pay-What-You-Can Summary. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2026-10-17T10>

VIVAVITA BIOHACKER RUN & WALK FESTIVAL™ - LOS ANGELES EDITION

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica, CA. A run and walk festival with 3K, 5K, and 10K options, followed by a biohacking and wellness expo focused on recovery, longevity, and nutrition. VIVAVITA Biohacker Run & Walk Festival™ Run. Walk. Recover. Optimize. October 17 – 20, 2026 | Los Angeles, CA, USA Saturday and Sunday Morning 10 AM – 12:00 PM More than a run. More than a walk. A premium outdoor experience where movement, recovery and innovation come together. Join participants from around the world for an inspiring morning designed for every fitness level. Whether you're walking your first 3 km, completing a 5 km run or challenging yourself with the 10 km Performance Run, every participant becomes part of the VIVAVITA community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/vivavita-biohacker-run-walk-festival-los-angeles-edition/19759920/2026-10-17T10>

SNEAK PEAK OF MUSIC BIO-PIC OF LEGEND BRUCE LANGHORNE

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The UnUrban Cafe 3301 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 Sneak preview of the feel-good music bio-pic Invisible Legend: Bruce Langhorne. This Sing-Along Screening features great tunes from the '60s folk/folk rock scene. Langhorne was the influential guitarist who inspired "Mr. Tambourine Man." This film features performances by Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Tom Rush, Odetta, Richard & Mimi Fariña, and Peter, Paul and Mary. Join us for a joyful sing-along, celebrate Langhorne's enduring spirit, and experience the remarkable story of a hidden musical giant. See the film trailer at InvisibleLegend \$10 at the door. RSVP to [Hello\(at\)InvisibleLegend.com](mailto:Hello(at)InvisibleLegend.com) to guarantee seating, and get copies of the lyrics and music.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 18

WATER SAFETY WORKSHOPS

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House. The city of Santa Monica and Surf Bus Foundation will provide two water safety workshops for youth across the Los Angeles region on Oct. 11 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Annenberg Community Beach House. The workshops welcome youth who have historically faced greater barriers to accessing these resources. A longtime city partner for more than 20 years, Surf Bus Foundation is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit dedicated to connecting underserved youth to the ocean through surfing, swimming and ocean education.

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