



TODAY'S LOCAL HEADLINES

[Along California coast, waiting for tsunami waves with concern, curiosity, comedy](#)
JULY 30, 2025

From the Santa Monica Bay to Hawaii and beyond, coastal residents had their day upended by a faraway massive earthquake in Russia that brought tsunami alerts to a wide swath of the Pacific.

Annie Goodykoontz, Julia Wick, Connor Sheets, Ruben Vives

[What to expect along California coast when tsunami waves arrive](#)
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In the next few hours, the California coast will experience impacts from the massive quake that hit the western Russian coast.

Rong-Gong Lin II, Clara Harter

[After push from L.A., Newsom plans to weaken state duplex law in wildfire areas](#)
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On Wednesday, Gov. Gavin Newsom intends to weaken Senate Bill 9, which allows for as many as four homes on single-family lots, in wildfire affected communities. This week, L.A. City Councilmember Traci Park and Mayor Karen Bass have asked the governor to waive the rules.

Liam Dillon

[California's top prosecutor floats pathway to boost Democrats in Congress](#)
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California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta said Tuesday that he believes he has found a sound legal strategy to ask voters to tear up congressional boundaries created by the state's independent redistricting commission.

Seema Mehta, Kevin Rector, Taryn Luna

[Scientist and green-card holder detained at SFO for more than a week, lawyer says](#)
JULY 30, 2025

A Texas Lyme disease researcher faces deportation after being detained in San Francisco after returning from his brother's wedding in South Korea.

Jessica Garrison

Funding Diversity and Impact Event in Beverly Hills Tackles Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) and Entrepreneurship

BY AVA V. MANUEL ON MAY 8, 2023

Beverly Hills, CA – On May 1st, 2023, the Funding Diversity and Impact event was held at O'Melveny and Myers LLP in Beverly Hills, attracting a wide range of high-caliber founders and investors. The event was co-hosted by Axel Tillman and Kaustav Chaudhuri, Co-founders and Entrepreneurs in Residence (EIR) of Pitch Global, a global platform for investors and entrepreneurs.



The Keynote Speaker of the event, Trish Halamandaris during the post-presentation discussions.

The Funding Diversity and Impact opened with a keynote speech by Trish Halamandaris, Director of UCLA Anderson Venture Accelerator, who spoke on the topic of Female Entrepreneurship. Halamandaris presented statistics highlighting the significantly lower number of women founders accessing start-up funding and the lower amount they apply for compared to their male counterparts. She encouraged women founders to educate themselves and reach out for mentorship to gain access to investor funds and grants available to women starting their businesses.

The event also showcased three DEI projects that aim to level the playing field for marginalized communities:

The California Inclusivity Fund presented by Axel Tillman, Co-founder and EIR at Pitch Global, aims to address the significant disadvantage faced by Black, Latino, and Women Entrepreneurs in obtaining funding. Tillman and Chaudhuri are Investment Directors in the California Inclusivity Fund, working with private/public partnerships to raise \$100M for the Fund.



Chris Horton, Founder of the New Business Equity Project (NBEP), presented the **National Black Entrepreneurs Project (NBEP)**, a new initiative aimed at helping Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals acquire existing businesses instead of starting from scratch. The initiative, called "quantifiers," aims to increase the chances of success for marginalized communities and support local economies by preserving jobs and taxes.

Rachel Carlsen, founder of the CPA-led 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization **Create Impact**, discussed how to create an organization with minimal mistakes and learning curves.

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TODAY'S GLOBAL HEADLINES

[Japan's Fukushima plant workers evacuate after tsunami warning](#)
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Wednesday's tsunami warning is bringing back memories of one of the world's worst nuclear disasters.

[Hawaiians cram roads away from coasts as tsunami waves arrive](#)
JULY 30, 2025

Following early warnings to evacuate coastal areas, thousands of Hawaiians head for higher ground - for many it isn't the first time.

[What we know as tsunami alerts issued after Russia earthquake](#)
JULY 30, 2025

The 8.8 magnitude earthquake is believed to be one of the most powerful ever recorded.

[Russian missile hits Ukrainian training unit, killing and wounding servicemen](#)
JULY 30, 2025

Ukraine's military says three people were killed as Russia posted video of what it said was the strike.

[Trump says 'good friend' India may face up to 25% tariffs](#)
JULY 30, 2025

Trade negotiations continue between India and the US but sticking points remain, especially around agriculture.

[Watch: Major earthquake off Russia triggers widespread tsunami warnings](#)
JULY 30, 2025

Tsunami warnings have been issued in Russia, Japan, Ecuador and Hawaii.

[Bowen: UK move to recognise Palestinian state is a diplomatic crowbar to revive peace process](#)
JULY 30, 2025

Such a move would be a major departure from UK foreign policy.

[YouTube to be included in](#)

[Tsunami warning, advisory for California: What we know, how to prepare](#)
JULY 30, 2025

A tsunami warning was issued for California's North Coast, after a massive earthquake off the coast of eastern Russia.

Rong-Gong Lin II, Clara Harter

[California coast under tsunami alert; North Coast braces for worst impact](#)
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A tsunami advisory was issued for the California coast after an 8.8 quake off eastern Russia. Waves of up to 5 feet were predicted in Del Norte County. In L.A. County, waves of less than a foot were expected.

Clara Harter, Rong-Gong Lin II, Julia Wick

[Feds move to drop charges in controversial cases as Trump re-ups L.A. prosecutor](#)
JULY 30, 2025

The U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles is seeking to dismiss charges against a sheriff's deputy who has already been sentenced for use of excessive force and a fast food executive whose case previously led to one prosecutor's firing by President Trump.

Brittney Mejia, James Queally

[Tasmanian devils arrive at L.A. Zoo: Danny Zuko and Crush have ferocious bite, bad table manners](#)
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The Los Angeles Zoo has welcomed two Tasmanian devils via the Aussie government. It's the first time the zoo has had devils in five years.

Summer Lin

['We'll see you in court': L.A. County wants to bar ICE agents from concealing identity](#)
JULY 29, 2025

L.A. County took a first step Tuesday toward barring immigration officers from concealing their identities with neck gaiters and masks, though it's far from clear they'll be able to enforce the local ban on federal agents.

Rebecca Ellis

[As Trump's EPA reverses landmark climate policy, California could lead a resistance](#)
JULY 29, 2025

Experts say the EPA's move to reverse the endangerment finding is dangerous for the nation. But California may have tools to weather the storm.

Hayley Smith, Tony Briscoe

[Hiker in Yosemite sequoia grove killed by falling tree branch](#)
JULY 29, 2025

Tuolumne Grove is home to about two dozen mature giant sequoias and is a popular destination in Yosemite. The area was temporarily closed after the incident.



Rachel Carlsen founder of Create Impact during her presentation.

Carlsen's speech emphasized the ability to create an impact and make a difference in the world, and she shared anecdotes from her childhood, including her first company at nine years old and a candy company at thirteen. Carlsen's nonprofit organization aims to empower socially conscious entrepreneurs, humanitarians, and nonprofit organizations by acting as fiscal sponsor and social impact partner.

Other presentations included **IBM's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program** by *Samir Mehta* and **How to Create Impact in Emerging Markets** by *Newton Paskin*, the former Head of LATAM. Paskin emphasized creating impact through diversity and promoting inclusion for all stakeholders, and he highlighted the importance of responsible capitalism.

The event also featured a very insightful interview conducted by **O'Melveny & Myers (OMM)** Partner *Nate Gallon* with the Head of **NGK Capital** *Thomas Kluz*.



From top left counterclockwise: **Newton Paskin** during his presentation, **Samir Mehta** with Axel Tillman during discussions, and O'Melveny & Myers **Nate Gallon** and Head of **NGK Capital** **Thomas Kluz**' interview session.

The Funding Diversity and Impact event successfully tackled important topics related to DEI and entrepreneurship. The event was well-attended, with high-caliber founders and investors who engaged in discussions and networking opportunities.

Being the official Media partner of the event, The Los Angeles Tribune awarded Leadership Recognitions to three individuals nominated for awards by Pitch Global based on their leadership and contribution to the Start-Up community and Pitch Global projects: Co-founder of Pitch Global Kaustav "KC Wisdom" Chaudhuri, Founder of the New Business Equity Project (NBEP) Chris Norton and Founder of Create Impact Rachel Carlson.



The Los Angeles Tribune Leadership Recognition awardees (from Left counterclockwise) Founder of NBEP Chris

[Australia's teen social media ban](#)
JULY 30, 2025

The Australian government says the world-first ban is aimed at protecting youth from online harm.

[Outcry after German zoo culled baboons due to overcrowding](#)
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The zoo in Nuremberg said it knew many people would be "upset" or "infuriated" by the decision.

[Greece claims 'invasion' in Crete as it tries to halt asylum on Med route](#)
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Greek migration minister Thanos Plevris says his country faces a "state of emergency".

[Russian soldiers scammed and robbed of war cash on return from Ukraine](#)
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A number of cases emerge of servicemen targeted for their salaries and pay-offs by government officials.

[Why plane turbulence is becoming more frequent - and more severe](#)
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Flights are getting bumpier, thanks in part to climate change. But new studies are looking into innovative potential ways to turbulence-proof wings - using AI and owls

[New Brazil development law risks Amazon deforestation, UN expert warns](#)
JULY 29, 2025

A new environmental licensing law has been criticised by environmentalists as Brazil prepares for COP30.

[UK to recognise Palestinian state unless Israel meets conditions](#)
JULY 29, 2025

The PM announces there will be a shift in policy in September, unless Israel takes steps including agreeing a ceasefire in Gaza.

[Watch: Fighter jet swerves dramatically to avoid birds near packed beach](#)
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Footage shows a Spanish fighter jet narrowly missing a flock of birds during an air show in Gijon.

[A mistaken elevator, frantic emails and a run for help - how New York shooting unfolded](#)
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Workers barricaded doors and sent goodbye notes as a man roamed through a skyscraper killing people.

[Watch: How did Gaza get to the brink of starvation?](#)
JULY 29, 2025

The BBC's diplomatic correspondent Paul Adams explains how the people of Gaza have reached a point of starvation.

[Bowen: Plan to recognise Palestinian state a big change for British foreign policy](#)
JULY 29, 2025

PM Sir Keir Starmer has said the UK will recognise a Palestinian state in

Nathan Solis

[Shooting at Granada Hills day care wounds 2 women; suspect arrested](#)
JULY 29, 2025

A suspect has been arrested and two women taken to a hospital after a shooting at a Granada Hills day care on Firma Court on Tuesday, authorities said.

Clara Harter

[SoCal residents visiting Reno for bachelor party were among victims of mass shooting](#)
JULY 29, 2025

A group of friends from Thousand Oaks were among the victims of a mass shooting in Reno on Monday. The friends had attended a bachelor party prior to the shooting.

Steve Henson

[Deal allows Metro to move forward on subway car plans ahead of Olympics](#)
JULY 29, 2025

Metro settled a lawsuit with Jobs to Move America over a contract with Hyundai to build a fleet of rail cars that the advocacy group said violated law and the transit agency's policy.

Colleen Shalby

[UCLA violated Jewish students' civil rights with 'deliberate indifference,' feds say](#)
JULY 29, 2025

The DOJ issued a notice to UCLA and a warning of a pending lawsuit, saying the campus violated Jewish student civil rights last year during a pro-Palestinian encampment. The same day, UCLA said it would pay \$6.45 million in a suit over the encampment brought by Jewish students.

Jaweed Kaleem, Daniel Miller

[California, other states sue Trump administration over bill defunding Planned Parenthood](#)
JULY 29, 2025

California and other liberal-led states sued the Trump administration Tuesday over a measure aimed at defunding Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide.

Kevin Rector

[Trump administration maneuvers to keep Essayli as L.A.'s top federal prosecutor](#)
JULY 29, 2025

The Department of Justice has taken unusual steps to allow Bill Essayli to remain U.S. attorney for the Central District of California without Senate confirmation or judicial appointment.

Brittany Mejia, James Queally, Michael Wilner

[City paints over 2nd Street Tunnel graffiti. Taggers return within hours](#)
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Norton, Founder of Pitch Global **Kaustav "KC Wisdom" Chauduri**, and Founder of Create Impact **Rachel Carlson**.

Participating companies and organizations included Niterra Ventures, IBM, Milton Institute, Impact Fund, California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Fontvieille Capital, Tie SoCal, National Black, Entrepreneurs Project, Marketing Completion Fund, Copernic Space, Legacy Ventures, M&D Ventures, Mindful Capital Partners, Portal, Production For The People, Reinventure Capital, Scrum Ventures, Preface Ventures, and The Los Angeles Tribune.



High-caliber founders and investors learned and exchanged ideas at the Beverly Hills Conference of O'Melveny & Myers, LLP



About the Organizer

[Pitch Global](#), founded in 2015 by Kaustav Chaudhuri (also known as KC WISDOM), aims to provide entrepreneurs with a platform to present their innovative ideas to a qualified investor audience. However, it offers much more than that. Pitch Global provides a judgment-free environment for aspiring entrepreneurs to gain experience and feedback to develop their perfect pitch. Attendees, including mentors and investors, are always paired with startup companies, and everyone leaves with valuable lessons learned.

Pitch Global has a proven track record of helping startups progress from early pitches to investment-attracting pitches. The company's principals, KC WISDOM and AXEL TILLMANN, are US government-funded mentors/EIRs, authorized to select startups with the potential to create jobs and mentor them. Some of the companies that Pitch Global has mentored and matched with investors, such as Tutorfly, Realkey, Plethy, and Genobank, have raised significant capital.

Building relationships with various foreign governmental institutions seeking insights from Silicon Valley and Silicon Beach, Pitch Global also offers a Master Class Series and a specially designed Accelerator program. The latter gives access to serial entrepreneurs and experts from the aforementioned regions, who provide valuable insights to help companies make informed decisions about building a presence in the US market. Beyond the Silicon Valley mindset, Pitch Global inspires companies to think of the right way to build their business.

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Law360 has called [O'Melveny & Myers](#) (OMM) a "California Powerhouse," noting that "clout in the technology and entertainment spaces" has "made the 130-year-old firm an undisputed heavy-hitter in the California market." OMM's entertainment and media practice handles some of the most groundbreaking transactions and closely watched cases in the industry. They are on the cutting edge when it comes to the growing US-China filmmaking space and the convergence of technology, media, and entertainment, assisting clients in complex joint ventures, film financing, capitalization, and a range of general commercial matters, from worldwide antitrust cases to cutting edge copyright and trademark cases, sports litigation, appeals, and major class actions.

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September unless Israel takes "substantive steps to end the appalling situation in Gaza".

[Human dignity must be protected from rise of AI, Pope says](#)
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The pontiff warns about emerging technologies during the Vatican's first Mass for social media influencers.

[Famine 'currently playing out' in Gaza, UN-backed experts warn](#)
JULY 29, 2025

It comes as aid agencies warn Israel's recent measures to increase aid supplies are not enough.

Video footage appeared to show people spray-painting new graffiti on top of blank walls as motorists drove by.

Noah Goldberg

Shane Tamura played high school football in L.A. Now, he's accused of targeting the NFL in a mass shooting
JULY 29, 2025

The gunman suspected of targeting the National Football League headquarters in New York, killing four, was a former football player at two Southern California high schools.

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