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From the neighborhoods to the world stage; how the LA Galaxy are turning community impact into a World Cup Legacy

MICHELLE EDGAR

Special to the Daily Press

The LA Galaxy were recently named 2025 Community Impact Club of the Year by Major League Soccer, an honor voted on by all 29 MLS clubs and finalized by league executives. For the Galaxy, the recognition reflects years of sustained investment in youth access, inclusion, and community rooted programming rather than a single standout initiative, arriving at a moment when Los Angeles is preparing to welcome the world.

For President and Chief Operating Officer Tom Braun, the award is as much about the people behind the work as the work itself. Braun credits the club's community and foundation team for setting the tone, pointing to a positive spirit that shows up consistently across programs and partnerships. "You can tell when people genuinely love what they do," Braun said. "That energy carries through everything, and last year it really culminated in this recognition."

At the heart of the Galaxy's community strategy are three guiding pillars; youth sports, health and wellness, and inclusion. Braun



Courtesy of LA Galaxy

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LA GALAXY: The local soccer team has been recognized for its ongoing efforts to work with youth and community groups.

Santa Monica Council votes to reimagine Vision Zero after decade of rising traffic deaths

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SMDP Staff Writer

Ten years after pledging to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries, Santa Monica city leaders acknowledged recently their Vision

Zero initiative has failed, with pedestrian crashes reaching their highest levels in years.

In response, the City Council unanimously approved a motion at their last meeting directing the city manager to develop a reimagined

plan that prioritizes human life over vehicle throughput in all street design decisions.

"There's just no denying the fact that we haven't reduced the

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Bernie Sanders and Gavin Newsom become adversaries over push to tax California billionaires

As national Democrats search for a unifying theme ahead of the fall's midterm elections, a California proposal to levy a hefty tax on billionaires is turning some of the party's leading figures into

adversaries just when Democrats can least afford division from within.

Bernie Sanders will be in Los

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Zuckerberg testifies at trial accusing social media firms of addicting kids to their platforms

Mark Zuckerberg and opposing lawyers dueled in a Los Angeles courtroom on Wednesday, where the Meta CEO answered questions about young people's use of Instagram, his congressional testimony and internal advice he's received about being "authentic" and not "robotic."

Zuckerberg's testimony is part of an unprecedented social media trial that questions whether Meta's platforms deliberately addict and harm children.

Attorneys representing the plaintiff, a now 20-year-old woman identified by the initials KGM, claim her early use of social media addicted her to the technology and exacerbated depression and suicidal thoughts. Meta Platforms and Google's YouTube are the two remaining defendants in the case, which TikTok and Snap have settled.

Beginning his questioning, the plaintiff's attorney Mark Lanier laid out three options of what people can do regarding vulnerable people: help them, ignore them, or "prey upon them and use them for our own ends." Zuckerberg said he agrees the last option is not what a reasonable company should do, saying, "I think a reasonable company should try to help the people that use its services."

When he was asked about his compensation, Zuckerberg said he has pledged to give "almost all" of his money to charity, focusing on scientific research. Lanier asked him how much money he has pledged to victims impacted by social media, to which Zuckerberg replied, "I disagree with the characterization of your question."

Lanier also asked Zuckerberg about what he characterized as extensive media training, including for testimonies like the one he was giving in court. Lanier pointed to an internal document about feedback on Zuckerberg's tone of voice on his own social media, imploring him to come off as "authentic, direct, human, insightful and real," and instructing him to "not try hard, fake, robotic, corporate or cheesy" in his communication.

Zuckerberg pushed back against the idea that he's been coached on how to respond to questions or present himself, saying those offering the advice were "just giving feedback."

Regarding his media appearances and public speaking, Zuckerberg said, "I think I'm actually well known to be sort of bad at this."

The Meta CEO has long been mocked online for appearing robotic and, when he was younger, nervous when speaking publicly. In 2010, during an interview with renowned tech journalists Kara Swisher and Walt Mossberg, he was sweating so profusely that Swisher asked him if he wanted to "take

off the hoodie" that was his uniform at the time.

Lanier spent a considerable stretch of his limited time with Zuckerberg asking about the company's age verification policies.

"I don't see why this is so complicated," Zuckerberg said after a lengthy back-and-forth, reiterating that the company's policy restricts users under the age of 13 and that

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complicated

- Mark Zuckerberg

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they work to detect users who have lied about their ages to bypass restrictions.

Zuckerberg mostly stuck to his talking points, referencing his goal of building a platform that is valuable to users and, on multiple occasions, saying he disagreed with Lanier's "characterization" of his questions or of Zuckerberg's own comments.

Zuckerberg has testified in other trials and answered questions from Congress about youth safety on Meta's platforms, and he apologized to families at that hearing whose lives had been upended by tragedies they believed were because of social media. This trial, though, marks the first time Zuckerberg will answer similar questions in front of a jury, and, again, bereaved parents are expected to be in the limited courtroom seats available to the public.

The case, along with two others, has been selected as a bellwether trial, meaning its outcome could impact how thousands of similar lawsuits against social media companies are likely to play out.

A Meta spokesperson said the company strongly disagrees with the allegations in the lawsuit and said they are "confident the evidence will show our longstanding commitment to supporting young people."

One of Meta's attorneys, Paul Schmidt, said in his opening statement that the company is not disputing that KGM experienced mental

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Lunar New Year's and Mardi Gras Celebrations

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Lunar New Years and Mardi Gras Celebrations, Gladstones LAFD Event, a Star Wars themed dinner, and much more!



Courtesy of Santa Monica Place

SANTA MONICA PLACE: The mall celebrates Lunar New Year.

Locals' Night: Jazz Night: Locals' Night is bringing the rhythm with BroadStage's Jazz Night featuring phenomenal alumni from Stanley Clarke's Artist Residency program. Enjoy serious grooves to celebrate Black History Month, while Offhand Wine Bar keeps the vibe smooth with perfectly paired selections. Thursday, Feb. 19, 3:30 - 10 p.m., Santa Monica Pier santamonicapier.org/jazznight

Lunar New Year Celebration: Celebrate the Year of the Horse with lion dancers, live music, dazzling arts and cultural traditions at Santa Monica Place. This afternoon event offers festive vibes and interactive activities perfect for community gatherings and family fun. Saturday, Feb 21, 2 - 5p.m., Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place <https://www.santamonicaplace.com/events/lunar-new-year-at-santa-monica-place>

Pier Party: Dialed Records Pier Takeover: Dance the night by the ocean as underground house heavyweights Kepler & Laidlaw headline a special Dialed Records takeover on the Santa Monica Pier. Expect deep grooves, hypnotic rhythms and stacked support DJs for a seaside rave under the sunset. Saturday, Feb. 21, 3:30-10:30 pm, Santa Monica Pier crowdvolt.com/event/pos/dialed-records-laidlaw-kepler-los-angeles?t=santamonicapier

Venice Beach Mardi Gras: Venice Beach brings the Big Easy to the boardwalk with a colorful Mardi Gras celebration full of live music, costumed revelers, brass bands, and plenty of beads flying through the salty air. Expect high-energy performances, festive parades, and that unmistakable Venice flair — where New Orleans spirit meets beachside weird in the best possible way. Sunday, Feb. 22, 12 - 6p.m., Venice Board Walk venicepaparazzi.com/2026/02/15/venicebeach_mardigras_2026

Faux Sweets Launches Japanese Food-Replica Workshops: Founded by Japanese American artist Mae Hirota, Faux Sweets is launching hands-on food-replica workshops at Venice Beach's Albion Garden. The series will teach participants to create hyper-realistic Japanese-style food replicas. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026: 10 a.m.-noon, CampFire S'mores Waffles Workshop; 1:30-4:30 p.m., Double Donut Milkshake Workshop <https://www.smdp.com/faux-sweets-launches-japanese-food-replica-workshops-in-venice-beach/>

Amor Film Festival: This quarterly short-film festival showcases independent filmmakers from around the world. The festival highlights diverse voices and intimate storytelling while creating a welcoming space for both filmmakers and film lovers to

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: 60.8

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft

Knee to thigh

Conditions are the wildcard as another coastal low slides into the region. Still enough swell likely for decent size, but the conditions outlook isn't exactly a clean slate. Models are somewhat at odds on local winds as they try to resolve another coastal low expected to slide into the region. Still some hope (albeit low confidence) for improving conditions in the afternoon.

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft

Knee to thigh

Improving conditions as NW swell mix backs off to close out the work-week. Not as much size as the middle of the week but the general theme looks like improving conditions. Could still be enough energy to track down a few rideable waves if the wind outlook remains favorable. Also back to an early morning tide push which will help the cause.

Weather

Thursday: Rain, mainly between 10am and 4pm. High near 58. Breezy, with a south southeast wind 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain before 10pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. West northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 57. North wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/02/19	Thu	03:57 AM	0.84	L
2026/02/19	Thu	09:56 AM	5.15	H
2026/02/19	Thu	4:23 PM	-0.18	L
2026/02/19	Thu	10:41 PM	4.91	H
2026/02/20	Fri	04:44 AM	0.69	L
2026/02/20	Fri	10:39 AM	4.52	H
2026/02/20	Fri	4:49 PM	0.34	L
2026/02/20	Fri	11:13 PM	5.09	H
2026/02/21	Sat	05:37 AM	0.64	L
2026/02/21	Sat	11:30 AM	3.76	H
2026/02/21	Sat	5:14 PM	0.92	L
2026/02/21	Sat	11:50 PM	5.17	H
2026/02/22	Sun	06:43 AM	0.64	L
2026/02/22	Sun	12:38 PM	2.98	H
2026/02/22	Sun	5:39 PM	1.53	L
2026/02/23	Mon	12:37 AM	5.16	H
2026/02/23	Mon	08:16 AM	0.60	L

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Draw Date: 2/16
16 18 19 56 58
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 169 M



Draw Date: 2/17
8 11 26 28 35



Draw Date: 2/17
3 37 44 52 63
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 416 M



Draw Date: 2/17
EVENING: 9 1 7
Draw Date: 2/17
MIDDAY: 1 1 0



Draw Date: 2/14
5 13 14 26 42
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 29 M



Draw Date: 2/17
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2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
Race Time: 1:48.71

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California

California Senator Blasts EPA's Repeal of Endangerment Finding

State Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica), co-chair of the Environmental Legislative Caucus, has sharply criticized the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to repeal the Endangerment Finding, a rule that has governed federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions since 2009.

Allen said the Trump administration's move ignores scientific evidence and undermines the federal Clean Air Act's mandate to protect the public from harmful air pollutants.

"Today, the Trump Administration once again prioritized corporate megadonors at the expense of the American public," Allen said, warning that the decision would worsen the financial and public health burdens already associated with climate change. "Our insurance premiums and utility rates are already rising in the face of greater climate risk, and our public infrastructure and public health systems will face increasingly significant challenges."

Allen pledged that California would continue pursuing climate protections independent of federal action.

"California remains committed to protecting the health and safety of our residents through climate policy that is guided by scientific evidence," Allen said. "While the federal government abandons this essential responsibility, we will continue utilizing every ounce of authority we have to best provide clean and healthy air, water, and land for Californians."

The Endangerment Finding, first established under the Obama administration, provided the legal basis for EPA regulations limiting greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, power plants and other sources. Its repeal would significantly curtail the federal government's authority to regulate carbon pollution under existing law.



California remains committed to protecting the health and safety of our residents through climate policy that is guided by scientific evidence

- Ben Allen, State Sen.

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Los Angeles

L.A. Council Members Dedicate \$500,000 to Fix Dark Westside Streetlights

Los Angeles Council Members Traci Park (CD11) and Katy Yaroslavsky (CD5) announced Tuesday they will dedicate \$500,000 in discretionary funding to accelerate repairs of inoperable streetlights across the Westside, where copper wire theft and a growing repair backlog have left hundreds of city blocks in the dark.

The council members co-introduced a motion at Tuesday's city council meeting to formally allocate the funds for a focused repair effort targeting more than 1,100 open streetlight cases across their two districts.

The city has seen a significant surge in copper wire theft in recent years, which now accounts for nearly half of all streetlight outages citywide. Repairing vandalized infrastructure costs significantly more than routine maintenance, with citywide costs running into the tens of millions of dollars.

"Inoperable streetlights are not a minor inconvenience, but a direct public safety issue," Park said. "Darkened blocks increase the risk of collisions, create opportunities for crime, and put pedestrians and families at risk."

Yaroslavsky framed the move as an urgent intervention in what she called a citywide emergency. "One in ten lights are out, and my colleagues and I on the City Council are done asking residents to wait on a broken bureaucracy," she said, adding that the two districts would pool discretionary funds to create a dedicated repair crew.

Unlike most other council districts, CD5 and CD11 do not have access to AB 1290 funds, the tax increment dollars other districts use for infrastructure improvements, making discretionary funding the primary tool available to both offices.

Mar Vista resident Andrew Martin, whose block on Purdue Avenue was recently hit by copper wire theft, welcomed the announcement. "The usual feeling you have is that government doesn't work, but this is a clear example that it does," he said.

Karen Wallerstein, CEO of the Venice Chamber of Commerce, noted that reliable lighting also supports local businesses and encourages nighttime foot traffic in neighborhood commercial corridors.

Residents are encouraged to report outages by calling 3-1-1 and to share any relevant video evidence of copper wire theft with the LAPD.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Palisades

Chamber of Commerce to Host Recovery Expo for Fire-Affected Residents Feb. 22

The Malibu Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce will host a community-wide recovery expo Sunday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alma Real Drive and La Cruz Drive in Pacific Palisades, aimed at helping fire-affected residents navigate the rebuilding process.

The outdoor event will bring together contractors, builders, architects, public adjusters, city departments, recovery services and food trucks. A series of panel discussions, called Expo Talks, will be held at the Palisades American Legion, 15247 La Cruz Drive.

The Expo Talks schedule is as follows: at 11:30 a.m., a discussion on fire-hardening and construction innovation titled "Revolutionary Technology & Building Techniques Shaping the Recovery"; at 12:30 p.m., "Ask the Architects: A Future Informed by the Past," moderated by Maryam Zar, exploring how to balance heritage, livability and climate resilience in rebuilding design; and at 1:30 p.m., "Ask the Experts: Should I Stay or Should I Go?" covering financing, insurance, property values, timelines and market dynamics.

City and county agencies will also be on hand. Sponsors include Frontline Wildfire Defense, Embers Protection Services, Builders FirstSource, Builders Alliance, Farnsworth Custom Homes, Unified Representatives, Lumen and Just One Touch, among others.

Organizers said the event is designed to give fire-affected homeowners practical answers to one of the hardest questions they face: what comes next.

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TAX

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Angeles campaigning Wednesday for the tax proposal that has the Silicon Valley in an uproar, with tech titans threatening to leave the state. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom is among its outspoken opponents, warning that it could leave government finances in crisis and put the state at a competitive disadvantage nationally.

Sanders is planning a late afternoon rally near downtown, and in the past he has turned out overflow crowds in the heavily Democratic city. The Vermont senator, a democratic socialist, is popular in California — he won the 2020 Democratic presidential primary in the state in a runaway. He's been railing for decades against what he characterizes as wealthy elites and the growing gap between rich and poor.

A large health care union is attempting to place a proposal before voters in November that would impose a one-time 5% tax on the assets of billionaires — including stocks, art, businesses, collectibles and intellectual property — to backfill federal funding cuts to health services for lower-income people that were signed by President Donald Trump last year.

Sanders wrote on the social platform X that he strongly supports the tax "at a time of unprecedented and growing wealth and income inequality."

"Our nation will not thrive when so few own so much," Sanders wrote.

Debate on the proposal is unfolding at a time when voters in both parties express unease with economic conditions and what the future will bring in a politically divided nation. Distrust of government — and its ability to get things done — is widespread.

The proposal has created a rift between Newsom and prominent members of his party's progressive wing, including Sanders, who has said the tax should be a template for other states.

"The issues that are really going to be motivating Democrats this year, affordability and the cost of health care and cuts to schools, none of these would be fixed by this proposal. If fact, they would be made worse," said Brian Brokaw, a longtime Newsom adviser who is leading a political committee opposing the tax.

Midterm elections typically punish the party in control of the White House, and

Democrats are hoping to gain enough U.S. House seats to overturn the chamber's slim Republican majority. In California, rejigged House districts approved by voters last year are expected to help the party pick up as many as five additional seats, which would leave Republicans in control of just a handful of districts.

"It is always better for a party to have the political debate focused on issues where you are united and the other party is divided," said Eric Schickler, a professor of political science at the University of California, Berkeley. "Having an issue like this where Newsom and Sanders — among others — are on different sides is not ideal."

With the idea of taxing billionaires popular among many voters "this can be a good way for Democratic candidates to rally that side and break through from the pack," Schickler added in an email.

It's already trickled into the race for governor and contests down the ballot. Republicans Chad Bianco and Steve Hilton, both candidates for governor, have warned the tax would erase jobs. San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, a Democratic candidate for governor, has said inequality starts at the federal level, where the tax code is riddled with loopholes.

Coinciding with the Sanders visit and an upcoming state Democratic convention this weekend, opponents are sending out targeted emails and social media ads intended to sway party insiders.

It's not clear if the proposal will make the ballot — supporters must gather more than 870,000 petition signatures to place it before voters.

The nascent contest already has drawn out a tangle of competing interests, with millions of dollars flowing into political committees.

Newsom has long opposed state-level wealth taxes, believing such levies would be disadvantageous for the world's fourth-largest economy. At a time when California is strapped for cash and he is considering a 2028 presidential run, he is trying to block the proposal before it reaches the ballot.

Analysts say an exodus of billionaires could mean a loss of hundreds of millions of tax dollars for the nation's most populous state. But supporters say the funding is needed to offset federal cuts that could leave many Californians without vital services.

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MALIBU

Friday, February 20, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Math & Science Building, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica.

The Night Sky Show

The Night Sky Show - Using SMC's 4K Digistar projection system, Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent will talk about the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, and present a virtual tour of constellations and other night-sky celebrities making their appearance in the evenings ahead. The Night Sky Show is followed by the Feature Program. General Admission: \$10. Children (3-12): \$7. Show Combo (Include the Feature Program at 7 p.m.): \$16 adults, \$10 children (3-12). There will be a short intermission prior the start of the Feature Program. No children under age 3 at Friday evening shows. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-night-sky-show/18045435/2026-02-20T18>

Saturday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hosteling Intl. 1436 2nd Street Santa Monica.

Downtown Walking Tour

Join the Santa Monica Conservancy's Downtown Walking Tour. Discover downtown Santa Monica's architectural gems, history, and culture. From Art Deco to Victorian and Romanesque Revival, you'll explore the various styles that fill the streets of Santa Monica. Explore downtown's diverse architectural heritage, including Bay Cities Guaranty Building, El Miro Theater, Georgian Hotel, Gussie Moran House, Keller Block and more! The Downtown Walking Tour is FREE for Conservancy members, FREE for guests staying at Hostelling International, and \$10 for the general public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-walking-tour/15830816/2026-02-21T10>

Saturday, February 21, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

930 Pacific Coast Highway Santa Monica.

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Thursday, February 19, 3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica.

Jazz Night Presented by Pacific Park

In celebration of Black History Month, Locals' Night returns with an evening of jazz, honoring a genre rooted in Black creativity, resilience, and expression. Expect timeless sound, community, and a night on the Pier worth lingering for. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-night-presented-by-pacific-park/18142102/2026-02-19T15>

Thursday, February 19, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ocean View Park 2701 Barnard Way Santa Monica.

Women's Tennis - Santa Barbara City College

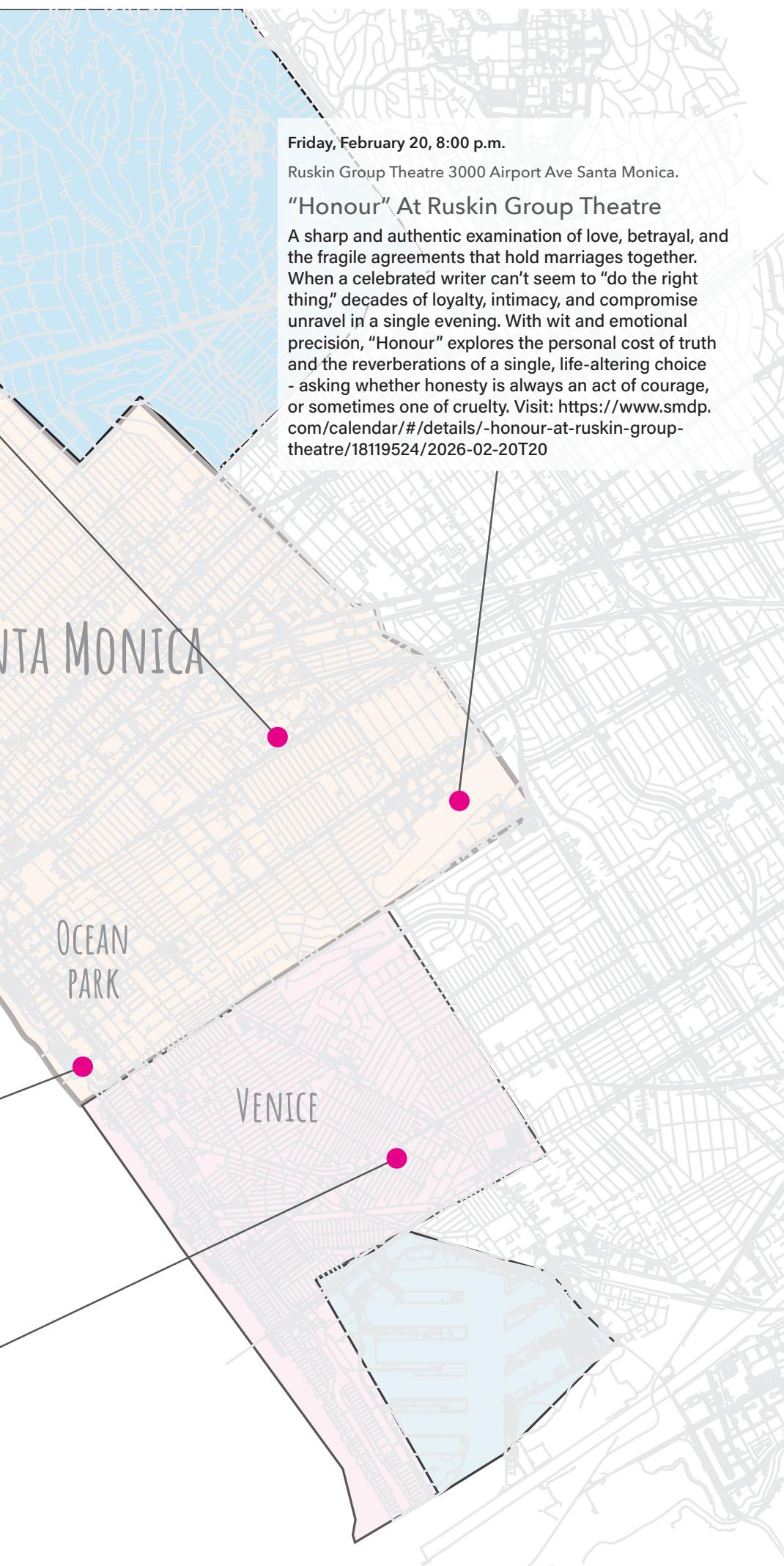
Western State Conference game. Matches held at Ocean View Park. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/women-s-tennis-santa-barbara-city-college/18044824/2026-02-19T13>

Friday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.

The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice.

Venice Western Line Dancing Night

Venice Western Line Dancing Night has become one of the top acts in the 2026 Ballet and Dance world, delighting fans with a one-of-a-kind show. And Vivid Seats will help get you there. Shop with confidence thanks to the Vivid Seats Buyer Guarantee. Additionally, Vivid Seats was named No. 1 in the ticketing category on Newsweek's list of Best Customer Service in both 2020 and 2021. We're your companion for live events. We'll help get you there, and give you peace of mind. So that when the lights go down and the Venice Western Line Dancing Night show starts, the only thing on your mind will be the amazing memories you're about to make. \$47.00 to \$65.86. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-western-line-dancing-night/17951521/2026-02-20T18>



Friday, February 20, 8:00 p.m.

Ruskin Group Theatre 3000 Airport Ave Santa Monica.

"Honour" At Ruskin Group Theatre

A sharp and authentic examination of love, betrayal, and the fragile agreements that hold marriages together. When a celebrated writer can't seem to "do the right thing," decades of loyalty, intimacy, and compromise unravel in a single evening. With wit and emotional precision, "Honour" explores the personal cost of truth and the reverberations of a single, life-altering choice - asking whether honesty is always an act of courage, or sometimes one of cruelty. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-honour-at-ruskin-group-theatre/18119524/2026-02-20T20>



THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 19

THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL: THURSDAY ADMISSION

7:00 a.m. The Riviera Country Club 1250 Capri Pacific Palisades. One of the PGA TOUR's most prestigious events, the Genesis Invitational returns to Los Angeles in 2026 at the iconic Riviera Country Club, where the world's top golfers compete on one of the sport's most famous courses. Hosted by Tiger Woods, the tournament offers fans an unforgettable four days of championship golf, premium hospitality and unforgettable Southern California scenery. Schedule: Feb. 19: Round 1 - Gates open at 7 a.m. Feb. 20: Round 2 - Gates open at 7 a.m. Feb. 21: Round 3 - Gates open at 7 a.m. Feb. 22: Round 4 - Gates open at 7 a.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-genesis-invitational-thursday-admission/17408701/2026-02-19T07>

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-02-19T11>

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council. The Commission will also assist in the planning and promotion of a recreation program for residents and solicit the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/recreation-and-parks-commission/13349132/2026-02-19T18>

JBNZO

9:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tix available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jbnzo/17932598/2026-02-19T21>

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 20

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg

dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio/14639006/2026-02-20T11>

NEW EXHIBITION AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM CELEBRATES FOOD & FAMILY

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum 1350 Seventh Street Santa Monica. Explore the evolution of African American and intercultural food traditions in Southern California, tracing the impact of the Great Migration and global immigration on Santa Monica's culinary landscape. Through the lens of shared meals, recipes, and community gatherings, the exhibition examines how food fosters a sense of belonging, connection, and cultural continuity. \$0.00 to \$5.00Free for Children, Students, Seniors, SNAP/EBT card holders. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/new-exhibition-at-the-history-museum-celebrates-food-family/17896821/2026-02-20T11>

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 21

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2026-02-21T08>

CITRUS CARE WORKSHOP & PRUNING DEMONSTRATION

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. shihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica, 90404. We hope you will join us for this annual workshop hosted in partnership with the LA County Master Gardener Orchard Management Team. Workshop begins at 10 AM. Hosted by the City of Santa Monica, this Annual Workshop brings dozens to the Ishihara Park Learning Garden's Citrus Orchard for a workshop by Master Gardeners on Citrus and Fruit Tree Care and Maintenance. Topics will include proper tool care, choosing trees for your space, fertilizing, watering, pest management and pruning techniques. Come early for our Pancakes in the Park and see what's growing in our communal garden. Bring your tools, proper shoes, gloves, hat and even a chair if you have one. Our seats are limited. Please RSVP HERE. If that doesn't work, please cut and paste the link below. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ishihara-park-learning-garden-citrus-orchard-care-and-maintenance-workshop-tickets-1981593762286?aff=odddtdtcreator> More details at Santamonica.gov/events

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026015156. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LEGACY IN PROGRESS, 2801 OCEAN PARK BLVD #2419, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): ALICIA COLLINS, 2801 OCEAN PARK BLVD #2419, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ Alicia Collins, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 01/29/2026, 02/05/2026, 02/12/2026, 02/19/2026, 02/26/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026020214. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAVENWOOD INTELLIGENCE COOPERATIVE, RAVENWOOD INTELLIGENCE, RAVENWOOD INTEL, RAVENWOOD, 100 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 700, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): UBE BREAD LLC, 1422 CALIFORNIA AVE UNIT 4, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ PHILIP M FIELDS, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/5/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/12/2026, 02/19/2026, 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026027651. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SARI-SARI SWEETIE, 1422 CALIFORNIA AVE UNIT 4, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): UBE BREAD LLC, 1422 CALIFORNIA AVE UNIT 4, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ TRINEDY KRUSELL, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/5/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/12/2026, 02/19/2026, 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026

Name Change

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026019786. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANTA MONICA SURF TOURS, 1654 OCEAN AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): WOLFLOW HOLDINGS LLC, 1654 OCEAN AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ ADAM DUFORD, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/27/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/19/2026, 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/12/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26CHCP00053. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 9425 Penfield Avenue, Room 1200, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Petition of Caroline Rose Toomey for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Caroline Rose Toomey filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Caroline Rose Toomey to Caroline Rose. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 04/10/2026, Time: 8:30 am, Dept: F43. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 02/06/2026. Michael J. O'Gara, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/19/2026, 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/12/2026

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AROUND TOWN

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connect. Sunday, Feb. 22, Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St. amorfilmfestival.com

Frieze Los Angeles: Bringing together approximately 100 galleries, ambitious installations, nonprofit collaborations and local food pop-ups. As a leading international art fair focused on contemporary art, Frieze LA celebrates Southern California's dynamic creative culture and global influence in the arts. This is a must-attend event for art lovers, collectors and anyone interested in experiencing cutting-edge work in a community setting. Thursday, Feb. 26 - Sunday, March 1, Santa Monica Airport, frieze.com/fairs/frieze-los-angeles

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Gladstones Malibu Honors LAFD Heroes One Year After the Fires: This event honors the real heroes of the Malibu coastline - the brave men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department who stood on the front lines to protect the community, the coastline, and the beloved oceanfront landmark. To mark the one-year anniversary, Gladstone's invites the public to take part in this special gathering - a heartfelt tribute honoring the firefighters who helped protect Malibu. Guests will enjoy complimentary light bites and refreshments, followed by a special plaque unveiling. Friday, Feb. 20, 11a.m. - 12p.m., 17300 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu partiful.com/e/AmvM3j0jW5syGWgFWspl

PJ & Friends Bistro Dinners: Pasjoli is has a series of dinner collabs with chef friends from the LA area in March and April. Tickets go on sale Friday, Feb. 20. @ 2732 Main St. instagram.com/pasjoli.sm

Star Wars Immersive Dinner at Shoreside Restaurant: This is an interactive, immersive experience that includes the movie. Ticket Includes welcome Drink and 5-Course Prix Fixe Dinner. Sunday, Feb. 22, 5 - 9p.m., 1515 Ocean Ave. feastyoureyes.co

New BOGO Happy Hour at Fitoor: The excellent modern Indian restaurant and cocktail lounge blending vibrant flavors with coastal California style is launching a Buy One, Get One Happy Hour, Monday through Friday from 3-6pm. Discover creative cocktails, elevated Indian bites, ocean vibes, and a gorgeous bar and lounge. 1755 Ocean Ave. eatdrinkfitoore.com/happy-hour-near-santa-monica-beach

Mishkon Temple Sake Tasting and Havdalah: This year's annual tasting event will feature sake, the traditional rice beverage of Japan. The evening includes the tasting, kosher Japanese snacks (including sushi), and your very own sake tasting cup to take home! Non-alcoholic sake available on request, and soft drinks will be served. Learn more and get your tickets here. Saturday, Feb. 21 6:15 - 8 p.m. 206 Main St., Venice mishkon.org/event/sake-tasting.html

Organic, Grass-Fed Burger Spot Palms 'n Patties opens in SaMo: The menu centers on burgers prepared with 100% organic, grass-fed beef, accompanied by hand-cut fries and house-made sauces. The restaurant said the kitchen avoids seed oils and additives, instead preparing food with traditional fats such as beef tallow. Fries are double-fried, and sauces are made without industrial oils or preservatives. 3032 Wilshire Blvd. palmsnpatties.com

Louma Bakery to Open in SaMo with Artisan Breads and an Inclusive Employment Mission: Nonprofit-owned bakery will feature sourdough, French pastries, and seasonal organic offerings. The bakery is designed to create professional opportunities for individuals with learning and developmental differences, integrating workforce training with daily operations. 3223 Wilshire Blvd. toddickallen.com/2026/02/05/louma-bakery-coming-to-santa-monica/

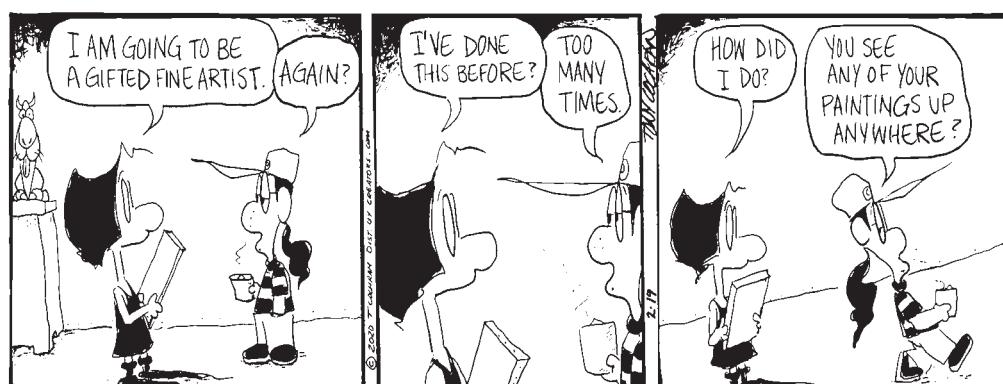
Further Afield: Tiki Kai doesn't just serve dinner — it throws a full-on tropical escape and hands you a rum drink on the way in. It gives off major Trader Vic's vibes... in a great way. From the moment you step inside, it's less "Hermosa Beach" and more "I accidentally booked a flight to the South Pacific and I'm not mad about it." The glowing lanterns, carved tiki gods, bamboo everything, and soundtrack of island vibes make it feel like a vacation you can Uber to. I highly recommend getting a few things from the "make your own Pupu Platter" menu. 73 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach instagram.com/TikiKaiHB

More Further Afield: Conscious Life Expo: Feb. 20-23, at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport, bringing together hundreds of speakers, vendors and attendees focused on personal growth, spirituality, science and wellness. Organizers describe the four-day event as a gathering of thought leaders, researchers and practitioners exploring topics that range from consciousness and metaphysics to health, longevity and emerging scientific ideas. The Expo will feature more than 200 speakers and 350 vendors, along with panel discussions, interactive workshops, free lectures and special events.

Looking Ahead: Frieze LA Art Show (2/26 - 3/1); Venice Art Crawl (early March); U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship (4/2-5); Santa Monica Film Festival (4/11-13)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Lunar New Year's and Mardi Gras Celebrations

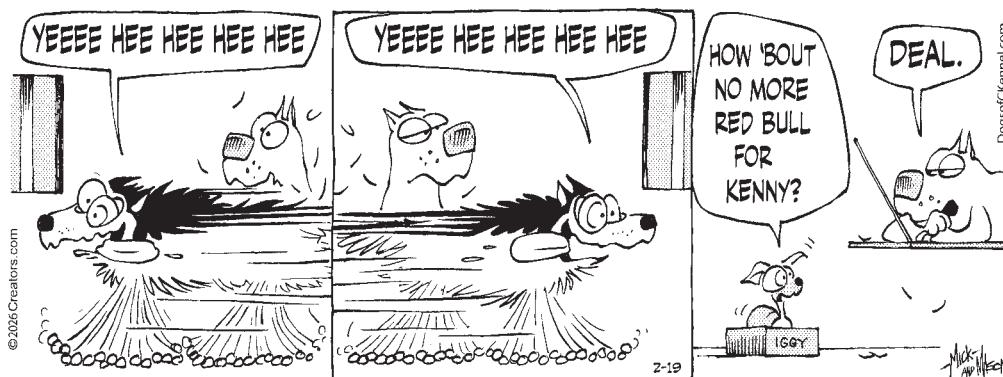
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Camp	Hawks	Porcupine	Swans
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Desert	Huge	Rats	Usage
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Swim between the flags



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 19)

It's your Year of Buried Gold when "X" will mark the actual spot on the map where you should start digging. You'll get the map through solid relationships, a mentorship and your own steady work and continuing education. Your curiosity and follow through are deservedly and richly rewarded. More highlights: a reunion, recognition for unseen efforts, and love that fits on multiple levels. Taurus and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 3, 44, 31 and 19.



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Stress doesn't automatically mean something is wrong. Some stress is healthy, and some hard situations are worth sticking with if you know why you're there. Check back in with your reasons and see if they still make sense.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know what it's like to have unappealing options: bad or worse, rock or hard place, lesser of two evils. That's what makes today's choices feel luxurious. You'll appreciate, celebrate and attract even more good fortune with your attitude of gratitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have allies in every area of life - professional, personal, spiritual and more. Call on them before you need them. You may never need them at all, and that's what makes the relationship real. Otherwise, it's just transactional.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't need to disconnect from the world to connect with yourself again. You just need a little quiet. Two hours of real focus will be enough to finish something that's been hanging over you and remember that you're brilliantly competent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A riddle you'll easy guess: What do your loved ones crave when you're not there, but sometimes take for granted when you are? Your presence. Warm, all-in, so you. Presence is a paradox: invisible in the moment, yet unforgettable in absence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your vision energizes you. Bringing a fantasy to life - or even failing to do so - is far more interesting to you than working for the approval of others. You'll be guided by an internal logic akin to appetite.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Desire and availability are intertwined. When something is rare, it draws the eye and quickens the pulse. Some people, in certain moods, find that the risk of missing out awakens decisiveness they didn't know they had.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're feeling some uncertainty about the rules, your strategy or how to play the game in general. This is your subconscious nudging you to reevaluate. Go back to the beginning. Is this game even worth playing? What are your odds of winning?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When someone is defensive, resistant or closed off, new information can't go in. People don't learn with their arms crossed. Go where the teachers and students are receptive like you, hearts and minds open, and you'll learn quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The second easiest way to keep your promises is to make promises that are easy to keep. The top easiest way is not to make them in the first place. You'll deliver more than expected today because you didn't tell them what to expect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What happens right before becoming? Exposure. Awkwardness. Uncertainty. So in a way, you can see those uncomfortable feelings as a sign of imminent arrival. At the very least, discomfort is the herald of improvement, and at most, transformation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mind is open and your curiosity strong. Ideas are everywhere, but some are worth more than others, and you sense right away what's worth moving on. A small choice today slowly opens a bigger adventure in the future.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



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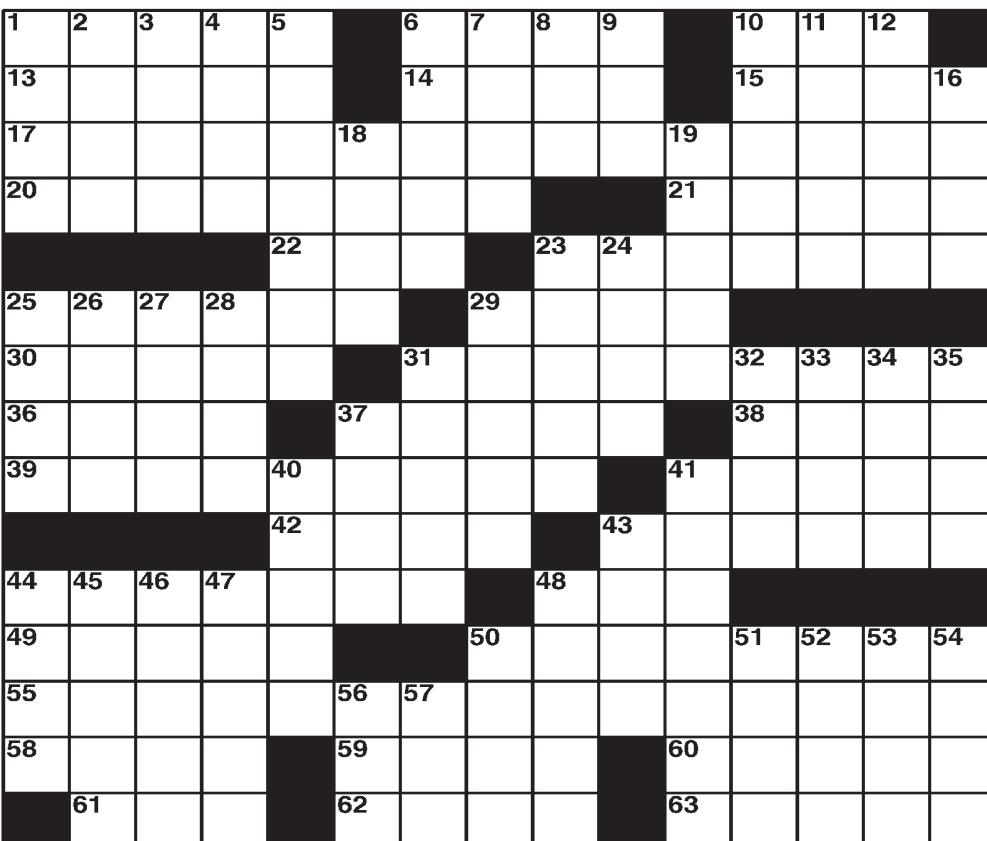
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- 6 Provide
- 10 Crude qty.
- 13 Was nostalgic
- 14 Throw off
- 15 Drubbing
- 17 Don't succeed at a crucial moment
- 20 "See ya!"
- 21 African capital on the Atlantic
- 22 Metal *precioso*
- 23 Turkey cousin
- 25 Appetizer sampler
- 29 Crib dweller
- 30 Broad scarf
- 31 Unscrupulous control attempt
- 36 Withdraw (from)
- 37 Bigwig
- 38 Earring support
- 39 Calms down
- 41 Had the intent
- 42 Possible kite catcher
- 43 Shots to swing
- 44 Fuel from wood chips, e.g.
- 48 Overhead lines
- 49 Ceremonial spot
- 50 Bookplate inscription
- 55 Attainable
- 58 Evil look
- 59 What oxygen hasn't
- 60 Ward worker
- 61 Dr. of music

62 Into the sunset

63 Stand in good __

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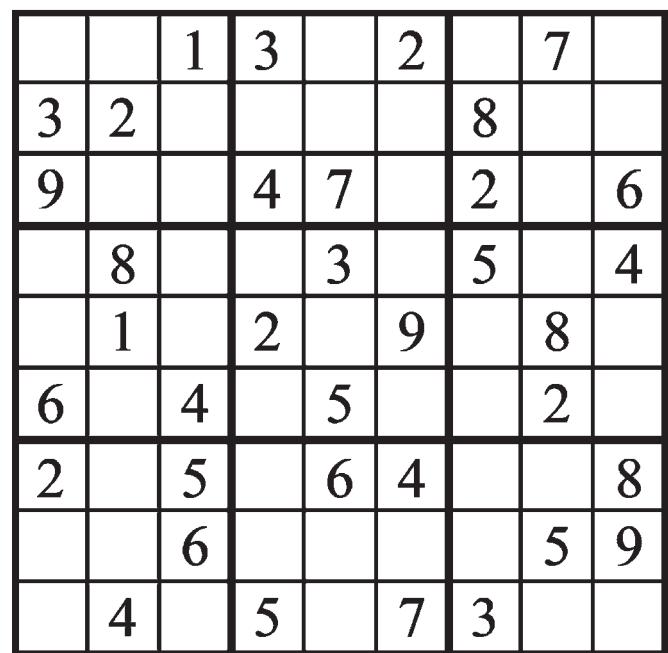
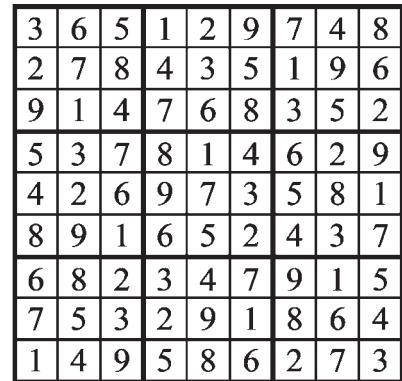
- 1 Last president with a mustache
- 2 Purple puree base
- 3 Leveling wedge
- 4 It means "distant"
- 5 Dele
- 6 Starting point
- 7 Point-of-view lead-in
- 8 Go toe-to-toe
- 9 End-of-list abbr.
- 10 Batman alias
- 11 Make a mess of
- 12 Monetary gain
- 16 As compared to
- 18 Rule of thumb
- 19 Selection on tap
- 23 Prepare for a hearth
- 24 The third man
- 25 "Dude!"
- 26 Verbal nod
- 27 Exam with Living Systems questions
- 28 Male deliveries
- 29 *Maltese Falcon* guy's nickname
- 31 Sponge holes
- 32 Slick-talking
- 33 Salsa tomato
- 34 Support wrongdoing for
- 35 Kings and twins
- 37 Bosses, briefly
- 40 Video arcade pioneer
- 41 Social media ID intros
- 43 Bard's title starter
- 44 Chew (out)
- 45 Admission of imprecision
- 46 Fish-eating frolicker
- 47 Phil or Steve of skiing
- 48 Apply with intensity
- 50 Nephew of 24-Down
- 51 Champagne category
- 52 Nearly unobtainable
- 53 Actress Rae
- 54 Accelerated
- 56 This very moment
- 57 Lyrical tribute



Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.



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SOCER

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describes the objective simply; creating safe spaces where kids can access soccer and feel they belong. That philosophy shaped the club's rapid response to wildfires earlier this year, when the Galaxy and their partners moved quickly to mobilize support. Because of long standing relationships with more than 50 local organizations, the club was able to help deliver roughly \$1 million in assistance through donated items collected from fans, coordinated service hours, and direct outreach to affected families. "Those relationships didn't start when the fires started," Braun said. "They were already there, which allowed us to move fast and make a meaningful impact when it mattered most."

The Galaxy's commitment to youth access is perhaps most visible through their mini pitch program, which places soccer fields directly into neighborhoods with personal meaning to the club. In South Central Los Angeles, a recent mini pitch installation took place at the elementary school once attended by a current Galaxy player, allowing him to return to his community and give back where his journey began. Beyond installing the field, the Galaxy helped establish an ongoing program at the school, providing equipment, organized play, and a pathway for students to engage with the sport. Later this year, the club plans to open another mini pitch in Altadena in partnership with CNB, extending the initiative into an area impacted by recent fires. "When a player can go back to the school they grew up in and give something back, it resonates differently," Braun said. "It tells kids that this game, and this club, are for them."

As Los Angeles prepares for the FIFA World Cup 2026, the Galaxy are positioning themselves as what Braun calls the local voice of a global event. Later this week, the club will officially announce the LA Galaxy Soccer Celebration, a free public watch party and fan experience series created in partnership with MLS and the host cities of Long Beach, Carson, and Hermosa Beach. The activation will span multiple stages of the tournament, beginning with group stage matches broadcast on a large video board along Pine Avenue in Long Beach, continuing through the Round of 16 at Galaxy Park in Carson, and culminating with semifinal and final match viewings on the sand in Hermosa Beach.

"This summer, Southern California will feel like the center of the soccer universe, and we want fans to have a home with the Galaxy for every moment," Braun said. "By bringing this Soccer Celebration to Long Beach and Hermosa Beach, as well as broadcasting games at our home in Carson, we're creating

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health struggles, but rather disputing that Instagram played a substantial factor in those struggles. He pointed to medical records that showed a turbulent home life, and both he and an attorney representing YouTube argue she turned to their platforms as a coping mechanism or a means of escaping her mental health struggles.

Zuckerberg's testimony comes a week after that of Adam Mosseri, the head of Meta's Instagram, who said in the courtroom that he disagrees with the idea that people can be clinically addicted to social media platforms. Mosseri maintained that Instagram works hard to protect young people using the service,

free, inclusive, high-energy environments where families, supporters, and even casual fans can come together and experience the drama of world soccer."

Braun emphasizes that the strategy is about access as much as excitement. All watch parties will be free and intentionally distributed across multiple communities to ensure broad participation and representation. While operational realities will limit large scale stadium activations during the tournament, as Dignity Health Sports Park is expected to be heavily utilized and likely serve as a training hub, Braun views that role as further evidence of the venue's importance within the global soccer ecosystem.

Beyond fan engagement, the Galaxy see the World Cup as a significant opportunity to strengthen local economies and deepen community ties. Braun notes that the club is focused on ensuring small businesses benefit from the influx of visitors and attention, using the Galaxy platform to spotlight neighborhood corridors during major sporting moments. That approach will extend into the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, when Dignity Health Sports Park is set to host multiple events, bringing sustained international attention to the region.

At the same time, the Galaxy are intentionally anchoring this next chapter in their own history. In early April, the club will host Landon Donovan Weekend, featuring a series of activations and a season ticket member Q and A tied to Donovan's new autobiography and reflections on mental health. Later in the month, a nine-foot bronze statue honoring Cobi Jones will be unveiled at the stadium. "No one has had a bigger impact on this club and this sport over such a long period of time," Braun said of Jones. "Honoring that legacy matters as we build what's next."

Looking ahead, Braun believes soccer in the United States is entering a rare moment of convergence. Major League Soccer itself was born out of the 1994 World Cup, and with the world's biggest sporting events returning to American soil, the runway for growth has never been stronger. A league wide schedule shift beginning in the 2027-28 season, aligning MLS with the European calendar, is expected to further accelerate that momentum by improving competitiveness and attracting international talent.

"For us, whether it's the World Cup or the Olympics, the opportunity is the same," Braun said. "Use these moments to deepen youth development, support small businesses, and make sure the benefits reach the communities that have supported the sport all along."

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and said it's "not good for the company, over the long run, to make decisions that profit us but are poor for people's well-being."

Much of Mosseri's questioning from the plaintiff's lawyer, Mark Lanier, centered on cosmetic filters on Instagram that changed people's appearance — a topic that Lanier is sure to revisit with Zuckerberg. He is also expected to face questions about Instagram's algorithm, the infinite nature of Meta's feeds and other features the plaintiffs argue are designed to get users hooked.

Meta is also facing a separate trial in New Mexico that began last week.

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deaths and severe injuries on our streets and roadways to zero," said Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Zwick. "We actually haven't even reduced them at all in the 10-year period in which we've been talking about that as a major goal."

Santa Monica recorded 60 severe injury crashes involving pedestrians in 2024, up from 39 in 2023 — the fourth consecutive year of increases. Pedestrian-involved crashes accounted for 17% of all crashes last year but represented 42% of severe injuries.

Mayor Caroline Torosis, who co-sponsored the motion with Zwick and Councilmember Dan Hall, said the city adopted its Vision Zero plan in February 2016 with a goal of reducing fatal and severe injury crashes to zero by 2026.

"We're here. We're going in the wrong direction," Torosis said. "I think it's going to take public attention to this, because shining a light on these issues is the best form, sometimes, of getting visible progress."

Zwick said city officials have avoided acknowledging an uncomfortable truth: Every roadway design decision involves trade-offs between safety and efficiency that are rarely made explicit.

"When we say we're committed to Vision Zero, we say somewhat less loudly that we're also trying to maintain efficiency and throughput," Zwick said. "This is a trade off that we make in every decision when we're designing our roadways, and it's one that we're not really being explicit about."

Over the past decade, Santa Monica has completed none of the greenway projects — low-traffic, low-speed streets designated on routes including Michigan, Washington, Ashland, Chelsea and 6th Street — that were identified in its pedestrian and bicycle action plans.

Zwick noted that creating greenways requires relatively simple and cost-effective interventions called diverters or modal filters, which intentionally limit traffic speeds and volumes on residential streets.

"There are actually incredibly simple ways and cost effective ways to realize the goals of what a greenway is," Zwick said. "It does not require 10 years."

He requested that staff develop a plan to make the designated greenways fit within guidelines established by the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

Councilmember Natalya Zernitskaya

connected the city's struggles to a broader regional crisis, referencing a crash that occurred days earlier on Westwood Boulevard in which a driver struck a bicyclist, lost control and crashed into a restaurant, killing three people and injuring four others.

"I hope that this is also setting an example for our neighbors to take this issue very seriously," Zernitskaya said.

Councilmember Ellis Raskin praised the leadership of the motion's sponsors.

"You have seen families that have faced immeasurable tragedy from children that won't ever come up again, from folks whose lives are forever altered through traffic violence," Raskin said, addressing Zwick. "The leadership that you've shown on this issue and others really deserves praise and recognition."

Councilmember Lana Negrete emphasized the importance of community engagement and coordination with first responders in developing new safety designs.

"Hopefully, too, we will engage the community in advance of any designs meaningfully, because obviously this impacts, and we've seen when designs go awry," Negrete said. She also stressed the need to ensure designs "meet the needs of making sure first responders get to where they need to be."

Written public comments submitted before the meeting showed resident support for the initiative. Jacob Wasserman, a Santa Monica resident, wrote that the city needs "a culture change — in the metrics used and the 'outreach' processes employed — so that human lives are held above auto throughput."

Caro Vilain, another resident, acknowledged the city's progress on protected bike lanes but wrote that "it is also very clear that we have not accomplished the Vision Zero goals that the city set 10 years ago."

Connor Webb wrote that "traffic violence is a daily occurrence for anyone who walks or bikes in Santa Monica," adding that "the number of drivers that threatened my life just this week is more than I've experienced in a decade from anyone outside of a vehicle."

Dustin Shahan urged the council to focus on "streamlining the processes necessary to implement the changes necessary in a quick and dynamic manner," noting that planning is "useless without the ability to take the steps necessary to achieve it."

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