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4th Street pickleball site sets sights on mid-April opening

SCOTT SNOWDEN
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The pickleball installation slated to fill the empty space at 1318 4th Street took its first tentative steps toward realization recently as work finally started on resurfacing the area that will contain the courts.

During the most recent Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board meeting, Martin Ronzio-Garcia, Business & Community Development Manager, gave an update of the situation.

According to Ronzio-Garcia, on March 11, Santa Monica Pickleball and Padel, LLC (SMPP) received their Architecture Review Board approval from the Planning Department. On March 24, SMPP had to apply "for a modification for their portable restroom" because it's a long-term outdoor setup, temporary bathrooms would not have been permitted, which was approved with seldom seen efficiency.

Ronzio-Garcia said that power washing of the site had been completed and on March 25, the asphalt was laid and smoothed, adding the first layer of primer for the pickleball courts.

"So, that is really the groundwork for what will eventually be pickleball courts on the site," he said, adding that on March 27 their permit was ready to issue from the building department and a provisional opening date of April 14 had been set.

"It's going to take about eight to 10 business days for the portable

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Residents rally for Fairview Library







Photos by Fran Lyness

LIBRARY: Residents gathered outside the Santa Monica City Council meeting on Tuesday to advocate for the Fairview Branch library. As the city faces a budget deficit, the Council had floated an idea to close the branch and sell the property. While that was just an idea and no formal proposals are in place to close the facility, residents still took to the microphone to advocate for more funding for the branch in specific and for the system as a whole.

Safety concerns prompt calls for beach curfew

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council has asked staff to explore a nighttime curfew along the shoreline after a recent spate of violence has rekindled debate about the safety of the sand during overnight hours.

At their Tuesday meeting, Mayor Lana Negrete, along with Councilmembers Jesse Zwick and Natalya Zernitskaya, requested that the City Manager and City Attorney investigate the possibility of establishing nighttime restrictions at Santa Monica State Beach in conjunction with various state agencies that hold sway over the shoreline.

"I think it's time for us to look at a curfew," said Mayor Negrete, who emphasized that the move comes in response to a disturbing pattern of incidents over the past two years. "We've had everything from murders, rapes, and even accidental deaths."

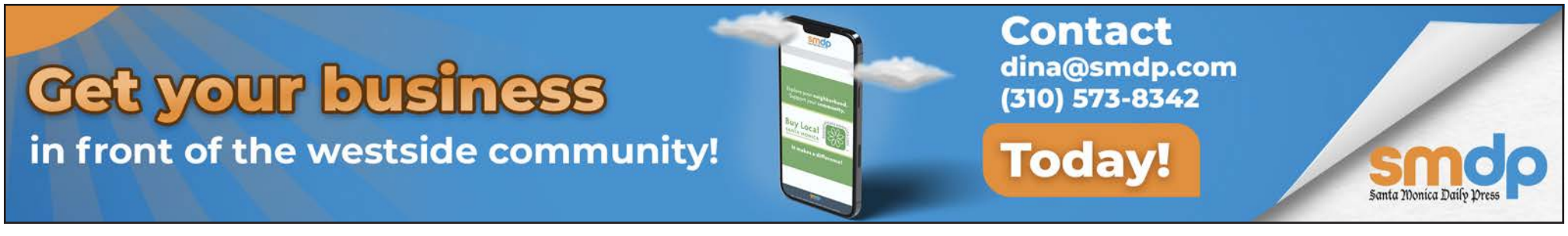
The mayor highlighted particular concerns about beach maintenance workers who rake the sand in early morning hours, noting there have been instances where people sleeping on the beach were accidentally run over by maintenance equipment. She also pointed to a series of recent crimes targeting young women on the beaches.

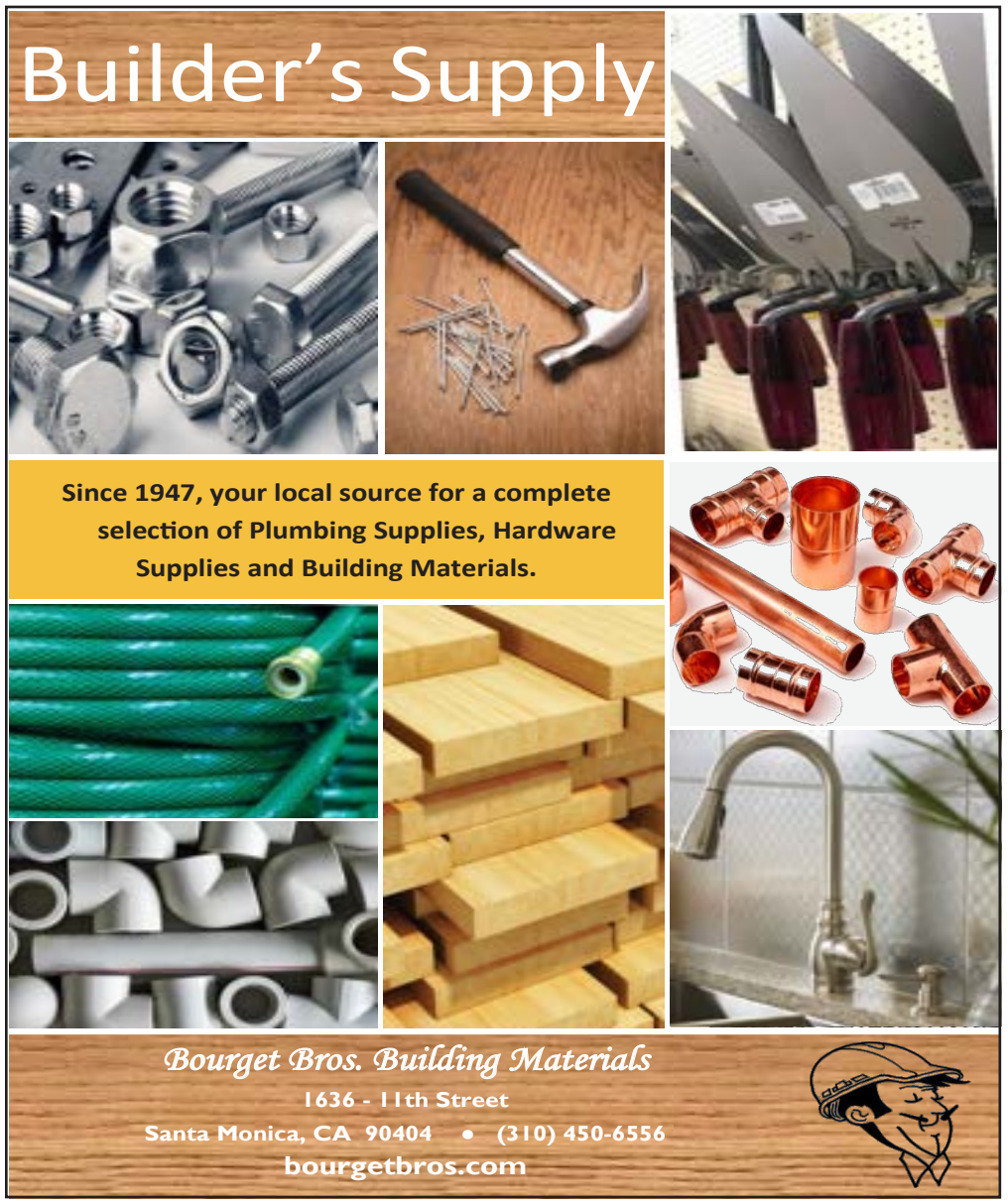
"There's a saying the police use - 'nothing good happens after midnight'," Negrete added.

Councilmember Jesse Zwick reinforced these safety concerns, saying that at least two, possibly three individuals had been run over while sleeping on the beach at night.

"It's been quite endemic lately,

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Trump limits tariffs on most nations for 90 days, raises taxes on Chinese imports

Facing a global market meltdown, President Donald Trump on Wednesday abruptly backed off his tariffs on most nations for 90 days even as he further jacked up the tax rate on Chinese imports to 125%.

It was seemingly an attempt to narrow what had been an unprecedented trade war between the U.S. and most of the world to a showdown between the U.S. and China. The S&P 500 stock index jumped 9.5% after the announcement, but the drama over Trump's tariffs is far from over as the administration prepares to engage in country-by-country negotiations. In the meantime, countries subject to the pause will now be tariffed at 10%.

The president hit pause in the face of intense pressure created by volatile financial markets that had been pushing Trump to reconsider his tariffs, even as some administration officials insisted the his reversal had always been the plan.

As stocks and bonds sold off, voters were watching their retirement savings dwindle and businesses warned of worse than expected sales and rising prices, all a possible gut punch to a country that sent Trump back to the White House last year on the promise of combating inflation.

The global economy appeared to be in open rebellion against Trump's tariffs as they took effect early Wednesday, a signal that the U.S. president was not immune from market pressures. By early afternoon, Trump posted on Truth Social that because more than 75 countries had reached out to the U.S. government for trade talks and had not retaliated in meaningful ways, "I have authorized a 90 day PAUSE, and a substantially lowered Reciprocal Tariff during this period, of 10%, also effective immediately."

Trump later told reporters that he pulled back on many global tariffs — but not on China — because people were "yippy" and "afraid" due to the stock market declines. He added that while he expected to reach deals, "nothing's over yet."

The president said he had been monitoring the bond market and that people were "getting a little queasy" as bond prices had fallen and interest rates had increased in a vote of no confidence by investors in Trump's previous tariff plans.

"The bond market is very tricky," Trump said. "I was watching it. But if you look at it now, it's beautiful."

The president later said he'd been thinking about his tariff pause over the past few days, but he said it "came together early this morning, fairly early this morning."

Asked why White House aides had been insisting for weeks that the tariffs were not part of a negotiation, Trump said: "A lot of times, it's not a negotiation until it is."

The 10% tariff was the baseline rate for most nations that went into effect on Saturday. It's meaningfully lower than the 20% tariff that Trump had set for goods from the European Union, 24% on imports from Japan and 25% on products from South Korea. Still, 10% represents an increase in the tariffs previously charged by the U.S. government. Canada and Mexico would continue to be tariffed by as much as 25% due to a separate directive by Trump to ostensibly stop fentanyl smuggling.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said that the negotiations with individual countries would be "bespoke," meaning that the next 90 days would involve talks on a flurry of potential deals. Bessent, a former hedge fund manager, told reporters that the pause was because of other countries seeking talks rather than brutal selloffs in the financial markets, a statement later contradicted by the president.

"The only certainty we can provide is that the U.S. is going to negotiate in good faith, and we assume that our allies will too," Bessent said.

The treasury secretary said he and Trump "had a long talk on Sunday, and this was his strategy all along" and that the president had "goaded China into a bad position."

Prior to the reversal, business executives were warning of a potential recession caused by his policies, some of the top U.S. trading partners were retaliating with their own import taxes and the stock market was quivering after days of decline.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said the walk back was part of Trump's negotiating strategy.

She said the news media "clearly failed to see what President Trump is doing here. You tried to say that the rest of the world would be moved closer to China, when in fact, we've seen the opposite effect. The entire world is calling the United States of America, not China, because they need our markets."

The head of the World Trade Organization, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, said the trade war between the U.S. and China "could severely damage the global economic outlook" and warned of "potential fragmentation of global trade along geopolitical lines."

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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The pressure on California's already shaky budget keeps on growing

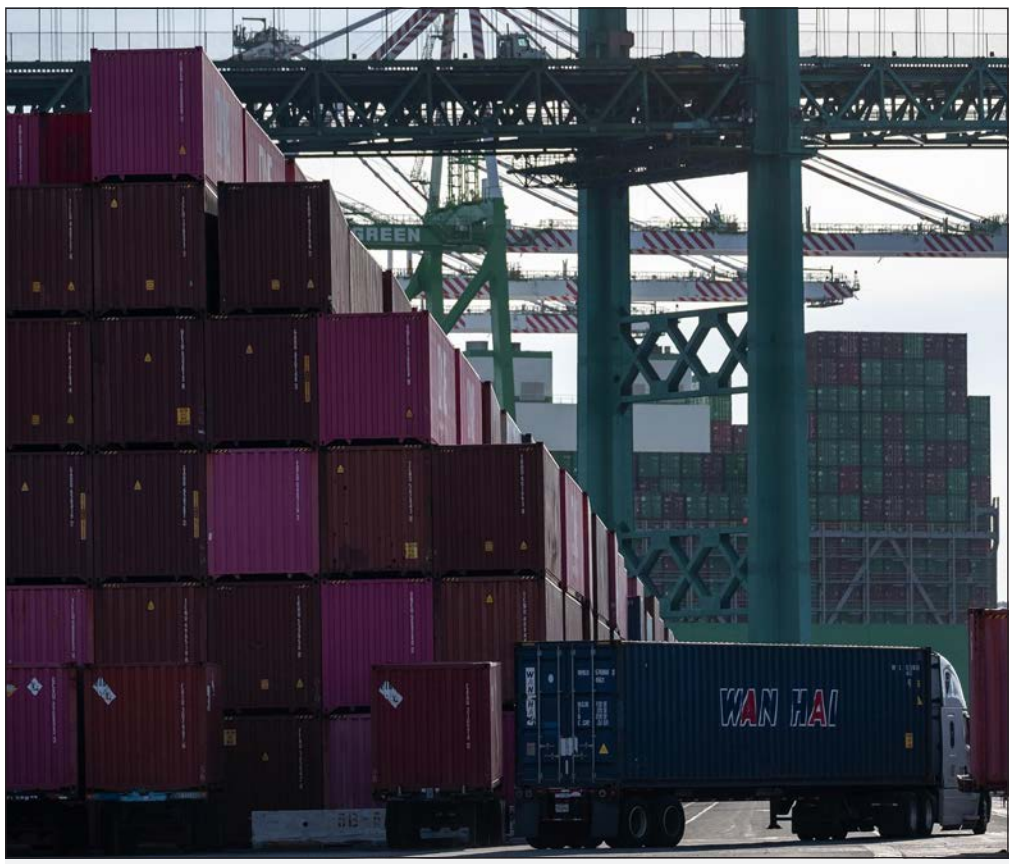


Photo by Joel Angel Juarez for CalMatters

PORT: A truck hauls a Wan Hai shipping container at Yusen Terminals at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro on Feb. 11, 2025. .

A month from now, Gov. Gavin Newsom must reveal a revised version of the $322.3 billion budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year that he proposed in January,

It's not likely to be a pretty picture.

The current budget is already billions of dollars in the hole, thanks to soaring expenses for the destructive and deadly wildfires that were sweeping through Los Angeles County as Newsom unveiled his January budget and a massive increase in outlays for medical care for the poor.

Moreover, President Donald Trump's heavy tariffs on imported goods and retaliatory tariffs on U.S. exports are already depressing stock values, which could decrease income taxes from California's wealthiest residents, the most important source of state revenues. If continued, the tariffs would likely have negative effects on the overall economy, which also would adversely affect corporate and personal income taxes.

California's economy has not fully recovered from the effects of pandemic. It has more than a million unemployed workers and its jobless rate, 5.4% of the labor force, is tied with Michigan as the second highest among the states.

If anything, California's employment picture is even darker than the raw numbers indicate.

The Center for Jobs and the Economy, an arm of the California Business Roundtable trade group, observes in an analysis of the latest employment data that "Jobs growth remains concentrated in government and government supported health care and social services while other private industries in total continue to shed jobs. California's economy continues to depend on using public funds to buy jobs rather than maintaining competitive policies enabling the private sector to create them."

As if these headwinds aren't daunting enough, when Newsom declared that the 2024-25 budget was "balanced," the details revealed that it was counting direct and indirect loans, accounting gimmicks and diversions from emergency reserves as revenue.

Thus, as the underlying economic and fiscal trends threaten to deepen the state's budget hole, its reserves will be less capable of offsetting deficits.

The unanticipated increase in spending for Medi-Cal, California's health care program for 15 million low-income residents, is the most eye-popping of the many negative factors. Last year, with the budget already leaking red ink, Newsom and the Legislature expanded Medi-Cal benefits to virtually everyone not already covered.

Newsom characterized it as fulfilling his 2018 campaign promise for universal health care, although his precise pledge

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **54.9**

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: Knee to thigh
1-2FT

Surf edging up as fresh swell creeps in. Best conditions in the morning. Waves inching up into the thigh to stomach high zone in the afternoon as old swell mix tapers off while a new, longer-period SSW swell joins in. Winds looking light/variable for most of the morning, low-end moderate WSW onshore for the afternoon.

FRIDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: Waist to chest
3-4FT

First proper Southern Hemi swell of the season on track to fill in through the day. It won't be the first swell we've seen out of the South Pacific, but this Southern Hemi looks like the strongest so far, sent up by a potent SPAC storm that has matched or exceeded model guidance with seas pushing 35'+. The long-period SSW will gradually build through the day, showing best over the afternoon. Decent winds due then. We'll lock in the details over the next few days, but this is one you'll want to watch.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
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2025/04/10	Thu	9:06 PM	4.93	H
2025/04/11	Fri	03:18 AM	0.35	L
2025/04/11	Fri	09:18 AM	4.38	H
2025/04/11	Fri	3:12 PM	0.57	L
2025/04/11	Fri	9:24 PM	5.11	H
2025/04/12	Sat	03:54 AM	0.07	L
2025/04/12	Sat	09:54 AM	4.14	H
2025/04/12	Sat	3:30 PM	0.90	L
2025/04/12	Sat	9:42 PM	5.24	H
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2025/04/13	Sun	10:30 AM	3.86	H
2025/04/13	Sun	3:48 PM	1.23	L

Daily Lottery

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Power#: 4
Jackpot: 65 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 72 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/5
3 4 14 21 46
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 16 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/8
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Draw Date: 4/8
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3rd: 11 - Money Bags
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COMMUNITY NEWS

SANTA MONICA

SMC Celebrates Earth Week April 21-24

Santa Monica College will celebrate Earth Week on April 21-24 with free events on its Main Campus at 1900 Pico Blvd.

Events include:

- Monday, April 21: "Climate Action Planning" presentation with pizza served, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Cayton Student Lounge

- Tuesday, April 22: William Selby discusses his book "The California Sky Watcher" about California weather patterns, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Science 140, followed by an author reception

- Wednesday, April 23: "Clothing Swap" where participants can bring lightly used clothing and take home something new, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. near Cayton Center

- Thursday, April 24: "Save the Monarch, Plant Milkweed" presentation with free native milkweed plants for participants, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in SMC Quad

Earth Week events are sponsored by multiple SMC organizations including the Eco Action Club, Club Grow, Adelante Club, Earth Science Club, Sustainability Department, and others.

Events may be changed without notice, and additional events may be added. Current information is available at smc.edu/earthweek.

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LOS ANGELES

LA County Announces $19.1 Million in Wildfire Relief Funds

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has awarded $19.1 million in relief grants to 2,309 workers and 1,372 small businesses and nonprofits impacted by recent wildfires.

The LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Funds distributed $14.52 million to small businesses and nonprofits (with awards ranging from $2,000 to $25,000) and $4.62 million to workers (all receiving $2,000).

Launched less than a month after the fires began, the funds were established through a public-private-philanthropic partnership, including $4 million in County investments. The initiative received 14,477 complete applications.

"These relief funds represent real hope for the small businesses, nonprofits, and workers who lost everything in the fires," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Of the business and nonprofit awards, approximately 50% also faced home loss, 50% served as legacy businesses for 10+ years, 65% reported underinsurance, and 65% represent diverse business ownership. Among worker awards, about 50% faced permanent loss of employment, 44% reported low income and use of public benefits, and 28% reported ineligibility for unemployment assistance.

Awardees began receiving notifications on April 8. Those not selected have been placed on a waitlist. Organizations interested in supporting the Funds can do so at lacounty.gov/relief.

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SANTA MONICA

Pacific Park Presents 'Locals' Night' on Santa Monica Pier April 17

Pacific Park and the Santa Monica Pier will host "Locals' Night" on Thursday, April 17, from 3:30 to 10 p.m., featuring live music, youth performances, dancing, and a curated Art Mart.

The free community celebration, held every third Thursday from September through May, will include two live music stages with performances from the Tom Nolan Band, House of Vibe, and Movie Club, among others.

Visitors can enjoy Salsa Way, an interactive salsa dancing experience open to all levels, and shop from over 40 local artisans at the Art Mart.

A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit Concrete Queenz, a nonprofit that brings skateboarding programs to underserved girls in South LA.

"Locals' Night is our love letter to the community—a place to gather, celebrate local creativity, and enjoy the magic of the Pier together," said Jim Harris, Executive Director and Historian of the Santa Monica Pier.

Free tickets are available at the event's Eventbrite page. Attendees are encouraged to arrive by rideshare, Metro, bus, or bike. Pacific Park is located at 200 Santa Monica Pier.

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Pavement Management System Update
Project No. SP2754

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in the Pavement Management System Update project.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide the following services: surveying, compiling, and analyzing current pavement conditions across all City roadways, assessing budget needs, and preparing a pavement rehabilitation plan.

RFP questions to be submitted to via OpenGov, no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than 3:00p.m. on May 5, 2025.

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

AROUND TOWN

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Levain Bakery & Other Restaurant Openings

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Maria Shriver talk, Levain Bakery Opening, Easter and Passover Cookies, and much more!

Live Talks - An Evening with Maria Shriver: The award-winning journalist, New York Times bestselling author and former First Lady of California shares a powerful collection of reflections and original poems that emanate from her hard-earned wisdom, showing readers there is strength and love on the other side of our hardest days. Thursday, April 10, 8:00p.m., New Roads School 3131 Olympic Blvd. https://livetalksla.org/events/maria-shriver/



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MARKET: Pop-up shopping is coming to DTSM.

FREE Disco Happy Hour with Superbloom: No sign-ups, no cost. Just music, movement, and a room full of good people. Superbloom is on deck, bringing the beats. Show up and stay as long as you like. Friday, April 11, 5 - 7p.m., MUD/WTR: Gather, 2515 Main St. https://www.instagram.com/mudwtrgather/

Juniper Market: Enjoy a day of unique shopping finds and local vibes at this pop-up event highlighting and supporting small businesses, offering a wide range of local products. Saturday, April 12, 10a.m. - 6p.m., 1200 Block Third Street Promenade https://www.instagram.com/thejunipermarket/

Marina del Rey Marks 60 Years with Harbor Tours, Nostalgic Parties, and Deals Around Town: This year's diamond anniversary celebration culminates in a community event on April 12 and 13 at Fisherman's Village, featuring historic harbor tours aboard the WaterBus, a live DJ spinning 1960s hits, a Marina del Rey Historical Society exhibit, and free cupcakes. https://exploremarinadelrey.com/mdr60/

2025 Downtown Santa Monica Chess Tournament: Sunday, April 13th, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 📍Third Street Promenade, 1200 Block Join us and the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club for the annual Chess Tournament on the Promenade! Test your skills, connect with fellow players, and compete for a grand prize. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-chess-tournament-on-third-street-promenade-registration-1291508690259

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Wellness & Waves (through Oct 11)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Cookie Good Features Easter and Passover Specials: Easter flavors include Chocolate Easter Egg, Rice Krispies Treat Nest, and Peeps Sugar Cookies and Passover offerings include Coffee-Toffee Macaroon, Flourless Chocolate Cake, and Marble Cake Macaroon. 2448 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/cookiegoodla/

Levain Bakery in Venice Now Open: As a special flavor, they will be offering our Black & White Chocolate Chip Cookie ONLY at the Venice bakery, for a limited time. 1161 Abbot Kinney Blvd. https://levainbakery.com/pages/venice-ca

Mikomi Sushi Opens New Santa Monica Location: The well-regarded sushi restaurant with locations in West Covina and Monrovia has opened its newest establishment, bringing its signature sushi and Japanese cuisine to Santa Monica. 326 Wilshire Blvd. (previously home to Lotus Dim Sum Dumpling). https://www.instagram.com/mikomism/

Beethoven Market Grand Opening: Cobi's on Main St. partner Jeremy Adler's new spot gets a rave review from EaterLA: "Mar Vista's New Cal-Ital Neighborhood Spot Pays

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Politics and the arts



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WHICH ONE IS BERNIE?: They dynamic duo of Democratic politics is coming to LA.

You can argue that the huge changes in our society being wrenched through by the MAGA crowd do not foreshadow the strangulation of free artistic expression. But, then you would be thinking through blinders. USA has an incredible history of world-recognized artists of all kinds, and this mango muttonhead is telling us who gets erased? Too many of our artists have been missing at this moment.

NOT NEIL YOUNG AND JOAN BAEZ. These two and a handful of others have been speaking out loudly through their art since their 20's. But what about the others? Your silence is noted, and will be remembered. Putting these four together can be very powerful. And so, LA gets...

JOAN, NEIL, BERNIE AND AOC. This Saturday, Grand Park downtown LA. Part of AOC and Bernie's "Fighting Oligarchy" tour which has been drawing huge crowds mostly in red districts. They made an exception for blue LA, so let's reward them with 100,000 bodies. Gates open at 9 a.m. (free but you need to register at Bernie's web page) and music begins at 9:30, speakers at 1 p.m. It's an event and you will tell your grandchildren you were there.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Tonight - VIVALDI'S "THE FOUR SEASONS," MOZART, HAYDN, LA PHIL – Years ago when I was not paying enough attention I used to think "The Four Seasons" was very pretty but not in the heavyweight arena; numerous interpretations by an enormous range of artists has set me straight. This is the LA Philharmonic. They will kill it. When you throw in some Amadeus and then a surprise, I guarantee you will not even notice that it is not Dudamel behind the baton. Thurs 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $92-239.

LIBRARY GIRL, "ASK THE DUST" – Do you know of LA writer John Fante? Those who do, usually have nothing but the highest praise. Let me clue you in with the words of LG founder Susan Hayden: "At a time when we have to re-envision what LA is, Library Girl looks to a beloved writer with a defining voice who was key in chronicling and shaping the vision of our city for the last century. His 'Ask the Dust,' perennially tops writers' lists of essential, influential LA novels." As much as I anticipated last month's tribute to the words of Kris Kristofferson, this one could top it. It is also a words and music event featuring Fante's biographer Stephen Cooper and his niece Victoria Fante Cohen, as well as S.A. Griffin, Suzanne Lummis, and sensational star actor Ray Abruzzo of "The Sopranos," "The Practice" and "Night Court" as well as Ruskin Theatre productions. The music promises to be the equal attraction, with Ciundy Lee Berryhill, Tony Gilkyson and Mike Sonksen. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica Airport, $20 includes dessert and free parking.

DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, GREEN DAY, CHARLI XCX, others, Coachella - Wow. Yeah. Should be amazing. Sun, Coachella.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for almost 14 years now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

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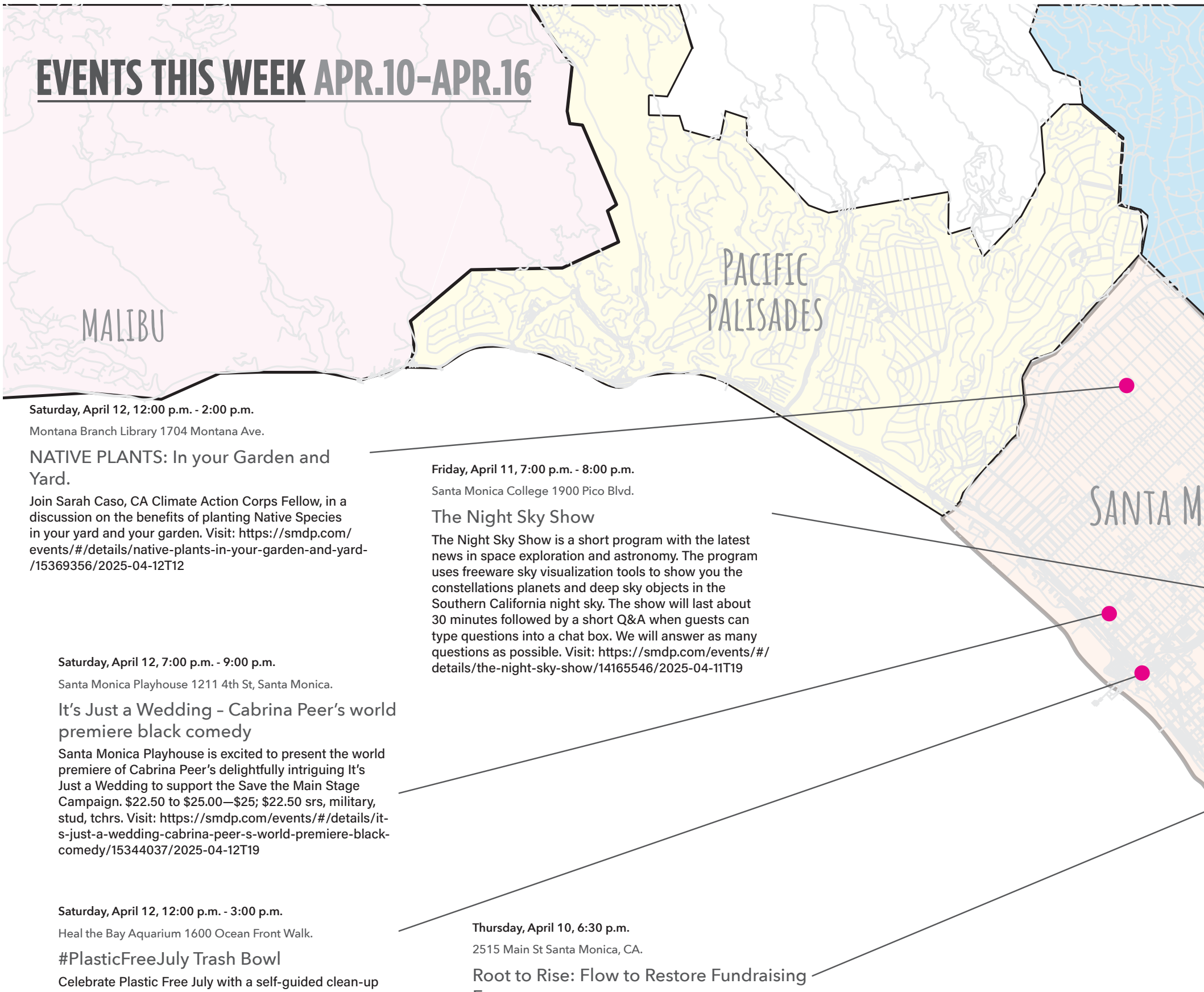
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EVENTS THIS WEEK APR.10-APR.16



Saturday, April 12, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave.

NATIVE PLANTS: In your Garden and Yard.

Join Sarah Caso, CA Climate Action Corps Fellow, in a discussion on the benefits of planting Native Species in your yard and your garden. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/native-plants-in-your-garden-and-yard-/15369356/2025-04-12T12

Saturday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica.

It's Just a Wedding – Cabrina Peer's world premiere black comedy

Santa Monica Playhouse is excited to present the world premiere of Cabrina Peer's delightfully intriguing It's Just a Wedding to support the Save the Main Stage Campaign. $22.50 to $25.00—$25; $22.50 srs, military, stud, tchrs. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/it-s-just-a-wedding-cabrina-peer-s-world-premiere-black-comedy/15344037/2025-04-12T19

Saturday, April 12, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Heal the Bay Aquarium 1600 Ocean Front Walk.

#PlasticFreeJuly Trash Bowl

Celebrate Plastic Free July with a self-guided clean-up of Santa Monica Beach! Every Saturday from 12pm-3pm, you can stop by Heal the Bay Aquarium to grab your free clean-up supplies and help rid the sands of harmful plastic pollution before it reaches the ocean. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-plasticfreejuly-trash-bowl/13838549/2025-04-12T12

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Friday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd.

The Night Sky Show

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Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

2515 Main St Santa Monica, CA.

Root to Rise: Flow to Restore Fundraising Event

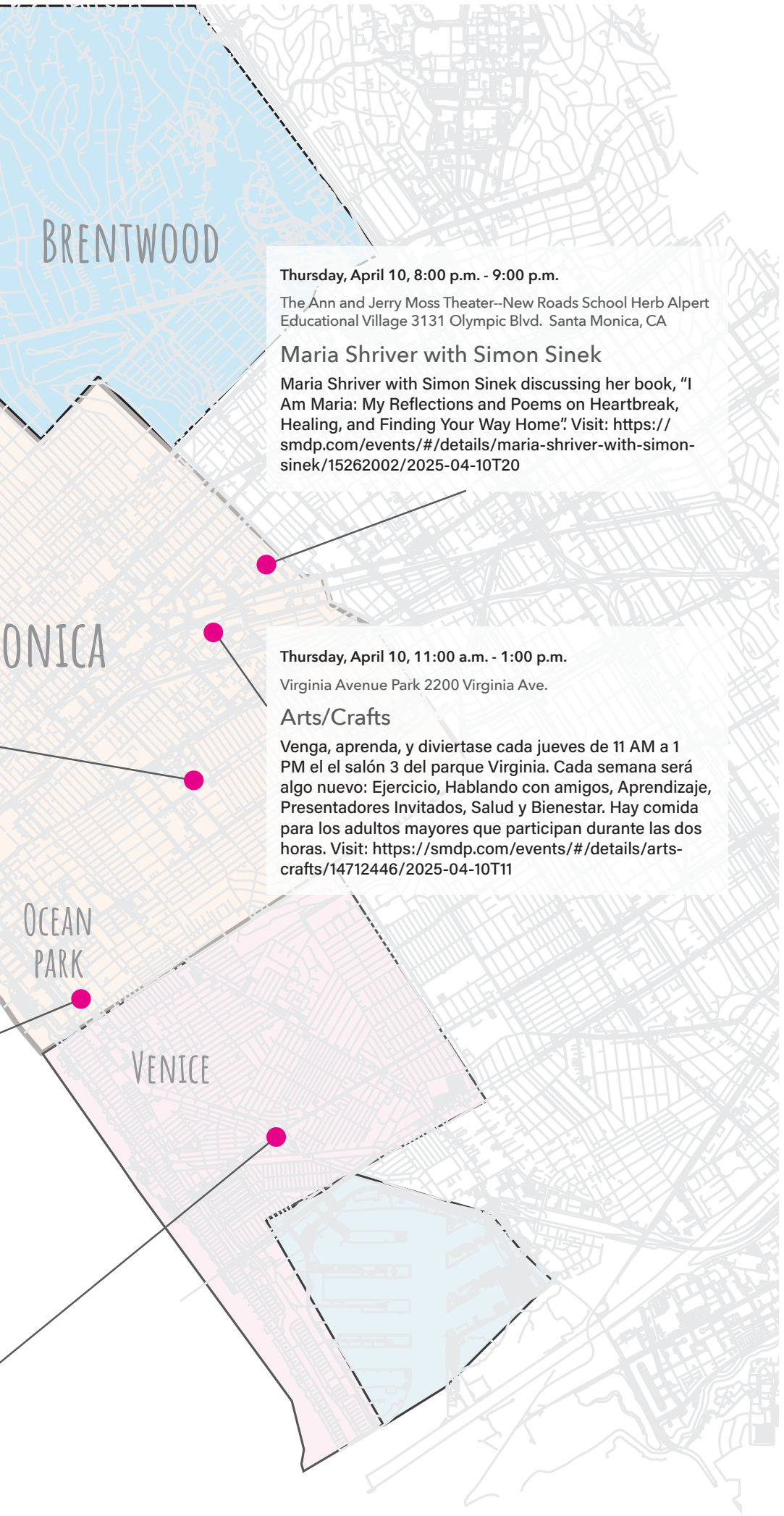
Join Mad Hippie x Souljourn Yoga Foundation for an immersive evening of community, connection, and heart-opening practice. Co-hosted by Jordan Ashley, founder of Souljourn Yoga Foundation, this special event features a grounding, open-level Yin Yoga practice, followed by a revitalizing Vinyasa Flow and restorative shapes that will leave you feeling rejuvenated, refreshed, and deeply connected. This class is not just about personal wellness—it's an opportunity to support a meaningful cause. All proceeds from the event will benefit Souljourn Yoga Foundation's On the Ground Yoga Teacher Training, which aims to make yoga accessible to young women by providing the tools and time to collaboratively explore the practice. Our event is proudly sponsored by MUD/WTR and includes a Chai Banana Smoothie from bio.me x MUD/WTR after practice, along with a curated goody bag featuring Mad Hippie's Ultra-Rich Barrier Cream and more gut-friendly treats by bio.me. Free tickets are available for victims of the LA fire. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/root-to-rise-flow-to-restore-fundraising-event/15334481/2025-04-10T18

Friday, April 11, 9:45 a.m.

Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd.

Friends of Venice Library: Pilates - Core Work

Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mat movement. All levels welcome. Please be EARLY. Class starts on-time at 9:45am. No entry after the first ten minutes. No class the day before the Friends' Book Sales. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-pilates-core-work/14548475/2025-04-11T09



Thursday, April 10, 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater--New Roads School Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica, CA

Maria Shriver with Simon Sinek

Maria Shriver with Simon Sinek discussing her book, "I Am Maria: My Reflections and Poems on Heartbreak, Healing, and Finding Your Way Home". Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/maria-shriver-with-simon-sinek/15262002/2025-04-10T20

Thursday, April 10, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave.

Arts/Crafts

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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-04-10T11



THURSDAY | APRIL 10

ARTS/CRAFTS

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MARIA SHRIVER WITH SIMON SINEK

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater—New Roads School Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Maria Shriver with Simon Sinek discussing her book, "I Am Maria: My Reflections and Poems on Heartbreak, Healing, and Finding Your Way Home" Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/maria-shriver-with-simon-sinek/15262002/2025-04-10T20

FRIDAY | APRIL 11

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SATURDAY | APRIL 12

VITA: VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Haven Neighborhood Services, in partnership with Virginia Avenue Park and Santa Monica Public Library, presents: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/vita-volunteer-income-tax-assistance/15001219/2025-04-12T10

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles, CA. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-04-12T11

NATIVE PLANTS: IN YOUR GARDEN AND YARD

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Join Sarah Caso, CA Climate Action Corps Fellow, in a discussion on the benefits of planting Native Species in your yard and your garden.Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/native-plants-in-your-garden-and-yard-/15369356/2025-04-12T12

To learn how to feature your upcoming event on the SMDP and various digital event calendars

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AROUND TOWN

FROM PAGE 4

Charming Homage to its Historic Roots." https://la.eater.com/2025/3/28/24396064/beethoven-market-restaurant-opening-mar-vista-west-la-jeremy-adler-michael-leonard-cobis-los-angeles

Esters Relaunches Wine Club: Each month, Co-Owner and Rustic Canyon Family Wine Director, Kathryn Coker, and the sommelier team hand select 2 delicious wines from small producers. As a member, you'll get perks like an Esters black card to present for 10% off wine, an invitation to their monthly pickup party, an Esters canvas wine tote, and more members-only surprises. https://app.table22.com/product/esters-wine-club

Not No Bar at 2424 Main St. Listed as One of the Best Pizza In LA: The Infatuation states "The pizza at Not No Bar can be difficult to procure. The buzzy cocktail bar-pizzeria is walk-in only and lines form quickly on the weekends. But your reward is bubbly-crusted, Neapolitan-ish pizza that goes toe-to-toe with the best on the Westside. The topping options are swapped out regularly, but if you see La Blanca, get it. The ricotta-layered white pie is squiggled with pesto and topped with a heap of frilly mustard greens that cut through the richness nicely." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-best-pizza-in-los-angeles

NBC4 Declares About Cosetta: "This Italian-Californian Restaurant & Pizzeria is our new Friday fave!" Vicki Johnson joins chef/owner, Zach Pollack, at his new restaurant in Santa Monica. It's an Italian-Californian restaurant and pizzeria with inventive cocktails and al fresco dining. Cosetta is the follow up to Zach's critically-acclaimed previous restaurants on LA's East Side: Cosa Buona & Alimento. https://www.nbclosangeles.com/california-live/this-italian-californian-restaurant-pizzeria-is-our-new-friday-fave/3667676/

Further Afield: City of STEM + LA Maker Faire is back on April 12. This year, enjoy a huge all-day outdoor extravaganza at Exposition Park https://www.cityofstem.org

Looking Ahead: Looking Ahead: Earth Day Celebration (4/22); Kidical Mass (5/4); Main St. Mainopoly (5/25)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Levain Bakery & Other Restaurant Openings

NOTEWORTHY

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RECOMMENDED:

TOLEDO DIAMOND – His decades-long Sunday night residency at Santa Monica's Harvelle's, the oldest blues bar in LA (almost a century!), is a treasure that you shouldn't assume will always be there. Toledo choreographs (literally) a truly unique show, a blend of '50s hipster jazz and his dancing dames and a most modern smokin' hot band that gets better all the time. Every Sunday 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

WILDWOOD FLOWER RADIO HOUR, KXLU FM 88.9, KXLU.com – Am I plugging this only because next Tuesday evening I will be the guest host? Certainly not! I am only making up for having ignored this local treasure of acoustic-country folk-bluegrass, broadcast live, for so long. Yes, the show goes out from studios at Loyola Marymount (almost local), but it is the brainchild of our local retired music mega-mogul Mike Bone, whose career was decidedly not acoustic. But he began to realize there is such a trove of excellent but hardly known players here that he felt they needed an outlet. So each Tuesday he bravely dons his blue overalls (chew-sized twig of straw in the pocket for emergency authenticity), twists the knobs and asks the questions. Bone's been doing the show for five and a half years, and we've been friends for nearly 30 but it took this long to be invited to guest host. I jest. He didn't have guest hosts until recently, and I follow in the hallowed footsteps of the likes of music journalists Steve Hochman and Patrick Goldstein, Gang of Four's Hugo Burnham and Hoyt Axton's son Matt. They all know just a little about all kinds of music. I'll do my best. Tues 7-9 p.m., KXLU FM 88.9, KXLU.com.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 4/13, 20; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 4/14, VIVALDI "4 SEASONS," MOZART, HAYDN, LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 4/10, 11, 12, 13; DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, GREEN DAY, CHARLI XCX, others, Coachella, 4/12, 19; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 4/13;

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): PUSSY RIOT, Lodge Room, 4/20; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 4/20, 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 4/21, 28, 5/5, 12, 19, 26; ALBERT LEE, McCabe's, 4/26; LIGHT UP THE BLUES! NEIL YOUNG, STEPHEN STILLS, more, Greek, 4/26; LUCKY STARS, Broadstage, 4/26; LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR," Dorothy Chandler, 4/26, 5/3, 4, 7, 15, 18; PATRICE RUSHEN, Disney, 5/2; BEETHOVEN with ESA-PEKKA, Disney, 5/2, 3, 4; BEACHLIFE FESTIVAL, PRETENDERS, JACKSON BROWNE, ALANIS MORISSETTE, MARCUS KING, more, Redondo Beach, 5/2, 3, 4; T BONE BURNETT, McCabe's, 5/8, 9, 10; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; JACK WHITE, Hwd Palladium, 5/12, 13; WILLIE, DYLAN, others, Hwd Bowl, 5/16; TOPANGA BANJO FIDDLE CONTEST & FOLK FESTIVAL, Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, 5/18; JON BATISTE, Disney, 5/19; GERSHWIN, "Also Sprach Z," LA PHIL, Disney, 5/23, 24

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 39 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Not even Kauai. Send love and/or hate mail to: therealmrmusic@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Malibu Man Found Guilty of Defrauding Investors Out of Over $20 Million

A Malibu man has been found guilty of defrauding investors out of more than $20 million by lying about his technology company's financial performance.

Bernhard Eugen Fritsch, 63, was found guilty of one count of wire fraud following a nine-day trial. Fritsch was the founder and CEO of Santa Monica-based StarClub Inc.

From 2014 to 2017, Fritsch raised more than $20 million from investors to develop the company's app, which was designed to help celebrities monetize brand endorsements. While pitching to investors, Fritsch falsely claimed StarClub was about to secure deals with major media companies like Disney, had earned $15 million in revenue in 2015, and had investments from global banking firms.

Instead of using investor funds to develop StarClub's technology, Fritsch spent much of the money on luxury cars, yacht repairs, and renovations to his Malibu mansion near Carbon Beach. Law enforcement seized his yacht, McLaren, and Rolls-Royce, which are subject to forfeiture.

One victim invested more than $20 million in StarClub over two years and introduced Fritsch to other victims who invested millions more. Prosecutors estimate total victim losses at approximately $25 million.

The jury found Fritsch not guilty of a second wire fraud count. He remains free on bond while awaiting sentencing, where he faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

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MALIBU

Pepperdine University Libraries to Acquire Research Collection from Woodson Center

Pepperdine University Libraries will become the exclusive home of more than four decades of work by Bob Woodson and the Woodson Center.

The Woodson Center, led by former civil rights activist Bob Woodson, has worked for over 40 years to empower community leaders in troubled neighborhoods through initiatives that increase public safety, promote upward mobility, and inspire racial unity.

"We could not be more honored to host the archives of his Woodson Center at Pepperdine, making them easily accessible to future generations of policy researchers and anyone seeking to learn how to be better citizens," said Pete Peterson, dean of Pepperdine's School of Public Policy.

The partnership will make the Center's research, writing, and media engagement available in a digital collection for researchers and journalists studying the Center's work in addressing poverty, crime, and education issues.

The relationship between Woodson and Pepperdine's School of Public Policy dates back to 1997, when Woodson was invited to be the school's first public speaker. He has returned to Pepperdine multiple times since then.

Pepperdine University is a private Christian university located in Malibu, California, 30 miles west of Downtown Los Angeles.

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LOS ANGELES

spcaLA Announces $25 Adoption Fees During "Cosmic Companion" Event

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) is hosting a "Cosmic Companion" adoption event from now until April 20.

Qualified adopters can bring home a dog, cat, or kitten for a $25 adoption fee. The special excludes dogs under 3 months old, and additional fees for spay/neuter deposits or medications may apply.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, microchip, appropriate vaccines, and a certificate for a free health exam.

Adoptions are available at three locations:

- spcaLA Pet Adoption Center in Los Angeles
- spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center in Hawthorne
- spcaLA P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village & Education Center in Long Beach

All centers are open Wednesday through Sunday. Founded in 1877, spcaLA is Southern California's preeminent animal welfare agency and is independently chartered.

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SACRAMENTO

Over $2.4M in LA Fire Recovery Grants Available to Support Impacted Restaurants

The California Restaurant Foundation (CRF) has launched the LA Fire Recovery Grants program to help independent restaurants recover from recent Los Angeles wildfires.

The initiative is funded by a $2 million lead donation from American Express and Resy, with additional support from FireAid and Postmates. Over $2.4 million in grants will be distributed to affected restaurant owners.

"This year, we are proud to stand with Los Angeles' restaurant community by launching the LA Fire Recovery Grants," said Alycia Harshfield, President of CRF.

The program will provide $10,000 grants to over 240 independent restaurants and food trucks across Los Angeles County that suffered financial losses due to the wildfires. Since the fires, Restaurants Care has already distributed $953,000 in aid to 953 individuals, including restaurant workers who lost housing, jobs, and financial stability.

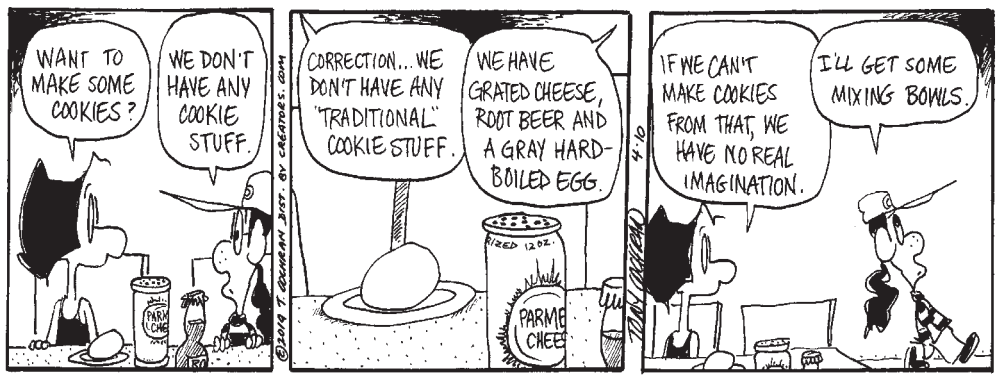
Restaurant goers can support the program by participating in Resy's "Reservations for Recovery" pledge initiative, which will donate $0.50 per completed reservation between April 9-23, up to $125,000.

Applications for the LA Fire Recovery Grants are open from April 9-26, 2025, at www.restaurantscare.org/resilience-la-fire. To qualify, restaurants may have up to five locations, with only one location eligible per business. The applying location must generate less than $5 million in annual revenue and either be currently open or plan to reopen by July 1, 2025.

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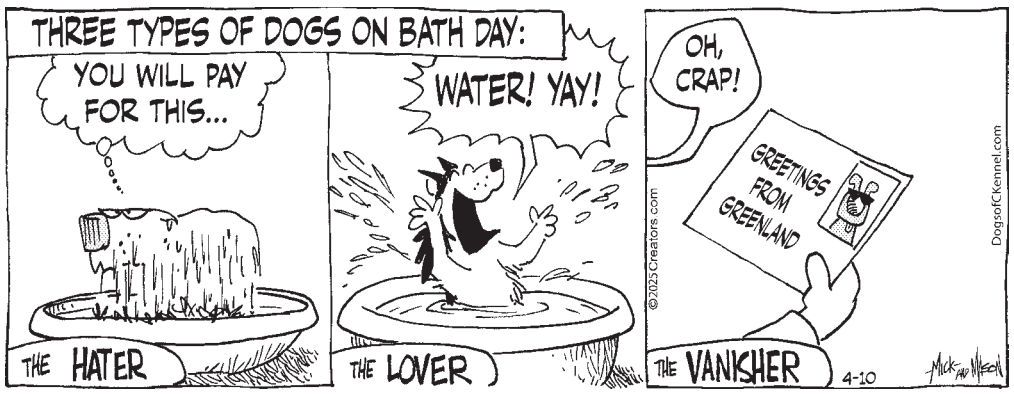
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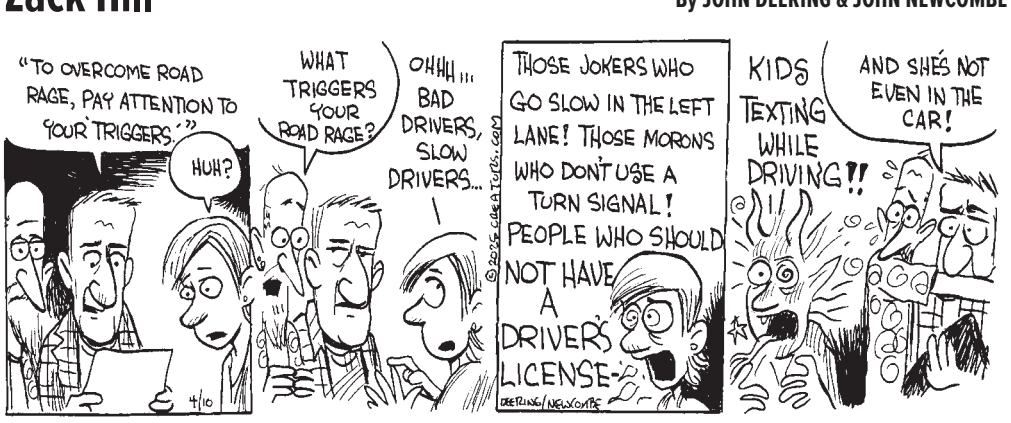
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By PETER GALLAGHER



"MAYBE YOU CAN MEET HIM ANOTHER TIME."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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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Backyard barbie

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10)

A year of unapologetically carving your own path, no compromises. You're going all-in on relationships and will be met in your wholeheartedness. At work, you'll emerge as a trendsetter in both style and spirit, leaving a trail of inspiration. More highlights: A new friendship with an equally wild soul will rock your world. Family bonds heal and support like never before. New transportation. Scorpio and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 5, 27, 3, and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have deep-rooted instincts to lead with authority. Trust the inner, unconscious rhythm that connects all people, and use that power to move forward with confidence, clarity and charisma.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The best feedback now will be no feedback. To receive praise might cause you to relax, thus hindering your progress. To receive criticism could cause you to overthink the work, which would also be a hitch. Anyway, no one can figure it out like you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Attention requirements vary widely among individuals; some thrive on constant engagement, while others need space to process and recharge. Understanding these differences fosters stronger connections. You'll notice who craves your presence, who respects your solitude and where you truly belong.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Every emotion serves a purpose. Fear directs you away from potential danger, anger tells you when a boundary has been crossed and attraction points to a potential source of joy. You'll put the feelings that flicker across your heart to practical use.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Trust unfolds in its own time. Be patient; it's earned, not rushed. As relationships shift, so does your power. You'll lose control in one area but gain it in another, discovering new strengths and perspectives along the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be as persuasive as music itself. Unlike manipulation or clever rhetoric, music has a natural, magnetic charisma that draws others in and has them moving without effort. It's not a calculated persuasion but rather an inherent, raw energy — a beat that none can resist.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you make a commitment, you strive to keep it. If you start to feel less "committed" and more "obligated" — or, worse, "stuck" — well, just consider that to revise, update and fit a deal to match the changing circumstances can be what's best for all parties.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Proverbially, there will come a day when the last shall be first, but today, the group will be organized by more typical status rankings. The truth is, temporary hierarchies often mask deeper value, which time will inevitably reveal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know that sometimes it's the people who seem most in control who are hanging on by a thread. You used to be such a person. This sensitizes you to the struggle, and today you'll be listening deeper and extending more kindness because of what you sense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're magnetic, fascinating and full of so much heart. Not all your relationships reflect all you put into them, but more friendships are coming to your world, and these ties will nourish you in ways you so richly deserve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll honor the secrets entrusted to you, but what people will appreciate even more is your ability to handle general knowledge with grace. You don't judge; instead, you highlight the strengths and potential in everyone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No matter what mood you're in, you can push through and get things done, ticking off important tasks from your list. But when you find a way to enjoy the process, you'll be twice as productive. Don't overlook the value of fun.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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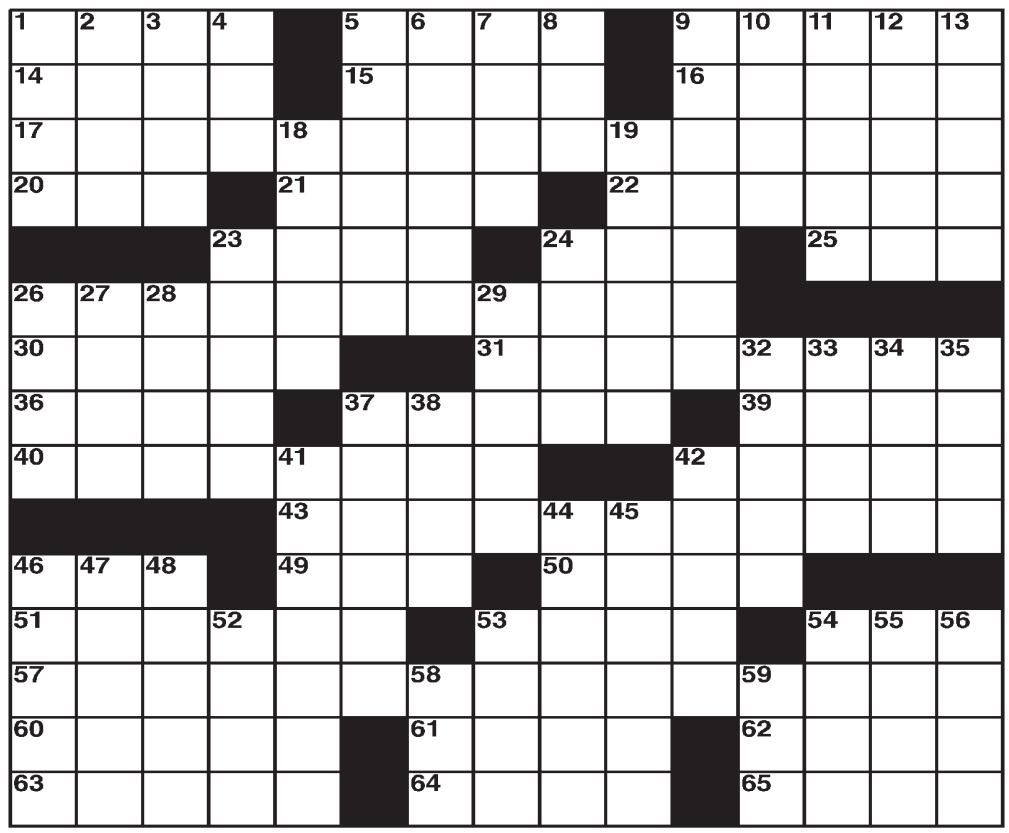
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ACROSS

1 African amulet
5 Course with cosines
9 Gamma follower
14 All-inclusive
15 Waterfall sound
16 What Pisces precedes
17 Water, to beer
20 "Zip it!"
21 High hair
22 Nativity scene part
23 Singer Guthrie
24 __ Accepted (toothpaste phrase)
25 SFO stat
26 Glucose, for instance
30 Boy Scout's expertise
31 Six-stanza poems
36 Volunteer's offer
37 Flatten, informally
39 Major-__ (butler)
40 Bridge destroyer, perhaps
42 Lugged
43 Walter Mosley's sleuth
46 Appeasing gift
49 Real-estate ad abbr.
50 Cupid counterpart
51 Cause to smile
53 Pop superstar, for short
54 Nested object
57 Copper or aluminum
60 Minimally courteous
61 Ice Age novelist
62 Be slothful
63 What rolls often are
64 __ Tyme (quaint)
65 Swiss abstractionist

DOWN

1 Sharp criticisms
2 State with six sides
3 Kid with
4 Action film weapon
5 Extra-large cocktail
6 Certain sonata sections
7 Shakespearean scoundrel
8 "I'm incensed!"
9 Anti-establishment creative works
10 Green land
11 Feudal lord
12 Core principle
13 Stars: Lat.
18 Gym routines
19 Hyphen cousin
23 Part of many L.A. addresses
24 Figures on board game boxes
26 Gear on roof racks
27 Ancient South American
28 Kingdom cited in Psalms
29 Excessive interest
32 Objects of devotion
33 Denier's response
34 1 Corinthians' last word
35 Adds turf to
37 Coast Guard guys
38 Rumple
41 With conciseness
42 Wee hr.
44 Brought up
45 Sweater pattern
46 Decorator details
47 Skateboarding stunt
48 Annoyance
52 Mingled with
53 Caesar conquest
54 Research paper notation
55 Steady look
56 Elation
58 Principle of an East Asian religion
59 Grand Tetons grazer



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PICKLEBALL

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restroom to be delivered and once that gets there, we have to call for building inspections and just make sure that goes smoothly," Ronzio-Garcia said.

The lot at 1318 4th Street has sat empty since Parking Structure 3 was demolished in 2022, despite plans for temporary activation while the city's long-delayed affordable housing project remains in limbo. After a failed immersive dome proposal from Haibu, a new bidding process in late 2024 saw City staff initially recommend CityPickle, an established East Coast operator that operates 34 courts across seven venues in New York City and Philadelphia. However, DTSM reversed course and handed the project to Pickle Padel Paw, a newly formed group of local pickleball and padel business owners.

Renamed Santa Monica Pickleball and Padel, LLC, the group pitched a lively mix of courts, food vendors, beer garden seating, and a premium dog park. However, the rollout stalled and internal disputes led to a lawsuit, permitting documents changed and no work began. By early 2025, the dog park and food concepts had vanished from the plans, no rent was being collected and the lot remained untouched.

While there is now action on the lot, a new design review notice appeared on the site for a proposed six-story affordable housing project, echoing the lot's original purpose.

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PROGRESS: There are signs of life at the long dormant lot on 4th Street.

BEACH CLOSURE

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in a way that's very troubling and concerning to me," Zwick said, suggesting that a curfew could be tailored to allow for activities like early morning jogging while still addressing the primary safety issues.

The proposal isn't without precedent as some other coastal cities, like Santa Barbara or Huntington Beach already have rules governing nighttime access. Past attempts for regulation in Santa Monica have been rejected.

According to Councilmember Ellis Raskin, the Coastal Commission had previously indicated that a total beach closure would not be permitted.

"Personally, as a matter of policy, I'm not in favor of a total blanket beach closure, but there are serious public safety issues that we, I think, are trying to address," said Raskin, who proposed narrower options that might satisfy the Coastal Commission's concerns about public access while addressing safety issues.

Negrete clarified that the intent isn't to prohibit public access entirely. "It's not really a closure," she said. "The idea is not to not allow public access. Rather, it's to protect those that are sleeping on the beach. It's for their own safety to not be run over in the wee hours of the morning."

She also noted that the beach lacks proper lighting at night and that the Santa Monica Police Department can't patrol the entire beach all night, creating conditions that have contributed to violent incidents.

Councilmember Dan Hall expressed support for exploring options while suggesting geographic limitations to any potential curfew, particularly around the Pier where trespassing and unsafe fire use have been reported.

"I would like to limit this to our operational needs, to lift our liabilities," Hall said. "I generally don't like measures that are simply tools used to make unhoused people feel uncomfortable in the hopes that they'll go somewhere else. But I trust our staff and ourselves to tailor this in a way that addresses specific safety concerns while maintaining appropriate access to our beautiful coastline."

The Council directed staff to report back with options that balance public safety concerns with the Coastal Commission's requirements for beach access. No timeline was specified for when these options would be presented to the Council.

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TARIFF

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Market turmoil had been building for weeks ahead of Trump's move, with the president at times suggesting the import taxes would stay in place while also saying that they could be subject to negotiations.

Particularly worrisome was that U.S. government debt had lost some of its luster with investors, who usually treat Treasury notes as a safe haven when there's economic turbulence. Government bond prices had been falling, pushing up the interest rate on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note to 4.45%. That rate eased after Trump's reversal.

Gennadiy Goldberg, head of U.S. rates strategy at TD Securities, said before the announcement that markets wanted to see a truce in the trade disputes.

"Markets more broadly, not just the Treasury market, are looking for signs that a trade de-escalation is coming," he said. "Absent any de-escalation, it's going to be difficult for markets to stabilize."

John Canavan, lead analyst at the consultancy Oxford Economics, noted that while Trump said he changed course due to possible negotiations, he had previously indicated that the tariffs would stay in place.

"There have been very mixed messages on whether there would be negotiations," Canavan said. "Given what's been going on with the markets, he realized the safest thing to do is negotiate and put things on pause."

The whipsaw-like nature of Wednesday could be seen in the social media posts of Bill Ackman, a hedge fund billionaire and Trump supporter.

"Our stock market is down," Ackman posted on X. "Bond yields are up and the dollar is declining. These are not the markers of successful policy."

Ackman repeated his call for a 90-day pause in the post. When Trump embraced that idea several hours later, an ebullient Ackman posted that Trump had "brilliantly executed" his plan and it was "Textbook, Art of the Deal," a reference to Trump's bestselling 1987 book.

Presidents often receive undue credit or blame for the state of the U.S. economy as their time in the White House is subject to financial and geopolitical forces beyond their direct control.

But by unilaterally imposing tariffs, Trump has exerted extraordinary influence over the flow of commerce, creating political risks and pulling the market in different directions based on his remarks and social media posts. There still appear to be 25% tariffs on autos, steel and aluminum, with more imports, including pharmaceutical drugs, set to be tariffed in the weeks ahead.

The tariffs frenzy of recent weeks has taken its toll on businesses and individuals alike.

On CNBC, Delta Air Lines CEO Ed Bastian said the administration was being less strategic than it was during Trump's first term. His company had in January projected it would have its best financial year in history, only to scrap its expectations for 2025 due to the economic uncertainty.

"Trying to do it all at the same time has created chaos in terms of being able to make plans," he said, noting that demand for air travel has weakened.

Before Trump's reversal, economic forecasters said his second term has had a series of negative and cascading impacts that could put the country into a downturn.

"Simultaneous shocks to consumer sentiment, corporate confidence, trade, financial markets as well as to prices, new orders and the labor market will tip the economy into recession in the current quarter," said Joe Brusuelas, chief economist at the consultancy RSM.

Bessent has previously said it could take months to strike deals with countries on tariff rates. But in a Wednesday morning appearance on "Mornings with Maria," Bessent said the economy would "be back to firing on all cylinders" at a point in the "not too distant future."

He said there has been an "overwhelming" response by "the countries who want to come and sit at the table rather than escalate." Bessent mentioned Japan, South Korea, and India. "I will note that they are all around China. We have Vietnam coming today," he said.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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was to create a single-payer system similar to those in Western Europe and Canada.

The expanded coverage, mostly benefiting undocumented immigrants, was supposed to cost about $6 billion. However, since the first of the year the administration has asked for a $3.4 million loan and an additional $2.8 million appropriation to cover the program's costs.

In other words the cost has largely doubled in just a few months, officials said, because they underestimated how many people would be enrolled.

That, unfortunately, continues Capitol politicians' tendency to enact some new program without fully understanding its parameters and costs.

The explosion in Medi-Cal outlays this year will, of course, carry over into the next budget. It also adds to what budget mavens call a "structural deficit," meaning that expenditures already written into law outstrip reasonable revenue projections.

Newsom's Department of Finance and the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, agree that the structural deficit, at least $10 billion a year and as much as $30 billion, will continue at least through the remainder of Newsom's governorship.

Recent developments on both the revenue and expenditure sides of the budget indicate that it's likely to be in the upper levels of the range, one of the legacies of Newsom's time in office.

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