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‘Mapping our Stories’ film series elevates BIPOC histories of Santa Monica



Courtesy photo

MOVIE: The films from the local dance company are available to watch online.

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Inspired by the racial uprisings of the last year, Suárez Dance Theater is launching a film series shining a light on the often overlooked stories of Santa Monica’s Black, Indigenous, and Latinx community members.

The “Mapping our Stories” project is created in collaboration with filmmaker Leonardo Rivas and three groups of BIPOC performers, whose videos each highlight a different culture and area of the City. Chumash and Tongva poet and songwriter Jessa Calderon captures Santa Monica beach and Tongva Park; Black choreographer and performer Bernard Brown explores the Belmar Triangle; and Latinx dance collective Primera Generación highlights the Pico neighborhood.

The film series seeks to educate locals on the contributions made, injustices faced and resilience demonstrated by communities of color in Santa Monica. It encourages white residents to grapple with the complex, and at times distressing, histories of people who came before them and to strive to make amends for the injustices of their ancestors by honoring, acknowledging and amplifying these stories.

“With the murder of George Floyd and the racial reckoning of the past year I thought ‘it’s time for me to step back; I don’t need to make work right now’,” said Christine Suárez, founder of Suárez Dance Theatre, who is of Latinx heritage, but realizes she receives privileges from being white passing. “I need to teach, but I want to use my resources towards supporting BIPOC artists and towards really examining our history in Santa Monica.”

The initiative was funded by a Community Access and Participation Grant from Santa Monica Cultural Affairs. Beginning on April 16, one film will be released each week on the Suárez Dance Theatre Instagram account and YouTube channel. At 6 p.m. on May 7, the series will culminate in a virtual celebration where all three videos will be screened and the artists will discuss their work.

Audiences will receive a map of each film location and a list of resources, so they can take their own walking tour and continue advancing their education of the City’s BIPOC history.

Primera Generación Dance Collective entitled their piece “Low riting”. Their film is inspired by the Westside Classics Car Club in Santa Monica and the Chicano culture of lowriding.

Lowriding cars and the community formed around them have long served as an important social gathering point and place of expression for Latinx residents, creating a tradition that continues to this day. At the same time lowriding has been negatively connected with gangs and generated damaging fear and prejudice from white neighbors.

“The film was really a moment to shine light on the stereotypes that exist in lowrider culture, but also show how lowriding clubs create familia, cultura, and community building and use this idea of lowriding as artwork that

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Stories from Sea Level

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In five decades of lifeguarding, Ed Vodrazka has seen and heard some truly mindboggling acts of heroism and has brought them all together in “Stories from Sea Level” — a book recounting 38 epic ocean tales from San Diego to the Sonoma Coast.

The stories range from valorous, to humorous, to downright bizarre, and shed light on the close knit yet little known world of California’s lifeguards.

Each tale is narrated by Vodrazka, a longtime beach lover who has served all over the coast, but holds Santa Monica especially close to his heart. He still remembers the taste of the first hot dog he had on the Santa Monica pier at five-years-old and the “godlike” lifeguard who complemented his sandcastle building.

Fifty-seven years later Vodrazka has gone on to train countless lifeguards and built close relationships with many colleagues who all experienced



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AUTHOR ED VODRAZKA

remarkable ocean adventures.

Ten of the tales documented in the book highlight rescues honored by the United States Lifesaving Association as Medal of Valor rescues, in which lifeguards risked life and limb to perform their duty.

“I mean these are like the pinnacle of heroism in our profession, and this is a profession where diving into dangerous situations and swimming into rip currents is part of the game almost daily,” said Vodrazka. “I wanted

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Restaurant Spotlight: Hermanito

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As dining reopens and local restaurants begin the road to recovery the Daily Press is highlighting one excellent eatery a week sharing its history, pandemic struggles, and signature dishes.

This week the spotlight is on Hermanito — a Mexican restaurant and bar located just east of Santa Monica in Sawtelle that surprises diners by incorporating bold and fragrant Japanese flavors.

THE STORY BEHIND HERMANITO

Co-owner Amal Flores opened the doors of Hermanito in March 2020, excited to welcome neighbors to a bright and fun Mexican bar with a small yet powerful menu of tacos and platos infused with Japanese spices and ingredients.



Six days later he was closing the doors again as Los Angeles went into full lockdown. Yet, a year later he and his team are miraculously still here.

Their success is due to many factors — a tight knit team that operates like a family, constant creative adaptations, and a killer kitchen run by Executive Chef Abraham Lemus.

Flores long had a vision of a Mexican restaurant that could subtly embrace the Japanese culture and

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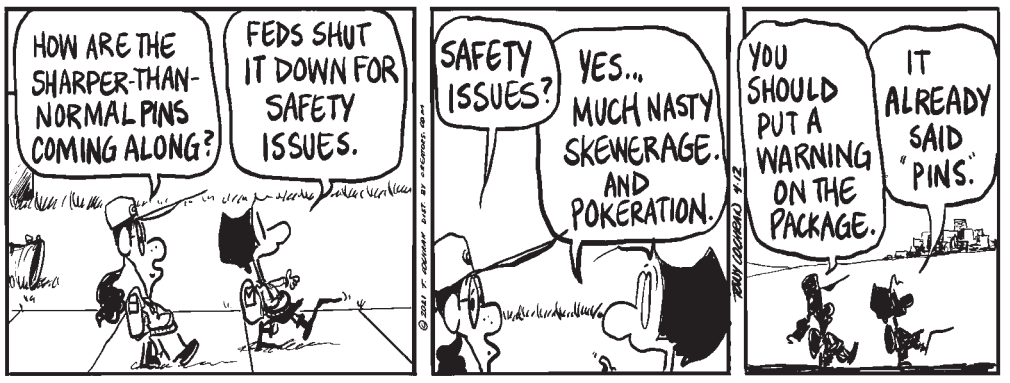

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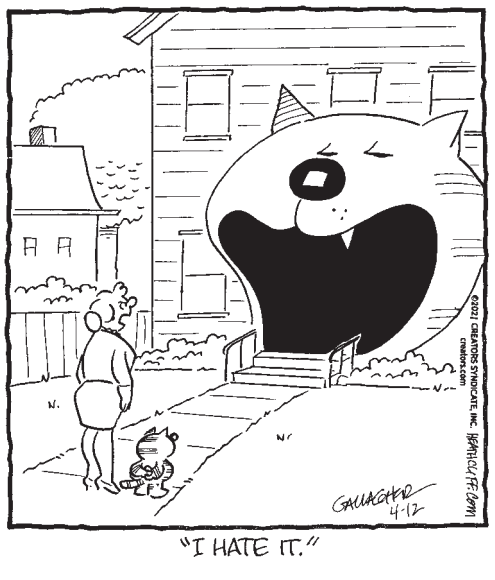
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By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.4°

MONDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Short to mid-period NW swell continues as small SW/SSW swell blends in. A few peaks around but wind may be onshore for the morning.

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Likely it will be another SE/S wind morning. Size rebounds but shape may be more walled. Long period new SW swell builds and smaller NW swell blends in. Most size west of Pt. Dume.

WEATHER

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 65.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Tuesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/04/12	Mon	10:16 PM	5.16	H
2021/04/13	Tue	04:53 AM	-0.01	L
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2021/04/13	Tue	4:27 PM	1.22	L
2021/04/13	Tue	10:38 PM	5.15	H
2021/04/14	Wed	05:27 AM	-0.02	L
2021/04/14	Wed	11:39 AM	3.50	H
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2021/04/14	Wed	11:00 PM	5.07	H
2021/04/15	Thu	06:06 AM	0.07	L
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2021/04/16	Fri	06:50 AM	0.24	L
2021/04/16	Fri	1:29 PM	2.77	H
2021/04/16	Fri	5:15 PM	2.30	L
2021/04/16	Fri	11:55 PM	4.69	H
2021/04/17	Sat	07:46 AM	0.44	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball
Draw Date: 4/7
27 35 39 51 66
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 55 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/6
1 19 20 32 42
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 201 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 4/7
2 7 16 40 42
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 36 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/8
5 10 25 27 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/8
EVENING: 7 4 7
Draw Date: 4/8
MIDDAY: 9 1 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/8
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 07 - Eureka
Race Time: 1:43.84

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Now more than ever, you are the captain of your own ship, with an entire crew working to make things go smoothly. As involved as they may be with their own journeys, when you need support, it's all hands on deck. Don't be afraid to delegate, seek mentorship and absorb the kind of care that will be heaped on you. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 38, 17 and 6.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a strong sense for other people's feelings, and it's taxing for you to inhabit highly emotional environments. Even so, the rollercoaster beats being bored every time!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll need to pick up a skill to resolve today's problem. You learn fast, perhaps because the emotional stakes are high. These new abilities contribute to your awesomeness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's as though there's a plot inside the plot. You not only understand the action; you understand what's going on under the action, and that's the level to engage with.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The only opponent you have today is inside you -- a persistent and unhelpful voice. Acknowledge it and set it free like you would an unqualified job applicant. "Thank you for applying. We're going a different direction..."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in an imaginative mood, and you will apply great creativity to your love life. The one who is really in tune with you is practically a mind reader, and it's nice that you don't have to overstate things to communicate clearly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The right amount of space -- that's the magic ingredient that makes the dance of relationships work. Negotiating that space is best done through movement and tuning in to subtle cues (not words).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The attributes you want to infuse your life with exist in the people you adore, admire and study. You have the same qualities, though some have been muted. You'll unmute and amplify them today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Limiting beliefs are like tinted glasses that color your whole view. Looking for the culprits "out there" won't work. The light will pour in once you reach up and pull the problem from your own head.

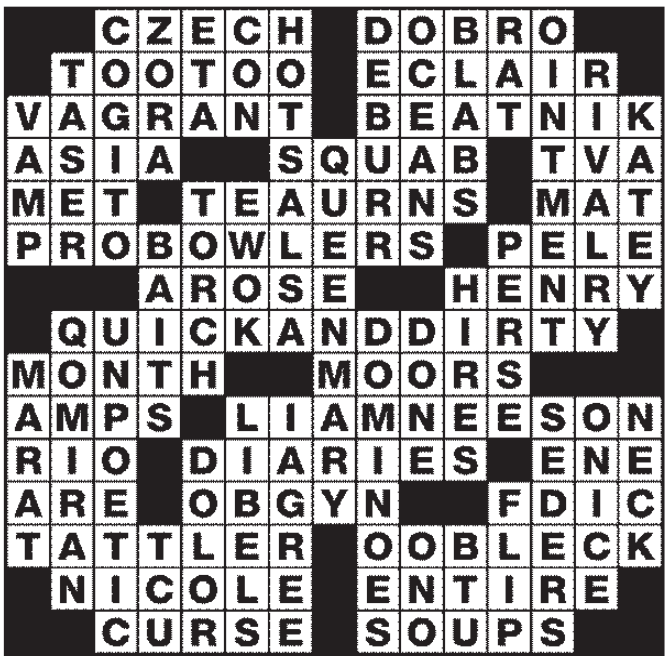
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The muscle of willpower is like other muscles. It needs a warmup, and there's a period of peak performance before it gets fatigued and burns out. It would be silly to blame yourself for not having more of a finite quantity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make mischief, though not out of a desire for rebellion; rather, you'd like to lighten the mood with the sort of playfulness that is the very effervescence of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who are not self-aware are also not going to be aware of you, and you are wise to set your expectations accordingly. At the art of calibrating your expectations, you are becoming an aficionado.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An acute and nostalgic pang will accompany your thoughts about the gathering aspects of life, and you'll spend time making grand plans for better eras.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



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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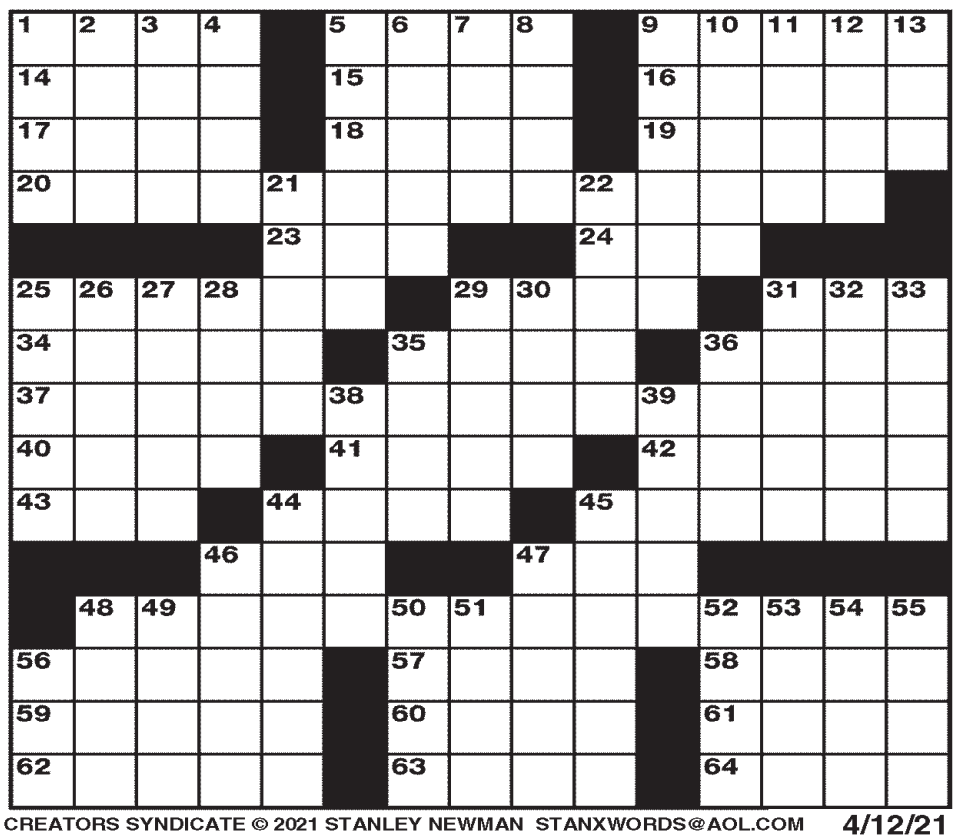
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Auto wheel
5 Cable service "save for later" devices: Abbr.
9 Book of maps
14 Operatic solo
15 Fishing rod's spool
16 Icy windshield coating
17 2,000-pound measures
18 Vampire novelist Rice
19 Not safe to do
20 White, baked sweets
23 S&L's outdoor device
24 Tell a fib
25 Don't stop at
29 Clumsy person
31 Grass bought in rolls
34 Without assistance
35 Easier said __ done
36 Basic unit of heredity
37 White, frozen sweet
40 Give off, as light
41 Farmland measure
42 Math proportion
43 Physician, for short
44 Wheat or corn
45 Newly invigorated
46 "You're it!" kids' game
47 Assist
48 White, fried sweets
56 Motion picture
57 Apex
58 At the apex of
59 Insurance seller
60 Blacken on a barbecue
61 Fence's entryway
62 Shades of color
63 Extremely long times
64 Building to store tools

DOWN
1 "So long!"
2 Clothes-pressing appliance
3 Doorbell sound
4 Uncomplicate
5 Not keeping out gusts
6 Snake poison
7 Nevada city
8 Kids' winter glider
9 Frightened
10 Three-wheeler, for short
11 Misplace
12 Makes a request
13 Pigpen
21 Paper around a soup can
22 Biological duplicate
25 Covered with asphalt
26 San Antonio historic landmark
27 __ boom (jet sound)
28 Grumpy mood
29 Parakeet sound
30 Shoestring
31 Take care of
32 Walking __ (very happy)
33 Evil spirit
35 Crunchy Mexican food
36 Snatch quickly
38 Immense
39 Personal motto
44 West Point students
45 Bus passengers
46 Strong packaging string
47 Guy writing commercials
48 __ stick (jumping toy)
49 Pizzeria appliance
50 Speed contest
51 Bounce back, as a sound
52 Bothers repeatedly
53 Salt Lake's state
54 Carryall bag
55 Went rapidly
56 "Welcome" rug



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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RESTAURANT

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cuisine of the Sawtelle neighborhood, but finding a chef to execute this was a challenge.

Lemus proved to be the perfect match. With Mexican heritage, he is well versed in Latin cuisine and had many family recipes and inspirations to bring to the menu. He is also trained in Japanese cooking having worked under Chef Brandon Kita at Hinoki and the Bird — a restaurant blending new American cuisine with Japanese ingredients and cooking techniques.

"We would make blue corn tortillas at Hinoki and pair it with the Japanese fish. That kind of opened my horizons and then I took off with it," said Lemus. I was like 'what if we made al pastor tacos, but we put in lemongrass and ginger?' and it all started translating and making sense."

Lemus's goal is to blend Asian and Latin ingredients together in a conscientious manner that enriches the traditional dishes' flavors and pays respect to both of the cultures. You won't find any sushi burritos at Hermanito, warns Lemus, only top quality carefully cultivated dishes.

ON SURVIVING COVID

The initial shutdown hit Hermanito hard. After months of hard work preparing a beautiful, bar focused space the team was suddenly limited to to-go only without ever getting a chance to build a following.

Faced with an ever changing sea of challenges and restriction changes, the young restaurant team got scrappy and continuously pivoted to stay afloat.

"I joke that we've built this restaurant five times this year," said Flores. "I'm actually not joking, that's kind of exactly what happened; we've made a restaurant five times over."

When Hermanito was first able to reopen the team built an outdoor kitchen on their front bar patio and began selling tacos directly to passersby. The street kitchen only required two people to run and coupled with to-go cocktails, it was an excellent way to get Hermanito's name out.

As restrictions eased they built a spacious outdoor dining set up in their patio and parking lot spaces. By the time the winter lockdown hit, the team had enough neighborhood recognition to make a go of to-go service. Although it has been an uphill battle, Flores said the adversity has drawn the team closer together to the point where staff truly feel like hermanos and hermanas.

"The restaurant as a whole really has this strong family vibe," said Flores. "I think, and it might sound cheesy, but if people who work in a restaurant are happy to be there that flows into the dining room and the guests experience it in a really profound way."

WHAT TO ORDER RIGHT NOW

The Chef's top pick is the braised chicken tinga bao buns, which come with cotija cheese, cabbage slaw, pickled onion and cilantro. He also says the pork al pastor taco and birria braised beef tacos cannot be beat.

The cocktail program is mezcal and tequila forward, but like the restaurant, doesn't take itself too seriously. There are playful frozen slushy drinks like a yuzu pina colada alongside traditional and spicy margaritas. Flores recommends the 'aeropuerto cocktail made with Ilegal mezcal, Cointreau, Aperol, and lime.

"We take the food very very seriously, but we don't take ourselves very seriously. We're not pretentious or anything; everyone can feel welcome and comfortable at our restaurant," said Lemus.

Hermanito is open Tuesday through Sunday at 2024 Sawtelle Blvd. The restaurant features a daytime coffee and taco program as well as a dinner and weekend brunch service.

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LIFEGUARD

FROM PAGE 1

these people to be recognized, which is why I began writing the book."

While the book is certainly chock full of heroics, Vodrazka assures readers that it's not just "fire and brimstone stories", but also captures many of the funny misadventures that go hand in hand with lifeguarding. In his own career, Vodrazka has rescued a Morey eel in a laundry basket, pretended to be a dog to get a rule breaking surfer to stop hiding in the brush, and even performed CPR on a dolphin.

By balancing the comedic shenanigans with heroics and gallantry, "Stories from the Sea" offers readers a unique appreciation of the skills, tenacity, and dedication of lifeguards.

While lifeguards have been risking their lives to protect those of others for years, these stories don't always draw public attention, which is something the book is trying to change.

Many people don't realize that although the job comes with many delights, it can also be very traumatizing.

"With every one of the really heavy rescues in the book almost every lifeguard mentioned or admitted when asked to having some PTSD after the event," said Vodrazka. "This is something that is never talked about and it's one of the great rewards for writing this book because it really highlights the fact that this is something we need to address with all our emergency responders."

When he was first training to be a lifeguard in the seventies, mental health and stress was never discussed, but were expected to be silently shouldered. Now when Vodrazka is training young lifeguards he tells them that having an emotional response to a rescue is not a sign of weakness, but one of strength.

Although dangerous rescues are incredibly draining, Vodrazka says they are also the most rewarding part of the job and are what has fueled his desire to continue lifeguarding for the past 47 years.

Most of the time lifeguards can predict and preempt dangerous circumstances, but sometimes mother nature throws a curve ball and immediate intervention is necessary to save a life.

"When we get back to the shore after a critical rescue there is a very powerful moment where it just kind of sinks in that if you weren't there that person would have drowned," said Vodrazka. "I don't know of anything in life that's more noble than being able to save another person's life."

While retirement is looming for Vodrazka, many of his rescues will live on through "Stories from Sea Level". He encourages anyone who loves the ocean, swimming, or surfing to pick up the book and even consider about becoming a lifeguard themselves.

"I can trace all the great things in my life back to life and into this profession: the house where I live, the wife that I married, and therefore my children," Vodrazka. "Everything I love to do, work wise and outside of work, it all came through this profession, so it's been an amazing gift."

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00015Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Rami Joseph Najjar for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Rami Joseph Najjar filed a petition with this court

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for a decree of changing names as follows Rami Joseph Najjar to Rami Joseph . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 April 30th , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A 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: 03/15/2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00115Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Krishna Murthy Mamidibathula Radha for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Krishna Murthy Mamidibathula Radha filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Krishna Murthy Mamidibathula Radha to RadhaKrishna Murthy Mamidibathula . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 May 21st, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A 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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00097Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Alain Daniel Sheff-Broulard for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Alain Daniel Sheff-Broulard filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Alain Daniel Sheff-Broulard to Alain Daniel Broulard . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 May 14th , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A 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: 03/04/2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00063Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Dorothy Josephine Navarro for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Dorothy Josephine Navarro filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Dorothy Josephine Navarro to Dorothy Amaro . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 May 14th , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room:

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21TRCP00084Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Karen Cathrine Bito-on Escal for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Karen Cathrine Bito-on Escal filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows A. Karen Cathrine Bito-on Escal to Katherine Jay B. Escal (b). Jerrilyn Avielle Escal Santos to Gwenith Corazon B. Santos The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 May 14th , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 825 Maple Ave Torrance, CA 90503A 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: 03/23/2021

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00106Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Katherine Suzanne Haley for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Katherine Suzanne Haley filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows Katherine Suzanne Haley to Katherine Carpenter Grey. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 May 21 , 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401A 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: 03/112021

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continues to be passed on to generations," said PGDC member Alfonso Cervera.

The group researched their project by speaking with Westside Classics Car Club co-founder Ralph Rocha, and heard both his joyous tales of community celebrations and darker stories of having cars be tailed and even destroyed by the police.

"In my perspective lowriding culture is an act of resistance to continue putting forth one culture, and also sustaining generational ancestral stories," said Cervera.

Playing on the idea of bouncing hydraulic cars and the grooving that takes place at familial gatherings, the choreography showcases the power behind the cars and people that keep lowrider culture alive in LA.

The other two films also create space to reflect on the pains and joys experienced by indigenous people and people of color in Santa Monica.

Choreographer and arts activist Bernard Brown draws attention to the history and displacement of Black residents in the Belmar Triangle community in his piece "... at leisure...". The film asserts the right for the Black queer body to be at rest in public space — something historically denied to LGBTQ and black people — and invokes the ancestral spirits of the once vibrant African American neighborhood.

Jessa Calderon's "Before the Noise" implores residents to reflect on what this area was like before it was known as Santa Monica. As a member of the Chumash and Tongva nations, Calerderon shares the stories of the Native peoples who were here before colonization, while also raising awareness that many of these people are still here.



Courtesy photo

DANCE: The group says there is something for everyone in their new project.

Suárez believes there is something for all residents to take away from the "Mapping our Stories" series and its accompanying education resources, which include learning tools for children. She said those interested in learning more should register for the May 7 screening celebration at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mapping-our-stories-tickets-144544511525

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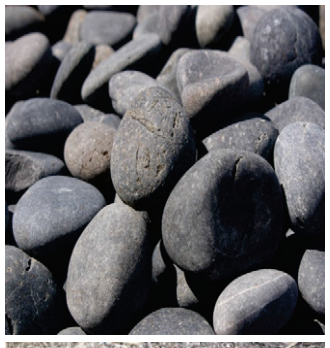
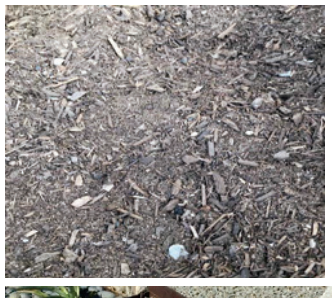
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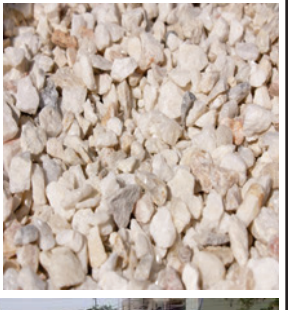
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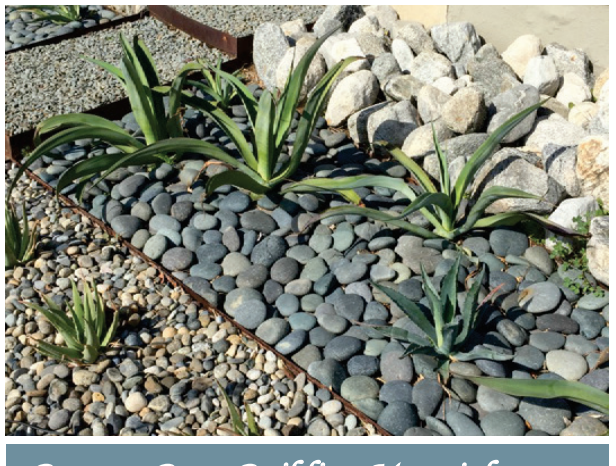



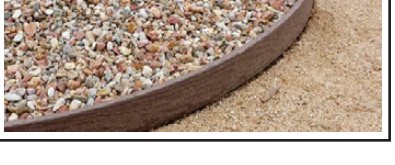


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Community Service in Santa Monica

Santa Monica Rotarians Are People of Action



A zoom view of the Rotary meeting, the Not-So-Newlywed game, which is always so much fun to watch. Nora Bohn was the mistress of ceremonies.

By Nora Bohn

While the past months have kept all of us busy, our club members have found time and energy to bring their best to our club. Our meetings are livelier than ever, and in the virtual world, we have found and shared a novel type of closeness and light-heartedness that has influenced how we spend our time.

Our members have worked to donate blood, participate in beach clean-ups, pack lunches, held food and household goods drives, and contributed to grants at home and abroad. Not only are we up to a whopping 578 hours of community service, but we have managed to have quite a lot of fun.

At our Valentine's Day-themed meeting, we held our second annual Not-So-Newlywed Game with three of our sassiest couples as the contestants. Brave souls! Our couples were amazing; delighting us and each other by sharing personal, often hilarious details of their lives, as well as many sweet and touching memories with us.

We also traveled to the Netherlands! Virtually, of course, we took a lovely tour of the town of Gouda (pronounced not at all like Gouda!) We learned about the town and the cheese and art, accompanied by about a dozen of our fellow Rotarians and many people from all over the country.

We also invited some other Rotary Clubs to join our monthly First Tuesday Happy Hours! In February, we were joined by members of the Latinos Unidos Rotary Club in Culver City. This month, we were joined by members of the Rotary Club of Westwood. One of our members was nice enough to get the fun rolling with some interesting questions; and by interesting questions, I mean questionable! A good time was had by all.

Our Book Club this month discussed *Tiny Habits; The Small Changes that Change Everything* by B.J Fogg and the author himself joined us.

Last month, I led a virtual cooking class, and while I wasn't sure how the meal would turn out, I do know that all the participants had a wonderful meal.

For more information about our club, events, and virtual meetings, email Savi at rotaryclubofsantamonica@verizon.net, or call our office at 310-917-3313.

It's Time to Spring Clean our Spaces



By Cheryl Thode

It's April, and spring is in the air. Thankfully, it feels like the world is starting to open up. As our days get longer, I cannot help but think we are entering into brighter and brighter days.

Along with feeling hopeful and joyous about the time ahead, I also am starting to feel that the ever-present "doom and gloom" of the pandemic is lifting away. We have all been through a lot. But, we humans are a robust bunch. It is in our nature to pick ourselves up and walk towards our goals, hopes, and dreams.

As we face these brighter days, I am drawn to an activity that always makes me feel better, lighter, less burdened or overwhelmed – Spring Cleaning. I know it sounds cliché and maybe even silly given this past year and the tragedies that have come about, but I really believe if we all did a little cleaning up of our own personal space through a brisk dusting, deep cleaning or even an uncluttering, the action would have an overwhelming impact on our psyche and overall interaction with others.

There is no rule book when it comes to this type of activity. In fact, there are as many ways to clean as there are people. The only point is that the "cleaning" helps to unburden you. Whether it involves cleaning up your workspace, kitchen, living room, car, garden, family room, it does not matter. Spring cleaning can be so therapeutic and releasing. Start small. Start by going through your spices in your kitchen or the papers on your desk. Maybe take a Saturday morning to vacuum out your car or go through your child's outgrown clothes. Whatever it is, do it in a loving, calm manner. This is not

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Lions Looking for Guest Speakers



By Linda Levee

Welcome to the new Santa Monica Lions Club monthly review. We are still working very closely with the Pacific Palisades Lions Club to complete the merger. We estimate this will happen by June, but as with all things regarding a change in status, with legal issues, it takes lots of time and money.

With regard to our meetings, we are still having one regular meeting with guest speakers and trying different things. As program Chair, I am looking for folks in the Arts to give us half hour talks on Yoga and the various exercises we can still do at home; painting and other art projects; gardening and potting plants and succulents and perhaps starting a book club.

We like the Zoom venue and we may need to go back slowly to one live meeting and one zoom meeting per month until we can regroup and assess where we are.

Once we begin meeting in person, we ask those of you who wish to help the community in some way to contact me with your ideas and talents to keep Lionism and the 97-year-old mandate of Helen Keller as Knights of the Blind going.

We still accept used eye glasses and collect several thousand eye glasses per month.

Unfortunately, our LOVE program was temporarily put on hold because of COVID-19. However, that should be resuming as more and more of us are being vaccinated. Please get vaccinated as soon as you can so we can all meet again soon. Be sure to wear masks and stay safe. For more news, please contact me, Lion Linda, at level headedlinda@yahoo.com.

What Are We Searching For?

By Dominik Gnirs

After more than a year of pandemic and what felt like a "Lenten Year," life's big questions are more imminent to us than they were before. With our routines gone out the window, many of us stopped to reflect and started pondering. Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? A new Zoom group at St. Monica's Parish wants to embark on a new program called "The Search," looking for answers to these questions, starting after Easter.

On the beautifully terrifying journey of life, many things become important along the way, and rightfully so. Yet, sometimes, those most important questions fall by the wayside. A crisis like this can bring them back to the forefront.

Among all the buzz in our lives, how can we pause along the way for a moment and search for answers? We are all searching for something. "The Search" is an attempt to sit together in this moment of history and consider these questions, to pay attention to new ways of understanding.

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What Can We Learn From a Puppy?



By Dr. Frank Lavac MS, DVM

Q: During the past year of the Pandemic, we have seen many new puppies get adopted. What can we learn from a puppy's perspective?

A: **1**. Always wag your tail! OK, we can't wag our tails, but let your family and friends know that you're happy to be with them!
2. Be the mantra: "Good Boy! or Good Girl!"
3. Always greet people with joy, even if it's only been two minutes since you've last seen them.
4. Induce anyone to smile whenever they see you!
5. Enjoy the simple pleasures of life: walks, food … and treats!
6. Relish in the NOW !
7. Isn't it playtime all the time, (except when napping)?
8. Forgive and forget.
9. Give unconditional love! (Puppies don't care about your net worth, your appearance, or mood.)
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Dr. Frank Lavac can be reached by calling 310-828-4587.

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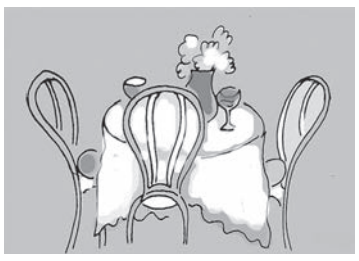
It's Time to Spring Clean

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another exercise to add on your ever-lengthening list of things to do. Rather, this should be thought of as a time of self-reflection wherein you are doing something that gives you a sense of accomplishment and peace.

This activity could even be completed as a family event! Work with your kids to tidy up their spaces/areas, or visit your own parents and work with them to shore up their homes. Whatever the cleaning, the point is that you are bettering a space, decluttering the area so as to declutter your own mind, appreciate what you have, and be grateful for your days ahead. We got this!
Smile for Spring!

To find out more about Mothers of Monica, go to http://stmonica.net/ministries/fellowship-groups/moms.



Mar Vista: Neighbor to Neighbor

Vote for Our District Representative



By Tesi Truenfels

Hello Neighbor! Spring is upon us and liberation in the air. Many of us have now had our second vaccine.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) cautions, "After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying six feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more."

We're not out of the woods yet, but our lives are beginning to open up. Those of us who have not been vaccinated will be soon. It's been inspiring to see so many neighbors out walking everyday.

During the first weekend of February, an Election Newsletter was distributed to Mar Vista dwelling units. It contains an application to vote. Didn't get one? Can't find yours? Visit the Mar Vista website at marvista.org. You must mail in your vote, 4/9 to 6/1. We will be electing our representatives of the now seven districts in Mar Vista. We have a voice. Let's use it. Check out the information and the forum.

We had a wonderful week-long Mar Vista arts festival online in March. The theme for the Music and Arts Walk in April is "Environmental Justice" with events online 4/5 to 4/30. Four new murals will be painted as part of the Mar Vista Downtown Beautification Project. For information go to marvistaartwalk.org/2021.

Tesi is an educator and a longtime Mar Vista resident.

A Way to Stay Connected: Santa Monica Sister City Pen Pal Program

By Monika White, PhD

The Santa Monica Sister City Association has started a pen pal program, first with Hamm, our Sister City in Germany, and soon with our Sister Cities in Mexico, Japan, and other cities in the near future.

Called, "Keeping in Touch," the program has already attracted several residents who have been matched with someone in Hamm based on mutual interests and age range.

Santa Monica resident and Sister City Board Member, Lisa Azuma, and her pen pal in Hamm are the first in the new program. They have begun by exchanging letters discovering their mutual interests in bicycling, gardening, languages and travel. Lisa explained, "We are introducing ourselves, describing our families, and our communities. We have compared notes on several issues including how our communities have coped with the Coronavirus pandemic and reported on our schedule of vaccinations."

These are the types of communications that make for long-term friendships and result in better understanding and awareness of other people, their cultures, and the communities in which they live. As noted by Ms. Azuma, "I'm very happy that the pen pal program was offered to open-aged citizen diplomats (not just young students). Establishing new connections with our sister city brethren brings us all closer together."

The program fits right into the International Sister City motto: "Peace in the World, One Person at a Time."

The program is open to all ages interested in connecting with

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A Teenager's Fashion Forecast

By Catherine Chowdhury

Every year, old trends always have to make some kind of comeback. In 2019, neon colors were hot in fashion and still have an impact on our fashion today.

In 2020, it was bringing corsets and '90's fashion back. So what should we look forward into 2021? For the most part, it looks like lots of luxury brands are trying to bring more metallic/sparkly colors along with royal colors to fashion this year. Because social media has shown examples of 19th-century era fashions, lately it has reflected what the luxury brands think will be trending.

What about the fast fashion trend? Shopping in fast fashion stores has become very popular this year, not only because of the pandemic, but also because people are trying to look at cheap places to find trendy clothes.

Fast fashion this year has been bringing in great style ideas. The vintage fashion trends have always been making a comeback, but this year, it seems like we're going to go full '70s and '80s! For the sneaker fans, it's time to stock up on some popular Air Jordan retros and Air Force brands.

The oversized look is also big this year. From pants to tops, lots of GenZ's love the oversized look. Even some luxury brands are bringing the oversized look into this year's fashion. Watch for new trends that are coming, and some old ones, too! It's always good to enjoy how old trends can make some comeback!



Here is a '70's hippy vibe. It starts with a green and yellow flower patterned dress, on top of it is a pink cropped shirt. Then to bring the two together, a light green cardigan paired with pink sunglasses.

Catherine is a 16-year-old fashionista who lives in the South Bay.



This outfit shows a puffy sleeved shirt from the '80s paired with a royal purple colored skirt. On top of the white shirt is a black corset to complement both pieces. Lastly, tiny thin gold trimmed sunglasses bring the look together.

Pop Up Shop April 17

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someone else. Once preferences of age, gender, specific interests, and hobbies are known and a match is made, pen pals can contact each other via Facetime, What's App, Zoom, letters, emails, or any way they choose.

For more information about the Santa Monica Sister City Program, "Keeping in Touch," contact Monika White, 310-828-4559 or monikawhite1@gmail.com.

From Me to You...



By Diane Margolin

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Recently I heard the song, "Like a Bridge Over Troubled Waters," and immediately, I was picturing where I was so many years ago on a rare snowy night in Las Vegas. Driving home late at night was very scary for this L.A. native. I'd never driven in snow before, and I was very nervous, but I made it safely home.

Has that happened to you? Hearing certain melodies can transport you back to another time and place, so far from where you are now.

Once when I was shopping at Robinson's in Beverly Hills, I heard "Tristan and Isolde" playing overhead. Yes, years ago, department stores used to play music to sooth the busy shoppers.

Often when a couple is dating, they have their "song." When they marry, they are sure to play their song at their wedding. There is still a program on FM radio when you can call in to dedicate a song to your loved one.

Another song that was popular when I was teaching was "The Candy Man." We taught it to the class that was going to graduate to sing at their ceremony.

Have a wonderful spring.



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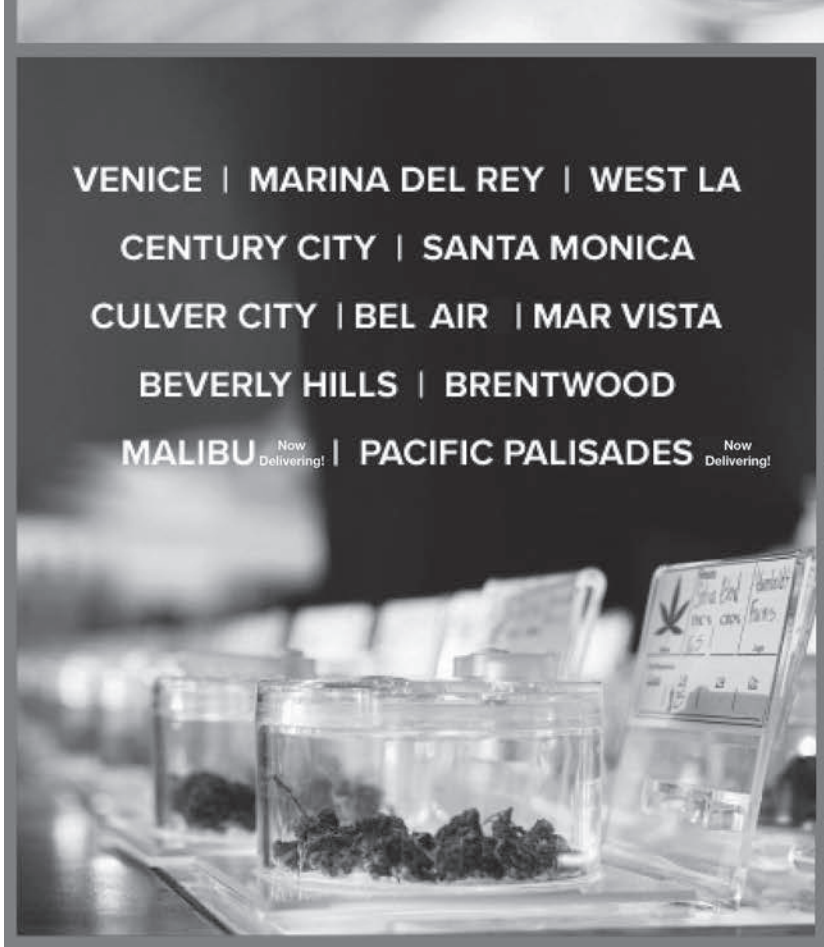
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