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Animal shelters are filling up as more people are forced to give up their pets

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Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Animal Shelter reached its capacity for dogs last week and while a combination of efforts have since cleared room for new four-legged friends, officials said the shelter is preparing for additional intakes caused by seasonal fluctuations and ongoing economic conditions.

Martin Hernandez, lead animal control officer, said the shelter is operating at about 80% occupancy for dogs, while cat housing remains at seasonal norms for now. However, he said the volume of surrender inquiries (people who want to voluntarily give up their pets) in recent weeks raised concerns about the shelter being overwhelmed.

Hernandez said the shelter receives several surrender calls daily, most of them from people who do not live in Santa Monica. He attributed the trend in part to capacity issues at other facilities.

“What we’re hearing is agencies in LA City or County are not accepting surrenders and are looking for an option elsewhere,” he said.

The Santa Monica shelter only accepts surrenders from city residents. Hernandez said animals brought in as strays by people from outside the area are evaluated individually and staff determine whether the animal appears to be a genuine stray or whether the person bringing it in needs to relinquish ownership.

“We don’t want to turn anyone away,” Hernandez said. “We want people to feel secure.”

He said surrender requests typically increase in summer months, driven by moves, college



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Fast food's return to the Promenade draws upbeat reactions from city officials

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Daily Press Editor

Local officials and business leaders say the planned opening of a Taco Bell Cantina in downtown Santa Monica reflects a pragmatic pivot in how the city thinks about filling its empty storefronts.

The comments come as Taco Bell Cantina has filed for commercial building permits to open at 318 Santa Monica Blvd. Permit filings show the project would convert 1,510 square feet of existing office space into a restaurant and bar with a mezzanine level, valued at nearly \$400,000.

The Cantina format occupies street-level storefronts in high-foot-traffic urban corridors and serves beer, wine and frozen cocktails alongside tapas-style appetizers not available at standard locations. Roughly 60 Cantinas operate nationwide, with the Las Vegas Strip flagship generating nearly four times the average Taco Bell's volume.

The filing comes as downtown Santa Monica's regulatory landscape has undergone a dramatic reversal. The city first restricted chain restaurants downtown in 1988, and the City Council unanimously banned chains with more than 100 domestic locations from the Third Street Promenade in 2018, later raising that threshold to 150. Pandemic-driven vacancies prompted a reversal — the council suspended the ban in March 2023 and in August 2025 made its elimination permanent. Promenade occupancy currently stands at 76%.

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- Misti Kerns, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism CEO

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Louisiana-based Raising Cane's has also announced plans to open its first Santa Monica location this summer at 1401 Third Street Promenade, just a few feet from the Cantina.

Taco Bell is displacing an existing restaurant but Raising Cane's is occupying an empty unit. Officials largely agreed that quick-

service dining is a practical tool for reducing vacancies and broadening the Promenade's appeal, though they framed it differently.

The city said it has “been actively reducing barriers for restaurants and other businesses of all types and sizes,” adding that Santa Monica is now “embracing greater flexibility to attract a diverse mix of offerings ranging from quick, convenient dining options to unique retail and experiential destinations.”

Downtown Santa Monica Inc. Communications Director Sydney Kovach echoed that framing, calling fast food a “quick, practical, affordable supporting role in revitalization” that increases foot traffic and activates storefronts, while cautioning that balance with higher-end uses remains important.

Zernitskaya was more direct, saying the loosening of restrictions is “more about providing more options for visitors at different price points, as well as providing more opportunities to reduce the number of empty storefronts.”

Santa Monica Travel & Tourism CEO Misti Kerns tied the shift to the city's upcoming global spotlight, saying that with the FIFA World Cup 2026 and LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon, “having a range of dining experiences that can accommodate high volumes while offering what consumers are looking for with efficiency is essential to a strong visitor experience.”

The popular chains are moving into Santa Monica as the city tries to establish itself as a destination and restart its hospitality

economic engine.

“Today's traveler values choice, convenience, and authenticity across every price point,” Kerns said, adding that quick-service concepts “can complement Santa Monica's existing culinary landscape rather than define it.”

The city struck a similar note, saying a diverse dining mix “is an important part of attracting a broad range of visitors” and pointing to demand for “easy, grab-and-go options” during community events and Entertainment Zone activations.

Kovach said a “balanced mix of storefront types is essential” and that fast food helps “drive consistent foot traffic throughout the day and evening,” while also serving as a near-term vacancy fix.

Zernitskaya offered the most expansive definition of the target visitor.

“We need to create an atmosphere on the promenade and throughout the City that draws visitors from across our region,” she said. “I believe we should be working towards making Santa Monica a place where people feel welcome and have an enjoyable experience. I see the opening of new businesses on the promenade as a good thing and fast food/fast casual restaurants are a helpful & more affordable option to have for folks visiting our downtown.”

Officials said the city's u-turn on fast food locations downtown was a practical decision given economic and cultural shifts.

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Santa Monica-based Snapchat owner cuts 16% of global staff—cites AI efficiency

The owner of social media platform Snapchat said Wednesday it's eliminating about 16% of its global workforce, or about 1,000 jobs that will be culled in its latest round of layoffs.

Snap Inc. said in a regulatory filing that the job cuts will cost about \$95 million to \$130 million in severance payments and related costs.

"The headcount reduction is designed to further streamline our operations and reallocate resources toward our highest-priority initiatives, leveraging increased operational efficiencies to accelerate our path toward net-income profitability," the company said in its filing.

Snap had 5,261 full-time employees as of Dec. 31, 2025, the company said in its latest annual report.

CEO Evan Spiegel said in a letter to staff that another 300 open roles would not be filled.

"While these changes are necessary to realize Snap's long-term potential, we

believe that rapid advancements in artificial intelligence enable our teams to reduce repetitive work, increase velocity, and better support our community, partners, and advertisers. We have already witnessed small squads leveraging AI tools to drive meaningful progress across several important initiatives, including Snapchat+, enhanced ad platform performance, and efficiency improvements in our Snap Lite infrastructure," he said in a memo to staff.

It's not the first time the Santa Monica, California-based company has eliminated jobs. In 2024, Snap cut 10% of its workforce, or about 530 employees.

Snap cut 3% of its staff in late 2023, and in 2022 it slashed its workforce by 20%.

Snapchat, which is popular with young people and known for its disappearing photos and videos, has 474 million users every day, on average, according to the annual report.

Snap said in its latest earnings report that its net loss in 2025 narrowed to \$460 million, as revenue rose to \$5.9 billion.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC Emeritus to host free Earth Day film screening and panel April 22

Santa Monica College's Emeritus program will host "Earth Day at Emeritus," a free public event featuring short film screenings and a panel discussion on eco-filmmaking, on Wednesday, April 22, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The event will be held in the Auditorium at the SMC Emeritus Campus, 1227 Second St., Santa Monica. Parking is available in the adjacent City of Santa Monica Parking Structure No. 2. Seating is first-come, first-served.

Films and clips from eco-filmmakers Sheila Laffey, Joseph Rosendo, and Nidhin Patel will be screened, followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A moderated by Anabelle Munro, founding director of the Ethos Film Awards.

Laffey is an award-winning filmmaker and producer who launched and hosted SMC's Green Screen eco film series. Rosendo is a six-time Emmy winner known for "Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope" on PBS. Patel, a lecturer at California State University, Los Angeles, is an award-winning film educator with experience at the Hollywood Climate Summit and film festivals including NewFilmmakers LA and Outfest.

The event is a collaboration between Laffey's SMC Emeritus film class and the Ethos Film Awards 2026. The Ethos Film Awards International Film Festival, which celebrates purpose-driven storytelling, runs April 21-26 at Laemmle Monica Film Center, 1332 Second St., Santa Monica.

Events are subject to change or cancellation without notice, and additional events may be added. More information is available by calling 310-633-3595.

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EMERITUS
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EARTH DAY AT EMERITUS

WHAT: SHEILA LAFFEY'S FILM CLASS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ETHOS FILM AWARDS

WHERE: EMERITUS CAMPUS, 1227 SECOND STREET, SANTA MONICA, 90401

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Special Guest: **Joseph Rosendo**, 6-time Emmy-winning director

In Collaboration with **ETHOS FILM AWARDS 2026**, April 21-April 26, Santa Monica

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EVENT: SMC Emeritus, a program of Santa Monica College (SMC), will host "Earth Day at Emeritus," a free event featuring film screenings, award-winning eco filmmakers, and a panel discussion and audience Q&A on Wednesday, April 22.



Surf report WATER TEMP: 61.3

THURSDAY FAIR | **SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh

Surf up a notch with some more swell moving in. Winds staying on the lighter side. SSW swell edges up as a little NW swell lingers, for mainly thigh-waist-stomach high waves, bogged down some on the mid morning high tide. Possible light E wind for points in the morning. Light+ SW sea breeze due in the afternoon.

FRIDAY FAIR | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Fun zone waves off continued swell combo. Morning winds looking light. SSW/SW swell mix and small NW swell keep surf mainly running thigh-waist-stomach high. Early tide push helps before mid morning high tide tends to slow waves down. Light offshore NE winds due early morning, followed by moderate SW shifting WNW winds.

Weather

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 67. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming northeast in the evening..

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

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| 2026/04/16 | Thu | 9:17 PM | 5.90 H |
| 2026/04/17 | Fri | 03:57 AM | -0.85 L |
| 2026/04/17 | Fri | 10:07 AM | 4.32 H |
| 2026/04/17 | Fri | 3:34 PM | 0.83 L |
| 2026/04/17 | Fri | 9:48 PM | 6.21 H |
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| 2026/04/18 | Sat | 10:59 AM | 3.97 H |
| 2026/04/18 | Sat | 4:06 PM | 1.23 L |
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Jackpot: 11 M

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AROUND TOWN

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Pier Locals' Night, Earth Day Events, & Food Fests

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes a theatrical salute to the Pier, YMCA Healthy Kids Day, Parsons Dance at BroadStage, Earth Day events, Masters of Taste Food Fest, and much more!

Springtime at the Pier: 'Locals' Night' Returns April 16 with Live Music, Art, Salsa, and 'Save the Pier!' Play: Enjoy two stages of live music, Spring art mart, salsa dancing, classic cars, and live theater come together for one night at the Santa Monica Pier. Thursday, April 16, starting at 4p.m. santamonicapier.org/localsnight

YMCA Healthy Kids Day: There will be plenty of fun activities for families, including a bouncy house, rock climbing, and face painting. The goal is to promote healthy habits and positive lifestyles for youth in an engaging and interactive way. FREE. Saturday, April 18, 10am-1pm @ Santa Monica YMCA, 1332 6th St. [instagram.com/santamonicaymca](https://www.instagram.com/santamonicaymca)

Natural HERStory: A Drag Musical: Join us for Natural HERstory, a joyful 30-minute STEAM musical created with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, where dazzling drag performance meets real science. Designed for elementary-age learners and aligned with California education standards, the show explores fossils, arthropods, and birds while inspiring creativity, curiosity, and empathy. Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House [santamonica.gov/events/4xgq6x4fcrkp8vgqsw6d728m1/202604181100](https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4xgq6x4fcrkp8vgqsw6d728m1/202604181100)

Parsons Dance at BroadStage: The internationally acclaimed Parsons Dance company brings its athletic and high-energy contemporary choreography to Santa Monica for a special two-night engagement. The program features a mix of classic works and new premieres that showcase the company's signature "strobe-light" precision and Joyous movement. Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19, 1310 11th St. [broadstage.org/tickets-shows/](https://www.broadstage.org/tickets-shows/)

Verdi Chorus Presents "Verdi in España" Spanish-Themed Concert: The Verdi Chorus continues its 42nd season with "Verdi in España," a Spanish-themed concert featuring operatic works by Verdi, Bizet and Spanish composers, for two performances. Saturday and Sunday, April 18 & 19, First Presbyterian Church, 1220 2nd St. [verdichorus.org](https://www.verdichorus.org)

Palisades Earth Day & Veg Fest 2026 at the Palisades Village Green: Join Resilient Palisades for a joyful afternoon featuring a vibrant lineup of vegan food vendors, a native plant sale, music, kids activities, and opportunities to learn from local organizations working to support a healthier and more resilient community. Saturday, April 19 [eventbrite.com/e/palisades-earth-day-veg-fest-2026-at-the-palisades-village-green-tickets-1983835154350](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/palisades-earth-day-veg-fest-2026-at-the-palisades-village-green-tickets-1983835154350)

Urban Jungle Plants and Pottery Second Anniversary: Celebrate with us as Urban Jungle Plants & Pottery turns two! Join us for a special day filled with food, beverages, plant giveaways, and a warm community atmosphere. Whether you are a longtime supporter or visiting for the first time, we would love to have you be part of this milestone celebration. Saturday, April 18, 3113 Lincoln Blvd. [instagram.com/urbanjungleplantsandpottery](https://www.instagram.com/urbanjungleplantsandpottery)

Free Bike Rodeo and Bike Skills Workshop for All Students: In preparation for National Bike Month in May and Bike It! Walk It! Bus It! Week (May 4–8), the city of Santa Monica and Walk 'n Rollers are hosting the free workshop at Lincoln Middle School. This fun, hands-on event will give students the opportunity to practice important biking skills in a safe and supportive environment. Participants will rotate through interactive skill stations where they can practice starting and stopping, signaling, maneuvering around obstacles, and learning basic traffic safety tips for riding in their neighborhood. Sunday, April 19, 9a.m. - 12p.m. [santamonica.gov/blog/get-ready-to-ride-free-bike-rodeo-for-all-students](https://www.santamonica.gov/blog/get-ready-to-ride-free-bike-rodeo-for-all-students)

Yom Hashoah Film Screening of "The Stamp Thief" Followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers: Mishkon will be screening the 2025 film "The Stamp Thief," followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. The documentary investigates a tale dating back to the Holocaust: A mysterious Nazi stole priceless stamp collections from concentration camp victims and buried the stolen stamps in a small town in Poland. RSVP here. Sunday, April 19, 3:30p.m., 206 Main Street, Venice [mishkon.org/event/Stamp-Thief.html](https://www.mishkon.org/event/Stamp-Thief.html)

Pepperdine Earth Day Fair: The fair features sustainability-focused activities and booths, connecting students, faculty, and community members with environmental

COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

LA28, Intuit partner to expand local business access to Olympic procurement opportunities

The LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games has released its Procurement Plan, outlining how the organization will source goods and services for the 2028 Games while prioritizing local and small businesses across the Los Angeles region.

Central to the plan is a commitment to direct 75% of LA28's addressable procurement spend to the Greater Los Angeles region and 25% to small businesses.

"Hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in Los Angeles and strengthen the businesses that power our region," said Reynold Hoover, LA28 Chief Executive Officer. "This plan marks the foundation of our work to give clarity to local and small businesses so they can seize this moment."

To advance its small business goals, LA28 is partnering with Intuit — the global financial technology company behind TurboTax, Credit Karma, QuickBooks, and Mailchimp — to co-create the Intuit & LA28 Small Business Supplier Program. The program will provide local businesses with access to resources, mentorship, and opportunities to become LA28 suppliers.

LA28 is also collaborating with the City and County of Los Angeles and other regional stakeholders to expand outreach and strengthen supplier readiness.

"By making the process clear and accessible, we are helping more businesses compete for and benefit from opportunities connected to the Games," said Erikk Aldridge, LA28 Vice President, Impact and Legacy.

LA28 posts all competitive sourcing events through the Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement (RAMP). Interested businesses can register and review opportunities at RAMPLA.org. LA28 recommends checking the site at least every two weeks for new Requests for Information and Expressions of Interest.

The Procurement Plan is publicly available now.

“Hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in Los Angeles and strengthen the businesses that power our region

- Reynold Hoover, LA28 Chief Executive Officer

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PLAN: LA28 releases procurement plan prioritizing local and small businesses for 2028 Games.

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SMC Applied Music Showcase set for April 24 at The Broad Stage

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present the SMC Applied Music Showcase on Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. at Santa Monica Boulevard.

The showcase features students in SMC's Applied Music Program performing songs, instrumental solos, ensemble works, and original compositions in diverse styles.

"There is something for everyone in this eclectic concert featuring some of SMC's top music students," said Music faculty Janelle DeStefano. "It showcases the wide range of performers and composers who are learning and growing in the SMC Music Department, and celebrates the beauty of classical, jazz, musical theatre, and contemporary commercial music coexisting in harmony. Come and enjoy!"

Founded in 2001 by Dr. James Smith and currently directed by Jimmy Cheesman, David Arbury, and DeStefano, the Applied Music Program is dedicated to fostering the development of outstanding instrumentalists, vocalists, and composers, with the goal of preparing each student for successful transfer as a music major to a four-year university or conservatory.

Tickets are \$10 general admission plus a service charge and free for students with any student ID. Advance tickets are available at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005, Monday through Friday. Tickets may also be purchased at The Broad Stage Box Office beginning 45 minutes before the performance. Free parking is available on the premises. Seating is first-come, first-served.

All performances are subject to change or cancellation without notice. For more information, call 310-434-4323.

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SHOWCASE: The SMC Applied Music Showcase, featuring performances by students in SMC's distinctive Applied Music Program, will be held Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center.



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SHELTER

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departures and other life changes, but that economic pressures are accelerating the trend this year.

“Right now people are saying they’re having to move, downsize, or move in with family due to the economy,” Hernandez said.

Approximately 5.8 million dogs and cats entered U.S. shelters in 2025, a 2.1% decline from the prior year, according to Shelter Animals Count data released by the ASPCA. Despite the overall dip in intake, owner surrenders rose to 30% of all intake in 2025, up from 29% in 2024 and 25% in 2023.

The year 2024 marked a grim milestone: for the first time since tracking began, more dogs than cats were killed in shelters, with 237,000 dogs euthanized — a 6.2% increase over the prior year, according to Shelter Animals Count. Shelters have operated at or above capacity for five consecutive years, and a cumulative surplus of 900,000 animals has built up since January 2021, the ASPCA said.

California records the highest municipal shelter euthanasia rate in the nation at 17%, double the national average of 8.5%, according to Shelter Animals Count. The state, along with Texas, North Carolina, Florida and Georgia, accounts for 44% of all shelter euthanasia nationally. Roughly 450,000 animals entered California shelters in 2023, though significant data gaps persist — fewer than 40% of the state’s shelters report to the national database.

Los Angeles Animal Services shelters have had ongoing problems with capacity, with dog euthanasia surging 72% in the first nine months of 2024 compared with the same period in 2023, according to city Controller Kenneth Mejia’s office. The agency took in roughly 39,000 animals in 2023 and reported more than 900 dogs in custody as of May 2025, with its South Los Angeles shelter seeing a 32% intake surge year over year, according to Los Angeles Animal Services.

The spcaLA identified housing as the top

reason for surrenders in the region, overtaking behavioral issues. LA County officials have also pointed to a pandemic-era breeding boom, deferred spay-neuter surgeries and overwhelmed rescue partners, according to LA County Animal Care & Control. The January 2025 wildfires further strained the system, with Pasadena Humane alone processing nearly 1,000 displaced animals.

On a positive note, Hernandez said adoptions last week helped ease crowding, and a rescue partner took several dogs. The shelter also recently received its first two litters of kittens of the year, a sign that the busy spring-and-summer cat season is underway. Hernandez said cat and kitten intakes spike significantly during that period each year.

Santa Monica operates as a “no kill” shelter maintaining a live release rate above 90%, Hernandez said. That means animals can linger at the shelter and one dog is approaching his year-anniversary.

Shelter workers said Target is such a good boy who loves to play fetch and loves belly rubs. He has been waiting since May 2025 and officials are still hopeful he can find his forever home.

Among other animals in the shelter’s care, staff have been working with a pair of guinea pigs since September and recently dealt with a rabbit that was loose near the Civic Center for about a month.

Hernandez said residents can help by adopting, spreading the word through friends and family, and donating supplies such as kitten food, toys and training treats, which he said the shelter goes through quickly. For a more information on donations, visit the Santa Monica Animal Foundation’s website at <https://www.smasf.org/>.

The shelter will host an open house June 6. Hernandez encouraged residents to attend.

“It’s a great way of letting people know we exist,” he said. “It’s helpful when residents visit and see the work we do.”

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retail, activities, restaurants, nightlife, pop-up businesses, and attractions that will draw all kinds of visitors across different age ranges and income levels,” she said. “I would love to see the Promenade and Downtown as a whole become more of a ‘third place’ where people are excited to go because they know there’s always something fun going on and they want to be part of it.”

The city described a destination “centered on safe, engaging experiences for people of all ages,” invoking a farmers market, author talks at local bookstores, live music and shared meals as the texture of that experience.

Kovach pointed to specific near-term additions as proof of concept, citing the upcoming openings of HQ Gastropub, Raising Cane’s and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles-themed pizzeria, as well as the Arte Museum, an immersive experience venue slated to open later this year. She also noted that city policies — including waived wastewater capacity fees and reduced outdoor dining fees — have lowered startup costs for new restaurants.

“The vision is to cultivate a balanced, experience-driven mix that strengthens Downtown Santa Monica’s long-term vitality. While there is clear opportunity for new retail investment, the greatest growth potential lies in dining, experiential, and lifestyle-oriented uses that encourage visitors to spend more time downtown,” she said.

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**THURSDAY | APRIL 16****LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS**

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-04-16T11>

'LOCALS' NIGHT' RETURNS WITH LIVE MUSIC, ART, SALSA, & 'SAVE THE PIER' PLAY

3:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Spring has officially sprung at the Santa Monica Pier as Locals' Night returns Thursday, April 16, transforming the Pier into a vibrant, open-air celebration of music, art, and community from 3:30 to 10 p.m. Presented by Pacific Park in partnership with Harvelle's, this free, all-ages event brings together two stages of live music, a Spring Art Mart, salsa dancing, a classic car show, and a special performance of the “Save the Pier!” play—all in one unforgettable night over the ocean. From local artists and vintage vendors to live bands and dance floors, Springtime at the Pier invites guests to explore, connect, and celebrate the creative spirit of Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-locals-night-returns-with-live-music-art-salsa-save-the-pier-play/18561855/2026-04-16T15>

VENICE ART CRAWL NETWORKING MIXER - THE SIDEWALK CAFE

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 352 Westminster Ave Venice. Let's connect! Join us for the Venice Art Crawl Networking Mixer at The Sidewalk Cafe One of the best things about Venice is the people, and we want to bring everyone together for a fun, casual evening! On Thursday, April 16th, we're hosting a community networking mixer at The Sidewalk Cafe. \$10.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-art-crawl-networking-mixer-the-sidewalk-cafe/18526454/2026-04-16T18>

FRIDAY | APRIL 17**BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!**

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew

and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of AI fresco dining. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-14639006/2026-04-17T11>

LIVE IN THE LOBBY FRIDAYS 2-5 PM

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ace Hotel Los Angeles 929 S Broadway, Los Angeles. Slow down with stripped-back sets from local and national artists. Pull up a chair or just let the music find you. Guitar sounds float through the hotel lobby and all around you as we feature talented musicians from the desert and beyond. Each musician brings their own unique sound & style to the hotel and showcases their own distinctive voices. Check here to see who are featured artists are every Thursday-Saturday 2-5 pm in the lobby. Our next artist is bluesy high desert musician Damian Tiner on 01.23.26. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/live-in-the-lobby-fridays-2-5-pm/18044904/2026-04-17T14>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-04-17T17>

OUT WITH A BANG

8:00 p.m. Pacific Resident Theatre 703 Venice Blvd., Venice. The Co-op of Pacific Resident Theatre Presents. \$25.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/out-with-a-bang/18439508/2026-04-17T20>

SATURDAY | APRIL 18**"BE" THE CHANGE**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica, 90404. To celebrate Earth Month, we encourage our communities to, in the words of Mahatma Gandhi, “Be the change you wish to see in the world”. Join us at our monthly community breakfast where we will be having a number of fun activities for all ages: Mason Bee House Demonstration – The larva, life cycle and small apartment; Garden Bingo – Look high and low to complete your card; Bucket Brigade – Watering and mulching our new Fruit Trees; Beet, Bean, & Basil seeds to plant! We are a Zero Waste event and encourage folks to bring your own plates and utensils. And earn Farmers' Market Dollars while they last !!! Be kind to others, Be respectful of the planet, Be the best version of you. Let's continue to grow Santa Monica. Full details [Santamonica.gov/event](https://www.santamonica.gov/event)

TACO BELL

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The city said the return of fast food “reflects how both the city and the broader food industry are evolving” and signals “a more flexible, adaptive approach to economic vitality.”

Kovach was the most candid about the trade-off, calling the move “a pragmatic step to support leasing and activate storefronts” while stressing the need to “maintain a balanced, diverse tenant mix that supports long-term economic strength.”

Zernitskaya acknowledged the historical context directly.

The Promenade has gone through multiple cycles of reinvention and revival, and allowing more fast food/fast casual restaurants shows that we're learning from past experiences and listening to residents & visitors who have been asking for more affordable options for eateries on the Promenade and in DTSM.

Despite the recent additions, Downtown is still struggling with high vacancies and high-profile departures such as the Misfit restaurant closing and the loss of Anthropologie. Officials said they are focused on trying to build a diverse and stable retail environment.

Zernitskaya laid out an aspirational vision.

“I can't speak for the vision of the Council as a whole, but my vision would be for a Promenade and Downtown that has a broad variety of traditional retail, experiential



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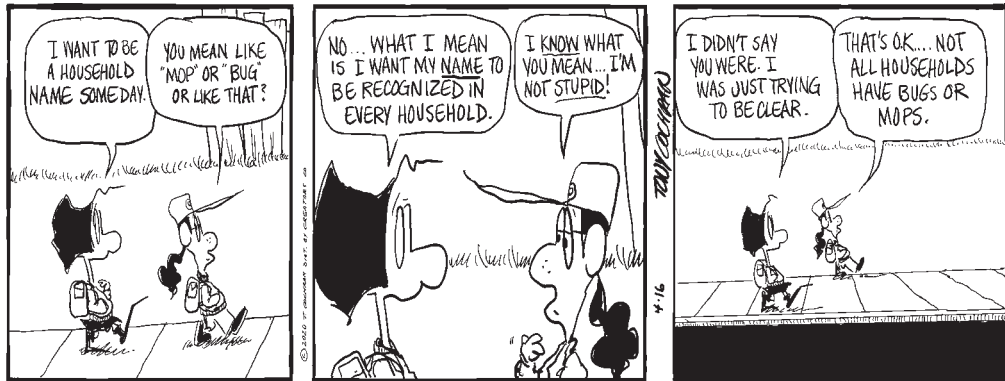
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6912

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 16)

Welcome to your Year of the Activation Energy. This one's got a drumbeat to it. Things accelerate, whether you feel ready or not, and you either get into the groove and take off right away or quickly figure it out. Keep the ambitions you-centered. More highlights: aesthetic attunement, attractive powers on 11 and an excellent sense for who and what you need so you're always attracting what's best for you. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 27, 3, 19, 33 and 12.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Foreign financial concepts that seemed confusing are now interesting to you. You can learn this. It's actually not hard, and this surge of empowerment is only the start. Keep it up and you will be better than ever with your money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A long-standing source of friction simply dissolves. Everyone exhales at once. From here forward, it will be easier to make plans, have conversations and share openly. The group will grow stronger.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You hope that preparation will keep you safe, confident and winning. But how do you prepare for total unknowns? The best you can do is trust in your talents, and if they are a mismatch, you always have your powers of adaptation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The weird buzz at work or the hot gossip in a friend group seems like a coded message at first. But there's a way to think of this or use it that unlocks a better way to work. Relationships and paths reorganize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll solve an expensive problem - good for everyone involved, especially you. The larger the problem you solve, the larger the paycheck orbiting it. Businesses and people gladly fund relief from costly headaches.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not all fun and games, but you can make a game out of doing the "un-fun" part. Reverse psychology yourself. Tell yourself you're only allowed to do two minutes of the task. You'll hate stopping midmotion. Momentum sneaks in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some days whisper - not this one. It's a dance mix turned up. No calm reflection, no gentle healing. You sweat out the bad and work out the kinks in the system through vigor. On the other side of the exertion is a calm you've earned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not stuck. Even if it feels messy, you are in a phase where things can actually move forward across the board. Analysis and self-judgment is not part of this process. Move and keep moving. Cross to the far shore.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you may be in a position to serve, don't think of yourself as a servant today. Rather, you're a producer. You produce an experience of ease and beauty. You produce a feeling of warmth and acceptance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Manners and serviceability can be a choice. They can also be a defense. In a system that favors the powerful, sometimes the less powerful have too much at stake to risk offending anyone. True kindness is built on a foundation of justice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You could really use a change of environment. If you can't go somewhere fresh, try changing something else about the scene, such as adjusting the playlist, switching rooms, moving the furniture or using different lighting. Your mind sees this as a new chapter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What if the most important work of the day is figuring out how to have fun? It sounds easy enough, but because everyone is different, fun takes a bit of personal design. You'll work it out like a pro.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Mind-manners connection
- 5 Hutch collection
- 10 Sari's venerable cousin
- 14 Present prefix
- 15 Southwestern wolves
- 16 Rink leap
- 17 Shareholder's interest
- 19 Female lobsters
- 20 ___ Ark
- 21 Enter very slowly
- 23 Look intently
- 25 Wasn't used
- 26 Sales scam
- 32 Pick up
- 34 Lloyd Webber title character
- 35 Go courting
- 36 Cardinal point
- 37 None of the above
- 38 Place for many a plant
- 39 Warning sound
- 40 Horticultural study
- 41 John D. MacDonald sleuth
- 42 Marching band members
- 45 Escape clause
- 46 Something to build on
- 47 Subs
- 52 Beach crawlers
- 55 Nickname like Christie
- 56 Obama debater in 2008
- 59 Word in LAX's full name

- 60 *Calendario* opener
- 61 They're collected in cribs
- 62 Swampland stalk
- 63 Exemplar of evil
- 64 Bygone phone feature

DOWN

- 1 Over there, of yore
- 2 Forewarning
- 3 Golden Rule word
- 4 Shred
- 5 Hanger hangout
- 6 MLB or NBA attraction
- 7 Heron kin
- 8 Any Federal Reserve bill
- 9 Tax official
- 10 French Polynesian island
- 11 Big bovines
- 12 Gracious guy
- 13 Likewise
- 18 River of Köln
- 22 Sell in a hurry
- 24 Falcon, for instance
- 26 Port of Iraq
- 27 "George Washington of India"
- 28 Night visions
- 29 Many a nest
- 30 Nursery rhyme monarch
- 31 Flaw in logic
- 32 Tripod, mostly
- 33 Qualify for logo

- 37 Days of yore
- 38 Called to mind very strongly
- 40 Long-term squabble
- 41 Urban newspaper section
- 43 ...Jimmy, ___, George...
- 44 Tiny length
- 47 Begin to move
- 48 Antler prong
- 49 Fee for all
- 50 Guatemalan girl
- 51 Don't strike
- 53 ___ B'rith
- 54 Blood components
- 57 Singsong sound
- 58 Fashionable handbag

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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AROUND TOWN

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organizations and climate solutions as part of Pepperdine's Climate Calling 2026 conference. Monday, April 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. malibucity.org/m/newsflash/home/detail/2052

Stand Up for Democracy Comedy Fundraising Show: Enjoy an unforgettable night of stand-up comedy packed with big laughs and even bigger impact. Every donation supports Field Team 6 — a volunteer-driven, grassroots organization registering Democratic voters in battleground states and flippable districts where it matters most. And every dollar turns into another Democratic vote. So you're making a huge difference. Thursday, April 23, 7:30p.m., Unurban Café, 3301 Pico Blvd. secure.actblue.com/donate/ft6i-standupfordemocracy

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WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Holy Basil Santa Monica x Nana Thai Collab Dinner: For the evening, an exclusive collaborative menu by Chef Deau Arpapornnopparat and Chef Nik Ramirez will be offered. Sunday, April 19, 2828 Santa Monica Blvd. <https://www.opentable.com/r/holy-basil-santa-monica>

Newly Opened - Santinos: This Argentinian restaurant closed over a decade ago, and has now reopened in the same location under the same ownership (lesson: it's never too late for a comeback). The menu has a lot going on with tapas like gambas al ajillo and crispy mollejas, pizzas, salads, steaks, and paninis. Also, they're hosting parrillada dinners cooked on an outdoor grill every Sunday night. 3021 Lincoln Blvd. theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/santinos

The Infatuation Declares the Cereal Milk French Toast at Jyan Isaac Bread is one of the Best Dishes in SoCal: "I don't know what sorcery Jyan Isaac partakes in, but his Japanese-style milk bread somehow stays fluffy and cloud-like even after the chef from Ghisallo—responsible for the Santa Monica bakery's weekend brunch menu—soaks it in sweet cereal milk. The saucer-shaped French toast is great for sharing (the sections peel apart like Hawaiian rolls), and the cultured butter on top adds a nice tang to balance the maple syrup." 1620 Ocean Park Blvd. <https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-dishes-infatuation-la-march-2026>

Badmaash Brings the Tikka Poutine Invasion Abbot Kinney: Expect the brand's signature irreverent hits—like the legendary Chicken Tikka Poutine and spiced lamb burgers—alongside new, Venice-exclusive additions like whipped ricotta toast with tamarind and kumquat jam. With a flashy orange marquee, a semi-open kitchen, and the brand's first-ever outdoor patio and the debut of its first-ever beverage program, it's a massive upgrade for the block and a must-visit for anyone craving bold flavors and a hip-hop soundtrack. 1616 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice badmaashla.com

NBC4 Video Report on "Crudo e Nudo celebrates 5 years of sustainable seafood in Santa Monica": This video report "visits Crudo e Nudo to meet chef-owner Brian Bornemann and learn how the restaurant highlights responsible seafood practices. Plus, get an exclusive preview of the restaurant's week-long anniversary celebration featuring collaborations with top chefs and winemakers from across California."

Further Afield: Los Angeles Times Festival of Books: The largest book festival in the U.S. makes its annual return to USC with authors, publishers, panel discussions and performances for readers of all ages. It's a major cultural draw for bibliophiles across Southern California and a great way to showcase Santa Monica authors and literary voices. Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19, University of Southern California latimes.com/events/festival-of-books

More Further Afield: Santa Monica Flavors Take Center Stage at the 2026 Masters of Taste: The Rose Bowl's iconic turf is about to become the city's most exclusive dining room. On Sunday, April 19, the eighth annual Masters of Taste returns, and this year, multiple SaMo local culinary stars are trekking east to dominate the field. Leading the charge are neighborhood favorites like the modern Indian powerhouse Fitoor and the minimalist sushi masters at UCHI, proving that while the event is in Pasadena, the soul of the menu is pure Westside. 100% of the proceeds benefit Union Station Homeless Services so you can indulge in the best of L.A.'s food scene while supporting the fight against homelessness. I will definitely be there and you can use the code LAMEDIA26 for \$10 off. mastersoftastela.com

Looking Ahead: SaMo International Jazz Festival (5/1-9); Venice Beach Cinco de Mayo Parade (5/2); Netflix Is A Joke Fest (5/4-10); EEEEEATSCON (5/16-17); Montana Ave. Annual Sidewalk Sale & Wellness Walk (5/16); MAINopoly Taste of Main Street (5/24); U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship (6/2-5);

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Pier Locals' Night, Earth Day Events, & Food Fests

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Legal Notices

Trustee Sale No. 1290386 Notice of Trustee's Sale You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 3/1/2021. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 5/14/2026 At 11:00am, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on March 3, 2021 as Document Number 20210353652 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Coastline 901 LLC, as Trustor, Nano Banc, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: behind fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Lots W And In Block 50 Of Santa Monica, In The City Of Santa Monica, County Of Los Angeles, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded In Book 3, Pages 80 And 81, And In Book 39, Page 45, Both Of Miscellaneous Records, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. A.P. NO.: 4292-026-024 The property heretofore described is being sold as is. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 901 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90246. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied,

regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$24,662,285.36 Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that

information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the website below using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (858) 410-2154, or visit this internet website (See Link Below), using the file number assigned to this case [TS 1290386] to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. For information on sale dates please visit our website at: <http://www.firstam.com/title/commercial/foreclosure/> Date: 4/9/26 First American Title Insurance Company 9255 Towne Center Drive Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92121 David Z. Bark, Foreclosure Trustee

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP0183. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Joseph M Zarabi for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Joseph M Zarabi filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Joseph M Zarabi to Joseph Yousef Zarabi. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 05/27/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 04/10/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/16/2026, 04/23/2026, 04/30/2026, 05/07/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026057225. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOON RABBIT SUPPLEMENTS, 8605 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD #337438, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): MOON RABBIT LABS LLC, 8605 SANTA MONICA BLVD PMB 337438, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that

the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ NGATHIEN LEJUDGE, MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/13/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/02/2026, 04/09/2026, 04/16/2026, 04/23/2026

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