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Palisades homeowner warns of post-fire rebuilding "gridlock" as property market stalls

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A longtime Pacific Palisades resident is raising concerns about what he sees as a slow and uneven post-fire recovery, sounding the alarm on a market he believes is being stifled by policy, cost and city inaction.

Jeremy Padawer, a 16-year Palisades resident and entrepreneur in the toy industry, lost his home in the January wildfire that destroyed thousands of residences across Los Angeles. Since then, he's been tracking the pace of lot sales in his neighborhood and says the numbers paint a troubling picture.

"There's a significant inventory buildup," he says. "We're listing lots faster than we're selling them. If something doesn't change soon, the Palisades is going to see a long and painful recovery."

Padawer, who has turned the domain name pacificpalisades.com into a nonprofit advocacy platform for his neighbors, shared publicly sourced data comparing home lot activity in the Palisades to that in Altadena, another area devastated by the fires. The contrast, he says, is stark.

According to figures he compiled, the Palisades currently has over 200 active listings, with only 31 lots sold in the past 90 days. Altadena, by comparison, had more than 100 sales during the same period on just 81 active listings. "That means Altadena is moving inventory nearly nine times faster," he says.

Padawer attributes this divide to affordability, development

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Rite Aid at 14th and Wilshire confirms closure in May



Scott Snowden

CLOSING: Rite Aid is closing its second location in Santa Monica.

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SMDP Staff Writer

The Rite Aid at 1331 Wilshire Boulevard, a mainstay for many mid-city Santa Monica residents following the 2022 closure of the Rite Aid on 18th St, is set to close at the end of May.

A printed notice taped to the store's front doors reads, "Thank you for trusting us with your health. On May 29th we will be moving your prescription to CVS on 1411 Lincoln Blvd." As of this week, the location remains open with normal hours, though staff confirmed they expect the closure to move forward as scheduled.

The store's supervisor told the Daily Press she had limited information about the details but believed most employees would be relocated to other Rite Aid outlets rather than laid off. A handful of staff currently work at the site.

The 14th and Wilshire location serves a large section of Santa Monica and has remained popular for its convenience and walkability. For many in the surrounding neighborhood, it has long been the closest option for filling prescriptions or picking up essentials without needing to drive or cross the freeway.

The closure comes amid broader financial struggles for the national chain with reports speculating that the chain is weighing a possible repeat bankruptcy after its recent financial restructuring failed to put the drugstore chain on a sustainable path.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the company has also

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Council delays action on support for state housing measures

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council tabled a request to support two state housing bills recently after a majority of councilmembers expressed concerns about endorsing the legislation without further analysis.

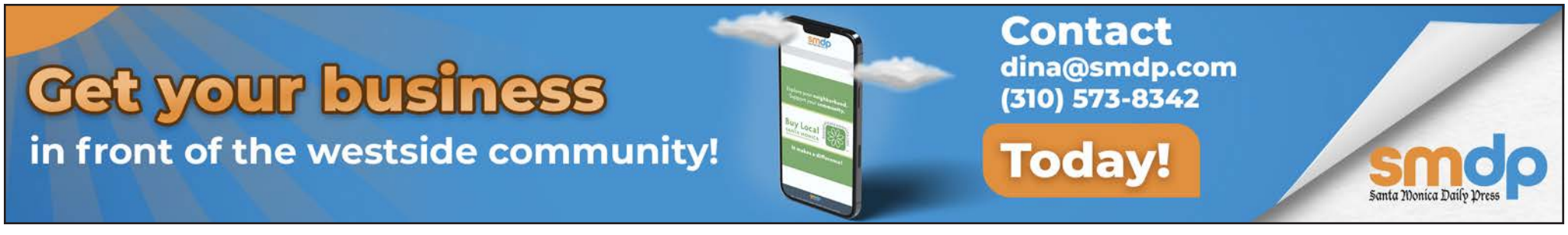
Councilmembers Jesse Zwick and Dan Hall had requested the city take a formal support position on Senate Bills 79 and 677, both aimed at streamlining housing development and increasing density near transit. However, the other five councilmembers pushed back, seeking more staff analysis and raising concerns about prematurely endorsing legislation still early in the state's process.

"I'm happy to push this item until we can get more analysis from our staff or others," Zwick conceded. "But I do, frankly, really want us to think clearly about where our beliefs are and how committed we are to actually realizing them."

SB 79, authored by State Sen. Scott Wiener, would require that residential development within specified distances of transit stops be allowed on land zoned for residential, mixed, commercial or light industrial use. The bill establishes requirements for height limits, density and floor area ratios based on proximity to transit stops.

SB 677, also authored by Wiener, would require ministerial approval for housing developments containing no more than two residential units on lots with single-family homes or zoned for four or fewer residential units. It would also streamline urban lot splits and remove certain restrictions on subdividing parcels.

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Power of Partnerships



Courtesy photo

CARE: West Coast Care is now operating in Venice to help the homeless population reconnect with family.

On March 28, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park presented a $25,000 contribution to West Coast Care (WCC) to help with its family reunification work – an often overlooked but highly effective way to help people experiencing homelessness find stability by reconnecting them with family, friends, and support networks they trust.

Last fall, through a partnership initiated by Councilmember Park and Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, WCC expanded its service into Venice. "WCC's partnership with the City of Los Angeles represents a collaborative strategy, promoting family reunification to reduce homelessness," said Councilmember Park.

"People don't just lose housing – they lose connection to family, to community, and to the people who know and care about them," said Councilmember Park. "When someone wants to get off the streets, we should be doing everything we can to help make that possible. Reuniting people with their loved ones is one of the most meaningful ways to do that."

For nearly twenty years, WCC has partnered with the City of Santa Monica. WCC specializes in locating relatives, verifying safe landings, and helping people return home—whether by bus, train, or plane. Many unhoused individuals aren't originally from the area. Over time, they've lost touch with loved ones and communities that once gave them a sense of belonging. WCC helps rebuild those ties.

People experiencing homelessness often move back and forth between Venice and Santa Monica. An outreach team that can stay actively engaged offers a higher level of reassurance and continuity with unhoused individuals, which creates progress.

In 2024, 200 people were housed through WCC's family reunification program and traveled home to various locations across the United States and the world. That's 200 fewer people suffering on the streets, and 200 lives on a new path toward long-term stability.

Submitted by Traci Park's office and Ron Hooks.





GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

LA28 Olympics: One door closes, but more open for Santa Monica

By now we've all heard the news that Santa Monica will not be the venue for beach volleyball in the 2028 Summer Olympics. We learned this week that the sport will be played down the road in Long Beach.

We hear many of you in the community, especially our small business owners, who have expressed disappointment about not hosting beach volleyball – especially as the birthplace of the modern sport. And, of course, we share some of those feelings.

Our negotiating team fought hard for a responsible deal that would best benefit Santa Monica. Ultimately, the parties could not agree and LA28 chose to walk away.

We understand it may take a moment to process the disappointment, but we're focusing on the opportunities ahead – and there are a lot of them.

Be assured that our collaboration with LA28 continues, and we remain focused on supporting the Games through regional priorities such as transit, sustainability and community events.

When the world comes to Los Angeles in 2028, fans will come to our city, just as they do whenever we experience large events in the region. We're committed to offering the best of Santa Monica when they do.

We now have new economic opportunities and the chance to host community events in the city during the Games that we wouldn't have been able to do if we were a venue.

Santa Monica is strategically located near key Olympic activities – including several competitions slated to take place just south of us in Venice Beach – and the Athletes Village at University of California, Los Angeles. This makes our city an attractive choice for media broadcast centers, brand activations, public and private events, cultural exchanges and hospitality houses.

And with our iconic beaches, epic dining scene, and scenic oceanfront, our city is already in high demand for these uses.

Imagine live broadcasts from the iconic Santa Monica Pier or other key locations showcasing our beautiful coastline. Hospitality houses hosted by different countries will offer immersive cultural experiences and entertainment for community members, fans, athletes, and dignitaries. Major brands will bring the party to Santa Monica, creating themed houses to connect with global audiences through interactive experiences, exclusive merchandise, and product showcases.

Most of these hospitality houses will be open to the public, giving fans a place to celebrate, watch events live, and interact with athletes.

All of these exciting activations will stimulate local businesses, create jobs, and generate revenue through increased tourism and international exposure. And some could even begin to bring excitement and community benefits well ahead of the Games' arrival in Los Angeles.

City teams are already hard at work pursuing these unique opportunities and seeking partnerships.

The CELEBRATE28 initiative, which began last year, has already brought together city staff, local leaders and other partners to plan inspiring events and initiatives that celebrate our diverse community, foster unity and highlight the spirit of Olympic pride.

If you're interested in bringing your presence to Santa Monica in 2028, please contact us at partnerships@santamonica.gov. Let's build something extraordinary together!

We look forward to the excitement, pride and economic opportunity that will most certainly reach our shores in 2028 and will make sure all of our visitors – regional, national and international – experience the uniqueness of our community during an Olympic summer in Santa Monica.

Submitted by the City of Santa Monica LA28 Negotiating Team

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Weather

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 61. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2025/04/17	Thu	1:54 PM	2.60	H
2025/04/17	Thu	4:44 PM	2.40	L
2025/04/17	Thu	11:48 PM	4.81	H
2025/04/18	Fri	08:04 AM	0.33	L
2025/04/19	Sat	12:35 AM	4.54	H
2025/04/19	Sat	09:29 AM	0.38	L
2025/04/20	Sun	01:52 AM	4.28	H
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2025/04/20	Sun	7:10 PM	3.23	H
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Daily Lottery

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

Powerball
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3 20 30 52 62
Power#: 1
Jackpot: 113 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 4/15
6 10 13 24 63
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 112 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/12
6 8 10 32 34
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 18 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/15
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Daily Derby
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1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
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3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance related to housing production, for consistency with recent updates to State law, and to implement other changes, corrections, and clarifications; amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard for consistent designation.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt amendments to 1) the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to eliminate parcel size threshold for streamlined review of Housing Projects, increase the maximum square footage for Accessory Dwelling Units, revise provisions related to ministerially approved duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential, adjust the criteria for streamlined review of Housing Projects in Bergamot Zoning Districts on large sites, provide extensions for projects approved prior to January 6, 2025, convert parcel coverage development standards to Floor Area Ratio for the City's Residential Zoning Districts, and align density standards for the City's Multiple-Unit Residential Zoning Districts with the intensities envisioned in the LUCE, for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications and, 2) the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard for consistent designation.

On March 19, 2025, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Numbers 25-004 (PCS), 25-005 (PCS), 25-006 (PCS), 25-007 (PCS), 25-008 (PCS), recommending for approval, with modifications, that the Council adopt 1) amendments to the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to eliminate parcel size threshold for streamlined review of Housing Projects, increase the maximum square footage for Accessory Dwelling Units, revise provisions related to ministerially approved duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential, adjust the criteria for streamlined review of Housing Projects in Bergamot Zoning Districts on large sites, provide extensions for projects approved prior to January 6, 2025, convert parcel coverage development standards to Floor Area Ratio for the City's Residential Zoning Districts, and align density standards for the City's Multiple-Unit Residential Zoning Districts with the intensities envisioned in the LUCE, for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications and, 2) amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard for consistent designation.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: State Law Update Amendments

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please visit the City Council webpage (May 13, 2025 City Council Meeting Agenda) or March 19, 2025 PC Item 11-A . For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

AROUND TOWN

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Easter Weekend Eggstravaganza



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EASTER: The egg hunt will be on Main Street.

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes a lot of Easter events, Earth Day events, and much more!

Locals' Night at the Santa Monica Pier: Pacific Park and the Santa Monica Pier are once again rolling out the red carpet. Enjoy a free evening of live music, youth performances, dancing, a car show, and a curated Art Mart featuring more than 40 local vendors. Thursday, April 17, 3:30 to 10 p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/localsnight

Conscious Market in Celebration of Earth Day: Conscious Market LA presents an Earth Day Celebration, turning Third Street Promenade into a lively marketplace with 40 of LA's favorite eco-conscious local vendors. Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. - 6p.m., Third Street Promenade, 1300 & 1400 Block https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-marketplace-a-celebration-of-sustainable-living-tickets-1270052775039

"Rooted in Resilience" Event: This community event is aimed at celebrating strength, healing, and togetherness in the wake of the Pacific Palisades wildfire. Organizers say the event is about more than entertainment — it's an opportunity for the Palisades community to reconnect and rebuild following months of recovery efforts. Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd. https://www.facebook.com/events/1576170396392675/

Step Into a World of Wonder: Free Mobile Learning Adventure at Santa Monica Place, Apr. 19. Imagination takes center stage at Santa Monica Place this spring. On Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., families are invited to experience the Mobile Learning Adventure (MLA) at Santa Monica Place—a one-day, free event packed with playful, hands-on activities designed to spark creativity and inspire young minds. Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. WHERE: Santa Monica Place – 1st Floor 395 Santa Monica Place https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/grow-up-great/community-events/mobile-learning-adventure.html

Rustic Canyon Park Easter Egg Hunt: Enjoy crafts, moon bounces, and egg hunts for all ages. Kids should bring their own baskets for hunting. The egg hunts begin at 1p.m. Saturday, April 19, 11a.m. - 2p.m., 601 Latimer Road https://mommypoppins.com/lakids/rustic-canyon-easter-egg-hunt

California Heritage Museum Easter Egg Hunt: Hop on down to the Main St. Farmers Market for Easter fun! Meet the bunny and join their egg hunt. Sunday, April 20, 10a.m. - 1p.m., 2612 Main St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/main-street-santa-monica-easter-egg-hunt-tickets-1303360098139

Easter Eggstravaganza at Regent Santa Monica Beach: Begin with brunch, then, let the festivities unfold – children will revel in the magic of an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself, while adults relax with live music from the on-site DJ and a glass raised in celebration. $180 per adult inclusive of a glass of bubbly, and $85 for children under 12. Children 3 years old and under are complimentary. Sunday, April 20, 9a.m. - 2p.m., 1700 Ocean Ave. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1352836&restref=1352836&experienceId=447536

Fairmont-Miramar Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch: Their annual Easter egg hunt is a complimentary event for guests and the community. Before or after the hunt try the

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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

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Bernie, Dude Rock Coachella



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MUSIC: There's a riot goin' on, Lodge Room.

LOCAL TREASURES I keep recommending. Are you missing out on so much, in your own backyard?

LIBRARY GIRL, the monthly spoken word performance in its 16th year at the RUSKIN GROUP THEATRE at the airport, is always worth it, and sometimes spectacular, as it was last Sunday in their showcasing of the words, life and influence of legendary LA writer John Fante. Some readings got thunderous, cheering ovations, and founder Susan Hayden did another stellar job assembling talent, in this case even landing Fante's daughter, and his best-selling biographer. Invaluable, inspiring insights available nowhere else. Gamble 20 bucks, go every second Sunday of the month.

The day before I saw the knockout doc "SLY LIVES (aka The Burden of Black Genius)" at our historic, big screen, great sound AERO THEATRE on Montana, and it was exceptional filmmaking in every way. Director Questlove was there for a Q&A after. Check their schedule for some unusual, memorable screenings, and join American Cinemateque to take full advantage, and support creative cinema.

BERNIE, AOC & FRIENDS (Neil Young, Joan Baez, Maggie Rogers) last Saturday in LA drew the biggest crowd they've seen in their Western states "FIGHTING OLIGARCHY" tour – 36,000, and 34,000 in Denver, 20,000 in both Tucson and Salt Lake City, 15,000 in Tempe, AZ. What is this doing in my NOTEWORTHY arts column? Ask Russian rockers Pussy Riot, who did time in Siberia (playing at the Lodge Room in Highland Park, Sunday), ask Afghanis, Salvadorans, Hungarians, Iranians, Somalis, or anyone who lived through Soviet control of eastern Europe. When the Khmer Rouge took over in Cambodia, the music died, along with 2,000,000 (one quarter of the entire population), in just four years. Can't happen here? Wake up, y'all. We are rushing towards that.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, CHARLIE XCX, CLAIRO, TRAVIS SCOTT, ED SHEEHAN, JAPANESE BREAKFAST, MISFITS, GREEN DAY, others, Coachella – No, not a typo, wishful thinking or drugs kicking in, the LA Phil's beloved, virtuoso, savvy but soon departing music director Gustavo Dudamel knows, like Bernie (who also showed up at the huge music festival, and got big cheers) that preaching to the choir does not increase numbers, so go where they probably haven't heard you yet. It was the first time a large symphony orchestra played Coachella, and The Dude hit them with a mixed bag starting with Wagner's "Flight of the Valkyries", a little Strauss, and a line of guest performers including Zedd at the piano, Maren Morris and a gospel choir, ending grandly with LL Cool J classics. Great artists take chances (and often succeed big time). Sat. twilight, coachella Music and Arts Festival.

PUSSY RIOT – Don't be surprised to see one main artist and not the full band. For some years it has been frontperson Margø performing "Riot Days," I saw it a couple of years ago at the Broadstage and was thrilled. Go. Even more important today. Sun 8 p.m., The Lodge Room, Highland Park, $31.

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

RECOMMENDED:

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, GREEN DAY, CHARLI XCX, others, Coachella, 4/19; PUSSY RIOT, Lodge Room, 4/20; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 4/20, 27; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 4/21, 28; ALBERT LEE, McCabe's, 4/26; LIGHT UP THE BLUES! NEIL YOUNG, STEPHEN STILLS, more, Greek, 4/26; LUCKY STARS, Broadstage, 4/26; LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR," Dorothy Chandler, 4/26; PATRICE RUSHEN, Disney, 5/2.

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): BEETHOVEN with ESA-PEKKA, Disney, 5/2, 3, 4; BEACHLIFE FESTIVAL, PRETENDERS, JACKSON BROWNE, ALANIS MORISSETTE, MARCUS KING, more, Redondo Beach, 5/2, 3, 4; LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR," Dorothy Chandler, 5/3, 4, 7, 15, 18.TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 5/4, 11, 18, 25, 6/1, 5, 15, 22, 29; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 5/5, 12, 19, 26; T BONE BURNETT, McCabe's, 5/8, 9, 10; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; JACK WHITE, Hwd Palladium, 5/12, 13; WILLIE, DYLAN, others, Hwd Bowl, 5/16; TOPANGA BANJO FIDDLE CONTEST & FOLK FESTIVAL, Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, 5/18; JON BATISTE, Disney, 5/19; GERSHWIN, "Also Sprach Z," LA PHIL, Disney, 5/23, 24; DIEGO FIGUEIREDO/KEN PEPLOWSKI, Jazz Bakery, 5/24; LOVE, Echo, 5/31; RICKY GERVAIS, Hwd Bowl, 5/31; BLUE NOTE JAZZ FEST Day 2, GRACE JONES, STANLEY CLARKE N.4EVER, others, Hwd Bowl, 6/15; RHIANNON GIDDENS, STEVE MARTIN, others, Hwd Bowl, 6,18; DAN NAVARRO, McCabe's, 6/28; JOHN FOGERTY, Hwd Bowl, 7/6; PAUL SIMON, Disney, 7/7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16; ALISON KRAUS, UNION STATION, Greek, 7/13; FATHER JOHN MISTY, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Greek, 7/25; TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND, Greek, 8/13; FLAMING LIPS, MODEST MOUSE, Greek, 9/4; NEIL YOUNG, Hwd Bowl, 9/15; NINE INCH NAILS, Kia Forum, 9/18, 19.

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

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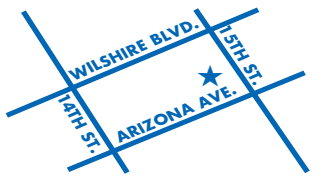
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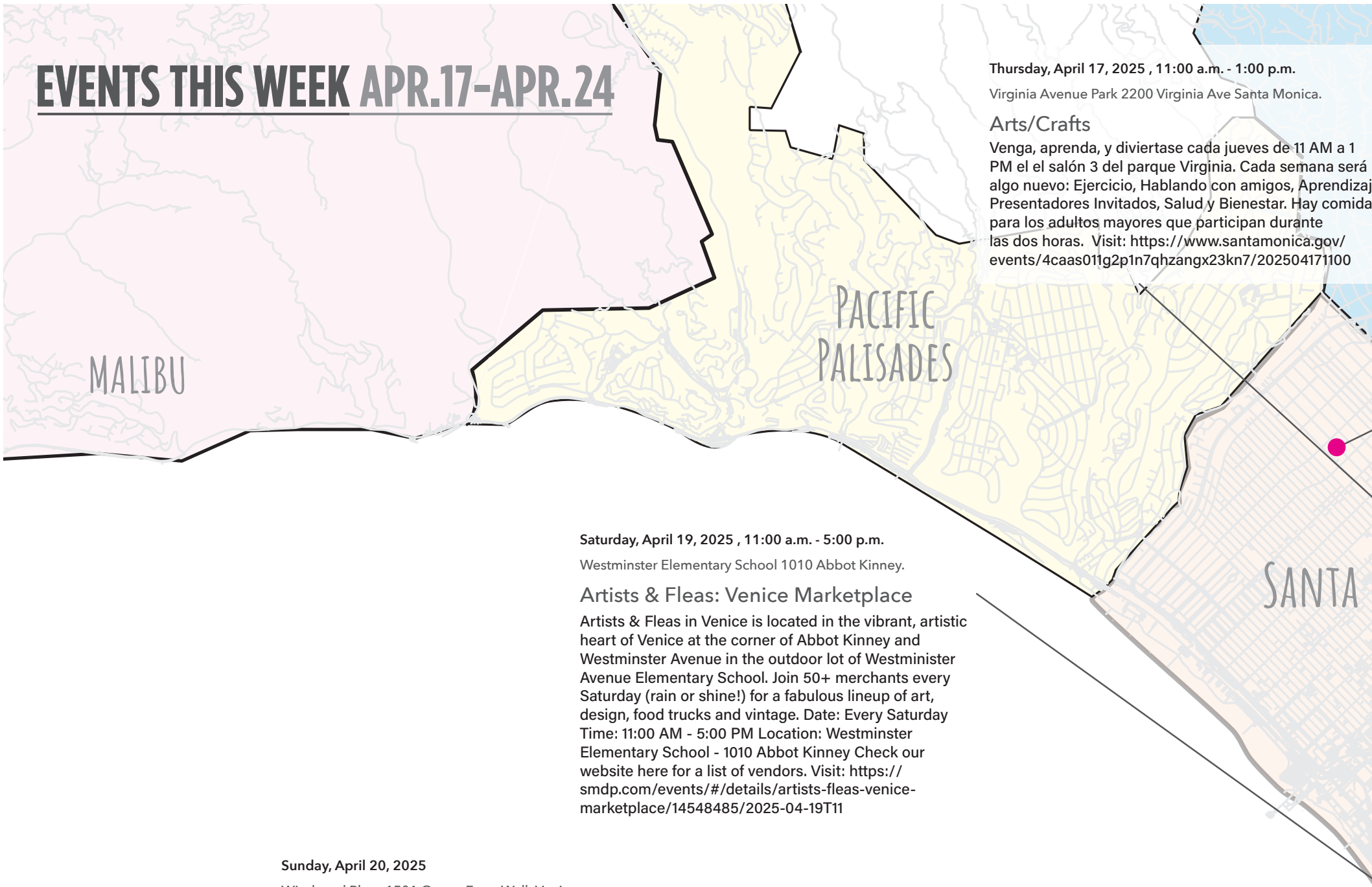
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EVENTS THIS WEEK APR.17-APR.24



Thursday, April 17, 2025 , 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica.

Arts/Crafts

Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaj Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4caas011g2p1n7qhzangx23kn7/202504171100

Saturday, April 19, 2025 , 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney.

Artists & Fleas: Venice Marketplace

Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-04-19T11

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. The parade follows a strict no-smoking or drinking policy, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Why Join? Connect with old and new friends. Celebrate the artistic and cultural spirit of Venice. Enjoy a safe and fun environment for all ages. So, light up your ride, bring your friends, and join us this Sunday at Windward Plaza. Don't forget to turn on your lights and practice safe cycling at night! Let's ride into the sunset together! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2025-04-20T00

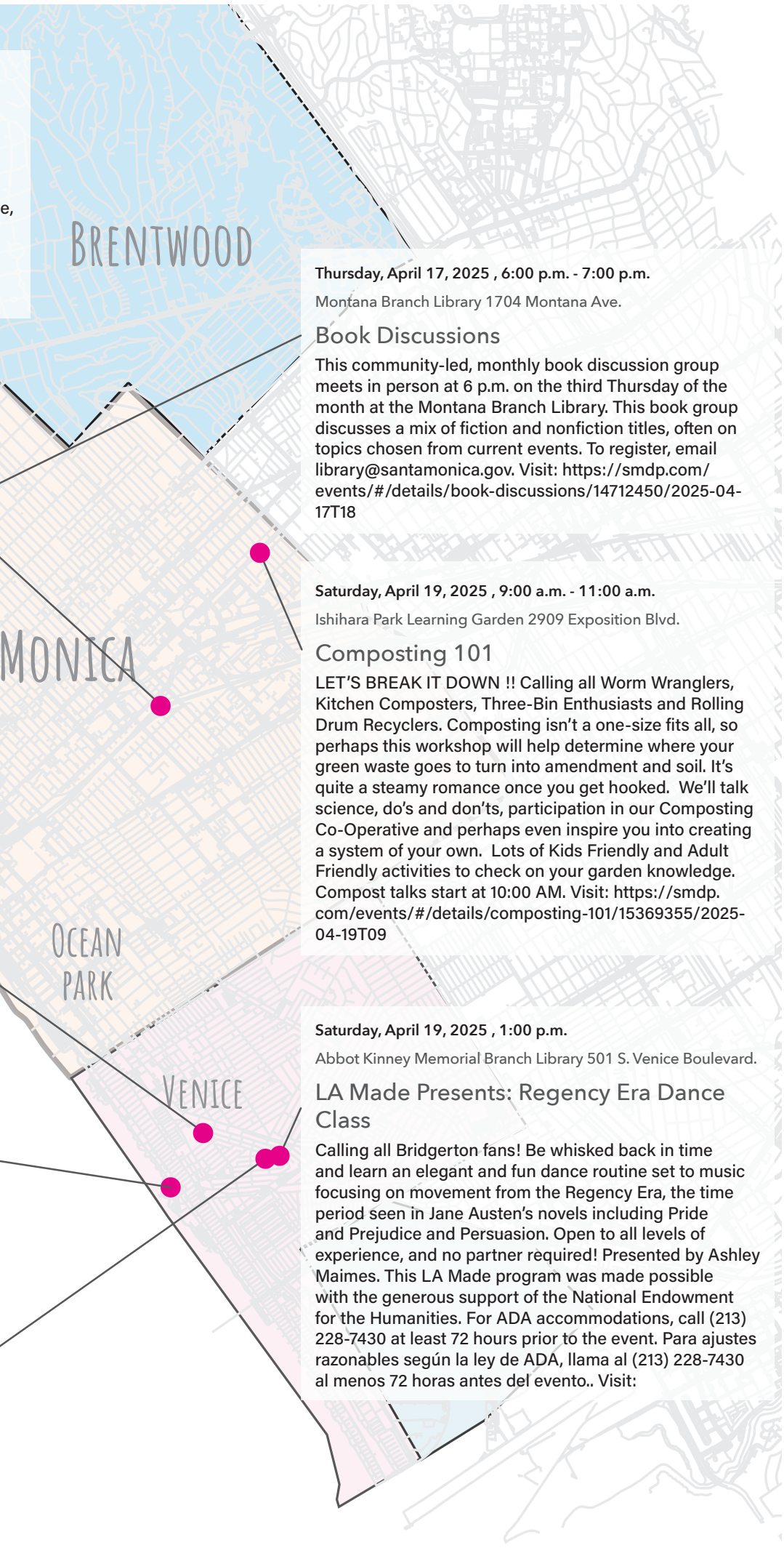
Friday, April 18, 2025 , 9:45 a.m.

Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd.

Friends of Venice Library: Pilates - Core Work

Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mat movement. All levels welcome. Please be EARLY. Class starts on-time at 9:45am. No entry after the first ten minutes. No class the day before the Friends' Book Sales. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-pilates-core-work/14548475/2025-04-18T09

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Thursday, April 17, 2025 , 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave.

Book Discussions

This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712450/2025-04-17T18

Saturday, April 19, 2025 , 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ishihara Park Learning Garden 2909 Exposition Blvd.

Composting 101

LET'S BREAK IT DOWN !! Calling all Worm Wranglers, Kitchen Composters, Three-Bin Enthusiasts and Rolling Drum Recyclers. Composting isn't a one-size fits all, so perhaps this workshop will help determine where your green waste goes to turn into amendment and soil. It's quite a steamy romance once you get hooked. We'll talk science, do's and don'ts, participation in our Composting Co-Operative and perhaps even inspire you into creating a system of your own. Lots of Kids Friendly and Adult Friendly activities to check on your garden knowledge. Compost talks start at 10:00 AM. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/composting-101/15369355/2025-04-19T09

Saturday, April 19, 2025 , 1:00 p.m.

Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard.

LA Made Presents: Regency Era Dance Class

Calling all Bridgerton fans! Be whisked back in time and learn an elegant and fun dance routine set to music focusing on movement from the Regency Era, the time period seen in Jane Austen's novels including Pride and Prejudice and Persuasion. Open to all levels of experience, and no partner required! Presented by Ashley Maimes. This LA Made program was made possible with the generous support of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento.. Visit:



THURSDAY | APRIL 17

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE

12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard Venice. Come kick up your heels and learn line dances in a variety of styles, including Western, pop, Latin, disco, and more! Tuesdays - Intermediate Level, Thursdays - Beginner Level (No experience needed). For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/lunchtime-line-dance/12342961/2025-04-17T12

STAND UP 101: FIND YOUR VOICE (THURSDAY NIGHTS)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 1424 4th Street Santa Monica. Jump into Stand Up! Discover your own comedic sensibility and shape it into a clear and unique point of view! 6 weeks + a Showcase! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/stand-up-101-find-your-voice-thursday-nights-/15520716/2025-04-17T19

WESTERN REVENGE

Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. 21+, 2 drink minimum. Doors 8pm - show 9:30. Run time: 1.5 hours + 20 min intermission. Online tickets available until 7pm on show days, remaining tickets available at door until capacity is reached. SEATING: Bar stools at the bar and booth seats are the most interactive (you may get wet... literally) Drink rail and bar table seats are the least interactive (in case it's your first time with a southern woman). Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/western-revenge/15566279/2025-04-17T00

FRIDAY | APRIL 18

STAR STORIES WITH MISS SANDY

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard. STAR Stories With Miss Sandy Children are invited to share the joy of storytelling and reading with our special STAR volunteer, Miss Sandy. Come three times and take home a free book. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/star-stories-with-miss-sandy/15607291/2025-04-18T14

TWISTER

7:30 p.m. Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave Santa Monica. $12.00 (member) ; $17.00 (general admission). Ticket prices include a $2.00 online booking fee. Aero Theatre | Q&A with filmmaker Michael Almereyda and production designer David Wasco 'Michael Almereyda: An American Cinematheque Retrospective'. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/twister/15550047/2025-04-18T19

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SATURDAY | APRIL 19

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street, Santa Monica, CA. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-04-19T08

FLOW INTO SPRING: EASTER BEACH PILATES & HEALTH CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Lifeguard Tower 28 Lifeguard Santa Monica. Let's flow into Easter! Grab your comfiest workout set and join us fo pilates on the beach and a hormone health chat with Daily Nouri.Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/flow-into-spring-easter-beach-pilates-health-chat/15587722/2025-04-19T09

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COUNCIL

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Councilmember Natalya Zernitskaya acknowledged the housing crisis but cited procedural concerns with endorsing the bills too early.

"California has a housing crisis. Our region has a housing crisis. To the best of my knowledge, every reputable academic study and every government or nonprofit policy analysis has found that the core issue driving the high cost housing in California is a shortage of homes," Zernitskaya said. "My concerns about this are more procedural rather than about the actual intent of the bills."

Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis expressed similar reservations.

"I don't feel comfortable taking a position until we've seen a staff analysis," she said. "It would be unheard of for a legislative body to take a position when their staff hasn't even weighed in on how that bill impacts them."

Councilmember Ellis Raskin raised specific policy concerns, saying he couldn't support the bills without amendments addressing inclusionary housing requirements and industrial zone mitigation measures.

"I personally can't support these bills without asking for certain amendments," Raskin said. "If you're willing to wait until our next meeting, I'd be happy to work with you and others who might be interested in figuring out what amendments we might be able to come to consensus about."

Councilmember Barry Snell had a similar position.

"I think it's going in the right direction, but I am concerned about the inclusionary requirements, and I'm also concerned about the possibility of lower income properties being exed out because of the requirements," he said.

Mayor Lana Negrete voiced outright opposition, saying, "I don't support these items. I have different views on local control and how it impacts affordability."

In defending his request, Zwick argued that the timing was crucial because both bills are scheduled for committee hearings in late April. If they don't advance, they would effectively die for this legislative session.

"The reason why those transit lines are underutilized is because we don't allow people to live near them. The reason why we can't fund enough transit is because we don't allow enough people to live near it," Zwick said. "These are all interrelated concepts."

Zwick pushed back on misconceptions about the bills, noting that SB 79 would only apply to areas near high-quality transit stops, such as E Line stations and bus stops with service every 15 minutes or less. He emphasized that the city's 15% inclusionary housing requirement would still apply to projects under both bills.

Councilmember Hall suggested the council's qualified support might still help shape the legislation.

"I believe that we have the most leverage on getting investments that we would like to see in these bills if we are in on the ground floor," he said, suggesting conditional endorsement with amendments.

In a 6-1, Council chose to delay endorsement until a later date, potentially just as the bills face key votes in Sacramento.

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RITE AID

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been pursuing a sale of some or all of its businesses as a potential alternative to a Chapter 11 filing. If a sale doesn't materialize either inside or outside of bankruptcy, the pharmacy chain stands at risk of liquidating more of its footprint, according to people familiar with the matter.

The Pennsylvania-based company emerged from its first Chapter 11 bankruptcy and successfully completed its financial restructuring last year, operating as a private company.

Rite Aid filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in October 2023, after reporting $750 million in losses and $24 billion in revenue for the fiscal year ended March 2023. It operated 2,000 pharmacies at the time of its bankruptcy.

During its bankruptcy process, the pharmacy used Chapter 11 to close hundreds of stores, sell its pharmacy benefit company Elixir and negotiate settlements with its lenders, drug distribution partner McKesson, and other creditors.

The company has faced multiple challenges in recent years. In March 2023, the U.S. Justice Department intervened in a whistleblower lawsuit brought by former employees under the False Claims Act. Federal officials said in a statement that the drugstore chain filled "at least hundreds of thousands" of illegal prescriptions for drugs including opioids. Rite Aid called the government's claims "hyperbolic" in a subsequent motion to dismiss.

The company, like its rivals, also faces financial risk from lawsuits over opioid prescriptions. Rite Aid already has reached several settlements, including one announced last year with the state of West Virginia for up to $30 million.

Drugstores have been dealing with several issues that frustrate customers. They've handled prescription drug shortages, and they have struggled to fill their stores with enough pharmacists and technicians to run the pharmacies. Rivals CVS and Walgreens both have dealt with walkouts by pharmacy employees concerned about their growing workloads and lack of help.

Plus online competitors like the retail giant Amazon have hurt sales of consumer goods found outside the pharmacy areas of their stores.

Rite Aid's larger competitors like CVS and Walgreens, which each run several thousand more locations, have moved more aggressively into health care, opening clinics and adding other sources of revenue.

While speculation about this closure had been circulating for months, including on Reddit forums and in neighborhood conversations, the physical signage now confirms what many had suspected.

It's not known if another retail outlet will take the 17,800 sq ft site adjacent to Vons. Rite Aid has not issued a public statement about the Wilshire store's closure and has yet to respond to a request for comment.

This is not the first Rite Aid closure in Santa Monica. In April 2022, the company shuttered another nearby location at 1808 Wilshire Boulevard, near the intersection of Wilshire and 18th Street.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

PALISADES

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feasibility and what he sees as damaging city policy. "In Altadena, it's still possible to rebuild and sell at a reasonable cost. Here, between high property taxes, the ULA tax and construction costs, the math just doesn't work."

The ULA tax, often referred to as the "mansion tax," imposes a 4 to 5.5 percent charge on home sales over $5 million. Padawer says the tax applies to the gross sale price, regardless of whether the seller takes a loss and discourages redevelopment in high-value areas like the Palisades.

He's also critical of what he describes as a "dwelling tax," where the city assesses property taxes proportionally based on how much of the home has been rebuilt, even before it's finished. "It's like being taxed for a home you don't yet live in," he says. "If your house is 35 percent complete, you're charged for 35 percent of the value. That's before you've moved back in and while you're already paying interest and holding costs."

In his view, these policies hit hardest for fixed-income homeowners, seniors and those who were uninsured or underinsured, residents he says are already stretched thin. "I'm fortunate," he says. "But a lot of people in this community aren't. If we don't remove some of these barriers, the only people who will be able to return are the ones with deep pockets or outside investors."

Padawer believes Pacific Palisades could see lot values drop as much as 40 percent from pre-fire prices if the trend continues. "We're not seeing any meaningful relief or policy change. Meanwhile, holding costs keep rising and developers are staying away."

He also expressed frustration with the city's initial response to the fire. "This community pays over $600 million in property taxes each year," he says. "But when it mattered most, we had one police car, no hydrants and empty reservoirs. We didn't get the emergency response or preparedness that should come with that level of contribution."

When asked who he hoped might respond to his concerns, Padawer says his faith in local leadership has eroded. "I don't trust Mayor Bass or Governor Newsom to be honest with us or to act in time … That's not a partisan statement. I'm independent. But this was mismanagement from top to bottom."

Still, he insists he's not anti-development. "I love this neighborhood. I'm not trying to bulldoze its character. But we need to make it viable to rebuild. Because if it isn't, this won't just be a slow recovery, it'll be permanent displacement."

Through pacificpalisades.com, Padawer now publishes weekly posts on tax policy, lot sales, rebuilding timelines and fire accountability. He's become a voice for residents still trying to understand the path forward.

"It's not about making money," he says. "It's about giving people the information they need to stay, or at least to make an informed decision if they can't."

While he remains committed to rebuilding his own home, Padawer worries that without significant shifts, many won't have that option. "A lot of people still don't have access to their own lots. And when they do, they'll be met with walls of red tape, high costs and policy obstacles," adding, "We owe it to the families who've lived here for generations to make sure they can come home."

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Summons

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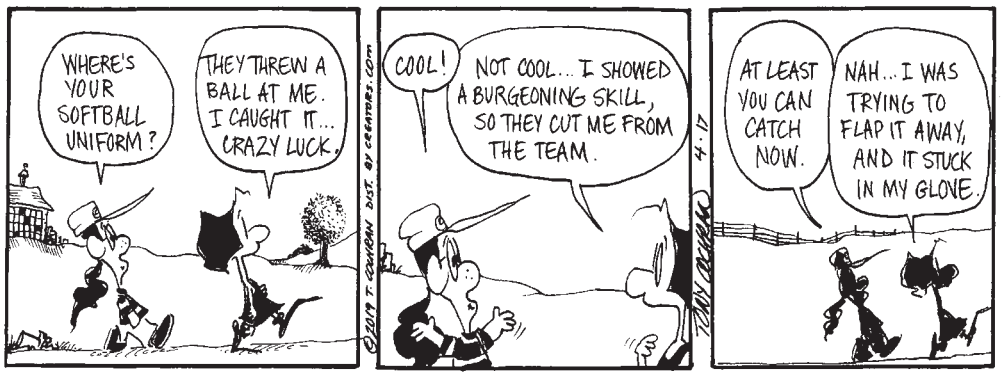
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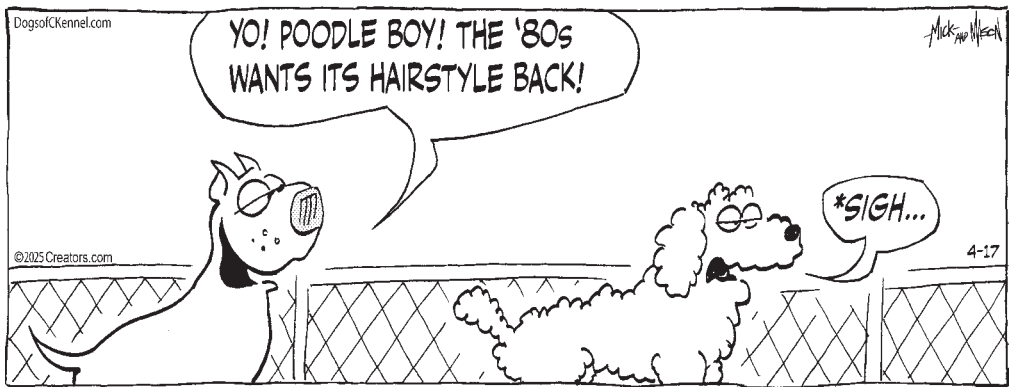
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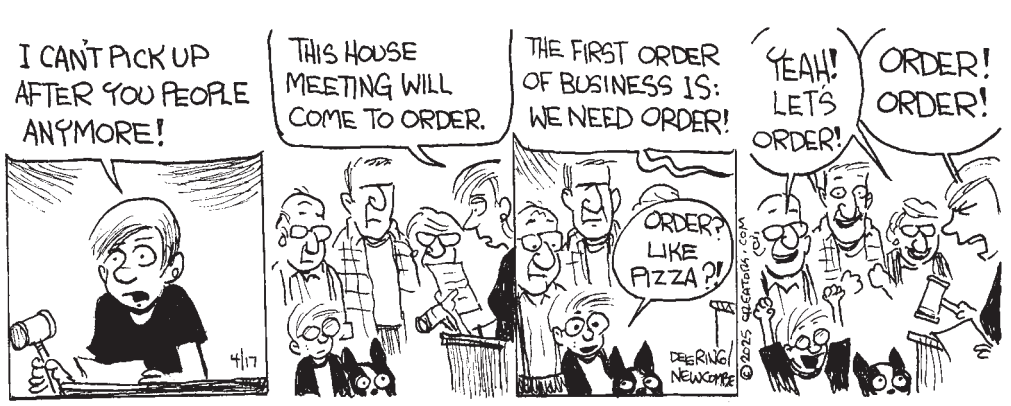
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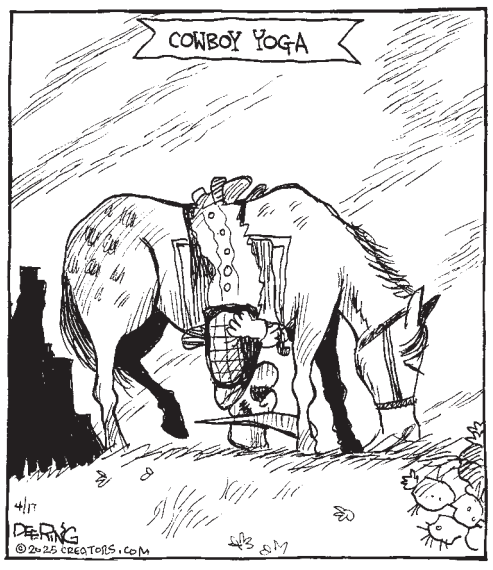
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Lotions, potions, clothes and countless other fixes promise to boost your beauty and style. But before you reach for your wallet, consider the magic of a genuine smile. Nothing is more magnetic than real happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You entered an unfamiliar space, feeling like the only outsider while everyone else seemed to know the unspoken rules. But soon, you realized -- everyone feels that way. Now it's time to dive in, ask questions and connect authentically.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's seen cannot be unseen. This is why you're careful with your media choices, mindful to surround yourself with representations that echo what you want to believe and experience about the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In some moments it feels like you're living for someone else. Speak up for yourself. You can take back your agency with a few assertive words. Don't let outside influences lead you away from your true path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While grand, spontaneous gestures of affection are meaningful, the true foundation of strong relationships lies in the consistent care and effort woven through daily routines. Showing up time and time again builds enduring trust and depth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You give your goodwill freely and fully. And because you back your generous view of others with action, you set a cycle of reciprocity in motion; what you give returns to you in ways both surprising and profound.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It seems the one you were counting on has abandoned you. Even so, the person they left you with is you -- an unstoppable, fiercely talented, relentless force who is still moving forward. That's pretty good company, wouldn't you say?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may find yourself in the raw part of a feeling or process, but you've been in raw parts before, and you've always turned them into something wild and beautiful. You know you will this time, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Avoid assigning blame or credit; it only drains your energy. Focusing on the next step, whether reward or consequence, is a waste. Stick to the action, and everything else will take care of itself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Working through the valleys of life isn't an instant process. You don't just wake up one day and say, "Oh, I'm over the hard part" --especially when it has to do with a loss that mattered to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A relationship is changing. Of course it is. Every relationship is changing all the time. But in this case, it's happening a little faster, and you have the ability to steer into the next chapter. How do you want the new iteration of this connection to feel?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People's actions show you who they are. That will be a critical piece of the puzzle today. What if change was an impossibility? Could the relationship still thrive with the level of depth, care or consistency present today?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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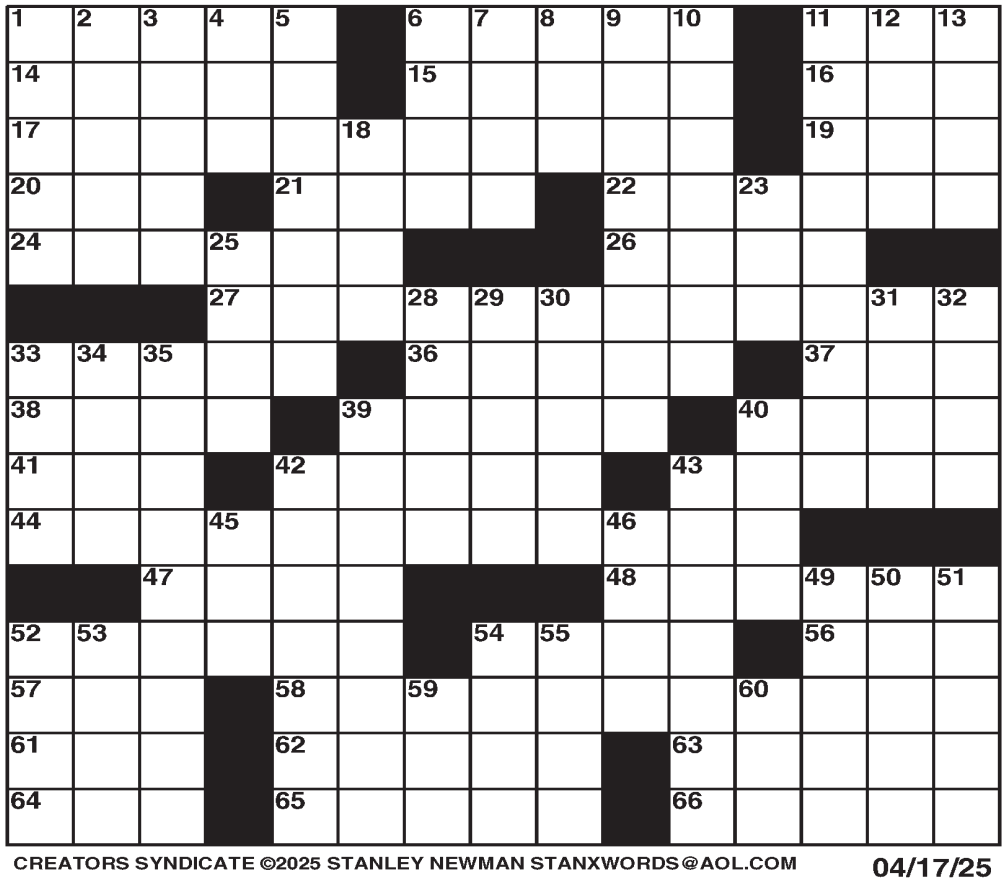
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ACROSS

1 Joe of *Goodfellas*
6 Audibly
11 Hot feeling
14 Of a hipbone
15 First of 23 popes
16 Saturated soil
17 Umber, beige, etc.
19 Unfamiliar
20 GPS determination
21 Theme of the puzzle
22 Digital dough
24 Pop singer Neil
26 Perfect report card
27 Botanical bug catcher
33 Had a yen (for)
36 Naval commandos
37 Mineral source
38 Gardener's gear
39 To the max
40 Radar image
41 Significant period
42 Buenos __
43 Grand parties
44 1960s astronauts
47 Parcel (out)
48 Bit of promotional hype
52 Creme-filled cereal
54 Italian wine center
56 Obamacare initials
57 Pal of Pooh
58 3 Musketeers and Milky Way
61 Tempe sch.
62 Robin Hood pal
__-Dale
63 Navel formation
64 Don't forbid
65 Vocal range
66 Homes among branches

DOWN

1 Berth places
2 Gladden greatly
3 Fathered, as foals
4 Tree rescuee
5 Unfortunate athlete's admission
6 Do __ on (psych out)
7 Texted amusement
8 Shout of surprise
9 In an imaginary manner
10 Perturbs
11 Gambler's boast
12 Mannerless
13 Whirling current
18 Juice blend starter
23 Muffin morsel
25 Broad sts.
28 Excessive interest
29 Serbian tennis great
30 Disloyal
31 Solo song
32 Perks (up)
33 "Pardon me..."
34 Innermost part
35 "I can explain..."
39 Deep discount event
40 Proscriptions
42 Coin-operated cafeteria of yore
43 Sign up for
45 Head honcho
46 Résumé, for short
49 Worms and flies
50 Close a deal
51 Atmospheric elements
52 Verbalized
53 Gained altitude
54 __ other (uniquely)
55 Lingering mark
59 Scrammed
60 To be paid



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EASTER

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curated Easter brunch at Fig Santa Monica from 11:30a.m. - 3p.m. Sunday, April 20, 1p.m., 101 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/p/DH9BYhQoHGW/

St. Augustine by-the-Sea Easter Egg Hunt: Everyone is welcome to join their annual neighborhood Easter egg hunt on the courtyard lawn next to the church along with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Sunday, April 20, 9:45a.m., 1227 4th St. https://www.saint-augustine.org

Earth Month Celebration at Heal the Bay Aquarium: Celebrate our blue planet with a sea-riously fun adventure! Enjoy live feedings, eco-crafts, and meet local marine life. Take the Earth Month pledge and get 20% off reusable items on April 19, plus 10% off all April—shop in-store or online at https://shop.healthebay.org/

The Lunar Light - Discovery Immersive VR Experience: Step into the boots of an astronaut and embark on a journey to investigate the site of a recent asteroid impact on the moon. The Lunar Light: Discovery" redefines the boundaries of hyper-reality immersive experiences by blending real-world interactions with state-of-the-art virtual reality. This pop-up immersive episode is the origin story of an epic saga that follows the aftermath of an asteroid striking the Moon in the year 2055. $55. Fridays 4-9 p.m., Saturdays 2-9 p.m. and Sundays 2-8 p.m. through May. 1813 Centinela Ave. https://www.lunarlight.space/

SaMo Library Earth Day Celebration: Our Power, Our Planet: Learn how you can help protect our planet at this drop-in event with information tables, mini-presentations, and activities for all ages. Tuesday, April 22, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., SaMo Public Library - Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. earthday.org.

Library Trivia Night: Test your literary prowess and win books to add to your home library at a pub-style trivia contest. Compete individually or as a team. Tuesday, April 22, 6p.m., Solidarity Restaurant 1414 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4160qf6rt91jrrfx50w7ktrtcw/202504221800

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

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Easter Eggstravaganza at Regent Santa Monica Beach: Children will revel in the magic of an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself, while adults relax with live music from the on-site DJ and a glass raised in celebration. With sweeping ocean views and a spirit of joy in the air, this is Easter reimagined – elevated, effortless and truly unforgettable. $180 per adult and $85 for children under 12. Free for children 3. Sunday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1352836&restref=1352836&experienceId=447536

Easter Sunday Brunch with a French Twist at LouLou Roof Terrace: For $69, they are offering a French-California fusion buffet brunch along with Ocean views, DJs and live performances, and photo ops with the Easter Bunny (AKA Le Lapin de Pâques). Menu highlights include Truffle Scrambled Eggs, Shrimp Ceviche, Gazpacho, Lobster Pasta, and Roasted Beef Tip, as well as an Avocado Toast Bar and Omelet, Crepe and Paella stations. Sunday, April 20, 11:30a.m. - 4:30p.m., Santa Monica Place, Third Level https://www.loulousantamonica.com

Easter Brunch at Papille Gustative: 3 course menu includes options like a beet and burrata salad, Jyan Isaac Bread French Toast, flame-seared salmon, and more. $50. 2823 Main St. https://www.opentable.com/r/papille-gustative-santa-monica

Easter Brunch at Terrazza at Hotel Casa Del Mar: Ocean views, time-honored favorites, fresh seasonal additions, and an indulgent dessert buffet—Easter brunch at Terrazza is a tradition worth savoring. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/terrazza/events/easter-brunch-2025-04-20

Chelsea Easter Brunch & Prime Rib Dinner: "Gather with family and friends for a delicious, seasonally inspired brunch in a warm and welcoming setting. 3-Course Brunch, including a glass of champagne and Breakfast Breads for the table. Prime Rib Dinner includes Asparagus Soup or Arugula Fennel Salad, Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes & Creamed Spinach. $70 per person for brunch and $65 for dinner. Sunday, April 20, 2460 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.chelseasm.com/easter-brunch

Sirena at the Georgian Easter Table: Enjoy seasonal favorites like Leek & Potato Pancakes with Smoked Salmon, Croissant French Toast Soufflé, and their signature Italian Benedict—served family-style. Sip on festive cocktails like the Bunny Mary and end on a sweet note with Carrot Cake layered in pineapple jam and cream cheese frosting. Sunday, April 20 https://www.thegeorgian.com/files/6866/Easter_Holiday_Menus.pdf

Easter at the Marina del Rey Hotel: Indulge in three-course brunch for $55 per person, starting with a glass of bubbly or a Del Rey Mimosa. Savor seasonal delights like King Salmon with spring vegetables, Braised Short Rib with a Napa cabernet demi, or an Asian-inspired Grilled Pork Chop. Finish with a decadent Chocolate Molten Cake or classic Carrot Cake. A la carte items also available. 13534 Bali Way, Marina Del Rey https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=156871&restref=156871&experienceId=454864

Easter at Jamaica Bay Inn: Celebrate with a festive three-course brunch by the bay for $45 per person. Start with a flavorful Shrimp Crostini, then choose from entrées like Shakshuka with roasted peppers and a sunny-side-up egg, Pan-Seared Branzino with forbidden rice, or Roasted Chicken with mashed potatoes and honey-glazed carrots. End on a sweet note with a Lemon-Orange Mousse or a decadent Chocolate Lava Cake. Easter Bunny expected from 11a.m. -1p.m.. 14160 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=51730&restref=51730&experienceId=449597

Fogo de Chao Santa Monica Now Open: The Brazilian churrascuria opened at 1551 Ocean Ave. last week. https://www.facebook.com/share/1BvzgnvprK/

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

Edgemar Restaurant Launches Sunday $35 Omakase: "Elevate your Sunday afternoon at Edgemar Restaurant and Lounge with our Chef's specially curated Omakase table spread. For just $35 per person, indulge in a thoughtfully prepared selection of shareable dishes alongside family and friends." The deal is offered between 3 - 8p.m. every Sunday. 2435 Main St. https://www.edgemar.la

Further Afield: New Italian Wine Bar Enoteca Del Re Hosts Pizza & Vino Pop-Up: The event features renowned pizzaiolo Chef Michele Galifi with a one-night-only menu of wood-fired pizzas paired with Italian wines. Guests can also order from the menu à la carte. Thursday, April 17, 900 N. Broadway, Los Angeles https://www.instagram.com/enotecadelre

Looking Ahead: Looking Ahead: Kidical Mass (5/4); Juniper Market (5/10); Main St. Mainopoly (5/25); AIDS/LifeCycle Finish Line Festival (6/7); Rosé on Rose Fest (6/14); Main St. Summer Soulstice Festival (6/21); Make Music Day (6/21); SaMo Chamber of Commerce "Toast to 100 Years" (6/26)

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John Manly an attorney who has made millions suing public entities, is attacking me with gross misrepresentations about a bill that I introduced to help ensure that victims get generous compensation while giving judges discretion to take into account the public mission and financial situation of cities, counties, and school districts when examining verdicts.

Mr. Manly knows that the bill has already been withdrawn as part of a negotiated agreement with the Consumer Attorneys of California (of which he is member) and yet has chosen to attack me regardless to dissuade other elected officials from raising concerns about predatory lawsuits which threaten to bankrupt public entities and harm their ability to provide essential public services.

We have to find a way to ensure that victims get proper compensation while allowing public entities to do their essential work; that is the sort of solution I am committed to working toward. -Senator Ben Allen, California Senate District 24

STOP SB 832!

SEN. BEN ALLEN'S PREDATOR SHIELD LAW



OUR CHILDREN ARE UNSAFE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A study by the US Department of Education found that "more than 4.5 million students are subject to sexual misconduct by an employee of a school sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade." That is approximately 10% of all 5.8 million California public school students.

SB 832 WOULD PROTECT PREDATORS NOT CHILDREN.

SB 832 "The Predator's Shield Law" aims to do two things – make it harder for child sexual assault victims to prevail in cases involving public schools and reduce or delay payment of damages to victims if they do prevail.

THE MOST VULNERABLE WILL SUFFER UNDER SB 832.

Most children sexually assaulted by teachers or other school employees come from poor neighborhoods, communities of color, and undocumented families. School districts have a history of assigning predators schools to disadvantaged communities where they intentionally select victims who are the easiest to groom and are the least likely to disclose their abuse, fearing contact with law enforcement.

WHY IS SENATOR BEN ALLEN SPONSORING SB 832?

Ben Allen led a school district which allowed and retained predators who have sexually abused children. He was a member and President of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, when the district hid complaints about sexual misconduct from parents and the public and returned a teacher to the classroom who was disciplined for sexually harassing a 13-year-old girl. The teacher is still teaching at Santa Monica High School.

(Ari Marken vs. Michael Chwe 2012)

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