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Downtown Santa Monica Board urges caution on alcohol-allowed Promenade plan



Arabella Joaquin

DOWNTOWN: City Hall wants to revitalize the Promenade by allowing visitors to drink in public but business owners have questions about the plan.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

As Santa Monica's City Council moves to create a permanent entertainment zone allowing open-container alcohol consumption along the Third Street Promenade, members of the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board has raised serious concerns about security, enforcement and cost.

While Councilmembers described the plan as transformative during the April 23 meeting, DTSM board members took a more measured view during their subsequent discussion, emphasizing the need for clear safeguards and realistic budgeting before launching the first-of-its-kind program in Southern California.

Under the plan, patrons would be able to purchase alcohol from licensed businesses and carry it within a designated zone from 8am to 2am, seven days a week. The idea, authorized under Senate Bill 969, was initially presented as an event-driven pilot program. However, members of the City Council voted to expand it immediately to a daily schedule.

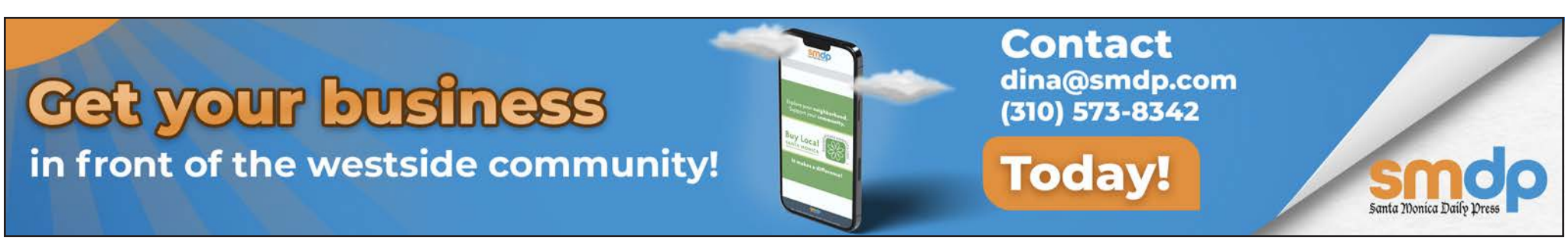
"This is the biggest thing that has happened on the Promenade since it was built," CEO Andrew Thomas effused, adding, "But we need to make sure we do it right."

Treasurer Eric Sedman voiced particular concern over monitoring alcohol consumption in public space, questioning how enforcement would work when visitors could bring unauthorized alcohol or walk outside the designated boundaries. The current thinking includes some form of wristbands issued at participating bars or a large, clearly identifiable cup of sorts, but none of these solutions are foolproof.

"We have to establish the policies to make sure that it is monitored," Sedman said. "Things need to change frequently enough that they cannot be duplicated and there cannot be sequencing where people can anticipate what will be available as far as wristbands or cups."

Board members also questioned the practicality of policing an open-container zone that spans three downtown blocks, especially given already stretched police

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California launches free AI tool to speed fire recovery



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PERMIT: The new software helps automate permits for fire rebuilds.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Gov. Gavin Newsom has announced the launch of an artificial intelligence-driven software system aimed at accelerating building permit approvals for communities recovering from the devastating Eaton and Palisades fires.

The software, created by Archistar, will be provided free of charge to Los Angeles City and County governments through a partnership between the state and philanthropic organizations including LA Rises and Steadfast LA, with contributions from Autodesk and Amazon.

"The current pace of issuing permits locally is not meeting the magnitude of the challenge we face," Newsom said. "To help boost local progress, California is partnering with the tech sector and community leaders to give local governments more tools to rebuild faster and more effectively."

The AI-powered e-check software uses computer vision, machine learning and automated rulesets to instantly check designs against local zoning and building codes. Property owners can pre-check their building plans before submission to ensure they submit valid plans, avoiding delays and expediting the review process.

"Bringing AI into permitting will allow us to rebuild faster and safer, reducing costs and turning a process that can take weeks and months into one that can happen in hours or days," said Steadfast LA Chairman Rick Caruso. "Working with our coalition partner Mike Hopkins and Amazon, I'm proud Steadfast LA identified Archistar as the right company to develop and apply this game-changing technology."

While the state has no direct role in local permit approval processes, Newsom said he has worked to cut red tape and provide resources to help local governments fast-track permits. The technology is already being used by more than 25 municipalities across the United States, Canada and Australia, including cities like Vancouver, Austin, Houston and Seattle.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass expressed support for the initiative. "Getting residents home quickly and safely is my top priority," Bass said. "Last week, I signed an Executive Directive to spearhead an AI pilot program to streamline the permitting process for Palisades residents. With the announcement of this AI solution, we're infusing new technologies into City Hall processes to ensure nothing stands in the way of families getting home."

Los Angeles County has also committed to using the software and passed a Board Resolution to establish a unified permitting authority for the Altadena one-stop recovery center.

"This AI tool has the potential to save homeowners valuable time by helping them submit code-compliant plans from the start," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger. "Our collective work will help ensure we're delivering real, efficient solutions to those working hard to rebuild their lives."

The announcement is part of a broader effort to streamline rebuilding after the fires. Newsom has issued multiple executive orders suspending permitting and review requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act, and providing regulatory relief to help fire survivors rebuild.

Construction and recovery challenges have been top of mind for Los Angeles following the fires including conversations at this year's Luskin Summit. A survey of fire-affected residents in both Pacific Palisades and Altadena found that more than 80 percent want to return to their communities, but that desire comes with a time limit. If rebuilding stretches beyond two or three years, many respondents said they would make other plans.

At the summit, experts presented strategies to accelerate rebuilding, including streamlining permitting through self-certification, using AI to speed approvals, and launching a builders' alliance to reduce construction costs.

David Waite, partner at Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP, who chaired the permitting reform workstream at the summit, said one effective way to reduce delays is allowing licensed architects and engineers to self-certify plans for compliance with building codes. He pointed to Santa Rosa's recovery after the 2017 Tubbs Fire, where the Coffee Park neighborhood was 85 percent rebuilt within three years partly due to expedited permitting.

"The gold standard is to get through the permitting process in 30 days," Waite said. "That's what we're aiming for."

Construction costs remain a major barrier, particularly for middle-income families. Of the approximately 10,000 homes destroyed and another 8,000 structures including

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

When California politicians ignore policy risks, failure and scandal often result



Photo by Miguel Guterrez Jr., CalMatters

GOVERNMENT: The floor of the Assembly at the state Capitol on March 28, 2025.

California's governors and legislators have a very bad habit of enacting major programs and projects without fully exploring their downside risks.

The most spectacular example occurred in 1996, when a Republican governor, Pete Wilson, and a Democrat-controlled Legislature decided to overhaul California's electric power industry.

The legislation was hammered out in lengthy and secret negotiations that participants dubbed the "Steve Peace death march" for the state senator who ramrodded the effort. It was enacted with only cursory public input.

As a 2003 autopsy of the ensuing disaster chronicled, "The act was hailed as a historic reform that would reward consumers with lower prices, reinvigorate California's then-flagging economy, and provide a model for other states. Six years later, the reforms lay in ruins, overwhelmed by electricity shortages and skyrocketing prices for wholesale power. The utilities were pushed to the brink of insolvency and are only slowly regaining their financial footing. The state became the buyer of last resort, draining the general fund and committing itself to spending $42 billion more on long-term power deals that stretch over the next ten years."

Other examples of the bad habit abound, such as beginning construction of a bullet train linking the two halves of the state with only rudimentary assumptions of its costs, ridership and other important factors — a project that limps along nearly two decades later.

Two others are the immensely costly expansion of pension benefits for public employees a couple of decades ago, which has hammered local government budgets, and big increases in unemployment insurance benefits without increasing revenues, which resulted in a $20 billion debt to the federal government that is still growing.

That brings us to Senate Bill 769, which appears superficially to be a positive effort to expand infrastructure financing but could be another example of unanticipated consequences. The measure, introduced by Sen. Anna Caballero, a Merced Democrat, would create the Golden State Infrastructure Corporation, a state-owned nonprofit company that could borrow money or issue bonds and provide financing for public or private infrastructure projects.

State Treasurer Fiona Ma is the bill's sponsor and would appoint the corporation's top executive, who would answer to a five-member board of elected officials and governors' appointees.

"By partnering public and private capital, SB 769 enables critical investments in climate resilience, water systems, energy infrastructure, housing and transportation, creating jobs and future-proofing California for generations to come," Caballero's office contends.

"California can't afford to wait for Washington, or for outdated financing systems to catch up with 21st-century needs," she said in a statement. "SB 769 is about building a resilient, modern California by creating a smarter, more flexible way to fund infrastructure that protects our communities, creates good jobs and prepares us for the challenges ahead."

There are aspects to the proposal that should be triggering alarm bells.

There is no limit on how much debt the corporation could incur. The state would also not be liable if its financial structure collapsed. The decisions on

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Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 65.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 55. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

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Jackpot: 22 M

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP # 449 SURFING INSTRUCTION, SURF CAMPS, BEACH ACTIVITY CAMPS, BEACH SPORTS CAMPS PERMITS.**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 23, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive no later than the below-stated date and time, sealed BIDS from General Contractors. The Project encompasses the following overall scope:

SMC Bundy Campus Tennis / Pickle Ball Court:
The project includes the following features: three (3) tennis courts, three (3) combination tennis/pickleball courts, and one (1) skinny single pickleball court. A restroom building will also be included, with four (4) gender-neutral restrooms and one (1) utility/janitor's room. Additionally, two (2) storage buildings, named Storage 1 and Storage 2, will be part of the project. There will also be shade structures, consisting of full cantilever hip-joined tension sails with three points. The total area of the shade structures will be 1,400 GSF. The improvements to the site will include driveways, a parking lot, site lighting, landscaping, fencing, accessible paths, bleachers, and gathering areas.

Project Site: 3400 Airport Ave., Santa Monica

Wednesday 4/23/25, bid packages will be available at ARC West LA Branch located at 1736 S Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025.
Contact for all inquiries: **Kyle Whitley, Senior Project Manager, kyle.whitley@vanir.com**
Manuel Barrios, Project Manager, manuel.Barrios@vanir.com
Contractor's License Classification: California Contractors License A or B.
Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk: **Tuesday May 6, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the project site.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 1:00 PM, June 2, 2025, BID MUST BE HAND DELIVERED

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN **Bid Opening: June 2, 2025**

1 **Contractors License Classification.** In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §3300, the District requires that contractors possess the following classification(s) of California Contractors License **A or B.** Any General Contractor not so duly and properly licensed will result in denial of prequalification.

2 **Labor Compliance Program (AB 1506).** The District has established a Labor Compliance Program ('LCP") pursuant to Labor Code 1771.5. The Contractor qualifying to bid the work shall comply with the LCP and provisions of the Contract Documents relating to implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the LCP.

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4 **Award of Contract.** The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Beard of Trustees on **July 1, 2025,** to the responsible Bidder submilling the lowest responsible and responsive Bid Proposal

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Last Day to Submit Bid RFI and Bid Product Substitution Request **May 14, 2025**
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AROUND TOWN

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Cinco de Mayo Weekend

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes YAllwest Book Festival, Free Comic Book Day, Annual Kidical Mass Family Bike Ride, Cinco de Mayo on The Promenade, and much more!



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CELEBRATION: Cinco de Mayo events are happening this weekend.

Penmar Sunset Sessions featuring G. Love, Kate Morgan, and Outlanderz: Enjoy music and good vibes as the Sun sets. Friday, May 2, 6 - 9p.m., 1233 Rose Ave. https://tickets.thepenmar.com/e/sunset-sessions-may-2

Free Comic Book Day: Santa Monica Public Library teams up with the Santa Monica Comics Company (formerly of Hi De Ho Comics) to offer comic book giveaways, super activities, prizes, and a mini creator con! Saturday, May 3, 11a.m. - 3p.m., 601 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/42xey1vnkq67c2qcrarpwqagmp/202505031100

BYOB: A Comedy Show for Parents with Babies: Have a baby? Date nights non-existent? This is an adult comedy show for parents that can bring their baby to. Bring the baby to the show because they don't understand sh*t yet! (jokes and diapers). Saturday, May 3, 5 - 6:30p.m., The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave. https://jetbook.co/e/byobknox

YAllwest Book Festival: The annual young adult and middle grade book festival features 80+ authors participating in panel talks and book signings. FREE. Saturday, May 3, 10a.m. - 7p.m., SaMoHi, 601 Pico Blvd. https://www.yallwest.com

Run With Us: Alfalfa & OM Fitness Team Up with Lululemon: Alfalfa is teaming up with OM Fitness for a casual community run powered by Lululemon Santa Monica and led by Omar, Owner and Founder of OM Fitness and Lululemon Santa Monica Run Ambassador. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just in it for the good vibes, this event is for everyone. Sunday, May 4, 9a.m., 2309 Main St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alfalfa-x-om-fitness-tickets-1335536949969

Beach Pilates: Grab your comfiest workout set and join for mat pilates & reflective journaling on the beach. Sunday, May 4, 9:00a.m., Lifeguard Tower 28 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-pilates-journaling-tickets-1298098189629

Annual Kidical Mass Family Bike Ride: Enjoy a fun-filled morning with family-friendly activities and a group bike ride for all ages. Activities include community partners offering activities and local mental health resources, helmet decorating, bagels, juice, coffee, and snacks, family-friendly group bike ride for ALL ages on Santa Monica streets followed by Bike parade inside Clover Park. Sunday, May 4, 9a.m. - 12p.m., Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-kidical-mass-family-bike-ride-tickets-1281137600049

Cinco de Mayo on The Promenade: Complete with live music, outdoor dining from Casa Martin, Cabo Cantina, 1212, Ugo Trattoria & more, and a LatinX pop-up market, this all-ages, pet-friendly event is the perfect way to celebrate the holiday. FREE. Sunday, May 4, 3 - 6p.m., 1200 3rd St. Promenade https://www.eventbrite.

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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

We've got it all this week



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AINADAMAR: The opera is at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

BEETHOVEN with ESA-PEKKA SALONEN – We're all feeling a bit verklempt over Maestro Dudamel's scheduled departure for New York next year, but keep in mind, he took over a great orchestra and made it even greater, and we will still have that when he leaves, no matter who is shaking the baton. We've been fortunate to have a series of outstanding music directors, who love to come back occasionally to visit and bless us once again, so here is conductor laureate Salonen, with Beethoven's 3rd, Debussy's "Prelude" and Dessner's Violin Concerto. You're not going to miss this, are you? Fri 11 a.m., Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $83-299.

SOUTHSIDE SLIM – Glad to see Southside has made it back to SM, at his favorite hang here, Harvelle's. I've written about him so many times, but let's just say he is the real deal, intensified blues, plays like a banshee, sings like a hurricane, and it has been a while since he's graced our shores, so you should take advantage of this. Fri 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $11.

LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR" – Opera appeals to me because you get a lot to take in on one stage – music by the masters that you will probably never hear in a concert, amazing voices, dazzling costumes and sets, and sometimes a laugh or a tear. "Ainadamar" tells the story of famed Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca, who was on the verge of leading Spanish literature into a golden age until the harsh autocrat Francisco Franco tightened his grip and led the nation into war, and decades of suppression of free speech. It is told through the reminiscences of Lorca's dear friend and muse, actress Margarita Xirgu, who could not convince Lorca to flee, until it was too late. The music is classical but heavily influenced by flamenco, with lots of dancing. For 33 bucks (if you hurry), are you kidding? And it is only an hour and 20, not a Wagnerian three and 20. Sat, Wed 7:30 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $33-296.

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.

Next Thurs - T BONE BURNETT – Well, if this isn't a big deal. The legitimately legendary musician producer impresario would have been enthusiastically welcomed at so many venues in LA on this his first tour in nearly 20 years (backing a new album), his only West Coast dates this year, but he chose li'l ol' McCabe's, capacity about 150, playing six shows in three nights. And he called them. Possibly because he had a good experience there a few years ago when he dropped in on the late Bob Neuwirth, resulting in a first time ever (40 years) reunion of Burnett's first group, The Alpha Band. T Bone will have a band (McCabe's is often solo and acoustic) that includes original Alpha David Mansfield, a fine player. So now that you're all excited, I have to break the bad news: sold out, all six shows. What do I keep saying about these great McCabe's shows? Buy the moment you see it announced. Or weep in the cold darkness. Next Thurs, Fri, Sat, 8 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica, $90.

Next Thurs - CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE – I could write almost the same as I did about Southside, above. With Brazilian-influenced guitar and heavy harp, these guys are a completely authentic and satisfying blues duo. Next Thurs 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $11.

RECOMMENDED:

"PAINTED PONIES" – I don't know much about this. Per the Ruskin website, it is an "unflinching feminist study of love and loss, a haunting portrait of a mother grappling with her past," a one-person play starring Rachel Sorsa. I do know two things: this will be the last stage play here before The Ruskin moves down the street to its new, expanded digs; and for the eight years I have been going there, they have

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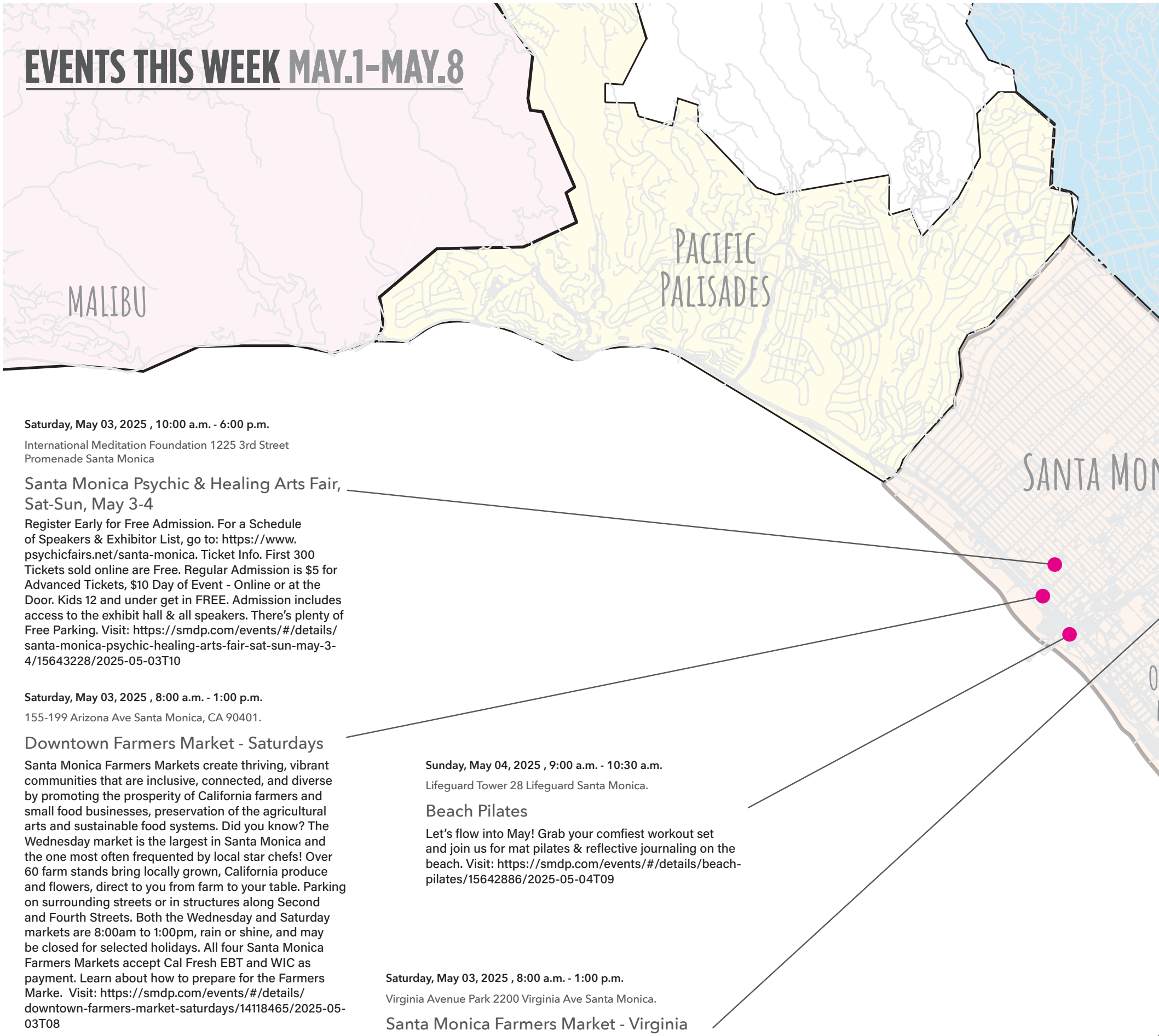
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EVENTS THIS WEEK MAY.1-MAY.8



Saturday, May 03, 2025 , 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

International Meditation Foundation 1225 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica

Santa Monica Psychic & Healing Arts Fair, Sat-Sun, May 3-4

Register Early for Free Admission. For a Schedule of Speakers & Exhibitor List, go to: https://www.psychicfairs.net/santa-monica. Ticket Info. First 300 Tickets sold online are Free. Regular Admission is $5 for Advanced Tickets, $10 Day of Event - Online or at the Door. Kids 12 and under get in FREE. Admission includes access to the exhibit hall & all speakers. There's plenty of Free Parking. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-psychic-healing-arts-fair-sat-sun-may-3-4/15643228/2025-05-03T10

Saturday, May 03, 2025 , 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

155-199 Arizona Ave Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Downtown Farmers Market - Saturdays

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. Did you know? The Wednesday market is the largest in Santa Monica and the one most often frequented by local star chefs! Over 60 farm stands bring locally grown, California produce and flowers, direct to you from farm to your table. Parking on surrounding streets or in structures along Second and Fourth Streets. Both the Wednesday and Saturday markets are 8:00am to 1:00pm, rain or shine, and may be closed for selected holidays. All four Santa Monica Farmers Markets accept Cal Fresh EBT and WIC as payment. Learn about how to prepare for the Farmers Marke. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturdays/14118465/2025-05-03T08

Sunday, May 04, 2025 , 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Lifeguard Tower 28 Lifeguard Santa Monica.

Beach Pilates

Let's flow into May! Grab your comfiest workout set and join us for mat pilates & reflective journaling on the beach. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/beach-pilates/15642886/2025-05-04T09

Saturday, May 03, 2025 , 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Farmers Market - Virginia Avenue Park/Pico Boulevard

The family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more.Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-farmers-market-virginia-avenue-park-pico-boulevard/12382447/2025-05-03T08

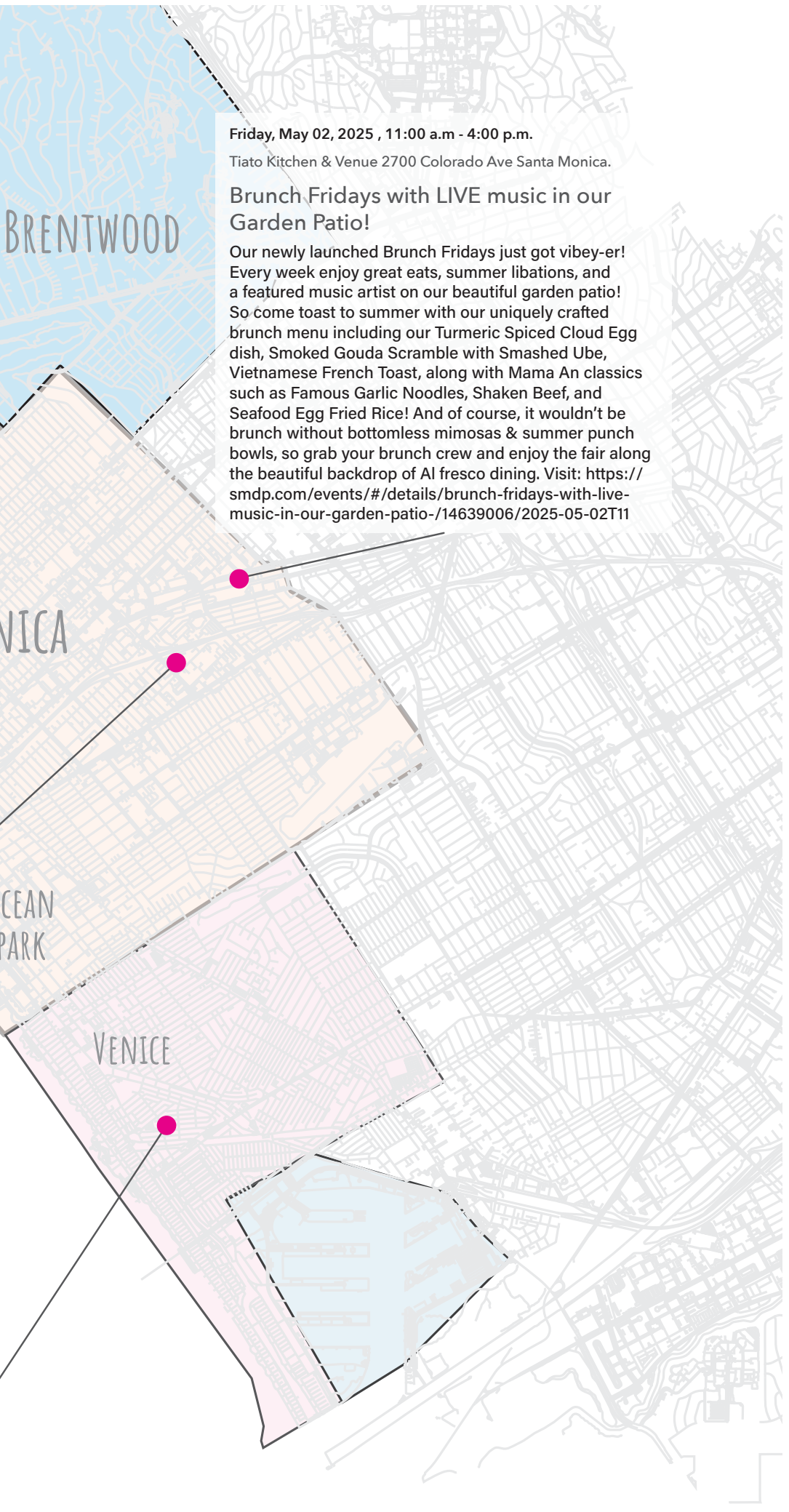
Friday, May 02, 2025 , 9:45 a.m.

Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice.

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/14548475/2025-05-02T09

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Friday, May 02, 2025 , 11:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

Brunch Fridays with LIVE music in our Garden Patio!

Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-05-02T11



THURSDAY | MAY 1

NOMA MEETS

7:00 p.m. NOMA's meeting Thursday night will feature ANUJ GUPTA, Santa Monica Director of Transportation, speaking on new initiatives, including "Brighter Blue," the City's five-year service improvement plan; the Transit Safety Officer program; Better Blue Bus Stops (including a volunteer Adopt-a-Stop program); and intended zero emissions plans. SUNNY WANG, City Water Manager, follows with a presentation of water projects planned for the city and anticipated new water rates. OFFICER DAVID WANG, NOMA Resource Officer, reports on current crime and prevention in the neighborhood, the meeting concluding with members voting on a slate of new and returning Board members. All are invited to attend at smnoma.org. NOMA Meets on the First Thursday of Each Month at 7pm on Zoom
Next Meeting: THUR. MAY 1st. ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81526517066

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/12342961/2025-05-01T12

FRIDAY | MAY 2

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-05-02T19

SATURDAY | MAY 3

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-05-03T08

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Santa Monica Public Library teams up with the Santa Monica Comics Company (formerly of Hi De Ho Comics) to offer comic book giveaways, super activities, prizes, and a mini creator con! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/free-comic-book-day/15513668/2025-05-03T11

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. 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/14548485/2025-05-03T11

SUNDAY | MAY 4

BEACH WALK & SKETCH

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica. Love the beach? Have an eye for detail? For a peaceful morning, bring your sense of wonder and take to the sands to sketch nature's offerings on our beautiful coastline. We'll provide the binoculars, drawing boards, pencils and newsprint, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools. Comfortable clothing and sun protection recommended. The event wraps with a mini gallery walk where you can share your sketches with your newfound friends. Beach Walk & Sketch is a free event with Nature Nexus Institute. RSVP is requested. In-person RSVP will be available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/beach-walk-sketch/15541567/2025-05-04T09

2025 KIDICAL MASS FAMILY BIKE RIDE

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Clover Park 2600 Ocean Park Blvd Santa Monica. Enjoy a fun-filled morning with family-friendly activities and a group bike ride for all ages. Wear GREEN for mental health awareness month! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/2025-kidical-mass-family-bike-ride/15541560/2025-05-04T09

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Summons

Summons Notice Superior Court of Arizona Maricopa County Manuel PerezName of Petitioner/ Party A Miranda BerggrenName of Respondent/ Party B Case No:FC2024094092Warning: This is an Official Document from the court that affects your rights. Read this carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help. From the State of Arizona to Miranda Berggren. Name of Opposing party. A Lawsuit has been filled against you. A copy of this lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this "Summons". If you do not want a judgement or or order entered against you without your input , you must file a written "Answer" or a "Response" with the court and pay the filing fee. Also, the other party may be granted their request by the court if you do not file an "Answer" or "Response" , or show up in court. To file your "Answer" or "Response" take, or send, it to the: • Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 201 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2205 OR• Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 18380 North 40*h Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032 OR• Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 222 East Javelina Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210-6201 OR• Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 14264 West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona 85374.After filing, mail a copy of your "Response" or "Answer" to the other party at their current address.3. If this "Summons" and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff within the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If you were served by "Acceptance of Service" within the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that the "Acceptance of Service was filed with the Clerk of Superior Court. If this "Summons" and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff outside the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If you were served by "Acceptance of Service" outside the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that the "Acceptance of Service was filed with the Clerk of Superior Court. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication.4. You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Petitioner at the address listed at the top of the preceding page, or from the Clerk of Superior Court's Customer Service Center at:• 601 West Jackson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003• 18380 North 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032222 East Javelina Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 8521014264 West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona 85374.5. If this is an action for dissolution (divorce), legal separation or annulment, either or both spouses may file a Petition for Conciliation for the purpose of determining whether there is any mutual interest in preserving the marriage or for Mediation to attempt to settle disputes concerning legal decision-making (legal custody) and parenting time issues regarding minor children.6. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the division assigned to the case by the party needing accommodation or his/her counsel at least three (3) judicial days in advance of a scheduled proceeding.7. Requests for an interpreter for persons with limited English proficiency must be made to the division assigned to the case by the party needing the interpreter and/or translator or his/her counsel at least ten (10) Judicial days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding. Signed and Sealed on this Date Oct. 18th 2024, R. Stergulz Clerk of Superior Court By Deputy Clerk of Superior Court

Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LAWRENCE GEORGE SELNA CASE NUMBER: 24STPB13288 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Lawrence George Selna A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lawrence Selna, Jr. the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: May 27th, , 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 99 Room 615 Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St 4th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Lawrence Selna, Jr. 3619 Robinhood StreetHouston, TX 77005 (713) 665-7364

Help Wanted

AH Capital Management in Santa Monica, CA seeks Investing Partner. Work with General Partners on sourcing investment opportunities. Req's BS in Finance, Econ. Math, Engr. + 5 yrs exp. Special Skills Apply. Yearly salary: $151K – 171K. 15% domestic travel req'd. Must email CV/CL to recruiting@a16z.com & reference title/ Req #R372.

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Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to the California Civil Code section 1993; Section 6066 ofthe Government Code any other applicable CA Statutes, that the items of property listed below isbelieved to be abandoned by Adel Kamal Mozeh, Car & Smog, Cartekk and all other owners, occupants,partners, tenants and/or subtenants at address: 14038 Oxnard Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401. Items will besold at a Public Auction by H & H Enterprise, to be offered in bulk and or bulk lots at a competitive bidsale through an Online Auction Thursday, May 08th, 2025 at 10:00 am at 14038 Oxnard Street, VanNuys, CA 91401.Auction access via WWW.MEGAAUCTIONS.NETItems to be sold are to include but are not limited to:Vending Machine, Ladders, Cabinets, Auto Parts, Magnavox DVD, Alloy Wheels, Tires, Barcode Scanner,Mice, Routers, Power Strips, File Cabinets, Printers, Pipe, Brake Pad Display, PC Computers, Bearings,Desks, LCD Monitors, Mugs, Oil Containers, Brake Pads, Tables, Tools, Vacuum Cleaner, Air Lines,Payment System, Keyboard, Chairs, Broom, Toolboxes, Floor Jacks, Truck / Car Lifts, Jack Stands, RollingTool Chests, Clothing, Rolling Carts, Testing Sets, Air Tools, Lincoln Welder, Oscillating Tool, Drills, KneePad, Heaters, Tool Bags, Plumbing Parts, Nails, Trek Bike, Circuit Tracer, Socket Sets, AC Gauges, Hutch,Launch X431 Scanner, Wrenches, Opus ESP System1 Emissions Tester, Propane Tanks, Fire Extinguishers,Air Compressors, System1 Emissions Analyzer, Welding Tanks, TP-Link Switch, Security System, RadeonGraphics Card, Buckets, Rags, Bear Emissions Analyzer, Hub Caps, Corghi Artiglio A2000 Tire Machine,Hunter 700 Balancer, Oil Barrel & Pump Systems, Exercise Equipment, Tire Machine, Service Manuals,Safety Harness, Gas Tank, Storage Bins, Metal Frame, Sprayer, Engine, Generator, Graco Pump, GardenTools, Vacuum Cleaners, Workbench, Cables, Racks, Inflatable Mattress, Framed Mirrors, TransmissionCasing, Time Clock, Trimmer, Fan, Wiper Blades, Impact Drill, RobinAir 34288NI Refrigerant Unit, BenchVice, Retractable Air Lines, Justice Bros. Fluid System, Bench Drill, Shelving, Eagle CP-100 Press, CTRMonitors, Towel Dispenser, Couch, Fridge / Freezer, Microwave, Pressure Washers, Reciprocal Saw,Wire Reels, Shredder, Stools, Spark Plugs, Wall Clock, Framed Picture, LCD TV's, Wall Mounts, VehicleDolly, Engine Hoist, Various Items Unsearched.

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00187 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of John Skelton Williams III for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: John Skelton Williams III this court for a decree of changing names as follows:John Skelton Williams III to John Skelton WallachThe court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.Notice of Hearing: Date 05/23/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica CA 90401. . 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

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apartments and commercial buildings, as many as 4,000 homeowners are expected to need financial assistance. A funding gap of around $3 billion is projected between insurance coverage and actual rebuilding costs.

Adrian Foley, President of Brookfield Development, introduced a Builders Alliance seeking to reduce costs through bulk purchasing, shared labor resources and standardized floorplans. "We're treating this like one unified pipeline," Foley said. "If trades and suppliers know what's coming, they can offer better rates and we can pass those savings on to the homeowners."

Transportation challenges add another layer of complexity. With up to 3,000 homes expected to be under construction each year during peak rebuilding, the strain on already fragile infrastructure could be severe, according to UCLA Professor of Planning Michael Manville.

Despite the obstacles, experts believe it's possible to rebuild thousands of homes within three years by aligning political will, private-sector efficiency and academic insight.

"This isn't just about construction," Foley said. "It's about restoring faith that recovery is possible."

The new AI tool will be available on a statewide contract that any local government can access to streamline their own plan review process. More information about LA's recovery, including air quality results, is available at CA.gov/LAfires.

Scott Snowden contributed to this report.

GOVERNMENT

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financing private projects could be made secretly because the corporation would be exempt from some open meeting and open records laws.

The danger here is that with a potentially unlimited amount of money to be handed out with no public input, the political figures on the corporate board could be swayed to play favorites for reasons disconnected from infrastructure improvement.

We've seen scandals of that sort elsewhere in state government, such as in the Coastal Commission's land use decisions and the California Public Employment Retirement System's investments.

Without better safeguards and more sunshine, this is another scandal waiting to happen.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

NOTEWORTHY

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consistently presented theatre of the highest order. Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $30.

PATRICE RUSHEN – Gotta admit I haven't followed her varied career that began in the mid-'60s, but have always seen her show up with the best artists. Then a couple years ago I was at a memorable benefit concert at The Lodge Room for an ailing Brazilian percussionist Airto Moriera, and on a stage packed with so many very talented and big name musicians, jazz pianist and R&B vocalist Rushen stole the show. I expect she will thrill, charm and rip it up at Disney too. Fri 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $77-223.,

BEACHLIFE FESTIVAL, PRETENDERS, JACKSON BROWNE, ALANIS MORISSETTE, MARCUS KING, more – Festivals are a hassle: getting there, parking, big ticket prices and a lot of performers you don't care about. It can be hot, and an icy soft drink can cost 10 bucks, a beer double. You'll probably have to stay all day to get to the good acts. But – maybe several of your faves in one place, and a festive vibe (hopefully). The Pretenders (Chrissie Hinde, still rocking hard at 73 and living the RnR life) and Marcus King, for two, are worth it. You decide. Fri, Sat, Sun, Redondo Beach, $199-999.

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.

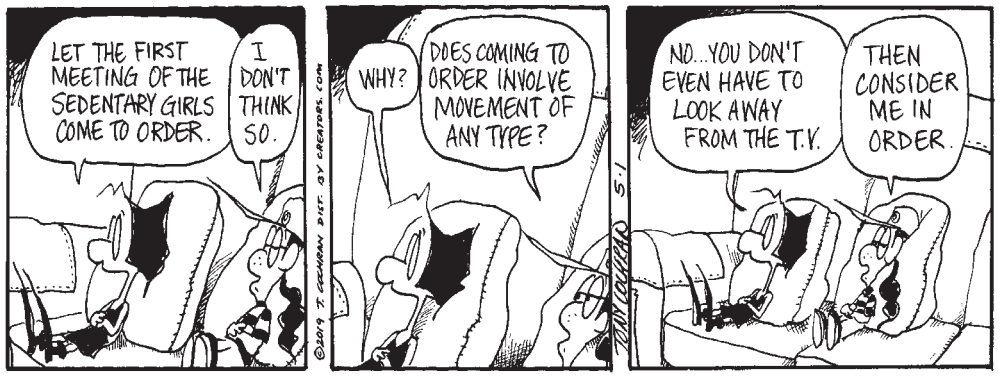
COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR," Dorothy Chandler, 5/15, 18; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 5/11, 18, 25, 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 5/12, 19, 26, 6/3, 10, 17, 24; LA OPERA'S "AINADAMAR," Dorothy Chandler, 5/3, 4, 7, 15, 18; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; JACK WHITE, Hwd Palladium, 5/12, 13.

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): WILLIE, DYLAN, others, Hwd Bowl, 5/16; RGT SAY GOODBYE PARTY NITE, Ruskin ., 5/17; 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; TROMBONE SHORTY & ORLEANS AVENUE, Greek, 6/8; 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; LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND, Orpheum, 6/20; 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; BRAHMS, GRIEG, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/17; GERSHWIN, DVOŘÁK, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/22; "THE PLANETS,", LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/24; FATHER JOHN MISTY, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Greek, 7/25; MEKONS, JILL SOBULE, Lodge Room, 7/26; FEMI KUTO, Fonda, 8/8; TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND, Greek, 8/13; BEN HARPER & THE INNOCENT CRIMINALS, Orpheum, 8/24; FLAMING LIPS, MODEST MOUSE, Greek, 9/4; NEIL YOUNG, Hwd Bowl, 9/15; NINE INCH NAILS, Kia Forum, 9/18, 19; DWIGHT YOAKAM, Greek, 10/1..

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

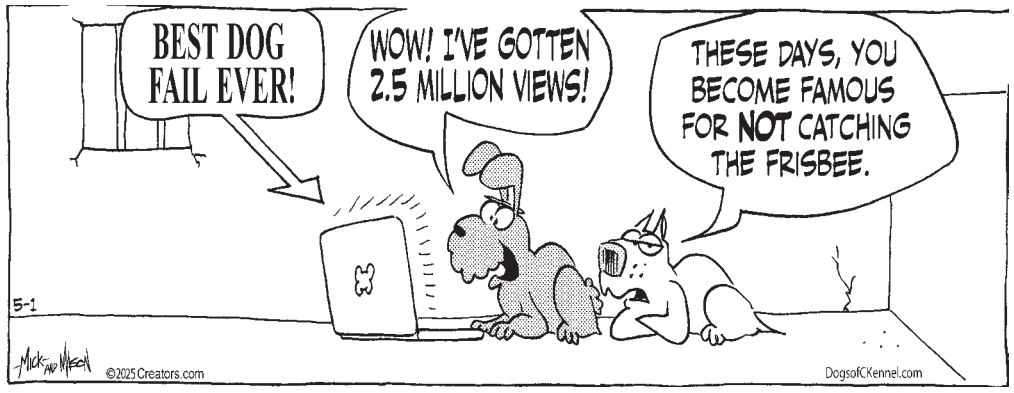
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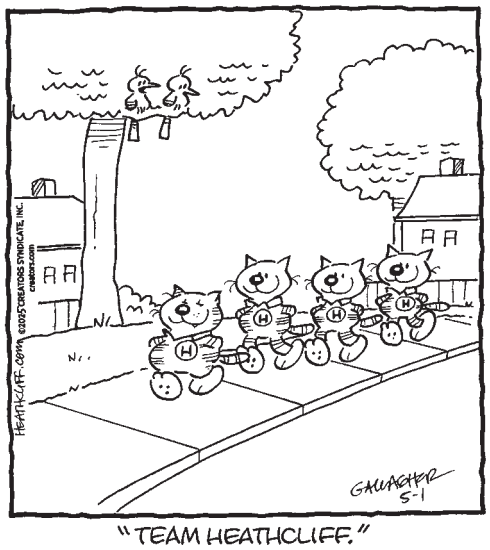
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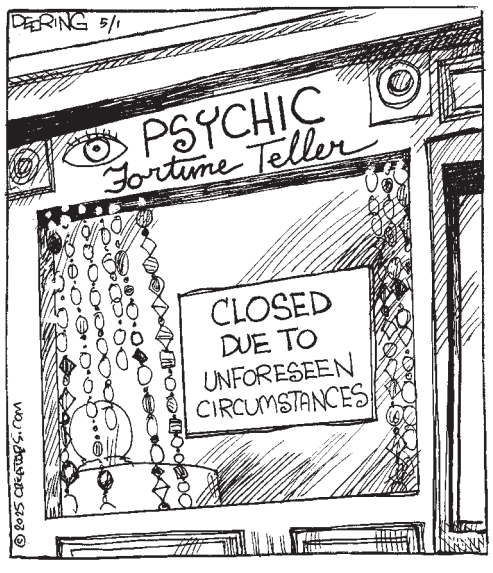
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Cat breeds

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1)

You'll be supported by those who bring your favorite kind of magic — the type of people who see the beauty and the mess in a thing and still choose to stay. Loyal people like this populate your life, help your work and enhance your experience time and again this year, because this is how you are, too. More highlights: a passion project completed and an upscale way of getting around. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 11, 28, 36 and 5.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The playful mood in the air makes you feel in love with life itself. And that might be even better than being in love with any particular individual; after all, life has endless ways to delight you, while people are, by comparison, a bit more limited.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You made it through the chaos with style and self-awareness, so give yourself credit. Bring on the props; skip the self-criticism. The little things that go wrong? That's just life. Overlooking them... that's living.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Picking up broken pieces is valiant, though safety precautions should be taken. Wear gloves. Emotionally, those gloves are the boundaries and agreements you make with yourself to handle potentially hurtful elements with caution.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want what's fair, but there's a paradox in the pursuit of justice. The efforts to correct wrongs can sometimes lead to further harm or unintended consequences. What works for all will be better than what's "right" by one standard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't rush things. You can accumulate experiences without chasing after them; they will come in time, shaping you in ways that matter more than petty concerns of the moment. It's OK to take a strategic pause in an overwhelming moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The struggle to stay the same mostly affects the struggler. Change is inevitable. Whether you embrace it or resist it, ignore or avoid it, acknowledge or adapt to it is a personal choice, but none of it will stop change from happening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who are lucky enough to be spared adversity could be considered quite unfortunate indeed. Alas, they may never know their own resilience. It's the obstacles and stress that give us the confidence that can only come from knowing our true grit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may feel a little nervous about how others see you, but you're doing better than you think. Relax if you can — and if not, simply know that you are relatable (and maybe even charming) in your uneasiness, and that's OK, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It can be easy to see the difference between two different actions, but the difference between two kinds of inaction is harder to detect. Some inaction is neglect, while other inaction is purposeful restraint aimed at a particular end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you give, you do it intentionally to the person who needs what you can offer — and specifically to fit the problem at hand. This is why you'll end up helping someone in a way others wouldn't have thought to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In some way you feel unseen or only partially understood. Are you doing all the emotional heavy lifting in a relationship? It doesn't have to be so. Explore this and you will unlock something really powerful for yourself and others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you desire is very different from what another person in a similar situation would want. You know this, and it's one of the many reasons you're going to wait to see what good will come. You'll make it happen!

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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Newsday Crossword

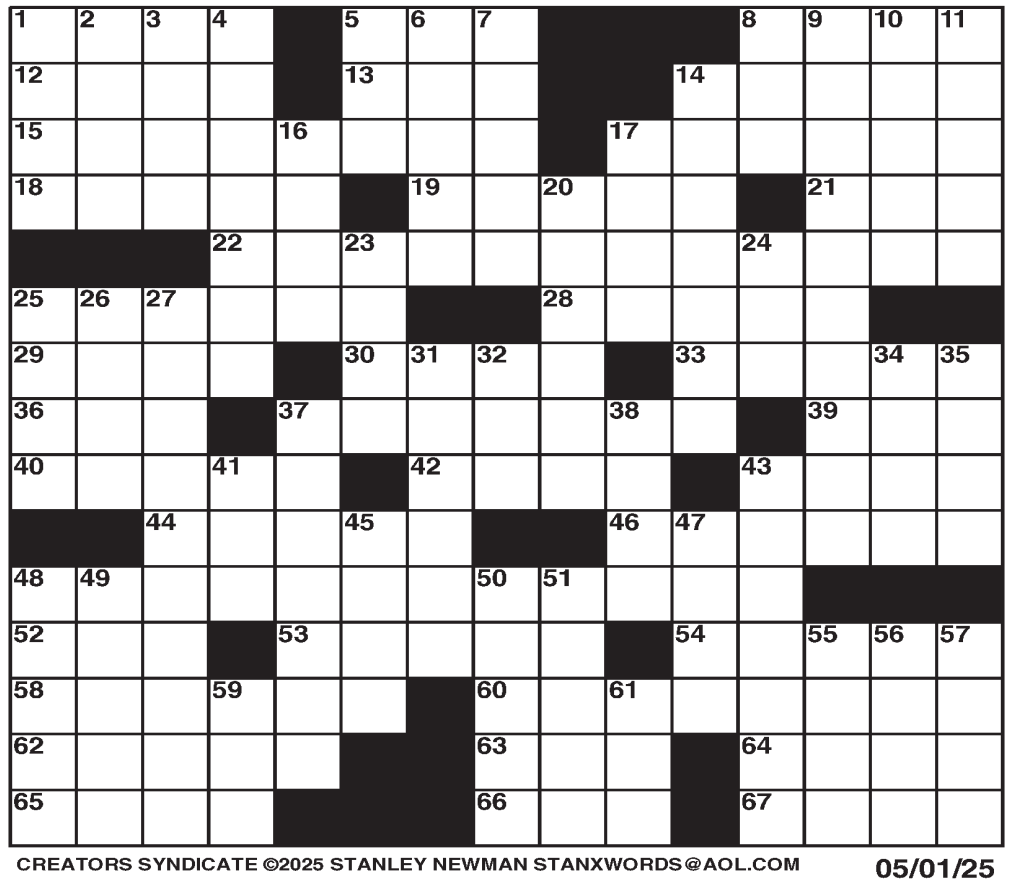
VERBAL VOYAGE by Gary Larson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Rush job notation
5 Editor's accumulation: Abbr.
8 Swedish tennis great
12 Islamic mystic sect
13 Potato skins, for instance
14 Con artist
15 Crumple suddenly
17 Sushi condiment
18 Too costly
19 Garb for many superheroes
21 Inner urge
22 "Fa la la la la" song
25 Freudian drive
28 Think out loud
29 Large Mideast nation
30 Animal park barrier
33 Court proceedings
36 Soft shoe, for short
37 Show great respect
39 Decided on
40 What's under a sock
42 Spot for mascara
43 Oppressive person
44 Spree of streaming
46 Great significance
48 Serve as a connection
52 Home builder's purchase
53 Norse pantheon
54 Lorna of fiction
58 Paragons
60 Have great power
62 Word like *danke*
63 Noisy distraction
64 A, as in Austria
65 Masquerade (as)
66 __-Mex
67 Salty septet

DOWN

1 Calls upon
2 Birdseed ingredient
3 For __ (not gratis)
4 Entered en masse
5 Dallas hoopster
6 Dot of dirt
7 Husband favoring lean cuisine
8 Lit degrees
9 "Fine, I'll grab my coat."
10 Defy authority
11 Beams broadly
14 The world of wear
16 Page for pundits
17 Have a bawl
20 Album contents
23 Hernando's "how"
24 Get __ (pass easily)
25 Andean capital
26 Flatten on a board
27 Malicious critics
31 Little barn babies
32 Producer of Toothflix DVDs
34 *Haus* husband
35 Don't remove
37 Official language of Bangladesh
38 Fillmore's party
41 Part of a shoebox
43 Is against
45 Many C-notes
47 "Designate a driver" sponsor
48 Skycam carrier
49 Colorado competition
50 Foot-powered cymbals
51 Eat away
55 Toddler's boo-boo
56 *Peter Pan* pooch
57 Needle holes
59 Top gun
61 Brunch fish



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ENTERTAINMENT

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resources. DTSM leaders suggested that private security would need to play a major role, along with better signage and clear demarcation of the zone's boundaries.

"I have a hard time believing that it is ever going to be enforced," board member Jon Farzam said. "The police department is not going to be patrolling and looking for violations."

Thomas said city staff are exploring cost-saving measures, including expanded use of contracted private security and flexible staffing models. He referenced a San Francisco case study where similar programs reportedly cost about $50,000 per day during large events, although the final price for Santa Monica remains undetermined. Still, the potential costs did not temper concerns about public safety.

Board members discussed risks such as increased public intoxication, more alcohol-related disturbances and the added complexity of interacting with the city's homeless population, some of whom struggle with substance abuse issues.

The board also debated whether the zone should remain limited to the Promenade or expand to nearby streets and alleys. Some small business owners urged expansion, arguing that restricting the entertainment zone to the Promenade would favor larger businesses and national brands already able to afford the area's high rents.

However, most DTSM board members agreed that initial implementation should be limited to the Promenade to ensure the zone could be properly managed before considering expansion.

"If we start including businesses beyond the Promenade, we are biting off a lot more than we know we can chew," Sedman said.

Some suggested that if the program proves successful, the city could later add alleys and parts of Second and Fourth Streets, where smaller, independent businesses are located. But others warned that stretching the zone too broadly at the outset would make effective security impossible.

Even among supporters, there was general agreement that the open-container allowance should not exist in a vacuum. Board members advocated for integrating it with curated events such as outdoor concerts, festivals and cultural celebrations, saying that tying alcohol sales to organized programming would reduce risks and enhance the visitor experience.

Board members also stressed that businesses participating in the zone should take responsibility for cleaning the public areas outside their frontages, much like business owners do in some international cities.

Following the discussion, Sedman made a motion, seconded by Leo Pustilnikov, to recommend that the Santa Monica City Council approve the expansion of the Entertainment Zone on the Third Street Promenade to operate seven days per week.

Despite the concerns, the motion passed with Michele Aronson, Luke Cain, Michelle Cardiel, Jon Farzam, Edna Galindo, Eric Sedman, Susan Cline, Julia Ladd, Lucian Tudor, Leo Pustilnikov, Berta Negari and Joshua Gilman all voting yes. Bruce Fairty abstained.

Fairty told the Daily Press his reason for abstention was that he was divided between limiting the entertainment zone to just the Promenade or expanding it to include the alleys. "Since the vote limiting it to just the Promenade was approved by a substantial majority I didn't feel it necessary to weigh in with my vote given I was genuinely torn," he said.

Unless the Council decides to pilot the ordinance, the zone would become permanent from the first day. Despite ultimately supporting the proposal, several board members remained uneasy about the practical challenges. They also expressed hope that any new revenue generated by increased tourism and business activity would be reinvested into supporting security, maintenance and broader downtown revitalization efforts.

When the Daily Press asked Sedman how concerned DTSM was with regards to a potential increase in drunk and disorderly incidents and arrests, the extra cost of security and police overtime and even a potential rise in storefront vandalism, he said, "I think there's going to be challenges and that's why I want to make sure that we limit the area as a test vessel to see how it can be monitored and securitized."

Sedman even made a tenuous comparison to Bourbon Street in New Orleans. "I am cautiously optimistic," he said, adding that Santa Monica "must strike a careful balance between generating new revenue and maintaining public order."

City staff are scheduled to return to the Council in May with a final ordinance based on the Council's revised direction. If approved, the first activation could take place during the Pride on the Promenade event in June.

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CINCO

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ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Lunar Light - Discovery Immersive VR Experience (through May 11); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through July 18); Wellness & Waves (through Oct 11)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Pali Wine Dinner at Socalo: Celebrate Pali Wine Co.'s 20th anniversary with an unforgettable dinner featuring winemaker Aaron Walker and Socalo Executive Chef Raul Plascencia's five-course menu. $99. Thursday, May 1, 7p.m., 1920 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.socalo.com/event/pali-wine-dinner-at-socalo/

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, May 2, starting at 5p.m. https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/

Jameson's Pub & Cabo Cantina Cinco de Mayo Weekend Fiesta: They are featuring triple-sized mega cocktails all weekend, and $0.99 Coronitas on Monday, Cinco de Mayo.

Gourmandise School DIY Pizza & Beer Event: They are teaming up with Doctor Dough and The Curious Palate to bring you an afternoon of pizza-making and beer-sipping. Your ticket will get you a personal pizza that you'll craft and bake off yourself, along with a "Half Off the Half Pints" selection of beer from next door. $22. Sunday, May 4, 12p.m. https://www.cookingschoolsofamerica.com/thegourmandiseschool/index.php?page=classes#11266

An Evening Under The Stars - Wine Pairing Dinner with Charles Krug: The patio at Chelsea is hosting a five-course wine pairing dinner featuring the iconic wines of Charles Krug Winery, Napa Valley's oldest winery. $150 per person. Thursday, May 8, 7p.m., 2460 Wilshire Blvd. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chelsea/events/wine-pairing-dinner-with-charles-krug-2025-05-08

Early Bird Discounts at BOA Steakhouse & Sushi Roku: Early birds, this one's for you! Now through Memorial Day, score 20% off your bill when you dine before 6:30 p.m. at BOA Steakhouse or Sushi Roku. The offer is valid in the main dining rooms only, so round up your crew, beat the dinner rush, and save some money. https://www.instagram.com/p/DIPPQklzrpi/

Multiple SaMo Shops Listed on EaterLA's "The Best Bakeries in LA": Editors rave about Jyan Isaac Bread, stating "he offers his coveted sourdough rolls, brioche buns, baguettes, challah, and multi-grain porridge loaves." And they call Petit Grain Boulangerie "The most compelling new bakery to open in 2024." https://la.eater.com/maps/best-bakeries-los-angeles

KTLA Describes Fitoor as "A Naan-Stop Flavor Journey": This video report states "For all the foodies craving rich, savory South Asian flavors, Fitoor might just be your next go-to spot. Fitoor brings India to L.A. with its elevated Indian cuisine, live belly dancing, and jaw-dropping ambiance. Whether you're after bold spices, beautiful décor, or a full cultural experience, Fitoor delivers." https://ktla.com/la-unscripted/fitoor-a-naan-stop-flavor-journey-in-santa-monica/

Further Afield: L.A. County Fair: The Fair returns to Pomona this Friday for its annual assortment of activities, musical performances, food and beverage offerings, rides, and more. After the Friday opener, the fair continues Thursday to Sunday through the rest of the month plus Monday, May 26. https://www.lacountyfair.com

Looking Ahead: 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); Eeeeeatscon (6/28-29)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Cinco de Mayo Weekend

Classifieds

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Attn: Vended Meal Food Service Companies. New Millennium Secondary School is requesting vendedmeal proposals for the 2025-26 school year. There will be a non-mandatory pre-proposal meetinghosted online on Wednesday May 21 at 11:00am. Email ryan@schoolfoodsolutions.org to RSVP. Allproposals must be submitted no later than Friday May 30 at 12:00pm. Copies of the RFP and anyaddenda may be obtained at schoolfoodsolutions.org/rfp or by emailing Ryan Gomes atryan@schoolfoodsolutions.org.

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