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AWARD: Mason Jacquelin, sophomore at Culver City High School, received the Elks Legacy of Service (ELSA) Bronze Award recently for completing over 50 hours of Community Service. The Santa Monica Elks Lodge created the "ELSA" while the Presidential Service Award is currently on pause. For more information about their programs, visit: <http://www.santamonicaelkslodge906.org>. Pictured: Ilene Knebel, Exalted Ruler, Santa Monica Elks and Mason Jacquelin

Santa Monica becomes a national stage for food culture as EEEEEATSCON returns to the Barker Hangar



Courtesy image

FOOD: The festival comes to Barker Hanger next weekend.

MICHELLE EDGAR
Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica is stepping further into its role as a national stage for experience and next weekend that stage is food. As EEEEEATSCON Los Angeles 2026 returns to the Barker Hangar on May 16 and 17, the festival is a reflection of how Los Angeles eats, gathers, and connects today.

In its ninth year, the festival produced by The Infatuation has evolved into the ultimate one-stop shop for people who love

restaurants and mirrors the broader cultural shifts shaping the dining industry. "This is the most excited I've personally been about a lineup in nine years," said Brant Cox, The Infatuation LA's Editorial Lead. "What makes it special is that it represents the fabric of Los Angeles, and the country."

That "fabric" is intentional. Rather than centering only on trend-driven hotspots, EEEEEATSCON brings together neighborhoods, cultures, and culinary identities all in one place.

This year's lineup reflects

that ethos featuring Los Angeles standouts like Bistro Na's and Miya Miya, alongside nationally recognized names including Caffè Panna and returning favorites from across the country.

For many attendees, that accessibility is the draw. "It's a place where you can try something you normally couldn't. Maybe you don't live near the San Gabriel Valley, or you don't have time to wait in a three-hour line for a pop-up - this is where you get to experience all of

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City Council to consider updated Santa Monica Boulevard safety plan

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica city officials are set to consider an updated safety study for Santa Monica Boulevard at their May 12 council meeting, with revisions aimed at slowing traffic and better protecting pedestrians along one of the city's busiest corridors.

The plan, covering the stretch from Ocean Avenue to Centinela Avenue, was originally launched in October 2024 with funding from a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant. The Public Works Department is now asking the council to adopt a revised version of the study and authorize staff to begin phased implementation.

The updated plan comes after

the council in February directed staff to go back to the drawing board on select elements, pushing for stronger pedestrian protections and additional measures to reduce vehicle speeds. Staff was given 60 days to return with revisions.

NARROWER LANES, MORE SIGNALS

Among the most significant corridor-wide changes in the

revised study is a reduction in travel lane widths. General travel lanes are planned at 10 feet wide, with an 11-foot maximum. Lanes that carry bus service would be allowed up to 12 feet and bus only lanes would be up to 13 feet. The narrower lanes are intended to discourage speeding by making drivers feel the constriction of the roadway.

The plan also calls for pedestrian

signals to be placed on automatic recall — meaning they would activate without a button push — in both directions along the boulevard from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BUS-ONLY LANES AND TRANSIT UPGRADES

The revised study incorporates

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California governor candidates clash on taxes, Trump and healthcare in lively debate

The leading candidates for California governor clashed in a lively debate Tuesday on everything from a proposed tax on billionaires to state-funded healthcare for immigrants in the country illegally.

The debate, broadcast on CNN, was one of their last chances to pitch themselves to voters and stand out from the pack in their primary election bids to succeed Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who terms out in January. Mail voting is already underway, and voters have until June 2 to cast their ballots. The top-two vote getters will advance to the general election in November, regardless of party.

Though California hasn't had a Republican governor in more than a decade, the specter hangs over the race as the field is still crowded with less than a month to go.

Candidates who took part in the debate include Democrats Xavier Becerra, a former health secretary for the Biden administration; Katie Porter, a former congresswoman; Tom Steyer, a billionaire climate activist; Matt Mahan, the mayor of San Jose; and Antonio Villaraigosa, the former mayor of Los Angeles; as well as Republicans Steve Hilton, a conservative commentator; and Chad Bianco, the Riverside County sheriff.

Here's how they responded on some of the key issues:

UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

The candidates sparred over whether they'd eliminate private health insurance in favor of a state-run system, an idea that has failed repeatedly in Sacramento.

Porter, who backs a government-run healthcare system, pressed Becerra on his stance since he's wavered on the issue recently.

"Do you support CalCare — California having its own state-run, single-payer system, yes or no?" Porter asked.

Becerra gave a vague answer.

"The most important thing about having a Medicare for All plan is that it includes everyone," he said. "What we have to do is get to the point where we are covering everyone with something like Medicare for All."

Mahan, who opposes a state-run system, later chimed in and said Becerra "was unable to clearly answer the most important question on healthcare."

Becerra contested: "I did answer that question."

Steyer joined Porter in saying he'd support it, while Bianco, Hilton, and Villaraigosa said it wasn't practical or would cost too much.

When the debate turned to healthcare access for immigrants, the candidates were divided.

Steyer, Porter and Becerra said they supported state-funded healthcare coverage for low-income immigrants without legal status, which Newsom passed then pared back. Bianco called the policy "ridiculous."

IMMIGRATION

Other arguments about immigration fell largely along party lines.

The Democrats sharply rebuked the Trump administration's immigration raids.

Steyer said the state should prosecute federal agents and immigration enforcement leaders who racially profile or use violence against Californians. Mahan said business owners in

San Jose have lost customers because many immigrants are afraid to leave their house.

But Bianco said he supported Immigration and Customs Enforcement actions, saying agents were enforcing the law and working to deport people he referred to as "criminals" in the country illegally.

Steyer, who's from England, pointed out that he was the only immigrant on stage. The candidates shouldn't conflate legal and illegal immigration, he said.

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immigration policy, I think it's important that all the laws are peacefully enforced," Hilton said. "As governor, I would make sure that we work with the federal government to enforce our laws."

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

The Democrats each emphasized they would fight Trump on immigration policy in particular.

Neither Hilton, whom Trump has endorsed, nor Bianco, invoked him much except to say that Democrats unfairly blame him for the state's woes.

Becerra mentioned Trump the most, noting he sued the administration many times while serving as state attorney general from 2017 to 2021, when he was appointed health secretary under then-President Joe Biden.

"I'm going to repeat Donald Trump as often as I have because he's the menace," Becerra declared.

When Villaraigosa pressed Hilton to

GUEST COMMENTARY

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California's candidates for governor target ascending Becerra on national stage

As California's voters receive their primary election ballots and began returning them in to be counted, the seven leading candidates for governor on Tuesday night engaged in an occasionally slashing, two-hour debate that reflected a race that's too close to call.

The event, staged by CNN in Monterey Park, differed from past forums with a looser format that allowed the five Democrats and two Republicans to chime in on a series of contentious issues and hurl personal zingers at each other.

In other words, it was more like a real debate rather than a glorified panel discussion, and allowed watchers throughout the nation, as well as Californians, to gauge how they handled themselves under stress.

The pecking order was obvious, with Xavier Becerra, the former attorney general and Biden cabinet member, a frequent target of candidates of both parties. He saw a sudden rise in the polls after former Rep. Eric Swalwell's campaign imploded amid accusations of sexual harassment and assault.

Before Swalwell exited, Becerra was mired in the second tier of the field, with low, single-digit support in the polls. He has since jumped into the upper tier, and in the latest Democratic Party poll released this week, was tied with Republican Steve Hilton for first place.

Becerra's leap over billionaire Tom Steyer, has sparked a series of anti-Becerra media spots and news releases from Steyer. They cite a scandal in which campaign aides to Becerra have been accused of diverting money from one of his accounts and raise allegations that he lost track of millions of migrant children when serving as health and welfare secretary.

Known for a quiet demeanor, Becerra displayed a more animated side of his persona in response to the critical comments, saying at one point that "everyone is evoking my name" as he insisted that he was a victim in the campaign fund case and that the "lost kids" critique was untrue.

Some of the sharpest shots at Becerra came from former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who stands at just

2% in the latest party poll, reflecting a long-time rivalry dating from Villaraigosa's mayoralty and Becerra's time as a Los Angeles congressman.

Nothing that happened Tuesday night, as the candidates talked about living costs, gasoline prices, homelessness, immigration and other issues, appeared to be a game-changer.

The differences among Democrats on the points posed by the two CNN moderators were not especially wide. All of the candidates boasted of their disdain for President Donald Trump and vowed to protect California from his wrath, which is standard Democratic rhetoric these days.

There was a little dustup over single-payer health care — reflecting the primacy of that issue among progressive activists. Steyer, who portrays himself as the most progressive candidate and boasts of support from the California Nurses Association, the major promoter of a single-payer system, chided Becerra for allegedly declaring opposition to single-payer to gain an endorsement from the California Medical Association, saying the CMA "maxed out for Becerra."

Becerra refused to endorse single-payer, while saying he backs "Medicare for all" as an answer to disparities in health care. Porter was the only other Democrat to unreservedly endorse a single-payer system.

The two Republicans, Hilton and Riverside Sheriff Chad Bianco, pretty much stuck to the standard GOP line that California's long list of issues — such as high poverty, unemployment, housing shortages and high living costs — should be blamed on Democratic control of the state's government and can be fixed only by electing one of them as governor.

That's virtually impossible unless they finish 1-2 in the June 2 primary and thus both appear on the November ballot. Democratic leaders were worried about that possibility, but as the field has sorted itself lately, one Republican might get into the run-off. Given California's voter demographics, the Democrat who survives will almost certainly be the next governor.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist



Surf report WATER TEMP: 60.4

THURSDAY | **SURF:** 1-2ft
FAIR | Knee to thigh
Small blend of swells continues. A small wave gear type of day. Lightest winds in the AM. SSW continues its slow easing trend, showing enough energy for the bigger boards at exposed breaks. Not much NW energy in the mix so it'll be best to target the points or find a spot with some structure. Looks like we'll see another morning with mostly light winds.

FRIDAY | **SURF:** 1-2ft
POOR TO FAIR | Knee to thigh
Another day of weak but rideable surf. Lightest winds in the AM. Just a minor mix of SSW and NW swell expected. Some small NW windswell could pulse up some and help the cause for a few breaks. Light morning winds look to continue.



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Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

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2026/05/08	Fri	8:26 PM	3.15	L
2026/05/09	Sat	02:26 AM	3.98	H
2026/05/09	Sat	10:37 AM	0.42	L
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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00183. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Joseph M Zarabi for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Joseph M Zarabi filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Joseph M Zarabi to Joseph Yousef Zarabi. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 05/27/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 04/10/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/16/2026, 04/23/2026, 04/30/2026, 05/07/2026

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MUSIC: The Jazz Festival goes outdoors this weekend.

Live Jazz and Dinner at The Lobster with Natalie Jacob Trio, complementing the Santa Monica Jazz Festival. Thursday, May 7, 6 - 9p.m.

SaMo Jazz Festival Tribute Celebrating John Coltrane: A multigenerational tribute at BroadStage featuring saxophonists Isaiah Collier and Lakecia Benjamin, alongside Tenor Madness featuring Hubert Laws and Stanley Clarke. Friday, May 8, 7p.m. smjazzfest.com/schedule

Venice Family Clinic Art Exhibition + Auction: What began nearly 50 years ago as Venice Art Walk, a one-day fundraiser, has grown into Venice Family Clinic Art Exhibition + Auction - the longest-running charity art exhibition in Los Angeles. May 8-17, 910 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice <https://venicefamilyclinic.org/aea26/>

Mothers in Bloom Floral Arrangement Masterclass: Gift her an afternoon she will carry long after the blooms have opened. Under the guidance of an expert florist from our partners at FlowerBX, you and your mother will select fresh, seasonal blooms and learn the artisanal techniques behind truly elegant arrangements, creating something beautiful entirely by hand. This Mother's Day, give her more than a gift. Give her a memory. Friday, May 8, 6 - 8p.m., 1700 Ocean Ave. santamonica.regenthotels.com/experience/bookable-experiences/#!/event/O19cde02-41eb-737c-99a2-b94a8c1d0563

Sunset Sessions Returns to the Penmar: Join for good music, good company, and something that smells really good as by/rosie jane is collabing with Penmar so that every ticket comes with a Rosie travel spray, plus the first 100 guests will receive a free glass of wine. Friday, May 8, 5p.m., 1233 Rose Ave., Venice [instagram.com/p/DXpJs1XiSRO](https://www.instagram.com/p/DXpJs1XiSRO)

Jump for Joy With Z Bounce Fitness: Celebrate Mother's Day with a method-driven rebounder workout that blends mindfulness, cardio, strength, and flow. This full-body experience is designed to energize, uplift, and leave you feeling strong, clear, and connected. Saturday, May 9, 9:30 - 11a.m., Regent Santa Monica, 1700 Ocean Ave. [eventbrite.com/e/jump-for-joy-tickets-1987100538201](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jump-for-joy-tickets-1987100538201)

SMFD Fire Service Day 2026 Open House at Fire Station 1: Tour the station, meet firefighters, explore fire engines up close, and learn more about fire safety, our new programs, disaster preparedness and Hands only CPR. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1337 7th St. santamonica.gov/events/fire-service-day-2026

The Main Street Community Garden turns 50: This is where the citywide community gardens program started in 1976, and it is celebrating with anniversary festivities. Saturday, May 9, 9 - 11 a.m., 2318 Main St. [instagram.com/p/DXxWn5wksWv](https://www.instagram.com/p/DXxWn5wksWv)

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Lower-income Americans hit hardest by gas price spike, widening inequalities, study finds

Lower-income Americans sharply reduced their gas consumption in the month following the Iran war, yet spiking prices still forced them to spend more at the pump, worsening the economy's economic disparities, new research released Wednesday showed.

Higher-income households, meanwhile, ratcheted up their spending on gas while barely reducing their consumption, according to a report from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Middle-income households fell in-between.

The gaps between how each group reacted were larger than in 2022, when a similar gas-price shock occurred after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the report found. Higher-income households cut back more on their gas consumption four years ago than in March, while poorer households likely benefited more from government stimulus programs in 2022. Wealthier households have seen significant increases in the value of their stock and real estate holdings since then as well.

The figures suggest the gas-price surge has worsened what many economists call the "K-shaped economy." The K-shape label refers to upper-income Americans continuing to do well while lower-income households fall behind. The disparate outcomes can help explain the generally gloomy attitude most Americans have toward the economy even as headline figures, such as the unemployment rate and economic growth, remain mostly solid.

"We find that households had very different experiences with gasoline spending," researchers at the New York Fed wrote. "With the sharp increases in gasoline prices in March, a K-shaped pattern in gasoline consumption emerged—showing faster consumption growth for high income households relative to low-income households."

The Iran war began Feb. 28, and by the end of March gas prices had risen about 25%, according to government consumer price data. Overall gas consumption, according to the New York Fed, fell 3% that month. As of Tuesday, gas prices have leapt 50% since the war began.

Poorer households, defined as those

earning less than \$40,000, cut their gas consumption by 7%, the report found, but still spent 12% more on gas in March. Higher-income households, defined as those earning \$125,000 a year or above, lifted their spending on gas 19% in March, while reducing their overall consumption of gas just 1%. The report didn't specify the middle-income figures.

The figures suggest lower-income Americans have cut back on driving, perhaps by carpooling, taking public transportation, or combining errands into fewer trips, while richer Americans have had to make few, if any, changes.

The New York Fed report estimates that total spending at gas stations jumped 15% in March from the previous month. If sustained, that extra spending on gas will siphon money away from other areas, reducing overall inflation-adjusted spending and slowing the economy. So far, there are only limited signs that is happening. Americans do spend less on gas than in previous decades as cars have become more efficient.

Consumer spending, adjusted for price changes, ticked up 0.2% in March, slightly below February's 0.3% gain, the government said last week.

Still, there is evidence that for many lower-income people, the spike in gas prices is a big drag on their finances. A separate report from the Bank of America Institute, released last week, found that among the poorest one-third of households, one-tenth now spend 10% of their incomes on gas. The figure is far above the average for higher-income households, who spend just 2.7% of their incomes on gas.

Data from the Institute, which compiles reports from the anonymous accounts of its customers, also showed that more expensive gas has pulled some spending away from discretionary items, defined as those outside groceries, gas, and utilities. The annual growth in poorer households' discretionary spending slowed in March from February, while it rose for middle- and upper-income households.

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

The one-time tax proposal aims to backfill funding cuts signed into law by Trump that reduced healthcare access for low-income people.

Porter also supports some increased taxes on California's ultrawealthy but called the proposed tax a temporary fix to a long-term problem.

Meanwhile Mahan said he would suspend the gas tax because it unfairly burdens working families.

Hilton would make people's first \$100,000 free of income tax.

Mahan and Steyer said they'd tax artificial intelligence companies and use the money to support workers, for example through workforce development training.

"The answer is to tax these companies, not to regulate them to the point that they simply go to other places," Mahan said.

By SOPHIE AUSTIN Associated Press

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The Santa Monica Rent Control Board will hold public hearings on the following topics at its meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street:

- 1) Information on the status of vacant positions at the agency and its recruitment and retention efforts.
- 2) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1803(e) of the Rent Control Charter Amendment (RCCA) be amended to allow Commissioners to serve a maximum of three terms and clarify that term limits apply to both elected and appointed terms.
- 3) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1803(n) of the RCCA be amended to clarify and structure the Board's authority to establish an annual registration fee for controlled rental units, subject to a maximum allowable amount.
- 4) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1805(d)(12) of the RCCA be amended to clarify that Board regulations establish a general 120-day timeframe for final action on rent adjustment petitions and may allow for extensions of time for good cause.
- 5) Whether the Board should recommend that Section 1806(a)(2) of the RCCA be amended to clarify that a landlord may not terminate a tenancy based on occupancy by specified family members beyond lease limits or additional occupancy resulting from birth, adoption, or legal custody of a minor child.

The agenda and staff reports will be available on the Board's website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at: www.santamonica.gov/rentcontrol.

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acknowledge Trump lost the 2020 presidential election, Hilton refused to answer.

"Endlessly going on about Donald Trump doesn't serve the needs of the struggling families and small businesses," Hilton said.

Mahan sought to find middle ground. He said Becerra was wrong to blame high gas prices solely on Trump, but also noted that San Jose has sued the Trump administration over immigration policy. He said it was disqualifying for the Republican candidates to support Trump's "cruel and ineffective policies."

Porter, meanwhile, put it simply: "Donald Trump sucks."

GAS TAX AND PROPOSED BILLIONAIRES TAX

Steyer was the only candidate on stage to say he'd vote for a proposed billionaires tax expected to appear before voters in November.

EVENTS THIS WEEK MAY 7 - MAY 14

Saturday, May 09, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Getty Villa 17985 E Pacific Coast Hwy Pacific Palisades.

Roman Garden: Seed Ball Workshop

Family programs are always free, and do not require a ticket. However, the Villa requires a timed-entry reservation. Please note, there is a fee for parking. Make reservations here: <https://gty.art/4qsgcKo> Celebrate nature and get your hands delightfully dirty in this seed ball-making workshop! Mix and mold seed balls filled with fragrant flowers and herbs once popular in ancient Roman gardens and kitchens. Discover simple recipes and growing tips, then enjoy an inspiring stroll through the Villa gardens before planting a little history of your own. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/roman-garden-seed-ball-workshop/18261574/2026-05-09T11>

Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Virginia Avenue Park (fitness room inside the Park Center)
2200 Virginia Avenue Santa Monica.

DadTime

Very Saturday morning dads come together to let their young children (0-3) explore, socialize, and learn from uninterrupted play. StrongStart Facilitator on hand to answer questions. Free coffee, and the Pico Boulevard Farmer's Market is just outside! Provided FREE by Early Engagement & SMMUSD. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/dadtime/17327106/2026-05-02T09>

Friday, May 08, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th Street Santa Monica.

The Jackie Mason Musical - special one-week only LA Premiere!

Jackie Mason lives again in this riotously funny comedy based on a true story. The show features Jackie's real life daughter comedian Sheba Mason, his striking look-alike Ian Wehrle, Don Rickel's daughter Mindy Rickles and Canadian Singing sensation from The Raes TV show, Cherrill Rae. The "Soaring musical score" (Around-Town News) features original songs: "Ode to the Early Bird Special," "The Finger," and "I Never Met This Yenta." \$25.00 to \$39.50— \$39.50; discounts for groups of 8+, srs, military. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-jackie-mason-musical-special-one-week-only-la-premiere-/18335673/2026-05-08T19>

Thursday, May 07, 8:00 p.m.

Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica.

Netflix Is A Joke Presents: Caitlin Peluffo

Originally hailing from San Francisco, CA, Caitlin Peluffo is a New York based comedian. Last year, Caitlin released a Comedy Central Featuring set and a Don't Tell Comedy set. She was also featured on the Late Show with James Corden, Late Show with Stephen Colbert, After Midnight on CBS, and as a New Face of Comedy at the Just For Laughs festival in Montreal. Peluffo regularly opens for comedians like Fortune Feimster, Matteo Lane, Maria Bamford, Gary Gulman, Colin Quinn, and the late Gilbert Godfried to name a few. She performs all over NYC at The Comedy Cellar, The Stand and New York Comedy Club to clubs nationwide talking about how she came to be such a lovable loose cannon. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/netflix-is-a-joke-presents-caitlin-peluffo/18254500/2026-05-07T20>

Friday, May 08, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles.

Bundy Triangle Night Market

Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-05-08T17>

Sunday, May 10, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH at LouLou Santa Monica

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more events at:
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THURSDAY | MAY 7

CHAIR FITNESS WITH COACH TODD

11:00 a.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Chair Fitness with Coach Todd. Register with American Legion. Email jimkirtley@ymcala.org for more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chair-fitness-with-coach-todd/18763133/2026-05-07T11>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Sign up to receive emails about upcoming exercise classes and cancellations: [post283.com/exercise](https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-05-07T11). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-05-07T11>

TECH & TASKS

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tech-tasks/13932094/2026-05-07T14>

TULUM THURSDAYS AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica. Tulum Thursdays at LouLou Santa Monica- Every Thursday from 6:00 PM - Step into LouLou's signature Bohemian Chic haven where the elegance of Tulum meets the coastal glamour of Santa Monica.** Sunset rooftop vibes🌊 *Afro-Tribal House beats by DJ Yanicrash Live percussion performancesCocktails, cuisine & curated moments.Inspired by the spirit of Ibiza, Mykonos, and the Riviera Maya, Tulum Thursdays are a ritual of rhythm, flavor, and barefoot luxury.* Watch the LouLou experience: [bit.ly/loulou-tulum-thursdays-yt](https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tulum-thursdays-at-loulou-santa-monica/18542508/2026-05-07T18). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tulum-thursdays-at-loulou-santa-monica/18542508/2026-05-07T18>

RADIO CLUB MEETING

6:30 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join the Radio Club to learn about how to get HAM licensed! Other activities include "Parks on the Air," where you venture to a local park and reach out to others in order to "activate" your site. HAM radio is about connecting the community and training to assist first responders when disaster strikes. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/radio-club-meeting/18566934/2026-05-07T18>

FRIDAY | MAY 8

LA COUNTY REGISTRAR AT PRC - REGISTER TO VOTE

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition -

Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. Stop in to ask. How temporary displacement affects voter registration. Whether you need to re-register to Vote. How can you ensure your voter registration is up to date? you can also check registration at, and change it if it is wrong at all info at. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/la-county-registrar-at-prc-register-to-vote/18461162/2026-05-08T10>

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC ART EXHIBITION + AUCTION

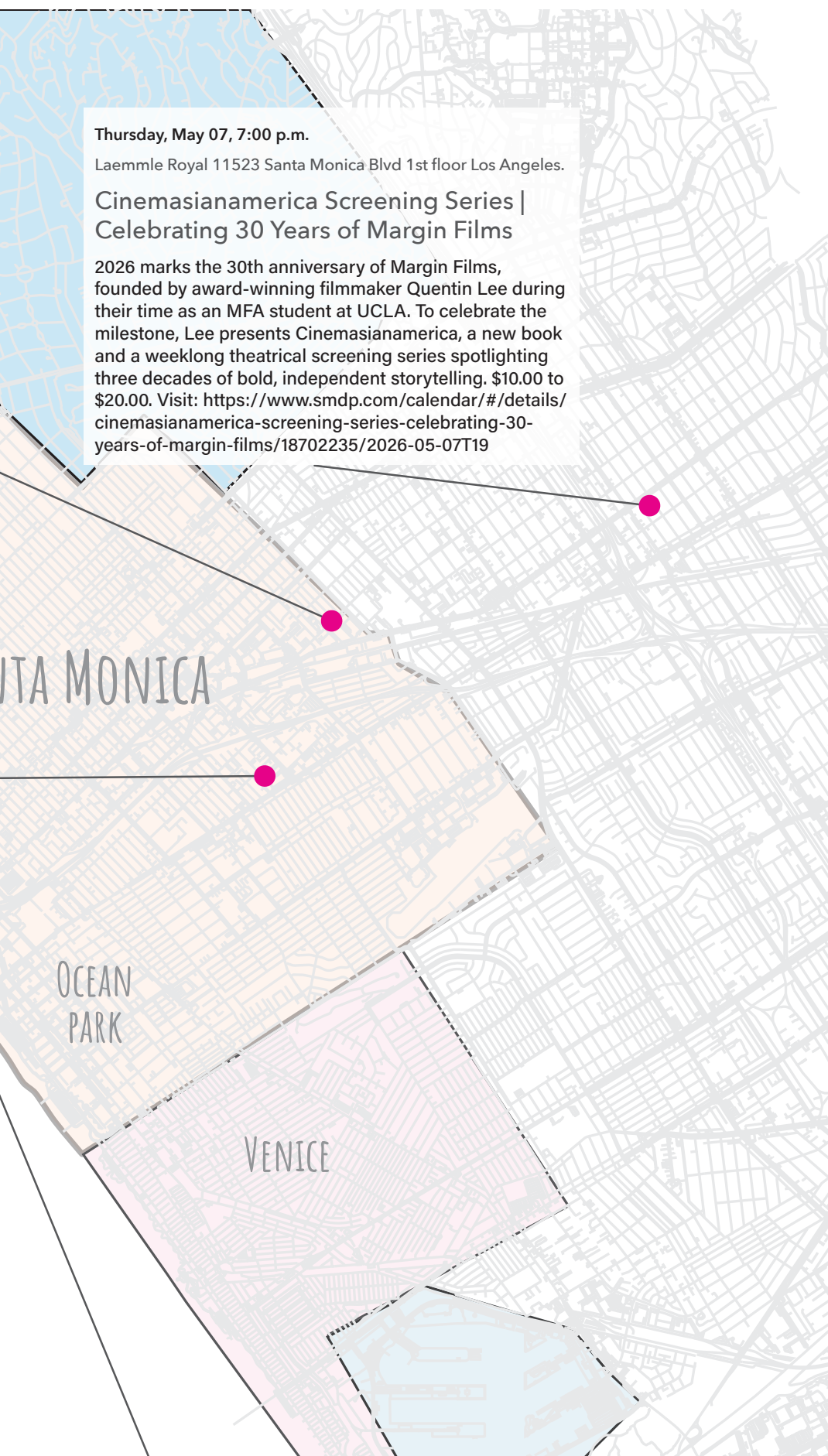
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Venice Family Clinic Art Exhibition + Auction Gallery 910 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice. This year s exhibition celebrates the depth and diversity of Los Angeles creative community across generations. From influential pioneers to bold emerging voices, we honor the past, spotlight the present, and champion the future, all in support of the Clinic s mission. We are proud to feature a compelling selection. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-family-clinic-art-exhibition-auction/18616281/2026-05-08T11>

SANTA MONICA INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Broad Stage Theater 1310 11th St Santa Monica. The inaugural festival, led by visionary jazz legend Stanley Clarke and produced by BroadStage, SM Festivals, and The City of Santa Monica, celebrates 100 years of John Coltrane, 100 years of Miles Davis and 100 Years of Route 66. Hiromi's Sonicwonder on May 1 is a pre-Festival kickoff concert with pianist Hiromi at Orpheum Theatre. Sunday on the Promenade on May 3 features free performances on the Third Street Promenade beginning at 1 p.m. Tribute to John Coltrane at BroadStage on May 8 at 7 p.m. Festival ends with a full-day celebration at Tongva Park on May 9 headlined by double Grammy winner Kamasi Washington. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-international-jazz-festival/18562962/2026-05-08T13>

MADE IN BRASIL: SOLO WORKS

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Highways, 1651 18th St, Santa Monica. As part of Highways' BEHOLD! A/O/X Series, a new wave of Brazilian artists steps forward with work that refuses to stay in one lane. Across two nights, performers including Leopold Nunan, Bruna Fachetti, Bia Borin, and Renato Fimene bring a mix of monologue, movement, music, and multimedia into sharp, contemporary focus—blurring the line between theatre, performance art, and personal testimony. The pieces move through digital myth, migration, fractured identity, and pop iconography, building a collective portrait of what it means to create, survive, and be seen far from home. What emerges isn't a tidy showcase but a shared presence. A techno-creature searching for itself inside a collapsing system. A woman rewriting her life across continents. A star split between myth and memory. An immigrant artist measuring the distance between who he was and who he's becoming. Guided by multidisciplinary artist Andrea Ferraz and shaped under the artistic vision of acclaimed director Bia Oliveira, the evening threads these works together into something fluid, intimate, and alive. \$25



Thursday, May 07, 7:00 p.m.

Laemmle Royal 11523 Santa Monica Blvd 1st floor Los Angeles.

Cinemasianamerica Screening Series | Celebrating 30 Years of Margin Films

2026 marks the 30th anniversary of Margin Films, founded by award-winning filmmaker Quentin Lee during their time as an MFA student at UCLA. To celebrate the milestone, Lee presents Cinemasianamerica, a new book and a weeklong theatrical screening series spotlighting three decades of bold, independent storytelling. \$10.00 to \$20.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/cinemasianamerica-screening-series-celebrating-30-years-of-margin-films/18702235/2026-05-07T19>

Saturday, May 09, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica.

Wellness & Waves Returns to Santa Monica Pier, Free Sat. Morning Fitness

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-05-09T08>



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EEEEATSCON

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that in one place," said Cox.

At the center of this year's event is a growing emphasis on collaboration, reflecting how chefs, brands, and cities are increasingly intersecting. Among the most anticipated pairings is Tacos Los Cholos teaming up with Cowy Burger from Miami for a cross-market "taco smash burger," alongside a cultural fusion between Jitlada and Two Hommes.

These collaborations are not just novelty, they signal a broader shift in the industry toward experimentation, shared audiences, and storytelling through food. "Giving everybody a seat at the table is really the theme," Cox said, pointing to the intentional diversity across cultures, cuisines, and neighborhoods.

While the food remains central, EEEEEATSCON has increasingly positioned itself as something more expansive. "This isn't a transactional food festival. People aren't just coming in, grabbing samples, and leaving. We want them to stay and spend three, four, even five hours here," added Cox.

That shift is reflected in the programming extending beyond vendors to include panels, brand activations, and unexpected moments; from roaming performances to interactive experiences.

A new addition this year, the "Infatuation Juice Bar," offering attendees the chance to engage directly with The Infatuation's editorial team; asking for restaurant recommendations and participating in a more personal version of the platform they typically experience online.

The environment itself is part of the design with The Barker Hangar, allowing for a full-scale buildout. "It feels like a city when you're there. This isn't just rows of tables, but a fully

built environment," said Cox.

Beyond the event itself, The Infatuation offers a snapshot of where the restaurant industry is heading. One emerging trend according to Cox, is the rise of elevated, casual dining formats. "There's this idea of the 'bar steak' now, you don't have to go to a traditional steakhouse anymore, you can go to a wine bar, have a great steak, and be in and out in 30 minutes."

It's a shift toward accessibility, flexibility, and experience over formality, themes echoed throughout the festival's design. As the event has evolved, so has its audience. What began as a gathering of younger food enthusiasts has grown into a broader, more inclusive audience with families now making up a significant portion of attendees. "You see a lot of people who just want a great day out. It's become much more family-friendly," said Cox.

With more than 5,000 attendees expected over the two-day event; organizers emphasize thoughtful crowd control as a core priority; ensuring the experience remains accessible, with minimal wait times.

For Santa Monica, EEEEEATSCON is part of a larger shift. As the city looks ahead to global moments like the FIFA World Cup and LA28, events like this point towards a new model immersive, cross-sector, and rooted in both local identity and global reach.

Event details: EEEEEATSCON Los Angeles 2026 will take place May 16 to 17 at the Barker Hangar. Tickets start at \$25 and are available exclusively for Chase cardholders at eateeatscon.com; with early entry, premium access to the Chase Sapphire Reserve Experience, and on-site incentives including a "Spend \$10, Earn \$10" activation.

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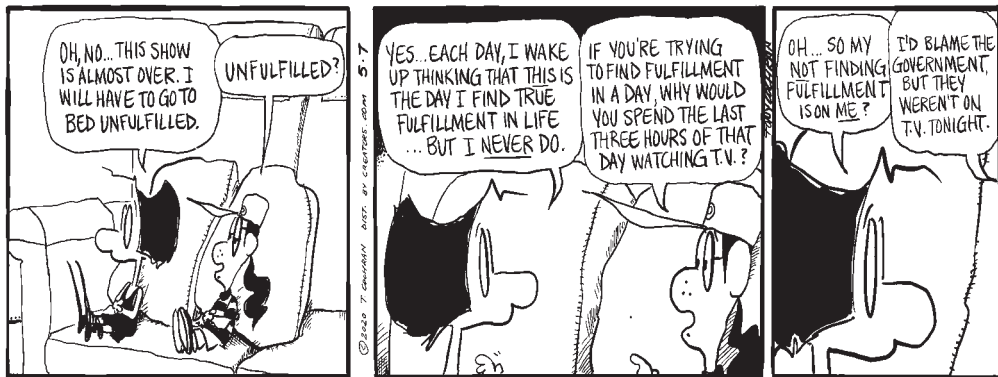


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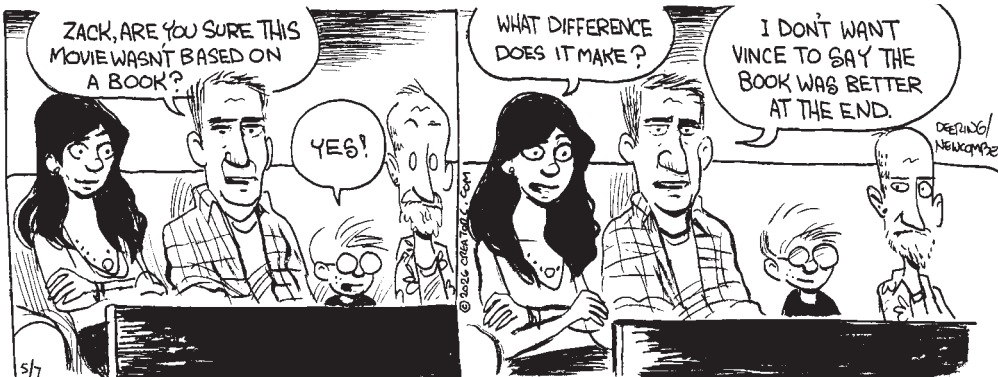
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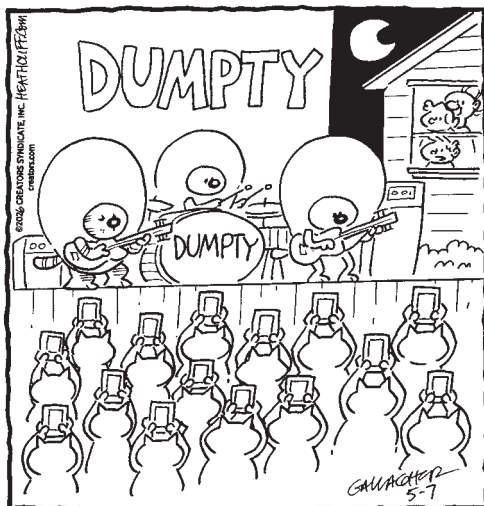
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Heathcliff

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6933

Musical theatre

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| Award | Exit | Parts | Suspense |
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| Cabaret | Foyer | Recital | Unit |
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 7)

It's your Ever Young Year. There are some aspects of youth that will always be alive in your day to day, invigorating your experiences. And maybe you're even naive in some ways, which endears you to teachers and playmates alike. Still, you're wise in the ways that matter. You've a super talent for understanding what people want but are unable to articulate. You'll make money with it. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 1, 18 and 6.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're don't mistake attention for love. Nor do you mistake proximity or someone needing you for love. You've refined your definition of love - you know what it is, so when the real thing appears, you recognize it immediately.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the movies, connections happen at just the right moment, because they have to. Otherwise movies would last for weeks. Real life takes patience. But hang in there and you'll still get moments of perfect connection that are practically cinematic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't right every wrong, but you can make sure you're not part of the problem. You'll make a difference. You don't have to serve up the justice to be on the right side of history.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What was a loose collection of ideas is shaping into a more concrete personal code. Maybe you haven't formally drawn it out yet, but these principles you actually follow lead you to live with a strong foundation of integrity and self-respect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). We can't control how people know and perceive us, but you steer things in an interesting way. You're like a character in a novel today - vivid and memorable. People experience interactions with you as a kind of heightened reality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want support that doesn't need a lot of instruction. It's not too much to ask. There are people out there who will tune in, listen close and have a broad enough capability to cater their help to you specifically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you plan, you create your life. When you wing it, you create your life. When you do nothing, you create your life. There's never a moment when you're not creating your life. Today you'll relax and enjoy various modalities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've got a kind of charged, buzzy energy today. Instead of work draining you, the pressure and problem-solving are fueling you. Tackling challenges gives you energy. Adrenaline is doing its magic trick.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're developing a new style, and it's something all your own. You'll set a personal standard for one daily action, and you'll meet it with flair. Competence grows from repetition. Self-regard follows.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could curate a personal "evidence archive" of recent moments you handled so well - emails sent, decisions made, boundaries held. But you don't need to make a case for your capability. You live it, they see it, and it's enough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love seems to be chasing you. You can try to run, but love is faster. It has wings, and like a bird, it sees you from a high level, predicts your next move, and will meet you with surprises you didn't see coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Out with the old, but pause on "the new" part. Because there's so much "new" to choose from. Shop around. Who knows, maybe life without "the new" will feel so spacious and free that "nothing new" will suffice for a while.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Got away from
- 7 Least obtainable
- 13 Expected life-stage behavior
- 14 Temporary loss of voice
- 16 Environmental advocate
- 18 Suffix like -ule
- 19 Thing to fulfill
- 20 Brimless topper
- 21 Terse affirmation
- 23 Store's prominent display
- 25 Course listing
- 28 Working or not
- 32 GI garb
- 33 Thing to spring
- 34 Loathsome people
- 35 Herd word
- 36 Southern Mexican
- 39 Reagan-era teen
- 40 More navy-like
- 42 Bright northern star
- 43 Specialty, so to speak
- 44 Gridiron *Fantasy Focus* podcaster
- 45 Human dynamo
- 48 Caribbean's Turks and __ Islands
- 50 Electronic address
- 51 Early Beatles label
- 54 *House Hunters* aier
- 55 Malty beverages
- 58 Talented talker
- 63 Top-five Cadillac seller worldwide
- 64 *Pretty Woman* and *Love Actually*
- 65 Ecclesiastical

assemblies

- 66 City south of Salem
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- 1 Four-win celeb feat
 - 2 High-fiber starter
 - 3 Steam open, say
 - 4 Female squirrel
 - 5 Mess up
 - 6 Certain ID issuer
 - 7 Not family-friendly
 - 8 For one
 - 9 Name meaning "rose"
 - 10 Very long time
 - 11 Irked state
 - 12 "__ pity" ("Too bad")
 - 13 Suit topper
 - 15 Mall convenience
 - 17 Ballet star a century

ago

- 22 Go for a drive
- 23 Page sent online
- 24 Hound hand
- 25 Dome-shaped dessert
- 26 Nonfamily loved ones
- 27 Monastic address
- 29 World population c. 1999
- 30 Headphones descriptor
- 31 Mountie jacket material
- 34 Major mess-up
- 37 Animation art
- 38 Previously
- 41 Bus. ltr. abbr.
- 45 Secretariat's colorful

nickname

- 46 Portrays
- 47 Security Council member with veto power
- 49 "Don't be __" (words of caution)
- 51 Heart chart
- 52 Many PTA members
- 53 Very dark
- 56 Lemony Snicket villain
- 57 Name-day honorees: Abbr.
- 59 German noble name
- 60 Small number in Naples
- 61 Promise on a note
- 62 Small-screen gasp

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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recommendations from the Westside Cities Council of Governments' Bus Lane Project, which is designed to improve bus travel times and reliability.

Under the plan, peak-hour bus-only lanes would operate in both directions from Centinela Avenue to Harvard Street, using the existing parking lane during those hours. Full-time bus-only lanes would run in both directions from 14th Street to Lincoln Boulevard, converting one travel lane in each direction. Most on-street parking along that segment is expected to remain, with limited removal at select locations for visibility and lane transitions.

The plan also calls for extending an eastbound transit plaza and bus-only lane from 5th Street to Lincoln Boulevard, converting one eastbound vehicle travel lane. A new curbside transit plaza — essentially a block-long bus stop — would be created along

the westbound side of the boulevard between 6th and 7th streets, replacing on-street parking on that block.

Bus stop placement would also shift significantly under the plan. Far-side bus stops, which are located after an intersection rather than before it, would increase from 52% to 80% of stops along the corridor. The change is intended to improve traffic flow and reduce conflicts between buses and turning vehicles.

RAISED CROSSINGS UNDER STUDY

One of the more contested elements involves vertical deflection treatments — raised crosswalks and speed tables — that the council had pushed for to slow drivers. Staff reviewed guidance from Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation bodies and concluded that Santa Monica Boulevard generally falls outside the typical context where such treatments are broadly applied.

However, staff stopped short of ruling

them out entirely. The revised plan calls for vertical deflection to be evaluated at select intersections during the engineering design phase, specifically at locations with high pedestrian crossing volumes or where other calming measures may fall short. Intersections under consideration include 16th Street, 21st Street, 22nd Street, Chelsea Avenue, Princeton Street and Franklin Street — all on the eastern portion of the corridor, where speeding is described as most prevalent. Up to three intersections would ultimately be targeted for such improvements.

OLYMPIC DEADLINE IN VIEW

Staff outlined a timeline tied in part to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which will bring significant traffic to the corridor. Quick-build Phase 1 improvements — including signal timing changes, leading pedestrian intervals and bus stop relocations — could be advanced within the next six to 12 months. A capital improvement project request for Phase 1 construction work is

expected to be submitted during the fiscal year 2026-27 budget process, with completion anticipated before the Olympics.

Improvements at the Santa Monica Boulevard and Chelsea Avenue/Park Drive intersection — flagged as a high-priority location — are anticipated to be completed after the Games.

The city plans to pursue additional grant funding for longer-term Phase 2 improvements, including through the Caltrans Active Transportation Program Cycle 8, with an application deadline in late June. Staff noted that council adoption of the safety study is a prerequisite for most grant applications.

The total project cost for the study itself is \$590,000, funded through the Caltrans grant of \$522,327 and \$67,673 in Transportation Impact Fee matching funds. Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1685 Main Street on May 12.

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AROUND TOWN

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The Main Library Turns 20: Enjoy a community celebration featuring a panel with the building's architects from Moore Ruble Yudell, a reception, and a chance to join the Friends of the Library. Saturday, May 9, 2 - 4p.m., 601 Santa Monica Blvd. [instagram.com/p/DX2i4YtHC2W](https://www.instagram.com/p/DX2i4YtHC2W)

Marina WELL Rey - a free Health, Wellness & Selfcare Expo: Over 60 local businesses will be offering Free Classes, Talks, Doggy Yoga, Vendors and Entertainment. Saturday, May 9, Coco Beach Sports Bar & Grill, 404 Washington Blvd., Venice [eventbrite.com/e/marina-well-rey-health-wellness-self-care-expo-tickets-1985527200305](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marina-well-rey-health-wellness-self-care-expo-tickets-1985527200305)

Venice Street Fair: The fair will close 3rd Ave between Rose Ave and Sunset Ave for artists and small businesses. Sunday, May 10, 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. [instagram.com/theartistfair](https://www.instagram.com/theartistfair)

Mother's Day Picnic at the Eames House: The Eames House invites you and your mama to reserve a blanket on their historic eucalyptus meadowed estate for a picture-perfect Mother's Day picnic! Sunday, May 10, 11a.m. & 2:30p.m., Pacific Palisades [instagram.com/p/DXfUC-Xmasq](https://www.instagram.com/p/DXfUC-Xmasq)

Live Talks - Erin Walsh in conversation with Mindy Kaling discussing her book, The Art of Intentional Dressing: Your Essential Style Guide for Manifesting a Magnetic Life: Find your personal style, dress for your destiny, and manifest your most magnetic life in this ultimate guide from a renowned celebrity stylist. Monday, May 11, 8pm, New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. https://livetalksla.org/events/erinwalsh_mindykaling/

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio;

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Bludso's BBQ Mother's Day: Celebrate with \$15 bottomless mimosas, \$8 Strawberry cake, and more. 1329 Santa Monica Blvd. [instagram.com/bludsosbbq](https://www.instagram.com/bludsosbbq)

BOA Mother's Day: Enjoy a Mother's Day Brunch buffet from 11 am-3 pm (\$95 pp). The buffet menu includes breakfast favorites such as eggs benedict, spinach and goat cheese frittata, and fresh pastries, along with seafood, salads, hot sides, a carving station, and desserts. 101 Santa Monica Blvd. [boasteak.com/santa-monica-location/](https://www.boasteak.com/santa-monica-location/)

Mother's Day at Hotel Casa del Mar by the Sea: Enjoy Oysters & Caviar, Bluefin Crudo, and Lamb Skewers for starters and then venture into Grilled Snapper, Truffled Crab Omelet, and Croque Madame for entrees. Finish the meal with a trip to the Chef's Dessert Table with seasonal sweet treats. \$135/person. <https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/terrazza/events/mothers-day-brunch-2026-05-10>

Chelsea Restaurant Mother's Day Brunch: Celebrate with a beautiful, seasonally inspired brunch experience. Join us from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM as we welcome you to gather with family and friends in a warm and inviting setting.

Enjoy a thoughtfully curated 2-course brunch, featuring fresh, vibrant flavors of the season. Your experience begins with breakfast breads for the table and includes a glass of prosecco to toast the occasion.

<https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chelsea/events/mothers-day-brunch-2026-05-10?date=2026-04-26&seats=2>

Crudo e Nudo Mother's Day: Enjoy a 4-course flight of the restaurant's classics: A Seasonal Crudo Trio showcasing local seafood; Santa Monica Farmers' Market Mezze featuring a variety of seasonal vegetables with a black garlic hummus & almond dukkah & a Caesar Goes Vegan Salad with little gems, avocado, croutons & furikake; Roasted Prawns & a Seasonal Gnocchi; Chocolate Almond Butter Cups for dessert. Essentially,

it's 6 items, but offered over "4 courses," so it's a solid deal for brunch, lunch or dinner... and for any mom who cares deeply about where their seafood and wine comes from. 2724 Main St. resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/crudo-e-nudo?date=2026-05-10&seats=2

Edgemar Mother's Day: Moms enjoy complimentary treats & a cocktail. 2435 Main St. <https://www.instagram.com/edgemar.restaurant/>

Fig at the Fairmont Miramar Mother's Day Brunch Buffet: Enjoy classic brunch favorites, freshly baked pastries, made-to-order omelets, a crêpe station, vibrant seafood displays, and decadent desserts, along with live music, a pop-up floral bar where guests can create their own custom bouquet, and more. \$125 per adult, \$65 per child ages 6 - 13. 101 Wilshire Blvd. [opentable.com/r/fig-santa-monica](https://www.opentable.com/r/fig-santa-monica)

Loulou Rooftop Restaurant Mother's Day Brunch Buffet: DJs and live performances for Mother's Day, starting at 11:30a.m. with a special buffet along with Seafood Tower at \$95 per adult and \$60 for children. 395 Santa Monica Place <https://www.opentable.com/r/loulou-rooftop-restaurant-and-lounge-santa-monica>

Orla by Michael Mina Mother's Day Brunch: Highlights include Marinated Big Eye Tuna with Egyptian falafel and whipped tahini, Lamb Kofta "Pops" with medjool date glaze, and mains such as Baklava French Toast, Grilled Lamb Chops & Frites, Maine Lobster Spaghetti, and Filet Mignon & Eggs. The experience begins with a champagne welcome and concludes with a dessert selection, including a tableside truffle cart, alongside live music and photo moments throughout the day. Sunday, May 10, 11:00am -3:30pm, 1700 Ocean Ave. <https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1352833&restref=1352833&experienceid=699471>

Pasjoli's Mother's Day Brunch: They only do brunch one day per year...to honor the incredible women in our lives! The family style menu includes market salad; egg salad gougere, tots with caviar & crème fraîche; poached salmon; spring vegetables; and french toast. \$95 for adults and \$65 for kids. 2732 Main St. <https://www.opentable.com/r/pasjoli-santa-monica>

Sirena at the Georgian Mother's Day: The restaurant has curated a special, family style brunch prix fixe this Mother's Day, featuring specials such as lobster garganelli all'arrabiata, grilled asparagus with oster caviar, homemade focaccia, and olive oil semifreddo. \$100 / person. 1415 Ocean Ave. [sirenabythesea.com](https://www.sirenabythesea.com)

Winemaker Dinner at Shutters with Quintessa: Quintessa stands as one of Napa's most prestigious estates, producing biodynamic wines that embody elegance, complexity, and a sense of place. Discover the essence of Rutherford terroir with Antonia Huneus of Quintessa Estate during a luxurious evening of exceptional wines and inspired cuisine. Wednesday, May 13, 7p.m., 1 Pico Blvd. <https://www.shuttersonthebeach.com/experiences/#!/collection/ceab2d7e-6eba-44d6-b6c7-c76a949aca45>

Further Afield: LA County Fair (May 7-31): While it's in Pomona, it's the "big one" for the region. This year's theme is "Play Your Way," and the fair runs Thursday to Sunday through May. Single day, advance tickets start at \$18-\$25 for adults. [lacountyfair.com](https://www.lacountyfair.com)

Looking Ahead: EEEEEATSCON (5/16-17); Montana Ave. Annual Sidewalk Sale & Wellness Walk (5/16); MAINopoly Taste of Main Street (5/24); U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship (6/2-5); World Cup Street Parties; Main St. Summer SOULstice Festival (6/20)

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