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Spirit Awards depart Santa Monica due to anticipated Pier bridge construction

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Film Independent Spirit Awards, a cornerstone celebration of independent filmmaking, will move from its longtime Santa Monica home to the Hollywood Palladium for its 2026 ceremony, organizers announced Friday.

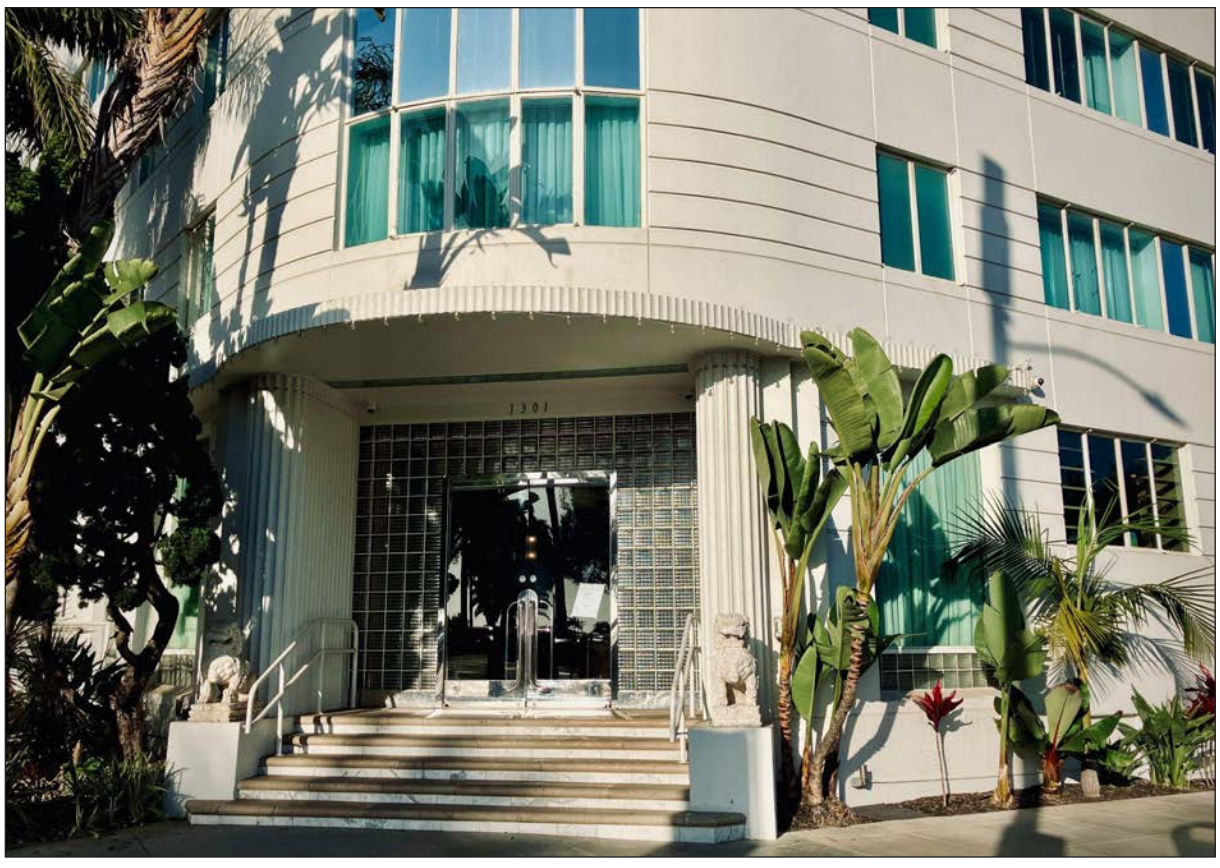
The awards show, which has traditionally been held in a beachside tent in Santa Monica, will take place on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at the historic Hollywood venue. The relocation ends a decades-long association with Santa Monica as the city undergoes significant infrastructure renovations.

"Following the celebration of 40 years of the Spirit Awards earlier this year, we are excited to have the opportunity to reimagine the Spirit Awards experience during a moment of tremendous growth and transformation for our organization," said Brenda Robinson, Film Independent Acting President, in a statement released Friday.

Organizers cited ongoing renovations in Santa Monica as a factor in the venue change. The Hollywood Palladium, which opened in 1940 on the original

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Beacon Hotel closes, guests out of pocket as it preps for relaunch as 'The Eden'



Scott Snowden

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT: The hotel formerly known as The Beacon is set to reopen in June.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Just over two years after it reopened under new management and a fresh identity, The Beacon hotel on Ocean Avenue has ceased accepting reservations, gone dark on booking platforms and left some international guests without compensation.

The hotel, formerly known as Hotel Shangri-La and rebranded in 2023 under the Sonder umbrella, had been positioned as a design-forward boutique property with prime Pacific views and modernized Art Deco interiors. But recent developments suggest the Santa

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Alcohol fueled entertainment zone up for approval at Tuesday's Council meeting

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council is poised to vote on an emergency ordinance establishing a permanent entertainment zone along the Third Street Promenade at its May 13 meeting, allowing for open container alcohol consumption in the popular shopping district seven days a week.

The proposed ordinance would designate all public streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way on Third Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Broadway as an entertainment zone, permitting visitors to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages within the area from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

If approved the emergency ordinance would take immediate effect, potentially allowing the first activation during Pride Month events in June.

Under the proposed rules, customers would be able to buy alcoholic beverages from licensed establishments within the zone and carry them in approved non-glass, non-metal containers throughout the designated area. All participating businesses must comply with

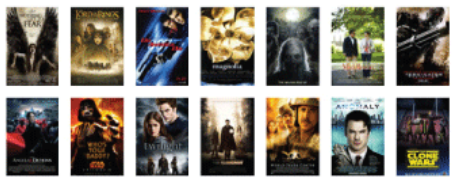
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The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing construction management and inspection services for the Santa Monica Pier Bridge Replacement Project.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to perform construction management and inspection services for the Project.

RFP questions to be submitted **via OpenGov**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 21, 2025.**

Proposers shall upload RFP **via OpenGov**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on June 2, 2025.**

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If lawmakers or lawsuits get oil companies to pay for climate change, consumers will pay, too.



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GAS: The prices for fuel at a gas station in Oakland on March 7, 2022. The average price in California is substantially lower today — $4.52 a gallon. Changes to a new climate program that gives incentives to low-carbon fuels could raise the price of gas and diesel.

A theory that oil companies should be held legally responsible for the effects of climate change has been circulating among California's left-leaning organizations and their political allies for several years.

The movement is gaining new vigor since deadly wildfires swept through Los Angeles County this year and it's taking two forms — lawsuits and legislation.

As a recent CalMatters article notes, "Across the country, states, cities, tribes and environmental groups have filed dozens of lawsuits against oil companies alleging that they misled the public about the dangers of their products. These cases share a core argument: Oil companies knew fossil fuels were driving climate change and lied about it."

However, as Michael Gerrard, an environmental law expert at Columbia Law School told CalMatters reporter Alejandro Lazo, "There are a lot of lawsuits pending, but so far, not a single court in the world has held fossil fuel companies financially responsible for greenhouse gas emissions."

Meanwhile, there are a couple of bills in the state Legislature that, if enacted, would open the door to hitting oil companies in the pocketbook.

Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat, introduced Senate Bill 222 in January as the wildfires were still raging. It would give homeowners and insurance companies the ability to sue oil companies for fire damages on the theory that their products created conditions for destructive blazes.

However, the bill was sidelined during its initial hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee, garnering just five votes.

The second measure, SB 684, would create a Polluters Pay Superfund Program and empower a state agency to determine how much atmospheric damage has been caused by petroleum between 1990 and 2045 and impose the cost on oil companies.

Carried by Sen. Caroline Menjivar, a Democrat from Van Nuys, the bill is pending in the Judiciary Committee.

The underlying assumption of both the lawsuits and the legislation is that the oil companies would be forced to acknowledge their contributions to climate change and pay billions of dollars as compensation and punishment.

The theory, however, has an aspect that advocates never mention — that corporations can pass on those costs to customers in the form of higher prices.

By happenstance, California already has a mini-version of the polluter-pays movement called cap-and-trade, and it proves the point that consumers

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Other states are showing California how to protect its budget without cutting needed services

As California leaders and advocates enter prime budget negotiations, the stakes couldn't be higher. Gov. Gavin Newsom's revised proposal may soon provide clarity, revealing an expected shortfall and a lot of uncertainty driven by federal leaders.

At the same time, Californians are facing real and growing needs, driven by rising housing costs, persistent inflation and new pressures like tariffs.

We're also still waiting to see what happens with the federal budget, as Congress and the president make it a priority to cut health care, food and other vital benefits, while spending billions on tax cuts for the rich.

Newsom's May revision must reflect the urgency that Californians are feeling. This is not the time to pit programs and people against each other. It is time for leaders to put people first and advance a vision for California that lies in stark contrast to that of federal leaders.



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters
LAWMAKER: The Assembly floor prior to session at the state Capitol in Sacramento on March 28, 2025.

For many Californians — especially those with low incomes — this is not a debate about politics or complex policy. It's about whether they will continue to have access to housing, local hospitals, health care, child care, public transportation, food and other basic needs.

Scaling back social supports during economic uncertainty only worsens inequality by making it harder for Californians to cover basic expenses and live with stability. Voters across the state see this as a serious and growing concern.

In this environment, California must lead. State leaders can do this by boosting revenue streams and making the tax system more fair.

California has often led the nation in bold policymaking. But in this moment, other states are stepping up to protect their residents.

In Minnesota, for instance, House members introduced the Protect Medicaid, Not Millionaires Act, which would raise new state revenue through a tax on millionaires, allowing the state to offset lost federal Medicaid funding if cuts are enacted. This would make taxes more fair for millionaires, who stand to reap huge benefits under the federal budget proposal, while preventing state residents from losing vital health care.

In New Mexico, a bipartisan group of state senators has earmarked hundreds of millions of dollars in a Medicaid trust fund to support the state's recipients if Congressional Republicans are successful at slashing health care benefits for millions of Americans.

And in Washington state, the legislature approved an $8.7 billion revenue package to help balance the budget and prevent deep cuts to services amid federal uncertainty. The measures raise taxes on high earners and large businesses through increases to the capital gains tax, estate tax and business taxes, while expanding the sales tax to new services and eliminating certain tax breaks.

These approaches may not be tailor-made for California, but they offer compelling examples of courageous state action.

Newsom and state legislative leaders should take steps through this year's budget to protect California's most vulnerable against mounting federal threats. That begins with aligning tax and budget policy with our values.

California gives away billions annually through tax breaks that primarily benefit corporations and high-income households. Closing these loopholes is not only fair — it's fiscally responsible.

The coming weeks and months will test state leaders. Will they protect the programs that keep families afloat or preserve tax breaks for the wealthy? Will they advance fairness or deepen inequality? Will they defend Californians against federal threats or enable the harm?

As Congress prioritizes unnecessary new tax cuts for the wealthy, California must ensure it has the resources needed to take care of its people.

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**PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WATER RESERVOIR UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
Project No. SP2761**

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in the Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for the Water Reservoir Upgrades and Improvements Project.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to prepare environmental documentation (e.g., CEQA exemption, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report) to evaluate and determine if the City's Water Reservoir Upgrades and Improvement Project would potentially have a significant impact on the environment, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

RFP questions to be submitted to via OpenGov, no later than 3:00pm on May 15, 2025.

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than 3:00pm on June 2, 2025.

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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City focuses on strengthening economic future

This is the first installment in a new monthly column on the city's economic opportunity and growth initiatives.

I've made it through my first three months in this beautiful city. It has been a whirlwind, but I can now confirm that what drew me here rings true.

There is definitely something special happening in Santa Monica.

This city has long been known for its innovative thinking and cutting-edge vision. We think outside the box, we adapt and change with the times, and we try new things.

Santa Monica has seen some tough times since the pandemic took a huge economic toll. Tough times aren't over, but there's room for optimism. We are in the midst of a reimagining and a revitalization that employs the visionary thinking that has long been the Santa Monica way.

The city has launched an interdepartmental Economic Development Task Force, partnering with a dedicated City Council Subcommittee, to build on the foundation of work over the past few years and push even harder to ensure a bright and vibrant future for residents, businesses and visitors.

In this work, we're focused on three main pillars:

Reimagining the iconic Third Street Promenade as a hub for the experiential entertainment visitors crave.

Rebranding the city as a place where businesses want to come by making our processes easier and quicker.

Reinvigorating the events scene in Santa Monica to draw people here and activate our public spaces.

And concrete action around that first pillar is in motion.

At the May 13 City Council meeting, the Community Development Department will present an updated plan for an Entertainment Zone on the Promenade, the first of its kind in Southern California.

We anticipate that this summer, patrons will be able to take the adult beverage they've purchased at a bar or restaurant and enjoy it outside, on the Promenade, while they window shop, enjoy live entertainment, play a game of giant chess or just hang out with their friends.

We are saying yes to new things and we're not afraid to experiment.

Experiential spaces that wouldn't have been allowed under previous zoning codes – such as The Splatter Studio, Holey Moley and Pickle Pop - are now some of the biggest draws downtown.

We know that in the past, the city has not always been the easiest to work with when launching, relocating or expanding a business. We're acknowledging our faults and pivoting to be more business friendly.

On the back end, the city has been working hard to modernize our zoning codes, update our ordinances, simplify our systems to make it easier to do business in our city and bring new offerings for all to enjoy.

And on the front end, I look forward to sharing more very soon about how our teams are reenvisioning big events in Santa Monica. It's nothing new for us, as so many of us remember events like the L.A. Marathon Finish Line, COAST Festival and Glow and have seen recent success with Locals' Night, Pride on the Promenade and the L.A. Tech Week street festival.

Santa Monica already is the whole package, from its unparalleled natural beauty to its gorgeous weather to an amazing arts, food and culture scene. We just need to look at new ways for folks to take advantage of it.

In the end, it's all about embracing the innovation, imagination and creativity that is at Santa Monica's core.

This includes devoting a task force of city leaders – and a subcommittee of city council members – to develop new and creative ways for the city to do business. I'm confident we will be successful in reviving the Santa Monica that is an unparalleled fun, unique, inviting destination to live, work and play.

And I look forward to continuing on this journey with the talented people who work here and everyone else who cares so much about this community.

Arminé Chaparyan, Community Development Department director

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County Approves Motion to Aid Stranded Marine Mammals

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to provide emergency support for marine mammals suffering from domoic acid poisoning along county beaches.

The motion, introduced by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath and co-authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn, directs the county to immediately issue a $100,000 purchase order to the Marine Mammal Care Center (MMCC), with additional funding of up to $600,000 being considered.

"We are facing an urgent crisis along our coastline—marine mammals are washing up sick and dying from domoic acid poisoning, and the situation is only getting worse," Horvath said.

Recent weeks have seen a dramatic increase in marine mammals stranded along the LA County coastline due to harmful algal blooms producing domoic acid, a neurotoxin that causes seizures and disorientation in affected animals.

The approved motion also calls for creating an emergency response plan for future mass-stranding events, developing long-term funding strategies, and launching a public education campaign about marine mammal safety.

MMCC, the only NOAA-authorized responder in the region, has reportedly responded to more marine mammal strandings per mile than any organization in the country.

To report an animal in distress, the public can call the MMCC Rescue Hotline at 1-800-39-WHALE.

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LOS ANGELES

FEMA Approves Debris Removal for Tahitian Terrace Mobile Home Community

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the inclusion of the Tahitian Terrace mobile home community in Los Angeles County's Private Property Debris Removal Program, Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath announced Wednesday.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will now have authority to clear debris from the community, bringing residents one step closer to returning home.

"Los Angeles County's recovery continues—today we received confirmation that the 150 community members who call Tahitian Terrace home now have certainty that the government will clear their properties," Horvath said.

In a letter to CalOES Director Nancy Ward, FEMA Regional Administrator Robert J. Fenton called Tahitian Terrace "a rare and exceptional case eligible for inclusion in the PPDR program."

Following the April 15, 2025 deadline to submit Right of Entry forms, FEMA reviewed properties for special consideration at the county's request. The county continues to advocate for Palisades Bowl's inclusion in the program.

For more information on Los Angeles County's recovery efforts, residents can visit www.recovery.lacounty.gov.

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LOS ANGELES

County Moves to Protect Immigrant Students' Education

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to ensure immigrant students can receive education without fear of federal immigration enforcement actions.

The motion, introduced by Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis and Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, comes after the federal government rescinded a "sensitive locations" policy that had previously protected schools from immigration enforcement.

"Now more than ever, it is imperative that we stand by our commitment to provide education to all children, regardless of immigration status," Solis said.

School attendance in Los Angeles County has dropped following the policy shift, with some schools seeing declines of up to 30%. Recently, U.S. Department of Homeland Security agents attempted to enter two Los Angeles Unified School District campuses but were denied access when they could not provide judicial warrants.

The motion directs the Los Angeles County Office of Education, in partnership with the Office of Immigrant Affairs, to assess available resources for immigrant students and families, including alternative learning options, "Know Your Rights" presentations, and mental health support services.

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LOS ANGELES

Solis Highlights Budget Challenges at Public Hearing

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis addressed significant fiscal challenges facing the county during the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday.

Solis cited several concerns, including long-term costs of consent decrees in the jail and probation systems, slowing property tax revenues, economic impact of recent wildfires, and a recently approved $4 billion settlement related to child sex abuse cases.

"I am also deeply concerned by funding cuts proposed by the Trump administration," Solis said. "These efforts to dismantle critical safety net programs are already having serious consequences for our most vulnerable residents."

While the Board approved the CEO's Recommended Budget last month, final adoption will occur in June. Public input remains open, with written testimony accepted until 5 p.m. on May 16, 2025, at https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov/.

"Despite limited resources and growing external pressures, I remain committed to doing everything possible to meet this moment with the urgency and integrity it demands," Solis added.

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COUNCIL

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California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requirements and city regulations.

The ordinance requires establishments to verify that consumers are at least 21 years old through wristbands or other identification methods. Clear signage would mark the boundaries of the entertainment zone and make it clear to visitors that they cannot bring their own alcohol into the area.

"All open alcoholic beverages shall be purchased only from a premises located within the Entertainment Zone," according to the ordinance text.

City officials cite ongoing economic challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and recent Southern California wildfires as key motivations for the proposal, which aims to stimulate economic recovery by creating "active, commercial corridors" and making "Santa Monica a vibrant cultural hub."

The ordinance follows California Senate Bill 969, signed by Governor Newsom last September, which authorized cities and counties to create entertainment zones where businesses can sell open containers of alcoholic beverages for consumption in public spaces.

At a previous council meeting, members unanimously rejected a limited pilot program in favor of the permanent, seven-days-a-week approach, with Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis urging colleagues to "be bold when it's appropriate."

The Community Development Department would be responsible for issuing a Management Plan for the zone, which may include additional requirements beyond state and local laws. The city, in conjunction with local law enforcement, would review the operation six months after activation and every two years thereafter.

Violations of the ordinance could result in fines up to $250 for infractions or up to $500 and six months imprisonment for misdemeanors. Participating businesses that violate the rules may face suspension or revocation of their right to participate in the entertainment zone.

The council has also discussed potential future expansion of the zone to include parts of Santa Monica Boulevard between Second and Fourth Streets, though the initial implementation would be limited to the Third Street Promenade.

If approved, the ordinance would amend Section 4.08.200 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code, which currently prohibits drinking alcoholic beverages on public property, to exempt the entertainment zone during approved hours of operation.

The discussion is the first of two entertainment options on the agenda.

The second involves a request by Councilmembers Hall, Zwick, and Mayor Negrete that the City Council direct the Interim City Manager to work with the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, and the Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association to bring back large music events and multi-day festivals to the Santa Monica Pier as part of our strategy to pursue economic opportunity and growth.

Council will meet on May 13 in City Hall, 1685 Main Street starting at 5:30 p.m.

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The Blue Notebook - A Weekly SMPD Recap April 20 - April 26, 2025

PATROL

1321 2nd St. (Structure 4) - Vandalism: A person was seen ripping an exit gate from a parking booth, was located, and positively identified. The damage was under $450.

148PC / 11377HS / $51K SM Warrant for 148PC (Resisting Arrest): Dispatch received a call regarding a man with a gun. The individual was located and was uncooperative. No firearm was found, but the person possessed a firearm-shaped lighter, narcotics, and had an outstanding SMPD warrant.

601 SM Blvd (Library) - Assault and Battery on a city employee: An officer responded to a report of an assault on a library employee. The employee stated that after escorting a disruptive individual out of the library, the individual spat on the employee's jacket and fled.

395 SM Place (Nike store) - Shoplift: A group of 8-10 male juveniles shoplifted from the Nike store and fled. The total estimated loss from multiple incidents was approximately $1,000.

211 PC Robbery Suspect In-Custody: The reporting party reported two subjects fighting with knives in the area. Officers responded and investigated, determining the call to be a criminal threats call. One subject matched the description of a 211 strongarm robbery in the area taken by a resident on April 20th. That subject was arrested for PC 211 and possession of a dirk/dagger.

Assault/Battery– City Employee / Woodlawn Cemetery A victim/caretaker contacted loitering transients on the cemetery grounds. One subject spat on the caretaker, while another struck him with a plastic camera, and a struggle ensued. The victim reported the incident, but the suspects were gone on arrival.

17th St and Olympic Blvd - Hit & Run / DUI / CPI: Officers responded to a vehicle that crashed into a wall and caught fire. The unoccupied vehicle was found, and the injured male driver was located two blocks away. He was transported to the hospital for a possible head injury. The collision caused fire damage to a city tree and an elementary school wall.

1500 block of 26th St - Juvenile on Juvenile Fight / Threats: A physical altercation occurred between two female juveniles at a large party over a boyfriend issue. The suspect struck the victim multiple times, pulled her hair, and fled. The victim received on-scene treatment from SMFD for her injuries but was not transported for further evaluation. The suspect was known to the victim.

1550 Lot - 69 PC Arrest: Officers contacted a group for open container violations. While being placed under arrest, a suspect headbutted an officer, causing a lacerated lip. The officer did not require medical attention, and the suspect was booked without further incident.

2200 Block Neilson Way - Traffic Collision Roll Over / Solo Vehicle: A driver traveling northbound on Neilson Way struck the corner of Strand St, causing her vehicle to roll over. SMFD rescued the driver and her dog. The driver, who has medical conditions causing her to black out, was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Seaview Terrace - Hot Prowl: A suspect climbed onto a second-floor balcony and attempted to enter a residence but was interrupted by the resident. A brief struggle ensued before the suspect fled. Responding officers located the suspect nearby, and after a short foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody.

1500 block of Bay St - Hot Prowl: A resident contacted police after observing a male transient suspect on their property via live surveillance while their daughter was home alone. Officers contacted a possible suspect nearby, who was positively identified and taken into custody. The suspect was in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arcadia Terrace & Appian Way - Traffic Stop / Firearms Arrest: During a traffic stop officers contacted an adult and two juveniles and found open alcohol containers and marijuana. One subject attempted to conceal items. Further investigation revealed an HK USP 9mm handgun with an obliterated serial number and a replica Glock 17 BB gun. The adult suspect was arrested for all violations, and the juveniles were released to their legal guardian.

DIRECTED ACTION RESPONSE TEAM (DART)

2900 Block the Beach - SMPD Warrant Arrest: During a consensual encounter, a person recognized from prior arrests was found to have a $51,000 SMPD warrant for a narcotics violation and was in possession of a meth pipe. The person was arrested.

301 Santa Monica Pier Bubba Gumps – Petty Theft w/Priors Arrest: DART officers investigated a recent theft and arrested an individual for petty theft with prior convictions.

1500 Block of the Beach - Narcotics Arrest: A person was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

300 Block Santa Monica Blvd. - Felony Arrest: A known suspect was observed in violation of a stay-away order in the downtown district. A search incident to arrest revealed drug paraphernalia. The suspect made threats to injure officers and was arrested for making threats, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of a court order.

829 Pico Blvd. - Narcotics Arrest: Officers responded to a suspicious person call and observed drug paraphernalia in plain view. A citation was issued, and the subject was advised regarding trespassing.

2000 Block of the beach - SMPD Warrant Arrest: Two individuals were observed on the beach with an open container of alcohol. A record check revealed one of them had two $51,000 SMPD warrants for public order crimes. This individual was arrested.

1100 Block of the Beach - Municipal Code Violation: A person was observed urinating on a fire station wall and was issued a citation for the violation.

Tower 25 - SMPD Warrant Arrest: A known transient individual with an encampment under Tower 25 was found to have a $51,000

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5th Annual

Rick Crocker 5K Challenge

Thursday May 15 at 4:00pm

When:
Thursday, May 15 at 4:00pm

Where:
Santa Monica Pier

What:

- A family-friendly 5K walk/run to benefit PAL
- $45 Entry fee
- Fun, free after-party at Locals' Night on the Pier
- FREE FOR YOUTH & ACTIVE MILITARY (must register)

Why: Officer Rick Crocker was a 10-year veteran of the Santa Monica Police Department and a Marine Corps Reserve Officer who was killed while serving his country in Iraq on May 26, 2005. Officer Crocker's last assignment with the SMPD was serving the Police Activities League, where he mentored the most vulnerable youth in our community. We run to remember Rick's dedication and honor his commitment to PAL.

Register at

https://rickcrocker5k.givesmart.com

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BEACON

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Monica site may now be caught in a broader corporate shakeup as Sonder Holdings Inc works through financial struggles and operational downsizing.

The hotel's website no longer lists rooms or contact details and instead redirects visitors to Marriott.com. Meanwhile, Google lists the rooftop Coco Bar, an underrated and popular cocktail lounge that opened with The Beacon's relaunch and won fans for its ocean views and ambiance, as "permanently closed."

No room bookings currently appear to be available through Sonder's platform or major third-party travel sites. A customer service email obtained by one guest and posted to Yelp indicates that management of the property has changed and that existing reservations would no longer be honored.

"I made three bookings with Sonder The Beacon… one to stay in June, one in July and one in September," wrote a reviewer from New Zealand, who booked the stays months ago on prepaid rates. "I received an email last week, only six weeks out from our stay, from the hotel saying that the management… has now changed and they could no longer fulfill our booking."

The guest, who posted under the username AKLDMUMTO2, said a refund was issued but that approximately $350 was lost due to currency exchange rate differences. According to the review, Sonder customer service stated the company would not be liable for that loss. "Surely goodwill goes a long way in this instance. I guess not. What a shame," the guest wrote.

An industry source told the Daily Press that the hotel had in fact been slated to shut on April 18. Sonder had been leasing the building to operate The Beacon, and once that lease was terminated, ownership moved to take back control. The same source said the hotel is now expected to reopen soon under a new name, The Eden.

This is confirmed by a notice that currently stands in the closed doorway that reads "Hotel temporarily closed. Reopening early June" and features new branding for The Eden, which at least suggests that major refurbishment won't be taking place before the summer season ramps up.

However, it seems that many tourists were caught out by the sudden closure. A couple visiting Santa Monica from Pittsburgh who had originally booked a room at The Beacon and had been forced to cancel and wandered over to have a look at what the place was actually like. "The week before our arrival in Santa Monica, without even any notification, it just said 'Canceled' on the web page for reservations. And I tried very hard to get a hold of somebody, and I finally did, and they said that the Sonder was in the process of being sold and was changing hands on, I believe, June 2, and they did not honor anyone's reservations," they told the Daily Press.

The Daily Press reached out to the public relations division of Sonder for comment, but at the time of publication, had received no reply.

The Beacon's abrupt pause comes at a time of significant upheaval for its parent company. On April 14, Sonder Holdings announced an $18 million capital raise, a debt restructuring deal and the implementation of $50 million in annualized cost cuts. Those measures are tied to Sonder's broader effort to streamline its business and shift toward a leaner operating model.

On April 29, the company disclosed that it had received a deficiency notice from the Nasdaq Stock Market for failing to file its annual 10-K report on time. Sonder has until June to submit a compliance plan or risk delisting. The company attributed the delay to internal accounting and control issues.

The Beacon's building at 1301 Ocean Avenue has a long and storied history. Originally designed by architect William E. Foster and completed in 1939, it was hailed as an Art Deco landmark and was later designated a historic building by the city. In the early 2000s, the hotel underwent a $30 million renovation under the ownership of Tehmina Adaya, whose father had acquired the property in 1983.

In 2023, Sonder assumed control and reopened the hotel as The Beacon, updating its branding and interiors while pledging to maintain its architectural integrity. The company promised to transform the rooftop space with help from celebrity chefs and create three distinct concepts across its pool, restaurant and rooftop areas. At the time, Sonder executives framed the relaunch as a key piece of the company's Southern California expansion.

That expansion now appears to be in question. Sonder's recent financial filings and press releases, including its April capital raise and Nasdaq warning, suggest a company in transition that is downsizing and consolidating its assets. It is not yet clear whether other Southern California properties are facing similar status changes.

As of this week, no signage at the hotel indicates closure, and its front entrance remains accessible. Calls to the front desk were not answered, and Sonder representatives have not responded to multiple media inquiries.

For guests with upcoming stays, the uncertainty is proving costly and stressful. "We are now left with nowhere to stay and prices that have skyrocketed," the New Zealand guest wrote. "Is it fair that I am liable for this loss when it was not my fault?"

As of Friday morning, May 9, The Eden Santa Monica's website was live at edensm.com/

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OIL

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eventually shoulder the financial burden.

Since 2012, California's Air Resources Board has been setting limits on how much greenhouse gases can be emitted by certain industries and auctioning off "emission allowances," raising billions of dollars each year.

By paying for emissions, it's believed, corporations have an incentive to reduce them. Whether that's true is still an open question and one reason for doubt is their ability to shift the burden to consumers.

The Legislative Analyst's Office, which advises the Legislature on financial matters, released a report on the cap-and-trade system this week.

Among other things, the report confirms that California motorists are already paying quite a bit more for fuel because of cap-and-trade.

It pegs the current effect at 23 cents a gallon, and if emission auction prices rise to their upper limit, "cap-and-trade would contribute roughly 74 cents per gallon to gasoline prices…"

The LAO report estimates that at the higher level, "the average household would pay about $700 per year as a result of the program," adding, "such higher costs would be particularly burdensome for lower-income households, as they tend to spend a relatively high share of their incomes on transportation fuels compared to wealthier households."

So there you have it. Whatever California does to reduce its carbon footprint to zero will be expensive and California consumers will face even higher costs of living, in the same way President Donald Trump's tariffs impact prices. We shouldn't pretend otherwise, as advocates for carbon reduction tend to.

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

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Authorize Commercial Cannabis Uses Within Certain Zoning Districts.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Municipal Code to authorize commercial cannabis uses within certain zoning districts.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025, AT 6:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

Address your comments to: **Tony Kim, Principal Planner**
Re: Cannabis Ordinance

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431.

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Summons

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Summons

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25STCP00414 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Devonna Unice Hanspal for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Devonna Unice Hanspal this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Devonna Unice Hanspal to Amora Devonna Unice Dunbar The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 05/30/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 45 Room: 529. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 111 N Hills St Los Angeles, CA 90012. . 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

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00186 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Johan Mischa Moiallaistein for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Johan Mischa Moiallaistein this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Johan Mischa Moiallaistein to Johan Mischa Mojallali Zuz . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 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 Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name ChangeCase No.25VECP00175 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Cameron Afrasiabi for Change of Name.TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Cameron Afrasiabi this court for a decree of changing names asfollows:1. Cameron Afrasiabi to Cameron Samii. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before thiscourt at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change ofname should not be granted.Notice of Hearing: Date 05/23/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 0 Room:511. The addressof the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELESCourthouse 14400 Erwin St Mall Van Nuys, CA 91401. A copy of this Order to ShowCause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to thedate set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation,printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00207 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Chung-Le Hong for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Chung-Le Hong this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Chung-Le Hong to James Chung-Le Hong . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 05/30/2025 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 Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00210 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Patricia Jo Cohen for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Patricia Jo Cohen this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Patricia Jo Cohen to Patricia Jo Marguiles Patricia Jo Brandt to Patricia Jo Marguiles The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 05/30/2025 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 Press

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00213 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of MALIA CATHERINE GAFFNEY for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: MALIA CATHERINE GAFFNEY this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MALIA CATHERINE GAFFNEY toMALIA CATHERINE O'HARE MARQUES The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 06/13/2025 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 Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25PSCP00157 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mariah Melody Trujillo a minor by and through her guardian ad litem Shawne Maire Silesky and John Robort Salazar for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Mariah Melody Trujillo a minor by and through her guardian ad litem Shawne Maire Silesky and John Robort Salazar this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mariah Melody Trujillo to Mariah Leilani Silesky The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 06/27/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: G Room: 302. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766 . 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

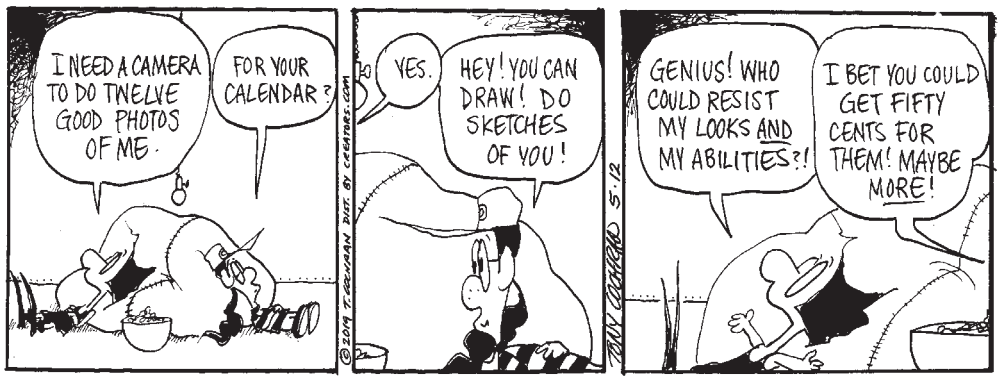
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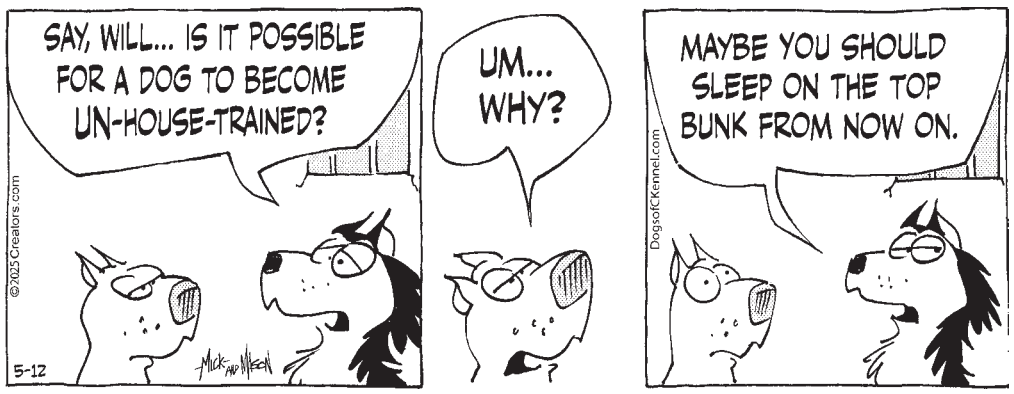
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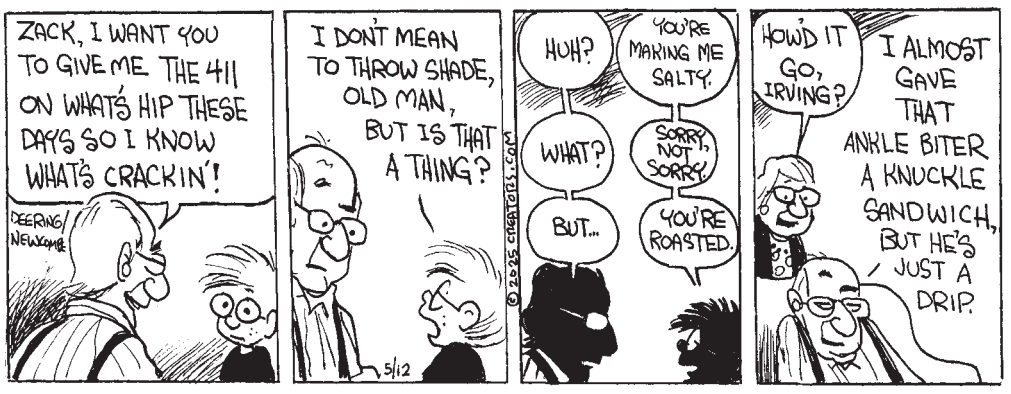
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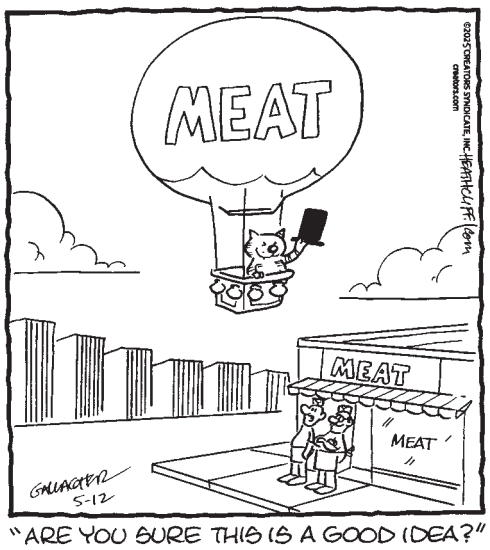
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"ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?"

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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 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 12)

This year feels like a second wind, and in many ways, it is. You're getting another chance to do it your way — relaxed, creative and with unforced brilliance. More highlights: You'll build the kind of credibility that opens high-level doors. You'll witness someone you care for blossom — and they'll say you had everything to do with it. A project near your heart receives funding or recognition. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 27, 3, 12 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Genuine transformation happens when someone feels safe, seen and capable — not when they feel judged or diminished. Encouragement affirms inner resources while critique is trickier. Steer away from it today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The way you deal with problems will make a huge difference. An approach laden with stress, drama or perfectionism will wear you out. But an approach of creativity, calm or curiosity will energize you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's no magic shortcut, but your unique path is where all the action is anyway. So, forget the fear of missing out. Keep your whole self where you are and don't wander off in your mind to what others might be experiencing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're already on a trajectory that feeds your soul — maybe not in every single minute but in a way that's sustainable. So, don't worry or force anything. Just keep doing what you're doing: creating, reflecting, growing and trusting life's rhythm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be most attracted to someone with gravitas — someone who can build tension, who knows the difference between intimacy and overexposure, and someone who can delight you without dissolving into you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one teaches the bird how to build a nest, and yet, it does — skillfully, instinctively. You, like the bird, will draw from the deep well of inherited wisdom to construct something beautiful: a shelter of solace, protection and care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be the glue, the spark and the heartbeat of your circle, bringing people together with warmth and energy. But even radiant centers need protection. A well-placed boundary early on safeguards your peace and quietly commands the respect you deserve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not alone, even when it feels that way. That's the moment to reach out and ask for reminders. Life shifts when you believe you're supported — that things will work out. And they will. Caring forces are all around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't bulldoze your way in; you sense your way in. You notice the unspoken things — body language, tone, the vibe of a room. And because of that, you know when to speak, how to respond and who to connect with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The energy you loved in another person still lives in you. They didn't give it to you; they activated it, which means others can, too, when the time is right. What's yours doesn't disappear; rather, it sits in waiting until the moment it is sparked again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best compromises are ones where both people feel seen, respected and maybe even surprised by how good the middle ground can be. Note that if one person is always giving in, it's not a compromise — it's self-erasure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Stop rehearsing conversations in your head. Relationships will be unpredictable, so let it be. Release control and expectations in how things should go. Everything sweetens when you drop the script and let life improvise.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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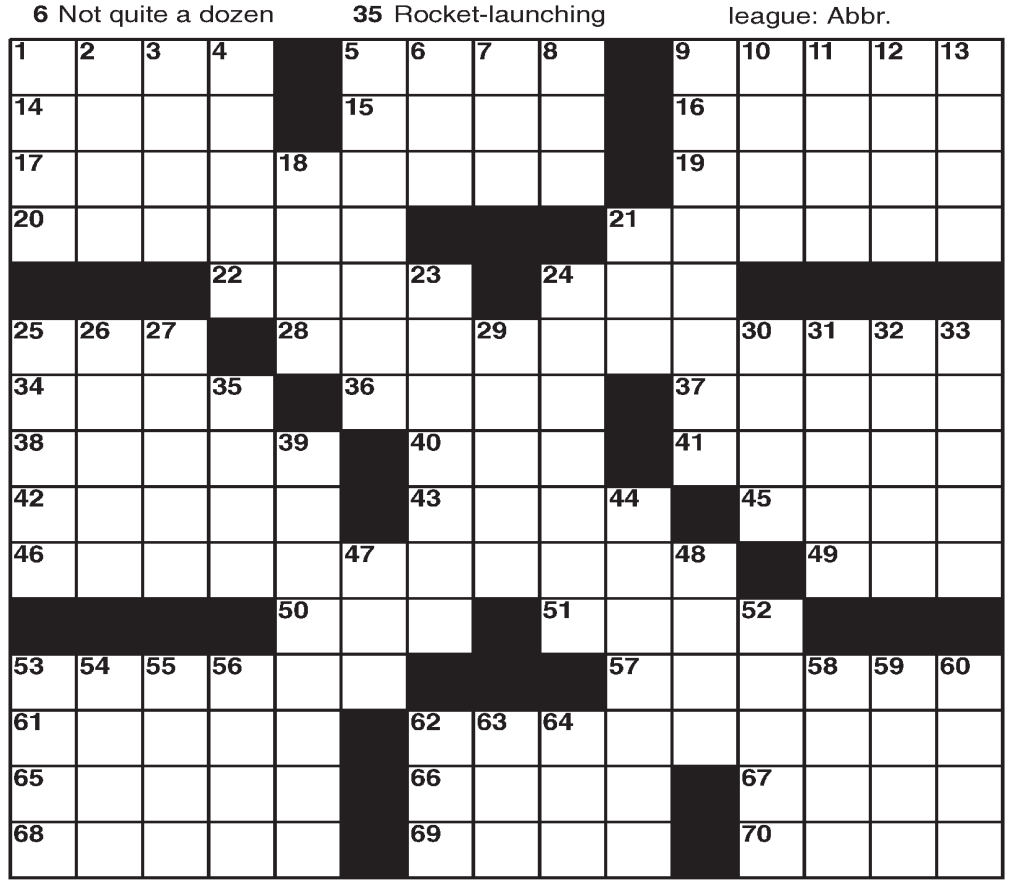
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ACROSS

1 More or __ (approximately)
5 Movie ticket remnant
9 Made angry
14 Hawaiian locale near Maui
15 Army medal recipient
16 Wear away
17 Retro device for "picking up" sitcoms and news shows
19 Red cosmetic
20 Second film in a series
21 Way over there
22 Close friends
24 Written promise to pay
25 $1,000,000 for short
28 Steel channels for diverting water
34 Home for Adam and Eve
36 "Hurry up, we gotta go!"
37 Gobbled (up)
38 Volcanoes' flows
40 __ Jima (WWII battle)
41 Clog-clearing brand
42 One of __ days (in time)
43 Former Italian coin
45 Theater section such as the balcony
46 Rooftop energy sources
49 Allow
50 Pay-__-view movie
51 Untidy person
53 Eggy brunch serving
57 Minor ankle injury
61 Crafted on a loom
62 Ritzy rooftop apartment
65 Noteworthy occasion
66 Singer McEntire
67 Just sitting around
68 Drops in the mail
69 Desk calendar capacity
70 Wasn't truthful

DOWN

1 Quite a few (of)
2 Rooftop overhang
3 Hoopster great O'Neal's nickname
4 The crack of dawn
5 Brush-on wood coating
6 Not quite a dozen
7 Large vase
8 "Constrictor" snake
9 Directed to a detour
10 Press a pair of pants
11 High-decibel
12 Border line
13 Doe or stag
18 Rip (up)
21 "See __ later"
23 Somewhat alike
24 Pays no attention to
25 Starts to thaw
26 Potato-growing state
27 Not bumpy, as a road
29 Futile, as a situation
30 Small fruit pie
31 Internet commerce
32 Actress Zellweger
33 Nasal sound of scorn
35 Rocket-launching agency
39 Cobras and pythons
44 Top athlete
47 Doggie or kitty
48 Former freshman, for short
52 Cook on a grill
53 Is indebted to
54 Change addresses
55 __-steven (tied up)
56 Allow to borrow
58 German auto
59 Speck of land in an ocean
60 Require
62 Be a busybody
63 Wide shoe width
64 Tall guys' sports league: Abbr.



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SPIRIT AWARDS

FROM PAGE 1

Paramount lot, will serve as the new host site for the 41st annual ceremony.

"We're thrilled to bring the Spirit Awards to the historic Hollywood Palladium," said Shawn Davis, Executive Producer of the Film Independent Spirit Awards. "This move represents our continued evolution while staying true to our roots of celebrating fearless independent voices of film and television."

The Spirit Awards have been a fixture in Santa Monica for decades, traditionally held the day before the Academy Awards. The ceremony serves as the primary fundraiser for Film Independent's year-round initiatives supporting independent filmmakers.

Renovations mentioned by Film Independent refer to the city's Pier Bridge Replacement Project. The project aims to replace the 84-year-old bridge that serves as the sole vehicular route to the Santa Monica Pier, one of the city's most prominent tourist destinations.

According to city documents, the reinforced concrete structure was built in 1939 and carries millions of visitors annually from Palisades Park to the Santa Monica Pier and Beach. The primary purpose of the project is to provide "a seismically sound and functional bridge for the residents, pier businesses, and visitors ahead of the 2028 Olympics."

The Santa Monica City Council certified the Pier Bridge Replacement Project Environmental Impact Report in June 2023 and approved the preferred bridge design, which includes a wider 15-foot sidewalk on the south side. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2025 and take between 18-24 months, with completion targeted before the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics.

The Spirit Awards' departure represents the second major film event to leave Santa Monica in recent months. The American Film Market (AFM), a premier entertainment industry event that had been held in Santa Monica since 1991, announced its relocation to Las Vegas for its 2024 program. The Independent Film and Television Alliance, which operates the festival, cited easier travel options and adjacent entertainment opportunities as factors in their decision.

Santa Monica officials have previously acknowledged the precarious nature of the city's event business, with several councilmembers calling for an analysis of ways to make the city more attractive to events.

While Santa Monica has attracted other events like the Frieze art festival and the return of Cirque du Soleil, it also lost the Los Angeles Marathon, which moved its finish line from downtown Santa Monica to Century City in 2021 and more recently failed to secure an agreement with the Olympics to host Beach Volleyball.

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CRIME STATS

FROM PAGE 6

SMPD warrant for public camping and was arrested.

In front of 503 Olympic - Drug Sales Investigation / Arrest: Officers contacted two individuals known to have outstanding SMPD warrants. One individual was arrested and found to be in possession of narcotics and marijuana for sales. The second individual had a $30,000 SMPD warrant for public camping and was cited out in the field

CRIME IMPACT TEAM (CIT)

Wilshire Corridor Livability Operation: Two traffic stops and three pedestrian stops were conducted. A person was arrested on an outstanding $50K felony warrant for grand theft. Another person was arrested for felony narcotics violations after a bike stop revealed possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia, along with suspicious activity suggesting casing the area. Due to previous charges, this narcotics arrest was elevated to felony status.

Pico Neighborhood Crime Suppression / Intel Operation: Four traffic stops, five pedestrian stops, and three field interviews were conducted. Officers responded to a suspicious circumstance call regarding an occupied vehicle with no plates. The vehicle's ignition was punched, suggesting it might be stolen. The passenger was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and was arrested. The male subject who exited the vehicle was not located. An investigative hold was placed on the vehicle.

There has been an observed increase in gang graffiti in the Pico neighborhood, including graffiti from gangs outside the city. Officers are collaborating with gang units from LAPD, LASD, and Culver City to gather more intelligence.

1500 Block of Santa Monica Blvd. A person was arrested for felony possession of methamphetamine following a consent search during a traffic stop.

ANIMAL CONTROL

On 04/23/2025 at approximately 12:30 pm, Animal Control Officers (ACOs) responded to the 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk regarding a dog bite. ACOs arrived on scene and determined the incident was a PC 245 on a person, weapon used was a pitbull, grey or black in color. The victim sustained severe injuries to his legs, arms, and hands. The victim was transported by McCormack ambulance to the hospital ER for treatment of his injuries. An SMPD officer handled the PC 245 report and the assigned ACO submitted a Los Angeles County Health Department bite report.

On 04/25/25 at approximately 10:40 am SMPD officers along with Animal Control Officers responded to 101 Ocean Ave regarding a report of a mountain lion sighting on the property. Officers cleared the location without locating the mountain lion.

Animal Control continues to receive an influx of calls on the beach due to the toxic algal bloom and dogs on the beach.

Animal Control Officers impounded (1) injured baby elephant seal in the 1600 block of the beach and transported the elephant seal to the Marine Mammal Rescue Center in San Pedro for treatment of its injuries.

(2) injured Sea Lions were transported to the Marine Mammal Rescue Center in San Pedro for treatment of its injuries.

Animal Control Officers transported (1) Dolphin to Dockweiler State Beach for a necropsy to be performed by O.A.R.R.A.

DECEASED ANIMAL PICK-UP:

Beach: (3) Sea Lions, (4) Dolphins, (2) Pelicans.

ALL OTHER LOCATIONS:

(1) Chicken (1) Squirrel, (1) Cat, (1) Dog

Written by Lewis Gilmour, edited by SMDP staff.



MONDAY | MAY 12

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNEY

5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-05-12T17

TUESDAY | MAY 13

WESTSIDE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Westside Family Health Center is proud to be back in the SMC Student Health Center offering students free reproductive care including the following: Birth control pills (oral contraceptive), Depot shot, Nuva Ring, Condoms, Emergency contraceptive (Plan B), STI testing Pregnancy testing. Call or text for an appointment. Text: 310-699-9973. Call: 310-450-2191, x 215. 234, or 246. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/westside-family-health-center/14419416/2025-05-13T10

GELSON'S WEST LA TO HOST TACO TUESDAYS WITH TACOS, MARGARITAS, AND MEZCALS

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gelson's 12121 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles. Every Tuesday from 4 PM to 10 PM, Gelson's West LA Wine Bar will be hosting Taco Tuesdays, bringing together a festive blend of flavors and fun. Enjoy a variety of mouthwatering tacos, refreshing margaritas, and smooth mezcals, all served in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. The perfect way to spice up the week—gather friends and enjoy a night of great food, drinks, and good times. Prices vary. For more information, visit https://www.gelsons.com/events/view/taco-tuesdays-at-gelsons-west-la-wine-bar. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/gelson-s-west-la-to-host-taco-tuesdays-with-tacos-margaritas-and-mezcals/15309564/2025-05-13T16

WEDNESDAY | MAY 14

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! 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, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2025-05-14T08

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. 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-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-05-14T12

THURSDAY | MAY 15

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE

12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. 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/12342961/2025-05-15T12

LEGO CLUB

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Come explore the limits of your building imagination or try out one of our suggested builds. All materials provided. For ages 18 months - 1. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/lego-club/15409657/2025-05-15T16

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712450/2025-05-15T18

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Supported by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/montana-avenue-branch-book-discussion-group/13906564/2025-05-15T18

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