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Pacific Park marks 30 years on Santa Monica Pier with birthday light show



Cynni Murphy

PIER: Pacific Park amusement park opened in 1996 on the Santa Monica Pier.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier celebrates its 30th anniversary Tuesday, marking three decades since amusement returned to one of Southern California’s most recognizable oceanfront landmarks.

The park opened May 26, 1996, as the first

amusement park on the pier since the 1930s, helping reestablish the boardwalk as a hub for seaside entertainment and community gathering. Today it draws visitors as part of a pier that welcomes more than 12 million people annually from around the world.

To mark the milestone, the park staged a birthday-themed lighting display on its world-famous Pacific Wheel, featuring

“Happy Birthday” and 30th anniversary messaging along with celebratory imagery including a birthday cake. The signature light show illuminated the night sky 40 feet above the Pacific Ocean.

“Thirty years ago today, Pacific Park brought amusement back to the Santa Monica Pier,” said Jeff Klocke, CEO of Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier.

Klocke pointed to several moments that have shaped the park’s identity over three decades. The 1996 opening marked the beginning of a new era for the pier itself. The introduction of the world’s first solar-powered Ferris wheel in 1998 established the park’s identity as both innovative and

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Venice Paparazzi

RACE: Venice Beach Half Marathon & 5K draws 4,000+ for its second year, expanding into a full race weekend.

MICHELLE EDGAR

Special to the Daily Press

The Venice Beach Half Marathon & 5K returned for its second year on May 17, bringing more than 4,000 runners, walkers, spectators and volunteers to one of Los Angeles' most recognizable coastal neighborhoods for a race that doubled as a celebration of fitness, local culture and community impact. Presented by goodr Active Eyewear and produced by Generic Events, the event followed a sold-out debut year and expanded into a full race weekend experience, with participants taking part in the half marathon, 5K, One-Mile Dash and family-friendly activities.

The course wound through some of

Venice's most familiar landmarks, including Ocean Front Walk, Venice Boulevard, Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Muscle Beach, the Venice Canals and the historic Venice Sign finish line on Windward Avenue.

Beyond the race itself, organizers leaned into Venice's creative spirit, transforming the neighborhood into a festival atmosphere with live DJs, cheer zones, photo activations, drag shows, sponsor experiences and post-race celebrations. Activations from presenting sponsor goodr and R.A.D. Performance Footwear lined Abbot Kinney Boulevard, while runners and guests gathered at the finish line festival and VIP beer garden hosted at Belle's Beach House in Windward Circle.

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With so many candidates and options in California, when's the right time to vote?

There has been a lot of coverage about the crowded field of candidates seeking to become California's next governor.

It's especially crowded because this is an open-seat contest, with no incumbent running. Also California conducts state elections under "open primary" rules where all candidates from all parties appear on the primary ballot, so voters can vote for any candidate they wish, regardless of the voter's party preference.

In the general election the top two vote-getters face off and may be of the same party. This has happened in the past. But what has never happened before is two Republicans running against each other statewide.

Democratic Party strategists have been worrying about that. While party leaders have pressured candidates with low polling numbers to bow out — which they technically can't do because their names are on the ballot — others are urging voters to "vote late" and wait to see if any candidates stand down their campaigns.

Regardless of how one feels about this situation, let's stop saying "vote late" and instead say "vote close to Election Day." That is exactly what I am planning to do.

This is a very fluid election, and I believe voting is precious, as do a lot of other people in our state.

There are few things worse than not voting. One is casting a vote-by-mail ballot and having it go uncounted because it arrives too late. Another is voting too early only to have your pick drop out of the race.

I am sympathetic to California voters who face this quandary. But we also face lateness problems with our elections: late arriving ballots can get rejected, and late election results determined days or weeks after Election Day can undermine voter confidence.

Gov. Gavin Newsom recently urged counties to "count faster," but that is not where the problem lies. We are the problem, us voters.

We turn in ballots in envelopes on Election Day that take time and care to process and cannot be processed

until after Election Day. Processing these ballots — which account for as much as a quarter of all ballots cast — creates a bottleneck I like to call "the pig in the python" effect. It prevents counties from doing other tasks they need to do to certify the results.

WHEN IS IT SMART TO VOTE?

Make a plan. Decide now when you want to vote. Here are some options, listed in order of my preference:

If you want to help speed up the vote count and see your results in totals on Election Night, then return your completed vote-by-mail ballot in-person to an official county ballot drop box, election office or voting site on or before May 30th, the Saturday before Election Day.

If you want to take as much time as possible, plan to vote in person on Election Day on June 2.

If you want to submit your ballot by mail, then plan to do that at least a full week before Election Day; that's Tuesday, May 26.

Saturday, May 30th is the sweet spot for me, because it provides more time and, for the first time, all county election offices will be open at least six hours that day. But that means deciding by Friday, May 29th who I am voting for.

In the meantime, I suggest you keep talking to friends, attending events, watching debates and engaging in social media discussions.

What we are seeing is a remarkable degree of interest, which is rare for a statewide non-presidential primary. Historically this type of election has the lowest voter turnout.

So take your time, but don't wait too long. And if you vote a little early but still want something to do on Election Day, bring balloons or flowers to a nearby voting site. Wear your "I Voted" sticker. Help someone else vote.

When results come in on Election Night you'll have the satisfaction of knowing your votes are in the count.

Kim Alexander is president of the California Voter Foundation.



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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council regarding Amendments to the Downtown Community Plan and Amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to implement the City's Realignment Plan

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to the City's Downtown Community Plan and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Consistent with the City's Realignment Plan, the amendments would create new incentives for Downtown housing projects, establish a flexible regulatory framework for City-owned sites in the Downtown, and facilitate economic opportunity on key gateway sites in the Downtown. The amendments may also include other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications as necessary.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California's best chance for enough water in the future is to bolster local supplies today

Imagine turning on your tap and not being sure it's safe to drink what comes out.

For one million Californians, this scenario is not hypothetical. In disadvantaged communities, including some in the Central Valley, families have been told for years to boil their tap water for safety or buy bottled water they cannot afford.

Their water systems consistently fail to meet safe drinking water standards. Yet no meaningful action has been taken to fix this known problem. Meanwhile, 30,000 miles of the state's coastlines, lakes and rivers fail basic water quality standards.

How does a state at the forefront of environmental leadership fail to ensure clean, reliable water for its people?

The short answer: California is managing 21st century water challenges with 20th century technology under 19th century law. And state leaders, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, continue promoting infrastructure projects designed for precipitation patterns that climate change is already erasing.

This year's rapid snowpack loss is not an anomaly; it is a preview. Yet the state keeps pushing large-scale projects which can't deliver water to farms or families without a reliable Sierra snowmelt. Instead of more dams and diversions, we need to shift attention and resources to a local approach rooted in our new reality.

California Coastkeeper Alliance's Blueprint to Climate-Ready Water Policy is a practical guide for state policymakers, regulators and the next governor to set a course for a more resilient and sustainable water future. The blueprint is built on several clear imperatives.

PRIORITIZE RESILIENT LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES

Instead of spending tens of billions moving water around the state, California must prioritize investment in wastewater recycling, stormwater capture and water efficiency. These systems deliver water regardless of how long the snowpack sticks around.

These types of systems are proven, scalable and drought proof. The payoff extends beyond reliability: California's water sector consumes 19% of the state's electricity and 30% of its natural gas, driven largely by importing water into urban centers from faraway places. Prioritizing local water supplies reduces

water insecurity in a cost-effective and affordable way, while cutting the emissions that accelerate climate change.

STRENGTHEN AND ENFORCE WATER LAWS

The Trump administration's rollbacks of the Clean Water Act have steadily eroded protections Californians have relied on since the 1970s. The most damaging change stripped federal protections from millions of acres of wetlands and thousands of miles of seasonal streams, leaving them open to pollution and development. In response, the state must fortify its own standards.

We need enforceable rules that restore fisheries and protect coastal communities. California must adopt specific standards to confront the pollution driving ocean acidification and the ecosystem collapse that follows. We need real investment in floodplain restoration, forest health and natural infrastructure that shields communities from billion-dollar climate disasters.

FIX SYSTEM OF WATER GOVERNANCE

California's water bureaucracy is antiquated, inequitable and unaccountable. The appointment process for our state's water leaders is outdated, prioritizing engineering expertise over science and equitable representation. This approach results in continued reliance on gray infrastructure and engineered solutions over more sustainable and resilient nature-based solutions and urban greening.

The result is a system where large water users — such as pistachio growers and data centers — get water on the cheap, while low-income communities subsidize their use.

We need reforms to address historical inequities and ensure those that demand more water pay for it. Environmental justice and tribal leadership must be involved in water planning from the start. And we must ensure polluters, not ratepayers or taxpayers, pay for cleaning up the water we drink and swim in.

Our economy and our communities depend on making the hard choices that will deliver clean, affordable water into the future. We will not get there by funding yesterday's solutions and hoping the climate cooperates.

Sean Bothwell is executive director of California Coastkeeper Alliance.

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Facing intense internal pressure, DNC releases postelection autopsy that criticizes Kamala Harris

Kamala Harris “wrote off rural America” during the 2024 presidential campaign and failed to attack Donald Trump with sufficient “negative firepower,” according to a long-awaited post-election autopsy released on Thursday by the Democratic National Committee.

The committee’s chair, Ken Martin, shared the 192-page report only after facing intense internal pressure from frustrated Democratic operatives concerned with his leadership. Martin had originally promised to release the autopsy, only to keep it under wraps for months because he was concerned it would be a distraction ahead of the midterms as Democrats mobilize to take back control of Congress.

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On Tuesday, Martin apologized for his handling of the situation and conceded that the report was withheld because it “was not ready for primetime.”

Although the autopsy criticizes Democrats’ focus on “identity politics,” it sidesteps some of the most controversial elements of the 2024 campaign. The report does not address former President Joe Biden’s decision to seek reelection, the rushed selection of Harris to replace him after he dropped out or the party’s acrimonious divide over the war in Gaza.

“I am not proud of this product; it does not meet my standards, and it won’t meet your standards,” Martin wrote in an essay on Substack on Thursday. “I don’t endorse what’s in this report, or what’s left out of it. I could not in good faith put the DNC’s stamp of approval on it. But transparency is paramount.”

During a conversation with staff on Thursday, Martin announced that the report’s primary author, consultant Paul Rivera, was

no longer working with the DNC, according to a person on the call not authorized to speak publicly about the private discussion.

A spokesperson for Harris did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The initial reaction from Democratic operatives was a mix of bafflement and anger over Martin’s handling of the situation. Some also raised fresh concerns about the impact on the party’s next presidential nomination process, which the DNC is actively coordinating now.

“The execution, the roll out and the coverup are indicative of how Ken Martin is fundamentally not up to the task,” said Amanda Litman, who leads the Democratic-allied organization Run For Something. “He will be incapable of rebuilding the trust necessary to facilitate a Democratic primary in 2027-2028.”

REPORT SAYS DEMOCRATS DON’T ‘LISTEN TO ALL VOTERS’

The postelection report calls for “a renewed focus on the voters of Middle America and the South, who have come to believe they are not included in the Democratic vision of a stronger and more dynamic America for everyone.”

“Millions of Americans are suffering from poor access to healthcare, manufacturing and job losses, and a failing infrastructure, yet continue to be persuaded to vote against their best interests because they do not see themselves reflected in the America of the Democratic Party,” the report says.

The autopsy points to a reduction in support and training for Democratic state parties, voter registration shifts and “a persistent inability or unwillingness to listen to all voters.”

Thursday’s release comes as Martin confronts a crisis of confidence among party officials who are increasingly concerned about the health of their political machine barely a year into his term. Some Democratic operatives have had informal discussions about recruiting a new chair, even though most believe that Martin’s job wasn’t in serious jeopardy ahead of the midterm elections.

WERE DEMOCRATS TOO NICE?

The report found that Harris and her allies failed to focus enough on Trump’s negatives, especially his felony convictions. This was part of a broader criticism that Democrats’ messaging is too focused on reason and winning arguments, “even in cycles when the electorate is defined by rage.”

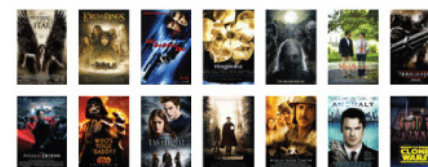
“There was a decision in the 2024 Democratic leadership not to engage in negative advertising at the scale required,” the report states. “The Trump campaign and supportive Super PACs went full throttle against Vice President Harris, but there was not sufficient or similar negative firepower directed at Trump by Democrats.”

The report continues: “It was essential to prosecute a more effective case as to why Trump should have been disqualified from ever again taking office. The grounds were there, but the messaging did not make the

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SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council regarding Amendments to the Text of the City’s Zoning Ordinance to Exclude Eligible Sites from Senate Bill (SB) 79 Implementation Until One year Following the Adoption of the 7th Cycle Housing Element, pursuant to Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1)

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to the City’s Zoning Ordinance to temporarily exclude sites meeting the criteria established in Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1) from SB 79 standards until one year following the adoption of the 7th Cycle Housing Element.

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uniquely tied to the California coast. A new Pacific Wheel and dramatic LED lighting package installed in 2008 elevated the ride into an internationally recognized visual icon for Los Angeles. In 2012, the Ferris wheel earned a Guinness World Record, further cementing its place in popular culture.

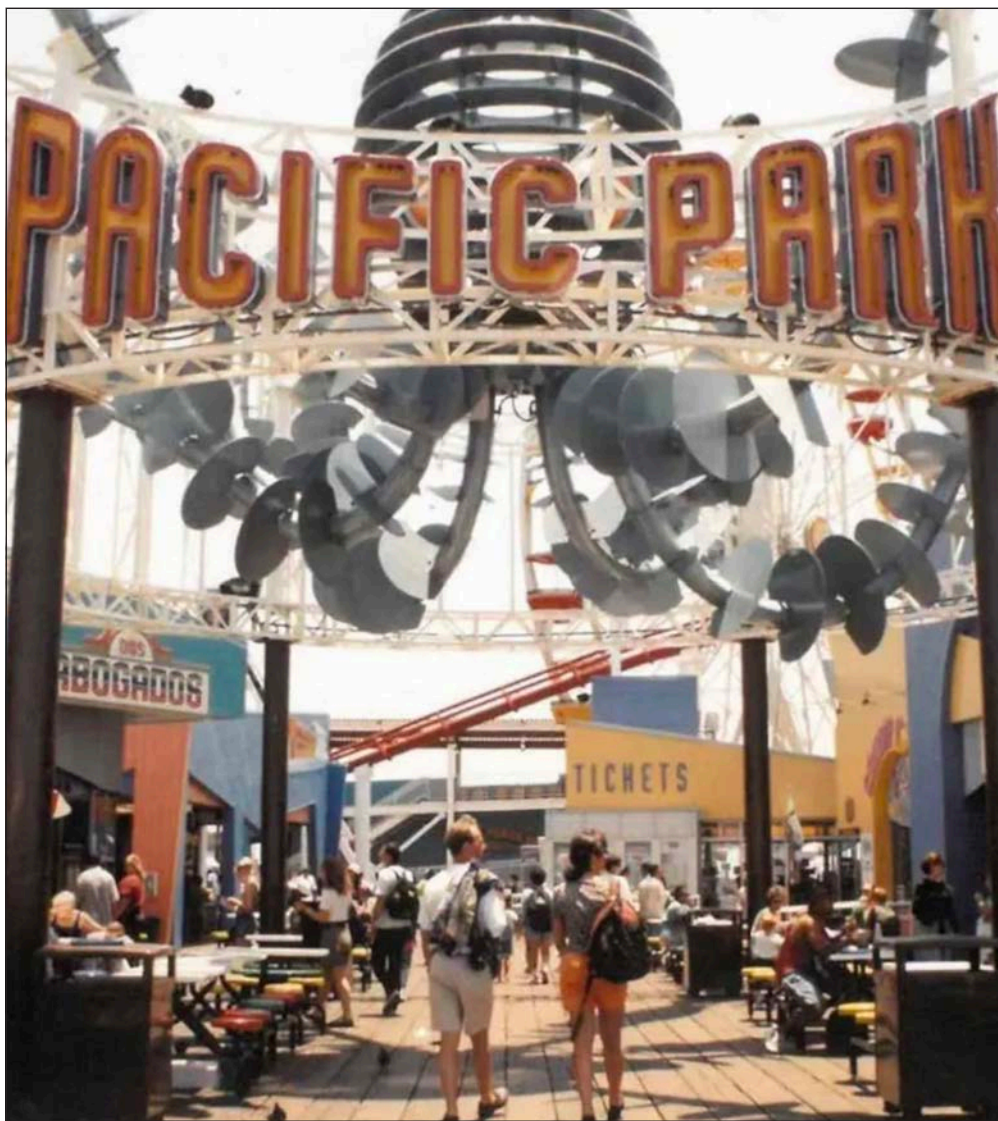
Equally meaningful, Klocke said, have been the park's longstanding community partnerships with organizations including Santa Monica PAL, Special Olympics Southern California and Make-A-Wish, along with countless local celebrations and family traditions that connect the park to the pier.

The numbers tell their own story. Since opening, Pacific Park has provided nearly 100 million rides on its 12 classic boardwalk attractions and welcomed more than 14 million riders on its solar-powered Ferris wheel. Along the way, it has served more than 4.5 million scoops of ice cream, brewed more than 4.1 million cups of coffee and dusted more than 3.6 million funnel cakes. Staff have also served 1,811,620 churros and spun more than 530,725 pieces of cotton candy.

Today the park offers 12 rides, 14 midway games, oceanfront dining at Snackville and beachside retail, all anchored by the Pacific Wheel, which remains the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel. Pacific Park bills itself as Los Angeles' only admission-free amusement park.

The anniversary celebration began several days before the official date with a community-focused Santa Monica Pier Locals' Night on May 21. Klocke said starting with locals was intentional.

"Pacific Park exists because the Santa



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PARK: The local theme park remains an attraction decades after opening.

Monica Pier was preserved and supported by the community, so it felt important to begin the anniversary by saying thank you to the people who live here, work here and have supported the pier over the years," he said. "The Santa Monica Pier has always been more than a tourist destination — it's a gathering place and shared public space that generations of local families have helped shape."

The celebration continued through the weekend with the release of "Sp30tlights: 30 Years of Pacific Park," a three-part series highlighting defining milestones from the park's history.

Klocke said the park intends to keep evolving while preserving what has made it a fixture on the Southern California coast.

"Pacific Park is a reflection of the community that saved this pier and continues to shape its future," he said. "As we celebrate this milestone, we're proud of the memories created here and excited to continue evolving the experience for the next generation of guests."

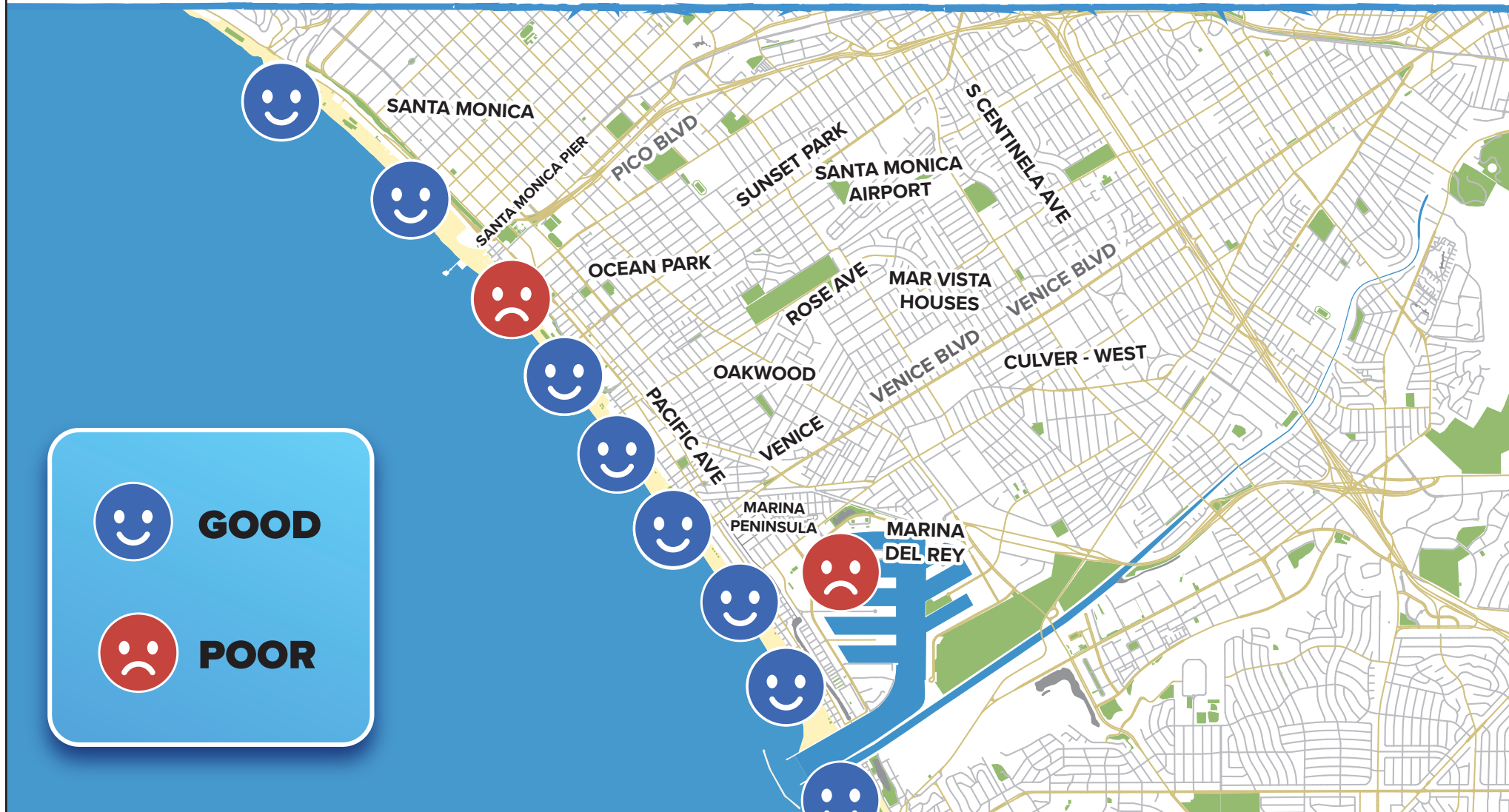
Looking toward the park's 40th and 50th anniversaries, Klocke said the goal is to continue creating new experiences while preserving the nostalgia, accessibility and sense of community that have defined the destination.

"We want Pacific Park to remain a place where locals and visitors alike can come together to enjoy the oceanfront, celebrate milestones and experience a uniquely Southern California tradition for decades to come," he said.

Pacific Park is open daily on the Santa Monica Pier.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026086325. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FITOGRAM, 1919 HARRIMAN LANE 2, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): OGRAM LLC, 1919 HARRIMAN LANE 2, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ RAYMOND CHODOROWSKI, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/21/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/12/2026, 05/19/2026, 05/26/2026, 06/02/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026088324. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WHAT THE SLEUTH!?, 610 SANTA MONICA BLVD UNIT 215, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): KATHRYN KEANE, 610 SANTA MONICA BLVD. UNIT 215, SANTA MONICA, CA 90034. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ Kathryn Keane, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/22/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/19/2026, 05/26/2026, 06/02/2026, 06/09/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026098119. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 30SEVEN CO, 1002 14TH STREET APT 6, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): JACLYN ROSE STUDIOS LLC, 1002 14TH STREET APT 6, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ JACLYN LEHRER, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/04/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/12/2026, 05/19/2026, 05/26/2026, 06/02/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026098676. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THREADS & WHIMSY, 14614 S CORLETT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220., County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): ROSA HERNANDEZ, 14614 S CORLETT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ ROSA HERNANDEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/05/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/12/2026, 05/19/2026, 05/26/2026, 06/02/2026

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26VECP00234. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Northwest District - East Bldg., 6230 Sylmar Ave., Room 107, Van Nuys, CA 91401. Petition of Alessandra Kaiser for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Alessandra Kaiser filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kaiser Alessandra to Attori Alessandra. 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: 06/28/2026, Time: 8:30 A.M., Dept: 7, Room: 600. 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: MAY 11 2026. SHIRLEY K. WATKINS, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/19/2026, 05/26/2026, 06/02/2026, 06/09/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00207. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Ali Mahalati for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Ali Mahalati filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ali Mahalati to Ali Khosrovanis. 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: 06/12/2026, 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: 04/28/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/05/2026, 05/12/2026, 05/19/2026, 05/26/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00193. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of SARAH RATSIMIHAAH for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SARAH RATSIMIHAAH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SARAH RATSIMIHAAH to SARAH CASTELIAH. 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: 06/29/2026, Time: 8:30AM, 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: 04/16/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/05/2026, 05/12/2026, 05/19/2026, 05/26/2026

MARATHON

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The event also raised \$10,000 for local schools and youth programs across Venice, Mar Vista and Marina del Rey, with organizers setting a goal of \$25,000 for 2027. “We created this event to celebrate everything that makes Venice so special, the energy, creativity, diversity, and strong sense of community,” said event co-producer Michelle Lindner. “Seeing thousands of people come together to support local schools while experiencing the magic of Venice Beach has been incredibly rewarding. We’re excited to continue growing the event and increasing our impact for the community in the years ahead.”

The event’s charitable partner, FEATSTREET Inc., will serve as fiscal receiver for donations, with funds distributed directly to participating local schools. Benefiting schools include Beethoven

Elementary, Broadway Elementary, Coeur d’Alene Elementary, Grand View Elementary, Mar Vista Elementary, Mark Twain Middle School, Phoenix High School, Short Avenue Elementary, Venice High School, Walgrove Elementary, Westminster Elementary and Westside Global Awareness Magnet School. Additional partners included Blankspaces, Sound Running, Hotel Erwin, Costco, Postmates, Bambas and the Venice Chamber of Commerce.

As Los Angeles continues building toward the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Venice Beach Half Marathon & 5K has quickly positioned itself as more than a race. It has become a local showcase for movement, neighborhood pride and the kind of community activation that makes Venice one of the city’s most distinctive cultural corridors.

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ELECTION

FROM PAGE 5

case.”

Trump’s attack on Harris’ transgender policies were cited as a key contrast.

Specifically, the report suggested the Democratic nominee was “boxed” in by the Trump campaign’s “very effective” ad that highlighted Harris’ previous statement of support for taxpayer-funded gender-affirming surgeries for prison inmates.

Democratic pollsters believed that “if the Vice President would not change her position – and she did not – then there was nothing which would have worked as a response,” the report said.

‘THE MATH DOESN’T WORK’

The report criticized Harris’ outreach to key segments of America while condemning

the party’s focus on “identity politics.”

“Harris wrote off rural America, assuming urban/suburban margins would compensate. The math doesn’t work,” the report says. “You can’t lose rural areas by overwhelming margins and make it up elsewhere when rural voters are a significant share of the electorate. If Democrats are to reclaim leadership in the Heartland or the South, candidates must perform well in rural turf. Show up, listen, and then do it again.”

The report also references Democrats’ underperformance with male voters of color.

“Male voters require direct engagement. The gender gap can be narrowed. Deploy male messengers, address economic concerns, and don’t assume identity politics will hold male voters of color,” it says.

By STEVE PEOPLES AP National Politics Writer



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Santa Monica

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit electronic bids for the:

Street Lighting Modernization Program - Package 2 Project SP2574

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY’S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, OpenGov Procurement or <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via OpenGov Procurement immediately after bid close time.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: N/A

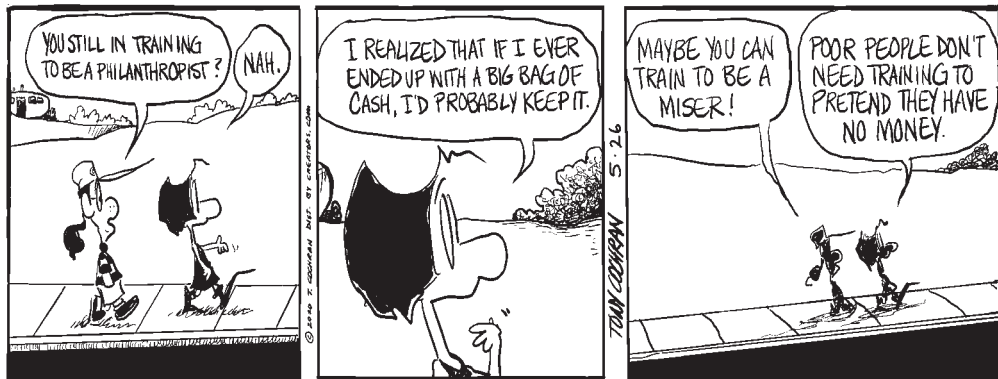
PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$3,720,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 270 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: \$5,200 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City’s bidding website at: <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>. The Contractor is required to have a **Class A and C-10** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City’s Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



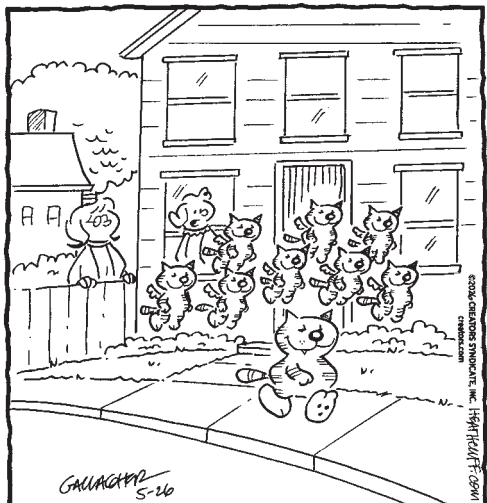
Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

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Animals up close

R O D E N T S N A K E S R O H
 M O T L T I G E R F E E D L R
 D R I B E N S P N T M L N L K
 R H X M A W U O O C I G A I O
 T I E I A D M P I N T A T D A
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| Anteater | Extinct | Joey | Quokka |
| Armadillo | Feed | Kite | Reptile |
| Barn | Ferret | Koala | Rhinoceros |
| Bear | Fish | Llama | Rodents |
| Bird | Food | Mealtime | Snakes |
| Conservation | Foxes | Mink | Swans |
| Deer | Frog | Monotreme | Tame |
| Donkey | Geese | Mouse | Tapir |
| Eagles | Gnus | Nimble | Tiger |
| Eland | Hippo | Open | Vole |
| Emus | Horse | Orang utan | Wolf |
| Exit | Ibis | Possum | Zebra |

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 26)

It's your Year of the Confident Leap. Like a ballet dancer executing the gravity-defying dance, you avoid injury by avoiding hesitation or tentativeness. Commitment is king and your utter assurance makes life compelling. More highlights: Solid education leads to status and opportunities. You'll catch what you chase. A new spirit adds whimsy and romance to your social life. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 10, 11, 14 and 5.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't have to have your finger on the pulse of culture to know what's cool. Because your pulse is as tuned in as any. If it makes you happy, or interests you or intrigues you, it's worth pursuing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Fun can be contagious, but not always. Mismatches happen. You might simply need a minute to warm up, or it may not be your kind of fun. When enjoyment is mutual, it tends to build. When it's consistently one-sided, something's off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). By expressing your joy, you make life more joyful for everyone involved. Therefore, when you take the time to figure out what delights you, you're not only deepening your relationship with yourself, you're also bringing more happiness into the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Do you think someone is trying to impress you? Does it feel like you're being persuaded? Adored? Controlled? You're very sensitive to social dynamics and super-savvy about the motivations of others. Your decisions depend on accuracy here.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your friends are important to you, and they know it because you make sure of it. You show up dependably, as expected, and reach out unexpectedly, too, because the surprise has sweet impact.

VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When they ask what you're up to, you throw them off the trail. Why? You shouldn't have to explain yourself. You're in the thrust of action. No need to slow down for anyone or catch anyone up. Ride your own momentum.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Not knowing where you're going with a project will be half the fun. You'll stick with the work until it tells you what it wants to be -- the move of a true artist. You are open to forces bigger than logic and you respect their sway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you do is not the totality of who you are. Still, melding with the verb will increase your vitality today. When you run, you're a runner. When you dance, you're a dancer. When you poeticize, you're a poet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A relationship is like a long car ride with a fellow driver -- it's better to take turns at the wheel, or at least the passenger should agree to keep the driver entertained, so no one falls asleep. Is everyone doing their part?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are the artist of your character, a work that is always being formed and reformed. In the end, what exists is what you made. There are no shoulds and shouldn'ts, only dids and didn'ts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some people just can't settle into the thankless work. They demand status without earning it. But those who skip paying their dues can't appreciate the scope of a functional operation. Don't enable entitlement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone attractive led you into a scene that was, at the time, exciting, new and full of promise. Now things are different and you're reassessing your role here and the benefits to staying. This check-in keeps you from stagnation.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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T	R	E	S	S	R	O	A	D	P	L	O	D	

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Reputation, informally
- 5 Narrow opening for coins
- 9 Signify
- 13 Doughnut center
- 14 Arrived
- 15 Monte __, Monaco
- 16 Anna's sister in *Frozen*
- 17 Guitarist Clapton
- 18 Ram's zodiac sign
- 19 Short on cash
- 22 Get a look at
- 23 Animal's lair
- 24 Commits robbery
- 28 Dusting cloth
- 30 Spanish water
- 34 President from 2009 to 2017
- 35 Plumbing tubes
- 37 Clip-__ (some neckties)
- 38 Declining in skill
- 41 U-turn from WSW
- 42 Get into clothes
- 43 Seaweed
- 44 Get money for
- 46 Had a meal
- 47 Moves sneakily
- 48 Be helpful to
- 50 Color tone
- 51 Short footrace
- 60 Central Florida city
- 61 Scream
- 62 China's continent
- 63 Santa's helpers

- 64 Roof overhang
- 65 Multi-store shopping venue
- 66 Puts into words
- 67 Tool storage building
- 68 Dalmatian's mark

DOWN

- 1 Gourmet cook
- 2 Part for an actor
- 3 Otherwise
- 4 Hand out playing cards
- 5 Movie excerpts
- 6 Extra __ eggs
- 7 Fail to mention
- 8 Computer expert, for short

- 9 Docking area
- 10 Dublin's country
- 11 Actor Baldwin
- 12 Small snack
- 15 __ Canaveral, FL
- 20 Aruba or Cuba
- 21 Border lines
- 24 Boot bottoms
- 25 Type of steak
- 26 Painter's tripod
- 27 Male friend, in French
- 28 Wash suds from
- 29 Chimps and gorillas
- 31 Charge too much
- 32 Open, as toothpaste
- 33 Fire remnants
- 35 Rhyme writer
- 36 Gawked (at)

LITTLE BITS by Guilherme Gilioli
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- 39 Exam mark
- 40 Spanish cheer
- 45 Soup-serving utensils
- 47 In ringlets, as hair
- 49 Nest egg plans: Abbr.
- 50 Divide in two
- 51 Weed-chopping tools
- 52 Sch. near Hollywood
- 53 Sea-based military force
- 54 Gives a new color to
- 55 Informal assent
- 56 River blockers
- 57 Without delay, in a memo
- 58 Rural storage tower
- 59 Sentry's "Stop!"

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

5	1	3	8	6	2	4	9	7
7	8	6	9	4	1	3	5	2
2	9	4	3	5	7	6	8	1
6	3	1	7	8	4	9	2	5
8	2	5	6	3	9	7	1	4
9	4	7	2	1	5	8	3	6
4	6	2	1	9	8	5	7	3
1	5	8	4	7	3	2	6	9
3	7	9	5	2	6	1	4	8

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.

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		3	5	1			9	
7		1						8
	9			6	7			

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TUESDAY | MAY 26

LADIES GOLF CLINIC

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Join us every Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 AM for a relaxed, social golf experience designed for women of all skill levels. Whether you're picking up a club for the first time or looking to build confidence in your game, Matchas & Mulligans is all about learning, connecting, and having fun in a welcoming, pressure-free environment. Led by our in-house golf pros, you'll learn new skills each session. Blend light instruction with a social atmosphere — the ladies' clinic is perfect for improving your skills while meeting like-minded golfers. \$60 per person per session. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ladies-golf-clinic/18482158/2026-05-26T09>

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, MULTI-LEVEL HIGH

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. For more information visit the Adult Education Center online. Register online or contact Maria Barajas at (310) 664-6222, ext.76205, mbarajas@smmusd.org. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/english-as-a-second-language-esl-conversation-multi-level-high/14243827/2026-05-26T10>

WELL FED EXHIBITION

11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery 1310 11th Street Santa Monica. Well Fed rewrites the antiquated myth of the "starving artist." This exhibition is a testament to what can be created when artists are nourished through creative and intellectual exchange. The work on view challenges the rigid systems that confine us: conventional expression, rampant consumerism, technological encroachment, and informational overload. SMC's Mentor Program provides a uniquely collaborative environment for artists across backgrounds to explore and expand their practice. Here, artists are able to be fiercely committed, vulnerable, and curious as they surrender to their creative calling. The students of the Gallery Program worked with this dynamic group to create this exhibition, developing their own professional abilities along the way. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/well-fed-exhibition/18910662/2026-05-26T11>

HAND-PAINTED TAPER CANDLES WITH ACTIVE STUDIO-FORAGER CRAFTS

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Branch Library 861 Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades. Hand-Painted Taper Candles With Active Studio-Forager Crafts Join us for a unique candle-making workshop where guests will learn to design candles using paint pens, a special. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/hand-painted-taper-candles-with-active-studio-forager-crafts/18915962/2026-05-26T15>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-05-26T15>

MUSIC & MARGARITAS WITH KCRW'S DJ WYLDEFLOWER AT HOMESTATE

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 720 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica. Join HomeState for a weekly patio party and music series with KCRW's DJ Wyldflower every Tuesday in May from 5:30-7:30PM. Enjoy Happy Hour (3-6 PM), free chips and salsa, "The Greatest Strawberry Margarita Ever!" Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/music-margaritas-with-kcrw-s-dj-wyldeflower-at-homestate/18768154/2026-05-26T17>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2026-05-26T17>

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-05-26T21>

WEDNESDAY | MAY 27

COMMUNAL GARDENING @ ISHIHARA PARK

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot

to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-05-27T09>

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays*, Fridays* and Saturdays** at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation, in the park, on the grass, under the shade of the palm trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling blue ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early. Be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be aware and make new friends. Give yourself the love and attention you deserve by developing your mind, finding peace and creating community. Check schedule on FB or IG for any changes or cancellations. We will meet: *WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS at the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (across the street from the Ocean View Park basketball court). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-05-27T10>

VIRTUAL FIRE DISASTER SUPPORT GROUP

2:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Virtual Fire Disaster Support Group. This virtual support group is designed for adults directly impacted by recent fire-related disasters. Led by a licensed therapist, each session offers a safe, supportive space to process experiences, build coping strategies, and promote emotional stabilization over time. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions to foster consistency and connection within the group. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/virtual-fire-disaster-support-group/18566767/2026-05-27T14>

WINE WEDNESDAY AT THE WHALER

101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. \$15 wine flights & half off bottles of wine all day every Wednesday. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wine-wednesday-at-the-whaler/16952883/2026-05-27T00>

THURSDAY | MAY 28

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/18763133/2026-05-28T11>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-05-28T11>

LOUNGE NIGHT AT AMERICAN LEGION

5:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. American Legion Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join us in the bar lounge from 5 to 10 p.m. generally on the fourth Thursday of the month for appetizers, drink specials and great conversation! Please register so we know how much food to prepare. \$10 entry to the event will be donated to a veterans nonprofit effort. Food will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. while supplies last. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lounge-night-at-american-legion/18825635/2026-05-28T17>

SALSA & BACHATA LESSONS & DANCING WITH DANCER UNIVERSITY + TINDER

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Victorian 2640 Main Street Santa Monica. Experience Santa Monica's premier Latin night at The Victorian! Enjoy ocean breezes, expert-led lessons & two floors of Salsa and Bachata. \$17.85. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/salsa-bachata-lessons-dancing-with-dancer-university-tinder/18936864/2026-05-28T20>

HARVELLE'S PRESENTS

8:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Show starts at 8:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tix available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/harvelle-s-presents/18565088/2026-05-28T20>

FRIDAY | MAY 29

MISHKON TEPHILO - SHABBAT ON THE BEACH

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Santa Monica Beach Look for the blue and white Mishkon flag Los Angeles. Warm your toes in the sand, and join your community in singing and celebrating the joys of a magical Shabbat experience. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mishkon-tephilo-shabbat-on-the-beach/18847315/2026-05-29T17>

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