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Four Wood Golf brings a clubhouse vibe to Pico with lessons, curated bar and a space to socialize

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Four Wood Golf, a new premium indoor golf venue on Pico Boulevard, has officially opened its doors, bringing a distinctly East Coast concept to the heart of Santa Monica. Billed as a modern indoor "clubhouse" with six high-end simulator bays, a full kitchen and a beer and wine bar, the venue aims to serve as much more than just a training space for golfers.

Founder and CEO Simon Page said the idea grew out of a recurring frustration he and friends had with existing indoor golf facilities. Many were "small man caves," he said, with limited space and no food or beverage options. Others lacked the atmosphere or amenities that might make them appealing to casual visitors or non-golfers.

"We decided to make something more community focused," Page

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Scott Snowden

FAIRWAY FLARE: The new club tees up coaching, cocktails and community in a stylish, laid-back Santa Monica space.

Los Angeles DA challenges judge's mental health diversion ruling in violent hate crime case

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has asked a state appellate court to overturn a judge's controversial decision to grant mental health diversion to a man accused of carrying out a racially charged violent assault that left a 64-year-old homeless man permanently disabled.

In a petition filed with the California Court of Appeal, prosecutors are seeking a peremptory writ of mandate to vacate Judge Lana Kim's March 12 ruling that allowed Job Uriah Taylor, 27, to avoid trial under a California

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The new Pasjoli: Chef Dave Beran reconcepts his award-winning restaurant

After a two-week closure, the acclaimed Santa Monica restaurant Pasjoli has reopened with a refreshed perspective and experience.

What began as Chef Dave Beran's elevated homage to French cuisine has transformed into a more relaxed neighborhood bistro,

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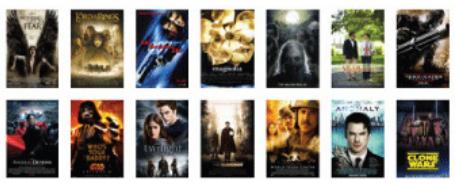
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New rally planned for Santa Monica as the region continues to protest Trump administration

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace will host a "Democracy Not Fascism" march Saturday in Downtown Santa Monica, the latest in a series of anti-government demonstrations that have swept Southern California since President Donald Trump's return to office.

> This is our moment to stand against the American oligarchy that profits from division, war, and oppression
> - Rebecca Arvizu

The march begins at 11 a.m. at Santa Monica City Hall and will conclude with a rally at the 3rd Street Promenade near the Metro Station. Organizers are demanding pathways to citizenship for immigrant communities, an end to what they call "government by and for the wealthy," and dismantling of the military-industrial complex.

"This is our moment to stand against the American oligarchy that profits from division, war, and oppression," said Rebecca Arvizu of CODEPINK LA and ICUJP. "They're attacking immigrants, workers, and our planet—all while lining their pockets."

The event is endorsed by CODEPINK, the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, the ANSWER Coalition and other coalition partners. It will feature speeches from faith and labor leaders, cultural performances and community art.

The planned demonstration comes as Southern California has experienced sustained anti-government protests since Trump's inauguration in January. The region became a flashpoint in early June when federal immigration raids in Los Angeles sparked five days of protests that prompted Trump to deploy approximately 1,700 federalized California National Guard troops and 700 U.S. Marines to the city.

Local authorities imposed nightly curfews downtown, and by June 10, Los Angeles police were conducting mass arrests to clear the streets. Images from the period showed National Guard soldiers in military gear guarding federal buildings while crowds continued demonstrating for immigrant rights.

The protests culminated in the nationwide "No Kings Day" demonstrations on June 14, Trump's 79th birthday. Organizers estimated over 5 million Americans participated in more than 2,000 locations, with Southern California contributing several hundred thousand protesters.

Santa Monica hosted its own No Kings Day protest at Palisades Park, where thousands of participants formed a visible line along the bluff above Pacific Coast Highway. The event remained completely peaceful, with families, seniors and diverse community groups gathering in what local media described as a "joyful and peaceful" atmosphere.

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CORRECTION

A quote in the July 10 edition of the Daily Press was misattributed to Councilmember Caroline Torosis. The quote, reprinted below, was from Councilmember Dan Hall.

"We stand at the threshold of something rare: a once-in-generations chance to transform a space currently devoted to flight into a place that strengthens our bodies and minds, heals nature, and lets our spirits soar. A place that will inspire wonder in every child who runs barefoot through an open field, in every senior who walks beneath the canopy of native trees, in every artist who finds quiet beauty in the shape of the land, in every athlete who needs a space to play, in every renter who needs a backyard."

Kooky product line marries surf and beauty culture



Courtesy photo

BRAND: The company specializes in haircare products.

When CK Kuklinski left her corporate job to live on boats and scuba dive around the world, she saw the coral reefs she explored were being damaged by the harmful products that people use on their skin and hair.

"I was in the water for eight hours a day under the hot sun," Kuklinski said. "I needed something to protect my skin and hair, but I couldn't find anything that wouldn't harm marine life when it washed off."

This discovery led her to launch KOOK, a Santa Monica-based beauty company that creates products safe for ocean ecosystems. The brand name comes from her childhood nickname and also references surf culture, where "kook" means someone new to the water.

"We're reclaiming the word 'kook,'" said Kuklinski, who has been a lifelong swimmer and became a certified scuba diver in high school. "The ocean is for everyone, and anyone bold enough to get in should be celebrated."

After diving at reefs worldwide, Kuklinski witnessed firsthand how climate change and toxic products damage ocean life. This experience became the driving force behind KOOK's mission to create sustainably manufactured products that meet strict reef-safety standards.

"People don't realize how often we apply moisturizer, skin serums, and hair products that eventually end up in our oceans," Kuklinski said. "I would rather not wear any products than risk putting something harmful into the water."

KOOK specializes in haircare products for water enthusiasts. KOOK products protect hair from sun, salt, and chlorine damage while being eco friendly. Every KOOK product is tested to ensure it contains no ingredients harmful to coral reefs.

Beyond product development, KOOK builds community through events in Santa Monica and Venice. KOOK has hosted events at JuneShine, bringing together over 100 locals for evenings of music, dancing, and ocean-themed art.

"We partner with nonprofits like SeaTrees to ensure our events support ocean conservation," Kuklinski said.

As a female founder in the competitive

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Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 63. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2025/07/11	Fri	10:07 PM	6.34		H
2025/07/12	Sat	05:32 AM	-0.82		L
2025/07/12	Sat	12:05 PM	3.89		H
2025/07/12	Sat	4:33 PM	2.41		L
2025/07/12	Sat	10:44 PM	6.17		H
2025/07/13	Sun	06:05 AM	-0.68		L
2025/07/13	Sun	12:39 PM	4.07		H
2025/07/13	Sun	5:22 PM	2.36		L
2025/07/13	Sun	11:25 PM	5.80		H
2025/07/14	Mon	06:38 AM	-0.39		L
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New music school aims to convert students into lifetime players

A new piano school called Payam Music recently opened doors on Broadway and Lincoln in Santa Monica. The Payam Music Program addresses one of the most common issues in music education which is continued interest in playing piano. While traditional piano programs only see 15-20% of students continuing after their first year, Payam Music boasts an impressive 97% retention rate. By ditching the traditional sheet music, Payam Music teaches their students to read music using new learning methods with letters and numbers.

"The most common discussion I have with parents is 'my son doesn't want to play piano' or 'my daughter doesn't want to play piano,'" said Andy Tamara, head teacher at the Santa Monica location, who taught traditional piano for 20 years before joining Payam Music. "Having to constantly change and adapt as a traditional piano teacher was a big challenge. Here at Payam, the curriculum really takes center stage."

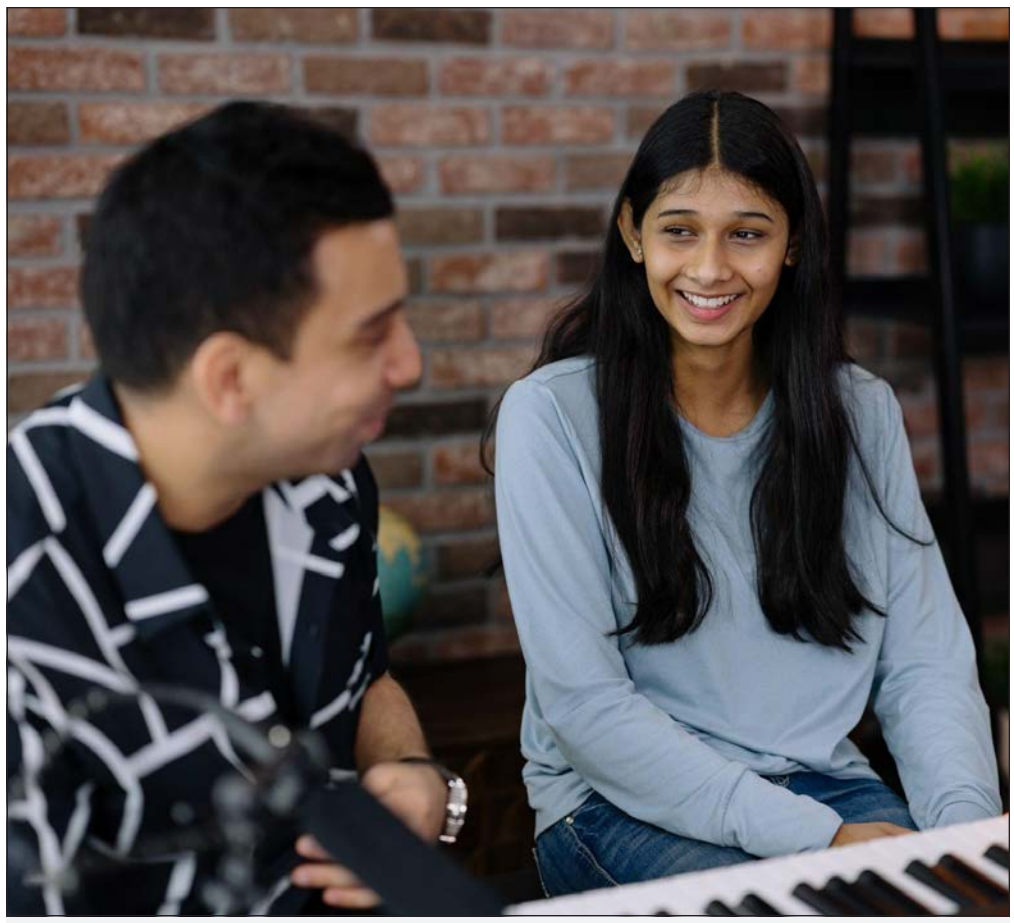
After operating two successful schools in the Seattle area for a decade, Payam Music decided to open their first California location. The school's proprietary "Payam Method" teaches students how to "speak" piano before learning to read traditionally, similar to the concept of children learning about to speak before they can read or write. Additionally, the program personalizes lessons to songs that the students choose. Students as young as four years old can play

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>
> - Andy Tamara, head teacher at the Santa Monica

recognizable songs like "Let It Go" from Disney's Frozen on their very first day.

"I've had a girl come in with full Elsa

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MUSIC: The new school is on Broadway and Lincoln.

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The US is having its worst year for measles in more than three decades

The U.S. is having its worst year for measles spread in more than three decades, and the year is only half over.

The national case count reached 1,288 on Wednesday, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, though public health experts say the true figure may be higher.

The CDC's count is 14 more than 2019, when America almost lost its status of having eliminated the vaccine-preventable illness — something that could happen this year if the virus spreads without stopping for 12 months. But the U.S. is far from 1991, when there were 9,643 confirmed cases.

In a statement, the federal government said the CDC "continues to recommend (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccines as the best way to protect against measles." It also said it is "supporting community efforts" to tamp down ongoing outbreaks as requested, among taking other measures. CDC teams deployed for an on-the-ground outbreak response twice in Texas, and also helped New Mexico and Kansas with their outbreaks.

Fourteen states have active outbreaks; four other states' outbreaks have ended. The largest outbreak started five months ago in undervaccinated communities in West Texas. Three people have died — two children in Texas and an adult in New Mexico — and dozens of people have been hospitalized across the U.S.

But there are signs that transmission is slowing, especially in Texas. Lubbock County's hospitals treated most of the sickest patients in the region, but the county hasn't seen a new case in 50 days, public health director Katherine Wells said.

"What concerned me early on in this outbreak was is it spreading to other parts of the United States, and that's definitely what's happening now," she said.

In 2000, the World Health Organization and CDC said measles had been eliminated from the U.S. The closer a disease gets to eradication, the harder it can seem to stamp it out, said Dr. Jonathan Temte, a family physician in Wisconsin who helped certify that distinction 25 years ago.

It's hard to see measles cases break records despite the widespread availability of a vaccine, he added. The measles, mumps and rubella vaccine is safe and is 97% effective at preventing measles after two doses.

"When we have tools that can be really helpful and see that they're discarded for no good reason, it's met with a little bit of melancholy on our part," Temte said of public health officials and primary care providers.

Wells said she is concerned about continuing vaccine hesitancy. A recent study found childhood vaccination rates against measles fell after the COVID-19 pandemic in nearly 80% of the more than 2,000 U.S. counties with available data, including in states that are battling outbreaks this year. And CDC data showed that only 92.7% of kindergarteners in the U.S. had the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine in the 2023-2024 school year, below the 95% needed to prevent outbreaks.

State and federal leaders have for years kept funding stagnant for local public health departments' vaccination programs that are tasked with reversing the trend. Wells said she talks with local public health leaders nationwide about how to prepare for an outbreak, but also says the system needs more investment.

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> - Dr. Jonathan Temte

"What we're seeing with measles is a little bit of a 'canary in a coal mine,'" said Lauren Gardner, leader of Johns Hopkins University's independent measles and COVID-19 tracking databases. "It's indicative of a problem that we know exists with vaccination attitudes in this county and just, I think, likely to get worse."

Currently, North America has three other major measles outbreaks: 2,966 cases in Chihuahua state, Mexico, 2,223 cases in Ontario, Canada and 1,246 in Alberta, Canada. The Ontario, Chihuahua and Texas outbreaks stem from large Mennonite communities in the regions. Mennonite churches do not formally discourage vaccination, though more conservative Mennonite communities historically have low vaccination rates and a distrust of government.

In 2019, the CDC identified 22 outbreaks with the largest in two separate clusters in New York — 412 in New York state and 702 in New York City. These were linked because measles was spreading through close-knit Orthodox Jewish communities, the CDC said.

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Citywide

Police Department Launches Recruitment Website to Address Staffing Challenges

The Santa Monica Police Department launched a new recruitment website designed to attract qualified officers and civilian staff amid historically high vacancy rates and increased competition for candidates.

The department unveiled www.JoinSMPD.com, featuring streamlined application processes, multimedia content including day-in-the-life videos and officer profiles, and detailed information about career opportunities in both sworn and civilian positions.

Police Chief Ramon Batista addressed the staffing crisis during a June 10 City Council meeting, describing recruitment as "one of our greatest challenges." He emphasized the department's need to adapt and innovate in response to current hiring difficulties.

"We must meet today's talent where they are—online, informed, and engagement-driven," Batista said during the council presentation.

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> - Ramon Batista, Police Chief

The new website integrates with the city's online portal and provides information on the National Testing Network written exam, physical fitness qualifier, oral review, background investigation and post-offer testing. It also includes clear timelines and guidance for each recruitment phase, from initial application through academy training and onboarding.

The platform features dedicated sections for both sworn officers and civilian roles as part of SMPD's goal to build a diversified workforce. Santa Monica offers competitive compensation packages along with wellness support, training opportunities and professional development programs.

"We're not just filling vacancies," Batista said. "We're investing in a future where our department reflects the strength, resilience, and excellence of our city. JoinSMPD.com is the first step toward meeting that vision."

The website launch represents a strategic shift for the department as it works to address staffing shortages that have affected law enforcement agencies nationwide. The multimedia approach aims to showcase the impact of serving the Santa Monica community and attract candidates who align with the department's values of service, integrity and community excellence.

The department encourages anyone interested in public service to visit www.JoinSMPD.com to explore current opportunities and begin the application process.

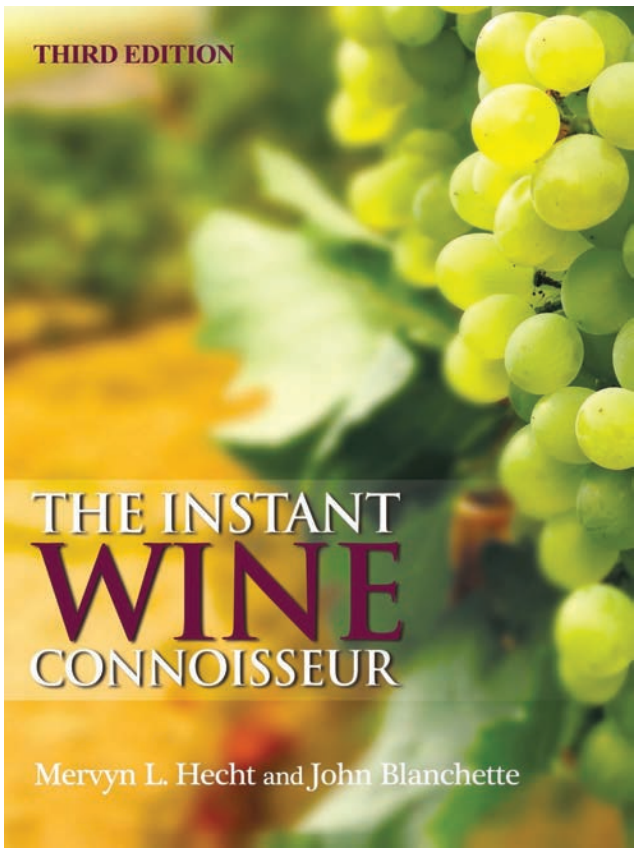
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Supervisors Advance Strategy to Combat Drug Problems at Juvenile Facilities

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion directing the Probation Department to implement enhanced security measures and expand substance abuse treatment at juvenile detention centers following a series of drug-related incidents.

The board voted 4-0 with one abstention on the emergency motion authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath. The action comes after several youth and staff were hospitalized last Wednesday at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey following suspected exposure to toxic drugs.

"Youth in Los Padrinos aren't even allowed to hug their moms out of fear of drugs or contraband being passed, yet drugs keep getting in," said Hahn, whose district includes Los Padrinos. "We are failing our youth, we are failing our employees, and every day, we risk losing another life to substance use."

The motion requires the Probation Department to enhance screening practices, including installing airport-style body scanners and strengthening canine detection programs. The department must also work with the Department of Public Health's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control to expand treatment for youth with active substance use disorders.

"It is unacceptable that young people in our County's care are being exposed to dangerous drugs—sometimes with deadly consequences," said Horvath. "The recent incidents at Los Padrinos and Barry J. Nidorf are a sobering reminder that, despite progress, contraband is still infiltrating our facilities."

The Los Padrinos incident was the latest in a string of drug-related problems. In June, the Probation Department announced arrests in two separate smuggling incidents. On June 10, a Deputy Probation Officer was accused of smuggling alprazolam into Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall. On June 30, an employee of contracted provider Student Nest allegedly attempted to smuggle more than 170 white pills into Los Padrinos.

The motion also directs the Probation Department to cancel its contract with Student Nest.

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Countywide

County Launches Campaign to Support Fire-Impacted Small Businesses

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity launched a countywide public awareness campaign aimed at supporting small businesses affected by recent wildfires.

The "Shop Local. Dine Local. Recover Local." initiative targets businesses reeling from economic impacts including property losses, revenue drops and customer decreases in fire-impacted communities, particularly those hit hardest by the Eaton and Palisades Fires in Altadena and other unincorporated areas.

The campaign seeks to increase consumer support and business revenue by raising public awareness of post-fire economic impacts, actively promoting local events and businesses, and incentivizing community members to shop and dine locally.

Several municipalities and organizations are partnering with the county on the effort, including the cities of Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Malibu and Pasadena. Partner organizations include Together for LA, the California Restaurant Association, Regarding Her, the Latino Restaurant Association, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation and the Independent Hospitality Coalition.

Local businesses in or near impacted areas can register at shoplocal.la to be included in the Recover Local Business Directory, an online list of highly-impacted businesses. Participating businesses will receive promotional support and direct access to critical resources, including marketing tools and help navigating available services.

Residents are encouraged to take the Shop Local Pledge, explore participating businesses and stay updated on community events and special promotions at shoplocal.la.

The campaign builds on the department's broader recovery efforts, including the $19.1 million LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Fund, which has delivered support to more than 1,370 businesses and 2,300 workers across the region.

The county also launched the Fire Recovery Resilience Workforce Program, which provides paid, transitional work opportunities and wraparound support for 1,000 displaced and dislocated workers. The program is supported by a $20 million investment from the state's Employment Development Department through the National Dislocated Worker and Additional Assistance Grant.

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SHOP LOCAL. DINE LOCAL. RECOVER LOCAL: The initiative targets businesses reeling from economic impacts.

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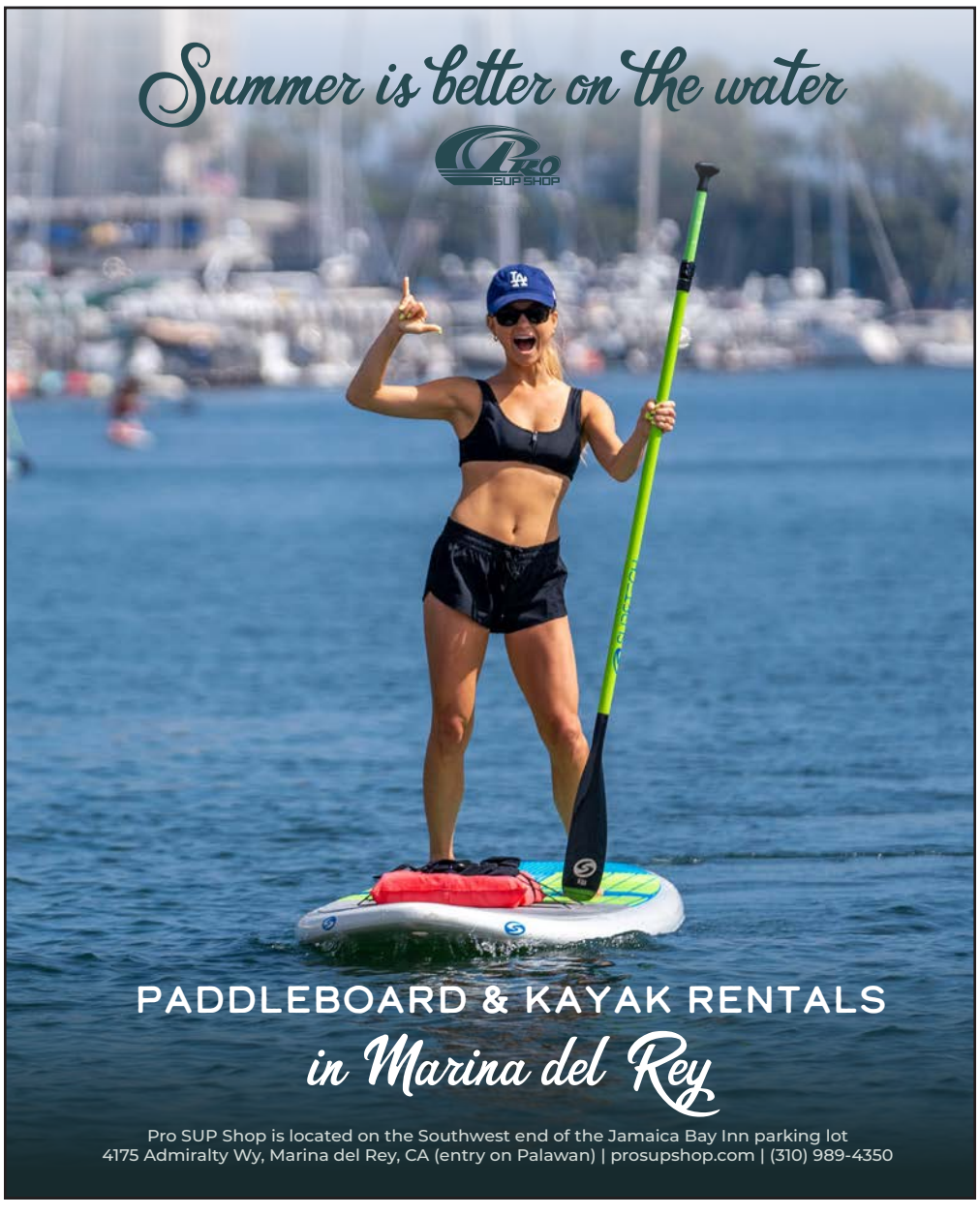
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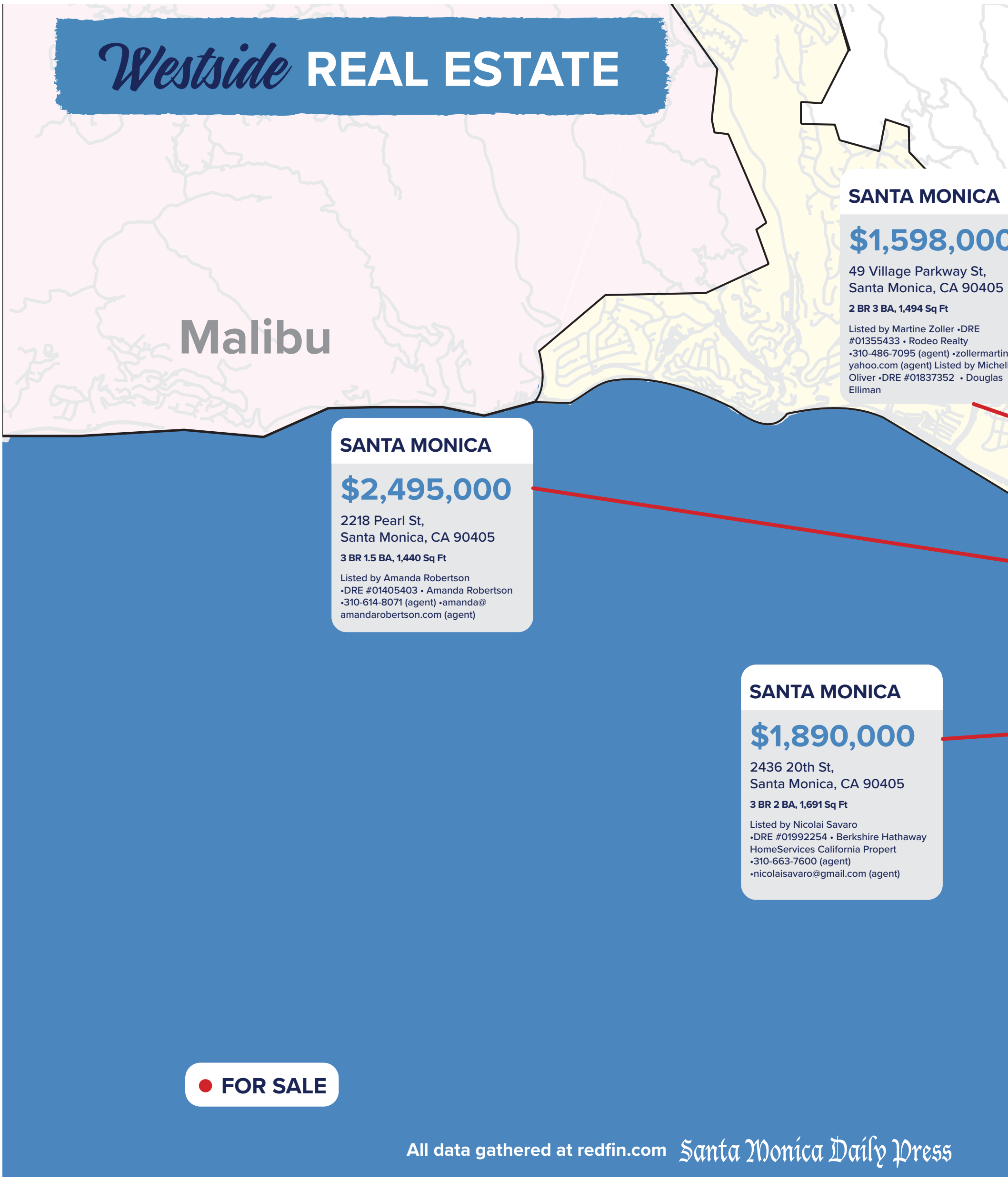
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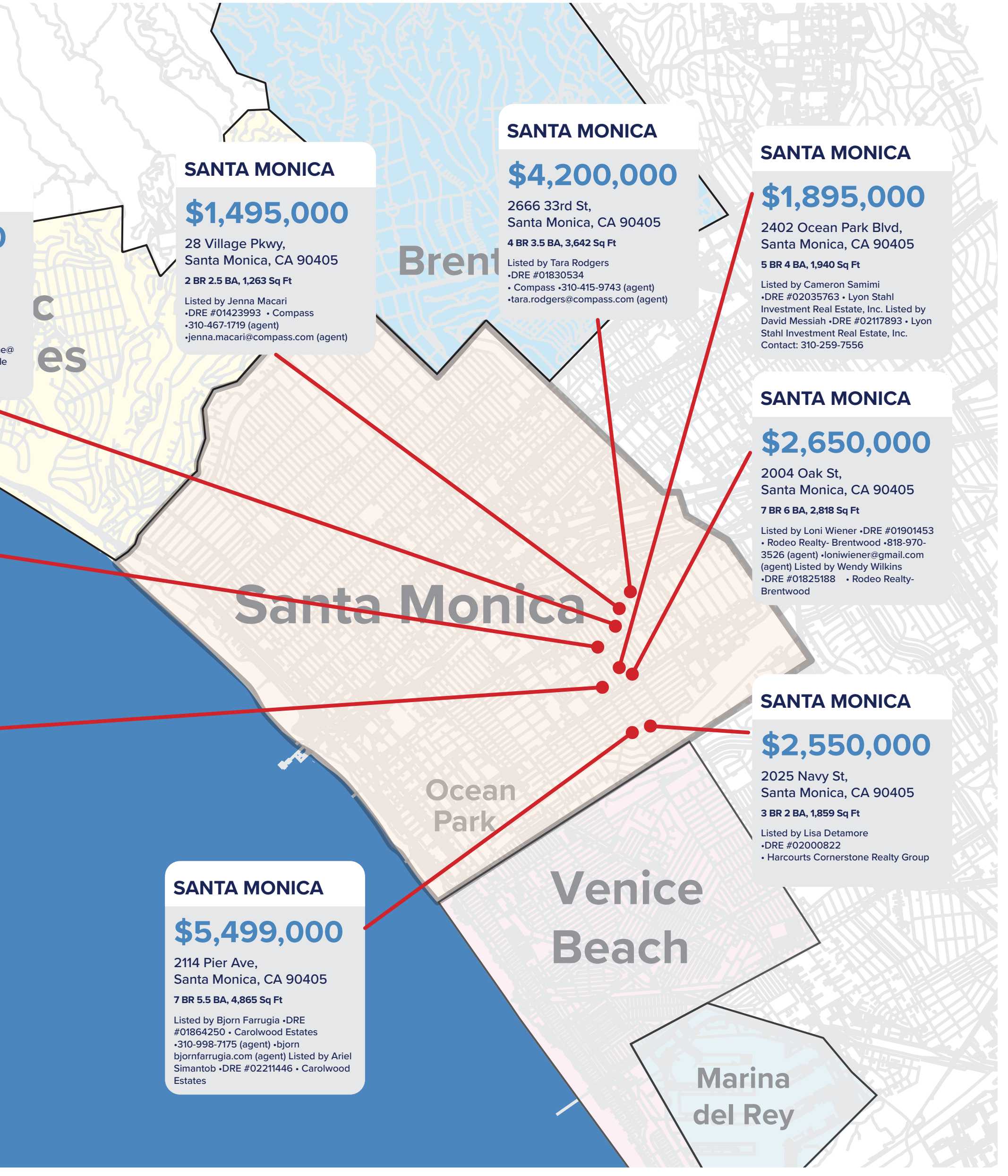
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law that permits eligible defendants to undergo treatment for mental illness instead of facing criminal prosecution.

The order, signed by Presiding Justice Frances Rothschild of the Second District Court of Appeal, directs the Los Angeles Superior Court to show cause why Taylor's diversion should not be reversed.

Taylor is charged in connection with a March 2023 attack near the Expo Line station in Santa Monica that left Christian Hornburg with a traumatic brain injury. According to witnesses and prosecutors, Taylor targeted three Black victims in broad daylight, striking Hornburg from behind while yelling racial slurs.

Hornburg, a former traveler and musician's son from Beverly Hills, was living on the street at the time of the attack. He now resides in a long-term care facility, unable to walk or care for himself.

"The judge never looked at me the way she looked at him," Hornburg told The Current in an earlier interview. "It was like my life didn't matter."

Taylor's placement into the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) program triggered widespread concern about public safety and judicial discretion. The program, while praised in some cases for reducing incarceration and promoting mental health treatment, allows defendants to avoid conviction and possible jail time if they comply with a treatment plan.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman called the Taylor ruling "a miscarriage of justice."

"At any moment, Taylor can walk out, and they can't stop him," Hochman said. "Law enforcement isn't notified until days later. The only way he's likely caught is if he reoffends—which could involve extreme violence."

Court transcripts show prosecutors raised repeated concerns about the risks of diversion during Taylor's hearing, especially after a court-appointed mental health expert acknowledged that Taylor would not be housed in a locked facility and could potentially walk away without immediate oversight.

This is not the first time Judge Kim has faced scrutiny for her sentencing decisions. Elected in 2020 with a platform emphasizing no incarceration, Kim has granted diversion in multiple cases involving violent or repeat offenders. Among them was Lisa Ann Heflin, who led police on a high-speed chase in 2024, injuring nine officers and damaging several vehicles. She was also granted mental health diversion.

"These cases illustrate a pattern of leniency," Hochman said.

In the Taylor case, the DA's office now hopes the appellate court will intervene. The petition asks the court to reverse Kim's ruling and require the case proceed to trial.

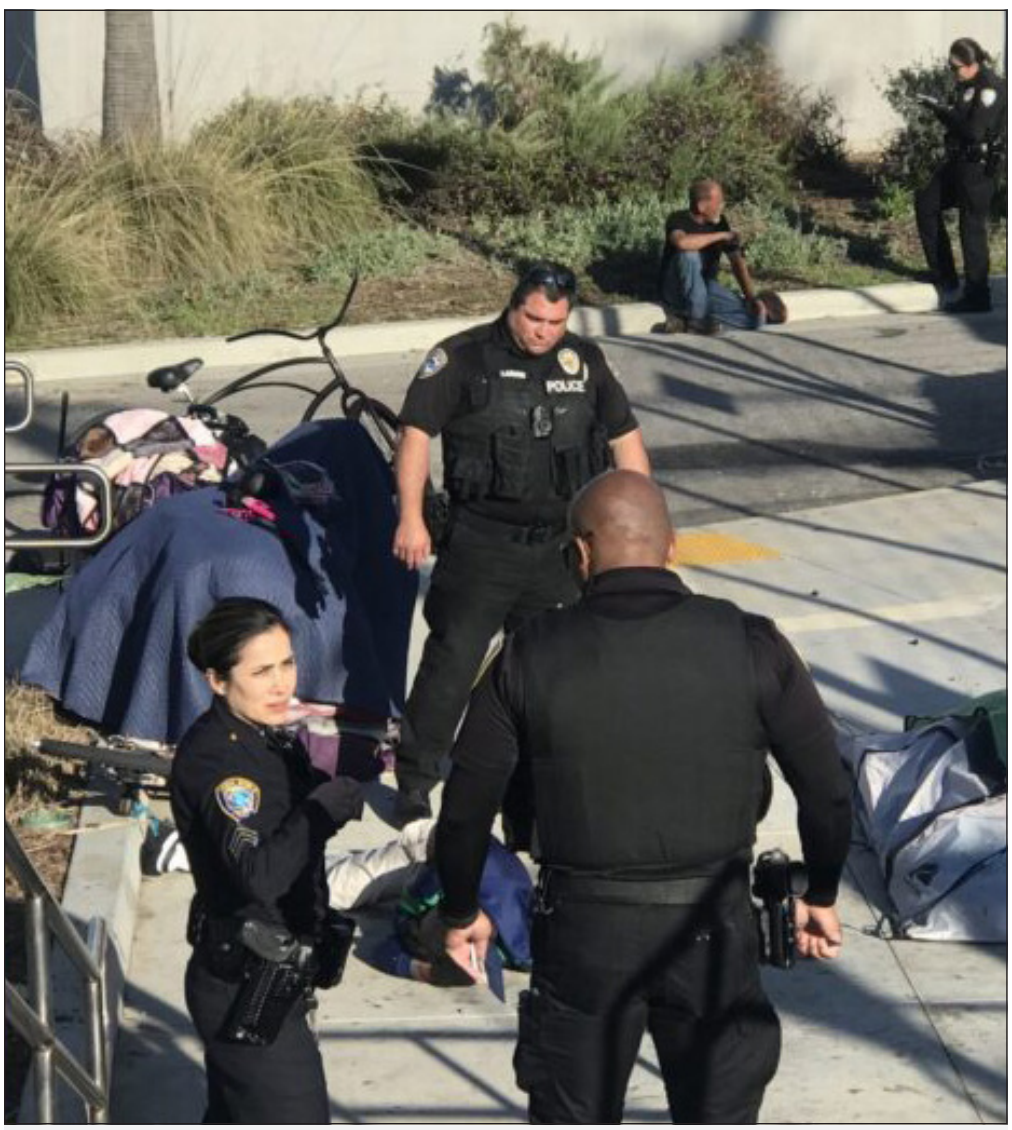
Hornburg, whose life was permanently altered by the attack, continues to struggle without housing assistance or a long-term care plan.

"I don't have options," he said. "This is what my life is now because of him."

The court set a July 30 deadline for the defense to file an opposition, with a DA's reply due by August 27. A hearing date is pending.

By Jamie Paige, Special to the Daily Press. Published in partnership with the Westside Current.





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ARREST: The case began when the suspect tried to beat a man to death next to the Downtown train station.



FRIDAY | JULY 11

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-07-11T08

A SPACE ODYSSEY

7:30 p.m. Aero Theatr 1328 Montana Ave Santa Monica. $14.00 (member) ; $19.00 (general admission). Ticket prices include a $2.00 online booking fee. Aero Theatre | 'Ultra Cinematheque 70 Fest 2025'. The American Cinematheque's own pristine 70mm archival print!

SATURDAY | JULY 12

TOUR OF HYPERION WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12000 Vista del Mar, Playa de Rey. Join Heal the Bay and LA Sanitation & Environment for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, the largest wastewater treatment facility in the Western United States. This guided tour offers a unique look into the intricate processes that transform millions of gallons of wastewater each day into a valuable resource for Los Angeles. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tour-of-hyperion-water-reclamation-plant/15985891/2025-07-12T10

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-06-28T11

$5 COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® host ongoing $5 ongoing Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class proceeds donated to charitable organizations that advocate for animals, and animal shelters and rescues. Sign-up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training. $5.00 —General $5.00. First Responders & Wildfire Victims FREE. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-06-28T12

I GOTTA CROW

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4 Santa Monica. The Crow's favorite show curates elevated comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central, and late night TV. Curated Comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. THE CROW is listed in the LA Times as one of the best places to see comedy in LA! Read a more about The Crow in this feature article of the LA Times. Directions to The Crow at Bergamot Station: FREE PARKING in the lot at Bergamot Station Arts Center. (You're welcome, Los Angeles.) We are right at the Bergamot Station Metro Stop ! (You are soooo welcome, Los Angeles!) Fun Facts: Safe Space! (Security guards on premises 24/7.) The Crow is located directly behind our favorite restaurant, Birdie G's . If you want to grab a fine dinner there before, we encourage you to make a reservation. 10% off your meal with your ticket to The Crow. More info can be found at: www.CrowComedy.com Lineup subject to change. No drink minimum. The Crow is owned and operated by a female/mom/stand-up comic. I Gotta Crow occurs most Saturday's. Check our website or ticket link for official listings! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/i-gotta-crow/14639013/2025-07-05T20

SUNDAY | JULY 13

YOUR AUTHOR SERIES: ERIC NAKAMURA DISCUSSES 30 YEARS OF GIANT ROBOT

2:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Your Author Series: Eric Nakamura Discusses 30 Years of Giant Robot You don't want to miss Giant Robot founder Eric Nakamura discussing his book Giant Robot: Thirty Years of Defining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/your-author-series-eric-nakamura-discusses-30-years-of-giant-robot/16107148/2025-07-13T14

MONDAY | JULY 14

SANTA MONICA CHESS & COCKTAIL CLUB WEARY LIVERS

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica. Chess & Cocktail Club @ Wearies! Every Monday 6-9PM. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-chess-cocktail-club/15910436/2025-07-14T18

TUESDAY | JULY 15

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-07-15T12

WALKING MEDITATION

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Away Santa Monica. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 2 pm by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-07-15T14

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/15309564/2025-07-15T16

WEDNESDAY | JULY 16

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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-07-16T12

DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS: THE MUSICAL PRESENTED BY TP YOUTH

7:00 p.m. Paul Revere Middle School 1450 Allenford Avenue Los Angeles. "Disney's Descendants: The Musical" is set on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – where the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have been imprisoned, never venturing off the island... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: Should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good? $15.00 to $30.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-s-descendants-the-musical-presented-by-tp-youth/16200211/2025-07-16T19

THURSDAY | JULY 17

ARTS/CRAFTS

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-07-17T11

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/14712450/2025-07-17T18

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/13906564/2025-07-17T18

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25TRCP00273 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Horace Neal Presley for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Horace Neal Presley court for a decree of changing names as follows: Horace Neal Presley to Horace Neal Muhammed 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 7/11/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept:45 Room: 529. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 825 Maple Ave Torrance, CA 90503 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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FOUR WOOD

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said. "A place with food and beverage, nice big bays, a place where you can come with your mate or your wife or your partner, even if he or she doesn't play golf."

Though indoor golf is a well-established concept in colder cities like New York and Boston, Southern California's weather has traditionally led many to assume there was no need for indoor facilities here. Page sees that assumption as outdated, especially post-COVID. Prior to this opening, the only alternative in Santa Monica was Wired Golf, at 2606 Pico Blvd, which also offers a digital simulator golfing experience.

> "We decided to make something more community focused"
> - Simon Page

"Golf has never been more popular than it is now," he said. "If you go out to any of the driving ranges, you can't say this is your stereotypical golfer. There's literally everybody out playing golf."

Located at 828 Pico Blvd, Four Wood Golf occupies a reconfigured commercial space with room not only for private simulator sessions but also for working, socializing and eating. The goal, Page said, was to create a place where people could spend time, not just pass through. "We've got a lot of fast food restaurants around here," he said. "But not many places where people can actually spend some time."

Each of the club's six simulator bays can be rented by the hour, with pricing set at $60 per hour and an additional $10 per guest. Club rentals are also available for $10 per hour. Guests do not need to be members, but Page said that for regulars, memberships generally make more financial sense.

The Birdie membership tier, which runs $275 per month, includes unlimited off-peak play, eight hours of peak-time access, free guests and bar credit. A family plan is also available for $495 per month, covering two parents and up to three children. Corporate memberships are offered on request.

Instruction is another key part of the business. The club offers swing evaluations and private lessons using Swing Optix cameras and Uneekor launch monitor technology. A 60-minute swing evaluation is priced at $150. Lesson packages are available in blocks of five ($500), 10 ($900), or 15 ($1,200) and are taught by PGA-certified instructors. Junior clinics and speed training options are also available.

Since its soft opening on June 1, Page said word-of-mouth has driven much of the early traffic. "We've got about 60 members already," he said. "What's been very nice and gratifying is the vast majority of people coming in are in the neighborhood. Literally walk-ups and people walking by."

The club's atmosphere leans toward casual but refined. There is no dress code and the food and drink menu is designed to encourage visitors to linger. Events, fundraisers, birthday parties and corporate bookings are all supported, with the space available for partial rentals or full buyouts.

Although Four Wood Golf is now fully operational, the journey to opening day was not without obstacles. Page was reluctant to go into detail on the record, but did say the process of dealing with City Hall "could have been smoother." He acknowledged that he had underestimated how long approvals would take and how costly the process would become.

"Everybody told me it was going to be hard," he said. "I was like, no, I'm a banker, I'm seriously organized, I'll get it done. But it cost me twice as much, took twice as long. The cliché [of having to deal with the City of Santa Monica] is a cliché for a reason."

Still, he credits the perseverance of his team and the support of local leaders, including Santa Monica Mayor Lana Negrete, with helping to get the project across the finish line.

Ultimately, Page sees Four Wood Golf not just as a business, but as a community hub. "This isn't to replace your golf," he said. "This is so that when you make the eight-hour trek to the valley to play Rustic Canyon, you've been indoors practicing, getting better. It's about improving your game, but also just having a place to hang out."

More than anything, he said, it's about building something inclusive. "A place where people can come hang out, get a bit of community, play some golf, do some work," he said. "That's the whole idea. Bringing people together through the game we love."

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KOOK

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beauty industry, Kuklinski acknowledges the challenges but celebrates the supportive network she's found. "There's an amazing group of female entrepreneurs in Santa Monica and Venice who come with open arms," she said. "We're all ready to offer advice and show up for each other."

The brand's authentic approach to ocean advocacy resonates with consumers concerned about their environmental impact. Many traditional sunscreens and hair products contain chemicals like oxybenzone and octinoxate that can bleach and kill coral reefs. When people swim flow into ocean systems.

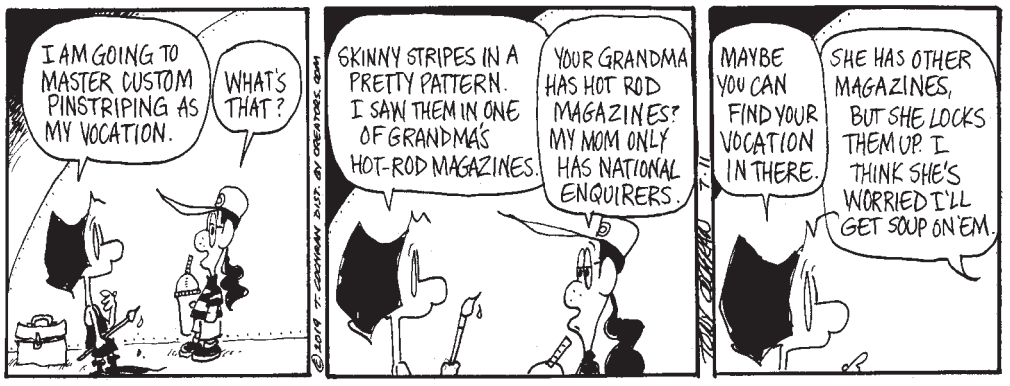
KOOK addresses this problem by formulating "reef-safe" products that exclude these harmful ingredients while still providing effective protection and performance. This approach represents a new generation of beauty brands that refuse to compromise between product effectiveness and planetary health.

For water lovers, KOOK products are available online and at select Santa Monica retailers. https://gotkook.com/ For information about upcoming events and reef-safe beauty tips, visit their website or follow @kookbeauty on social media.

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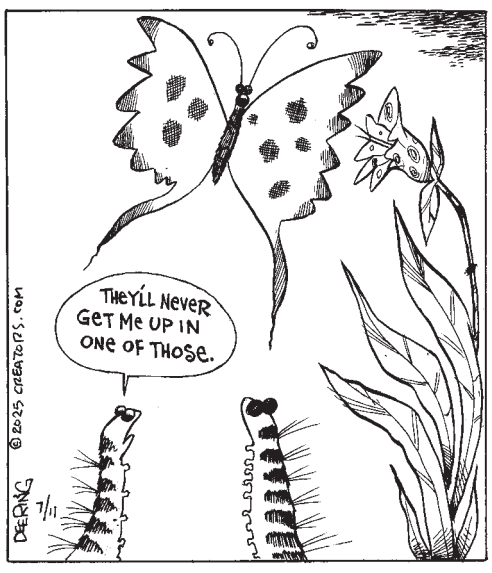
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Strange Brew

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

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're turning the canvas upside down, tilting the frame, examining the dynamics from every angle. What looks "fine" will become extraordinary with a few bold changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Tracing your own line through history will open your eyes to other people's journeys, too. You'll find yourself struck with new empathy, new questions and a deeper respect for everyone's origin story.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a choice between pushing harder and softening into trust. Try the second one. Something wants to come together without force. If you let it move together and take form in its own time, you won't have to get your hands dirty.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You walk into a room and something shifts. You don't mean to dazzle - but you do. People lean in. They pay attention. They're responding to the glow you forgot you were carrying.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll remember how good it feels to be generous with your attention. A stranger, a neighbor, a friend on the fringe - they'll appreciate that you took the time to interact and acknowledge the moment you share.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Waiting to be in the mood is for amateurs. Not you. You act first and let moods catch up with you. That's what sets you apart. Energy follows commitment. Start small if you must, but start, and momentum will take it from there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even on the hard days, you don't abandon yourself. You're willing to feel it all. You're being brave just by staying with the rhythm of your experience and being present to the beat of your own heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are many things deserving of your attention and you can't help it that you just happen to be able to juggle quite a bit. You're not scattered; you're abundant. You're not "all over the place"; you're multidimensional.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a gift for fine-tuning. What others overlook, you refine into something that not only works better but feels better, too. Efficiency with style - that's your signature today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Leave space. Better yet, make space. Today favors subtraction over addition. What you remove - an old habit, a tired phrase, a cluttered plan - makes the whole system sing and lets the essential part rise to the surface.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's no toggle switch for intuition. It's more like a voice you have to remember how to hear. Ask out loud. Be willing to listen. You already know the answer that is held deep in your being, just waiting to be heard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The same sensitivity you sometimes consider a liability is actually your superpower. This is just one more data stream to inform your decisions. You'll pick up on what's going unsaid and use it to shape a better outcome for everyone.

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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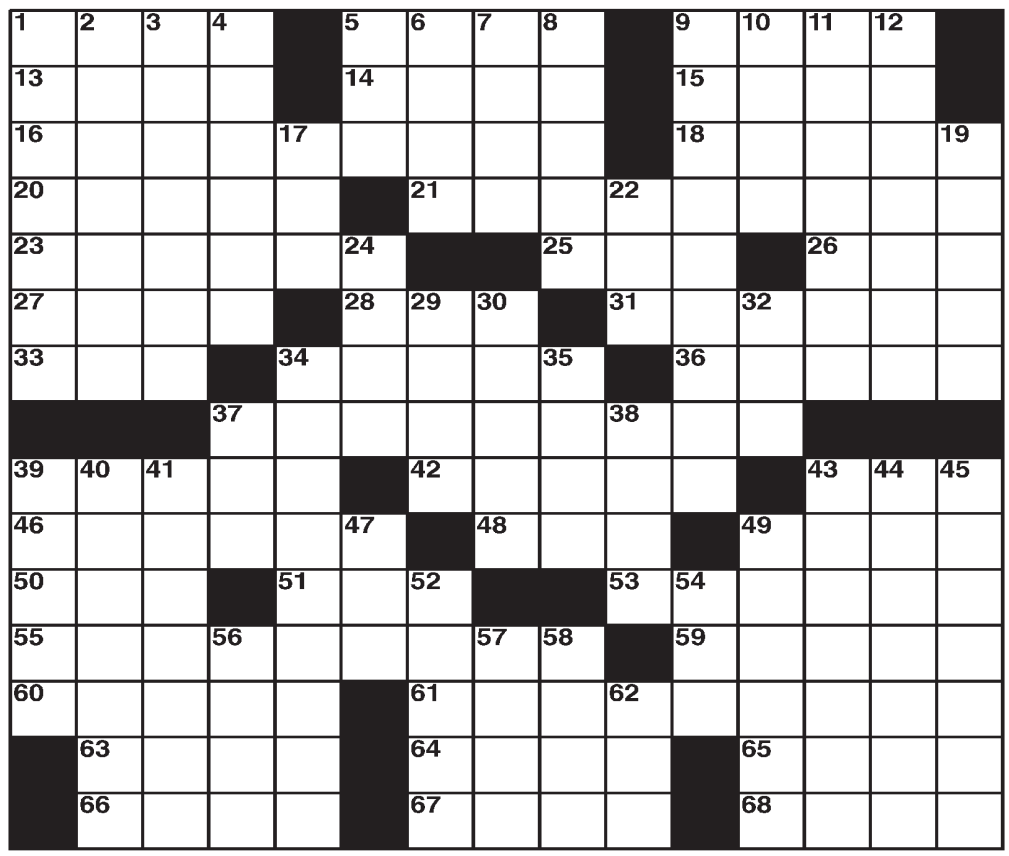
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ACROSS

1 Blast furnace fuel
5 Detroit River's destination
9 Many a sweater
13 Sharp-tongued
14 Win in a walk
15 Wind-powered spinner
16 Bounding beasts
18 Levels out
20 A thing of the past
21 Unsurpassed in intricacy
23 Repeat without thinking
25 Apple product
26 Early sixth-century date
27 Metrical tributes
28 Barrel into
31 Exhilarate
33 Bedding accessory
34 Meryl's Danish role
36 Mole goal
37 Software storing cryptographic codes
39 Alamo defender
42 Cop op
43 Overexert
46 Fully absorbed
48 Legendary sanctuary
49 Very much
50 USCG noncom
51 Jug band instrument
53 Mountain climbed by Muir
55 Name on four Best Actress Oscars
59 Rockies resort
60 "You have the floor"
61 Two-wheeler support
63 Hugo's being
64 Andean ancient
65 Professor Rubik
66 Sticks and stakes
67 In public view
68 Salty water

DOWN

1 Bite-size dessert with a handle
2 What's played before many NHLers play
3 What some spirits are said to be
4 Deere three-wheel devices
5 Blunder
6 Sort of crow
7 "That's my cue"
8 Surrey race place
9 Complaining constantly
10 *Avatar* race
11 "Got to have that"
12 Stretchy
17 Shakespearean stir
19 To this day
22 Drawing from a needle
24 Part of a printer
29 Moves like pendulums
30 Indian-born maestro
32 HMO personnel
34 Tokens of affection
35 Indian-born director
37 Mazda alternative
38 Supplies for a 22-Down
39 German beer brand
40 Theoretically
41 Texted, essentially
43 In abundance
44 Cricket equipment
45 Letters expressing affection
47 Organic sealant
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PASJOLI

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reflecting both Beran's continued evolution as a chef as well as the ever-changing dining landscape of Los Angeles.

"The opening of Seline late last year gave me an opportunity to revisit pasjoli with fresh eyes," says Chef and Owner Dave Beran. "While I feel there will always be a place for destination restaurants like Seline, what Los Angeles diners are looking for has changed over the years. We noticed our bar menu's popularity continued to increase and that guests preferred an à la carte experience. As we approach our sixth anniversary, it felt like the right time to refresh the restaurant, making it accessible and casual, with more craveable and less formal food."

The updated pasjoli offers an à la carte menu available in both the bar and dining room. It now offers flexibility and encourages a more casual, convivial style of dining with more shareable starters and mains. A few favorites have kept their places, including the Cordon Bleu Chicken Wings, Burger with marrow aioli, Chicken Liver Mousse Brioche and Beran's signature Pressed Duck. The Pressed Duck once again takes center stage, returning to its original tableside presentation on a rolling cart with up to five available each evening. These familiar dishes sit alongside an expanded menu of newly created ones, all with French-inspired comfort and a focus on seasonality.

New starters include dishes such as the French Onion Souplette, Beran's vegetarian interpretation of the classic, which is served with large housemade croutons on the side for dipping. On the lighter side, there are three salads to choose from, including Little Gem with Comté and lemon vinaigrette, Marinated Tomatoes and Cucumbers with sherry vinaigrette, and Peach and Arugula dressed in Champagne vinaigrette. New entrées include Roast Chicken, Ratatouille Risotto, Steak Frites with sauce au poivre and Rockfish with a sweet pepper relish and pistou.

When it comes to dessert, Beran's beloved Burnt Basque Cheesecake remains, along with new sweet treats such as the Chocolate Mousse with olive oil crème, bite-sized Lemon Meringue Profiteroles and the PJ Sundae with housemade vanilla ice cream and duck fat caramel.

The bar program, which previously offered French spirits, has expanded to a more comprehensive selection that allows the team to craft any cocktail a guest may desire, whether classic or contemporary. Additionally, Beverage Director Matthew Brodbine and Bar Manager Tom Sullivan have created new cocktails including The Countess with gin, basil, St. Germain and fennel pollen; Pam Pam with rhum, bourbon, cognac, peppercorn and clarified milk punch; and Ambassadeurs with green chartreuse, housemade falernum, absinthe, pineapple and coconut.

A standout feature of the new beverage program is the choose-your-own-adventure cocktail card, designed to let guests select preferred ingredients and allowing the bar team to create a bespoke cocktail.

The space itself has also been transformed, beginning with a brighter, turquoise exterior to welcome guests. Inside, the bar area has expanded to include window seating with views of bustling Main Street and new tables in the dining room. With the return of the tableside duck press, the large table in front of the kitchen has been removed to allow guests a full view into the cooking process. The greenery from the ceiling and soft, gently shifting lighting create pockets of mood, some cozy and dim, others more vibrant and lively. The overall effect is warm and intimate, like being tucked into a favorite neighborhood spot.

Pasjoli is located at 2732 Main St, Santa Monica, CA 90405 and is open for dinner from 5 p.m. nightly.

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MUSIC

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clothing, and I'm like, 'I have a treat for you. Let It Go on your first day,'" Tamara said, "For her to connect that and say, 'Wow, on my first day, I could play my favorite song' - that really sets a big difference."

The "Payam" philosophy centers on allowing students to develop an understanding of musicality rather than forcing them into the traditional mold. "We have students come to us whose piano teachers quit them because the student wants to play a song a different way. We're like, 'Welcome. How would you rewrite this song?'" Deborah Kelson said, who helps run the Santa Monica location.

The results speak for themselves, while traditional piano educations usually takes 12 years for the small percentage of students who reach diploma level (similar to receiving a black belt in piano) Payam Music students receive the same diploma within four years.

The curriculum focuses on developing true reading fluency rather than memorization of specific pieces. "A lot of students from other schools are really good at decoding music, which means they can read two or three songs they've learned really well, but they're not good at reading music in general," Kelson said.

The program's effectiveness has gained national recognition in competitions. Every year about 300,000 students participate in the National PTA Reflections Competition. Starting in 2015, Payam Music composers started dominating the awards at both district and state level. In 2025, one of their students placed 1st in the entire country for original composition.

"It's not just loving piano – they're getting really good at it too," Kelson notes. "Those two things are connected. If you love what you're doing and you get really confident, of course you're going to get really good."

For parents tired of the piano practice battles or students who've been discouraged by the intimidating traditional methods, Payam Music has an alternative that promises both rapid progress and lasting musical passion.

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