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CicLAvia event to connect culver City to Venice Beach with 6.75 miles of car-free streets

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Nearly two million people have participated in CicLAvia events since the nonprofit organization began transforming Los Angeles streets into temporary public parks in 2010. On Aug. 17, the group will host its 61st car-free open streets event, connecting Culver City, Mar Vista and Venice along a 6.75-mile route.

CicLAvia—Culver City meets Venice will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., welcoming participants of all ages and abilities to walk, jog, bike, skate or simply spectate along the route. The free event transforms city streets into spaces for community connection and active transportation.

"We're excited to continue our partnership with Culver City, as CicLAvia travels through Downtown Culver to Venice Beach," said Romel Pascual, CicLAvia executive director. "You will see and experience, in both Culver City and on Venice Blvd, the bike and pedestrian safety measures that have transformed the area in recent years."

The event will feature four activity hubs along the route, each serving as mandatory dismount zones and meeting points. The Arts District Hub will be located on Washington Boulevard west of McManus, while the Downtown Culver City Hub will be positioned on Culver Boulevard near the Culver Hotel. The Mar Vista Hub will sit on Venice Boulevard west

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Seventh dog dies following mysterious illness near venice canals; community urges vigilance

A seventh dog has died after being exposed to a mystery illness that continues to plague the Venice Canals, deepening concern among residents already reeling from earlier pet deaths. The most recent victim, a 7-year-old terrier, had been walked along the canals while visiting from Arizona, the dog's owner confirmed.

Environmental officials with L.A. County Watershed visited the area Tuesday afternoon to take samples of the murky water. One resident told Westside Current a dead duck had been spotted in a small boat docked in the canals.

Ginger was just given a clean bill of health before she experienced a deadly seizure the night of July 21, 2025. Credit: Taylor

"The stench along the eastern side of the canals is horrific. You have to hold your breath to avoid getting sick from the smell," said resident Elaine Scott. "It has never smelled this bad."

Meanwhile, warning signs previously posted around a home at 28th Avenue and Ocean Front Walk were removed Tuesday morning. The new tenant told Westside Current the property owner had sent someone to clean up a white powdery substance believed to be ant repellent.

A neighbor said she witnessed a man sweeping up the powder and

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Westside Current

GINGER: Several otherwise healthy dogs, like Ginger, have experienced deadly seizures.

Council remakes DTSM in its image with mass removal of boardmembers

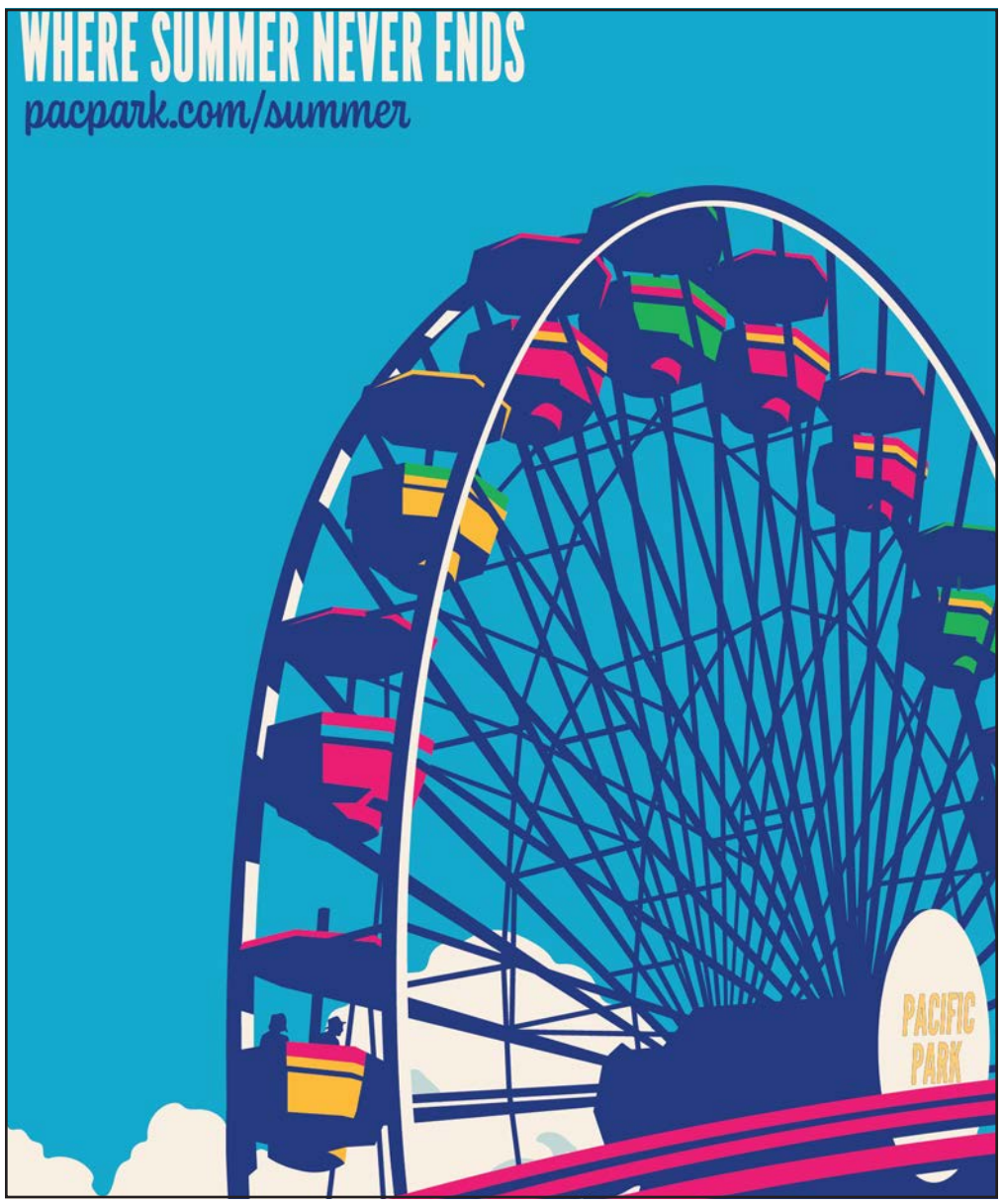
MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

In an unprecedented vote, the City Council has recalled all six of its appointments to the Downtown Santa Monica Board and replaced them with individuals drawn in part from the city's established political structure.

Councilman Barry Snell, who used to sit on the board before joining council, authored a memo to the City Manager alongside Councilmembers Dan Hall and

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Kamala Harris will not run for California governor



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

HARRIS: Vice President Kamala Harris speaks to the crowd during her presidential campaign rally at the Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Ariz., on Aug. 9, 2024.

Kamala Harris will not run for California governor, ending months of feverish speculation and raising fresh questions about the next chapter of her political career.

The former vice president — a California native who rose to prominence as attorney general and U.S. senator for the state — announced today that she would skip next year's open gubernatorial race. Though she did not confirm other plans, the decision leaves open the possibility that Harris will make another bid for the White House in 2028.

"I love this state, its people and its promise. It is my home. But after deep reflection, I've decided that I will not run for Governor in this election," Harris wrote in a statement posted on social media. "I look forward to getting back out and listening to the American people, helping elect Democrats across the nation who will fight fearlessly, and sharing more details in the months ahead about my own plans."

Conjecture about what Harris would do next began almost immediately after she lost the November election to President Donald Trump. The 60-year-old Harris is still relatively young in political terms, and her flashy 107-day drive for the presidency, after then-President Joe Biden dropped out, reignited public interest in a figure who had been pushed to the margins in Washington, D.C.

Many observers came to see the California governorship as a natural landing spot. Harris previously passed on the office to run for U.S. Senate in 2016, averting a showdown with future Gov. Gavin Newsom and setting off her rapid ascent in national politics. With Newsom terming out next year, the 2026 gubernatorial race is wide open, and California's outsized role in the political discourse still provides its governor with a stage that can reach far beyond the state.

But seeking the office would have almost certainly forestalled a campaign in the next presidential election, which will kick into overdrive in early 2027, just as California's new governor is taking office.

And despite returning to the state, where she lives in the upscale Los Angeles neighborhood of Brentwood, Harris appeared in recent months to be more interested in cultivating her place in the national spotlight. She publicly dipped back into politics in April with a speech at a fundraiser in San

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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I overcame homelessness and 30 years of addiction. Now I help others make the journey



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HOMELESS:: Tommie Trevino overcame drugs and rebuilt his life.

My life changed 20 years ago, when my friend and I were floating down the Rogue River in Oregon. Suddenly the motor fell off the boat, which tipped over. I slipped into the icy water. Some young children threw a life jacket over to me but I gave it to my friend.

As I sank into the river, my lungs began to fill up with water. My hands reached out to a branch on the side of the bank. As I looked up, I saw clouds moving in the sky and birds flying by. I heard a powerful voice say, "This is a little of my power and what I can do to you." At that moment I knew it was my creator.

When an ambulance arrived, the emergency medical technician told me it was a miracle I survived the frigid water.

I had been an addict for over 30 years. I began my addiction at 17 years old, and until I was 47 years old, it was meth, marijuana, cocaine and alcohol. The last two years of my addiction, I suffered from homelessness.

But after surviving that fateful accident, I began my recovery. The first year was very difficult, fighting the impulse to go back to my addiction. When the year passed, my mind seemed to clear. I attended two years of college, studying mental health and addiction. The courses taught me how the brain works with addiction and the mental health challenges that perpetuate this disease.

I also worked as a DUI counselor for 10 years and worked for five years in mental health along with drug addiction. After I received certification, I joined UC Davis Hospital to help support the emergency department in training the medical staff on how to treat homeless people who come off the street or the families that bring them into the emergency department to find help with the disease.

There is a brief moment where we have the opportunity to help those individuals change. That person may come into the emergency department one time or 50 times. We always have that opportunity to help them change their lives forever.

Through training, a medical team member learns to treat the individual with care and respect, to connect with them without judgment and to build trust. Then a counselor can help the person find a treatment plan that best suits them.

In the past, recovery consisted of treating the addiction. We have since found that mental health needs must be addressed for the recovery process to take place.

There is a pain that drives the addiction in each individual. The discovery of that black hole, and working on healing from that emotional pain, is the key to recovery.

My goal is to help recovering addicts like me get clean. I want to be an example, to inspire people to begin their journey to recovery.

I used drugs on-and-off for over 30 years. Those 30 years snuck up on me and passed so quickly. I lost all that time.

I want to help the suffering person to not have their toes sticking out of their shoes, being hungry every day — not only for food but for family and shelter. I want to help those suffering to not have to sleep on the street or on a stranger's couch, with hope that someday things will change. I want to help those suffering to overcome feelings of shame, sadness, and hopelessness. I want to help them to not feel that deep hole of loneliness.

Each person can have their awakening. It may be spiritual, physical, or emotional. There is recovery, and it is a hard road to begin, yet it's so worth the journey.

Tommie Trevino is a drug and alcohol abuse counselor at UC Davis Medical Center. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

THURSDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Size creeping up with a little more NW windswell on tap. It's not much, but a bit more NW windswell blending with mid-period S swell helps spread some more knee-waist high waves around while better spots push stomach-chest high. Still a small wave gear kind of day but the morning window should have some decent corners for the floaty boards. Morning conditions look pretty clean too, trending to lump afternoon onshores.

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Modest new run of Southern Hemi swell starts to trickle in. We'll see swell start to creep back in from the South Pacific, showing better over the weekend, breaking us out of a slow week of surf. The 1st-3rd of August gets some modest to locally fun waves. Some signals that the EPAC Tropics will get back into the equation. The strongest potential for swell and surf looks to start several days into August, but we could see some SSE swell as early as the weekend of the 2nd-3rd.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 73.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/07/31	Thu	02:04 AM	3.33	H
2025/07/31	Thu	07:40 AM	1.91	L
2025/07/31	Thu	2:55 PM	4.65	H
2025/07/31	Thu	10:26 PM	1.95	L
2025/08/01	Fri	03:55 AM	2.80	H
2025/08/01	Fri	07:55 AM	2.42	L
2025/08/01	Fri	3:48 PM	4.70	H
2025/08/02	Sat	12:02 AM	1.52	L
2025/08/02	Sat	4:49 PM	4.83	H
2025/08/03	Sun	01:05 AM	1.02	L
2025/08/03	Sun	5:48 PM	5.07	H
2025/08/04	Mon	01:50 AM	0.54	L

Daily Lottery

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Draw Date: 7/28
7 35 36 43 62
Power#: 3
Jackpot: 384 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/29
17 30 34 63 67
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 140 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/26
2 10 29 32 37
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: 29 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/29
12 21 29 36 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/29
EVENING: 2 1 7

Draw Date: 7/29
MIDDAY: 6 9 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/29
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2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

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

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

3400 Airport Ave. Abatement
The project includes the following features: Furnish all labor, materials, facilities, equipment, services, employee training and testing, permits and agreements, waste transport and disposal necessary to perform the work required for the hazardous materials removal at 3400 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica, California. Asbestos removal shall be conducted in accordance with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA), and any other applicable federal, state, and local government regulations. Whenever there is a conflict or overlap of the above references, the most stringent provisions are applicable.

Procedure

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, bid packages will be available at ARC West LA Branch located at 1736 S Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025.
Contact for all inquiries: **Kyle Whitley, Senior Project Manager,** kyle.whitley@vanir.com**; Mathew Denuccio, Project Manager,** matt.denuccio@vanir.com
Contractor's License Classification: California Contractors License A, Haz, CADIR.
Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk: **Friday, August 1, 2025, at 1:00 PM.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 1:00 PM, September 4, 2025, BID MUST BE HAND DELIVERED

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN. **September 4, 2025**

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

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

3. No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **ninety (90)** days after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.

4. Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees on October 7, 2025, to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsible and responsive Bid Proposal

Publication Date: July 23rd & July 30th
Last Day to Submit Bid RFI and Bid Product Substitution Request **August 25, 2025**
Post Bid Review: The week of September 4, 2025

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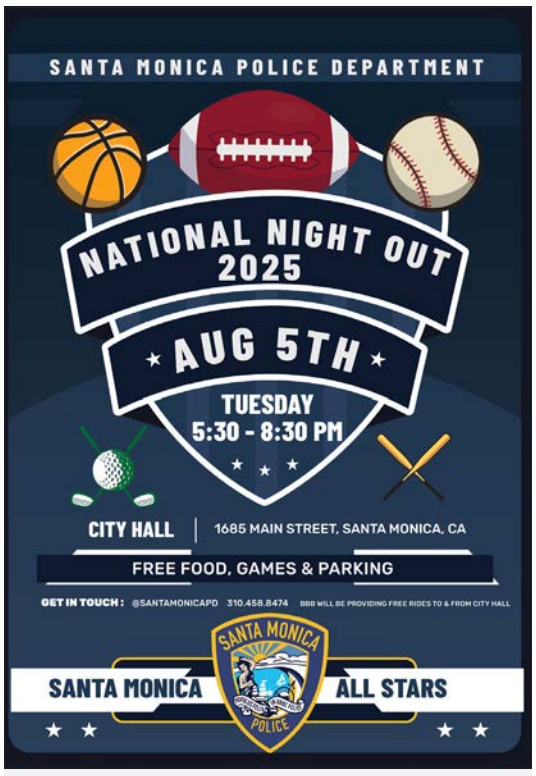
Festivals & Food Events!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes National Night Out, Festival of Chariots, Dine LA Restaurant Week, and much more!

Community Picnic at Annenberg Community Beach House: Whether you're joining their epic tug-of-war on the sand, making crafts in the courtyard, or playing giant Jenga, giant Connect Four, or boardgames with new friends, this event is all about being together and enjoying summer evening vibes with your community. Bring your picnic dinner, grab your friends and family—or come solo—and jump into the fun. Thursday, July 31, 5 - 8p.m., 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-picnic-tickets-1432321455029

Thursday No Swipe Singles Night at Massilia: This isn't speed dating. It's an elevated evening of good drinks, small group conversations, guided connection & maybe even a spark. Whether you're here to flirt, find new friends or meet someone with long-term potential, this event is designed to make meeting people feel natural & fun! Expect happy hour vibes, guided icebreakers, discovery challenges & a "match card" moment at the end. FREE. Thursday, July 31, 6:30pm–9pm, 1445 4th St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/no-swipe-singles-night-tickets-1497652983389

Hammer Summer Concerts: Enjoy free live concerts in their courtyard with happy hour offers, late gallery hours, art-making, and more. Doors open every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and performances start at 7:30 p.m. Cocktails and food available for purchase all night. https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2025/very-be-careful-healing-gems-and-dj-eleanora



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POLICE: National Night Out is next week.

The Festival of Chariots Celebrates Ancient Indian Tradition: Dancers in colorful clothing, music, a multicourse feast, 40-foot tall hand-drawn floats — The Festival of Chariots will be an explosion of culture and celebration. Sunday, Aug. 3, 10a.m. Parade begins at 1855 Main St. and the festival takes place at 1530 Ocean Front Walk. https://www.larathayatra.com/parade

Gather & Grow: Rooted Together - Healing in Nature: This biweekly series at Christine Emerson Reed Park invites families to enjoy hands-on artmaking, live music and interactive performances. Saturday, Aug. 2, 4p.m., 1130 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rooted-together-healing-in-nature-tickets-1475249764759

National Night Out: The annual community-building event promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Expect FREE music, food, and activities for all ages. SMPD will showcase their various police vehicles and equipment and invite the community to meet police personnel (human and 4-legged alike). The parking structure at Olympic & 4th St. is free that night and Big Blue Bus will be providing free bus rides all night when you mention National Night Out. Tuesday, August 5, 5:30 - 8:30p.m. @ City Hall, 1685 Main St. https://www.facebook.com/events/1242665397181819/

David Bowie Art Exhibit at Santa Monica Art Museum: Step into the orbit of one of music's most iconic figures. This intimate photographic exhibition explores David Bowie's essence and artistic energy through rare images, featuring moments captured by Christine de Grancy during Bowie's time with Brian Eno and the artists of Gugging. A tribute to imagination, rebellion, and reinvention. Now - August 31, 1219 Third Street Promenade https://www.santamonicaartmuseum.com/exhibitions

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Night Market at The Bungalow (through 8/28); Wellness & Waves (through 10/11); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 10/31)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Dine LA Restaurant Week(s) Continues through Aug 8: 47 SaMo eateries are participating, including: BOA, Citrin, Edgemar, Fia, Fitoor, Luke's Lobster, Lunetta, Orla by Michael Mina, and Sushi Roku. https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/dinela

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Big Blue Bus Announces Service Improvements Starting Aug. 10

Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus will implement service improvements beginning Sunday, Aug. 10, designed to make transit more convenient for riders throughout Santa Monica and the Westside.

The changes are part of Big Blue Bus's ongoing Brighter Blue initiative, which aims to make sustainable transit a more appealing alternative to driving.

Starting Aug. 10, riders will see more frequent service on multiple routes, including Route 3 and Route 7, with buses arriving every 10 minutes or better most weekdays and every 15 minutes or better most weekends.

Route 43 will offer expanded coverage and service hours with a route extension to Downtown Santa Monica and additional midday and weekend trips. The route will also provide connections to key destinations including the new LAX/Metro Transit Center and SoFi Stadium on Route 3.

Service to the Pacific Palisades will be restored via Route 9. The transit agency will also enhance bus shelters and bus stop amenities through its Better Blue Bus Stops program.

"This service change brings exciting improvements for Big Blue Bus riders," said Anuj Gupta, director of transportation. "With the opening of the LAX/Metro Center, Santa Monica residents and visitors can enjoy a seamless ride to and from Downtown Santa Monica, LAX and SoFi Stadium this summer."

Gupta said expanding the frequent service network to include both Pico and Lincoln boulevards will allow more riders to expect buses within 10 minutes, making commuting more convenient.

The service improvements represent the city's continued investment in public transportation infrastructure as ridership continues to recover following the pandemic.

Big Blue Bus serves Santa Monica and connects to neighboring communities including Venice, West Los Angeles and Culver City. The transit system operates more than 20 routes throughout the region.

For more information about service changes and how commutes may be affected, visit BigBlueBus.com.

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Los Angeles

Hollywood Executive Named to Lead 2028 Olympic Ceremonies

LA28 organizers named veteran television and film executive Peter Rice as Head of Ceremonies and Content for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, marking the first time a major Hollywood executive will lead Olympic ceremonies.

Rice will serve as lead executive producer for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, overseeing creative vision and physical production of all four ceremonies at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the 2028 Stadium.

The appointment reinforces LA28's commitment to showcasing Hollywood storytelling and leveraging Los Angeles' position as the entertainment capital, organizers said Wednesday.

"Peter is one of the rare individuals whose expertise seamlessly combines creativity, operational insight and production excellence to deliver ceremonies that will captivate audiences around the world," said LA28 President and Chairperson Casey Wasserman.

Rice's portfolio includes content that earned 51 Academy Award nominations, 42 Golden Globe nominations and 293 Emmy nominations. He has overseen more than 300 shows and over 4,000 hours of annual content across multiple platforms.

His experience spans traditional television, streaming and film — expertise organizers say is crucial as the LA28 Games reach audiences across an evolving media landscape.

"Los Angeles stands as a global beacon of entertainment, culture and diversity, and I'm incredibly honored to embark on this next chapter," Rice said. "I look forward to delivering ceremonies that honor the legacy of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and celebrate the cutting-edge future of the 2028 Stadium."

Rice began his career at 20th Century Fox in 1989, rising through various roles before his 2017 promotion to president of 21st Century Fox. Following Disney's acquisition of the company, Rice became chairman of Walt Disney Television and chairman of General Entertainment for The Walt Disney Company.

The LA28 Games will open July 14, 2028, with ceremonies shared between the LA Memorial Coliseum and 2028 Stadium. The Olympic Closing Ceremony returns to the Coliseum on July 30. Paralympic ceremonies follow Aug. 15 at the 2028 Stadium and Aug. 27 at the Coliseum.

Los Angeles previously hosted Olympic Games in 1984 and 1932. The 2028 Games mark the city's first time hosting Paralympic Games.

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HARRIS

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Francisco, where she warned that Trump was fomenting a constitutional crisis and called on Democrats to stand together to fight back against his dismantling of American values.

"They are counting on the notion that if they make some people afraid, it will have a chilling effect on others," Harris said at the time. "But what they have overlooked is that fear is not the only thing that's contagious. Courage is contagious."

The crowded field of California gubernatorial candidates is no doubt breathing a sigh of relief at the news. Harris' near-universal awareness with voters and nationwide fundraising network would have made her the immediate frontrunner in the race and likely sent many of her fellow Democrats scurrying for the exit.

Early public polling is spotty, but an April survey from Inside California Politics and Emerson College found that 31% of voters supported a theoretical Harris campaign, while no other contender exceeded single digits.

They include former U.S. Rep. Katie Porter, former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, former state Controller Betty Yee, former state Senate leader Toni Atkins, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and timeshare magnate Stephen Cloobeck.

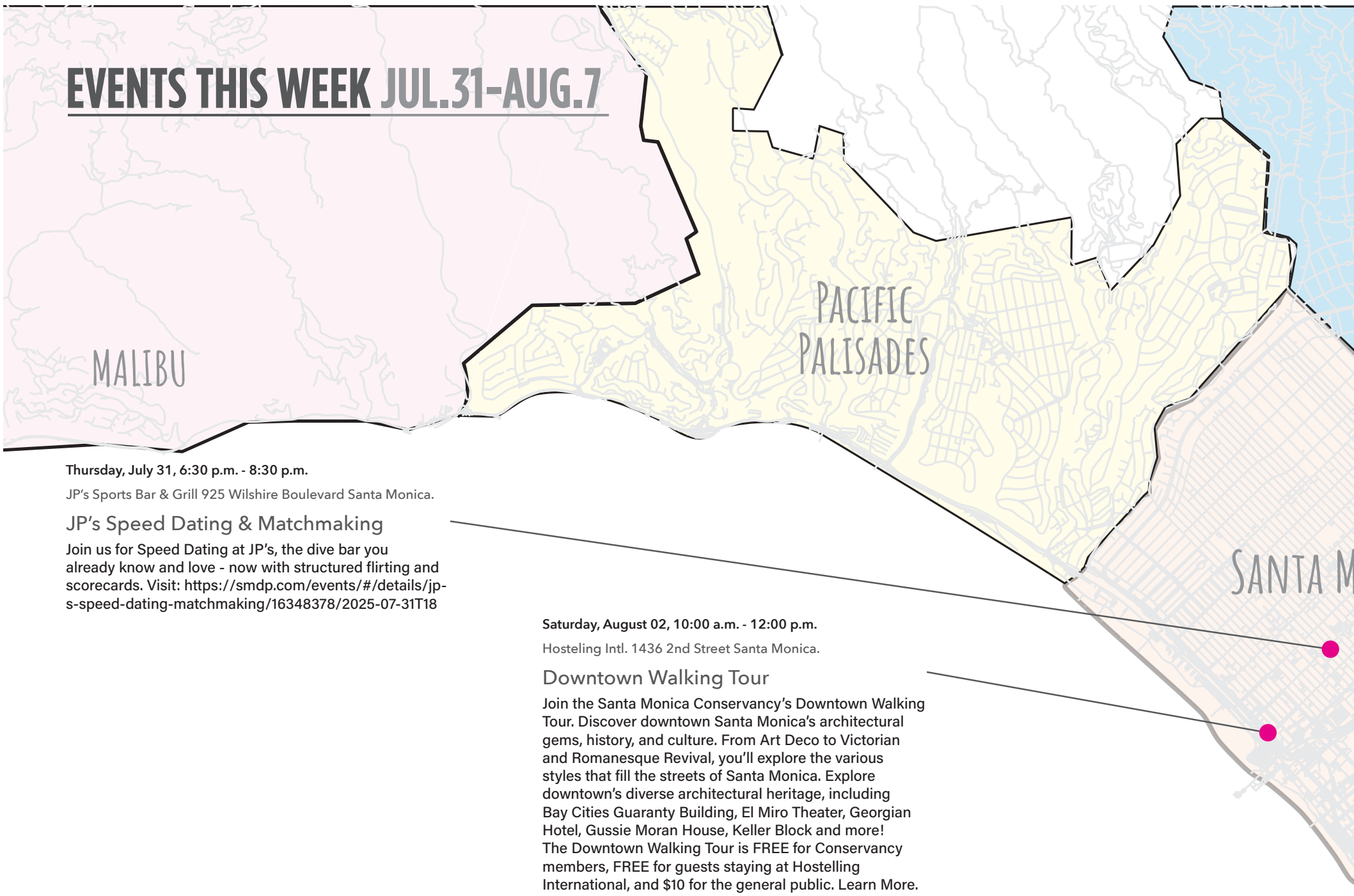
Former Fox News host Steve Hilton and Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco are the most prominent Republicans in the field.

By Alexei Koseff. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK JUL.31-AUG.7



Thursday, July 31, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

JP's Sports Bar & Grill 925 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica.

JP's Speed Dating & Matchmaking

Join us for Speed Dating at JP's, the dive bar you already know and love - now with structured flirting and scorecards. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/jp-s-speed-dating-matchmaking/16348378/2025-07-31T18

Saturday, August 02, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hosteling Intl. 1436 2nd Street Santa Monica.

Downtown Walking Tour

Join the Santa Monica Conservancy's Downtown Walking Tour. Discover downtown Santa Monica's architectural gems, history, and culture. From Art Deco to Victorian and Romanesque Revival, you'll explore the various styles that fill the streets of Santa Monica. Explore downtown's diverse architectural heritage, including Bay Cities Guaranty Building, El Miro Theater, Georgian Hotel, Gussie Moran House, Keller Block and more! The Downtown Walking Tour is FREE for Conservancy members, FREE for guests staying at Hostelling International, and $10 for the general public. Learn More. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-walking-tour/15830816/2025-08-02T10

Saturday, August 02, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles.

Artists & Fleas: Venice Marketplace

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.

Friday, August 01, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Avenue Los Angeles.

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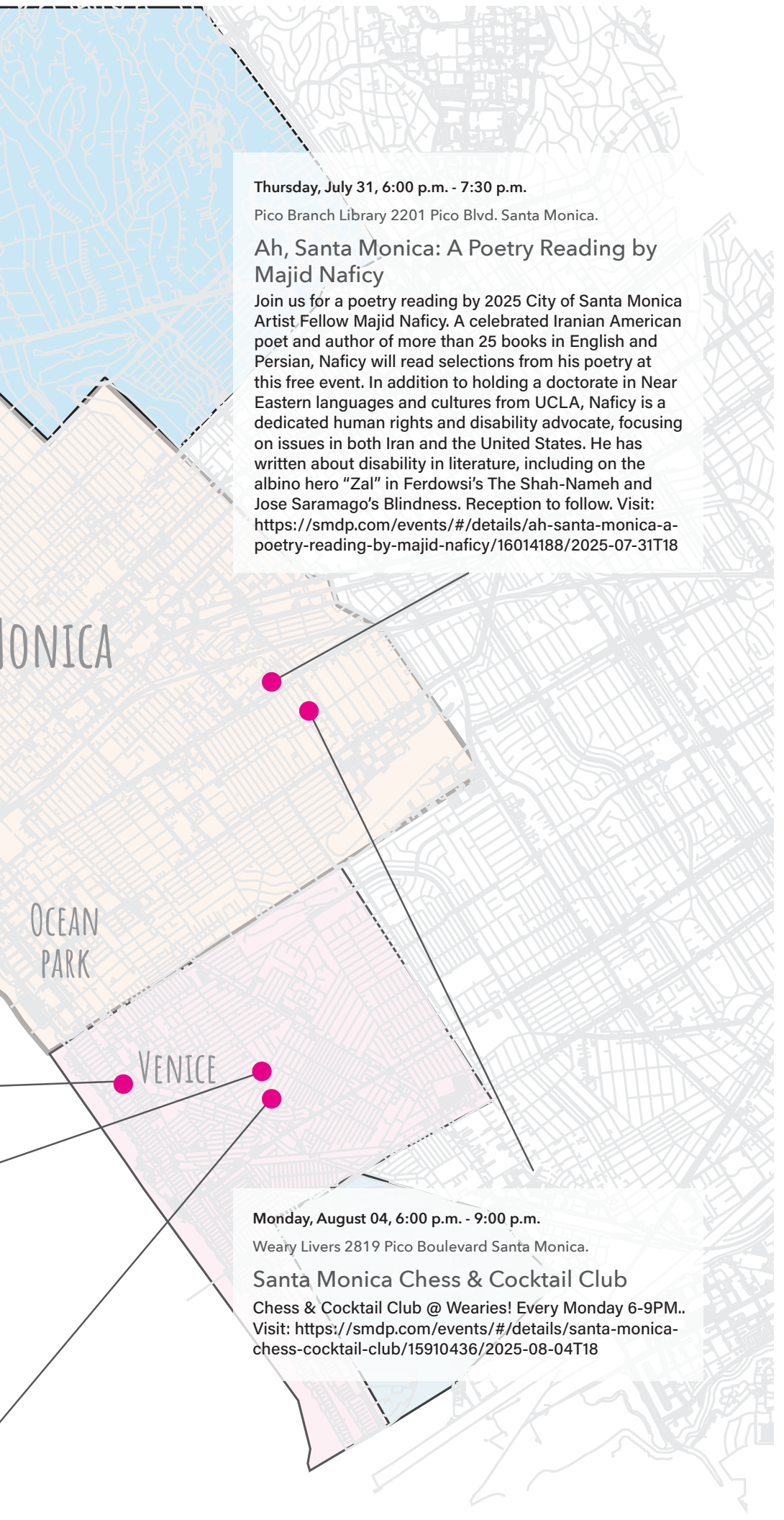
Friday, August 01, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Abbot Kinney Blvd 1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd (corner of Palms Blvd Venice.

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK FEST

Join us on Abbot Kinney Boulevard for a fun and festive night in Venice. Chances are, you will find whatever food you are craving, along with special merchant events. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/first-friday-food-truck-fest/15926940/2025-08-01T17

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Thursday, July 31, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica.

Ah, Santa Monica: A Poetry Reading by Majid Naficy

Join us for a poetry reading by 2025 City of Santa Monica Artist Fellow Majid Naficy. A celebrated Iranian American poet and author of more than 25 books in English and Persian, Naficy will read selections from his poetry at this free event. In addition to holding a doctorate in Near Eastern languages and cultures from UCLA, Naficy is a dedicated human rights and disability advocate, focusing on issues in both Iran and the United States. He has written about disability in literature, including on the albino hero "Zal" in Ferdowsi's The Shah-Nameh and Jose Saramago's Blindness. Reception to follow. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/ah-santa-monica-a-poetry-reading-by-majid-naficy/16014188/2025-07-31T18

Monday, August 04, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Weary Livers 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Chess & Cocktail Club

Chess & Cocktail Club @ Wearies! Every Monday 6-9PM.. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-chess-cocktail-club/15910436/2025-08-04T18



THURSDAY | JULY 31

AUTHOR TALK WITH PRIA ANAND

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. You're invited to a fascinating conversation with neurologist and author Pria Anand to chat about her new book The Mind Electric: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains (forthcoming June 10, 2025). The Mind Electric speaks to the stories we tell ourselves about our brains, and the stories that our brains tell to us. A girl believes she has been struck blind for stealing a kiss. A mother watches helplessly as each of her children is replaced by a changeling. A woman is haunted each month by the same four chords of a single song. In neurology, illness is inextricably linked with narrative, the clues to unraveling these mysteries hidden in both the details of a patient's story and the tells of their body. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/author-talk-with-pria-anand/16144069/2025-07-31T11

COMMUNITY PICNIC

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica. An annual tradition, everyone is invited to pack a dinner and grab some pals for good old-fashioned summertime fun. Planned activities include games, crafts, an epic tug-of-war, and more! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/community-picnic/15715287/2025-07-31T17

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 salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-07-17T11

FRIDAY | AUGUST 1

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-07-11T19

SATURDAY | AUGUST 2

COMPOST

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. City Yards 2500 Michigan Ave Santa Monica. Recycling Event City Yard Parking Lot 2500 Michigan Ave (2nd gate entrance). Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/compost/14712444/2025-08-02T09

NOGI JUDO FOR JIU-JITSU "WRESTLE-JUDO-JITSU"

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meraki 11652 West Olympic Boulevard Los Angeles. Join us for an exciting event - NoGi Judo for Jiu-Jitsu "Wrestle-Judo-Jitsu"! Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or just starting out, this event at Meraki is perfect for you. Learn the art of Judo without the traditional Gi, tailored for Jiu-Jitsu enthusiasts. Embrace the fusion of Wrestling, Judo, and Jiu-Jitsu in a dynamic setting. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to expand your skills and have a blast on the mats! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/nogi-judo-for-jiu-jitsu-wrestle-judo-jitsu-/16268017/2025-08-02T10

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/14639013/2025-08-02T20

SUNDAY | AUGUST 3

BABY GOAT + LAMB YOGA

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Laughing Frog Yoga 12217 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles, CA. Grab your mat and come play with our goats and miniature lambs for a dose of laughter and furry fun! Visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sold-out-baby-goat-lamb-yoga-august-3-at-100-pm-tickets-1478430959799

MONDAY | AUGUST 4

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNE

5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-08-04T17

DTSM

FROM PAGE 1

Caroline Torosis asking for the emergency action on July 25. City Hall announced the discussion to the public on the evening of July 28 and held the vote on the evening of July 29.

The letter requesting the mass firing has vague reasons for the extreme action.

"As we all know, DTSM plays a pivotal role in shaping the vitality, safety, and economic success of downtown Santa Monica," said the memo requesting the action. "Unfortunately, members of the public and this City Council have identified growing concerns regarding the lack of transparency and accountability as it relates to the policy direction being provided by DTSM's current Board of Directors."

In removing the current appointees, councilmembers said the board was too heavily weighted toward property and business owners and lacked enough representation from individuals who are not economically connected to DTSM and the Promenade. Snell said the current group of appointees didn't represent the views of the City Council.

"I have deep concerns about how downtown Santa Monica is run, its relationship with the city, whether it's honoring the terms of the agreement with the city, and whether it's performing its obligations," he said.

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that partners with the City of Santa Monica to manage the downtown business improvement district. It evolved from the former "Bayside District Corporation" and today oversees services like maintenance, hospitality ambassadors, marketing events (such as the annual ICE skating rink), and economic development programs in the city's central business district. DTSM operates under a services agreement to enhance downtown beyond baseline city services, with the mission of promoting economic vitality and community life in the area. A volunteer Board of 13 Directors governs DTSM and provides oversight of these programs.

Six board members are appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, six are elected by the downtown property owners, and one seat is reserved for the Santa Monica City Manager (or their designee).

It has a significant annual operating budget, funded primarily by special assessments on downtown properties and businesses. In the most recent fiscal year, total revenue was about $10 million. About 70% of the budget comes from fees and taxes paid for by businesses in the zone. The zone must be reauthorized periodically but can be terminated early if the property owners who pay the assessments dissolve the district.

Boardmembers usually serve staggered four year terms with new members joining every two years.

Snell said the recent resignation of the DTSM Andrew Thomas prompted the draconian mass removal of the appointed board members.

"As CEO Andrew Thomas has recently resigned, there's a small window of opportunity to see that downtown Santa Monica is reformed, but it's not likely to happen with the current makeup of the board. Therefore, I believe the city needs to take immediate action so that the board members reflect the values of this council prior to Downtown Santa Monica appointing the new CEO."

There have been no formal complaints or investigations into wrongdoing by the DTSM Board but in voting for the mass firing, several councilmembers justified their decision by suggesting there were significant problems with the Board.

"I have been increasingly troubled by reports of not just dysfunction, but also outright hostility and attempts to undermine the very foundation of what is the vital business improvement district in our downtown," said Councilmember Jesse Zwick. "I would not normally support this as an emergency matter, but I do believe that number of factors including the imminent hiring of a new CEO and the overdue necessity of renewing a campaign to renew the property assessment district make it actually an existential threat to the body going forward, and one that is desperately in need of new leadership."

Mayor Lana Negrete was the lone opponent of the decision. She said she was unaware of any urgency to remove all six individuals and that the board had seemed to be working in relative harmony recently towards common goals.

"I've always felt like the balance of stakeholdership, meaning businesses owners, residents are key, but sometimes don't agree with everyone, and that's okay," she said.

Negrete said she'd be open to hearing any evidence that justified the decision but nothing had been discussed to explain the emergency need.

"I mean, quite honestly, it sounds like what our president is doing right now is getting rid of systems in place that create democracy to control what they want the outcome to be," she said.

There have been disagreements between the Board and City Hall recently.

Earlier this year, members of the DTSM Board said they wanted to withdraw from an agreement with City Hall over maintenance costs. Under the agreement, DTSM incurs additional costs above its mandated levels for work in some parking structures and the City is supposed to provide increased street cleaning on roadways. Boardmembers said the deal is one sided and wanted to withdraw prompting warnings by the City that any attempt to alter the agreement would result in a rejection of the DTSM budget and the funding remained in place.

Thomas subsequently announced his resignation from the organization after three years on the job. The timing of his resignation followed months of internal review and debate by the organization's 13-member board. In April, the board held a split vote in closed session to authorize contract negotiations with Thomas who wanted a $50,000 raise to his existing $250,000 salary, with six members in favor and four opposed. A separate motion to open the CEO role to outside candidates failed. The board then voted unanimously to create an ad hoc committee tasked with defining leadership performance standards, negotiating terms and commissioning an organizational analysis.

Lucian Tudor, who owns the 1212 restaurant, was one of the individuals removed.

"This was not about improving governance—it was about consolidating control," said Tudor. "Our board was the most diverse and engaged it's ever been. We challenged the status quo, asked hard questions, and fought for transparency. And now, we're being punished for it."

He said DTSM has increasingly been tasked with providing expanded services—often to fill gaps left by underperforming city vendors—without the accountability or oversight expected of public contracts.

"The Council doesn't want a board that represents the community—they want one that answers to them," Tudor said. "They've replaced us with political insiders who won't question where the money is going, or why public needs are being pushed aside for private interests."

Deposed boardmember Michelle M. Cardiel also criticized Snell for claiming problems were the fault of new boardmembers despite his decade of time at the organization.

"Santa Monica has a history of strong civic engagement. But this decision undermines that tradition. It sends a message to volunteer board members—many of us community-rooted, professionally experienced, and publicly accountable—that thoughtful questioning and independent thinking are no longer welcome," she said. "Barry Snell commented that he spent 12 years on the DTSM Board, yet he's accusing board members who have been on the board less than a year "for the area's economic decline. He should take a good look in the mirror before he starts these ridiculous accusations. Bottom line is that City Council wants to appoint a board that will be loyal to their agenda and I obviously did not make the cut."

DTSM attempted to block the Council decision by holding an emergency meeting to amend its bylaws. The City Attorney's office said that meeting was invalid and any decisions made are not binding.

DTSM members said the Council's decision also lacked emergency justification.

"It is also troubling that the Council held its own emergency meeting under questionable legal justification, while publicly criticizing the Board's emergency meeting. This double standard raises concerns about fairness and transparency," said Boardmember Jon Farzam. "DTSM remains committed to lawful governance and to serving the Santa Monica community with integrity. We are reviewing our options and next steps."

The newly appointed boardmembers are Sean Besser, Richard Bloom, Gleam Davis, Jonathan Gregory, Hodge Patterson and Elaine Polachek.

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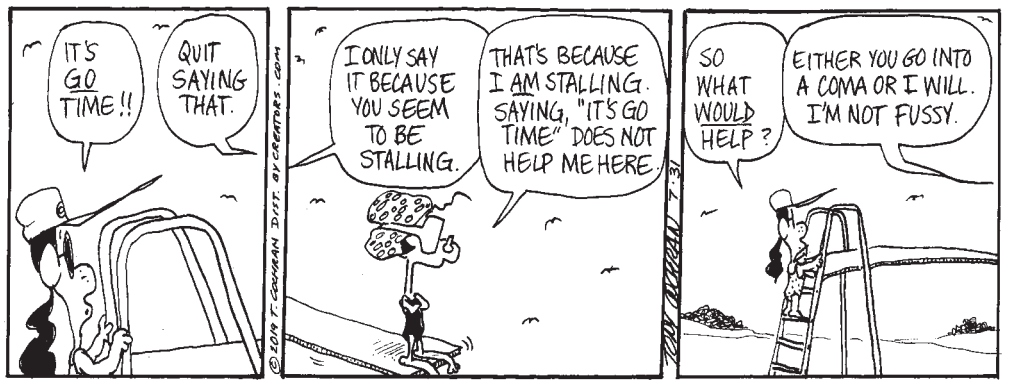
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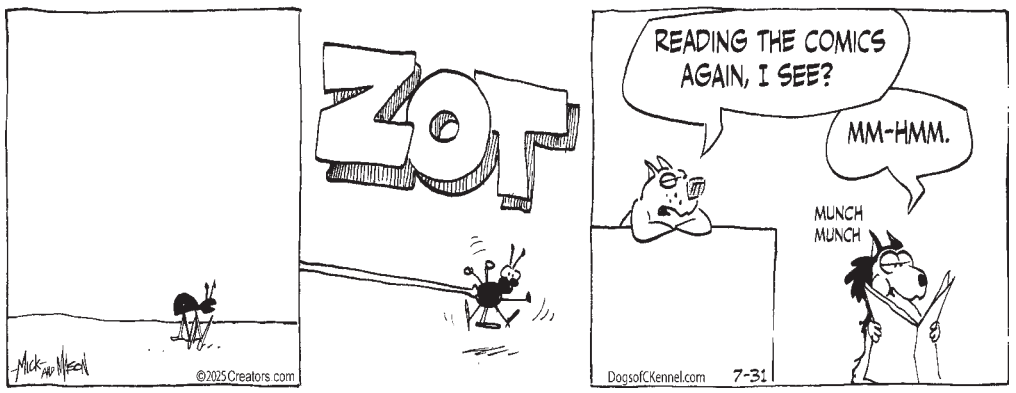
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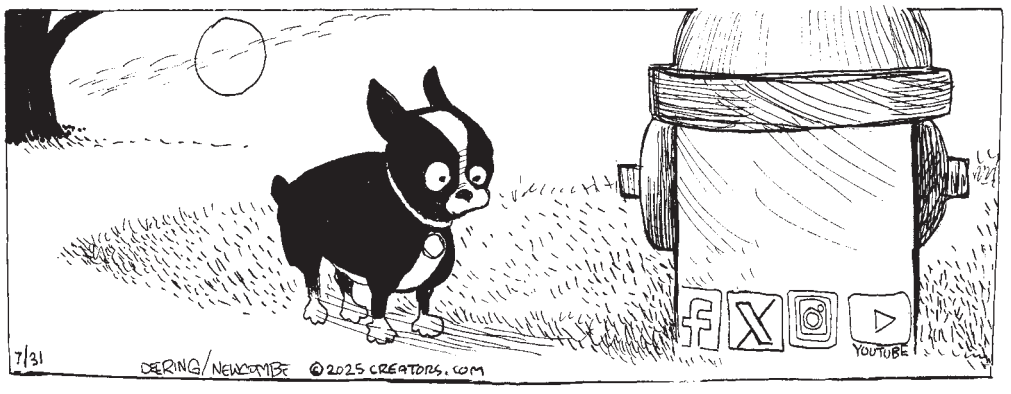
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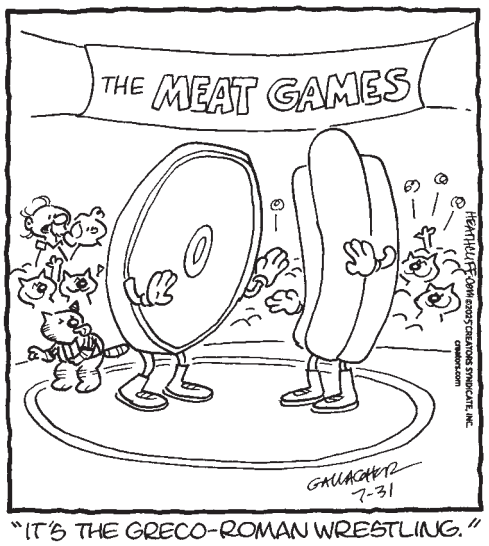
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31)

A year of stellar opportunities and spellbinding connections. Your name travels further than you do, opening doors before you knock. You grow irresistible to collaborators, mentors and muses alike. More highlights: Your intuition speaks in clear tones. What begins with a simple favor turns into a shared mission. You'll travel through thrilling landscapes - some geographic, some emotional. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 18, 12, 25 and 2.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). That weird tension with someone? It's echoing something you've been arguing with inside yourself. Sort through your own head first; then go talk to them. You'll be amazed at how much easier it all gets when your inner team is on the same page.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is spiritual power in leisure. In a world obsessed with productivity and achievement, leisure and play aren't wastes of time; they're access points to wonder, awe, communion and even transcendence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you choose kindness, you're not muddying the water with ego, defensiveness or power struggles. Things become simpler. You can see what matters. Kindness is an energy that doesn't rush. It unfolds gently. It tends to what really matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a powerhouse - living, working, creating like it's your job (because it pretty much is). You love the work, but even love needs air and rotation. Don't smother it! Step back, chill out and let the magic come find you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have the unique pleasure of building something lasting with people who see your talents without needing an introduction. A move - physical, emotional or both - puts you in better flow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like a child who doesn't yet know the workaday world, you will separate work from wonder. You will build joy into a task. You will find stories inside the chore and the lines between duty and delight will be blurred.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You take care of your stuff, your schedule, your space - and it shows. That kind of attention makes your life feel solid. And solid feels good today. That's why more of this is on the way. You're easy to say yes to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're excellent at reading the room and matching your tone - sweet, spicy, smart, whatever the moment calls for. This is a real gift, and you're using it well. People feel like you get them, and that goes a long way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone is drawn to your mystery. They're watching, listening, maybe circling closer. Don't worry about who. Just keep shining in the way only you can. Your warmth pulls people in. Your originality makes them stay.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You did what you had to do with the info and tools you had at the time. That's all fair. Now there are better options for you, and you know how to use them. Revisit, revise, retry. It's a new day for new outcomes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Screens and schedules can mess with your sense of aliveness, but your body remembers its glorious animal nature, a nature that requires motion, breath, flavor, sensation. The more you move and feel, the better your mind works. Feed the fire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Game points and work wins are easy to measure. Social wins? Trickier. You're getting better at reading the unspoken stuff - vibes, glances, pauses. Your responses are clever and creative, your next move? Brilliant.

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.

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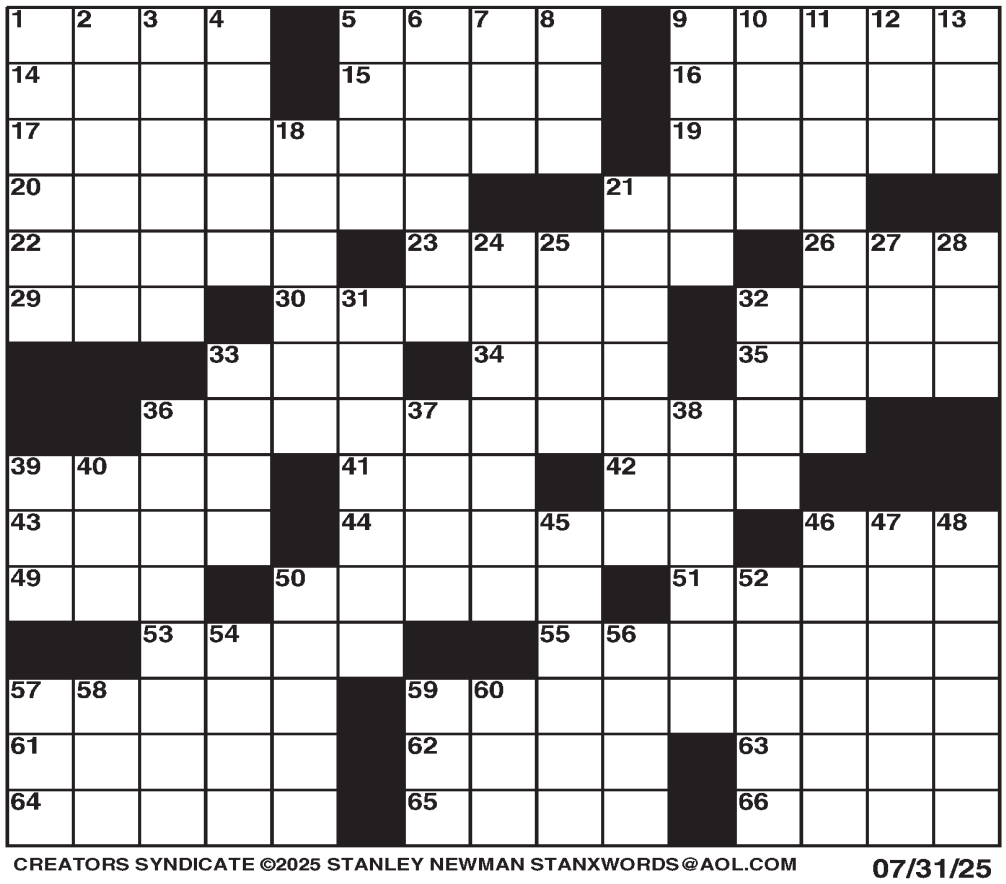
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of Beethoven, and the Venice Beach Hub will occupy Windward Circle.

Each hub will offer family-friendly activities, restrooms, free water refilling stations, basic bike repair services, bike parking and first aid. Free pedicab rides will be available at information booths at each location. An additional pit stop on Washington Place east of McLaughlin Avenue will provide water, restrooms and bike repair services.

The route will showcase the distinct character of each neighborhood. Culver City, often called the "Heart of Screenland" due to its entertainment industry history, now features a vibrant dining and nightlife scene with galleries, playhouses and the historic Culver Hotel. Mar Vista, designated as an official Los Angeles neighborhood in 2006, is known for its walkability and family-friendly atmosphere. Venice offers its bohemian boardwalk with street performers, colorful murals, Muscle Beach and the trendy Abbot Kinney Boulevard.

CicLAvia allows only people-powered vehicles on its routes. Traditional bicycles, rollerskates, rollerblades, scooters, skateboards, unicycles and tricycles are all permitted, as are motorized wheelchairs and mobility scooters for participants with disabilities.

E-bike regulations are more specific. Class 1 pedal-assist e-bikes with top speeds around 20 mph are allowed. Class 2 e-bikes with throttles and Class 3 faster e-bikes are permitted only when powered off and the rider is pedaling. Electric scooters, hoverboards, electric skateboards, Segways and motorcycles are prohibited.

"A general rule of thumb for any vehicle is that if it is primarily powered by a person, it's allowed at CicLAvia," according to event guidelines. "If it is solely powered by a motor, it's not."

The event encourages participants to explore local businesses and cultural attractions along the route while promoting environmental sustainability and healthier lifestyles. Over its 15-year history, CicLAvia has helped communities reimagine transportation options and strengthen neighborhood connections across Los Angeles County.

Inspired by Bogotá's weekly ciclovía, CicLAvia has temporarily closed streets in neighborhoods including Boyle Heights, Chinatown, Hollywood, Little Tokyo, North Hollywood, South LA, Watts and West Hollywood. Participants have traveled together along more than 342 miles of streets through these events.

The 2025 CicLAvia season will continue with additional events: CicLAvia—Historic South Central meets Watts on Sept. 14, CicLAvia—Heart of LA on Oct. 12, and CicLAvia—Melrose Ave on Nov. 23.

As a nonprofit organization, CicLAvia relies on public support to continue providing free community events. Participants can join the Aug. 17 event at any point along the route and are encouraged to use public transportation or other car-free methods to reach the area.

More information about safety guidelines and participant rights is available at ciclavia.org.

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disposing of it in a trash can near the garage.

"What's alarming is that this stuff was dumped in a green garbage bin reserved for foliage and leaves, rather than the black, non-recyclable trash can," she said.

The growing crisis has galvanized the Venice community, which has reported at least six previous dog deaths and more than ten additional cases of serious illness in recent weeks. The first death occurred July 6; the latest before Tuesday's was reported July 27. One dog remains in intensive care.

Longtime resident Barbara Malsch lost her dog, Shadow, on July 21.

"She had a habit—she would lick her paws when we got home from walks," Malsch said. "She stopped eating. She was throwing up even though she hadn't eaten anything. The vet said it was her kidneys—she had at least six more months. But she died at home with me just days later."

"I am heartbroken," she added, describing her rescue pup as "pure joy and much more than just a pet."

Five days later, Taylor, another local dog owner, lost her one-year-old Golden Retriever, Ginger, after the puppy suffered a severe seizure following a walk near the canals. Ginger had recently received a clean bill of health.

"I loved her so much. She was beyond special," Taylor said. "I cannot believe she's gone. She just turned 1 on June 22 and died June 25. Heartbroken doesn't even come close to explaining it."

In response, Ramon J. Goni, a member of the Venice Canal Association and founder of the neighborhood group Know Your Neighbor (KYN), has mobilized volunteers to track symptoms and timelines in a shared spreadsheet. The data has been shared with city and county health officials.

"Some dog owners started connecting the dots. Everyone has come together to help and find the cause, which is still unknown," Goni said. "We don't want to jump to any conclusions. What we're doing is twofold: raising awareness and encouraging pet owners to be extra cautious."

Flyers listing symptoms—vomiting, lethargy, seizures—and precautionary tips have been distributed door to door. Goni's team is also urging residents to report any potential environmental hazards, including at the property on Ocean and 28th, where photographs show white powder visibly spread along sidewalks.

A sample of the substance has been collected for testing. A state lab necropsy is also scheduled for later Tuesday.

Venice Canal Association President Mark Galanty urged the public to remain vigilant, but patient.

"We are here to support each other, and right now we are sending our sincerest condolences to those community members grieving their beloved dogs," he said.

Dog owners are advised to report findings to the VCA and seek immediate veterinary care if symptoms appear.

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AROUND TOWN

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Paella + Albariño Night at Divine Vintage: Celebrate National Albariño Day with a special Paella Night where you can enjoy a hearty plate of paella with mussels, chicken sausage, calamari, and shrimp—plus a fresh arugula side salad and a glass of crisp Albariño. $45. Friday, Aug. 1, 1025 Montana Ave. https://www.divinevintage.com/products/paella-friday

Andrew's Grilled Cheese and Wine Trivia Night: Join a fun twist on their classic grilled cheese night. For this pop up dinner, they'll be pairing their decadent open-faced grilled cheeses with unique and interesting wines. Plus, they're adding trivia to the mix. Friday, August 1, 7p.m., 728 Montana Ave. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/andrews-grilled-cheese-and-wine-trivia-night-tickets-1486311460589

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, Aug. 1, starting at 5p.m. https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/

Margaritas & Mocktails with the Mayor at New Tacos Por Favor: The old Cock & Bull at 2947 Lincoln Blvd. has been transformed into a beautiful space! Join Mayor Negrete to celebrate their opening. August 2, 4 - 7p.m. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DLYXZCkBUjz/

H&H Bagels Partners with Hamilton for Exclusive Menu Items to Celebrate the 10 Year Anniversary: H&H will be offering two, limited time specials worthy of a cabinet meeting: Hamilton's Revolutionary Lemon Poppyseed Cream Cheese & The Taylor Hamilton Egg & Cheese with Taylor Ham and hot honey on any bagel. Now through Aug 17, 710 Montana Ave. https://www.instagram.com/p/DMf_P3FM0fU/

2025 Michelin Guide to Santa Monica: At the recent 2025 Michelin Guide California Ceremony, Chef Josiah Citrin maintained his three-star status with the Two Michelin Starred Mélisse and One Michelin Starred Citrin making the list for another year. Santa Monica is home of two Bib Gourmand eateries, Cobi's and Colapasta, and 11 other Michelin-recognized restaurants, including The Lobster, Tumbi, Élephante, Pasjoli, Rustic Canyon, Seline, Birdie G's, Fia Steak, Fia Restaurant, Milo + Olive and Shunji. https://guide.michelin.com/us/en/california/santa-monica/restaurants

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Looking Ahead: Dog Daze of Summer on Montana Ave. (8/23); A PIERfect Benefit (9/6); Thai Fest by the Beach (9/20-21); Abbot Kinney Festival (9/28); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/18)

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