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Gott's Roadside hopes to revitalize long dormant corner of Wilshire with it's particular take on Americana



Courtesy Photo

RESTAURANT: Gott's Roadside opens this week bringing new life to a long dark corner at 4th and Wilshire.

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Gott's Roadside, the Napa Valley roadside stand turned James Beard America's Classic, will open its first coastal location Oct. 2 at the northeast corner of Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard.

The restaurant will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is the company's second Los Angeles County location, following a restaurant at the Original Farmers Market that opened March 6.

"We specifically targeted Santa Monica

because we wanted to have a coastal location that has name recognition in and of itself, which Santa Monica does," said Clay Walker, president of Gott's Roadside. "But that also has the regional pull power."

Walker said he expects the site to draw customers from as far north as Malibu, as far east as the 405 Freeway and as far south as Marina del Rey.

The Santa Monica restaurant includes a soft-serve counter, group tables, a bar and a heated patio. Walker said the company chose the site for its street frontage, which suits the "breezy indoor outdoor vibe" the concept was

founded on in Napa Valley.

"I was actually surprised at how little outdoor patio space there is in LA, given how good the climate is," Walker said.

A glass barrier runs along the arc of the patio, and Walker said a planter filled with beach grass will be installed along its length so diners feel less exposed without blocking sight lines from the street.

The menu spans burgers, chicken tenders, tacos, salads, seafood and seasonal chef specials, with vegetarian and gluten-free-friendly options. Offerings include the Ahi Burger; the California Burger with fried egg,

bacon and balsamic onions; a kimchi burger; garlic fries; chili spice-dusted sweet potato fries; and organic hand-spun shakes. Walker said the most popular salad is a Vietnamese chicken salad with a peanut lime vinaigrette.

Beef comes from Cream Co. Meats, chicken from Red Bird Farms and bread from Larder Baking Co. The soft-serve counter offers Straus organic soft serve, frozen yogurt, sundaes and house-made cookies. The bar serves beer and wine only, including Napa wines, craft beer and the chain's signature

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Bringing the Promenade forward: DTSM reports visitor boost, elects new leadership

DEVAN SIPHER

Special to the Daily Press

Last Thursday night, the Third Street Promenade was bustling with people, providing visible evidence of the progress being reported at the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board meeting.

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eyes is there is just a lot of people enjoying the late summer here,” said Debbie Lee, the CEO of DTSM, who oversaw a productive meeting that included a report on the future of the Promenade, the swearing in of Council-appointed board members, executive elections, and committee restructuring.

Lee has said she wants to make DTSM a more data-driven organization, and she started the meeting with the latest visitor numbers. According to Lee, there were 3.3 million visits downtown during the period of World Cup events, from June 11 to July 19, which represents a 26% increase over the same time period in 2025. The precise correlation with the sports events wasn't clear, since the data wasn't very specific. There was also a 20% increase in visits in August, when the World Cup was long over, but Lee described that as a residual effect.

“I think after the World Cup people were kind of buzzing,” she said of the response from visitors, including locals. “A lot of people came down here, not sure what to expect.”

She suggested they liked what they found.

After years of diminished foot traffic, any improvement is clearly welcome, though no one would claim that the Promenade has returned to its heyday. But that's not the goal according to Peter James, the deputy city manager and DTSM board member, who delivered a preliminary presentation of a plan to reimagine the pedestrian thoroughfare. “We don't want to bring the Promenade back, we want to bring it forward,” James said.

He praised the Promenade's history but said it was “designed for an era that doesn't exist anymore,” referring to the pavement style, dinosaur sculptures and reliance on retail businesses. “We talk about reinvention, not restoration,” he said as he shared the city's goal for the Promenade to once again be a financial engine and community centerpiece.

Several board members expressed apprehension about the city potentially excluding DTSM and other stakeholders, including residents, from the planning process, and board members Glean Davis and John Warfel emphasized the need to balance big-picture concepts with attention to nuts-and-bolts details, such as working elevators in the parking structures.

“Infrastructure is not sexy,” Davis said, before affirming its importance.

The internal infrastructure of DTSM was the subject of much of the remainder of the meeting. On September 8, the Council voted to reappoint board members Sean Besser and Hodge Patterson, who had only served one year since the Council's unprecedented purge of the previous board. Also appointed at that time was Judy Kruger, the former CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, but the Council voted this month to replace her with Michael Dubin. All three of the newly appointed board members were sworn into office.

After two years as chair, Michele Aronson made it clear she wished to step down, but she was asked to stay on the executive committee as Treasurer. Joshua Gilman was unanimously elected as the new chair, and Besser was also unanimously elected as Secretary. They will be joined on the executive committee by three vice chairs: Davis, Patterson, and Warfel.

Additionally, the board voted to replace the two longstanding committees on placemaking and marketing with three task forces, which would focus on major events (including the Olympics), the next generation of the Promenade, and the upcoming 20-year renewal of DTSM's business assessment district. The task forces, unlike the committees, will be informal bodies that are not subject to Brown Act or quorum requirements. Therefore, they will not be able to take any actions of their own other than making recommendations to the full board.

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Delta LAX expansion opens new options for Travelers



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TRAVEL: Delta launches twice-daily LAX to Monterey flights Dec. 19, part of largest-ever LAX expansion.

MICHELLE EDGAR
Special to the Daily Press

For Santa Monica and Westside travelers, Delta Air Lines’ latest expansion at Los Angeles International Airport will bring a new way to reach California’s Central Coast while adding more choices across the country.

Delta will launch twice-daily nonstop service between LAX and Monterey Regional Airport on Dec. 19, 2026, timed for the holiday travel season. The route, operated by Delta Connection on an Embraer 175, will give Westside travelers direct access to Monterey, Carmel and the Pebble Beach area without the long drive north.

The Monterey service is one piece of a broader expansion that will make summer 2027 Delta’s largest operation in LAX history. Delta and its partners plan to offer more than 200 daily departures at the summer peak, expanding access both for Angelenos traveling elsewhere and for visitors arriving in Southern California.

Stephanie Gordon, Delta’s managing director of domestic network planning, said the carrier is adding approximately 10 daily domestic flights, increasing its own domestic schedule from roughly 170 to 180 departures. With its partner flights included, the overall operation will exceed 200 departures per day.

The expanded schedule will make Delta the only airline at LAX serving all 10 of the airport’s highest-demand domestic destinations with multiple daily flights, Gordon said. “This allows for greater connectivity into California and gives Angelenos more opportunities to explore what the rest of the United States has to offer,” she said.

Monterey was selected in part because it aligns with Delta’s focus on premium travel, Gordon said. The new route will provide direct access to one of California’s best-known leisure destinations and give Monterey passengers a connection through LAX to Delta’s broader domestic and international network. Delta will also begin daily nonstop service from Salt Lake City to Monterey on Dec. 19.

For the Westside, the announcement creates a closer link between two of California’s major coastal visitor destinations. Although Delta did not provide a Santa Monica-specific economic projection, additional passengers moving through LAX could create opportunities for local hotels, restaurants, cultural destinations and tourism businesses competing for visitors extending their stays beyond the airport.

“We’re continuing to invest in more ways for customers to experience everything California has to offer,” Amy Martin, Delta’s vice president of network planning, said in announcing the routes. “With new service to Monterey from both Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, alongside our continued growth at LAX, we’re creating more opportunities for customers to connect to the places they want to go while building on our long-term commitment to Los Angeles and the West.”

Delta is also adding a new daily nonstop flight between LAX and Philadelphia beginning June 7, 2027. The airline will increase service to Boston to five daily flights, Raleigh-Durham to two, San Diego to five, Seattle to eight, Houston to three, Cincinnati

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 74.5

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Smaller wave gear day, better afternoon options than earlier in the week. Dawn-10am: Mellow mix of SSW Southern Hemi swell with a little NW energy blending in with clean conditions for the early window. Cruisy knee-thigh+ lines for the points that slow way down as the tide deepens later AM into midday. PM Outlook: Points stay a fun option, but the tide drop has mellow PM onshores than earlier in the week, so the beachbreaks should still be in play mid-afternoon with surf in the knee-waist+ range.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Small day of waves. Beachbreaks best in the morning, sheltered points in the evening. Just a little mix of SW Southern Hemi swell and meager NW swell mix. Knee-thigh high waves, pushing waist-high for better spots (mostly west of Dume). Decent tide window for the beachbreaks early, fattening up later AM into midday on the high tide. Tough afternoon, even with the tide drop as W onshores make a comeback. Sheltered points later PM into the evening look fun for the longboards, not as clean as the AM but shape stands up better.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 81.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 88. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the morning.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73.

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2026/10/01	Thu	12:29 PM	5.84	H
2026/10/01	Thu	8:24 PM	0.31	L
2026/10/02	Fri	03:53 AM	3.13	H
2026/10/02	Fri	06:16 AM	3.02	L
2026/10/02	Fri	1:37 PM	5.53	H
2026/10/02	Fri	10:02 PM	0.30	L
2026/10/03	Sat	06:02 AM	3.46	H
2026/10/03	Sat	08:09 AM	3.39	L
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Art, Gott's Burger Opening, Montana Art Walk & Bubbly on the Boardwalk

From Montana Avenue's annual Art Walk to Northern California's iconic burger import, here is your weekly guide to Westside food, art, champagne, and therapy cats.

Club Solaire Comes to Venice: Veuve Clicquot is bringing Champagne, ice cream and a whole lot of yellow to Venice Beach with Club Solaire, a three-day celebration of food, music, culture and, naturally, Champagne. The weekend includes ticketed culinary experiences plus free-to-explore boardwalk attractions, including a Veuve Clicquot Champagne Bar, a concept shop, yellow bike rentals and a pop-up from cult-favorite Parisian ice cream shop Folderol featuring special soft-serve flavors inspired by Veuve Clicquot. Friday, Oct. 2 – Sunday, Oct. 4, 12–6 p.m., 619 Ocean Front Walk. 21+. [instagram.com/p/DdCLC-fFKwg](https://www.instagram.com/p/DdCLC-fFKwg)

First Friday on Abbot Kinney: The Venice street turns into a street-food playground, with dozens of rotating food trucks serving everything from international favorites to creative new bites. Local shops and businesses also stay open late, making it an easy excuse to eat, browse and people-watch your way down the boulevard. Friday, Oct. 2, 5–9:30 p.m., [abbotkinneyblvd.com/firstfridays](https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/)

Opening Reception: “There Once Were Millions”: Celebrate the western monarch butterfly at an evening featuring the “There Once Were Millions” exhibit, a short film, interactive workshop and conservation expert panel. Registration required. Saturday, Oct. 3, 5 – 8 p.m., Airport Arts Center, 3026 Airport Ave. [eventbrite.com/e/opening-reception-for-there-once-were-millions-tickets-1999060877899](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/opening-reception-for-there-once-were-millions-tickets-1999060877899)

Montana Ave. Art Walk Returns: The annual Art Walk returns with 10 blocks of art, live music, artisan vendors, wellness experiences, family activities, food and shopping, plus a classic car showcase and interactive installations. The street will close to cars, turning Montana into an open-air celebration of art and the Mother Road as it goes big for Route 66's 100th anniversary. Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Montana Avenue from 7th to 17th streets. Free. montanaave.com/events/art-walk

Pier Play Returns to the Santa Monica Pier: The family festival returns with its first-ever two-day edition. The expanded lineup features interactive kids' activities, live music, dance performances, games, and local community pop-ups stretching across the historic landmark, celebrating play, creativity, and Westside youth programming. Saturday, Oct. 3 & Sunday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. <https://rasa.fyi/event/pierplay-festival>

Sunset Club Returns: The weather is cooling down, the sun is setting earlier, and Sunset Club is back on the beach. Sunset Club returns for its first Sunday of October, inviting locals to kick back, meet some new friends, reconnect with old ones and watch the sun go down together. Sunday, Oct. 4, 4:30 p.m., Ocean View Park, 2701 Barnard Way partiful.com/e/bWxJFFtHUu8ERUXtBjMSc?c=VV3Z64HM

Santa Monica History Museum Annual Gala - Roots & Vines: Support local history preservation at the Santa Monica History Museum's annual fundraising benefit at the iconic Annenberg Community Beach House. The evening includes fine wines, hors d'oeuvres, a live auction, and a celebration of community history alongside the presentation of the 2026 Spirit of Santa Monica Award. Sunday, Oct. 4, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. santamonicahistorymuseum.betterworld.org/events/roots-vines



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EVENT: Montana Ave. Art Walk transforms 10 blocks into car-free arts celebration Oct. 3 for Route 66's centennial.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

'The Cigarette Surfboard' returns online after successful premiere

"The Cigarette Surfboard" is back online starting Oct. 1, along with all of the recorded question-and-answer sessions, after what its filmmakers called a resounding success at the film's online premiere.

The filmmakers said they are putting the film back online because of the overwhelming number of requests to see it. It is available at <https://watch.eventive.org/thecigarettesurfboard>

The team said it has been grateful for the overwhelmingly positive responses to the film over the past few weeks.

Professional surfer and ocean activist Rob Machado praised the film and the people who supported it.

"Congratulations on making a freakin' awesome film that brings so many issues to light. And it speaks very highly of your guys' vision, just all the people that jumped in to get behind it and believed in it. And look, I take my hat off to you guys, I was blown away and honored to be a part of it," Machado said.

Jake Howard, editor-in-chief of Surfer magazine, recommended the film.

"For those with as much disdain for cigarette butts on the beach as I do, this is a must-see film," Howard said.

Diane Fraser, executive director of the Emerald Coast Science Center, said, "I watched the movie last night. OMG, it is brilliant."

Lauren Oaks, a chemistry teacher at Hampton Roads Academy, said the film connected with her students.

"I have a really unique Oceanography class with some of the top students at our school and some who have one foot out the door and in college already. The film has appealed to all audiences! They're even talking about it in their government class... We are all hooked!" Oaks said.

A review on Rotten Tomatoes said, "We absolutely loved the thoughtfulness and enthusiasm behind this film. I know it has touched and inspired both young and old."

The filmmakers also shared an earlier response from the Bend Film Festival: "An eye-opening and unexpectedly fascinating film. This passionate surfer takes this simple and quirky idea to reach corporate companies and international politics. An entertaining eco-doc with a solid and powerful message."

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Pico

Officials identify man who killed wife, then himself, in Pico Boulevard home

The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner has identified the Santa Monica couple found dead Saturday inside a home in the 3100 block of Pico Boulevard as Nicole Rabitzsch, 47, and Hendrik Rabitzsch, 48, ruling her death a homicide and his a suicide.

Both died of gunshot wounds to the head, according to the medical examiner.

Santa Monica police said Hendrik Rabitzsch fatally shot his wife before taking his own life. Detectives determined the deaths were the result of a murder-suicide that occurred at about 6:42 a.m. Saturday, according to the Santa Monica Police Department.

Officers had gone to the residence Saturday to conduct a welfare check. They entered and found the couple dead, police said. A firearm was recovered at the scene.

No one else is believed to have been involved, police said. Authorities described the shooting as an isolated incident and said there is no ongoing threat to the public.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the SMPD watch commander, available 24 hours a day, at 310-458-8427.

The incident is the second murder-suicide for the city this year.

Jeremy Ferguson, director of operations and placemaking for Downtown Santa Monica Inc., and his wife, Mandy Zelinka, were found dead of gunshot wounds in April in their Venice home, according to the LAPD.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is available 24 hours a day at 800-799-7233.

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Thursday, October 01, 9:30 p.m.

Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St Santa Monica.

PANIC! at the CABARET

A cabaret evening blending live music, dance, and theatrical performance, with drinks and a lively nightlife atmosphere. \$33.00 to \$110.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/panic-at-the-cabaret/19852121/2026-10-01T21>

Saturday, October 03, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica.

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

Free Saturday morning fitness at Santa Monica Pier with group runs and yoga. Open to all levels, no membership required. April through October. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-10-03T08>

Thursday, October 01, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

352 Westminster Ave Venice.

Nalu Vida - Live Jazz Every Thursday

Weekly live jazz night with a rotating local performer, set in a relaxed venue with sushi, drinks, and a mellow vibe. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/nalu-vida-live-jazz-every-thursday/18526607/2026-10-01T18>

Friday, October 02, 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Illusion Magic Lounge 1418 4th St Santa Monica.

Crime Scene Live: First Fridays in Santa Monica

An interactive true-crime event with LAPD legend Don Tabak, where attendees examine evidence and try to solve a homicide case. \$49.87 to \$92.55. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/crime-scene-live-first-fridays-in-santa-monica/19545947/2026-10-02T19>

Sunday, October 04, 5:05 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

A weekly bicycle parade along the Venice boardwalk at sunset. Decorated bikes and lights create a festive community ride. <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-10-04T17>

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A monthly performance showcase featuring a mix of acts, from music to theater, in an eclectic venue. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/electric-lodge-presents-high-voltage/15774947/2026-10-02T20>

6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m. Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium
Join Quetzal Beats for a bilingual (Spanish/English) experimental sonic and trip-hop performance weaving poetry, music, movement, sound, and visual storytelling. Centered on a bilingual improvisational poem and collage work by Pau Ix Xofi, the 40-minute performance explores Central American world-making, home, and the lived experiences of women and femmes while grappling with the histories and ongoing violence of mestizaje. Incantations of the Isthmus is a process of reconnection to indigeneity as a query, embodied through movement, the haiku, sound technologies, land and its visual language(s), and a set design that evokes home as an ephemeral space of love, ancestral knowing, return and belonging amidst genocide and displacement. Featuring original songs by Pau Ix Xofi, live DJ-ing and audio design by the Central American Sound Archive (CASA), and visuals and set design by Pau Ix Xofi + Flores + Abi Mandalas, the performance invites audiences to consider the Indigenous and anti-colonial histories, identities, and lived experiences that

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum offers free hands-on activities for families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market every Friday through October. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-10-02T17>



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AROUND TOWN

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Need a Break? Try Some Therapy Cats: Feeling stressed? Put down the phone and pet a cat. Cat Chow’s Therapod is bringing a mobile, phone-free relaxation experience to Westwood, where visitors can spend 10 minutes hanging out with certified therapy cats from Pet Partners. Adoptable cats from Meow Squad will also be on hand, along with Purina animal behaviorist Dr. Annie Valuska. The free pop-up makes two Westside stops: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., UCLA’s Wilson Plaza, 405 Hilgard Ave.; Wednesday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Broxton Plaza, 1036 Broxton Ave.

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Wellness & Waves (Saturdays through 10/17); Locals’ Night Third Thursdays; Perrys Beach House DJ Event (Saturdays and Sundays in Sept.); “Into the Woods” at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre (through 10/18)

WHAT’S NEW & DELICIOUS?

Gott’s Roadside Grand Opening: The famous James Beard Award winning Northern California burger favorite and “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives” regular is finally making its way to Santa Monica, bringing burgers, sandwiches, salads, seafood, shakes and plenty of wine-country hospitality. The sexy 6,600-square-foot restaurant will also feature a sprawling patio, full bar and dedicated soft-serve counter with toppings and nostalgic sundaes. Soft open Thursday Oct. 1 with ribbon on Friday, Oct. 2, open 11 a.m.–9 p.m. daily, 401 Wilshire Blvd. gotts.com

Tiki & Fire Comes to Marelle: Marelle is trading its usual coastal-Mediterranean vibe for something a little more tropical with a one-night “Coastal Roast” featuring ahi tuna, miso-glazed pork belly, char siu short rib, island-inspired sides, pineapple rum cake and tiki cocktails. Thursday, Oct. 1, 5–10 p.m., 1740 Ocean Ave. marelle.com/event/tiki-fire-a-coastal-roast

Burger She Wrote Opens in Brentwood: The cult-favorite smashburger spot is opening its third and largest location, bringing its Oklahoma-style burgers made with Snake River Farms American Wagyu beef and King’s Hawaiian buns to San Vicente Boulevard. The grand-opening celebration features DJs Don “Nuge” Nguyen and Blake Anderson, merch giveaways, and more. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2–10 p.m., 11686 San Vicente Blvd., LA burgershewrote.com

Coffee Bean Birthday Celebration: The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf is turning 63, proving that coffee shops can have birthday parties too. Stop by for complimentary beverage samples, live music from a Power 106 DJ, giveaways, a prize wheel, photo ops with Mr. Ice Blended and a first look at the brand’s upcoming Paul Frank holiday collaboration. Sunday, Oct. 4, 1–4 p.m., 1312 Third St. Promenade. eventbrite.com/e/the-coffee-bean-tea-leaf-turns-63-birthday-bash-in-santa-monica-tickets-2002459997758

Rustic Canyon 20th Anniversary: “How It Started” Dinner: Rustic Canyon kicks off its 20th-anniversary dinner series by recreating the intimate, communal-style family dinners hosted by founder Josh Loeb that inspired the Santa Monica landmark. The special evening reunites Loeb, co-owner and original head baker Zoe Nathan, opening chef Samir Mohajer, and current executive chef Elijah Deleon for a family-style feast paired with pours from regenerative winemaker Steve Matthiasson. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1119 Wilshire Blvd. resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/rustic-canyon

Coucou Launches Apéritif Club: Looking for an excuse to have a drink before dinner? Coucou is launching its three-week Apéritif Club, bringing a different L.A. bar to its bistros for one night each week. The series kicks off with Bar Next Door at their Main St. spot, with a welcome cocktail plus passed bites including fried olives, zucchini beignets and crudités. I’ll definitely be there! Wednesday, Oct. 7, 5–7 p.m., 218 Main St., Venice resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/coucou-venice/events/coucou-aperitif-club-2026-10-07-6

Further Afield: James Beard Foundation’s Taste America: This signature national culinary series returns to LA for a high-profile walk-around tasting celebrating the city’s independent restaurant culture. The evening features signature bites and drink pairings from over 10 celebrated local kitchens, including Bridgetown Roti, Camélia, Azizam, Komal, Ki, and Maydan LA. Proceeds directly support the foundation’s national programming for independent restaurants. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m., The LINE LA, 3515 Wilshire Blvd. jamesbeard.org/tasteamerica

Even Further Afield: Del Mar Wine + Food Festival: If you’re looking for a quick culinary road trip further down the coast later this month, San Diego’s premier food and wine gathering offers five days of chef collaborations, spirit tastings, and beachside events. Capped off by a massive two-day Grand Tasting at the Del Mar polo fields (Surf Sports Park), the festival gathers top regional talent, Michelin-starred guest chefs, and international wineries. Wednesday, Sept. 30–Sunday, Oct. 4 delmar.wine

Looking Ahead: Oktoberfest at the Fairmont (10/8-10); Off the Hook Seafood Festival (10/11); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/18); LA Times Food Bowl (10/23-24); Montana Avenue Halloween Hop (10/31)

Know something I missed? Send tips, events and questionable culinary decisions to sean@smdp.com or instagram.com/seanbesser.

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE TRUCK, GRANDMA?

IT'S TOO OLD, HAS TOO MANY MILES AND HAS HAD TOO LITTLE MAINTENANCE.

VERY MUCH A METAPHOR FOR YOURSELF IN THESE TWILIGHT YEARS.

HAND ME THE RAG.

GREASE?

TEARS...NOT GOOD TO CRY INTO AN OPEN CARB.

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

FIND YOUR PASSION AND STRIVE TO BE THE BEST...

JANUARY 1

JUST REMEMBER, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE BETTER THAN YOU.

DON'T BELIEVE ME? JUST CHECK YOUTUBE.

SERIOUSLY... YOU HAVE NO HOPE.

IT'S MY NEW NEGATIVE AFFIRMATION CALENDAR.

IT WON'T SELL.

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND.

YOU FEED ME.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

"JUST CATCH THEM."

Mornin', honey.

Hi, Pumpkin.

FIND THE WORDS

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

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Rushed to hospital

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Acids	Bruise	Graze	Nurse	Shock
Advice	Busy	Hand	Pale	Sickness
Anaesthetic	Cast	Head	Panic	Skill
Area	Coma	Iron	Pelvis	Skull
Arms	Cure	Legs	Public	Sleep
Baby	Cuts	Lift	Radio	Spots
Back	Doses	Limbs	Ribs	Sprain
Beds	Drink	Meals	Save	Ulna
Bone	Ease	Mend	Scar	Vein
Burns	Fall	Nasal	Sense	Ward
unit	Fibula	Needles	Sheet	Well

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Accurate measurements



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 1)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). More team-building today. You attract people who will benefit from knowing one another and working together for a common result. You set the tone and the rules - perhaps not formally but in the way a good leader does: by example.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). With your soulful depth, you don't need extra stimuli to feel the magic of existence. Even the most mundane activity has rich potential for expressing your purpose. You'll lift the atmosphere around you simply by showing up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whatever else you happen to be doing, you're also daydreaming. When you're showering, driving, waiting in line, or even while working, your mind is combining ideas that seem unrelated and picturing things no one has made yet.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're sensitive to the subtle pressures and understated pleasures of circumstance. The one who can provide you with stress relief will win your attention. You'll go out of your way to flow greater ease and peace through your world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you still behave as though your worth is tied to how productive or useful you are to others, look at who benefits when you buy into this belief: someone with a selfish agenda. You were worthy at birth, before you could produce a thing or help a soul.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You put thought, labor and skill into the result, so of course you want someone to notice. Give people a chance to respond. And if it seems like they are missing it, or misattributing the credit, that's unacceptable. Do something about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Luck and strategy. You'll need both and you'll have both. As you research and apply what you learn, Lady Luck leans in, interested in what you're up to, and she'll assist, as always, in her own whimsical timing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your feelings are a tidal ebb, pulling away from the shore of a relationship, giving the space to the scene while you gather yourself in some deep center before returning, oxygenated by the way life moves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today's events have you convinced that it's the principle that matters. A principled person applies principles across the board, not just where the application is convenient. Character is destiny. Fine character is fine destiny.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Systems built around one person's preferences won't be effective for the whole group. Your redesign could be as simple as moving the chair, changing the order of operations or rewriting the form.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone will tell you a story you've heard before, except one detail has changed. Wait before correcting them. People revise memories for usefulness, vanity, mercy and drama. Their new version reveals something that's good to know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Say what everyone is thinking right in the moment they are thinking it and it plays as light, funny, apt. But wait, and the same words cause offense or resistance. Excellent timing is a kind of magic in and of itself.

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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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Vile
- 5 Big name in makeup
- 10 Stairway alternative
- 14 Not many
- 15 Gas bill measure
- 16 Auction advisory
- 17 Confusion comment
- 20 Informal *vous*
- 21 Sahara rarity
- 22 Land parcel
- 23 Common list ender
- 24 Aesopian saver
- 25 Analogy phrase
- 27 Confusion comment

- 33 Land on the Mediterranean
- 35 RN assignment
- 36 Tax shelter letters
- 37 ___-pocus
- 38 "I'm impressed"
- 39 Fringe on foreheads
- 41 Sunflower product
- 42 African antelope
- 43 Organized forces
- 44 Confusion comment
- 48 Padded surfaces
- 49 MLB stat
- 50 ABC's *Today* rival
- 53 Thing in a beach bag
- 56 Patchy-colored
- 57 Leia's love
- 58 Confusion comment
- 62 Benevolent
- 63 Beef cut

- 64 Spectrum slice
- 65 Art store inventory
- 66 Very quick, in brand names
- 67 Yodeler's home

DOWN

- 1 Moisten in an oven
- 2 Happening
- 3 Paper fan shape
- 4 Meadow grazer
- 5 Alternative fuel
- 6 Certain Muslim
- 7 St. bordered by eight others
- 8 Measure of energy
- 9 Long dashes

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- 10 Musket-loading tool
- 11 Home of most Indians
- 12 "Everything else" abbr.
- 13 Soft summons
- 18 Industry publications
- 19 Starter for girl or boy
- 25 Move very slowly
- 26 Alphabetic trio
- 28 Cross-shaped letter
- 29 Cheyenne ally
- 30 Banquet facility
- 31 Argue for
- 32 Go beyond
- 33 Stack server
- 34 Gardening essential
- 38 Singles
- 39 *Frozen* queen's hair
- 40 "___ dreaming?"
- 42 Retrieve
- 43 Montana neighbor
- 45 Adds a clause to, say
- 46 Edible rock
- 47 Altar figure
- 51 "Quit whining, dude!"
- 52 World's longest range
- 53 Polynesian souvenir
- 54 Norse Zeus
- 55 Political policy expert
- 56 '90s hi-tech
- 59 New Eng. campus
- 60 Plus preceder
- 61 Open-slot abbr.

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GOTTS

FROM PAGE 1

Frosé. Co-owner Joel Gott, a winemaker, selects the California-focused wine and beer list.

Joel and Duncan Gott took over the St. Helena business in 1999 and have grown it from the original location to include Napa's Oxbow Public Market, San Francisco's Ferry Building and Chase Center, Palo Alto, Walnut Creek, Greenbrae and a licensed stand at San Francisco International Airport.

Walker, a California native who grew up in Woodland Hills, joined the company 13 years ago, when it had three locations. He said Gott's has been exploring Southern California since 2018, driven largely by requests from visitors who wanted a location in their own neighborhoods.

Walker said the company believes Santa Monica is turning a corner from its recent spate of negative headlines and that the business hopes to be part of the reason people return to the city.

"The way we look at things, we like to be located, kind of, at the confluence of where people live, work, and play, wherever we locate ourselves, there's strong residents, there's strong business," he said. "We really rely on business for weekday lunch, and then residential for weekday dinner and weekends. And then, when I say live, work, and play, play is really what we like about Santa Monica. It's a draw for the rest of Los Angeles County on weekends, because the number one attraction, as far as we can tell, is the beach, and so whether it's the Pier itself, or the sand itself, or the Third Street Promenade, there are lots of draws that bring people to this area from outside of Santa Monica on weekends."

He said a busy, family-focused restaurant

adds life to a prominent downtown corner.

"We all know that healthy foot traffic dilutes unhealthy foot traffic," he said.

Walker acknowledged the challenges of opening a restaurant in the current climate but said they have a plan to expand cautiously. He said Gott's typically opens one or two restaurants at a time and has committed only to its two Los Angeles County locations in the short term.

"We don't want to get over our skis," he said.

In a city crowded with burger restaurants, Walker said Gott's burgers are char grilled over an open flame rather than cooked on a flat top like a smash burger, and carry a high proportion of vegetables for texture. However, he said the restaurant offers more than just burgers making it appealing to families or groups that want more than just a burger and fries.

Walker said the fast-casual counter-service model gives Gott's flexibility that full-service restaurants lack. The bar lets adults order and eat without waiting in line, and open seating means revenue isn't capped by table turns. Delivery, which the company began during the pandemic, continues to grow, he said, though dining in remains the chain's biggest business.

Walker relocated to Southern California with his family to lead the expansion, and several longtime Northern California managers chose to move with him. He said the focus is to make the restaurant part of the local community.

"Santa Monica is our 100% focus," Walker said. "We're everyday food. We're not special occasion food."

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DELTA LAX

FROM PAGE 3

to two and San Antonio to three.

The added flights will arrive as LAX continues a multibillion-dollar transformation intended to make reaching and moving through the airport easier. Delta has already expanded its gate footprint and premium facilities, and Gordon said the airline plans to add another Sky Club in Terminal 2 around 2027 as it continues building out its lounge offerings ahead of 2028.

Courtney Moore, chief revenue and experience officer at Los Angeles World Airports, said airline investment in connectivity reinforces LAX's role as the gateway to a city with global reach. "Los Angeles shapes, transforms and influences the world, and LAX is proud to be the gateway connecting travelers to our city," Moore said. "Our airline partners' investment in connectivity helps strengthen Los Angeles' position as a leading global destination."

The expansion also serves as an early step in Delta's preparations for the 2028 Olympic

and Paralympic Games. Delta is the official airline of LA28, but Gordon emphasized that the larger schedule is designed to serve Los Angeles beyond the Games by building lasting frequency and access. "This is a stepping stone along the path as we continue to grow the schedule leading up to the Olympics," Gordon said. "We want people across America to have access to the Olympic Games as Delta passengers."

Gordon said Delta observed stronger passenger loads between FIFA World Cup host cities and through connecting airports, offering an indication of how major events can influence travel. That experience is informing the airline's planning as Los Angeles moves closer to 2028.

For Santa Monica residents, however, the most immediate change comes this winter: a short flight replacing hours on the highway and providing a new gateway to the Central Coast. Tickets for the newly announced routes and added frequencies are on sale.

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