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Possible labor peace mandate prompts renewed opposition on legal and economic grounds



Matthew Hall

CITY PROPERTY: A proposal to support unionization of businesses on City property is drawing criticism from business owners who fear it will drive up costs.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A proposed ordinance requiring businesses on city-owned property to sign labor peace agreements (LPA) is drawing renewed opposition from business groups citing both constitutional concerns and economic risks to struggling establishments.

The California Restaurant Association has enlisted legal counsel to challenge the mandate if adopted, while a new economic analysis warns the requirement could force closure of businesses still recovering from pandemic losses. The Santa Monica City Council directed the City Attorney in August to draft the ordinance, which would apply to any new, amended or renewed lease, license or concession agreement on city property.

Fisher & Phillips LLP, representing the restaurant association, notified the City Council in an Aug. 27 letter that mandated labor peace agreements violate federal labor law and are unconstitutional.

"Mandated LPAs are unlawful regardless of the specific language of the LPA Ordinance and are a governmental overreach," wrote Todd A. Lyon, an attorney with the firm's San Francisco office.

The legal challenge centers on the National Labor Relations Act, which Lyon argues preempts state and local laws that interfere with workers' rights to choose whether to unionize. The letter cites a recent federal court ruling in Oregon that found a similar state mandate violated the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Fisher & Phillips also brought that case in Oregon.

Labor peace agreements typically require employers to allow union organizing without interference, while unions agree not to strike or disrupt operations. The proposed Santa Monica ordinance would focus initially on commercial tenants at the Santa Monica Pier, though it could extend to other city-owned properties including the airport, beach facilities and Third Street Promenade.

Councilmember Dan Hall, a supporter of the measure, previously argued labor peace requirements create business continuity by preventing strikes. Supporters have said that Los Angeles World Airports, Long Beach and Los Angeles County have successfully implemented similar policies.

Mayor Lana Negrete said she is opposed to the mandate calling it a tone-deaf political power grab by Unite Here Local 11.

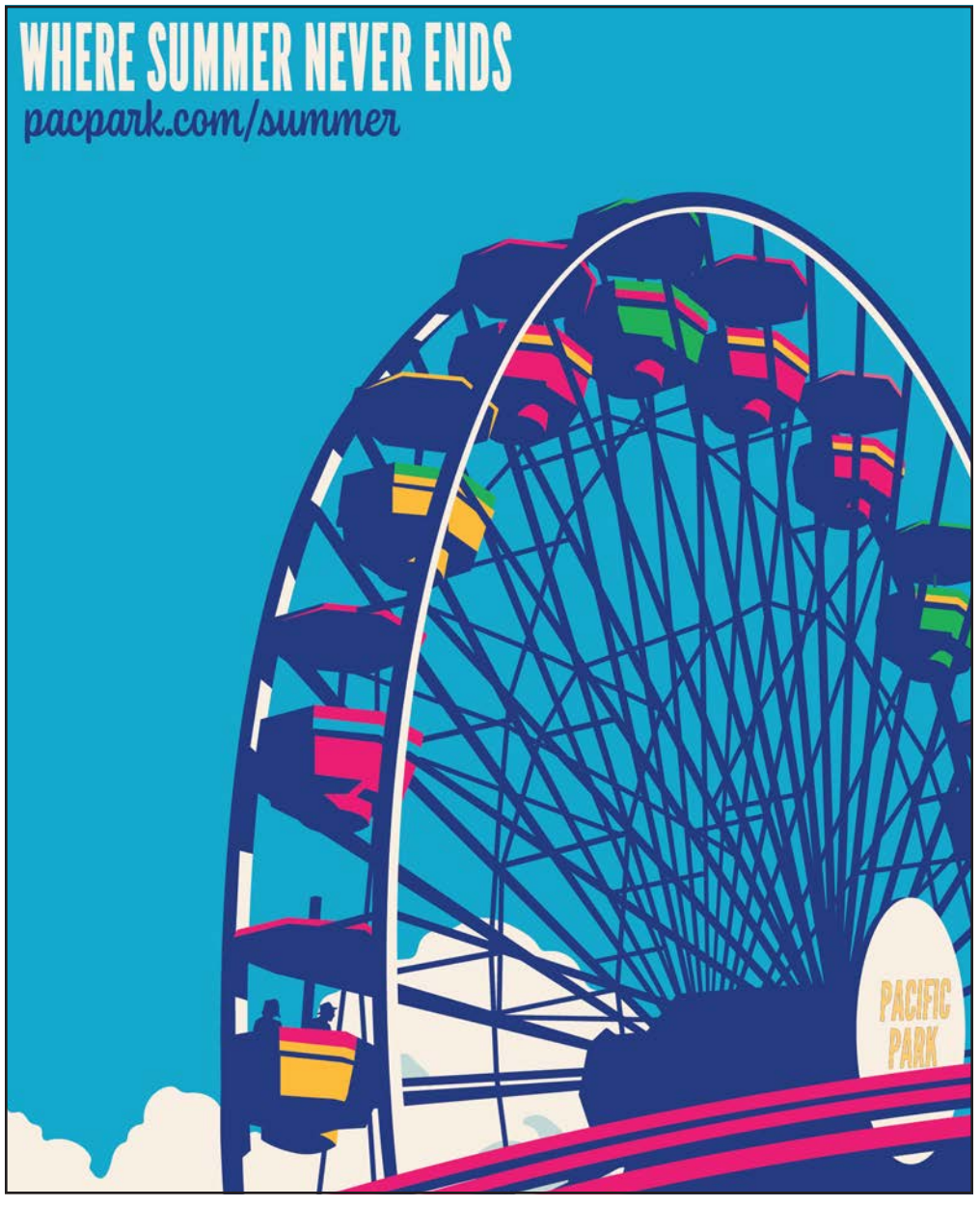
"We should be fostering collaboration between the City and all businesses, not forcing politics in the back door of business at our own peril," she said. "Our business community is the backbone of Santa

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Jesuit Priest completes 3,800-mile cross-country bike ride to Santa Monica Pier to save Belize schools



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CYCLING: Father Matthew Ruhl and three companions began their transcontinental trek July 15 in Portland, Maine, cycling 50 to 60 miles daily through small towns across America.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

A Jesuit priest who has called Belize home for more than a decade completed an extraordinary 3,800-mile cross-country bicycle journey on Wednesday, Oct. 1, arriving at the Santa Monica Pier after nearly three months on the road to raise funds for a Catholic school system in crisis.

Father Matthew Ruhl and three companions began their transcontinental trek July 15 in Portland, Maine, cycling 50 to 60 miles daily through small towns across America to draw attention to the deteriorating condition of 112 Catholic schools in Belize that serve 32,000 students.

The ride, dubbed the Lighthouse Ride Belize after the historic Baron Bliss Lighthouse in Belize City, aims to rebuild an educational infrastructure that has been crumbling for four decades.

"The inspiration for the Lighthouse Ride came in the form of 27,000 students who must attend class in increasingly dilapidated school buildings, toilets, and infrastructure," said Ruhl, who chairs the Bishop's Commission on Education for the Diocese of Belize City/Belmopan. "These same students lack nutrition programs resulting in many students not only being hungry but stunted by malnutrition."

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> - Matthew Ruhl, Father

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Malibu declares emergency over camping fire risk

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Malibu City Council unanimously approved an emergency declaration Monday targeting unpermitted camping in fire-prone areas, directing law enforcement to arrest violators despite resistance from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The council adopted Resolution No. 25-49 after adding aggressive enforcement language that instructs city staff to work with the sheriff's department to "remove all individuals engaged in unpermitted camping" in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. If necessary, "such individuals should be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent permissible by law."

> It is not enough to say we'll work with the county to see what they can do to help find places for people to live that are camping in our hills where they are a fire hazard
> - Bruce Silverstein, Mayor Pro Tem

The declaration was triggered when Live Fuel Moisture levels dropped to 63% on September 10, meeting the city's emergency criteria of 65% or below for Santa Monica Mountains vegetation.

"It is not enough to say we'll work with the county to see what they can do to help find places for people to live that are camping in our hills where they are a fire hazard," said Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein, who proposed the enforcement amendment. "Anyone that's not moving on as a result of that work should just be arrested and moved on involuntarily."

The council's action reflects a significant legal shift following recent Supreme Court decisions that overturned previous restrictions on camping enforcement. Silverstein noted that the Ninth Circuit's Martin v. Boise decision had previously "hamstrung our ability to just simply prevent people from camping full stop."

"It's now been recognized by the US Supreme Court that that decision was wrongfully determined, and there's no such constitutional prohibition against enforcing camping laws, especially where there is an emergency," Silverstein said.

The emergency declaration comes as Malibu faces heightened fire danger, with the entire city classified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. City officials cited recent fire incidents in the Civic Center area, including four events of fires at Legacy Park, the library parking lot, and near a tennis court. In 2021, Malibu experienced more than 23 fires attributed to unpermitted camping.

However, the council's directive immediately faced opposition from county law enforcement. During the same meeting, an LASD Captain told the council that while the sheriff's department would enforce violations like illegal fires, the county's official position is that they're not going to criminalize homelessness.

The captain explained that this policy comes directly from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the sheriff, creating a potential conflict with Malibu's municipal authority.

Council members insisted that Malibu, as a municipal jurisdiction, has the right to criminalize unpermitted camping under the emergency declaration and expects the LASD to enforce city laws under their contract. The captain agreed to take the request 'up the chain' to his superiors.

The resolution builds on a framework established in June 2024 that set criteria for declaring camping-related fire emergencies. The current program calls for collaboration between the City of Malibu Outreach Team, LASD, and the LASD Homeless Outreach Services Team to identify encampments and provide resources before enforcement action.

The declaration prohibits unpermitted camping in all VHFZ areas and directs increased coordination with LASD Arson Watch during Red Flag weather events to monitor for fire signs and unpermitted activities in canyons and high-risk areas.

Council Member Steve Uhring, who seconded the enforcement amendment, stressed the urgency of the issue. "This is an important issue, and I agree this is we got to give this one solved," he said.

The emergency declaration will remain in effect until fire risk conditions subside, with the council required to review its continuation every 60 days. The resolution passed 5-0, with all council members supporting the aggressive enforcement approach despite the anticipated implementation challenges with county law enforcement.

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Weather

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 70.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east after midnight.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2025B)

Whereas, on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, October 18, 2025, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online public auction at https://www.govease.com/los-angeles.

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The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online public auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, December 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, December 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online public auction at https://www.govease.com/los-angeles beginning Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Information regarding this sale is available at ttc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at https://www.govease.com/los-angeles and submit a deposit of $5,000, or 10 percent of the spend limit that is set by each registered bidder. Bid deposits must be in the form of wire transfer, cashier's check, or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on September 4 , 2025.

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
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Oktoberfest and Halloween Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Oktoberfest and Halloween Events, and much more!



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SMC: The annual glass pumpkin sale returns.

Offbeat Musings Poetry Workshop: There will be journals, wine, yummy bites, and live acoustics for people looking to express new creativity, make a friend, and hang. Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 - 9p.m., 222 Main St. instagram.com/offbeat.exchange

OLA Beach Tennis Club's Three-Year Anniversary Bash: Three years ago, OLA was just a dream on the sand. Today, it's a community, a family, and a movement that keeps growing. Join an evening at Perry's Beach Club filled with aloha vibes, community love, and the energy. Friday, Oct. 3, 5 - 9p.m., 2400 Ocean Front Walk instagram.com/olabeachtennis

Venice Beach Wine Club's Anniversary Party: They are turning 3 and to celebrate We will have a full wine list, lite bites, and sounds by David Ramos. Ticket includes entry and open wine bar 🍷 Friday, Oct. 3, 7p.m., 940 Palms blvd, Venice https://www.tickpick.com/organizer/event/the-anniversary-party-35917049

Penmar Oktoberfest: Enjoy authentic food, revelry, and oompah music of the season! Tickets are available here and include a free beer, wine or n/a. A limited number of newsletter subscribers are invited to use the coupon code OPA25 for 25% off. Friday, Oct. 3, 1233 Rose Ave, Venice https://tickets.thepenmar.com/

SMC Glass Pumpkin Sale: Santa Monica College will host three fundraising glass pumpkin sales with proceeds benefiting its art department and community organizations. The first is Saturday, Oct. 4, 8a.m. - 3p.m. at Virginia Ave. Park during weekly Pico Farmers Market, 2200 Virginia Ave. Other dates are Oct. 9 and 11. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/#event-details/de76405c-56d9-4e52-99d1-b0c05ce00711

Hoedown Throwdown in the Sand: Enjoy a country music-themed party at Perry's North. Saturday, Oct. 4, 3p.m., 930 PCH instagram.com/p/DO7LBuUEcIE/

Made in L.A. 2025 Exhibition: The Hammer Museum showcases artists practicing throughout the greater LA area. The 28 participants in the exhibition present work not only made in the city but also grounded in its complex and unfolding terrain. Opening Sunday, Oct. 5., 10899 Wilshire Blvd. https://hammer.ucla.edu/exhibitions/2025/made-la-2025

Gather & Grow: Remembering: Songs of Home, Stories of the Heart: This biweekly series at Christine Emerson Reed Park invites families to enjoy hands-on artmaking, live music and interactive performances. Saturday, Oct. 4, 4p.m., 1130 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/remembering-songs-of-home-stories-of-the-heart-tickets-1475452701749

Absolutely Halloween Returns to Santa Monica Playhouse: "The heartwarming tale of the aptly named "Candy," a sweet young girl who learns some surprising lessons

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica Place

Santa Monica Place Launches Inaugural Makers Hive Market

Santa Monica Place will host its first Makers Hive Market on Sunday, Oct. 5, featuring more than 35 local artisans, vintage curators and food vendors in a family-friendly community event.

The market, running from noon to 5 p.m. in the shopping center's Center Plaza, will showcase handcrafted goods, vintage finds and artisan treats from Southern California's creative community. The free event aims to connect visitors with independent makers while offering a unique shopping experience.

Featured vendors include Karey Alice Collection, offering candles and reed diffusers; Capri+Crue Collective, providing custom-fit permanent jewelry; and Bessie Nails, selling handmade press-on nails and DIY manicure kits. Food options will include Bean Ravine's flavored cottage cheese and specialty drinks, plus Charm & Charcuterie's individual charcuterie cups and plates.

Additional vendors feature KI-OKU Atelier's perfumes and candles, and Freya & Dax LLC's eco-friendly pet toys. Organizers note the vendor list is subject to change.

The market represents Santa Monica Place's effort to support local entrepreneurs while creating community gathering opportunities. After browsing the market, visitors can explore the shopping center's retail stores, restaurants and rooftop dining with ocean views.

The event location at 395 Santa Monica Place provides easy access to the broader Santa Monica area's attractions and amenities.

Market organizers encourage advance registration through Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-makers-hive-market-at-santa-monica-place-tickets-1721731548409?aff=oddtdtcreator, though walk-up attendance is welcome.

Additional details about the market and other Santa Monica Place events are available at santamonica-place.com/events. The shopping center plans to evaluate the market's success for potential future events featuring local makers and artists.

The Makers Hive Market joins a growing trend of retail centers incorporating community-focused events to create destinations beyond traditional shopping experiences.

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The Makers Hive Market

COMMUNITY: The market will showcase handcrafted goods, vintage finds and artisan treats from Southern California's creative community.

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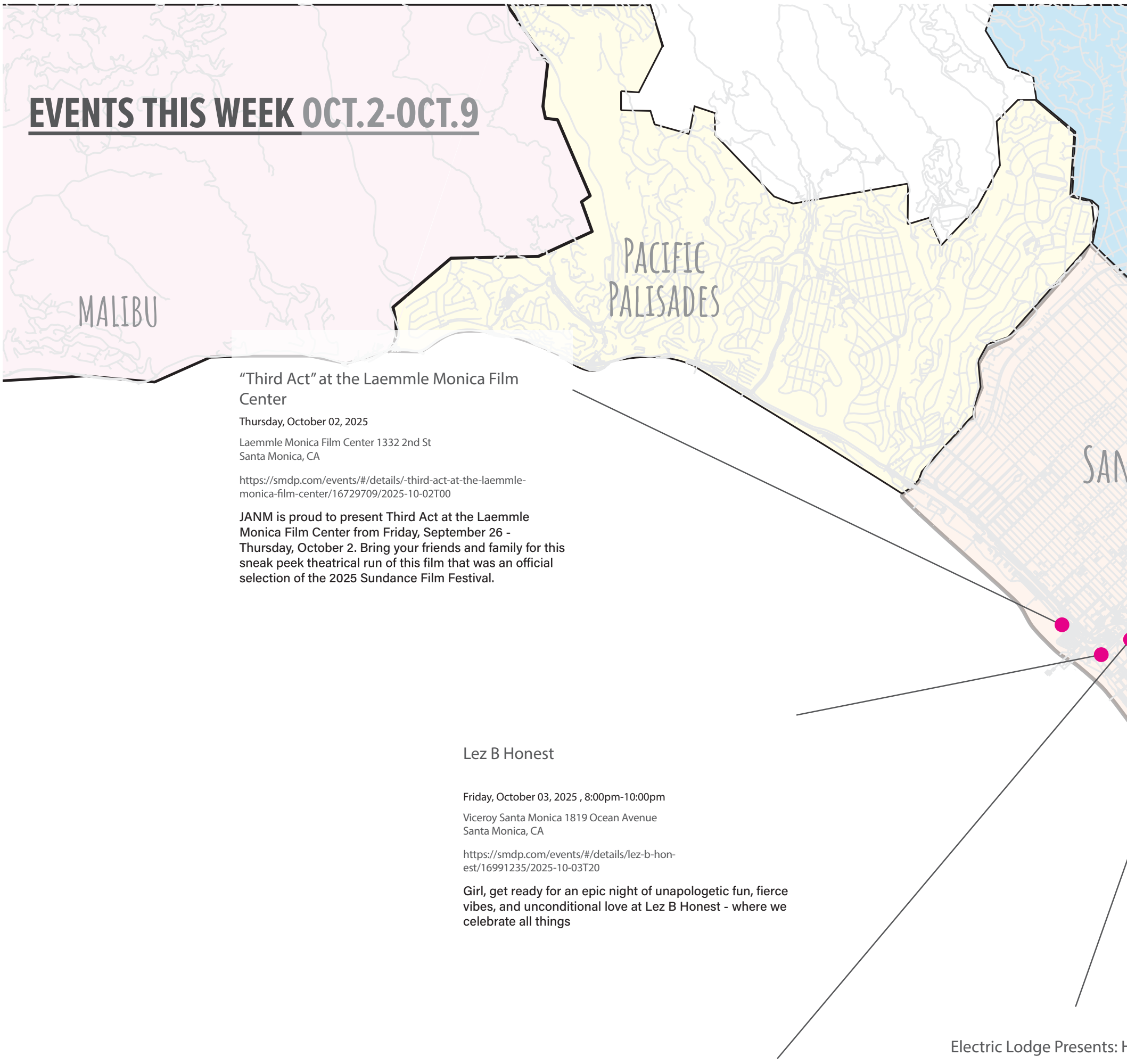


Come learn about Santa Monica's Aging and Disability Action Plan!

October 8	3:00 PM	Human Services Commission
October 8	6:30 PM	Disabilities Commission
October 14	6:15 PM	Housing Commission
October 22	12:00 PM	Virtual Community Presentation

Phone: (310) 458-2200 x5771
Web: santamonica.gov/aging-and-disability-action-plan

EVENTS THIS WEEK OCT.2-OCT.9



"Third Act" at the Laemmle Monica Film Center

Thursday, October 02, 2025

Laemmle Monica Film Center 1332 2nd St
Santa Monica, CA

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-third-act-at-the-laemmle-monica-film-center/16729709/2025-10-02T00

JANM is proud to present Third Act at the Laemmle Monica Film Center from Friday, September 26 - Thursday, October 2. Bring your friends and family for this sneak peek theatrical run of this film that was an official selection of the 2025 Sundance Film Festival.

Lez B Honest

Friday, October 03, 2025 , 8:00pm-10:00pm

Viceroy Santa Monica 1819 Ocean Avenue
Santa Monica, CA

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Girl, get ready for an epic night of unapologetic fun, fierce vibes, and unconditional love at Lez B Honest - where we celebrate all things

OKTOBERFEST Weekend 2 @ Sunset Sessions featuring Ladyhosen

Friday, October 03, 2025 , 6:00pm-9:00pm

The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue
Los Angeles, CA

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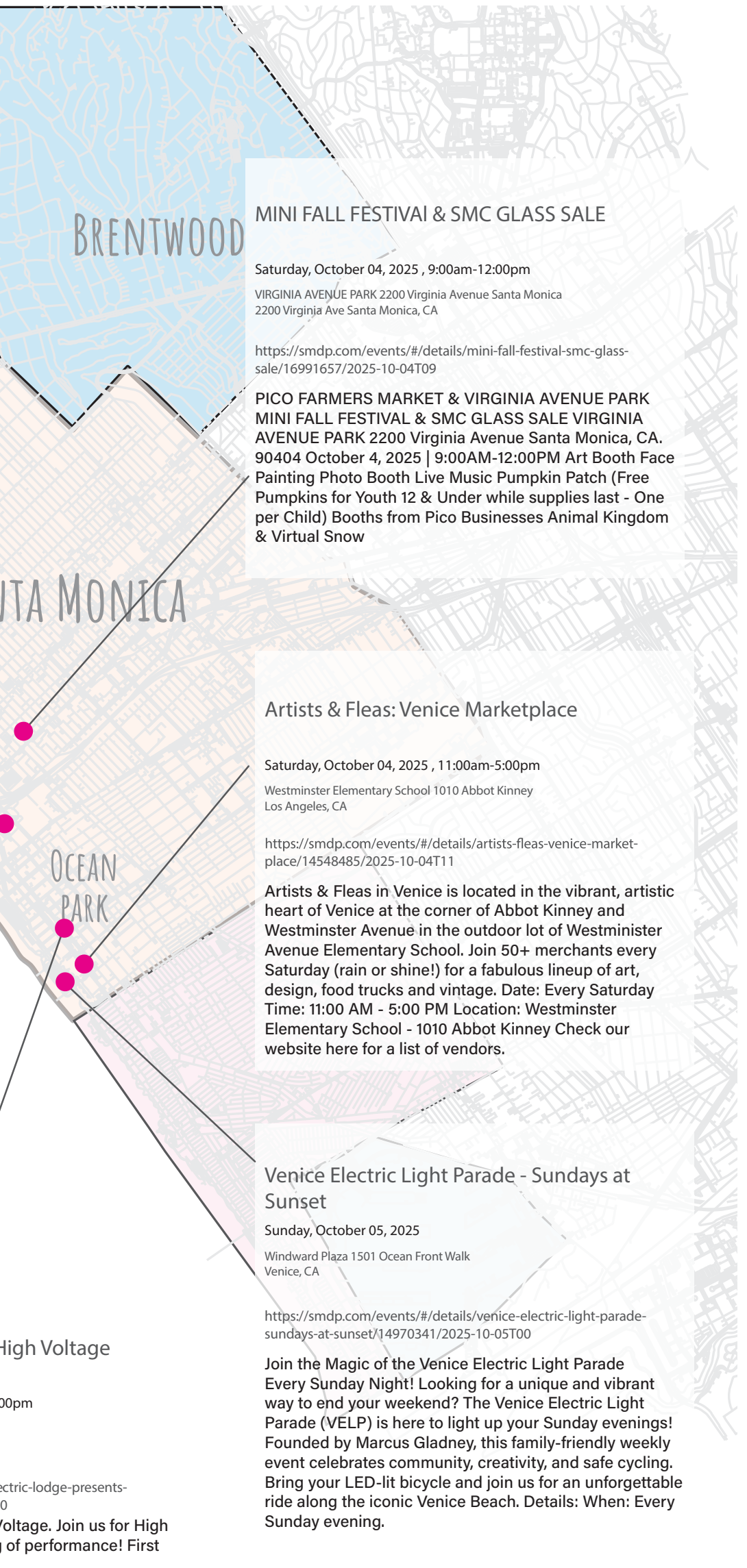
Friday, October 03, 2025 , 8:00pm-10:

Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Avenue
Los Angeles, CA

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high-voltage/15774947/2025-10-03T2

Electric Lodge presents: High V
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MINI FALL FESTIVAl & SMC GLASS SALE

Saturday, October 04, 2025 , 9:00am-12:00pm

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK 2200 Virginia Avenue Santa Monica
2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica, CA

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/mini-fall-festival-smc-glass-sale/16991657/2025-10-04T09

PICO FARMERS MARKET & VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK MINI FALL FESTIVAL & SMC GLASS SALE VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK 2200 Virginia Avenue Santa Monica, CA. 90404 October 4, 2025 | 9:00AM-12:00PM Art Booth Face Painting Photo Booth Live Music Pumpkin Patch (Free Pumpkins for Youth 12 & Under while supplies last - One per Child) Booths from Pico Businesses Animal Kingdom & Virtual Snow

Artists & Fleas: Venice Marketplace

Saturday, October 04, 2025 , 11:00am-5:00pm

Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney
Los Angeles, CA

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-10-04T11

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.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

Sunday, October 05, 2025

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk
Venice, CA

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THURSDAY | OCTOBER 2

GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 am for a 45 minute guided mindfulness meditation which will also include a short loving friendliness meditation at the end. Give yourself the love and attention you deserve by developing your mind, finding peace and creating community. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner everyone is welcome. Please bring the appropriate attire for sun and wind along with a cushion or chair. We will meet by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Van at the ocean beach parking lot across from the basketball court at Ocean Park View. Use these coordinate 33.999050,-118.484385.. please arrive 10 minutes early to set up. Stacey has been meditating and studying Buddhism for over 25 years. She has studied under some of the most prominent Buddhist scholars and Meditation teachers in the world. She's been in both the Ch'an (Zen) and Theravada tradition and has traveled and lived in Myanmar and Sri Lanka to further her knowledge and practice. Stacey has been teaching meditation since 2018 and started leading retreats in person and on line since 2021. Stacey is an extremely dedicated Buddhist practitioner, and nothing gives her more pleasure than sharing what she's spent decades learning with others. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/guided-mindfulness-meditation/16994548/2025-10-02T10

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. TVirginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-10-02T11

TECH & TASKS

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/13932094/2025-10-02T14

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 3

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-10-03T08

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-10-03-2025-21791

DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-10-03T11

OKTOBERFEST WEEKEND 2 @ SUNSET SESSIONS FEATURING LADYHOSEN

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles. Join us for the grandest Oktoberfest on the largest public greenspace in on the Westside of LA. GA tickets include: · 3 sets of music from Ladyhosen, an all woman, authentic Bavarian band cranking out yodel hits, waltzes, well known dance tunes like the "chicken dance" to Oktoberfest takes on contemporary Top 40 hits! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oktoberfest-weekend-2-sunset-sessions-featuring-ladyhosen/16166077/2025-10-03T18

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave. Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-09-26T18

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 4

REPIAR CAFÉ AT MARINE PARK

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Marine Park 1406 Marine St Santa Monica. Join us for the Repair Café held at Marine Park on October 4th, 2025 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This event is open to anyone - not just Santa Monica residents. Bring your items to be repaired by volunteers. Please be prepared to wait for volunteer availability and repairs. The final list of items accepted for repair will be posted closer to the date of the event. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/repiar-caf-at-marine-park/14544553/2025-10-04T11

LABOR

FROM PAGE 1

Monica — without them no tax revenue, no community services, no jobs and further degradation of our local economy."

While much of the discussion about a new law in Santa Monica has focused on property like the Santa Monica Pier, language used to direct staff to work on the proposal described city owned property as the trigger causing critics to fear it could be applied to anyone with tables on the sidewalk.

Nearly three dozen Pier and local business owners sent a letter to city officials in August opposing the current proposal, warning the mandate could destroy the Pier's character by squeezing out independent merchants.

OPPONENTS SAY THE RULES MAY BE ILLEGAL

Lyon's letter outlines multiple legal theories for challenging the ordinance. Under the NLRA's Garmon preemption doctrine, he argues, the mandate would violate employees' Section 7 rights to choose their own labor representation without external pressure.

"By requiring employers who operate businesses with city leases sign an agreement with a labor organization that binds the employer's conduct, the LPA Ordinance would favor unionization before employees even have the chance to exercise their Section 7 rights," Lyon wrote.

The letter also invokes Machinists preemption, which prevents state and local governments from interfering with contract negotiations between unions and employers. Lyon argues the ordinance would alter what should be a matter for negotiation into a non-negotiable condition dictated by the City Council.

"This alters what would ordinarily be a matter for negotiation into a non-negotiable condition dictated by the Council, for the benefit of the unions, which is disallowed," the letter states.

The legal argument draws on a 1986 U.S. Supreme Court case in which the Los Angeles City Council's attempt to condition taxi franchise renewals on settlement of a labor dispute was ruled preempted by federal labor law.

Lyon also warned the mandate could violate employers' First Amendment rights and their Section 8 rights under the NLRA to speak openly about unionization.

NEW ECONOMIC ARGUMENT RELEASED

A separate economic analysis released Tuesday adds to opposition by warning the mandate would impose new costs on businesses already operating at substantial losses.

The Hatamiya Group reviewed a decade of financial data and confidential profit-and-loss statements from Santa Monica businesses leasing city property. The analysis found profit margins collapsed during the pandemic from 7% to 16% before 2019 to as low as negative 109% in 2020.

Margins remain deeply negative today, ranging from negative 16% to negative 50% in 2024, with further declines in 2025, according to the report.

"For the most part, locally owned businesses across the City have not rebounded from the downturn caused initially by the COVID-19 pandemic," the analysis concluded. The report warned that labor peace agreement mandates "could further exacerbate declining profit margins and higher costs facing local business owners."

The analysis also cautioned that businesses might avoid Santa Monica properties subject to the mandate, resulting in longer vacancies and reduced city revenues. Many city leases are tied to sales, meaning declining business revenue directly affects what the city collects.

Jot Condie, president and CEO of the California Restaurant Association, said restaurants face mounting pressure from rising costs.

"Restaurants are facing unprecedented cost increases, from labor to food to compliance, all while still recovering from the pandemic," Condie said. "Layering on new mandates like this will put many local restaurants in an impossible position."

PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS WERE ABANDONED

Santa Monica has long promoted progressive labor policies in its hospitality sector. In 2000, the city required a labor peace clause in the ground lease for the Viceroy Hotel, which sits on city-owned land. That agreement paved the way for the Viceroy to become Santa Monica's second unionized hotel.

By 2002, the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel had signed a union contract, followed by the Sheraton Delfina. Four of Santa Monica's luxury hotels were unionized in the subsequent years, representing about half the city's high-end hotel rooms. Housekeeper wages rose from about $7.25 to $11.25 an hour during the organizing campaigns.

The city considered a broader labor peace mandate in 2018 that would have applied to all businesses on city property. The proposal faced intense pushback from small business owners and was eventually rejected by the City Council.

LESSONS FROM THE MINIMUM WAGE

The debate over Santa Monica's labor peace proposal comes as California examines the impacts of its $20 minimum wage for fast-food workers and critics of the labor peace proposal say there are lessons in unintended consequences from the wage rules.

Initial analysis of the wage was mixed. A University of California, Berkeley study found the wage increase did not reduce overall fast-food employment and led to only a 2% increase in menu prices. However, an Employment Policies Institute analysis found California's fast-food sector lost roughly 19,100 jobs between September 2023 and mid-2025, including about 16,000 jobs lost after the wage took effect.

However, critics say recently released data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics verifies their position.

According to the BLS, California has lost approximately 19,100 fast-food jobs since Governor Gavin Newsom signed the $20 minimum wage law, including nearly 16,000 positions eliminated after the law took effect in April 2024. The state's 3.3% job loss rate was more than double the national average, accounting for 25% of all fast-food job losses nationwide during the period. Surveys found 98% of restaurant operators raised prices, 89% reduced employee hours, and 70% cut staff in response to the mandate.

The Hatamiya Group analysis noted Santa Monica's economy remains fragile, with General Fund revenue falling nearly 27% during the pandemic and tourism down 9% year over year.

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Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



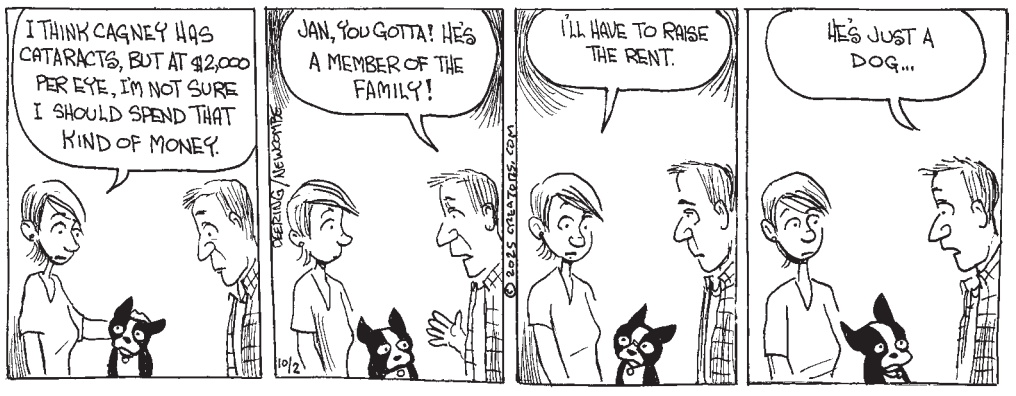
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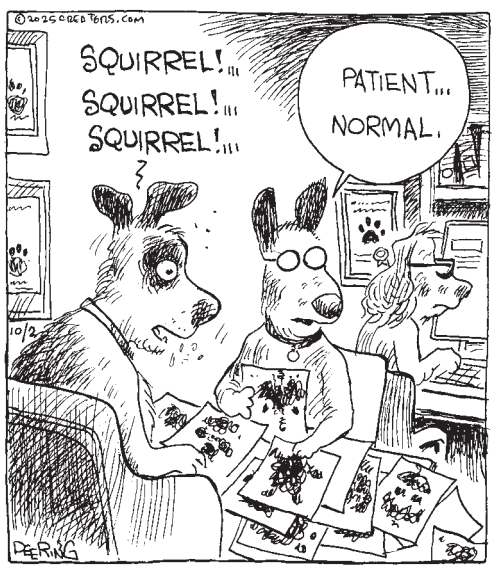
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"PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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After school options

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Welcome to your Year of Perpetual Sunniness; your stellar attitude is perfectly matched for challenges and pleasures alike. You're drawn to acts of service that make a difference. You courageously commit to correct action and follow through. More highlights: expressions of heart, creating special events and a contribution to the education and thriving of youth. Sagittarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 1, 19, 45 and 32.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're willing to take things on, follow through and own the outcomes. Responsibility signals maturity and reliability, and that naturally earns respect today. People see your capabilities, and your influence grows.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Joy can get blocked not by its absence but by our own judgment of it. Don't overthink or criticize what makes you happy. It's not silly if it works for you. Second-guessing is a needless interruption of the natural flow of pleasure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your interests shift. Attractions change. Curiosities get satisfied, and then new ones spark. You're easy with it all today, allowing yourself the leeway to explore and the freedom to move along according to your own timetable.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't worry, you're not missing the point. The point is yours to name. Sure, the journey may meander, but you always end up somewhere, and you're the only one who can decide if it was a hit or a miss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Many of the responsibilities you have now were once things you wished for. Your present reality is built from past dreams. Seeing it that way transforms drudgery into appreciation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Where many are struggling, resources of empathy, time or money get stretched thin, and the compassion fatigue is real. Today it feels like everyone's battle is competing for limited attention. It's why your deliberate act of noticing matters so much.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you decide to do something, it's as good as done. That's why it will be wise to take your time with decisions, test them and gather opinions from experienced folks. Your well-executed plan pays thousands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's hard to present information without bias, but the closer you get to impartiality, the closer you get to wisdom. Today you'll be very aware of the tension between perception, emotion and truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes you gaze into your own glory, and sometimes you avoid mirrors. These fluctuations signal health. You are leading the examined life, and therefore it is normal, necessary and even wise to weather periods of uncertainty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When it feels like you're existing but not quite living, you take it as a signal to push yourself to experience more. Uncomfortable? Sure. But that's also how you know you're doing it right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Honesty takes a specific kind of courage. Those inclined to please and flatter might not be up to the task. You can get directness if you ask the right people for it - children, the elderly and those who have nothing to lose by saying the truth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Feeling angsty? Not necessarily a negative. Angst is part of your motivation and creativity. You don't need to grow out of your feelings; you're growing with them. They keep you alive to mystery and art.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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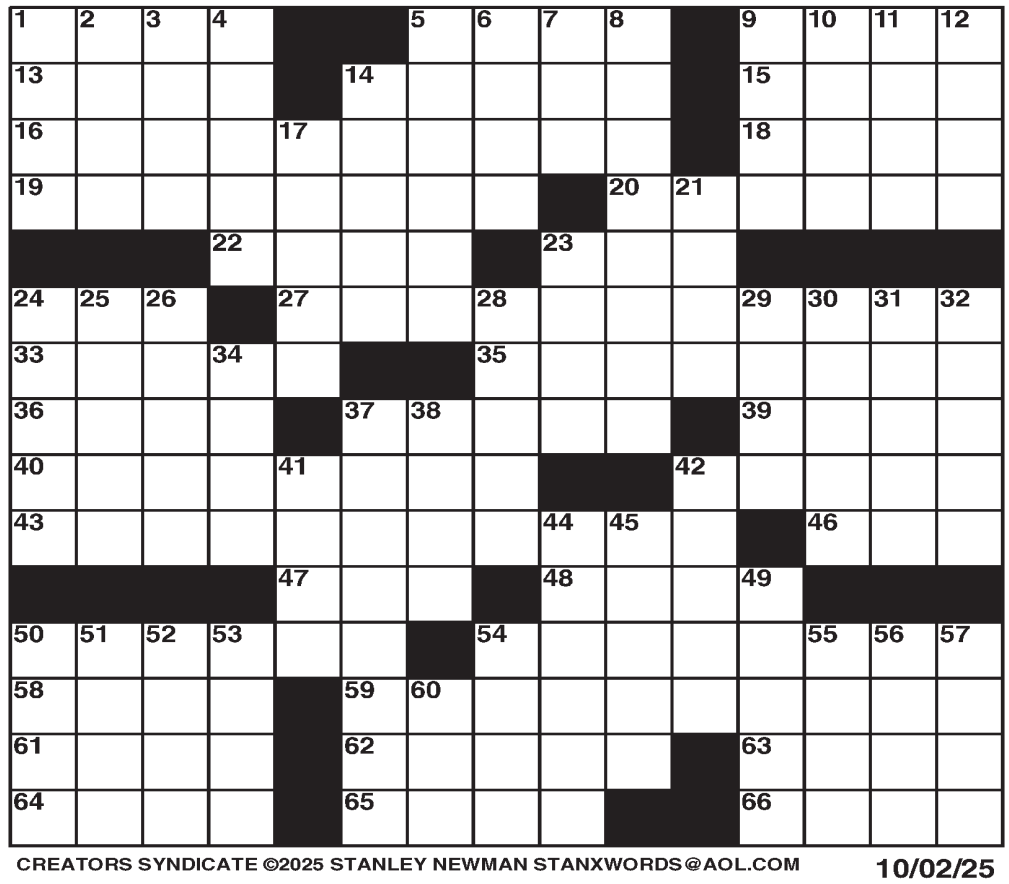
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35 Pool hall cry
36 Meat sauce
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24 Chocolate alternative
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26 Sitar tunes
28 Song sounds
29 Naught
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31 Gentle push
32 Seiko's printer brand
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44 Camel cousins
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57 How some may say "Now!"
60 Shelter of a sort



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AROUND TOWN

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about life, love, laughter and sugar, from a delightful array of colorful costume-come-to-life characters who take her on a magical All Hallows' Eve adventure." Saturday, Oct. 4 - 26, Saturdays at 2p.m. and Sundays at 12:30p.m., 1211 4th St. SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/absolutely-halloween.html

Santa Monica Place Debuts The Makers Hive Market: Family-friendly artisan market to feature more than 35 independent makers, artists, vintage curators and food concepts. Sunday, Oct. 5, 12- 5 p.m., https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-makers-hive-market-at-santa-monica-place-tickets-1721731548409

Cinema Sundays at Sunset on the Promenade: Willy Wonka: This summer, Third Street Promenade transforms into Santa Monica's most charming outdoor movie theater every weekend. Sunday, Oct. 5, 6 p.m., in front of the Apple Store, 1415 3rd Street Promenade https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cinema-sundays-at-sunset-tickets-1588204385069

Banned Books Week Trivia Night: Celebrate Banned Books Week and flex your literary knowledge with a pub-style trivia competition! Compete individually or as a team to win prizes and raise awareness about book bans. Tuesday, Oct 7, 6 - 7p.m., Solidarity Restaurant, 1414 Lincoln Blvd. instagram.com/solidarityrestaurant

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Wellness & Waves (through 10/11); Weekly Western Wednesday Line Dancing (through 10/29); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 10/31)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, Oct. 3, starting at 5p.m. https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/

Ina Bakes Pastry Pop-Up: Two Santa Monica moms turned their love of beautiful desserts into Ina Bakes—a bakery known for custom cakes and creative treats. This pop-up features our signature sweets and seasonal pastries. Sunday, Oct. 5, 9a.m. - 2p.m., 535 Rose Avenue, Venice inabakes.com

Carb Loaders Run: Carb it up with the best bread from Jyan Isaac after a Sunday morning run with Carb Loaders LA. Sunday, Oct. 5, 10a.m., 1620 Ocean Park Blvd. instagram.com/p/dpcwuxpepco/tv

Oktoberfest at Wurstküche Venice: Wurstküche kicks off its annual Oktoberfest celebration with German beer, bratwurst, and a lively festival atmosphere. Weekends in October. 625 Lincoln Blvd., Venice eventbrite.com/e/wurstkuche-oktoberfest-tickets-1497736382839

Bread Head Highlighted on Infatuation's "15 Meals In LA For Under $15" List: "If you're making fun of us for calling half of a sandwich a "meal," you clearly haven't seen a Bread Head sandwich before. A whole order is roughly the size of a MacBook Pro, so a not-so-humble half is plenty filling. Apart from the impressive size of its sandwiches, this glass box of a shop in Santa Monica is also known for its freshly baked bread that blends the best parts of focaccia and ciabatta. Every filling combination we've ever tried is unique but it always hits the spot, whether it's the salami and coppa-stuffed Combo Grinder, the muffuletta with its mattress of shaved mortadella and olive salad, or the juicy mozzarella sandwich with tangy za'atar spread." 1518 Montana Ave. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/la-best-dishes-under-15-dollars

Further Afield: PetCon 2025: Get ready for a paws-itively amazing event! Expect celebrity pet meet-and-greets, adoptable furry friends, expert panels, a pet costume contest (Halloween style!), and so much more! Tickets are on sale now, with 100% of all sales going directly to the Wallis Annenberg PetSpace Extraordinary Care Fund. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4–5, Wallis Annenberg PetSpace, 12005 Bluff Creek Dr., Playa Vista www.petcon.co

Looking Ahead: Tech St. Santa Monica (10/13); 3rd St. Promenade Dia de los Muertos Celebration (10/18); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/19); OTH Santa Monica Seafood Festival (10/19); LA Wine & Food Festival (11/7-9)

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BIKE RIDE

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The scope of the crisis is staggering. Belize's Catholic education system encompasses 432 buildings housing students across the Central American nation, and according to Ruhl, every single school is in "utter disrepair."

The deterioration stems from a fundamental funding problem that began when Belize gained independence in 1981. At that time, the Jesuits transferred administrative control of the school system to the Belizean government, creating a split responsibility that has proven financially unsustainable.

Under the current arrangement, the government pays teacher salaries using tax revenue, while the Catholic Church must fund all building maintenance, school grounds, and nutrition programs without any access to public money. The result has been four decades of steady decline as the Church struggled to maintain hundreds of aging structures.

"The Government of Belize has the benefit of receiving tax money, which goes toward paying teachers," Ruhl explained. "Conversely, the Church has zero access to tax money and thus no financial support to upkeep school infrastructure."

Now a naturalized Belizean citizen, Ruhl has witnessed this crisis firsthand during his 13 years as pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in Punta Gorda in the Toledo District. The 40-year Jesuit veteran sees the daily impact on students who attend classes in buildings that lack proper facilities and often go without adequate meals.

The cross-country ride has not been without its challenges. Ruhl cited "raising money, wind-heat-rain, dangerous roadways, interminable nature of certain landscapes such as corn and soy fields, desert conditions from Oklahoma to California, missing family and friends" as obstacles the team has faced during their journey.

Joining Ruhl on the ambitious ride are Tom Makarewicz, Mike Johnson, and Jeff Chattin. The four cyclists have traversed diverse American landscapes, from Maine's rocky coastline through the Great Plains and southwestern deserts to reach California's Pacific shore.

The funds raised through the Lighthouse Ride will address both immediate infrastructure needs and long-term educational goals. Money will go toward rebuilding school facilities to create "safe, welcoming spaces" for students, while also establishing nutrition programs to combat malnutrition among the student population.

The ride represents more than just a fundraising effort for Ruhl – it's a personal mission rooted in his deep connection to Belize and its people.

"Upholding the Catholic schools in Belize is personal and critical to Fr. Matt," organizers noted. "And he has an up-close view of the needs of a place he loves."

Those interested in supporting the cause can visit the Lighthouse Ride website at lighthouseridebelize.org to make donations and learn more about the ongoing efforts to revitalize Catholic education in Belize.

The arrival at Santa Monica Pier marked the end of the cycling journey, but Ruhl emphasized that the work to rebuild Belize's Catholic schools is just beginning.

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Name Change

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