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Standing ovation greets new Police Chief at official swearing-in event



Matthew Hall

CEREMONY: After serving as acting chief since August 2025, Jacob was formally appointed at the ceremony, which was attended by a number of council members, friends, family, and law enforcement partners from throughout the region.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Darrick Jacob received a standing ovation from assembled dignitaries and citizens Wednesday as he was formally sworn in as Santa Monica's police chief, marking the first time in more than 40 years that the department has promoted from within its ranks.

The ceremony, held in the presence of various councilmembers, friends, family and law enforcement partners from across the region, formalized Jacob's appointment after serving as acting chief since August 2025.

"This moment is not about me," Jacob told the gathered crowd. "It's about the department you have built, the standards you uphold and the professionalism you bring to the work every day."

Jacob, who has served with the Santa Monica Police Department since 2004, outlined four core priorities for his tenure: crime suppression, addressing homelessness, traffic safety and community engagement.

"Our responsibility is to reduce

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Trump threatens to halt federal money next month not only to sanctuary cities but also their states

President Donald Trump said Tuesday that starting Feb. 1 he will deny federal funding to any states that are home to local governments resisting his administration's immigration policies, expanding on previous threats to cut off resources to the so-called sanctuary cities themselves.

Such an action could have far-reaching impacts across the U.S., potentially even in places that aren't particularly friendly to noncitizens.

Two previous efforts by Trump to cut off some funding for sanctuary jurisdictions were shut down by courts.

Trump unveiled the concept this

time late in a speech Tuesday at the Detroit Economic Club, without offering specifics.

"Starting Feb. 1, we're not making any payments to sanctuary cities or states having sanctuary cities, because they do everything

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'Prisoner housing' is on the table for Ocean Ave. as officials reject proposed sale of affordable housing buildings to developer

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Another chapter in the confusing and convoluted Saga of Ocean Avenue Housing was written this week introducing new

characters and additional plot twists to what has already become a Byzantine epic of confusion and contradiction.

At Tuesday's meeting of the

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Building homes is a top priority for California Democrats again this year. Voters could get a say

California lawmakers showed historic enthusiasm for the abundance movement last year as they passed sweeping housing laws that roll back landmark environmental reviews for most urban developments and allow denser housing near transit — ambitious endeavors that would have gotten nowhere just a few years ago.

This year, housing advocates are trying to seize the moment again, particularly in the last year in office for the pro-building Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Just days after returning to work, state lawmakers are already advancing a \$10 billion bond that stalled last year to pay for new and existing affordable homes. The proposal, Senate Bill 417, cleared the Senate Housing Committee by an 8-1 vote last week and heads to the Senate Appropriations Committee next week. Lawmakers are seeking to put the measure on the June primary ballot, which would require the governor to sign it into law by Jan. 22.

"Those homes don't build themselves, and it's time to finish the job," said Sen. Chris Cabaldon, a Napa Democrat who authored the legislation, during a hearing last week. "To unlock the full promise of these reforms requires cash. It requires sufficient capital, as it always has, to move these affordable housing projects from approval and permitting to construct."

The bond measure would allocate \$7 billion toward the state's Multifamily Housing

Program, which issues low-interest loans to build and maintain permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households. It also includes \$2 billion for wildfire prevention, rental assistance and affordable housing for low-income tenants and farmworkers, as well as \$1 billion in low-income first-time home buyer assistance, including help with down payments.

The committee also approved a separate bond proposal to pay for housing for homeless youths, although lawmakers are looking to combine the bond measures. Sen. Caroline Menjivar, a Van Nuys Democrat who authored the proposal, said she'd "couch surfed" at age 19 when she became unhoused for a year and half. The money would help reduce homelessness by offering relief earlier in people's lives, she said.

"This is an investment that is really going to help us save money down the line," she said.

The legislative appetite for housing bonds indicates another good year for pro-abundance advocates. They've already got the ear of the governor, who declared himself an ally of the "Yes In My Back Yard" movement by signing a flurry of bills last year to fast-track housing production, which the governor touted in his State of the State address last week.

This year, the governor said, the Legislature should focus on reducing the cost of construction, "utilizing new building methods and technology" and passing "worker-centered reforms that bring our brothers and sisters in

labor along with us."

In February, Sen. Jesse Arreguín of Oakland, a renter who's big on fast-tracking housing construction, will take the helm of the Senate Housing Committee. He will replace Sen. Aisha Wahab, a fellow renter and Fremont Democrat who has long criticized new construction without protection for low-income tenants.

BILL TO CURB RENT INCREASE DIES AGAIN

But efforts to champion tenant protections hit a major snag Tuesday when a controversial rent control proposal died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Assembly Bill 1157, introduced last year to further restrict how much landlords can raise the rent each year, failed to get enough votes Tuesday despite being authored by the committee chair, Democratic Assemblymember Ash Kalra of San Jose.

The bill, sponsored by the tenant rights group Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, would have tied the annual rent increase rate to the Consumer Price Index, which measures inflation, and capped it for most rental homes at 5%, instead of 10% under current state law. As a compromise, Kalra narrowed the bill on Tuesday to exclude single-family home tenants from the proposed rental relief in hopes of securing passage. Individual landlords of single-family homes aren't subject to rent control under state law.

"Tenants need a permanent solution, not a temporary fix," Kalra said during Tuesday's

hearing. "If we don't act with urgency to help our tenants in crisis, we are going to continue to contribute to the risk of homelessness."

The proposal stalled last year amid strong headwinds from a coalition of landlords and realtors led by the California Apartments Association. They argued Tuesday that the measure would discourage investment in rental housing and squeeze small landlords. Voters have rejected past rent control ballot measures, such as Proposition 10 in 2018 and Proposition 33 in 2024.

The measure needed seven votes to advance but only got four, all from Democrats. All three Republican committee members voted against the bill. Five other Democrats — assemblymembers Rick Zbur of Los Angeles, Blanca Pacheco of Downey, Diane Papan of San Mateo, Catherine Stefani of San Francisco and Rebecca Bauer-Kahan of San Ramon — did not cast a vote, which effectively counts as a no vote.

Some of them, such as Zbur and Bauer-Kahan, expressed concerns during the hearing that the proposed law could hurt landlords. Rent hikes are caused by the state's housing shortage, they argued, and the Legislature should instead focus on building more housing.

Echoing similar concerns, Stefani's spokesperson, Daniel Herzstein, said in a statement that a lower rent cap would risk squeezing landlords who already face rising

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Big banks report soaring profits amid tensions with Trump over credit card interest rates

Setting aside their current fight with the White House, things are looking good on Wall Street.

The latest trio of big banks reported their results Wednesday — Bank of America, Citigroup and Wells Fargo — and while each of them do different flavors of banking the theme is the same: profits are up, dealmaking is healthy, and the consumer is doing just fine.

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While any number of risks continue, we are bullish on the U.S. economy in 2026

- Brian Moynihan, CEO and chairman of Bank of America

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“While any number of risks continue, we are bullish on the U.S. economy in 2026,” said Brian Moynihan, CEO and chairman of Bank of America, in a statement.

Moynihan added that businesses and consumers are “proving resilient.” Mark Mason, Citigroup’s chief financial officer, used the same word to describe how consumers and businesses were doing.

“The U.S. economy is doing just fine. There’s downside risks out there, geopolitical risks in particular. But when I step back and look at it holistically, we have an economy that has managed uncertainty and risks in a resilient type fashion,” Mason told reporters on Wednesday.

Up until last weekend, the big banks had found an ally in the White House in President Donald Trump. Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill into law in July, which pushed another significant round of

CORRECTION:

Edgemar Restaurant + Lounge on Main Street will host a two-day fundraiser Friday and Saturday, with proceeds from dinner service going toward the convoy scheduled to depart for Ukraine in late January.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: 60.1

THURSDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Fresh round of WNW swell tops out with fun surf for the winter points. Quality WNW swell peaks, deepwater swell in the same range all day. Points that handle the AM tide offer a good early morning window. Size is going to be pretty close to later Tuesday. Spots that can’t handle the higher tide are slow early and improve by the mid to later morning as the tide starts to drop. Spots that favor a negative low tide are the go in the afternoon.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

WNW holds all day. Wind looks best early when high tide spots are the call. WNW swell holds through the day. The deep early morning high tide makes the best surf selective to start and that currently looks like the best wind window. There’s some disagreement on the wind outlook, so that’s something to watch closely over the coming days. The dropping tide may be in play, but some models are building NW wind pretty quickly through the morning which would shut the tide drop down.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 75. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/01/15	Thu	12:15 AM	2.67	L
2026/01/15	Thu	06:41 AM	5.52	H
2026/01/15	Thu	2:13 PM	-0.55	L
2026/01/15	Thu	8:55 PM	3.39	H
2026/01/16	Fri	12:56 AM	2.53	L
2026/01/16	Fri	07:17 AM	5.76	H
2026/01/16	Fri	2:42 PM	-0.76	L
2026/01/16	Fri	9:17 PM	3.49	H
2026/01/17	Sat	01:32 AM	2.36	L
2026/01/17	Sat	07:50 AM	5.96	H
2026/01/17	Sat	3:11 PM	-0.91	L

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Power#: 4
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4 9 25 27 35



Draw Date: 1/13
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Mega#: 4
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Draw Date: 1/13
MIDDAY: 0 5 1



Draw Date: 1/10
1 4 14 17 32
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 19 M



Draw Date: 1/13
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:45:88

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: An Interim Zoning Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica Extending Regulations Established by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2837 (CCS) Amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.200, Outdoor Dining And Seating On Sidewalks, to Promote Economic Recovery by Simplifying the City's Outdoor Dining Program.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Santa Monica to extend Interim Zoning Ordinance ("IZO") Number 2837 (CCS) amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.200, Outdoor Dining and Seating on Sidewalks, to promote economic recovery by simplifying the City's Outdoor Dining Program. The Council adopted the IZO on November 18, 2025, which will expire on February 16, 2026, unless extended by Council in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090(C).

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, February 10, 2026, AT 5:30 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Outdoor Dining Program

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman by e-mail at ross.fehrman@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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AROUND TOWN

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Drive-in Movie Night on the Pier, Ice Finale, & MLK Weekend Things to Do

Locals Night & Drive-In Movie Night Featuring 'Grease': Get ready to rev your engines and relive the golden age of drive-ins as the Santa Monica Pier transforms into a nostalgic beachfront cinema for "Locals' Night" on Thursday, Jan. 15, 3:30-9:30 p.m., offering a special, first-ever drive-in movie on the Pier featuring the beloved film "Grease." As part of the immersive drive-in experience, a limited number of vehicles will be able to drive onto the upper Pier deck, recreating a nostalgic drive-in movie night. Movie begins at 6:30 p.m. <https://www.santamonicapier.org/driveinmovie>

Venice Art Crawl Special Winter Edition Mixer: Art, Community & Townhouse: The mixer celebrates creativity, community, and culture. Hosted by Townhouse, this mixer promises vibrant conversations and meaningful connections. Thursday, Jan. 15, 6-8p.m., 52 Windward Ave. veniceartcrawl.com

Gallery 33 Presents: Danny Minnick — 20/26: Opening night of this solo exhibition by the Los Angeles - based Neo-Expressionist painter. Known for large-scale canvases, his work moves fluidly between abstraction and figuration through bold, instinctive layers of color and line. 20/26 brings together expansive works alongside several new pieces created for the exhibition. Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30-9p.m., The Georgian Hotel 1415 Ocean Ave. eventbrite.com/e/gallery-33-presents-danny-minnick-2026-tickets-1979074368712

MUD\WTR: Club x The Oracle Project: NIGHT OF HOUSE featuring DJ Brookie Breeze: Enjoy a night of alcohol-free night of dance, connection, and club energy with intention. Expect cacao and MUD\WTR mocktails, a guided opening dance, a live DJ set, and space to move. \$35. Friday, Jan. 16 7 - 10:30p.m., 2515 Main St. luma.com/6j9clstp

Community MLK Freedom Celebration & Breakfast: The Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council is hosting this intimate gathering featuring keynote speaker Alisa Osunfunke Orduna, Ph.D., along with Gerald C. Rivers ("The Voice of Dr. King"), and other luminaries, weaving together breakfast, music, story, reflection, and prayer in the spirit of Dr. King's dream. Friday, Jan. 16, 7:30-9 a.m., 1343 Ocean Park Blvd. smaic.org

41st Annual MLK Celebration: Celebrate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his renowned legacy at the 41st Annual Celebration. 2026's iteration will bring the local community together with the theme "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere," featuring keynote speaker and Emmy Award-winning producer, reporter and host Bonnie Boswell. Monday, Jan. 19, 9a.m., John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center 1630 Pearl St. <https://martin-luther-king-jr-westside-coalition.ueniweb.com/events/2026-coming-soon-41st-annual-event>

Martin Luther King Jr. Day "Concert for Unity": The Santa Monica Symphony's annual tribute concert. This specific program often features works by African American composers and is a cornerstone of the city's MLK Day celebrations. Monday, Jan. 19, 3p.m., Santa Monica Symphony at Barnum Hall <https://www.smsymphony.org/events/scenes-from-life-unity-annual-mlk-concert/>

Ice at Santa Monica: The "Last Skate" Closing Party: This is the final day of the season for the Westside's favorite outdoor rink. Expect a "closing night" atmosphere with special music and themed sessions before the ice is melted for the year. Monday, Jan. 19, 5th St & Arizona Ave. iceatsantamonica.com

Volo Sports Launch Party: Meet new people, play games and ditch the dating apps at Volo's free Los Angeles launch party at Santa Monica Brew Works. The community-focused adult sports platform is celebrating its LA debut with an evening of interactive games, tailgate-style activities, DJs, giveaways, and a Lakers vs. Clippers watch party. Expect hands-on fun like DIY jersey customization, recovery stations, and casual sports activations that give a preview of Volo's upcoming leagues, ranging from kickball and pickleball to bowling and skeeball. Complimentary food and drinks will be available, and the event is open to the public with RSVP. Thursday, Jan. 22, 6 - 9p.m., 1920 Colorado Ave. eventbrite.com/e/volo-sports-la-launch-party-tickets-1979930763211

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; Museum of Illusions;

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Andrew's Grilled Cheese and Beer 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, Jan. 16, 7p.m., 728 Montana Ave. eventbrite.com/e/andrews-grilled-cheese-and-beer-night-tickets-1979563059399

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Bruce Lurie Gallery Presents "Typeland" Exhibition by Lorenzo Marini

Bruce Lurie Gallery presents "Typeland," a solo exhibition by Lorenzo Marini curated by Sen Fu, on view from Jan. 17 through Feb. 17.

Internationally recognized as a pioneer of the TypeArt movement—the artistic use of typography as a visual element—Marini has spent his career depicting letters as expressive and autonomous forms.

The exhibition features 15 paintings, the immersive installation "Raintype" and a sculptural armchair, showcasing the breadth of Marini's evolving practice and his playful visual language. In Marini's practice, typography is freed from its purely functional role, with letters becoming visual entities that recast text from plain words into images.

The exhibition unfolds across multiple typographic worlds, from the Rationalist Alphabet to alphabets constructed from comic imagery to the iconic Black Call works previously exhibited at the Venice Biennale. The exhibition also includes Marini's Bodytype series and works dedicated to single letters.

"Typeland" invites viewers to reflect on the role of language in contemporary society at a time when visual culture increasingly reshapes how we read, see and interpret the world.

The show marks one of the first major solo exhibitions since Bruce Lurie Gallery reopened in Santa Monica after the devastating Palisades fire destroyed its original space one year ago. The reopening was made possible by support from the local community, including a fellow Palisades resident who offered the gallery its new space.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Location: Bruce Lurie Gallery, 608 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 12-6 p.m.

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LA County

Board Chair Leads Moment of Silence for Immigration Enforcement Violence Victims

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis led a moment of silence to honor all victims of violence connected to federal immigration enforcement, including Renee Nicole Good, who was fatally shot by an ICE agent in Minneapolis.

The tribute also honored two people shot by federal agents during an ICE operation in Portland, and others including Keith Porter and Silvero Villegas Gonzalez.

"These shootings reveal the deadly consequences of federal immigration enforcement under the current administration," Solis said. "Reckless decisions and a lack of meaningful oversight continue to put communities across the country at unnecessary risk. The federal government has not provided adequate answers or taken accountability for these actions."

Solis emphasized that communities deserve safety, dignity and protection rather than fear, raids and government-sanctioned violence. She encouraged residents to stay informed and know their rights as the county continues to navigate federal immigration raids.

The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs remains committed to offering support and resources to county residents during this time.

For more information, visit <https://oia.lacounty.gov>.

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Los Angeles

Caltrans Plans 55-Hour Weekend Closure of Topanga Canyon Boulevard for Pipe Installation

Caltrans will implement a 55-hour extended weekend closure Jan. 17-19 of Topanga Canyon Boulevard/State Route 27 from Pacific Coast Highway to Grand View Drive to install an 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe underneath the highway.

The work will start as early as 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and last until as late as 7 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19. During this time, the 3.6-mile stretch of SR-27 from PCH to Grand View Drive will be closed to the public.

North of the closure, SR-27 from Grand View Drive to U.S. 101 will remain open throughout the weekend, including access to the unincorporated community of Topanga and area businesses.

Southbound SR-27 traffic should take U.S. 101 to southbound Interstate 405, then westbound Interstate 10 to northbound State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway). Northbound SR-27 traffic should take southbound SR-1 to eastbound I-10, then northbound I-405 to westbound U.S. 101.

The 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe will run underneath and perpendicular to SR-27 and is designed to carry increased capacity of water and mud during rainstorms, reducing debris flow on the highway in future storms.

The one-time closure will allow crews to quickly install the pipe without delaying other emergency repair work due to the Palisades Fire. Crews are currently working on completion of a retaining wall near postmile 2.5, within Caltrans's one-lane traffic control section.

The work is part of ongoing recovery efforts from the Palisades Fire and winter storms. Caltrans crews are working to restore SR-27 and remove traffic restrictions by summer 2026. However, crews are trying to make up for lost time due to storms and storm cleanup in October, November, December and January.

SR-27 from PCH to Grand View Drive is an active work zone due to emergency repairs. It is normally closed to the public from midnight to 5 a.m. daily.

Check current traffic conditions on the Caltrans Quickmap. Caltrans District 7 also posts updates to its social media pages.

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Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Will Rogers State Beach 17000 Pacific Coast Hwy, Tower 7
Pacific Palisades

January Nothin' But Sand Beach Clean Up

January Nothin' But Sand Beach Clean Up Saturday, January 17, 10 AM - 12 PM @ Will Rogers State Beach Tower 6 Join us for our first clean-up of 2026! Help remove hundreds of pounds of harmful marine debris and meet fellow Heal the Bay volunteers. Location: Will Rogers State Beach, Tower 6. Date: Saturday, January 17. Time: 10 AM - 12 PM. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/january-nothin-but-sand-beach-clean-up/17740029/2026-01-17T10>

Thursday, January 15, 3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica.

SM Pier Presnets First-Ever Drive-In Movie Night Featuring 'Grease'

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Saturday, January 17, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Barnum Hall 600 Olympic Boulevard Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Symphony presents Scenes from Life: Unity (Annual MLK Concert)

Join the Santa Monica Symphony and Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles for our annual MLK Concert.. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-symphony-presents-scenes-from-life-unity-annual-mlk-concert-/17764848/2026-01-17T15>

Sunday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

4/21/25 Special Meeting succeeded by a Special Joint Meeting at Civic Structure Parking Lot SMI room 330 Olympic Drive Santa Monica

Santa Monica Arts Commission

Santa Monica Arts Commission meetings generally start at 6:30pm, preceded by the monthly Public Art Committee meeting at 5:25pm. Meeting times and location subject to change, please check the posted agenda. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-arts-commission/15715281/2026-01-18T18>



Friday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Ave Santa Monica.

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THURSDAY | JANUARY 15

WALKING MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 8 am at lifeguard tower 28 (paid parking available in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South) After some basic instructions we'll walk silently together for approximately 50 minutes on the shoreline at a natural leisurely pace from tower 28 towards the Santa Monica Pier and back. Everyone is always welcomed to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. Please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Don't forget to check schedule for any changes or cancellations. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2026-01-15T08>

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-01-08T11>

REBUILD COMMITTEE - SANTA MONICA & PALIBU CHAMBER

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Zoom link to be sent before the meeting Santa Monica, CA. Rebuild Committee - Santa Monica & PaliBu Chamber Must be a Member to attend - either a member of Santa Monica Chamber or PaliBu Chamber. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/rebuild-committee-santa-monica-palibu-chamber/15499169/2026-01-15T15>

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FRIDAY | JANUARY 16

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

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APRÈS CHALET

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Regent Santa Monica Beach 1700 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Après Chalet is a pop-up that transforms seaside cabanas into LA's chicest winter retreat. Each private cabana holds its own holiday ritual: a curated s'mores kit, a warm welcome cocktail, and the crackle of fire from a glowing firepit reserved exclusively for your group. Winter-white decor and twinkling lights frame the scene, as live music drifts through the salt air and a dedicated fireside mixologist creates enchanting, seasonal cocktails. \$55.00 to \$125.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/apr-s-chalet/17758170/2026-01-09T16>

SATURDAY | JANUARY 17

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2026-01-17T08>

SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET - VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK/PICO BOULEVARD

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica. The family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-farmers-market-virginia-avenue-park-pico-boulevard/12382447/2026-01-17T08>

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hosteling Intl. 1436 2nd Street Santa Monica. 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. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-walking-tour/15830816/2026-01-17T10>

JACOB

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crime and address the fear of crime, which can be just as damaging to a community," Jacob said. "We will be proactive, fair and focused."

On homelessness, Jacob emphasized a balanced approach. "Homelessness is not a crime, but we will always treat people with dignity and compassion," he said. "At the same time, however, disorder and unlawful behavior in our public spaces will not be tolerated."

The new chief said traffic safety and community engagement would receive equal attention, noting that "trust is built one contact at a time."

City leaders praised Jacob's leadership, humility, character and experience.

Jacob's appointment carries historical significance for the department. He is the first internal candidate selected to serve as chief in 46 years, ending a decades-long tradition of hiring from outside the organization.

"While I am the first internal chief here in decades, this department has never stopped producing leaders," Jacob said, noting that multiple sitting and retired police chiefs began their careers in Santa Monica. "That tells you that this department develops leaders."

During his tenure with SMPD, Jacob has held various leadership positions, including deputy chief beginning in 2020. His experience spans patrol operations, investigations, organizational management and citywide public safety coordination.

Under Jacob's leadership as acting chief, the department reached full sworn staffing for the first time in nearly two decades, supported by City Council approval of additional overhire positions. He has also implemented increased officer visibility throughout the city, including renewed emphasis on foot beats, bike patrols and high-visibility deployments in neighborhood and commercial areas.

Prior to joining SMPD, Jacob served with the Northridge Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He is also a veteran of the United States Navy.

Jacob holds a bachelor's degree in health science and a master's degree in public administration from California State University, Northridge.

In his address, Jacob emphasized that leadership extends beyond enforcement. "Public safety is not the responsibility of law enforcement alone," he said. "It's a shared commitment. I believe deeply in working alongside our residents, our neighborhoods, our faith leaders, our business community and all those who call this city home."

Jacob thanked his staff and family for their support.

"I see this role not as ownership, but as stewardship," Jacob said. "I did not create this department. I inherited it, shaped by generations of officers and professional staff who came before me. My responsibility is to protect what makes this department strong."

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NEWS**COUNCIL**

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Santa Monica City Council, officials heard a closed session item pertaining to the sale of property at 419 and 1616 Ocean Avenue. Affordable housing provider Community Corporation of Santa Monica has control of the properties and was said to be negotiating their sale with developer Leo Pustilnikov. A proposed sale requires city consent because 419 Ocean Avenue was deeded to CCSM by the city in 2016 along with 1616 Ocean Avenue and the City retains the rights to reacquire the property.

Following the private discussions, Mayor Caroline Torosis said the Council had waived its confidentiality rules to provide an update. She said the city had been asked to evaluate a potential deal by both CCSM and Pustilnikov.

The city discussed the potential real estate transaction in closed session, given that Mr. Pustilnikov is considering other interim / transitional housing uses at 413 Ocean, including a possible project with the Office of Diversion and Reentry for what has been described to the city as 'prisoner housing.' CCSM has shared that they need the funds that they would accrue from selling 419 Ocean Avenue to help stabilize their operations. Also, Mr. Pustilnikov has indicated that if the city signed off on the transaction, he would forgo any proposed interim / transitional housing use at 413 Ocean Avenue. We are aware that CCSM is also considering selling other properties they own to Mr. Pustilnikov. We have been made aware that CCSM and Mr. Pustilnikov are still negotiating potential deal terms for a possible transaction."

Council took no action on the item that night other than providing the update.

However, that statement was disputed shortly after the meeting.

CCSM Executive Director Tara Barauskas was the first to respond to the City's statement.

"Community Corp. of Santa Monica is not in negotiations with Leo Pustilnikov to purchase any of our properties," she said in a statement. "On Monday, Jan. 12, the Community Corp. board voted not to engage in any discussions or negotiations with Leo Pustilnikov. Remarks from any other parties suggesting otherwise are inaccurate."

CCSM said it did receive a letter from Pustilnikov regarding the purchase and evaluated it out of due diligence. However, they chose not to go forward with any deals, the organization did not need to sell properties to maintain operations and that it was not interested in selling any other property to Pustilnikov. CCSM also disputed the assertion that they had asked the city council to discuss the matter.

Pustilnikov said he has been engaged in conversation with CCSM for months over the potential purchase of 419 Ocean Ave. and that he knew the city had to be involved in any purchase due to the past ownership structure. He said he began discussions when he acquired the rights to the neighboring property and while other CCSM properties were part of the larger conversation they did not come to an agreement on terms.

He said he would be willing to forgo reopening his two buildings at 413 and 825 Ocean if he were able to expand his holdings on the street in anticipation of a larger redevelopment down the line. However, without that option, he said he needs to put something into the 413/825 properties but he has not limited the choice to so-called

"prisoner housing."

"I need to generate a use to hopefully come close to breaking even," he said. "There are a number of uses that are permitted due to the unique nature of the property and within what is allowed ... I've given the city five uses and asked them to tell me what's least offensive."

Housing options connected to the County Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) provide support for individuals with serious mental/physical health needs, diverting them from jail into treatment.

While that concept is among the five, he said he hasn't explicitly linked that option to any action by the city and that he would be happy with the city picking any of the available uses that could include recuperative care, mental health facilities, drug/alcohol rehabilitation or transitional housing.

He said he's asking the city for its preference on the use but regardless, he'd absorb the cost of keeping the buildings vacant if he could purchase more adjacent property.

"I've said if I can acquire the adjacent site, I don't mind leaving it vacant for the rest of the term," he said.

Pustilnikov's previous attempts at occupying the property ended in disaster. The first would have opened housing for the mentally ill under a collaboration with County programs. However, Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath terminated that proposal, citing broken community trust following resident opposition.

Additional controversy erupted over Thanksgiving when city officials discovered people had been moved into the building without proper permits, a certificate of occupancy or a business license as part of a rehabilitation program. City staff found an unpermitted residential facility with room divisions that raised concerns about electrical work and fire safety.

The city issued a notice to vacate and an administrative citation. Pustilnikov said he had been out of town at the time and wasn't aware the service provider had tried to occupy the buildings.

Pustilnikov said fallout from those incidents has left him hesitant to move forward without partnership with the city and he is still working with the County on a mental health project to be located somewhere on the Westside.

Pustilnikov has also made headlines for other reasons in the past year. He and partners Ely Dromy and Eli Taban are past due on approximately \$39 million for property at 1315 Third Street Promenade, which houses Holey Moley, a mini golf and cocktail bar. The default on the \$37.5 million loan was recorded in Los Angeles County records.

He is also part of a lawsuit against the city. In September, he and Jon Farzam filed a lawsuit challenging the City Council's removal of six directors from Downtown Santa Monica Inc., the nonprofit managing the downtown business improvement district.

The lawsuit argues the council violated the organization's bylaws and California nonprofit law when it removed board members and installed interim appointees in July. The removals followed concerns about transparency and accountability raised by council members.

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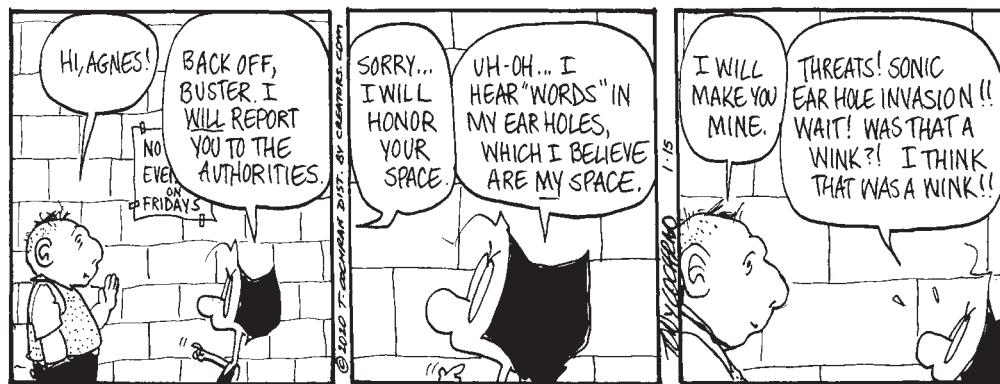
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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25STCP03988. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 11 N. Hill St., LA, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse. Petition of Zachary Jamison Karon for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Zachary Jamison Karon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Zachary Jamison Karon to Jamison Rockmore. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should

not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 03/09/2026, Time: 8:30am, Dept: 45, Room: 529. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 10/14/2025. Virginia Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 01/15/2026, 01/22/2026, 01/29/2026, 02/05/2026

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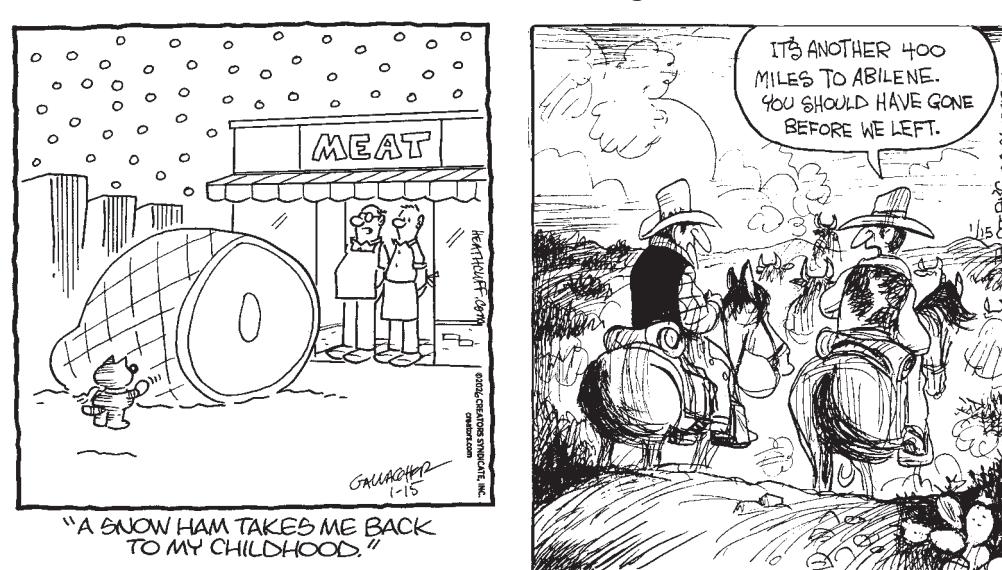
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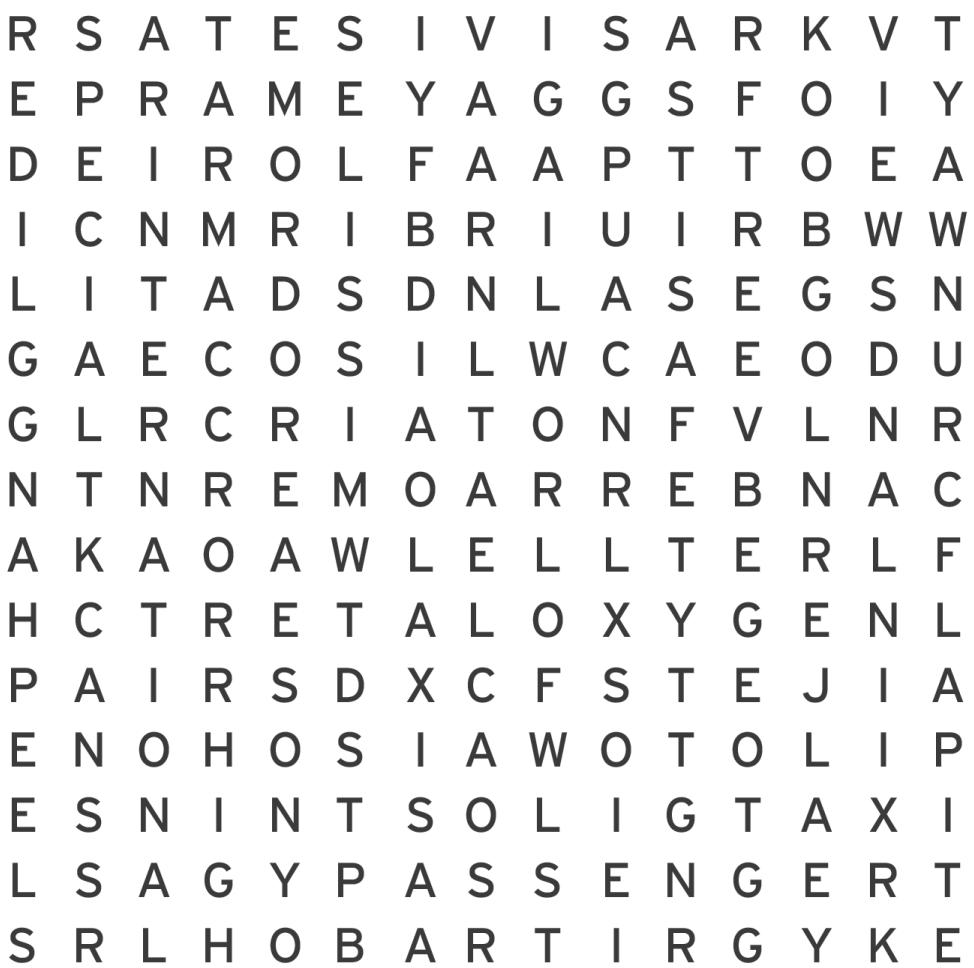
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FIND THE WORDS

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 27 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6821

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 15)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You keep wondering if there's a talent inside you waiting to show itself. The wondering is truth trying to get your attention. Follow the instinct to experiment. Believe the inner voice that says, "This seems like something I should be doing more of."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a day to shore up discrepancies, pay debts, collect on favors and generally find ways to restore the balance inside of relationships. The dynamics that are well balanced today will be fruitful tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships are shoes. A lot of them don't fit right away, but the quality shoes will form to your feet over time, and you can walk many miles in them. The cheap ones cut and chafe and don't change much until they break.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're so aware of the rules today, and even more than that, the restrictions of your role. It may feel like too much is keeping you in place, limiting your options, preventing you from the destiny you have dreamed for yourself. But no. There are still dozens of paths to try. You got this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Approach interactions with trust and curiosity. Not every action hides an agenda. Most people are just moving according to their nature. Trust first, analyze later. Give yourself the gift of openness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like refined sugar, some people are so sweet that when they leave, they take your blood sugar down with them, causing an inevitable crash. You are not deterred, though you may pace yourself. Intermittency is what makes it a treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People respond best to leaders who are humble and diligent. Today, you're in charge in a low-key way. Working alongside your team creates mutual respect and encourages collaboration. This is also how you learn what's really going on in the group culture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll navigate nuance very well, deciding what to wear, say and do to blend into a particular environment. This isn't about people-pleasing or being a chameleon; it's about reducing friction and getting rid of anything that might keep you from connecting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're so encouraging to others that sometimes people forget that you, too, need encouragement. Then again, it might be time to seek more supportive energy. Take a moment to notice who helps you and who doesn't. Once you focus on your allies, momentum returns naturally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). So many things that happened in the past were beyond your control. Now you have the wisdom and maturity to realize there's no blame to be taken or given for it, just respect for what you've made of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are simply excellent at reading certain social cues, especially the ones that indicate discomfort or disapproval. You are less adept at recognizing when someone is crazy about you, but if you tune in, you'll see it very clearly today.

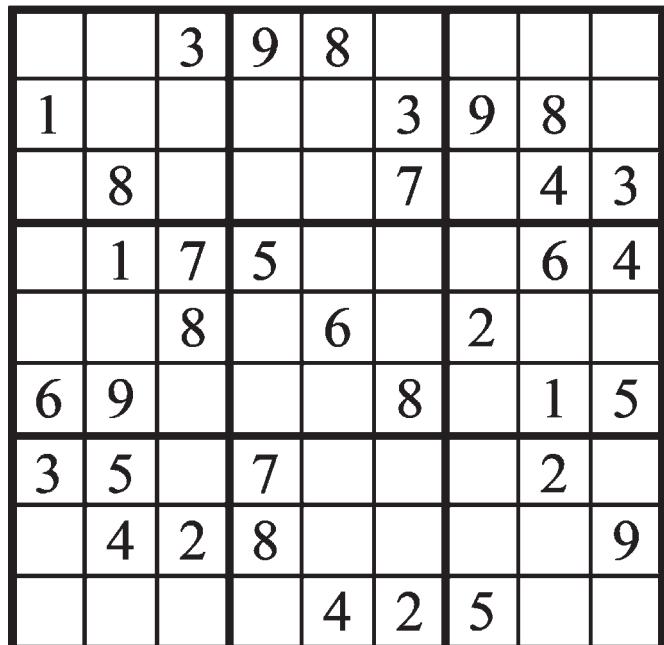
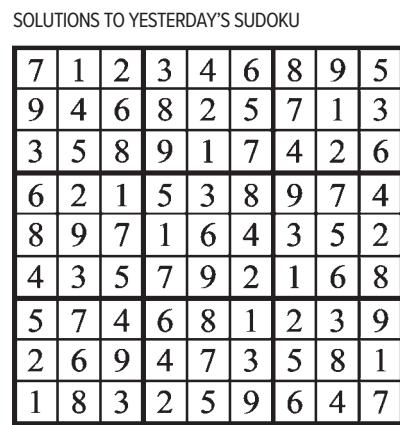
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's easy to push, but it takes wisdom to let the natural current pull you. Like water, you'll find the path of least resistance. Your gentle ways will open the opportunities that were once beyond reach.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



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.



Newsday Crossword

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1 Bulk food holders
5 Convinced
9 Doctrinal ending
12 Slender mushroom
14 Kids' song's closing
16 CSI concern
17 Would-be performer's training
19 Eye-level organ
20 Anthem's bulwarks
21 Just slightly
23 Compass reading
24 Boo follower
25 Something to write home about
26 Thanks for thoughtfulness
30 Final score
33 Excel element
34 Bit of some jams
35 Carol opening
36 Winning streak
37 It means "resembling"
39 OK campus
40 Sail failure
41 Sack stuff
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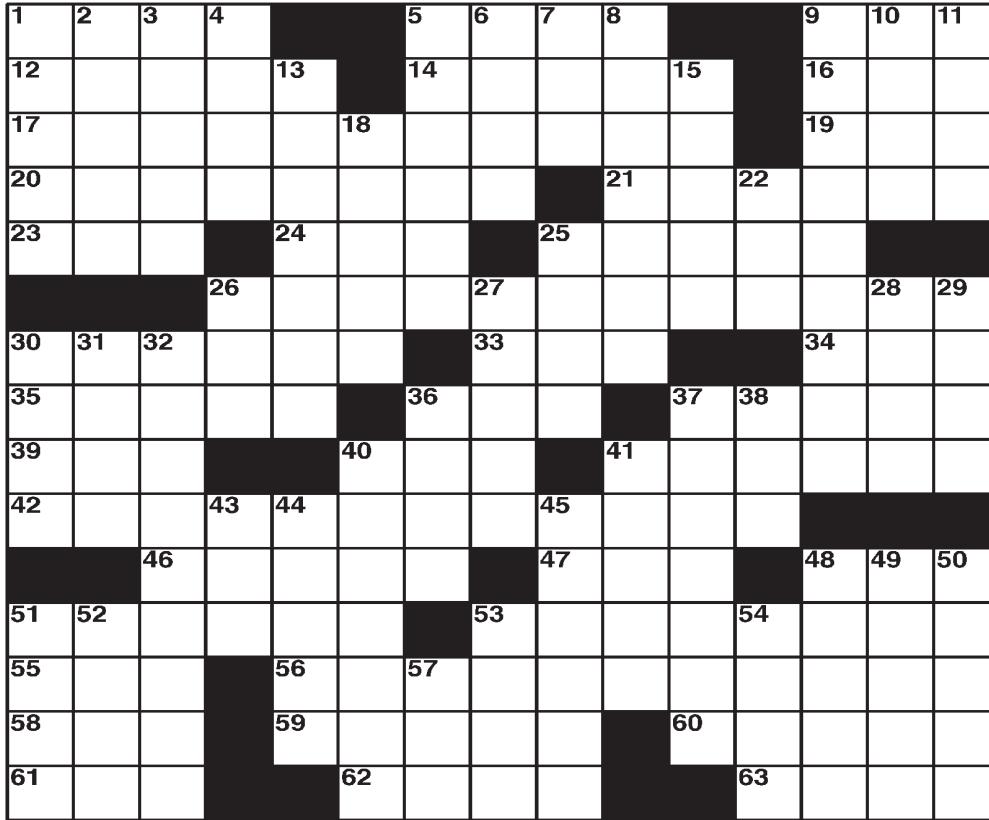
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5 Economy component
6 Artist's supply
7 Green span
8 Repudiate

9 More than similar

10 Project impediment
11 Zebra's mom
13 Under even
15 Bony prefix
18 Thin mortar
22 What covered
56-Across
25 Town on the Thames
26 "Tastes great!"
27 Boil over
28 Exploratory agency
29 Percolator sound
30 Capacity
31 Light beige
32 Culinary aides
36 Path toward fame

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38 Large planter
40 Beacon in a year-end song
41 Underlying
43 Surly sort
44 Camel cousin
45 Seafood server
48 Legendary games
guy
49 Butterflies-to-be
50 Lager holder
51 Ersatz sail
52 Higher-up
53 Emulated orioles
54 Table number
57 Cargo holder



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HOMES

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costs. Pacheco was unsure how the bill would affect mom-and-pop property owners, said her spokesperson Alina Evans. Papan's office did not immediately return a CalMatters' request for comment.

Lidya Morales, a 53-year-old single mom from San Diego with three kids, said her monthly rent increased from \$1,300 in 2022 to \$2,000 last year. She works at three different hotels to afford it, she said. Without the proposed rental relief, she said she fears getting priced out.

"I don't want to live in my car with my kids," she said.

Following the bill's defeat, hundreds of tenants affiliated with ACCE broke into chants in protest. "Housing is a human right!" Some yelled. Others screamed "shame" at the near-empty committee dais after most lawmakers ducked out after the vote.

Kalra told CalMatters that the bill failed because "we are listening to these wealthy landowners and apartment owners and not those that are literally struggling."

"I think that shows the power and influence of moneyed interests," he said.

TAMING UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

Apart from unveiling ambitious proposals, state lawmakers this year must also figure out how to clean up after new housing policies like Senate Bill 79, a controversial law authored by Sen. Scott Wiener of San Francisco that overrides local zoning restrictions to allow apartment buildings up to seven stories near major transit stations in metro areas.

Lawmakers passed the law narrowly

AROUND TOWN

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Mas Vina Please Day Party: A day party you won't want to miss is popping up at Noun to share special pours and coastal Caribbean food! Saturday, Jan. 17, 1 - 5p.m., 4065 Glencoe Ave., Marina del Rey [instagram.com/p/DTD6fpSkiD3/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DTD6fpSkiD3/)

It's a Pancake Party: Breakfast for dinner just hits different. Join a one-night Pancake Pop-Up at Weary Livers, featuring fresh, made-to-order mini pancakes from Stack 'Em Up Mini Pancakes — served late-night style in your favorite cozy, chaotic, fun bar. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2819 Pico Blvd. Pancakes start at 7PM; Bar open all night. allevents.in/santa-monica/its-a-pancake-party/100001978862063702

Two SaMo Spots on The Infatuation's "The Best Dishes In LA Right Now" List: They give love to the Hawaiian Sunrise Pizza at Cosetta (3150 Ocean Park Blvd.) and the Nam Tok Tataki at Holy Basil (2828 Santa Monica Blvd.) stating "slices of raw steak flash-poached in a concentrated, blood-thickened beef broth and showered with chopped herbs and tentacle-like pork rinds." <https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-dishes-infatuation-la-december-2025>

Favorite Palisades restaurant rises again in Venice, with the same heart, and stellar pasta: The patio at Cinque Terre West in Venice is petite but cozy, with a handful of tables and counter seating that offer a prime view into the bustling kitchen. Nestled onto a busy stretch of Rose Avenue, it feels smaller and even livelier than the original Cinque Terre West, a local favorite in the Gardens at Palisades strip mall in the center of the town. Vinzoni and his wife, Marlo, who lost multiple businesses in the Palisades fire, and whose home was also damaged, are once again starting to feel like part of a thriving community. <https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2026-01-12/palisades-fire-cinque-terre-west-restaurant-venice>

Further Afield: Smorgasburg LA Grand Reopening 2026: While Smorgasburg is weekly, the Grand Reopening after the winter break is a major food event. Over a dozen new food vendors are joining the roster for the first time today, making it a must for local foodies. Sunday, Jan. 11, 10a.m. – 4p.m., ROW DTLA la.smorgasburg.com

Looking Ahead: DineLA Restaurant Week (1/23 – 2/6); SaMo Symphony Annual MLK Concert (1/17); Frieze LA Art Show (2/26 - 3/1);

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Drive-in Movie Night on the Pier, Ice Finale, & MLK Weekend Things to Do

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possible to protect criminals at the expense of American citizens and it breeds fraud and crime and all of the other problems that come," he said. "So we're not making any payment to anybody that supports sanctuary cities."

Back in Washington, Trump was asked by reporters what kind of funding would be affected on Feb 1: "You'll see," he said. "It'll be significant."

There is no strict definition for sanctuary policies or sanctuary cities, but the terms generally describe limited cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Santa Monica has not declared itself a sanctuary city but it does not cooperate with immigration enforcement. The Santa Monica Police Department reaffirmed its commitment not to participate in immigration enforcement operations last year, maintaining its long-standing policy that immigration enforcement remains solely a federal responsibility. The department will comply with California's SB54, the California Values Act, and will not conduct sweeps, raids, or detentions based on immigration status. SMPD emphasized that public safety depends on trust, ensuring undocumented residents feel safe reporting crimes without fear of deportation. While the department will not engage in federal immigration enforcement, it remains committed to holding all individuals accountable for criminal behavior regardless of immigration status and continuing to serve Santa Monica's diverse community.

COURTS HAVE REJECTED THE IDEA BEFORE

In an executive orders last year, the president directed federal officials to withhold money from sanctuary jurisdictions that seek to shield people in the country illegally from deportation.

A California-based federal judge struck it down despite government lawyers saying it was too early to stop the plan when no action had been taken and no specific conditions had been laid out.

In Trump's first term in office, in 2017, courts struck down his effort to cut funding to the cities.

SOME OF THE DETAILS ARE TRICKY

The Justice Department last year published a list of three dozen states, cities and counties that it considers to be sanctuary jurisdictions.

The list is overwhelmingly made up of places where the governments are controlled by Democrats, including the states of California, Connecticut and New York, cities such as Boston and New York and counties including Baltimore County, Maryland, and Cook County, Illinois.

That list replaced an earlier, longer one that was met with pushback from officials who said it wasn't clear why their jurisdictions were on it.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN THREATENING FUNDING IN SPECIFIC PLACES

The federal government has moved to halt funding for a variety of programs in recent weeks and is already facing legal challenges.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has warned states that have refused to provide data on recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program money that they'll be docked administrative funds. A court fight over the request for information was already under way before the threat came. Money hasn't been stopped yet.

The U.S. Department of Health and Social Services said last week that it was halting money from five Democratic-led states for daycare subsidies and other aid to low-income families with children over unspecified suspicions about fraud. A court put that on hold.

The administration has tried to use additional financial pressure against Minnesota, a state where it has also sent a wave of federal officers in an immigration crackdown. The Agriculture Department has said it's freezing funding in the state — but without laying out many details.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also told Minnesota last week that it intends to withhold \$515 million every three months from 14 Medicaid programs that were deemed "high risk" after rejecting a corrective action plan it demanded because of fraud allegations. The amount is equivalent to one-fourth of the federal money for those programs. State officials said Tuesday that they're appealing.

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