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Homeless housing and ongoing emergencies are on Council's agenda

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Tuesday's meeting of the Santa Monica City Council may lack some of the heated items driving recent meetings to near record length but the cluster of administrative items, lawsuits and property negotiations may still take the meeting into the wee hours of the morning.

The Council's consent calendar contains items expected to pass with little to no discussion but

the second reading for a right to recall ordinance could become a focal point. The proposal requires businesses on the Pier and City owned property to offer jobs to individuals who formerly worked in the City before looking for other candidates and while it was passed by a majority of the council at their last meeting, it wasn't without debate. Any changes that might be proposed this week would require the measure to return for at least a third hearing.

Other consent items include renewals of emergency declarations for homelessness and wildfire recovery, along with an extension of streamlined outdoor dining regulations as part of the regular calendar.

The council will consider adopting a resolution ratifying the 2025 Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica Declaring a Local Emergency on Homelessness.

Heidi Von Tongeln, interim

city attorney, is recommending the council adopt the resolution to maintain the emergency declaration, which allows the city to expeditiously increase services and programs to address and prevent homelessness.

Government Code Section 8630 requires local governmental authorities to renew a local emergency every 60 days until the governing body terminates it. The

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National Park Service to hold public meeting on potential LA coastal park

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The National Park Service will hold a virtual public meeting this week to gather input on a federal study evaluating whether portions of the Los Angeles coastline — potentially stretching to Santa Monica — should be designated as a new unit of the national park system.

The online meeting, scheduled from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Pacific time on Feb. 11, will give residents an opportunity to learn about the study process and ask questions about the potential designation. The public can join via webinar or by phone, and a recording will be posted online afterward.

The effort traces back to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 that established a special resource study of select sites along the Los Angeles coast. Rep. Ted Lieu championed the study in Congress with the support of several environmental organizations.

Sarah Bodo, project manager for the National Park Service's Denver



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COASTLINE: The Santa Monica coastline could become part of a new national park unit under a federal study now seeking public input.

Service Center, is leading the study team. The NPS has established a project website to share information and collect public feedback, with

comments accepted through April 6.

Under U.S. law, new national park units are typically established by an act of Congress. In some cases,

a president can set aside federal land as a national monument, which

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Early birds file campaign finance paperwork to kickstart election season

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Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's election season continues to simmer with a handful of candidates establishing the financial infrastructure to run for elected office.

Daniel Ivanov, Brett Morrow, Caroline Torosis and Derrick Townsend have opened accounts to support a run for City Council. Alicia Mignano has opened an account in support of a run for School Board and an organization calling itself Santa Monicans for Reliable School Funding has filed to a ballot measure.

Torosis is the first incumbent to open her account and she reported a total of \$12,175 on hand after raising \$5,575 in the most recent fiscal reporting period. According to the report, \$250 of that came from Brett Morrow suggesting the two will run as part of a slate this year. Like Torosis, Morrow is a county employee and works as Chief Communications Officer for the County's Department of Public Health (Torosis is the Policy Director for County Supervisor Holly Mitchell).

Townsend has also filed additional paperwork showing a loan to himself of \$3,500 and \$500 raised from the public so far. Townsend works for the National Association of Home Builders as an aging in place specialist.

While not a council incumbent, Ivanov is a member of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board.

Three seats will be up for

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Federal immigration enforcement cost LA County businesses millions with a disrupted workforce

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Federal immigration enforcement actions have caused millions of dollars in business losses, widespread staffing shortages and a sharp decline in consumer activity across Los Angeles County, according to a new report released by county economic agencies.

The report, produced by the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, found that 82% of businesses surveyed reported negative impacts from immigration enforcement, with 44% losing more than half their revenue. Businesses reported \$3.7 million in losses over just three months last summer, while a weeklong curfew in downtown Los Angeles resulted in an estimated \$840 million in economic output losses.

The findings cap a series of six previous reports the agencies have produced since June 2025, tracking the toll of aggressive federal enforcement operations that swept through workplaces, neighborhoods and public spaces across the region beginning early last year. The actions arrested thousands of local residents with most having no criminal history.

The crackdown sparked widespread fear that kept families away from schools, businesses and public services, and triggered massive protests that led President Donald Trump to deploy National Guard troops and active-duty Marines to the city.

The report, commissioned by a motion introduced by Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Janice Hahn, drew on economic and workforce data, immigration court records, transportation indicators and direct input from businesses and communities. The LAEDC conducted in-depth interviews with small business owners, held community forums and ran a countywide business impact survey from mid-September to mid-November 2025.

The data underscored the economic weight of the immigrant workforce in Los Angeles County. Undocumented workers contribute an estimated \$253.9 billion in total economic output — equivalent to 17% of the county's gross domestic product — and support more than 1.06 million jobs generating \$80.4 billion in labor income across construction, manufacturing, retail and services.

The enforcement actions cut deeply into that economic engine. More than half of businesses surveyed reported reduced daily sales and decreased customer traffic. Seventy percent experienced staffing shortages, and 33% of employers said workers were afraid

to report to their jobs. Fifty-nine percent of employers expressed concern about maintaining their current workforce.

The disruptions extended beyond individual businesses. Bus ridership on high-vulnerability transit lines declined by approximately 17,000 monthly riders compared to baseline levels. Businesses in areas affected by curfews and protests reported more than \$200,000 in property damage. Ninety percent of business owners interviewed perceived growing distrust across federal and local governments.

66 Small businesses and workers across Los

Angeles County have felt the real consequences of the Trump administration's cruel and inhumane federal immigration enforcement

- Hilda L. Solis, Supervisors

"Small businesses and workers across Los Angeles County have felt the real consequences of the Trump administration's cruel and inhumane federal immigration enforcement," said Solis, the county Board chair. "This report shows how these actions have affected livelihoods, disrupted the local economy, and challenged our communities."

Hahn called the raids "senseless and catastrophic."

"They are ripping apart families, treating

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Landmark trial accusing social media companies of addicting children to their platforms begins

The world's biggest social media companies face several landmark trials this year that seek to hold them responsible for harms to children who use their platforms. Opening statements for the first, in Los Angeles County Superior Court, began on Monday.

Instagram's parent company Meta and Google's YouTube will face claims that their platforms deliberately addict and harm children. TikTok and Snap, which were originally named in the lawsuit, settled for undisclosed sums.

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- Sacha Haworth, executive director of the nonprofit Tech Oversight Project

"This was only the first case — there are hundreds of parents and school districts in the social media addiction trials that start today, and sadly, new families every day who are speaking out and bringing Big Tech to court for its deliberately harmful products," said Sacha Haworth, executive director of the nonprofit Tech Oversight Project.

A separate trial in New Mexico, meanwhile, was also set to kick off with opening arguments on Monday.

At the core of the Los Angeles case is a 19-year-old identified only by the initials "KGM," whose case could determine how thousands of other, similar lawsuits against social media companies will play out. She and two other plaintiffs have been selected for bellwether trials — essentially test cases for both sides to see how their arguments play out before a jury and what damages, if any, may be awarded, said Clay Calvert, a nonresident senior fellow of technology policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute.

It's the first time the companies will argue their case before a jury, and the outcome could have profound effects on their businesses and how they will handle children using their

platforms.

Jurors filed into the courtroom at 9:50 a.m. and were given a lengthy list of instructions from Judge Carolyn B. Kuhl before they heard opening statements.

Jurors are not being asked to stop using Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or any other forms of social media throughout the course of the trial — which is expected to last about eight weeks — but Kuhl emphasized that they should not make any changes to the way they interact with the platforms, including changing their settings or creating new accounts.

Kuhl said that jurors should decide the liability of Meta and YouTube independently when they deliberate.

KGM claims that her use of social media from an early age addicted her to the technology and exacerbated depression and suicidal thoughts. Importantly, the lawsuit claims that this was done through deliberate design choices made by companies that sought to make their platforms more addictive to children to boost profits. This argument, if successful, could sidestep the companies' First Amendment shield and Section 230, which protects tech companies from liability for material posted on their platforms.

"Borrowing heavily from the behavioral and neurobiological techniques used by slot machines and exploited by the cigarette industry, Defendants deliberately embedded in their products an array of design features aimed at maximizing youth engagement to drive advertising revenue," the lawsuit says.

Executives, including Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, are expected to testify at the trial, which will last six to eight weeks. Experts have drawn similarities to the Big Tobacco trials that led to a 1998 settlement requiring cigarette companies to pay billions in health care costs and restrict marketing targeting minors.

"Plaintiffs are not merely the collateral damage of Defendants' products," the lawsuit says. "They are the direct victims of the intentional product design choices made by each Defendant. They are the intended targets of the harmful features that pushed them into self-destructive feedback loops."

The tech companies dispute the claims that their products deliberately harm children, citing a bevy of safeguards they have added over the years and arguing that they are not liable for content posted on their sites by third parties.

"Recently, a number of lawsuits have attempted to place the blame for teen mental health struggles squarely on social media companies," Meta said in a recent blog post. "But this oversimplifies a serious issue. Clinicians and researchers find that mental health is a deeply complex and multifaceted issue, and trends regarding teens' well-being aren't clear-cut or universal. Narrowing the challenges faced by teens to a single factor ignores the scientific research and the many stressors impacting young people today, like academic pressure, school safety, socio-economic challenges and substance abuse."

A Meta spokesperson said in a recent statement that the company strongly disagrees



Surf report

WATER TEMP: 61.7

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SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

WNW swell peaks. Conditions outlook is dicey and will be the tinge to watch. Would be an ok day of waves if the wind were to cooperate. Models are currently aligned on Southerly winds through the morning, will need to watch the track/location of an incoming coastal low - there could be an early window of decent conditions. Outside chance the wind lightens for the afternoon and that's something to keep an eye on.

WEDNESDAY

FAIR

SURF: 4-6ft

Chest to overhead

Possible clean up day with modest, easing WNW swell on tap. A modest area of low pressure looks to impact the region on Tuesday then clear out on Wednesday. That sets the stage for improving conditions as nice size pulse of WNW swell backs down through the day. The thing to watch will be the trend on the wind outlook and how the area of low pressure on Tuesday progresses. Not a slam dunk day but should be fun enough if the wind can cooperate.

Weather

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of rain after 4pm. Cloudy, with a high near 65. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Rain likely, mainly after 10pm. Cloudy, with a low around 56. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 50 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 63. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

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2026/02/11	Wed	04:40 AM	4.51	H
2026/02/11	Wed	12:47 PM	0.18	L
2026/02/11	Wed	8:14 PM	3.17	H
2026/02/11	Wed	11:20 PM	2.90	L
2026/02/12	Thu	05:39 AM	4.82	H
2026/02/12	Thu	1:21 PM	-0.21	L
2026/02/12	Thu	8:17 PM	3.33	H
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SMC Expands Homeless Services Training Program With \$355K Grant

Santa Monica College is expanding its Homeless Service Work program with \$355,000 in funding from United Way of Greater Los Angeles, addressing a critical workforce shortage in Los Angeles County where more than 72,000 people experience homelessness.

The program, launched in 2024, trains students to become street outreach workers, case managers and housing navigators. Each participant completes 30 hours of hands-on fieldwork with local nonprofit partners, gaining skills in crisis intervention, trauma-informed care and housing navigation. All program costs are fully covered, removing financial barriers for students.

United Way's investment covers student fees and provides wraparound support including supervised internships with nonprofit agencies and job-placement assistance. Students receive guidance from faculty, counselors and industry veterans experienced in addressing LA's homelessness crisis.

"The demand for trained professionals has never been greater," said Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, superintendent/president of Santa Monica College. "This funding allows us to do what our community needs most—prepare a skilled, compassionate workforce to support individuals experiencing homelessness."

Elise Buik, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles, said the program represents an investment in both workforce training and homelessness solutions.

"This program will equip sector professionals with the skills, training, and support they need to transform community care into lasting solutions," Buik said.

A recent workforce analysis commissioned by United Way and conducted by KPMG found that expanding training opportunities is essential to reducing turnover in the homelessness services sector. In focus groups, 60% of case managers identified lack of training as their biggest challenge. The study found that role-specific, skills-based learning supports career advancement and strengthens employee retention.

Unlike traditional certificate programs, SMC's model cultivates career-committed professionals who understand the complexity of homelessness. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with the next cohort beginning Feb. 17.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until noon Feb. 6. Prospective students can learn more and apply at smc.edu/HomelessServiceWork.

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LA County

LA County Moves to Challenge Trump Order on Fire Rebuilding

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath directing County Counsel to monitor the implementation of Presidential Executive Order No. 14377, which seeks to preempt and replace state and local permitting and approval processes for rebuilding homes and businesses destroyed by the Palisades and Eaton Fires.

The executive order directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Administrator of the Small Business Association, to preempt and replace state and local permitting processes and other similar pre-approval requirements for the rebuilding of structures impacted by the Palisades and Eaton Fires.

Horvath said she has been on the ground in impacted communities since the start of the 2025 wildfires, hearing directly from fire survivors, small business owners and workers working to rebuild.

"Fire survivors don't need uncertainty, delays, or federal power grabs—they need real help rebuilding their homes and livelihoods," Horvath said. "This Executive Order is more of the same from the Trump Administration: empty promises with no meaningful disaster relief."

Horvath said the Trump Administration has delayed critical federal disaster recovery funding that thousands of Angelenos across Los Angeles County need to move forward.

"Los Angeles County will not abandon our residents while this administration creates confusion for families and small businesses, slowing recovery on the ground," Horvath said. "We will continue to urgently rebuild our communities safely and resiliently, guided by what our residents need."

The motion, approved Feb. 3, directs County Counsel to work in coordination with the Department of Public Works, the Department of Regional Planning and the Office of Emergency Management.

County Counsel will monitor the implementation of the executive order and provide periodic updates in writing to the Board of Supervisors as necessary.

The board authorized County Counsel to initiate or participate in litigation or amicus filings aimed at protecting the county's local land use and permitting authority, or any other actions related to the executive order.

The board also directed the Office of Emergency Management to analyze and report back in writing in 30 days on how many individuals, businesses, organizations or other entities have received federal emergency relief funds to assist in rebuilding from the Palisades and Eaton Fires and would thus be impacted by the executive order.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

Santa Monica College Dance Department to Hold Open House Feb. 17

The Santa Monica College Dance Department will hold its Spring 2026 Meet and Greet Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in SMC Core Performance Center 310 on the SMC Main Campus at 1900 Pico Blvd.

The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

The open house offers the chance for the public to find out about SMC's dance program, meet faculty, learn about performance opportunities and the dance major, and sample contemporary modern, Indonesian, Mexican folklórico and African dance styles.

More information is available at <https://www.smc.edu/dance> or by calling 310-434-4100 or 310-434-3467.

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Courtesy SMC

PERFORMANCE: The Santa Monica College Dance Department will hold its Spring 2026 Meet and Mingle Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

IMMIGRATION

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our neighborhoods like warzones, and now we have hard data about the damage they are doing to our economy," Hahn said. "Our businesses recorded millions of dollars in losses in a matter of months. This is entirely the Administration's doing, and they can make this pain stop now."

LAEDC President and CEO Stephen Cheung said the findings illustrated how interconnected the county's economic health is with its immigrant workforce.

"Los Angeles County's economy depends on a stable workforce, thriving small businesses, and strong consumer activity," Cheung said. "This report shows how disruptions in any one of those areas can quickly translate into countywide economic losses."

In response, the county has launched several aid programs. The LA Region Small Business Resiliency Fund, established in September 2025, awarded more than \$1.53 million in grants to 367 businesses in its first round after receiving more than 3,400 applications. The

Board of Supervisors approved an additional \$3.33 million to expand the program to more than 650 additional businesses.

The Department of Economic Opportunity also expanded its Youth@Work program, increasing paid work hours from 150 to 400 for young people who have become primary earners due to family separations caused by enforcement actions.

Local leaders have fought back on multiple fronts. Mayor Karen Bass issued an executive directive barring city cooperation with ICE and filed suit against the federal administration. The county Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency, funded immigrant legal aid and voted to ban ICE from county property.

The Santa Monica Police Department does not participate in civil immigration enforcement, conduct immigration sweeps, raids, or detentions based solely on a person's immigration status. They do not independently enforce federal immigration laws but have said they do enforce all criminal laws without regard to immigration status.

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Congress may later upgrade to a national park. Before lawmakers decide on creating a park, however, they usually require a formal study to determine whether the area meets benchmarks for joining the national park system.

The Los Angeles coast study will assess potential sites based on four criteria Congress requires before creating new park units: national significance, suitability for park designation, feasibility of NPS management and the need for federal oversight rather than state or local management.

Evaluators must determine whether the area contains outstanding natural or cultural resources, whether it is adequately protected by existing state or local parks, whether it could be managed effectively and economically, and whether National Park Service stewardship would add clear value beyond what other agencies provide.

Even if the study concludes that parts of the coast merit inclusion in the park system, no new park unit can be created without further congressional action or a presidential proclamation. NPS officials have stressed that any final decision lies with elected leaders, not the agency.

The study can also result in a proposal for a national recreation area or similar unit rather than a traditional national park. That could mean a partnership model in which the NPS works alongside state and county agencies.

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area already provides a template. Within that existing park, the National Park Service, California State Parks, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and local entities cooperatively manage public access to beaches, coastal trails and coastal resources

along the Malibu coast.

Supporters argue a National Park Service presence could bring new funding for habitat protection — at sites such as the Ballona Wetlands and coastal dunes — along with educational programs, consistent signage and resources for shoreline conservation.

The proposal is not without precedent. New York's Gateway National Recreation Area, created in 1972 as the country's first urban national recreation area, preserves 26,000 acres of beaches, marshes and historic sites. The Golden Gate National Recreation Area spans beaches and bluffs around San Francisco Bay, and the Cabrillo National Monument occupies a coastal site in urban San Diego.

However, similar efforts have also stalled. The NPS studied the Gaviota Coast near Santa Barbara for national seashore status two decades ago and ultimately deemed the proposal not feasible, largely due to opposition from landowners who feared federal control and increased visitor traffic.

Much of the Los Angeles coast is already public land in an urbanized setting — factors that could reduce similar conflict but it's also already largely controlled by the state government through the Coastal Commission. Officials say community input will be critical in shaping any plan so that it complements local priorities and meshes with California's existing coastal protections under the Coastal Act of 1976.

The public can participate in the meeting at <https://bit.ly/4t8oWXW> or by calling 202-640-1187 and entering conference ID 990571600. Questions can be directed to Bodo at Sarah_Bodo@nps.gov. Additional information is available online at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MeetingNotices.cfm?projectID=133718>.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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with the allegations outlined in the lawsuit and that it's "confident the evidence will show our longstanding commitment to supporting young people."

José Castañeda, a Google Spokesperson, said that the allegations against YouTube are "simply not true." In a statement, he said, "Providing young people with a safer, healthier experience has always been core to our work."

The case will be the first in a slew of cases beginning this year that seek to hold social media companies responsible for harming children's mental well-being.

In New Mexico, opening statements begin Monday for trial on allegations that Meta and its social media platforms have failed to protect young users from sexual exploitation, following an undercover online investigation. Attorney General Raúl Torrez in late 2023 sued Meta and Zuckerberg, who was later dropped from the suit.

Prosecutors have said that New Mexico is not seeking to hold Meta accountable for its content but rather its role in pushing out that content through complex algorithms that proliferate material that can be harmful, saying they uncovered internal documents in which Meta employees estimate that about 100,000 children every day are subjected to sexual harassment on the company's platforms.

Meta denies the civil charges while accusing Torrez of cherry-picking select documents and making "sensationalist" arguments. The company says it has consulted with parents and law enforcement to introduce built-in protections to social media accounts, along with settings and tools for parents.

A federal bellwether trial beginning in

June in Oakland, California, will be the first to represent school districts that have sued social media platforms over harms to children.

In addition, more than 40 state attorneys general have filed lawsuits against Meta, claiming it is harming young people and contributing to the youth mental health crisis by deliberately designing features on Instagram and Facebook that addict children to its platforms. The majority of cases filed their lawsuits in federal court, but some sued in their respective states.

TikTok also faces similar lawsuits in more than a dozen states.

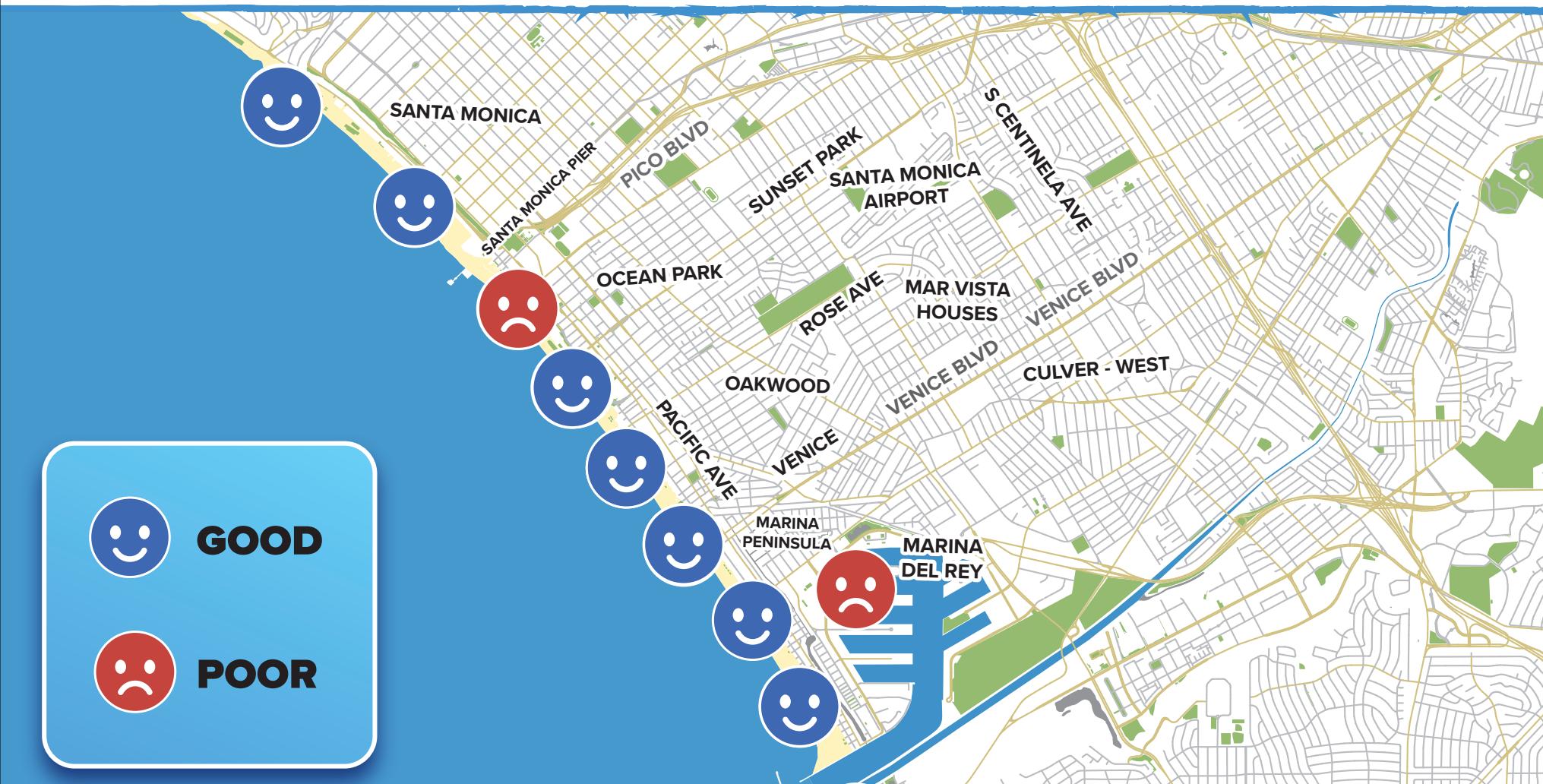
Other countries, meanwhile, are enacting new laws to limit social media for children. In January, French lawmakers approved a bill banning social media for children under 15, paving the way for the measure to enter into force at the start of the next school year in September, as the idea of setting a minimum age for use of the platforms gains momentum across Europe.

In Australia, social media companies have revoked access to about 4.7 million accounts identified as belonging to children since the country banned use of the platforms by those under 16, officials said. The law provoked fraught debates in Australia about technology use, privacy, child safety and mental health and has prompted other countries to consider similar measures.

The British government also said last month it will consider banning young teenagers from social media as it tightens laws designed to protect children from harmful content and excessive screen time.

By KAITLYN HUAMANI and BARBARA ORTUTAY AP Technology Writers. Ortutay reported from Oakland, California. Associated Press Writer Morgan Lee in Santa Fe, New Mexico, contributed to this story.

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COUNCIL

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city has ratified the 2025 proclamation six times since it was first adopted in March 2025.

The city first declared a homelessness emergency on Feb. 14, 2023, in response to the growing regional crisis leading to deplorable living conditions, illness and deaths of homeless persons. On March 11, 2025, the council adopted the current proclamation, which extends the local emergency on homelessness through Dec. 31, 2026.

The emergency declaration provides several benefits to the city's homelessness response efforts. It allows Santa Monica to receive additional county, state and federal resources to address the crisis. The proclamation also enables the city to prevent rental price gouging and streamline certain city processes.

According to a staff report, the proclamation has facilitated rapid progress on several priority initiatives during fiscal year 2025-26 aimed directly at addressing homelessness. These include expansion of the city's C3 outreach teams, expansion of Right to Counsel services, and a new housing retention and bridge financial assistance program.

Staff anticipates ongoing near-term use of the proclamation to implement additional activities contemplated in the city's Realignment Plan and to efficiently operationalize Measure A funds.

The council will also vote on ratifying the latest supplement to the local emergency declaration issued in response to the devastating January 2025 wildfires that swept through Los Angeles County.

The emergency declaration was first issued Jan. 8, 2025 in response to extreme weather conditions and widespread fires that ignited in nearby Pacific Palisades and elsewhere in Los Angeles County. The Palisades Fire and other major blazes, including the Eaton Fire in Altadena, burned more than 40,000 acres.

Staff are recommending the council adopt the resolution to maintain emergency measures that have been put in place to support businesses, residents and organizations affected by the fires.

The most recent supplement, issued Dec. 19, 2025, makes two key changes. It revises residential leasing requirements to resume enforcement for new lease agreements or tenancies entered into on or after Jan. 1, 2026. It also extends provisions allowing restaurants additional flexibility in alcohol sales and service through Feb. 28, 2026.

The city has issued nine supplements to

the original order over the past year, each addressing evolving needs as the community responds to and recovers from the fires.

According to a staff report, the city is now evaluating which emergency provisions remain necessary.

The council will also vote on extending temporary regulations that streamline outdoor dining on city sidewalks, giving staff more time to make the changes permanent.

The council will consider extending Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2837 for an additional 180 days beyond its original 60-day term.

City staff is recommending the extension to allow the proposed amendments to complete the standard zoning amendment and codification process. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed changes at its Jan. 21 meeting, and the amendments are expected to return to the City Council on Feb. 24.

The interim ordinance, first adopted Nov. 18, 2025, amended section of the Santa Monica Municipal Code governing outdoor dining and seating on sidewalks. The changes are designed to promote economic recovery by simplifying the city's outdoor dining program.

The ordinance removes redundant design standards from the municipal code and consolidates them within the city's Sidewalk Dining Guidelines. According to a staff report prepared by Ross Fehrman, acting planning manager, the streamlining improves clarity and allows design standards to be updated administratively while maintaining safety, accessibility and consistency in the public right-of-way.

During Council's closed session, they will hear updates on seven different lawsuits and negotiations over the purchase and/or sale of several pieces of property.

While the city is talking to various buyers about selling the parking lot at 4th/5th and Arizona, it's in discussions to purchase property on Pico that could be used as homeless housing.

Several councilmembers are asking for items to be discussed including a proposal to realign the work of the city's landmarking efforts and develop a new plan to address traffic accidents as the city's decade old "vision zero" policy has failed to make a meaningful impact.

Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

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ELECTION

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election on the Council this year. They are currently held by Torosis, Lana Negrete and Jesse Zwick. Negrete and Zwick have yet to make official statements regarding their future although Zwick has expressed reservations about running again due to family obligations and restrictions on his participation imposed by state regulators due to his job as a housing advocate.

Mignano is the current President of the school board and the first of four incumbents to file. The other three with terms expiring this year are Laurie Lieberman, Stacy Rouse, and Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

No candidates have opened accounts for the Rent Control Board or SMC Board of Trustees yet.

Candidates for local office must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old by Election Day and registered to vote in Santa Monica when nomination papers are issued. Filing is limited to a specific nomination period each election year, typically running from mid-July into early August ahead of the November general election.

Prospective candidates must pick up an official nomination packet from the City Clerk's Office at the start of the nomination period. The packet contains required forms and petitions for collecting voter signatures. Candidates need at least 100 valid signatures from registered Santa Monica voters to qualify for the ballot. All nomination papers, including signed petitions and other forms,

must be submitted to the City Clerk by the filing deadline.

Candidates must pay a \$25 filing fee when turning in their nomination documents. They may also submit an optional candidate statement for inclusion in the official voter guide mailed to voters, though the city charges about \$1,100 to print a council candidate's statement in the sample ballot pamphlet. Both the filing fee and any statement fee must be paid by the close of the nomination period.

Candidates who expect to raise more than \$2,000 or spend more than \$1,000 must establish a campaign committee by filing a Statement of Organization with the California Secretary of State and registering with the City Clerk's Office. Santa Monica also enforces local limits on individual donations to council campaigns.

California's Political Reform Act requires periodic disclosure of all campaign contributions and expenditures. Local candidates file routine campaign finance reports, including pre-election and semi-annual statements, through Santa Monica's electronic disclosure system.

Several individuals have expressed some level of interest in running this year but have yet to fill out paperwork including Doug Trussler (Co-Founder and Partner at Bison Capital Asset Management) and former Mayor Phil Brock. Ericka Lesley, also a current member of the Rent Control Board, has said she plans to run.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: #021026SH Santa Monica College Bundy Campus Fencing Repair

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter called "the District" will receive up to, but not later than, the below-stated date and time, bids for: Santa Monica College is accepting bids for fencing repair services at the Santa Monica College Bundy Campus.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#>.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 03/09/2026, by 2:00pm
 All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above.
 Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District via the bidding website, prior to the date and time set forth, shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: 02/18/2026, 10:00 AM sharp. Santa Monica College Bundy Campus 3171 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles (meet on the corner of Bundy & Airport). Bidder attendance at Job Walk is mandatory. Sign-In required & late arrivals not permitted.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$30,000.00

CONTRACT DAYS: 5-7

The Bidder is required to have at time of bid submission and throughout the duration of the project: **CSLB B** license & CADIR registration. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

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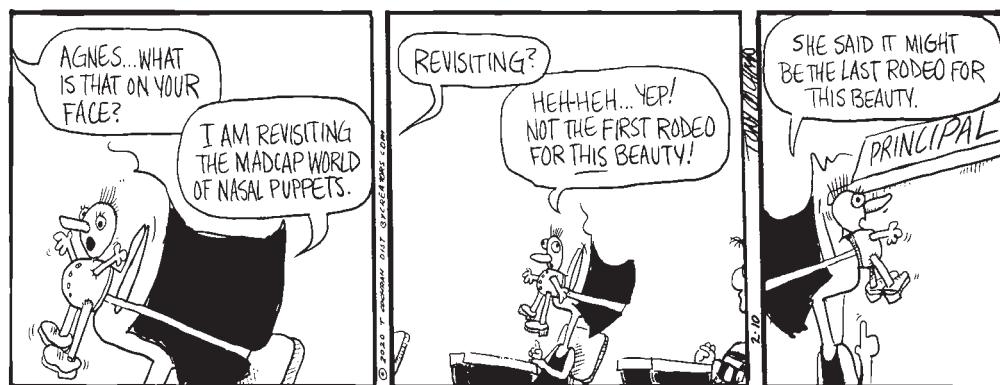
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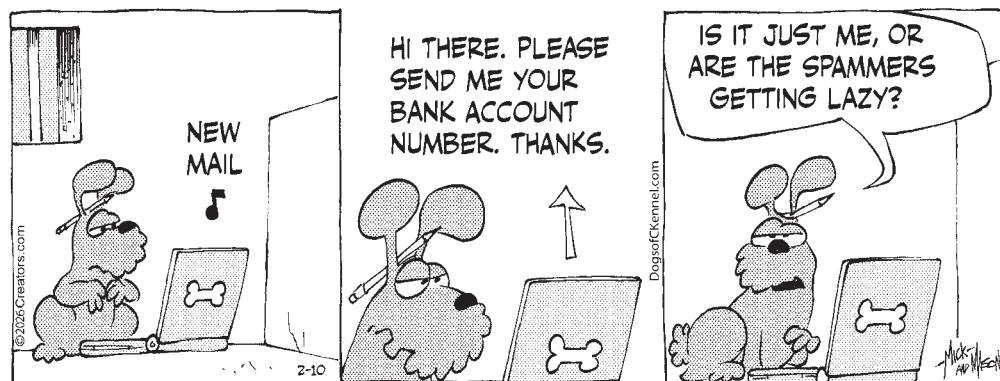
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 10)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The easiest time to share your expectations is at the start of an interaction or right after a boundary gets crossed. Waiting too long can feel awkward, but it's still better to speak up than stay silent. Clear communication makes everything smoother.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Of course you like what's familiar - it's comfortable and it works. You also get bored if you stay there too long. Today, curiosity nudges you toward the unknown. You don't need courage, just enough interest to see what happens next.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're so strong and forever showing up for everyone else. It's not wrong to wish someone would take care of you for a change. Whether or not that person arrives, it's safe today for you to soften into a moment that holds and supports you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Balance isn't perfect, but it's possible. A gentle recalibration can reset a relationship so things can continue in a more sustainable direction. A word spoken, a boundary observed or a choice made in the name of harmony will improve the vibes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're kind and diplomatic, but that doesn't mean you miss or overlook the mistakes. It's good that you see them all - yours and theirs - because each is an opportunity to improve. Make a private note. Strategize before acting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Expect surprise? That's an oxymoron. The very nature of surprise is that it defies expectation. Still, when the unexpected arrives, yield to it like a kung fu master yielding to an opponent's force, incorporating the momentum into your next move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't require that everyone conform to your expectations. Maybe you don't even have expectations to begin with. That's the best position because then you can really see reality for what it is and accurately assess the potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everything is easier when your head is in the right place, but how do you get there? Like external weather, the internal weather can be unpredictable. Your breath will be like the wind. Deep breathing will blow away the mental clouds and fog, clearing the atmosphere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not expecting trouble, but if it comes, you'd be ready, and this gives you quite a lot of confidence. So even if you never use the "emergency protein bar" or candles in case of a power outage, or the Apple AirTag on your keychain, you'll use the confidence it gives you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to go invisible to care for others, but sometimes it's not a bad idea. Some players are easier to manage when they feel like the main character. Today, you'll get what you want and need by working behind the scenes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A wise part of you is always listening. Old guidance sometimes waits for the right moment. Someone gave you advice you didn't think much of at the time, but now it applies rather directly. You'll act on what you've learned to excellent effect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be choosing your responsibilities, and that feels different from being asked or told what to do. Even when the work is assigned, you're still ultimately in charge of what you pick up or set down. Those conscious decisions turn obligation into self-respect today.

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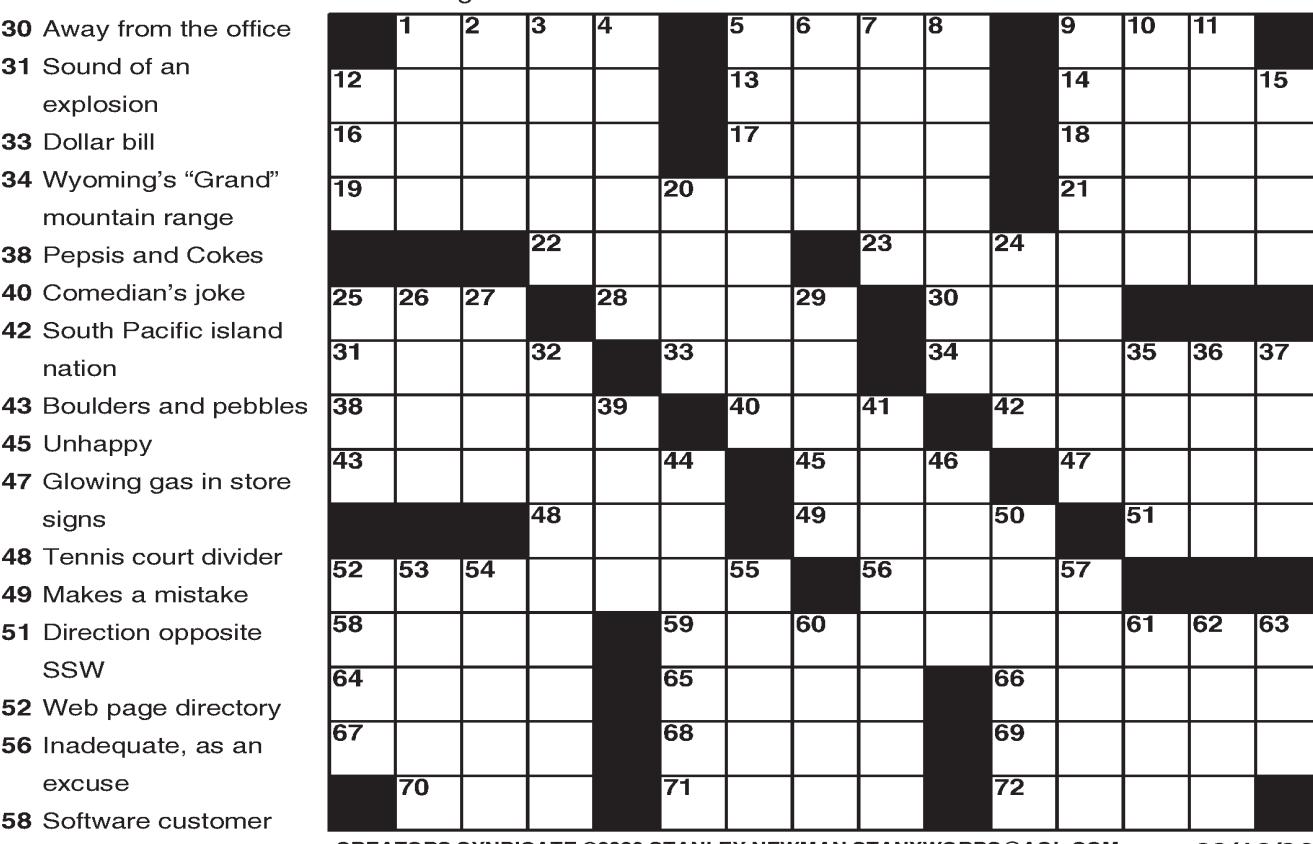
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22 Breathing organ
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30 Away from the office
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34 Wyoming's "Grand"
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9 Big Apple island
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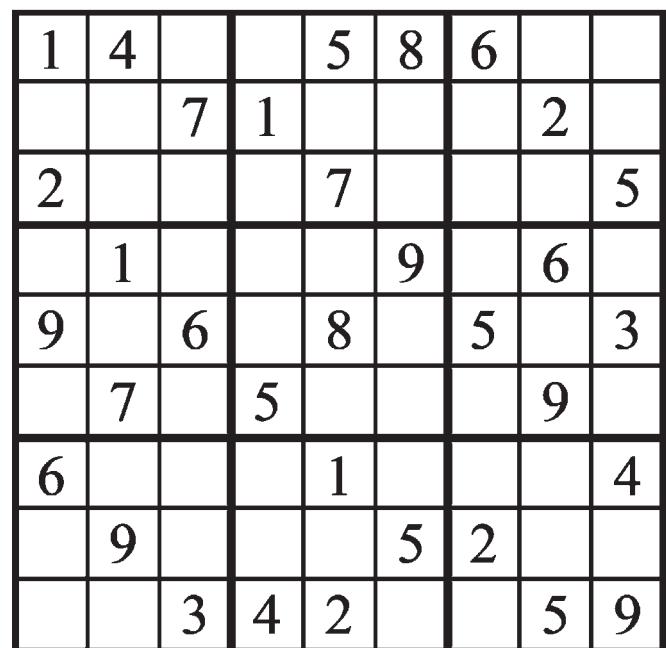
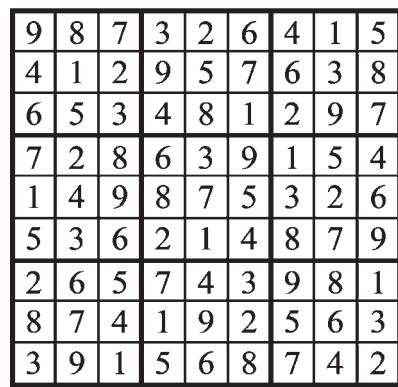
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Summons

Name Change

DBA

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) Case No. 25STLC00212. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Sharron Valk. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Law Office of Benjamin Kanani, APC. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center, your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 312 N Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is: Benjamin F. Kanani, Esq., Law Office of Benjamin Kanani, APC, 8730 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 310, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, (310) 593-9592. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/10/2026, 02/17/2026, 02/24/2026, 03/03/2026

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00039. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, California 90210. Petition of Don Edward Reeve Jr. for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Don Edward Reeve Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Don Edward Reeve Jr. to Arius Edward Reeve. 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: 03/06/2026, Time: 8:30am Dept: K. 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: 01/23/2026. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 01/29/2026, 02/03/2026, 02/10/2026, 02/17/2026

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026012115. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REDWOOD

OUTDOORS, 30 NORTH GOULD ST STE 1918, SHERIDAN, WY 82801, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): RED ROCK OUTDOORS CO, 30 NORTH GOULD STREET STE 1918, SHERIDAN, WY 82801. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2019. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ KILLIAN LANNEN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/16/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/03/2026, 02/10/2026, 02/17/2026, 02/24/2026, 03/03/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026023511. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHRONOS VISUALS, 27212 CALYPSO LANE, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91351, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): ROMAN MICHAEL LATELA, 27212 CALYPSO LANE, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91351. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ ROMAN MICHAEL LATELA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/2/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/10/2026, 02/17/2026, 02/24/2026, 03/03/2026

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TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 10

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park. Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! For more information call (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2026-02-10T10>

WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Laurie Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications, studying for...Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-02-10T14>

SUSHI-MAKING CLASSES AT SOKO

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Fairmont Miramar - Soko Sushi 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica. This February, discover the art of sushi at Soko with a new hands-on sushi-making class led by Chef Masa Shimakawa. This 90-minute, beginner-friendly experience begins with a sparkling sake welcome drink followed by guided instruction on crafting classic salmon, yellowtail, crab, and tuna rolls. Perfect for couples, best friends, or anyone looking to elevate their Valentine's Day celebration with a playful twist on the traditional dinner date. \$114.00 - \$114 per ticket + tax. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sushi-making-classes-at-soko/17977012/2026-02-10T17>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2026-02-10T17>

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10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes!

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WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 11

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! 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, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2026-02-11T08>

STAR STORIES WITH PAM

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. STAR Stories With Pam Children are invited to share the joy of storytelling and reading with our special STAR volunteer, Pam. Come three times and take home a free book. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/star-stories-with-pam/15607289/2026-02-11T12>

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-17751141/2026-02-11T12>

WINE WEDNESDAY AT THE WHALER

101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. \$15 wine flights & half off bottles of wine all day every Wednesday! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wine-wednesday-at-the-whaler/16952883/2026-02-11T00>

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 12

AUTHOR TALK WITH DR. LINDSEY STEWART

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Feminist philosopher Dr. Lindsey Stewart's book, The Conjuring of America: Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic, tells the stories of Negro Mammies of slavery; the Voodoo Queens and Blues Women of Reconstruction; and the Granny Midwives and textile weavers of the Jim Crow era. These women, in secrecy and subterfuge, courageously and devotedly continued their practices and worship for centuries and passed down their traditions. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-dr-lindsey-stewart/17839310/2026-02-12T11>

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