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Suspect in fatal hit and run arrested after fleeing to Chicago

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Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department has arrested a suspect in connection with a fatal hit-and-run collision that killed two pedestrians and seriously injured two others on Oct. 24 in the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard.

Alex Kristopher Earl Kirksey, 38, was taken into custody in Chicago after fleeing California in the days following the crash, police announced. He has been charged by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office with two counts of vehicular manslaughter, two counts of felony hit-and-run resulting in injury, and one count of reckless driving.

The victims killed in the collision were identified as Maura Cohen and Brad Lipshy, both 61 years old.

Following the collision, the police department's Major Accident Response Team assumed the lead on the investigation. Given the seriousness of the incident and the suspect's efforts to evade arrest, detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division were brought in to assist.

Through extensive investigative work, detectives identified Kirksey as the responsible driver. Evidence revealed that the involved vehicle had been rented through an online platform by a woman who knew Kirksey.

The investigation also revealed that the person who rented the vehicle traveled to the scene after the collision, sought information about what occurred, and later assisted the suspect in leaving the state. The extent of that individual's involvement remains under investigation and will be evaluated by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

These findings supported the issuance of search warrants, during which detectives recovered additional evidence — including contact information and electronic records — that helped determine Kirksey's location.





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ARREST: Police said the suspect fled not just the scene, but the entire state before being arrested in Chicago.

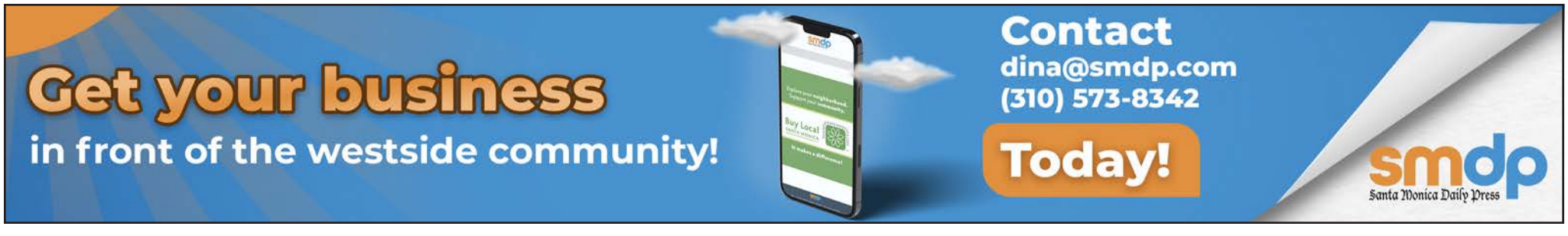
Working with law enforcement partners in the Midwest, Santa Monica police detectives tracked Kirksey to Chicago. With the assistance of the Chicago Police Department, he was taken into custody at or near a transit center as he appeared to be attempting to flee further. Kirksey has since been extradited from Illinois and is currently in the custody of the Santa Monica Police Department.

"This arrest reflects the persistence and professionalism of our investigators, who worked tirelessly to identify and locate those responsible for this senseless act," said Interim Chief Darrick Jacob. "While nothing can undo the pain this tragedy caused, this marks an important step toward justice for the victims and their families."

"We are united with law enforcement in seeking justice for Maura Cohen and Brad Lipshy, who were 61 years old when they were tragically killed simply exiting a restaurant, and the two other victims who suffered critical injuries," said Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman. "I'm thankful to the Santa Monica Police Department for their thorough work on this ongoing investigation and our prosecutors who worked around the clock with investigators to ensure the defendant would be arrested and face his day in court. We have a message for criminals: You will not escape the law. Our office will continue to advocate for the victims as the case progresses through the criminal justice system."

Anyone with additional information related to this case is urged to contact Traffic Investigator Lantz Lewis at (310) 458-2201 ext. 5311, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at (310) 458-8427.

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Ice at Santa Monica opens on Friday



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SKATE: The popular winter tradition opens for the season on Nov. 7.

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Downtown Santa Monica's beloved seasonal ice rink returns Friday for its 17th season, transforming a city block into a winter wonderland just blocks from the Pacific Ocean.

Ice at Santa Monica, presented by Disney+ and Hulu, opens with a grand opening celebration Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. at 1324 5th Street. The free kickoff event features complimentary ice skating on a first-come, first-served basis, a live DJ, on-ice skating performances, giveaways and a "snow" surprise.

The rink will operate daily through Jan. 19, 2026, from noon to 10 p.m. Admission is $22 for a 60-minute session, including skate rental.

Since launching, the outdoor rink has evolved into one of Santa Monica's most cherished winter traditions. The venue sits at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, offering the novelty of ice skating near the beach in Southern California.

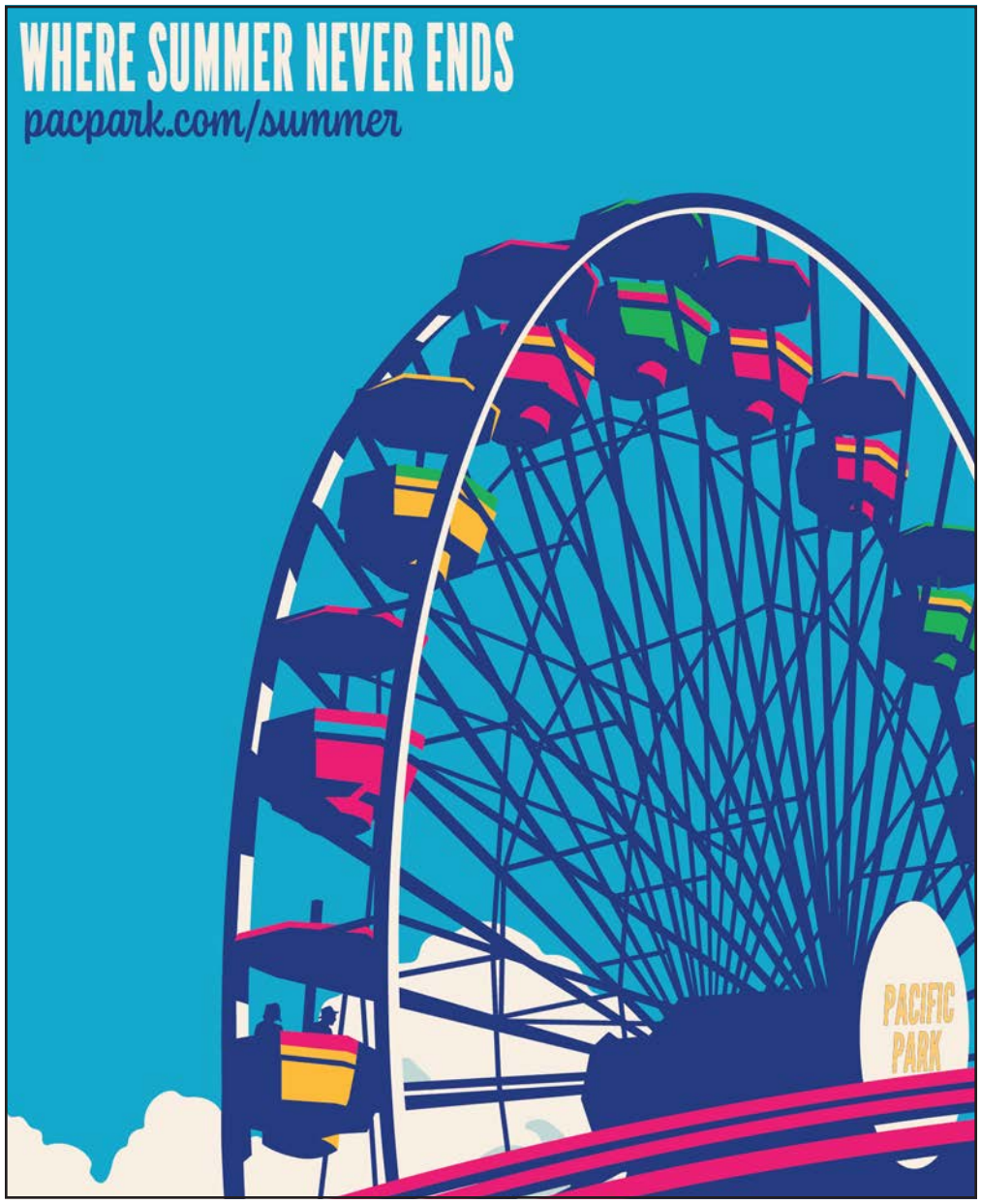
The rink has drawn tens of thousands of visitors over the years, becoming a festive gathering place where residents and tourists celebrate the holiday season together. The tradition was temporarily halted during the COVID-19 pandemic and technical problems kept it dark longer than anticipated. When the rink returned in late 2022, organizers used the hiatus to plan major upgrades.

The venue now features an ice surface exceeding 8,000 square feet of real ice, plus a dedicated 720-square-foot kids' skating area. The 2023 season introduced a new reusable aluminum foundation for better efficiency and sustainability, along with transparent rink boards, fire pit lounges and food and merchandise kiosks that transformed the space into a winter village.

This season's highlights include Taylor Swift Birthday Celebration on Dec. 13, a New Year's Eve East Coast Countdown on Dec. 31, and Disney+ and Hulu Themed Nights every Tuesday. Classical Sundays presented by KUSC will feature live music at noon and 1:30 p.m. sessions.

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Trump pressures GOP senators to end the government shutdown, now the longest ever

President Donald Trump lashed out Wednesday at Senate Republicans to end the government shutdown, now the longest ever at 36 days, blaming the impasse for the party's defeat in closely-watched elections while Democrats, emboldened by their off-year victories, dug in for a fight.

Trump, whose first term at the White House set the previous government shutdown record, said this one was a "big factor, negative" in Tuesday's races. He revived his demands for Republicans to end the Senate filibuster as a way to reopen government — something senators have refused to do.

At the same time, Democrats hardened their resolve after sweeping governor's races in Virginia and New Jersey and the mayor's race in New York. The Democratic leaders said Trump needs to get serious about negotiating an end to the stalemate and resolve the problem of expiring health care subsidies that are central to the debate.

"The election results ought to send a much needed bolt of lightning to Donald Trump that he should meet with us to end this crisis," said Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York.

Now into a sixth week, the shutdown and its impacts have deepened nationwide. The federal closures are disrupting the lives of millions of Americans with program cuts, flight delays and workers scrambling to make do without paychecks. Officials have warned of a worsening climate to come, including chaos in the skies. The Federal Aviation Administration said it will reduce air traffic starting Friday in major markets.

ELECTIONS BRING AN INFLECTION POINT, AND TRUMP'S FILIBUSTER DEMANDS

Expectations were high that the logjam would break once results were tallied in elections that were widely watched as a gauge of voter sentiment over Trump's second term.

But Trump's demands on Wednesday that Republican senators get rid of the filibuster as a way to end the shutdown complicated an already difficult situation. And Democrats facing divisions within their progressive and moderate ranks said the results showed that voters will reward them for the fight.

"It's time for Republicans to do what they have to do, and that's terminate the filibuster," Trump said during a breakfast meeting Wednesday with GOP senators at the White House.

Trump told the GOP senators they could bring the shutdown to a close by ending the Senate rule, which requires a 60-vote threshold for advancing most legislation, and steamroll the Democratic minority. Republicans now hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate, and Democrats have been able to block legislation that would fund the government, having voted more than a dozen times against.

That push from Trump is likely to go unheeded by Republican senators — Senate Majority Leader John Thune said later changing the filibuster does not have support and is "not happening" — but it could spur them to deal with the Democrats.

TRUMP SETS ANOTHER SHUTDOWN RECORD

Trump's approach to the shutdown stands in marked contrast to his first term, when the government was partially closed for 35 days over his demands for money to build the U.S.-Mexico border wall. At that time, he met publicly and negotiated with congressional leaders. Unable to secure the money, he relented in 2019.

This time, Trump stayed out of the shutdown debate, instead keeping a robust schedule of global travel and events, including at his private Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. And it's not just Trump declining to engage in talks. The congressional leaders are at a standoff, and House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., sent lawmakers home in September after they approved their own funding bill, refusing further negotiations.

A "sad landmark," Johnson said at a news conference Wednesday about the record shutdown.

The speaker dismissed his party's election losses and said Democrats need to drop their demands on health care until after the government reopens.

Senators search for deal as shutdown fallout worsens

While talks have intensified among a loose coalition of centrist senators trying to negotiate an end to the shutdown, Democrats are also doubtful that any deal struck with the Republicans will be upheld unless Trump also agrees.

The Democrats said Trump's postelection unease with the shutdown should spark talks. But they also question whether the Republican president will keep his word, particularly after the administration restricted SNAP food aid despite court orders to ensure funds are available to prevent hunger.

And while moderate Democrats are quietly working toward an offramp, progressive Democrats are holding out for the best deal possible.

"It would be very strange for the American people to have weighed in, in support of Democrats standing up and fighting for them, and within days for us to surrender without having achieved any of the things that we've been fighting for," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn.

In the meantime, food aid, child care money and countless other government services are being seriously interrupted. Hundreds of thousands of federal workers have been furloughed or expected to come to work without pay.

"Can this be over now?" Thune, R-S.D., said as he returned from the White House breakfast. "Have the American people suffered enough?"

SKYROCKETING HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS AT ISSUE

Central to any resolution will be a series of agreements that would need to be upheld not only by the Senate, but also by the House, and the White House, which is not at all certain.

Senators from both parties are pushing to ensure the normal government funding process in Congress can be put back on track, eyeing a smaller package of bills that has widespread support to fund various aspects

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Weather

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 67. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 57. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. North wind around 5 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 59.

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Ice at Santa Monica, LA Wine & Food Festival, and More!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Ice at Santa Monica Grand Opening, LA Wine & Food Festival, and much more!

LOL Comedy & Tapas Night at Telefèric Barcelona: Enjoy a live entertainment experience that pairs stand-up comedy with authentic Spanish cuisine. Each performance transforms the restaurant's outdoor patio into an intimate setting full of laughter, great food, and community spirit. Thursday, Nov. 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m., 11930 San Vicente Blvd. opentable.com/r/teleferic-barcelona-los-angeles

Wine & Wagyu at Bar Fogo: Sample side-by-side Wagyu Ribeye alongside Bone-in Ribeye, paired with premium VIK wines of your choice and savory bar bites including Brazilian-style Empanadas, Bacon Wrap Steak, and more. Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, 6:30 - 8:30p.m., 1551 Ocean Ave. opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1381726&restref=1381726&experienceId=558050

Swim & Saba: Kick off your Friday with an early morning dip in the ocean, followed by discounted coffee. RSVP for the exact location. instagram.com/p/DQmmmc5j58d/

Ice at Santa Monica Grand Opening: ❄️Santa Monica's beloved ice rink, presented by Disney + and Hulu, is back from November 7 to January 19. You're invited to the grand opening and it's totally FREE! The festivities kick off with the Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, Nov. 7, 6 - 10p.m. Guests can enjoy free ice skating, a live DJ, on-ice skating performances , giveaways and a magical "snow" surprise. 1324 5th St. https://iceatsantamonica.com/santa-monica-events/

Shades Indoors Brings House Music to ZJ's: What started as a small gathering of friends has grown into one of Santa Monica's favorite nights out. Join house music pop-up series Shades Indoors at ZJ Boarding House this Friday. Each ticket includes a free pair of shades, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Ocean Park Association. Friday, Nov. 7, 9pm, 2619 Main St. .instagram.com/shades.indoors/

Fly Me to the Moon – An Evening with Sinatra: Get ready for an unforgettable night of timeless music, community spirit, and generosity, headlined by Richard Shelton, the world's leading dramatic interpreter of Frank Sinatra. This special evening supports SCF's mission to ensure academic equity for local K-12 students through high-impact tutoring and social-emotional learning programs. Saturday, Nov. 8, SaMo Bay Woman's Club 1210 4th St. eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-sinatra-a-benefit-for-southeast-community-foundation-tickets-1400348583309

A Morning with Our Mayor @ the Main Street Community Garden: Stroll through this unique habitat which has hundreds of plant varieties, insects and a seemingly endless supply of ideas for your home garden. Our team of dedicated and seasoned gardeners will have vegetable and flower seeds for distribution, warm coffee, fresh pastries, and plenty of tips on what to plant and the techniques which are most successful. Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 - 11a.m., 2318 Main St. santamonica.gov/events/4n0rcec226geqr1dr3bxg6qk4f/202511080900

Tiles & Treats: If you've been wanting to learn mahjong, here's a really sweet way to do it. $10 nabs a spot at Wanderlust Creamery, 609 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. Saturday, Nov 8, 2p.m. https://partiful.com/e/g6clgq529dGdBiSB8uxn

Haunted Mansion Cabaret at Illusion Magic Lounge: Reincarnating the spirits of the Haunted Mansion in a burlesque tribute that will tickle your funny bone and have you screaming for more. Saturday, Nov. 8th, 9:30p.m., 1418 4th St. eventbrite.com/e/haunted-mansion-cabaret-a-spirited-tease-tickets-1884311509449

Travis Barker's Run Travis Run: This wellness-and-running experience created by Travis Barker invites fans and fitness enthusiasts to join him for 5K runs, wellness workshops, and mindful activities. Sunday, Nov. 9, 9a.m. runtravisrun.com/santamonica

AJA Vineyards Succ + Sip - A Pumpkin & Succulent Decor Workshop: Enjoy a pumpkin succulent decor workshop hosted by Santa Monica community member Earl Clarkston. Tickets $55 per person includes a 3 wine flight and succulent pumpkin class. $50 for AJA wine club members. Sunday, Nov. 9, 2p.m., 1417 2nd St. ajavineyards.orderport.net/product-details/0198/Succ-plus-Sip-A-Pumpkin-and-Succulent-Decor-Workshop

Veterans Day Celebration: The city of Santa Monica will join the U.S. Army for a Veterans Day ceremony on the Santa Monica Pier. The event will feature exciting performances, distinguished guests, and more. The ceremony, which will take place on the Pier's west parking deck, is free and open to the public. Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11a.m. santamonica.com/event/veterans-day-celebration



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FOOD: It's a good weekend to eat and drink in Santa Monica.

Plastic People Documentary Film Screening & Panel Discussion: Plastic People is an award-winning feature documentary that chronicles humanity's fraught relationship with plastic and one woman's mission to expose shocking new revelations about the impact of microplastics on human health. FREE. Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7p.m., Laemmle Monica Film Center, 1332 2nd St. events.humanitix.com/plastic_people

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

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

LA Wine & Food Festival: During the 3-day event, guests will savor dishes from exciting local and internationally acclaimed chefs, sip beverage selections from top regional and international producers, and experience the cultural mosaic that makes this city a global food capital. From innovative tasting experiences to immersive pop-ups and artistic food installations, the festival is a feast for the senses—where food, culture, and art merge in the most delicious and Angelyne way. I am going Sunday and am looking forward to it! Friday–Sunday, Nov. 7–9, Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave. lawineandfood.com

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, Nov. 7, starting at 5p.m. abbotkinneyblvd.com

Pasjoli's Burnt Basque Cheesecake Listed on The Infatuation's "Best Desserts In LA" List: "The best dishes at Pasjoli involve some sort of oozing cheese, and turns out, that also includes dessert. This slim slice of Basque-style cheesecake with a blackened top is almost all cheese and no cake, with a custardy, fondue-esque middle that spills out like lava. A bit of tangy crème fraîche keeps things from veering sweet." 2732 Main St. theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-best-desserts-in-la

New SoCal Vibes Bar and Tasting Room Now Open at 119 Broadway: Be the first to experience this new spot in Santa Monica! Socal Vibes is a beach-themed cider house and tasting room offering a diverse selection of craft beverages, including their famous Honest Abe cider, delicious meads, fresh cocktails, and a rotating food menu with indoor and outdoor seating. The Santa Monica location features a casual atmosphere with live music and game nights! The company also pledges 1% of its profits to environmental efforts through the Surfrider Foundation. instagram.com/socalvibesco/

Xuntos Launching a Wine Club: It features a monthly collection "built on the belief that wines should ring true to their origins — & be fun to drink." They also offer

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Santa Monica College foundation to feed 2,400 students at annual holiday event

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

What began nine years ago as a backyard Thanksgiving dinner for 38 homeless and international students has grown into a massive community effort that will provide free holiday groceries to more than 2,400 Santa Monica College students facing food insecurity.

The Santa Monica College Foundation will host its 9th Annual GIVING THANKS(giving) event Nov. 24-25, transforming the campus into a farmer's market-style distribution where students can select fresh produce, grains, pantry staples and protein for their holiday meals.

According to Dr. Lizzy Moore, president of the SMC Foundation, the event began with a simple act of compassion nine years ago when she and her colleague, Associate Dean of Student Instructional Support Wendi DeMorst, recognized that many students had nowhere to go for the holidays, particularly those who were homeless or international students far from home.

The event addresses a critical need at the college, where 67% of SMC's 26,000 students come from low-income households and more than half are the first in their families to attend college. The timing is particularly urgent this year, as the college's food pantry has experienced a 20% increase in daily visits and students face an impending freeze on CalFresh benefit distribution.

"This year, the offerings are particularly heartfelt due to the government shutdown and the impact on CalFresh benefits, which approximately 16,000 of our students and their families rely on," Moore said.

The foundation has set a fundraising goal of $250,000 to sustain GIVING THANKS(giving) and year-round basic needs programs that provide free groceries, hygiene products, baby supplies and emergency grants to help students stay enrolled.

What started as an intimate gathering has evolved dramatically over the years. Moore and DeMorst initially hosted students at Moore's home from 2017 to 2019, with attendance doubling and then tripling each year. When COVID-19 struck in 2020, the event pivoted to a drive-through distribution model before transforming into its current farmer's market format.

"What began as a backyard gathering for 38 students has grown into a large-scale communitywide effort, last year serving 2,400 students," Moore said.

The event now mobilizes hundreds of volunteers from across the Santa Monica community, including students, faculty, staff and local residents who pack grocery bags, distribute food and provide support. This year, organizers have added a winter coat drive with a goal of collecting 1,200 gently used adult-size coats and jackets for students.



Keats Elliott

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The coat distribution takes place at SMC's Bodega Rack, part of the college's year-round food pantry known as the Bodega. A dedicated team of volunteers called "The Bodega Rack-Pack" curates the clothing collection throughout the year to support on-campus distribution.

Students learn about GIVING THANKS(giving) through multiple outreach channels, including social media, visits to the campus food pantry, counselors and the Associated Students government. After nine years, the event has become a trusted and anticipated resource on campus.

"The feedback from students is overwhelmingly relief knowing that GIVING THANKS(giving) is a reliable resource, reducing the stress during the holidays and allowing students to focus on their studies," Moore said. "For some, it's the first time they've been able to prepare a full holiday meal on their own or share it with friends and family."

Students describe the impact as extending beyond food assistance. "Year after year, students express that this event is more than a food giveaway—it's about feeling seen, supported, and part of a community that believes in them," Moore said.

GIVING THANKS(giving) is part of SMC's comprehensive Basic Needs Program, which operates year-round to address food insecurity and other challenges that can derail students' academic progress.

Community members can support the effort through financial donations, volunteering or donating winter coats. Volunteers can sign up for shifts online, and financial contributions can be made at foundation.smc.edu/thanksgiving. For more information about donating or volunteering, contact Katie Moe, development director, at (310) 434-8583 or moe_katherine@smc.edu.

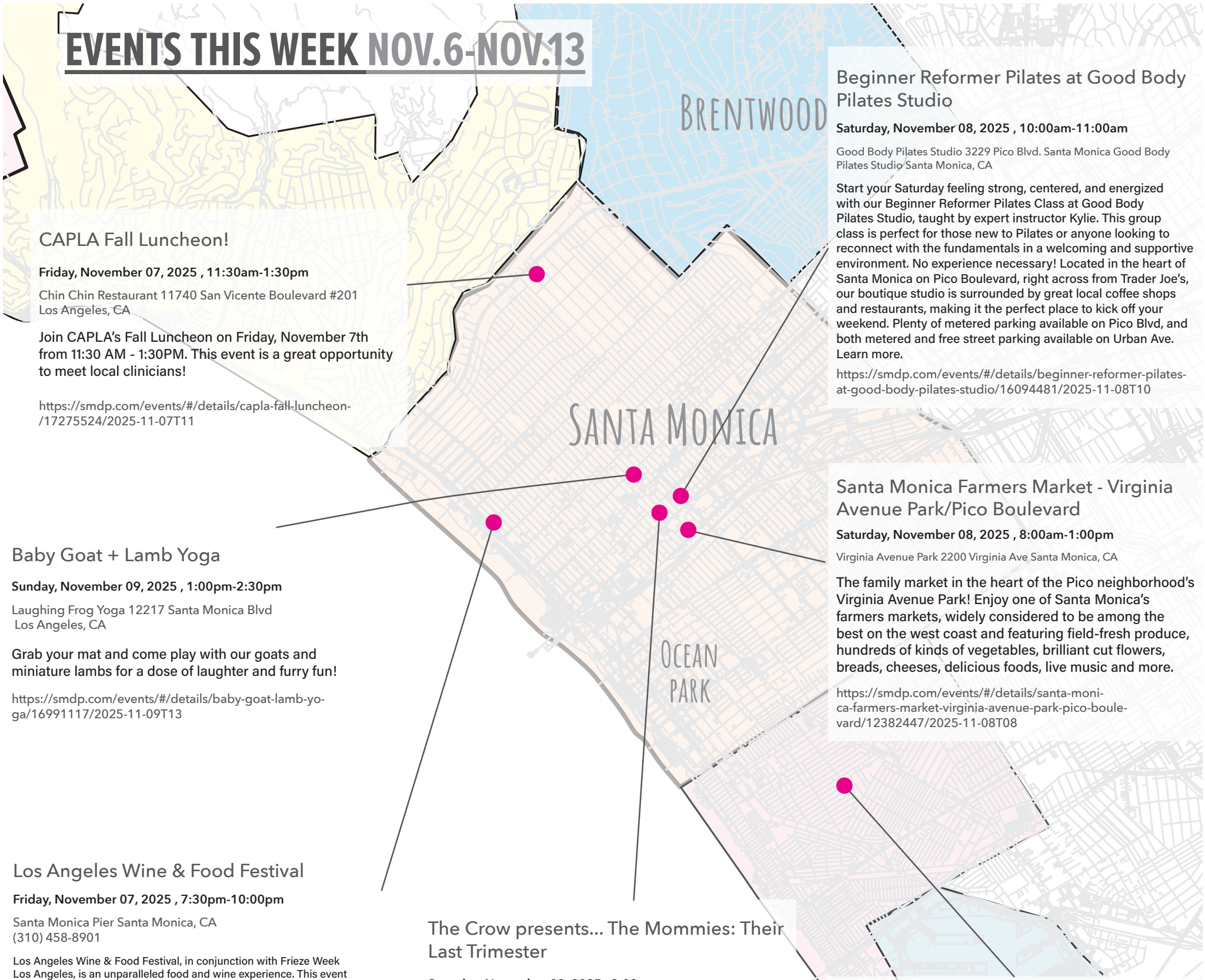
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Join CAPLA's Fall Luncheon on Friday, November 7th from 11:30 AM - 1:30PM. This event is a great opportunity to meet local clinicians!

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/capla-fall-luncheon-/17275524/2025-11-07T11

Beginner Reformer Pilates at Good Body Pilates Studio

Saturday, November 08, 2025 , 10:00am-11:00am

Good Body Pilates Studio 3229 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Good Body Pilates Studio Santa Monica, CA

Start your Saturday feeling strong, centered, and energized with our Beginner Reformer Pilates Class at Good Body Pilates Studio, taught by expert instructor Kylie. This group class is perfect for those new to Pilates or anyone looking to reconnect with the fundamentals in a welcoming and supportive environment. No experience necessary! Located in the heart of Santa Monica on Pico Boulevard, right across from Trader Joe's, our boutique studio is surrounded by great local coffee shops and restaurants, making it the perfect place to kick off your weekend. Plenty of metered parking available on Pico Blvd, and both metered and free street parking available on Urban Ave. Learn more.

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/beginner-reformer-pilates-at-good-body-pilates-studio/16094481/2025-11-08T10

Santa Monica Farmers Market - Virginia Avenue Park/Pico Boulevard

Saturday, November 08, 2025 , 8:00am-1:00pm

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica, CA

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.

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-farmers-market-virginia-avenue-park-pico-boulevard/12382447/2025-11-08T08

Baby Goat + Lamb Yoga

Sunday, November 09, 2025 , 1:00pm-2:30pm

Laughing Frog Yoga 12217 Santa Monica Blvd
Los Angeles, CA

Grab your mat and come play with our goats and miniature lambs for a dose of laughter and furry fun!

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/baby-goat-lamb-yoga/16991117/2025-11-09T13

Los Angeles Wine & Food Festival

Friday, November 07, 2025 , 7:30pm-10:00pm

Santa Monica Pier Santa Monica, CA
(310) 458-8901

Los Angeles Wine & Food Festival, in conjunction with Frieze Week Los Angeles, is an unparalleled food and wine experience. This event brings together an impressive lineup of 90 participating chefs, including 15 headliners, each contributing their unique culinary mastery to this celebration. Experience the transformation of this iconic location into an Angeleno wonderland and immerse yourself in the City of Angels, where the Pacific breeze meets top-notch cuisine. Los Angeles Wine & Food Festival isn't just an event; it's a celebration of California's places, people, and produce in collaboration with art and entertainment. For tickets and more info, click here.

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/los-angeles-wine-food-festival/16452339/2025-11-07T19

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

The Crow presents... The Mommies: Their Last Trimester

Saturday, November 08, 2025 , 3:00pm

Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave
Santa Monica, CA

The Crow presents the irreverent comedy from former Valley girls Caryl Kristensen and Marilyn Kentz:The Mommies: Their Last Trimester. In this effervescent, two-women show, Caryl and Marilyn reflect on their accidental road to fame, and how easy it was to go down the Hollywood ladder. They bring to light the good, the bad, and the stupid, and how lost they were in the world of their NBC sitcom and ABC talk show. Now, 30 years later, the two former next-door neighbors are back on stage laughing about this new version of life as "Grand-Mommies." They reveal their thoughts about aging in public, family, chin hairs, and anxiety over where to tap the credit card to finally hear the damn beep. Interwoven with nostalgic clips and humorous musical parodies, this show promises to be an unforgettable matinee. $33.77.

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-crow-presents-the-mommies-their-last-trimester/17103440/2025-11-08T15

Oakwood Roots Farmers and Wellness Market

Thursday, November 06, 2025 , 11:00am-6:00pm

685 Westminster Ave Venice, CA

Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus.

https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2025-11-06T11

Wicked Actor returns to local Boys and Girls Club



Courtesy photo

HOMECOMING: Actor Marissa Bode, who made history the first performer to portray Nessarose in Wicked who, like her character, uses a wheelchair in real life, returned to a familiar stage — the local Boys & Girls Club where she once led arts and theatre programming — for an inspiring fireside chat and musical moment with nearly 50 local middle schoolers. Hosted in partnership with Fandango and Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the event was part of the "Wicked: For Good" campaign, which invites fans to round up their ticket purchases to support Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide. During the visit, Marissa shared her journey from Club mentor to Hollywood actor, discussed the importance of authentic representation in film and never giving up on your dreams, and joined Club members in a live surprise performance of a song from Wicked.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC Global Motion World Dance Company Performs November 8-9

Santa Monica College's Global Motion World Dance Company will present its fall 2025 performance featuring dances from around the world Nov. 8-9 at The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage.

Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street at Santa Monica Boulevard. Students will showcase traditional and contemporary world dance styles including West African, Flamenco, Ballet, Asian, Hawaiian, Mexican Folklórico and Salsa.

The performance includes work by French dancer and choreographer Jade Lelievre, an SMC alumna who earned her Associate degree in Dance at the college. Lelievre, who grew up in Paris and trained at the Conservatory of Boulogne-Billancourt, moved to Los Angeles at 18 to pursue professional dance.

At SMC, Lelievre performed with both the Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater and Global Motion World Dance Company. She continues working as both a concert and commercial dancer while developing her somatic healing practice.

Global Motion was founded over 50 years ago by former SMC Dance Department chair Judith Douglas to bring knowledge and appreciation of diverse dance throughout the world.

The company operates under artistic direction of Raquel Ramirez and Sri Susilowati. Faculty choreographers include Laura Canellias, Keali'i Ceballos, Angela Jordan, Raquel Ramirez and Sri Susilowati. Guest choreographers are Jade Lelievre and Amayah Woodard.

Student choreographers include Lyric Limqueco, Venice West Gonzales, Sonny Lira and Mar Marroquin.

Advance tickets are $20 general admission with a modest service charge, available online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 Monday through Friday during limited hours. Day-of-performance tickets cost $23 and are available at The Broad Stage Box Office.

Free parking is available on premises. Seating is first-arrival basis.

More information is available at smc.edu/dance or by calling 310-434-8763.

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Jonathan Ng

CHOREOGRAPHY: SMC's Global Motion World Dance Company — with guest choreographer Jade Lelievre — will perform Saturday, Nov. 8, and Sunday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center.



THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 6

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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-11-06T11

REBUILD COMMITTEE - SANTA MONICA & PALIBU CHAMBER

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Rebuild Committee - Santa Monica & PaliBu Chamber Must be a Member to attend - either a member of Santa Monica Chamber or PaliBu Chamber. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/rebuild-committee-santa-monica-palibu-chamber/15499169/2025-11-06T15

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 7

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-11-07T08

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. RESERVE NOW. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-11-07T11

TRIVIAL COMEDY

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Avenue #Unit F4 Santa Monica. Come flex your knowledge AND enjoy a fun showcase of some hilarious comics who also have some favorite trivia fun facts too. In between sets, our host will be asking the audience trivia questions which you can answer for your chance at winning a cool prize! Recommended for 18 + (material is mature and can be compared to content seen in rated R films). $18.00 to $23.11. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/trivial-comedy/16607353/2025-11-07T20

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 8

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-11-08T11

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 9

THE WATERFRONT - SUNDAY REAL FUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy a bottomless brunch buffet Sundays at The Waterfront! The Waterfront Venice is a full-service restaurant celebrating Californian cuisine with views of the Pacific Ocean. Situated between Rose and Navy on the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk, our food & beverage menus celebrate California with carefully selected seasonal produce from local farms. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-waterfront-sunday-real-funday-brunch-buffet/14894114/2025-10-26T11

VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - SUNDAYS AT SUNSET

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. The parade follows a strict no-smoking or drinking policy, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Why Join? Connect with old and new friends. Celebrate the artistic and cultural spirit of Venice. Enjoy a safe and fun environment for all ages. So, light up your ride, bring your friends, and join us this Sunday at Windward Plaza. Don't forget to turn on your lights and practice safe cycling at night! Let's ride into the sunset together! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2025-10-26T00

Shohei Ohtani and the Los Angeles Dodgers are already talking about a World Series three-peat

The party's over and now the Los Angeles Dodgers are turning to 2026 with designs on winning a third consecutive World Series.

"What's better than two?" manager Dave Roberts asked at the team's rally at Dodger Stadium on Monday. "Three — three-peat! Three-peat!"

Roberts said he'd gotten permission from his friend Pat Riley to use the phrase that the Miami Heat president trademarked in 1988.

Soft-spoken and rarely seen team owner Mark Walter vowed to be "back next year" for another championship celebration.

First baseman Freddie Freeman told a sold out crowd, "Job in 2024, done. Job in 2025, done. Job in 2026 starts now."

With three titles in the last six years, the Dodgers next will attempt to equal the New York Yankees, who were the last team to win three consecutive championships from 1998-2000.

"I'm already thinking about the third time we're going to do this," two-way superstar Shohei Ohtani said.

It certainly seems possible. The team brings back all of its biggest names, alternately striking fear and grudging admiration in the hearts of baseball's other 29 teams. Los Angeles opened as +350 World Series favorites for 2026, according to Bet MGM Sportsbook.

Andrew Friedman, president of baseball operations, has already referred to this time as "the golden era of Dodgers baseball."

Throw in five National League pennants in the last nine years and 12 NL West titles in 13 years and, well, the word dynasty is becoming synonymous with the Dodgers.

"I think definitionally it's a dynasty," Friedman said. "For me, it's still evolving and growing and we want to add to it and we want to continue it and do everything we can to put it at a level where people after us have a hard time reaching."

The Dodgers won the title last year mixing and matching their relievers. This season, the starting rotation survived a string of injuries to return in time to pitch the team to its ninth World Series title in franchise history.

"It's really an exceptional, exceptional staff," Phillies president Dave Dombrowski said after his team lost to the Dodgers in the NL Division Series. "If you're going to beat them, you're really going to have to do everything right."

Ohtani was brought along slowly in his return to the mound this season after rehabbing from elbow surgery in December 2023. He produced another NL MVP-worthy season at the plate and with no restrictions on the mound next year could do things few think possible.

The Dodgers have seven free agents, although three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw officially retired when the World Series ended.

The two most prominent are Kiké Hernández and Game 7 hero Miguel Rojas, whose home run tied the game in the ninth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Dodgers figure to make a push to bring Hernández back. He was a regular starter in the postseason where some of his biggest exploits have occurred. Rojas has been valuable off the bench the last three years and his ability to play all three infield positions helped the team withstand injuries to Max Muncy and Tommy Edman. But he's 36 and the Dodgers may want to acquire youth off the bench.

The other four free agents are Michael Conforto and pitchers Andrew Heaney, Michael Kopech and Kirby Yates. None of them made any of the team's postseason rosters.

Conforto hit .199 and never lived up to his $17 million, one-year deal despite spending most of the season as the starting left fielder. Yates, who came in on a $13 million, one-year deal, had a 5.23 ERA in 41 1/3 innings pitched. He had three stints on the injured list and at 38 has hinted he might retire.

Kopech was part of a dominant bullpen that helped carry the Dodgers to their 2024 championship. But he began this season on the injured list and later had knee surgery. He was limited to pitching in 14 games before his season ended in September with another IL stint.

Heaney signed a minor league deal with the Dodgers in August and got called up on the next-to-last day of the regular season. He made one appearance, but more memorably he was the 62nd player used by the team, setting a franchise record.

Kershaw has been offered a job with the team by Friedman, so he may be a continuing presence around Chavez Ravine.

"I know they're going to get one more next year," he told the fans, "and I'm going to watch just like all of you."

By BETH HARRIS AP Sports Writer. AP Sports Writer Dan Gelston in Philadelphia contributed to this report.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Pico

Morgan-Wixson Theatre to Present 'The Drowsy Chaperone' November 8-December 7

The Morgan-Wixson Theatre's YES program will present "The Drowsy Chaperone," the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, from November 8 through December 7, closing the program's 20th season.

The production features music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, with book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar. Eve Keller directs, with producers Cori Goldberg, Karin Klein and Kasi Peters. Sarah Marie provides music direction and Ashley Douglas choreographs.

This witty parody of 1920s musical comedies is a show-within-a-show that celebrates theater's joy while poking fun at its clichés. The story begins when a die-hard musical theater fan known as "Man in Chair" plays his favorite cast album, bringing the fictional 1928 musical to life in his apartment.

The elaborate tale follows a Broadway starlet giving up stage life to marry her true love, while her desperate producer tries to stop the wedding. Characters include gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a Latin lover and a drunken chaperone.

The production features a 21-member all-youth cast ranging in age from 14 to 18. Cast members include Henry Anderson, Finnley Blaine, Jacob Carlin, Cat Casas, Maia Goldberg, London Hartmann, Joaquin Hosfeld, Cole Huang, Rahland Keller, Chase Klein, Molly Levitt, Lily Moss, Mia Negrete, Amelia Olson, Shai Painter, Felicity Peters, Catalina Ramirez, Harper Sawicki, Evan Simonowitz, Anna Stillman and Aydin Washington.

Performances run Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. with select Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and students, and $16 for children 12 and under.

Reservations are available at www.morgan-wixson.org or by calling 310-828-7519.

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PRODUCTION: The production features a 21-member all-youth cast ranging in age from 14 to 18.

AROUND TOWN

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optional add-ons like Aperitivos + Conservas or a rare "Gran Reserva" cellar pick. 516 Santa Monica Blvd. app.table22.com/product/bar-xuntos-wine-club

Shake Shack Launches Limited-Time French Onion Menu: Offerings include French Onion Soup Burger (quarter-pound beef patty topped with Gruyere cheese, caramelized onions, crispy sweet onions, and roasted garlic parmesan aioli), French Onion 'Shroom Burger, French Onion Shack Stack, Parmesan Garlic Fries, and Onion Rings. instagram.com/p/DOYrtI5ERnC

Salt & Straw Launches Thanksgiving Ice Cream Series: Flavors include Parker House Rolls w/ Salted Buttercream, Turkey Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce, Maple Koginut Squash with Pomegranate, Pumpkin Pie Tiramisu, and Cranberry Orange Sorbet. Now through Nov. 27, 1357 Abbot Kinney Blvd. & 11640 San Vicente Blvd. saltandstraw.com

Looking Ahead: SaMo City Tree Lighting (11/20); Montana Ave. Holiday Walk (12/6); Venice Holiday Sign Lighting (12/6); Main St. Tree Lighting & Holiday Party (12/7); SaMo 150th Anniversary Grand Finale Celebration (12/13); SANTA Monica Pub Crawl (12/13); Meet Me Under the Fig Tree (12/14)

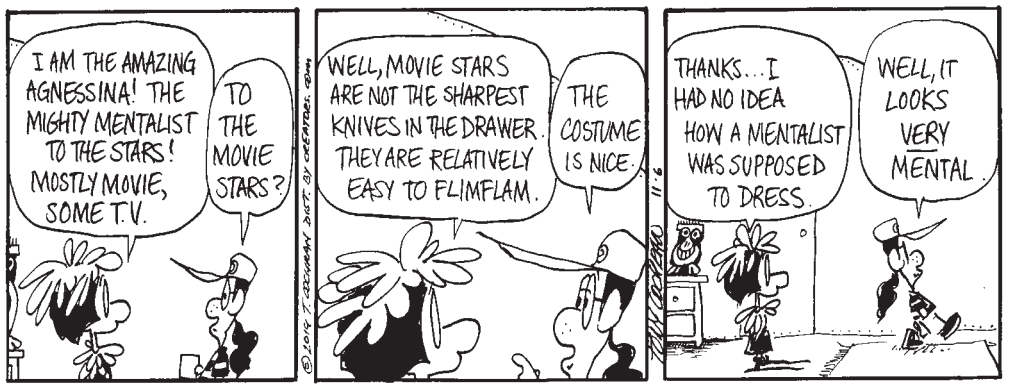
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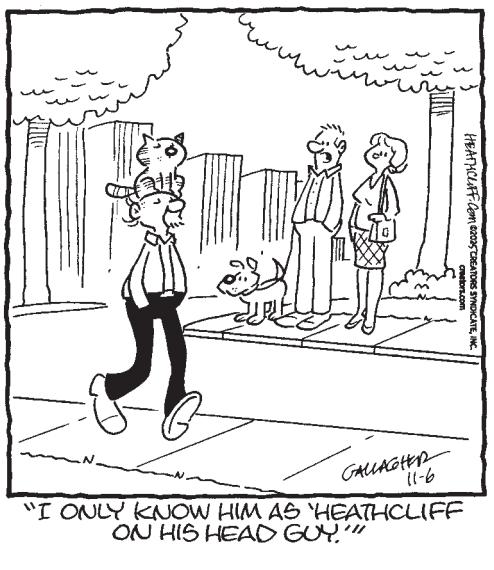
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FIND THE WORDS

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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6751

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 6)

Welcome to your Year of the Open Door. Opportunities arrive by invitation, not hustle. Work feels charmed when you're asked into rooms you once thought off-limits. Love comes knocking, too, and at the most opportune time. More highlights: Moving or renovating your home will make daily life smoother and more lovely. You'll turn a casual skill into money. A once-tricky relationship proves useful. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 32, 1, 19, 30 and 44.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Phrases like "self-care," "manifest abundance" or "be mindful" lose potency from over-use, and you're right to be desensitized to anything that doesn't work for you. A disruption will wake your mind back up and let real insight in again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Something may be temporarily blocking you from feeling hope. But the trajectory is still there. The load you're carrying is not permanent. You don't have to feel hopeful for hope to still be true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not expecting any person or experience to guarantee your happiness. This takes pressure off everything and everyone, including yourself. There's simply no need to demand joy; all you have to do is notice it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowing that groups get tedious if the same people, places and things are always involved, you'll change it up with new configurations. Your true genius is in doing this without causing anyone to feel excluded.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Environments act like mirrors, reflecting and awakening different aspects of your personality. You can use this today to change your mood when you want to. It's about transportation. Go to the next place and you'll feel a different way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People don't always think before they speak, and you've been on both sides of that equation. It's what makes you overlook the little slights and opinions and slips, regardless of where they come from, and that tendency is much to your benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's a story as old as time. Someone handles the work; someone else takes the credit. When you see this dynamic, it reminds you that power moves are necessary to keep the spirit of peace and justice alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Ancient Greek philosophers defined passion as an emotion based on a false sense of reality -- a delusion. Then again, entire civilizations have been built on delusions. Today, don't judge it; just go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Strategy and skill matter less than your energy. If you approach something with warmth, openness and a genuine intention to enjoy people, that energy gets mirrored back. People cooperate; things go smoothly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you feel in control of your daily life, you also feel healthy and vibrant. There are many things you can't control, and that's why it's so important to acknowledge the hundreds of small decisions you can completely take charge of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't change the past, but you can change the way you tell the story, or even the way you think about it. The truth has many facets. Why not focus on the one most helpful to you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your silence or neutrality will be more respectful than advice. To hand someone the solution too quickly could deprive them of the process that would teach them more.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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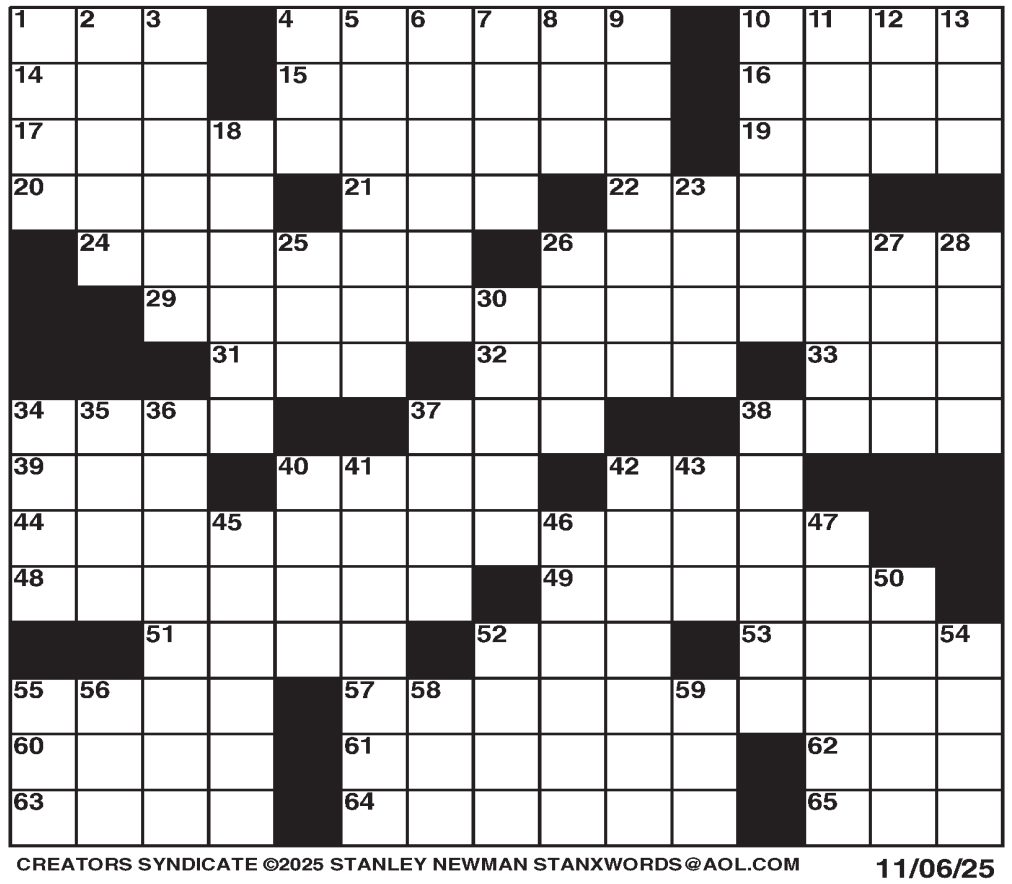
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ACROSS

1 Jazz buff's collection
4 Low-end, informally
10 Generous slice
14 Wholly
15 Wooden warehouse item
16 Rossini title character
17 City on Biscayne Bay
19 Quite engrossed
20 Lugosi of filmdom
21 RN setups
22 Scriptural utopia
24 Be benevolent
26 Last to finish
29 Mesoamerican timetable
31 Nylon protective device
32 Sci-fi sightings
33 Encouraging word
34 Tennis great Nadal's nickname
37 Poetic preposition
38 Starting stake
39 Text-scanning tech
40 Bone-dry
42 Boat club hanging
44 Title performer in a Wagner opera
48 Add to the records
49 Snapple alternative
51 Breezy "bye"
52 Just not right
53 Bit of help
55 "Two cents" prelude text
57 Couple following me
60 Refrigerate
61 Celestial radio wave source
62 Period of note
63 Swindles successfully
64 Erratic
65 *Avenue __ Champs-Élysées*

DOWN

1 Little bighorn
2 Carried on diligently
3 Downhill event
4 Inflation meas.
5 Ecological home
6 Soccer team complement
7 "Sorry, but ..."
8 Pushup beneficiary
9 Shakespearean title soldier
10 Scattered about
11 Used for support
12 Austrian topography
13 Lettered lunch
18 Tabasco tomorrow
23 Accomplishes
25 Scot's "Certainly!"
26 Hotel amenity
27 Soup sprinkling
28 Walnut or cashew
30 Cottage cheese, essentially
34 Tomato for paste
35 Asian rival of Dell
36 Group discord
37 National name on some euros
38 Big name in soul music
40 Butting heads
41 Makes over
42 What the F major scale has
43 DOJ VIPs
45 Shoulder warmers
46 Overrun
47 Held in check
50 Tennis great Agassi
52 Nobel Peace Center city
54 *Reunión* attendees
55 TV overseer
56 Try to win over
58 "Uh-huh"
59 Prepare in a pan



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Response to Kevin McKeown's "Mayoral Meltdown" Letter

It's disappointing — though not surprising — to see former Mayor Kevin McKeown once again resort to personal attacks and revisionist history instead of facts.

Let's start with a reminder for those who may have forgotten: Kevin McKeown himself walked out of a Council meeting in the middle of his term because he didn't get his way. That's not leadership — that's a meltdown. So, when he accuses a woman of the same behavior for daring to challenge the status quo, it says more about him than it does about me.

I'm proud of how I conducted myself in that meeting. I raised legitimate policy questions about housing, community planning, and the impacts on residents — questions any responsible mayor should ask. That's not a "hissy fit"; that's doing the job I was elected to do.

As a woman, and as a mother, I know how often strength and assertiveness are labeled as "emotional" or "unqualified" when they come from women — especially women who don't play by the old rules. My daughters were watching that night. They saw their mom stay calm and respectful in the face of arrogance, dismissiveness, and what I'll politely call "selective civility." They saw what it looks like to stand your ground without losing your composure. That matters more to me than Kevin McKeown's approval ever will.

As for his tired talking points about state housing laws — that's an old script. The "state mandate scare tactic" has been used for years to silence legitimate local concerns about livability, infrastructure, and community voice. I've been consistent:

Santa Monica must comply with state law, but we also must advocate for balanced, realistic housing policies that don't hollow out the character or affordability of our city.

Asking those questions isn't ignorance — it's leadership.

Kevin McKeown's letter reads like the last gasp of an old guard that believes power belongs to the same few voices. But those days are over. Our community is ready for collaborative, forward-thinking leadership that values accountability, inclusivity, and transparency over ego and nostalgia.

To Kevin McKeown, I'll simply say this: Santa Monica has moved on. Maybe it's time you did too.

by Mayor Lana Negrete

The Dark Side

Kevin McKeown used to be one of the good guys. Yet he now seems aligned with the pro-development camp. He should room with Jesse Zwick.

From the outset, the State has overstepped its authority. It claimed the right to overrule local zoning because of a lack of affordable housing, and then passed laws with more developer-friendly variances than any lobbyist could hope for. The result is a glut of market-rate housing and a paltry 10-15% of new units designated (in the initial bill, SB 330) as affordable to "very low, low, and moderate income" households.

When the City submitted its first zoning modification, the State rejected it as insufficient. BUT it extended, without penalty, the filing deadline, the City met that deadline, and the revision was approved. That's when developers rose up.

They claimed that, by missing the first deadline, the City was in default and was now susceptible to "builders remedy," giving developers free rein to do whatever they wanted. It was a bullying tactic that the City succumbed to, claiming that it would be too costly to defend against any suit filed by deep-pocketed builders. The City blinked and we've all been blinded by their timidity and lack of good legal counsel.

With structures that defy everything about Santa Monica's reputation that has made it desirable, the City is now the West Coast equivalent of Miami or Manhattan-by-the-Sea. The State provided no funding for infrastructure, leaving it up to municipalities to provide sanitation, police and fire protection, emergency services, education, etc. Santa Monica has made it clear that its finances are already stretched, and the additional costs to support, potentially, more than 10,000 new residents will stretch already wafer thin resources.

The State also failed to acknowledge that, while it was asking existing residents to cut back on their consumption of water and power, its housing mandates would intensify the battle for both. The electricity grid isn't expanding fast enough, the California Public Utility Commission has reduced incentives for rooftop solar, and water can't be manufactured, mined, or summoned from Nature to meet the needs of hundreds of thousands of additional residents.

When the City Council takes its current stand, it is not meeting the needs of the people who already live here. It is taking sides with builders, taking paying positions with builders, as Mr. Zwick has done, and ignoring that the pandemic did more than infect the nation: it gave people the option to work from home in areas that offer more space for less money than apartments in Santa Monica.

Kevin has gone to the dark side.

Peter Altschuler, Santa Monica

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of government such as agricultural programs and military construction projects at bases.

More difficult, a substantial number of senators also want some resolution to the standoff over the funding for the Affordable Care Act subsidies that are set to expire at year's end.

With insurance premium notices being sent, millions of people are experiencing sticker shock on skyrocketing prices. The loss of enhanced federal subsidies, which were put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic and come in the form of tax credits, are expected to leave many people unable to buy health insurance.

Republicans are reluctant to fund the health care program, also known as Obamacare, without changes, but negotiating a compromise with Democrats is expected to take time, if a deal can be reached at all.

Thune has promised Democrats at least a vote on their preferred health care proposal, as part of any deal to reopen government. But that's not enough for some senators, who see the health care deadlock as part of their broader concerns with Trump's direction for the country and want assurance it will be resolved.

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