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Santa Monica honors veterans as ceremony moves from Pier to the beach



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HONORING SERVICE: Santa Monica held its seventh annual Veterans Day ceremony Wednesday, where veterans, service members, families and neighbors gathered to honor those who have served.

The city and the U.S. Army hosted the event, which moved this year from the Santa Monica Pier to Beach Parking Lot 4 between Santa Monica Beach and Crescent Bay Park.

Before and after the ceremony, SMFD, SMPD and Army vehicles were parked in the lot. Children climbed into the cabs and stood in the cargo beds as soldiers and parents stood guard.

The program included: a posting of the colors by the U.S. Army Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion; the national anthem by Rora Wilde; remarks from Mayor Caroline Torosis, Maj. Gen. Dianne Del Rosso, deputy chief of Army Reserve, and Medal of Honor recipient Gary Littrell; and a Chinook and C-130 flyover.

City Councilmember Dan Hall, a former Army captain and Apache helicopter pilot, gave the opening remarks and introduced the keynote speaker, Gen. Ronald P. Clark, commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific.

In his speech, Clark said he had been at West Point while Hall was a cadet there, and joked that now that Hall would be mayor and he, a 4-star general, "things turned out all right."

For Dan Hall, the ceremony's highlight is the swearing-in of future soldiers. This year it was led by Maj. Gen. Shane Buzza, commanding general of the 63rd Readiness Division.

Music and entertainment followed the ceremony until approximately 1 p.m..

Santa Monica College's Thanksgiving tradition marks 10 years, seeks winter coats for students

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SMDP Staff Writer

A Thanksgiving meal that began in 2017 with 38 Santa Monica College students in a backyard has since served nearly 10,000. As the tradition turns 10, organizers are asking the community to help keep students warm this winter.

The Santa Monica College Foundation is collecting 1,500 new and gently used winter coats ahead of its 10th annual Giving Thanks(giving) celebration Nov. 23-24 on the college's Main Campus Quad. Donations will be accepted Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Compass Realty, 2115 Main St. in Santa Monica.

The coats will go to students in need during the two-day event. More than 2,500 SMC students and employees are expected to attend for a holiday meal, entertainment and practical support.

Lizzy Moore, president of the SMC Foundation and a co-founder of the event, said one student's experience shows why the help matters.

"I think of the student who came in with their small child, just trying to make ends meet," Moore said. "They thought they were there for food. Then they realized we also had

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Driver in deadly Los Angeles metro station crash is arrested on DUI and murder counts

The driver of a minivan that crashed outside a Los Angeles metro station, killing three women and critically injuring two more, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and three counts of murder, police said Wednesday.

Authorities said the driver was able to talk but appeared to be in shock after Tuesday's crash, which hit pedestrians and food vendors at a busy intersection in the North Hollywood neighborhood during the height of the evening commute.

Police identified the driver as Ihor Demianenko, 61, who lives in the Valley Village neighborhood. Demianenko was booked early Wednesday and his bail was set at a little over $6 million, records show. He was treated for minor injuries at a hospital, police said.

It wasn't immediately clear if Demianenko had a lawyer who might speak on his behalf. In California, drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol can be charged with murder under certain circumstances.

The white Toyota Sienna was traveling at an “unsafe speed” at around 6 p.m. when it veered to the right, ran off the road and collided with a light, Los Angeles police said in a news release Wednesday. It came to rest under a food vendor’s tent.

The force of the collision threw victims in different directions, according to the news release. The driver was trapped in the vehicle until rescuers arrived.

Luis Luna-Guzman was working at a nearby burger stand when he heard a loud boom and saw people on the ground along with food and cups. People started running toward the crash.

Luna-Guzman said he found an injured woman lying near some bike racks, her face, arms and legs bloody. Her eyes were closed as she moaned in pain.

“I told her, ‘Don’t move, help is coming,’” Luna-Guzman said, adding that he saw a woman’s body nearby, while another woman was lying unmoving on the stairs leading to the station.

The three women who died were between the ages of 40 and 60, according to the police news release. Authorities haven't released their names. The two injured women are in their 50s.

The minivan was still on the sidewalk Tuesday night under the food vendor’s tent, its driver’s-side door open and an air bag deployed. Fire engines and emergency crews worked nearby as a helicopter flew overhead.

Investigators will go through video of the crash frame by frame, Police Chief Jim McDonnell said.

> “It will be probably a prolonged but a very deliberate investigation to determine what happened here”
>
> - Jim McDonnell, Police Chief

“It will be probably a prolonged but a very deliberate investigation to determine what happened here,” he said.

The California Supreme Court ruled in 1981 that drivers who kill someone with a vehicle can be charged with second-degree murder if they are found to have acted with “wantonness and a conscious disregard for life” that could support a finding of implied malice. The court upheld a prosecutor's decision to file murder charges against a driver who was determined to be legally intoxicated at the time of a fatal crash and drove at high speeds, ran a red light and had a near miss right before.

By SUDHIN THANAWALA and DAVID SWANSON
Associated Press



Immigration arrests go on unabated despite Trump's misgivings after the GOP's midterm wipeout

It's business as usual for President Donald Trump's deportation offensive despite the Republican wipeout in the midterm elections.

In Los Angeles, masked immigration officers in body armor blocked a hospital emergency room driveway in a heavily Latino neighborhood early Saturday. In central Alabama, twin 19-year-old brothers from Venezuela were arrested while driving back to college a day after the election.

Advocates reported arrests from California to Michigan to Massachusetts. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has not released numbers.

After Democrats trounced the GOP and won control of the next Congress, Trump said his immigration crackdown may have been "too tough" and suggested it was time to sit down with the rival party.

"I'd love to do something on immigration," he said in an interview with CBS "60 Minutes" recorded Friday.

Hours later, he named Stephen Miller, the architect of his hard-line immigration agenda, as his new chief of staff. Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin, meanwhile, said his orders have not changed.

"Deportations will continue," Mullin wrote in an online post the day after the election, warning that ICE takes no days off and that "this includes on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Election Day."

María Bilbao, a campaign coordinator for the American Friends Service Committee in Miami, said she has received at least one call a day from someone detained in South Florida since the election.

"Everything remains exactly the same. The arrests have not ceased at all," Bilbao said.

Florida Highway Patrol officers and ICE agents have detained people in their cars, as well as places including supermarkets, pharmacies and gas stations. Immigrants under supervision have also been arrested when they showed up at ICE's Miami office for their appointments.

OFFICERS ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE A LOS ANGELES HOSPITAL

Erick Gasca, 31, got home Friday night after an evening playing board games with friends. He lives near Adventist Health White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles.

An "unprecedented" number of vehicles with tinted windows and no license plates were parked near the hospital's emergency room entrance, he said.

"I thought they were going to raid the hospital or something," he recalled.

The Department of Homeland Security declined to explain the officers' presence there, though Bill Essayli, the top Justice Department prosecutor in Los Angeles, said they were bringing a detainee for medical treatment. Essayli said two people were arrested for assaulting federal agents.

"ICE does not target hospitals, schools, or churches," DHS said in a statement.

The agents' presence attracted some 30 residents and passersby. Footage shot by Gasca's cousin, Michelle Rivera, shows protesters shouting and officers pinning down someone.

The hospital said it wasn't involved.

"White Memorial does not participate in immigration enforcement," hospital president Daniel Fontoura said in a statement, adding it would not let such activities "compromise our commitment to patient care and safety."

> This is just taking good people who have been following the rules out of their lives and out of the lives of those who rely upon them and care about them
>
> - Jonathan Batchelor

A COUPLE IS ARRESTED AT THE PHOENIX AIRPORT

A married couple from Orlando, Florida, was arrested Saturday at the airport in Phoenix while traveling to a funeral.

Gustavo Romanello and Agustin Baccega, both from Argentina, have work permits while they seek asylum after entering the United States about six years ago, according to Jonathan Batchelor, a family friend.

Batchelor was on the phone with them at the time. A mutual friend died Friday and the couple was visiting for the funeral Saturday. As the couple left the airport, two casually dressed officers asked if one was Agustin Baccega. Batchelor heard the officer say, "Asylum seekers are not in the United States legally."

Batchelor said he could hear Romanello

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **72.1**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR* | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

WNW swell continues and SSW swell keeps the summer breaks running. Wind is good for the AM.
Generally holding WNW swell through the morning as SSW swell continues to mix in. A lot of options with the points in play and the beachbreaks that handle the tide offering some corners.
Wind is light offshore for another clean morning window.

FRIDAY *FAIR* | **SURF:** 4-5ft Chest to head

Another proper, elongated run of WNW swell. Surf is up Friday PM to Monday. The storm track is going to extend across the Gulf of Alaska into the California coast -- bringing a series of nice size swells. There's a mid period WNW pulse Fri into Sat AM, a larger long period NW late Sat into Sun, then another long period NW for Mon-Tue. There's good size SSW swell running for the combo breaks too -- strongest Sun-Mon but keeping the points fun Friday through the weekend. A solid Fall run shaping up. Conditions look largely favorable through the weekend, dicier Mon-Tue.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 79. Light and variable wind becoming south southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Rain likely, mainly after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming east northeast after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Friday: Rain likely before 10am, then showers likely, mainly after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Friday Night: Showers likely before 10pm, then rain, mainly between 10pm and 4am. Low around 59. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

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2026/11/12	Thur	09:39 AM	5.61		H
2026/11/12	Thur	05:28 PM	0.02		L
2026/11/13	Fri	12:33 AM	3.24		H
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SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes jazz legends, a naughty holiday show, and the first signs of the season's festivities!



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HOLIDAYS: Swiss Winter Village opens Nov. 18 on Santa Monica Pier with chalets, ice rink and holiday market.

Route 66 Exhibit: Road, Legend, Community: Santa Monica's role as the western terminus of Route 66 gets the spotlight in this new exhibition exploring the iconic highway's history and cultural impact. Historic photographs, artifacts, roadside signage and a first edition of The Grapes of Wrath trace the highway's origins, Dust Bowl migration, roadside Americana and its enduring influence on film, music and literature. Visitors can also add their own journeys to an interactive map—though we suspect most locals will just trace the 10 Freeway traffic back to Main St. Thursday, Nov. 12, 5–7 p.m. (opening reception); exhibition runs through June 2027, 1350 7th St. santamonicahistory.org/exhibitions/creating-route-66/#OPENING

Friday Night Jazz Benefit Concert: More than 40 years of Friday night jazz deserves a pretty good party. Santa Monica College's Friday Night Jazz Series celebrates its long history with Some of My Best Musicians are Friends, an all-star benefit concert featuring Eric Scott Reed, Ralph Moore, Ira Nepus, Edwin Livingston, Marvin "Smitty" Smith, Gilbert Castellanos, Clay Jenkins and surprise guests. Expect small ensembles, big-band material and, eventually, a celebratory jam session. Friday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., SMC Music Hall, 1310 11th St. smc.edu/tickets

Santa Monica Block Fest on the Third Street Promenade: Block Fest now runs on the second Saturday of every month through December, and recent editions drew more than 20,000 people. Guests 21 and older can drink outdoors in the Entertainment Zone. Saturday, Nov. 14, 5p.m. - late, instagram.com/santamonicablockfest

Nightmare Before Strip-Mas Gets Cheeky: Halloween Town crashes Christmas in this adults-only burlesque spectacle inspired by The Nightmare Before Christmas. Dirty Little Secrets Burlesque brings Jack, Sally and their spooky crew to the stage for a naughty holiday mashup featuring sultry snowflakes, creepy candy canes, dazzling choreography and plenty of sass. Consider it a little early holiday cheer with a decidedly less wholesome twist. Saturday, Nov. 14, doors 8 p.m., show 9:15 p.m., Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St. illusionmagiclounge.com/show/nightmare-before-strip-mas-2

From Verdi to Verismo: If you think opera is all kings, gods and people singing very loudly about their feelings, the Verdi Chorus would like a word. Its fall concert explores verismo opera—the dramatic, often violent stories of ordinary people, where jealous lovers, corrupt cops and cheating spouses tend to make for some very bad evenings (and, frequently, someone winds up dead). The program features works by Verdi and Puccini, including a slightly abridged second act of La Bohème. Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica, 1220 2nd St,. verdichorus.org

A Simple Machine Bike Ride & Movie Premiere: Leave the car at home and ride to the movies. Santa Monica Spoke is hosting a free community bike ride to the Santa Monica premiere of A Simple Machine, an award-winning independent film about

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EVENTS THIS WEEK NOV 12 - NOV 19

Thursday, November 12, 4:00 p.m.

Palisades Village 15225 Palisades Village Ln Pacific Palisades.

Kids Club in Collaboration with Apple TV

A free kids' club featuring live musical performers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No session during Thanksgiving week. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/kids-club-in-collaboration-with-apple-tv/20282514/2026-11-12T16

Friday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage 1310 11th St Santa Monica.

Santa Monica College Friday Night Jazz Series Fundraiser

A jazz fundraiser assembling an all-star lineup to support the SMC Friday Night Jazz Series. $10.00 to $30.00— Students with valid school ID pay $10.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-college-friday-night-jazz-series-fundraiser/20072725/2026-11-13T19

Saturday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St Santa Monica.

Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater

An evening of contemporary dance from Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater, showcasing inventive movement and choreographic range. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/synapse-contemporary-dance-theater/19305379/2026-11-14T19

Saturday, November 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Historic Shotgun House 2520 2nd St Santa Monica.

Main Street Walk

A guided walking tour of Ocean Park's Main Street led by street historian Mark Gorman, uncovering layers of local history. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/main-street-walk/18119523/2026-11-14T10

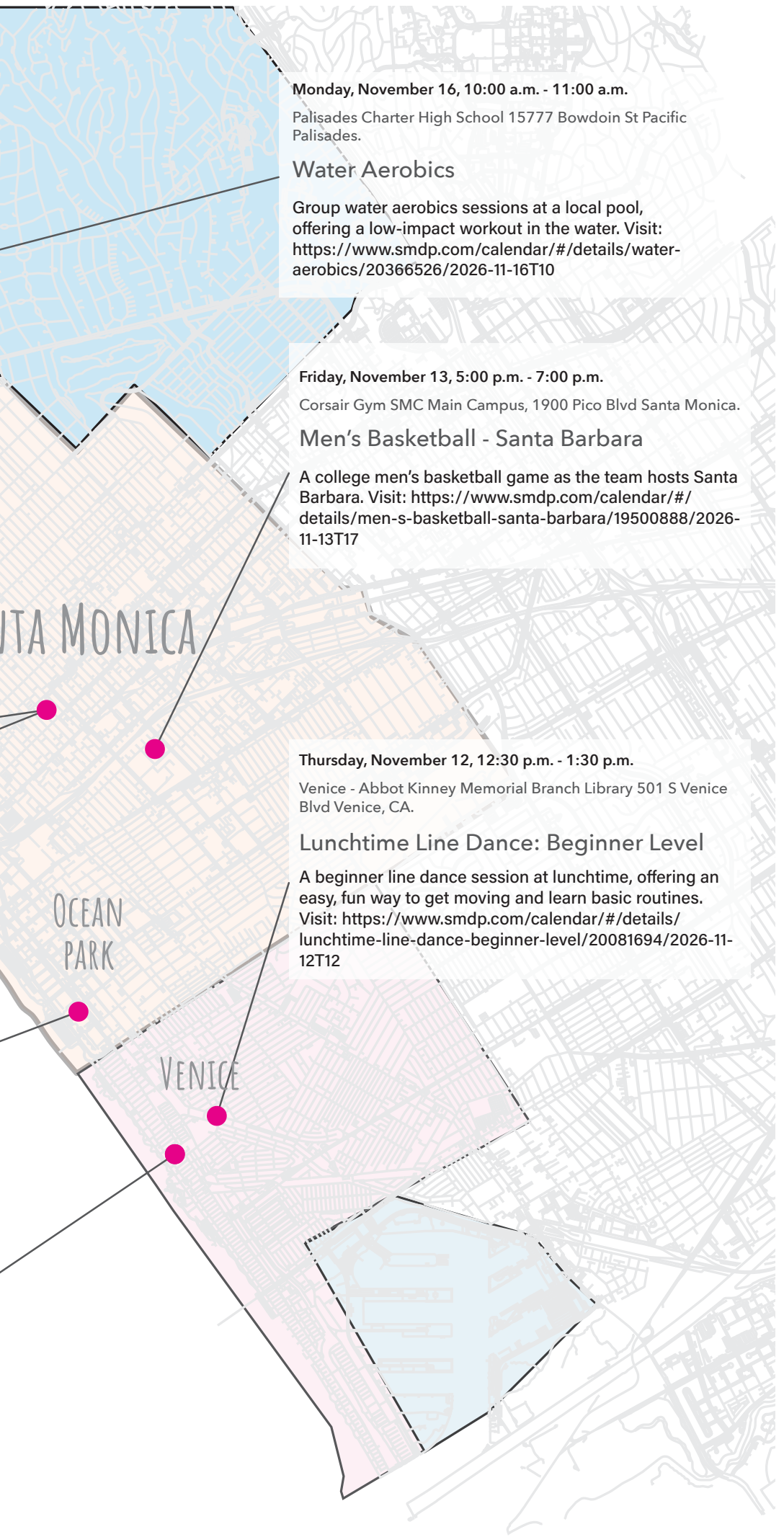
Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Sunday, November 15, 5:05 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

A weekly bicycle parade along the Venice boardwalk at sunset. Decorated bikes and lights create a festive community ride. https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-11-15T17



Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Palisades Charter High School 15777 Bowdoin St Pacific Palisades.

Water Aerobics

Group water aerobics sessions at a local pool, offering a low-impact workout in the water. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/water-aerobics/20366526/2026-11-16T10

Friday, November 13, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Corsair Gym SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica.

Men's Basketball - Santa Barbara

A college men's basketball game as the team hosts Santa Barbara. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/men-s-basketball-santa-barbara/19500888/2026-11-13T17

Thursday, November 12, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd Venice, CA.

Lunchtime Line Dance: Beginner Level

A beginner line dance session at lunchtime, offering an easy, fun way to get moving and learn basic routines. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lunchtime-line-dance-beginner-level/20081694/2026-11-12T12



THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 12

PACIFIC PALISADES FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS JUST COFFEE

10:00 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades, CA. A monthly morning coffee gathering for friends and newcomers, a relaxed way to start the day and meet neighbors. Pacific Palisades Friends and Newcomers hosts "Just Coffee" on the second Thursday of each month. Come start your morning with friends, fresh air and good coffee. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pacific-palisades-friends-and-newcomers-just-coffee/20289050/2026-11-12T10

CARMELINA PICKLEBALL

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1231 3rd street/Promenade 1231 3rd street/Promenade Santa Monica, CA. Group pickleball lessons with a USTPA coach covering grip, serving, volleys, and game control, for live-level players. $20.00 to $45.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/carmelina-pickleball/20146726/2026-11-12T12

NALU VIDA - LIVE JAZZ EVERY THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 352 Westminster Ave Venice, CA. Weekly live jazz night with a rotating local performer, set in a relaxed venue with sushi, drinks, and a mellow vibe. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/nalu-vida-live-jazz-every-thursday/18526607/2026-11-12T18

NSEAL IN LA

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Wallflower 609 Rose Avenue Los Angeles, CA. A networking evening for artists and advocates, focused on building professional connections and supporting artist-centered policy and community. $10.00 to $20.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/nseal-in-la/20269926/2026-11-12T18

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 13

BEACH WALK MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Santa Monica Lifeguard Tower 28 2800 Ocean Ave Santa Monica, CA. A guided walking meditation along the Santa Monica shoreline, offering a gentle way to practice mindfulness outdoors and connect with community. Meditation isn't something that needs to happen only in a quiet room without any distracting sights or sounds. In fact we can develop our mindfulness while in nature; walking on the shore feeling the warmth of the sun on our face, the cool ocean splashing around our feet. Stacey Polacco, creater of Mobile Community Meditation Center offers an opportunity to practice walking meditation; to develop as individuals, as a community, and as stewards of the earth with this gentle practice that helps open our hearts and minds; helps to discover what it means to truly be alive. $10.00 to $20.00— Suggested donation. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-walk-meditation/18828982/2026-11-13T08

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades, CA. An informal coffee gathering for residents and those returning to the area, offering a no-agenda chance to reconnect and meet neighbors. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-11-13T09

CARMELINA PICKLEBALL

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1231 3rd street/Promenade 1231 3rd street/Promenade Santa Monica, CA. Group pickleball lessons with a USTPA coach covering grip, serving, volleys, and game control, for live-level players. Vessy Jivkova — USTAP association coach, 76, leads group pickleball lessons for lived level players. $20.00 to $45.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/carmelina-pickleball/20146726/2026-11-13T12

SALSA & BACHATA FRIDAY SOCIALS IN SANTA MONICA

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Los Angeles Salsa & Bachata Dance Academy 1247 Lincoln Blvd Santa Monica, CA. A Friday night salsa and bachata social with a beginner lesson, open dance floor, and no partner needed. Includes free pizza, wine, and sparkling drinks. 3 hours of music, connection, and great energy. Make your Friday nights count! Swap the workday routine for an incredible night out! Join us this Friday for SALSA & BACHATA SOCIALS. The ultimate atmosphere to unwind, make new connections, and kick-start your weekend! No need to come with a partner. You'll have plenty of opportunities to dance with different people throughout the evening. $25.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/salsa-bachata-friday-socials-in-santa-monica/20233611/2026-11-13T20

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 14

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE GIVING THANKS(GIVING) COAT DRIVE

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hosted by Compass Realty, 2115 Main Street, Santa Monica. Join in supporting SMC students by helping us reach our goal of collecting 1,500 new & gently used coats, jackets & hoodies.Together we can remove the barriers many students experience during their academic journey, allowing students to keep their focus on their education and future. Saturday, Nov 14, volunteers will be at Compass Realty, 2115 Main Street, ready to receive your donations. Please help! Your generosity translates into degrees, careers and dreams achieved!

5K BEACH RUN AT SOCAL VIBES CO | 2026 CA BREWERY RUNNING SERIES

10:00 a.m. SoCal Vibes Co. Surf Club 119 Broadway Santa Monica, CA. A 5K fun run along the beach starting and ending at SoCal Vibes Co. Run, walk, or jog the course and celebrate with the brewery running series. Join us for a 5k Fun Run event at SoCal Vibes Co. Run, walk or jog a 5k course, and celebrate at the finish line! $52.33 to $71.23. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/5k-beach-run-at-socal-vibes-co-2026-ca-brewery-running-series/18911294/2026-11-14T10

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a warm winter coat for them, and a grocery gift card they weren't expecting. You could see it land: someone thought about what they needed before they had to ask."

"That's what SMC is about: dignity, care, and grace, offered and received," she said.

For the anniversary, the foundation will turn the center of campus into a tented lawn strung with bistro lights and paper lanterns. Students and employees will be served a chef-curated holiday meal on real dinnerware with silverware. There will be two seatings each day, from noon to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m.

The celebration will also feature live music, DJs, games, wellness activities, coloring stations, a photo booth, a community-made gratitude quilt, quiet zones and sound bath sessions. Students will receive a $25 Albertsons grocery gift card, and giveaways are planned every hour.

"Giving Thanks(giving) is about so much more than a holiday meal," Moore said. "It's about making sure our students feel supported, valued, and connected to a community that believes in their potential."

A student focus group helped shape the event's format, Moore said. Students weighed the options and felt it was more important "to sit together in person and share a meal with friends, new students, and the SMC community of faculty, classified professionals and managers." Students loved the event's history and receiving groceries, she said, but waiting in line for items "felt less personal and more transactional."

"Sitting together, breaking bread and having fun builds community and togetherness," Moore said. The event still keeps some basic-needs support, such as the grocery cards and coats, she said, because it "continues to provide the essentials students seek while balancing their academic pursuit."

Wendi DeMorst, who co-founded the event, said its growth has surprised its organizers.

"When we started Giving Thanks(giving) in 2017 with just 38 students, we never imagined how this simple act of kindness would grow into such a meaningful tradition," DeMorst said. "Ten years later, our mission remains the same: to ensure every student feels seen, supported and part of a community that truly cares."

She said the event is about "creating a sense of belonging, building connections and reminding students that they have a family at Santa Monica College."

More than 70% of SMC's 26,000 students come from low-income households, and more than half are the first in their families to attend college. According to the foundation, unexpected expenses and financial pressures can make it hard for many students to stay enrolled and complete their education. The rising cost of living has also made basic needs increasingly difficult to meet.

"As a college student, balancing school, work, and everyday expenses can be challenging, and sometimes even the basics can be difficult to afford," said Aaron, an SMC student. "That kind of support means so much and helps me keep moving forward toward my goals."

The foundation has set a $250,000 fundraising goal to sustain the event and strengthen resources for students facing food insecurity and other financial challenges. Gifts also support SMC's Basic Needs Program and Emergency Grant Fund, which provide groceries, hygiene and parenting supplies, mental health services and emergency financial assistance throughout the year.

"The most effective way to support SMC's Giving Thanks(giving) is to make a contribution to the program," Moore said.

Money raised beyond event costs will go to the SMC Basic Needs S.A.F.E. Fund, short for Student Assistance for Financial Emergencies. The fund provides emergency financial support to students facing a basic need that is keeping them from performing at their best in school.

The foundation is also looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve meals and run event-day activities.

This year's sponsors include the Albertsons Companies Foundation, the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation, Kaiser Permanente and the Bari Lipp Foundation, among others.

Donations can be made at foundation.smc.edu/thanksgiving. Those interested in volunteering or donating a coat can contact the SMC Foundation at 310-434-4215 or foundation@smc.edu.

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COMMUNITY: SMC's Giving Thanks(giving) marks 10 years of serving students, with 2,500 expected Nov. 23–24.

White House confronts Democrats over planned probes, claiming possible 'criminality'

The White House has issued a warning to Democrats over their planned probes into the Trump administration, going as far as claiming that such investigations — a standard oversight function of Congress — may amount to "blatant criminality."

White House counsel Will Scharf issued the warning in a letter dated Monday to Rep. Robert Garcia, the top Democrat on the House Oversight Committee.

Garcia most likely would chair the powerful panel in the new Democratic-controlled Congress that is seated in January. Garcia warned Trump officials to "lawyer up" as his party was on the way to stunning victories in last week's midterm election.

In response, Scharf wrote that "threats to executive branch officials designed to deter them from public service, or process designed merely to abuse or instill fear in the recipient may cross the line into blatant criminality." The letter's existence was first reported by Punchbowl News.

It's just the latest shot across the bow as the White House prepares to square off against newly empowered Democrats in the House and Senate next year, a showdown with major implications for congressional authority and the balance of power between the branches of government.

GARCIA PUSHES BACK ON THE WHITE HOUSE LETTER

Outside the Capitol on Wednesday, Garcia told reporters that "Donald Trump is clearly hiding something" and that Democrats "are not going to be threatened or intimidated."

"The truth is that he needs to understand that Congress is a coequal branch of government," Garcia said.

He doubled down on his "lawyer up" post after the election, saying the White House was "thin-skinned" and couldn't "take any sort of heat."

"If you have abused the American public, you should lawyer up," Garcia said. "If you're a corporate CEO and you're ripping off the American people, you should lawyer up."

Democrats are preparing a vast oversight agenda to look at how Trump and his family have become wealthier since he returned to office. The Republican president and his White House have long denied any wrongdoing.

Garcia also wants to look at the administration's handling of the Jeffrey Epstein investigation and Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations. Other targets include Trump's White House ballroom and other construction projects, as well as the Trump family's role in mineral deals and Trump's crypto dealings with special envoy Steve Witkoff.

THE REPUBLICAN CHAIR OF OVERSIGHT SAYS THE PANEL IS 'VERY INDEPENDENT'

Kentucky Republican James Comer, the current chair of the Oversight Committee who conducted a wide-ranging investigation of former President Joe Biden and his family, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he had not yet read the letter from the White House, but stressed that the panel is "very independent."

"Regardless of who is in the White House, there's always going to be a strong desire for the Oversight Committee to be a check and balance on the executive branch, regardless of the political scenario," Comer said.

He said he thought Garcia's "lawyer up" comments were in "bad taste" but Democrats "won the election and it's going to be his committee. So if he gets out of line, I would assume that his members will try to rein him in."

Attorney General Todd Blanche said in a CNN interview that aired Sunday that "there could be" a crime to investigate if rhetoric from Democrats turned threatening. He appeared to strike a more conciliatory tone during an appearance in Missouri this week, saying "Congress has oversight authority. It always has, it always will. The Department of Justice, the federal government, works with Congress to address questions they have — whether it's through subpoenas or letters — so we're not going to stop working with Congress."

"Nothing I've said this weekend, or in the past, should suggest otherwise," he added.

Still, Justice Department officials elsewhere were pushing back. Aaron Reitz, the U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Texas, wrote to Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal on Wednesday, telling him to preserve all records relevant to his investigations.

Blumenthal is poised to chair a powerful Senate investigative committee in January. Reitz called Blumenthal's efforts an "intent to deprive citizens of their core constitutional rights," pointing to his October letter to people who donated to the new White House ballroom.

OTHER LAWMAKERS REACT TO THE WHITE HOUSE'S WARNING

Outgoing Republican Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky, a Trump critic, said he hopes Democrats don't squander their new powers on "stupid things."

"I hope they have real hearings about real things, not another Russia-gate," he said, referring to a previous congressional inquiry into ties between Trump's first presidential campaign in 2016 and Russia. Trump repeatedly denounced that investigation as a "hoax."

"I think there is some real corruption there around the fringes," Massie said about Trump and some of those around the president. Massie lost his primary election to a Trump-backed GOP challenger.

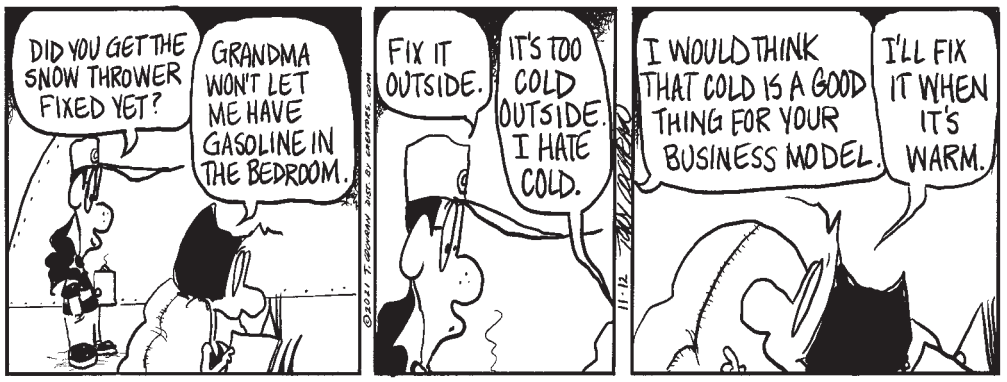
Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Calif., who is expected to be the next House Ethics Committee chairman, said he would not back down from any investigations because of warnings from the White House.

"If they're trying to intimidate, at least for me, it's not going to get me," said DeSaulnier, who was a Republican before he switched to the Democratic Party in 2000. "I don't work for a mafia, a mob organization."

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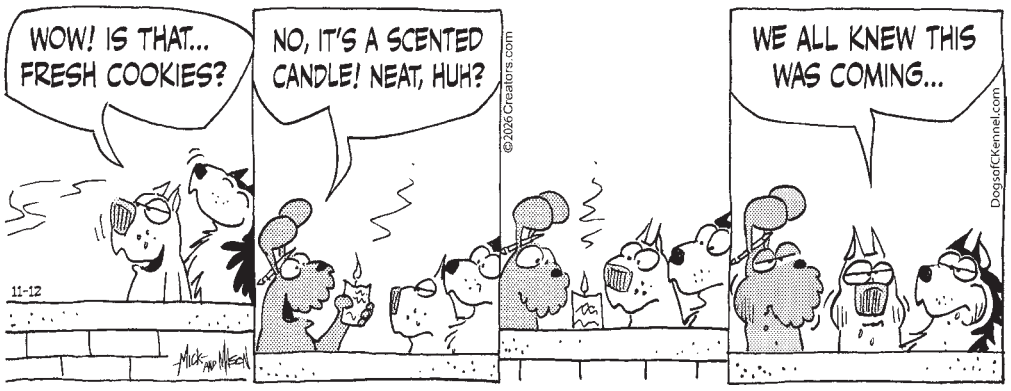
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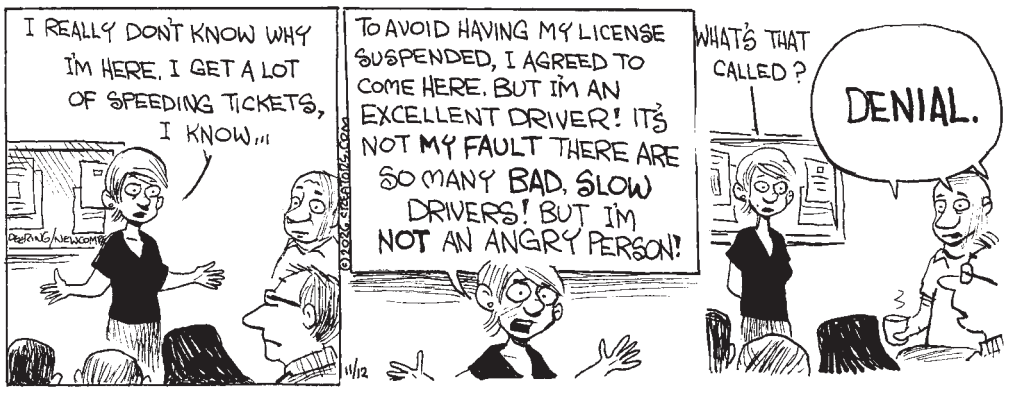
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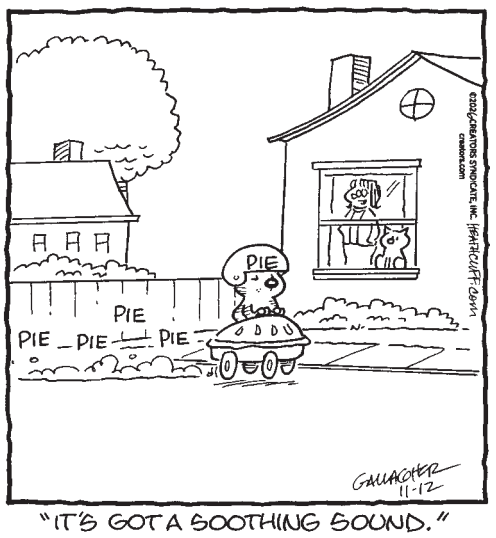
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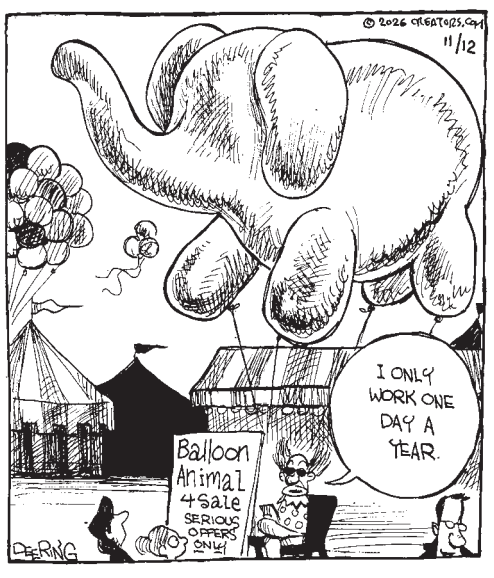
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"IT'S GOT A SOOTHING SOUND."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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In your Year of the First Pick, you put yourself out there for opportunities you're so right for and it works. You'll be chosen and celebrated with votes of confidence that keep putting you in prime positions. More highlights: A hobby with an addictive learning curve, spectacular tickets and five sales that increase your income considerably. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 16, 27, 39 and 48.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You were once very good at something you've since abandoned. How much of that skill is still there? Quite a lot, as it turns out. You'll pick it up again and get right back into your old rhythm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Revisit the place you once loved, even if only in your memories or pictures. Perhaps now the menu has changed, the neighborhood looks different or the era is simply over -- but it's fortifying to acknowledge that bygone season.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a question you should have asked ages ago. The person who knows the answer is still around, and you'll get your chance. One conversation will clear up a misunderstanding that's been influencing your decisions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The past comes a-callin', and you'll pick up a conversation that you thought you'd ended years ago. You've both lived a little since then. You'll have new stories to tell and a fresh appreciation for what brought you together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You once turned down an invitation because the timing was wrong. Well, circumstances have changed. You'll get another chance to participate, and this time you'll have the freedom to enjoy the experience to its fullest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been putting up with an inconvenience for so long that you barely notice it anymore. Today you'll remember how things used to work and realize you can restore that arrangement. One adjustment will improve your everyday life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An old photograph will remind you of a version of yourself you liked very much. What were you doing then? Who were you spending time with? You'll bring a little of that era into your present life, with delightful results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Remember when you lacked the money, contacts or experience to pursue your terrific idea? Not anymore. If only the younger you could see you now, with access to tremendous resources and the freedom to take this all the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because you've held an opinion for years doesn't mean you can't reconsider. What you've recently learned makes the old conclusion seem incomplete. You'll enjoy testing a different point of view, especially when it leads to a lively conversation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You lent someone a hand long ago and thought little of it afterward. Today you'll discover how much your help meant. The story has continued without your knowledge, and you're going to love hearing the latest chapter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The unfinished project still has potential. Now you'll see exactly what to do next. Better yet, the part that once seemed impossible will be among the easiest things to accomplish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll remember a promise you made to yourself during a very different chapter of your life. You still want what you wanted then. A small act of follow-through will feel wonderful, especially because you've waited so long.

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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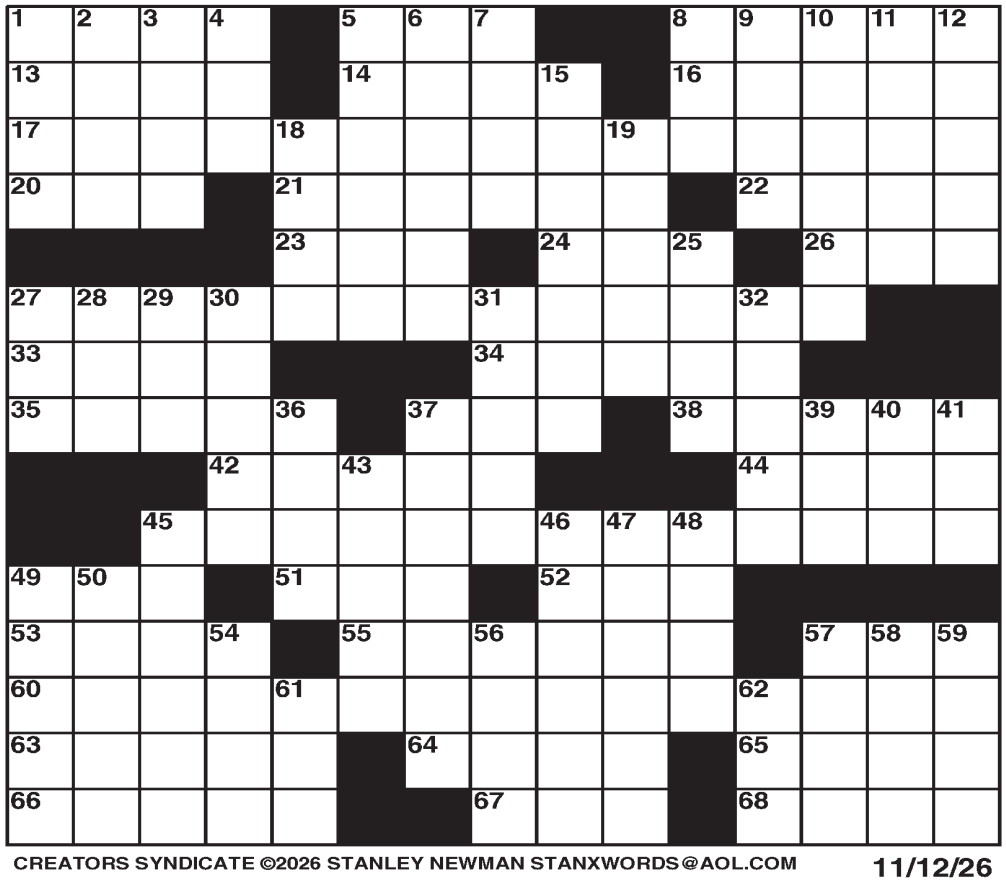
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ACROSS

1 Some can openers
5 Tijuana that
8 Overplay it
13 Reluctant assent
14 Symbol of victory
16 Less than enthusiastic
17 Parallel, in math
20 Flair for design
21 List of slips
22 Pay in
23 Atmospheric opening
24 Airport 250 mi. from SAV
26 Figure eight fraction
27 Disproportionate responses
33 Far-reaching
34 Back in again
35 South Pacific nation
37 Many MRIs and DVD players
38 Performing art
42 Immoderate
44 Video file format
45 Capricious
49 Neutral shade
51 *En tout* __ (without exception)
52 AL Central city
53 File drawer label, perhaps
55 "Cross my heart!"
57 Spot with springs
60 What omega-3s are
63 Squares up
64 Vein pursuits
65 Certain shortening
66 Visit again
67 Astronaut Jemison
68 Cultural doings

DOWN

1 Voice quality
2 Off-land call
3 Off-white shade
4 Strip under a boot
5 Access granted
6 Sawlike chain
7 Southern fried fare
8 "You know the rest"
9 Cleverly self-referential
10 Voices one's views
11 Windows options
12 Outer limits
15 Posh properties
18 Just about
19 Absorb a loss
25 Tolkien title villain
27 Have or hold
28 Traversing
29 End of an Amherst address
30 Air afresh
31 Core principle
32 Kamali of coats
36 Potentially improper
37 "Well, probably..."
39 PD broadcast
40 QANTAS hub
41 Common survey question
43 Sap
45 Family men
46 UK cooler
47 Bit of fine print
48 What many a US state once was
49 Narrow down
50 More than
54 Force measure
56 Getting close, perhaps
57 Marquee name
58 Sassy
59 Takes on
61 Draw upon
62 Patterned after



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AROUND TOWN

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a recent college grad who makes radical choices to escape debt—and discovers the financial and emotional freedom that can come with living on two wheels. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Mark Alan Hoffman and lead actor Richard Blackmon. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Laemmle Monica Film Center, 1332 2nd St. instagram.com/asimplemachfilm

Soundwaves Presents an Evening of New Music: Discover the work of Southern California composers at the latest Soundwaves concert, featuring pianist Brendan White performing contemporary pieces by six local composers, including Jordan Nelson, Stephen Cohn and Daniel Lentz. The program ranges from lush and serene to driving and experimental, with some works incorporating synthesizers and electronic effects. The evening also features a collaborative performance by CalArts faculty members Andrew McIntosh on violin and viola and Jack Dettling on keyboards, exploring alternative tuning systems and unconventional sounds. A suggested donation of $20 supports the series. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., 12424 Wilshire Blvd., West LA. More information.

Swiss Winter Village Brings Alpine Magic to the Pier: The Santa Monica Pier gets a European holiday makeover with the debut of Swiss Winter Village, a festive market featuring more than 60 wooden chalets filled with artisan gifts, crafts and seasonal treats. Visitors can feast on Swiss raclette, sip mulled wine, browse local makers' wares and enjoy an oceanfront ice rink, live entertainment, family activities and visits with Santa. Admission starts at $12.90 for adults, with discounted tickets for children and Santa Monica residents. Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Sunday, Jan. 3, 200 Santa Monica Pier swisswintervillage.com/santa-monica

Regent Hotel Holiday Tree Lighting: Nothing says "holiday season in Santa Monica" quite like lighting a Christmas tree with the Pacific Ocean in the background. Regent Santa Monica Beach kicks off the season with its annual holiday tree lighting, bringing festive music, seasonal treats and plenty of holiday cheer to its oceanfront property. FREE. Thursday, Nov. 19, 4:30–7 p.m., 1700 Ocean Ave. Details here

Andy Richter Talks "Elf" at LiveTalksLA: Get an insider's look at one of the most beloved holiday classics as actor and comedian Andy Richter takes the stage at Santa Monica's Ann and Jerry Moss Theatre[cite: 2]. Celebrating his new oral history Elf Unwrapped, Richter explores how the quirky Will Ferrell comedy went from an unproduced script to a Christmas institution Thursday, Nov. 19, 8p.m., New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. livetalksla.org/events/andy-richter

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Locals' Night Third Thursdays; Frost on Fifth (through 1/18)

WHAT'S NEW & DELICIOUS?

Get Merry & Mixed: Get into the holiday spirit at this hands-on mixology class at the Viceroy Santa Monica. Learn to shake and stir seasonal cocktails, from spiced winter sips to refreshing holiday classics, with festive garnishes and flavors designed to carry you through the holidays and into the New Year. Sunday, Nov. 15, 1819 Ocean Ave. viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/santa-monica/calendar-of-events

Main St.'s New Bar Fortuna Adds Late-Night Hours: Ocean Park native Brian Bornemann's new Italian-inspired cocktail and wine bar is giving neighborhood night owls another reason to linger on Main Street. Bar Fortuna is now staying open until midnight, making room for another Negroni, a glass of wine or a late-night bite. smdp.com/ocean-park-natives-main-street-bar-adds-late-night-hours

Jade Rabbit Offers a $5 Kids' Dinner: Here's a family dining deal that's hard to beat. Jade Rabbit, recently recognized on the Los Angeles Times 101 Best Restaurants list, offers kids 12 and under a $5 bowl with one scoop each of a base, vegetable and main. It's an easy, affordable way to introduce the family to one of Santa Monica's acclaimed restaurants without breaking the dinner budget. Available Fridays and Saturdays, 4–9 p.m. (one bowl per child; in-person orders only), 2301 Santa Monica Blvd. eatjaderabbit.com

Tamales Make a Holiday Comeback at Tocaya: Tocaya is bringing back its popular holiday tamales, with a new Chicken Verde variety joining the returning Sweet Corn favorite. Handmade daily, the tamales feature braised chicken with tomatillo salsa or grilled sweet corn with poblano peppers and roasted tomato salsa. 507 Wilshire Blvd. tocaya.com

Further Afield: BikeLA BikeFest Celebrates Better Biking: wap four wheels for two at this family-friendly celebration of all things cycling, featuring group rides, safety workshops, vendor booths, live music, and local food trucks. Whether you're a hardcore commuter or haven't ridden since middle school, it's a great excuse to get out on the coast. Saturday, Nov. 14, Highland Park Brewery, 1220 N Spring St, LA tickets and details.

Looking Ahead: Promenade Holiday Tree Lighting (11/22); Hanukkah on the Promenade (12/4-12); Main St. Tree Lighting & Holiday Party (12/6)

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

IMMIGRATION

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walking alongside his husband during the arrest and asking the officers how to collect his things. Batchelor said they then asked what his name was, "and then the guard said, 'Oh, do you have another set of handcuffs? This is another one.'"

The voices grew distant, and the call then ended.

Both men remain in detention centers. They worked as acrobats in Florida and had no criminal record, Batchelor said.

"This is just taking good people who have been following the rules out of their lives and out of the lives of those who rely upon them and care about them," Batchelor said.

DHS said the couple legally entered the country in 2020 but overstayed. In a statement, the agency said both men were arrested "during a targeted enforcement operation in Phoenix, Arizona. They will receive due process and remain in ICE custody pending removal proceedings."

TWIN BROTHERS SEIZED WHILE DRIVING BACK TO COLLEGE

The brothers were headed back to college after visiting their parents when they were stopped in a small city in central Alabama.

Luis and Carlos Orta-Santoro, 19-year-olds born in Venezuela and living in the U.S. for four years, are soccer players at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama.

Relatives say they have pending asylum applications, valid work permits, and no criminal records. Both are now in an immigration detention facility.

"Our family is devastated," said their aunt, Carolina Orta.

DHS said that while they had entered the country legally, they had "overstayed in defiance of our laws," and their case would be heard by an immigration judge. It said pending asylum applications do not confer legal status in the U.S.

The school said in a statement, "Both young men are valued members of the Wallace State community, and our thoughts are with them during this difficult time. We sincerely hope for a positive resolution to their situation."

A HAITIAN BOY IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, DRAWING PROTESTS IN SAN DIEGO

An 8-year-old Haitian boy had been living with his uncle in San Diego since his father was deported last year. The uncle, who is not a legal guardian, took him to an ICE office when the boy was summoned Nov. 4 and taken into custody.

That left the boy "without the support of their family, community and their school," according to a letter to top administration officials from San Diego Unified School District Superintendent Fabi Bagula and school board members.

"Children should not lose access to education simply because of circumstances unfolding around them," they wrote.

ICE has defended its actions.

Johny Oxeda, pastor of the Fairmount Haitian Community Church, which helped get legal representation for the boy, said he'll ultimately benefit by going through legal channels.

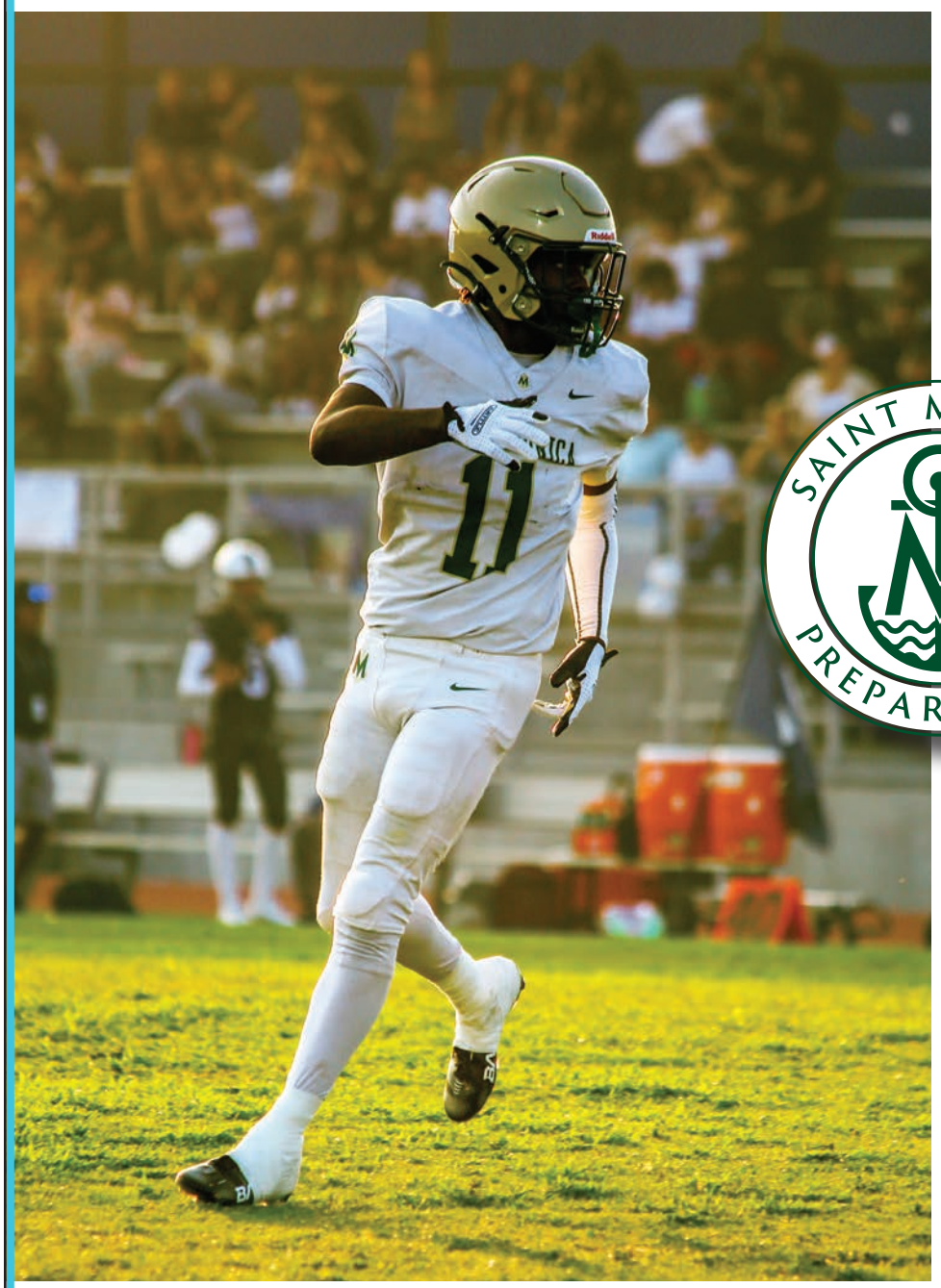
Activists, though, were furious.

"This is not child protection," said Guerline Jozef of Haitian Bridge Alliance, adding, "this is state-inflicted trauma."

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