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Santa Monica nonprofit launches #35toThrive campaign to transform children's lives Globally

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A Santa Monica-based nonprofit that has expanded from helping 20 children in Tanzania to reaching more than 450,000 young people worldwide is launching its #35toThrive campaign next week, demonstrating how a modest donation can create measurable change in vulnerable children's lives.

GO Campaign, which stands for Giving Opportunity, will run its #35toThrive initiative from Nov. 18 through Dec. 31, featuring a matching promotion that begins on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 2, and continues through year's end.

The campaign centers on a compelling statistic: Over 19 years of operation, GO Campaign has determined that $35 represents the average cost to change a child's life through its grassroots partnerships across 40 countries.

"We did the math," said Scott Fifer, GO Campaign's founder and CEO. "Over the past 19 years, we've helped more than 450,000 children through hundreds of grassroots projects around the world, and when you add it all up, $35 is the average cost to change a child's life."

The impact of that $35 varies by location and need, but the organization provides concrete examples of its effectiveness. In Nepal, a $35 donation enables GO Campaign to provide protective resources that reduce the immediate risk of sex trafficking for 12 children.

"This highly effective intervention moves children from a state of crisis to safety and opportunity, and that is the model that defines GO Campaign," Fifer said. "Our core belief is that every

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Malibu Council defers decision on senior center expansion

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The Malibu City Council voted 3-2 at their last meeting to defer a decision on dedicating City Hall's full multi-purpose room as a senior center, instead directing staff to study options for expanding senior programming over the next 90 days.

The proposal, brought forward by Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein and Council Member Haylynn Conrad, sought to reserve the entire 2,500-square-foot multi-purpose room exclusively for seniors during regular business hours. The two council members said they had separately promised the change to

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New hires, new offices and new lawsuits dominate Council's closed session

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The most interesting items up for discussion at Tuesday's City Council meeting will occur behind closed doors including negotiations for two property purchases on 14th Street and Euclid Avenue, multiple pending lawsuits, and the appointment of a new city attorney.

The council will meet in closed session to discuss property negotiations for 1640 14th Street and two parcels on Euclid Avenue

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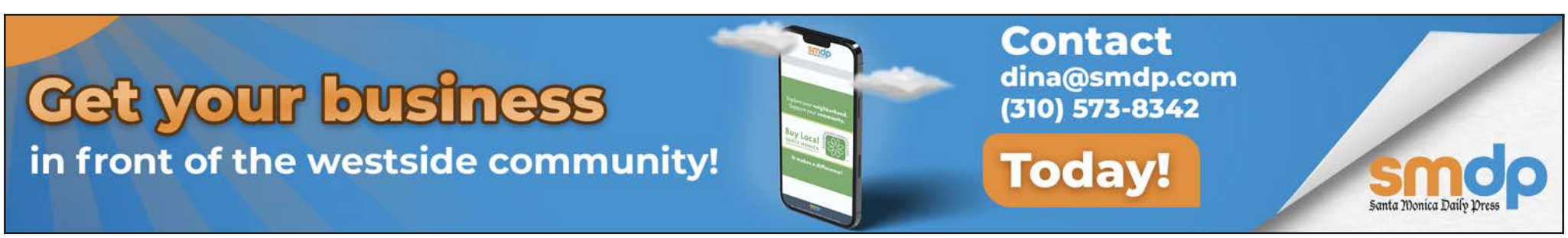

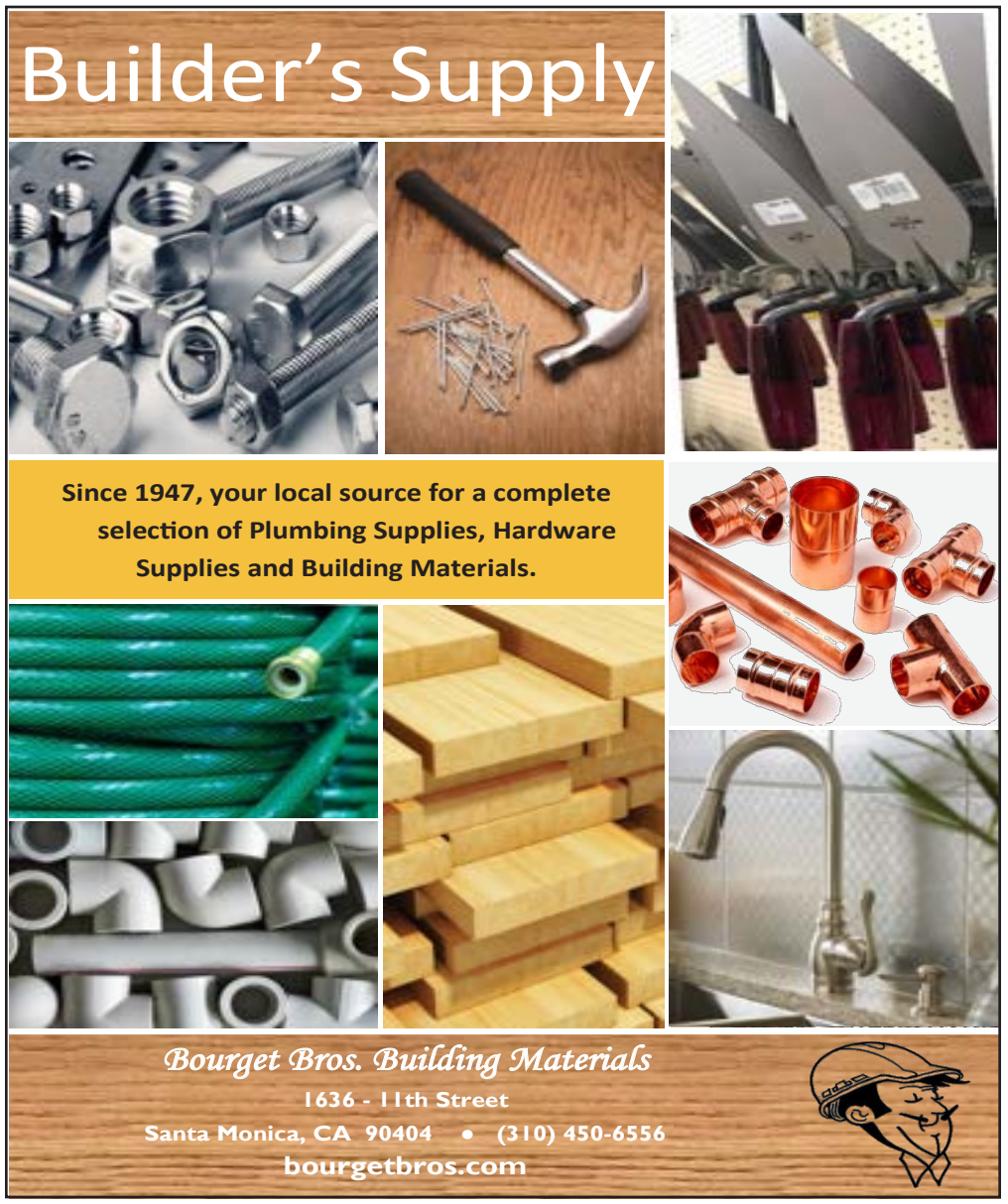

FEMA acting chief David Richardson departs after six months on the job

The acting chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency left his job Monday after just six months, according to the Department of Homeland Security, the latest disruption in a year of mass staff departures, program cuts and policy upheaval at the agency charged with managing federal disaster response.

David Richardson, who in his brief term remained largely out of public sight, is leaving the post after he faced a wave of criticism for his handling of the deadly Texas floods earlier this year. He replaced previous acting head Cameron Hamilton in May.

DHS did not comment on the details of Richardson's departure, but a FEMA employee familiar with the matter told The Associated Press that Richardson resigned. The employee spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the changes with the media.

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security extend their sincere appreciation to the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator, David Richardson, for his dedicated service and wish him continued success in his return to the private sector," a DHS spokesperson told The Associated Press.

The Washington Post first reported the news about Richardson's resignation.

A former Marine Corps officer who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and also led the DHS Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction office, Richardson had no previous emergency management experience when he assumed the role of "senior official performing the duties of administrator" in May.

After replacing Hamilton, who was fired one day after telling a House appropriations committee that he did not think FEMA should be eliminated, Richardson vowed to help fulfill President Donald Trump's goal to push more disaster recovery responsibilities to the states and told FEMA employees he would " run right over " anyone who tried to obstruct that mission.

But Richardson's leadership was questioned by members of Congress and FEMA employees, particularly after remaining largely out of sight after the deadly Texas floods last July that killed at least 136 people.

When asked by a House committee in July why he did not arrive on the ground until one week after the disaster, Richardson said he stayed in Washington, D.C., to "kick down the doors of bureaucracy," but also said he was camping with his sons for the July 4 weekend when the floods first hit and initially helped manage the response from inside his truck.

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem has also kept a tight grip on FEMA programs and spending, requiring that she personally approve any agency expenditure over $100,000. Richardson had denied reports that the approval policy slowed down FEMA's response in Texas.

FEMA Chief of Staff and former cybersecurity official Karen Evans will assume the role on Dec. 1, according to DHS. The FEMA administrator is required by law to have emergency management experience, but the Trump administration has circumvented those requirements up to now by appointing temporary leaders.

The agency has undergone major upheaval since Trump returned to office in January promising to vastly overhaul if not eliminate the agency. About 18% of the agency's permanent full-time employees had departed as of June, including 24 senior-level staffers, according to the Government Accountability Office.

The Trump administration also has slashed mitigation funding, placed requirements on preparedness grants that compel recipients to comply with Trump's immigration agenda, and denied several states' requests for major disaster declaration requests.

DHS did not respond to questions about whether Richardson will still lead the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office.

Trump appointed a 12-member review council led by Noem and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to deliver recommendations on how to reform FEMA and push more responsibility to the states for disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The council is expected to deliver its recommendations in December.

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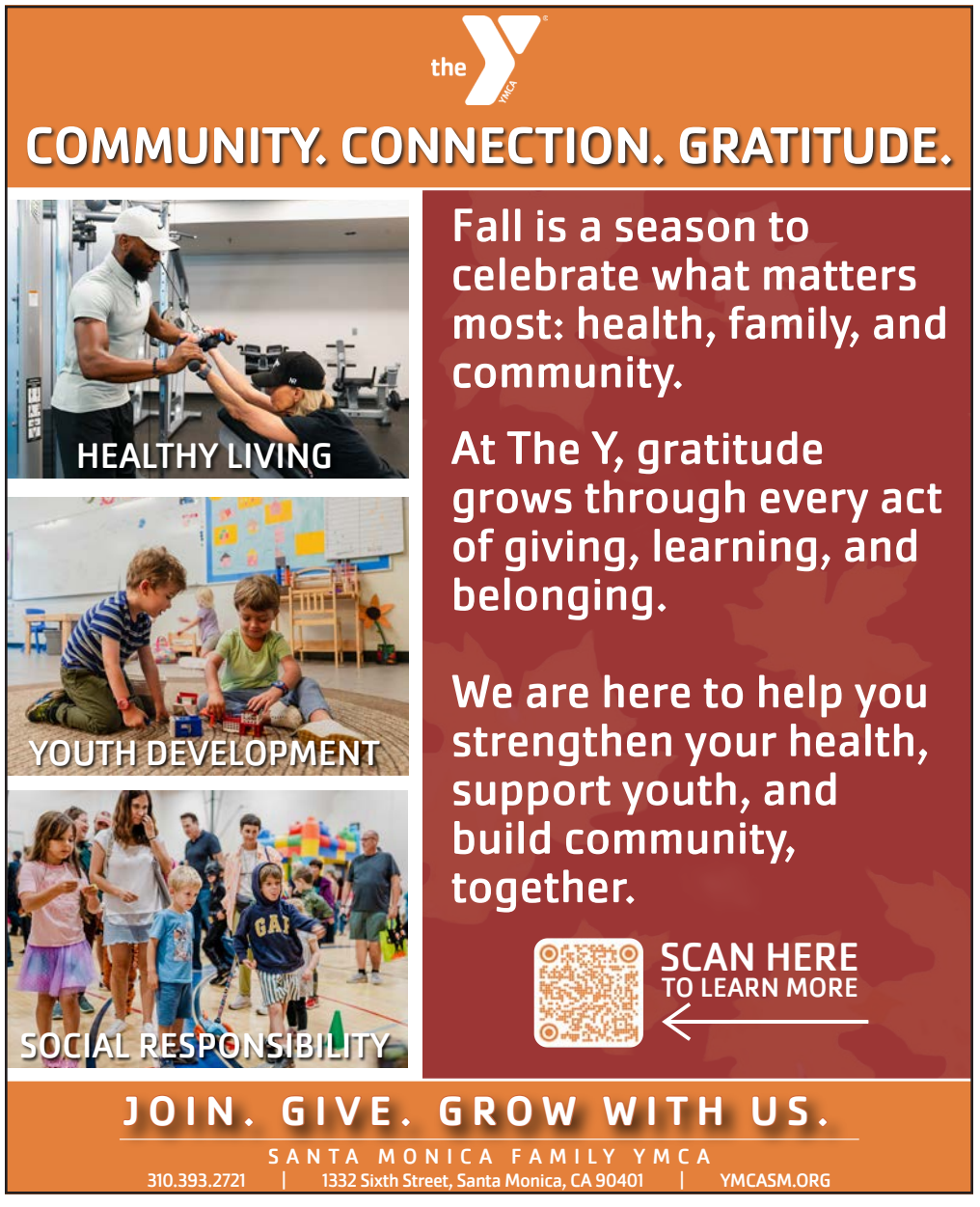

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What's next for the Epstein files after Trump's social media posts

The House is heading toward a vote Tuesday on a bill to force the Justice Department to release the case files it has collected on the late financier Jeffrey Epstein, pushing past a monthslong effort by President Donald Trump and Republican leaders to stymie the effort.

The push for more disclosure in the years-old sex trafficking investigation into Epstein has come roaring back since the House returned to Washington after a nearly two-month absence during the government shutdown. As lawmakers returned last week, they were greeted by new details from a tranche of Epstein's emails, including claims that Trump had "spent hours" at Epstein's house with a sex trafficking victim and that he "knew about the girls."

The new revelations and the coming vote showed one of the rare instances where Trump has not been able to exhibit almost total control over his party. Bowing to the growing momentum behind the bill, Trump indicated Monday he would sign the bill if it passes both chambers of Congress.

The sex trafficking case into Epstein has only grown in political influence since Epstein killed himself in a Manhattan jail while awaiting trial in 2019. He faced charges that he sexually abused and trafficked underage girls, and since then many more have said they were abused by the well-connected financier.

Now, many lawmakers say that the Justice Department also needs to release its case files on Epstein, arguing that it could show that other people were aware of or complicit in Epstein's sexual abuse. House Democrats, joined by a few key Republicans, have been able to force a vote on the bill to do that by using a rarely successful measure called a discharge petition.

As it became apparent that the bill will pass the House, most likely with significant support from Republican lawmakers, Trump and House Speaker Mike Johnson changed their approach from outright opposition to declarations of indifference.

"Here's what I want: We have nothing to do with Epstein. The Democrats do," Trump told reporters, adding that he believed the issue was distracting from his accomplishments.

WHY IS THE HOUSE ABOUT TO VOTE?

Reps. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., and Thomas Massie, R-Ky., introduced a petition in July to force a vote on their bill, the Epstein Files Transparency Act.

The effort was backed by all House Democrats and four Republicans: Massie and Reps. Lauren Boebert of Colorado, Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia and Nancy Mace of South Carolina.

Minutes after Democrat Adelita Grijalva of Arizona was sworn into office Wednesday, she signed her name to the Epstein petition, pushing it to the magic number of 218 — a majority in the 435-member House.

Johnson said following Grijalva's swearing-in that he would expedite the petition process to bring a vote on the bill to the House floor this week.

The speaker has pushed back on claims that he has obstructed the Epstein legislation to protect Trump or others. He told reporters last week that the Republican majority took issue with the phrasing of the measure, which he claimed did not adequately protect victims.

Johnson has also pointed repeatedly to a concurrent investigation into Epstein's sexual abuse that is being conducted by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Republicans who control the committee have also focused on Epstein's connections to Democrats, including former President Bill Clinton.

It was the oversight panel that released Epstein's emails, part of 20,000 pages of documents that it obtained from Epstein's estate.

The committee has also subpoenaed the Justice Department for its case files on Epstein, but Democrats on the committee say the response has been insufficient.

> "I trust them in terms of having the confidence that they'll get as much information out there as possible in a way that protects the rights of the victims"
>
> - John Thune, Senate Majority Leader

WHAT DOES THE BILL DO?

The bill would force the Justice Department to release all files and communications related to Epstein, as well as any information about the investigation into his death in federal prison. Information about Epstein's victims or continuing federal investigations would be allowed to be redacted, per the bill.

The department, however, would not be allowed to redact information due to "embarrassment, reputational harm, or political sensitivity, including to any government official, public figure, or foreign dignitary."

Several survivors of Epstein's abuse, joined by lawmakers, also plan to speak outside the Capitol on Tuesday morning.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.0**

TUESDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 1-2tt, Knee to thigh

Chunky NW swell mix. Not a great wind day but enough size to be worth watching. WNW swell peaks overnight/early AM and lingers through the day. Widespread surf in the waist-stomach high range with winter focal points pushing chest high. Maybe slightly larger. Shorter to mid period so decent size spreads around the region and shape is somewhat broken up. The thing to watch is the wind. Overnight onshore wind keeps the surf raw out west early AM, conditions gradually improving. South facing winter points start clean with offshore N wind.

WEDNESDAY — *POOR TO FAIR*
SURF: 1-2ft, Knee to thigh

Leftover NW swell mix and likely improving conditions.
Size on the NW swell backs down but there should still be enough energy leftover for the surf to be pretty fun for the right gear. Small SSW swell in the mix for the combo breaks are in play. Wind and conditions look much more favorable for the morning, so even with less size the quality will be ok.

Weather

Tuesday: A slight chance of rain before 10am, then a chance of rain and thunderstorms between 10am and 4pm, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before 10pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Kahunas Patrol of Troop 223: resilience, service, and brotherhood in the face of adversity



Courtesy photo

SCOUTS: The group from Pacific Palisades has stayed together despite the fires.

This year, the Kahunas Patrol of Troop 223 in Pacific Palisades has faced challenges few could have anticipated. In January 2025, deadly wildfires swept through the community, leaving a trail of devastation in their wake. Many members of Troop 223 lost their homes, while others saw their neighborhoods and routines upended. For the Scouts, these were not just news stories—they were personal losses, etched into their daily lives.

FINDING SHELTER IN SCOUTING

In the aftermath of the fires, as families navigated uncertainty and grief, Troop 223 emerged as a haven of normalcy and togetherness. Meetings continued, albeit sometimes in borrowed spaces or makeshift settings. The familiar rhythms of Scout life—setting goals, earning merit badges, and sharing stories around a campfire—offered comfort and structure. For many Scouts, the troop became more than an extracurricular activity; it became a support system, a place to rebuild not just routines but also hope.

LEARNING RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY

This year tested the Scouts' core values like never before. Resilience and adaptability, often discussed in lessons and activities, took on real-world significance. Scouts learned to adapt to new housing arrangements, to work together despite emotional strain, and to support one another through acts of kindness—big and small. The troop leaders encouraged open conversations about loss and recovery, fostering an environment where Scouts could process their experiences and draw strength from their shared journey.

KAHUNAS PATROL: CARRYING THE TORCH OF TRADITION

Despite the upheaval, the Kahunas Patrol refused to let adversity define their year. In the fall term, they proudly continued their tradition of three signature outings: a career trip, a good turn trip, and a fun trip. These excursions were more than just a break from the routine—they were opportunities to reconnect, engage with the broader community, and rediscover joy.

EXPLORING CAREERS: A VISIT TO AN ARCHITECTURE FIRM

The career trip took the Scouts to a local architecture firm, HGA Architects where they learned about design, sustainability, and problem-solving. The experience was particularly meaningful this year, as the Scouts saw firsthand how architects help communities rebuild after disasters. They toured model homes, discussed the importance of resilient structures, and even sketched their own visions for future neighborhoods. For some, the visit sparked dreams of one day helping to design safer, more fire-resistant communities.

GIVING BACK: SUPPORTING FIRE SURVIVORS AND VETERANS

In the spirit of service central to Scouting,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Beaches

Santa Monica's Fourth Annual Volley-Ween Fundraiser Raises $3,880

Santa MoniCARES raised $1,940 at the fourth annual Volley-Ween fundraiser event on Oct. 29 for local Santa Monica nonprofits. With Santa MoniCARES matching the donation, a total of $3,880 will be donated to support those facing food insecurity this winter season.

"We are grateful to stand with the passionate and community-oriented organizations, businesses and residents of Santa Monica each Volley-Ween and all year round to support nonprofits serving our city," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism.



Santa Monica Travel & Tourism

NONPROFIT: Members of the community and local organizations convened at Perry's Café and Beach Rentals to take part in a spirited beach volleyball tournament supporting Santa Monica nonprofits.

Members of the community and local organizations convened at Perry's Café and Beach Rentals to take part in a spirited beach volleyball tournament supporting Santa Monica nonprofits. The Santa Monica Police Department took home the win at this year's tournament. USC & Annenberg Community Beach House won the Spirit Award and The Pierside Hotel won Best Group Costume.

"This is such a great event—we've been doing this for three years and I suggest everyone come out and participate," said Nathan Nguyen with the Santa Monica Police Department tournament-winning team.

Santa Monica Travel & Tourism and Santa MoniCARES extended appreciation to the residents and hospitality community who showed support at this year's event. Special guest and professional beach volleyball legend Sinjin Smith represented the sport.

Event sponsors included Regent Santa Monica Beach, ETC Hotels, HBX Group, Perry's Café & Beach Rentals, Downtown Santa Monica, Annenberg Community Beach House, Jeff Jarow and Actum.

Santa MoniCARES is a coalition of representatives from Santa Monica Travel & Tourism and tourism community partners. The organization's mission is to harness the hospitable nature and generosity of Santa Monica's tourism industry and provide support to local nonprofit agencies. All funds raised at Volley-Ween are donated to nonprofits in the community.

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Pacific Palisades

The Beverly Hills Estates Launches The Palisades Estates Division

The Beverly Hills Estates has launched The Palisades Estates, a dedicated division focused on helping the Pacific Palisades community rebuild following devastating wildfires in January.

The new division will be led by Jacqueline Chernov, a Westside real estate specialist who joined the luxury firm earlier this year. Chernov, a Palisades resident who lost her own home in the fires, is currently navigating the rebuilding process alongside many of her clients.



Courtesy photo

BEVERLY HILLS ESTATES: Branden Williams, Jacqueline Chernov and Rayni Williams from The Beverly Hills Estates.

"The Palisades deserves thoughtful stewardship as it rebuilds," said Rayni Williams, co-founder and CEO of The Beverly Hills Estates. "Launching The Palisades Estates formalizes our commitment to this community."

As division lead, Chernov will counsel sellers and buyers on strategy, pricing and timing. She can also tap into her network to make referrals to independent architects, builders, lenders and insurance professionals for clients to consider.

"I was on the fire line with my neighbors; now we're on the front line of the rebuild," said Branden Williams, co-founder of The Beverly Hills Estates. "This division ensures the Palisades has dedicated support, clear market intelligence and a roster of partners to support responsible rebuilding."

For Chernov, the mission is deeply personal.

"Rebuilding starts with good information," Chernov said. "Our job as brokers is to give sellers and buyers clean comps, clear timelines and a strategy that reflects today's realities."

The Palisades Estates will offer listing strategy and seller representation for land, teardowns and completed homes, as well as buyer representation for rebuild sites and move-in-ready options. The division will also provide market intelligence including active pipeline tracking, comps and quarterly briefs for the neighborhood.

Additional services include rebuild guidance with referrals to vetted architects, builders, lenders and insurance advisors, plus community resources like homeowner Q&A sessions and small-group workshops hosted with partner professionals.

The Palisades Estates is actively pursuing a permanent, street-front office in the community. Until then, the team will maintain a visible, hands-on presence throughout the neighborhood to support families during every step of the rebuild.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

Early Childhood Education Forum to Launch at Main Library

The SMC Public Policy Institute, Santa Monica Early Childhood Task Force, SMC Education/Early Childhood, and SMC Dance will host a three-day forum titled "Education in 2025: Meeting Challenges through Community, Creativity, and Collaboration" Nov. 17-19.

The forum launches Monday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Main Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., with a screening of "Make A Circle," a documentary examining challenges facing early childhood educators.

The screening will feature a panel of experts including former Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis and Erika Bell, co-chairs of the Santa Monica Early Childhood Task Force. Santa Monica City Manager Oliver Chi will deliver opening remarks.

From an award-winning filmmaking team, "Make A Circle" follows child care providers working to change how society values early childhood education. The documentary weaves together classroom experiences, personal struggles, and activism efforts, presenting a portrait of life as an early childhood educator and proposing solutions for the child care system.

Tuesday and Wednesday programming will feature SMC early childhood educators and movement artists discussing their approaches to current policy and cultural challenges. The PPI's Fall Forum continues with its annual collaboration with Westside Ballet of Santa Monica's "The Nutcracker" at The Broad Stage.

Additional details and RSVP information are available at www.smc.edu/ppi.

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Courtesy image

FORUM: The screening will feature a panel of experts including former Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis and Erika Bell, co-chairs of the Santa Monica Early Childhood Task Force.

Downtown

Police Arrest Suspect With Stolen Copper Wire, Burglary Tools

Santa Monica Police Department officers arrested a suspect Nov. 4 in the 400 block of Colorado Avenue after observing narcotics activity in public.

Officers assigned to the Directed Action Response Team recovered multiple coils of stolen copper wire during the contact. They also found bolt cutters, screwdrivers, wrenches, a pry bar and other burglary tools.

The suspect was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and narcotics-related violations.

Police said their teams continue working proactively across the city to deter theft, support local businesses and maintain a safe environment for residents and visitors.

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CITY COUNCIL

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at 1639 and 1645. City Manager Oliver Chi will negotiate with Jim Jacobsen of Industry Partners regarding price and payment terms for all three properties, according to the agenda. Purchase of the newly constructed buildings at a time when the City is struggling with a fiscal crisis have sparked interest and debate over the possible relocation of homeless services to the property. However, details of any deal will remain confidential until a possible purchase is complete.

Council members will also confer with legal counsel on several existing and anticipated lawsuits, including litigation claims from Constance White and Milana Davis related to the condemnation of property at 1811 Ocean Avenue. The lawsuit is a potential escalation of the claims by the White family.

In 1957, Silas White and associates signed a lease-to-own agreement for 1811 Ocean Avenue to open the Ebony Beach Club for Black families during segregation. The city condemned the property through eminent domain in 1958, awarding $74,000 to the original owner in 1959 but nothing to White's nonprofit. Courts at the time could only consider property ownership and market value, not racial motivation or investments. White had made initial payments and secured 400 prospective members, but the club never opened and he died in 1962.

Council previously approved mediation over the family's demand for payment

In a special closed session, Council will hear information about a pair of dueling lawsuits filed over the now shuttered Pavilions Motel. The City closed the facility earlier this year saying it had long been a hotbed of criminal activity and that its owners failed to comply with multiple orders to clean up operations.

In closed session, the council will also discuss the possible appointment of a city attorney and hold labor negotiations for that unrepresented position.

Among public business items, the council will consider final approval of a rental registry ordinance requiring registration of rental housing units not subject to local rent control. The measure received its first reading at a previous meeting and returns Tuesday for a second reading and adoption.

The consent calendar includes more than a dozen routine items requiring council approval. Notable among them is a contract award to Royal Electric Company for the Santa Monica Department of Transportation's charging infrastructure project phases 2-4, and approval to accept Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funds to reimburse the city for January 2025 Palisades Fire and windstorm incident response costs.

The council will also consider awarding a contract to Jacobs Engineering Group for operation, maintenance and management services of the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project's advanced water treatment facilities, and will vote on ratifying emergency repair purchase orders for Parking Structure #5.

On the public hearing calendar, the council will hear an appeal of a Landmarks Commission decision designating the front residence at 1125 18th Street as a Structure of Merit. The property owner has appealed the commission's July determination.

Santa Monica's longstanding inability to fill commission positions will continue with possible appointments to fill vacancies on the Transient Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee and the Housing Commission.

Two councilmember discussion items request approval of discretionary funds: Councilmembers Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra seek up to $6,000 to support Santa Monica High School's Legado Latino club for Día de los Muertos expenses at the Santa Monica History Museum, while Councilmember Lana Negrete and Mayor Pro Tem Phil Brock request up to $2,000 for Santa Monica College's ninth annual Thanksgiving grocery support program for students.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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the Kahunas Patrol organized a good turn trip focused on sorting supplies at the American Legion Palisades Post 283 Fire Relief Distribution Center. Working side by side, they supported the organizations efforts to aid the community. For many, the day underscored the importance of service—especially when their own community had relied so much on the generosity of others during the wildfire aftermath.

BUILDING BONDS THROUGH FUN: TRAMPOLINE SKILLS AND TEAMWORK

Amidst the seriousness of the year, the Scouts made time for laughter and camaraderie with a much-anticipated fun trip. At a local trampoline park, they practiced their flips, synchronized jumps, and friendly competitions. The outing was a reminder that joy and togetherness are vital parts of healing. For a few hours, the Scouts left worries behind, cheering each other on and celebrating the simple pleasure of play.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH HOPE

As 2025 draws to a close, the Kahunas Patrol of Troop 223 stands as a testament to the power of community and the enduring spirit of youth. The challenges they faced would have daunted many, but these Scouts have emerged stronger, more empathetic, and deeply connected. Through career exploration, service, and shared adventure, they have not only rebuilt their routines but have also played a role in rebuilding the fabric of Pacific Palisades itself.

The Scouts and leaders of Troop 223 extend their gratitude to the wider community for its support. They invite all to join them in celebrating not just survival, but the remarkable resilience and hope that grows when neighbors stand together. Troop 223 welcomes new joiners to this incredible group of young people. For information of how to join, please contact Greg Frost at frostfamily@frostinvestigations.com.

Submitted by Jane Leung

SENIOR CENTER

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senior residents during their 2024 campaigns.

"We wouldn't have promised it if we didn't think it made sense in the first place," Silverstein said. "I don't offer things just for political gain. I offer things that make sense."

The motion would have prevented city staff from using the space for meetings and training during weekday business hours, except for emergencies when the room serves as the city's Emergency Operations Center.

Conrad said seniors currently share half the room and frequently must end activities prematurely when other programs begin.

"Today, for instance, they really didn't want to leave knitting, but they had to for chair yoga," Conrad said. "If there's two rooms they can go simultaneously, they don't have to leave so abruptly."

All six public comments received on the proposal supported the dedication, according to Silverstein. Both council members said they had received no opposition.

However, Mayor Marianne Riggins and Council Members Doug Stewart and Trevor Rusin expressed concerns about making a permanent decision without understanding the full impact on city operations.

"I'm not smart enough right now to make a decision one way or the other," Rusin said. "I just don't have enough information."

Stewart questioned whether the issue was a space shortage or a scheduling problem that city staff should resolve.

"Honestly, the best thing to do is you've made your case here. It's a compelling argument for trying to do something better for the senior operation, but we've got constraints," Stewart said. "Let the staff take care of it and not have the City Council try to micromanage it."

The debate highlighted ongoing space constraints at City Hall, which houses staff and community functions in a 37,000-square-foot former performing arts center. The building's Zuma Room, once part of the senior center, now houses staff working on post-Woolsey Fire rebuilds and geology issues.

Staff data showed that in 2024, the multi-purpose room hosted 148 senior programs but 172 other uses, including staff training, commission meetings, public safety activities and special events. Through October 2025, seniors held 59 programs while other uses totaled 223.

The room also serves as a voting center during elections and can be divided by a collapsible wall.

According to the staff report, the senior center originally opened in 2003 in the old city hall building. When the city purchased the current building in 2009, plans called for a 1,300-square-foot senior center and separate 1,300-square-foot multi-purpose room.

The senior center initially occupied both spaces plus additional areas, but during the COVID-19 lockdown, staff began using portions of the senior space. The Zuma Room was converted to staff offices, and the multi-purpose room increasingly hosts city business.

Silverstein argued that dedicating the space would force staff to find alternatives rather than displacing seniors.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," Silverstein said. "It's easy to use a room when you have the right to just go use it."

The proposal also sought to formally allow seniors to have food and beverages in the space, which Silverstein said they are currently prohibited from doing despite staff having food during their events.

Riggins countered that the council should not make a "yes or no binary choice" without more information.

"I think we need some additional information," Riggins said, proposing the 90-day study period instead.

Stewart suggested the city could rent external office space for about $5,000 monthly if needed, though he acknowledged keeping seniors at City Hall made more sense given the existing kitchen and support infrastructure.

After debate, Riggins made a substitute motion directing staff to return within 90 days with options for expanding senior use and programming. The substitute motion passed 3-2, with Silverstein and Conrad opposed.

The staff report noted that any future renovations or relocations would require separate council approval and budget allocation.

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TRUMP

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IS IT GOING TO PASS?

The bill will almost certainly pass the House, but its future in the Senate is a different story.

It already has support from a majority of the House, and more Republicans are expected to vote for it as they respond to demands from their voters.

The tougher test will come in the Senate, where Republicans hold a 53–47 majority.

Asked in September whether the Senate would take up the Epstein bill if it passed the House, Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., said, "I can't comment on that at this point."

Thune added that the Justice Department "has already released tons of files related to this matter."

"I trust them in terms of having the confidence that they'll get as much information out there as possible in a way that protects the rights of the victims," Thune said.

TRUMP SAYS HE WON'T STOP IT

Trump said Tuesday that he would sign the bill if it passes both chambers of Congress, though he added, "Let the Senate look at it."

It was a remarkable reversal from the president after he had lobbied two Republicans last week to try to stop the House discharge petition.

Trump claims that Epstein had more ties with Democrats and said that he didn't want the Epstein files to "detract from the great success of the Republican Party."

Still, Massie has suggested Trump could avoid the entire ordeal by ordering the release of all the Epstein files held by the federal government.

"There's still time for him to be the hero," Massie said of Trump.

By STEPHEN GROVES, MATT BROWN and JOEY CAPPELLETTI Associated Press

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica Adding Municipal Code Section 9.61.205 to Establish a Digital Display District for the Third Street Promenade and Santa Monica Place Shopping Center**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Santa Monica to add municipal code section 9.61.205 to permit digital displays to be approved by development agreement in specified locations. The ordinance would establish a new digital signage district for the Third Street Promenade and the Santa Monica Place shopping center (the District). The ordinance would require new digital displays within the District to be processed through development agreements. The draft Ordinance would also establish standards applicable to all new digital displays, including but not limited to:

- Display Type
- Projections/Encroachments
- Maximum Display Area
- Content
- Audio
- Design and Landmarks Review Authority
- Energy
- Hours of Operation
- Maintenance
- Illumination

The City Council will also consider adopting findings of categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), Section 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. The Council provided direction on June 10, 2025 to establish the District, as part of the City's economic recovery efforts within the Downtown and Third Street Promenade Area.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Digital Display District Ordinance

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

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

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

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso público sobre las nuevas regulaciones de señalización en Santa Mónica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

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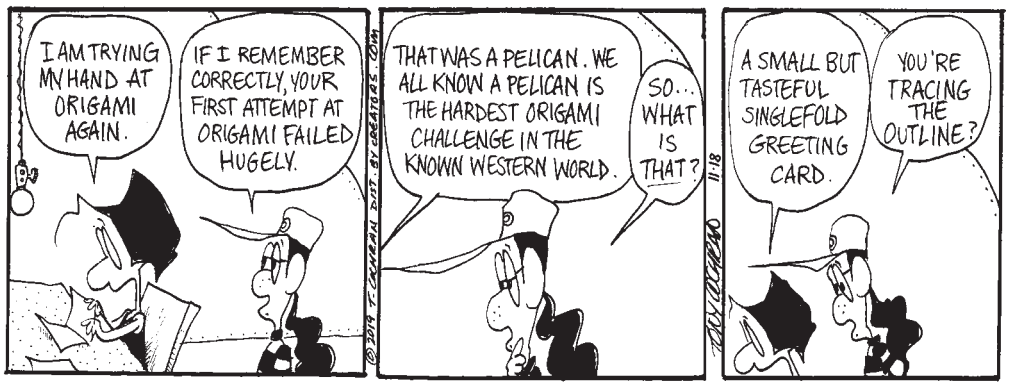

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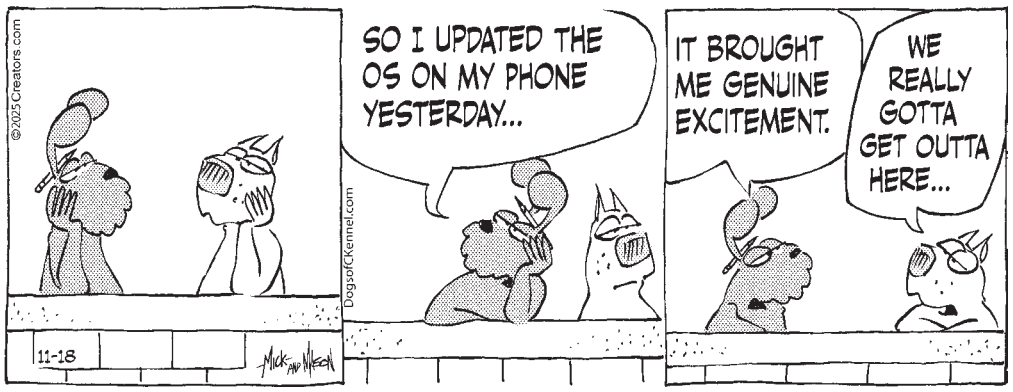

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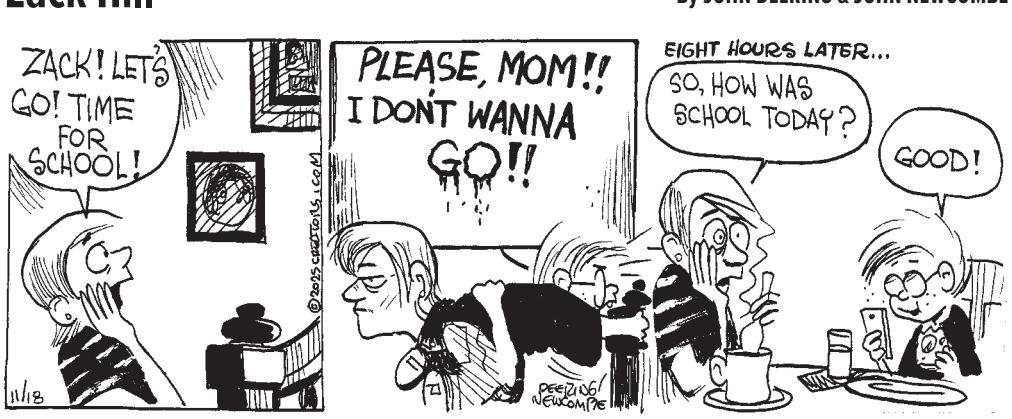

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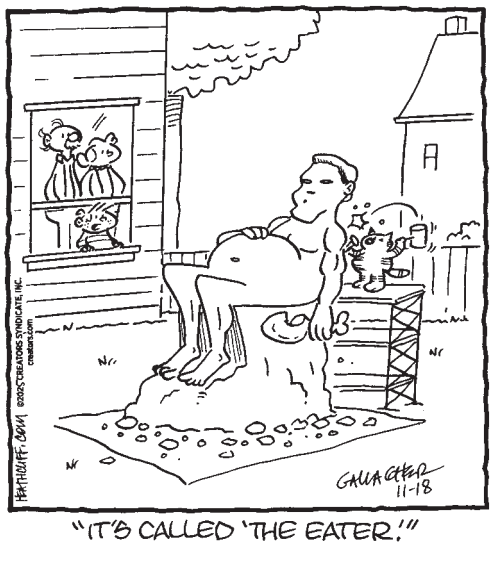

"IT'S CALLED 'THE EATER.'"

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 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6763

Nesting instinct

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some state their rules like stop signs: "I won't do X, I don't want Y." You take a more creative approach, offering ideas about what you want - scenarios filled with promise. You're trying to create an experience for others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have deep empathy and a compassionate perspective. You realize that when people overreact, it's usually because they've been hurt before. This awareness is what keeps you kind, even when others are prickly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Efficiency can be overrated. People also need fluff, entertainment, breaks, silliness. Go in for a bit of inefficient fun today and it raises morale and speaks to sustainability. You're a human doing human work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your idea is strong and beneficial in principle. But for it to succeed, you also need resources, support and implementation. Keep working on it, talking about it, researching, experimenting - you're on to something, but these are still early days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're no evangelist for your viewpoint - you simply live it. Persuasion bores you; conviction moves you. Keep following that inner compass and expressing yourself through action, not argument.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It would be unfair to demand more discipline of yourself than you have. Maybe it's not about trying harder, but about setting yourself up better. Environmental design matters. Structure and setup are the most reliable allies of willpower.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People who make themselves useful can vanish beneath their own usefulness. You see what labor is happening everywhere around you, even the labor that's invisible. Your awareness restores those invisible laborers by valuing being over doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes the socializing isn't optional and you just have to show up where you're expected. The mix of people may be strange today, too, but it can still be harmonious. It may help to invite more people. Groups will create their own order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Too little stress causes boredom and low motivation. Too much stress causes overwhelm and paralysis. Just enough stress gives you that focused, energized feeling from which your best work can arise. That's what you'll have today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your imagination is vast, but not every vision needs to be polished. Let rough edges speak their own truth - that's high art. Create freely, finish fast, and let the imperfect masterpiece breathe its magic into the world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Frustration has shaped more of your brilliance than ease ever did. If you hadn't been dissatisfied, you wouldn't have reached higher, sought help, or developed your signature style. Today's frustration is merely a sign of your continued evolution.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you get it right the first time, go again. The second and third tries prove it wasn't luck. By the fourth and fifth, skill deepens and insight dawns. Repetition will teach you lessons no single success ever could.

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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Newsday Crossword

T-SHIRT TRIO by Billie Truitt
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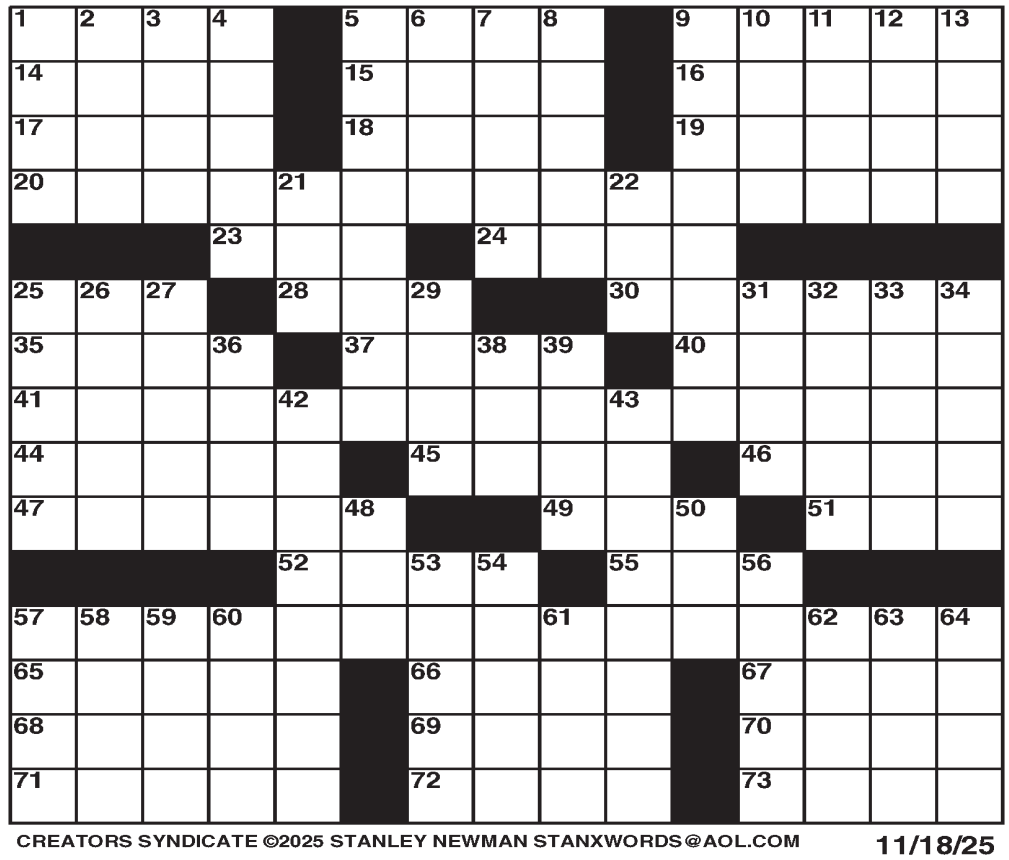
ACROSS

1 High-tech hosp. scans
5 Boston's state, for short
9 First-aid kit fabric
14 Old West sheriff's shoe
15 Opera solo
16 On an ocean cruise
17 Coupe or convertible
18 Reject abruptly
19 Sub's tracking device
20 Began with modest goals
23 "That's right"
24 Leopard marking
25 Heart chart: Abbr.
28 Dined or snacked
30 Law enforcement force
35 Soothing ointment
37 Colorful part of the eye
40 Not shy about speaking
41 Radio or television, e.g.
44 Elude
45 __ butter (lotion ingredient)
46 "If all __ fails..."
47 Discover by sight or smell
49 Athlete who's paid
51 "__ out!" (ump's shout)
52 Volcanic flow
55 Puncturing tool
57 Hadn't been captured yet
65 __ the hole (hidden asset)
66 Quick snack
67 Got cash for
68 Color variation
69 Quartet minus one
70 Buttonlike earring
71 Golf course targets
72 Actor Penn or Connery
73 "Heavens!"

DOWN

1 Degs. in finance
2 Decisive victory
3 Slightest trace
4 Newspaper article
5 Fit for a monarch
6 Dry as a desert
7 Grain storage towers
8 Stopped slouching in a chair
9 Pilot light appliance
10 Molecule part
11 Annapolis military sch.
12 Enthusiasm
13 British nobleman below duke
21 Brit's hot beverage
22 Spinning toy
25 Receded, as the tide
26 Slice, as a turkey
27 Brag about winning
29 Chapters of history
31 Rich vein of ore
32 In an unfriendly manner
33 Bring about
34 Bugs Bunny adversary Fudd
36 Constructed
38 Suffix meaning "sort of"
39 Rung of a ladder
42 Turns down, as an offer
43 Multi-mile footrace
48 Light brown
50 Big-eyed night bird
53 Clothes dryer outlets
54 Idolize
56 Rancher's rope
57 Carelessly quick
58 Rebounding sound
59 Breakfast or brunch
60 Personal assistant
61 Japan's continent
62 __ IRA (tax-deferred account)
63 Feeling sad
64 Minor whirlpool



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CAMPAIGN

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child has the right to food, shelter, education and a fair chance in life."

Similar donations support projects in Colombia, Congo and California, with the organization maintaining rigorous monitoring and evaluation processes to track exactly where funds go and what they accomplish.

Fifer's path to nonprofit leadership followed an unconventional trajectory through politics, Wall Street and Hollywood. The former U.S. Senate aide and entertainment industry screenwriter founded GO Campaign in 2006 after a transformative volunteer experience at an orphanage in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania.

"I took a trip to Tanzania in 2005 that fundamentally changed my trajectory," Fifer said. "I volunteered for a month at an orphanage in Kilimanjaro, and it was the most transformative experience of my life. When I returned to Santa Monica, I couldn't stop thinking about those kids and knew I could do more to give them a better chance."

What began as an effort to support those 20 children has evolved into a comprehensive organization that funds grassroots solutions led by local leaders who understand their communities' specific needs. The organization has expanded access to education, healthcare, shelter, safety and opportunity through its "Local Hero" model.

"The original plan was just to help those 20 kids. I had no idea it would grow, take over my life, and lead to an entire career change," Fifer said. "Over time we developed this Local Hero model which is based on listening to the needs of the people on the ground."

The organization's donor-centered approach allows contributors to direct funds toward specific causes or regions that resonate with them, whether supporting girls' education, helping children in particular countries or assisting foster youth.

GO Campaign has attracted support from celebrity ambassadors including Robert Pattinson, Ewan McGregor, Lily Collins and Evangeline Lilly, helping raise awareness and drive donations.

During the giving season, the organization partners with numerous local groups including Create Now, CleanSlate Inc., A Sense of Home and Good City Mentors. One recent partnership involves Courage Camps, which provides safe spaces for inner-city Los Angeles children to experience the ocean and learn self-worth through surfing lessons.

"The more holiday donations we bring in, the more children we can help," Fifer said. "It's truly that direct: one more donation equals one more child whose life is changed."

Funds raised through the #35toThrive campaign will be distributed to GO Campaign's Local Heroes with the most urgent needs, both internationally and domestically.

The organization maintains detailed grant data across hundreds of projects, allowing donors to see precise information about their contributions' impact. Examples of $35's purchasing power are available on the GO Campaign website.

Those interested in supporting holiday drives or learning more about the campaign can contact the organization at info@gocampaign.org.

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Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to the California Civil Code section 1988(b); Section 6066 of the Government Code any other applicable CA Statutes, that the items of property listed below is believed to be abandoned by Thomas Carmen Costabile and all other owners, occupants, partners, tenants and/or subtenants at address: 5112 Via San Lucas, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. Items will be sold at a Public Auction by Yang Family Trust, et al., to be offered in bulk and or bulk lots at a competitive bid sale through an Online Auction Wednesday, December 03rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm at 5112 Via San Lucas, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. Auction access via WWW.MEGAAUCTIONS.NETItems to be sold are to include but are not limited to:Wall Art, Display Case, Die Cast Toys, Baseball Gloves, Bobblehead, Caps, Balls, Pitching Net, Tennis Racquets Hot Wheels Bike Helmet & Bike, Towels, IZOD Watch, Bed Frames, Corner Shelfs, Artificial Flowers, Trash Bin, Wall Mirror, Samsonite Spinner Luggage, Ashley Furniture Dining Table & Chairs, Ashley Furniture Havalance Dining Table & Chairs, Ashley Furniture Rawcliffe 3-Piece Sectional, Ashley Furniture Realyn Coffee Table, Cream Sofa, L Shaped Desk with Hutch, Glass & Steel Desk, Office Chairs, Office Supplies, Laundry & Cleaning Supplies, Basket, Clothing, Footwear, Jackets, Hats, Blankets & Throws, Bedding, Pillows, Suitcases, Prop Sword, Movie Posters, Directors Chair, Cisco 8851, Bag, Star Wars & Other Action Figures, Disney Magic Band, Boxing Bag, Decathlon Riverside 100 Bike, POOBOO Stationary Bike, Candle Holder, Star Wars Collectables, DVDs, CDs, Galaxy S22, Galaxy Tab A7, Galaxy Watch4, Galaxy Tab S9 Ultra, iPhone 13 256GB (PRODUCT) RED, HP MFP M234sdw, Eero Pro Routers, JBL Headphones, Canon EOS R100 with Lens, RØDE VideoMic GO II, iMac Computers, Keyboards, Mice, Gaming Chairs, Moto E Smartphone, Disney Watch, Sony Cyber-Shot DSC-W35 Camera, Side Table, Sunglasses, Folding Table, iPhone 11, Nintendo Switch Oled, Nintendo Switch Lite, Console Games, Mario Kart Wheel Pro, Xbox Series S, Game Controllers, Meta Quest 3 VR Headsets, Sony 4K LED TV, Bell'O TV Stand, Sony SS-CS8 Speaker, Sony STR-DH190 Receiver, Chargers, Echo Show, Cables, Power Adapters, Bowls, Décor Art, Drying Rack, Cups, Glasses, Silverware, Boxes, Pans, Frying Pans, Caddy, Cutting Board, Bottles, Towel Holder, Jugs, Jars, Mugs, Plates, Containers, Pots, Serving Plates, Bakeware, Teapot, Kitchenware, Blenders, Tealights, Trash Can, Kettle, Keurig K-Elite, Hot Dog Steamer, Cuisinart Knife Set, Food, Toaster, Vinyl Stools, Wine Glasses, Tools, Batteries, Hardware, Board Games, Karaoke Machine, Photo Stands, Décor Pillows, Artificial Tree, Trunk, Picture Frames, Scooters, Walker Frames, Air Hockey Table, Bedside Tables, Shelving Units, Draws, Hangers, HP AiO Computer, Extension Cables, Candles, ACME Imogen Sectional Sofa, KEF Speakers, Episode ES-SUB-WIRELESS-KIT, Sonance VP67R 140-W Speakers, Pioneer VSX-LX304 Receiver, Samsung QN82Q70RAFFXZA 82" QLED 4K Smart TV, Blu Ray Player, Roku 4K, HDMI Cables, Logitech G432 Headset, DUORUIMI Bunk Beds, Gaming Desk, Stuffed Toys, Kid's Clothing, Kids Toys, Star Wars Lightsabers, Yoda Display, Excalibur Franklin Mint Sword, Green Destiny Steel Sword, Lord Of The Rings Aragorns Sword, Plaque United States Seal, Baseballs in Cases, PC Speakers, Curved Bed Frame, American Woodcrafters Heirloom Poster Bed 2910-66POS, Bedside Tables, Black Leather Couch, Sony KD 65" TV, Wall Mount, Nesting Dolls, Ceiling Fan, Totes, VHS Recorder, Gun Safe, Power Cables, Christmas Décor, Halloween Décor, Frigidaire 56" Chest Freezer, Vissani Freezer, Nintendo Wii, Computers & Accessories, Hard Drive, Milkshake Glasses, Glass Conference Table, Reception Desk, Furniture Dolly, Cart, Various Items Unsearched

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00576. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Erika Georgiou & Andrew Forero for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Erika Georgiou filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: James Troy Georgiou Forero to Jamie Troy Georgiou Forero. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: December 19, 2025, 8:30 AM, Dept. K, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Dated: 11/07/2025. s/ Lawrence Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish: 11/11/2025, 11/18/2025, 11/25/2025, 12/02/2025.

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TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 18

WALKING MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 8 am at lifeguard tower 28 in line with Ashland Street (paid parking available in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline (from tower 28 to the rainbow tower at Brooks Street and back). Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-11-18T08

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park.Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! For more information call (310) 458-8688. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-11-11T10

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Join them today to show your support for the library: For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-11-18T12

TECH & TASKS

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2025-11-11T16

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2025-11-11T17

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

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12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento.

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 20

MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/montana-branch-book-group/14818668/2025-11-20T18

CLIMATE & OUR COAST WORKSHOP

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Heal the Bay Main Office 1444 9th St Santa Monica. An award-winning, hands-on experience designed to help you master the science behind climate change. In just three hours, you'll gain a clear understanding of the impacts on our coast. This unique workshop offers: Interactive Learning: Quickly grasp the complexities of climate change through an engaging, collaborative process. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/climate-our-coast-workshop/16594068/2025-11-19T18

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