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Rent Control Board hears success and failure for housing bills

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board received a comprehensive update on California's 2025 legislative session on Thursday, though the presentation was marred by a significant error that drew sharp public criticism.

Legislative advocate Brian

Augusta reported that while the session began with "a hefty agenda of bills related to rent stabilization, housing affordability, and tenant's rights," most major tenant protection measures stalled or died during the legislative process. "At the final buzzer only a handful of those bills remained

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Record rainfall drenches Los Angeles

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A powerful atmospheric river drenched Southern California with 2 to 13 inches of rain between Thursday and Monday, shattering decades-old records and marking the wettest November in 40 years for Los Angeles. Downtown Los Angeles recorded approximately 2.8 inches through Monday, while foothill

communities and reservoirs in the San Fernando Valley received 4 to 6 inches or more during the five-day deluge. Mount Wilson in the San Gabriel Mountains picked up almost 5 inches, and preliminary National Weather Service gauges in the high country measured upward of 7 to 8 inches at the wettest spots. The intense rainfall broke daily records in multiple locations. Downtown Los Angeles surpassed a 1952 record Saturday with 1.65

inches in 24 hours, edging past the previous mark of 1.64 inches. The National Weather Service reported that its Oxnard office and Santa Barbara Airport also shattered long-standing single-day November records. By Sunday morning, downtown LA's monthly total reached 2.57 inches, exceeding any November since 1985. The deluge put

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Truly Pizza expands into Los Angeles with new location opening in Venice

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Truly Pizza has opened its third location at 1239 Abbot Kinney Blvd., marking the Dana Point-based pizzeria's expansion beyond Orange County. The 4,655-square-foot restaurant seats approximately 130 guests, with both indoor and outdoor seating. The Venice location features the brand's signature garden-inspired aesthetic and offers hand-crafted pizzas, starters, salads, house-made desserts and a curated selection of wine and beverages. "Venice is an iconic neighborhood with a vibrant, artistic spirit that aligns perfectly with the heart and

soul of Truly Pizza," said Donna Baldwin, co-founder. "We can't wait to bring our signature hospitality and chef-driven menu to such a dynamic community." Co-founder John Arena, a master pizzaiolo, said the Westside expansion felt natural for the growing brand. "We're excited to become part of this community and to serve our artisan pizzas to both locals and visitors who appreciate quality, craftsmanship and the joy of gathering around great food," Arena said. The announcement comes as Truly Pizza prepares to open its

SEE **PIZZA** PAGE 8 **PIZZA:** The new restaurant is part of a northward expansion for the company.



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Los Angeles mayor seeks extended mortgage relief for wildfire survivors

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Daily Press Editor

Mayor Karen Bass has called on banks and mortgage servicers to extend mortgage payment relief for homeowners recovering from the January wildfires, proposing three additional years beyond the one year provided under state law.

Under Bass' proposal, homeowners would receive a total of four years of payment relief,

discussions with the banking industry and expressed optimism about securing the voluntary extension.

"I am encouraged that our partners in banking and business will recognize that this is the fair and compassionate solution our community needs," she said. "We've seen extended relief work in the past — and we know it can work here."

California recently passed Assembly Bill 238, the Mortgage Forebearance Act, allowing homeowners whose properties were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the fires to pause mortgage payments for up to one year without late fees, penalties or foreclosure risk.

Assemblymember John Harabedian, D-Pasadena, introduced the bill in January with Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, D-Thousand Oaks, as principal co-author. The legislation moved swiftly through the Democratic-controlled Legislature with unanimous, bipartisan support at each stage.

The bill passed 70-0 in the Assembly and 40-0 in the Senate under an urgency clause. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed AB 238 into law Sept. 22, and it took effect immediately.

The law requires mortgage servicers to offer an initial 90-day forbearance with extensions in 90-day increments up to 12 months upon borrower request. Homeowners need only attest to financial hardship caused by the disaster, with no extensive documentation required.

During forbearance, servicers cannot charge late fees or penalties, and they must report disaster-affected loans as current to protect borrowers' credit scores. The law also prohibits foreclosure proceedings while a borrower is in an approved forbearance period.

After forbearance ends, borrowers are not required to make lump-sum repayments and must be offered manageable catch-up options such as payment plans or loan extensions.

The January wildfires damaged or destroyed over 16,000 structures in communities including Pacific Palisades and Altadena. Following the fires, mortgage delinquencies surged from about 700 to over 4,100 in one month, according to a study cited by the California Credit Union League.

While Bass acknowledged AB 238 as a critical first step, she said additional support is essential for sustainable recovery.

"AB 238 is an important start, but one year simply isn't enough," the mayor said. "Families need more time to truly rebuild."

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Under my proposal, the years of relief are added to the back of a homeowner's current mortgage

- Karen Bass, Mayor

with the deferred payments added to the end of their existing mortgages without additional fees, penalties or negative credit impacts.

"Under my proposal, the years of relief are added to the back of a homeowner's current mortgage," Bass said. "What's important is during that time homeowners aren't charged any additional fees, or penalties and this relief does not negatively impact their credit."

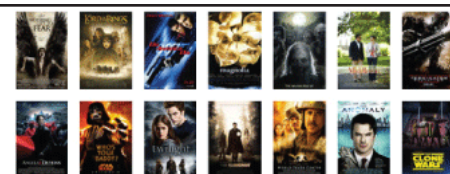
The mayor emphasized that many families remain in temporary housing while navigating insurance claims and contractor negotiations as rebuilding continues across Pacific Palisades and Los Angeles County.

"These families are already carrying more than anyone should have to," Bass said. "Asking them to shoulder mortgage payments on top of all that would force them into an impossible — and unacceptable — choice."

Bass said she has begun preliminary

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Meta prevails in historic FTC antitrust case, won't have to break off WhatsApp, Instagram

Meta has prevailed over an existential challenge to its business that could have forced the tech giant to spin off Instagram and WhatsApp after a judge ruled that the company does not hold a monopoly in social networking.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg issued his ruling Tuesday after the historic antitrust trial wrapped up in late May. His decision runs in sharp contrast to two separate rulings that branded Google an illegal monopoly in both search and online advertising, dealing regulatory blows to the tech industry that for years enjoyed nearly unbridled growth.

“Our products are beneficial for people and businesses and exemplify American innovation and economic growth. We look forward to continuing to partner with the Administration and to invest in America

- Jennifer Newstead, chief legal officer

The Federal Trade Commission “continues to insist that Meta competes with the same old rivals it has for the last decade, that the company holds a monopoly among that small set, and that it maintained that monopoly through anticompetitive acquisitions,” Boasberg wrote in his ruling. “Whether or not Meta enjoyed monopoly power in the past, though, the agency must show that it continues to hold such power now. The Court’s verdict today determines that the FTC has not done so.”

The federal agency had argued that Meta maintained a monopoly by pursuing an expression CEO Mark Zuckerberg made in 2008: “It is better to buy than compete.” True to that maxim, Facebook has systematically tracked potential rivals and acquired companies that it viewed as serious competitive threats.”

During his April testimony, Zuckerberg pushed back against claims that Facebook bought Instagram to neutralize a threat. In his line of questioning, FTC attorney Daniel Matheson repeatedly brought up emails — many of them more than a decade old — written by Zuckerberg and his associates before and after the acquisition of Instagram.

While acknowledging the documents, Zuckerberg has often sought to downplay the contents, saying he wrote the emails early in the acquisition process and that the notes did not fully capture the scope of his interest in the company. But the case was not about the acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp more than a decade ago, which the FTC approved at the time, but about whether Meta holds a monopoly now. Prosecutors, Boasberg wrote in the ruling, could only win if they proved “current or imminent legal violation.”

The FTC’s complaint said Facebook also enacted policies designed to make it difficult for smaller rivals to enter the market and “neutralize perceived competitive threats,” just as the world shifted its attention to mobile devices from desktop computers.

Meta said Tuesday’s decision “recognizes that Meta faces fierce competition.”

“Our products are beneficial for people and businesses and exemplify American innovation and economic growth. We look forward to continuing to partner with the Administration and to invest in America,” said Jennifer Newstead, chief legal officer, in a statement.

The social media landscape has changed so much since the FTC filed its lawsuit in 2020, Boasberg wrote, that each time the court examined Meta’s apps and competition, they changed. Two opinions to dismiss the case — filed in 2021 and 2022 — didn’t even mention popular social video platform TikTok. Today, it “holds center stage as Meta’s fiercest rival.”

Quoting the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, “that no man can ever step into the same river twice,” Boasberg said the same is true for the online world of social media as well.

“The landscape that existed only five years ago when the Federal Trade Commission brought this antitrust suit has changed markedly. While it once might have made sense to partition apps into separate markets of social networking and social media, that wall has since broken down,” he wrote.

Emarketer analyst Minda Smiley said Meta’s win “is not necessarily surprising considering the lengths it’s gone to in recent years to keep up with TikTok.”

“But from a regulatory standpoint, Meta is far from out of the woods: next year, major social networks will face landmark trials in the US regarding children’s mental health,” she added. “Still, today’s win is surely a boost for the company as it battles criticism and questions over how its massive AI spending will ultimately benefit Meta in the long run.”

Facebook bought Instagram — then a scrappy photo-sharing app with no ads and a small cult following — in 2012. The \$1 billion cash and stock purchase price was eye-popping at the time, though the deal’s value fell to \$750 million after Facebook’s



Weather

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 49. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers after 10am. Cloudy, with a high near 56. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a low around 51. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

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2025/11/20	Thu	01:51 AM	2.32	L
2025/11/20	Thu	08:13 AM	5.96	H
2025/11/20	Thu	3:34 PM	-0.38	L
2025/11/20	Thu	10:04 PM	3.52	H
2025/11/21	Fri	02:15 AM	2.49	L
2025/11/21	Fri	08:39 AM	5.91	H
2025/11/21	Fri	4:10 PM	-0.34	L
2025/11/21	Fri	10:49 PM	3.38	H
2025/11/22	Sat	02:40 AM	2.65	L
2025/11/22	Sat	09:08 AM	5.79	H
2025/11/22	Sat	4:50 PM	-0.24	L
2025/11/22	Sat	11:42 PM	3.27	H
2025/11/23	Sun	03:06 AM	2.81	L
2025/11/23	Sun	09:39 AM	5.61	H
2025/11/23	Sun	5:34 PM	-0.09	L
2025/11/24	Mon	12:44 AM	3.21	H
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2025/11/25	Tue	02:00 AM	3.26	H
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2025/11/26	Wed	03:10 AM	3.46	H
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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:

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Digital Display District Ordinance

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

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Dana Williamson’s
indictment reveals a hidden
world of political operatives



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SACRAMENTO:

Lobbyists and other visitors gather in the rotunda of the state Capitol during the end of session in Sacramento on Sept. 12, 2025.

Most Californians probably see the Capitol as a place where governors, legislators and other state officials gather to do the public’s business. That’s true, at least superficially.

Elected officeholders come and go, but the Capitol has a permanent substructure of men and women who do the real, if often hidden, business of retail politics. Those in the “community,” as some dub it, constantly circulate among its three pillars — staff on the public payroll, lobbyists for interest groups, and managers of political campaigns.

It’s not uncommon for someone to have portfolios in all three. And as the revolving door opens and closes, it’s difficult to discern when and where one role ends and another begins, or even whether there is, in fact, a difference.

Dana Williamson typifies the species. And her arrest last week on federal criminal charges opens a window into the secretive world of California’s professional political operatives.

The 23-count indictment alleges Williamson — who had been Gov. Gavin Newsom’s chief of staff until her abrupt resignation a year ago — conspired with two other figures to siphon money from a dormant political campaign fund maintained by Xavier Becerra, a former congressman, state attorney general and Biden administration cabinet member.

Williamson is also charged with falsifying documents to justify a COVID-era federal business loan, lying to FBI agents and falsely claiming income tax deductions as business expenses — for a lavish vacation and purchases of expensive designer goods.

The two men who were charged with Williamson, Sean McCluskie, Becerra’s former chief deputy in the California Department of Justice, and lobbyist Greg Campbell, have pleaded guilty. But Williamson insists that she is innocent.

It’s the juiciest scandal to hit the Capitol since the FBI’s undercover bribery investigation, dubbed “Shrimpgate,” erupted 37 years ago and sent some legislators and lobbyists to prison.

Among the Capitol’s power players, Williamson has stood near the top, working for three governors, lobbying for various interest groups and running ballot measure campaigns. She is known for a profanity-laced, take-no-prisoners

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pier
Locals’ Night at Santa Monica Pier Rescheduled to December Due to Weather

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation has postponed its November 20 Locals’ Night event due to expected inclement weather, rescheduling the free community celebration for Dec. 18 with an expanded holiday theme.

The nonprofit organization announced the decision Tuesday, citing safety concerns for guests, performers, vendors and staff. The rescheduled event will run from 3:30 to 10 p.m. and feature a special holiday edition called “Holiday Cheer on the Pier” with Sandy Cane Lane decorations transforming the waterfront into a festive winter experience.

Pacific Park will present the December event, which includes a Holiday Winter Art Mart showcasing local makers and handcrafted gifts, seasonal treats, pier-wide holiday decorations and live entertainment. Families can browse illuminated displays, shop for gifts and participate in various activities designed to celebrate the season.

Special attractions include appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus, a Santa sand sculpture, Bob Baker Marionettes at Pacific Park and Paint:Lab Kids ornament painting at the Merry-Go-Round building. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation will also host the unofficial mayor transition ceremony in the Merry-Go-Round building during the event.

Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier, emphasized the event’s community focus despite the weather-related postponement.

“Locals’ Night has grown into one of the Pier’s most meaningful traditions — an evening shaped by the community and for the community,” Harris said. “While weather occasionally changes our plans, our commitment to bringing people together never does.”

The free, all-ages program has become a signature community event, though organizers note that many attendees don’t realize the Santa Monica Pier Corporation is a nonprofit that isn’t fully funded by the city of Santa Monica.

The December celebration aims to bring together Santa Monica residents and all Los Angeles-area residents for an evening of music, local artisan shopping and ocean views in an outdoor festive setting.

The Santa Monica Pier is located at 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Organizers encourage visitors to arrive by rideshare, Metro, bus or bike.

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	CHEVRON 1732 Lincoln Blvd	\$4.⁸⁹
	76 1776 Cloverfield Blvd	\$4.⁶⁴
	CHEVRON 1348 Pico Blvd	\$5.¹⁹
	CHEVRON 432 Wilshire Blvd	\$4.⁸⁹

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Fewer Americans plan to hit the road for Thanksgiving this year, even as gas prices remain near the lowest holiday level since the pandemic, according to GasBuddy, North America’s trusted fuel savings platform for more than 25 years. GasBuddy forecasts a national average price of gas of \$3.02 per gallon on Thanksgiving Day, matching last year and marking one of the cheapest holiday averages since 2021. GasBuddy’s 2025 Thanksgiving Travel Survey shows that 60% of Americans plan to take a road trip, a sharp decrease from 72% last year. The decline comes despite stable fuel prices and points to a more home-centered holiday season. According to the survey, 74% say gas prices have no effect on their Thanksgiving travel plans, up from roughly 56% last year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater Showcases New Works Nov. 22-23

Santa Monica College’s Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater will showcase new works Nov. 22-23 by award-winning faculty artists, professional guest artists and student choreographers.

Performances are Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, located at 1310 11th St. at Santa Monica Boulevard.

The concert features postmodern, contemporary, dance theater and jazz, as well as hip hop, contemporary ballet and more. Performances include dances choreographed by guest artists Vanessa Hernández Cruz and Harry Weston.

Guest artist Hernández Cruz will present “Lest We Remain Forgotten,” a large group piece that explores the devastation and ravages of war.

Guest artist Harry Weston, also known as Fullout, will present the hip-hop/house dance “We Know Where We Are,” a reactive, combative, reflective and ultimately joyful piece that follows dancers on a journey through aggression, contemplation and absolution.

The program will also present dances by faculty choreographers Seda Aybay, Angela Jordan, Sophie Monat, Mark Tomasic and Vanessa Van Wormer, as well as student choreographers Sonny James Lira, Lessly “Mar” Marroquin and Oxana Safronova.

Faculty choreographer Tomasic created “kin” to celebrate bonds formed between childhood friends and siblings. The piece features music by Tomasic’s brother, John Philip Tomasic.

Faculty choreographer Van Wormer created “to feel sun on her skin,” a solo in which dancer Chloe Hess works on a large-scale painting on stage during the performance.

Student choreographer Safronova will present “Feel the Void 2.0: To Whom It May Concern,” a multimedia work that fuses film, dance and spoken word to shed light on liminal spaces created by forced emigration due to genocide, wars or severe human rights violations by governments with white supremacy ideology.

Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater has a longstanding reputation for artistic excellence and innovation. Since it was founded more than 50 years ago, the student ensemble has performed throughout the nation.

Advance tickets are \$20 for general admission and may be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the performance for \$23 at The Broad Stage Box Office at the SMC Performing Arts Center. Free parking is available on premises. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

More information is available at smc.edu/dance. All performances are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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Jonathan Ng

PERFORMANCE: Simon Lathrop and Jade Lelievre will perform with Santa Monica College’s Synapse Contemporary Dance Theater in a showcase of new works by award-winning faculty artists, professional guest artists, and student choreographers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Airport

WestEdge Design Fair Celebrates 10th Anniversary Nov. 20-22

WestEdge Design Fair will celebrate its 10th anniversary Nov. 20-22 at Santa Monica's Barker Hangar, focusing on purpose-driven design and community rebuilding.

The milestone edition brings together more than 150 brands and design visionaries across 50,000 square feet, emphasizing community impact through two cornerstone features: the Main Stage celebrating Kim Gordon Designs' theme "Seeing the Forest Through the Trees," and the debut of ReBUILD Room Vignettes.

The designer-curated spaces are created in partnership with leading brands to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles' ReBUILD LA Recovery Fund, supporting recovery from Southern California's devastating wildfires.

"This year's programming reflects not only where design is today, but where it's going," says co-founder Megan Reilly. "These conversations remind us that design is both a reflection of our time and a tool for rebuilding, healing, and progress."

Produced in partnership with Convo By Design and sponsored by Pacific Sales Kitchen and Home, the Main Stage convenes top voices in design, architecture and sustainability to discuss the profession's evolving responsibilities.

The Opening Night Party is Nov. 20 from 6-10 p.m., with tickets at \$120. The fair is open Nov. 21-22 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Trade professionals who pre-register by Nov. 14 receive complimentary access, while public tickets start at \$25.

For more information, visit <https://westedgedesign-fair.com/>.

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FAIR: With an emphasis on community reconstruction and purpose-driven design, WestEdge Design Fair will commemorate its tenth anniversary from November 20–22 at Santa Monica's Barker Hangar.

META

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stock price dipped following its initial public offering in May 2012.

Instagram was the first company Facebook bought and kept running as a separate app. Up until then, Facebook was known for smaller "acqui-hires" — a type of popular Silicon Valley deal in which a company purchases a startup as a way to hire its talented workers, then shuts the acquired company down. Two years later, it did it again with the messaging app WhatsApp, which it purchased for \$22 billion.

WhatsApp and Instagram helped Facebook move its business from desktop computers to

mobile devices, and to remain popular with younger generations as rivals like Snapchat (which it also tried, but failed, to buy) and TikTok emerged. However, the FTC has a narrow definition of Meta's competitive market, excluding companies like TikTok, YouTube and Apple's messaging service from being considered rivals to Instagram and WhatsApp.

Investors didn't appear surprised at the ruling. Shares of the Menlo Park, California-based company were down \$1.52 at \$600.49 in afternoon trading Tuesday, in line with broader market trends.

By BARBARA ORTUTAY AP Technology Writer

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance Related to Projects Consisting of Duplexes and Lot Splits on Parcels Zoned for Single-Unit Residential.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance to: (1) modify the City's ordinance for the establishment of duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential to clarify State law requirements and (2) establish local provisions separate from State law.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 AT 6:00 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 planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

Address your comments to:

Ross Fehrman, AICP, Acting Planning Manager
Re: Duplex and Lot Splits

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this proposed amendment, please contact Ross Fehrman by e-mail at Ross.Fehrman@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. 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

Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. 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.

PIZZA

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second location in Laguna Beach in early 2026.

Since launching in Dana Point in 2023, Truly Pizza has become known for its artisan-crafted pizzas and community-focused atmosphere.

The restaurant was founded by Baldwin, a Las Vegas hospitality veteran, and Arena, along with pizzaiolo partners Chris Decker and Michael Vakneen. The team developed

a three-day-fermented pizza dough featuring “Micro Blistering,” which creates tiny bubbles in the crust.

The menu features 12-inch American Artisan pizzas and square pizzas baked in hearths, along with salads, focaccia sandwiches, charcuterie, soft-serve desserts and craft beers and wines.

For more information, visit www.trulypizza.com or follow @trulypizza on social media.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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active,” Augusta wrote in his report to the board. “Many had been shelved or died over the course of the session’s many months.”

However, Augusta’s written summary contained a material error regarding AB 628, which requires landlords to provide working stoves and refrigerators in rental units. His report stated the law requires appliances “purchased within the last 10 years,” a provision that was removed before the bill’s passage.

William Johnson, in written public comment, called the mistake “inexcusable” and “totally unforgivable.”

“Brian Augusta is a paid legislative advocate who provided the Board with a written summary dated November 10 ... including a new law that apartment units have a stove and refrigerator ‘purchased within the last 10 years,’” Johnson wrote. “In fact, there is no such law — the 10 year requirement was deleted from the Bill that was enacted.”

Johnson urged the board to reduce Augusta’s fee and terminate his services, saying “landlords and tenants who fund this Board should not have their money spent so irresponsibly on a consultant who misinforms the Board.”

During the meeting presentation, Augusta acknowledged the error when questioned by commissioners.

“That provision came out, but nonetheless, the bill did get signed with that requirement that a landlord provide either provide both a working fridge and working stove,” he said.

reporting error, does require landlords to provide working stoves and refrigerators, though without age restrictions on the appliances. Tenants may bring their own refrigerators, in which case landlords are not responsible for maintenance.

SB 79 CONCERNS

Perhaps most contentious was SB 79, a transit-oriented development bill the board had opposed. The measure, signed by the governor in October, mandates increased housing density near transit stops and becomes effective July 1, 2026.

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There’s a lot of concern in Pacific Palisades about that transit stop potentially triggering changes to housing development there

- Phillis Dudick, Commissioner

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Commissioner Phillis Dudick raised concerns about the bill’s potential impact on future transit projects.

“There’s a lot of concern in Pacific Palisades about that transit stop potentially triggering changes to housing development there,” Dudick said, referencing proposed developments at Gladstone’s restaurant.

The final version included amendments requiring that at least 13% of units be affordable to low-income households and prohibiting use of the law on properties where two or more rent-stabilized units existed within the past seven years.

Augusta noted the bill’s protections were strengthened but acknowledged ongoing concerns about distinguishing between duplexes and single-family homes with accessory units.

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Kite Pharma Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, has openings in Santa Monica, CA for Sr. Research Associate (RA57): Select appropriate methods and techniques in performing molecular experiments. Telecommuting may be permitted up to 2 days per week. Annual salary range for this position is \$95,680 to \$115,680; and Senior Medical Scientist (MS01): Engage in peer-to-peer scientific exchange of complex clinical and scientific information. Position is based out of headquarters in Santa Monica, CA, but may be assigned to various unanticipated locations throughout the U.S. as determined by management. Telecommuting permitted. Position may require up to 70% domestic and/or international travel. Annual salary range for this position is \$213,610 to \$264,000. For all positions listed, compensation will vary depending on experience and qualifications, and for benefits visit: <https://www.kitepharma.com/careers/culture-and-benefits>. Ref. code and email resume to globalmobilityservices@gilead.com.

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By TONY COCHRAN

OH, NO! BERNARDO IS DEAD!

WHO WAS BERNARDO?

JUST MY MOM'S MOST FAVORITE POSSUM IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD, THAT'S ALL!!

I WASN'T AWARE THAT YOUR MOM HAD A FAVORITE POSSUM.

WHAT? WHO DOESN'T HAVE A FAVORITE POSSUM?!

ONLY MOST OF THE CARBON-BASED LIFE-FORMS IN THE MILKY WAY.

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

WHATCHA UP TO, KENNY?

JUST DOIN' CUTE DOG STUFF!

AND WITHOUT A CELLPHONE POINTED AT YOU. ADMIRABLE.

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

WHERE DID THIS WHOLE IDEA OF HAVING FOLLOWERS COME FROM?

I THINK I JUST FIGURED IT OUT.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

"THEY'RE AVAILABLE INDIVIDUALLY, OR YOU CAN BUY THE WHOLE MEAL."

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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Pies to die for

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Bags	Dish	Lamb	roll
Bake	Dough	Lemon	Score
Batter	Eggs	Melt	Seeds
Beat	Flan	Mince	Shop
Beef	Flour	Muffin	Sieve
Benches	Flute	Pans	Skin
Blend	Fold	Peel	Slice
Bloom	Friand	Pita	Sponge
Brownie	Fruit	Pumpernickel	Stir
Buns	Grain	Recipe	Tart
Coat	Grease	Rest	Warm
Cool	Icing	Rise	Yield
Crust	Knead	Sausage	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Making everything perfect

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 19)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even if you're capable of doing something on your own, accepting help is still valuable, just not for the obvious reason. The "help" isn't really the point; what matters is what you learn through the exchange.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes the fastest way forward is to pause, check your bearings, and confirm your orientation, because you don't want to go fast in the wrong direction. A brief moment of awareness now will save hours later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People ask of you what they will. But you can't oblige every ask. People who respect you will stay in dialogue even when they don't get what they want. People who only want the "yes" will fade away when they hear "no."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love can witness without fixing. Kindness can be warm and steady without falling into the gravity of another person's need. Take care of yourself first. It's not selfish; it's the correct order.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may have wonky tools or a clumsy setup today, and that's actually perfect. When things are tricky, it wakes up your inventiveness, forcing you to move differently, think sharper and invent. And you're so brilliant when you improvise!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Kindness isn't a contract. Your generosity doesn't obligate you to the comfort of others. Protect your energy. Give because it delights you, not because it's expected. And if you're just not sure, hold off until you have a stronger feeling about what to do next.

HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sense the ache of the world even on bright days. Still, it's not betrayal to feel good. When joy visits, take it in. And someone must remember what hope feels like. Why shouldn't that someone be you?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not too much to ask life to impress you, especially if you ask it to yourself, or send it to the heavens, or write it in your journal. After all, you regularly give more than what's expected of you. And others might, too, if they sense the challenge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're awakening to how uneven emotional labor can be. Don't confuse serving with loving. True partnership is mutual tending. Step back from one-way giving; step toward those who offer warmth back. Balance restores dignity and real joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been accused of stubbornness, but there's an upside to it -- and in your case it's an up and up and up side. Tenacity got you here and tenacity will get you to the next place, too. Keep it pushing, eyes ahead, never stop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To want more from someone is to overlook who they already are. Love's rare grace is to stop improving, fixing or expecting, and simply witness. Let them be, and they'll rise naturally into the truest version of themselves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you chase a floating ball in water, your own motion pushes it away. The same goes for goals and people. Consider approaching indirectly, from the side or under the surface. Don't make waves. Let it drift closer to you.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fill-in worker, for short
- 5 ___ for (selects)
- 9 Creative thought
- 13 Organic sunburn soother
- 14 Escape in a hurry
- 15 Opera solos
- 16 Would-be atty.'s exam: Abbr.
- 17 Examine by touch
- 18 Pear varieties
- 19 Language of Québec
- 22 Nightclub performance
- 23 Yale student
- 24 Hidden supply
- 27 "How ___ I to know?"
- 29 Military wear to disguise, informally
- 33 Ocean reef material
- 34 *Santa* ___ (ship of 1492)
- 36 ___ de Janeiro, Brazil
- 37 Language of New York
- 40 Pigsty
- 41 Major blood vessel
- 42 Uncomplicates
- 43 MD's ASAP
- 45 Banquet VIPs
- 46 Beneath
- 47 A quarter of quadri-
- 49 "Also..."
- 50 Language of Tijuana
- 58 Tourist's urban lodging
- 59 San Juan, Puerto ___

- 60 Himalayas' continent
- 61 Wear away
- 62 Shoelace snarl
- 63 End-of-class signal
- 64 Nevada city
- 65 Complete collections
- 66 Offer for purchase

DOWN

- 1 Very soft mineral
- 2 *Frozen* snow queen
- 3 ___ and groan (complain)
- 4 Animal rights org.
- 5 Corporate workplace
- 6 Skirt's fold
- 7 Adolescent
- 8 ___-addressed stamped envelope

- 9 Wryly amusing
- 10 Frisbee shape
- 11 Per person
- 12 Donkey
- 15 Adam's second son
- 20 Flower that rhymes with "Italia"
- 21 Sticky pine ingredient
- 24 Orbiter with a tail
- 25 Indoor sports venue
- 26 Airport arrival's rental
- 27 Would like to have
- 28 Neighborhood
- 30 Stand up
- 31 Stingy person
- 32 ___ and aahs
- 33 Baseball headwear
- 34 ___ Antony of old Rome

- 35 Meeting's to-do list
- 38 Stand-up performer
- 39 Young boy
- 44 Man's formal wear
- 46 Removes a plant from its container
- 48 Egypt's main river
- 49 Wide necktie
- 50 "The ___, the merrier"
- 51 British prep school
- 52 Boats of refuge
- 53 Three-quarters of a dozen
- 54 Catches red-handed
- 55 "That explains it"
- 56 Window ledge
- 57 School corridor
- 58 That woman's

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RAIN

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November 2025 on track to rank among the wettest on record, far above the 0.78-inch long-term average for the month.

The storm's runoff rapidly filled local rivers, flood control basins and reservoirs, testing the county's water management infrastructure. Los Angeles County's 14 major dams captured the bulk of stormwater, preventing widespread flooding while adding significantly to local water supplies.

Engineers will gradually divert billions of gallons of captured stormwater into 27 spreading grounds, where water soaks into the earth to recharge vital underground aquifers. The county's flood-control network of 491 miles of open channels, 3,400 miles of storm drains and 189 debris basins played a critical role in protecting communities while conserving rainfall.

However, the deluge prompted health concerns at the coast. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an Ocean Water Quality Rain Advisory covering all county beaches through at least 8 a.m. Wednesday. Officials warned residents to avoid contact with ocean and bay waters

for at least 72 hours after rainfall stops due to contamination from storm runoff carrying bacteria, chemicals, trash and debris.

Exposure to contaminated water can cause skin rashes, ear infections, fever, nausea or gastrointestinal illness, according to county health officials.

Meanwhile, Caltrans crews Tuesday reopened the 3.6-mile stretch of Topanga Canyon Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway and Grand View Drive that closed Thursday night due to rainstorms, rockfall and debris flows. The highway reopened shortly before noon after workers cleared mud and debris from Monday night's additional storms.

The stretch remains an active work zone for ongoing recovery efforts from the Palisades Fire and winter storms, with nightly closures from midnight to 5 a.m. and traffic restrictions including a half-mile, one-way traffic control section.

Forecasters warned more rain is expected Thursday through Friday, with the National Weather Service predicting another 0.5 to 1 inch across many areas and up to 2 inches in the foothills.

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: <https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2025-11-19T08>

MEET MOE OF KIMONO MOM: COOKING DEMO & BOTTLE SIGNING AT GELSON'S WEST LA

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Gelson's West LA 12121 W Olympic Blvd Los Angeles. Get ready for an unforgettable culinary experience! Gelson's West LA is set to host Moe, the beloved creator of Kimono Mom and founder of Umami Sauce. This Japanese-inspired cooking sauce is crafted for busy families who love wholesome, delicious meals, and now guests can learn how to use Kimono Mom's Umami Sauce like a pro. The event will feature a live cooking demo highlighting Kimono Mom's Umami Sauce, with delicious samples prepared on-site for guests to enjoy. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet Moe in person and have their Umami Sauce bottles signed. Whether you're a longtime fan or just discovering Kimono Mom, this is a chance for guests to experience the magic of Umami Sauce firsthand. No RSVP needed just come by and say hello! Visit: <https://smdp.com/events/#/details/meet-moe-of-kimono-mom-cooking-demo-bottle-signing-at-gelson-s-west-la/17206677/2025-11-19T11>

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by 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

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviértase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: <https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-11-20T11>

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join

us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus. Visit: <https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2025-11-20T11>

TECH & TASKS

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica 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/13932094/2025-11-20T14>

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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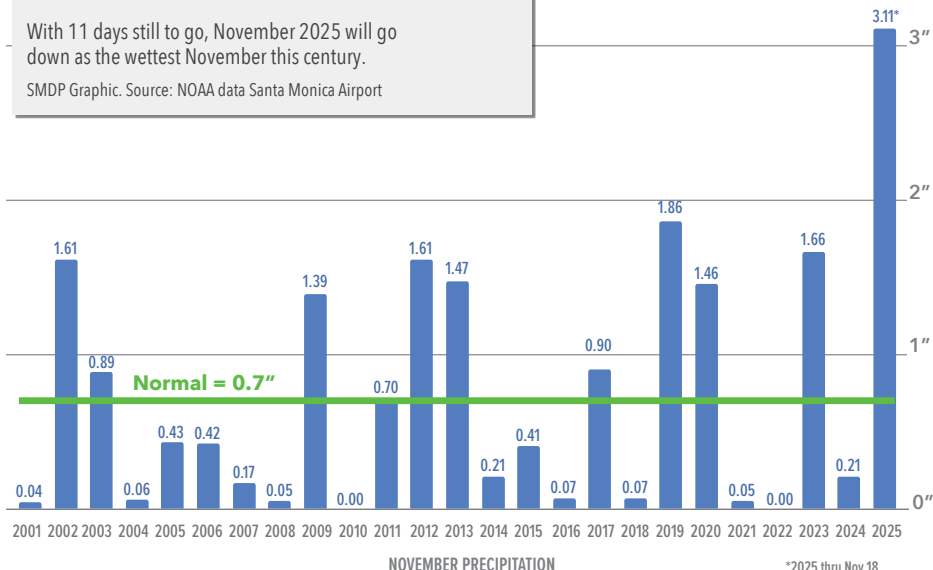
THE BFF FREE FESTIVAL PRESENTS PAUL LINKE'S THE SUMMER I GOT OLD - A FIRST LOOK SPECIAL EVENT

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. Join us for the 10th Annual Santa Monica Playhouse BFF Binge Fringe Festival of FREE Theatre, Oct 14 - Nov 16. The Playhouse proudly presents a First Look at stage and screen celebrity Paul Linke's newest creation! The French have a term, Coup de Vieux, which describes the feeling or sense of suddenly realizing one has gotten old. It's one of life's biggest surprises and one that if we live long enough, we will definitely experience. THE SUMMER I GOT OLD is a solo event about one man's personal account of that moment and an exploration into the last great taboo, aging and mortality. Written & Performed by Paul Linke, Directed by Chris DeCarlo. Join us for a post show Refreshment Reception with the artist. Paul Linke is recognized for his role as Artie Grossman on the NBC-TV series CHiPs as well as for his film credits, which include Motel Hell, his starring role in Parenthood, and K-PAX. Visit: <https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-bff-free-festival-presents-paul-linke-s-the-summer-i-got-old-a-first-look-special-event/17408622/2025-11-21T14>

A November to remember

With 11 days still to go, November 2025 will go down as the wettest November this century.

SMDP Graphic. Source: NOAA data Santa Monica Airport



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RAIN: Santa Monica saw a record breaking amount of rain over the weekend.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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style.

After Williamson was arrested, the question for many Capitol denizens was whether the case would adversely affect Becerra, who is running for governor, and Newsom, who is obviously, if not officially, running for president.

Becerra is a victim but may face questions about his judgment, since he was apparently being fleeced by those he hired.

Newsom's office says Williamson resigned a year ago after telling him she was under investigation. At the time, he praised her as a dedicated public servant.

If there is something in the case that could harm Newsom, or at least give political rivals some ammunition, it is what happened shortly after Williamson became the governor's top aide in 2023. According to the indictment, she used the position to intercede in a pending state discrimination suit against one of

her lobbying clients, Activision Blizzard, a Santa Monica video game company, and then lied to FBI agents about the case.

In 2022 Janette Wipper, chief counsel of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, which brought the case against Activision, was fired. Her assistant, Melanie Proctor, resigned in protest, citing pressure from the governor's office to settle the case.

Proctor wrote in a public memo that the governor's office "repeatedly demanded advance notice of litigation strategy and next steps in the litigation" in the case, and the interference "mimicked the interests of Activision's counsel."

The Williamson scandal could be a one-and-done incident if her attorney negotiates a plea agreement. Or it could drag out if she insists on a trial and the dirty linen is displayed for all to see, perhaps revealing even more politically embarrassing episodes of backroom maneuvers.

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