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City settles Ebony Beach Club case for $350,000



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CLUB: The City will also name a street after businessman Silas White as part of the settlement.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica has reached a settlement with the family of Silas White, a late Black entrepreneur whose plans to open the city's first Black-led beach club were thwarted when the city seized the property through eminent domain in the late 1950s.

Staff announced the result at Tuesday's council meeting. The city and Constance White entered into a settlement agreement that includes a $350,000 payment in recognition of Ms. White's efforts to address alleged wrongs and highlight White's efforts to create the Ebony Beach Club, according to the agreement terms reported during a city council meeting.

The settlement, which includes no admission of liability, was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Under the agreement, White may file an administrative reparations claim if such a process is established by the city. Priority in processing future claims will be given to persons 90 years of age and older if and when a process is created.

If a reparations fund is created, the city will explore additional funding sources and provide White or her designated representative a status report of those exploration efforts within 90 days of creating the fund.

Staff will recommend that

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'A Developing Story' explores California's housing debate

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Housing development is one of Santa Monica's most hotly debated issues and has been covered extensively in the pages of the Daily Press. Today, publisher Ross Furukawa announced the release of "A Developing Story," a limited podcast series which examines the history, present, and future of Santa Monica's housing debate. This is the paper's first narrative podcast series.

"A Developing Story" is the brainchild of local filmmaker and journalist Brian Peter Falk, who hosts the six episodes. The series explores topics such as the controversial housing element, the builder's remedy loophole, density, gentrification, and affordability. Falk, Furukawa and Daily Press editor-in-chief Matthew Hall produced the series.

"A Developing Story" is the first narrative podcast series for Falk, whose long list of producing credits includes the Robert Redford movie "The Conspirator," and last year's Emmy-nominated PBS original series "Hope in the Water." "I was eager to expand my storytelling repertoire, and I've always been interested in podcasting," he said. "It's hard to argue that there's a more contentious topic in Santa Monica and California than housing development, and it felt like a perfect space for a long-form narrative podcast."

Local Santa Monicans interviewed for the series include Mayor Lana Negrete, former city

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Judge orders man accused of starting Palisades Fire jailed while awaiting trial

The man accused of sparking the deadly wildfire that ripped through a Los Angeles neighborhood in January must remain jailed while he awaits trial, a judge ruled this week.

Federal officials have said Jonathan Rinderknecht, 29, started a small fire on New Year's Day that smoldered underground before reigniting nearly a week later and roaring through coastal Pacific Palisades and Malibu, home to many of Los Angeles' rich and famous. The fire, which left 12 dead in the hillside neighborhoods, was one of two blazes that broke out on Jan. 7, killing more than 30 people in all and destroying over 17,000 homes and buildings while burning for days in Los Angeles County.

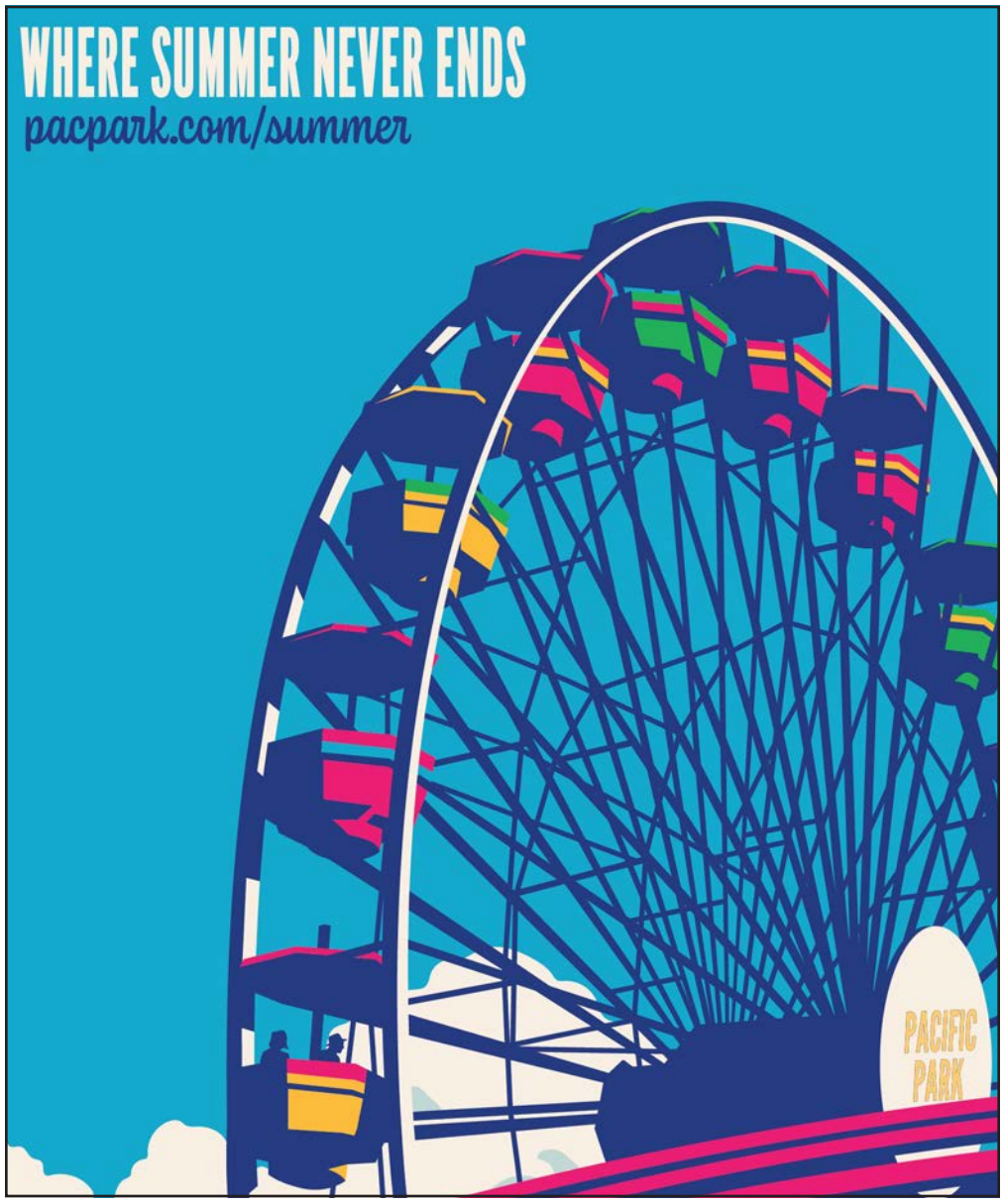
U.S. Magistrate Judge Rozella A. Oliver denied his bond, saying he must be kept in custody due to his mental health and distress he caused his sister and her family. Rinderknecht's father testified in support of his release, denying that his son had mental health issues.

Rinderknecht was arrested Oct. 7 in Florida, where he staying at his sister's house in Orlando. A judge ordered that he remain jailed after a prosecutor said he had traits of an arsonist and his family had worried about his declining mental state. Prosecutors also argued Rinderknecht was a flight risk because he had family in France and spoke French.

He was brought to Los Angeles about two weeks later and pleaded not guilty in court.

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Tom Steyer is running for California governor as a populist billionaire

Billionaire businessman and activist Tom Steyer, who once self-financed an unsuccessful White House campaign and spent his own money advocating for President Donald Trump's impeachment, has launched his bid for California governor as a Democrat.

The 68-year-old's tremendous wealth immediately makes him a notable contender in a free-for-all that includes more than a half-dozen Democrats and two Republicans competing in an all-party June primary, with the top two vote-getters advancing to a November general election to succeed term-limited Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Steyer announced his candidacy with a pledge to improve economic conditions and by framing his political record as friendly to consumers, working-class voters and the environment.

"Californians deserve a life they can afford," he said in a video released Wednesday morning. "But the Californians who make this state run are being run over by the cost of living."

The approach puts Steyer on a collision course with other candidates like progressive Congresswoman Katie Porter, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra.

At one time, Porter was viewed as a top contender but the contest is now seen as wide open. Steyer's personal fortune could give him an advantage in reaching voters through television and digital advertising in an expansive state with nearly 40 million people and multiple media markets. Still, tremendous wealth has not necessarily translated to statewide electoral success in California: Carly Fiorina, a former Hewlett-Packard CEO, could not unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer in their 2010 matchup. Meg Whitman, a onetime CEO of eBay, spent more than $100 million of her own money in a losing governor's campaign that same year.

Steyer nodded to his wealth Wednesday, noting his business enterprises made "billions of dollars." But he also sounded populist tones.

"The richest people in America think that they earned everything themselves," he said, before dismissing that notion with an expletive for bovine excrement. "That's so ridiculous."

Steyer said he would "make corporations pay their fair share again," and his campaign cited his previous work on ballot initiatives with similar aims. Steyer was a leading advocate for a 2012 ballot initiative that made it harder for corporations to avoid certain taxes. The new revenue was steered to energy improvements in the state's public schools.

In other referendum work, Steyer helped lead the 2016 campaign that yielded a $2 per-pack tax hike on tobacco products. The money was steered to state health care programs, including tobacco-prevention efforts. And Steyer was a top opponent of a 2010 ballot initiative that would have rolled back California's clean air and climate law, which has been viewed as a national standard on climate policy.

Steyer spent millions of his own money touring the country and pushing for Trump's impeachment during the Republican president's first term. He then ran for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, spending more than $200 million of his fortune and receiving no pledged delegates. After distant finishes in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary, Steyer doubled-down with an expensive push in South Carolina, only to finish a distant third behind eventual nominee and President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Steyer then ended his presidential bid, and he financially supported Biden's reelection in 2024 before the Democrat bowed out in favor of then-Vice President Kamala Harris, another Californian.

Steyer's latest campaign comes amid some Democrats questioning Porter's candidacy after her combative exchanges with a TV journalist spread online in October. He has long been mentioned, along with Harris and U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla, as a potential heavyweight candidate who could join the field.

Harris, who is on a national tour promoting her 2024 campaign memoir, has said consistently that she has no plans to run — suggesting instead that any future campaign would be for the presidency.

"I will be voting," she told The Associated Press on Oct. 17 when asked about entering the governor's race. Asked whether she was satisfied with the field as Porter faced her most intense criticism, Harris said only that she wanted Democrats to have "the best and the brightest running and winning" and that she was "not actively involved."

Padilla has said he will remain in the Senate.

By BILL BARROW Associated Press





GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Who's running for California governor? It keeps changing



Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

SACRAMENTO: Former U.S. Rep. Katie Porter speaks during a gubernatorial candidates' event hosted by the California Federation of Labor Unions, AFL-CIO and the State Building and Construction Trades Council in Sacramento on May 12, 2025.

Getting elected governor of California is a difficult task, requiring the creation of a large apparatus to plan and execute a campaign strategy and raising tens of millions of dollars to pay for it.

That's why, as California's population soared in the post-World War II era, those who aspired to govern the state typically declared their ambitions at least two years out, even if they were already occupying other offices.

That bit of political history is offered because California voters will elect a new governor in less than a year, and filing candidacy paperwork will open in just a few weeks, but the field of candidates seems to change almost daily.

Some who were in have dropped out, such as Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and former state Senate leader Toni Atkins. Meanwhile, some who considered a run — such as former Vice President Kamala Harris — backed away, and at least one who had opted out may jump back in. And names of other potential candidates continue to pop up, such as billionaire Tom Steyer who just announced he is running.

The cloud of uncertainty underscores not only the daunting logistics of a California campaign, but perhaps some hesitancy about trying to govern a state that in many ways may be ungovernable.

Gavin Newsom will cede the office, probably to mount a campaign for president, with the major issues that plagued California when he became governor in 2019 still unresolved, and in some cases even worse.

Uncertain water supply, sub-par public education outcomes, an acute housing shortage, rampant homelessness, high levels of unemployment and poverty, crushing costs of living and a chronically unbalanced state budget are just a few of the critical issues awaiting whoever survives the forthcoming campaign.

There are a few would-be governors who announced early, such as former Congresswoman Katie Porter, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Attorney General and Congressman Xavier Becerra.

However, their ability to raise the immense amounts of money needed to finance a campaign is hindered by uncertainty over who else might jump in. The lesser known candidates, such as state schools Superintendent Tony Thurmond, former Controller Betty Yee and former Assemblyman Ian Calderon, are even more disadvantaged.

The cloudy picture on the Democratic side doesn't affect the two most prominent Republicans running, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and former television personality Steve Hilton, but their roles hinge on whether one will place second in the top-two primary election in June or if two Democrats emerge as finalists in the November election.

A very wealthy businessman, Republican-turned-Democrat Rick Caruso, is among those still dithering. Another billionaire, Steyer, dumped a bunch of money into a personal campaign for Proposition 50, Newsom's partisan congressional gerrymander, signaling that he was thinking about it.

Congressman Eric Swalwell, who has become one of President Donald Trump's most persistent critics, is reportedly weighing a run. Pestering Trump worked for Adam Schiff, who rode it into a U.S. Senate seat, so it might help Swalwell, given voters' rampant dislike of Trump.

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Weather

Thursday: A slight chance of rain before 10am, then showers likely between 10am and 4pm, then rain after 4pm. High near 56.
Thursday Night: Rain and possibly a thunderstorm before 10pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 10pm.
Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 61.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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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
2025/11/24	Mon	03:35 AM	2.98		L
2025/11/24	Mon	10:16 AM	5.36		H
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2025/11/28	Fri	09:53 AM	2.74		L
2025/11/28	Fri	2:57 PM	3.89		H

Daily Lottery

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

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Draw Date: 11/17
7 33 50 57 66
Power#: 23
Jackpot: 593 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/18
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Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 60 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/15
8 9 15 24 43
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/18
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MIDDAY: 9 7 3

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Draw Date: 11/18
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2nd: 03 - Hot Shot
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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

AROUND TOWN

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Feasts, Festivities & Fall Fun by the Sea

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Venice Winter Fest, a Winter Holiday Market for Dogs, Holiday Cheer on the Pier, Thanksgiving meals, and much more!

Holiday Cheer on the Pier: The SaMo Pier is bringing the holiday cheer this year with a month of programming sure to bring a smile to everyone in the family, including holiday performances, decking out the windows of the historic Merry Go-Round windows, and photos with Santa. Now - Dec. 18 https://www.santamonicapier.org/cheeronthepier/



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VENICE: WinterFest is this weekend.

La Soirée Los Angeles: The French American Chamber of Commerce California is bringing its legendary Year-End Gala, La Soirée, to Los Angeles for the very first time. Enjoy a night of French elegance, culinary delights, networking & music, ahead of the holiday season. Tickets include unlimited buffet, fine wines & entertainment. Thursday, Nov. 20, 6 - 11p.m., Expert Dojo, 395 Santa Monica Place https://luma.com/zw8phh9y

Venice Winter Fest: The Venice Winter Fest brings holiday cheer to the beach with live music, festive vendors, and family-friendly activities along Venice's iconic boardwalk. Enjoy seasonal treats, local art, and plenty of entertainment as the community comes together to celebrate the season seaside. It's a laid-back, sun-soaked twist on winter fun in LA. Saturday, Nov. 22 instagram.com/p/DNyUk3D0kOK/

Winter Holiday Market for Dogs: The event transforms Santa Monica Brew Works into a canine winter wonderland featuring photos with Santa Claus, a puppy ball pit, oversized nutcracker displays, pup cups, a dog cookie cart and a human cookie bar. A holiday bouquet-making station and beer tastings will also be available. FREE. Sunday, Nov. 23, 12 - 3 p.m., 1920 Colorado Ave. hitlivingfoundation.org/upcoming-events

Attention Thanksgiving Pie Lovers: NBC4 Highlights The Gourmandise School's Virtual Class: Pastry Chef Robyn Collins will lead a three-hour online pie-a-palooza, teaching people how to make apple and pumpkin pies and more. The "live virtual baking experience" is set for Monday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. https://www.nbclosangeles.com/the-scene/thanksgiving-pie-lovers-join-santa-monica-cooking-schools-virtual-class/3805814/

Author Talk: Tod Goldberg in Conversation with Liska Jacobs: The New York Times best-selling author Tod Goldberg discusses his newest novel, Only Way Out, a black comic thriller about bad people doing bad things to worse people, with Liska Jacobs (Eight Very Bad Nights). A book sale and signing follow. Monday, Nov. 24, 2025 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4zy9b7fsjcvp1t99cww9r38e56/202511241800

A Talk Through Pier History: Come to A Talk Through Pier History on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6pm inside the iconic Merry Go Round Building. It's FREE and includes a VIP tour upstairs, a rare peek at the historic space where The Sting was filmed! https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-talk-through-pier-history-tickets-1273134382209

Border Crisis: An absurdist comedy about an average American family suddenly finds themselves at the center of an international border dispute. Now through Dec. 13, City Garage Theatre, 2525 Michigan Ave. https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/city-garage/border-crisis

Santa Monica Turkey Trot: It's time for the Turkey Trot 5k, 10k, 15k, or Half Marathon on Thanksgiving Day. Pick your speed and work up an appetite running along Santa Monica's beautiful beach path. All finishers will receive a medal and goodie bag. Thursday, Nov. 27, 7:30a.m., 2000 Ocean Ave. https://runsignup.com/

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Santa Monica Review Celebrates 37 Years With Author Readings

Santa Monica College will celebrate the "Alabaster Anniversary" of the Santa Monica Review with readings by four frequent contributors to the national literary arts journal on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m.

The celebration will take place at Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, 681 N. Venice Blvd., Venice. Review editor Andrew Tonkovich will introduce the event and serve as emcee for readings by Jeffrey Bills-Solomon, Kareem Tayyar, Lisa Alvarez and Stephen Cooper.

For 37 years, the review has showcased established authors alongside emerging writers, focusing on narratives of the West Coast. The journal is the only nationally distributed literary magazine published by a U.S. community college.

The latest issue features works by longtime contributors and writers with established literary credentials making their first appearance in the journal.

Bills-Solomon writes short fiction and authored "So Famous and So Gay: The Fabulous Potency of Truman Capote and Gertrude Stein."

Poet and short story writer Tayyar is the author of "The Prince of Orange County" and "Keats in San Francisco."

Alvarez recently published her debut fiction collection, "Some Final Beauty and Other Stories."

Cooper, an acclaimed John Fante biographer, is the author of a new short story collection, "River of Angels."

Santa Monica Review was founded by novelist and SMC English instructor Jim Krusoe, author of "The Sleep Garden." Published twice yearly, the review has presented readers with experimental, thoughtful and original writing, including essays and short stories by Michelle Latiolais, Lisa Teasley, Alice Mattison, Keenan Norris, Emily Greenberg, Ismet Prcic and Gary Soto.

Recent work published in the review has appeared in the annual Pushcart Prize, Best American Short Stories and PEN/O. Henry anthologies.

Tickets for the anniversary party are available at smc.edu/tickets for a suggested donation of $10. Refreshments will be served, and copies of the review will be available for purchase. Free parking is available on premises, and seating is on a first-arrival basis.

The review is sold online at smc.edu/sm_review and in print at the SMC Campus Store at the Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., as well as at Beyond Baroque and Small World Books in Venice and other area booksellers. Individual issues cost $14, or $25 for an annual subscription of two issues.

Santa Monica Review is a project of Santa Monica College, part of its mission to promote literacy and engagement with the literary arts in Southern California.

More information is available at smc.edu/sm_review.

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Promenade

Japanese Arcade Game Pop-Up Store Opens at Santa Monica Promenade

Gacha & Catch, a pop-up Japanese crane game store, is opening in the Santa Monica Promenade in Santa Monica on Nov. 22, 2025.

The joint project between Japan Entertainment One Inc., TOMY Company, Ltd., and SEGA CORPORATION will launch a limited-time pop-up store centered around prize-winning arcade machines including Gacha (capsule toy machines) and UFO CATCHERS (claw machines) on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 at the Promenade, a bustling shopping district in Santa Monica.

Gacha & Catch is a pop-up store and interactive space where visitors can experience two of Japan's most iconic forms of Japanese arcade entertainment. These games are rooted in the long-standing legacies of TOMY and SEGA, two of Japan's most renowned entertainment brands. Featuring over 100 gacha capsule toy machines and more than 300 exclusive prizes, Gacha & Catch offers guests the thrill of winning uniquely Japanese collectibles through authentic Japanese games. Prizes include a wide range of merchandise and plush toys from iconic series, including Sonic the Hedgehog, Demon Slayer, Dan Da Dan, and more.

A special event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23 to celebrate the store's grand opening. There will be exciting chances to win exclusive prizes, including tokens usable for UFO CATCHER and Gacha capsule toy machines, original stickers, and more.

The "Gacha" brand is a registered trademark widely recognized as the representative name of capsule toys in Japan. The concept of gacha was first introduced to Japan in 1965, marking its 60th anniversary in Japan in 2025.

The "UFO CATCHER," beloved and widely installed in game centers and various entertainment venues across Japan, was first introduced in 1985. June 24 has been designated as "UFO CATCHER Day," and the brand celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2025.

Event details are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances.

The store is located at 1451 3rd Street Promenade, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Hours of operation are Mondays through Thursdays and Sundays: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Event period subject to change without notice. The store may close during the year-end and new year holidays without prior notice.

Official website: https://gachaandcatch.com/

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City of Santa Monica

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

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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).

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ESPAÑOL

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WHITE

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leasehold interests are eligible for claims, that the claims process will not disqualify the White claim, that White's acceptance of the finder's fee will not be a disqualifying consideration and that the White claim will be given full consideration. The claims process requires legislative approval, and there will be no offer to negotiate outside the claims process.

By February 2026, the city will establish a Silas White exhibit at the city's main library and coordinate with White and/or her representatives regarding the exhibit materials. The city will also rename a portion of Vicente Terrace to Silas White Street for the section of the roadway not currently used as a mailing address for any existing residents.

The city will adopt a Silas White proclamation and coordinate with White and/or her representatives in naming a specific day as Silas White Day on Oct. 12 in Santa Monica.

The parties agreed to a mutual release of claims.

The case centers on property at 1811 Ocean Avenue, where White and his associates signed a lease-to-own agreement in 1957 with plans to open the Ebony Beach Club as a welcoming space for Black families during an era when beaches and many other areas remained segregated. Just one year later, the city filed to acquire the property through eminent domain as part of a civic development plan.

In 1959, a court awarded $74,000 in compensation to the original landowner, but White and his nonprofit organization received nothing. Under laws at the time, courts could only consider property ownership and market value — not racial motivation, community benefit or investments made by prospective buyers.

City records confirm White made initial payments and investments toward opening the club, including advertising and gathering more than 400 prospective members. The club never opened, and White died in 1962.

The White family first brought their case to the city council in March 2024, alleging the eminent domain action was racially motivated. Family members spoke passionately during Tuesday's public comment period in support of mediation.

The property in question today consists of approximately 6% of the Viceroy Hotel's leasehold and is used primarily as an access road near the hotel.

The city council previously voted to enter mediation with the family, approving a staff recommendation to pursue formal mediation. The city covered mediation costs up to $15,000, with the White family selecting the mediator.

As a tangent to the discussion, City Manager Oliver Chi said staff will bring back for city council consideration the formal establishment of a citywide restorative justice program by January 2026.

"More details about that particular program will be shared in the coming weeks," Chi said.

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DEVELOPING

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councilmembers Gleam Davis and Phil Brock, Santa Monica Development Corporation Executive Director Tara Barauskas, and architect and slow growth advocate Mario Fonda-Bonardi.

"In this increasingly diverse media landscape, it's important to reach as many people as we can, especially on important issues," said Furukawa. "Producing a podcast series is a natural evolution of that idea. Plus, it's storytelling at its best. Brian and his guests make a complex issue accessible, personal, and deeply affecting."

The series is available on all major podcast platforms, including Apple and at www.adevelopingstory.com or at smdp.com/pod.

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FIRE

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Rinderknecht was indicted on one charge of malicious destruction by means of a fire, one count of arson affecting property used in interstate commerce, and one count of timber set afire. If convicted, he would face up to 20 years in federal prison.

His trial is scheduled for April 21, 2026.

Federal officials called the Palisades blaze a "holdover fire" from the Jan. 1 fire that Rinderknecht is accused of starting, which was not fully extinguished by firefighters. LA's interim fire chief said such fires linger in root systems and can reach depths of 15 to 20 feet (4.6 to 6.1 meters), making them undetectable by thermal imaging cameras.

Rinderknecht's attorney Steve Haney said that even if Rinderknecht was the cause of the initial smaller fire on New Year's Day, there were several "intervening factors" in the week between that day and when the Palisades Fire ignited, mainly the Los Angeles Fire Department's response to the fire.

By JAIMIE DING Associated Press

GUEST COMMENTARY

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And then there's Attorney General Rob Bonta, who — somewhat surprisingly — took himself out of contention early and said he would seek re-election. It was surprising because Bonta is a notorious publicity hound who issues some sort of announcement virtually every working day. Tuesday's version was intervening in a lawsuit over legislation dealing with art theft.

The buzz this week is that Bonta is reconsidering a run for governor due to the lack of an obvious frontrunner.

SO WHO IS AHEAD?

A recent poll by UC-Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies found that among the declared Democrats, Porter was leading at 11% of registered voters, but Sheriff Bianco was the overall leader at 13%.

Those weak numbers tell us that it's wide open, and it's impossible to identify a probable winner.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

Art and Writing Exhibit Opens at SMC's Emeritus Art Gallery

Santa Monica College's Emeritus Art Gallery will present "The Ongoing Moment: Literature and Art from SMC Emeritus," a collaborative journal and exhibition featuring original writing and art created by students in the college's Emeritus Program.

The exhibit runs Nov. 20, 2025, through Jan. 9, 2026, at the SMC Emeritus Art Gallery, located on the first floor of SMC Emeritus, 1227 Second Street, Santa Monica. A free opening reception with author readings will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.



Courtesy photo

EXHIBIT: Free opening reception with author readings will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The exhibition features works created by students in autobiography writing, watercolor studio and writing for publication classes. This year's edition focuses on resilience and inner resources, prompted by the January 2025 Los Angeles fires that impacted many SMC Emeritus students.

"I felt strongly that our students — who range from 60 to 90+ years in age — might, in telling their own stories of hardship, have some important lessons to convey to the generations who come after them," said writing instructor Monona Wali.

Art instructor Catherine Tirr asked students to explore themes of resilience and overcoming adversity through watercolor techniques applied to collage compositions.

The exhibition features written works by more than 40 students and artwork by nearly 30 artists from the Emeritus Program.

Author readings start promptly at 5 p.m. in Room 107, followed by a reception with light refreshments in the gallery.

Copies of "The Ongoing Moment" are available for purchase at foundation.smc.edu/ongoingmoment or smc.edu/emeritusgallery for $10 per copy.

Additional details are available at smc.edu/emeritusgallery or by calling 310-434-4306.

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Help Wanted

BIOTECH/SCIENCES
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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LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider recommending to the City Council that the Council (1) permanently adopt economic recovery Interim Zoning Ordinance 2825 (CCS) and (2) amend the text of Article 9 Zoning and Planning of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to promote economic recovery and increase land use flexibility in the City's Downtown and citywide areas by streamlining, simplifying, and modifying land uses and limitations, updating standards for Specific Uses and Activities, including alcohol permits and review, modifying definitions, adding flexibility for certain non-conforming uses, and making other minor changes, corrections, clarifications, and clerical amendments. On October 15, 2025, the Planning Commission approved Resolution Number 25-014 (PCS) declaring its intension to consider recommendations as described above.

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Address your comments to: Steve Mizokami, Principal Planner
Re: Economic Opportunity and Growth Amendments

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

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about these amendments, please visit the Planning Commission webpage (December 17, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda) or October 15, 2025 PC Item 7D Resolution of Intention. 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).

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AROUND TOWN

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Race/CA/SantaMonica/SantaMonicaTurkeyTrotKKHalfMarathon

ONGOING: Ice at Santa Monica (through Jan. 19); “Two Bit Circus” Pop-Up; Museum of Illusions;

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Sidecar × The Apple Pan’s Apple Pan Pie Doughnut: This limited-edition flavor reimagines a timeless classic: Sidecar’s pillowy brioche bullseye dipped in vanilla glaze and filled with warm, real apple chunks reminiscent of a just-out-of-the-oven pie. Now through Thanksgiving. 631 Wilshire Blvd. instagram.com/sidecardoughnuts

Thanksgiving Wine Class at Divine Vintage: Explore festive wines and cheeses in a guided tasting to help you discover your perfect Thanksgiving pour. Thursday, Nov. 20, 6:30–8p.m..,1025 Montana Ave. https://www.divinevintage.com/products/thanksgiving-wine-class

Ina Bakes Pastry Pop-Up for a Cause: Join Ina Bakes—founded by two Santa Monica moms known for their creative custom desserts—for a sweet Sunday pop-up benefiting Operation Happy Nurse, a nonprofit supporting nurses’ mental health. Enjoy signature treats and seasonal pastries. Sunday, Nov. 23, 9a.m. –2p.m., 535 Rose Ave., Venice inabakes.com

Thanksgiving by the Sea at Hotel Casa del Mar: Savor appetizers such as Baja Bluefin Crudo, Spiced Pumpkin Soup, and Truffled Corn & Sunchoke Succotash. For the main course, delight in Butternut Squash Risotto, Halibut Almondine, or a perfectly roasted New York Strip, among other seasonal selections. And to finish, indulge in an array of decadent desserts - the perfect sweet ending to a memorable seaside celebration. $125/person. 1910 Ocean Way instagram.com/hotelcasadelmar

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Scope of work to include: Replacement of the steel lobby windows and window supports above the east façade canopy at Barnum Hall. Steel window frames, sash, and glazing will be replaced to match those of the existing windows. Replacement of door jambs below the east facade canopy at Barnum Hall. Jambs to be replaced with steel box columns, jambs, and trim to match existing construction.

Bid Date: 12/9/2025 @ 2:00 PM

Lead Estimator: Peter Jasko, pjasko@ericksonhall.com

Project Address: 601 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Bid Documents can be obtained by contacting planroom@ericksonhall.com

All bids are to be submitted to Erickson-Hall Construction Co. bids@ericksonhall.com

This project requires **Prevailing Wage, Skilled & Trained Workforce**

If you are planning to bid this project, we encourage your participation and welcome your bid. All qualified bidders will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Erickson-Hall Construction Company requires all subcontractors submitting bids in excess of $50,000 to be prepared to furnish performance and payment bonds issued by a corporate security. Erickson-Hall Construction Company, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to waive this requirement or permit substitute security or alternate guarantees. We offer assistance in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies materials, bonds, lines of credit and insurance.

Erickson-Hall Construction provides notice to all contractors of the adoption of SB 854, this requires subcontractors to comply with the requirements as set forth on the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) website at http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/publicworks.html. SB 854 requires all contractors who perform public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after, unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5).

Charcoal Venice Thanksgiving Dinner: $125/person includes starters like cabbage baked in the embers, lemon zest roasted beets, soup and salad options, choice of smoked turkey or prime rib, side like praline pecan yams, whipped potatoes, braised mushrooms, and seasonal pies. 425 Washington Blvd. charcoalvenice.com

Thanksgiving at Chelsea: Enjoy a menu comprised of classics from their dinner menu along with Thanksgiving additions. Serving in the restaurant from 3pm - 9pm, and offering thanksgiving to go packages from 11am-2pm. 2460 Wilshire Blvd. chelseasm.com/thanksgiving

Chez Jay Thanksgiving: They are offering “Comforting classics like butternut squash soup, a full Thanksgiving platter with all the fixings, seasonal pecan pie and more. Plus, timeless Chez Jay staples like the signature NY steak.” 1657 Ocean Ave. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chez-jay/events/chez-jays-thanksgiving-dinner-2025-11-27

Fia Classic Thanksgiving Dinner: $120/person includes a starter, choice of herb roasted turkey or New York strip roast, sides like brown butter sage stuffing and mashed potatoes, roasted Fall vegetables, and pumpkin and apple pie. 2454 Wilshire Blvd. fiarestaurant.com/visit

Jameson’s Pub All You Can Eat Thanksgiving: You get your choice of turkey, ham, or prime rib with all the fixin’s for $19.99 per person while getting to watch all the NFL Thanksgiving games. 2702 Main St. santamonica.jamesonsirishpub.com

Lunetta Thanksgiving: Enjoy a three-course Thanksgiving menu for $120/person with options like Maine diver sea scallops, roasted butternut squash ravioli, Maryland crab cakemaple herb turkey, braised osso buco, and desserts like pumpkin pie, dark chocolate ganache tart, and French apple pie.2420 Pico Blvd. lunettasm.com

Celebrate Thanksgiving at Meat On Ocean: The steakhouse will offer a choice of starter (New-England-style clam chowder or mixed organic greens), an entrée consisting of roasted Diestel Family Ranch turkey served with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, house-made sourdough apple-celery stuffing, traditional cranberry sauce and turkey gravy and a choice of dessert (pumpkin cheesecake with house-made whipped cream and nutmeg or old fashioned chocolate cake with house-made whipped cream and raspberry puree). $75 for adults and $26 for children. 1501 Ocean Ave. meatonocean.com

Papille Gustative Thanksgiving: Enjoy a celebratory feast that includes bread with truffle butter, braised short rib, salmon, butternut squash and scallop risotto, and a chocolate and berry cake. $69/person. 2823 Main St. papillegustativela.com/santa-monica-main-street-santa-monica-papille-gustative-events

Thanksgiving at Regent Santa Monica Beach: Celebrate the holiday at their on-site fine dining restaurant, Orla by Michael Mina, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, while enjoying timeless holiday classics made with a California-twist. Menu offeringsinclude Urfa Spiced Shredded Turkey Leg with a Pine Nut Tabbouleh, Leek and Sweet Potato Stuffing with a Turmeric Butter Poached Turkey Breast, Burgundy Truffle Mashed Potatoes, and more. $65/Person for children and $135/Person for Adults. 1700 Ocean Ave. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1352833&restref=1352833&experienceId=546418

Thanksgiving by the Sea at Sirena: This Thanksgiving, let Sirena treat you to a holiday feast that’s as indulgent as it is effortless. Our chefs have crafted a family-style feast that blends timeless tradition with elevated coastal favorites. Whether you’re dining on our heated ocean-view terrace or inside our elegant dining room, you’ll enjoy a celebration filled with warmth, flavor, and sophistication. 1415 Ocean Ave. https://www.thegeorgian.com/events-calendar.aspx

Thanksgiving Dinner at Water Grill: The holiday meal starts with a choice of clam chowder and mixed organic greens before an entrée of roasted Diestel Family Ranch turkey served with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, house-made sourdough apple celery stuffing, traditional cranberry sauce and turkey gravy. For dessert, guests can choose between pumpkin cheesecake made with house-made whipped cream and nutmeg or caramel bread pudding with Alaea red sea salt. $75 for adults and $26 for children. 1401 Ocean Ave. watergrill.com

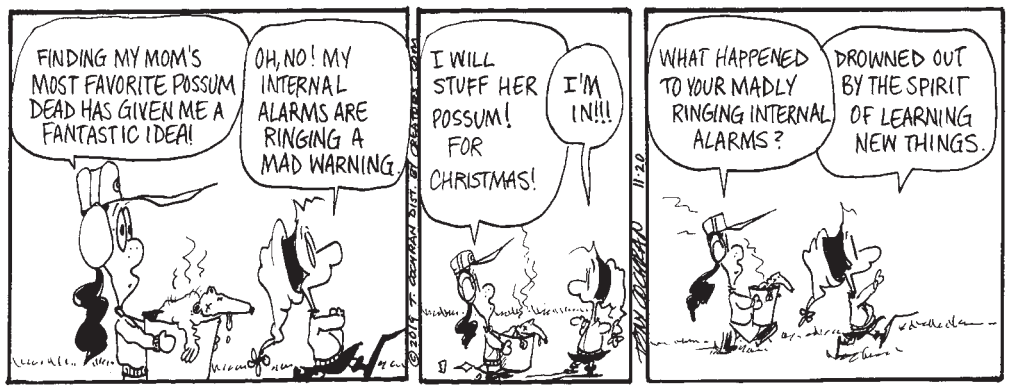
Further Afield: The LA Auto Show: Calling all auto enthusiasts! Check out the coolest innovations in cars for two whole weeks, with plenty of panels, exhibitions, and events to entertain you for 10 whole days. And it’s not just about the cars: Get excited for the F1 Watch Party happening on 11/22, plus exciting activations for the full show! Nov. 21 - 30, LA Convention Center eventim.com/campaign/la-auto-show

Looking Ahead: SaMo City Tree Lighting (12/4); Montana Ave. Holiday Walk (12/6); Venice Holiday Sign Lighting (12/6); Main St. Tree Lighting & Holiday Party (12/7); SaMo 150th Anniversary Grand Finale Celebration (12/13); Taylor Swift’s Birthday at Ice Santa Monica (12/13); SANTA Monica Pub Crawl (12/13); Meet Me Under the Fig Tree (12/14)

If there’s something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Feasts, Festivities & Fall Fun by the Sea

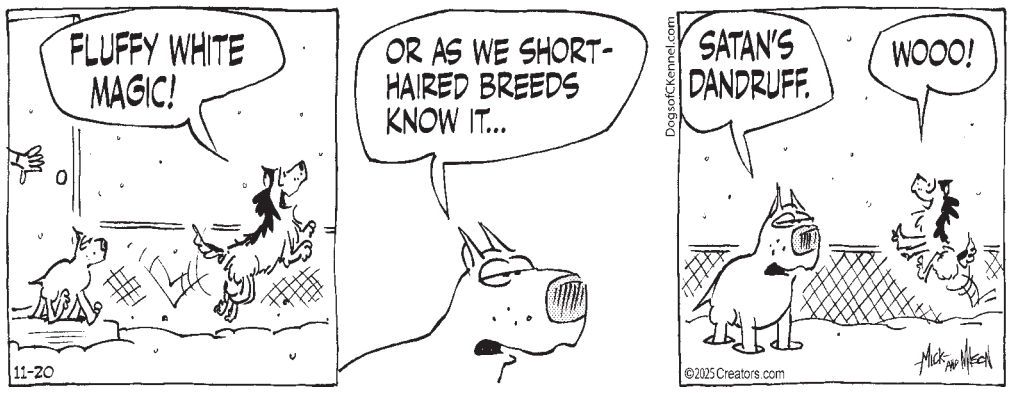
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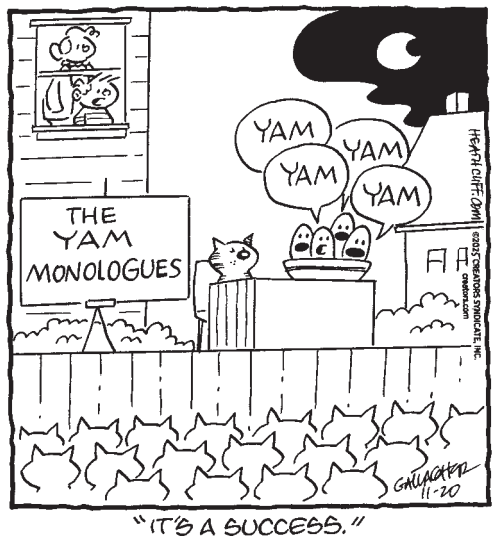
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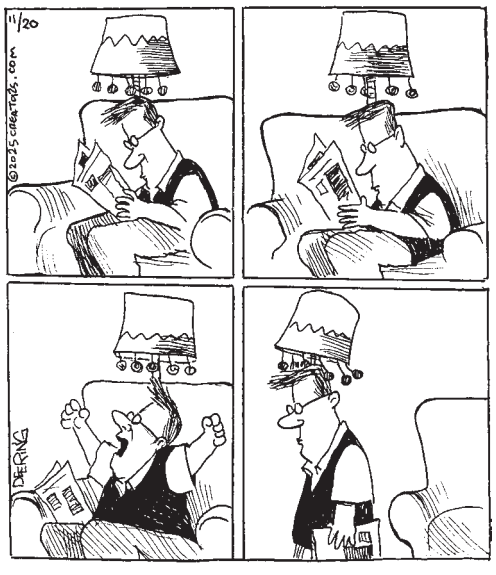
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



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 25 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6765

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 20)

Welcome to your Year of Creative Triumphs. You're the star of your own story, though you'll share the stage generously, lifting others while shining yourself. Someone fascinating joins your orbit, and they are equally fascinated by you. More highlights: collaborations that stick, an investment that pays for years to come and family-centered fun. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 9, 27, 40 and 32

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone wants to hear about you. There was a time you didn't know how to tell your story, and maybe you even minimized, hid or simply avoided talking about yourself much. Now you're finding a way to share with confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Chasing the "hot" opportunity means facing lots of competition and gatekeeping. The more people want something, the harder it is to get. It's all the more reason to follow your own curiosity instead. The more original your aim, the smoother your path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll know the power of visualization, and you'll merge practical goal-setting with mystical creativity. Picture your ideal outcome vividly so your subconscious understands what to build toward. Then trust your inner dream-weaver as an ally.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Experienced people have advice. Some want to help; others are in it to feel powerful or maybe to show off. Stay gracious but cautious; listen, learn and show respect, but don't rush to take sides, make promises or adopt anyone's approach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your drive to accomplishment is always present. Sometimes it's steady and manageable, like a kitten's purr. Today it's intense and impactful as a lion's roar. Ambition will take over your decisions and push you to act.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In a moment of stark lucidity, you will clearly see and fully understand the most difficult thing of all to comprehend: the environment you live in every day. This rare glimpse into the familiar illuminates a way forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Awareness and action go together. Our minds often protect us from information, storing it in the subconscious until we're ready for it. Realizations come when you're capable of doing something about the circumstance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're headed into an adventure. Maybe you feel ill-equipped. Maybe you're starting early, or late. Whatever makes you different, lean into that. You've undergone so many incarnations in your lifetime already, and you're about to add another to the story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Kindness may not be as flashy as other qualities like daring, or power, but having the courage to be kind when others aren't is powerful, thus allowing you to claim all qualities and inspiring others in the act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It takes a lot of energy to think. So when a person overthinks, energy gets wasted. Avoid circling the drain of thought. Move your body, change your focus and use that same energy to create instead of worry.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know that success doesn't have to come at someone else's expense. In the spirit of collaboration, you'll come up with an arrangement that benefits everyone. Fire signs (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius) will inspire, energize or help make the deal happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). We don't always know what we're getting into. And sometimes participation is not our choice in the first place. Nonetheless, you'll make quick work of the job and learn something in the process. Not fair, but you'll benefit, so all is well that ends well.

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

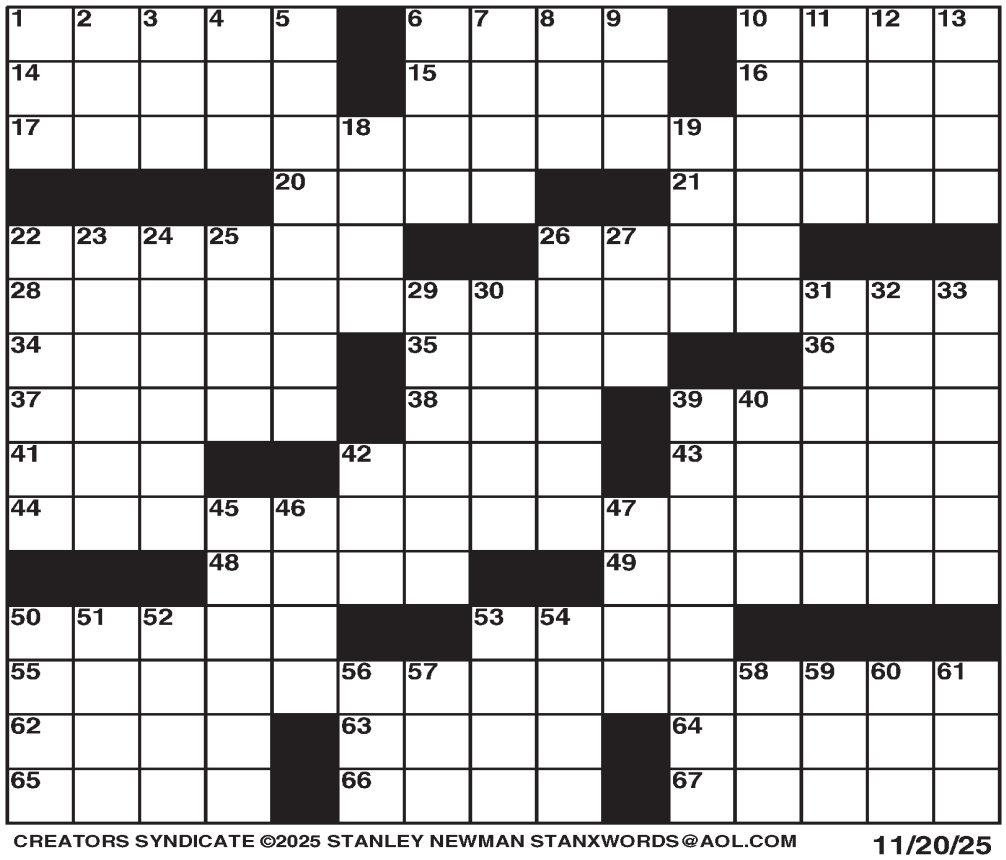
WARS OF WORDS by Mark McClain
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Evince a response
6 Treating phrase
10 Like Mojave National Park
14 Knighted English composer
15 Title heard in Westerns
16 Be an omen of
17 War of words
20 Very small thing
21 Aquarium fish
22 Is forbidden to
26 Ending for tip or quip
28 War of words
34 Economic intro
35 "Regrettably..."
36 Former Radio Moscow adversary
37 Splatter catcher
38 Holder of lenses
39 Sermonic assents
41 Woodpecker prey
42 Dance lesson
43 Sound of silence
44 War of words
48 Attendee
49 Superficial appearance
50 Near miss
53 Baby koala
55 War of words
62 Working diligently
63 Lackluster
64 Hunter on high
65 Hospital inventory
66 Number for one
67 Artful tactics

DOWN

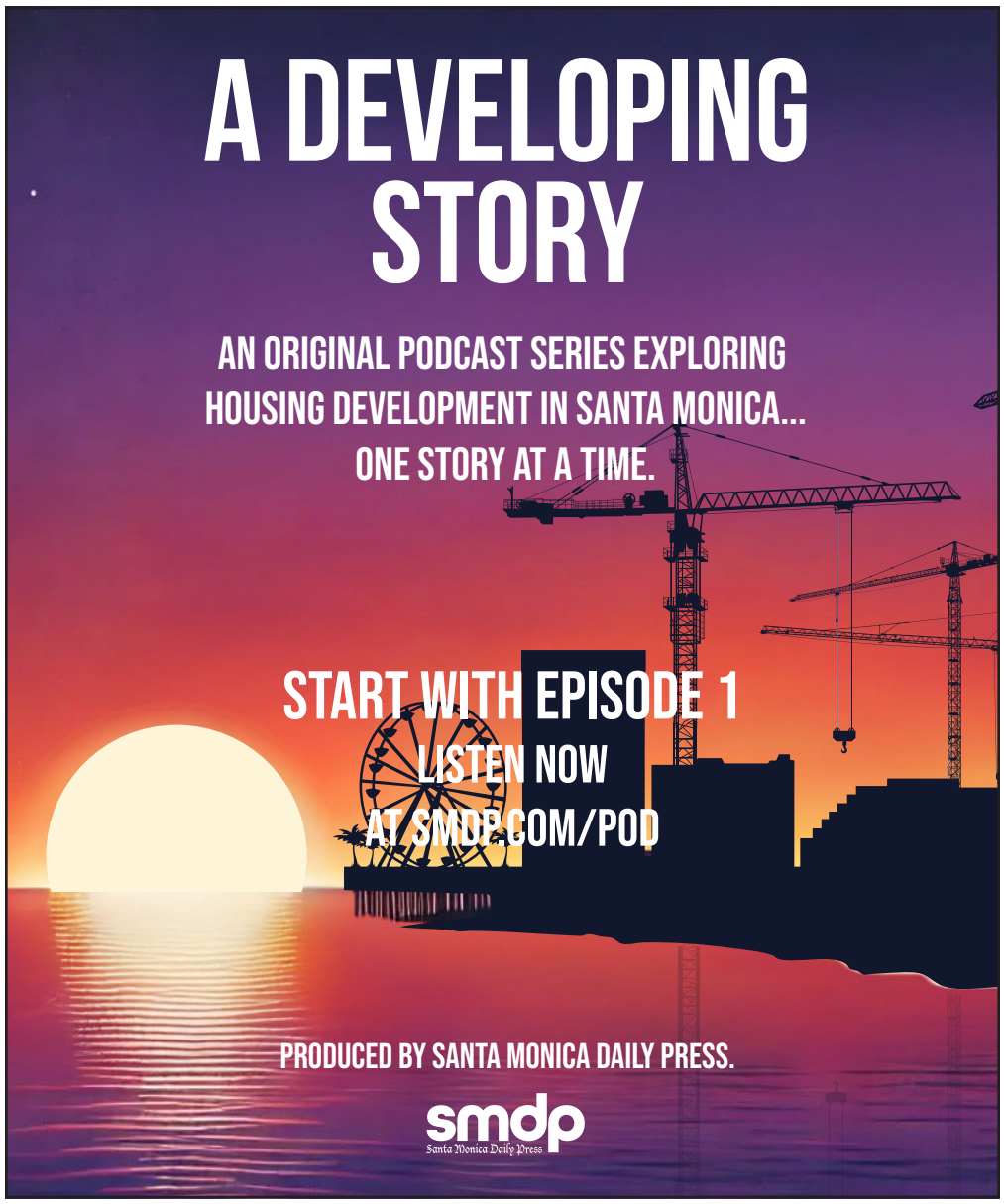
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2 Sleeper at New England's Ben Franklin College
3 Major span
4 Diner, for instance
5 Checking before buying
6 Don't use
7 Pleiades supercomputer owner
8 Bub
9 Six-footer with feathers
10 Pick up all of
11 Stir up
12 Beloved star
13 Disallow
18 Shower love
19 Tinker Bell capturer
22 Ore source near Superior
23 Still sealed
24 Cryptic
25 Many a chamber group
26 Seafood serving style
27 NFL stats
29 With more zing
30 Owning-up admission
31 Requite for a misdeed
32 Metaphorical wagger
33 Not so knotty
39 Shout with heavy lifting
40 Bovine hurdle of rhyme
42 Compass reading
45 White waders
46 Tinsel time
47 *Steak au poivre* __ *sauce*
50 Hunk of granite
51 Name-check
52 Highly devoted
53 Tumbler of rhyme
54 Ibsen Museum city
56 NFL stats
57 Many a chamber group
58 Web ID
59 Sambadrome's city
60 Vegan staple
61 USCG officer



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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 diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-11-20T11

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

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 21

STAR STORIES WITH MISS SANDY
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. TAR Stories With Miss Sandy Children are invited to share the joy of storytelling and reading with our special STAR volunteer, Miss Sandy. Come three times and take home a free book. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/star-stories-with-miss-sandy/15607291/2025-11-21T14

WATER STORIES - MINI WORKSHOP
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Verdant Venice Group Invites You to a Community Event Hosted by the Venice Surf Association. Mini Water Stories Workshop - Help VVG fill colorful watershed maps with community-generated nature-based solutions to watershed management and ocean pollutants. Stop by our table! The Cigarette Surfboard - Watch the environmental surf documentary (followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers!) Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/water-stories-mini-workshop/17426691/2025-11-21T17

SCROOGE: THE MUSICAL
7:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica 1008 11th St. Santa Monica. All Community Theater (ACT) in collaboration with the Community Methodist Church of Pacific Palisades and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Santa Monica is presenting "SCROOGE: The Musical", based on the 1970 film with Albert Finney, music & lyrics by Oscar winner Leslie Bricusse ("Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory", "Stop the World - I Want to Get Off", "Doctor Dolittle"). Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/scrooge-the-musical/17334085/2025-11-21T19

AN EVENING WITH WHAT BOOKS PRESS & GIANT CLAW
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center 681 Venice Blvd Venice Beach Los Angeles. Join us for an evening with What Books Press, releasing a brand new catalog of book titles for 2025. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/an-evening-with-what-books-press-giant-claw/17353430/2025-11-21T19

MURDER AT THE CROW
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Avenue #Unit F4 Santa Monica. The Crow brings you the best up and coming talent that LA has to offer! Comedians you've seen go viral on Tik Tok & Instagram, with credits from Netflix, Comedy Central, HBO and more! Curated Comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. THE CROW is listed in the LA Times as one of the best places to see comedy in LA! Read more about The Crow in all the press! $23.11. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/murder-at-the-crow/17317549/2025-11-21T20

KING CHRIS
9:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/king-chris/17353642/2025-11-21T21

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