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Actress, entrepreneur and author Jennie Garth, Angel City Football Club CEO Amy Taylor, award-winning trial attorney Maro Burunsuzyan and beauty entrepreneurs Chriselle Lim and Sarah Gibson Tuttle were among the prominent voices taking center stage as the sixth annual LA Times Studios Inspirational Women Forum and Leadership Awards brought a full day of panel discussions and an evening awards dinner to the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows.

The event featured five panels exploring the booming business of women's sports, entrepreneurship, leadership and personal reinvention, culminating in a dinner ceremony honoring eight women whose achievements are shaping Southern California's business and community landscape.

Anna Magzanyan, president of LA Times Studios and NantGames, described the gathering as an opportunity to recognize women

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City to begin outreach as Bergamot redevelopment talks advance



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ARTS COMPLEX: Santa Monica will begin community outreach on Bergamot Station's future after council direction on price terms.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica will begin community outreach on the future of Bergamot Station in the coming weeks after the City Council gave staff direction in closed session Tuesday on the price and payment terms for the city-owned arts complex, City Manager Oliver Chi said.

The council took no reportable action on the item, a conference with its real estate negotiator over the property at 2525 Michigan Ave. But Chi, authorized by the council to speak after the closed session, said staff had received enough

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Council clears way for 26th Street preschool to grow to 40 children

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously rejected a neighborhood group's appeal and upheld a permit allowing a 26th Street day care to nearly triple in size, after hearing from dozens of parents who packed the chamber at the last council meeting.

The 7-0 vote lets the PlayGroup House at 1029 26th St. convert from a large family day care licensed for up to 14 children into a child care center for up to 40. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the conditional use permit July 15 after hearing from 18 speakers, eight of them opposed. The Northeast Neighbors organization appealed.

The school now enrolls 11 children and serves ages 2 to 5, with a focus on 2- and 3-year-olds, according to the staff report. Under the permit, it plans to start at 24 children and reach 40 by fall 2027.

Stephanie Reich, a city design and historic preservation planner, said the home has operated as a day care for six years. The city is not aware of any official complaints or code violations there, she said.

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Malibu council praises senior programs; mayor drops push for dedicated senior space

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Malibu City Council members praised the city's senior programs Nov. 9 after a staff review they requested a year ago, and Mayor Bruce Silverstein said he is no longer pressing a proposal to reserve the City Hall senior center room for seniors and open the adjoining multipurpose room to them.

"Looks like things are going well, though, so I'm not pressing for it," Silverstein said.

The council directed staff in November 2025 to analyze senior center programming and look at ways to expand it. Silverstein said he and Councilmember Haylynn Conrad had jointly proposed that, at a minimum, the senior center be reserved for seniors "because from time to time it's taken away." Seniors had hoped to get both rooms, he said.

The idea grew out of conversations with seniors during the 2024 election, Silverstein said.

"I think as a result of the push to give them the room, they actually got more programs and more space more often," he said. "So sometimes you don't get what you ask for, but you still get results."

The council took no vote on the item.

Kate Manisco, the city's community services deputy director, told the council the city offers about 1,150 senior programs a year, roughly 96 a month, for people 55 and older. The senior center at City Hall, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, covers 1,250 square feet. A folding partition separates it from the 912-square-foot multipurpose room.

Most programs cost $5 to $10, Manisco said. The most expensive, an excursion, costs $65. The operating budget for senior programs is about $135,000 this fiscal year, excluding staff costs, with $55,000 going to contract instructors.

> "Looks like things are going well, though, so I'm not pressing for it"
>
> - Bruce Silverstein, Mayor

Fitness classes such as cardio salsa, mat Pilates and tai chi have moved to the Michael Landon Center at Malibu Bluffs Park, which received new flooring in 2023, as well as floor-to-ceiling mirrors.

"It also doesn't have any adjacent walls for music for the fitness classes," Manisco said.

Art classes meet in the multipurpose room because of its kitchen and water access. The room is also shared with city departments, commissions, trainings and rentals.

New this winter are bingo, table tennis and a Spanish program. Staff also floated programs at Legacy Park and Charmlee Wilderness Park, more aquatic classes at the Malibu Community Pool and partnerships with the Malibu Library and Santa Monica College.

Staff also suggested that once a small City Hall office now used as a local sheriff's substation is vacant, senior center employees could move into it. That would free the senior center office for small programs such as mahjong and coloring.

"We could move our staff into that office to create some additional space for senior programs," Manisco said.

Silverstein called the presentation "very, very informative."

"I didn't appreciate we were doing so much, and it all looks very attractive," he said.

Councilmember Doug Stewart said the number of programs "just blows me away."

"What else do you need?" Stewart asked, later adding, "You know, for the bang for the buck, what else can we get you?"

Councilmember Marianne Riggins complimented staff.

"I think this may be another case where, you know, you think that things are broken, but once you actually find out the facts, they're actually quite well run," she said.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Uhring said the earlier effort to open the multipurpose room to seniors "has worked very, very well."

Conrad, who knits with seniors, said she visited that morning to gather feedback.

"I get such positive feedback from ladies and gentlemen that knit with me, and they really are very happy," she said.

Seniors told her the Bluffs Park room is "cold, really cold." Their wish list included more patio umbrellas, chairs that aren't broken, five new card tables, art supplies, tea and coffee at the Bluffs room, and portable bocce courts on the patio outside the multipurpose room. They also asked for Ping-Pong, which Conrad said "was surprising to me, but also awesome."

"They're very, very happy with the price point," she said. "They're like, just don't change. You know, they love the five bucks."

Seniors still want a dedicated senior center, Conrad said.

"But I told them like, not anytime right now," she said.

Asked whether seniors had been surveyed, Manisco said staff did so, asking about preferred days, times and locations, and created some new programs based on the results.

"I think you guys are doing great, and like I said, it's very robust programming," Conrad said.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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With California's insurance crisis at an impasse, it might be time for a different approach



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

PASADENA: A person uses a hose to spray water on the flames of a house to prevent the Eaton Fire from spreading to other homes in Pasadena on Jan. 8, 2025.

Nobody really likes writing those premium checks to insurance companies that always seem to be increasing — until they need their insurance to cover losses from auto crashes, fires or other calamities.

The conflict between those two priorities has been particularly acute in California in recent years as a series of horrendous wildfires swept through the state, taking lives, destroying billions of dollars in property and disrupting lives — even of those who escape direct losses.

Californians spend more than $100 billion a year on what the industry calls "property and casualty" policies, according to the state Department of Insurance.

Bills for fire and homeowners coverage topped $19 billion in 2025, but thanks largely to the destructive fires that hit Los Angeles and its suburbs 22 months ago, insurers incurred more than $31 billion in losses on those policies — more than four times the losses in 2024.

As payouts mounted over several years of wildfires, insurers began either pulling out of the California market or imposing tighter restrictions and higher premiums, forcing millions of property owners to scramble for coverage mortgage lenders require.

The state's last ditch "FAIR plan" was deluged with applications for coverage that was both costly and minimal, putting its finances in jeopardy.

It was — and is — a genuine crisis, needing a solution that provides consumers with adequate coverage at affordable prices and makes insurance profitable enough to keep insurers in the market.

After the Legislature failed to come up with a solution, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara weighed in three years ago with a plan he said could advance both priorities, allowing insurers to base rates on estimates of future losses, rather than past experience, while requiring them to meet coverage quotas.

Lara has taken heat from consumer groups, such as Consumer Watchdog, accusing him of caving in to insurers.

Oddly, however, the industry and consumer groups forged a strange bedfellows alliance this year to oppose a scheme Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed, limiting the liability of electric utilities such as Pacific Gas & Electric when their transmission lines fail and spark fires.

Without such limits, utilities argued, their financial stability would be undermined, making it difficult for them to borrow money and attract investors. The plan would, in effect, shift more of fire losses to insurers or property owners.

However, adding utilities' liability to an already dicey insurance coverage crisis was too much to swallow, and as the legislative session ended, that plan remained on the table.

Lara could not run for another term, and the election of his successor this month adds still another factor to a situation already fraught with political complexity.

Two Democrats, former San Francisco Supervisor Jane Kim and state Sen. Ben

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **70.9**

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Wonky start on the high tide, decent size as the tide dips as winds look to cooperate. Northerly wind expected to sick around long enough to take advantage of the tide drop in the morning. Jumbled surf with a lot of NW swell mix still around (long and short period energy) with some S swell in the mix too. Chunky corners for the combo beachbreaks and modest lines for the sheltered summer points. WNW onshores pick up in the afternoon, adding lump to spots west of Dume while keep conditions somewhat manageable. Sheltered points the cleanest option as the tide turns back around.

SATURDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Smaller day of waves, widespread clean conditions sticking around into the afternoon. NW swell mix is down to smaller leftovers as modest S swell tops out. Knee-waist high waves on tap, a little larger at times for standouts out west. The high tide slows most of the region to start, staying clean either side of Dume as it drops mid/late morning - high tide bars drain out, but the points stay nice and cruisy. Afternoon window just gets a little seabreeze for minor texture. Beachbreaks should improve on the tide push through the end of the day.

Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

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2026/11/20	Fri	12:25 PM	0.95	L
2026/11/20	Fri	06:17 PM	3.85	H
2026/11/20	Fri	11:46 PM	1.32	L
2026/11/21	Sat	06:14 AM	5.77	H
2026/11/21	Sat	01:06 PM	0.16	L
2026/11/21	Sat	07:12 PM	3.92	H
2026/11/22	Sun	12:20 AM	1.52	L
2026/11/22	Sun	06:44 AM	6.28	H
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Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 16 M

Fantasy 5
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Santa Monica College named Bicycle Friendly University for fourth time

The League of American Bicyclists has honored Santa Monica College with a Silver-level Bicycle Friendly University award, recognizing the college's achievements in promoting and enabling safe, accessible bicycling on campus. The designation is good for four years.

It is SMC's third consecutive Silver award and fourth Bicycle Friendly University designation overall. The college received a Bronze award in prior years.

SMC remains the only California community college to receive the designation and is part of a cohort of 212 colleges and universities nationwide.

The program is part of the league's Bicycle Friendly America program, which also certifies communities and businesses to make bicycling safe, comfortable and more accessible for all.

"SMC works hard to encourage students and employees to use other means to get to campus besides a car to reduce carbon emissions and alleviate congestion in our neighborhoods," said Ferris Kawar, the college's director of sustainability. "Biking is a great option for many who enjoy getting a little exercise and connecting with the outdoors. We are lucky enough to live in a location that is usually sunny and relatively flat."

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> - Ferris Kawar, the college's director of sustainability

Kawar said the city of Santa Monica has been providing protected bike lanes to make riders feel safe along their entire journey. "This award shows that our efforts to encourage cycling are paying off," he said.

Kawar said the designation helps keep the college's annual fees low because SMC can list it in its Transportation Management Plan to the city.

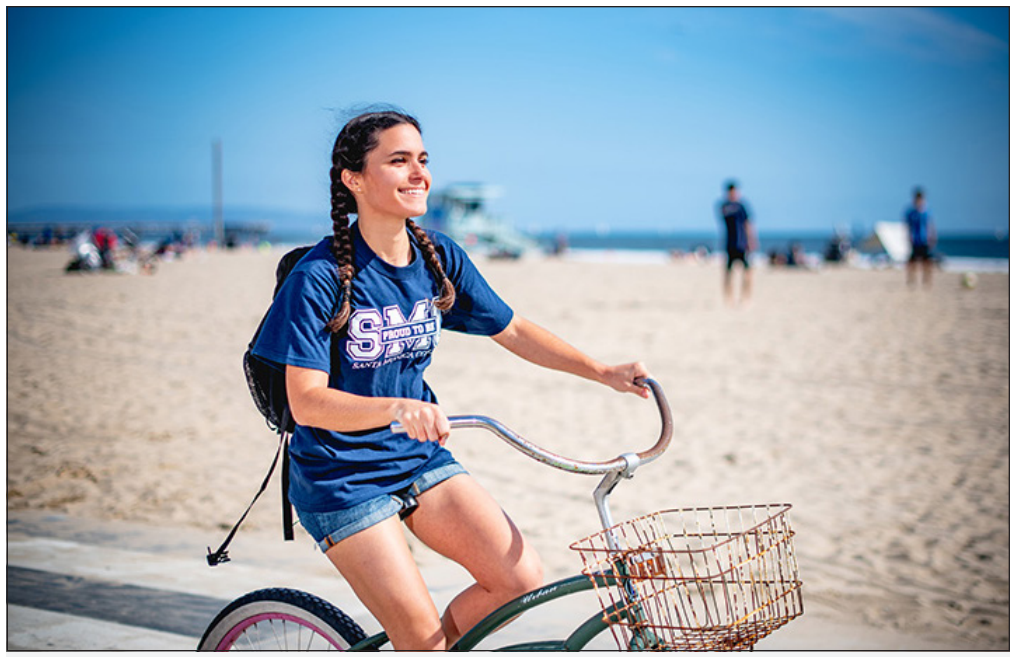
He said making cycling safe and easy also leans into the beach lifestyle SMC has had for decades, which he called "no small reason why students choose to go to school here." He said the Bike Maintenance class, started six years ago, has doubled its sections because of continued community demand.

"What stands out about this round of Bicycle Friendly University awards is their commitment to listening, learning, and improving," said Bill Nesper, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. "That spirit of progress is helping shape today's students into tomorrow's leaders, equipping them to carry on the work of building a more Bicycle Friendly America."

The league will also provide SMC with free tools, resources and technical assistance.

More information about the program is available at www.bikeleague.org/university. Information on SMC bike programs is available at smc.edu/sustainability under "Transportation Options."

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Santa Monica College / Ben Gibbs Photography

BIKE: The League of American Bicyclists has honored Santa Monica College with a Silver-level Bicycle Friendly University award in recognition of the institution's achievements in promoting and enabling safe, accessible bicycling on campus. The designation is good for four years. This is SMC's third consecutive Silver BFU award, and its fourth such designation, having received a Bronze award in prior years.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC guitar students to perform free showcase Dec. 1

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present the SMC Guitar Showcase at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., at Santa Monica Boulevard.

The concert will feature SMC guitar students, directed by Jimmy Cheesman, performing classical, rock, pop, blues and reggae music.

Admission is free, but seating is limited and strictly first-come, first-served. Early arrival is highly recommended. Parking on the premises is free.

The showcase is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323.

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Photo by Brian Driscoll

GUITAR: (left to right) SMC students Julian Greco, David Garcia, and Ryan Lucas.

SMC

Mariachi Los Corsarios de SMC to perform free concert Dec. 3

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present Mariachi Los Corsarios de SMC in a free concert of regional Mexican folk music at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

The concert will be in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., at Santa Monica Boulevard.

Led by director Mary Alfaro, the ensemble will perform ranchera, bolero, son jalisciense and huapango songs that have become standards and popular pieces in the mariachi canon.

Parking on the premises is free. Seating is strictly first-come, first-served.

The concert is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323.

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MARIACHI: The Santa Monica College (SMC) Music Department will present Mariachi Los Corsarios de SMC in a free concert on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 11:15 a.m. in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center.



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shaping business and their communities while inspiring the next generation of leaders.

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Among the afternoon's featured speakers, Garth, best known for Beverly Hills, 90210, offered a personal reflection on how turning 50 transformed her understanding of success and self-worth.

Speaking with Magzanyan about her book "Choose Me," Garth described spending much of her life seeking validation from others. "At 50, I spent 50 years of my life just not believing in myself and putting my worth into someone else's hands," she said.

Her turning point came when she stopped asking whether others liked her and began asking herself a different question, "Do I like me? Yes, that's all I need," she said. Garth encouraged women to embrace reinvention regardless of age, arguing that experience can provide the confidence to pursue unfamiliar opportunities. "The older we get, the better it is to start something new and scary, because you have so much more that you've lived and learned and experienced," she said. "I want the most out of everything, including myself," Garth added, describing success as an ongoing pursuit of growth and fulfillment rather than a final destination.

That theme of redefining success carried into a conversation with trial attorney Burunsuzyan, who founded her law firm at 26 in 1994 and spent more than three decades building a legal career while raising two sons.

Burunsuzyan recalled juggling three to six jury trials annually while remaining present for her children, sometimes bringing bankers' boxes of depositions and medical records to Sky Zone trampoline park so she could prepare cases while her sons played. "If I had to do it all over again, I would do it the same way. It was all worth it," she said.

Today, with both sons practicing alongside her, Burunsuzyan said her definition of success has shifted from courtroom victories to watching the next generation carry forward her values. "To see my work ethic through them, to see clients raving about them, to see them do depositions, is what success means to me today," she said.

Her greatest professional lesson, she added, has been learning when to listen. "It's taught me to listen more than talk. You're almost always ahead of your opponent if you just listen."

Burunsuzyan, whose firm has represented more than 150,000 California consumers, received the evening's Professional Services award.

The challenges of establishing leadership in traditionally male-dominated industries were also explored during "Creating the Precedent," moderated by Los Angeles Times Assistant Managing Editor Angel Jennings.



Michelle Edgar

BUSINESS: LA Times Studios honored eight women leaders at the Inspirational Women Forum at Fairmont Miramar.

The discussion examined professional risks, pivotal decisions and mentorship, with participants including Lara Shortz of Michelman & Robinson and Lauren Prince of Flamingo Estate. Panelists emphasized confidence, calculated risk-taking and creating opportunities for future generations.

The afternoon opened with "Playing to Win: The New Business of Women's Sports," featuring Taylor; Stacy Johns, president of the Los Angeles Sparks; and Alisha Childress, head of competition for Major League Volleyball.

Moderated by LA Times Studios host Angelica Coronado, the panel examined increasing investment, sponsorship opportunities and fan engagement in women's athletics, particularly as Los Angeles prepares for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The discussion highlighted the growing commercial value of women's sports as teams, leagues and investors work to build sustainable business models around expanding audiences.

Entrepreneurship and consumer brand development also featured prominently in a discussion moderated by Melissa Magsaysay, bringing together Lim of PHLUR, Jennifer Meyer of Jennifer Meyer Jewelry, Gibson Tuttle of Olive & June and Clare Vivier of Clare V. The founders discussed how personal storytelling, product innovation and customer relationships can drive business growth.

Lim said PHLUR's fragrance Missing Person, inspired by longing and emotional connection, generated a waitlist of 250,000 consumers. Gibson Tuttle described how Olive & June capitalized on demand for at-home nail care during the pandemic, growing from $2 million to $32 million in one year, according to her remarks. Meyer traced her jewelry company's beginnings to a leaf design symbolizing new beginnings, while Vivier described building her accessories brand through personal storytelling and partnerships with Los Angeles manufacturers.

The afternoon's conversations gave way to an evening ceremony honoring women across eight categories spanning technology, healthcare, financial services, professional services, consumer goods, entertainment, construction and community leadership.

Laura Shaff, president and chief financial officer of Malibu-based skincare company OSEA Malibu, received the Consumer Goods & Retail award, recognizing her leadership in the beauty and wellness industry.

Collene Greenlee, managing director and West Region head of Commercial Bank at Citibank, received the Financial Services award, recognizing a career spanning more than three decades in banking and business leadership.

Nancy Coblenz, president and co-founder of Stellenium, was honored in Future Systems for her work expanding access to technology and artificial intelligence.

Victoria Thain Gioia, co-founder and CEO of women's health supplement company Perelel, received the Healthcare & Life Sciences award. The awards presentation highlighted the company's reported $27 million funding round.

Brenda Brkusic Milinkovic, president of GrowthDay Entertainment, received the Sports & Entertainment award. She described helping build a free, around-the-clock personal development streaming network available in 195 countries.

Rosemary David Reyes, CEO of Central City Community Health Center, received the Education, Nonprofit & Government award. She said the organization had recently opened its 18th clinic and reported more than 235,000 patient visits while serving underserved communities across Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Kathleen Abbott, chief revenue officer of Shawmut Design and Construction, received the Real Estate & Construction award. Her career spans more than 25 years, including leadership at Arcadis, where she helped oversee a U.S. environmental business employing approximately 3,000 people.

Burunsuzyan rounded out the eight honorees with her Professional Services award, bringing the day's conversation about ambition, motherhood and legacy full circle.

For Santa Monica, the gathering brought together influential voices from across Southern California's business, legal, sports and creative communities at a time when women are reshaping industries and expanding their influence. Across the day's discussions and evening honors, a consistent message emerged: Success is measured not only by titles or financial achievements, but by the risks women take, the communities they serve and the opportunities they create for those who follow.

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PRESCHOOL

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The interior of the 2,426-square-foot house would be remodeled into two classrooms and three learning areas, with no added floor space or exterior changes. Besides a director, the school would need six child care staff, four more employees than it has now, the staff report states.

Child care centers in single-family zones require a conditional use permit. Reich said staff and the commission found the project met all required findings. The city's planning director waived a requirement for four passenger loading spaces, relying on a parking and loading plan reviewed by mobility staff. Under that plan, families who violate pickup and drop-off rules three times can be excluded from the school.

Drop-off would run from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and pickup from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Because the site is within a half-mile of a major transit stop, state law requires no parking.

Tricia Crane, chair of Northeast Neighbors, said the expansion is "a huge increase and not sustainable" for a residential block. She said the North of Montana Association, the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition and Friends of Sunset Park supported the appeal.

> "Zero complaints over six years of operating on the property"
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> - Steven Somers

Crane said a recent state investigation found the day care was violating a licensing rule that a family day care operate in the licensee's own residence.

The appeal argued the use is incompatible with the single-family neighborhood and the general plan. It also said the city had not studied street conditions at the school's 5 p.m. closing or during up to four evening events a year that can run until 7:30 p.m.

Steven Somers, a land use consultant with Crest Real Estate representing the applicant, said the inspection stemmed from a complaint filed the day before the commission hearing. He said it involved a resident who was temporarily away for a family matter, not daily operations. He said the issue has been resolved and the residency rule won't apply once the site becomes a preschool.

"Zero complaints over six years of operating on the property," Somers said.

Founder and owner Cassidy Bosch said she reached out to every opponent, uses no amplified sound outdoors and staggers arrival and dismissal.

Jacob Wasserman, vice chair of the Planning Commission, spoke for the commission in support of the permit. He said the city's child care shortage ranks close behind its housing crisis.

Next-door neighbor Zara Meyer said parents have double-parked and blocked residents' cars. She said she has seen parents cross 26th Street, which carries about 14,700 vehicles a day.

Allison Kennedy, who also lives next door, said neighbors are not trying to close the day care but oppose expanding it into a commercial use. She said the city's most acute shortage is in infant care, while this school serves older children.

Diana Williams said she supports quality day care in the neighborhood. "The question though is why does it need to be this space?" she said.

A Nov. 5 Mobility Division review, done in response to the appeal, found that drivers on the 25 mph street travel at about 31 mph at the 85th percentile. It counted six reported collisions near the site from 2021 through August 2026, none involving a pedestrian or causing a serious injury. The review also found additional parking on Washington and California avenues when 26th Street was full.

Most speakers were parents who said they walk their children to the school.

Sarah Christian said her family lost its home in the Palisades fire and found stability at PlayGroup House. Josh Bachrach, a parent of two students, said opposition to the permit was "driven by fear," while support was "driven by facts and family."

Proponents said there's a regional shortage of child care. Former Mayor Gleam Davis called child care a form of economic development, saying parents without it struggle to stay in the workforce.

Somers said the Mobility Division found no pedestrian-related incidents in five years and that the city has approved three prior permits of this type. Crane told the council the expanded program "is going to be very different with many, many more people."

Councilmember Dan Hall's motion struck a commission limit on organized outdoor play to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., deferring instead to the municipal code. The school operates 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The motion also struck a condition and related language that the staff report ties to the school's evening events. It directed staff to study street treatments at the 26th Street intersections with Washington and California avenues.

Staff said compliance reporting would be reviewed against 311 complaints and collision data.

Councilmember Lana Negrete supported the motion but said neighbors' concerns about going "from 14 to 40" are real. She urged the school to honor its good neighbor plan and offer tuition assistance.

As part of the commission's approval, the operator agreed to talk with Connections for Children about accepting children who receive child care subsidies.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Zwick, a parent of two preschoolers, said he yearns for the day when expanding a day care doesn't require "a lawyer and a land use consultant and multiple hearings and appeals." He urged colleagues to create a by-right approval path.

Councilmember Ellis Raskin said he found no substantial evidence in the record supporting the appeal.

Council member Natalya Zernitskaya said child care "should not be treated as a nuisance in a neighborhood." She said high-quality child care works as infrastructure, letting parents hold jobs while their children are cared for.

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BERGAMOT

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direction to start outreach. He said the matter is expected to return to the council in open session "in time for our council meeting next month in December."

The report came shortly before 11 p.m., hours after public comment from gallery owners and residents. Several asked the council to slow down, look at other sites for housing and include tenants in the talks.

Chi said the process began in October 2022, when the city laid out the legal and policy framework for addressing affordable housing at the site.

He said the council has consistently held that redevelopment should include affordable housing consistent with the city's housing element goals, artist affordable housing, and cultural and arts uses. He said the council also wants a process that gives current tenants and art-serving commercial spaces a chance to stay at Bergamot, with a right to return if relocation is needed.

Over the past several months, Chi said, the council has been assessing possible uses for the site.

Robert Berman, whose gallery has been at Bergamot for 33 years, said the city has long tried to close the complex. He said the city could build housing on the neighboring Kite property, which he said is about as large as Bergamot and is being vacated.

"Right now we have five empty spaces," Berman said. "If they came to us, we can rent those spaces tomorrow."

Craig Krull, who said he ran one of the original galleries at the complex, asked the council to "pause, reflect, think about the alternatives" before moving ahead with plans he described as 700 housing units. He said tenants have not been part of the city's discussions.

Krull said a troop of Girl Scouts visited his gallery days earlier. He said he recently hosted an artist's memorial and a nonprofit event at the gallery. "That's what Bergamot's about," he said.

William Turner, who said he has shown work at Bergamot for 32 years, called the complex an "arts park" for Santa Monica and greater Los Angeles. He said the city has not fully explored the Kite Pharma site, which he said covers 3.8 acres next door.

Turner also questioned the case for housing near the Expo line. "I don't know anyone who lives in Santa Monica who uses the Expo line to get around Santa Monica," he said.

Other speakers objected to the setting of the talks. Maria Loya, speaking for the Pico Neighborhood Association, said decisions on the Bergamot item should get community input and a public hearing rather than closed-session review.

Janet McLoughlin asked the council to take no action until council member-elect Ashley Oelsen is seated.

The council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Dec. 8.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Allen, finished in the top two in the June primary, putting both on the Nov. 3 ballot. Their duel took on an ideological aura. On the left, Kim proposed that the state set up its own fire insurance system, while Allen, a moderate, said Kim's proposal would cost too much and the state should build on Lara's plan.

Kim won decisively, one of many political races that progressives claimed this year. Her victory sets the stage for another legislative struggle.

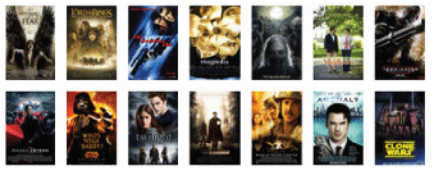
Kim's notion of having the state directly provide at least some coverage is not particularly novel. The state already has an insurance program for workers' compensation, and it offers earthquake insurance.

Nor is it fatally unworkable, as Allen and the industry contended. Having base coverage provided by the state through taxes or mandatory fees tied to property value — and backed by reinsurance — could, if designed adroitly, protect insurers, utilities and consumers from the economic jolts of catastrophic wildfires.

At the very least, it warrants an independent and authoritative examination.

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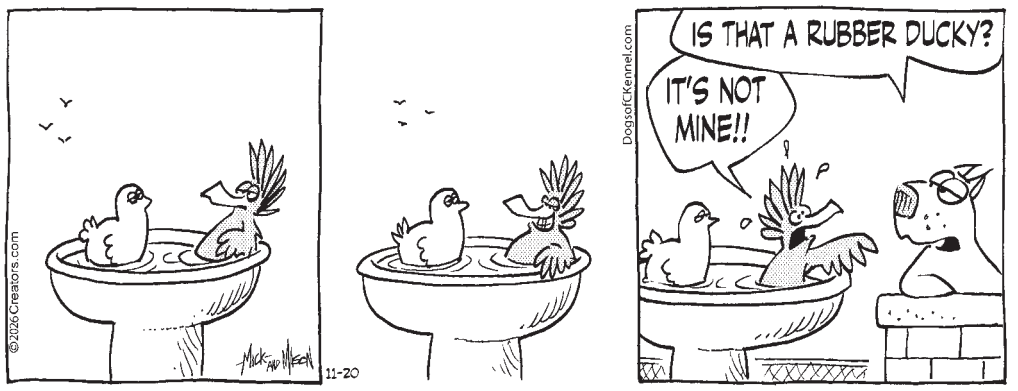
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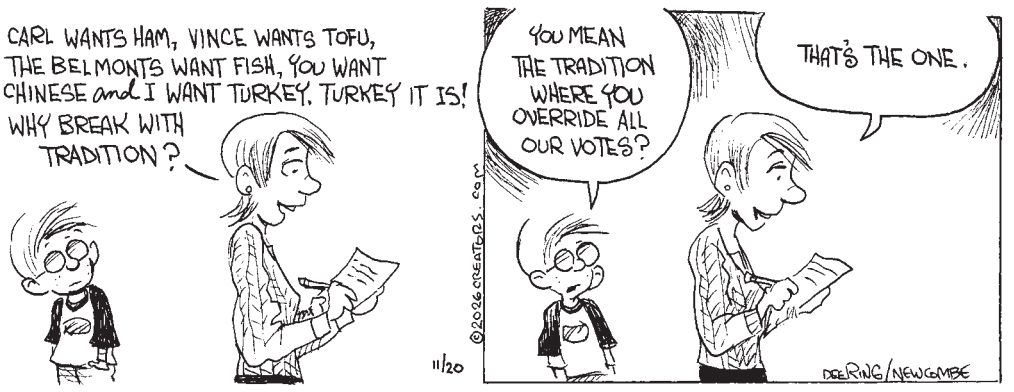
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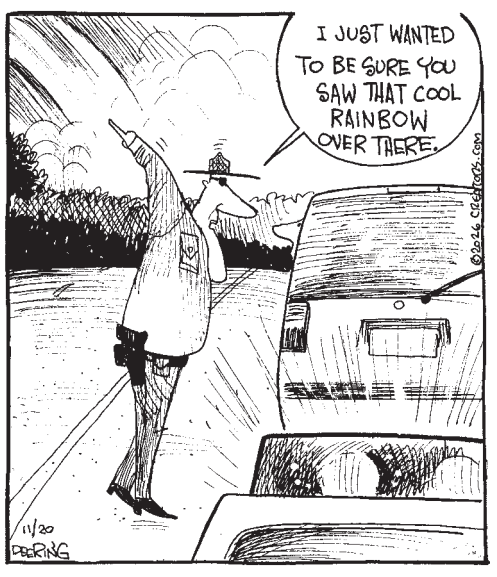
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want the thrill of being first, and today you'll get a chance to lead the charge. Of course, that means figuring things out while everyone watches. Your wins are legendary, and your mistakes will make excellent stories.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Beautiful things can be free, affordable or expensive. You'll find yourself wondering why you typically choose the latter. Before you dismiss it as extravagant, consider how much pleasure you'll get from owning it. Maybe it's worth saving up for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The reason not every person is fluent in another language, has mastered an instrument or acquired equally impressive skills is because practice takes grit. But the right teacher will make the work so entertaining you'll look forward to it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are a lot of ways to make a person feel special. The ones that don't cost money can be the most expensive as you risk putting your heart and time into a thing that may or may not hit. Today, rest assured, you'll get it so right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've borrowed and rented long enough, and now you want the freedom that comes with owning something outright. Today you'll look at the numbers and find a path to making it happen. A few sacrifices now will soon buy independence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've had a vision of how your home could look, and now comes the part where you find out what everything costs. Don't be discouraged by the high-end example. You have excellent taste and the ingenuity to get the effect you want for a fraction of the price.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fun relationships are worth the trouble. It's good to be accommodating, but pick just one way. Maybe it's rearranging plans, driving farther than usual or staying up past your bedtime. Don't do all three.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The more you learn about what it takes to reach your goal, the more you want it. What would intimidate some people will make you feel like you've found your level. You'll relish the demands, and someone with considerable influence will see you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The logistics of getting away are enough to make a person want to stay home. There are tickets to book, things to pack and arrangements to make. You'll do it all for the pleasure of waking up somewhere unfamiliar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'd love to show people what you've made, though you could do without their opinions about it. Unfortunately, those come with the territory. You're equipped for what comes, and you can survive praise, criticism or indifference with equal grace and humor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can picture what a group of talented people could accomplish together. The trouble is that each has a different idea of how to go about it. You'll find yourself playing the ringmaster. The results will justify the circus.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes the beautiful thing you want is an experience you can't hold on to. You can pay for the tickets or make the reservations, but the moment itself will belong to everyone involved. That's the gamble, and the magic.

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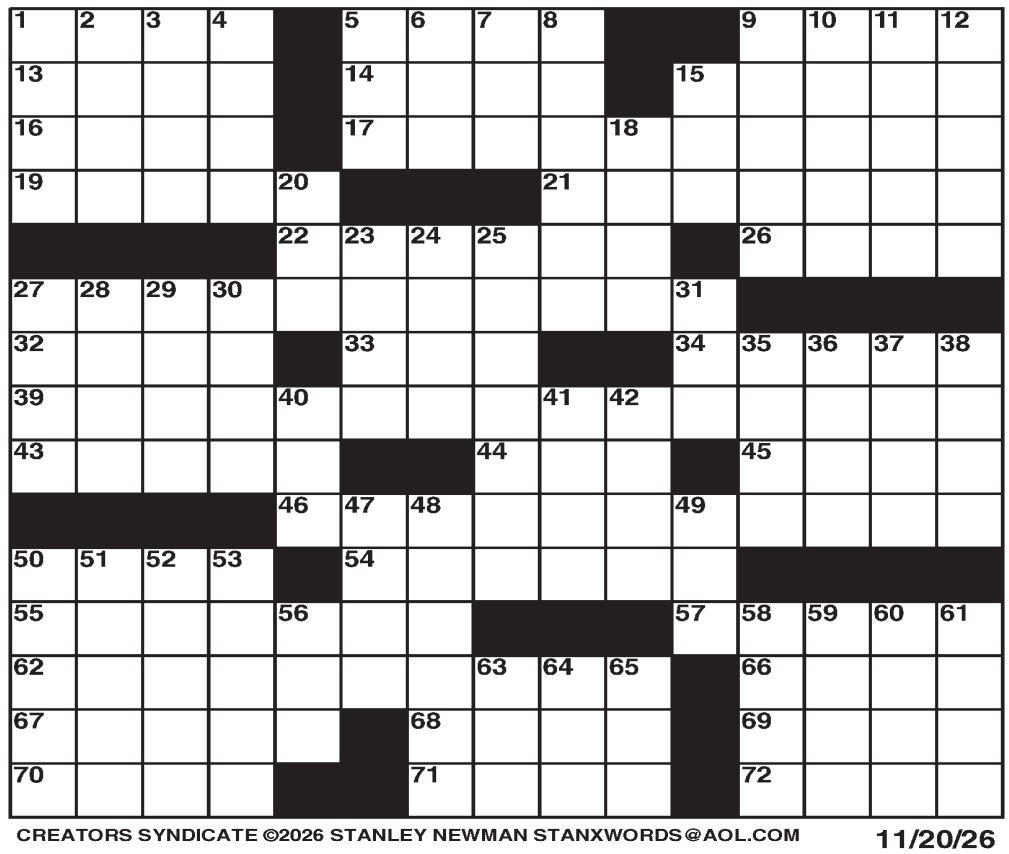
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68 Stellar explosion
69 Still due
70 Trial
71 Swarm member
72 Technology opening

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1 Go over poorly
2 Tiger's habitat
3 In an evil manner
4 Bustle
5 Barnyard spot
6 "SIMPLE" plan
7 Get set
8 Is unobliged to
9 Complete series
10 Bountiful
11 Measure precisely
12 Genesis transportation
15 Pit-stop place
18 Honorably mention
20 Form starter
23 Rare blood, briefly
24 Piece of cake
25 Invitation to inquiries
27 *Divine Secrets of the ___ Sisterhood*
28 17-Across figures
29 Instruction component
30 Shrew cousin
31 Court official
35 Sundae topping
36 Mid six-century date
37 Ticklish kid-vid tot
38 Dick's *Rockin' Eve* successor
40 Zingless
41 Word like *maison*
42 Utopian setting
47 Eminent Persian poet
48 Wide open
49 Medicare org.
50 Covert meeting
51 Brown in butter
52 Some state roads
53 Sound of displeasure
56 Broadcaster near Georgia Tech
58 Prince George's school
59 Single-consonant state
60 Writer Wister or actor Wilson
61 Neutralize
63 German noble name
64 Tethered NASA chore
65 Betrayer



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FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 20

BEACH WALK MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Santa Monica Lifeguard Tower 28 2800 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Practice walking meditation on the beach, where mindfulness meets the sound of the ocean. After a brief introduction, the group walks silently along the shore for about 40 minutes. Suggested donation. Meditation isn't something that needs to happen only in a quiet room without any distracting sights or sounds. In fact we can develop our mindfulness while in nature; walking on the shore feeling the warmth of the sun on our face, the cool ocean splashing around our feet. $10.00 to $20.00— Suggested donation. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-walk-meditation/18828982/2026-11-20T08

SEO & GOOGLE ADS MASTERCLASS: ACTIONABLE GUIDE FOR REAL RESULTS

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The KINN 150 Horizon Ave Venice. Free— Free, register on Luma to save your seat. A free in-person masterclass on getting more customers from Google, covering SEO, Google Ads, and measuring return on spend. Want more customers from Google without wasting money on ads? In this free in-person masterclass at The KINN in Venice, Brandon Leibowitz, founder of SEO Optimizers and doing SEO since 2007, shows you how SEO and Google Ads work together to bring in more calls, leads and sales. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/seo-google-ads-masterclass-actionable-guide-for-real-results/20458301/2026-11-20T09

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. An informal coffee meetup for Palisades residents, with no agenda - just a chance to say hello and connect. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-11-20T09

PAE ART ADVENTURES

1:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. Canyon Elementary School 421 Entrada Dr Santa Monica. An after-school art adventure program for students, exploring creative projects. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pae-art-adventures/20411618/2026-11-20T13

SHABBAT DINNER EXPERIENCE

7:15pm-10:30pm. Shul on the Beach 505 Ocean Front Walk Venice. An oceanfront Shabbat celebration beginning with candle lighting at sunset, followed by a happy hour with conversation on the mystical meaning of the evening, a Carlebach-style service. Watch the sunset over the ocean and welcome Shabbat with the Shul on the Beach community. Come meet new people, make meaningful connections, enjoy delicious food and wine, and experience the special energy of Shabbat. $36.00 to $44.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/shabbat-dinner-experience/20467055/2026-11-20T19

SALSA & BACHATA FRIDAY SOCIALS IN SANTA MONICA

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Los Angeles Salsa & Bachata Dance Academy 1247 Lincoln Blvd Santa Monica. A Friday night salsa and bachata social with a beginner lesson, open dance floor, and no partner needed. Includes free pizza, wine, and sparkling drinks. 3 hours of music, connection, and great energy. Make your Friday nights count! Swap the workday routine for an incredible night out! Join us this Friday for SALSA & BACHATA SOCIALS. The ultimate atmosphere to unwind, make new connections, and kick-start your weekend! No need to come with a partner. You'll have plenty of opportunities to dance with different people throughout the evening. No dance experience needed. Just come ready to meet some people and have a fun night. $25.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/salsa-bachata-friday-socials-in-santa-monica/20233611/2026-11-20T20

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 21

COMMUNITY TOT SHABBAT AND KIDDUSH

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Preschool at Mishkon 201 Hampton Drive Venice. A family-friendly Tot Shabbat service for young children and their grown-ups, with music, storytelling, challah, and a community kiddush lunch. Join Mishkon and the Preschool at Mishkon for Tot Shabbat! Join us for a joyful and interactive Tot Shabbat service with music and storytelling, followed by grape juice and challah on the bimah with Rabbi Katzan, and a kiddush lunch with the congregation. Tot Shabbat will be led by Mishkon member Jeffrey Prince, who has a special talent for engaging our preschoolers through his interactive songs and exciting Jewish stories. Tot Shabbat is hosted once a month and is tailored to children 6 and younger. Tot Shabbat is free and open to members and non-members — please sign up below if you'll be joining us!

SATURDAY ROSÉ BRUNCH AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Pl #300 Santa Monica. A Saturday brunch with French rose, crepe, omelette, and paella stations, plus DJs and live performances. Groups of six or more get a complimentary bottle. $55.00 to $65.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/saturday-ros-brunch-at-loulou-santa-monica/19674102/2026-11-21T11

LA MADE: BOOK AND PAPER ARTS

1:30 p.m. Palisades Branch Library 861 Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades. A book arts class where participants learn Japanese-bound books, accordion and flag books, plus cover papermaking, collage, and printmaking with artist Laurel Koss. Join Laurel Koss as she teaches Book Arts, which includes soft-cover Japanese-bound books, accordion and flag books, as well as cover papermaking, collage and printmaking. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/la-made-book-and-paper-arts/19945541/2026-11-21T13

CINDERELLA - AN "ENCHANTING" FAMILY THEATRE MUSICAL COMEDY FOR ALL AGES

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A lively family musical comedy retelling of Cinderella with new songs, slapstick effects, and a silent movie segment, emphasizing self-acceptance and true dreams. $15.00 to $17.50—$15 for kids 12 and under; $17.50 for adults. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/cinderella-an-enchanting-family-theatre-musical-comedy-for-all-ages/20279514/2026-11-21T14

PULL MY FINGER: FAMILY FRIENDLY COMEDY SHOW

5:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. A silly, high-energy comedy show designed for families, where kids can laugh out loud and even get invited on stage. $19.91. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pull-my-finger-family-friendly-comedy-show/20282314/2026-11-21T17

CABARET AT THE CROW

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. A cabaret night mixing live theater, music, magic, drag, and comedy in a lively stage show. $28.45. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/cabaret-at-the-crow/19336326/2026-11-21T20

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22

CARS & COFFEE

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Palisades Village 15225 Palisades Village Ln Pacific Palisades. A relaxed monthly gathering for automotive enthusiasts, with a curated mix of classic, vintage, and modern vehicles, plus coffee and baked goods. Automotive enthusiasts and the local community are invited to join us for a relaxed morning gathering centered around a shared appreciation for cars, coffee and craftsmanship. Explore a curated mix of classic, vintage and modern vehicles while you enjoy coffee and baked goods. Located on Swarthmore Avenue. The fourth Sunday of every month. This event is complimentary and open to the public. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/cars-coffee/19707960/2026-11-22T08

FLOW INTO FALL: COZY BEACH PILATES

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Lifeguard Tower 28 Lifeguard Santa Monica. A cozy outdoor pilates class on the beach, combining mat work with a seasonal, relaxed atmosphere. Let's flow! Grab your comfiest workout set and join us for mat pilates on the beach. $39.19 to $44.52. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/flow-into-fall-cozy-beach-pilates/20453579/2026-11-22T09

SMC WIND ENSEMBLE

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St Santa Monica. A wind ensemble performance featuring woodwind instruments, offering an evening of orchestral and band music. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/smc-wind-ensemble/19794104/2026-11-22T13

AUTUMN FLORAL WORKSHOP AT BRIGHTSIDE CALIFORNIA KITCHEN IN SANTA MONICA

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Brightside California Kitchen 205 Broadway Santa Monica. A hands-on floral workshop where participants create a holiday centerpiece using seasonal blooms and autumn textures, led by designer Jackie Walker. Create a holiday centerpiece with seasonal florals and rich autumn textures in a hands-on workshop led by designer Jackie Walker of J. Rose. $81.88. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/autumn-floral-workshop-at-brightside-california-kitchen-in-santa-monica/20453581/2026-11-22T15

VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - SUNDAYS AT SUNSET

5:05 p.m. Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice. A weekly bicycle parade along the Venice boardwalk at sunset. Decorated bikes and lights create a festive community ride. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-11-22T17

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT SANTA MONICA PLACE

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl Santa Monica. Holiday tree lighting with live entertainment, Santa meet-and-greet, face painting, and raffle prizes, culminating in the lighting of a 50-foot tree. November 22nd | 6 - 8 p.m. Celebrate the Holiday Season at Santa Monica's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony! Join us on Sunday, November 22, for Santa Monica's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony! Bring family and friends for a festive evening filled with live entertainment, holiday activities, special surprises, and plenty of holiday cheer. Presented by Santa Monica Place, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., and ARTE Museum, this community celebration will feature something for everyone, including: Live entertainment: Enjoy festive performances by the Beach Belles, along with a live DJ spinning holiday favorites throughout the evening. Holiday fun for the whole family: Meet Santa Claus, snap a photo with beloved characters, enjoy complimentary face painting and take part in family-friendly activities. Giveaways and prizes: Enter the holiday raffle for Santa Monica Place merchandise, tenant gift cards and other special giveaways, including the chance to win two season passes to Downtown Santa Monica's annual Frost on 5th ice rink! The evening will culminate with the lighting of Santa Monica Place's spectacular 50-foot holiday tree, a festive centerpiece for the season. Make an evening of it! Explore Santa Monica Place, stroll Third Street Promenade, and discover even more holiday shopping, dining and seasonal experiences throughout Downtown Santa Monica. We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you! Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tree-lighting-ceremony-at-santa-monica-place/20480996/2026-11-22T18

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