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World-Class Ballet stars return for Santa Monica's 52nd annual Nutcracker

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SMDP Staff Writer

Westside Ballet of Santa Monica will present its 52nd annual Nutcracker production this holiday season, maintaining its distinction as Southern California's longest-running staging of the beloved Christmas ballet while bringing fresh artistic elements and world-class talent to the Eli and Edythe Broad Stage.

New York City Ballet principals Tiler Peck and Roman Mejia return as Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier for Thanksgiving weekend performances Nov. 29-30, marking their third consecutive year with the production. The company will present nine public performances over two weekends, with additional shows Dec. 5-7 featuring Los Angeles Ballet company dancer Rony Baseman and trainee Ashley Chung.

This year's production features 145 dancers ranging from age 8 to 18, the largest cast in the company's history. The roster includes 12-year-

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Sarah Madison Photography

DANCERS: (left to right) Kyler Sziraki, Olivia Moccia, Nadia Hofer, Riley Slater, Gabriella Calderon, Bella Shriver, Sophie Wilson, Maya Kurc, Isabelle Choy. Front: Snow Fairies: Dakota Nelson and Giuliana Bello Calvo.

Young magic castle headliners stage charity show to fight childhood cancer

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Two recent high school graduates who headline at Hollywood's famed Magic Castle are using their sleight of hand to make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer.

Aidan Corcoran and Jacob Martinez will present "Magic for Charity" on Nov. 29 at 9 p.m. at Illusions Magic Lounge in Santa Monica, with 100% of ticket proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The young magicians, performing alongside fellow Magic Castle headliner Alex Huang, hope to raise $10,000 for children battling cancer.

"I want to show people that anyone can make a difference," Martinez said. "Anyone can make an impact, even helping one person is worth it."

For Martinez, 18, the cause is personal. His mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020, an experience that profoundly affected his family.

"My mom went through breast cancer in 2020 and it had a huge impact on my whole family," Martinez said. "Ever since then, I knew that one day I wanted to do something that could make things a little brighter for people going through a time like that."

When researching charitable organizations, Martinez said St. Jude stood out. "No one should have to deal with that fight... and especially not a kid," he said.

Corcoran's path to professional magic began in childhood when a family friend showed him a card trick. The next day, he bought a deck of cards and began teaching himself tricks through YouTube videos.

"I was obsessed," Corcoran said. "This went on for years until I found out about The Magic Castle in Hollywood. It was there that I realized this could be an actual career."

He quit his job as a busboy to perform at the prestigious venue, known as the Academy of Magical Arts' clubhouse and one of the world's most famous magic performance spaces.

Martinez discovered magic at

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Santa Monica orders Waymo to halt overnight operations at charging facilities

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City of Santa Monica has formally demanded that Waymo cease overnight operations at its two local autonomous vehicle charging facilities, escalating a months-long dispute over noise complaints from nearby residents.

The directive, approved unanimously by the City Council on a 6-0 vote last Tuesday, did not mention Waymo by name but targets the properties at 1222 Broadway and 1310 Broadway where Waymo stores vehicles overnight. Staff said the city would issue a demand to property owners, lessees and operators to immediately stop nighttime operations due to nuisance conditions at both sites.

At the Council meeting, staff said that if the parties do not comply within an expedited timeframe, the city will initiate litigation to abate the nuisance. While the City does not have to provide details of negotiations regarding lawsuits, it will have to provide notification to the public if a lawsuit is filed, including the participants.

The threat is the strongest action yet from the City after months of complaints from nearby residents.

Since the facilities opened 2024, neighbors have complained of

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sacramento

Rep. Eric Swalwell announces his bid for California governor

Rep. Eric Swalwell, a Democrat who served as a House manager in President Donald Trump's 2021 impeachment trial, has launched his bid for California governor.

Swalwell highlighted his desire to help Californians prosper as he announced his candidacy on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" on Thursday night.

"Our state, this great state, needs a fighter and a protector," Swalwell said. "Someone who will bring prices down, lift wages up."

He also touched on his clashes with Trump, saying he was ready "to bring this fight home."

"Our state is under attack," Swalwell said in a statement on his campaign website. Trump "has militarized our streets, canceled cancer research, zeroed out clean energy climate projects, and is chasing our immigrant friends and neighbors through their workplaces, kids' schools, and houses of worship."

Swalwell's announcement on Kimmel's late-night show came after renewed attacks from Trump on ABC and Kimmel this week. The network temporarily suspended the comic in September for remarks made following the assassination of GOP activist Charlie Kirk. ABC lifted the suspension following a public outcry. On Thursday, the president urged ABC to "get the bum off the air" in a social media post.

Swalwell represents a northern California district where he was first elected in 2012. He was a candidate in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries before dropping out and endorsing Joe Biden.

More than a half dozen Democrats and two Republicans are 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. Other Democratic candidates include billionaire businessman and activist Tom Steyer, former Rep. Katie Porter, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra.

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SMC Jazz Ensemble Presents Live Concert Dec. 1

Santa Monica College will present the SMC Jazz Ensemble in a live concert on Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. at Santa Monica Boulevard.

Led by conductor Frederick Keith Fiddmont, the accomplished musical group will explore "The Masters," a program featuring music that highlights the genius of Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn and Herbie Hancock.

"Duke Ellington once said, 'A problem is a chance for (us) to do our best,'" Fiddmont said. "In these challenging times, musicians are sometimes given the opportunity to rise up against the tumult and produce profound beauty."

The special guest performer for the evening is baritone saxophonist Adam Schroeder.

The Los Angeles-based musician is rapidly becoming a major force throughout the global jazz scene. Schroeder is known equally for his studious leadership as for his musicality in Anthony Wilson's Nonet in Los Angeles, the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, Bennie Wallace's Nonet in New York, the Clark Terry Big Band in New York and the Adam Schroeder Quartet/Quintet.

Tickets are $10 for general admission plus a modest service charge. Tickets are free for all students with any student ID. Advance tickets can be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005. Tickets may also be purchased starting 45 minutes before the performance begins at The Broad Stage Box Office at the SMC Performing Arts Center. Free parking is available on premises. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323. The concert is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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Courtesy photo

ADAM-SCHROEDER: The Santa Monica College Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Frederick Keith Fiddmont, presents "The Masters". Featuring the music of Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, and Herbie Hancock, with special guest baritone saxophonist Adam Schroeder.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

LA Olympics will keep 'Intuit' on Clippers arena as part of groundbreaking venue-naming deal

The Intuit Dome will be called just that for the Los Angeles Olympics, after organizers struck a deal with the makers of tax and business software as part of a groundbreaking arrangement to sell naming rights for venues at the upcoming Summer Games.

Intuit also announced Friday that it is the latest "founding partner" for Los Angeles, which also signed Starbucks and Honda to agreements in a recent burst of momentum.

Honda is keeping its name on the arena in Anaheim — the host of volleyball — while the Intuit Dome in Inglewood, the regular home of the LA Clippers, will stage basketball games.

Though corporate naming rights are nothing new for arenas and stadiums across the United States, this will be the first time the Olympics will allow that sort of marketing. It's considered a groundbreaking arrangement that will net the Olympics multiple millions above its projected $7.15 billion budget.

"Casey Wasserman said from Day 1 that we wanted to run a games that was fiscally responsible," John Slusher, the head of the organizers marketing push, said of the LA28 chairman. "The idea of naming rights is obviously one that we thought could add incremental value."

Up to 19 venues, most of them temporary, could be available for naming rights. Companies that already have their name on an LA venue will have first chance to cut a deal with the Olympic organizers and venues will not be renamed — so, for instance, the home of the Rams, which is hosting opening and closing ceremonies and swimming, is set to be called "2028 Stadium," not "SoFi."

The arrangement with Intuit includes the company providing free tax preparation for some U.S. athletes and expanding its financial education program for the LA community.

"Our commitment to powering prosperity aligns perfectly with the spirit of the movement," Thomas Ranese, Intuit's chief marketing officer, said in a statement announcing the deal.

Slusher, who took over as head of marketing late last year, said LA feels good about its goal of selling between $800 million and $1 billion worth of deals in 2025 to get to the $2 billion mark in corporate sponsorships by the end of the year. The overall goal has been pegged at $2.5 billion, LA got off to a slow — some thought troubling — start, but has picked up momentum after what was widely viewed as a positive Summer Olympics in Paris last year.

"We feel really good about where we're at, and we have optimism going forward," Slusher said.

EDDIE PELLS AP NATIONAL WRITER

Pacific Palisades

Volkswagen debuts restored vintage blue bus that survived a California wildfire and melted hearts

A vintage blue VW bus that became an unlikely symbol of resilience after it survived a California wildfire made its public debut this week, shiny and like-new after Volkswagen spent months restoring the damaged vehicle.

The bus went viral in January when an Associated Press photographer captured it looking surprisingly unharmed by the deadly Palisades Fire, a spot of blue and white dwarfed by the charred remains of a Malibu neighborhood. Volkswagen saw the accompanying AP story and reached out to the owner, Megan Weinraub. Upon closer inspection, VW technicians discovered that while the bus had survived, it had smoke damage and blistered paint, rust and a window busted by the heat.

In its restoration, the 1977 Type 2 Microbus named Azul — Spanish for the color blue — again brought people together as technicians consulted the broader community of VW enthusiasts in a shared mission to revive what was a quirky middle-aged vehicle.

"It melted and Volkswagen saved it," Weinraub said Thursday at the LA Auto Show, standing with the bus's previous owner, Preston Martin. "It was a giant relief because it wasn't my first priority with everything going on."

They still can't believe the bus they wrote off as a goner is now ready to take them on another surfing adventure. The last time they saw a pre-burned Azul was two days before the Palisades Fire broke out, when they parked the bus near Weinraub's apartment after surfing.

Mark J. Terrill, the AP photographer who captured the original image, was on hand when Weinraub and Martin saw the bus for the first time after its restoration in late October.

Volkswagen hauled the microbus to its Oxnard facility west of Los Angeles where it houses historic VW vehicles. Vehicle technicians Farlan Robertson and Gunnar Wynarski sourced hard-to-find parts, got creative and reached out to a lot of people.

"At the bottom of it it was to try to take the vehicle that everyone else saw and do what we could to improve upon it, but not change it," said Robertson, "to actually have it come out and be the revived, resurrected vehicle returned to its former glory."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.3**

MONDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Picking up where Sunday leaves off as fun combo continues. Clean AM with punchy peaks. Looking for SSW swell to bump up again from Sunday as selective NW swell also tops out for some nice-sized peaks at the beachbreaks out west when the swells cross up. Summer points are fun on their own off the Southern Hemi energy. Looks like a day to hit it early before the tide gets too deep, winds look pretty good all AM. WNW onshores due to pick up in the afternoon, possibly light enough to keep texture manageable, but you'll probably need some structure if you have to surf the tide drop.

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Size starts to come down, still enough SSW and NW energy around for fun peaks. SSW swell starts out similar to late Monday for more waist-chest high surf, pushing head-high+ for standouts (mostly west of Dume). NW energy is down a peg and eases through the day, but there should still be enough juice to make for peaky surf on the AM tide push. Early window looks best at this point with light wind, clean conditions. Models are in decent agreement on westerly onshore being slow to pick up in the afternoon, could keep the tide drop in play.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 65.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

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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
2025/11/24	Mon	6:21 PM	0.09	L
2025/11/25	Tue	02:00 AM	3.26	H
2025/11/25	Tue	04:19 AM	3.16	L
2025/11/25	Tue	11:00 AM	5.03	H
2025/11/25	Tue	7:12 PM	0.26	L
2025/11/26	Wed	03:10 AM	3.46	H
2025/11/26	Wed	05:44 AM	3.33	L

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3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
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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 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. Additionally, contingent on Council adoption of a Resolution of Intention on December 9, 2025, amendments related to the applicability of Resource Recovery and Recycling requirements and trash enclosure dimensional standards are proposed to remove barriers for new and existing businesses, facilitate process streamlining, and updated standards for objectivity.**

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.

Additionally, contingent on Council adoption of a Resolution of Intention on December 9, 2025, amendments related to the applicability of Resource Recovery and Recycling requirements and trash enclosure dimensional standards are proposed to remove barriers for new and existing businesses, facilitate process streamlining, and updated standards for objectivity.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

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

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 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).

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

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Here's why L.A. fire survivors want Ricardo Lara's resignation



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

FIRE: Two people survey their Altadena home after it burned to the ground in the Eaton Fire, on Jan. 8, 2025 in Los Angeles County.

A New York Times investigation recently revealed that California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara struck a secret deal with insurance companies, giving them regulatory favors while allowing them to dump tens of thousands of policyholders.

It was a bombshell. But for those of us living through this crisis, it wasn't news.

As survivors of the Los Angeles fires, we've spent 10 months inside the collapse of California's insurance system. In a survey of insured L.A. fire survivors, 70% report their recovery has been impeded by delays and denials.

A system that should be a safety net has become a wrecking ball, destroying our finances, our health and the futures we've worked so hard to build for our kids. California's recovery is being dragged down by the collapse of its insurance system and by one official's failure to stop it.

California has some of the nation's strongest consumer protection laws. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara simply hasn't enforced them. Even after survivors submitted more than 400 reports of delays and denials, he approved a billion-dollar rate hike for State Farm in May while delaying scrutiny of its misconduct.

There's a name for this: regulatory capture. It's when an official charged with regulating an industry ends up serving that industry instead. In California, that concept is embodied by Ricardo Lara.

For nearly 10 months, we've called on Lara to fulfill the duties of his office. In August we gave him a clear roadmap outlining five urgent actions he could take immediately to end the illegal delays and denials. Among our recommendations: that he freeze insurers' rate hikes until fire survivors are made whole, and that he require insurers to be transparent in their loss estimates.

So far, he has failed to act.

The situation is critical. More than 8 in 10 Los Angeles fire survivors remain displaced, and most will lose their housing coverage within months. Each day of inaction pushes more families into housing insecurity and despair.

Two crises now define California's insurance system: Families can no longer buy or renew coverage, and those who still have it often can't access the benefits they've already paid for.

Lara has failed on both fronts.

As the New York Times reports, Lara's secret 2023 deal let insurers dump tens of thousands of policyholders in exchange for future rate hikes — and insurers did, just months before the L.A. fires. Families were left scrambling for coverage or were pushed into the state's high-cost, low-benefit FAIR Plan.

The deal was sold as a way to keep people out of the FAIR Plan. Instead, enrollment has doubled. And for those who still have insurance, a different disaster begins the moment they try to use it. FAIR has been sued for denying smoke damage claims, and consumers have complained for months about customer service, payment delays and slow response times.

We know what happens when insurance fails. California's five most

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A spate of new studies gives the lowdown on California's sky-high living costs



Photo by Semantha Norris, CalMatters

SALE: A home for sale in the Sunset district in San Francisco on July 12, 2023.

We Californians know, or should know, that while living in this state has many positive aspects, we are paying through the nose for the experience.

A flurry of recent studies drives home how deeply California residents must dig to meet costs of living that are either at or near the highest of any state.

One comes from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Legislature's advisor on the state budget, delving into the astronomic costs of buying a home.

The LAO study found "California home prices far exceed the rest of the country." Mid-tier homes, those roughly in the middle of the price range, are more than twice as expensive as the typical mid-tier home elsewhere in the U.S. Monthly payments for such homes run about $5,500 in California, 74% more than what they were 25 years ago.

The study also found that the annual household income needed to qualify for a mortgage on a mid-tier California home in September was about $221,000 — more than two times the median California household income in 2024, which was $102,000.

For a bottom-tier home, about $136,000 in annual income is needed to qualify for a mortgage — about 33% higher than median household income was in 2024.

The data illustrate why California has the second lowest rate of home ownership in the nation. Just 55.3% of Californians live in homes they or their families own,

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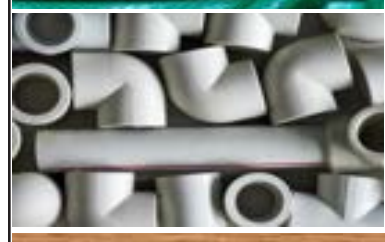




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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2835 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.25 REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF RENTAL HOUSING UNITS NOT SUBJECT TO LOCAL RENT CONTROL

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2835 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2835 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Chapter 4.25 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC") related to registration of rental housing units. The Ordinance adds new SMMC section 4.25.040 to require that all non-exempt residential rental properties not subject to local rent control, as defined by SMMC section 4.24.030 and 4.24.040, be registered with the City on a form provided by the City, annually and within 60 days after a change in ownership or management. The ordinance adds SMMC section 4.25.050 to require that the City issue a certificate of registration within 30 days of receipt of a complete property registration statement, and SMMC section 4.25.060 to require that the owner of a covered rental property display or provide such certificate to all tenants. The Ordinance adds SMMC section 4.25.070 to require that a fee, as set by resolution of the City Council, be paid to register rental properties, unless exempt from the fee requirement, and to allow fifty percent of the registration fee to be passed through to tenants. The Ordinance adds SMMC section 4.25.080 to permit the City Manager or designee to promulgate administrative regulations to implement Chapter 4.25, and SMMC section 4.25.090 which sets forth penalties and civil, criminal, and administrative enforcement procedures.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2836 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04, VACANT PROPERTIES, OF ARTICLE 13, NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION, OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT PROPERTIES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2836 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2836 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Chapter 13.04 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC") to require the registration of vacant properties. The Ordinance amends SMMC section 13.04.030 to add new definitions related to the tier classification of vacant properties and to clarify existing definitions relative to Chapter 13.04, and amends SMMC section 13.04.040 by reorganizing existing vacant properties standards. The Ordinance adds new SMMC section 13.04.045 to require that every person who owns or has control of a vacant property register the property with the City on a form provided by the City and pay a vacant property registration fee, and adds new SMMC sections 13.04.047 and 13.04.080 to require the payment of vacant property monitoring fees in an amount depending on the tier classification of the vacant property. The Ordinance amends SMMC section 13.04.060 to clarify the Director of Community Development's authority to waive any vacant property standard and to place or modify conditions on such waiver. The Ordinance adds SMMC section 13.04.070 to authorize the City Manager or designee to promulgate regulations to implement Chapter 13.04.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2837 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING Santa Monica Municipal Code section 9.31.200, outdoor dining and seating on sidewalks, to promote economic recovery by simplifying the City's Outdoor Dining Program

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2837 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.31.200 establishes regulations for outdoor dining and seating on sidewalks. The Ordinance makes limited amendments to SMMC Section 9.31.200 by deleting redundant design standards and consolidating them within the Sidewalk Dining Guidelines. This streamlining improves clarity and allows design standards to be updated administratively while maintaining safety, accessibility, and consistency in the public right-of-way.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption. It shall be of no further force and effect sixty days from its effective date, unless it is otherwise extended pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090(C).

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

BALLET STARS

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old Spencer Collins, who recently became the first Westside Ballet dancer to win the Hope Award at Youth America Grand Prix Finals, the world's premier ballet competition.

"This year represents a beautiful convergence of legacy and innovation," said Allegra Clegg, owner and executive director of Westside School of Ballet. "When Spencer performs alongside Tiler — who herself trained at Westside under my mother, founder Yvonne Mounsey — you're witnessing not just a performance, but a living legacy."

The production has undergone significant enhancements, including newly commissioned backdrops and set pieces that honor the Balanchine aesthetic while bringing fresh visual storytelling to iconic moments like the growing Christmas tree and the Kingdom of Sweets.

Artistic Director Martine Harley attributes the production's longevity to its deep roots and commitment to founder Yvonne Mounsey's original mission when she co-founded the school 58 years ago with Rosemary Valaire.

"Nearly all of our artistic staff are Westside alumni who trained here and went on to professional careers with renowned companies like New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and Houston Ballet," Harley said. "Now, they are passing on that same technique and artistry to the next generation, creating a legacy of excellence and consistency that our audiences have come to recognize and trust."

The company's commitment to accessibility has expanded through its Dance to Dreams scholarship program, founded in 2022. The initiative provides training opportunities for talented dancers from underserved communities, including 8-year-old Karson St. Claire, who will perform in this year's production after demonstrating exceptional talent during the program's week-long intensive workshops.

The organization has helped launch numerous dancers into prestigious training programs, including placements at the Royal Ballet School in London, San Francisco Ballet School and the Joffrey Ballet's Conservatory program.

Santa Monica resident Sophie Wilson, a Crossroads School senior who has trained with Westside Ballet since age 4, will perform principal roles including Snow Queen, Dewdrop Fairy and the Sugar Plum Fairy on Dec. 5.

A partnership with Santa Monica College enables the production to feature live orchestral accompaniment by the SMC Symphony Orchestra, a rarity among regional ballet companies.

"Live orchestral music transforms The Nutcracker from a performance into an event — and frankly, it's something most regional ballet companies simply can't afford to do," said Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, producer for Westside Ballet of Santa Monica. "The dancers don't just move to music — they breathe with it, they respond to it in real time."

The production will debut a new Nutcracker Tea experience on Thanksgiving weekend, offering guests high tea, behind-the-scenes tours and a meet-and-greet with Peck.

Westside Ballet will also present abbreviated Nutcracker Suite performances for approximately 1,000 elementary students from Santa Monica-Malibu and Los Angeles Unified school districts on Dec. 4, and a complimentary performance for local veterans and charity organizations on Dec. 5.

Performances run twice daily at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7, with an additional 7 p.m. show Dec. 5.

For tickets and information, visit westsideballet.com/nutcracker or call (800) 595-4849.

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COSTS

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slightly higher than New York's ownership rate.

It's not surprising that hundreds of thousands of California residents, unable to aspire to home ownership, have decamped for more affordable states, such as Texas, where home prices are a fraction of California's.

Those who do migrate to other states find not only are houses much less expensive but fuel for their cars and utilities to light, heat and cool their homes are markedly less expensive.

The Center for Jobs & the Economy, an offshoot of the California Business Roundtable, continuously monitors energy costs in California and other states. Its latest report says gasoline, averaging $4.64 a gallon in California, is as much as $1.50 a gallon higher than in Texas and other states. California's electrical power rates are roughly twice as high.

Another take on California living costs comes from the Transparency Foundation, a conservative economic think tank.

It gathered a wide variety of factors and calculated living costs for an upper-middle class California family with a $130,000 annual income. It concluded the family would pay $29,753 more per year than the national average for housing, utilities, health care, taxes and other costs of living.

"This report should be a wake-up call to all Californians, that they are being unfairly punished by the bad policies imposed on them by their politicians — and they are literally paying the price for it," Dave McCulloch, the foundation's chairman, said in a statement about the report.

A new poll by the Public Policy Institute of California confirms that Californians worry about living costs. Nearly a third of those polled said they, or someone in their household, have reduced food purchases to save money.

The California Farm Bureau revealed this week that a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people next week will cost a California family $72.61, well above the national average of $55.18.

Finally, there's a new report from WalletHub, a website devoted to personal finance, implying that Californians are taking on more debt to pay their rising bills.

In this year's third quarter — July through September — the average California household added $880 in new debt, increasing the total owed to $259,773, second only to residents of Hawaii.

All together, Californians' personal debt increased by $11.8 billion during the quarter. Now it's nearly $3.2 trillion, just a bit lower than their $3.6 trillion in annual personal income.

A truly staggering number.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ocean Park

School District Announces Ocean Park School House Name, Campus Moves

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District announced Ocean Park School House as the new name for the neighborhood school in Ocean Park. The Board of Education approved the name at its Oct. 7 regular board meeting.

Ocean Park School House replaces the former John Muir Elementary/Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) facility at 2526 6th St., which closed in June 2022. The campus has been remodeled through improvements funded by Measures SMS and QS.

The district will relocate several schools over winter and summer breaks:

Olympic High School and the Off Campus Learning Center will move from Santa Monica College to Ocean Park School House over winter break and hold classes there during the spring semester.

SMASH will remain at the Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration for the fall and spring semesters.

During summer break, Olympic and OCLC will move to the main building of the Obama Center and remain there for the 2026-2027 school year.

SMASH will move to Ocean Park School House over summer break and welcome students to the newly modernized campus at the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

The new Ocean Park School House campus will feature modernized classrooms, a new parking lot with drop-off and pick-up zones, a new administration building to improve security, and a new innovation lab for project-based learning.

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CHARITY SHOW

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age 7 when he and his brother received a magic kit for Christmas. While his brother quickly lost interest, Martinez continued practicing. Six years later, he auditioned for the Magic Castle.

"I realized there were actually people out there making a living doing magic," Martinez said. "And when I saw that, my reaction was 'why not me?' Five years later... I'm doing it professionally."

The Nov. 29 show will feature performances from multiple Magic Castle magicians, offering audiences a mix of magic, mentalism and comedy.

"Guests can expect a mix of magic, mind reading, and comedy, with each of us bringing different things to the table," Corcoran said. "As Magic Castle performers, we deliver a show guests would expect to see at the Castle."

The collaboration with Huang adds another dimension to the performance. Huang said their partnership succeeds because of mutual trust and respect.

"We rely on each other not just creatively but also physically — especially in routines that involve shared handling or coordinated misdirection," Huang said. "Our partnership creates a unique blend of creativity, energy, and showmanship that none of us could achieve alone."

For Huang, supporting St. Jude aligns with magic's fundamental purpose.

"For us, magic has always been about bringing hope, wonder, and moments of joy to people," Huang said. "Supporting St. Jude felt like a natural extension of that purpose."

Corcoran said the event reflects a philosophy of helping others in the present rather than waiting for future success.

"I feel so grateful for finding the career I have and the life I've been given," Corcoran said. "I realize now that the future is not guaranteed. If I want to help others I should do it whenever possible as all there is ever is the now."

The event will take place at Illusions Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St., Santa Monica. Tickets are available at eventbrite.com.

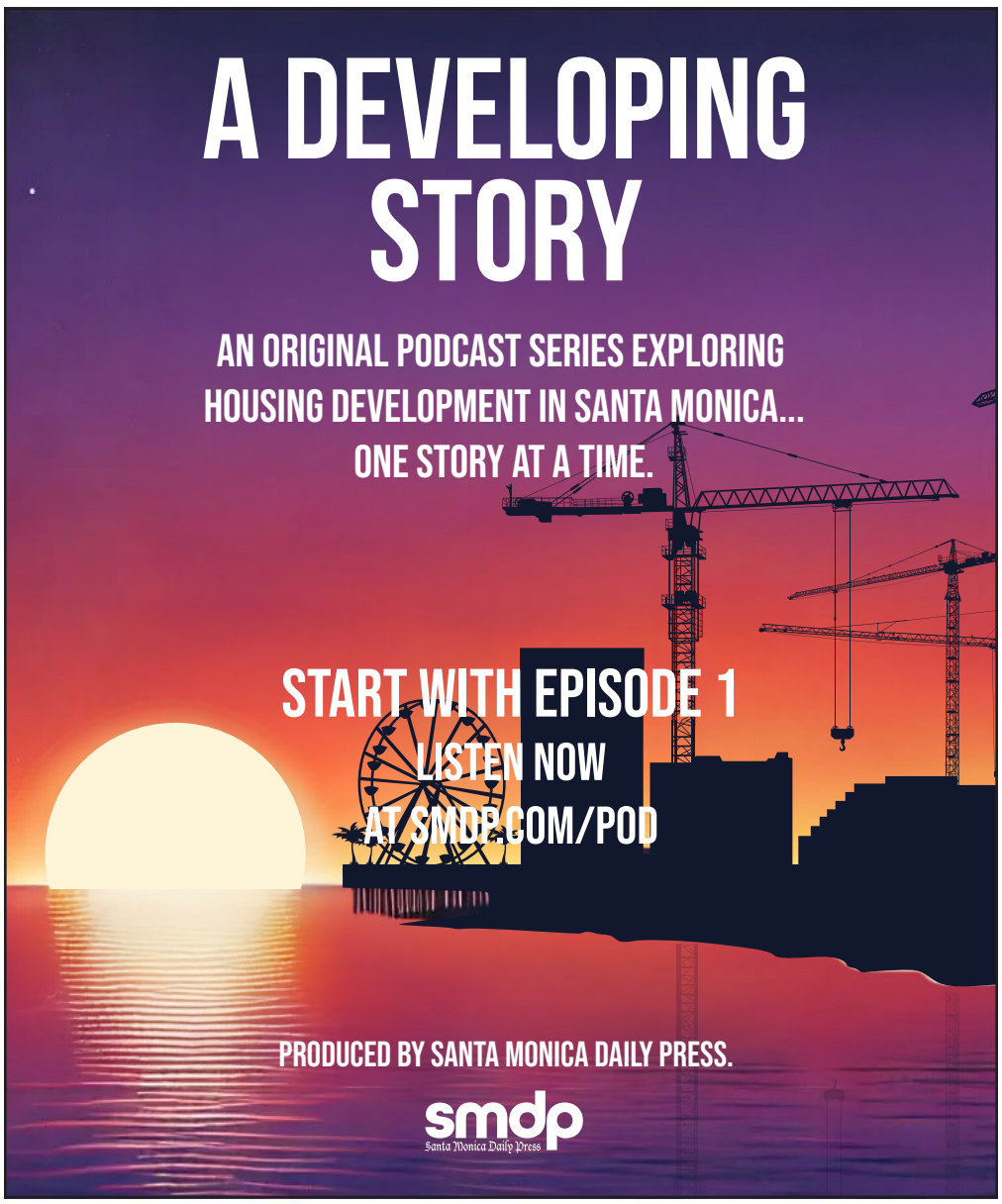
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, based in Memphis, Tenn., treats children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Families never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing or food.

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Credit: Courtesy

EVENT: Aidan Corcoran and Jacob Martinez will present "Magic for Charity", with 100% of ticket proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.





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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/30/2025 20251245201 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Organizing with Erin 1836 Euclid Street Unit C Santa Monica, CA 90404. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Al #On Registered Owner Erin Pillman 1836 Euclid Street Unit C Santa Monica, CA 90404 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: AN Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2023 Registrant /Erin Pillman Title: Owner Erin Pillman . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/30/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/30/2025 2025245237The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. The Drain Brain 2. The Malibu Drain Brain 586 Doyle Ln Ventura, Ca 93003. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Al #On Registered Owner Whitney Plumbing 586 Doyle Ln Ventura, Ca 93003. If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A Registrant /Corp/LLC The Drain BrainTitle: President Jason Whitney . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/30/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025247382. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRANSWORLD OF SANTA MONICA. Mailing Address: 808 WILSHIRE BLVD STE 200, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. Signed: PACIFIC HORIZON ADVISORY GROUP INC., CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/3/2025. Santa Monica Daily Press, a newspaper of General Circulation for Los Angeles County Case No. BS087128, 11/10/2025, 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/1/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTFile No. 2025243361The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARGARET SIGEL THERAPY, 720 WILSHIRE BLVD, #204, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MARGARET SIGEL, LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 1112 MONTANA AVE #303, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2025. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)). s/ MARGARET SIGEL, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on October 28, 2025.SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESSPublish: 11/11/2025, 11/18/2025, 11/25/2025, 12/02/2025

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2025096678 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: TIME & PLACE, 1725 OCEAN FRONT WALK APT. 507, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Los Angeles County on May 13, 2025. Registered Owner(s): WILLHEIM SCORES AGAIN, LLC, 1725 OCEAN FRONT WALK APT. 507, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. This

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business was conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. s/ WILLIAM KEVIN ANDERSON, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on May 13, 2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/10/2025, 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025190898 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WORLD OUTSIDE SCHOOL, 13215 VENICE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PHILIP GUEST, 13215 VENICE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. s/ PHILIP GUEST, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on September 15, 2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish on: November 17, 24, December 01, 08 2025.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2025014442 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: PAIGEINMOTION, 6201 Hollywood Blvd Unit 3438, Los Angeles, CA 90028. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Los Angeles County on January 23, 2025. Registered Owner(s): Lynne Howard, 6201 Hollywood Blvd Unit 3438, Los Angeles, CA 90028. This business was conducted by: an Individual. s/ Lynne Howard, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/13/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025, 12/08/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025242168 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KATE SELETSKAYA, 1223 WILSHIRE BLVD. #210, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): EKATERINA SELETCKAIA, 1223 WILSHIRE BLVD. #210, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/2025. s/ EKATERINA SELETCKAIA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES COUNTY on 10/27/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/10/2025, 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025242168 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KATE SELETSKAYA, 1223 WILSHIRE BLVD. #210, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): EKATERINA SELETCKAIA, 1223 WILSHIRE BLVD. #210, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/2025. s/ EKATERINA SELETCKAIA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish on: 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025, 12/08/2025, 12/15/2025.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025242739 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADVANCED SURGICAL ASSOCIATES OF SANTA MONICA, 2001 SANTA MONICA BLVD SUITE 1170W, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, LA COUNTY. Al#ON B20250081603. Registered Owner(s): MATHEW LUBLIN, MD INCORPORATED, 2001 SANTA MONICA BLVD SUITE 1170W, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/2025. s/ MATHEW LUBLIN, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES COUNTY on 10/27/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish on: 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025, 12/08/2025, 12/15/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025261583 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SOJOURN ATELIER, SOJOURN ATELIER, 5940 S RAINBOW BLVD SUITE 400, LAS VEGAS, NV 89118, CLARK COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CONTACT DYNAMICS LLC, 5940 S RAINBOW BLVD SUITE 400, LAS VEGAS, NV 89118. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. s/ PARIS WADDILL, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES COUNTY on 11/20/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025, 12/08/2025, 12/15/2025.

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25CHCP00232 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Aaliyah Hope Hightower for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Aaliyah Hope Hightower by and through Gloria Gonzalez court for a decree of changing names as follows: Aaliyah Hope Hightower to Aaliyah Hope Gonzalez . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 12/10 /2025 Time: 8:00 a.m, Dept: F49 Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Chatsworth Courthouse 9425 Penfield Ave Room 1200 Chatsworth, CA 91311. . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00565. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Chloe Cho filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chloe Cho to Chloey Cho. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: DEC 19 2025 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: K The address of the court is same as noted above. Santa Monica Daily Press, a newspaper of General Circulation for Los Angeles County Case No. BS087128, 11/10/2025, 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/1/2025

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No. 25SMCP00567 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Constance Renee Washington for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Constance Renee Washington with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Constance Renee Washington to Constance Renee Corleone . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 12/19/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: k Room:- The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St. Santa Monica CA 90405 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00574. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of: Annabelle Sophie Keller for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Annabelle Sophie Keller filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Annabelle Sophie Keller to Proposed name: Sophie Keller. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: December 19, 2025, 8:30 AM, Dept. K, Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation printed in this county. Date: November 07, 2025. s/ Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/10/2025, 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025

Summons

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) Case No. 25SMCV03488 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): GREATER THAN DISTRIBUTION, LLC, a California limited liability company; PAULA MOORE, an individual; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): RULER BRANDED ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, a New York limited liability company. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de $10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Los Angeles Superior Court, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Brendan K. Ozanne - Dawson & Ozanne- 5755 Oberlin Dr., Ste. 301, San Diego, CA 92121. Ph: 760-877-9552. DATE (Fecha): 07/08/2025. Clerk, by (Secretario) David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, By W. Lee, Deputy (Adjunto) Clerk. Electronically FILED by Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 7/08/2025 8:51 AM. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: November 17, 2025, November 14, 2025, December 01, 2025, December 08, 2025

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Probate Sale

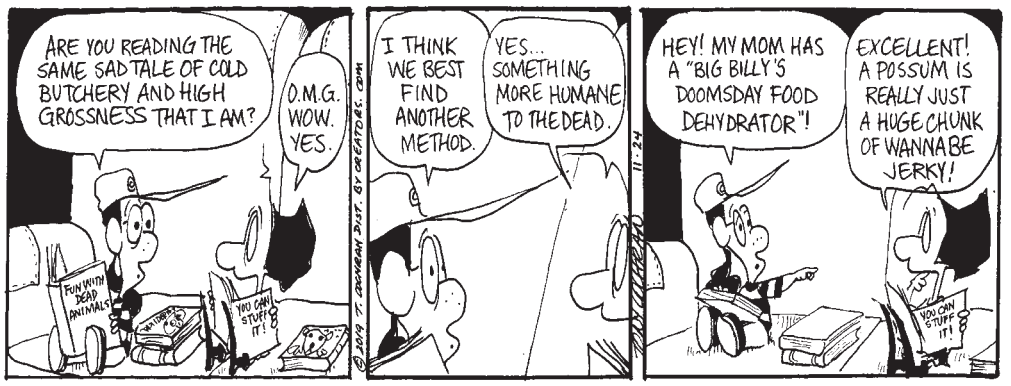
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NOBUKO SEIMIYA Case No. 25STPB11931To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Nobuko Seimiya.A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tsutomu Onizawa in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.The Petition for Probate requests that Janie Mulrain be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: November 20, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.Attorney for petitioner: F. Edie Mermelstein of FEM Law Group, P.C., 18811 Huntington Street Suite 240, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, (714) 596-0137SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/05/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/19/2025

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00522 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Petition of: Jose-Alberto Navarro for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jose-Alberto Navarro filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jose-Alberto Navarro to Alberto Navarro. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 12/19/2025 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: K The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Dated: 09/30/2025 s/ Hon. Lawrence Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025, 12/08/2025

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



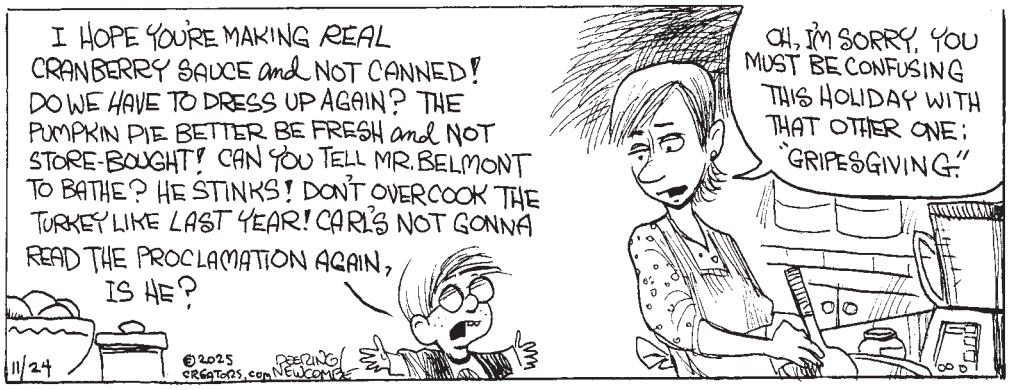
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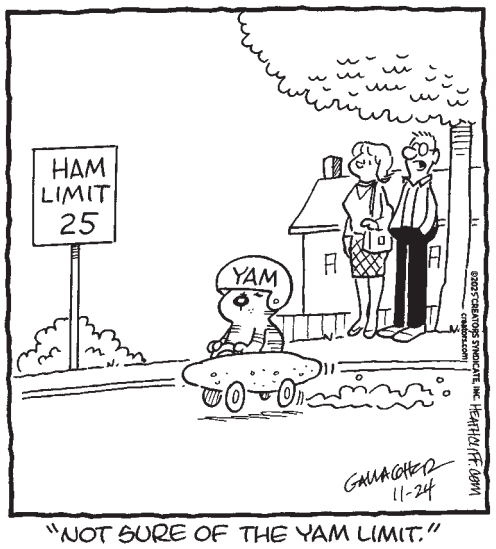
Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"NOT SURE OF THE YAM LIMIT."

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

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Summer of barbecues

C	H	I	P	S	N	R	U	B	M	C	A	S	K	S
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Apron	Chops	Friends	Pests
Avocado	Coals	Hat	Rare
Beach	Cook	Insects	Relax
Beer	Deet	Kebabs	Salad
Bench	Eggs	Marinate	Snags
Bread	Embers	Mosquito	Sociable
Brush	Enjoyment	Mozzie coil	Summer
Buns	Family	Mustard	Tinnies
Burn	Fire	Onion	Tongs
Cask	Fish	Outdoors	Wine
Chips	Flame	Patio	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 24)

Welcome to your Year of Loyal Love. People show you that you can trust them. Relationships grow rich through honest exchange and playfulness. You'll strengthen bonds at home and open your heart to new allies in the professional realm and the world at large. More highlights: success with a bold pitch, your work adored by the right audience, and celebrations that echo for years. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 34, 11 and 29.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're craving a particular kind of inspiration - the kind that comes from fresh energy and kindred spirits. Follow that pull. Spend time in new places, meet different people, and you'll naturally find the ones who make you shine brighter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life hums at a comfortable pitch due to your many positive relationships. People return your attention in a way that confirms you are on the same page. They see you as you want to be seen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You feel the impulse to grow. You're capable of more. There's a social dimension to this feeling. You'll be drawn to people who challenge and inspire you, not those who merely reassure or enable you to stay the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll hear opinions today, some louder than others. You don't have to respond right away, or at all. Sometimes grace sounds like, "I'm thinking about that." Sometimes wisdom begins with, "I don't know yet."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The mind and environment constantly mirror one another. When you clear your physical space, you reduce the low-level mental noise that clutter creates. Psychologists call this cognitive load, and you'll clear it with the cleanup you do today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Aggressive people want to win, but so do pacifists. They want to win peace. The difference is that aggressive people are only truly satisfied with the win if they're sure the loser has suffered some. Those types will only bring you heartache.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Speak for your own time, or others will take it up. The requirements of the world are as endless as you let them be. Instead of longing for the free days to do what you want, plan and structure your life so that this can really happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're working for tomorrow, enjoying it today - that's living the dream. And all the parts that aren't enjoyable right now? Those are the parts to note so you can look at them with a more critical eye tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your intuition is strong today. Write down the prediction. It's a way of honoring your way of sensing the world, and it's also a gift to future-you. Later, you will read this message and have a visceral reaction such as awe, laughter or relief.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not like you choose between indulging and overindulging. When the moment and mood arise, the animal inside you takes over - the one who needs comfort or rest or something other than what you're getting. Stop pushing. Rest and recharge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relationship talks are in the works. Feelings are on the line, and no one wants to reject or be rejected. It takes courage to state and hear the truth. Feeling vulnerable and going forward anyway - that's the heart of love's work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're drawn to so many different things today that your work may take a meandering path. Don't judge yourself or invite judgment from others. Follow your curiosity. This will all make sense a little later.

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

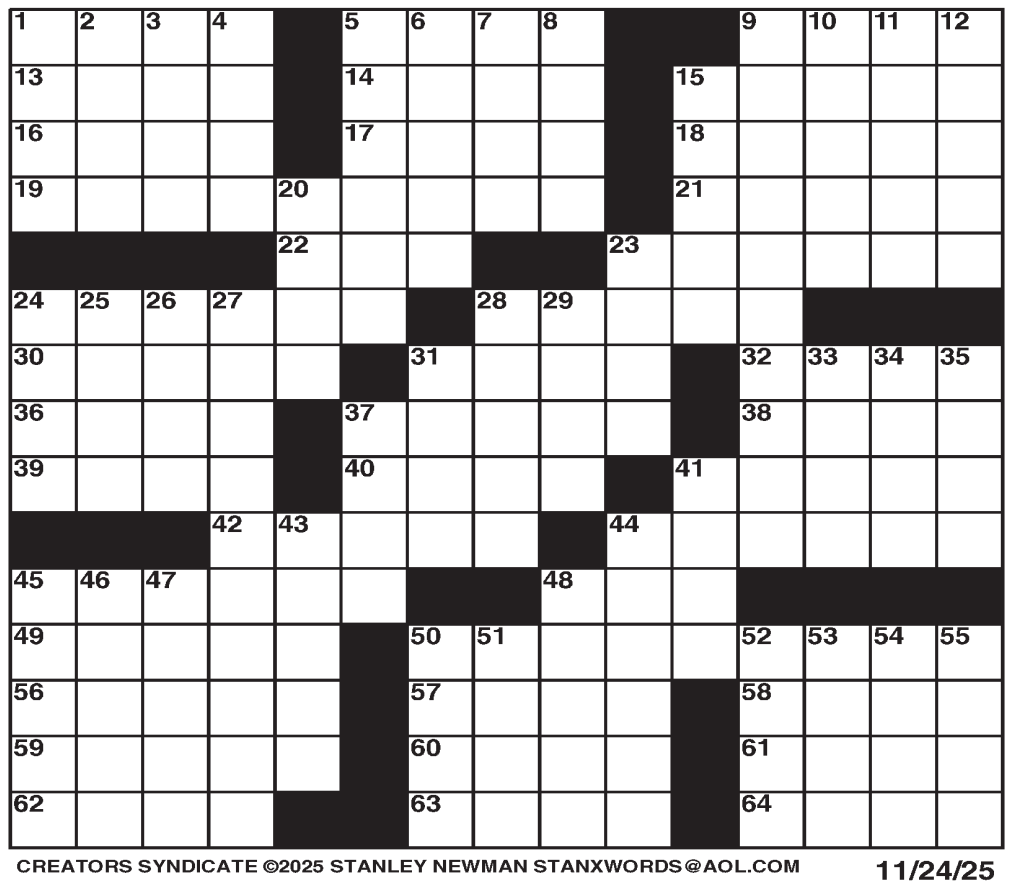
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ACROSS

1 Actors' signals
5 Business attire
9 Surface for skiing
13 Initials on an invitation
14 Loosen, as shoelaces
15 Cross home plate
16 Notion
17 Egypt's main river
18 Wear away slowly
19 Clasps for holding hair
21 Adjusted, as a guitar
22 Mother's Day month
23 Cruise ships
24 Redeem, as casino chips
28 Former money in Paris
30 Fitness motto starter, before "or lose"
31 Plumbing blockage
32 Rabbit's cousin
36 Doorbell sound
37 Adds ice cubes to
38 The same, in footnotes
39 Session in a tub
40 Beloved celebrity
41 Lowest poker card
42 In a little while
44 Jane who wrote *Pride and Prejudice*
45 Have hopes (to)
48 Lawyer: Abbr.
49 Flat-bottom trash boat
50 Long, pronged hair holders
56 Hawaiian greeting
57 Woodwind instrument
58 Black-and-white cookie
59 Recommends strongly
60 Crimson and scarlet
61 Sports defeat
62 Concludes
63 Russian's refusal
64 Hang __ (keep)

DOWN

1 Bed for an infant
2 Beef inspecting agency: Abbr.
3 At any time
4 Practice boxing
5 Summer skin darkening
6 Oneness of opinion
7 Not doing anything
8 Tips of shoes
9 Elastic holders of ponytails
10 Nary a soul
11 Give a command to
12 Unwanted garden growths
15 __ stone (unchangeable)
20 Give off, as steam
23 Falls behind
24 Sidewalk's edge
25 Largest continent
26 Mailed off
27 Bright colors added to hair strands
28 Elevator stop
29 Dice toss
31 Secret message
33 Be adjacent to
34 Sushi grain
35 Home for Adam and Eve
37 Give as an example
41 Required task
43 Regions
44 If all goes perfectly
45 Lessen, as the tide
46 Hairdresser's shop
47 Pleased with oneself
48 One's house
50 __ yesterday (gullible)
51 Follow instructions
52 Sport played on ponies
53 Clothes-pressing appliance
54 Baby bird's home
55 Just adequate



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FIRE

FROM PAGE 4

destructive fires, between 2017 and 2020, destroyed 22,500 homes and, as of this year, only 38% have been rebuilt. The data is clear: when insurance pays promptly, communities recover. When it doesn't, families are broken forever.

That is where the Los Angeles recovery is headed. Progress has stalled because the system meant to protect us has become the obstacle.

As insurance erodes, California's housing market is starting to show strain. Without coverage, homeowners can't buy, sell or refinance. Lenders are retreating, property values are falling and construction is stalling.

What began as an insurance crisis is rapidly becoming a credit and housing crisis that threatens the stability of the entire state economy.

Lara has failed to stop illegal insurer delays and denials, and he has encouraged the mass dumping of policyholders. Whether his failure stems from intent or incompetence is a matter for the investigations now examining his conduct.

What matters urgently is that he leaves — now. We call on Gov. Gavin Newsom and other state leaders to urge his resignation and appoint new leadership at the Department of Insurance.

Californians deserve a functioning insurance system that protects us all.

Jill Spivack is a survivor of the Palisades Fire and an entrepreneur. Joy Chen is executive director of the Eaton Fire Survivors Network and was deputy mayor of Los Angeles.

WAYMO

FROM PAGE 1

constant noise and disruption from around-the-clock vehicle operations. Residents describe an incessant disturbance from legally mandated backup alarms and other sounds that echo day and night as vehicles maneuver, charge and occasionally trigger car alarms.

Neighbors report sleep interruption and stress, with a few saying they have started hearing phantom beeping after enduring the noise 24/7.

The facilities' powerful floodlights and the constant hum of charging equipment have created what one neighbor called a "Las Vegas Strip"-like glare in the once-quiet residential area. The proximity of one lot to an elementary school and multiple apartment complexes has amplified concerns about the location's appropriateness.

Residents note that at school pickup times, the area already experienced congestion. Now a constant stream of driverless vehicles, by some estimates 200 per hour, running in and out of the two lots adds another layer of chaos and noise.

Frustrations have escalated into direct action by some residents. Orange traffic cones have appeared in alleys leading to the lots, confusing the autonomous cars and forcing them to stop. On other occasions, residents deliberately block Waymo vehicles entering or exiting, causing a chain reaction of stopped cars, a tactic locals call "stacking the Waymos."

These grassroots interference efforts have led to confrontations. With Waymo and residents both calling police at various times. Dozens of residents have signed petitions and flooded city channels with pleas for relief from what they describe as noise pollution and traffic intrusions.

The city has said it is exploring ways to regain oversight, including asking state regulators whether the required volume of backup beepers can be reduced at such facilities.

However, local authorities face significant limitations. Under California law, robotaxi operations are overseen by state agencies, and federal safety regulations require all hybrid and electric vehicles to emit audible alerts while backing up. Santa Monica code enforcement staff took sound measurements at the Waymo lot and confirmed the noise did not violate existing city noise ordinances.

In response to public outcry, Waymo has implemented several mitigation measures. The company said it now restricts certain activities at night, with employees instructed to avoid loud talking or music on the lots, and vehicle cleaning confined to daytime hours between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Autonomous cars are programmed to drive under 10 mph when using narrow alleys to access the facilities.

Waymo also invested in quieter industrial equipment and planted rows of fast-growing trees, including 10-foot bamboo and cypress, around the lot perimeters to absorb sound and block floodlights. Company engineers are evaluating whether vehicles' backup alert volume can be automatically lowered while on private property.

Waymo asserts it "strives to be good neighbors" and maintains a dedicated email hotline for community complaints.

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MONDAY | NOVEMBER 24

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2025-11-24T18

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. $10.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-11-24T19

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101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. Monday night karaoke at Whale. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/karaoke-mondays-at-the-whaler/17408730/2025-11-24T00

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Probate Sale

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NOBUKO SEIMIYA CASE NO. 25STPB11931To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Nobuko Seimiya.A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tsutomu Onizawa (Petition for Letters of Special Administration) in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.The Petition for Probate requests that Janie Mulrain be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: November 20, 2025, at 8:30 AM, in Dept. 79, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.Attorney for petitioner: F. Edie Mermelstein of FEM Law Group, P.C., 18811 Huntington Street Suite 240, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. Telephone: (714) 596-0137.SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/05/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/19/2025

Auction Sale Notice

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to the California Civil Code section 1988(b); Section 6066 of the Government Code any other applicable CA Statutes, that the items of property listed below is believed to be abandoned by Thomas Carmen Costabile and all other owners, occupants, partners, tenants and/or subtenants at address: 5112 Via San Lucas, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. Items will be sold at a Public Auction by Yang Family Trust, et al., to be offered in bulk and or bulk lots at a competitive bid sale through an Online Auction Wednesday, December 03rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm at 5112 Via San Lucas, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. Auction access via WWW.MEGAAUCTIONS.NETItems to be sold are to include but are not limited to:Wall Art, Display Case, Die Cast Toys, Baseball Gloves, Bobblehead, Caps, Balls, Pitching Net, Tennis Racquets Hot Wheels Bike Helmet & Bike, Towels, IZOD Watch, Bed Frames, Corner Shelfs, Artificial Flowers, Trash Bin, Wall Mirror, Samsonite Spinner Luggage, Ashley Furniture Dining Table & Chairs, Ashley Furniture Havalance Dining Table & Chairs, Ashley Furniture Rawcliffe 3-Piece Sectional, Ashley Furniture Realyn Coffee Table, Cream Sofa, L Shaped Desk with Hutch, Glass & Steel Desk, Office Chairs, Office Supplies, Laundry & Cleaning Supplies, Basket, Clothing, Footwear, Jackets, Hats, Blankets & Throws, Bedding, Pillows, Suitcases, Prop Sword, Movie Posters, Directors Chair, Cisco 8851, Bag, Star Wars & Other Action Figures, Disney Magic Band, Boxing Bag, Decathlon Riverside 100 Bike, P00800 Stationary Bike, Candle Holder, Star Wars Collectables, DVDs, CDs, Galaxy S22, Galaxy Tab A7, Galaxy Watch4, Galaxy Tab S9 Ultra, iPhone 13 256GB (PRODUCT)RED, HP MFP M234sdw, Eero Pro Routers, JBL Headphones, Canon EOS R100 with Lens, RØDE VideoMic GO II, iMac Computers, Keyboards, Mice, Gaming Chairs, Moto E Smartphone, Disney Watch, Sony Cyber-Shot DSC-W35 Camera, Side Table, Sunglasses, Folding Table, iPhone 11, Nintendo Switch Oled, Nintendo Switch Lite, Console Games, Mario Kart Wheel Pro, Xbox Series S, Game Controllers, Meta Quest 3 VR Headsets, Sony 4K LED TV, Bell'O TV Stand, Sony SS-CS8 Speaker, Sony STR-DH190 Receiver, Chargers, Echo Show, Cables, Power Adapters, Bowls, Décor Art, Drying Rack, Cups, Glasses, Silverware, Boxes, Pans, Frying Pans, Caddy, Cutting Board, Bottles, Towel Holder, Jugs, Jars, Mugs, Plates, Containers, Pots, Serving Plates, Bakeware, Teapot, Kitchenware, Blenders, Tealights, Trash Can, Kettle, Keurig K-Elite, Hot Dog Steamer, Cuisinart Knife Set, Food, Toaster, Vinyl Stools, Wine Glasses, Tools, Batteries, Hardware, Board Games, Karaoke Machine, Photo Stands, Décor Pillows, Artificial Tree, Trunk, Picture Frames, Scooters, Walker Frames, Air Hockey Table, Bedside Tables, Shelving Units, Draws, Hangers, HP AiO Computer, Extension Cables, Candles, ACME Imogen Sectional Sofa, KEF Speakers, Episode ES-SUB-WIRELESS-KIT, Sonance VP67R 140-W Speakers, Pioneer VSX-LX304 Receiver, Samsung QN82Q70RAFFXZA 82" QLED 4K Smart TV, Blu Ray Player, Roku 4K, HDMI Cables, Logitech G432 Headset, DUORUIMI Bunk Beds, Gaming Desk, Stuffed Toys, Kid's Clothing, Kids Toys, Star Wars Lightsabers, Yoda Display, Excalibur Franklin Mint Sword, Green Destiny Steel Sword, Lord Of The Rings Aragorns Sword, Plaque United States Seal, Baseballs in Cases, PC Speakers, Curved Bed Frame, American Woodcrafters Heirloom Poster Bed 2910-66POS, Bedside Tables, Black Leather Couch, Sony KD 65" TV, Wall Mount, Nesting Dolls, Ceiling Fan, Totes, VHS Recorder, Gun Safe, Power Cables, Christmas Décor, Halloween Décor, Frigidaire 56" Chest Freezer, Vissani Freezer, Nintendo Wii, Computers & Accessories, Hard Drive, Milkshake Glasses, Glass Conference Table, Reception Desk, Furniture Dolly, Cart, Various Items Unsearched

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 24SMCV04531 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405, West District. JOHANNA MARY KEOGH, ET AL, Plaintiffs vs. IZABELLA GAWRONSKA, Defendant. TO IZABELLA GAWRONSKA, please take notice that on January 9, 2026, in Department N in the Superior Court located at 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405 at 8:30 A.M. a hearing in the above entitled case will be held at which time the court may make the following orders: 1) Entry of Default Against You, 2) Entry of a Default Judgment Against You. This notice is pursuant to the Court's Order of 9/19/2025 and Order for Publication dated 10/31/2025, Judge Lisa Sepe Wiesenfeld, Presiding. The court finds that the respondent cannot be served in any other manner specified in the California Code of Civil Procedure. The court orders that the documents be served by publication at least once per week for four successive weeks per Code of Civil Procedure § 415.50. s/ David Pisarra, Attorney for Plaintiffs, Pisarra and Grist, 1305 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405, (310) 664-9969, DAVID@PISARRA.COM. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/17/2025, 11/24/2025, 12/01/2025, 12/08/2025

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