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# SMMUSD board wants costs, priorities before approving sustainability plan



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**EDUCATION:** SMMUSD board asks for cost estimates on 10-year sustainability plan before December vote.

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board members on Nov. 19 asked staff to put price tags and priorities on an updated sustainability plan that sets the district's environmental goals through 2035. The board will not vote on the plan until next month.

Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton said the plan will return for approval at the board's next major meeting, which he believes is Dec. 17. Staff will come back a few months after that with specifics on how to reach the goals, he said.

"I actually would love to see numbers," board President Alicia Mignano said. "We're making decisions about a 10-year plan, and so it just is more information that could help us."

The update revises a plan the board approved in 2019. It keeps the original eight focus areas, including climate, water, solid waste and transportation. But it scales back targets after the district fell short on several 2025 goals.

"I feel like our initial plan was a little more aspirational, and we felt like on this one we wanted to pull back and be just a little bit more achievable," Upton said.

Sustainability Manager Austin Toyama said the district missed its 2025 targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions, reducing water use 20% and diverting 60% of its waste from landfills. Diversion reached 47.5%, held back by contamination in the recycling and organics waste streams, he said.

The new plan calls for cutting Scope 1 and 2 emissions 25% by 2030 and 50% by 2035 from 2024-25 levels. Those emissions come from district fuel use and purchased electricity. The plan aims for carbon neutrality in those categories by 2045. It also targets a 30% cut in water use by 2030 and a 40% cut by 2035, compared with 2017-18.

Natural gas burned at district facilities made up 51% of the district's roughly 3,011 metric tons of emissions in 2024-25. Toyama said moving faster on electrification isn't feasible right now.

"At this time, it's not practical or possible to expedite the electrification plans to reach the 2030 and 2035 milestone targets with existing resources," he said.

Board member Jennifer Smith called the report "unbelievably long" and said she struggled to connect what the district would spend with what it would save.

"It's so big and so dense and so encompassing of everything that

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# Housing advocates push for airport land as Santa Monica's park plan heads to council

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Residents urged a rare joint session of four city advisory bodies to support studying below-market-rate housing on a portion of the Santa Monica Airport site this month while city staff presented a master plan for the land that council direction has limited to park, cultural and recreational uses.

The special meeting brought together the Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment, the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee, the EV Subcommittee and the Arts Commission. It was the first stop in a round of commission presentations before the plan goes to the City Council, tentatively at the end of January.

Vivian Rothstein, a 43-year resident of the Sunset Park area, said rising housing costs were the most disturbing change she has seen in the city. She said teachers, health workers, city employees and hospitality workers cannot afford to live nearby.

Rothstein said she spent about two and a half years with a group of residents developing a blueprint to use 25% of the airport land for below-market-rate housing, alongside a large park. She said the city's planning process "has made no room for visions such as ours to be seriously considered." She urged commissioners to support studying the housing option in the environmental impact report the city expects to begin early next year.

Alison Kendall, a Santa Monica business owner and homeowner for 23 years, said city staff had left affordable housing out of consideration. She noted that Measure LC allows additional land uses if voters approve them. Kendall proposed placing below-market housing on the site's "urban edge," the area near Ocean Park Boulevard, and said thousands of voters had signed in support of the Cloverfield Commons proposal.

Judy Abdo, chair of the EV Subcommittee, offered the only comment on housing from the dais. "I just want to say I really want some housing around there, whether it's on that space or in the business park," she said.

Park supporters pushed back. Anne Bowman, a former Recreation and Parks commissioner and a board member of the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition, said the community engagement process included opportunities to prioritize housing. The public, she said, made clear it wanted a park.

Bowman said more than 75% of Santa Monica residents live in multifamily housing without green space. She said the city has about 1.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, compared with a common planning standard of 5 acres. She said that even if all 192 acres of airport land became park, the ratio would rise only to about 3.6 acres.

Jerry Rubin, a member of the Urban Forest Commission, called himself "a big housing supporter." He pointed to proposed developments elsewhere in the city but said the airport space "is really not big enough for everything that we really, really need." Michael Brodsky, a board member of the Santa Monica Airport to Park Foundation, called the land the city's "last refuge for biodiversity."

Peter James, who presented for the city's airport conversion team, said the council had directed staff to study a scenario that complies with Measure LC, which covers culture, education and recreation. He said the environmental review's project

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# Santa Monica-Malibu schools post top marks on state dashboard, but long-term English learners lag

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District earned the state's highest rating in four of eight areas on the 2026 California School Dashboard, but long-term English learners landed in the lowest category in English, math and science, district officials told the school board Nov. 19.

The district received Blue, the top of the dashboard's five-color scale, in English language arts, science, graduation rate and college and career readiness. It earned Green, the second-highest level, in math and suspension rate. English learner progress was rated Orange and chronic absenteeism Yellow.

"Our district has consistently demonstrated strong academic achievement across multiple areas over time," said Alyssa O'Grady, the district's director of assessment, research and evaluation. She called the four Blue ratings "an impressive accomplishment."

On state tests, 74% of students met or exceeded standards in English language arts, up from 73% in 2023. Math rose to 61% from 58% over the same period, and science reached 59%, up from 55% a year earlier.

Still, O'Grady said math "remains lower than our English language arts achievement, making this a relative area of focus for our district." The district this year began using a new math curriculum aligned with the California Mathematics Framework.

Long-term English learners, students classified as English learners for six or more years, were rated Red in all three tested subjects. In math, the group scored 155.4 points below proficiency, a 32.5-point drop.

"Long-term English language learners remain a key area of focus," O'Grady said.

Board President Alicia Mignano said English learners overall appear to be "doing great and are reclassifying," but asked how the district is monitoring and helping long-term English learners.

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Williamson said 78 of the district's 422 English learners last school year were long-term English learners, about 18%. Most English learners reclassify before they reach middle and high school, she said, a sign "that what we're doing in elementary school with our designated ELD and our integrated ELD is really working."

She cited standalone English language development courses, schoolwide teacher training at secondary schools and bilingual instructional assistants in math, science and social studies classes. "It's definitely a continued focus we're going to prioritize," she said.

Separately, 54.2% of English learners made progress toward English proficiency or held the highest level on the state's ELPAC exam, a decline the dashboard lists as 7.3%. O'Grady cautioned that the population changes yearly, "so we are not necessarily tracking the same cohort of students."

Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10% or more of instructional days, excused or not, stood at 11.3% for transitional kindergarten through eighth grade, a decline the dashboard lists as 2.3%. Board member Jon Kean asked for figures by school level. Vice President Laurie Lieberman asked how the district compares with similar districts, "because it sounds horrible to me."

Board member Jennifer Smith said she is frustrated that the measure counts excused absences. "Elementary school kids get sick a lot," she said, adding, "I don't think we want sick kids in school."

The graduation rate held at 97%, which O'Grady called "something that we can be very proud of." Rates were lower for long-term English learners, at 86.4%, and students with disabilities, at 91.2%.

Kean questioned whether incremental gains are enough. "We are a very high achieving district," he said, adding that "those gains are hard to come by." He asked, "Do we need a different transformational approach to get beyond where we are now?"

"I'll tell you that that's the biggest challenge," Superintendent Antonio Shelton responded. He said teachers now have "a curriculum now from elementary all the way to high school" and predicted, "I think in math you're going to see some changes."

Williamson said the curriculum is "finally giving a consistent program that all teachers can use," where before "everyone was sort of doing their own thing."

Kean said students are sometimes moved along "because they are proficient at something or have passed something, but do not really master the concepts and the ideas." Williamson said the curriculum spirals back to earlier concepts as students advance.

O'Grady, a former high school math teacher, said it also emphasizes conceptual understanding over memorization. "You're really understanding the math behind it," she said.

Shelton said gaps most often surface among students in accelerated math. "Not everybody is ready for accelerated math," he said, adding that high school teachers often spend their first weeks "teaching skills that should have been learned before."

O'Grady also said the district "did not qualify for differentiated assistance this year," the state's second tier of help for districts with struggling student groups. Under revised rules, the same group must meet the criteria in two priority areas for three consecutive years. The district will receive universal state support and keep monitoring long-term English learner data.

Additional charts and graphs on the data will be released Dec. 15, O'Grady said.

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## AROUND TOWN

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# Gobble, Groove & Get Festive

**SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes turkey trots, tree lightings, holiday cheer, Thanksgiving feasts, and much more!**

**Turkey Day Trot:** Stride for Peace: Before settling in for Thanksgiving dinner, get a little exercise and fresh ocean air at this family-friendly 5K and one-mile walk along the Santa Monica shoreline. It's untimed, so there's no pressure to set a personal record. Walking off the stuffing counts, too. Thursday, Nov. 26, 8 a.m., Crescent Bay Park, 2000 Ocean Ave. runsignup.com/Race/CA/SantaMonica/SantaMonicaTurkeyTrotKKHalfMarathon

**Nutcracker Brunch at ORLA:** Make a holiday outing of brunch at Michael Mina's restaurant, followed by a festive production of The Nutcracker presented by Pasadena Civic Ballet. This family-friendly experience includes a multi-course brunch, whimsical holiday activities, a photo with Santa and a 45-minute ballet performance culminating in a snowfall finale. Saturday, Nov. 28 (& Dec. 5, 12 and 19), 11:30 a.m.–2:15 p.m., 1700 Ocean Ave. Reservations and details.

**The Nutcracker at BroadStage:** For the full-scale ballet experience, Westside Ballet of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College bring Tchaikovsky's holiday classic to life with Balanchine's choreography, local dancers and the SMC Nutcracker Symphony. Nov. 27–Dec. 6, 1310 11th St. westsideballet.com/Nutcracker

**Sounds of Santa Monica:** Holiday Edition: Shopping downtown? Take a musical break at Santa Monica Place, where emerging local musicians and DJs will be performing holiday-inspired sets throughout Thanksgiving weekend. A little live music to accompany your holiday shopping—and perhaps drown out the sound of your credit card. Friday–Sunday, Nov. 27–29, noon–3 p.m., Center Plaza, Santa Monica Place. santamonicaplace.com/holidays

**Mariachi Los Corsarios Free Concert:** Add a little mariachi to your Thursday morning! Santa Monica College's Mariachi Los Corsarios, led by director Mary Alfaro, will perform a free concert celebrating regional Mexican folk music, including ranchera, bolero, son jalisciense and huapango. Admission is free, campus parking is free, and seating is first-come, first-served—so arrive early and grab a seat. Thursday, Dec. 3, 11:15 a.m., 1310 11th St. smdp.com/mariachi-los-corsarios-de-smc-to-perform-free-concert-dec-3

**Holiday Cheer on the Pier:** The Pier is getting into the holiday spirit with an afternoon of festive activities, including letters to Santa and holiday crafts with Paint:Lab, musical storytime with Books & Cookies, and whimsical performances by the Bob Baker Marionette Theater. Puppet shows are at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 3:30–7 p.m., 200 Santa Monica Pier santamonicapier.org/cheeronthepier

**Fairmont Miramar Tree Lighting:** The Fairmont Miramar kicks off December with its annual holiday tree lighting, featuring carols performed by the Santa Monica High School Choir, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa. While you're there, check out the hotel's life-size gingerbread house, decorated with more than 1,500 hand-placed decorations. Thursday, Dec. 3, 6–8 p.m., 101 Wilshire Blvd. fairmont-miramar.com/explore/event-calendar/?experienceId=annual-christmas-tree-lighting-f0f460fe

**Cookies for a Cause:** Petitgrain Boulangerie and Jyan Isaac Bread are among nearly 20 Los Angeles bakeries and pastry chefs contributing to a $100 holiday cookie box, with 26–28 cookies and every dollar going to the Food for Families Program. A sweet way to support food-insecure families while taking care of your holiday cookie needs. Preorders required. Saturday, Dec. 5, 9–10 a.m., Saturday Downtown Santa Monica Farmers Market letsgatherforgood.com/store/holiday-cookies

**ONGOING:** Swiss Winter Village (through 1/3); Frost on Fifth (through 1/18); Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Locals' Night Third Thursdays

**WHAT'S NEW & DELICIOUS? - Thanksgiving Special Edition:** Not everyone is interested in spending Thanksgiving basting a turkey, mashing potatoes and arguing over whether the stuffing belongs inside or outside the bird. Fortunately, plenty of local restaurants are happy to take that burden off your hands. Here are some options for giving thanks without spending your entire day in the kitchen:

**Thanksgiving by the Sea at ORLA:** Not in the mood to cook 27 side dishes this Thanksgiving? ORLA by Michael Mina is serving a Mediterranean-inspired feast overlooking the Pacific. Start with shared mezze before choosing an entrée, followed by family-style desserts. A welcome beverage, optional caviar and shellfish upgrades, a holiday photo by the Regent's Christmas tree and menorah, and a Letters to Santa station for the kids round out the experience. $240++ adults, $75++ children ages 5–12; kids 4 and under are free. Thursday, Nov. 26, 1–8 p.m., 1700 Ocean Ave. Reservations

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## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **70.3**

THURSDAY
***FAIR***

**SURF:** 4-5ft
Chest to head

Solid/good surf under favorable wind. Size settles through the day. Work around deep AM high tide. Solid WNW swell continues, enough west in it to wrap into the south-facing points. Very deep high tide in the morning, but enough size to push through it. Fun size SSW swell too for some peaks at the combo beachbreaks. The current expectation is for widespread chest-head high surf, with tp WNW spots a couple to perhaps a few feet overhead. Wind looks ok into and potentially through the afternoon.

FRIDAY
***POOR TO FAIR***

**SURF:** 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Down from Thu, still pretty fun combo running with new WNW pulse moving in. Much more approachable than Thursday, with a better AM tide push to work with before the deep high bogs things down later AM. Waist-chest high surf still around for better zones with standouts head-high, pretty peaky at the beachbreaks off a mix of old and new WNW swells plus lingering SSW swell. Size nudges back up through the evening as tide drains out and new WNW pulse moves in. Clean AM conditions, and onshores look manageable in the afternoon -- points stay clean.

## Weather

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 80. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 57. North northeast wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.
**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted | (ft)High/Low |
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| 2026/11/26 | Thur | 02:57 AM | 2.29 | L |
| 2026/11/26 | Thur | 09:23 AM | 6.98 | H |
| 2026/11/26 | Thur | 04:57 PM | -1.42 | L |
| 2026/11/26 | Thur | 11:41 PM | 3.67 | H |
| 2026/11/27 | Fri | 03:49 AM | 2.49 | L |
| 2026/11/27 | Fri | 10:13 AM | 6.63 | H |
| 2026/11/27 | Fri | 05:51 PM | -1.15 | L |
| 2026/11/28 | Sat | 12:46 AM | 3.68 | H |
| 2026/11/28 | Sat | 04:51 AM | 2.68 | L |
| 2026/11/28 | Sat | 11:10 AM | 6.08 | H |
| 2026/11/28 | Sat | 06:48 PM | -0.75 | L |
| 2026/11/29 | Sun | 01:54 AM | 3.84 | H |

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Draw Date: 11/23
7 9 27 40 58
Power#: 19
Jackpot: 31 M

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38 42 44 45 62
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 673 M

**SuperLotto Plus**
Draw Date: 11/21
14 17 38 40 42
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 17 M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 11/24
2 13 19 22 25

**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 11/24
EVENING: 2 0 4
Draw Date: 11/24
MIDDAY: 9 3 9

**Daily Derby**
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2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
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## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00516. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica 90401. Petition of Isaac Hop by Manola Cristina Dorantes Acosta and Daniel Hop Moreno for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Isaac Hop by Manola Cristina Dorantes Acosta and Daniel Hop Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Isaac Hop to Isaac Hop Dorantes. 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. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date:12/8/2026, Time: 8.30, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date:November 3. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00503. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Matthew Joseph Papa for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Matthew Joseph Papa filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Matthew Joseph Papa to Toro Rei Lion Lotus. 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. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 12/11/2026, Time: 8:30AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date: 10/26/2026. Lawrence Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 11/07/2026, 11/14/2026, 11/21/2026, 11/28/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No 26SMCP00391. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Alp Zafer Toygar for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Alp Zafer Toygar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Alp Zafer Toygar to Alp Toygar. 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. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 12/04/2026 Time: 8:30 AM Dept:. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date:. Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 2026 November 6, 13, 20, and 27.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Santa Monica**

## Cedars-Sinai grant to help Meals on Wheels West shrink its waitlist

Meals on Wheels West has received a grant from Cedars-Sinai to help reduce its client waitlist, which has grown to nearly 100 homebound people in Santa Monica and surrounding Westside communities, the organization announced Nov. 20.

The grant will help people move off the waitlist and into the nonprofit's home-delivered meal program, which includes regular wellness checks, for a full year.

The grant launches the organization's Eliminate the Waitlist Campaign, a communitywide effort to bring everyone on the waitlist into service. The campaign needs to raise an additional $241,800 to fund meals and wellness checks for nearly 100 people now waiting for support.

Meals on Wheels West started a waitlist in November 2025, the first in its more than 50-year history. The organization said it faced historic demand alongside rising costs, which made it impossible to serve everyone who asked for help. The list has continued to grow since then.

"For more than 50 years, we never had to tell a neighbor in need that they would have to wait," said Len Lanzi, executive director of Meals on Wheels West. "Our partnership with Cedars-Sinai gives us the operational capacity to say yes to more people."

Lanzi said the grant shows what's possible when a health system and a community organization work toward the same goal. "We hope it inspires others to join us in eliminating the waitlist for good," he said.

The organization is inviting local businesses, foundations, health care partners and community members to join the campaign.

More information about the campaign and donating is available at mealsonwheelswest.org/ways-to-give/. Partnership inquiries can be directed to development@mealsonwheelswest.org or 310-394-5133, ext. 5.

More information about Meals on Wheels West is available at MealsOnWheelsWest.org.

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**CHARITY:** Meals on Wheels West launches campaign to clear nearly 100-person waitlist with Cedars-Sinai grant.

**Malibu**

## Malibu releases winter recreation guide; registration opens Nov. 30

The city of Malibu has released its Winter 2027 Recreation Guide and City Newsletter, featuring holiday celebrations, educational programs, outdoor recreation and excursions for residents of all ages.

The guide is available online at MalibuCity.org/CommunityServices and is being mailed to Malibu residents the week of Nov. 16.

"Providing opportunities for residents to connect, learn, stay active and enjoy our community is an important part of the City's commitment to quality of life in Malibu," said City Manager Joe Irvin. "There is something for everyone in this winter's lineup, and we encourage residents to explore the Guide and find programs and activities that interest and inspire them."

Winter programs, offered December through February, include the Malibu Monarch Project Lecture Ocean Series, a student art exhibit, after-school programs with the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, Breakfast with Santa, Santa Paws, inclusive coloring and dance activities, and Senior Center offerings.

Senior Center programs include needlepoint, plant bingo, Spanish classes and monthly excursions. Destinations include the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, the Broad Museum, the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum and Channel Islands Harbor.

The guide also includes information about the city's parks, facilities, programs and services, along with community news and city department contacts.

Registration for winter programs opens at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at MalibuCity.org/Register.

Updates on Community Services programs are available at MalibuCity.org/CommunityServices.

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**Pier**

## Pacific Park offers half-price annual passes for Black Friday, Cyber Monday

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is offering 50% off its Premium and Weekday annual passes in a limited-time Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotion.

The discounted passes are sold in person only at the park's ticket booths on Friday, Nov. 27. On Monday, Nov. 30, they are sold online only at PacPark.com.

The Annual Premium Pass costs $99, down from $199. It includes unlimited rides seven days a week, with no blackout dates. Operating hours may vary, and pass holders should check hours at PacPark.com before visiting.

The Annual Weekday Pass costs $75, down from $149. It includes unlimited rides Monday through Friday.

Both passes include 20% off all food and retail purchases.

Pacific Park describes itself as the West Coast's only amusement park on a pier and Los Angeles' only admission-free amusement park. It offers 12 amusement rides, 14 midway games, five food offerings at Snackville and seaside retail shopping.

The park is at 380 Santa Monica Pier. Prices and operating hours are subject to change. For more information and hours, call 310-260-8744 or visit pacpark.com, Facebook.com/pacificpark, Instagram.com/pacpark or X.com/pacpark.

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**DEALS:** Pacific Park offers 50% off annual passes for Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

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# *Locals give thanks*

**The Santa Monica Daily Press is continuing its holiday tradition by asking community members and leaders what they are thankful for this season.**

This Thanksgiving, I'm most thankful for second acts and the Santa Monica community that embraced mine. Returning to school at 61 as a full-time student at Santa Monica College—after 25 years hosting talk shows—gave me the chance to sit on the campus quad and actually listen to what young people are carrying today. Their honesty, resilience, and humor give me tremendous hope for the future, and I'm grateful to call this city home.

***John Kerwin, Television Host and Santa Monica College Student***

As 2026 winds down, I'm thankful for morning, evening and weekend walks with my dog, Sasha, and my husband, Mikhael. These everyday moments offer a chance to slow down, enjoy our parks and get to know our neighbors. Each morning, our route includes a stop at Casa Del Mar, where Sasha tries her luck at getting a treat. On weekends, we visit my favorite Main Street coffee spot, Bread and Butter. Whether I am chatting while waiting line or greeting neighbors in the park, I'm reminded of what makes Santa Monica special: the people who make this community feel like home. For that, I'm grateful.

***Julie Stephens, Parks and Recreation Commission***

The Gifts We Never Wrapped

This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for friendships that outlive goodbye.

Gail Thomson, a Vietnam combat nurse who retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, left us months ago, but her remarkable spirit remains. Her longtime companion and confidant, Dan Champeau, is gathering friends for Thanksgiving at Brookdale Ocean House, where their magnetic friendship brought people together.

I have the privilege of helping Dan honor a woman whose absence has never diminished her presence.

Gail and Dan remind me that gratitude isn't measured by what we receive, but by the love we leave behind.

Some of life's greatest gifts are never wrapped.

***"Koki" Morton Hall, Resident Engagement Manager, Brookdale Ocean House***

This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Malibu and for the residents who speak up, get involved and help shape our city's future.

I am thankful for our firefighters, first responders, city staff and volunteers, and for every resident rebuilding a home, reopening a business or helping a neighbor. Your determination gives our work purpose.

I am especially thankful for my husband, Andy, and our children, whose love, patience and support make it possible for me to serve this community.

Thank you, Malibu, for your trust.

***Haylynn Conrad, Malibu City Councilmember***

I am thankful for Santa Monica itself: neighbors who still wave from their porches in Ocean Park, friends who show up for one another, and the local museums and galleries that keep our local history alive. I am thankful for good health at 75, for friends who feel like family, for my husband Mike Salazar, for the creative spark that still gets me into the studio every morning, and for the ocean breeze that reminds me daily how lucky we are to live here. Happy Thanksgiving, neighbors.

***Lou D'Elia, Assemblage Artist and Photographer***

"I am profoundly grateful for my family: my husband, Samuel; my daughter, Estella Toumayan, my greatest pride and joy; and my parents, whose love, sacrifices, and wisdom continue to guide me. I am equally thankful for my sisters and extended family. I cherish my roots in Jalisco, México, and the traditions, values, and resilience that have shaped my journey. I am grateful to my mentor, Dr. Mira Pak, and to my students, colleagues, and community, who inspire my commitment to educational equity, cultural preservation, and empowering future generations. My greatest hope is to transform knowledge into opportunity, leadership into action, and cultural pride into lasting change."

***Dr. Guadalupe Mireles-Toumayan, Ed.D., Educator, University Professor, Researcher, National Board-Certified Teacher, and Cultural Leader***

Among the City's extensive (voluntary) staff departures announced recently, Jenny Rogers was the first Director of the City's newborn Recreation & Arts Department (RAD), reorganized in 2023 from the Community Services Department. In her time in Santa Monica building RAD from the ground up, the staff have never felt more appreciated and supported, and the Recreation & Parks Commission have never felt more encouraged and engaged. Jenny's can-do attitude and outsider perspective has inspired us to think big for our parks, recreation, and community programming. I am grateful for her service to Santa Monica, and proud of our work together.

***Steven Johnson, Chair, Recreation & Parks Commission***

I am so incredibly thankful for my unwavering faith and loving family who always shows up for me when I need them most. I am thankful for my St. Monica and Irvine Valley College coaching staff, high school and collegiate championship flag football teams who continue to make history! Together we prove that we belong in this flag football sport and we will continue to break down barriers! I am thankful for the amazing opportunities God has blessed me with to do what I love to do and continue to pour into the next generation!

***Miriah Lopez, Head Coach of the 1st CIF championship flag team at St. Monica Prep. Pro Tackle Football player and Co-Founder of Football Sisterhood***

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## SMMUSD

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it's hard to make a decision about anything," she said.

Upton said converting older buildings often means replacing large parts of their systems, not just swapping a gas boiler for an electric one.

"Now, if you wanted to set a goal that says we're going to get there, just go ahead and do it. We could do that, but it would be a bigger capital expense," he said.

Board member Jon Kean said some technology installed in new buildings to meet sustainability goals has underperformed as temperatures rise. Meanwhile, he said, most of the community focuses on children sitting in 92-degree classrooms.

"We can do anything we want to do. We can't do everything," Kean said.

Upton said the district has at times been "a little bolder" in pursuing sustainability goals and needs to be "much more careful." "We might not be as sustainable, but we need to be functional," he said.

Board Vice President Laurie Lieberman wondered whether the plan should be more aspirational, so the district is ready if grants or other opportunities arise.

"We might not hit the aspirations, but if we don't have the aspirations, we're certainly not going to hit them," she said.

Mignano said she sensed "a little bit of hesitancy" in the plan. "I want to be ambitious," she said.

Toyama said the goals came out of conversations with district departments about what they could commit to. He called the update "our best shot at finding that middle ground" between aspiration and realism. Much of the difficulty has come from limited staff capacity, he said. He is the district's only sustainability employee, and Mignano called him "a mighty team of one."

Upton said the money Toyama has saved the district "more than pays for his position." He suggested a second hire would add to those savings.

Board member Stacy Rouse praised the plan as comprehensive. "I don't think a goal not being met indicates failure," she said. She added that if the district sets only goals it knows it can reach, "maybe we're not pushing hard enough."

Staff also highlighted gains since 2019. Since 2023, all district electricity has come from renewable sources through Clean Power Alliance, which avoided more than 2,000 metric tons of emissions in 2024-25. Eleven rooftop solar systems at nine schools save more than $250,000 a year. Eight electric buses are due in early 2027, which will bring the bus fleet to nearly 40% electric.

"Need a plan, regardless," Toyama said. "Something is needed to guide us."

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## AIRPORT

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description would include no housing or commercial development. To help pay for the park, he said, the plan would instead maximize revenue from leasing hangars, renting venues and permitting fields.

The draft illustrative master plan covers the 192.6-acre airport and the adjacent 18.63-acre Clover Park. James said about 80% of the airport site is currently impervious concrete or asphalt.

The plan divides the land into eight districts:

* An immersive nature area of about 37 acres on the west end
* A 12-acre meadow
* An 18.47-acre lawn for concerts and events
* A nine-acre central "heart" envisioned as an arts, community and resilience hub
* An active sports district of almost 40 acres
* An urban edge of existing offices and hangars
* An arts and culture district, the largest in the plan
* Clover Park, reimagined as "the stroll"

James said the plan could add at least 10,000 trees and capture about 28 million gallons of runoff a year. It shows about 2,500 parking spaces, with room for about 1,200 more.

The airport is scheduled to close at the end of 2028, with the park opening Jan. 1, 2029. Environmental review is expected to take a year to a year and a half. James said the master plan is a framework, and later design phases will include more community engagement.

About 500 people attended an Oct. 17 workshop on the plan, according to James, and almost three-quarters said the project was heading in the right direction. An online survey is ongoing. The plan goes next to the Planning Commission, the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Airport Commission.

Several commissioners raised concerns about soil and groundwater contamination. James said contamination originates mainly from the neighboring business park, the former aircraft factory site, and is migrating through groundwater toward the airport. He said the issue is the subject of litigation between the city and Boeing.

James said a deeper Phase 2 analysis is underway through the city attorney's office, and the planning team has not seen its results. Sustainability Commissioner Ashley Olsen, attending her last meeting before joining the City Council, said she worried that unknown contamination could upend the planning work. "I just would hate to see all your hard work be uprooted by that stuff," she said.

Two motions followed. The Sustainability Commission voted to recommend that the council adopt sustainability certification criteria for building the park. The Clean Beaches Committee voted to recommend that city attorneys and the project team work together to understand subsurface contamination so it does not delay the park.

In other business, the Sustainability Commission and members of the Clean Beaches Committee formed an ad hoc committee to follow Depave Santa Monica. The city effort with a Santa Monica College student will assess where paved surfaces could be converted to green, permeable space.

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## THANKS

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This year, I'm thankful for everyone who reached out after reading about Belle's Moments. My family and friends have cheered me on, and my aunt has supported me in every way and shown up to every event. Thank you to New Roads School, Culver City High School, and our volunteers, especially Arden, Audrey, Ava, Cec, Gabe, and Searra, who've been there since day one. I'm grateful to Lauren at Ivy Park at Santa Monica for giving us a chance and to the residents for showing me that even a simple conversation can make someone's day.

***Kyleigh Belle Butler, Founder, Belle's Moments***

I am thankful that City leadership listened to the community's strong support and funded the restoration of full service at all our libraries. I am equally grateful for our dedicated, creative library staff, who welcome everyone and spark learning and discovery. Libraries are the heart of our neighborhoods, and it is wonderful to see them thriving again.

***Judith Meister, Santa Monica Library Board***

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### DBA

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## AROUND TOWN

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and menu.

**Thanksgiving at Shutters:** Skip the kitchen chaos and celebrate with a beachfront feast at 1 Pico, the oceanfront restaurant at Shutters on the Beach. The Thanksgiving menu offers traditional favorites alongside coastal options, including heritage turkey, pan-seared Maine scallops, branzino and prime filet. Vegan and gluten-free options are also available, so there's something for just about everyone at the table. Thursday, Nov. 26, 1 Pico Blvd. Reservations and menu.

**Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise on the Marina:** Why settle for dinner at the table when you can have it on the water? City Cruises offers a Thanksgiving dinner cruise out of Marina del Rey featuring a chef-prepared buffet of holiday favorites, scenic harbor and coastline views, and live DJ entertainment. Coffee, tea and water are included, while cocktails, wine and beer are available at the bar. Boarding begins at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 4–6:30 p.m. cruise, 13757 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey. Tickets and details.

**Thanksgiving at Sugar Palm:** Viceroy Santa Monica's Sugar Palm is offering a special à la carte Thanksgiving menu featuring seasonal flavors and festive touches. A good option for those who prefer to skip the traditional prix-fixe production and order exactly what they're in the mood for. Thursday, Nov. 26, 1819 Ocean Ave. Reservations.

**Thanksgiving Dinner at FIG:** Fairmont Miramar's FIG is serving a Thanksgiving prix fixe featuring seasonal starters, traditional turkey with all the trimmings, braised short rib and indulgent desserts. Warm Parker House rolls are included, because nobody should have to ration the bread on Thanksgiving. $120++ per person. Thursday, Nov. 26, 1–9 p.m., 101 Wilshire Blvd. Menu and reservations.

**Thanksgiving, Properly Done:** Santa Monica Proper has two ways to celebrate. Head to rooftop Calabra for Mediterranean-inspired fare, coastal views and holiday specials including herb-roasted turkey, prime rib and chestnut challah stuffing. Prefer a cozier setting? Palma's lobby lounge serves seasonal specials including hot toddy squash soup, roasted whole turkey and whole cauliflower, along with festive cocktails. Thursday, Nov. 26, 700 Wilshire Blvd. Calabra | Palma.

**Thanksgiving, Georgian Style:** The Georgian is serving up a Thanksgiving feast at both Sirena and The Georgian Room. The prix-fixe, family-style dinner features holiday favorites, seasonal sides and something sweet to finish, all with a Pacific view. $130 per person, $65 for children under 12. Thursday, Nov. 26, 4–9 p.m. at Sirena or 5–9 p.m. at The Georgian Room, 1415 Ocean Ave. Menu and reservations.

**Jameson's Pub:** All You Can Eat for $19.90: If your Thanksgiving budget is more neighborhood pub than oceanfront hotel, Jameson's has you covered. The all-you-can-eat holiday dinner includes a choice of roasted turkey, ham or prime rib, along with homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the fixings. Just $19.90 per person, with a one-beverage minimum. That's a lot of Thanksgiving for less than the cost of some pumpkin pies. Thursday, Nov. 26, 2702 Main St. Details.

**Thanksgiving at BOA:** For a more upscale steakhouse take on Thanksgiving, BOA offers a prix-fixe feast with a choice of roast turkey, prime rib or salmon, accompanied by family-style sides including brioche stuffing, mashed yams and honey-glazed carrots. Pumpkin or derby pie provides the finishing touch. $119 per person, $59 for children 12 and under. Thursday, Nov. 26, 1–8 p.m., 101 Santa Monica Blvd. Menu and reservations.

**Further Afield:** Home Alone in Concert: Kevin McCallister is getting the full orchestral treatment. The beloved holiday comedy returns to the big screen at Walt Disney Concert Hall, accompanied live by the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra performing John Williams' memorable score. A chance to relive the movie—and perhaps reconsider leaving your own children home alone. Friday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 28, 2 p.m., 111 S. Grand Ave. Tickets and details

**Looking Ahead:** Hanukkah on the Promenade (12/4-12); Montana Holiday Walk (12/5); Miracle on Main St. Holiday Fest (12/6)

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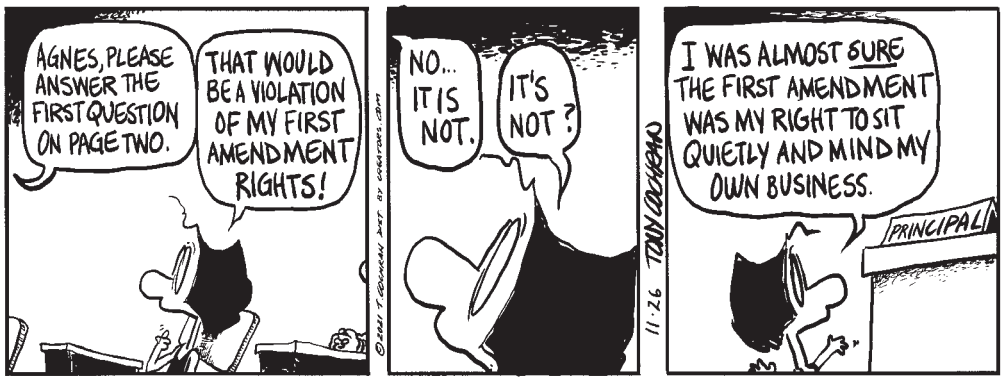


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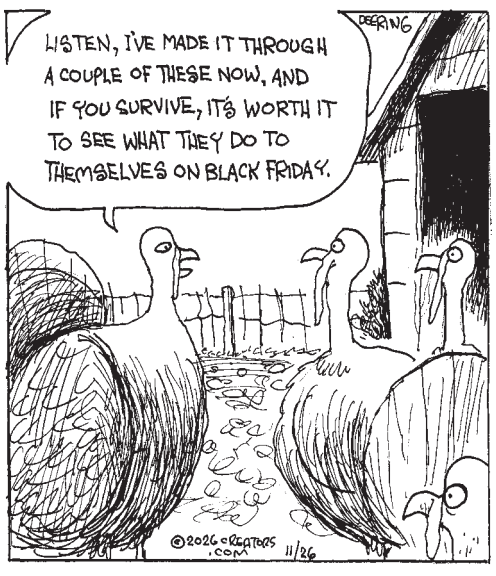


# FIND THE WORDS

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

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**Round up the sheep**

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In your Fruit Punch Year, you're not sure exactly what has gone into the mix, but boy is it sweet in a way that childhood you would have definitely approved of. Daily life feels celebratory, and there's a theme of innocent fun running through the entire year. More highlights: A move or significant domestic upgrade, new people welcomed into your family will make it feel warmer, a professional promotion. Taurus and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 16, 23, 35 and 47.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone is waiting for a decision, so you'll decide. The relief is immediate. People don't always agree with your choices, but today they'll appreciate your action and the high level of personal responsibility it took to make it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a particular kind of love, expressed through attention to ordinary comforts. It's wonderful to be tended to by those who remember your favorite foods, how you take your coffee and which chair you prefer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not only grateful for what you have, but you're also grateful for what you don't have: the jobs you passed up, the places you didn't move, the romances that fizzled... all make you appreciate the choices and accidents that brought you here.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know how much work goes into making a gathering feel effortless. The shopping, the timing, the extra place setting for a late addition - you'll notice who's doing all the invisible labor and make their day easier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You make it your business to bring everyone into the fun, including yourself, and especially the person who doesn't know quite where to fit in. Your kind attention transforms people's experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Solutions are your forte. Your contribution to the occasion involves a practical rescue. A missing ingredient, a seating problem or a dish that refuses to cooperate will meet its match in you - and you'll make it look easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can disagree with a person and still enjoy their company. This is a skill, and today you'll have a chance to demonstrate it. You'll discover that a shared sense of humor can accomplish what an hour of arguing never would.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll have a moment of genuine closeness with a person you don't often get to see. The conversation demonstrates how heart connections can transcend time and space, resonating sweetly even when life keeps you apart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll encounter a tradition that makes absolutely no sense to you. What's the origin? The explanation will be entertaining, if ridiculous. Just think how today's quirky traditions will be received 100 years from now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Try not to measure occasions by how well they seem to be going, because it's often the bumps and mishaps that become legendary. Imperfect logistics become perfect stories and cherished memories.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your curiosity steers conversation away from what might otherwise become an argument. You're keen to discover an unexpected point of agreement and perhaps a new respect for how differently people arrive at their conclusions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're grateful for a person who has influenced your life. The ideas, encouragement or kindness they offered years ago came at exactly the right time. Your success is theirs. Your happiness gives them joy.

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 Common pasta shape
5 Rolaids rival
9 Longing
13 Mideast nation
14 Home's back space
15 Leeway
16 Short-term cash advance
18 Portrayal
19 Maya Hawke's mom
20 Sellout notice
21 Ring happenings
22 Places for aces
27 Tolkien villain
28 Insincere apology
29 Boxer Ali
32 Draw for a game
33 Holds back
37 Belly builder
41 Much-loved
42 Countrywide: Abbr.
43 Orange-headed, red-nosed roommate
44 *Chica, brevemente*
45 Merchant for Homer
46 Projects with Rovers
53 Genesis creation
54 Attendance bk. notation
55 Water's historical conclusion
56 Short trips
57 *Cabaret* locale
61 Slushy beverage
62 First phase
63 Don't tempt it
64 What we have here
65 Endorses, so to speak
66 Meryl's *Mamma Mia!* mom

**DOWN**

1 Fill to the brim
2 Savory taste
3 Howl toward
4 Purpose
5 Very sharp nail
6 A quarter of *quattro*
7 Farm sound
8 Major misdeed
9 Splash guard of a sort
10 Anything that obscures
11 Suspends
12 Potato Head pair
14 Melodious
17 Guru's residence
21 Pupil mover
23 Game-action analysis
24 Bronzed
25 Overly hard work
26 Crude group
29 It's a boy
30 Face on a fin
31 Rocky Mtn. state
33 Macaroni wheat
34 Novelist Beattie
35 12th-century opener
36 What to call cutters
38 Crucifix letters
39 Western pact
40 Amplify online
44 Three-part fig.
45 Hoping to get on
46 Freeloader
47 Bank of China Tower designer
48 RSVP courtesies
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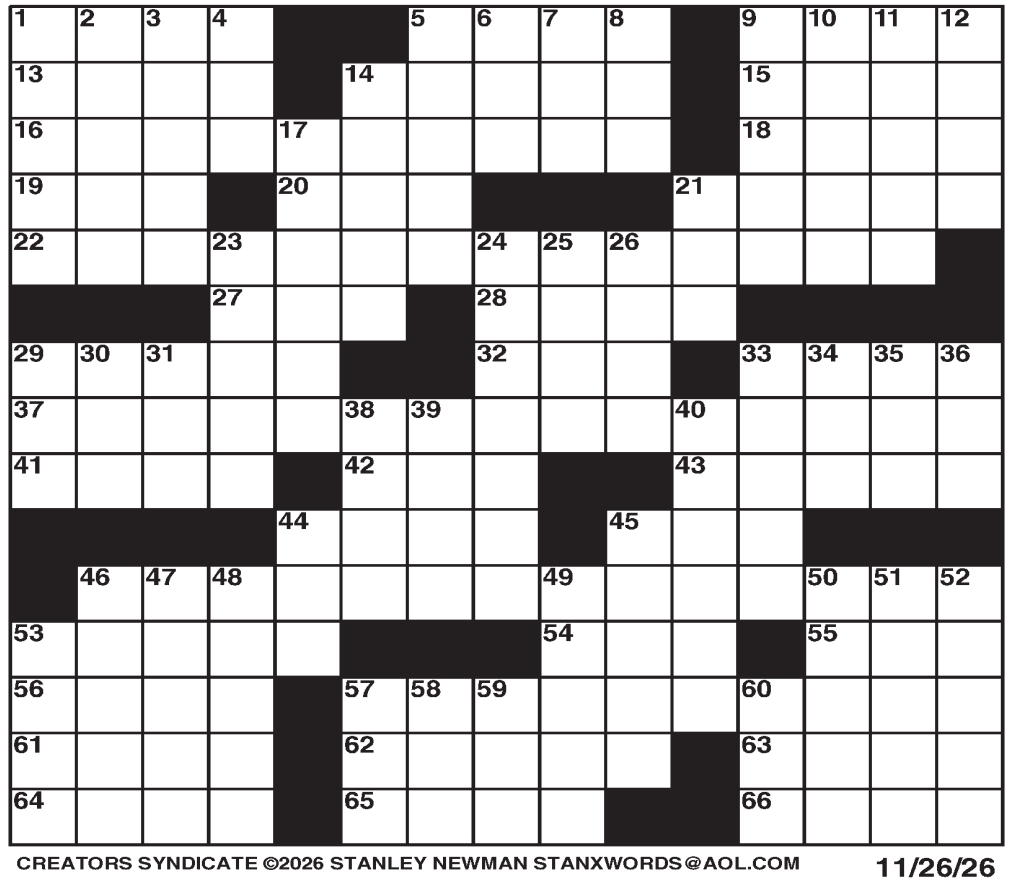
60 Taco Bell sister brand



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## THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 26

**THANKSGIVING IN VENICE 2026- FEED THE HOMELESS**
6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Rose Ave- In between Hampton Dr and Main St 219 E Rose Avenue Los Angeles. A Thanksgiving outreach effort bringing food and community support to people experiencing homelessness. $12.51. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/thanksgiving-in-venice-2026-feed-the-homeless/20039195/2026-11-26T06

**PALISADES TURKEY TROT**
8:00 a.m. Palisades Charter High School 15777 Bowdoin St Pacific Palisades. Thanksgiving morning race with 5K, 10K, and kids' family run options, drawing neighbors together for a festive start to the holiday. The Palisades Turkey Trot is more than a race — it's a Pacific Palisades tradition that brings thousands of neighbors together every Thanksgiving morning. Featuring a 5K, 10K and Kids & Family run. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisades-turkey-trot/20374849/2026-11-26T08

**THANKSGIVING BY THE SEA**
1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Orla by Michael Mina 1700 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. A Mediterranean-inspired Thanksgiving feast with mezze, entree choices, family-style desserts, and a festive photo opportunity. Celebrate Thanksgiving by the sea with a Mediterranean-inspired feast at Orla by Michael Mina. Begin with an abundant selection of mezze to share before choosing your entrée, followed by an array of family-style desserts made for passing around the table. A festive welcome beverage is included to begin the celebration. Throughout the experience, guests may also indulge in optional tableside enhancements available for an additional charge, including caviar service, mulled wine and other festive cart moments. Included with your Thanksgiving experience, families are invited to capture a holiday photo together in front of the Regent Christmas tree and menorah, creating a keepsake from the celebration. Little ones can also visit our Letters to Santa station to pen their holiday wishes. A warm and memorable Thanksgiving, designed for gathering, indulging and celebrating together. $75.00 to $240.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/thanksgiving-by-the-sea/20339627/2026-11-26T13

**THANKSGIVING AT HARVELLE'S**
8:00 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St Santa Monica. A free Thanksgiving gathering with football on at a Santa Monica venue, offering a casual place to spend the holiday. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/thanksgiving-at-harvelles/20460832/2026-11-26T20

## FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 27

**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/19242128/2026-11-27T09

**SOUNDS OF SANTA MONICA: HOLIDAY EDITION**
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl Santa Monica. Holiday-inspired live sets from emerging musicians and local DJs in a shopping plaza, creating a festive soundtrack for the season. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sounds-of-santa-monica-holiday-edition/20480998/2026-11-27T12

**LIVE WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT**
6:00 p.m. Palisades Village 15225 Palisades Village Ln Pacific Palisades. Weekend evenings feature live musicians on an outdoor shopping street, adding a soundtrack to a stroll through the village. Join us for Swarthmore Sounds every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening for live entertainment as talented musicians perform on Swarthmore Avenue. Enjoy the soundtrack of the weekend, then share your favorite moments with us by tagging @PalisadesVillage on Instagram. Fridays and Saturdays: 6 to 9 p.m. and Sundays 4 to 7 p.m. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/live-weekend-entertainment/20085380/2026-11-27T18

**WESTSIDE BALLET OF SANTA MONICA PRESENTS "THE NUTCRACKER"**
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St Santa Monica. Westside Ballet's staging of The Nutcracker brings the classic holiday ballet to the stage with multiple performances. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/westside-ballet-of-santa-monica-presents-the-nutcracker-/20284096/2026-11-27T19

**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. $25.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/salsa-bachata-friday-socials-in-santa-monica/20233611/2026-11-27T20

## SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 28

**COFFEE LOVERS RUN 5K/10K/13.1 LOS ANGELES**
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Park (Course Map will be emailed) Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. A scenic road race in Santa Monica for runners of various distances, paired with a love for coffee. Set a Goal and Run in this Smaller Group Race through a beautiful route. Run Stress-free, Warm memories, Always here for you! $41.32 to $49.87. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/coffee-lovers-run-5k-10k-13-1-los-angeles/18911295/2026-11-28T07

**5K FAMILY FUN RUN TURKEY TROT**
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Crescent Park 2000 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. A 5K run and walk in Santa Monica raising funds to support veterans at the Wadsworth VA Medical Center through the holiday season. The Veterans Affiliated Council is hosting a 5K Family Fun Run "Turkey Trot" fundraiser for their Holiday Program. Every year we give over 5 thousands dollars away in food and gifts to Veterans and their families for the holidays. The money raised from this event will go directly to the Veterans housed at the Wadsworth VA Medical Center in West Hollywood. Come join us for some fun in the sun before you enjoy your holiday meal and know you are supporting veterans at risk through the holidays. $45.00 — Children under 18 are free. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/5k-family-fun-run-turkey-trot/14343193/2026-11-28T07

**SATURDAY ROSÉ BRUNCH AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA**
11:30am-4:00pm. 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. Saturday Rosé Brunch at Loulou Santa Monica- Every Saturday from 11:30 AM -Named one of the 14 Best Buffet Brunches in the USA.This is how weekends should begin.French Rosé flowing.Crêpe, Omelette & Paëlla stations.DJ's & live performances with the Riviera Vibe.A Rooftop bathed in sunshine and Pacific breezes.$55 before noon | $65 after noonGroups of 6+ get a complimentary Bottle of Côte de Provence Rosé (21+)Brunch, Celebrate, Escape.Repeat!LouLou is your new Saturday ritual.Book now: bit.ly/loulou-rose-brunch-booking. $55.00 to $65.00. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/saturday-ros-brunch-at-loulou-santa-monica/19674102/2026-11-28T11

**THE NUTCRACKER BRUNCH**
11:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Regent Santa Monica Beach 1700 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. A holiday experience combining a multi-course brunch, a live Nutcracker ballet performance, Santa photos, and family-friendly activities inspired by the story. Step into the magic of the season with an enchanting Nutcracker Brunch at Regent Santa Monica Beach, a festive experience for the whole family. The afternoon begins at ORLA with a lavish multi-course brunch by acclaimed chef Michael Mina and his culinary team, featuring shareable starters, a choice of plated entrée, festive drinks and decadent holiday sweets. $125.00 to $240.00— Free for ages 0–4. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-nutcracker-brunch/20239830/2026-11-28T11

## SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 29

**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. Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join!
Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. The parade follows a strict no-smoking or drinking policy, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-11-29T17

**LETTER FROM DAVID**
7:00 p.m. - 8:20 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A solo show starring magician Albie Selznick, retelling his quest to work with David Bowie through comedy, magic, and stories from the glam-rock era. A young magician's quest to work with his idol David Bowie leads to a wild ride of self-discovery... and a big surprise in this true story that's part memoir and part love letter to the 70s and 80s glam rock era. Starring actor and professional magician Albie Selznick, and directed by Laura Maccabee, Letter from David, which made its premiere at the Hollywood Fringe Festival 2026, will run from October 18 through December 20 at the Santa Monica Playhouse. Two preview performances take place on October 4 and October 11. $15.00 to $25.00— $25 GA; $17.50 students/teachers/srs/military; $15 groups. Visit: https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/letter-from-david/19815933/2026-11-29T19

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