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Rogue housing project creates chaos over Thanksgiving break



Matthew Hall

OCEAN AVE: The building at 413 Ocean Ave. has been the source of controversy this year, most recently with an unpermitted sober living that tried to open over Thanksgiving.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monicans near Ocean Avenue spent the Thanksgiving holiday in a state of chaos and confusion over the mysterious occupation of buildings that had previously been targeted as mental health housing. Residents reported people moved into at least one of the two buildings on Ocean on Tuesday, causing officials to scramble to identify what had happened before the Thanksgiving break.

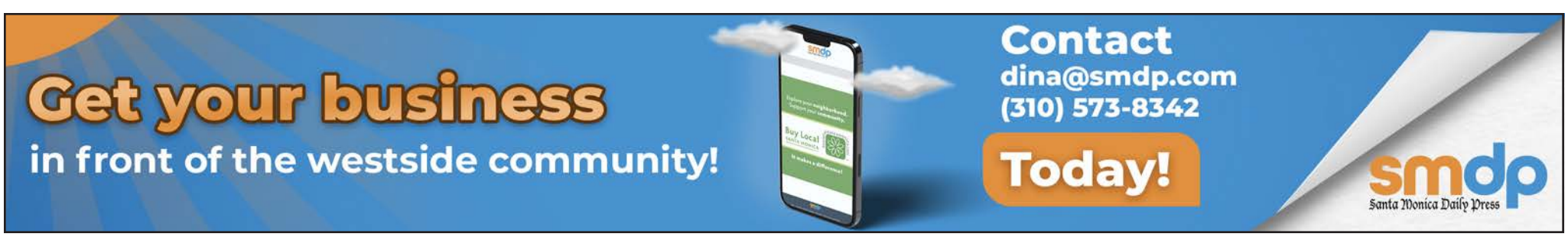
The situation unfolded rapidly beginning Tuesday, Nov. 25, when neighbors near 413 Ocean Avenue noticed unusual activity at the property. By Wednesday morning, residents were alerting each other about people being moved into the building under cover of darkness, prompting emergency calls to city officials.

"There were people coming in. I'm like, Really," said Mayor Lana Negrete. "They're dropping off people at night."

The surge of residents prompted immediate complaints of smoking on the property, fights, unsafe animals and noise.

What city officials discovered when they investigated on Wednesday afternoon was an unpermitted residential facility that had already moved approximately 30 vulnerable

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Santa Monica is stronger than anonymous attacks

I entered public service because I love Santa Monica. I believe in its people, its neighborhoods, and its future. That belief has guided every decision I have made as a public servant.

That is why I was disappointed to see an anonymous political mailer recently circulated more than a year before the next election. It is filled with misinformation, fear-based rhetoric, and personal attacks. This kind of shadow campaigning does not reflect the character of Santa Monica, and it raises serious concerns under California's campaign transparency laws and the Fair Political Practices Act. Our city deserves honest, transparent debate, not anonymous smears.

More importantly, the mailer ignores the real work happening every day on behalf of Santa Monicans.

Over the past year, the Santa Monica City Council advanced a clear, results-driven Realignment Plan to improve public safety, strengthen our economy, stabilize housing, and reinvest in the public spaces that make our city work. That work is delivering real results.

On public safety and cleanliness, the City, at the direction of Council, expanded coordinated deployments of police, ambassadors, and outreach teams in downtown and other high-impact corridors. We increased daily sanitation, adding thousands of service hours for street cleaning, pressure washing, and trash removal. Foot and bike patrol visibility is up where residents and businesses asked for it most.

On economic recovery, Santa Monica issued several thousand business permits and renewals this year, streamlined approvals for outdoor dining and storefront activation, and invested millions in downtown revitalization and small-business support. While we are continuing to recover from both the pandemic and the January firestorms, hotel occupancy now reaches roughly 75 to 80 percent in peak months. Through the Realignment Plan, we are rebuilding business confidence and driving reinvestment that restores tens of millions of dollars each year to the General Fund to support core services like public safety, parks, fully reopened libraries, and human services.

On housing and renter protections, the City approved hundreds of permanently affordable housing units this year as part of our commitment to an inclusive Santa Monica. We strengthened enforcement against illegal evictions, expanded tenant protections, passed a renters' right to counsel and continued to defend rent control while expanding the Preserving our Diversity "POD" program. At a time of historic affordability pressure across the region, Santa Monica is doing both parts of the work: protecting renters and building housing.

On homelessness and behavioral health, we continued to fund outreach, interim housing, and permanent supportive housing while securing substantial state and regional funding to reduce the burden on local taxpayers. Over the past year, hundreds of our most vulnerable neighbors moved from the streets into stable housing through coordinated local and regional placements. These outcomes are the product of persistent, unglamorous work across City departments and regional systems.

On infrastructure and public space, we have moved forward reinvestments in streets, parks, libraries, and mobility corridors across Santa Monica that improve safety, access, and long-term climate resilience.

None of this work is theoretical. Residents see it every day in reopened libraries, habitable housing for our neighbors, deployed safety teams and cleaner, safer public spaces.

Throughout my career, I have advocated for Santa Monica at the regional level so our city receives its fair share of funding for housing, homelessness response, transportation, economic development, and public safety. That work brings real resources home and helps reduce costs to local taxpayers. In a regional economy, effective leadership means showing up where the funding and policy decisions are made.

Governing is complex. It requires balancing safety, compassion, accountability, economic vitality, and housing stability at the same time. It requires facts, not fear. It requires transparency, not anonymity.

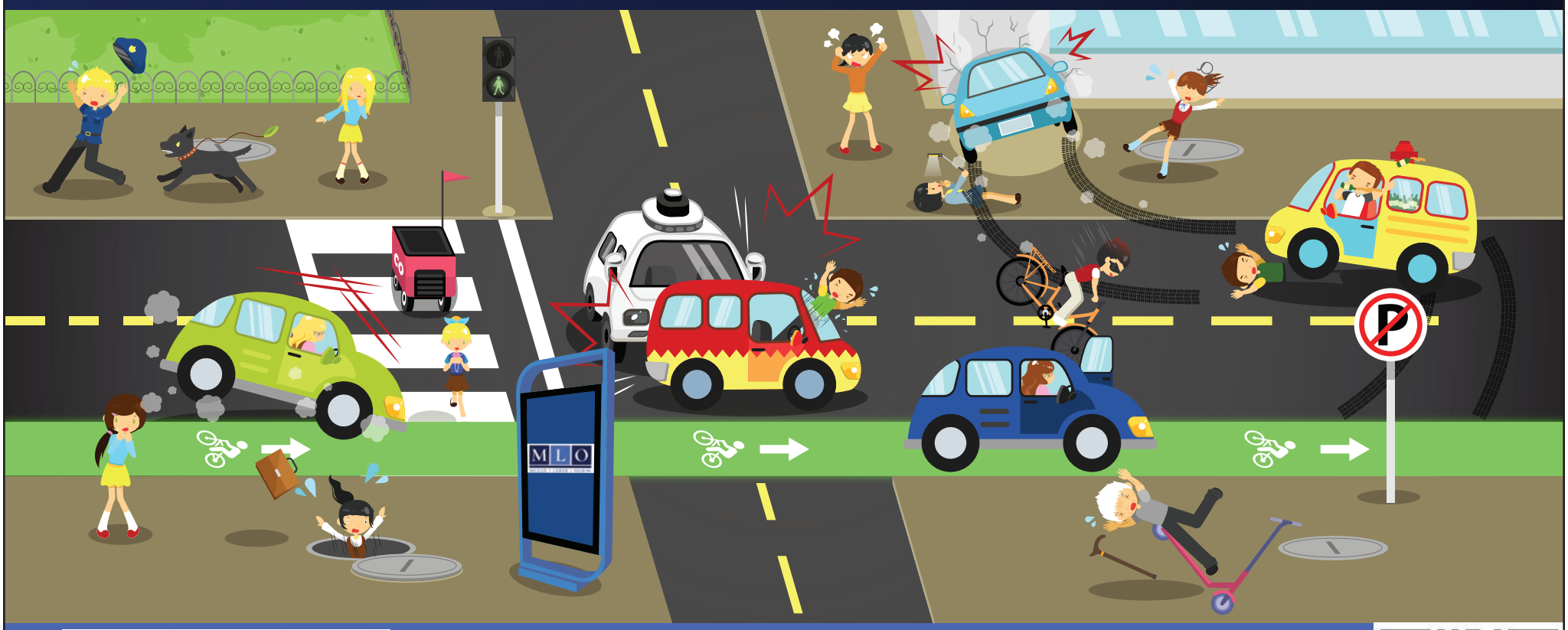
Santa Monica is bigger than fear-based, anonymous attacks. We stand for innovation, inclusion, and civic engagement. We face hard problems directly, and we solve them with honesty and accountability.

I remain proud of the direction in which our city is moving, and I am clear-eyed about the work still ahead. I will continue to listen to residents, adjust where needed, and focus relentlessly on delivering measurable results. My door is always open to anyone who wants to engage in honest, open conversation about the future of our city.

Anonymous attacks will not distract me from the responsibility voters entrusted to me. I will continue to lead with integrity and to fight every day for a Santa Monica that is safer, stronger, and more resilient for everyone who calls it home.

By Mayor Pro Tempore Caroline Torosis

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Supporting Santa Monica's economic growth through seamless, sustainable transportation

As Santa Monica embarks on a new economic growth and opportunity trajectory as part of the recently adopted Realignment Plan, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is playing a vital role by offering a safe, sustainable, and accessible multimodal transportation network that connects people to the places they want to go.

For starters, Santa Monica takes the guesswork out of riding transit. Through its initiative, riders are enjoying service enhancements across the system including increased frequency, expanded operating hours, and improved connections to Metro Rail lines and major destinations.

And with Big Blue Bus service now running every 10-15 minutes to the new , Santa Monica is the first stop to broader adventures across Southern California. Riders can sip a cocktail over a meal and stroll through Third Street Promenade's Entertainment Zone before heading out to catch a flight, sporting event, or concert.

When it's time for the main event, hop on Big Blue Bus to the LAX/Metro Transit Center for access to free shuttles that serve SoFi Stadium and all LAX terminals. Leave the car at home, avoid traffic, skip parking, save cash, and to the region's biggest events.

With more than half of city residents walking and biking daily, Santa Monica is proud to be a growing multimodal community. DOT supports diverse transportation options such as shared micromobility alternatives, low-income mobility programs, and a public transportation system that provides accessible, reliable, high-quality service for residents and visitors alike.

The city has been hard at work to make car-free transportation as easy and safe as possible. The Vision Zero initiative has improved street safety and reduced severe and fatal traffic injuries through infrastructure enhancements, such as new and improved bike lanes, refreshed crosswalks, upgraded curb ramps, and enhanced bus stops featuring additional seating, lighting and shade.

And there is much more to come over the next two years as part of the Realignment Plan, which includes a Vision Zero Enhancement Plan focused on:

Adding staff capacity for traffic engineering, mobility analysis, and street safety implementation.

Adding staff capacity to improve responsiveness for striping, signage, and roadway maintenance.

Allocating $500K / year to be able to deliver quick-build and long-term capital projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, particularly in the Downtown, school zones, and high-injury corridors.

Integrating Vision Zero goals into CIP planning and annual budget priorities, ensuring ongoing accountability.

By expanding the city's multimodal network and reducing car dependence, DOT supports Santa Monica's climate goals while also fueling local economic growth. As we rebuild and reimagine our city, DOT is moving progress forward — one trip, one rider, one connection at a time.

Submitted by the City of Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.5**

TUESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Longer period WNW swell on track to build through the day. Very selective and best west of Dume. Fun-zone surf expected to build through the day, largest in the evening. Size looks to be in the knee-waist high range, while longer period magnets west of Dume go chest-head high in the afternoon. Doesn't look like we'll have much Southern Hemi energy in the mix, maybe enough to at least section out the lines at the beachbreaks, but this looks like it'll be one for the structured/winter spots.

WEDNESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

WNW swell lingers, size spreads around better as swell period drops. S wind possible. Summer points in the knee-thigh high zone as better winter spots go waist-chest high. Standouts west of Dume can expect better sets in the head-high range. Deep high tide slows down the surf early, and southerly wind could cause issues all day. Plan to surf somewhere with protection and be ready to wait out the nearly 7' high tide.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 51.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 61. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

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2025/12/03	Wed	12:35 AM	1.69	L
2025/12/03	Wed	07:02 AM	6.94	H
2025/12/03	Wed	2:17 PM	-1.37	L
2025/12/03	Wed	8:41 PM	3.91	H
2025/12/04	Thu	01:18 AM	1.90	L
2025/12/04	Thu	07:43 AM	7.22	H
2025/12/04	Thu	3:04 PM	-1.72	L
2025/12/04	Thu	9:35 PM	3.88	H
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19 22 30 32 59
Power#: 1
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6 7 13 39 48
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EVENING: 2 7 8
Draw Date: 11/30
MIDDAY: 3 3 9

Daily Derby — Draw Date: 11/30
1st: 07 - Eureka
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
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A response to Councilmember Zwick

Councilmember Zwick begins his opinion piece (or rather, those who write for him) with a primary statement directed towards readers who "know" him. For better or worse, this writer has known him for several decades and sadly, but realistically, will say that supportive housing of any kind has never been close to his thoughts. That's being kind. With the extraordinary wealth, love, opportunities and advantages he experienced in his formative and later years, Mr. Zwick could easily have given back to any number of communities-could have made a positive difference in the lives of so many. He has chosen otherwise.

I'll not argue the merits of what his writers have claimed to be the virtues he espouses, although he should at least check his bio more carefully. Claims to have been born and raised in Santa Monica still haunt his writings. At one point in 2022, we discussed those false claims on social media:

August 24th at 3:31 p.m.

JESSE ZWICK AUTHOR

"...And only later in life did I realize that it was technically a part of Los Angeles, not SM, as far as voting and such."

ANNA ROGERS

"Thanks for the clarification and honesty, Jesse. Go ahead and correct your campaign bio so it will reflect that correction. There's no shame in growing up in LA."

He laughed it off, claiming to be confused, but this deliberate failure to correct false information indicated a pattern of deceitful pride in the lack of honesty and transparency from the very beginning. He used that same defense when he was caught in September of 2021 revealing the private home addresses of people he considered to be the opposition, falsely labeling them and causing subsequent property damage. Although the incident was reported in several newspapers, he continued to refer to these and other alarming events as "workplace accidents." Nowadays these accidents repeat themselves in the form of nonsensical slander and stereotypes hurled towards those who see right through him and his donor-employers. Unfortunately, Mr. Zwick will continue to play Mother Theresa while he ignores the actual needs of our homeless families while harassing and falsely disparaging private Santa Monica residents as well as all who oppose his machinations, using social media, his newsletter and other exchanges, acting in his capacity as a Santa Monica City Councilmember.

There is also no need for Mr. Zwick to further insult readers by insinuating the necessity to take on another job or accept a recruitment offer, which just so happens to be with a massive building organization that advertises "...working to overcome NIMBYism." Enough said with that slur against those for responsible development and growth. Such obvious conflicts of interest can carry significant penalties, as outlined in Nevada Commission on Ethics v. Carrigan. Elected officials are prohibited from voting on all matters in which they have a conflict of interest, but we've moved 'way past that one now. The damage is accumulating, and any semblance of breathable, open space is rapidly disappearing as those who salivate at the prospect of excessive overdevelopment become richer while residents silently choke on the ever-growing glob of crushing density.

The very last thing our small 8.3 square mile town needs is a short-order wannabe politician who takes direction, not only from HAC, but from other overdevelopment billionaire corporate bosses while dishing up even more tired, old excuses to damage/delete roads, neighborhoods, art and entertainment venues, historic landmarks, infrastructure and the environment. Yes, yes, we get it. Fewer streets, retail, and badly needed art locales such as Bergamot Station will equal more space to build, build, build, or in pragmatic terms, create vacancies, make a fortune for the overdevelopment employers, build one-size-fits-all hastily constructed high rise overly priced boxes that, for the most part, will remain empty, block sea breezes & sunlight, and help no one..

In many of my lectures and discussions on professional ethics over the years, I've emphasized the two true motives of those who artificially shine through the literary spins of their writers and adoring beneficiaries to the detriment of others: Profit and Power. Every single time. Mr. Zwick could easily give the entertainment business another try. Perhaps for the sake of our city, he should.

Anna M. Rogers, Ph.D., Santa Monica

GET IT DAILY...

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pier

Santa Monica Pier Hosts Free Holiday Events on Three December Thursdays

The Santa Monica Pier will host "Holiday Cheer on the Pier" on three consecutive Thursdays in December, offering free family activities and entertainment along the waterfront.

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is presenting the events Dec. 4, 11 and 18, featuring music, art, storytelling and holiday photo opportunities. The pier's historic Merry Go-Round building will serve as the centerpiece for the celebrations.

Activities run from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on all three dates and include letter-writing to Santa and ornament painting with Paint:Lab inside the Merry Go-Round building. Completed letters will be mailed to the North Pole, organizers said.

Books & Cookies will present musical storytime sessions at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Patio 66 at Pacific Park, located behind Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. The Bob Baker Marionette Theater will perform at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the same location.

Holiday refreshments including hot cocoa, churros and popcorn will be available for purchase at Patio 66.

The final event Dec. 18 features an extended celebration called Sandy Cane Lane from 4 to 9 p.m. The evening includes photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a holiday sand sculpture, live music and a car decorating contest with cash prizes for participants who outfit their vehicles with holiday lights and decorations.

"From handcrafted ornaments and puppet shows to magical moments with Santa himself, Holiday Cheer on the Pier invites families from across Los Angeles to celebrate the season with us by the sea," said Jim Harris, executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation.

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates the pier, relies on donations and community support to provide free programming. The organization is not fully funded by the city of Santa Monica.

The Dec. 18 event also marks the return of Locals' Night, serving as the holiday season finale.

The Santa Monica Pier is located at 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Visitors are encouraged to arrive by rideshare, Metro, bus or bicycle.

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Santa Monica Pier Corporation

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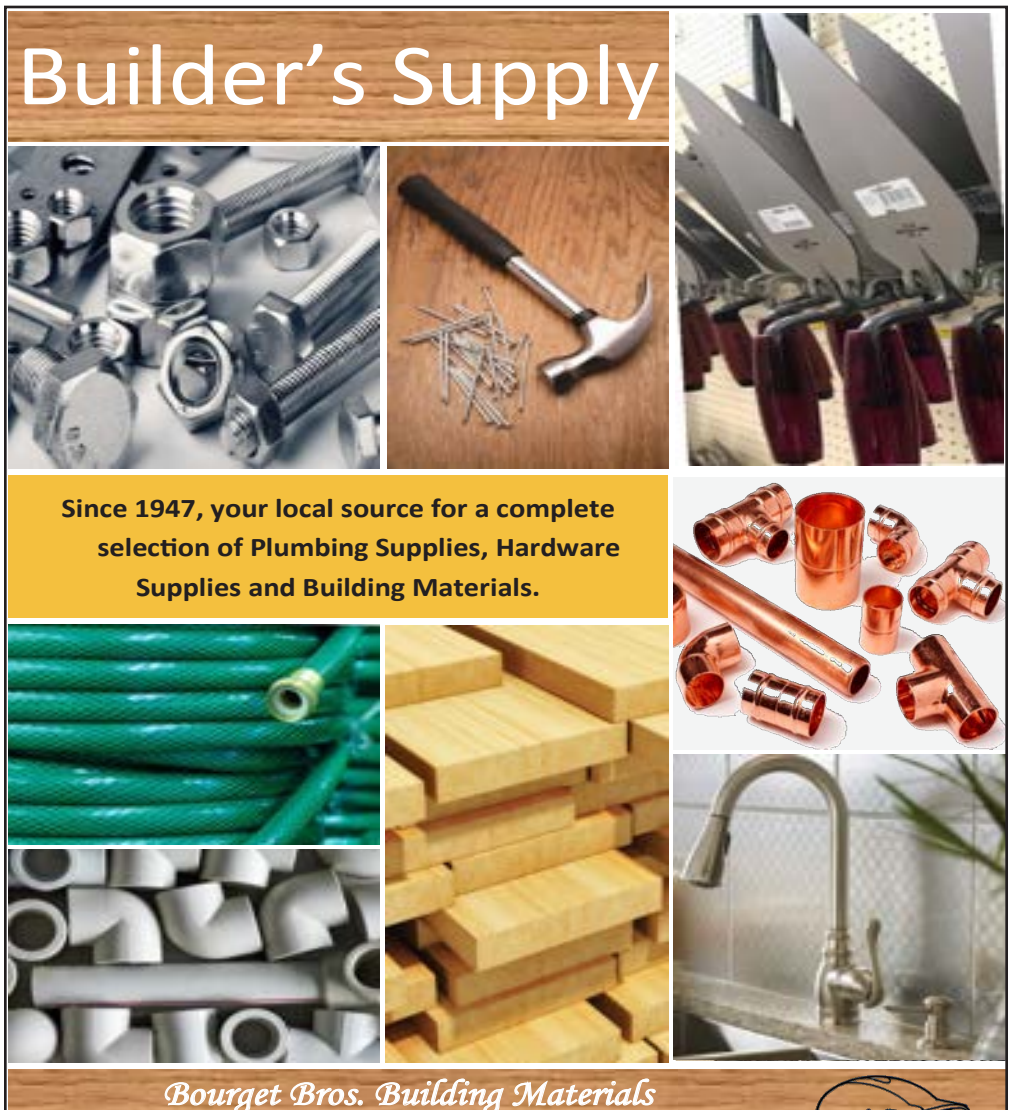
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pier

Santa Monica Pier Executive Director Honored with Conservancy Award

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the public to support the nonprofit organization on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 2, as its longtime leader Jim Harris is honored with the 2025 President's Award by the Santa Monica Conservancy.

The Santa Monica Conservancy recognized Harris for his "exemplary stewardship of local history and commitment to hosting community-centered events at the Pier" during a ceremony at the Miles Playhouse on Nov. 13. As executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, Harris has been instrumental in preserving the pier's authentic spirit while championing its cultural evolution through concerts, exhibitions, festivals, historical programs and more during his 21 years of service.

> When people visit Santa Monica, they always ask, 'Where is the real Santa Monica?'
> - Mario Fonda-Bonardi, board president of the Santa Monica Conservancy

"When people visit Santa Monica, they always ask, 'Where is the real Santa Monica?'" said Mario Fonda-Bonardi, board president of the Santa Monica Conservancy, in his remarks introducing Harris at the award ceremony. "That question is answered the moment they arrive at the Pier. It's our Eiffel Tower — our signature. And the man most responsible for keeping it real, relevant and beloved is Jim Harris."

Harris began his journey on the pier working at the legendary waterfront dive, the Boathouse, before becoming one of the pier's most passionate advocates. Along the way, he's written a definitive book, "Santa Monica, America's Last Great Pleasure Pier," staged historical plays, built museum-quality displays and transformed the pier into a place of discovery, memory and magic for locals and visitors alike.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Santa Monica Pier Corporation curates community-driven programming that is free and accessible to the public year-round. From Youth Day at the Pier to Locals' Night and the popular Wellness & Waves series, these offerings are made possible through public donations, not city funding.

Donations help keep the pier free and fun for everyone, support inclusive programs for local youth and families, preserve landmark history through exhibits, archives and storytelling, and maintain the Santa Monica Pier's cultural heartbeat for generations to come.

Every contribution, large or small, helps maintain the magic of this historic seaside treasure. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit santamonicapier.org/donate.

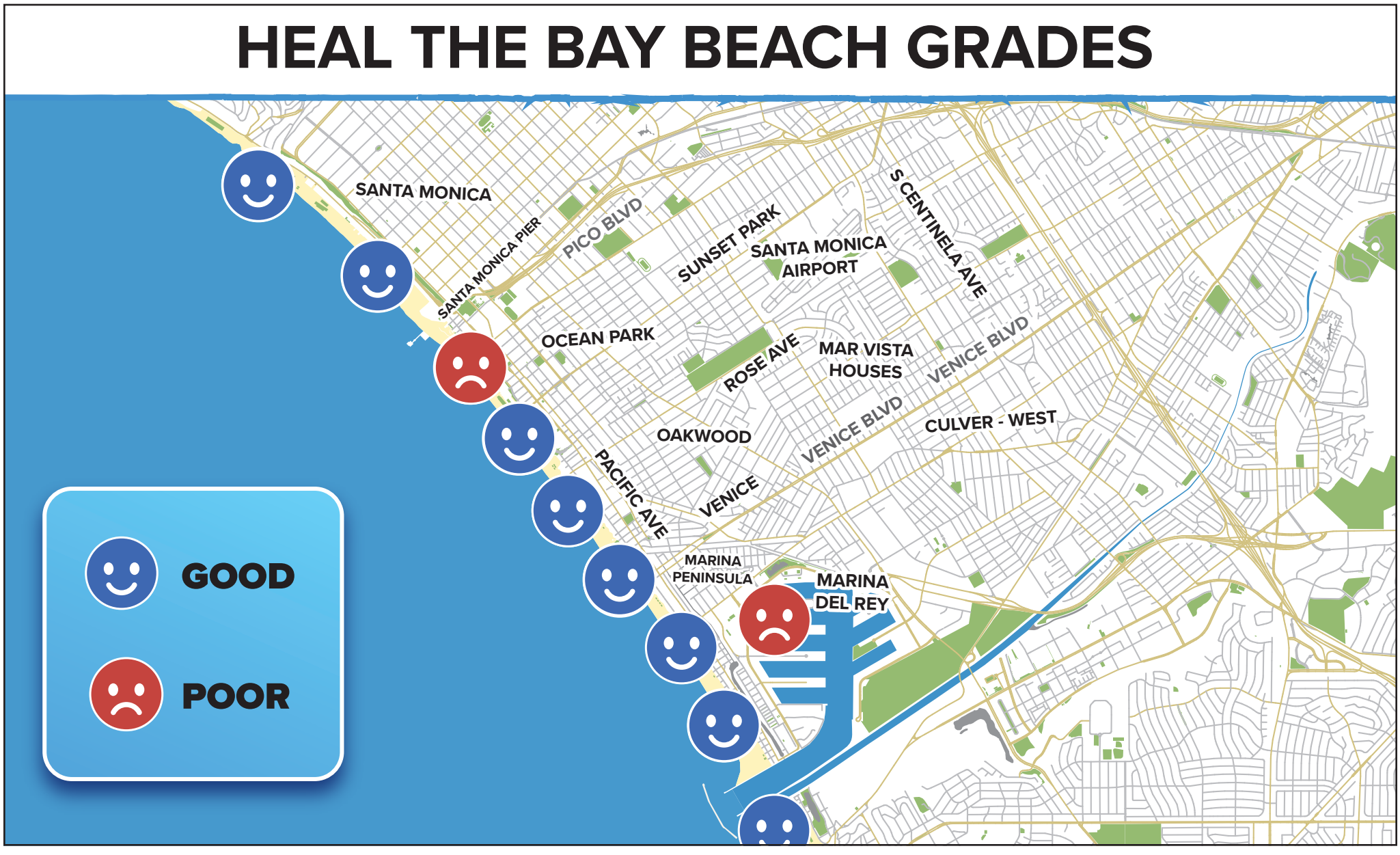
The Santa Monica Pier is located at 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite A. The pier is accessible by rideshare, Metro, bus or bike.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC Corsair Track and Field Closed Through Spring 2026 for Repairs

The Santa Monica College Corsair Track & Field, located at SMC's main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd., is closed to all users, including the community, through mid-April 2026 for major construction and repairs funded by local voter-approved bond Measure AA from 2008.

The construction and revamp efforts include resurfacing the track, regrading the field and installing a new digital scoreboard. Throughout the project, the track and field will be unavailable for internal college athletic programs and is also unavailable to the public.

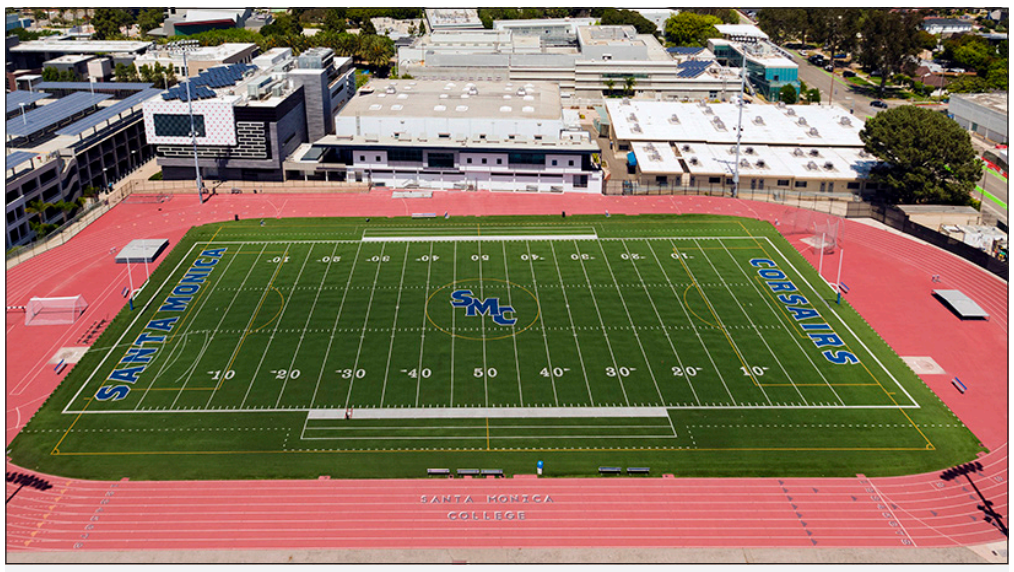
DSK Architects and Environmental Constructions Inc. are executing all aspects of the project.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin Dec. 1 and is anticipated to be completed by mid-April 2026. Details related to public use, including hours and guidelines, will be reviewed in spring 2026 and appropriate notifications made prior to reopening.

For updates on the construction status of Corsair Track & Field, email SMC Director of Facilities Planning & Construction Charlie Yen at Yen_Charlie@smc.edu or visit smc.edu/ConstructionUpdates. The status of all local voter-approved bond-funded projects may also be found at smcbondprojects.com.

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Samohi

SMMUSD and Conservancy Celebrate New Deal Art and Architecture Restoration

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the Santa Monica Conservancy will host an open house Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m., celebrating the restoration of art and architecture created during the New Deal in the 1930s.

The event, titled "Celebrating New Deal History at Samohi," begins at Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall, followed by visits to the 2025 Preservation Award Winners for Stewardship: the Samohi Senior Bench and Viking Warrior Statue.

Speakers include Carey Upton, facilities manager for SMMUSD, and Nina Fresco and Ruthann Lehrer from the Santa Monica Conservancy. The celebration features the first-ever art gallery installation of paintings created under the Works Progress Administration's Federal Arts Project, including a large-scale painting by renowned artist Conrad Buff titled "Westward Ho."

Barnum Hall, the school auditorium, showcases Moderne architecture and decorative artwork as one of the city's most splendid historic landmarks. The Viking Warrior statue was salvaged from demolition, restored and installed in a prominent new location. The Senior Bench, with its petrachrome murals, was also relocated and restored.

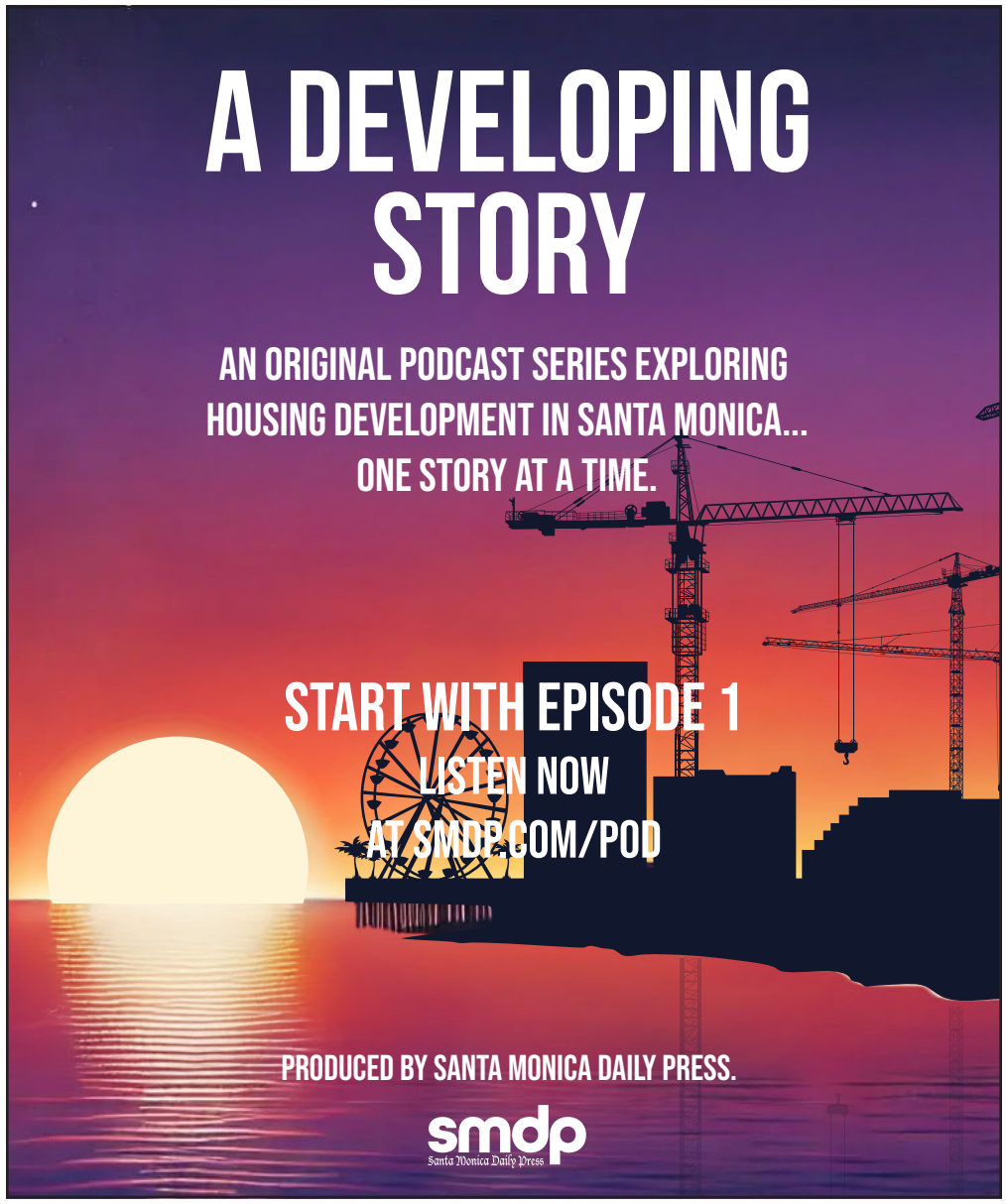
The 1930s marked transformative times in Santa Monica. The Depression was followed by the devastating Long Beach Earthquake in 1933, which severely damaged all schools and moved classroom learning to outdoor tents. Rebuilding was facilitated by federal grants under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, with major public works carried out including construction of City Hall and the Post Office.

Public art was integral to the economic recovery program. Rebuilding school campuses resulted in WPA Moderne architecture and facility innovations, as well as new artwork. As school campuses continue to evolve, retaining visible links to the past remains important for remembering history.

Parking is available at the city parking structure at 4th Street and Olympic Boulevard, with access to Samohi at the 4th Street gate.

RSVP at https://smc.givecloud.co/samohi

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Classifieds

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP006007 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Adel Etian Hanna Abdou filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Adel Etian Hanna Abdou to Proposed name: Adel Etian Hanna. 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: 01-09-26 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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 (for resident of the county) printed in this county (specify paper): Santa Monica Mirror (for other petitioners) printed in the county in which petitioner resides or, if no county, in the local subdivision or territory where petitioner resides. Date: NOV 25 2025 s/ LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: December 2, 2025, December 9, 2025, December 16, 2025, December 23, 2025

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00576. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Erika Georgiou & Andrew Forero for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Erika Georgiou filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: James Troy Georgiou Forero to Jamie Troy Georgiou Forero. 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, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Dated: 11/07/2025. s/ Lawrence Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish: 11/11/2025, 11/18/2025, 11/25/2025, 12/02/2025.

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025263617 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DAVANZO GEOSPATIAL CONSULTING, 2411 Ashland Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90405, Los Angeles County. Registered Owner(s): EDUARDO DAVANZO, 2411 Ashland Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90405. This business is conducted by: Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/2025. s/ EDUARDO DAVANZO, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/24/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: December 1, 2025, December 8, 2025, December 15, 2025, December 22, 2025

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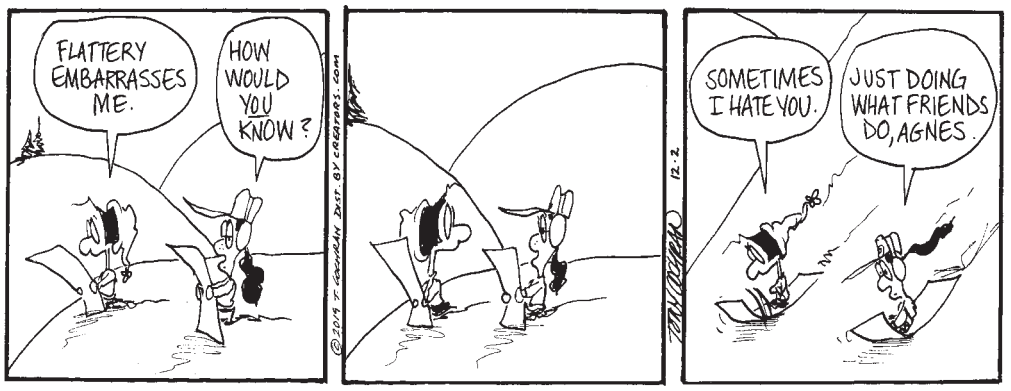
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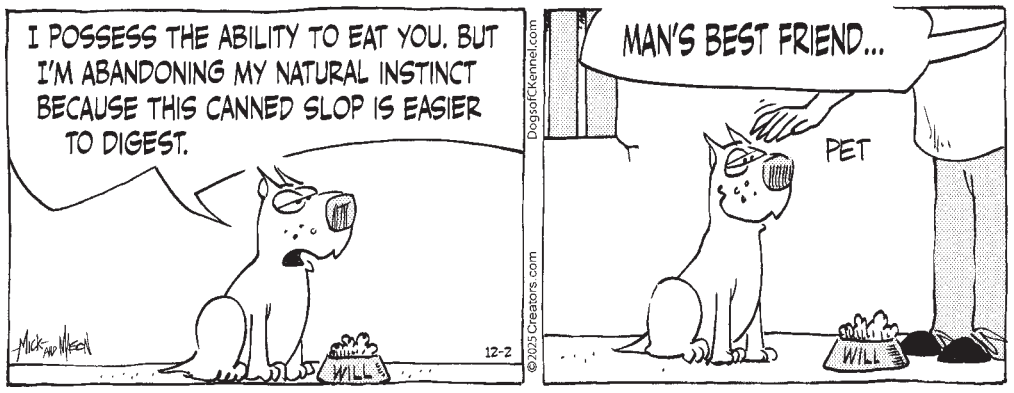
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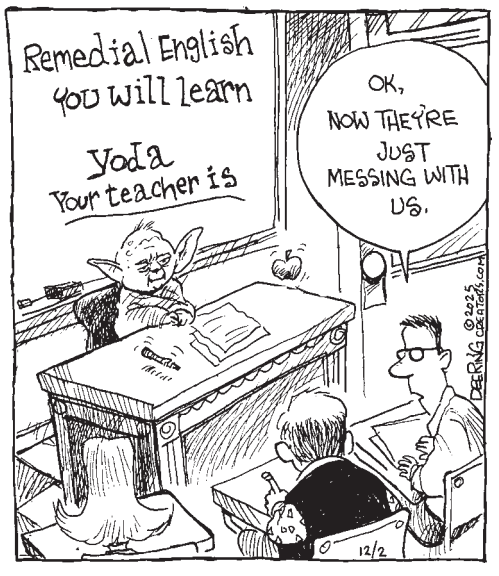
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Bats	Deet	Knife	Site
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Welcome to your Year of Grand Expression. Your ideas have cinematic scale and personal depth that audiences respond to. You'll be seen, supported and celebrated, which is fun, but it will be even more fun to take what you learn and build something with others, giving and developing together. More highlights: a creative work goes viral, truly beautiful love matures, and an investment pays. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 29, 48, 13 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Asking the right question is more powerful than telling someone what to do. You have a disarming and inspiring energy that makes others feel safe to reveal themselves or think more deeply. Your behavior and tone set the standard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your mind's always showing you movies - some true, some exaggerated. You don't have to believe every scene. Choose the thoughts that help you move forward, the ones that keep the light on inside.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). True support doesn't compete at inopportune moments. Anyone trying to distract you while you're working is more concerned with their own needs than yours. The people who truly care will protect your time and cheer you on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone young or simply new at heart could use your patience and care. Offer it freely. You may not get anything tangible in return, but you'll walk away feeling fuller. Giving always has a way of giving back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Appreciate both joy and struggle. Light and dark each have something to teach you. The light shows you everything to be seen in a certain direction, and the dark shows you nothing but stars shining steadfastly, beckoning, "This way, please."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've noticed that putting up with something that bothers you often leads to getting more of what bothers you. You'll get a reminder today. Change doesn't start when things improve. It starts when you stop tolerating what you don't want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's normal to fall, and it's normal to get up and keep walking. Perhaps the most normal thing of all is the pause before getting back up. Take a beat to reorient and regain balance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is moving so fast now that you might take the unflashy values like humility, consistency and reliability for granted. If you haven't had the chance to thank the people who show up for you, you'll get the chance today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). We're told to speak our needs because no one can read minds. Yet today brings an exception in the form of a connection so tuned in that words barely matter. Someone will understand you perfectly, almost before you speak.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you're feeling a little bogged down, it's because your mind has pockets you haven't checked in a while. Go through, gather up the useless and dated ideas, and release them to the trash.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're stepping into unfamiliar territory with its own rules, aesthetics and inside jokes. Strategic learning is called for. Every new challenge teaches you the culture. Who can show you the ropes? Your curiosity will be your edge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Something you witness will strike a chord at the very heart of you. This soul music occurs because of the sympathetic resonance in these emotions you know so very well.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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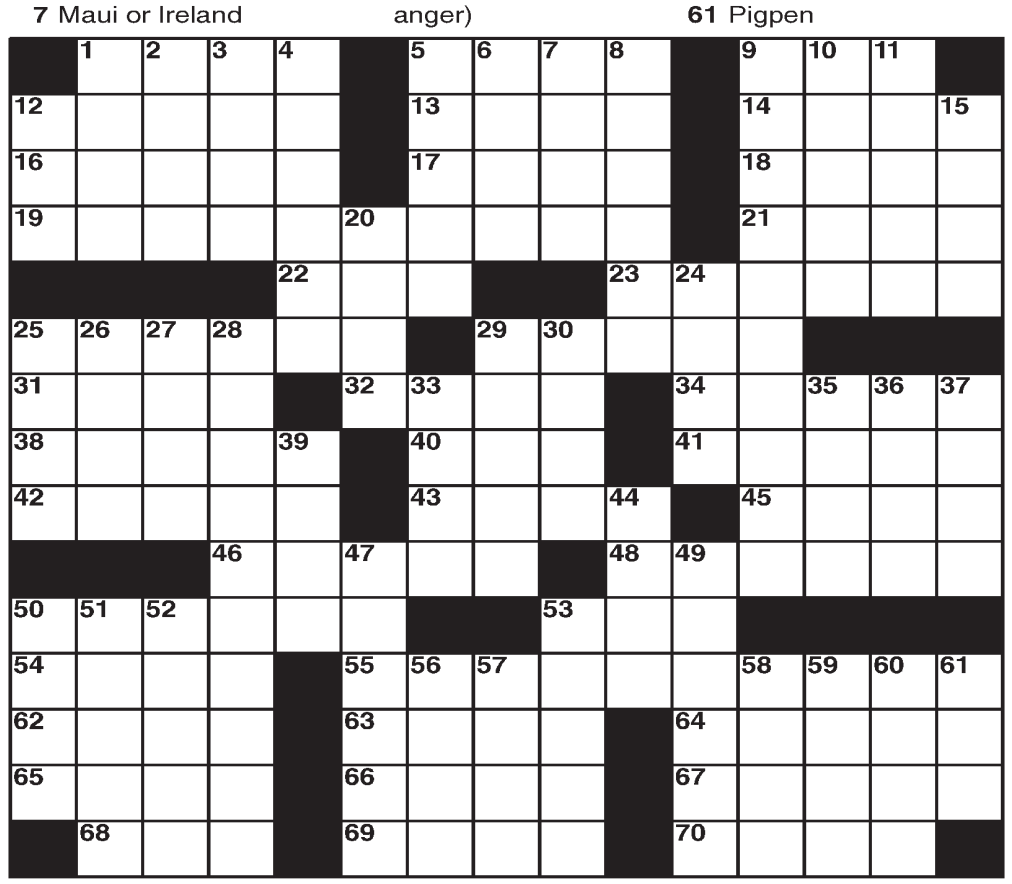
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ACROSS

1 Pasta nutrient, for short
5 Tell it like __ (be candid)
9 Convertible or coupe
12 Auto engine
13 Pillow covering
14 Very much
16 Suspect's excuse
17 Auto's wheel rod
18 "Guided" excursion
19 *Jeopardy!* board columns
21 Prefix for freeze
22 Color tone
23 In dreamland
25 Passes into law
29 Bookstore section for do-it-yourselfers
31 Capital of Peru
32 Begin to melt
34 Share the same opinion
38 Makes a scarf or sweater
40 Everyone
41 Green tropical fruit
42 Four-door auto
43 Party giver
45 December 24th and 31st
46 Golden-touch king
48 Place, as a coin through a slot
50 Seagoing thief
53 Athlete who's paid
54 Distinctive smell
55 Large churches
62 Bread with a pocket
63 Three-layer cookie
64 Accountant's subtraction
65 Any day now
66 Campus official
67 Adversary
68 Bride's new title, at times
69 Make less difficult
70 Lavish attention (on)

DOWN

1 Pepsi or Coke
2 Take a crack __ (try)
3 After-bath garment
4 Well lit
5 Phrase of concern
6 Auto with a meter
7 Maui or Ireland
8 Playground plank ride
9 Mail order booklets
10 Without assistance
11 Path of travel
12 __ and cheese (kid's lunch)
15 Excursion
20 Remove from power
24 Male deer
25 Deer's close relatives
26 Three hours before noon
27 Part of a group of
28 Sailboats for racing
29 Angelic lights
30 Big-eyed night birds
33 "Very funny!"
35 Rant and __ (show anger)
36 At any time
37 Toward sunrise
39 Angry mood
44 Get weary
47 Solve, as a secret message
49 Signaled "yes" with your head
50 Bursts, as balloons
51 Colloquial phrase
52 Copter's spinning part
53 Text-message device
56 Region
57 Oolong and Earl Grey
58 Nevada city
59 Assist in wrongdoing
60 Green citrus fruit
61 Pigpen



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OCEAN AVE

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individuals into a building that lacked proper permits, a certificate of occupancy, or a business license.

The building was one of two developer Leo Pustilnikov previously earmarked for a controversial mental health housing program made public by Negrete earlier this year. Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath eventually terminated the proposal, citing broken community trust and directing officials to find alternative locations.

The projects would have converted former senior living buildings into 49 units of supportive housing for people with serious mental illness and substance use disorders. Operated by St. Joseph Center with county funding, the facilities were weeks from opening before facing criticism over inadequate public outreach.

When city staff first received reports about new activity at 413 Ocean Avenue, they contacted Pustilnikov, who has a lease for the building. According to the City, Pustilnikov told staff he was pursuing a new transitional housing use with a different operator and funding source than previously proposed, but did not disclose that operations had already begun at the property.

City staff immediately drove to the site to conduct an inspection. Upon arrival, they found significant activity and engaged with an on-site property manager who confirmed around 30 individuals were living at the facility. The manager connected staff by phone with a representative from Pacific Transitional & Sober Living LLC, who acknowledged they had moved residents in on Tuesday — several days before their Dec. 1 lease start date.

When staff requested permission to inspect the site, the operator denied access.

"It was a hard time to understand who we were dealing with," said Oliver Chi, a city official involved in the response. "Through the course of our investigation, the last couple of days, it's been described as multiple separate LLCs that seem to be interconnected somehow, and they appear to be operating a for profit sober living facility."

The city mobilized an interdisciplinary response team Wednesday evening that included representatives from Community Development, Building & Safety, Code Enforcement, the Fire Department, City Attorney's Office, Police Department and City Manager's Office. The group eventually gained access and determined the building was not suitable for habitation without additional permitting and inspection.

City officials noted the building had undergone modifications including "mini splits," where rooms were divided to create additional living spaces. These modifications raised concerns about electrical work and fire safety, particularly given that a recent fire on San Vicente had been caused by a space heater in similar housing.

"There were real life safety issues that the staff had," Chi said. "Our staff and the building and safety department, fire department, identified a series of issues that could make the building uninhabitable."

On Wednesday evening, the city issued both a notice to vacate and an administrative citation to the property owner. The vacation order gave the operators 24 hours to relocate all residents. Under Santa Monica's habitability regulations, the landlord was required to provide relocation assistance for displaced residents.

The city also sent a letter demanding the property owner provide a description of the business operation, an overview of state licenses allowing them to manage the facility, and access for a city inspection by Friday, Nov. 28. Officials warned they would seek a court order if denied access.

The walk-through revealed the facility was "not in good shape" and did not appear ready to serve as a residential site. Staff documented numerous issues supporting the city's notice to vacate order.

On-site staff appeared unaware they were operating in an unpermitted facility and told inspectors they were a sober living home program. They revealed their operational plan was to house approximately 58 people in the single building by placing two individuals in each room.

While some residents had been moved to a facility in Sherman Oaks, more than 30 individuals were still residing at the location during Friday's inspection. On-site staff were able to empty the property by Sunday.

According to the City, the company hired to oversee operations was unaware of the permitting problems and residents were under the impression they were moving in early as part of a shuffle from other facilities that were undergoing construction.

City officials continued to struggle with identifying the responsible parties throughout the holiday period.

"There's the property owner in Florida, there's the developer, Mr. Pustilnikov, and we've got this strange web of operators," Chi said. "There's, again, two or three different LLCs that we've encountered that folks work for different entities, but they seem to be all interconnected."

Officials also learned during their inspection that a similar sober living use may be planned for 825 Ocean Avenue.

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TUESDAY | DECEMBER 2

HVSC - SPRING 2026 VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST FOR EMERGING SINGERS

12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. HVS Conservatory 213 Rose Ave Venice, CA 3107952996. The HVS Conservatory (HVSC), a premier vocal training institution based in Los Angeles, is proud to announce the launch of its Spring 2026 Vocal Scholarship Contest, offering talented singers the chance to receive professional-level training and mentorship from industry-leading vocal coaches. Applications for the scholarship are now open and will be accepted until December 15, 2025. The scholarship provides financial support for exceptional vocalists who demonstrate artistry, dedication, and potential for growth in contemporary, pop, and classical music. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/hvsc-spring-2026-vocal-scholarship-contest-for-emerging-singers/17333988/2025-12-02T00

WALKING MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 8 am at lifeguard tower 28 in line with Ashland Street (paid parking available in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline (from tower 28 to the rainbow tower at Brooks Street and back). Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Didn't forget to check schedule for any changes or cancellations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-12-02T08

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come, learn, and have fun every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park. Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-12-02T10

TECH & TASKS

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Assistance provided on a drop-in. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2025-12-02T16

GELSON'S WEST LA TO HOST TACO TUESDAYS WITH TACOS, MARGARITAS, AND MEZCALS

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gelson's 12121 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles. Every Tuesday from 4 PM to 10 PM, Gelson's West LA Wine Bar will be hosting Taco Tuesdays, bringing together a festive blend of flavors and fun. Enjoy a variety of mouthwatering tacos, refreshing margaritas, and smooth mezcals, all served in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. The perfect way to spice up the week—gather friends and enjoy a night of great food, drinks, and good times. Prices vary. For more information, visit https://www.gelsons.com/events/view/taco-tuesdays-at-gelsons-west-la-wine-bar. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/gelson-s-west-la-to-host-taco-tuesdays-with-tacos-margaritas-and-mezcals/15309564/2025-12-02T16

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-12-02T22

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 3

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2025-12-03T08

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 4

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-12-04T11

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2025-12-04T11

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