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City Manager David White to step down in February

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After three-plus years serving as Santa Monica's City Manager, David White will be stepping down from the role in February, the city announced Tuesday.

White began his role as permanent City Manager in October 2021 after serving as City Manager of Fairfield for five years, as well as two years of experience as the Deputy City Manager of Berkeley. He will be returning to the Deputy City Manager position in Berkeley.

"This is a bittersweet departure, and I am tremendously grateful to have had the opportunity to serve Santa Monica," White said. "I'll be working closely with the City Council and city leadership to ensure a smooth transition and am confident in the city's bright future."

In the position, White oversees a City budget of $705.5 million and a workforce of 1,923; and is also responsible for operation of 12 City departments. During his tenure, White worked with City Council to establish the five key priorities of Addressing Homelessness; Clean & Safe; Economic Growth & Cultural Vitality; Justice, Equity & Diversity; and Sustainable & Connected.

The city's press release noted that White's leadership "advanced bold initiatives to strengthen the approach to public safety and broadened the work to address homelessness," as well as moved forward infrastructure projects, adopted new tax measures, adopted zoning code amendments and began the process for the conversion of the Santa Monica Airport site.

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Holey Moley takes a swing at being Promenade entertainment destination



Photo by Thomas Leffler

MINI GOLF: City officials welcomed Holey Moley to the Third Street Promenade on Dec. 6.

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The Third Street Promenade's newest tenant has taken its shot at bringing entertainment to the shopping district, with early reactions sounding like the response to a hole-in-one on the golf course.

On Dec. 6, Holey Moley opened its latest mini golf and bar establishment on the Promenade's 1300 block, a chance to revitalize the space last occupied by the United Kitchen Mix ghost kitchen concept. At its opening, attended by city officials and Chamber of Commerce members, Holey Moley introduced its two 9-hole courses on the second and third floors, packing in the space with unique hole designs, including some made for Santa Monica.

An Australia-based company, Holey Moley's sixth location now lies on the Promenade, joining spots in San Antonio, Denver, Houston, Austin and San Francisco. The latter two locations are where General Manager Adrian Perez took a crash course on marketing mini golf, a new chapter in the food and hospitality pro's career.

Perez, born and raised in

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Homes burn as wind-driven wildfire prompts evacuations in Malibu

JAE HONG, ERIC THAYER AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Thousands of Southern California residents were under evacuation orders and warnings Tuesday as firefighters battled a wind-driven wildfire in Malibu that burned near seaside mansions and Pepperdine University, where students watched as flames raced down hillsides and the sky turned deep red.

A "minimal number" of homes burned, but the exact amount wasn't immediately known, Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief Anthony C. Marrone said. An Associated Press photographer witnessed at least one house and a car engulfed in flames.

More than 8,100 homes and other structures were under threat, including more than 2,000 where residents were ordered to evacuate. Another 6,000 people were warned to be prepared to flee at a moment's notice as Santa Ana winds with gusts reaching 40 mph made for erratic fire conditions.

Abigail Ballhagen, a junior at Pepperdine University, was in the school's library when the power went out late Monday and students began screaming. Later, the school evacuated students to the library from their dorms because of the worsening conditions. Ballhagen and Bethany Kronlund, who are co-resident assistants, said bringing the other students there amid the fire's smoke and encroaching flames was terrifying.

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SMMUSD moves to regain control of leased properties

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is taking steps to gain flexibility with two district-owned rental properties.

During its Nov. 21 meeting, the SMMUSD Board of Education approved a resolution to proceed with a financing plan to acquire the full leasehold interests of properties located at 902-926 Colorado Ave. and 1631-1645 16th St./1630-1646 17th St.

The board authorized a Certificate of Participation of up to $13.4 million to purchase the leasehold interests from STG Three Properties, LLC. The properties, leased to STG in 2002, are under an agreement set to expire in 2051.

STG has paid the district $780,000 annually in base rent, along with an additional percentage rent. However, disputes over the percentage rent calculations led STG to propose selling its leasehold interests to the district.

The move positions SMMUSD to explore new opportunities for the properties while addressing long-standing revenue disagreements.

District officials stated that the plan allows for more efficient management of the properties to increase revenue to the general fund, as well as provide flexibility and options for future uses. The 902-926 Colorado Ave. property could potentially be used as a relocation of the current school bus yard, which is currently leased from a private owner at $550,000 annually.

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>
> - Carey Upton, SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer

"This project furthers the educational goals of the District by using its assets more efficiently to increase funding for student learning," SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton said. "We are pleased with the school board's approval of this resolution as this benefits the District's general fund and its future. This action does not have any impact on our exciting and necessary facility projects that will continue, thanks to the voters' support for SMMUSD bond measures."

Financial advisors for the district stated that the purchase price was a "bargain," with economist Allan Kotin adding that the 16th

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SMMUSD: The district is buying out the leases of two properties.

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California's housing crisis has gotten worse, not better, over the last 30 years

DAN WALTERS

The Public Policy Institute of California, a think tank that conducts vigorous and objective research into vital state issues, is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a series of retrospective reports.

Housing, or the chronic lack thereof, is arguably the most important of those issues, since it lies at the core of so many of California's existential challenges. They include the nation's highest levels of homelessness and poverty, a yawning gap in generational wealth, and the outflow of people and jobs to other states with more abundant and less expensive housing.

Unfortunately Public Policy Institute researchers Hans Johnson and Eric McGhee could find little progress over the past three decades, writing, "While California's housing market has undergone tremendous changes over the years, with some aspects worsening in the last decade, the central problem — high housing costs — remains the same.

"As California's population has increased, more housing units have been built — yet housing costs and rent increases have outpaced building," they add.

Since 1990 the state has added 3.6 million homes, up 33%, and 9.4 million residents, up 31% as of last January. California's median home values grew 56%, from $456,000 to $753,000, and rents rose from $1,300 to $1,800.

In California housing values are still more than twice the national average and rents are about 50% higher.

Such high housing costs spawn other socioeconomic issues, the researchers continued, to wit:

California has the nation's second lowest rate of home ownership, behind New York, and home ownership is particularly scant among young adults, and Blacks and Latinos of any age. "The bursting of the housing bubble that led to the Great Recession in 2008 hurt homeownership for Californians of all races and ethnicities, but African Americans and Latinos were more affected," the study says.

High housing costs cause many Californians to be financially burdened. "The share of renters who are stressed — paying over half their income in rental costs — is considerably higher here than in other states," Johnson and McGhee found. "Not surprisingly, housing stress most affects lower-income Californians, who are generally already in the cheapest rental units and cannot move to escape the burden."

Housing stress in California has been growing fastest among middle-class families; "one in six middle-class renters in California are now spending over half their income on housing."

High costs are a major factor in the homelessness crisis. The federal government estimates that California's homeless population increased by 47% from 2007 to 2023, while the state's overall population grew by just 7%, and "the vast majority of Californians experiencing homelessness are unsheltered; the state accounts for almost half of the nation's unsheltered homeless population."

High costs drive people to other states, with the highest outflows occurring when the cost differentials are the greatest, and "this net outflow has been highest among precisely the lower- and middle-income Californians who have been hit hardest by the cost crisis."

Finally, the wealth gap between those who own homes and those who don't has widened, with more than a million Californians becoming millionaires who "reflect the state's past more than its future; they are far older and more likely to be white than the typical Californian. For many of them, this equity may be a key piece of their retirement plans. But these higher values do make it more challenging for younger Californians of modest means to buy into their first home."

Although saturated with negativity, the housing study offers a potential silver lining in that California's population has leveled out and if demand weakens, it might be possible "that robust housing growth will put a dent in the state's housing shortage."

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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Surf report

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WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

A touch slower early but the day is worth keeping tabs on as the Santa Ana wind backs off. Potential for some new NW swell to move in through the day as modest SW swell tops out.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Looking like a fun day with more NW swell moving in and SW swell lingering. Favorable winds due in the morning. Best to let the 6'+ sunrise high tide back out for a while.

Weather

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. North northwest wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.
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California to consider requiring mental health warnings on social media sites

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California, home to some of the largest technology companies in the world, would be the first U.S. state to require mental health warning labels on social media sites if lawmakers pass a bill introduced Monday.

The legislation sponsored by state Attorney General Rob Bonta is necessary to bolster safety for children online, supporters say, but industry officials vow to fight the measure and others like it under the First Amendment. Warning labels for social media gained swift bipartisan support from dozens of attorneys general, including Bonta, after U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called on Congress to establish the requirements earlier this year, saying social media is a contributing factor in the mental health crisis among young people.

"These companies know the harmful impact their products can have on our children, and they refuse to take meaningful steps to make them safer," Bonta said at a news conference Monday. "Time is up. It's time we stepped in and demanded change."

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State officials haven't provided details on the bill, but Bonta said the warning labels could pop up once weekly.

Up to 95% of youth ages 13 to 17 say they use a social media platform, and more than a third say that they use social media "almost constantly," according to 2022 data from the Pew Research Center. Parents' concerns prompted Australia to pass the world's first law banning social media for children under 16 in November.

"The promise of social media, although real, has turned into a situation where they're turning our children's attention into a commodity," Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who authored the California bill, said Monday. "The attention economy is using our children and their well-being to make money for these California companies."

Lawmakers instead should focus on online safety education and mental health resources, not warning label bills that are "constitutionally unsound," said Todd O'Boyle, a vice president of the tech industry policy group Chamber of Progress.

"We strongly suspect that the courts will set them aside as compelled speech," O'Boyle told The Associated Press.

Victoria Hinks' 16-year-old daughter, Alexandra, died by suicide four months ago after being "led down dark rabbit holes" on social media that glamorized eating disorders and self-harm. Hinks said the labels would help protect children from companies that turn a blind eye to the harm caused to children's mental health when they become addicted to social media platforms.

"There's not a bone in my body that doubts social media played a role in leading her to that final, irreversible decision," Hinks said. "This could be your story."

Common Sense Media, a sponsor of the bill, said it plans to lobby for similar proposals in other states.

California in the past decade has positioned itself as a leader in regulating and fighting the tech industry to bolster online safety for children.

The state was the first in 2022 to bar online platforms from using users' personal information in ways that could harm children. It was one of the states that sued Meta in 2023 and TikTok in October for deliberately designing addictive features that keep kids hooked on their platforms.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, also signed several bills in September to help curb the effects of social media on children, including one to prohibit social media platforms from knowingly providing addictive feeds to children without parental consent and one to limit or ban students from using smartphones on school campus.

Federal lawmakers have held hearings on child online safety and legislation is in the works to force companies to take reasonable steps to prevent harm. The legislation has the support of X owner Elon Musk and the President-elect's son, Donald Trump Jr. Still, the last federal law aimed at protecting children online was enacted in 1998, six years before Facebook's founding.

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FIRE

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"Ash was everywhere, embers were everywhere," Kronlund said.

Ballhagen added: "It felt super apocalyptic."

About 3,000 students sheltered-in-place on campus, a few in a library while others, some wearing pajamas, gathered outside on a sports field as fire lit up the night sky. Someone evacuating in an SUV sped past burning palm trees as the tires kicked up embers.

The university later said the worst of the fire had pushed past the school. Michael Friel, a Pepperdine spokesperson, said parts of the campus had been "singed" but there was no major damage.

It was not immediately known how the blaze, named the Franklin Fire, started. County fire officials estimated that more than 3.5 square miles of trees and dry brush had burned and structures were threatened. There was no containment.

The fire burned amid dangerous fire conditions because of notorious Santa Ana winds expected to last into Wednesday. The withering, dry gusts sweep out of the interior toward the coast, pushing back moist ocean breezes.

Marrone said at least a thousand firefighters would be scrambling to get control of the blaze before about 2 p.m., when winds were expected to regain strength. "Time is of the essence for us to grab a hold of the fire and start getting some containment," the chief said at a morning news conference.

The fire erupted shortly before 11 p.m. Monday and swiftly moved south, jumping over the famous Pacific Coast Highway and extending all the way to the ocean, where large homes line the beach and rugged inland canyons are notoriously fire prone. At one point, flames threatened the historic Malibu Pier, but the structure was protected, officials said.

Nick Smyth, 43, lives on a farm in the Serra Retreat community, a short distance inland from the pier. His wife packed getaway bags as a precaution before they went to sleep Monday and a few hours later they heard a neighbor running down the road shouting about a fire. With flames "lapping the tops of the mountains," Smyth bundled their two kids and fled for a friend's house outside of Malibu.

"My son's got a little bit of shellshock, he's definitely feeling a little anxious," Smyth said Tuesday. "They woke up to an inferno outside their bedroom." He believes their house is safe, but he knows others weren't as fortunate.

Firefighters working in rugged terrain protected canyon homes overnight as some residents evacuated on foot with their horses. As the sun came up Tuesday, heavy smoke billowed over the Pepperdine campus and the adjacent mountains that plunge toward the coast. A shelter-in-place order was lifted but the school canceled classes and finals for Tuesday.

"The university understands the worst of the fire has pushed past Pepperdine. However, there are smaller spot fires on campus that are not threatening life or structures, and fire resources remain on campus to address these spot fires as they occur," Pepperdine said in a statement.

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District also canceled classes for the day and said they would be taking a day by day approach to reopening.

North to northeast winds were forecast to increase to 30 to 40 mph with gusts up to 65 mph expected later in the day, the National Weather Service's office for Los Angeles posted on X.

Power to about 40,000 customers had been shut off by Monday night, including 11,000 in LA County, as Southern California Edison worked to mitigate the impacts of the Santa Ana winds, whose strong gusts can damage electrical equipment and spark wildfires. Gabriela Ornelas, an Edison spokesperson, said service power was shut off to most customers in Malibu around 6 or 7 p.m. on Monday.

The Woolsey Fire that roared through Malibu in 2018, killing three people and destroying 1,600 homes, was sparked by Edison equipment.

Experts after the fact described Woolsey as the "largest, fastest wildfire disaster in County history." Wind gusted up to 50 miles per hour, allowing the fire to "jump" the eight-lane Ventura (101) Freeway from the San Fernando Valley into the Santa Monica Mountains. From there, it burned all the way to the ocean in a matter of hours.

That fire prompted an investigation that culminated in a 203 page report with a list of recommendations for improvements.

Associated Press journalists Amy Taxin in Orange County, California; Gabriela Aoun in San Diego; and Kathy McCormack in Concord, New Hampshire, contributed to this report.

CITY MANAGER

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He started his tenure at the end of a long and strenuous search for a city leader. Former City Manager Rick Cole resigned in March 2020, citing an inability to preside over budget and staffing cuts the City was facing. City Attorney Lane Dilg took over the position until leaving in June 2021, when John Jalili took over as Interim City Manager.

City Council's search for a permanent City Manager began in February 2021, with Montebello City Manager Rene Bobadilla first tapped for the role in June of that year. Bobadilla declined Santa Monica's offer after a press leak of the selection prompted Montebello City Council to offer him a significant raise.

The city stated that more details on the process to hire White's successor will be released in the coming weeks.

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CITY MANAGER: David White, City Manager of Santa Monica, will be stepping down from the role in February.

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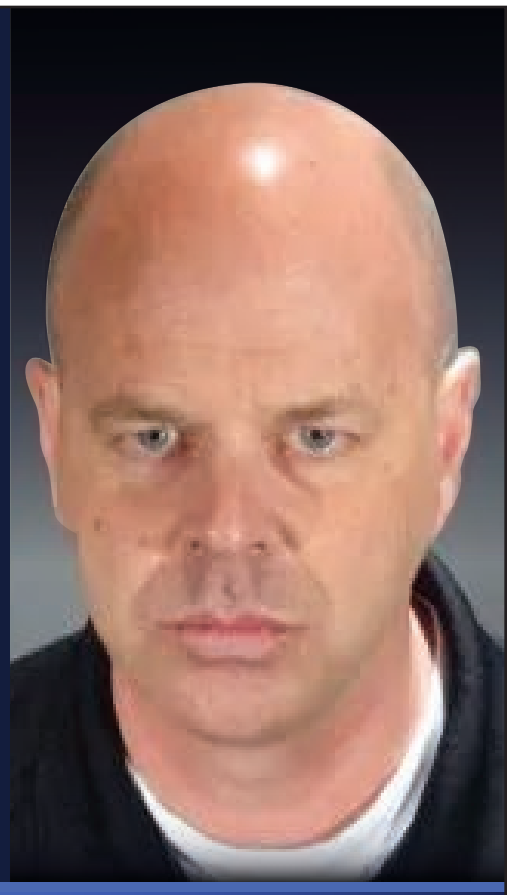
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Eric Uller, who volunteered at Santa Monica's Police Activities League (PAL), masqueraded as a police officer during the late 1980s to early 2000s and *sexually abused hundreds of children.* There may still be time to make a claim.

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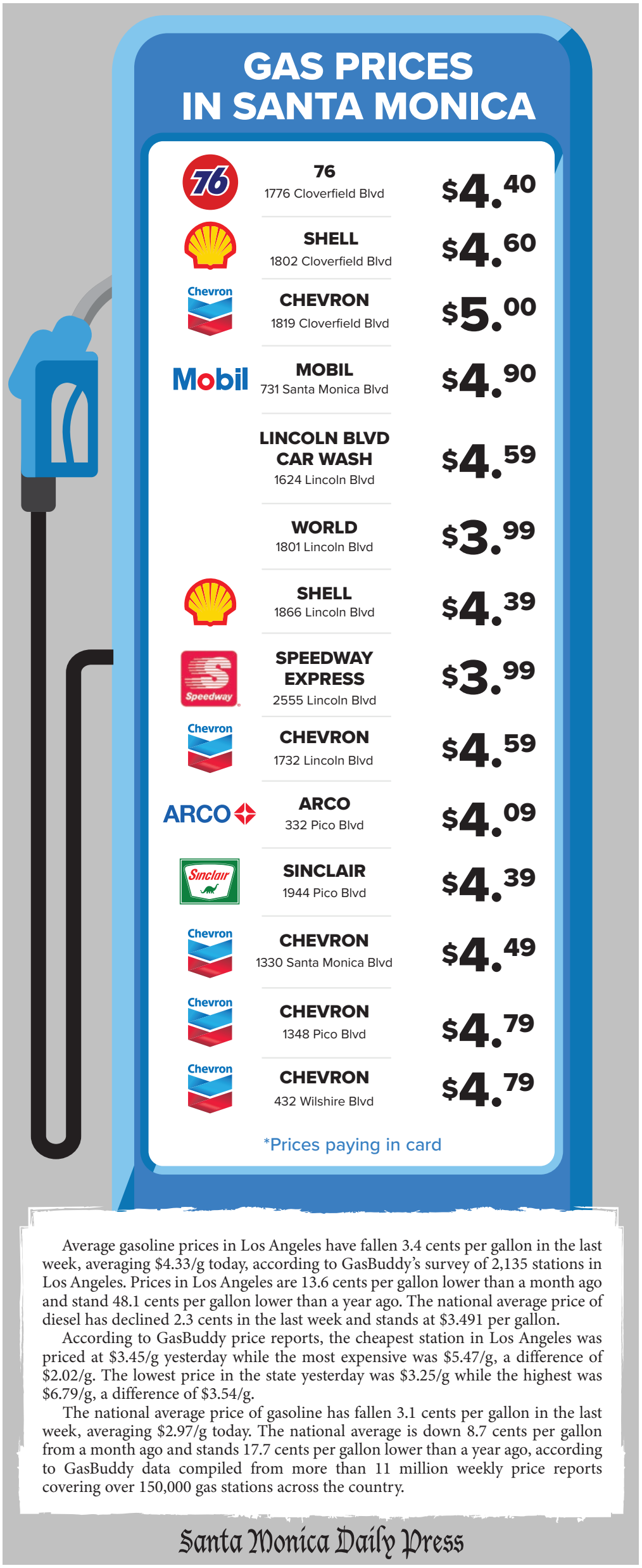


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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 3.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.33/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 13.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 48.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 2.3 cents in the last week and stands at $3.491 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.45/g yesterday while the most expensive was $5.47/g, a difference of $2.02/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.25/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.54/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $2.97/g today. The national average is down 8.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 17.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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New California Sen. Adam Schiff wants to be more than a Trump antagonist

MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

Democrat Adam Schiff stood on the Senate floor almost five years ago as a House impeachment manager and made a passionate case that Donald Trump should be removed from office for abusing the power of the presidency. "If right doesn't matter, we're lost," he told the senators, his voice cracking at one point.

The Republican-led Senate wasn't convinced, and senators voted to acquit Trump on the Democratic-led impeachment charges over his dealings with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Trump would survive a second impeachment a year later after his supporters stormed the Capitol and tried to overturn his defeat.

Now Trump is headed back to the White House, politically stronger than ever and with a firm hold over what will be a unified Republican Congress. And Schiff, one of Trump's biggest foils, was sworn into the Senate on Monday as part of a Democratic caucus that is headed into the minority and has been so far restrained in opposing the returning president, taking more of a wait-and-see approach in the weeks before he is sworn into office.

As California's newest senator, Schiff says he's not going to shy away from familiar territory — opposing Trump when he feels it necessary. But he's also hoping to be known for bipartisanship, as well, after campaigning in Republican areas of his state and working to learn more about rural issues that weren't in his portfolio in his urban Los Angeles House district.

"I think being there and letting folks get to know me, kick the tires a bit, helps overcome some of the sort of Fox News stereotypes," Schiff said of the conservative news channel's focus on him as he challenged Trump in his first term. He says he also sees that outreach as a way to gain insight into Democrats' way forward after losses in the November elections.

Schiff was sworn in weeks before the new Congress convenes on Jan. 3 because he is filling the seat of longtime Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who died last year. He is entering the Senate alongside Democratic House colleague Andy Kim of New Jersey, who is filling the term of former New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez after he was convicted on federal bribery charges and resigned.

Bipartisanship was important to Feinstein, who often worked across the aisle and developed close relationships with other senators. But her work with Republicans also drew frequent criticism from California's liberal voters.

Feinstein "was able to do a couple things simultaneously, which I'm going to need to try to do as well, and that is work with others to deliver for the state, work across party lines to get things done, and at the same time, stand up and defend people's rights and their freedom and their values when those things are threatened," Schiff told The Associated Press in an interview ahead of his swearing-in.

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> - Adam Schiff, Democrat

He says those priorities will frequently be at odds in the era of Trump, "and so I'll have to try to do both."

Democratic Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii, who has spent time with Schiff as he prepares to enter the Senate, says he thinks Schiff has the "right approach" in asking questions of other senators and refraining from "opining at every opportunity."

"Everybody understands his capabilities, but he also understands that he's a freshman," Schatz says, and it's appreciated when "someone of his stature understands that he's joining a team here."

Still, Schiff, who was censured by House Republicans last year for his involvement in investigations into Trump's ties to Russia, won't be able immediately to shake his longtime role as a chief Trump antagonist. The former House Intelligence Committee chairman is more well-known than most of his fellow incoming freshmen, and he has been calling Trump out on social media in recent weeks and criticizing some of his Cabinet nominees as many of his fellow Democrats have chosen to remain quiet.

Schiff posted on X last week that FBI director nominee Kash Patel, a former GOP staffer on the House intelligence panel, is "more suited as internet troll than FBI Director" and the "Senate must reject him."

He could become part of the story as well as Trump has vowed revenge on people he views as his political enemies. President Joe Biden has been considering preemptive pardons for aides and allies like Schiff who tried to hold Trump accountable for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election. Trump once suggested Schiff should be arrested for treason and has called him an "enemy from within."

Schiff, though, says he doesn't think that's necessary. He said Biden shouldn't use his remaining days in office to defend him or any others who are in Trump's crosshairs.

And the former prosecutor has long experience in defending himself from Republican attacks. After the House censure,

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MINI GOLF

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Southern California, has been a lifer in food and hospitality, becoming a ground-floor operations specialist with chains like Johnny Rockets and Five Guys, before working with the likes of Disney (with the El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood) and Universal Studios.

"Growing up, my grandparents cooked for us a lot, and everyone knows your grandparents make the best food, so I was just always intrigued, and always loved starting how to cook," Perez said of his passion for the industry. "Then from there, (I) got my first job in hospitality and I loved it. The instant reward you get from seeing people having fun and enjoying a product, there is nothing else (like it)."

Brought into the Holey Moley organization knowing he would take over in Santa Monica, Perez called the Promenade "the perfect location" to implement the fun and excitement-based culture of the brand. The location has a hometown flavor from the golf holes themselves (including one based on the Pacific Park ferris wheel), to a SoCal-infused food and drink menu.

Packing a full-service bar, restaurant area, karaoke room, private event spaces and 18 holes in all into the Promenade space was "definitely challenging," Perez noted, but was made with both entertainment and accessibility in mind. The GM stated that all floors being ADA compliant means that "anybody can come in and play," as well as check out the patio space.

"We've utilized the space really well and kind of made it that home feel, (but) also being in Santa Monica, you don't feel like you're stuck inside, (you) still get that outdoor feel," Perez added. "The patio kind of allows some breeze and (that's) beautiful too, you get that fog that ind of sits in the morning so it looks really nice."

Aside from private events available for booking, Holey Moley will eventually be branching out into the public event arena with DJ nights, using multiple floors to the location's advantage with different types of music playing on each floor. Perez added that he wants to "establish a local base" through eventual locals' events as well as the spot's every day happy hour from 2 to 5 p.m.

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. Board Member Leo Pustilnikov praised Holey Moley's vision as reason for its early success on the Promenade, as the Dec. 6 grand opening was flooded with gung-ho golfers right at the 12 p.m. ceremony time.

"I think this will be, hopefully, well-received in the city and be here for a while, and be an anchor like Barnes and Noble across the street to bring people back to the Promenade," Pustilnikov said. "This is the nicest I've seen the Promenade since pre-COVID, so I think I'm hopeful for what's next."

Perez said he'd already seen familiar faces from private events at the Dec. 6 opening, another sign of hope for the mini-golf brand.

"For our first day of being open, everybody is laughing and smiling on their way out, and that's what we're looking for. That's what we're most pleased by, when people (are) safe and having fun … everybody that's left has had just this sense of awe and amazement."

Holey Moley is now open at 1315 Third Street Promenade, for hours and more information, visit holeymoley.com.

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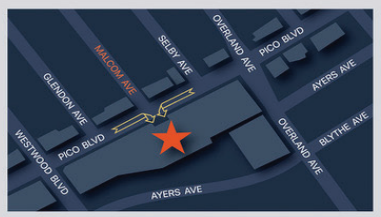


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and 17th St. properties (adjacent to the old SMMUSD district offices) are "potentially one of the most valuable properties in Santa Monica."

Those properties were owned by the district starting in 1933, when The Garfield School was relocated there after the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake. After The Garfield School's closure in 1958, the campus was used for administrative offices, as well as for the original site of Olympic High School.

When the district moved its offices into the current 4th and Olympic site, the remaining 16th St. site was developed with office buildings and leased. As part of a "Three Property Exchange," the district received ownership of the 9th and Colorado site.

The COP will be paid off with capital funds that can only be used for facility needs, funded through redevelopment funds and not facility improvement bonds. While there are still discussions to be had on uses for the spaces, the SMMUSD board was excited for the potential the lease buyout brings. Current leases by tenants of the properties will be honored through their current length.

"I think this, to me, is an amazing thing that we're doing that will benefit the district, give us opportunities in the future, and create more revenue for our kids," Board President Jen Smith said.

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SCHIFF

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which happened when fellow California Rep. Kevin McCarthy was speaker and Schiff was already running for Feinstein's Senate seat, Schiff traveled to McCarthy's district and met with local leaders. When a conservative news outlet there asked him what he thought of McCarthy calling him a liar, "I responded something along the lines of, well, coming from Kevin, I'm sure he means that as some form of a compliment," Schiff said.

Schiff is unlikely similarly to go after his colleagues in the Senate, which he says "is a very different place culturally than the House." He's already tried to make inroads with Republicans, including incoming Sen. Tim Sheehy of Montana, whom he has talked to about working together on wildfire legislation important to both of their states.

And he could possibly win some grudging respect from more veteran Senate Republicans, some of whom praised him during the 2020 impeachment trial even as they vehemently disagreed with his premise and voted not to convict Trump.

After the first day of arguments, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham shook his hand and told him he was doing a good job. South Dakota Sen. John Thune, who will become Senate majority leader next year, said at the time that Schiff "was passionate and his case has been well articulated."

Schiff said he got the sense that some Republican senators "were a bit surprised that I wasn't this caricature," and also that the Senate is a more collegial place than the House.

"I don't think it was a hurtful introduction," he said.

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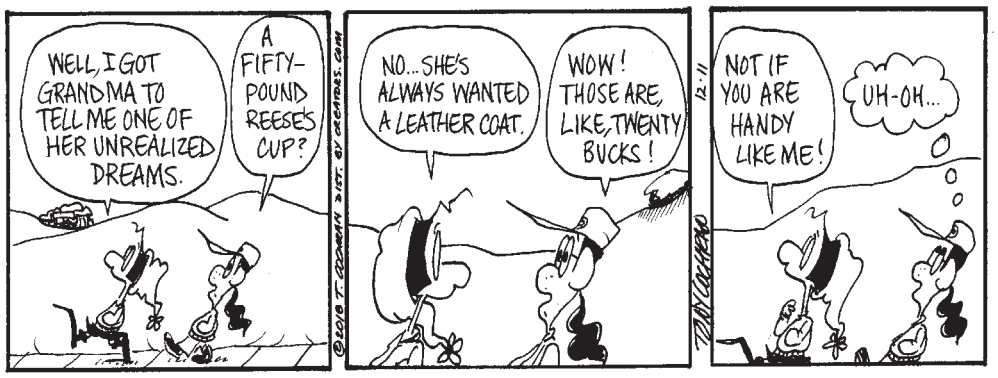
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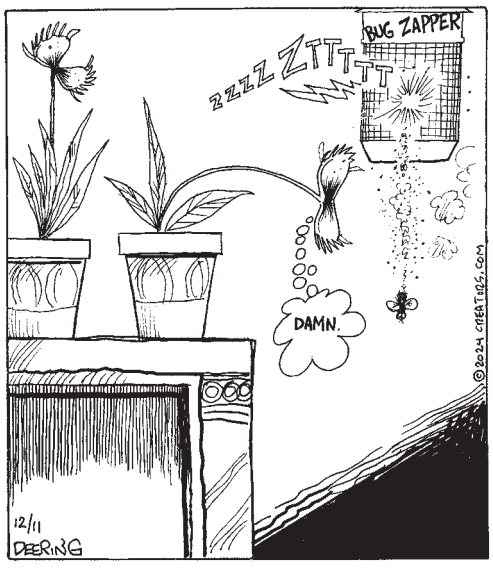
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Auger	Gems	Muntz	Seam
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Bega	Jade	Onyx	Tully
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's impossible to make something new happen while simultaneously keeping everything the same. Creating change is only possible for those willing to let go of the old way. You're in that category today, though your friend may not be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you've already found common ground with a friend, there's still more potential to discover there. It's harder to be the one initiating plans, sending invitations and the like because of course that person has the potential to be rejected. You won't be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have many clashing thoughts. You may be reticent to choose a side even though both sides are technically you. This doesn't make you odd -- it makes you powerful. It takes breadth of spirit to hold opposites inside you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even if you don't think you're psychic, you must admit that sometimes you know what's going to happen before it does. You'll win huge points being the one who predicts the unpredictable and controls the uncontrollable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Emotions, like cats, resist control or defy control. They can be caged temporarily, but of course that's not the same thing. Environmental factors and/or thought patterns will entice certain emotions to alight -- again, it's not control, but it's something.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your good mood lifts spirits and makes others aware of how they are behaving. Without saying a word, your vibrant energy subtly encourages others to lose whatever is keeping them from sharing in warmth. They'll bring out their best selves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is a day of false starts, as well as false finishes. Do a thorough inventory before you leave the house and do it again when you get back home. By taking the time to double check everything, you save yourself much more time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Not everything needs to be hard-won. Soft-won is a possibility, too! You'll acknowledge that you don't yet know everything you'd like to know. You'll stay open and the lesson will swoop in to delight you; you'll quickly absorb it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Here's an argument for keeping it simple: If the issue at hand grows more complex and the stakes are raised, the analysis of choices will consume more energy, which may lead to decision fatigue and delays.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As you invest yourself in someone else's happiness, you find your own. You may not be able to be everywhere others want you to go, but you can send your thoughts of peace, love and wellness to those who need them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Where it's not your job to get involved, you'll enjoy listening to people, free of the responsibility of making a judgment. In being fully present and impartial, you give others a safe space to open up. You'll understand rather than critique.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Make it a point to try and understand everything that goes down. Your level of awareness has everything to do with your progress. You deftly handle the complexities, blurring some boundary lines and standing firm on others.

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.

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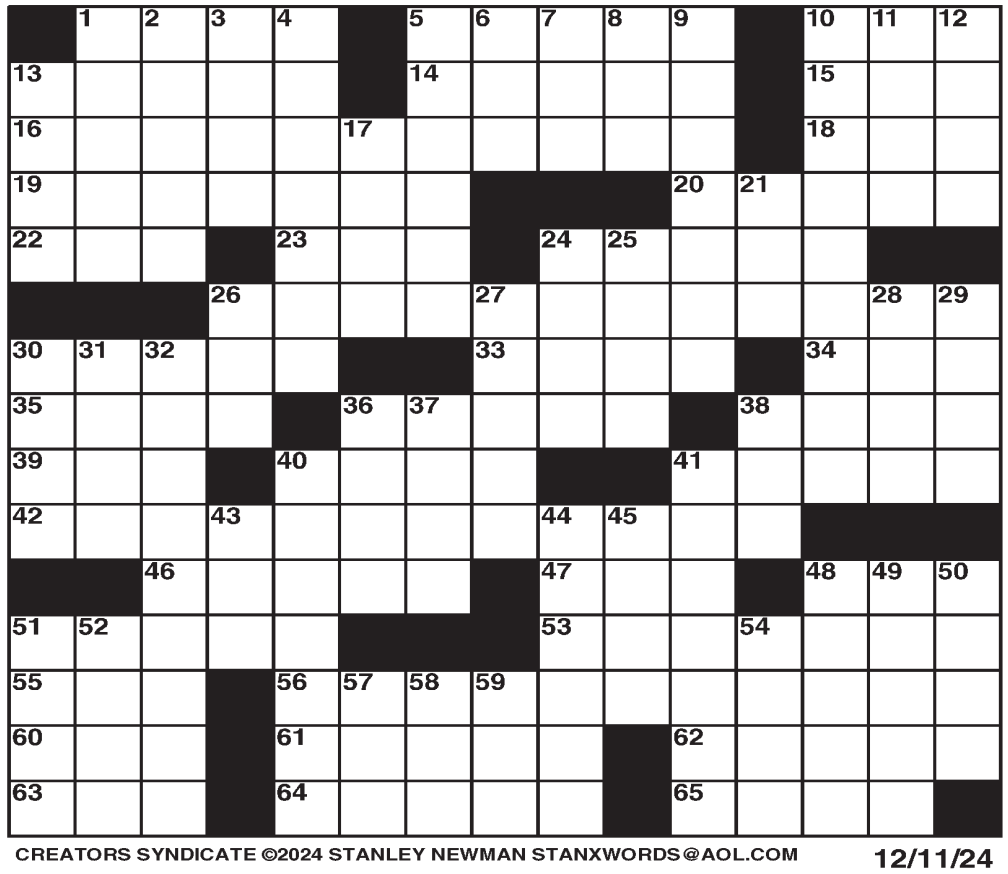
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ACROSS

1 Audacity
5 Showers attention (on)
10 Air-gun ammo
13 Deep Western lake
14 Juliet's love
15 Charged atom
16 No longer effective
18 First color TV brand
19 Water east of Israel
20 Suitcase label
22 Ancient
23 Sheep with horns
24 Canon competitor in copiers
26 No longer an opportunity
30 Person living near the Leaning Tower
33 "What's ___ for me?"
34 Santa ___, CA
35 Tall and skinny
36 Ohio's tire city
38 Ukraine's capital (newer spelling)
39 Self-opinion
40 Of sound mind
41 In a foul mood
42 No longer available
46 Duck cousins
47 Foul ball caller
48 Competitor of Skippy
51 "Mint" bourbon drink
53 Vatican's ___ Chapel
55 "What have we here!"
56 No longer an option
60 Dairy case container
61 "That's the truth!"
62 Olympic swords
63 What to call a catamaran
64 Quizzes, for instance
65 Take a break

DOWN

1 Auctioneer's accessory
2 In the lead
3 Alfred, ___ Tennyson
4 "I'll race you!"
5 Fantasized
6 "That's wonderful!"
7 Texter's "Enough!"
8 Long fish
9 Ask for earnestly
10 Annual celebrations
11 ___ Raton
12 Fly in the ointment
13 Fuss
17 Furnace output
21 Slip into
24 City near 13-Across
25 Victor's cry
26 Squirrel hangout
27 Brought on board
28 "Don't bet ___!"
29 Undulating, as hair
30 Implored
31 *Othello* villain
32 Shakeable gift shop buy
36 Expresses delight
37 Seat for a tot
38 Barbie's beau
40 Instructions starter
41 Betting advisor
43 Maiden name preceder
44 Goes quickly
45 Gallic girlfriend
48 Conforms (with)
49 Small cove
50 Charges for services
51 Writes (down) quickly
52 Informal refusal
54 Sticky strip
57 Supposedly crafty creature
58 11-Down's st.
59 Country singer McGraw



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Summons (Citacion Judicial) Sum-100CASE NUMBER(Número del Caso):24TRCV01789NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO, LLC., a CaliforniaCorporation, ARTEM VLADIMIROVICH KHAKHAEV,anindividual;and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO HAN DEMANDADO EL DEMANDANTE) MERCLYN GEORGIA BROWN, an individual,NOTICEI You have been sued.The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy sewed on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (wwmceurtinfo.ca.gev/seifhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and propertymay be taken without further warning from the court.There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (wwmlawhelpcalifemraorg), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.caurtinfe.ca.gev/selflielp). or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. [AVISOl Lo han demandade. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la cone puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea La información aContinuation. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles Legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en el formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte.. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularies de la corte y mas información en 9! Centre de Ayuda do [as Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov). en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado e en la certs que le quads mats cerca. Si no puede pagar La cuenta de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que la de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y a certs le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.Hay otros requisitos Legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. SI no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio deThe name and address of the court are (El nombre y direcci6n de la corte son)iLOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – Torrance Courthouse 825 Maple Ave Torrance , CA 90503.The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without anattorney, are: (El nombre, direcci6n y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o deldemandante si no tiene abogado, son)Sam Ryan Heidari, Esq. 302555; Heidari Law Group, PC; 3530 Wilshire Blvd. St 710, Los Angeles, CA, 90010; T: (213)884-4881Date (Fecha) 5/28/2024 Clerk By (Secretario Por) David W. SlaytonDeputy (Asistente) /s/ C. Nava

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
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WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 11

COMPUTER CLASS- INTRO TO GOOGLE DRIVE
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Learn how to use Google Drive to create, save, and share documents, photos and other files on the cloud. Intermediate level.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
4:30 - 6 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join the adventure for one-shot sessions with characters you have created or pick up a readymade character for the day's journey. All materials provided. For ages 10-14.

GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK
6 - 10 p.m. Club Joyful, 2121 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. Presented by Global Women Foundation & Band Of Brothers, and Mayu Mission, join to celebrate the season of giving. This event features gifts that support nonprofits, local artisans and sustainable brands - spreading holiday cheer while making a difference in communities locally. To RSVP, visit: https://www.gwfbob.org/event-details-registration/gifts-that-give-back.

LITERARY LOUNGE
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Courtyard Cafe, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge; a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and refreshments. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites.

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 12

MUSIC CLASS FOR LITTLE ONES
10:30 - 11 a.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. A professional musician from Elemental Music leads babies, toddlers and their caregivers in this fun class which supports motor skills, language and cognitive development through singing, movement and play. For ages 4 months-3 years and their caregivers.

SONGS OF THE SEASON
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. The Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College puts you in the holiday mood with their seasonal favorites and festive Broadway tunes.

LIHI HOD EXCLUSIVE TRUNK SHOW
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. NWLA Bridal, 1627 Montana Ave., Suite D. For Los Angeles brides, step into a world where elegance meets enchantment with the Lihi Hod Dreams 2025 "Twilight" collection debut trunk show. Discover the new collection that brings effortlessly romantic vibes and timeless style for the modern bride. By appointment only, to book visit: https://www.lihihod.com/dreams-lihi-hod-events/#/popup/event/2.

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave., Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. Dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join 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.

TECH & TASKS
2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 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.
Rent Control Board Meeting:
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations.

A TASTE OF CAYMUS VINEYARDS
7 - 9 p.m. Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina del Rey. Embark on an exclusive tasting journey with Caymus Vineyards, a renowned Napa Valley winery, and savor their exquisite collection of wines. Ticket includes three-course dinner (starter, main, dessert), three wine pairings and a take-home souvenir. Tickets $86, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-taste-of-caymus-vineyards-at-the-marina-del-rey-hotel-tickets-768686902217.

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Menu

FOOD

Crocchette di pollo 12
Chicken croquettes, mozzarella, San Marzano tomato purée

Arancini di carne e mozzarella 13
Crispy rice balls, mozzarella, beef ragout San Marzano tomato purée

Calamari fritti 9
The classic, Calabrian chili aioli

Truffle fries 8
Truffle fries, grated Parmigiano, truffle zest (vegetarian)

Bruschetta 9
Toasted ciabatta bread cherry tomatoes, basil balsamic glaze (vegan)

COCKTAIL

Spicy Margarita 9
House tequila, agave, organic lime

Old fashioned 10
House bourbon, maraschino cherry, organic sugar

Classic Martini 11
House vodka or gin, twist or olives

WINE

Classic Spritz 9
Aperol, prosecco

Pinot Grigio Valdadige 8
Dry and crisp white wine

Chardonnay Maddalena 10
Oaky and aromatic white wine

Montepulciano d' Abruzzo Marramiero 9
Dry and medium body red wine

Cabernet Sauvignon Scotto 10
Aromatic and full body red wine

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