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Decade's long effort to rehabilitate the aging Pier bridge begins this week



Matthew Hall

BRIDGE: The first step in replacing the old bridge will be construction of a temporary walkway and relocation of the iconic Pier sign.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Construction crews have begun work on replacing the 86-year-old Santa Monica Pier Bridge, launching a two-year, $35.5 million project to rebuild one of the City's most critical infrastructure connections.

Signs of the work are largely limited to a section of the adjacent parking lot where entry ways have been altered to allow for a staging area but the work will soon be unmissable alongside Santa Monica's most famous stretch of road.

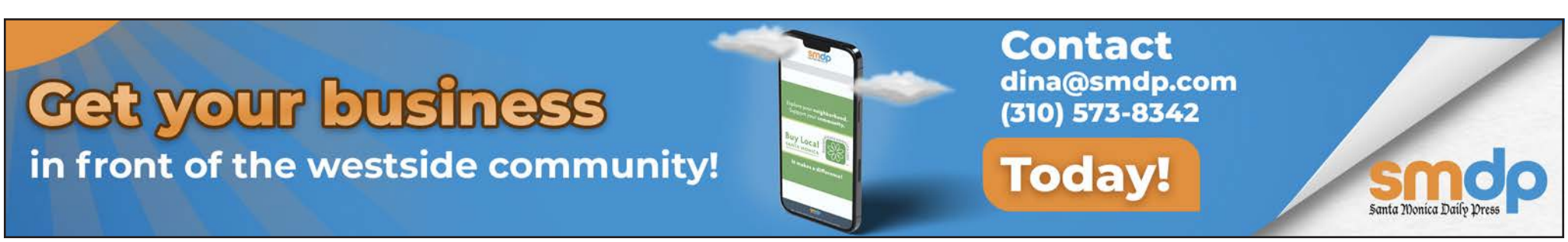
The project replaces a bridge built in 1939 that connects Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue to the Santa Monica Pier, one of California's most popular tourist destinations. The existing structure has long been scheduled for replacement after a sufficiency rating of just 8.2 on a 100-point scale and does not meet current seismic standards.

Workers mobilized onsite this week to begin early fieldwork and site preparation, including potholing and utility work. Initial activities will also include widening and strengthening portions of the pier in advance of bridge demolition and construction, according to city officials.

Despite the major construction effort, pier restaurants, shops and entertainment will remain open and accessible throughout the project, ensuring residents and visitors can continue to enjoy the destination with minimal disruption. Parking and visitor access will also be maintained.

Approximately one-third of Beach Parking Lot 1 North, adjacent to the pier, will be used as a construction staging area, resulting in the temporary loss of approximately 365 parking spaces. However, approximately 726 parking spaces will remain available at

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Santa Monica Walk draws 1,000 for suicide prevention, mental health awareness

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

About 1,000 participants gathered at Santa Monica Pier on Oct. 18 for the Out of the Darkness Walk, a community event aimed at raising awareness for suicide prevention and mental health while bringing together those affected by suicide loss.

The two-hour walk, organized by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, raised funds for research and education programs while connecting people who have lost loved ones to suicide with others struggling with mental health challenges.

"The main goal is to bring community together and raise funds for research and education programs," said Beth Flax, co-chair of the Santa Monica Out of the Darkness Walk.

The event's centerpiece was the honor beads ceremony, where participants wore colored beads representing their connection to suicide and mental health struggles. Gold beads signified the loss of a parent, purple represented losing a friend or relative, green indicated personal struggle, blue showed support for the cause, and teal signified support for someone struggling.

An announcer called out each color one by one as participants raised their beads during moments of silence, creating a powerful visual representation of shared loss

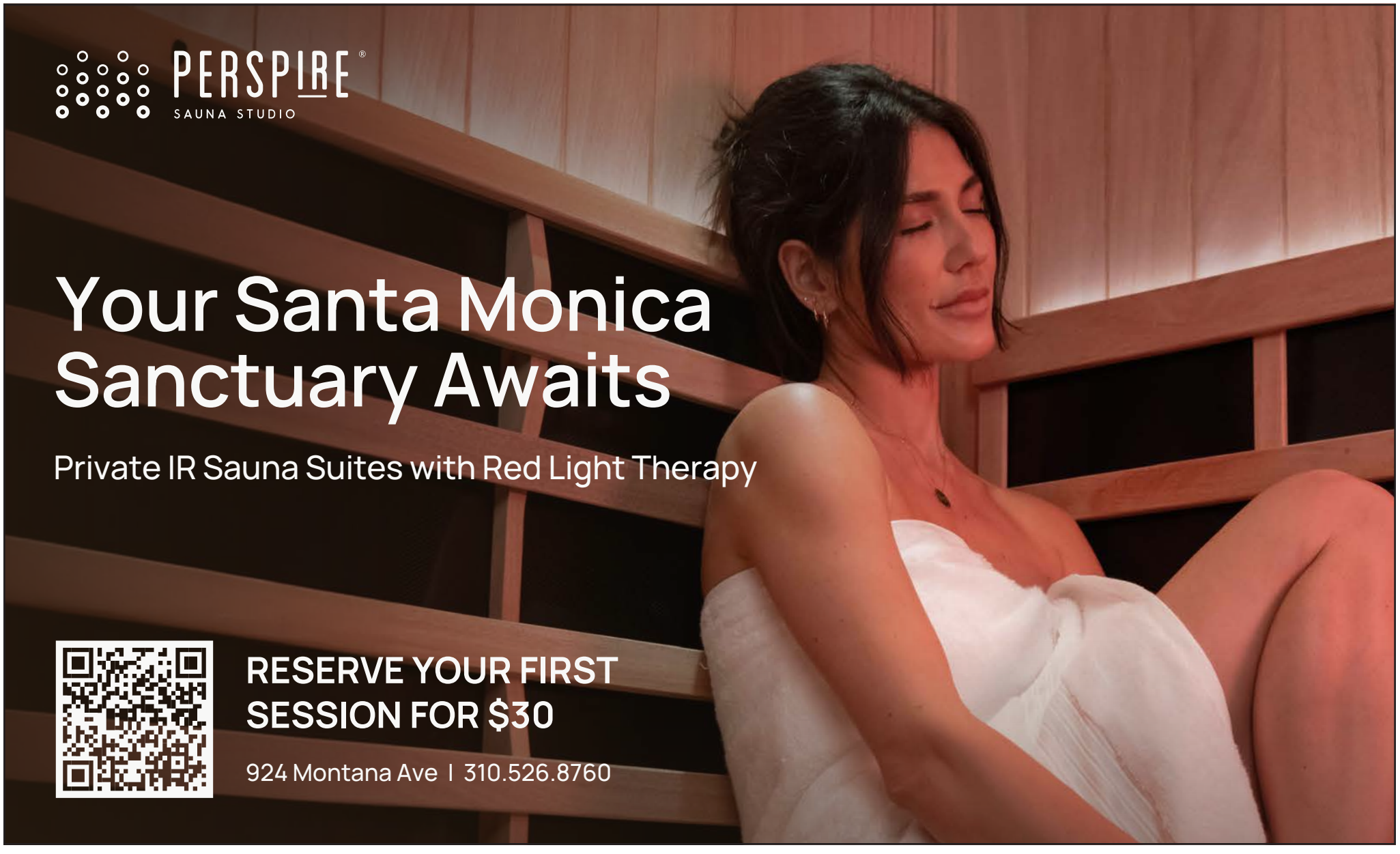
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PIER: The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention held the Out of the Darkness Walk at Santa Monica Pier on Oct. 18, which drew residents and people coming from the broader Los Angeles area to join the community walk.



Judge orders Trump to end National Guard deployment, calls LA mission 'profoundly un-American'



Photo by Ted Soqui for CalMatters

LA: Demonstrators protest against recent ICE immigration raids as National Guard officers stand guard in front of a federal building in Los Angeles on June 9, 2025.

A federal judge has ordered the National Guard to leave Los Angeles and return to Gov. Gavin Newsom's control in a stern rebuke of the Trump administration's contention that it can leave troops in the city indefinitely.

The order handed down Tuesday goes into effect at noon on Monday.

"It is profoundly un-American to suggest that people peacefully exercising their fundamental right to protest constitute a risk justifying the federalization of military forces," U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer wrote in the opinion.

The Los Angeles case is one of several challenging Trump's deployment of the National Guard in liberal cities, including Chicago and Portland. The U.S. Supreme Court is weighing a case on Trump's call-up of troops to Chicago, which could further determine whether the domestic mobilizations are constitutional.

Breyer in June issued a separate decision against Trump's Los Angeles deployment, but the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals blocked the ruling from taking effect and allowed the troops to stay.

"Today's ruling is abundantly clear – the federalization of the National Guard in California is illegal and must end," Newsom said in a written statement. "The president deployed these brave men and women against their own communities, removing them from essential public safety operations. We look forward to all National Guard servicemembers being returned to state service."

The Trump administration used Section 12406 of the U.S. Code to justify sending National Guard troops to Los Angeles in early June, when aggressive immigration enforcement operations led to protests. The administration issued similar orders in August and again in October, each time citing the clause that permits Trump to federalize National Guard troops if "the President is unable with the regular forces to execute the laws of the United States."

In each case, the Trump administration argued that the conditions in Los Angeles in early June justified sending in the National Guard. Trump mobilized 4,000 of the state's National Guard troops in response to two days of occasionally volatile protests against federal immigration raids in Southern California. Almost all of them have returned home. Before Trump's federalization of those troops, at no time in U.S. history was the law invoked without the consent of the state governor. Use of the law is exceedingly rare: It was used just once before June by President Richard Nixon to mobilize troops during a postal worker strike in 1970.

"It defies the record — and common sense — to conclude that risks stemming from protests — in August, October, or even present day — could not have been sufficiently managed without resorting to the National Guard," wrote Breyer, the brother of retired Supreme Court justice Stephen Breyer.

There are three conditions that presidents can use to invoke Section 12406: If the country is invaded or in danger of invasion; if there is a rebellion or danger of a rebellion against the U.S. government; or if the president cannot enforce the nation's laws

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.8**

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

Waves edge up as some fresh swell moves in. Morning winds looking light, PM onshores manageable. New mid-period WNW swell fills in, as a little SSW swell nudges up through the day, setting up thigh to waist high+ surf for good spots. Light/variable winds due much of the morning, followed by a manageable afternoon W sea breeze.

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

Day of the week as WNW swell tops out. Winds staying on the light side, best in the morning. Decent shot of mid-period WNW swell peaks, for waves running in the waist to stomach high range at good exposures. A little SSW swell blends in to help shape for the combo breaks and keep the summer points rideable on the small wave gear. Winds looking light all day, variable in the morning, W sea breeze for the afternoon.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. North wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 52. Calm wind becoming north northeast around 5 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 75. Calm wind becoming south southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2025/12/11	Thu	2:21 PM	3.90	H
2025/12/11	Thu	9:12 PM	0.77	L
2025/12/12	Fri	04:15 AM	4.62	H
2025/12/12	Fri	10:42 AM	1.99	L
2025/12/12	Fri	3:54 PM	3.44	H
2025/12/12	Fri	10:02 PM	1.23	L
2025/12/13	Sat	04:55 AM	4.91	H
2025/12/13	Sat	11:47 AM	1.36	L
2025/12/13	Sat	5:22 PM	3.24	H
2025/12/13	Sat	10:45 PM	1.64	L
2025/12/14	Sun	05:29 AM	5.17	H
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8 32 52 56 64
Power#: 23
Jackpot: 930 M

MEGA MILLIONS — Draw Date: 12/9
19 32 41 49 66
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 70 M

SuperLotto Plus — Draw Date: 12/6
6 10 30 42 43
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5 — Draw Date: 12/9
10 15 16 20 33

Daily 3 — Draw Date: 12/9
EVENING: 6 9 2
Draw Date: 12/9
MIDDAY: 6 8 1

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3rd: 04 - Big Ben
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AROUND TOWN

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So Many Winter Festivals!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the City's 150th Grand Finale Celebration, The Fairmont's Meet me Under the Fig Tree Event, Bergamot Station Annual Winter Open House, Taylor Swift's Birthday at Ice Santa Monica, & and much more!

Pickle n Tequila x Sushi Roku Off the Court Holiday Party: Join the Pickle N' Tequila community at Sushi Roku to celebrate the Holiday Season. Mingle with the community, WIN raffle prizes and dive into the exclusive extended Happy Hour menu. Thursday, Dec. 11, 6-9p.m., Sushi Roku, 1401 Ocean Ave. instagram.com/p/DRxPfRkDwbY/

Burlesque Holiday Edition at Massilia: Enjoy Burlesque, Cabaret, Pole Danding, Live DJ, and more. Table Reservations are $15 and free to view from the bar. Thursday, Dec. 11, 9 - 11p.m., 1445 4th St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/burlesque-holiday-edition-massilia-tickets-1968324595852

DMN8 on Ice Holiday Party: Join them for an evening of holiday cheer , community, and charity - all with a little taste of winter magic at the rink at Ice at Santa Monica. Food and drink will be available for purchase. 🍔🍺🍕 Cost of entry is a toy donation and admission includes skate rental. All donations go to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Friday, December 12, 4 - 7p.m., 1324 5th St. instagram.com/dmn8_gym

SaMoHi Winter Choral Concert: The 20th annual "Motus Perpetuus," a unique Concert of Perpetual Motion, will feature all 5 school choirs. During the concert, students move throughout Barnum Hall as they perform. Friday, Dec. 12, 7p.m. samohichoir.org/index.php/events/public-concerts-and-events/winter-concert

Virginia Avenue Park Mini Winter Festival: Pico Farmers Market and Virginia Avenue Park are hosting a mini winter festival featuring artist booths, face painting, live music, Pico merchants, and a glass art sale from Santa Monica College art studio. Saturday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. – 12p.m., 2200 Virginia Ave. instagram.com/p/DR2xFGSCWrr

SaMo Venice Christmas Run (5K/10K): The 48th annual Christmas Run is the "jolliest run in SoCal," inviting thousands of festive runners, many in costume, to dash from Santa Monica down the Venice Beach boardwalk and back. All participants receive holiday swag, finisher medals and enjoy a finish-line holiday bash with treats and beverages. Saturday, Dec. 13, 7 – 10a.m. christmasrun.com

Bergamot Station Annual Winter Open House: This is a free event focusing on community engagement with live entertainment, a sustainable car free zone with fine art gallery exhibitions, receptions, curator walk throughs, artist talks, food, entertainment, and Wine Garden. Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., bergamotstation.com/bergamot-open-25

Baby Winter Ball: Sing, dance, and play until naptime! Little ones are invited to dress up and have a ball (and play with some, too). For ages 0 - 2. Saturday, Dec 13, 11a.m. - 12pm., Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. santamonica.gov/events/4w3kej2270ggk2qb69ky70k4de/202512131100

SaMo 150th Anniversary Grand Finale Celebration: The City closes out its 150th anniversary year with a grand finale community festival and cultural celebration on the Third Street Promenade. The free event will bring residents, partners, and visitors together for an afternoon of live entertainment, local art, history exhibits, and family-friendly activities celebrating the city's past, present, and future. Saturday, Dec. 13, 12 – 5 p.m. celebrating150.com

Annual LoveBug & Me Holiday Pajama Day Sing-Along: This festive, family-friendly event for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers, features live music, dance, parachute play, sensory stations, a take home art project, and a special appearance by Santa Claus. Our interactive concert includes Christmas, Hanukkah, and winter holiday favorites. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2:30 – 4p.m., Tongva Park, https://lovebugandme.com/event/holiday-sing-alongs/

Book Talk with Gordon Ramsey's Next Level Chef Winner Pyet DeSpain: In her debut cookbook, Rooted in Fire: A Celebration of Native American and Mexican Cooking, she shares her joy of cooking fueled by her burning passion for Indigenous cuisine. Pyet joins a special guest moderator to share some of the stories, traditions, culture, and profound Indigenous philosophies found in her book, and that season every meal. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2:30 - 4:30p.m., Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/43ab9n4exzr191xy2d1nv6c9c8/202512131430

Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade: This year's theme is "A Nightmare Before Christmas" and approx 25,000 people are expected for the 63rd Annual Boat Parade, with festivities at various viewing spots like Fisherman's Village and Burton Chace Park. Saturday, Dec. 13 https://mdrboatparade.org



Courtesy image

150: The final celebration will be held along the Promenade.

Taylor Swift's Birthday at Ice Santa Monica: 'Tis the damn season to celebrate TayTay's birthday! Show up in your favorite era's style (or cardigan). First (50) skaters per session will receive a friendship bracelet. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1324 5th St. https://iceatsantamonica.com/santa-monica-events/

LA Master Chorale English Cathedral Christmas: Celebrate the holiday season with the GRAMMY® Award-winning Los Angeles Master Chorale, hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "the finest-by-far major chorus in America." Saturday, Dec. 13, 7:30p.m., 1310 11th St. https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/los-angeles-master-chorale/

Annual Santa Monica Pub Crawl: Crawl for a Cause at the Largest Holiday Crawl on the West Coast! Join Thousands of Crawlers and Help Those in Need for the Holidays with visiting over 20 of the best bars and restaurants in Santa Monica. Saturday, Dec. 13. https://santamonicapubcrawl.com/

Venice Christmas Street Fair: The fair will close 3rd Ave between Rose Ave and Sunset Ave for artists and small businesses. Sunday, Dec. 14, 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. instagram.com/reel/DR5RlorkltG

Meet Me Under The Fig Tree: Expect photos with Santa under the Fig Tree, Cookie decorating, arts & crafts, bounce house & snow machine, live tunes & special performances by the SaMo High Orchestra + master pianist Jason Pelsey, eats from FIG, Emporium Thai, BOA Steak, Sushi Roku, Chef Luigi Fineo, Michael's & Shake Shack, meet the SMDP horses and check out the fire truck showcase. FREE. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1:00 - 4:00p.m., Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/events/meet-me-under-the-fig-tree/

AJA Vineyards Candle Making & Wine Tasting: Join owner of Glassed Over Taylor for a fun candle making class. Sip on AJA wines while you create one of their classic up-cycle candles with your selected scents. Includes workshop, candle and 2 glasses of wine. Sunday, Dec. 14, 2-5p.m., 1417 2nd St. https://ajavineyards.orderport.net/product-details/0201/Candle-Making-Workshop

Nightly Menorah Lightings on the Third Street Promenade: They begin on the first night of Hanukkah, Sunday, Dec. 14, and run for eight joyous nights through Sunday, Dec. 14, 5 - 7p.m., 1300 Block Third Street Promenade https://downtownsm.com/holiday-happenings

Jane Lynch's A Swingin' Little Christmas: This hilarious and heartwarming holiday extravaganza promises to be a delightful blend of comedy and music, ensuring a 'swingin' good time. The group has brought their joyful banter to audiences across the country, with their holiday album "A Swingin' Little Christmas" hitting Billboard's Top 10 Adult Contemporary chart. Hollywood Digest calls it "captivating," the comedy "spectacular" and the vibe "absolutely precious." Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7:30p.m.,1310 11th St. https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/jane-lynchs-a-swingin-little-christmas/

ONGOING: Ice at Santa Monica (through Jan. 19); "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; Museum of Illusions;

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Viceroy Debuting Après Surf Lounge: The seasonal pop-up transforms the hotel's palm-tree-surrounded outdoor terrace into a stylish winter escape. The destination will celebrate its public opening on with a live DJ and a retail pop-up. Kicking off from 6p.m., hotel guests and visitors alike will be able to enjoy coastal-inspired beats as they

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WALK

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and community support.

"It's a very powerful moment to see who else has the same type of loss," said Flax, who has volunteered with the organization for 15 years after losing both her mother and stepmother to suicide within two weeks of each other in 2008.

For many attendees, the ceremony provided their first glimpse of a community that understood their experiences.

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> - Stephanie Rivas

"Honor bead was really moving, it showed we're all here to support each other," said Raquene Reed, who has struggled with mental health and once attempted suicide. Reed, who has lived in Los Angeles for nine years, was attending her first walk with the foundation.

Stephanie Rivas, another first-time participant who recently lost someone to suicide, said she wanted to commemorate struggles her family members and friends have experienced. She learned about the event through the foundation's social media.

"I just felt like I wanted to represent them, even though they're not here physically in the walk with me," Rivas said.

The event also featured a resource fair with nonprofit organizations including Free Mom Hugs, The Happiness Project, and the YAY Foundation, providing information about mental health services available in the community.

Kerry Scott, a volunteer with Free Mom Hugs who supports the LGBTQ+ community, said the event created opportunities for open dialogue about suicide and mental health.

"I met a few people come up and talk about their loss and struggles," Scott said. "You would never know what people have been through unless they talk about it."

Stesha Moore, co-chair of the walk and a nine-year volunteer with the foundation, emphasized the importance of breaking down stigma surrounding suicide. According to internal statistics from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 91% of adults surveyed believe suicide is preventable at least some of the time, yet many people who are struggling fear discussing it publicly.

"The best thing to do to help with suicide prevention is start talking about it," Moore said. "The more conversations we have, the more normalized mental health and suicide prevention become."

Moore shared a particularly meaningful moment from the day when someone approached her mother, who was holding a sign promoting the 988 mental health crisis lifeline, to express gratitude for the increased awareness and resources now available.

"Those were the moments that I live for. Those are the moments when I see this work is positively affecting participants," Moore said.

The Santa Monica walk supports Los Angeles County and surrounding municipalities including West Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Money raised goes directly toward training programs in the county, with organizers conducting hundreds of training sessions annually.

Flax, who shifted her career path from pursuing a doctoral degree in clinical psychology to becoming a mental health advocate after her losses, encouraged people not to fear asking difficult questions when someone is struggling.

"Don't be afraid to talk about it," Flax said. "If someone's struggling, don't be afraid to ask them, are you thinking of hurting yourself? Because that doesn't put the idea into their head."

The 988 lifeline provides 24/7 support for mental health crises in the United States.

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

SANTA MONICA GREAT PARK COALITION

Greetings from the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition

Our coalition formed a year ago, to bring together the many groups and individuals who look forward to the conversion of the 192-acre Santa Monica Airport into a Great Park when the airport closes at the end of 2028.

Today, the Coalition includes more than 70 organizations representing more than 25,000 people, all dedicated to advancing community health, restoring green space and habitat, mitigating climate change, strengthening local sustainability and biodiversity, and creating vibrant recreation opportunities.

Progress toward the Great Park has been continuous. 2024 and 2025 were years of change and challenge in Santa Monica, with new leaders taking office, but nothing has stopped the park planning process.

A Year of Steady Progress

In 2024, the City began the Santa Monica Airport Conversion process. The City assembled an expert team of staff centered in the Public Works Department and hired one of the world's top planning firms, Sasaki, to consult. Following early community engagement in the spring, the team conducted an additional survey in fall 2024 to gauge public interest in the Great Park. The response was overwhelming, culminating in a December 2024 workshop that attracted more than 800 people, the largest turnout for a city planning workshop in living memory, reflecting the community's strong desire to participate in Great Park planning.

The Public Process and Unanimous Council Direction

Community responses overwhelmingly favored dedicating the land to a Great Park, and out of this broad public process emerged five guiding principles that the City Council unanimously adopted in January: Start with Nature, Inspire Wonder, Balance Economics, Amplify Versatility, and Celebrate Place. The Council then directed the planning team to return in July, after more public outreach, with three alternative scenarios showing possible long-term outcomes for the airport site.

Staff and Sasaki developed these scenarios over the spring, conducted additional public outreach, and presented them to the City Council in July. At its July 8 meeting, the Council voted to direct the SMAC team to develop a plan to be submitted for environmental review. Importantly, the Council directed that the plan be limited to park and recreation uses allowed by Measure LC, ensuring that no ballot measure would be required.

Measure LC is the ballot measure approved by 60 percent of Santa Monica voters in 2014, stating that if and when the airport closes, the land cannot be developed for anything other than parks and recreation purposes unless voters approve another plan.

The July meeting clarified another important point. The City Attorney informed the Council that amenities commonly incorporated into parks, such as restaurants and cafes, can be built as part of the park without violating Measure LC. This gives the planners more flexibility in creating a park that will have wide appeal and adds possibilities for funding sources.

Phased Planning and Strategic Leadership

The Council also directed the planning team to plan for development of the Great Park over time and in phases. Funding sources can therefore be matched with specific features as they are built, rather than requiring all funding for the ultimate park to be in place on day one. This approach links clearly to the guiding principle Balance Economics, making the park's growth feasible and fiscally sound.

Just after the July meeting, Santa Monica welcomed its new City Manager, Oliver Chi. One of his first actions was to bring responsibility for Great Park planning into the City Manager's Office. The planning team will now report directly to him. This was a welcome recognition that building the Great Park will be a major civic achievement in Santa Monica, and a magnificent legacy that we will leave for future generations.

As we write this report, the planning team, under the City Manager's direction, is preparing a plan for public review and then Council consideration early in the new year. With Mr. Chi's community-minded leadership guiding this work, we look forward to the next steps. The Coalition will continue its steady advocacy for a Great Park that reflects community priorities.

A Path for Funding the Great Park

It's vital to understand how a new park can be funded, even during a period when the City is facing temporary operating deficits. Parks are not built with the City's annual operating budget. Instead, they are funded with capital funds, which come from a variety of sources, including local, regional, and federal grants, philanthropic donations, foundations, and nonprofit support organizations.

It is important to remember that the mostexpensive part of the Great Park, the land, is already paid for. Santa Monica purchased it in 1926 with a parks bond, a century-old decision that now offers our park-poor city a rare second chance to realize its original vision.

The airport generates millions each year in lease revenues. Although nearly all of this income originates from non-aviation businesses, all of the revenue goes into a separate Airport Fund that, under FAA regulations, the City may use only for airport operations. These funds do not enter the City's general operating budget. When the airport closes, the aviation leases and expenses will end as well, while non-aviation lease revenues will continue and new revenues will be added. At closure, these lease revenues will be available to the City, and at the same time the City will no longer have to pay for operation of the airport. The City can then place this income into a Park Fund to support construction and long term maintenance of the Great Park, and these revenues can also back revenue bonds for major features.

As plans develop, specific sources will be matched to specific park elements. The City will be able to phase construction, leverage grants, and partner with state, county, and community organizations to create a 192-acre Great Park that reflects Santa Monica's values and long term vision.

Health, Safety, and Economic Benefits

Countless local and regional studies show that parks greatly improve community health and resident well-being. A Great Park will also strengthen climate resilience through increased tree canopy, native landscapes, and green infrastructure that will cool surrounding areas, improve air quality, and capture stormwater, helping prepare our city for a hotter and more unpredictable climate. Our Great Park can play a crucial role in emergencies, by providing a water feature and open space for firefighting operations and helicopter landings. In addition, research consistently shows that the creation of a major park often leads to stronger economic activity in surrounding areas, increasing local business revenues, tourism spending, and overall commercial vitality. Our Great Park will deliver all these essential benefits and more, creating a healthier, safer, and more vital community.

A Century in the Making

There are well-funded interests that want to keep the airport open. Others want to use the land for purposes other than a park. We should remember that closing the airport and returning it to park use is not a recent idea. This was the original location of Clover Field Park until the federal government took over the land at the start of World War II. Santa Monica has sought to close the airport since Douglas Aircraft closed its plant in 1975. In 1984 the City entered an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to close the airport in 2015, but the FAA reneged. After suing the federal government, the City obtained a new agreement in 2017. As allowed by that agreement, the City Council has voted to close the airport on December 31, 2028.

Looking Ahead

The Great Park Coalition exists to marshal the hopes of all who see the need for and the beauty of a Great Park for our city and our region. We will continue to inform the community of progress toward that goal. Thank you for your attention!

Learn more about the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition and get involved at www.greatparkcoalition.org

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Beach Parking Lot 1 during construction. Wayfinding signage is being installed to direct drivers to multiple alternate parking locations near the pier.

To maintain access during construction, the city will install temporary bridges and ramps. A temporary pedestrian bridge will connect visitors from Ocean Avenue to the pier, providing an 8-foot-wide walkway similar to the current north-side walkway. A temporary vehicular ramp will maintain access to the pier from the beach parking lot for emergency vehicles, deliveries and public parking.

A comprehensive wayfinding and signage program will guide visitors during construction, including vehicle and pedestrian maps, signage and directional floor stenciling.

Construction is expected to continue through the end of 2027, with several key milestones planned throughout the two-year period.

In January 2026, the historic blue pier sign will be removed for rehabilitation. Between January and April 2026, crews will install the temporary vehicle and pedestrian ramp. Bridge demolition is scheduled for May through August 2026, with bridge construction continuing from August 2026 through December 2027.

The refurbished pier sign will be reinstalled in July 2027, approximately 10 feet north of its current location and elevated to provide improved visibility and clearance. Between July and October 2027, workers will remove the temporary vehicle and pedestrian bridge and restore Parking Lot 1 North. The project is expected to reach completion in December 2027.

To ensure visitors can continue having an "Instagrammable Pier experience" during construction, a temporary half-scale replica of the iconic neon sign is being installed this month in the middle of the pier, adjacent to Pier Burger and near the Pacific Park entrance.

The replacement bridge will be approximately 447 feet long and 39 feet wide — about 5 feet wider to the north than the existing structure. The new design moves a 15-foot-wide sidewalk to the south side of the bridge, while vehicles and bicycles will use a 20-foot-wide roadway on the north side.

The expanded sidewalks will improve pedestrian access and accommodate the high volume of foot traffic to the pier. Walkways on the pier deck will also be realigned to improve circulation.

The new bridge will meet modern seismic and safety standards and provide a 75-year service life. The replacement will preserve the visual character and aesthetics of the surrounding area, including views from Palisades Park, while addressing critical structural deficiencies in the current bridge.

The Santa Monica City Council previously approved the $35.5 million construction contract with Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. to complete the replacement project. The council also approved a $4.89 million contract with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for construction management and inspection services, and authorized additional engineering support services with Dokken Engineering, Inc.

The Federal Highway Bridge Program will fund approximately 75% of the project cost — $30.2 million — with the remainder coming from local transportation funds. The city has already executed an agreement to be reimbursed for construction expenditures under the federal program.

The project has been in development since the 1990s, with the city working through various federal approval processes and environmental reviews. The council certified the project's environmental impact report in June 2023.

For questions related to the project, residents and visitors can contact pierbridge@santamonica.gov or call 310-740-9545.

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GUARD

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with regular forces.

The Trump administration focused on the last one, arguing that previous court rulings found that the president need only be "significantly impeded" from executing the country's laws, rather than being completely "unable" to execute them, to comply with Section 12406, and argued that the existing risk of further protests justified the continued presence of the National Guard.

Breyer rejected that argument, saying that the mere threat of protests or uprisings compromising the president's ability to execute the country's laws is not enough to justify federalization of the National Guard.

"if federalization justified federalization, it would become a positive feedback loop that perpetually rationalized federal control of state troops," Breyer wrote.

The Trump administration, in its briefings, argued both that the federal mission had succeeded and conditions in Los Angeles had improved, but said the situation still required the presence of National Guard troops.

"Their assertion that '[t]here remains an inability to execute the laws . . . in California' is not only unsupported, but actually borders on a misrepresentation," Breyer wrote.

Breyer also warned that the Trump administration's justification for federalizing National Guard troops, if allowed to proceed, would set a dangerous precedent.

The Trump administration "confirmed their position that, after an initial federalization, all extensions of federalization orders are utterly unreviewable, forever," Breyer wrote.

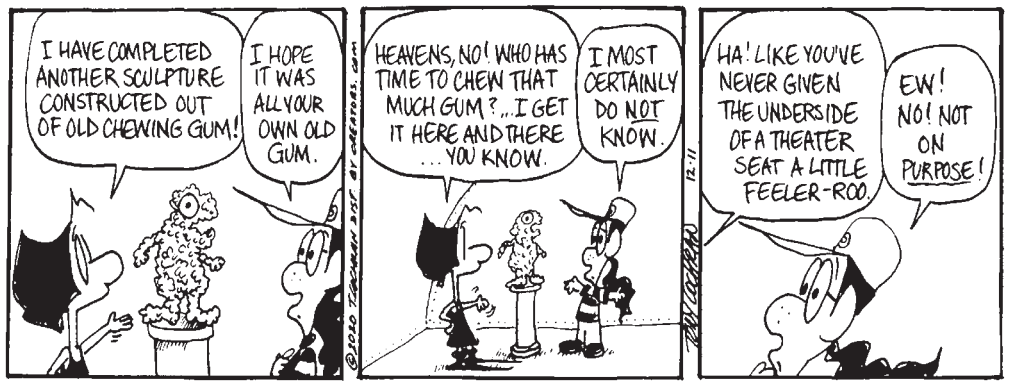
"That is shocking. Adopting Defendants' interpretation of Section 12406 would permit a president to create a perpetual police force comprised of state troops, so long as they were first federalized lawfully."

Nigel Duara, CalMatters Justice Reporter

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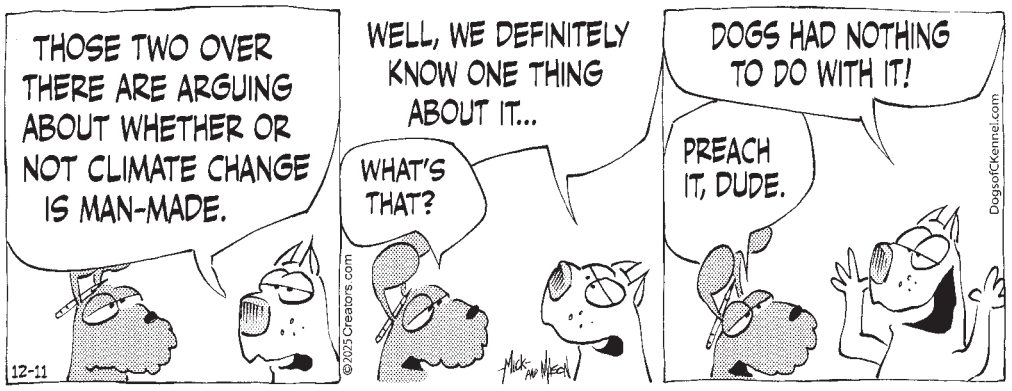
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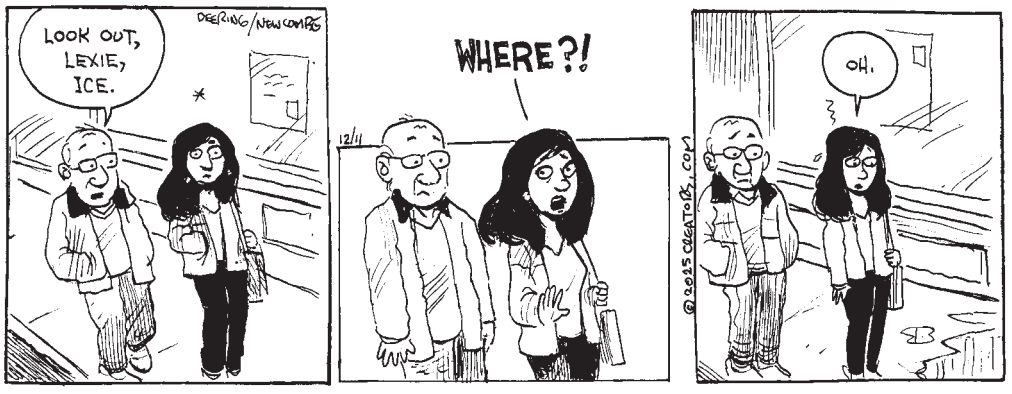
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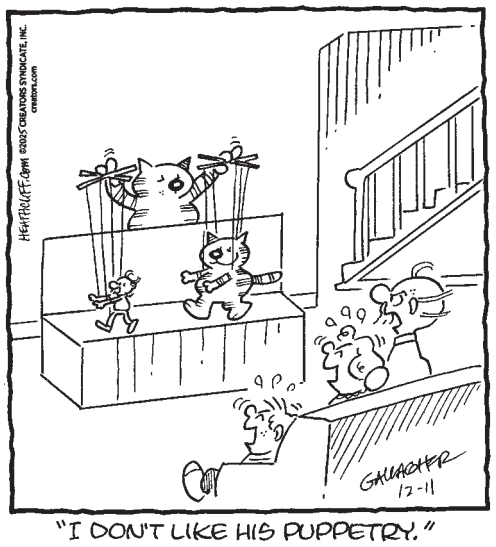
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"I DON'T LIKE HIS PUPPETRY."

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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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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Willpower is like a battery that drains over the course of the day. Make it easy for yourself to make good choices by anticipating what you'll need in low-motivation moments. Don't rely on willpower; rely on setup.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The right phrasing can inspire confidence. Precision communicates competence. People sense when you mean what you say. Put thought and practice into your word choices. It will be the difference between closing a deal or not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Perfection can never fully be achieved. There's always one more improvement, one more detail, one more layer of refinement. Even though absolute perfection is an impossibility, the pursuit itself leads you to the sublime.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Feelings are power sources. Strong feelings such as anger, fear or the elation of love can make your heart pound and your body spring alive. Think of them as huge power plants. There's no need to shut them down; direct the energy instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Boredom is a signal to pursue something different. When you're truly interested in something (or someone), curiosity flows naturally and opens attention. Attention is love in motion. Follow fascination instead of trying to lead it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Closure is efficiency. You've gathered all the lessons this situation can offer. Stop rereading old chapters and put that focus to better use. Reinvest the same energy in people and projects that give something back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A stumble teaches you where you need to build up strength. Start with one steadying habit: move your body, pay a bill, call a friend. Do it again tomorrow. Small consistencies become the structure that keeps your world from wobbling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You used to see a situation and think, "This shouldn't be happening." But now, you're more effective. You see the futility in resisting what is. By accepting it all, you waste no energy. You simply commit wholly to a solution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You carry both fire and tenderness in the same vessel: You're tough enough to follow through, but kind enough to let go when you need to. You have the discipline to meet goals and the softness to forgive the unmet ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In business, retention means keeping what's valuable: customers, employees and assets. Today it applies to your own life: Keep the value and cancel what drains you. Whether a subscription or a relationship, stop paying for anything that no longer enriches your spirit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone pays attention to where you go and how you get there. They watch to see if you travel directly or wander perilously. Don't forget that the witnessing is a form of love. Sometimes you're the shepherd; sometimes you're the sheep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have habits you notice and ones you don't. The invisible ones run the show. Step back for a clearer view. You need feedback, journaling and other honest mirrors to help you see what's really driving you.

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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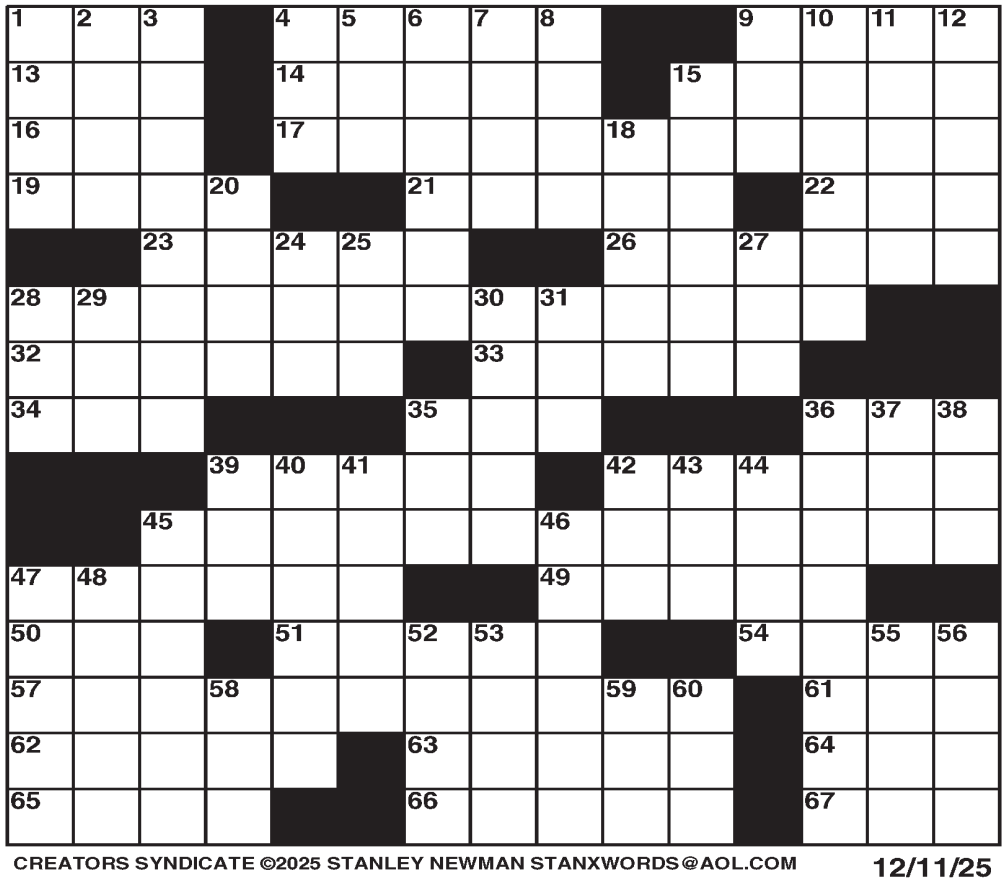
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1 Kangaroo pouch, e.g.
4 Smooths, as shelves
9 Intuitive feeling
13 Sci-fi sighting
14 Expect eagerly
15 L.A.'s area
16 Do wrong
17 Dickens title preteen
19 Sector
21 Madagascar primate
22 That: Sp.
23 Flagstaff flora
26 Escorts from the door
28 Competent at a job
32 Stood up
33 Suite things
34 Brand new socialite
35 "By what means?"
36 Got a load of
39 Sized up for stealing
42 Closest pal
45 Have what it takes
47 Area of expertise
49 Take the lid off
50 TNT part
51 No longer exist
54 Paint globule
57 Be prosperous
61 Bird on an Sydney 50-center
62 Amalgamation
63 Visibly floored
64 Big city for *futebol*
65 Cleanup candidate
66 Oral grinder
67 Farm pen

DOWN

1 Red Sea port
2 Hair Beyoncé once had
3 Silo cousin
4 __ Paulo (big city for *futebol*)
5 Saddler's implement
6 Secure, as a board
7 Jump off a board
8 Derive (from)
9 Nuptial ritual
10 Least cordial
11 Choral contingent
12 Name on the *Lion King* soundtrack
15 Water near some windmills
18 1904's __-Japanese War
20 Devours
24 Fidel colleague
25 Great deal
27 Outskirts of Liverpool
28 Big bundle of bucks
29 What might hold gold
30 Crumble slowly
31 67-Across dweller
35 Snicker sound
36 Desktop devices
37 Publicize
38 Bring together
39 Signal to speak
40 "The quickest way to Harlem"
41 Far from lenient
42 Wiener holder
43 Key near F1
44 Shot in the dark
45 Hot pods
46 Held in common
47 Take your pick and play
48 Inclined (to)
52 Cylindrical cheese
53 Scrapped, as a launch
55 Don't mention
56 Channel marker
58 __ Alamos, NM
59 Recruiter's concern
60 She/___ (pronoun pair)



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HomeState Opening SaMo Restaurant Tuesday: On Tuesday, Dec. 16, HomeState will soft open to the public at 7a.m., welcoming the community into their new location with special holiday festivities. HomeState Santa Monica will celebrate its official grand opening on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026. 720 Wilshire Blvd. instagram.com/p/DSAufFfD2JH

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Rustic Canyon's on The Infatuation's Best Dishes in LA List: Rustic Canyon's seasonal menu shifts with the Santa Monica Farmers Market, so if a dish sticks around—like this chocoflan covered in passionfruit caramel—it should tell you something. Equal parts custardy flan and chocolate cake, this dessert is a two-in-one showstopper. Three-in-one, actually, if you count the sticky sauce on top. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-dishes-infatuation-la-november-2025?lid

Update on Gott's Roadside Santa Monica Opening: An email from their PR team said it is "NOW OPENING SUMMER 2026" at 401 Wilshire Blvd. "Spanning 6,600 square feet of indoor space and 2,200 square feet of outdoor patio space, [in the space] formerly home to Osteria."

Further Afield: Deck the Hall Holiday Concerts returns to the Walt Disney Concert Hall from Dec. 5 - 31. This annual celebration brings together a diverse lineup of performances perfect for all ages, featuring everything from jazz and chamber music to family-friendly movie screenings. It's the perfect way to gather your loved ones and usher in the most wonderful time of the year right here in Downtown Los Angeles. laphil.com/concerts-and-events/festivals/deck-the-hall-and-winter-wonderland-2526

Looking Ahead: NYE East Coast Countdown Celebration @ Ice at Santa Monica (12/31); LA Art Show (Jan 7-11); DineLA Restaurant Week (1/23 – 2/6)

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7:00 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street Santa Monica. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/rent-control-board-meeting/13406661/2025-12-11T19

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LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave CA Contact Info (424) 214-1830 matt.sedgwick@candrpr.com Visit thesurfingfoxsm.com to view menus and learn more Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-12-12T18

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9:30 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-brobots/14721357/2025-12-12T21

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 13

SANTA MONICA-VENICE CHRISTMAS RUN

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ocean View Park 2701 Barnard Way Santa Monica. Mark your calendars! Santa is coming to town for the return of the 48th annual Santa Monica-Venice Christmas Run on December 13, 2025! Experience this historic event in person as you dash down the beautiful streets of Santa Monica and Venice, California, including a long stretch along the famous Venice Beach boardwalk. Sleigh one of the 5K or 10K courses before jinglin' your way across the finish line where a holiday bash will be waiting for you with delicious treats and festive beverages that would make Santa's reindeer jealous. Learn more: christmasrun.com. Prices: 5K: USD 34.00, 10K: USD 44.00, Youth Run: USD 14.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-venice-christmas-run/14803694/2025-12-13T07

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 155-199 Arizona Ave Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. Did you know? The Wednesday market is the largest in Santa Monica and the one most often frequented by local star chefs! Over 60 farm stands bring locally grown, California produce and flowers, direct to you from farm to your table. Parking on surrounding streets or in structures along Second and Fourth Streets. Both the Wednesday and Saturday markets are 8:00am to 1:00pm, rain or shine, and may be closed for selected holidays. All four Santa Monica Farmers Markets accept Cal Fresh EBT and WIC as payment. Learn about how to prepare for the Farmers Markets. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturdays/14118465/2025-12-13T08

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Dec 4th, 11th, & 18th | 5-7 PM

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Dec 14th - 21st | SUNDOWN

Local community groups will host Menorah lightings on the 1400 block of Third Street Promenade.