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# Santa Monica Beach to become an athletic events hub with upcoming activations for the World Cup, Superbowl and Olympics

*The superior soccer social club that's just as iconic as the location itself. The Pitchside Club will get fans, celebs, and influencers closer to soccer culture with watch parties, games, performances, media partnerships and more!*




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**PIER:** The first of several large sports events coming to the local beach will be a soccer-themed installation tied to the 2026 World Cup.

**MATTHEW HALL**
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica is preparing to transform its coastline into a global entertainment destination, with city officials moving forward on negotiations for five major events tied to the 2026 FIFA World Cup, 2027 Super Bowl and 2028 Olympic Games.

The Santa Monica City Council will consider on Dec. 16 whether to authorize negotiations for hospitality houses, fan festivals and broadcast centers that would occupy prime beachfront real estate over the next three years, beginning with a World Cup activation in June 2026.

"Over the next several years, the Los Angeles region will become a global stage for some of the world's most watched sporting and cultural events," City Manager Oliver Chi wrote in a report to council. "Santa Monica's coastline, public spaces, public transit access,

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT:** **Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council that the Council (1) Permanently Adopt Economic Recovery Interim Zoning Ordinance 2825 (CCS) and (2) Amend the Text of Article 9 Zoning and Planning of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown and Citywide Areas by Streamlining, Simplifying, and Modifying Land Uses and Limitations, Updating Standards for Specific Uses and Activities, Including Alcohol Permits and Review, Modifying Definitions, Adding Flexibility for Certain Non-Conforming Uses, and Making Other Minor Changes, Corrections, Clarifications, and Clerical Amendments. Additionally, contingent on Council adoption of a Resolution of Intention on December 16, 2025, amendments related to the applicability of Resource Recovery and Recycling requirements and trash enclosure dimensional standards are proposed to remove barriers for new and existing businesses, facilitate process streamlining and updated standards for objectivity.**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider recommending to the City Council that the Council (1) permanently adopt economic recovery Interim Zoning Ordinance 2825 (CCS) and (2) amend the text of Article 9 Zoning and Planning of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to promote economic recovery and increase land use flexibility in the City's Downtown and citywide areas by streamlining, simplifying, and modifying land uses and limitations, updating standards for Specific Uses and Activities, including alcohol permits and review, modifying definitions, adding flexibility for certain non-conforming uses, and making other minor changes, corrections, clarifications, and clerical amendments. On October 15, 2025, the Planning Commission approved Resolution Number 25-014 (PCS) declaring its intension to consider recommendations as described above.

Additionally, contingent on Council adoption of a Resolution of Intention on December 16, 2025, amendments related to the applicability of Resource Recovery and Recycling requirements and trash enclosure dimensional standards are proposed to remove barriers for new and existing businesses, facilitate process streamlining and updated standards for objectivity.

**DATE/TIME:** **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

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

**HOW TO COMMENT**

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

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

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

**VIA E-MAIL:** planningcomment@santamonica.gov
**VIA MAIL:** City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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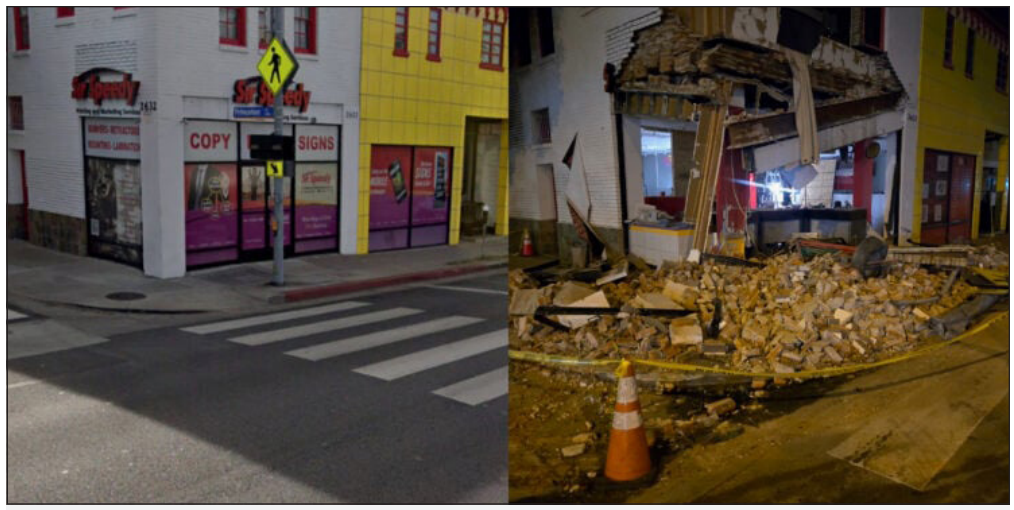
If you want more information about these amendments, please visit the Planning Commission webpage (January 21, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda) or October 15, 2025 PC Item 7D Resolution of Intention. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

**ESPAÑOL**

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

# Santa Monica Police respond to serious crash, crime spree arrest in 24-hour period




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**CRASH:** A BMW driver was hospitalized Thursday night after losing control and crashing into a Sir Speedy copy shop at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Princeton Street just after 11 p.m..

**MAAZ ALIN**
SMDP Staff Writer

Police responded to two major incidents within hours of each other last week, including a violent crash that damaged a commercial building and the arrest of a suspect in a multi-jurisdictional crime spree involving gunfire and stolen weapons.

A BMW driver was hospitalized Thursday night after losing control and crashing into a Sir Speedy copy shop at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Princeton Street just after 11 p.m. The impact left the vehicle mangled and caused heavy damage to the building, according to Santa Monica police.

Video from the scene shows the crumpled BMW in the street following the collision. Witnesses said the driver appeared stunned as he was rescued from the wreckage and transported to a hospital with moderate injuries.

No one was inside the building's first floor at the time of impact, but police evacuated a family living in an upstairs apartment. Building and safety inspectors were requested to assess the structural damage, and crews placed temporary beams at the scene to prevent the building from collapsing.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Police have not determined whether the driver suffered a medical emergency or was under the influence.

Police also announced a major arrest.

The second case started at 12:50 a.m. Nov. 24 when officers responded to reports of gunfire in the 2000 block of Ocean Avenue.

Police discovered a concealed .357-magnum revolver hidden inside a rental bicycle near the 1900 block of Ocean Way. Criminal Investigation Division detectives later obtained video evidence showing the suspect firing the weapon and concealing it earlier that evening.

The investigation revealed the firearm had been stolen during a burglary in San Fernando. The suspect and an associate were also linked to a robbery and burglary in the Los Angeles Police Department's Rampart Division approximately one hour before arriving in Santa Monica, authorities said.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed charges jointly with LAPD, including robbery, burglary, felon in possession of a firearm and negligent discharge of a firearm.

Due to an extensive criminal history, the suspect faces a potential life sentence. The case remains under investigation for additional crimes.

Santa Monica Police Department officials credited the swift response of patrol officers, thorough investigative work by CID detectives and collaboration with partner agencies for the successful resolution of the case.

No additional information about the hospitalized crash driver has been released. Police have not identified the suspect in the crime spree case.

Both investigations remain active.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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# If you close it, they will come.

If we close the Santa Monica Airport, the outcome is not the “great park” some imagine. What will come instead—predictably and inevitably—are forces far more disruptive to our community: first, homeless will occupy the vast, unsecured open space; second, the State will come with obligatory housing mandates; and third, developers will come to carve up the land into dense, high-traffic projects that will gridlock Sunset Park and make the surrounding neighborhoods unlivable.

The idea that this land can transform into a park is a fantasy. The City has no funding to secure, build, maintain, or operate a park of this scale. The City’s own commissioned analysis—the HR&A Advisors economic impact study—found that the airport generates $247–$275 million in annual economic activity and supports roughly 1,500 jobs. This revenue, employment base, and economic ripple effect, would disappear the moment the airport closes. The “great park” narrative is a false flag, promoted by a small group of homeowners who bought their homes, next to a long-established airport and now see closure as a windfall to increase their property values.

In contrast, the airport’s value to the entire city is growing. JSX will begin operations at Santa Monica Airport in a week, bringing quiet, fuel-efficient aircraft, whose noise footprint is comparable to the small piston planes already based here. Thousands of Santa Monicans who currently drive to Burbank and LAX for short regional flights, will now have stress-free access to travel to Vegas, the Bay area, and other destinations. This new connectivity will provide a badly needed economic boost—supporting local businesses, increasing visitor spending, and help energize our struggling city economy infusing well over $10 million (using HR&A metrics) in new income annually.

KSMO is not a luxury—it is critical infrastructure. During the Palisades Fire and numerous past emergencies, the airport provided staging space for aircraft and rapid-response capability, that simply cannot be replicated elsewhere in the city. Closing it would eliminate a vital emergency asset just as climate risks, fire seasons, and regional instability are increasing.

The future of clean aviation is here in Santa Monica: two electric aircraft are already based at the field, symbolizing a transition toward quieter, cleaner, more sustainable operations that align perfectly with Santa Monica’s environmental goals. I have personally flown nearly twenty people for demo flights in the Velis Electro aircraft, and the universal response is awe. Super quiet, smooth and a window into the future.

This is not an either/or choice. Santa Monica can do what leading cities do: responsibly develop portions of the airport land, add meaningful new park space, and still retain a functional, economically valuable airport that serves all residents.

To close this airport would be one of the most short-sighted decisions in Santa Monica’s history—erasing hundreds of millions in economic output, eliminating jobs, increasing already grid locked congestion, inviting state-mandated development, and removing a key emergency-response asset.

Let’s preserve KSMO, modernize it, and keep it working for generations to come. If we close it, we lose control, and they will come.

Mark Smith, Santa Monica resident and Co-President SMAA








## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

**MONDAY** — ***POOR TO FAIR***
**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh

Small surf, even after waiting out the early high tide. Have the longboard ready. A little nudge in shorter-period southerly swell in the cards for weak waves in the knee-thigh high range - and that’s after the tide comes down from the deep dawn patrol high. Light wind and clean conditions are the silver lining for the morning window. Afternoon crumble doesn’t look terrible, but combined with the lack of size and it’ll probably look pretty lackluster.

**TUESDAY** — ***POOR TO FAIR***
**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh

Small combo of swells. Slow through the AM high tide, fresh WNW swell builds before dark. The morning window is going to be pretty similar to Monday - slow but rideable through the high tide, just pack the right gear and keep expectations very low. The low-incoming tide before dark offers a little bump in size as new WNW swell fills in, though that energy is going to show better on Wednesday.

## Weather

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 73.
**Monday Night:** Sunny, with a high near 73.
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 73.
**Tuesday Night:** Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

| Date | Day | Time (LST/LDT) | Predicted (ft) | High/Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025/12/15 | Mon | 06:00 AM | 5.40 | H |
| 2025/12/15 | Mon | 1:16 PM | 0.26 | L |
| 2025/12/15 | Mon | 7:36 PM | 3.30 | H |
| 2025/12/15 | Mon | 11:57 PM | 2.25 | L |
| 2025/12/16 | Tue | 06:29 AM | 5.59 | H |
| 2025/12/16 | Tue | 1:51 PM | -0.13 | L |
| 2025/12/16 | Tue | 8:20 PM | 3.38 | H |
| 2025/12/17 | Wed | 12:30 AM | 2.41 | L |
| 2025/12/17 | Wed | 06:58 AM | 5.75 | H |
| 2025/12/17 | Wed | 2:23 PM | -0.41 | L |
| 2025/12/17 | Wed | 8:57 PM | 3.43 | H |
| 2025/12/18 | Thu | 01:02 AM | 2.50 | L |
| 2025/12/18 | Thu | 07:27 AM | 5.88 | H |
| 2025/12/18 | Thu | 2:55 PM | -0.60 | L |
| 2025/12/18 | Thu | 9:31 PM | 3.45 | H |
| 2025/12/19 | Fri | 01:34 AM | 2.53 | L |
| 2025/12/19 | Fri | 07:58 AM | 5.96 | H |

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**POWERBALL**
Draw Date: 12/10
10 16 29 33 69
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 1 M

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

**SuperLotto Plus**
Draw Date: 12/10
10 19 30 33 42
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 10 M

**Fantasy5**
Draw Date: 12/11
7 13 23 26 30

**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 12/11
EVENING: 9 7 6
Draw Date: 12/11
MIDDAY: 3 3 3

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 12/11
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
Race Time: 1:46.44


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025252258 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COURAGEOUS RESULTS, 3101 OCEAN PARK BLVD STE 100, #246, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): TEHYA KOPP, 3101 OCEAN PARK BLVD STE 100, #246, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/2025. s/ Tehya Kopp, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/7/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 12/01/2025, 12/08/2025, 12/15/2025, 12/22/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025272313 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALIBRA ADVISORY, 21485 COLINA DRIVE, TOPANGA, CA 90290, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MEK PROPERTIES INC., 21485 COLINA DRIVE, TOPANGA, CA 90290. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2025. s/ MARK KITCHING, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/8/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish on: December 15, 22, 29, 2025 and January 5, 2026.

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

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

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00608 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Hannah Diane Roosth filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hannah Diane Roosth to Diane Roosth. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 01/09/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept. K. The address of the court is the same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Date: NOV 25 2025. s/ Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025267425 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. AERO WYSE, 2. AERO WISE, 3. AERO WISDOM, 8033 SUNSET BLVD #453, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SOMNIUM REM, LLC, 8489 CRESCENT DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. s/ JESSE MOWRY, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/2/2025. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 12/08/2025, 12/15/2025, 12/22/2025, 12/29/2025

## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00612 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica CA 90401. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Gustavo Aminadab Barreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Gustavo Aminadab Barreno to Proposed name: Gustavo Guevara Ramos. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 01/16/2026, Time: 8:30a, Dept.: K. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, specify paper: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 12/01/2025. s/ Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish on December 08, 15, 22, 29, 2025.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00616 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Santa Monica Courthouse TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Lauren Haley Kells Harold filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Lauren Haley Kells Harold to Proposed name: Haley Kells Harrold. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 01/23/2026 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: K. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation (for resident of this county) printed in this county. Date: DEC 03 2025 s/ LAWRENCE H. CHO, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: December 08, 15, 22, 29, 2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25STCP04178. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Petition filed: December 11, 2025. To All Interested Persons: Petitioner Kayla Renee Hutchison filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Kayla Renee Hutchison to Proposed name: Kayla Renee Hinkston. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: January 10, 2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: 45, Room: 529. The address of the court is same as noted above: Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Room 102, Los Angeles, CA 90012. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: Santa Monica Daily Press, for resident of this county, printed in this county. Date: December 11, 2025. s/ Virginia Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: December 15, 22, 29, 2025, January 5, 2026.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00612 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica CA 90401. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Gustavo Aminadab Barreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Gustavo Aminadab Barreno to Proposed name: Gustavo Guevara Ramos. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 01/16/2026, Time: 8:30a, Dept.: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. Date: 12/01/2025. s/ Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 12/09/2025, 12/16/2025, 12/23/2025, 12/30/2025

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# *Some Newsom detractors make up stuff, though there's fodder for legitimate criticism*



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**SACRAMENTO:** Gov. Gavin Newsom during a press conference at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento on Aug. 21, 2025. He has become a right wing target while considering a run for the presidency.

As Gavin Newsom ramps up his almost certain campaign for president, and polls put him in contention for the Democratic Party's nomination in 2028, he has become a favorite target of right-leaning commentators on network television and in YouTube videos and social media.

While some criticism is grounded in fact and reasonable differences, there's also a substrata of highly exaggerated, even fictional, output. Talking heads present him not as an ambitious politician who poses as a selfless public servant — something they all do, including the current president — but as a crooked charlatan.

There's plenty of material in Newsom's nearly three decades-long political career for legitimate criticism. And he tends toward over-the-top braggadocio about his accomplishments and amnesia about his failures.

However, his most virulent critics take nuggets of fact — including those having nothing to do with Newsom — and pump them up to depict him as an agent of corruption and incompetence.

One much-repeated trope is that Newsom, in concert with Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, purposely or incompetently failed to protect residents of the city and suburban neighborhoods from devastating wildfires early this year.

President Donald Trump fed that narrative by accusing Newsom of not sending enough water to Southern California, thus leading to shortages that impeded firefighting. It's just not true, but it's repeated, with embellishments, on a regular basis.

Another oft-aired criticism of Newsom misuses a column I wrote when he was inaugurated in 2019. It depicted the fascinating interconnections between his family and the Getty, Brown and Pelosi clans, stretching back more than eight decades.

Videos that frequently pop up on YouTube quote from the column verbatim, without attribution, and show the chart of family connections that accompanied the article. Then they tack on fact-free addendums suggesting connections to organized crime or some other nefarious activities.

Another line of criticism cites some left-wing legislative or ballot measure proposal, treats it like it's already in law, portrays its supposedly devastating effect on the innocent public and lays it at Newsom's feet. The proposed wealth tax, which could appear on the 2026 ballot, is one favorite topic, even though Newsom has repeatedly rejected it.

Many of Newsom's critics who breathlessly report on his evil plans (that the left-wing mainstream media supposedly cover up) are just nobodies who feign authority and are obviously fronting for right-wing organizations. But some are recognizable California figures.

Two frequent YouTube critics are Carl DeMaio, a longtime Republican politician in San Diego who won a seat in the state Assembly last year, and Victor Davis Hanson, an historian connected to Stanford University's Hoover Institution.

DeMaio's shtick is that he has discovered some horrible thing that Newsom and other Democrats have cooked up to damage honest, hard-working Californians, but that mainstream media have ignored. It's usually accompanied by a pitch for donations to

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

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# How an accessory dwelling could turn into a 20-story tower in Berkeley



Photo by Semantha Norris, CalMatters

**HOUSING:** Construction work in Berkeley on Aug. 16, 2023. New housing for students is planned, including an apartment tower.

At first the plan for the property a block from UC Berkeley was modest: build a two-unit accessory dwelling behind a pair of small apartment buildings.

Since then, Berkeley's zoning board has approved a dramatically different vision for the site: a 20-story tower with 169 apartments. When complete, it will be the tallest structure in Berkeley's Southside neighborhood.

The project's evolution captures how quickly Berkeley's housing landscape can change, as the city and state embrace pro-housing policies. It also shows how one California community can switch its approach to solving its housing problems.

For years, Berkeley's shortage of student housing near campus has caused ripples throughout the broader rental market. Students were pushed to live far from campus, which drove up rents citywide.

It's a student housing crisis within a citywide housing crisis.

In 2023 Berkeley adopted a major upzoning plan for the Southside neighborhood, after years of debate over how to relieve the housing shortage. The rezoning campaign, launched when I was a student at UC Berkeley and completed during my tenure on the City Council, allowed taller and denser buildings near campus.

The final vote was contentious. Some council members proposed last-minute restrictions. But a pro-housing majority advanced the plan.

At the same time, lawmakers in Sacramento were rewriting rules to help cities grow and meet their housing needs. Changes to the state's density bonus law, including Assembly Bill 1287, signed in 2023, allow developers to exceed local height limits if they include additional affordable units on site.

Together, those reforms transformed what was possible at the Berkeley site, at 2425 Durant Avenue. Yes Community Architects included additional affordable homes into the project, triggering the density bonus and unlocking additional height beyond Berkeley's new zoning limits.

But the journey to project approval has been complicated.

Once plans for the site were in motion, the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association tried to make the existing property at the site a landmark, a move consistent with its pattern of targeting sites slated for new housing.

The city council unanimously rejected the landmarking attempt. Now, the project has its permit but an appeal has been filed.

When built, the 20-story structure will undoubtedly make some Berkeley residents uncomfortable. But after decades of restricting growth, the city has little standing to object.

Berkeley's political culture has shifted, slowly but decisively, from resistance to responsibility. That shift didn't come easily.

For years, progress was stymied by neighborhood opposition and a city

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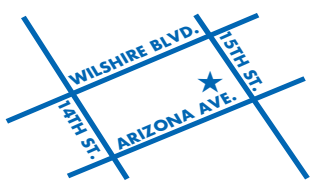
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Los Angeles**

## Board Approves Motion to Increase WIC Enrollment, Strengthen Food Security

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to increase enrollment in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children and utilization of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

The motion by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, coauthored by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, strengthens the county's ability to connect families with young children to fully funded federal nutrition programs proven to improve health, food security and long-term wellbeing.

"As federal systems fall short, Los Angeles County is stepping up to protect families with young children," said Horvath. "WIC and CACFP are vital, reliable programs that can immediately ease the burden on parents, yet far too many eligible families are not connected to them."

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> - Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor

The urgency has increased following November 2025 SNAP benefit delays, which left more than 1.5 million county residents facing gaps in their monthly food budgets, and upcoming eligibility changes to SNAP. WIC and CACFP remained fully funded, but many families may not know they are eligible or how to enroll.

"Far too many hardworking families who need support accessing food — and are entitled to benefits like SNAP — are left out due to a lack of awareness and misinformation," said Mitchell. "As we see the federal government's continued attempts to limit access to SNAP, which feeds millions of people, this motion helps ensure eligible residents are signing up for WIC."

The federal government recently passed full funding for WIC through Sept. 30, 2026. However, too many eligible families in Los Angeles County are not accessing WIC's healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to health care, according to Dr. Shannon E. Whaley, director of research and evaluation at PHFE WIC.

WIC foods bring purchasing power of over $18 million monthly to grocers and farmers in Los Angeles County, directly supporting local employment and the economy. WIC services ensure every tax dollar spent supporting pregnant women, infants and children under age 5 will promote healthier outcomes and save taxpayers an average of $2.48, Whaley said.

The approved motion directs the county's family-serving departments to take coordinated steps to better connect families with WIC, CACFP and related supports, including improving staff tools, standardizing referrals and strengthening outreach across county systems and community touchpoints.

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**Los Angeles**

## Board Approves Motion to Aid Families Recovering Final Paychecks After Immigration Raids

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to explore an ordinance allowing families to recover an employee's last paycheck when the employee is unavailable, regardless of immigration status. The ordinance, if adopted, would apply only to small businesses in unincorporated areas of the county.

The motion, authored by Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis and coauthored by Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, responds to a growing need among families whose loved ones have been detained or deported during ongoing immigration raids.

"In these unprecedented times, the county must continue exploring every opportunity to support our most vulnerable residents," said Solis. "This motion is about ensuring we provide a pathway for families and workers to receive their hard-earned last paycheck, regardless of immigration status."

The action builds on work launched in July 2025, when the board approved a motion by Solis addressing immigration issues affecting workers, including care of property and animals left behind when individuals are detained or deported and assistance for impacted small businesses.

In October 2025, California Senate Bill 294 was signed into law, requiring employers to provide written notice to existing and new hires about their legal rights in the workplace. However, persistent immigration enforcement has shown many families still struggle to access an employee's final paycheck.

"No family should have to worry about losing a loved one's paycheck because of federal immigration actions, yet it is our reality, created by the Trump administration, which underscores the harm being done in our communities," said Horvath.

In addition to reviewing the feasibility of an ordinance, the motion directs county departments to develop a communication strategy to educate and guide employers. It also instructs the county's Chief Executive Office, Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch to support statewide legislative proposals requiring employers to offer employees a designation form.

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## EVENTS

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and established reputation as a world-class destination create a rare opportunity for the City to participate in and help shape this regional moment on the global stage."

The proposed events include a FIFA World Cup fan festival at the Santa Monica Pier, a Goldenvoice-produced music festival along the beach, an ESPN broadcast and fan experience, and two Olympic hospitality activations in summer 2028.

All five proposals require council approval to enter exclusive negotiating agreements, letters of intent or term sheets that would allow detailed planning while environmental review is completed. None of the events would receive city subsidies, and each must meet full cost recovery through a single all-inclusive license fee covering land use, parking replacement and city services.

### WORLD CUP FAN FESTIVAL

Anheuser-Busch's Michelob ULTRA brand proposes bringing its "Pitchside Club" fan experience to the Santa Monica Pier for approximately three weeks in June 2026, coinciding with FIFA World Cup matches in Los Angeles.

The activation would feature match viewing, brand activations, live broadcasts, food and beverage service and daily fan programming for guests 21 and older. Estimated capacity ranges from 1,000 to 5,000 guests at any time, with total attendance projected between 25,000 and 75,000 visitors over the 15-day programming window from June 11-27.

The proposal includes a three-week occupation from June 7-30, encompassing load-in, the activation period and load-out. Michelob ULTRA would secure a full buyout of the Viceroy Hotel for lodging and production support, generating direct hotel revenue.

Staff anticipates bringing a proposed Pier entertainment zone to council in winter 2026 to permit controlled open-container service during major activations.

### FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Goldenvoice, the AEG Presents division that produces Coachella and Stagecoach, is exploring development of an annual music and cultural festival on Santa Monica's coastline beginning fall 2026.

The inaugural festival would accommodate 30,000 to 35,000 attendees across multiple days, featuring 12 to 15 musical artists, curated food and beverage, art installations and partnership activations. The footprint would utilize the Sandbox, Pier Parking Deck and portions of beach parking lots.

Under an exclusive negotiating agreement, Goldenvoice would assess feasibility while addressing public safety, mobility, sound mitigation and sustainability requirements. The company has indicated it would design programming to align with Santa Monica's character and encourage resident attendance.

### ESPN BROADCAST AND FAN EXPERIENCE

ESPN proposes creating a broadcast and fan-engagement experience on the Santa Monica Pier and adjacent beachfront in February 2027, tied to "a major sporting event" at SoFi Stadium. While not mentioned specifically, the Superbowl is a major sporting event happening at SoFi in 2027.

The weeklong activation would feature live national and international productions, community-focused programming, nonprofit engagement and partnerships with local vendors. The estimated one-month occupation would include load-in, technical build-out, programming and full restoration.

ESPN would occupy the Pier deck and beachfront area south of the Pier with temporary production structures, broadcast stages and controlled public-access zones.

### OLYMPIC HOSPITALITY HOUSES

Two separate Olympic activations are proposed for summer 2028, when Los Angeles hosts the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The French National Olympic and Sport Committee seeks to operate "Club France," its official hospitality house, at the Annenberg Community Beach House for approximately 35 days. The venue would serve as the primary gathering point for French athletes, officials, guests, fans and media, featuring live event viewing, cultural programming, French cuisine and athlete celebrations.

Under proposed terms, France would pay a $1.55 million license fee, with city services costs to be negotiated. The committee has committed to substantial free or low-cost public events, use of local businesses and a legacy project.

Separately, LOIDL LLC, operating as Hochsitz, proposes developing a "Nations Village" and international broadcast hub at Crescent Bay Park and portions of Lot 4 South. The 103-day occupation would span both Olympic and Paralympic periods, hosting broadcast studios serving official media partners, hospitality houses for participating nations and premium brand activations.

Hochsitz, an international production firm, has supported multiple Olympic partners since 2014, including sponsors, national Olympic committees and major broadcasters.

### FINANCIAL STRUCTURE AND GOALS

The city has developed a unified pricing methodology that combines three cost drivers into single all-inclusive fees: concierge city services including permitting and public safety, parking revenue displacement and land rental for coastal real estate.

"Santa Monica will not incur a net loss," Chi wrote, noting that events during peak summer season must account for both direct and opportunity costs of allocating high-demand beachfront space.

The city distinguishes between "high benefit" activations offering broad public access and cultural programming, which may receive greater flexibility, and private programming evaluated at closer to market rates.

Staff created an internal working group led by the City Manager's Office to coordinate planning across all departments including fire, police and transportation. The group is developing municipal code amendments to provide exceptions for noise, lighting, signage and other provisions necessary for large-scale events.

City officials said the activations could strengthen Santa Monica's global profile, support local businesses, generate new revenue and create cultural outcomes while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

"These activations could strengthen the City's global profile, support local businesses, generate new revenue for public assets, and create cultural and community-serving outcomes," Chi wrote. Final license agreement terms would return to council for review after environmental compliance is completed.

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## NEWSOM

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his organization.

Hanson is a widely recognized, erudite authority on military history, particularly World War II. He also fancies himself a political commentator with a particular bead on Newsom, but his critiques are often factually deficient.

One of Hanson's favorite assertions is that Newsom diverted bond funds meant to construct new water projects into financing the demolition of four dams on the Klamath River. However the commitment for that project dates back to Arnold Schwarzenegger's governorship, and the bond issue specifically contained the appropriation for it.

Distorted criticism of Newsom is more off-putting than even his own tendency to bend historic fact. It also undercuts legitimate questioning of Newsom's record, because he can, and does, depict any negative depictions as baseless propaganda.

The anti-Newsom drumbeat is likely to get louder as he moves ever closer to a declaration of presidential candidacy. Viewer beware.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist

## DWELLING

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council wary of change. But cycle after cycle, pro-housing candidates won elections, reshaping the city's politics and setting a new course.

And on campus at UC Berkeley, Chancellor Carol Christ championed new student housing, a cause her predecessors had neglected. From Anchor House to People's Park, the city's skyline is being remade by new housing for students.

The result is a city that has become one of California's most surprising housing reform success stories: a community that, after years of hesitation, is building with urgency.

That progress remains fragile. Across the state, local resistance continues to stall housing projects. Perhaps it's best exemplified by the resistance of Los Angeles' city leaders to the recently signed Senate Bill 79, which encourages the development of dense housing around public transit locations.

We have much work to do to move public consciousness around solutions to the housing crisis.

Berkeley's experience shows that change is possible when local and state reforms align, and when communities are willing to let go of outdated fears about growth. The 169 new homes coming to 2425 Durant are the product of years of advocacy and persistence from residents tired of watching their friends and neighbors priced out.

Progress in city halls and the state Capitol can be slow. But once reform takes hold, transformation can come fast. When the political will exists, even a two-unit idea can grow into a 20-story solution.

Rigel Robinson is a former Berkeley City Councilmember


# Classifieds

### Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00610. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Court, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Daniel Enku Enku filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Daniel Enku Enku to Proposed name: Semaii Ehssen. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 01/09/2026, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: K, Room: A-203, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Court, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: November 26, 2025. s/ Hon. Lawrence Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 12/08/2025, 12/15/2025, 12/22/2025, 12/29/2025

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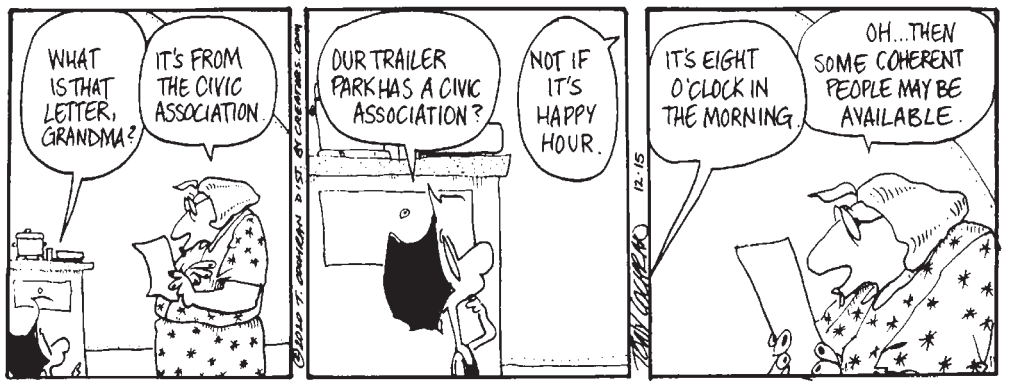
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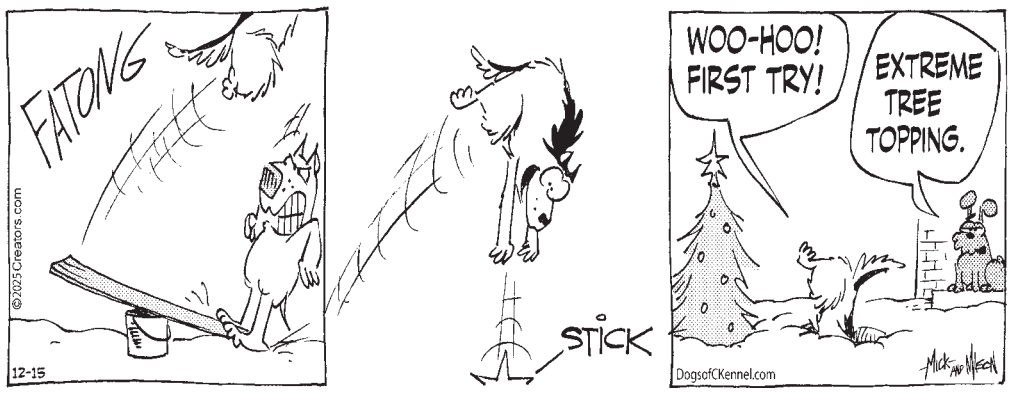
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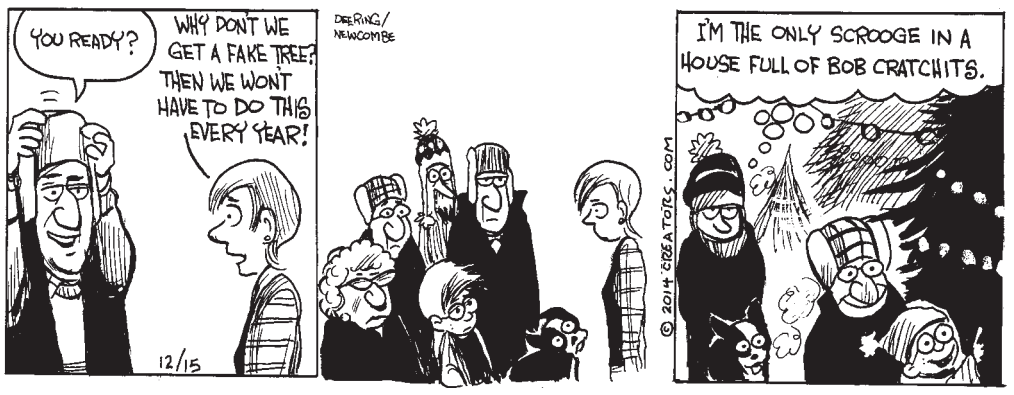

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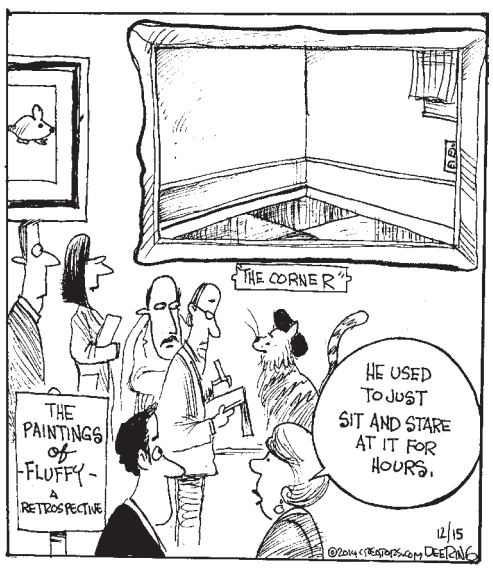
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What seems like a very small distraction simply takes up too much of your time. You'll be much more productive when it's out of the picture. You may finally be in a place where it's worth it to make the change.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your feelings surge today. There's a lot of energy running through you, but you can handle this charge. You can use your emotions instead of letting them use you. You'll organize, compartmentalize and act on that which serves you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While many of your relationships bring sweetness to life, some bring a good amount of stress. You still believe that in time you will be grateful for these relationships, and eventually, you'll understand their purpose in your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Remember when you predicted the future accidentally, without even trying to make a psychic statement? You'll do it again today. Write down your thoughts because you'll later enjoy today's uncanny accuracy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have flexibility in some areas of life. You can rearrange habits, preferences, timing, environment, workflow, attitude, priorities. Then there are those that are the immovable fixtures. Don't see them as blocks but as architecture you can design around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone learns the rules of life from parents, teachers and leaders, but your inner guidance has always been the stronger force. Today it matters because something you feel is right for you isn't reflected in the world around you, so you'll trust yourself instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to prove yourself to anyone, not even you, but you challenge yourself anyway because you want to see how far you can take this beautiful life. Keep the heart. Angels are around you, cheering you on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The theme today swirls around issues of character. Of course, there's a difference between having character and being a character. Somehow, you'll do both. You find the funny angle in your circumstances and approach with integrity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's no substitute for meeting in person. As inconvenient as it may seem, it will be better for building bonds, understanding dynamics and knowing the right thing to do next for the project at hand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Big dreams lead to extraordinary outcomes. They are not always the outcomes that existed in the dream, but they are extraordinary because you dared to dream at all. So keep stretching your imagination around the grand scale.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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## Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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## Newsday Crossword

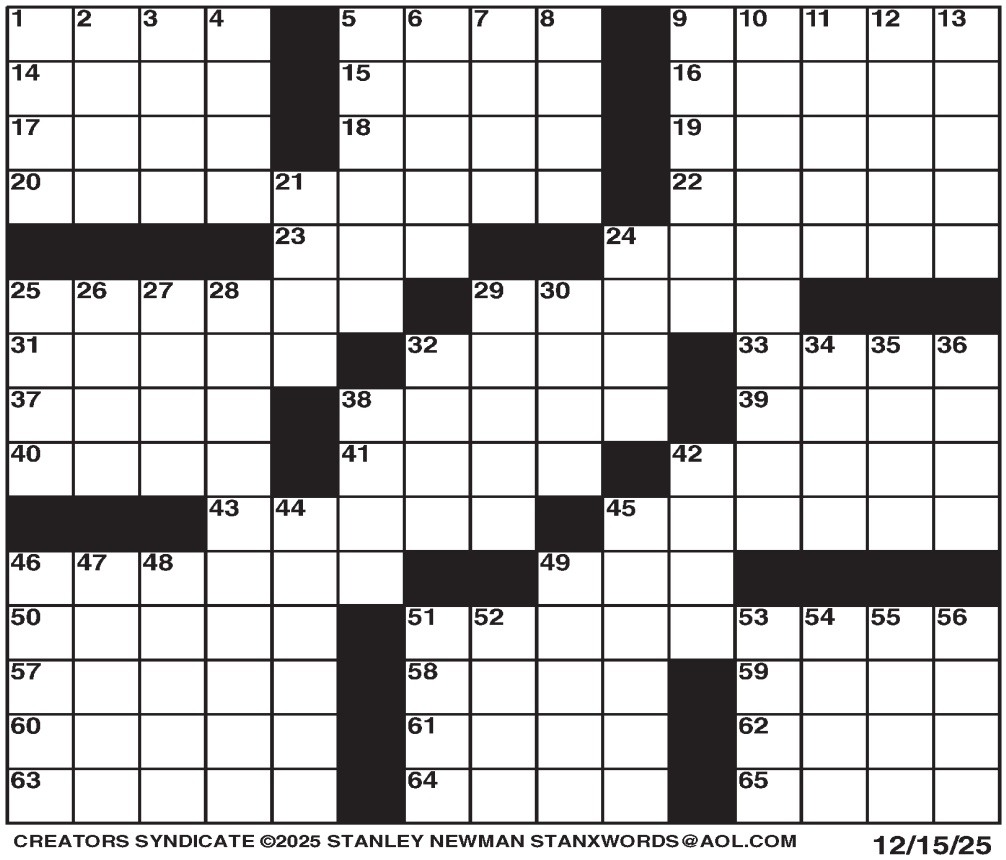
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**ACROSS**

1 __ register (checkout counter machine)
5 Performs a role
9 Barber's sharpener
14 Triple-decker cookie
15 Metallic wrap for leftovers
16 "Been __, done that"
17 Isn't truthful
18 Run away from danger
19 Knot up again
20 Pub target with a bull's-eye center
22 Mistake
23 Hospital "treat now" areas: Abbr.
24 Yellow citrus fruits
25 Said explicitly
29 Dwarf planet beyond Neptune
31 Marathon measures
32 Lobster cousin
33 Food for pigs
37 Word-of-mouth
38 Self-confident manner
39 Voicemail signal
40 Bit of heredity
41 Clothes dryer fuzz
42 Gives a darn
43 Bank's large safe
45 Dislike a lot
46 Divides in two
49 Vessel for frying
50 Land by the ocean
51 Artworks on museum walls
57 Any '60s song
58 Actor Baldwin
59 Remove the peel from
60 Eagle's claw
61 Was dressed in
62 Largest continent
63 Current fashion
64 Loch __ monster
65 Parental "pops"

**DOWN**

1 Cooler than cool
2 Opera solo
3 Fortune-teller
4 Party giver
5 Be able to pay for
6 Coke and Pepsi
7 Stadium seating level
8 Kid's snow vehicle
9 Avenue-crossing road, often
10 Temperature-setting device
11 Fashionable again
12 Hunter constellation
13 Social equals
21 Hive builders
24 Oil change, for short
25 Urban air pollution
26 Bicycle wheel
27 Actor Alda
28 Screen at a sports bar
29 Make a hard copy of
30 Have stamina
32 Corkscrew's shape
34 Handed-down tales
35 Change for $5
36 Annoying person
38 Addition symbol
42 Penny
44 Show up for
45 Tango and waltz
46 Francis __ Key
47 Of the Arctic or Antarctic
48 Soup-serving utensil
49 Ships' docks
51 Lowly chess piece
52 Natural sunburn soother
53 Apple's tablet
54 Rocket launching agency
55 Graph paper pattern
56 Huge bodies of water



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## MONDAY | DECEMBER 15

**PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR**
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2025-12-15T18

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**
7:00 p.m. The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/architectural-review-board/14046461/2025-12-15T19

**KARAOKE MONDAYS AT THE WHALER**
101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. Monday night karaoke at Whale. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/karaoke-mondays-at-the-whaler/17408730/2025-12-15T00

## TUESDAY | DECEMBER 16

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

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

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

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

**TUESDAY OPEN MIC**
10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-12-16T22

## WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 17

**DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - WEDNESDAY MARKET**
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Monica Arizona Avenue (Between 4th & Ocean) Santa Monica. One of the largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, and more. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-wednesday-market/12382446/2025-12-17T08

**SANTA SESSIONS**
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles. Meet Santa, share your wishlist, write him a letter, take a picture, and enjoy some Holiday music! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-sessions/17631618/2025-12-17T09

**STAR STORIES WITH PAM**
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. STAR Stories With Pam Children are invited to share the joy of storytelling and reading with our special STAR volunteer, Pam. Come three times and take home a free book. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/star-stories-with-pam/15607289/2025-12-17T12

**FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC**
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/free-walk-in-legal-clinic/13906563/2025-12-17T16

## THURSDAY | DECEMBER 18

**CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2025-12-18T11

**OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET**
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2025-12-18T11

**2025 HOLIDAY THURSDAYS**
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Third Street Promenade Santa Monica. Feel the magic of the season at Third Street Promenade onDecember 4th, 11th, and 18th! Get ready for the holidays with live holiday music while you sip hot cocoa and watch it "snow" in Santa Monica! This series of events is for all ages and will include holiday crafts and games for everyone. The magic doesn't stop there; the Girl Scouts will be on hand to help you wrap your presents in time for the holidays. Come experience the joy of the holiday season on Thursdays!! - Hot Cocoa and Cookies: Holiday sips and treats are on us! - Special Performance by Toyland Brass: What's the holiday season without holiday music? - Holiday Vendor Market for all your holiday presents and essentials - Holiday Crafts: For all ages! - "Snowfall": Experience the magic of "snow" by the beach. - Gift Wrapping: The local Girl Scouts troops will be on hand to wrap gifts. Donations are appreciated. FREE RSVP Link Coming Soon! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/2025-holiday-thursdays/17408734/2025-12-18T17

**MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP**
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/montana-branch-book-group/14818668/2025-12-18T18

## FRIDAY | DECEMBER 19

**SANTA MONICA COLLEGE ART DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY SALE**
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College Corsair Gym 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Once a year huge sale of artworks from students and faculty of Santa Monica College's Art Department. One of a kind original blown glass, ceramics, sculptures, jewelry, prints and paintings. A portion of sales benefit the Art department at SMC and help support programs and materials for students. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/santa-monica-college-art-department-holiday-sale/17613875/2025-12-19T10

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