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Council could approve 16 digital billboards on the Promenade

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The Santa Monica City Council will vote Tuesday on establishing a Digital Display District that would permit up to 16 large-format digital billboards along the Third Street Promenade and Santa Monica Place, marking a significant shift in the city's signage regulations.

The proposed ordinance would allow 1,000-square-foot digital displays on corner buildings at major intersections including Wilshire Boulevard, Arizona Avenue, Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway, plus four locations on the Santa Monica Place shopping center facades. The city has already received four development agreement applications covering seven digital displays from operators seeking 30-year contracts.

"The ordinance builds on the City's vision for a thriving and dynamic Downtown," according to the staff report, which frames

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Rob Reiner's son Nick arrested after the director and his wife were found dead at their home

Rob Reiner's younger son, Nick Reiner, was in custody Monday after being booked for what investigators believe was the fatal stabbing of the director-actor and his wife at their Los Angeles home a day earlier, authorities said.

It was not immediately clear what charges Nick Reiner, 32, would face. Online records show he remained in jail on Monday. Police Chief Jim McDonnell said he is being held on \$4 million bail. Representatives for the Reiner family did not immediately respond to a request for comment and it wasn't immediately clear if Nick Reiner had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

Nick Reiner has spoken publicly of his struggles with addiction. By 18, he had cycled in and out of treatment facilities with bouts of homelessness and relapses in between. Rob and Nick Reiner explored their difficult relationship and Nick Reiner's struggles with drugs in a semi-autobiographical

2016 film, "Being Charlie."

Rob and Michele Singer Reiner were found dead Sunday at their home in Los Angeles, and investigators believe they suffered stab wounds, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. The official, who was briefed on the investigation, confirmed that Nick Reiner was being held but could not publicly discuss the details and spoke to AP on condition of

SEE **REINER** PAGE 7

Fun times at the Fairmont







Fran Lyness

FIG: The Fairmont Hotel held its annual holiday celebration Meet Me Under The Fig Tree over the weekend. The celebration included food, arts, crafts and a chance for residents to mingle alongside performances from student musicians.







US tariffs are having an uneven effect on holiday prices and purchases

The Ah Louis Store in San Luis Obispo, California, turns into a winter wonderland every holiday season.

Green garlands, giant nutcrackers, baubles and bows go up in early November on the historic downtown building that houses the gift shop. Inside, customers can choose from over 500 different types of ornaments and a variety of holiday gift baskets.

"We really just make it a magical spot," co-owner Emily Butler said. "Whether you come in or not, we want to make sure that we're spreading that holiday joy."

But Butler says she and her twin sisterbusiness partner had to work harder this year to turn browsers into buyers and to make a profit. Many of the decorations and stocking stuffers they sell are made overseas and either did not arrive or got more expensive when President Donald Trump imposed unusually high taxes on imported goods, she said.

In response, the sisters focused their selection on more profitable items like nutcrackers and gift baskets. They've also noticed customers cutting back, selecting a \$100 gift basket over the \$150 version, or buying one ornament instead of several, Butler said...

"We're definitely seeing more cautious spending this year," she said.

Along with the unpredictable tariffs, stubborn inflation and weak hiring have shaken consumer confidence in the U.S. economy. The vast majority of U.S. adults

say they've noticed higher than usual prices for groceries, electricity and holiday gifts in recent months, according to a December poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

A Gallup index that summarizes Americans' assessments of current economic conditions fell to a 17-month low in November. Consumers also indicated less enthusiasm for spending money on holiday gifts; their estimated gift budgets decreased \$229 between October and November, the largest drop Gallup has recorded at that point of the holiday shopping season. The survey was conducted in November, partially during the government shutdown, which might have tempered spending plans.

However, the worst-case impact on consumer prices that many economists foresaw from the Trump administration's tariff policies hasn't materialized. Some products have been affected more than others. Here's a look at what has happened with supplies and prices in popular gifting categories.

GAMES AND TOYS

Game and toys were particularly susceptible to tariff-related price increases since the majority of the ones sold in the U.S. are made in China, according to industry trade group The Toy Association. The tariff rate the Trump administration imposed on Chinese goods became a rollercoaster that started at an additional 10%, peaked at 145%

and ended up at 47%.

The uncertainty made it hard for toy shops to decide what to order for the holidays. Dean Smith, who co-owns independent toy stores JaZams in Princeton, New Jersey, and Lahaska, Pennsylvania, said the manufacturers in China that he buys toys from did not pass on their tariff costs all at once but he has seen their prices inch higher with every reorder.

Smith estimated that wholesale prices for 80% of his inventory went up anywhere from 5% to 20%. Some shoppers who don't buy toys regularly might be surprised by price increases he adopted in turn, Smith said. A doll that sold for \$20 to \$25 last year now costs \$30 to \$35 at JaZams, he said.

"For folks with marginal incomes, this is going to be a very difficult holiday," Smith said.

ELECTRONICS

Consumer electronics are mostly made in China and other Asian countries. In 2023, China accounted for 78% of U.S. smartphone imports, and 79% of laptop and tablet imports, according to the Consumer Technology Association trade group.

Best Buy said in May that it was raising prices due to tariffs. But CEO Corie Barry said late last month that the consumer electronics chain made sure to stock computers, phones and other products at different price levels, a decision she credited with helping Best Buy attract more lower-income shoppers.

"The consumer is not a monolith," Barry told reporters.

Game consoles are always a popular holiday item, and console makers made news earlier this year when they announced price increases. Sony raised the price of the PlayStation 5 by \$50 to \$550 in August, following Microsoft and Nintendo raising prices for their game consoles.

JEWELRY

Jewelry shoppers will likely see higher prices, but that has more to do with the soaring price of gold than tariffs so far, according to David Bonaparte, president & CEO of trade group Jewelers of America.

The varying tax rates Trump set for countries that import American goods with a total value less than their exports to the U.S. affected jewelry in various ways. Watches from Switzerland, for example, were subject to a 39% tariff from July 31 until the country struck a deal with the Trump administration last month to lower the import tax rate on its products to 15%.

India, which refines many of the diamonds sold in the U.S., rushed in shipments of the gemstones before a 50% tariff on the country's products took effect on Aug. 27. Higher prices for jewelry made with diamonds shipped from India will likely start to be felt in 2026, Bonaparte said.

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Court battle begins over California's new congressional map designed to favor Democrats

The fight over California's new congressional map designed to help Democrats flip congressional House seats will go to court Monday as a panel of federal judges considers whether the district boundaries approved by voters last month can be used in elections.

The hearing in Los Angeles sets the stage for a high-stakes legal and political fight between the Trump administration and Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who's been eyeing a 2028 presidential run. The lawsuit asks a three-judge panel to grant a temporary restraining order by Dec. 19 the date candidates can take the first official steps to run in the 2026 election.

Voters approved California's new U.S. House map in November through Proposition 50. It's designed to help Democrats flip as many as five congressional House seats in the midterm elections next year. It was Newsom's response to a Republican-led effort in Texas backed by President Donald

The redistricting showdown between the nation's two most populous states has spread nationally, with efforts aiming to determine which party controls Congress for the second half of Trump's term. Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio have adopted new district lines that could provide a partisan

Some plans are facing legal challenges, but the Supreme Court ruled earlier this month to allow Texas to use its new map for the 2026 election. The Justice Department has only sued California.

The U.S. Justice Department, joining a case brought by the California Republican Party, has accused California of gerrymandering its map in violation of the Constitution by using race as a factor to favor Hispanic voters. Republicans want the court to prohibit California from using the new map. Voters approved the map for the 2026, 2028 and 2030 elections. State Democrats said they're confident the lawsuit will fail.

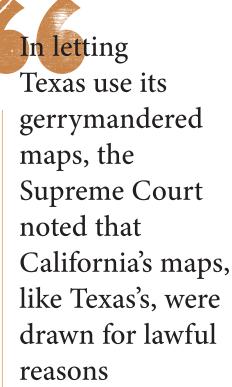
"In letting Texas use its gerrymandered maps, the Supreme Court noted that California's maps, like Texas's, were drawn for lawful reasons," Newsom's spokesperson Brandon Richards said in a statement. "That should be the beginning and the end of this Republican effort to silence the voters of California.

New U.S. House maps are drawn across the country after the Census every 10 years. Some states like California rely on an independent commission to draw maps, while others like Texas let politicians draw them. The effort to create new maps in the middle of the decade is highly unusual.

Paul Mitchell, a redistricting consultant who drew the map for Democrats, is expected to offer testimony. The Justice

Department alleges that Mitchell and state leaders admitted that they redrew some districts to have a Latino majority.

The lawsuit cites a news release from state Democrats that says the new map "retains and expands Voting Rights Act districts that empower Latino voters" while making no changes to Black majority districts in the Oakland and Los Angeles areas. The federal Voting Rights Act, passed in the 1960s, sets rules for drawing districts to ensure minority groups have adequate political power. The lawsuit also cites a Cal Poly Pomona and



- Brandon Richards

Caltech study that concludes the new map would increase Latino voting power.

'Race cannot be used as a proxy to advance political interests, but that is precisely what the California General Assembly did with Proposition 50 — the recent ballot initiative that junked California's pre-existing electoral map in favor of a rush-job rejiggering of California's congressional district lines," the lawsuit said.

House Democrats need to gain just a handful of seats next year to take control of the chamber, which would imperil Trump's agenda for the remainder of his term and open the way for congressional investigations into his administration. Republicans hold 219 seats, to Democrats' 214.

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD and TRÂN NGUYỄN Associated

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: 63.1

SURF: 0-1ft

Small combo of swells edging up. Slow through AM high tide, afternoon gets a bit better. Light wind 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 in the afternoon offers a little bump in size as new WNW/NW swell inches up in, though that energy is going to show mainly on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft

Knee to thigh

More WNW/NW swell mix builds, trace SSW mixes in. Select winter magnets are fun. Light AM winds. Fun zone new round of WNW/NW swell bumps up through the day as small SSW swell continues. The $\,$ early high tide is sluggish/slow outside of select breaks. Most of the region will see some improvement as the tide drops and WNW swell nudges up through the morning. Expecting widespread waist-high surf with winter focal points in the chest high range at times. Wind looks light for the morning, puffing up to low-end moderate WNW during the afternoon



Tuesday: Patchy dense fog after 4pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a high near 72.

Tuesday Night: Patchy dense fog before 10pm. Otherwise, cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing, with a

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Northwest wind 5 to

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 56.

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COURTESY NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Santa Monica BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

Adoption of a Resolution Updating the Santa Monica Cannabis Equity Program

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt a Resolution updating the text of the Santa Monica Cannabis Equity Program.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 7:00 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 councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

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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 pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.



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4 charged with plotting New Year's Eve attacks in Southern California, prosecutors say

Federal authorities said Monday that they foiled a plot to bomb multiple U.S. companies on New Year's Eve in Southern California, announcing the arrests of members of an extremist anti-capitalist and anti-government group.

The four suspects were arrested Friday as they were testing explosives in the desert east of Los Angeles, First Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli said during a news conference.

Officials showed reporters surveillance aerial footage of the four suspects moving a large black object in the desert to a table shortly before their arrests.

In the criminal complaint, the four suspects named are Audrey Illeene Carroll, 30; Zachary Aaron Page, 32; Dante Gaffield, 24; and Tina Lai, 41. They are all from the Los Angeles area, Essayli said.



Carroll stated that some of those plans would quote 'take some of them out and scare the rest

- Bill Essayli, First Assistant U.S. Attorney

Officials did not describe a motive but said they are members of an offshoot of a pro-Palestinian group dubbed the Turtle Island Liberation Front. Each faces charges including conspiracy and possession of a destructive device, Essayli said, adding that additional charges were expected in coming

It wasn't immediately clear if they had attorneys and The Associated Press was unable to reach family members

Essayli said Carroll last month created a detailed plan to bomb five or more locations across Southern California on New Year's Eve and were trying to hit multiple companies. He declined to name the companies but described them as "Amazon-type" logistical

'Carroll's bomb plot was explicit," Essayli said. "It included step-by-step instructions to build IEDs... and listed multiple targets

across Orange County and Los Angeles."

The plan included planting backpacks filled with explosive devices at multiple businesses that were set to blow up simultaneously at midnight on New Year's Eve, according to officials and the criminal complaint.

Two of the group's members also had discussed plans for future attacks including targeting Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and vehicles with pipe bombs in 2026, according to the criminal complaint.

'Carroll stated that some of those plans would quote 'take some of them out and scare the rest," Essayli said.

The plans were discussed both at an in-person meeting with members in Los Angeles and through an encrypted messaging app, Essayli said.

Evidence photos included in the court documents show a desert campsite with what investigators said were bomb-making materials strewn across plastic folding tables.

The suspects "all brought bomb-making components to the campsite, including various sizes of PVC pipes, suspected potassium nitrate, charcoal, charcoal powder, sulfur powder, and material to be used as fuses, among others," the complaint

The plan stated that the backpacks would contain complex pipe bombs and included instructions on how to manufacture them and also how to avoid leaving evidence behind tracing anything back to the group, officials said. The suspects recently had acquired precursor chemicals and other items, they added.

Last week they were rehearsing their attack and testing devices in the desert near Twentynine Palms, California, before federal authorities moved in, officials said.

"They had everything they needed to make an operational bomb at that location,"

Authorities issued search warrants and found posters for the Turtle Island Liberation Front at Carroll's home that called for "Death to America," and "Death to ICE," Essayli said. In Page's residence, police found a copy of the detailed bomb plan, he added.

Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell said while federal and local officials disagree on the Trump administration's immigration raids, they come together still to protect residents. The LAPD does not stop people or take action for any reason related to immigration status, and it doesn't enforce immigration laws, a practice that has been in place for 45 years.

"The successful disruption of this plot is a powerful testament to the strength of our unified response," McDonnell said.

The suspects, who were taken into custody without incident, were scheduled to appear in court in Los Angeles Monday afternoon.

By JULIE WATSON and CHRISTOPHER WEBER Associated Press

COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice

LA28 Kicks Off Multi-Year Volunteer Initiative With Venice Beach Cleanup

The LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games kicked off the first official activation of the LA28 Volunteer Program presented by Delta Air Lines, International Volunteer Day, with a beach cleanup spanning more than a mile of Venice Beach.

The event, held in collaboration with Heal the Bay, activated over 100 local volunteers and marks a major milestone toward building a community-driven Games leading up to 2028. The volunteer program follows the successful launch in November.

"Today's beach cleanup is the beginning of a multi-year volunteer initiative in honor of the 2028 Games that will uplift Los Angeles and engage people across our region in meaningful, service-driven moments," said Reynold Hoover, LA28 chief executive officer.

"At Delta, we believe in the power of connection beyond travel through meaningful experiences that bring people together," said Alicia Tillman, chief marketing officer at Delta Air Lines. "The LA28 Volunteer Program presented by Delta reflects our shared commitment to creating a positive impact in the communities we serve."

Heal the Bay, which has mobilized thousands of volunteers annually for nearly four decades to protect local coastlines, rivers and watersheds, recently served on LA28's sustainability working group. The group brought together local community leaders to gather advice and guidance for Games planning, including development of LA28's Impact and Sustainability Plan.

The Venice Beach cleanup is the first in a series of community volunteer events LA28 and Delta will host across the region, offering pre-Games opportunities ahead of 2028. Applications for Games-time volunteer roles will become available in summer 2026.

To learn more or register interest in future opportunities, visit the LA28 Volunteer Program page.

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the proposal as part of broader efforts to revitalize the pedestrian mall following economic challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic and changing retail trends.

City officials estimate the digital displays could generate between \$3.5 million and \$7 million annually through minimum annual guarantees or a 20% share of gross advertising revenues, whichever is greater. Additionally, operators would pay one-time contributions of \$500,000 per display, escalating 3% annually starting June 30, 2027.

Under the ordinance, each digital display operator must pay the city either \$500,000 annually per display (also escalating 3% per year) or 20% of gross advertising revenues, whichever amount is greater. To account for market saturation, the minimum annual guarantee would decrease by 3% for every display installed after the 10th.

The proposal requires all digital displays to be approved through individual development agreements rather than standard permits, ensuring the city can negotiate community benefits and maintain oversight. Development agreements would be contingent on the ordinance taking effect.

"Without the District in place, the City will lack the ability to control the proliferation of digital displays throughout the City," the staff report states.

The ordinance includes operational restrictions designed to balance innovation with neighborhood compatibility. Digital displays would operate only from sunrise to 1 a.m., must use 100% renewable energy where commercially available, and follow strict brightness standards based on a



Courtesy photo

SIGN: Digital signs could come to several downtown intersections..

comprehensive lighting study.

Daytime luminance would max out at 6,000 candelas per square meter, dropping to 300 in evening hours and 200 at night. The displays would be required to shut off entirely between 1 a.m. and sunrise.

Each display must dedicate at least 20% of screen time-approximately 12 minutes per hour-to city content and public art through a city-administered program. Staff recommends allocating a portion of display revenues to fund this cultural programming, similar to West Hollywood's Moving Image

Media Art program.

Development agreements would also establish minimum building occupancy standards to ensure ground-floor storefronts remain active, supporting the broader goal of downtown revitalization rather than simply generating advertising revenue.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal Oct. 29 and raised significant concerns about historic preservation. Six of the 16 potential locations sit on designated landmark buildings, yet the ordinance would bypass traditional Landmarks Commission

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review.

Commissioner Nina Fresco called the lack of landmarks oversight "troubling," while the Santa Monica Conservancy's Ruthann Lehrer noted that six landmarks affected by a single project is "really unprecedented."

The ordinance requires displays on landmark buildings to be reversible and not materially impair the building's historic significance, with all architectural features remaining intact behind the display screen. However, commissioners recommended adding expert historic preservation review to the process.

Planning commissioners also pushed for traffic safety measures, including "no right turn on red" restrictions at affected intersections, to be implemented before any displays become operational. The ordinance prohibits displays that could be mistaken for traffic signals and limits image refresh rates to protect driver safety.

The City Council first directed staff in September 2022 to explore large-format digital signage at Santa Monica Place as an economic recovery tool. The effort expanded to the broader Third Street Promenade following establishment of the Entertainment Zone in May 2025.

Staffdeterminedtheproposaliscategorically exempt from environmental review under multiple California Environmental Quality Act provisions, including exemptions for existing facilities, small structures, accessory structures, historic resource rehabilitation and infill development.

The council meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Emergency Rent Relief Applications Open Dec. 17 for Wildfire

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs will open applications for the Emergency Rent Relief Program on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 9 a.m. PST, with a deadline of Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. PST.

The program, directed by the Board of Supervisors and administered by DCBA in partnership with The Center by Lendistry, will distribute more than \$23 million in rental and mortgage relief to eligible landlords and homeowners affected by the Palisades, Eaton and other wildfires, as well as When families are households facing financial pressures tied to federal actions.

The program provides financial assistance to eligible landlords whose tenants were unable to pay rent due to emergency-related hardship or whose rental units were directly affected by wildfires, and displaced homeowners who lost their homes in the wildfires and are now renting elsewhere.

Grants may cover up to six months of debt, with a maximum award of \$15,000 per rental unit in most cases.

"When families are pushed into debt by unexpected disasters and financial hardships, the risk of losing their housing becomes very real," said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. "This program gives residents a fighting chance to stay in their homes and regain their stability."

Applications will be evaluated using a prioritized review process. Priority consideration will be given to small landlords who own four or fewer units, applicants in high- and highest-need areas as identified by the LA County Equity Explorer Tool, and households with incomes at or below 80%

The application will be available in multiple languages, with free in-language technical assistance available daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST starting Wednesday, Dec. 17. Limited weekend support will be available by appointment

Tenants cannot apply directly; their landlord must submit

the application, and all funds are paid to the landlord to clear eligible rental debt.

Eligibility requirements and the application are available at lacountyrentrelief.com.



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- Rafael Carbajal, DCBA Director



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REINER

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anonymity.

Reiner was long one of the most prolific directors in Hollywood, and his work included some of the most memorable movies of the 1980s and '90s, including "This is Spinal Tap," "A Few Good Men," "When Harry Met Sally," and "The Princess Bride."

His role as Michael "Meathead" Stivic in Norman Lear's 1970s TV classic "All in the Family," as a liberal foil to Carroll O'Connor's Archie Bunker, catapulted him to fame and won him two Emmy Awards.

The son of comedy legend Carl Reiner, Rob Reiner married photographer Michele Singer Reiner in 1989. The two met while he was directing "When Harry Met Sally." They had three children together: Nick, Jake and

Reiner told The New York Times in 1989 that the cinematographer on "When Harry Met Sally," Barry Sonnenfeld, predicted he would marry her. "I look over and I see this girl, and whoo! I was attracted immediately," Reiner said. Michele Singer Reiner was a producer for "Spinal Tap II: The End Continues," "God & Country," "Albert Brooks: Defending My Life" and "Shock and Awe," according to IMDB. Earlier in her career, she photographed the cover image of Donald Trump for his 1987 bestseller "The Art of the Deal."

Relatives of Lear, the legendary producer who died in 2023, said their deaths left them bereft.

'Norman often referred to Rob as a son, and their close relationship was extraordinary, to us and the world," said a Lear family statement. "Norman would have wanted to remind us that Rob and Michele spent every breath trying to make this country a better place, and they pursued that through their art, their activism, their philanthropy, and their love for family and

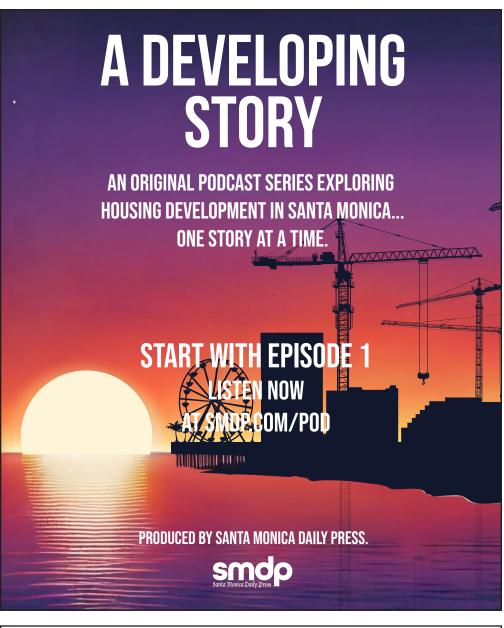
Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass called it a devastating loss for the city.

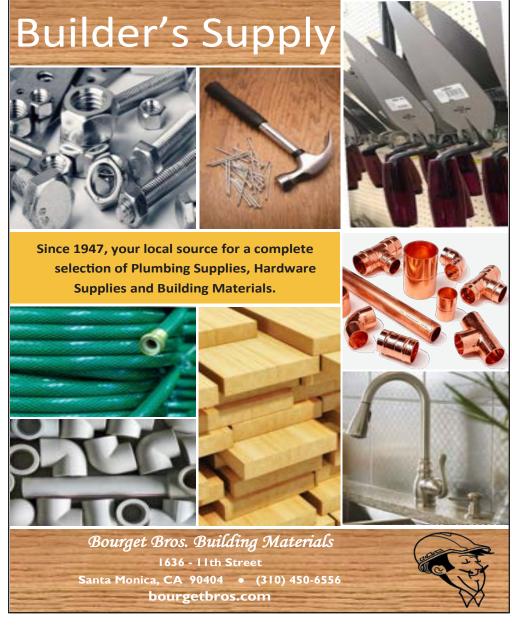
"Rob Reiner's contributions reverberate throughout American culture and society, and he has improved countless lives through his creative work and advocacy fighting for social and economic justice," Bass said in a statement. "An acclaimed actor, director, producer, writer, and engaged political activist, he always used his gifts in service of others."

Reiner was previously married to actordirector Penny Marshall from 1971 to 1981. He adopted her daughter, Tracy Reiner. Carl Reiner died in 2020 at age 98 and Marshall died in 2018.

Killings are rare in the Brentwood neighborhood. The scene is about a mile from the home where O.J. Simpson's wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman were killed in 1994.

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and MIKE BALSAMO Associated Press. Balsamo reported from Washington. Associated Press Entertainment Writer Andrew Dalton in Los Angeles contributed.







Santa Monica 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

MAIL: City Planning Division 1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28 Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

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.

TARIFF

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"It's really a matter of what happens after Jan. 1," he said. "If these tariffs are still in place, then prices will probably increase."

HOLIDAY DECOR

Holiday decorations are yet another category that mostly comes from overseas, particularly China.

Jeremy Rice co-owns House, a home-décor shop in Lexington, Kentucky, that specializes in artificial flowers, wreaths and table decorations. He said the tariffs slowed down production of much of his fall stock and seasonal merchandise like ribbon. Some larger and more expensive items he didn't order at all because they would have been too expensive to retail.

Rice raised prices on the products he did get. The popular red berry stems that House long has carried increased from \$8.95 last year to \$10.95 due to higher import costs, he said

"We sell thousands of these berry stems, and every time we sold one, I flinched from knowing what it should have been, knowing that our supplier paid more for them, which made us pay more for them, which made our customer pay more for them," Rice said.

Shopping strategically

For those looking to avoid tariff-related price increases, John Harmon, managing director of technology research at technology consulting company Coresight Resarch, recommends checking out secondhand stores and discount retailers like T.J. Maxx, Marshall's and HomeGoods. The off-price chains buy much of their inventory from leftover stock that would have entered the U.S. before new tariffs kicked in.

Joe Adamski, senior director at procurement services company Procure Ability, said books, food and beverages are some of the domestically produced goods that make good gifts.

By MAE ANDERSON AP Business Writer

Santa Monica Daily Press

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP006007 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Adel Etian Hanna Abdou filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Adel Etian Hanna Abdou to Proposed name: Adel Etian Hanna. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 01-09-26 Time: 8:30 AM Dept. K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation (for resident of the county) printed in this county (specify paper): Santa Monica Mirror (for other petitioners) printed in the county in which petitioner resides or, if no county, in the local subdivision or territory where petition resides. Date: NOV 25 2025 s/ LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: December 2, 2025, December 9, 2025, December 16, 2025 December 23, 2025

DBA

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25LBCP00483. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802. Petition of Allison Danielle Lefebyre for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Allison Danielle Lefebyre filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Allison Danielle Lefebvre to Allison Danielle Ferrari, THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 1/26/2026, Time: 8:30am, Dept: 525. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: Dec 12.Nicole Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 12/20/2025, 12/27/2025, 01/03/2026,

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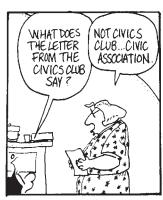
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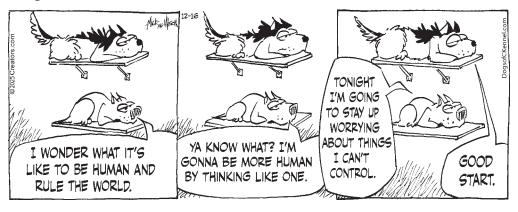






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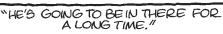
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING







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 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6791

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Cafes	Grass	Rain	Ulong
Clog	Green	Repton	Uncrowded
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

My morning ritual

Covering the city by the bay since 2001.







The fog lifts, and you enter your Year of Crystalline Clarity. You'll make decisions quickly and correctly, trusting yourself implicitly to excellent effect. People notice your new energy and want to collaborate, invest or simply be near it. Your social calendar becomes enviable because you're magnetic. More highlights: found money, a creative breakthrough and a relationship upgrade that's like coming home. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 5, 22, 8 and 49.



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may be compensated in gratitude, love and growth, yet it's the money that makes a situation sustainable. Anyone who acts like dollars don't matter is suspect. Practical abundance is part of the ecosystem of happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You needn't look back to move forward. Also, it's not necessary to completely understand what's holding you back to conquer it. Today, you will decide you know enough to continue in strength, and you'll keep it pushing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The future always looks shinier than the present because it hasn't been touched by reality yet. But there's a lot to enjoy right where you are. So be careful not to romanticize the next chapter while overlooking the good parts of the current one.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). New beliefs may contradict the previous ones. You can take that as a sign of your intelligence. You're willing to question yourself, admit you might not know yet and let experiments reveal truth. You're learning as you go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stress can have various causes, like sensory overload, relationship conflict or the unpredictability of life. But in a psychological sense, a lot of stress is caused simply by thinking. You'll eliminate suffering by distracting yourself away from certain thought spirals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The unknown isn't the problem, but your predictions about it might be. "What if it goes wrong?" "What if I fail?" Your thoughts can create more stress than the situation itself. Notice thoughts, but don't become them. Let them pass. No need to build stories around sensations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your confidence has a way of drawing people in without you having to say a word. No puffing up, no posturing, no dancing to get attention - your presence does all the work necessary to make an impact.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Living by your charisma feels like a cheat. You'd like for things to get better because you actually did something, not because you charmed the room. Maybe you're a bit serious today as you concentrate on creating tangible results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've learned all you can from someone, and now you're applying it to beautiful effect. Your work goes to the next level. Now it's all about what you bring to it - your perception, ability, style and more. Everything is falling together for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You request things of vourself, then discover your inner rebel who doesn't like to be bossed around. Maybe your ask is too much right now. Cut it in half. Then what does the rebel say?

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whoever suggested "familiarity breeds contempt" didn't know your clan. They're quirky, so they know how to tolerate quirks. You can be yourself around your people, and this comfort will feel good today. It's natural. It's healing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some of the things you like are so costly that it's just not practical to have them very often. But there are new, more affordable options around now. You'll find them with a little research. Ask around.

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

ACROSS

- 1 Touches on the shoulder
- 5 Sounds of regret
- 10 Traditional kilt wearer
- 14 Clear-sky color
- 15 Be patient for
- 16 Measly
- 17 Really ticked off
- 18 Filled with dryer fuzz
- 19 Back of an envelope
- 20 Sea bordering Saudi
- 23 Make a knot in
- 24 Calculate a sum
- 25 Annoy greatly
- 27 "Canine" trees
- **32** "__ Sir or Madam..."
- 33 Night before a holiday
- 34 Use as a bed
- 36 Justice Kagan
- 39 Gala party
- 41 First Soviet leader
- 43 Self-images
- 44 Courtroom event
- 46 Short skirts
- 48 Hill-building insect
- 49 Cpls. and sgts.
- 51 Part-spaniel mixed-breed canine
- 53 Most-spoken language in Africa
- 56 Baby goat
- 57 Defiant cry
- 58 No longer valid
- 64 Molecule portion

- 66 Cash, informally
- 67 Swirling current
- 68 Took a tumble
- 69 Biblical hymn
- 70 "__ of your business!"
- 71 Difficult journey
- 72 Taste or hearing
- 73 Walked heavily (on)

DOWN

- 1 Cookbook meas.
- 2 __ vera gel
- 3 Contented cat's sound
- 4 Playground plank
- 5 Liquid in dressing
- 6 "You're defeated!"
- 7 Group of outlaws

- 8 Ask to borrow cash
- 9 Arranged, as hair
- 10 Sunscreen letters
- 11 Difference between
- two societies
- 12 Walking ___ (elated)
- 13 Laid-back person
- 21 Revered person
- 22 At no cost
- 26 "Tall" story
- 27 Skillful
- 28 Turn __ a new leaf
- 29 Have extensive debts
- 30 Consider to be
- 31 boom (jet sound)
- 35 Spanish boy
- 37 Taboo thing
- 38 Concerning, in

- memos
 - 40 Per item
 - 42 Sam for Samuel, for

BLANK SPACES by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman

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- instance
- 45 "Tender" beef cut
- 47 Slide on an icy road
- 50 Losing streaks
- 52 Beginning
- 53 Elevator passageway
- 54 Reservoir contents
- 55 "You defeated me"
- 59 Money borrowed
- 60 "__ well that ends
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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/walkingmeditation/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

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/booksbagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-12-16T12

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 dropin. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/techtasks/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/tacotuesdays-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-openmic/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 on December 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-bookgroup/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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