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Santa Monica approves partnership for several major events leading to 2028 Olympics

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SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved agreements Tuesday to transform the city's beachfront into a hub for major entertainment events over the next three years, capitalizing on a wave of international sporting competitions coming to the Los Angeles region.

The 7-0 vote authorizes City Manager Oliver Chi to enter exclusive negotiations with five private entities for events expected to draw hundreds of thousands of visitors to Santa Monica's beaches and pier during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, 2027 Super Bowl and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The approved proposals include a Michelob Ultra fan experience at the Santa Monica Pier during the June 2026 World Cup, a new annual music festival produced by Goldenvoice beginning fall 2026, an ESPN fan festival and broadcast presence in February 2027 timed to the Super Bowl, and two major



Courtesy image

CITY HALL: The city is finalizing a proposal for a Santa Monica Nations Village and international broadcast hub at Crescent Bay Park in partnership with SEE COUNCIL PAGE 7 event producer Hochsitz as one of several large events coming to Santa Monica.

Rob Reiner's son Nick appears in court on 2 counts of murder in killing of his parents

Rob Reiner's son Nick Reiner made his first court appearance Wednesday in Los Angeles on two counts of first-degree murder in the killing of his parents.

The 32-year-old did not enter a plea as he appeared from behind the glass wall of a custody area. He was in shackles and wearing a jail suicide prevention smock.

His arraignment was postponed

until Jan. 7 at his attorney's request. He spoke only to say 'yes, your honor' to agree to the date.

After the hearing, Nick Reiner's attorney Alan Jackson called the case "a devastating tragedy that has befallen the Reiner family." He said the proceedings will be very complex.

"And we ask that during this process you allow the system to move forward in the way that it was designed to move forward," Jackson said outside the courthouse. "Not with a rush to judgment, not with jumping to conclusions."

Jackson declined to answer shouted questions from dozens of reporters surrounding him.

Nick Reiner

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Possible house purchase prompts protests at School District

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District is considering the purchase of a single family home adjacent to Franklin Elementary School and while the school would like to incorporate the property into the planned campus remodel, some parents are opposing

the purchase based on fears it may become additional parking.

The District is negotiating to purchase the single family home at 814 25th Street. The property is adjacent to Franklin Elementary school and school officials said they don't actually have a definitive plan for it should they complete

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in front of the westside community!



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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Newsom relaxed his pro-housing stance for certain Democratic locales

When Gavin Newsom was running for governor he made many promises, one of which was to ramp up housing production, which had been in the doldrums for a decade.

Describing housing as "a fundamental human need," Newsom said the shortage "breaks my heart" and promised that as governor he would lead the effort to develop "the 3.5 million new housing units we need by 2025, because our solutions must be as bold as the problem is big."

The goal was impossible on its face, and he later backed away from it, terming it "aspirational" rather than achievable.

Nevertheless, Newsom has championed policies to remove artificial barriers to new housing, particularly local rules that make development more difficult, or in some cases virtually impossible.

His administration has cracked down on cities that ignore housing quotas when planning land use and supported legislation to encourage "accessory dwelling units" and multiple-family projects on land zoned for single-family homes.

If a city resists higher-density projects, developers can invoke a "builder's remedy" allowing them to proceed without local approval.

CAUGHT BETWEEN THE STATE AND VOTERS

All of these pro-housing moves are highly controversial, as local officials often are squeezed between pressure from the state and the desires of their constituents to maintain the status quo.

The interactions have shown a curious tendency. The state, dominated by Newsom and other Democrats, is tougher on Republican-leaning communities that resist pressure from Sacramento than on those full of Democratic voters, particularly affluent ones.

For instance, Newsom has made an example of heavily Republican Huntington Beach, recently hailing the state Supreme Court's rejection of that city's contention that as a charter city it was partially exempt from pro-housing laws.

"Huntington Beach needs to end this pathetic NIMBY behavior," Newsom said in a statement. "They are failing their own citizens by wasting time and money that could be used to create much-needed housing. No more excuses, you lost once again — it's time to get building."



Huntington Beach needs to end this pathetic NIMBY behavior

- Gavin Newsom

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Contrast that with how the state has dealt with Marin County, a bastion of affluent Democrats just as resistant to high-density housing as Huntington Beach.

Legislation to give Marin a partial exemption from state housing quotas by altering its status from urban to suburban

was enacted during Jerry Brown's governorship and extended by Newsom.

Newsom was a Marin resident prior to being elected governor and has recently relocated his family from Sacramento to a \$9 million home in Kentfield, one of Marin's most affluent communities.

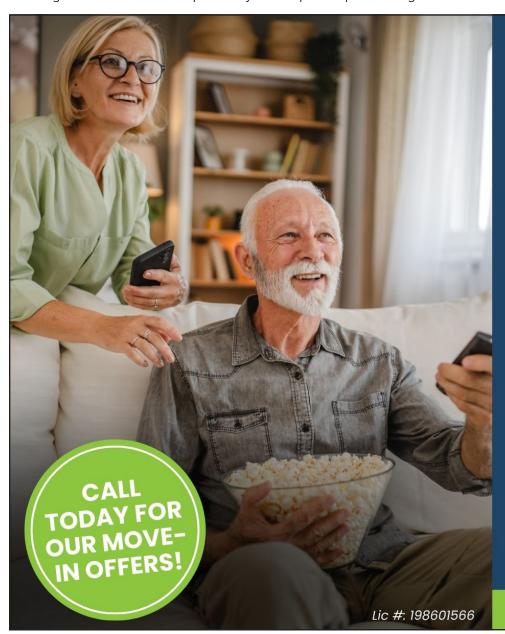
The project in picturesque, wealthy and heavily Democratic Santa Barbara faces sharp local opposition, and the language will help opponents prevail. It was inserted at the behest of state Sen. Monique Limón, a Santa Barbara Democrat who is the newly designated Senate president pro tem.

Finally, Newsom issued an executive order allowing affluent Los Angeles County communities stricken by wildfires early this year, such as Pacific Palisades, to ignore a pro-housing law that Newsom signed in 2001 as they rebuild. The law allows homeowners to split their single-family lots into as many as four properties, thus making more land available for duplexes.

Newsom's order essentially limits rebuilding in those communities to single-family homes. It drew an immediate lawsuit from YIMBY Law, a pro-housing organization that has been a Newsom ally on previous housing issues. The suit alleges this order is illegal.

The tenor of these incidents could be coincidental. But taken as a whole, they imply that on housing policy some Californians are more equal than others, depending on their politics and economic status

Dan Walters, CalMatters Columnist





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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep the airport open

As a retired Real Estate professional with four decades of experience on the Westside in Lending, Appraisals, and Property Management, I am 100% in agreement with the December 15 letter from Mark Smith about the need to reverse the closure of Santa Monica Airport. Mr. Smith's arguments are all perfectly on point. However, there is one point that he does not mention: In Real Estate, there is a principle known as doing your due diligence. Essentially, that means that before you buy a property, it is your responsibility to study the neighborhood, see what is there, and if there is anything you don't like - such as an airport that has been there for over 100 years - then you forget that neighborhood and look somewhere else. You do not have any right to buy your property, move in, and then demand that the airport be closed.

What we've got is: A corrupt city that wants all of the tax dollars it can get, has never seen a development proposal that it didn't like, and doesn't mind if it has to destroy our quality of life to get those tax dollars; a group of greedy developers, who also don't care if they have to destroy our quality of life to get the huge amount of money that is on the table here; and a group of corrupt homeowners, as Mr. Smith mentioned, who want to force the closure of SMO to unethically raise their property values.

The proposals that Mr. Smith makes are all good, ethical, workable solutions to the question of what to do with SMO.

Dean Wahls, Venice

REINER

FROM PAGE 1

Tuesday with killing the 78-year-old actor and director Rob Reiner and his wife, Michele Singer Reiner.

Their loss is beyond tragic and we will commit ourselves to bringing their murderer to justice," Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman said at a Tuesday news conference with LA Police Chief Jim McDonnell.

The two counts of first-degree murder come with special circumstances of multiple murders and an allegation that the defendant used a dangerous weapon, a knife. The additions could mean a greater sentence.

Hochman said his office has not yet decided whether to seek the death penalty in the case. Reiner is being held without bail.

This case is heartbreaking and deeply personal, not only for the Reiner family and their loved ones but for our entire city," McDonnell said.

The charges came two days after the couple was found dead from apparent stab wounds in their home in the upscale Brentwood neighborhood on the west side of Los Angeles.

After the killings, Nick Reiner checked into the upscale Pierside Hotel in Santa Monica on Sunday, the same day the bodies were discovered. Hotel staff confirmed to investigators that police visited the property as part of the investigation, but Reiner had already left by the time authorities tracked him there. Police apprehended him around 9:15 p.m. Sunday in the Exposition Park area near the University of Southern California, approximately 14 miles from the Brentwood home. LAPD officers and a U.S. Marshals task force took Reiner into custody without incident, and he did not resist arrest.

Rob Reiner was the Emmy-winning star of the sitcom "All in the Family" who went on to direct films including "When Harry Met Sally..." and "The Princess Bride." He was an outspoken liberal activist for decades. Michele Singer Reiner was a photographer, movie producer and advocate for LGBTQ+ rights. They had been married for 36 years.

Several of those closest to them, including actors Billy Crystal, Albert Brooks, Martin Short and Larry David, released a statement mourning and celebrating the couple on Tuesday night.

They were a special force together dynamic, unselfish and inspiring," the statement said. "We were their friends, and we will miss them forever."

Nick Reiner had been scheduled to make an initial court appearance on Tuesday, but his attorney said he was not brought from the jail to the courthouse for medical reasons and the appearance was postponed to Wednesday.

Jackson is a high-profile defense attorney and former LA County prosecutor who represented Harvey Weinstein at his Los Angeles trial and Karen Read at her intensely followed trials in Massachusetts. He was a central figure in the HBO documentary on the Read case.

On the other side will be Deputy District Attorney Habib Balian, whose recent cases included the Menendez brothers' attempt at resentencing and the trial of Robert Durst.

Authorities haven't said anything about a motive for the killings and would give few details when asked at the news conference.

By ANDREW DALTON and CHRISTOPHER WEBER

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.8**

THURSDAY POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 1-2ft

Knee to thigh

Waves hold early morning, then taper off as the swell fades. Winds looking light, AM most favorable. Mix of WNW/NW swell and small SSW swell keeps widespread surf running waist high+ in the morning, showing best shape after the early morning high tide backs out for a while. Waves dip as the day goes on and the swell eases. Winds looking light all day, offshore early morning, WNW sea breeze for the afternoon.

FRIDAY POOR TO FAIR

Shin to knee

Smaller surf off easing swell. Light winds due all day, best in the morning. Mainly small scale WNW swell remnants, with waves running thigh to waist high, after the early morning high tide backs out for a while. Ebbing tide mid-day looks like the best window. Light/variable winds in the morning, followed by a light+ WNW afternoon sea breeze.



Thursday: Patchy dense fog before 10am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 73. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming northeast in the evening.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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

SUBJECT: 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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 7:00 PM DATE/TIME:

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. fernandez@santamonica.gov.



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AROUND TOWN

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Christmas Week Food and Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Sandy Candy Cane Lane at the Pier, Christmas restaurant offerings, and much more!

Country Christmas at The Venice West: "We got presents (Santa?), milk, cookies and a whole lot of YEEDM madness" 🥌 Friday, Dec. 19, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice instagram.com/p/DRvDfqOk7Ds

Lyric Chorus: Songs of the Season: The Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College will perform four-part arrangements of Broadway tunes and songs of the season. The

30-plus member chorus was founded in the 1940s and is under the direction of Tom Gerhold. Thursday, Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. - 12p.m., Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. x.com/SMPublicLibrary/ status/1999207844797641119

Holiday Cheer on the Pier: Sandy Cane Lane (Locals' Night): The final night of the Pier's holiday event features live music, photos with Santa, a festive sand sculpture display, and the popular car decorating contest. Thursday, Dec 18, 3:30 - 10p.m., Santa Monica Pier santamonicapier.org/localsnightdec

Ugly Sweater Party @ Perry's Beach Cafe: Enjoy a festive beach party where you can rock your most outrageous holiday sweater right by the ocean. Saturday, Dec. 20, 3p.m., near 930 Pacific Coast Hwy. partiful.com/e/ C1AqpiYyCXLQqRzl1dvc

Santa Monica Symphony: Scenes from Life - Joy: A limited-run symphony

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concert — good for readers looking for a cultured evening out before the holidays. Saturday, Dec. 20, Barnum Hall, 600 Olympic Blvd. smsymphony.org/events/santamonica-symphony-presents-scenes-from-life-joy

The Artist Fair Santa Monica: This outdoor gallery market showcases all different types of artists like painters, woodworkers, jewelry, clothing, sculptures and music! Bringing the community together to enjoy the park in this family dog friendly event! Come enjoy some cool tunes and meet the artists. FREE. Sunday, Dec. 21, 10a.m. -5p.m., near Tower 25 in Ocean Park (2410 Ocean Front Walk) https://www.instagram. com/theartistfair

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

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Jikoni Pop-Up at Offhand Wine Bar: Enjoy AfriCali plates and full pies! Thursday, Dec. 18, starting at 5p.m. instagram.com/p/DSK91LBj21T

Brunch with Santa at the Viceroy: Celebrate the magic of the season at Viceroy Santa Monica's Brunch with Santa, a festive family experience filled with holiday treats, creative activities, and joyful moments. Join us for a coastal-holiday gathering designed for kids and adults alike—complete with a special visit from Santa himself. \$20/person includes all activities, breakfast bites, and Santa experience. À la carte menu items are available for additional purchase. Friday, Dec. 20, 11a.m. - 1p.m., 1819 Ocean Ave. event brite.com/e/brunch-with-santa-at-vice roy-santa-monica-tickets-1976228864733

Couplet Coffee Santa Monica Grand Opening Party: Come on by for freebies and festivities. Fresh donuts by @OryanCooks. Free Leisure Hydration bevvies for the first 50 customers. Saturday, Dec. 20 10a.m. – 3p.m., 525 Santa Monica Blvd. https://partiful. com/e/xcr6lmcvmxHzTVd1ZOc7

Brunch with Santa at Orla by Michael Mina: Kids of all ages can dine on breakfast classics like French Toast and Scrambled Eggs alongside Santa Claus. Parents can get in on the fun too with a menu for them as well that features Shakshuka, Steak & Eggs, and much more. Families can take photos with Santa, listen to fun holiday music, and other festive activities. Saturday, Dec. 20, 11:30a.m. - 4p.m., 1700 Ocean Ave. https://www.sevenrooms.com/experiences/orlabymichaelmina/brunch-with-

COMMUNITY NEWS

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John Adams Middle School Student Receives ACSA Regional Award

John Adams Middle School student Andrew Lee has been selected as the Association of California School Administrators Region 14 honoree for the 2025-26 Every Student Succeeding Award. The distinction celebrates students who have overcome serious challenges and continue to thrive through determination and resilience.

Lee, a former Grant Elementary School student, has faced medical and developmental obstacles since birth. He was born with CHARGE Syndrome, a rare genetic condition that affects multiple body systems. His early years included open heart surgery on the day he was born, long periods of hospitalization, reliance on a feeding tube and support from a broad team of specialists and therapists. Lee worked steadily to meet each milestone and built a strong foundation for success in school and in the community.

Throughout his education, Lee has taken an active role in educating others about accessibility and inclusion. Beginning in first grade, he presented to classmates about his cochlear implants and his experiences with hearing loss. His outreach expanded in later years to include presentations to high school students enrolled in programs for students with diverse abilities and delivering remarks before the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education. Alongside his service dog, Django, he has also taught his peers about the purpose of service animals and their importance in supporting individuals with disabilities.

At JAMS, Lee thrives in general education classes and is an engaged member of his campus community. He has contributed to the JAMS Journal student newspaper, volunteered his time and allowance to support animal organizations, participated in school jogathons and taken part in therapeutic and outreach programs such as Ahead With Horses and Canine Companions. His teachers describe him as a student whose positive attitude and work ethic inspire those around him.

"This recognition means a lot to me. It means that my years of hard work have finally paid off," Lee said

Lee was honored during the ACSA Every Student Succeeding Awards ceremony held Dec. 2 at El Camino College in Torrance.

For more information about the award or student recognition programs, visit www.acsa.org.

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California Commission on Aging Issues Disaster Preparedness Guide for Vulnerable Populations

The California Commission on Aging has released a policy brief offering strategies to improve disaster preparedness and recovery for older adults and people with disabilities throughout the state.

The document summarizes recommendations from the commission's report, "Rebuilding Lives: Disaster Response and Recovery for Older Adults and People with Disabilities in California," and is available on the commission's website at ccoa.ca.gov.

The brief serves as a resource for state and local agencies, community organizations and service providers working to support older Californians during emergencies. Recommendations are organized into three categories: state-level administrative actions to improve coordination, local strategies for community-based response efforts, and statutory and budgetary options to expand access to critical services.

The policy brief incorporates input from emergency response professionals, aging and disability service providers, county agencies, nonprofit organizations and individuals with lived experience. The feedback was gathered during the commission's "Recovering Together" informational hearing held May 22, 2025, at the Braille Institute in Los Angeles.

"The goal of this brief is to give communities practical tools they can use now to better protect and support older adults and people with disabilities when disasters occur," said David Lindeman, chair of the California Commission on Aging. "These recommendations are designed to strengthen coordination, improve access to services, and help communities recover more quickly."

The commission is encouraging agencies, organizations and community partners to use the brief as a guide for building more resilient, age- and disability-inclusive emergency systems across California.

The full report and policy brief are available at ccoa.ca.gov.

The California Commission on Aging serves as the state's principal advocacy body for older adults, advising state leaders, legislators and governmental agencies on policies and programs that promote fairness, autonomy, choice and dignity for older Californians.

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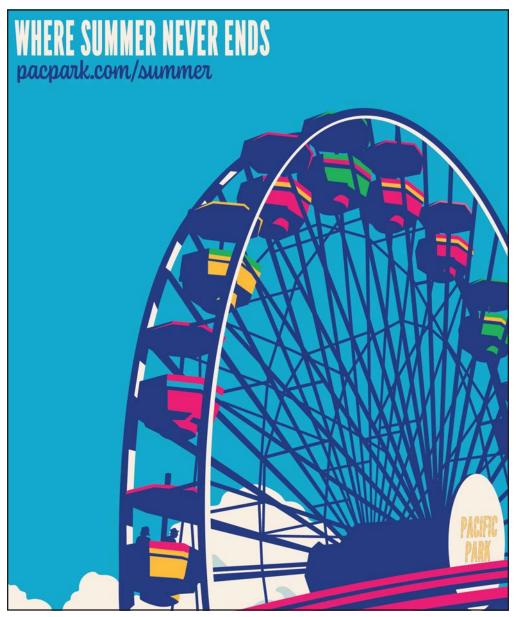
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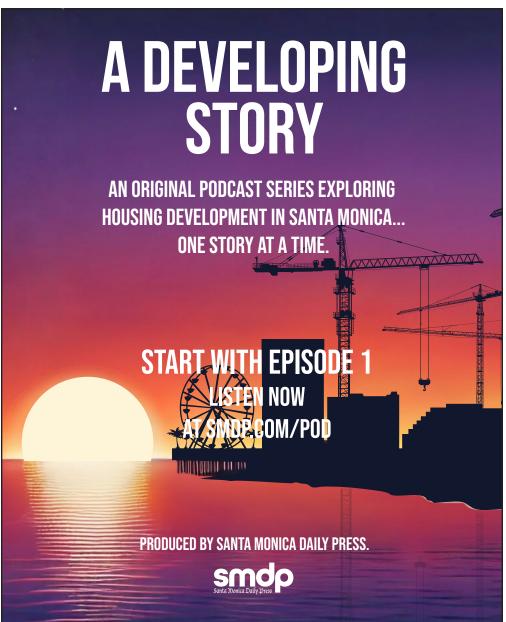
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Ina Bakes: Favorites & Festive Pop-Ups: This month, we're bringing twice the magic with two pastry pop-ups you won't want to miss! New seasonal treats, beloved favorites, and pre-order options for your holiday celebrations. Come for the pastries, stay for the joy. Sunday, Dec. 21, 9a.m. – 1p.m., 535 Rose Ave, Venice inabakes.com

Multiple SaMo Spots on the LA Times 101 Best Restaurants List: Five spots grace the list, led by Seline at #13, Mélisse at #23, Pasjoli at #34, Rustic Canyon at #48, and Cosetta at #60. Impressive to see two restaurants that opened this year make the list (Seline and Cosetta) and exciting Chef Dave Beran to have two spots, both on Main St. (Seline and Pasjoli). latimes.com/food/list/101-best-restaurants-los-angeles

Citrin Christmas Eve Prix-Fixe Dinner: Enjoy a 6 course dinner for \$195 per person. citrinandmelisse.com/christmas-eve-25

Christmas Eve at Fia & Fia Steak: They're open and serving our regular menu, featuring a selection of seasonal, locally inspired dishes in a cozy, elegant atmosphere. Last seating is 9 PM. 2454 Wilshire Blvd. fiarestaurant.com/special-events/fia-is-open-christmas-eve

Christmas at FIG at the Fairmont Miramar: Christmas Eve dinner features seasonal favorites like Beef Wellington and Yule Log dessert, while Christmas Day brunch delights with gingerbread pancakes or a luxurious truffle-and-asparagus omelet. 101 Wilshire Blvd. figsantamonica.com

Christmas Morning Brunch at Fitoor: The festive brunch features abundant buffet stations including Burmese Khow Suey, Chaat, Frankie & Dips, Dosa, Mains, and Desserts, ensuring guests head into the holiday fully satisfied. \$105/person.

Jameson's Pub All You Can Eat Christmas: You get your choice of turkey, ham, or prime rib with all the fixin's for \$19.99 per person while getting to watch all the games. 2702 Main St. santamonica.jamesonsirishpub.com

Lunetta Christmas Eve Dinner: They are offering a \$130/person family-style feast designed to be shared among friends and loved ones, including Maine lobster rigatoni, prime rib, chicken piccata, seasonal starters, decadent sides, and a classic Buche de Noel for dessert—all in Lunetta's signature California-elegant style. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4 – 8p.m., 2420 Pico Blvd. instagram.com/lunettasm

Christmas Dinner at Orla by Michael Mina: On Christmas Day 12/25, enjoy menu items that combine the best flavors of the California Coast and the Mediterranean Sea that honors Chef Michael Mina's Egyptian and Greek Heritage, such as Spiced Turkey Confit, Butternut Squash Risotto, with Pumpkin Pie and Passion Fruit Labneh Cheesecake. 1700 Ocean Ave. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1352833&restref=1352833&experienceld=550735

Christmas Day at The Penthouse at Huntley: Celebrate with a special threecourse prix-fixe menu while enjoying panoramic ocean views and signature cocktails.1111 2nd St. penthouserestaurant.com

Christmas at 1 Pico at Shutters on the Beach: Enjoy Italian-inspired seasonal fare in a relaxed ocean-view setting. 1 Pico Blvd. shuttersonthebeach.com/dining/1-pico

Feast of the Seven Fishes at Sirena & The Georgian: Feast of the Seven Fishes features dishes such as Dungeness crab mafaldine, blue prawns a la plancha, and oysters with champagne mignonette — all leading to a festive finish with their signature Gingerbread Mermaids. Wednesday, Dec. 24, Anytime after 5p.m., 1415 Ocean Ave. resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/sirena-restaurant?date=2025-12-24

Christmas at Terrazza at Hotel Casa del Mar: Enjoy dishes such as glazed ham, grilled branzino, or stuffed conchiglioni, all paired with festive decor and ocean vistas. 1910 Ocean Way hotelcasadelmar.com/dining/terrazza

Further Afield: Ellington's Nutcracker & Tchaikovsky's "Winter Daydreams" take center stage this Thursday to Sunday at Disney Concert Hall as part of the Deck the Hall Holiday series. laphil.com/events/performances/3702/2025-12-18/ellingtons-nutcracker-tchaikovskys-winter-daydreams

Looking Ahead: Looking Ahead: NYE East Coast Countdown Celebration @ Ice at Santa Monica (12/31); LA Art Show (1/7-11); DineLA Restaurant Week (1/23 – 2/6); SaMo Symphony Annual MLK Concert (1/17)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Christmas Week Food and Events

COUNCIL

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Olympic activations in summer 2028.

Michelob ULTRA, official beer sponsor of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, will bring its Pitchside Club fan experience to Santa Monica Pier in June 2026. The 21-and-older activation will feature live match viewing, interactive soccer games, programming for fans, limited-edition merchandise and appearances by athletes, celebrities and global icons. The company plans a full buyout of the Viceroy Hotel during the tournament to house talent, partners and operational staff. More information will be posted at MichelobULTRA.com before the tournament.

Santa Monica is partnering with Goldenvoice, a division of AEG Presents, to produce a new music and cultural festival on the city's coastline in fall 2026. The inaugural single-day event would accommodate 30,000 to 35,000 attendees and feature 12 to 15 musical artists, curated food and beverages, merchandise, art installations and guest services. Goldenvoice plans to design a festival aligned with Santa Monica's character that encourages resident attendance and drives economic activity for local businesses. The concert would return annually in fall 2027 and 2028

"Partnering with the city of Santa Monica to bring a yearly music festival to the Pier is a true honor for us," said Melissa Ormond, Goldenvoice chief operating officer. "We can't wait to bring world class music and artists to one of the most beautiful urban locations in the state"

Santa Monica is working to partner with ESPN in early 2027 to create a fanengagement experience on the pier and

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us

- Melissa Ormond, Goldenvoice chief operating officer

adjacent beachfront. The activation would feature productions staged against the coastline, community-focused programming, nonprofit engagement and partnerships with local vendors and hotels. ESPN said the pier and beachfront capture Southern California's vibrant spirit and thanked the City Council for embracing its vision and community commitment.

The French National Olympic and Sport Committee proposes operating "Club France," its official hospitality house, at Annenberg Community Beach House during the 2028 Summer Olympics in July. The venue would serve as the primary gathering point for French athletes, officials, guests, fans and media. The concept blends live event viewing, cultural programming, French cuisine and athlete celebrations in an open environment

promoting national pride and international

"We are convinced that Santa Monica and the Annenberg Community Beach House will provide the ideal setting for an ambitious, accountable and welcoming Club France, serving our athletes, French and American fans, our partners, the media, and the entire French sports movement," CNOSF President Amélie Oudéa-Castéra said.

Additionally, the city is finalizing a proposal for a Santa Monica Nations Village and international broadcast hub at Crescent Bay Park in partnership with event producer Hochsitz. The concept includes a temporary broadcast center for official Olympic media partners, hospitality houses for participating nations and brand activations.

Officials said the partnerships represent a significant shift in the city's event strategy and a cornerstone of Santa Monica's Realignment Plan, which aims to attract business investment and foster economic growth.

"The next few years are a defining opportunity to showcase Santa Monica at its best, from our beach and Pier to the heart of our downtown along our iconic coastline," Mayor Caroline Torosis said in a statement. "We are ushering in Santa Monica's Renaissance by delivering results, revitalizing our core, and setting the city up for its next chapter"

City officials emphasized that none of the events will receive public subsidies, marking a departure from Santa Monica's previous approach to large-scale events that focused on revenue generation.

"We've developed a pricing methodology that establishes cost recovery as our minimum standard such that the city incurs no net loss and provides no public subsidy to the

production of these events," Deputy City Manager Peter James told the council.

The proposal includes community events at no or low cost to the public and use of local businesses, along with a legacy project to provide lasting community benefit.

Despite the scale of the proposal, public input was sparse. Supporters said well-planned events would increase foot traffic and support locally owned businesses. Critics said the events would overwhelm the city's resources.

Torosis emphasized the importance of measuring economic impact beyond foot traffic, requesting staff track hotel bookings, restaurant reservations, consumer spending and job creation. She also stressed ensuring accessibility for all residents.

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"This should not be for the wealthy few.
This should be for everyone in the region who's coming to enjoy our great city," the mayor said.

All agreements remain subject to California Environmental Quality Act review and California Coastal Commission approval. Staff anticipate the events will require modifications to city code regarding noise, light, signage and parking restrictions.

City staff plan to return to council in January or February with proposed code changes. The agreements also include provisions for legacy improvements to public infrastructure, community benefits and prioritization of local businesses and workers in event operations.

"All of this puts Santa Monica on a global stage," James said. "It's a chance for us to show our face to the rest of the world and to show the spirit of Santa Monica."

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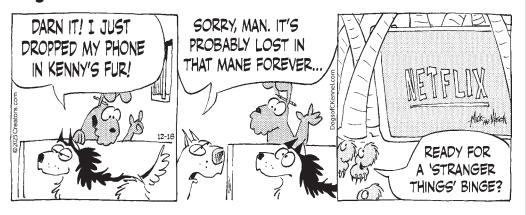
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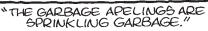
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

Points on a compass

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE. Which hue describes you?

Covering the city by the bay since 2001.







This is your Year of Cosmic Sweetener. Everything good gets better - your living space, your income, your circle, your sense of self. You'll feel generous because abundance is real. More highlights: You're a magnet for good fortune and kind souls who will seek your company and collaboration. Also, a profitable side venture, and love that feels both thrilling and safe. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 16, 24, 37 and 45



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you give a performance that's too far off from how you really are on the inside, the applause won't feel like it's really for you. Anyway, it feels better to give 'em the real you today, and it works better,

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Strength is admirable, but pushing past your limits is unnecessary if you have proper support. And if you don't, it's better to spend your effort getting support than wearing yourself out. Sustainable success will emerge from a collective push.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Here comes a bit of tension. You feel it instantly. You either seek the source to see if you can ease the situation, or you put some distance between you and the source. Either way, you can trust your instincts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Communicating well today is easier when you're in listening mode than talking mode. It's easier to be observant when you're not the one sharing. Channel your energy into reading between the lines to pick up on subtle cues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will solve problems of all kinds today - how satisfying! And they won't all be your own, either. Your forte: coming up with interesting fixes, using what's on hand, simplifying and making it fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone you love is being difficult. Instead of confronting them directly and getting into a power struggle that will escalate tension, calm yourself, soften the energy and imagine the two of you in harmony. The picture of connection will come true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Dwell a while in your favorite fantasy as though it were in the realm of possibility, because $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ the theme of the day is self-fulfilling prophecy. What you see for the future can emerge. Put your mind on what you want, not what you fear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Reconnecting with people from the past can be sweetly enriching, or it can be an irritating reminder of why you lost touch. Expect a little of both. Go gently, in goodwill, with few expectations and healthy boundaries in place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your friendliness disarms people today. Truly, it's a kind of magic. No one can treat you the way they treat everyone else, because you're so unique you flip their script. This dynamic will be key to your influence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If the task is within your current ability, you'll nail it. If not, you'll learn what you need for next time. Just know, your effectiveness is simply a reflection of how much experience you've built so

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You and your focus. You're becoming legendary for it. Someone finds you intriguing, and a lot of the attraction has to do with the magnetism that builds in your scene when you're obsessed with what interests you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being cool isn't just hard, it's a state that is impossible to create alone. It's an emergent quality involving not just one person but an entire set of circumstances around context, reception, chemistry and timing. Forget about "cool" and concentrate on warmth.

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 Adopted name
- 6 Henry Ford contemporary
- 10 Persian Gulf ruler
- 14 Bedspread alternative
- 15 Central part
- 16 Eggnog spice
- 17 Madrid's first month
- 18 Dog show judging criterion
- 19 Primary couleur
- 20 Blast-off calendar
- 23 Absorbent fabric
- 24 Wipe out
- 25 Ritually designate
- 28 Edge of evening
- 30 Western wolf
- 31 Eerie glow
- 32 The __ (Arch city nickname)
- 35 Grand Slam topper
- 40 Little Women girl
- 41 Optimistic outlook
- 42 Sphere prefix
- 43 Small denomination
- 44 Grants entry to
- 46 Indulgent outing
- 49 Dark ale
- 51 Printer purchaser's reference
- 57 Push forward
- 58 Countershaded clothes
- 59 Be finished by
- 60 Barrel-__ maple syrup
- 61 Minor matter?

62 Must-haves

- 63 Editorial mark
- 64 Earn as a return
- 65 Positional prose

piece

DOWN

- 1 Port of Yemen
- 2 Roman moon goddess
- 3 Half a lithography
- 4 Lawn improvement process
- 5 Misappropriated
- 6 Crop up
- 7 Senseless
- 8 Literary count,

- familiarly
- 9 Late night TV host
 - Meyers
 - 10 Set sail
 - 11 Land south of Sicily
 - 12 Slurpee cousins
 - 13 Reduce, __, recycle
 - 21 Works for walls

 - 22 Cul-
 - 25 Italian auto, briefly
 - 26 Societal standard
 - 27 Comply with
 - 28 Rightful
 - 29 Decorative vessel
 - 31 Big bumbler
 - 32 Vietnam neighbor
 - 33 All, at first
 - 34 At the top of

36 Place for a peck

BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE by Mark McClain

37 Ad committee

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- 38 Vote (for)
- 39 Chart toppers
- 43 Withdraw formally
- 44 Realty parcel
- 45 Oregon college city
- 46 Athletic team
- 47 Large scale throw-out
- 48 Star in Orion
- 49 "American" territory
- 50 Defeat soundly
- 52 Lasting mark
- 53 British museum benefactor
- 54 Midmonth day
- 55 Toddler talk
- 56 Web crafts seller

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SMMUSD

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the purchase. Rather, the District is always interested in acquiring property adjacent to its existing schools, especially when they are already remodeling.

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SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey
Upton said the narrative that the property
will become a parking lot is premature but
understandable given the existing plans. The
area of Franklin that touches the property is
slated to become parking, but that doesn't
mean the new property would have to be
parking as well.

"In the campus plan we are taking down the preschool building and that will be a parking lot," he said. "The parking lot we're installing is not ample sized to support the school and its anticipated growth and many if not all of our people do not arrive by public transportation. They tend to drive because most of our people cannot afford to live in Santa Monica."

The district cannot comment on the details of the purchase negotiations but the property is valued between \$3 and \$4M based on popular real estate websites. Upton said the potential sale wasn't initiated by the District but came about when the property owner expressed an interest to sell after seeing the plans for the remodeled school.

The transitional kindergarten and kindergarten being torn down will be replaced as part of the major modernization at Franklin under Measure QS, the \$495 million facilities bond approved by voters in

November 2024.

Those replacements will be the centerpiece of the new construction with a new single-story early education building that includes four modern classrooms for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students. Once completed, the aging kindergarten buildings and portables at Montana Avenue and 25th Street will be demolished and replaced with a reconfigured parking lot and drop-off area.

The modernization also includes replacing existing playfields with new soccer turf, a running track, upgraded play courts and outdoor learning areas. The design adds approximately 8% more green space campuswide and includes security improvements with perimeter gates at all entrances.

Construction will begin soon but Upton said the District will have just over a year to make any decisions about what to do with the proposed property purchase.

The item is part of the Board's closed session and will not be discussed in public although public comment will be taken. The remainder of the meeting includes end-of-year administrative items including the reshuffling of Board positions, scheduling future meetings and updates on finance and mandated curriculum updates.

The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. at the district headquarters 1717 4th St. and is available to view online. For more information, visit https://www.smmusd.org/board-of-education/board-meetings.

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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-holidaythursdays/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 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/17631618/2025-12-19T09

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE ART DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY

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

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/ details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-ourgarden-patio-/14639006/2025-12-19T11

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave CA Contact Info (424) 214-1830 matt.sedgwick@candrpr.com Visit thesurfingfoxsm.com to view menus and learn more Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-12-19T18

SMC 47TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Corsair Gym SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica SMC's Holiday Art Sale is a once-a-year opportunity to buy some truly unique works of art to satisfy holiday, anniversary, birthday, and year-round gift needs. This year's outstanding selection features ceramics and hand-blown glass, fused glass, jewelry, prints, and more. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/smc-47th-annual-holiday-art-sale/17652127/2025-12-19T00

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 20

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,

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25SMCP00642. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Richard Bruce Spitznass Jr. for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Richard Bruce Spitznass Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Richard Bruce Spitznass Jr. to Richard B. Spitznass. 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: 01/23/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. 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: 12/16/2025. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 12/18/2024, 12/24/2025, 12/31/2024, 01/07/2025.

Legal Notices

NOTICE INVITING BIDS JOCs 2611GG - 2624FOSNotice is given that bids for Job Order Contracts 2611GG thru 2624FOS will be received by Los Angeles County Public Works on January 22, 2026, by 10:00 a.m. To access the bid documents, visit the link at https://dpw. lacounty.gov/contracts/Opportunities.aspx. For additional information, call (626) 458-2540.12/18, 12/25/25CNS-3991802#SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

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HANUKKAH IN SANTA MONICA

Dec 14th - 21st | SUNDOWN

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



