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Legendary Italian sandwich shop, All'antico Vinaio, coming to downtown

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All'antico Vinaio, a rapidly growing chain of sandwich shops that originated in Italy in 1991, is preparing to open a new location at 316 Santa Monica Blvd, formally the site of Trejo's Tacos.

This marks the third Los Angeles location for the Florence-based firm, following outlets in Koreatown and Venice and co-owner Tanya Bastianich Manuali confirmed to the Daily Press that she hopes to have the delicatessen-style sandwich store open by the second quarter of 2025.

"When it's literally translated, All'antico Vinaio means 'the ancient wine merchant 'and it actually started in the Tuscany region of Italy. Our partner, Tommaso Mazzanti's family has been running it for decades," Manuali said.

"Originally it was a small shop where, in Italy, where the workers would go get their Merenda (an Italian snack that's typically eaten in the mid-morning or mid-afternoon) you know, so obviously workers, manual, physical laborers would get up early in the morning,

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All'antico Vinaio

BUON APPETITO: The stylish interior of a typical All'antico Vinaio outlet, this one near Grand Central Station in New York.

H&M set to leave the Third Street Promenade

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Posts have appeared on the social media platform Nextdoor showing a sign placed on the windows of

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Homeless man struck by car at same Wilshire intersection where veteran was killed

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A homeless man believed to be in his late 60s was struck by a vehicle on Wilshire Boulevard on Sunday evening, but authorities say that he's expected to survive his injuries.

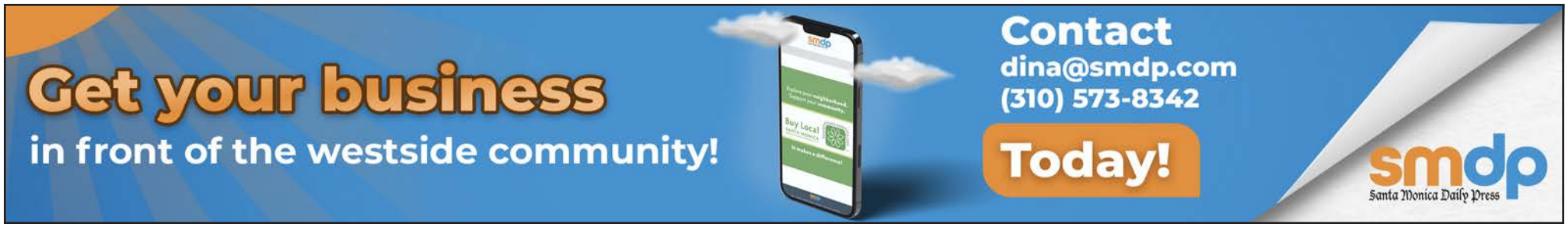
The incident occurred at approximately 8:25pm in the 2400 block of Wilshire Blvd, just east of the intersection with Chelsea Avenue. According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), paramedics took the injured man to a hospital where his vital signs remained stable.

Just two weeks ago, a woman was killed after being hit by a car in the same location. On the evening of Sunday, 22 December, a Vietnam War veteran and Santa Monica resident, was pronounced dead at the scene after being struck by a car at approximately 6:40pm. According to the SMPD, officers were dispatched for calls of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident and upon arrival found the body of an elderly woman who appeared to have been the victim of a hit and run. The vehicle, a white Toyota Rav4, was seen by witnesses fleeing the scene at a high rate of speed.

Since then, an investigation by SMPD located video footage of the suspect and vehicle. In the course of their thorough and diligent work on this case, the Traffic Investigations Unit identified the driver as 30-year-old Los Angeles resident Rod Sharif.

On December 27, 2024, SMPD's Traffic Unit, along with SWAT and

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LACOE committee to start 2025 with Malibu unification update

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The calendar has flipped to 2025, meaning another year has been added to the saga of educational separation between Santa Monica and Malibu.

With 2024 being a time of twists and turns for the unification process, the act of splitting Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) into independent Santa Monica and Malibu entities will head into the year with input from a county organizational body. As it stands, the beginning of the year will center on Malibu's original 2017 petition to form an independent district.

After canceling its December meeting, the Los Angeles County Office of Education County Committee on School District Organization will hear an update on the petition at its Wednesday meeting. The last regular meeting update held by the LACOE committee was on Nov. 6, with Malibu Attorney Christine Wood asking the Committee to consider its alternative feasibility study along with the petition.

Two public hearings were held, one in Malibu and one in Santa Monica, in the week following the LACOE meeting. Following the hearings, Malibu submitted its updated feasibility analysis to the LACOE committee, which the committee will test against nine criteria set forth by the California Department of Education (CDE).

In the Nov. 6 update by Wood, the attorney stated that an agreed-upon timeline would have had the SMMUSD Board of Education consider a full unification package for approval on Oct. 24, with a Malibu City Council approval coming four days later. However, the SMMUSD Board stated it would need more consideration of the package during its Oct. 15 meeting, leading to Malibu bringing back its original petition without a mediated package.

Wednesday's update may hold new opinion on the new feasibility study, submitted after an original 2021 study was concluded to not meet eight of the nine CDE criteria. Wood said the findings of the 2021 study were based on "incomplete information" and that the updated study used mediation between Malibu and SMMUSD to improve its standing.

The updated study took on criteria related to enrollment, community identity and educational performance; among other areas.

Malibu stated that a potential school district split would have "sufficient per pupil funding to continue to at least offer the educational programs currently offered at existing school sites," and that the split would be able to "provide programs specifically desired by the Malibu community." Educational consultant Dr. Mike Matthews added that Malibu student achievement would be best suited to be tackled by leadership of an independent district.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Brentwood Man Sentenced to 2 Years in Federal Prison for Insider Trading Scheme That Netted More Than $650,000 in Illegal Gains

A man from the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles was sentenced to 24 months in federal prison for his role in an insider trading scheme that netted more than $650,000 in illicit profits.

Shahriyar Bolandian, 36, was sentenced by United States District Judge Terry J. Hatter Jr. to 24 months in federal prison. A forfeiture order will be imposed at a later date.At the conclusion of a five-day trial, a jury in April 2024 found Bolandian guilty of six counts of insider trading."This defendant – now a convicted felon – illegally traded on inside information to enrich himself and others," said United States Attorney Martin Estrada. "All those who seek to get rich by manipulating the financial markets and taking advantage of others should think again – there will be consequences for this misconduct."In 2012 and 2013, Bolandian received material non-public information about two upcoming corporate acquisitions by publicly traded companies. Bolandian then used the inside information to trade in advance of the public announcements of Integrated Device Technology Inc.'s April 2012 planned acquisition of PLX Technology Inc., and Salesforce.com Inc.'s June 2013 acquisition of ExactTarget Inc.

As a result of his illegal trades, Bolandian's personal share of the scheme's illicit proceeds was $450,000, which he used, among other things, to cover previous trading losses and repay loans to family and friends.

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission in August 2015 filed a civil complaint against Bolandian and others in connection with the scheme. That litigation remains pending.

Judge Hatter today also sentenced Kevan Sadigh, 37, formerly of Encino and now a Miami resident, to two years of probation and ordered forfeiture in the amount of $36,684 and a money judgment in the amount of $206,525. In a separate, six-day trial, a jury in July 2024 found Sadigh guilty of seven counts of insider trading. Sadigh's personal share of the illicit proceeds was approximately $200,000.

The Corporate and Securities Fraud Strike Force is designed to expand and prioritize complex corporate and securities fraud investigations, some of which involves corporate executives and other individuals involved in criminal conduct. Members of the Strike Force examine accounting fraud, insider trading, and other matters that directly impact the financial system and trading markets.

The FBI investigated this matter.

Assistant United States Attorneys Andrew M. Roach of the General Crimes Section and Solomon D. Kim of the Major Frauds Section, and Trial Attorney Della Sentilles of the Justice Department's Criminal Division's Fraud Section prosecuted this case.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Why 2025 will be a pivotal year for Mayor Karen Bass — and Los Angeles



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POLITICS: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass speaks about the state mental health crisis before Gov. Gavin Newsom signed off on two proposals in Los Angeles, on Oct. 12, 2023. The proposals aim to transform the state's mental health system and address the state's worsening homelessness crisis, putting them both before voters in 2024.

BY JIM NEWTON

Here comes the hard part.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass has plenty to be proud of in her first two years as the chief executive of the largest city in the largest state in America. Violent crime is down. Public transit ridership has fought its way back up. She's replaced the city's police chief and outlasted an irksome district attorney.

Most importantly, she has made inroads against the city's tragically central issue, homelessness. Since taking office in 2022, Bass has concentrated on bringing the unhoused residents of this city inside, and she has made progress despite frustratingly severe obstacles. During a period where homelessness nationally increased by 18%, it has actually fallen in Los Angeles, though by an exasperatingly small 5%.

That is positive news for LA and its mayor, whose work and public standing was ratified recently when voters agreed to increase and extend their own sales taxes in support of local efforts to combat homelessness. Measure A, which appeared on the November ballot, was approved by 57% of county voters, issuing a clear vote of confidence in Bass. The mayor was the measure's most visible supporter, and she argued that its approval was essential for her to press forward.

But as Bass moves to the second half of her term, her work is about to get a great deal more difficult, and the coming year may test her formidable energies.

There is, foremost, the change of the guard in Washington. Bass was elected two years ago in large part because of her experience and relationships. She could boast of allies in the state Legislature, in the governor's office, in Congress and in the White House.

As 2025 gets underway, many of those will disappear.

Most conspicuously, Joe Biden will be replaced by a president who could hardly be further from Bass's politics or priorities. Donald Trump will almost certainly make life for Bass more difficult in areas ranging from immigration — where the city of Los Angeles has pledged to not support federal deportation efforts — to homelessness — where Bass's attempts to coax people off the street are sure to be at odds with Trump's desire to crack down more forcefully.

Bass could call on Biden and did — to support the city's work on housing, on immigration and even when a fire temporarily shut down the Santa Monica Freeway. Those calls are unlikely to be returned as quickly, or be as fruitful, under a Trump administration.

Moreover, Bass's friends in Congress have lost sway, too. Republicans run the House and the Senate, and many are unsympathetic to her approach to issues. And the Supreme

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Small'ish but potentially kinda fun as a new SSW swell fills in & slowly becomes dominant source of surf. Likely lully, but could be some pretty crisp little lines at the points and maybe still just enough NW running for peaks at beachbreak.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

A bit more SSW and less NW than Friday is likely - so potential for fun little lines at the points with more walled up shape at the beachbreaks. Stay tuned.

Weather

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

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2023/10/13	Fri	09:11 AM	5.35	H
2023/10/13	Fri	3:24 PM	0.75	L
2023/10/13	Fri	9:24 PM	4.87	H
2023/10/14	Sat	03:17 AM	1.02	L
2023/10/14	Sat	09:30 AM	5.58	H
2023/10/14	Sat	3:56 PM	0.46	L
2023/10/14	Sat	9:59 PM	4.62	H
2023/10/15	Sun	03:37 AM	1.32	L
2023/10/15	Sun	09:50 AM	5.75	H
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2023/10/15	Sun	10:37 PM	4.29	H
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‘The Brutalist,’ ‘Emilia Perez’ triumph at Golden Globes

Two wildly audacious films — Brady Corbet’s 215-minute postwar epic “The Brutalist” and Jacques Audiard’s Spanish language, genre-shifting trans musical “Emilia Perez” — won top honors at the 82nd Golden Globes on Sunday.

The Globes, which are still finding their footing after years of scandal and makeover, scattered awards around to a number of films. But the awards group put its strongest support behind a pair of movies that sought to defy easy categorization.

“The Brutalist” was crowned best film, drama, putting one of 2024’s most ambitious films on course to be a major contender at the Academy Awards. The film, shot in VistaVision and released with an intermission, also won best director for Corbet and best actor for Adrien Brody. In his acceptance speech, Corbet spoke about filmmakers needing approval on the final cut.

“I was told that this film was un-distributable,” said Corbet. “No one was asking for a three-and-half-hour film about a mid-century designer in 70mm. But it works.”

“Emilia Pérez” won best film, comedy or musical, elevating the Oscar chances of Netflix’s top contender. It also won best supporting actress for Zoe Saldaña, best song (“El Mal”) and best non-English language film. Audiard, the French director, made way for Karla Sofía Gascón, the film’s transgender star who plays a Mexican drug lord who undergoes gender affirming surgery, to speak on behalf of the film.

> “I’m just in shock right now. I’ve been doing this a long time, like over 45 years, and this is the first thing I’ve ever won as an actor”
> - Demi Moore

“The light always wins over darkness,” said Gascón, gesturing to her brightly orange dress. “You can maybe put us in jail. You can beat us up. But you never can take away our soul or existence or identity.”

“I am who I am. Not who you want.”

DEMI WINS HER FIRST GLOBE

Though the Globes audience was particularly starry, including nominees Zendaya, Timothée Chalamet, Angelina Jolie and Daniel Craig, most of the winners hailed from smaller, less seen films.

That included some surprises. One was Demi Moore’s win for best actress in a comedy or musical. Her comeback performance in “The Substance,” about a Hollywood star who resorts to an experimental process to regain her youth, landed the 62-year-old Moore her first Globe — a victory that came over the heavily favored Mikey Madison of “Anora.”

“I’m just in shock right now. I’ve been doing this a long time, like over 45 years, and this is the first thing I’ve ever won as an actor,” said Moore, who was last nominated by the Globes for a film role in 1991 for “Ghost.” “Thirty years ago, I had a producer tell me that I was a popcorn actress.”

Best actress, in a drama film, was an even bigger surprise. The Brazilian actress Fernanda Torres won for her performance in “I’m Still Here,” a based-on-a-true-story drama about a family living through the disappearance of political dissident Rubens Paiva in 1970s Rio de Janeiro. Torres dedicated the award to her mother, the great actor Fernanda Montenegro, who appears in “I’m Still Here,” too.

“She was here 25 years ago,” said Torres. “And this is like a proof that art can endure through life even through difficult moments.”

Best supporting actor in a musical or comedy went to Sebastian Stan for “A Different Man,” in which Stan plays a man with a deformed face who’s healed. Stan, who was also nominated for playing Donald Trump in “The Apprentice,” noted that both films were hard to get made.

“These are tough subject maters but these films are real and they’re necessary,” said Stan. “But we can’t be afraid and look away.”

GLASER LIGHTLY ROASTS THE GLOBES

Comedian Nikki Glaser kicked off the Globes, with a promise: “I’m not here to roast you.”

But Glaser, a stand-up whose breakthrough came in a withering roast of Tom Brady, made her way around the ballroom of the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California, on Sunday picking out plenty of targets in an opening monologue she had worked out extensively in comedy clubs beforehand.

While Glaser might not have reached Tina Fey and Amy Poehler levels of laughs, the monologue was a winner, and a dramatic improvement over last year’s host, Jo Koy. Last year’s Globes, following a diversity and ethics scandal that led to the dissolution of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, were widely panned. But they delivered where it counted: Ratings rebounded to about 10 million viewers, according to

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New homelessness data: How does California compare to the rest of the country?



Photo by Adriana Heldiz, CalMatters

HOMELESS: Volunteers Michelle Lefever, left, and Maggie DuRocher, center, survey a resident experiencing homelessness, for the annual point-in-time count in San Diego on Jan. 25, 2024. The voluntary survey is a federally mandated requirement to gather data on the region's homeless population.

California's homeless population remains the biggest in the nation, but the crisis is growing more slowly here than in most of the rest of the country, according to new federal data.

The number of homeless Californians increased just over 3% last year compared to the year before, with more than 187,000 people sleeping on the street or in shelters in the state as of January 2024. Overall, the country saw an increase of slightly more than 18%, and 22 states saw double-digit increases. Just six states, including Wyoming, Tennessee and Maine, saw their homeless populations decrease.

That's according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which recently released the results of the latest federally mandated homeless point-in-time count. The count, which took place in early 2024, relied on volunteers, outreach workers and city and county employees physically counting the homeless people they saw sleeping outside on one night.

It's not a completely accurate approach – each county conducts the count differently, some estimate some of their figures, and they are sure to miss unhoused people who sleep hidden in hard to reach areas or at a friend's house. Most California counties count people in shelters every year, but count people on the street every other year, making year-to-year comparisons difficult. But despite the challenges with the data, officials use the point-in-time count to allocate federal and state dollars, and to help guide homeless policy.

A CalMatters analysis of point-in-time count data in September, when a handful of California counties hadn't released their results, found nearly 186,000 unhoused people living in the state.

The federal data shows the outsized role California plays in the nation's homelessness crisis. Nearly a quarter of all unhoused Americans live in California – as well as 28% of all homeless veterans and 44% of all "chronically homeless" Americans (people who have a disability and have been homeless for a significant period of time.)

Two-thirds of California's homeless residents sleep outside – the highest percentage in the country – highlighting the state's need for more shelter.

But there were some bright spots in the report: The number of young Californians who were homeless without a parent or guardian fell 11% last year, and the number of homeless veterans and chronically homeless people also dropped.

While the number of people in families with children who were homeless across the country increased nearly 40% last year – a concerning spike that federal officials

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Can California keep ICE away from schools? Lawmakers want to try as crackdowns loom

California lawmakers are proposing steps to protect K-12 students and families from mass deportations — although the real value of those proposals may be symbolic.

A pair of bills in the Legislature — AB 49 and SB 48 — would keep federal agents from detaining undocumented students or their families on or near school property without a warrant. The bills are a response to President-elect Donald Trump's threat to deport undocumented immigrants, a move which could have major consequences for schools in California, which funds its schools based on attendance and where 12% of students have at least one undocumented parent.

Both bills would make it harder and more time-consuming for agents to enter schools or day care centers. But they can only delay, not stop, arrests.

"In no way can these bills override federal law," said Kevin Johnson, a law professor at UC Davis. "But the bills respond to a great concern in the community that it's not safe to take your children to school. … I can't emphasize enough how important this is, how vulnerable undocumented immigrants feel right now."



Photo by Samantha Norris, CalMatters

ICE: Parents and their kids on the first day of classes at Loma Vista Elementary School in Salinas on Aug. 8, 2023.

AB 49, proposed by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, a Democrat from Torrance, would require immigration agents to obtain written permission from the superintendent before coming onto school property. It also bars agents from being in rooms where children are present. SB 48, introduced by Sen. Lena Gonzalez, a Democrat from Long Beach, would prohibit local police from cooperating with federal agents — such as assisting in arrests or providing information about families' immigration status — within one mile of a school. It also bars schools from sharing student and family information with federal authorities.

School districts have also doubled down on their efforts to protect students and families. Los Angeles Unified has partnered with legal aid organizations to assist families and instructed schools not to ask students about their immigration status. San Francisco Unified has similar policies.

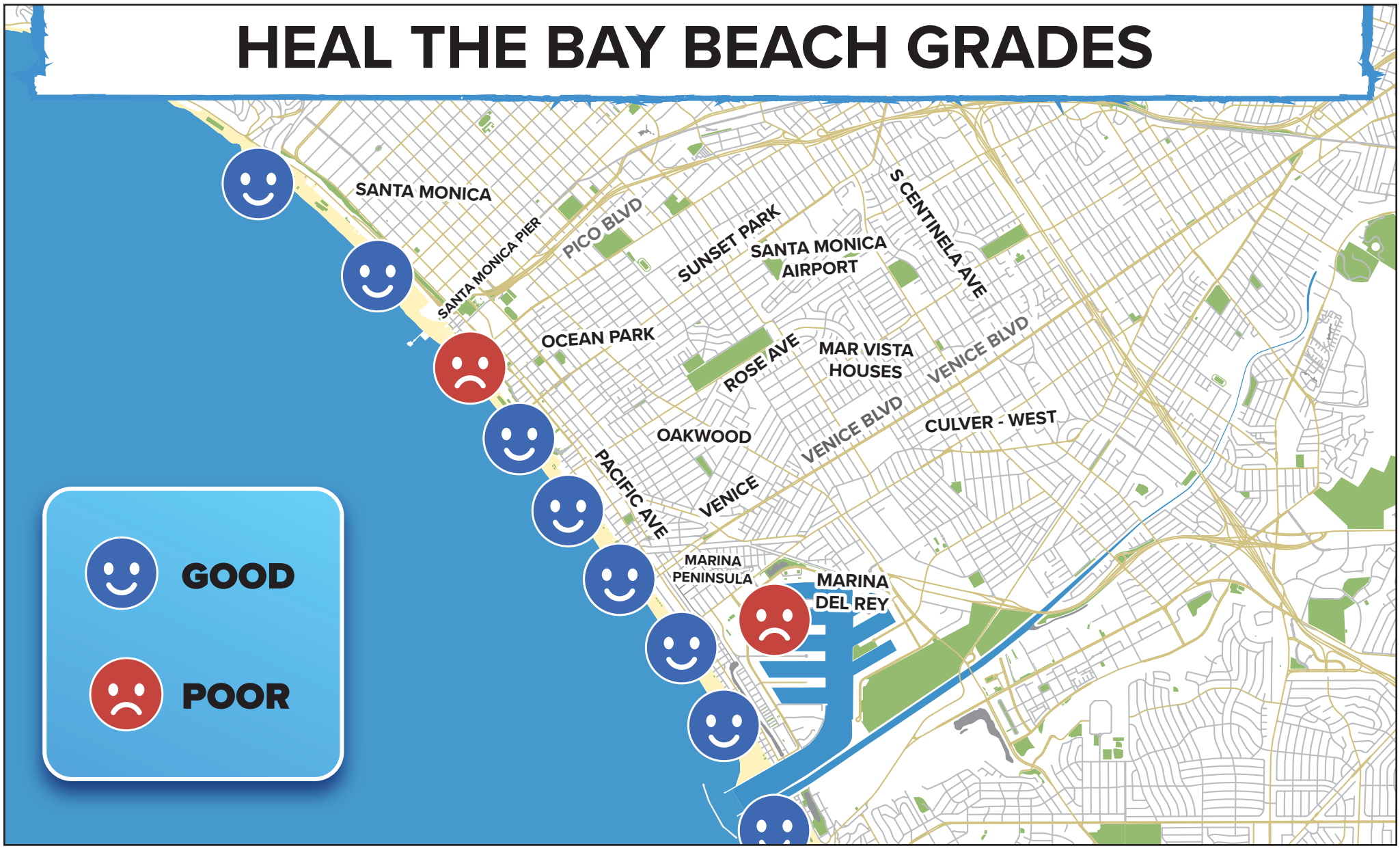
"(San Francisco Unified) is a safe haven for all students regardless of citizenship status," Superintendent Maria Su wrote to the community after the November election. "SFUSD restates our position that all students have the right to attend school regardless of their immigration status or that of their family members."

SCHOOLS AS SAFE HAVENS

Schools have long been safe havens for immigrant students. Under a 1982 Supreme Court ruling, public schools must enroll all students regardless of their immigration status and can't charge tuition to students who aren't legal residents. And since 2011, federal guidelines discourage agents from making immigration arrests at schools, hospitals, churches, courthouses and other "sensitive locations."

But Trump said he plans to eliminate the "sensitive locations" guidelines, and the conservative Heritage Foundation, which published the right-leaning Project 2025 manifesto, is encouraging states to charge tuition to undocumented K-12 students. That could set up the possible overturn of the Supreme Court decision guaranteeing access to school for undocumented students. The foundation's rationale is that government agencies such as

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SANDWICH

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and at 10 o'clock they had a Miranda, whether it was a mortadella sandwich in Tuscany, obviously with Tuscan prosciutto and a glass of wine," she said, adding, "And it's still there and there are often very long lines outside. There's a lot of Americans studying in Florence and we find that they get nostalgic and it often represents a little taste of home."

The brand currently has seven outlets in New York, including Broadway and Brookfield Place, along with downtown Las Vegas and soon to be a total of three in Los Angeles. There's even one at Dubai International Airport and this incredible expansion has mostly been within the last three years according to Manuali, evidently bucking the trend of other chains, where many outlets nationwide were forced to close following the pandemic.

"My brother and I own restaurants in the US, separate, full sit down, full service, some of them Michelin star, white service, table cloth restaurants, but this concept had no presence until two years ago," Manuali said.

The brother that Manuali mentioned is Joseph Bastianich, an American restaurateur, author and television personality. He, along with his mother, sister and business partner, co-owns over 30 restaurants in four countries, including Osteria Mozza in Los Angeles. They, along with Mazzanti, make up the team behind All'antico Vinaio.

What makes this chain appealing, among many things, is the rustic-Italian-aesthetic meets New-York-deli-decor. Each outlet is designed to continue the theme as much as possible, given varying factors with each one. Dark wooden floors and dark wooden beams frame the painted white brick wall finished with wrought iron fittings. In most outlets, a full glass frontage is complemented by the equally impressive glass deli counter that chills every one of your favorite fresh Italian meats and cheeses.

"Each location is a little different just because of the layout of the space, but we have our refrigerated counter where the sandwiches are custom made for our customers and that's in every shop. And depending on the space, there's always a wooden rail to eat your sandwich on along the sides of the shop. And if there's enough room, we have some tables," Manuali said.

"We're on Abbot Kinney in Venice already and in Koreatown and it's the same decor throughout, but they're two very different stores because Koreatown is quite a small space and in Venice we have some outdoor seating, which people love," Manuali said, adding, "And it really has become very Italian. It's become an area where even at four or 5pm, people come and they do what's called an apericena in Italian. So it's like an aperitivo dinner where they get a sandwich, or maybe they split a sandwich with a friend, and they get either a spritz or a wine or a beer, and they actually make it like a cocktail hour."

> My brother and I own restaurants in the US, separate, full sit down, full service, some of them Michelin star, white service, table cloth restaurants, but this concept had no presence until two years ago
>
> - Tanya Bastianich Manuali

According to Manuali, the bread used is schiacciata, which is different to focaccia, because it's uniquely Tuscan. Another popular sandwich shop, Bread Head on Montana offers focaccia based sandwiches, so fans of Italian street food in Santa Monica are soon to be spoilt for choice.

"Sometimes focaccia is higher and a little drier," Manuali said. "Instead, schiacciata has a lower profile, and it's crispy on the outside and a little chewy on the inside. It's a little bit like a New York bagel, in a certain sense. It's very particular, and we make our schiacciata fresh every single day for every store, and so that is really important. And it's baked and then the final process of baking happens right before we make your sandwich. It's like the last four minutes of baking, just so you get a hot, lovely sandwich."

In fact, this will be the only specialty sandwich shop in the downtown area, going someway in relieving a desperate shortage of midday bread-based snacks. Only Wexler's Deli and Bay Cities Italian Deli & Bakery currently exist to provide that essential service.

More information can be found at allanticovinaiousa.com.

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HOMELESSNESS

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attribute to an influx of migrants – it remained basically flat in California.

Gov. Gavin Newsom highlighted the areas where California bucked national trends as evidence that his homelessness agenda is working.

"Homelessness continues to rise and increase at ever-higher numbers nationwide, but we are seeing signs of progress in California," he said in a statement. "We have turned the tide on a decades-long increase in homelessness – but we have more work to do. California's plan is ambitious and challenging but the data is proving that it is not impossible: our strategies are making a positive difference."

by Cal Matters

GOLDEN GLOBES

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Nielsen. CBS, who waded in after NBC dumped the Globes, signed up for five more years.

Hosting the Globes two weeks before the inauguration of Donald Trump, Glaser reserved perhaps her most cutting line for the entire room of Hollywood stars.

"You could really do anything ... except tell the country who to vote for," said Glaser. "But it's OK, you'll get 'em next time ... if there is one. I'm scared."

The Globes are now owned by Todd Boehly's Eldridge Industries and Dick Clark Productions, which acquired the award show from the now defunct Hollywood Foreign Press Association. However, more than a dozen former HFPA members are currently seeking to have the sale to Eldridge Industries and Dick Clark Productions rescinded.

A WIN FOR 'WICKED'

Unlike last year's Oscar race, when "Oppenheimer" rolled, this year's season has more uncertain, with a field of contenders. Most of the movies that are seen as having a chance — "Conclave," "Emilia Perez," "The Brutalist," "Wicked" and "Anora" — came away with at least one award Sunday. The exception was Sean Baker's Palme d'Or-winning "Anora," which went home empty handed despite five nominations.

The Globes' award for cinematic and box-office achievement went to Jon M. Chu's "Wicked," which has nearly collected $700 million in theaters. In a heavily arthouse Oscar field, "Wicked" is easily the biggest hit in the best picture mix. Accepting the award, Chu argued for "a radical act of optimism" in art.

Though few awards have been predictable this season, Kieran Culkin is emerging has the clear favorite for best supporting actor. Culkin won Sunday for his performance in Jesse Eisenberg's "A Real Pain," his second Globe in the past year following a win for the HBO series "Succession." He called the Globes "basically the best date night that my wife and I ever have," and then thanked her for "putting up what you call my mania."

The papal thriller "Conclave" took best screenplay, for Peter Straughan's script. "Flow," the wordless Latvian animated parable about a cat in a flooded world, took best animated film, winning over studio blockbusters like "Inside Out 2" and "The Wild Robot." Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross won best score for their thumping music for "Challengers."

TV PRIZES

Most of the TV winners were oft-awarded series, including the Emmy champ "Shōgun." It won four awards, including best drama series and acting wins for Hiroyuki Sanada, Anna Sawai and Tadanobu Asano. Other repeat winners were: "Hacks" (best comedy series, actress for Jean Smart), "The Bear" (Jeremy Allen White for best actor) and "Baby Reindeer" (best limited series).

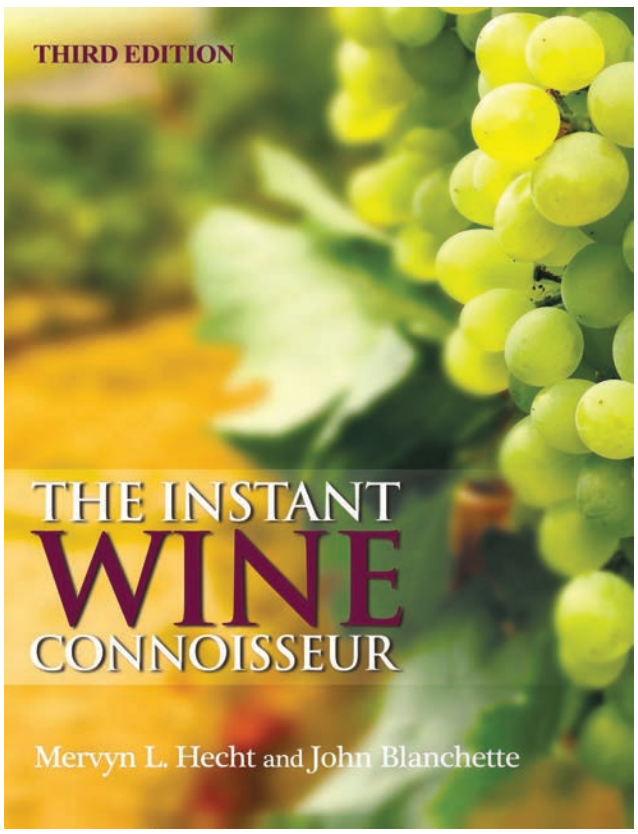
Ali Wong won for best stand-up performance, Jodie Foster for "True Detective" and Colin Farrell for his physical transformation in "The Penguin."

"I guess it's prosthetics from here on out," Farrell said.

By JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer



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SCHOOLS

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schools are already overburdened and need to prioritize services for U.S. citizens.

"The (Biden) administration's new version of America is nothing more than an open-border welfare state," Lora Ries, director of the Heritage Foundation's Border Security and Immigration Center, wrote. "No country can sustain or survive such a vision."

Muratsuchi, chair of the Assembly Education Committee, said he was inspired to author AB 49 just after the election, when he listened to the concerns of immigrant students in the political science class he teaches at El Camino Community College in Torrance.

"It became clear there was more and more fear among my students, not only for themselves but for their families. The fear of families being torn apart is very real," Muratuschi said. "We want to send a strong message to our immigrant students that we're going to do everything we can to protect them."

'TOO SCARED TO SPEAK UP'

For most undocumented families, deportation would mean a plunging into poverty and in many cases, violence. Nahomi, a high school senior in Fresno County whom CalMatters is identifying by her middle name because of her immigration status, described the threat of deportation as "a major worry for my family and I. Our lives could change completely in a blink of an eye."

Nahomi and her parents arrived in California in 2011 from the city of Culiacan in Sinaloa, Mexico, an area plagued by widespread violence. They initially planned to stay until Sinaloa became safer, but once they settled in the Central Valley they decided the risks of returning outweighed the risk of deportation, so they stayed. Nahomi's father works in construction and her mother is a homemaker, raising Nahomi and her younger sister.

While she and her family fear deportation, Nahomi is not afraid to attend school. She said schools can help families know their rights and help children feel safe.

"I feel very welcomed and safe there," she said. "It is a very diverse high school and I just feel like any other student. ... (But) a lot of these families are probably too scared to speak up about doubts they might have."

POLITICALLY UNPOPULAR?

Patricia Gándara, an education professor and co-director of the Civil Rights Project at UCLA, said the risk of federal agents arresting students at schools is probably small. It's unclear how many children in K-12 schools are undocumented, but it's probably a relatively small number, she said. In any case, immigration enforcement that affects children almost always sparks public outcry from both parties, she said.

"Some people might say they're anti-immigrant, but it's another thing entirely when the family up the street, whom they've known for 20 years, suddenly gets deported, or your kid's best friend gets deported," said Gandara, who's studied the topic extensively. "It's politically very unpopular."

Still, the proposed bills could send a powerful message that schools are safe places, she said. Immigration crackdowns can have a significant impact on student attendance, a Stanford study found, which can lead to less funding for schools, particularly low-income schools that enroll large numbers of immigrant children.

Immigration crackdowns can also lead to an increase in bullying, anxiety and general uncertainty on campus, not just for immigrant children but for everyone, Gándara said. Teachers, in particular, experience high levels of stress when their students' safety is endangered, she said.

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> - Al Muratsuchi

Schools can't rely solely on state laws to protect immigrant families, though. They should partner with local nonprofits to provide legal services and other support to families who need assistance.

"Schools are one of the last places immigrant families feel safe," Gandara said. "But as soon as (federal agents) move into schools, they're not so safe any more. These bills say, 'We're not going to sit back and let this happen. Not all of government is against you."

CALIFORNIA 'ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO BE'

Both bills are awaiting hearings in the Legislature. Tammy Lin, supervising attorney with the University of San Diego Immigration Clinic, expects California to continue to take steps to protect undocumented families, but political conflicts will be inevitable.

The incoming Trump administration is likely to battle California and other left-leaning states over immigration matters. Even within California, conflicts are likely to erupt between state leaders and those in more conservative regions, or even between agencies in the same area. In San Diego County, for example, the Board of Supervisors ordered the sheriff's office to not notify federal immigration officers when it releases suspected undocumented inmates from jail, but the sheriff refused to comply.

Lin also said she wouldn't be surprised if there's an attempt to overturn the Supreme Court ruling guaranteeing education to undocumented children, potentially paving the way for other immigrants' rights to be reversed.

"It's a slippery slope," Lin said. "Immigrants know this, which is why there's immense fear and uncertainty right now. But bills like these show that California is still one of the best places you can be."

By Carolyn Jones. Suriyah Jones, a member of the CalMatters Youth Journalism Initiative, contributed to this story. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

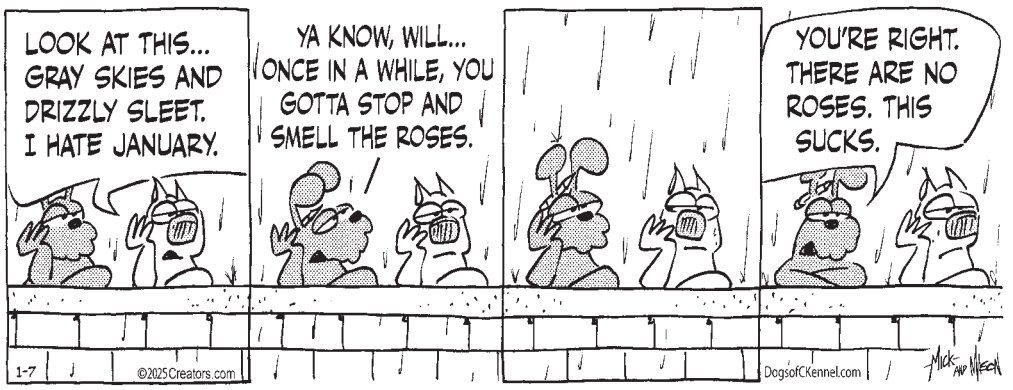
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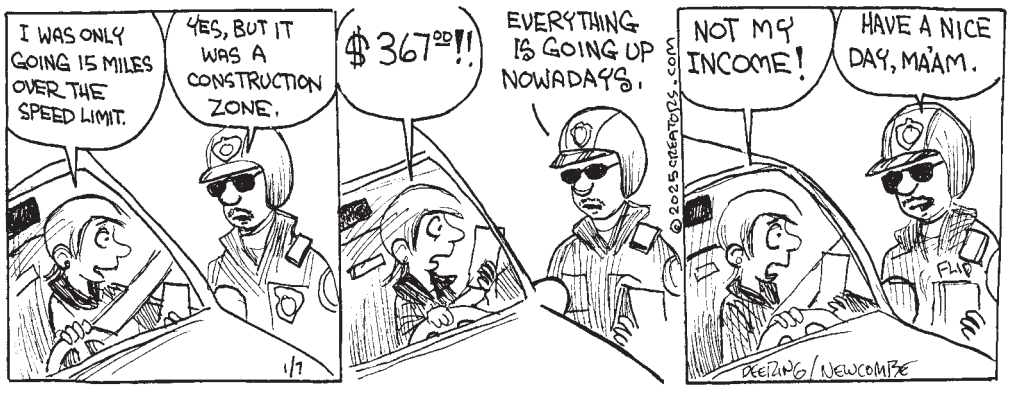
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sad songs, movies and life in general can cause the eyes to leak, and there are benefits to leaning into the release. Tears protect the eyes, activate the parasympathetic nervous system and release stress hormones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The urge to take the ball to the goal alone isn't inherently selfish. Perhaps you're the best to do it. And yet, the strength of the team is what will matter the most. Look for ways to serve the team win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It will be as though you're casting a role in the movie of your life. You'll assess the skills and qualities needed to fit the work. It is perhaps more important to determine how you feel around a person. Do they bring out a version of you that you like?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a gift for guiding others, but even the best advice can't stop someone determined to make their own mistakes. You'll find it easy to stay compassionate. Your care improves the world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your ability to take care of yourself is legendary, but when life gets hectic, all bets are off. Even the strongest foundations need tending. Lean on nurturing souls because a little tenderness will go a long way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're the "wise" for whom "a word to" is sufficient, if you even need that much. You're tuned in to your environment and the people in it, so when you get the slightest sense that an adjustment would serve the situation, you take the note and make the change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you're drawn to ultra-talented, remarkable characters, some of your favorite people are self-centered. Because you have a strong tolerance for it, you'll gain access to worlds that less open-minded people aren't invited to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've been slowly getting to know someone. While there are still more questions than answers, this is what makes it beautiful. Curiosity is the spark that keeps a relationship evolving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Since you live in your own emotional environment 24/7, it makes sense that you'd want to be around people who inspire good feelings in you. Closer attention to how you feel in someone's presence will serve your personal life well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're sure of what you want and what you like, and you won't have to sell it. It will be apparent to all buyers. They like you, and whatever is making you happy, they want a part of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Due to your bold curiosity, you will find yourself in a position to try and understand something that seems impossible to manage, or manage something that seems impossible to understand. You'll make headway.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll navigate group dynamics. There is no status that is better or worse. Status appears to be a ladder, but it's actually more like a puzzle - each person fulfilling the promise of their own piece, none more important, all crucial to the bigger picture.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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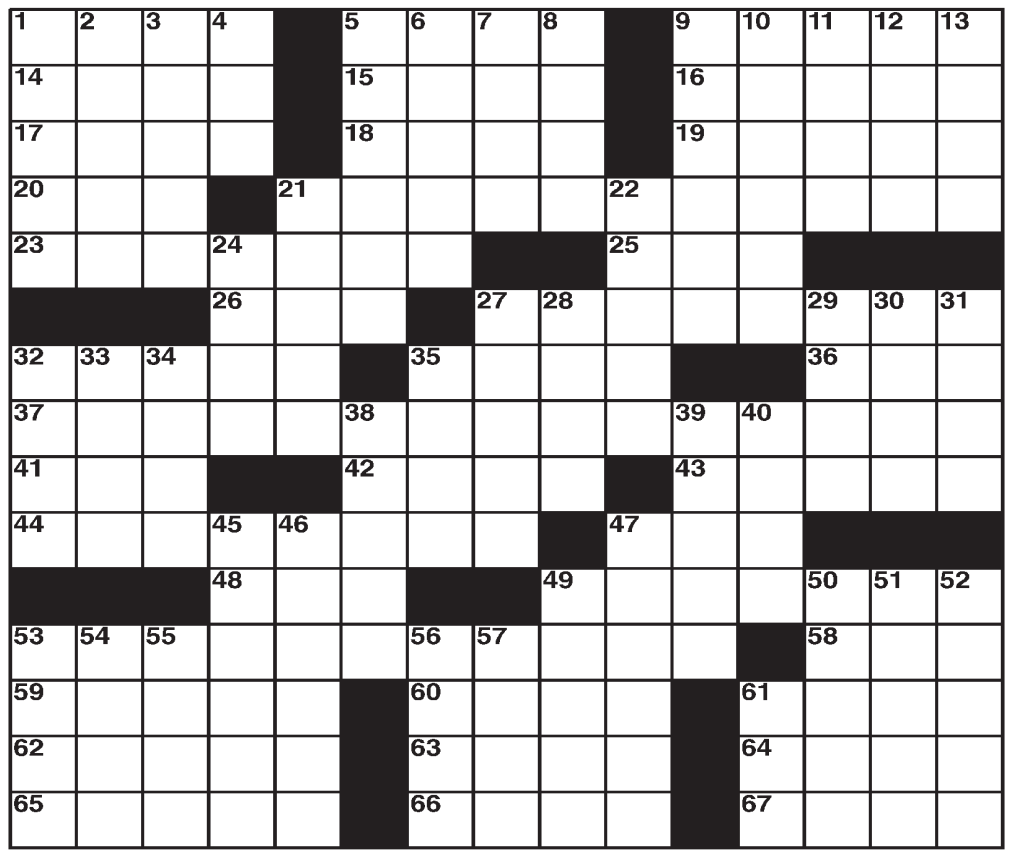
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1 Crisp ginger cookie
5 Identical
9 Commercial for a sedan, say
14 Signals "yes" with one's head
15 In a group with
16 Fully informed
17 Keep __ (persevere)
18 à la __ (topped with ice cream)
19 Cooks cakes in an oven
20 Adversary
21 Time off in March for college students
23 Luau instrument
25 Help out
26 Chimp or gorilla
27 Pining for a sweetheart
32 "Me too"
35 Remove, as an apple peel
36 Edgar Allan __
37 Year off for a professor
41 Make a knot in
42 Back part of a shoe
43 __ days (days of yore)
44 Inactive state
47 Increases, as a bet
48 Any precious stone
49 Person giving a talk
53 Saturday-to-Monday time off
58 Metallic mineral
59 "You win"
60 Four-star review
61 Pickle containers
62 Office messages
63 Trebek of *Jeopardy!*
64 Very often
65 Actor's negotiator
66 Mailed out
67 Fourth planet from the sun

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1 Chaotic mess
2 Unacceptable
3 French farewell
4 Seattle winter clock setting: Abbr.
5 Take a small taste of
6 Strong affection, in Italy
7 Calf-length skirt
8 Genesis garden
9 Taxi driver
10 Emmys and Oscars
11 Leaf-gathering tool
12 Neighborhood
13 Writing table
21 Brown photo tint
22 Judge's hammer
24 Young sheep
27 Shoestrings
28 Taken by mouth
29 Apple's tablet
30 Small sheltered bay
31 Razor-sharp
32 __ spumante wine
33 Stated
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38 Main idea
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40 Queen in *Frozen*
45 Prods into action
46 Most recent
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49 *Snow White and the __ Dwarfs*
50 Aussie bearlike animal
51 Mistake
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53 Capital of Peru
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61 Fruity bread spread



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ACCIDENT

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detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division, served search and arrest warrants for Sharif and his residence in Santa Monica Canyon. Several items of evidence were recovered from the home along with the white Toyota Rav4 that had significant front-end damage that appeared to have been caused during the accident.

Sharif was arrested and booked for 187(a) PC – Murder and 20001(a) VC – Felony Hit and Run. Sharif has prior arrests for 23152(a) VC – Driving Under the Influence and 23103 VC – Reckless Driving.

However, in this latest incident, the driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and cooperated with the police investigation. According to SMPD, drugs or alcohol do not appear to be a factor and the investigation is ongoing.

Wilshire Blvd has become significantly more problematic over the past 18 months, especially regarding pedestrian visibility near cross walks. On January 1, 2025, California joined 43 other states with implementing "daylighting" laws, proven to succeed in reducing pedestrian injuries from motor vehicles. On January 1, Assembly Bill 413 or the "California Daylighting Law" will have its warning period end for violators. The law prohibits parking within 20 feet of any crosswalk or 15 feet of a crosswalk with extended curbs. This applies only on the side where cars approach the intersection.

Through 2024, violators only received warnings, with exceptions for if the curb was painted red or a sign explicitly prohibited parking. Violations will now lead to citations and increased enforcement, with tickets from $40 to more.

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H&M

FROM PAGE 1

the popular high street clothing store, H&M, stating that it's closing on Saturday January 11 and the Daily Press can confirm that this is indeed correct.

However, additional details remain scarce. The store manager confirmed that no other lease existed within the City of Santa Monica, so the outlet doesn't appear to be moving to a new location and staff will be redeployed to other H&M outlets in the area.

This comes as the fine jewelry and watch store at 1353 Third Street Promenade also closed its doors. And while notices have been up for some time indicating a closing down sale of the jewelry store located next to Barney's Beanery, sources say that the H&M departure has been rumored for some time.

The Daily Press reached out to Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. for comment and were told that an official statement would be released soon. We also reached out to the H&M US head office, but as yet, have received no response.

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KAREN BASS

FROM PAGE 3

Court moves ever-away from the real-life experience of Americans in its strange mission to restore the nation to 18th-century norms.

Sacramento promises to be more protective. There, Gov. Gavin Newsom is entering his lame-duck period, but he's sure to be replaced by another Democrat, and the legislature remains firmly in the hands of liberals and moderates philosophically closer to Bass. They recognize that solving issues in California requires tending to Los Angeles, the largest population center of the state as well as the hub of its Latino political future.

Newsom has been an unsteady ally for Bass, helping with funds and support but also striking out in unexpected areas, especially on homelessness. Even as Bass was making headway locally, Newsom changed course last year, seizing on the Supreme Court's ruling in the Grants Pass case to declare that California would begin forcibly removing encampments on state property.

His rhetoric did not change much on the ground in Los Angeles, but it was both a distraction and a reminder that treating homelessness with compassion is hard political turf to hold.

In the area of public safety, Bass has a new lineup for 2025. She named Jim McDonnell, an experienced police officer and former county sheriff, to head the LAPD. That was a smart pick, and it ensures that Bass at last has a kindred spirit in that all-important post.

At the same time, voters helped her move on from District Attorney George Gascón, with whom she was never close nor endorsed, only to see have him replaced with Nathan Hochman, a recently converted Republican whose vacuous, opportunistic campaign won him the office.

Hochman suggested throughout the race that he would use the district attorney's office to bring down crime. That's a dubious claim at best — district attorneys don't have much to do with crime rates — and calculated to antagonize Bass, who was touting the decline in crime as proof of her leadership while Hochman was portraying Los Angeles as a criminal hellscape.

Still, Hochman has demonstrated a willingness to change stripes to suit his political interests, so he may bend. Don't be surprised to see him complete his transformation from Republican to independent to — wait for it, Democrat — and to suddenly start seeing Los Angeles as a happier place, now that he's responsible for it.

If that happens, it may smooth relations with the mayor's office.

For Bass, though, political success will be almost exclusively measured by progress on homelessness. It's what she ran on, and what she will be judged by.

That makes 2025 pivotal. Her focus on the issue is commendable, and Measure A showed that the electorate remains with her. But the well is not bottomless.

Already, some council members and others are grumbling that the attention to homelessness is preventing other concerns from receiving attention. Environmental advocates and neighborhood representatives are among those who want their issues at the top of the city's agenda. Bass has so far convinced them to be patient and to recognize that the city's homeless problem is so crippling that addressing it must eclipse all other priorities for the moment.

They grudgingly have stepped back, but patience is a hard-won commodity in politics. Unless Bass begins to produce demonstrable results on homelessness soon, those voices will grow louder. That makes 2025 vital for Bass, and for the city she governs.

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TUESDAY | JANUARY 7

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patio Room, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Come learn and have fun with exercise, talking with friends, learning, guest presenters and health & wellness. For more information, call 310-458-8688.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Senior care advocates from Wise & Healthy Aging discuss how to make a plan, build a kit and stay informed. Attendees will receive a free emergency kit upon completion, while supplies last.

PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING
6 - 9:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council adopted an Ordinance to create a new Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission to promote, in partnership with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), the best practices in community-oriented policing for the fair treatment, safety, and wellbeing of all; and to provide a body to work with SMPD and experts to develop, recommend, and help implement proposed reforms for handling complaints regarding SMPD conduct.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 8

STRATEGIES TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Virtually. Conversations around body safety should happen in every family and can be done with ease and without fear or discomfort. Come discover how you can start this conversation with your child today. To register for the Zoom meeting, visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4p37ye0tx7x8156869h-449vpwk/202501081030.

COMPUTER BASICS - ONLINE SAFETY
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Tips and tricks to protect yourself from scams when working or playing online. For beginners.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 9

UPDATE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Monica Moore, from the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Research and Care at UCLA, discusses the latest findings related to the symptoms and causes of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Learn about the latest treatments available and research being conducted to find a cure.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations.

TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT
7 - 11:30 p.m. The Buffalo Club, 1520 Olympic Blvd. The Eras Tour is coming to an end and there's a Taylor-shaped hole in our hearts. Come join us to celebrate Taylor and all her Eras of music. Night includes Taylor Swift Music Bingo and a Taylor Swift Look-a-like competition. Tickets $19.89, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/taylor-swift-night-tickets-1096408761119.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 10

POLITICS & LUNCH
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Huntley Hotel Santa Monica Beach, 1111 Second St. Meet new Santa Monica City Councilmembers Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell and Natalya Zernitskaya with Q&A and Networking. To register, visit: https://santamonicachamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/24916.

SATURDAY | JANUARY 11

GROWING HERBS SUCCESSFULLY
9 - 11 a.m. Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St. Join for a special workshop by Stephen Reid, UC Master Gardener and certified herbalist on Growing Herbs Successfully. He will focus on tips and techniques to grow herbs, how to grow herbs in small spaces and containers, and how to start from seeds vs. small plants. He will also discuss using herbs for general wellness and their unique medicinal properties focusing on Nettles, Calendula and Rosemary. Limited seating, please bring a chair or blanket.

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. City art and culture programs are guided by the 9-member Santa Monica Arts Commission, which was formally established in 1982 to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of art programs in the City. Appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, Arts Commissioners advise the Council on matters of policy, and strive to encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art activity here.

PROJECT SAVE OUR SURF BEACH CLEAN UP
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Santa Monica Beach Tower 26, 2559 Ocean Front Walk. Join Project Save Our Surf for a fun afternoon of music and refreshments cleaning the beach. Buckets and gloves will also be provided for the cleanup. To register, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/project-save-our-surf-beach-clean-up-tickets-1126335532899.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
1 - 2:30 p.m. Santa Monica Pier, 1594 Ocean Ave. For each Master Your Camera Controls session, a maximum of 5 attendees sit for 90 minutes with the instructor who will walk you through the manual camera controls of your specific camera. Have fresh batteries and a card for your camera. Tickets $98, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/master-your-camera-controls-photography-workshop-tickets-949333430847.

AUTHOR EVENT
4 - 5 p.m. Zibby's Bookshop, 1113 Montana Ave. Zibby's Bookshop is excited to welcome Dr. Jay Zigmont and Florence Wlodarski to celebrate "The Childfree Guide to Life and Money," an essential and comprehensive personal finance and money management guide for Childfree and Permanently Childless people. General admission free, copy of the book $20, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/author-event-dr-jay-zigmont-x-florence-wlodarski-tickets-1117952288389.

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